

2003 National Letter-of-Intent Signees

Twenty-two high school seniors have signed national letters of intent with plans to enroll at the University of Notre Dame in August 2003 and play for the Irish football squad.

The 22 players come from 15 states – Minnesota (3), Maryland (2), Pennsylvania (2), Ohio (2), Virginia (2), Alabama (2), California, New Jersey, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Connecticut, Florida, Texas and Massachusetts.

As listed by position, the Irish add to their roster four wide receivers, four linebackers, three defensive backs, two offensive linemen (including one center), two tight ends, two defensive linemen, a running back, one fullback, one punter, one quarterback, plus another running back who could play defensive back — though many of the players played multiple positions in high school and could move to other spots once they arrive on campus.

Among the 22 players are:

- Two members of the *Parade* All-America team – tight end Greg Olsen (Wayne, N.J.) and center John Sullivan (Old Greenwich, Conn.).
- Five members of the *USA Today* prep All-America first team – defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri (Randallstown, Md.), Olsen, offensive lineman Ryan Harris (St. Paul, Minn.), defensive back Tom Zbikowski (Arlington Heights, Ill., listed as an athlete on the USA Today squad) and defensive lineman Trevor Laws (Burnsville, Minn.) — and one member of the second team (Sullivan).
- Eight players rated among the top 100 nationally by ESPN and the *Chicago Sun-Times* – Abiamiri (rated eighth overall player nationally), Harris (51st), Laws (41st), Olsen (third), quarterback Brady Quinn (20th), Sullivan (61st), wide receiver Ambrose Wooden (67th) and Zbikowski (29th).
- Five members of the 20-player “Best of the Midwest” team selected by the *Detroit Free-Press* – Harris (#2), Quinn (#6), Laws (#10), Zbikowski (#11) and tight end John Carlson (#19).
- Three players rated among the Hot 100 in the nation by *The Sporting News* – Olsen (10th), Abiamiri (23rd) and defensive back Freddie Parish (72nd).
- Three players rated on the CBS SportsLine.com top 100 dream team – Olsen (#2 among tight ends), Sullivan (#14 among offensive linemen) and Parish (#12 among defensive backs).
- Nine players who played in the U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio – Abiamiri, Carlson, Harris, Olsen, Quinn, Sullivan, running back Travis Thomas, Wooden and Zbikowski (Laws was selected but declined because of his commitment to the high school wrestling season).
- Six players who attended the Notre Dame football camp in the summer of 2002 – Laws, wide receiver Chinedum Ndukwe, Price, Quinn, wide receiver Jeff Samardzija and Zbikowski.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
95	Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-5	245	Randallstown, MD (Gilman)
23	Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	190	Burke, VA (Robinson)
56	Borseti, Nick	LB	6-1	205	Saugus, MA (St. John's Prep)
52	Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	215	Palmyra, PA (Palmyra)
89	Carlson, John	TE	6-6	230	Litchfield, MN (Litchfield)
36	Gardner, Isaiah	DB/RB	5-10	190	Virginia Beach, VA (Salem)
68	Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	255	St. Paul, MN (Cretin-Derham Hall)
29	Hedgmon, LaBrose	DB	5-10	180	Hoover, AL (Hoover)
98	Laws, Trevor	DL	6-2	290	Burnsville, MN (Apple Valley)
35	McConnell, Ashley	FB	6-0	240	Adairsville, GA (Adairsville)
81	Ndukwe, Chinedum	WR	6-3	190	Powell, OH (Coffman)
86	Olsen, Greg	TE	6-6	245	Wayne, NJ (Wayne Hills)
2	Parish, Freddie, Jr.	DB	6-1	195	Redondo Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly)
17	Price, Geoffrey	P	6-3	180	Hurst, TX (Colleyville Heritage)
10	Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	210	Dublin, OH (Coffman)
83	Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-4	190	Valparaiso, IN (Valparaiso)
57	Stephenson, Dwight, Jr.	LB	6-3	237	Delray Beach, FL (Pope John Paul II)
78	Sullivan, John	C	6-4	280	Old Greenwich, CT (Greenwich)
47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	210	Opelika, AL (Smiths Station)
20	Thomas, Travis	RB	6-1	200	Washington, PA (Washington)
42	Wooden, Ambrose	WR	6-1	190	Baltimore, MD (Gilman)
28	Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	185	Arlington Heights, IL (Buffalo Grove)



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Abiamiri (Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee), Victor (DL, 6-5, 245, Randallstown, Md., Gilman) – First-team *USA Today* prep All-American on defensive line . . . named all-metro defensive player of the year by Baltimore Sun . . . rated eighth on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally . . . rated 23rd on *The Sporting News* Hot 100 list of players nationally – and 23rd on Fox 50 chart on FoxSports.com . . . rated 44th on list of top 150 players by Collegefootballnews.com . . . led the Gilman School in Baltimore, Md., in '02 with 52 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 12 sacks and one interception as defensive end while helping Greyhounds to 10-0 record, #15 national ranking in *USA Today* and Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association A Conference title . . . had five sacks in season-opening win over DeMatha while helping hold offense to 42 rushing yards . . . also named defensive player of the year on Baltimore Sun all-Baltimore City/County team . . . Maryland all-state pick as senior by *Associated Press* . . . named AP Maryland prep defensive player of the year for '02 . . . won all-Metro honors from *Baltimore Sun* as junior with his 16 sacks, 28 tackles for loss and more than 100 total tackles . . . had five tackles and two sacks in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio . . . brothers Rob (current sophomore wide receiver) and Paschal (freshman wide receiver) play football at Maryland . . . from same high school as freshman-to-be defensive back Ambrose Wooden . . . born 1-14-86.

Anastasio (ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh), Chase (WR, 6-2, 190, Burke, Va., Robinson) – Caught 20 passes for 433 yards and six touchdowns as senior in '02 at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Va. . . rushed 112 times for 681 yards and seven TDs as well, leading the team in rushing and receiving despite missing four games in 11-1 season due to ankle sprain . . . intercepted a pass and blocked a punt as safety on defense . . . won all-league honors from *Washington Post* at both running back and defensive back as senior in AAA Patriot District . . . Virginia all-state pick as junior as defensive back on 12-1 team . . . honorable mention selection as defensive back on *Washington Post* all-Metro squad for '02 . . . intercepted eight passes in junior and senior seasons combined . . . from same school that produced 1999-2002 Notre Dame punter Joey Hilbold.

Borseti, Nick (LB, 6-1, 205, Saugus, Mass., St. John's Prep) – Had 100 tackles, 13 sacks, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and one interception as senior in 2002 at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Mass. . . won all-conference honors as senior . . . a starter since his freshman season . . . helped '02 team to Massachusetts Division I Super Bowl state title contest . . . helped team to 11-1 record as junior, making 125 tackles and accumulating 11 sacks and 20 tackles for loss . . . from same school that produced current Miami Dolphin fullback Rob Konrad and Boston College quarterback Brian St. Pierre.

Brockington, Joe (LB, 6-1, 215, Palmyra, Pa., Palmyra) – Shoulder injury in second game of senior season ended his 2002 contributions . . . made 65 solo tackles on and 45 assists on defense as middle linebacker and rushed for 1,046 yards and 13 touchdowns as tailback as junior in '01 at Palmyra High School in Palmyra, Pa. . . played several games at quarterback during junior season . . . finished with approximately 3,500 career rushing yards . . . also plays basketball.

Carlson, John (TE, 6-6, 230, Litchfield, Minn., Litchfield) – Ranked 19th on *Detroit Free-Press* 20-player "Best of the Midwest" team . . . named to 10-member Super Preps team by *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* . . . four-year starter at tight end at Litchfield High School in Litchfield, Minn. . . caught 41 passes, seven for touchdowns, for 471 yards as senior in 2002 . . . made 79 tackles (41 solo) and two sacks and one fumble recovery as defensive end . . . career totals on offense included 95 catches for 1,331 yards and 23 TDs – plus 493 rushing yards and seven rushing TDs . . . helped team to 6-3 mark in '02 and share of league title . . . Minnesota all-state pick in '02 . . . played in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio . . . starting center in basketball, helping team to 32-2 mark as junior . . . averaged 16 points and 11 rebounds in basketball as junior on Minnesota Class 2A state title team . . . had 1,209 career points and 669 rebounds through junior season . . . also plays tennis, helping team to state finals as junior . . . brother plays basketball at St. Cloud State and both his parents attended there.

Gardner, Isaiah (DB/RB, 5-10, 190, Virginia Beach, Va., Salem) – Rushed for 1,010 yards and 14 touchdowns as senior in 2002 at Salem High School in Virginia Beach, Va. . . also played cornerback as senior in '02 . . . accounted for 40 TDs as junior and senior combined . . . Virginia all-state pick as a junior while rushing for 1,118 yards and 25 TDs and catching 25 passes for 313 yards and two TDs.

Harris, Ryan (OL, 6-5, 255, St. Paul, Minn., Cretin-Derham Hall) – *USA Today* first-team prep All-American . . . second-team All-America offensive lineman on CNNSI.com team . . . ranked second on *Detroit Free-Press* 20-player "Best of the Midwest" squad . . . rated 51st on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally . . . rated 47th on top 150 list by Collegefootballnews.com . . . named to 10-member Super Preps team by *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* . . . did not allow a sack either of his last two seasons at Cretin-Derham High School in St. Paul, Minn. . . three-year starter who helped team to 10-1 record in '01 . . . made 46 tackles and 11 sacks in '02 as defensive tackle . . . played in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio . . . from same high school as current Irish tight end Marcus Freeman and running back Rashon Powers-Neal.

Hedgmon, LaBrose (DB, 5-10, 180, Hoover, Ala., Hoover) – Helped team to 13-1 record in '02 with his 45 tackles, four interceptions, 15 passes broken up and two tackles for loss for Hoover High School in Birmingham, Ala. . . helped Hoover to 39-29 victory over Jeff Davis in Alabama Class 6A state title game . . . helped Hoover win 6A state title in '00 as sophomore, followed by 14-1 record and Alabama 6A runnerup spot in '01.

Laws, Trevor (DL, 6-2, 290, Burnsville, Minn., Apple Valley) – *USA Today* first-team All-America defensive lineman . . . ranked 10th on 20-member *Detroit Free-Press* "Best of the Midwest" squad . . . Gatorade Player of the Year in Minnesota . . . rated 41st on ESPN's list of top 100 players nationally . . . rated 128th on top 150 list by Collegefootballnews.com . . . named to 10-member Super Preps team by *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* . . . recorded 87 tackles, 17 for loss, and 11 sacks as senior in 2002 at Apple Valley High School in Apple Valley, Minn. . . played offensive tackle and guard on that side of the ball . . . Minnesota first-team all-state selection as defensive tackle . . . made 85 tackles, 10 sacks and 25 tackles for loss as junior in '01 . . . two-way, three-year starter . . . invited to play in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio but declined because of wrestling commitment . . . finished 49-0 as state champion super-heavyweight wrestler as junior and ranked as number-one high school wrestler in country with 96-4 mark coming into senior campaign . . . has top shot put mark of 58 feet.

McConnell, Ashley (FB, 6-0, 240, Adairsville, Ga., Adairsville) – Rushed 88 times for 485 yards and scored six touchdowns as senior in 2002 . . . had eight catches for 92 yards and one score . . . made 65 tackles and two interceptions as inside linebacker on defense in helping team to 8-2-1 record . . . earned all-league and all-area mention at fullback . . . rushed for more than 500 yards with seven TDs as a junior, while helping Adairsville to Georgia Class 2A payoffs as both sophomore and junior . . . born in Naples, Italy . . . father is a Morocco native, mother served in U.S. Navy overseas.

Ndukwe (en-DUKE-way), Chinedum (SHIN-uh-doom) (WR, 6-3, 190, Powell, Ohio, Coffman) – Honorable mention pick on *Detroit Free-Press* "Best of the Midwest" squad . . . caught 48 passes for 740 yards as senior in 2002, 12 for touchdowns, at Coffman High School in Dublin, Ohio . . . earned all-Central Ohio honors in '02 . . . finished with 150 career catches . . . caught 59 passes for 850 yards and 11 TDs as junior on team that finished 9-4 . . . from same high school as fellow Irish freshman-to-be Brady Quinn and current Notre Dame men's basketball freshman guard Chris Quinn . . . brother Ikechuku (Ike) is offensive lineman at Northwestern . . . has a brother Kelechi who is a Notre Dame graduate.

Olsen, Greg (TE, 6-6, 245, Wayne, N.J., Wayne Hills) – *USA Today* first-team prep All-America selection . . . first-team selection at tight end on CNNSI.com prep All-America squad . . . rated third overall on ESPN's list of top 100 players nationally . . . rated sixth on top 150 list by Collegefootballnews.com . . . ranked 10th nationally on list of Hot 100 prospects by *The Sporting News* . . . listed 10th on Fox 50 chart on FoxSports.com . . . one of three finalists for Gatorade National Player of the Year, after earning Gatorade Player of the Year honors for New Jersey . . . ranked second nationally among tight ends on CBS SportsLine.com top 100 dream team . . . helped team to 12-0 mark in 2002 and New Jersey Group 3 state title . . . caught 38 passes for 703 yards and 14 touchdowns as senior in 2002 at Wayne Hills High School in Wayne, N.J. . . also rushed six times for 116 yards and one TD . . . made 87 tackles to go with 25 tackles for loss and 15 sacks and four fumbles caused as defensive end . . . named defensive player of the year for '02 by *Newark Star-Ledger* . . . two-time first-team New Jersey all-state pick . . . as junior



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had 89 tackles, 35 for loss . . . also has experience as long snapper . . . averaged 16 points and eight rebounds per game as power forward in basketball . . . has thrown javelin 161 1/2 feet . . . younger brother of current Irish sophomore-to-be quarterback Chris Olsen.

Parish, Freddie, Jr. (DB, 6-1, 195, Redondo Beach, Calif., Long Beach Poly) – Ranked 72nd nationally on list of Hot 100 prospects by *The Sporting News* . . . rated #12 nationally among defensive backs on CBS SportsLine.com top 100 dream team . . . rated 82nd on top 150 list by Collegefootballnews.com . . . made 71 solo tackles, three interceptions, caused four fumbles and recovered four more, two sacks as senior free safety in 2002 at Long Beach Poly High School in Long Beach, Calif. . . . helped team to 11-2 record in '02 and 13-1 mark as junior in '01 . . . played as a junior behind current USC freshman Darnell Bing . . . attended Redondo Union High School as freshman, then South High School in Torrance as sophomore . . . started at tailback as sophomore and won all-California Interscholastic Federation honors as cornerback . . . helped team to CIF Southern Section Division I title in '01. . . father Fred, Sr., was wide receiver at UCLA.

Price, Geoffrey (P, 6-3, 180, Hurst, Texas, Colleyville Heritage) – Averaged 45.6 yards per punt as junior in 2001, then 39.5-yard average as senior at Heritage High School in Colleyville, Texas . . . had career long punt of 69 yards . . . played free safety on defense, ranking as second-leading tackler on team as senior with 92 stops and two interceptions.

Quinn, Brady (QB, 6-4, 210, Dublin, Ohio, Coffman) – Ranked sixth on 20-player *Detroit Free-Press* "Best of the Midwest" team . . . rated 20th on ESPN's list of top 100 players nationally . . . listed 89th on top 150 list by Collegefootballnews.com . . . Columbus Dispatch and Ohio Capital Conference offensive player of the year . . . completed 143 of 258 passes as senior in 2002 for 2,149 yards at Coffman High School in Dublin, Ohio . . . threw for 25 touchdowns and had only four passes intercepted while also rushing for 108 yards and six TDs . . . helped team to 8-3 mark in '02 . . . named to Division I Ohio all-state team . . . played in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio . . . two-year starter who threw for 2,200 yards and 20 TDs as junior in '01 in 9-4 season that saw Coffman reach Ohio Division I state semifinals . . . from same high school as Irish freshman-to-be wide receiver Chinedum Ndukwe . . . from same high school as current Notre Dame men's basketball freshman guard Chris Quinn (no relation) . . . joins list of former Irish quarterbacks from Ohio that includes Scott Grooms, Rick Slager and Ralph Guglielmi.

Samardzija (suh-MARR-zhuh), Jeff (WR, 6-4, 190, Valparaiso, Ind., Valparaiso) – Finished second in voting for Mr. Football honor in Indiana and was named top receiver in state . . . honorable mention selection on *Detroit Free-Press* "Best of the Midwest" team . . . caught 50 passes for 1,044 yards as senior in 2002, nine for touchdowns, at Valparaiso High School in Valparaiso, Ind. . . also threw for two TDs and scored on a 65-yard run . . . helped team to 12-2 record in '02 and state semifinals . . . named to Associated Press Indiana Class 5-A all-state first team . . . made 40 tackles and three interceptions at free safety as senior . . . as junior caught 55 passes for 1,197 yards and 10 TDs, helping team to 13-2 mark and Indiana Class 5A state title game . . . intercepted 11 passes in sophomore and junior seasons combined . . . also played basketball and baseball, finishing 8-1 in '02 as right-handed pitcher with 3.75 ERA.

Stephenson, Dwight, Jr. (LB, 6-3, 237, Delray Beach, Fla., Pope John Paul II) – Had 80 tackles, 22 tackles for loss and 27 sacks as senior in 2002, tying for Palm Beach County lead in that category, at Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton, Fla. . . named to *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* Super 11 squad and also earned first-team all-county honors . . . played four different positions, mostly at linebacker and end on defense . . . averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds per game in basketball . . . father was All-America center with Alabama and was NFL Hall of Fame pick who played with Miami Dolphins.

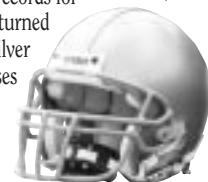
Sullivan, John (OL, 6-4, 280, Old Greenwich, Conn., Greenwich) – Parade prep All-American . . . *USA Today* second-team All-American . . . second-team selection as offensive lineman on CNNI.com prep All-America squad . . . Gatorade Player of the Year in Connecticut . . . rated 61st on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally . . . rated #14 among offensive linemen nationally on CBS SportsLine.com top 100 dream team . . . rated 61st on top 150 list by Collegefootballnews.com . . . starter at center from sophomore season on, also playing nose guard on defense, at Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Conn. . . named offensive MVP by Connecticut Post . . . helped team to 12-1-1 mark in '02, including FCIAC league title and spot in Connecticut Class LL title game . . . made 20 tackles for loss and 12 sacks in '02 on defense . . . won all-state honors as sophomore and junior, helping team to 11-1 mark in '01 . . . achieved 92-4 record as heavyweight wrestler prior to senior season, ranking 17th nationally among heavyweights . . . played in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio . . . a standout water polo player who also played rugby and had brothers play rugby at Indiana and Bucknell . . . from same high school that produced former San Francisco 49er quarterback Steve Young.

Thomas, Mitchell (LB, 6-3, 210, Opelika, Ala., Smiths Station) – Made 70 tackles as senior in '02 at Smiths Station High School in Smiths, Ala. . . also rushed for 500 yards and five touchdowns as running back . . . a third-team linebacker on Fox Sports Net South All-South team.

Thomas, Travis (RB, 6-1, 200, Washington, Pa., Washington) – Rushed for 1,176 yards and 18 touchdowns as senior in 2002 at Washington High School in Washington, Pa. . . caught 25 passes for 420 yards as senior . . . finished with 2,730 career rushing yards and 56 TDs, making him third best career rusher in school history . . . had 1,053 yards and 23 TDs on 105 carries as junior . . . made 90 solo tackles and 50 assists at strong safety in '01, then played outside linebacker in '02 . . . helped team to 15-0 record and Pennsylvania Class AA state title as junior, then followed that up with 7-3 mark in 2002 . . . played in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio . . . sprinter who has run 100, 200 and 400 meters and competed in 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

Wooden, Ambrose (WR, 6-1, 190, Baltimore, Md., Gilman) – *Baltimore Sun* all-Metro offensive player of the year and all-Baltimore City/County offensive player of the year for '02 as quarterback at the Gilman School in Baltimore, Md. . . ranked 67th on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally . . . helped Gilman to 10-0 record and Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association A Conference title, rushing for 1,635 yards and 22 touchdowns and throwing for 1,127 yards and 13 TDs, while playing mostly quarterback but some as defensive back . . . finished with career totals of 4,033 rushing yards and 46 TDs, plus 3,228 passing yards and 30 TDs . . . set Maryland state record with his 7,261 career total offense yards . . . two-time *Baltimore Sun* all-Metro selection . . . also handled punting and kicking for Gilman . . . named player of week by *Baltimore Sun* on Oct. 2, 2002, after 48-45 win over Mount St. Joseph in which he threw for 248 yards (TD passes of 19, 28 and 45 yards) and rushed for 196 yards (and two TDs), including 65-yard scoring run on first play of game and game-winning 22-yard run with 1:14 to play . . . made an interception as defensive back in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio . . . a pitcher and infielder in baseball . . . from same high school as Irish freshman-to-be defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri.

Zbikowski (ZIB-uh-cow-ski), Tom (DB, 6-0, 185, Arlington Heights, Ill., Buffalo Grove) – *USA Today* first-team prep All-American . . . named Chicago area player of the year as senior by *Chicago Sun-Times* . . . ranked 11th on 20-member *Detroit Free-Press* "Best of the Midwest" team . . . rated 29th on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally . . . rated 59th on top 150 list by Collegefootballnews.com . . . threw for 1,382 yards and 11 touchdowns as senior in 2002, rushed for 1,287 yards and 23 TDs (Buffalo Grove single-season record), made 41 tackles and three interceptions as a safety at Buffalo Grove High School in Buffalo Grove, Ill. . . named to Illinois all-state teams by Chicago Tribune, *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Champaign News-Gazette* . . . selected Great Northwest defensive player of the year by *Pioneer Press* . . . completed 85 of 157 for 1,247 yards as junior, with 13 TDs and four interceptions . . . rushed for 1,049 yards and 18 TDs on 162 attempts during 10-2 junior season . . . helped Buffalo Grove to 21-3 mark (11-1 in '02) as a starter at quarterback, including consecutive Illinois Class 7A quarterfinal playoff appearances in '01 and '02 . . . two-time Great Northwest selection . . . set Buffalo Grove career records for points scored (274), TDs (45), rushing attempts (4-6), rushing yards (2,657) and passing attempts (484) . . . three-year starter as both quarterback and safety also returned punts and kickoffs . . . a nationally-ranked boxer who has competed in Golden Gloves program since he was age nine, achieving 60-13 amateur record . . . a Silver Gloves national finalist in 1998, '99 and '00. . . played defensive back in U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio, making five tackles and breaking up two passes . . . top-notch sprinter who finished sixth in 100 meters in Illinois state prep track championships in '02.



2002 Final Statistics

2002 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL FINAL NOTRE DAME COMBINED TEAM STATISTICS ALL GAMES

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	10-3-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	2-1-0
CONFERENCE	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-3-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	2-1-0

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Aug 31, 2002	vs #21 Univ. of Maryland	W	22-0	72903
Sep 7, 2002	PURDUE	W	24-17	80795
Sep 14, 2002	#7 MICHIGAN	W	25-23	80795
Sep 21, 2002	at Michigan State	W	21-17	75182
Oct 5, 2002	STANFORD	W	31-7	80795
Oct 12, 2002	PITTSBURGH	W	14-6	80795
Oct 19, 2002	at #18 Air Force	W	21-14	56409
Oct 26, 2002	at #11 Florida State	W	34-24	84106
Nov 2, 2002	BOSTON COLLEGE	L	7-14	80935
Nov 9, 2002	vs Navy	W	30-23	70260
Nov 23, 2002	RUTGERS	W	42-0	80795
Nov 30, 2002	at #6 USC	L	13-44	91432
Jan. 1, 2003	vs. North Carolina St.!	L	6-28	73491

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TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	201	217
Rushing	99	75
Passing	85	126
Penalty	17	16
RUSHING YARDAGE	1812	1238
Yards gained rushing	2231	1674
Yards lost rushing	419	436
Rushing Attempts	528	439
Average Per Rush	3.4	2.8
Average Per Game	139.4	95.2
TDs Rushing	15	11
PASSING YARDAGE	2264	2662
Att-Comp-Int	341-172-13	452-223-21
Average Per Pass	6.6	5.9
Average Per Catch	13.2	11.9
Average Per Game	174.2	204.8
TDs Passing	11	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	4076	3900
Total Plays	869	891
Average Per Play	4.7	4.4
Average Per Game	313.5	300.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	38-877	34-621
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	53-518	33-288
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	21-314	13-182
FUMBLES-LOST	28-15	17-12
PENALTIES-YARDS	80-696	93-756
PUNTS-AVG	79-38.8	94-41.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	31:02	28:58
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	64/198	60/200
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	7/15	6/17

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RUSHING	G	Att.	Yds	YL	Net	Yds/Car	TD	LD	Yds/Gm
Grant, Ryan	13	261	1160	75	1085	4.2	9	38	83.5
Powers-Neal, Rashon	10	77	344	11	333	4.3	2	27	33.2
Holiday, Carlyle	12	92	432	232	200	2.2	3	53	16.7
Wilson, Marcus	10	39	129	19	110	2.8	0	17	11.0
O'Neill, Tim	7	9	75	1	74	8.2	0	42	10.6
Lopienski, Tom	12	20	50	2	48	2.4	1	9	4.0
McNair, Mike	13	6	26	1	25	4.2	0	12	1.9
Yura, Chris	13	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.6
Novakov, Dan	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Battle, Arnaz	13	3	6	4	2	0.7	0	5	0.2
Miller, David	12	1	0	12	-12	-12.0	0	0	-1.1
Dillingham, Pat	7	6	2	37	-35	-5.8	0	2	-5.0
Team	8	12	0	24	-24	-2.0	0	0	-3.0
Total	13	528	2231	419	1812	3.4	15	53	139.4
Opponents	13	439	1674	436	1238	2.8	11	47	95.2

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Holiday, Carlyle	12	117.58	257-129-5	50.2	1788	10	67	149.0
Dillingham, Pat	7	82.41	81-41-7	20.6	434	1	60	62.0
Battle, Arnaz	13	76.00	2-1-1	50.0	30	0	30	2.5
Joey Hildbold	13	200.80	1-1-0	100.0	12	0	12	0.9
Total	13	109.23	341-172-13	50.4	2264	11	67	174.2
Opponents	13	98.28	452-223-21	49.3	2662	12	52	204.8

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Battle, Arnaz	13	58	786	13.6	5	65	60.5
Jenkins, Omar	13	37	633	17.1	3	67	48.7
Stovall, Maurice	13	18	312	17.3	3	44	24.0
Godsey, Gary	13	16	155	9.7	0	20	11.9
McKnight, Rhema	12	9	91	10.1	0	21	7.6
Grant, Ryan	13	9	22	2.4	0	14	1.7
Clark, Jared	13	7	104	14.9	0	37	8.0
Campbell, Carlos	12	4	38	9.5	0	12	3.2
Wilson, Marcus	10	4	16	4.0	0	10	1.6
Lopienski, Tom	12	3	31	10.3	0	17	2.6
Rodamer, Ronnie	13	2	14	7.0	0	9	1.1
Holiday, Carlyle	12	1	30	30.0	0	30	2.7
Shelton, Matt	9	1	18	18.0	0	18	2.0
McNair, Mike	13	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
Powers-Neal, Rashon	10	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
Palmer, Billy	13	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Total	13	172	2264	13.2	11	67	174.2
Opponents	13	223	2662	11.9	12	52	204.8

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Setta, Nicholas	14-25	56.0	2-2	2-2	6-10	3-7	1-4	51	2

SCORING	TD	PATS		Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
		FGs	Kick						
Setta, Nicholas	0	14-25	32-32	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	74
Grant, Ryan	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Battle, Arnaz	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	32
Holiday, Carlyle	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1-2	0	0	18
Jenkins, Omar	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Stovall, Maurice	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Duff, Vontez	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Walton, Shane	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Powers-Neal, Rashon	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Bolen, Lionel	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Watson, Courtney	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Lopienski, Tom	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sapp, Gerome	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Team	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	2	4
Total	35	14-25	32-32	0-1	1	1-2	0	2	290
Opponents	27	10-15	23-24	0-1	1	1-2	0	0	217



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SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	45	84	92	69	290
Opponents	43	63	53	58	217

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Walton, Shane	7	84	12.0	2	45
Sapp, Gerome	4	17	4.2	0	13
Watson, C.	4	123	30.8	1	60
Earl, Glenn	2	9	4.5	0	9
Burrell, Q.	1	30	30.0	0	30
Duff, Vontez	1	33	33.0	1	33
Goolsby, Mike	1	18	18.0	0	18
Jackson, P.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	21	314	15.0	4	60
Opponents	13	182	14.0	2	71

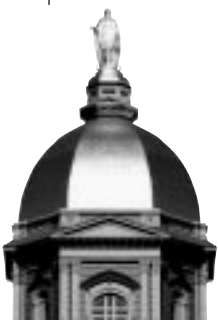
PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Hilbold, Joey	78	3038	38.9	53	4	5	30	0
Fitzpatrick, DJ	1	31	31.0	31	0	0	0	0
Total	79	3069	38.8	53	4	5	30	0
Opponents	94	3864	41.1	66	6	0	20	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Duff, Vontez	40	385	9.6	1	76
Walton, Shane	9	85	9.4	0	20
Battle, Arnaz	2	12	6.0	0	10
McKnight, Rhema	1	9	9.0	0	9
Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	1	27	27.0	1	0
Total	53	518	9.8	2	76
Opponents	33	288	8.7	1	76

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Duff, Vontez	19	526	27.7	1	92
Battle, Arnaz	16	335	20.9	0	34
Shelton, Matt	1	12	12.0	0	12
Ellick, Dwight	1	7	7.0	0	7
Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Total	38	877	23.1	1	92
Opponents	34	621	18.3	0	51

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Battle, Arnaz	13	2	786	12	335	0	1135	87.3
Grant, Ryan	13	1085	22	0	0	0	1107	85.2
Duff, Vontez	13	0	0	385	526	33	944	72.6
Jenkins, Omar	13	0	633	0	0	0	633	48.7
Powers-Neal, Rashon	10	333	4	0	0	0	337	33.7
Stovall, Maurice	13	0	312	0	0	0	312	24.0
Walton, Shane	13	0	0	85	0	84	169	13.0
Total	13	1812	2264	518	877	314	5785	445.0
Opponents	13	1238	2662	288	621	182	4991	383.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Holiday, Carlyle	12	349	200	1788	1988	165.7
Grant, Ryan	13	261	1085	0	1085	83.5
Dillingham, Pat	7	87	-35	434	399	57.0
Powers-Neal, Rashon	10	77	333	0	333	33.3
Wilson, Marcus	10	39	110	0	110	11.0
Total	13	869	1812	2264	4076	313.5
Opponents	13	891	1238	2662	3900	300.0



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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles			TFL/Yds	Sacks		Pass Def		QBH	Fumbles		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	Rcv-Yds		FF	Kick	Saf	
33 Watson, Courtney	10	51	39	90	10-39	3-27	4-123	4	.	.	.	.	.
19 Earl, Glenn	13	51	30	81	4-18	1-9	2-9	4	.	.	2-0	2	.	
41 Goolsby, Mike	13	48	27	75	13-41	4-21	1-18	3	1	.	1	.	.	
20 Sapp, Gerome	11	42	29	71	3-6	.	4-17	7	.	.	1-54	1	.	
42 Walton, Shane	13	46	22	68	5-12	.	7-84	7	.	.	1-0	1	.	
39 Hoyte, Brandon	12	41	16	57	4-11	1-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.
44 Tuck, Justin	13	33	11	44	10-36	5-26	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	
95 Roberts, Ryan	13	23	19	42	9-43	8-43	.	1	.	.	1-0	.	.	
34 Duff, Vontez	13	31	5	36	1-3	.	1-33	6	.	.	2-0	.	1	
49 Curry, Derek	13	23	11	34	7-27	4-22	.	2	.	.	1-0	1	.	
60 Campbell, Darrell	13	18	15	33	8-47	6-44	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Bible, Garron	13	17	15	32	1-9	1-9	.	2	.	.	1-0	.	.	
50 Hilliard, Cedric	10	19	12	31	5-18	2-9	.	1	1	.	1	1	.	
15 Jackson, Preston	13	20	6	26	3-8	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Budinscak, Kyle	13	13	7	20	6-30	3-24	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
2 Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	13	6	8	14	1-6	1-6	.	.	.	.	1	1	.
77 Pauly, Greg	12	8	3	11	3-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Ryan, Pat	11	6	4	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.
57 Thomas, Justin	13	4	3	7	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
37 Ellick, Dwight	13	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Clark, Jared	13	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 Mays, Corey	10	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
13 Setta, Nicholas	13	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 McNair, Mike	13	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Bolen, Lionel	11	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-4	.	.
21 Stovall, Maurice	13	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Campbell, Carlos	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Beidatsch, Brian	9	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 Sapp, Jason	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 Burrell, Quentin	13	2	.	2	.	.	1-30	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Yura, Chris	13	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 Hildbold, Joey	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM Team	8	1	.	1	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
48 Collins, Jerome	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 Crowther, John	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 DeBolt, Chad	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Shelton, Matt	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Jenkins, Omar	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	13	532	297	829	95-370	37-241	21-314	43	4	12-58	11	3	2	
Opponents	13	547	421	968	99-367	38-234	13-182	41	20	15-21	18	2	.	



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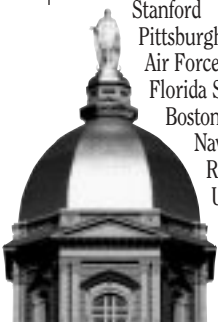
OPPONENT	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	TB
Maryland	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Purdue	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Scarola	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Michigan	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Michigan State	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	C.Campbell (WR)	Grant
Stanford	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Dillingham	Lopienski	Grant
Pittsburgh	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Air Force	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Florida State	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Boston College	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Navy	Jenkins	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
Rutgers	Jenkins	Molinaro	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Curtin	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Stovall (WR)	Grant
USC	Palmer (TE)	Black	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Molinaro	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant
NC State	Jenkins	Molinaro	Mahan	Faine	Milligan	Stevenson	Godsey	Battle	Holiday	Lopienski	Grant

OPPONENT	LE	DT	NG	RE	OLB	ILB	ILB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Maryland	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Duff	Earl	G.Sapp	Walton
Purdue	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Duff	Earl	G.Sapp	Walton
Michigan	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
Michigan State	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
Stanford	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
Pittsburgh	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
Air Force	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
Florida State	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
Boston College	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Pauly	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
Navy	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Pauly	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	Bible	Walton
Rutgers	Tuck	D. Campbell	Pauly	Roberts	Jackson (CB)	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	Bible	Walton
USC	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Watson	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton
NC State	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Roberts	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Duff	Earl	G. Sapp	Walton

NOTRE DAME GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

NOTRE DAME	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Maryland	45-130-0	27-17-0-226-0	72-356	15-7-7-1	1-0	41:04
Purdue	45-153-0	22-7-0-50-0	67-203	11-8-3-0	1-1	31:43
Michigan	50-157-3	17-8-1-154-0	67-311	16-8-4-4	4-3	34:01
Michigan State	39-127-1	24-9-1-198-2	63-325	15-6-7-2	1-0	30:02
Stanford	43-249-2	27-14-1-129-0	70-378	17-12-5-0	1-0	30:32
Pittsburgh	32-40-1	26-16-2-145-1	58-185	10-3-7-0	1-0	27:34
Air Force	56-335-3	15-8-0-112-0	71-447	22-15-6-1	3-3	35:33
Florida State	32-116-2	21-13-0-185-2	53-301	13-4-7-2	1-0	29:07
Boston College	44-122-0	40-20-2-235-1	84-357	22-9-13-0	7-3	33:58
Navy	41-68-2	21-13-0-272-1	62-340	13-8-4-1	4-3	27:11
Rutgers	41-190-1	28-14-0-288-4	69-478	20-9-11-0	3-2	27:42
USC	22-39-0	29-10-3-70-0	51-109	4-2-2-0	1-0	21:55
NC State	38-86-0	44-23-3-200-0	82-286	23-8-9-6	0-0	33:03

OPPONENT	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Maryland	21-16-0	32-12-3-117-0	53-133	8-3-5-0	0-0	18:56
Purdue	38-147-1	30-14-1-171-0	68-318	15-7-8-0	3-3	28:17
Michigan	26-91-1	42-19-1-230-1	68-321	15-4-10-1	3-3	25:59
Michigan State	34-53-0	34-19-2-281-2	68-334	19-4-12-3	0-0	29:58
Stanford	30-61-0	43-21-3-201-1	73-262	16-5-10-1	0-0	29:28
Pittsburgh	39-89-0	44-19-1-313-0	83-402	21-6-15-0	2-2	32:26
Air Force	38-104-1	14-6-1-57-0	52-161	10-6-4-0	0-0	24:27
Florida State	32-93-1	43-21-2-325-2	75-418	20-5-15-0	3-2	30:53
Boston College	33-107-1	20-9-1-77-0	53-184	9-5-3-1	0-0	26:02
Navy	56-216-3	15-6-2-52-0	71-268	17-14-3-0	0-0	32:49
Rutgers	28-14-0	48-20-2-158-0	76-176	15-4-7-4	4-1	32:18
USC	38-185-1	46-32-2-425-4	84-610	31-8-20-3	1-1	38:05
NC State	26-62-2	41-25-0-255-2	67-317	21-4-14-3	1-0	26:57



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NOTRE DAME GAME-BY-GAME INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Grant	Holiday	Lopienski	Powers-Neal	Wilson	TOTAL
Maryland	23-66-0	8-15-0	3-8-0	8-33-0	2-4-0	45-130-0
Purdue	21-96-0	11-25-0	2-2-0	7-43-0	DNP	45-153-0
Michigan	28-132-2	15-14-1	3-3-0	2-8-0	1-2-0	50-157-3
Michigan State	17-90-1	9-(-6)-0	1-2-0	12-41-0	DNP	39-127-1
Stanford	18-103-1	DNP	1-5-0	13-108-1	7-35-0	43-249-2
Pittsburgh	19-42-1	3-(-3)-0	1-0-0	4-8-0	2-1-0	32-40-1
Air Force	30-190-1	9-71-2	3-11-0	DNP	10-44-0	56-335-3
Florida State	19-94-2	5-17-0	1-4-0	DNP	7-1-0	32-116-2
Boston College	27-107-0	9-4-0	2-8-0	DNP	5-15-0	44-122-0
Navy	10-13-0	10-1-0	1-1-1	17-51-1	2-4-0	41-68-2
Rutgers	18-68-1	5-47-0	1-1-0	6-25-0	2-1-0	41-190-1
USC	10-16-0	6-12-0	1-3-0	3-0-0	1-3-0	22-39-0
NC State	21-68-0	2-3-0	0-0-0	5-16-0	0-0-0	38-86-0

PASSING

(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD)	Holiday	Dillingham	TOTAL
Maryland	27-17-0-226-0	0-0-0-0-0	27-17-0-226-0
Purdue	22-7-0-50-0	DNP	22-7-0-50-0
Michigan	17-8-1-154-0	DNP	17-8-1-154-0
Michigan State	17-5-0-84-1	6-3-1-84-1	24-9-1-198-2
Stanford	DNP	27-14-1-129-0	27-14-1-129-0
Pittsburgh	25-16-1-145-1	DNP	26-16-2-145-1
Air Force	15-8-0-112-0	0-0-0-0-0	15-8-0-112-0
Florida State	21-13-0-185-2	DNP	21-13-0-185-2
Boston College	32-16-0-198-1	8-4-2-37-0	40-20-2-235-1
Navy	21-13-0-272-1	DNP	21-13-0-272-1
Rutgers	25-13-0-270-4	3-1-0-18-0	28-14-0-288-4
USC	29-10-3-70-0	DNP	29-10-3-70-0
NC State	6-3-0-22-0	37-19-3-166-0	44-23-3-200-0

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Battle	C. Campbell	Clark	Godsey	Grant	Jenkins	McKnight	Stovall	TOTAL
Maryland	4-68-0	2-17-0	1-17-0	1-7-0	1-5-0	5-87-0	2-9-0	1-16-0	17-226-0
Purdue	0-0-0	1-9-0	0-0-0	4-30-0	1-2-0	1-9-0	DNP	0-0-0	7-50-0
Michigan	1-5-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	1-16-0	1-0-0	3-83-0	0-0-0	1-41-0	8-154-0
Michigan State	3-78-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-24-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	2-59-1	9-198-2
Stanford	3-26-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-9-0	1-(-8)-0	3-64-0	0-0-0	2-21-0	14-129-0
Pittsburgh	10-101-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-12-0	0-0-0	4-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	16-145-1
Air Force	8-112-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	8-112-0
Florida State	3-77-1	0-0-0	1-37-0	0-0-0	3-15-0	3-23-1	0-0-0	2-33-0	13-185-2
Boston College	6-86-0	1-12-0	0-0-0	3-32-0	0-0-0	4-34-0	2-37-0	3-33-1	20-235-1
Navy	5-35-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-20-0	0-0-0	4-166-1	0-0-0	1-38-0	13-272-1
Rutgers	3-108-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	3-61-1	2-27-0	2-39-1	14-288-4
USC	2-6-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-33-0	2-20-0	1-7-0	10-70-0
NC State	10-84-0	0-0-0	4-41-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	3-42-0	1-(-2)-0	3-25-0	23-200-0

FIELD GOALS

(x-missed FG)	MD	PUR	MICH	MSU	STAN	PITT	AF	FSU	BC	NAVY	RU	USC	NCST
Nicholas Setta	56x, 51, 32, 18, 46, 24	19, 38x, 42x	47x, 46	39x	51x, 30, 38x, 47x	--	41x, 36x	39, 35	--	53x	--	34, 32	23, 41

TACKLES

(TK-TFL-SK)	Bible	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Curry	Duff	Earl	Ellick	Goolsby	Hilliard	Hoyle
Maryland	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	4-0-0	8-1-0	2-0-0	8-2-1	3-1-1	8-1-1
Purdue	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	6-0-0	7-0-0	0-0-0	11-3-0	2-0-0	9-0-0
Michigan	4-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	5-1-0	0-0-0	6-1-0	2-0-1	0-0-0
Michigan State	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-1	5-1-0	5-0-0	6-0-0	2-0-0	5-0-0	3-2-0	0-0-0
Stanford	1-0-0	4-1-1	2-1-1	1-1-1	3-0-0	7-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	3-1-0	5-0-0
Pittsburgh	3-0-0	3-1-1	5-2-1	4-1-1	1-0-0	5-0-0	1-0-0	6-1-1	5-0-0	1-0-0
Air Force	1-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	7-0-0	7-1-0
Florida State	4-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	11-1-1	0-0-0	2-1-0	1-0-0	3-0-0
Boston College	0-0-0	1-1-1	4-1-1	2-1-1	2-0-0	7-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	DNP	3-0-0
Navy	5-0-0	4-1-0	5-0-0	4-1-1	1-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	8-0-0	DNP	9-2-0
Rutgers	7-1-1	0-0-0	2-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	7-3-2	DNP	2-0-0
USC	3-0-0	2-0-0	1-1-1	4-0-0	6-0-0	9-0-0	0-0-0	7-0-0	3-1-0	DNP
NC State	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-1-1	1-1-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	7-0-0	2-0-0	10-0-0

TACKLES

(TK-TFL-SK)	Jackson	Pierre-Antoine	Roberts	G.Sapp	Thomas	Tuck	Walton	Watson
Maryland	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	6-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	4-1-0	DNP
Purdue	1-0-0	0-0-0	5-2-2	8-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	DNP
Michigan	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	8-1-0	9-0-0
Michigan State	1-0-0	0-0-0	6-2-2	6-0-0	1-0-0	1-1-1	5-1-0	15-3-2
Stanford	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	6-0-0	2-1-0	5-2-1	0-0-0	11-1-0
Pittsburgh	0-0-0	1-0-0	6-2-2	4-0-0	0-0-0	4-2-2	6-0-0	8-1-0
Air Force	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	10-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	9-0-0
Florida State	3-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	7-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	9-0-0	10-1-0
Boston College	1-0-0	3-0-0	4-1-1	7-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	5-1-0	6-1-0
Navy	0-0-0	2-0-0	7-1-1	DNP	0-0-0	9-0-0	6-1-0	12-1-1
Rutgers	7-1-0	3-1-1	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	4-2-1	5-0-0	2-1-0
USC	5-1-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	5-0-0	1-0-0	6-1-0	9-1-0	7-1-0
NC State	3-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	6-2-0	3-0-0	0-0-0



2002 Notre Dame Box Scores

GAME 1

Notre Dame22
#21/20 Maryland0

Kickoff Classic XX
Giants Stadium
Aug. 31, 2002

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With the lights of New York City twinkling in the distance, Notre Dame opened the 2002 season with a performance worthy of a hit Broadway musical.

Playing its first game under new head coach Tyrone Willingham, the Irish parlayed a strong special teams effort and an even-stronger defensive outing into a 22-0 victory over No. 21/20 Maryland in Kickoff Classic XX at Giants Stadium.

The shutout marked a number of firsts for Notre Dame. It was the first whitewash for the Irish since 1998, the first over a ranked team since 1980, the first in a season opener since 1973, and the first for a new head coach in his debut game since 1954.

The records didn't end there, as kicker Nicholas Setta set a Kickoff Classic record and tied the school standard with five field goals, including a Classic-record and personal-best 51-yard boot in the first quarter. Setta added a PAT (his 56th in a row), finishing the night with 16 total points to earn the game's Most Valuable Player honor.

Not to be outdone, cornerback Shane Walton paced a ferocious Notre Dame defense with a Kickoff Classic-record three interceptions, becoming the 13th Irish player to register three picks in a game (and the first since 1982). As a unit, the Notre Dame defense held the defending ACC champion Terrapins to only eight first downs, 16 yards rushing and 133 yards of total offense, the lowest outputs by an Irish opponent in more than five seasons.

Notre Dame also debuted its new balanced offensive scheme with promising results. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday established new career highs by completing 17 of 27 passes for 226 yards. Running back Ryan Grant rushed for a team-high 66 yards on 23 carries to complement Holiday's aerial attack.

It didn't take long for Notre Dame to flex its defensive muscle, as Walton picked off Terrapin quarterback Scott McBrien on the third play of the game, giving the Irish the ball at the Maryland 48-yard line. However, Notre Dame could manage only nine yards and Setta's 56-yard field goal attempt came up short.

After a Terrapin punt, the Irish went back on offense, as Holiday directed Notre Dame on an eight-play, 32-yard drive that was capped off by Setta's 51-yard field goal at the 5:01 mark of the first quarter.

Setta added another three-pointer from 32 yards out early in the second period, after the Irish drove into Maryland territory.

The teams then swapped punts three times before Holiday piloted Notre Dame on an 11-play, 61-yard march that chewed up more than seven min-

utes off the clock. A key personal foul penalty against the Terrapins kept the drive alive before Willingham called on Setta again. This time, the veteran kicker calmly split the uprights from 18 yards and the Irish had a 9-0 lead at the half.

While the Notre Dame offense struggled to find the end zone, the Irish special teams unit had no such trouble. Vontez Duff saw to that, collecting a Maryland punt at his own 24-yard line and knifing through the Maryland defense for a 76-yard TD with 10:28 left in the third quarter.

Setta iced the victory with field goals from 46 and 24 yards, assuring Notre Dame of its 10th win in as many visits to Giants Stadium and 14th win in the last 16 season openers.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	6	10	3	—	22
Maryland	0	0	0	0	—	0

First Quarter

ND - FG Nicholas Setta 51, 5:01

Second Quarter

ND - FG Setta 32, 13:27

ND - FG Setta 18, 0:26

Third Quarter

ND - Vontez Duff 76 punt return (Setta kick), 10:28

ND - FG Setta 46, 3:52

Fourth Quarter

ND - FG Setta 24, 14:50

Team Statistics

	ND	MD
First downs	15	8
Rushes-yards	45-130	21-16
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-17-0	32-12-3
Passing yards	226	117
Total plays-yards	72-356	53-133
Returns-yards	3-125	8-111
Sacks by	3-12	4-22
Punts-average	4-36.8	7-37.6
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	11-80	2-20
Third-down conversions	8-20	2-12
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-3
Time of possession	41:04	18:56

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 23-66; Rashon Powers-Neal 8-33; Carlyle Holiday 8-15; Tom Lopienski 3-8; Tim O'Neill 1-4; Marcus Wilson 2-4.

MD: Jason Crawford 10-16; Mario Merrills 4-6; Scott McBrien 4-3; Chad Killian 1-2; Chris Kelley 2-(minus-11).

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

ND: Carlyle Holiday 17-27-0-226-0.

MD: Scott McBrien 9-23-2-84-0; Chris Kelley 3-9-1-33-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Omar Jenkins 5-87; Arnaz Battle 4-68; Carlos Campbell 2-17; Rhema McKnight 2-9; Jared Clark 1-17; Maurice Stovall 1-16; Gary Godsey 1-7; Ryan Grant 1-5.

MD: Jafar Williams 5-68; Jeff Dugan 2-15; Rich Parson 2-11; Jason Crawford 2-10; Steve Suter 1-13.

Attendance - 72,903

GAME 2

Purdue17
#23/24 Notre Dame24

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 7, 2002

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — In a tie game late in the fourth quarter, opportunity came knocking and Vontez Duff was there to answer it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As it did for much of the afternoon, the Notre Dame offense struggled and the Boilermakers took advantage. Late in the third quarter, Orton drove the visitors on a 10-play, 71-yard drive, which was capped by Jerod Void's three-yard TD run. Berin Lacey then completed the Purdue comeback by

kicking a 35-yard field goal on the second play of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 17-17.

Notre Dame had a pair of golden opportunities to regain the lead, but the normally-reliable Setta missed field goal attempts from 38 and 42 yards. However, the Irish finally seized on their third chance, as Duff's interception sent the Notre Dame faithful into a frenzy.

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

SCORING SUMMARY

Purdue	0	7	7	3	—	17
Notre Dame	0	17	0	7	—	24

Second Quarter

ND - Jerome Sapp 54 fumble return (Nicholas Setta kick), 13:48

ND - Lionel Bolen 4 fumble return (Setta kick), 13:37

ND - FG Setta 19, 6:25

PUR - Anthony Chambers 76 punt return (Berin Lacey kick), 2:03

Third Quarter

PUR - Jerod Void 3 run (Lacey kick), 2:50

Fourth Quarter

PUR - FG Lacey 35, 14:53

ND - Vontez Duff 33 interception return (Setta kick), 5:09

Team Statistics

	PUR	ND
First downs	15	11
Rushes-yards	38-147	45-153
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	30-14-1	22-7-0
Passing yards	171	50
Total plays-yards	68-318	67-203
Returns-yards	3-88	8-153
Sacks by	4-21	2-12
Punts-average	8-41.1	8-44.6
Fumbles-lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-yards	1-4	4-30
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-18
Fourth-down conversions	1-2	0-0
Time of possession	28:17	31:43

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

PUR: Joey Harris 25-109; Montrell Lowe 1-23; Kyle Orton 7-20; Jerod Void 3-5; Anthony Chambers 1-(-4); Ray Williams 1-(-6).

ND: Ryan Grant 21-96; Rashon Powers-Neal 7-43; Carlyle Holiday 11-25; Tom Lopienski 2-2; Arnaz Battle 1-(-4).

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

PUR: Kyle Orton 14-30-1-171-0.

ND: Carlyle Holiday 7-22-0-50-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

PUR: John Standeford 5-110; Charles Davis 3-29; Anthony Chambers 3-17; Kevin Noel 1-16; Montrell Lowe 1-0; Joey Harris 1-(-1).

ND: Gary Godsey 4-30; Omar Jenkins 1-9; Carlos Campbell 1-9; Ryan Grant 1-2.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)



2002 Notre Dame Box Scores

GAME 3

#7/6 Michigan23
#20/21 Notre Dame25

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 14, 2002

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — It might not have had the style and grace of previous games, but Notre Dame and Michigan still know how to put on a show.

The 20th-ranked Irish jumped out to an early lead, fell behind, clawed their way back and then held off a furious Michigan rally to post a 25-23 victory over the seventh-ranked Wolverines before another capacity crowd of 80,795 at Notre Dame Stadium.

The win was the first over a top-10 team for the Irish since they vanquished the same Michigan squad, 36-20 in 1998. It also represented the fourth time in the last six series games that the lower-ranked team has won.

After struggling to find the end zone in the first two weeks of the season, the Notre Dame offense found its stride, led by tailback Ryan Grant, who rushed for a career-high 132 yards and two touchdowns.

It didn't take long for Notre Dame's offense to find the end zone against UM. On the second play of the game, quarterback Carlyle Holiday found wide receiver Maurice Stovall for a 41-yard gain into Michigan territory. Nine plays later, Grant bulled over from the one-yard line, putting the Irish in front.

The Wolverines tied the game late in the first quarter, as Michigan cornerback Marlin Jackson stepped in front of Holiday's pass at the Irish 19-yard line and found clear sailing to the end zone.

Notre Dame moved back in front on an unusual play late in the second quarter. Michigan left tackle Courtney Morgan was flagged for holding in his own end zone, resulting in a safety and a 9-7 Irish lead. Notre Dame couldn't capitalize on the ensuing free kick, but the Wolverines handed the Irish another gift, fumbling on the first play of their next possession at the UM 27-yard line.

With 1:35 left in the half, Holiday used the short field and limited time to near perfection, going those 27 yards in eight plays before capping the drive with a three-yard touchdown run of his own.

Michigan bounced back with two late scores in the third period. The first covered 10 plays and 72 yards, highlighted by a 38-yard catch from Braylon Edwards. However, the drive stalled at the Irish two-yard line, and Philip Brabbs kicked a 19-yard field goal.

On the following kickoff, Arnaz Battle fumbled and Michigan had the ball deep in Notre Dame territory. The Wolverines took advantage, as Chris Perry scored on a two-yard run to put the Irish behind for the first time this season, 17-16.

Notre Dame quickly recovered, as Holiday connected with wide receiver Omar Jenkins on passes of 29 and 47 yards, setting up Grant's second TD of the game from three yards away. Then, on Michigan's very next play, Perry fumbled and Glenn Earl recovered for the Irish at the UM 43. Placekicker Nicholas Setta converted the turnover by booting a 46-yard field goal with 10:41 to play. Michigan answered again, marching 81

yards in 11 plays, with John Navarre hitting Bennie Joppru for an eight-yard score with 2:53 left. However, cornerback Shane Walton tipped away Navarre's two-point PAT pass attempt.

The Wolverines held on defense and got a final chance to pull out the win. But, those hopes died when Walton picked off Navarre's third-down pass with 21 seconds remaining, setting off a wild celebration from players and fans alike.

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan	7	0	10	6	—	23
Notre Dame	7	9	0	9	—	25

First Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Nicholas Setta kick), 10:08

UM - Marlin Jackson 19 interception return (Troy Nienberg kick), 2:52

Second Quarter

ND - Safety, UM holding in end zone, 3:35

ND - Carlyle Holiday 3 run (Setta kick), 0:23

Third Quarter

UM - FG Philip Brabbs 19, 2:49

UM - Chris Perry 2 run (Brabbs kick), 0:04

Fourth Quarter

ND - Grant 3 run (Holiday rush failed), 13:01

ND - FG Setta 46, 10:41

UM - Bennie Joppru 8 pass from John Navarre (Navarre pass failed), 2:53

Team Statistics

	UM	ND
First downs	15	16
Rushes-yards	26-91	50-157
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	42-19-1	17-8-1
Passing yards	230	154
Total plays-yards	68-321	67-311
Returns-yards	5-71	9-126
Sacks by	6-33	0-0
Punts-average	5-47.0	6-43.0
Fumbles-lost	3-3	4-3
Penalties-yards	10-88	8-57
Third-down conversions	5-14	3-13
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	25:59	34:01

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

UM: Chris Perry 16-78; B.J. Askew 5-15; John Navarre 3-10; Braylon Edwards 1(-10).

ND: Ryan Grant 28-132; Carlyle Holiday 15-14; Rashon Powers-Neal 2-8; Tom Lopienski 3-3; Marcus Wilson 1-2.

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

UM: John Navarre 19-42-1-230-1.

ND: Carlyle Holiday 8-17-1-154-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

UM: Bennie Joppru 7-80; Braylon Edwards 4-95; B.J. Askew 4-22; Tyrece Butler 3-15; Ronald Bellamy 1-18.

ND: Omar Jenkins 3-83; Maurice Stovall 1-41; Gary Godsey 1-16; Jared Clark 1-9; Arnaz Battle 1-5; Ryan Grant 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

GAME 4

#12/12 Notre Dame21
Michigan State17

Spartan Stadium
Sept. 21, 2002

EAST LANSING, Mich. — As the Notre Dame buses rolled away from the Michigan State campus, a full moon could be seen rising in the East. Somehow, it seemed appropriate in light of the events which had taken place only hours earlier.

Quarterback Pat Dillingham, subbing for an injured Carlyle Holiday, tossed a 60-yard touchdown pass to Arnaz Battle with 1:15 to play, propelling the 12th-ranked Irish to a 21-17 victory over the Spartans before a stunned crowd of 75,182 at Spartan Stadium.

With the win, Notre Dame registered its first 4-0 start since 1993 and snapped a five-game losing streak against MSU. It also provided sweet redemption for a group of Irish veterans who had seen the Spartans knock off Notre Dame with similar fourth-quarter heroics in each of the previous three years.

As it did in its first three games, the Irish defense played a pivotal role in the win over Michigan State. Notre Dame held the high-powered MSU offense out of the end zone for the first three quarters and came up with some timely stops in the waning seconds to preserve the heart-stopping triumph.

For the second game in a row, the Irish got on the board quickly, scoring on their opening drive. A 30-yard trick pass from Battle to Holiday set up Grant's six-yard touchdown scamper just 4:12 into the game.

MSU chipped away at Notre Dame for much of the first half, but could never land a solid blow. The Spartans had to settle for a pair of Dave Raymer field goal attempts, one of which he converted from 35 yards out with 55 seconds left in the first quarter.

Clinging to a narrow 7-3 lead late in the first half, the Irish defense provided a window of opportunity. Cornerback Shane Walton tipped a Jeff Smoker pass into the arms of strong safety Jerome Sapp, who returned it to the Michigan State 28-yard line.

Notre Dame needed just four plays to cash in on the Spartan miscue. After a key pass interference call on third down kept the drive going, Holiday found wide receiver Maurice Stovall on a 15-yard scoring strike with 11 seconds left in the half.

Neither team dented the scoreboard in the third quarter, but Notre Dame still suffered a major loss when Holiday went down with a shoulder injury late in the period.

In the fourth quarter, Michigan State finally got on track. Capitalizing on a short Irish punt, the Spartans moved smartly 56 yards in three plays, with Smoker finding Charles Rogers on a 38-yard scoring toss to cut the lead to 14-10 with 13:22 remaining.

The teams then traded punts before MSU came up with a crucial turnover, intercepting Dillingham's pass at the Spartan three-yard line. Smoker then marched the hosts down to the Notre Dame 21-yard line, where the drive appeared to stall.

Faced with fourth-and-11 and 1:52 to play, Smoker found Rogers in the back of the end zone and the MSU wideout managed to get one foot down, giving the Spartans their first lead of the afternoon.

That set the stage for Dillingham, a former walk-on, and Battle, a converted quarterback, to add their names to Irish lore. Their scoring connection put Notre Dame back in front, but not out of difficulty just yet.

Michigan State made one last charge, getting to the Irish 42. However, Sapp ended matters by picking off Smoker's desperation toss as time expired, locking up Notre Dame's first win in East Lansing since 1994.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	7	0	7	—	21
Michigan State	3	0	0	14	—	17

First Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 6 run (Nicholas Setta kick), 10:48

MSU - FG Dave Rayner 35, 0:55

Second Quarter

ND - Maurice Stovall 15 pass from Carlyle Holiday (Setta kick), 0:11

Fourth Quarter

ND - Charles Rogers 38 pass from Jeff Smoker (Rayner kick), 13:22

MSU - Rogers 21 pass from Smoker (Rayner kick), 1:45

ND - Arnaz Battle 60 pass from Pat Dillingham (Setta kick), 1:15

Team Statistics

	ND	MSU
First downs	15	19
Rushes-yards	39-127	34-53
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-9-1	34-19-2
Passing yards	198	281
Total plays-yards	63-325	68-334
Returns-yards	8-109	5-37
Sacks by	6-33	1-7
Punts-average	9-38.3	8-42.1
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-45	9-86
Third-down conversions	4-14	3-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	1-1
Time of possession	30:02	29:58

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 17-90; Rashon Powers-Neal 12-41; Tom Lopienski 1-2; Carlyle Holiday 9(-6).

MSU: David Richard 15-70; Dawan Moss 9-9; Jaren Hayes 2-5; Jeff Smoker 7(-29).

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

ND: Carlyle Holiday 5-17-0-84-1; Pat Dillingham 3-6-1-84-1; Arnaz Battle 1-1-0-30-0.

MSU: Jeff Smoker 19-34-2-281-2.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Arnaz Battle 3-78; Maurice Stovall 2-59; Gary Godsey 2-24; Carlyle Holiday 1-30; Omar Jenkins 1-7.

MSU: Charles Rogers 7-175; Eric Knott 3-32; Dawan Moss 3-14; B.J. Lovett 2-18; Jaren Hayes 2-17; Jason Randall 1-18, Zeke Kavanaght 1-7.

Attendance - 75,182 (c)



2002 Notre Dame Box Scores

GAME 5

Stanford7
#9/9 Notre Dame31

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 5, 2002

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Prior to facing his former Stanford team for the first time, Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham asked fans to form a "sea of green" in support of his charges. By day's end, that sea had swamped the visiting Cardinal and left them gasping for breath.

The ninth-ranked Irish spotted Stanford an early seven-point lead, then reeled off 31 unanswered points to claim a 31-7 victory before a capacity crowd of 80,795 at Notre Dame Stadium. The win kept Notre Dame unbeaten this season at 5-0 and made Willingham the first rookie Irish head coach to win his first five games since Ara Parseghian in 1964.

In order to maintain their unblemished record, the Irish had to overcome a pair of challenges. First, quarterback Carlyle Holiday did not play with an injured left shoulder, leaving the offense in the hands of former walk-on signal caller Pat Dillingham, who grew up less than 10 minutes from the Stanford campus.

The other hurdle Notre Dame had to cross was the scrutiny brought about by their coach's reunion with his former players. Willingham had spent seven seasons on The Farm, guiding the Cardinal to 44 wins and four bowl appearances.

Both challenges were successfully overcome by a complete team effort. As the fifth first-time starting QB for Notre Dame in the last 28 games, Dillingham turned in a workmanlike effort, completing 14 of 27 passes for 129 yards with one interception. He became the 13th Irish quarterback to win his debut in the last 15 opportunities.

Dillingham was backed by a strong rushing attack which rang up a season-best 249 yards. Sophomore tailbacks Rashon Powers-Neal (108 yards) and Ryan Grant (103 yards) combined to give Notre Dame its first 100-yard tandem in the backfield in nearly five years. Both players also found the end zone, with Powers-Neal registering the first score of his career.

While the Irish offense began to find its rhythm, the defense continued to bedevil the opposition, although that didn't appear to be the case in the first half. Stanford drove 59 yards in six plays late in the first quarter, cashing in when Chris Lewis found Teyo Johnson for a 14-yard touchdown. It was the first offensive TD allowed by the Notre Dame defense in the first half this season.

A Nicholas Setta field goal late in the second quarter still left the Irish trailing at the half for the first time all season. The score was still 7-3 in the third quarter when Notre Dame unleashed a scoring barrage that blew the Cardinal away.

Powers-Neal started the rally, finishing off a

six-play, 57-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run at the 4:22 mark. Then, just 24 seconds later, cornerback Shane Walton stepped in front of a Lewis pass and raced 18 yards for another score.

With the crowd still buzzing, the Irish added to the fury, as linebacker Courtney Watson intercepted Lewis and returned the pick 34 yards for a third touchdown with 1:09 still left in the third quarter.

Grant capped the deluge with a one-yard touchdown run less than three minutes into the final period, cementing Notre Dame's 17th win in its last 18 games in October.

SCORING SUMMARY

Stanford	7	0	0	0	—	7
Notre Dame	0	3	21	7	—	31

First Quarter

STAN - Teyo Johnson 14 pass from Chris Lewis (Michael Sgroi kick), 0:46

Second Quarter

ND - FG Nicholas Setta 30, 2:03

Third Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 3 run (Setta kick), 4:22

ND - Shane Walton 18 interception return (Setta kick), 3:58

ND - Courtney Watson 34 interception return (Setta kick), 1:09

Fourth Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Setta kick), 12:28

Team Statistics

	STAN	ND
First downs	16	17
Rushes-yards	30-61	43-249
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	43-21-3	27-14-1
Passing yards	201	129
Total plays-yards	73-262	70-378
Returns-yards	5-56	8-118
Sacks by	2-20	4-36
Punts-average	7-40.3	5-35.4
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	9-72	10-109
Third-down conversions	5-17	5-14
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-0
Time of possession	29:28	30:32

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

STAN: Kerry Carter 7-35; Nick Sebes 2-21; J.R. Lemon 4-17; Casey Moore 9-16; Kenneth Tolon II 3-10; Chris Lewis 4-(-36).

ND: Rashon Powers-Neal 13-108; Ryan Grant 18-103; Marcus Wilson 7-35; Tim O'Neill 2-18; Tom Lopienski 1-5; Pat Dillingham 2-(-20).

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

STAN: Chris Lewis 20-42-3-209-1; Eric Johnson 1-1-0-(-8)-0.

ND: Pat Dillingham 14-27-1-129-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

STAN: Grant Mason 5-28; Casey Moore 3-54; Teyo Johnson 3-41; Greg Camarillo 2-25; Kerry Carter 2-13; Gerren Crochet 1-13; Ryan Wells 1-12; Luke Powell 1-9; Nick Sebes 1-9; J.R. Lemon 1-5; Alex Smith 1-(-8).

ND: Omar Jenkins 3-64; Arnaz Battle 3-26; Maurice Stovall 2-21; Gary Godsey 2-9; Mike McNair 1-6; Tom Lopienski 1-6; Marcus Wilson 1-5; Ryan Grant 1-(-8).

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

GAME 6

Pittsburgh6
#8/8 Notre Dame14

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 12, 2002

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — There are many roads to reach the same destination. Against Pittsburgh, Notre Dame traveled a long and winding road, but came up with the same familiar result.

Despite being outgained on offense by a better than two-to-one margin, the eighth-ranked Irish kept the Panthers out of the end zone and did just enough to stay unbeaten, posting a 14-6 win before 80,795 fans at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Irish defense was the story, maintaining the fragile balance between victory and defeat. Notre Dame bent precariously under the weight of a stout Pittsburgh passing game all day long, but snapped back with a vengeance when pushed to the breaking point. The Irish recorded eight sacks against the Panthers, their highest single-game total in nearly six years, highlighted by two-sack performances from defensive ends Justin Tuck and Ryan Roberts.

On offense, wide receiver Arnaz Battle had the finest day as a pass catcher, setting new career highs with 10 receptions for 101 yards and one touchdown. It was the first 10-catch day by an Irish wideout since Bobby Brown had 12 receptions for Pittsburgh in 1999. It also was the first 100-yard receiving day for a Notre Dame receiver since Joey Getherall had 116 yards against Air Force in 2000.

Pittsburgh tested the Irish mettle on its opening series, as Rod Rutherford hooked up with Kris Wilson for a 52-yard completion to the Notre Dame nine-yard line. However, the Panther threat died there, and David Abdul came on to kick a 29-yard field goal with 11:06 left in the first period.

Pittsburgh would make four additional forays into Notre Dame territory during the first half, but could not get within striking distance. Even more vexing, the Panthers attempted to pin the Irish deep with pooch punts, but all four of their short kicks wound up finding the end zone for touchbacks.

It took more than a full quarter, but the Irish offense got warmed up. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday led Notre Dame on a nine-play, 80-yard drive that burned more than four minutes off the clock. Holiday twice connected with Battle for key third-down conversions to keep the march alive. The tandem then joined forces to put the Irish in front, as Holiday's fade pass was hauled in by a leaping Battle who managed to get one foot inbounds. Nicholas Setta added the PAT and Notre Dame led with 9:51 to play in the half.

Pittsburgh came back late in the second quarter, going 64 yards in only seven plays to the Notre Dame 10-yard line. However, the Panthers' troubles in the red zone cropped again, as they managed just four yards on three plays. Abdul saved the drive with a 24-yard field goal with 23 seconds left.

Notre Dame's primary weapon in the second half turned out to be punter Joey Hildbold. The senior pinned Pittsburgh inside its own 10-yard line twice in the final 30 min-

utes. The second time proved to be highly beneficial for the Irish.

Backed up to his own seven-yard line on second down, Rutherford tried to scramble away from pressure, but he was hit by Glenn Earl, who jarred the ball loose and recovered it at the Panther 12-yard line. Notre Dame needed five plays to turn the Pittsburgh gift into a crushing score, as Ryan Grant plowed over from one yard out with 7:08 to play.

The Panthers had one final chance to tie, as Rutherford marched the visitors down to the Notre Dame 31-yard line with just over one minute remaining. But, under another heavy Irish rush, Rutherford's pass was intercepted by cornerback Preston Jackson, sealing the win for Notre Dame.

SCORING SUMMARY

Pittsburgh	3	3	0	0	—	6
Notre Dame	0	7	0	7	—	14

First Quarter

PITT - FG David Abdul 29, 11:06

Second Quarter

ND - Arnaz Battle 11 pass from Carlyle Holiday (Nicholas Setta kick), 9:51

PITT - FG Abdul 24, 0:23

Fourth Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Setta kick), 7:08

Team Statistics

	PITT	ND
First downs	21	10
Rushes-yards	39-89	32-40
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-19-1	26-16-2
Passing yards	313	145
Total plays-yards	83-402	58-185
Returns-yards	8-76	7-77
Sacks by	1-14	8-45
Punts-average	9-41.7	9-39.0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-yards	8-59	3-25
Third-down conversions	6-18	4-14
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	32:26	27:34

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

PITT: Rod Rutherford 20-29; Raymond Kirkley 7-23; Lousaka Polite 5-22; Marcus Furman 2-5; Jawan Walker 2-5; Brandon Miree 3-5.

ND: Ryan Grant 19-42; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-8; Marcus Wilson 2-1; Tom Lopienski 1-0; Carlyle Holiday 3-(-3).

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

PITT: Rod Rutherford 19-43-1-313-0; TEAM 0-1-0-0-0.

ND: Carlyle Holiday 16-25-1-145-1; Arnaz Battle 0-1-1-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

PITT: Lamar Slade 7-127; Larry Fitzgerald 7-83; Kris Wilson 2-86; Marcus Furman 2-22; Jawan Walker 1-(-5).

ND: Arnaz Battle 10-101; Omar Jenkins 4-24; Gary Godsey 1-12; Tom Lopienski 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)



2002 Notre Dame Box Scores

GAME 7

#7/7 Notre Dame21
#18/15 Air Force14

Falcon Stadium
Oct. 19, 2002

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — One of the keys to success in the Air Force triple option offense is the idea of misdirection. The concept of faking one way and then going another was one the Falcons had used quite effectively. However, against No. 7 Notre Dame, it would prove to be their downfall.

With virtually all eyes focused on the matchup between the top-rated Air Force rushing attack and the sturdy Irish defense, the Notre Dame offense slipped quietly in the side door and proceeded to pound the 18th-ranked Falcons with their own weapon. The Irish running game piled up 335 yards on the ground and 447 yards of total offense in a 21-14 win before a Falcon Stadium-record crowd of 56,409.

Running behind an offensive line that held a 60-pound edge per man, tailback Ryan Grant carried 30 times for a career-high 190 yards and one touchdown. His rushing total was the 12th-highest single-game mark in school history, and his 30 carries were the most by an Irish back since 1998.

Quarterback Carlyle Holiday also capitalized on the size advantage up front, rushing nine times for a season-high 71 yards and two scores. Holiday also completed eight of 15 passes for 112 yards, with wide receiver Arnaz Battle on the other end of all eight completions. Battle's yardage was a career high and marked his second 100-yard game in as many weeks.

While the Notre Dame offense took center stage, the Irish defense wasn't prepared to leave the limelight just yet. They held the vaunted Air Force offense to just 161 yards, and Falcon quarterback Chance Harridge was limited to 88 yards of total offense.

In keeping with the spirit of the evening, Air Force beat Notre Dame at its own game to take the early lead. Holiday fumbled deep in his own territory, and Falcon linebacker Marchello Graddy scooped up the gift and rambled 21 yards for the touchdown. It was a pleasant reward for Air Force, which had ventured into the Irish half of the field twice on its first three possessions, only to come away emptyhanded.

Holiday quickly atoned for his miscue on Notre Dame's next possession. On third-and-eight at his own 29, Holiday found Battle for a 15-yard gain and a first down. Two plays later, Holiday scrambled away from pressure, found a running lane and took off, scurrying 53 yards for the tying touchdown. It was the longest run of the season by an Irish player, and the second longest of Holiday's career.

Notre Dame went ahead just before half-time, as Holiday directed his troops on a 12-play, 79-yard march, converting twice on third down. Grant capped the drive, following a crushing block by fullback Tom Lopienski and racing 18 yards for the score with 1:01 remaining in the first half.

It didn't take long for Air Force to tie the game in the third quarter. Vontez Duff fumbled the second half kickoff for the Irish, and

Felix Cole recovered for the Falcons at the Notre Dame 16. Six plays later, Harridge dove in from a yard out and the score was tied at 14-14 three minutes into the half.

Duff redeemed himself with a 31-yard return on the next kickoff, giving the Irish good field position. They didn't waste the opportunity, chewing up more than five minutes to go 58 yards, with Holiday sneaking in from the one-yard line to put Notre Dame ahead to stay with 6:15 left in the third quarter.

Although more than a full period remained, Air Force was not able to muster a scoring threat the rest of the night. The Falcons never crossed into Notre Dame territory and the Irish held the ball for more than 12 minutes in the fourth quarter, handing upstart Air Force its first loss of 2002.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	7	0	—	21
Air Force	7	0	7	0	— 14

First Quarter

AF - Marchello Graddy 21 fumble return (Joey Ashcroft kick), 3:52

ND - Carlyle Holiday 53 run (Nicholas Setta kick), 1:12

Second Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 18 run (Setta kick), 1:01

Third Quarter

AF - Chance Harridge 1 run (Ashcroft kick), 11:55

ND - Holiday 1 run (Setta kick), 6:15

Team Statistics

	ND	AF
First downs	22	10
Rushes-yards	56-335	38-104
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	15-8-0	14-6-1
Passing yards	112	57
Total plays-yards	71-447	52-161
Returns-yards	5-90	3-46
Sacks by	0-0	2-9
Punts-average	3-43.3	8-40.6
Fumbles-lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties-yards	3-20	4-41
Third-down conversions	7-13	4-13
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	1-1
Time of possession	35:33	24:27

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 30-190; Carlyle Holiday 9-71; Marcus Wilson 10-44; Mike McNair 1-12; Tom Lopienski 3-11; Chris Yura 1-7.

AF: Chance Harridge 13-31; Darnell Stephens 5-31; Leotis Palmer 10-21; Steve Massie 4-11; Joe Schieffer 2-8; Adam Cole 3-3; Don Clark 1-(-1).

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

ND: Carlyle Holiday 8-15-0-112-0.

AF: Chance Harridge 6-14-1-57-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Arnaz Battle 8-112.

AF: James Waller 2-24; Anthony Park 1-15; Leotis Palmer 1-8; Don Clark 1-6; Ricky Amezcaga 1-4.

Attendance - 56,409 (c - record)

GAME 8

#6/6 Notre Dame34
#11/13 Florida State24

Doak Campbell Stadium
Oct. 26, 2002

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida panhandle is an area of the country known for its ever-changing climate. However, even the most observant meteorologist couldn't have predicted the green hurricane which blew through Tallahassee in late October.

No. 6 Notre Dame capitalized on three Florida State turnovers late in the third quarter, turning them into 17 critical points on the way to a 34-24 win over the 11th-ranked Seminoles before a record crowd of 84,106 at Doak Campbell Stadium.

The Irish offense also continued its rapid development, as quarterback Carlyle Holiday completed 13 of 21 passes for 185 yards and a career-high two touchdowns. Tailback Ryan Grant added 94 yards rushing and two TDs, giving him eight in his last six games.

On defense, Notre Dame limited the nation's 15th-best rushing attack to a meager 93 yards on the ground, including only 34 yards from FSU's top rusher, Greg Jones. Seminole quarterback Chris Rix also was swamped by the Irish defense, throwing a pair of interceptions and fumbling once before being lifted in the fourth quarter.

Although Notre Dame was a double-digit underdog to Florida State, the Irish needed only one offensive play to prove they belonged. Holiday hooked up with wide receiver Arnaz Battle on a 65-yard touchdown just over two minutes into the game, rocking the Seminoles back on their heels.

After the teams traded field goals, Florida State battled back and used a lengthy 20-play, 93-yard drive in the second quarter to tie the game at 10-10. Torrance Washington's one-yard plunge capped the march and sent the teams to the locker room all square.

The score was still knotted late in the third quarter, when FSU finally blinked. Rix threw an ill-advised pass over the middle and Irish linebacker Courtney Watson came up with the interception. Notre Dame cashed in on the takeaway with a 35-yard field goal from Nicholas Setta to regain the lead at 13-10.

Just two plays after the score, the Irish were back on offense, as free safety Glenn Earl's hit on Rix jarred the ball loose and cornerback Vontez Duff fell on the pigskin at the FSU two-yard line. Grant took an option pitch on the next play and found pay dirt, stretching the lead into double digits.

On the ensuing kickoff, Irish linebacker Carlos Pierre-Antoine knocked the ball free from Seminole returner Leon Washington and Brandon Hoyte scooped up the fumble deep in Florida State territory. Three plays later, Holiday found wide receiver Omar Jenkins on a 16-yard scoring pass and suddenly, the Irish were in front by a 27-10 count.

Like a Gulf Coast hurricane, the Irish onslaught was swift and sure, taking only 2:21 off the clock and turning a tie into a rout. And, like a hurricane, it was gone just as quickly as it came. However, the Irish storm had left widespread destruction in its wake.

Grant added to the margin early in the fourth quarter, slicing off left tackle and going 31 yards virtually untouched for his second score of the afternoon. His touchdown completed a virtuoso performance for Notre Dame, which defeated ranked opponents in their home stadiums in consecutive weeks for the first time in school history.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	10	0	17	7	—	34
Florida State	3	7	0	14	—	24

First Quarter

ND - Arnaz Battle 65 pass from Carlyle Holiday (Nicholas Setta kick), 12:40

FSU - FG Xavier Beitia 24, 7:05

ND - FG Setta 39, 1:16

Second Quarter

FSU - Torrance Washington 1 run (Beitia kick), 4:14

Third Quarter

ND - FG Setta 35, 5:26

ND - Ryan Grant 2 run (Setta kick), 4:09

ND - Omar Jenkins 16 pass from Holiday (Setta kick), 3:05

Fourth Quarter

ND - Grant 31 run (Setta kick), 10:14

FSU - Anquan Boldin 5 pass from Adrian McPherson (Beitia kick), 1:12

FSU - Nick Maddox 29 pass from McPherson (Beitia kick), 0:12

Team Statistics

	ND	FSU
First downs	13	20
Rushes-yards	32-116	32-93
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	21-13-0	43-21-2
Passing yards	185	325
Total plays-yards	53-301	75-418
Returns-yards	6-70	7-111
Sacks by	1-9	1-9
Punts-average	6-42.0	6-44.8
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-yards	4-40	11-98
Third-down conversions	6-14	8-17
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	1-1
Time of possession	29:07	30:53

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 19-94; Carlyle Holiday 5-17; Tom Lopienski 1-4; Marcus Wilson 7-1.

FSU: Greg Jones 14-34; Chris Rix 10-28; Adrian McPherson 3-25; Nick Maddox 2-8; Anquan Boldin 1-1; Torrance Washington 1-1.

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

ND: Carlyle Holiday 13-21-0-185-2.

FSU: Chris Rix 13-32-2-207-0; Adrian McPherson 8-11-0-118-2.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Arnaz Battle 3-77; Omar Jenkins 3-23; Ryan Grant 3-15; Maurice Stovall 2-33; Marcus Wilson 1-0.

FSU: Anquan Boldin 9-175; Nick Maddox 4-90; Robert Morgan 4-33; Greg Jones 3-22; Craphonso Thorpe 1-13; Talman Gardner 1-5.

Attendance - 84,106 (c - record)



2002 Notre Dame Box Scores

GAME 9

Boston College14
#4/6 Notre Dame7

Notre Dame Stadium
Nov. 2, 2002

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — For the first time since the 1999 Gator Bowl, Notre Dame took the field for its matchup with Boston College sporting green jerseys. However, by the time night had fallen on Notre Dame Stadium, the Eagles had left the fourth-ranked Irish feeling blue.

Notre Dame turned the ball over a season-high five times and Boston College capitalized on two of those miscues, doing just enough to pull off a 14-7 upset before a record crowd of 80,935.

In spite of the turnovers, the Irish offense had one of its most complete performances of the year, rolling up 357 yards, including a season-best 235 yards passing. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday once again was efficient in the pocket, completing 16 of 32 passes for 198 yards and one touchdown.

Tailback Ryan Grant also continued to show his value in the backfield, rushing 27 times for 107 yards, carding his fourth 100-yard game of the season. Notre Dame also rang up a season-best 22 first downs and held the ball for nearly 34 minutes.

However, the Irish were crippled by seven fumbles, losing three of them, and five missed opportunities in the red zone. Coming into the contest, Notre Dame had converted on 14 of its previous 15 trips inside its opponent's 20-yard line, but the Irish would find the going tough in early November.

Notre Dame appeared to be in fine form in its opening possession of the game, marching 54 yards in 13 plays to the BC 20-yard line. But, on fourth-and-one, the Irish elected to try for the first down and Grant was stuffed while trying to go over right guard.

Notre Dame's defense forced the Eagles to go three-and-out on their next possession, but the Irish handed the ball right back to BC just one play later. Holiday and Grant botched the exchange on a handoff and Eagles linebacker Josh Ott was there to scoop up the loose ball at the Notre Dame 38-yard line.

Boston College quickly took advantage of the turnover, needing six plays to find the end zone. Quarterback Brian St. Pierre threw a 17-yard pass to Keith Hemmings on third-and-14, and tailback Derrick Knight followed with a 22-yard run around the right side to put the ball on the Irish three-yard line. Knight then darted up the middle for the touchdown.

Undaunted, Notre Dame marched back downfield, moving to the BC 11-yard line. However, the drive stalled, thanks to a nearly-disastrous fumble that Holiday alertly recovered and an incomplete pass to Omar Jenkins in the corner of the end zone. Still, Notre Dame sent out reliable placekicker Nicholas Setta to try and halve the Irish deficit. That attempt never took place, as holder David Miller dropped the snap and was tackled for a 12-yard loss.

BC added to its lead late in the second quarter after the Irish had driven to the Eagles' 14-yard line. Backup quarterback Pat Dillingham tried to escape pressure and threw a shovel pass that was intercepted by Ott, who ran 71 yards for the touchdown. The Eagles tacked on the two-point conversion and led 14-0 at the half.

Notre Dame had three more golden chances in the third quarter, moving inside the BC 20-yard line. However, the Irish fumbled back to the Eagles twice and lost the ball on downs once, truncating each scoring attempt.

The Irish finally reached the end zone with just over two minutes left, when Holiday found wideout Maurice Stovall on a 20-yard scoring pass. The Notre Dame defense then managed to get the ball back for the offense with under 30 seconds left, but Holiday's desperation pass fell incomplete as time expired, winding up the first Irish loss of the year.

SCORING SUMMARY

Boston College	6	8	0	0	—	14
Notre Dame	0	0	0	7	—	7

First Quarter

BC - Derrick Knight 3 run (kick failed), 2:39

Second Quarter

BC - Josh Ott 71 interception return (Sean Ryan pass from Brian St. Pierre), 4:03

Fourth Quarter

ND - Maurice Stovall 20 pass from Carlyle Holiday (Setta kick), 2:25

Team Statistics

	BC	ND
First downs	9	22
Rushes-yards	33-107	44-122
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	20-9-1	40-20-2
Passing yards	77	235
Total plays-yards	53-184	84-357
Returns-yards	3-41	8-60
Sacks by	2-11	4-25
Punts-average	10-35.3	4-40.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	7-3
Penalties-yards	6-61	7-58
Third-down conversions	4-14	8-18
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	1-4
Time of possession	26:02	33:58

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

BC: Derrick Knight 26-129; Team 1(-1); Brian St. Pierre 6(-21).

ND: Ryan Grant 27-107; Marcus Wilson 5-15; Tom Lopienski 2-8; Carlyle Holiday 9-4; David Miller 1(-12).

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

BC: Brian St. Pierre 9-20-1-77-0.
ND: Carlyle Holiday 16-32-0-198-1; Pat Dillingham 4-8-2-37-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

BC: Derrick Knight 3-19; Keith Hemmings 2-34; Sean Ryan 2-12; Jamal Burke 1-8; Greg Toal 1-4.

ND: Arnaz Battle 6-86; Omar Jenkins 4-34; Maurice Stovall 3-33; Gary Godsey 3-32; Rhema McKnight 2-37; Carlos Campbell 1-12; Marcus Wilson 1-1.

Attendance - 80,935 (c - record)

GAME 10

#9/10 Notre Dame30
Navy23

Ravens Stadium
Nov. 9, 2002

BALTIMORE, Md. — During the American Revolution, Paul Revere alerted the colonists to the impending British invasion by hanging lamps in the Old North Church, and telling them "one if by land, two if by sea."

Following Notre Dame's 30-23 win over Navy on Saturday, the Midshipmen could likely add to that story — "three if by air." In fact, Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday passed for a career-high 272 yards and guided his team to 15 fourth-quarter points, as Notre Dame turned back a "naval invasion."

Wide receiver Omar Jenkins was the beneficiary of much of Holiday's success against Navy. The junior from Dallas hauled in four passes for a career-high 166 yards, including the game-winning 67-yard touchdown with 2:06 remaining. Jenkins' 166-yard outing was the best by an Irish receiver since Raghib Ismail tallied 173 yards in a 1990 win over Navy at Giants Stadium.

Jenkins' late-game heroics were the perfect antidote for an early miscue. On Notre Dame's first play from scrimmage, Holiday lofted a 62-yard strike to Jenkins, but the Irish wideout fumbled and Navy's Vaughn Kelley recovered at his own 27-yard line.

The Notre Dame special teams units played a critical role in the victory over Navy, beginning on the Mids' second possession. After a high snap sailed over the head of Navy punter John Skaggs, Irish wide receiver Carlos Campbell tackled the kicker in his own end zone for a safety, putting Notre Dame on the board first.

The teams traded touchdowns later in the first half, as Navy backup quarterback Aaron Polanco scored from 12 yards out late in the first quarter. Irish fullback Tom Lopienski countered with a one-yard dive in the second period, giving Notre Dame a 9-7 lead at the half.

The Midshipmen remained sturdy in the third quarter, thanks to a 45-yard punt return by Aaron Weedo which gave the hosts a short field to work with. Polanco capped a six-play drive with a one-yard run to put Navy ahead.

The lead didn't last long, as on the following kickoff, Vontez Duff drifted back to his own eight-yard line, started up the middle and knifed through the left side of the Navy coverage team. From there, he went virtually untouched to the end zone, putting the Irish back on top, despite a missed two-point try.

Navy rebounded with an 80-yard scoring drive on its next possession, ending with a 10-yard touchdown run by Eric Roberts. Irish tailback Ryan Grant then fumbled on his team's next play, and the Mids turned that takeaway into a field goal and a 23-15 lead.

The margin remained the same when Notre Dame took over with 7:27 to play at the Navy 48. Holiday calmly steered the Irish offense downfield, connecting with Jenkins on a 29-yard pass to the two-yard line. Rashon Powers-Neal bucked over from the one and Holiday added a two-point pass to Arnaz Battle, tying the score and setting the stage for Jenkins' redemption.

Still, after taking the lead, Notre Dame needed some late-game assistance from its defense. Free safety Glenn Earl and linebacker Courtney Watson came up with timely interceptions to stop a pair of last-minute drives by Navy and give the Irish their NCAA-record 39th consecutive win over the Mids.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	2	7	6	15	—	30
Navy	7	0	16	0	—	23

First Quarter

ND - Safety, Carlos Campbell tackles John Skaggs in end zone, 10:38.

NAVY - Aaron Polanco 12 run (Eric Rolfs kick), 4:30

Second Quarter

ND - Tom Lopienski 1 run (Nicholas Setta kick), 13:01

Third Quarter

NAVY - Polanco 1 run (Rolfs kick), 9:19

ND - Vontez Duff 92 kickoff return (pass failed), 9:01

NAVY - Eric Roberts 10 run (rush failed), 3:17

NAVY - FG Rolfs 36, 1:07

Fourth Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1 run (Arnaz Battle pass from Carlyle Holiday), 4:28

ND - Omar Jenkins 67 pass from Holiday (Setta kick), 2:08

Team Statistics

	ND	NAVY
First downs	13	17
Rushes-yards	41-68	56-216
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	21-13-0	15-6-2
Passing yards	272	52
Total plays-yards	62-340	71-268
Returns-yards	10-186	4-88
Sacks by	2-16	4-26
Punts-average	6-37.8	7-43.4
Fumbles-lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties-yards	2-20	2-25
Third-down conversions	4-13	3-16
Fourth-down conversions	2-2	2-4
Time of possession	27:11	32:49

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Rashon Powers-Neal 17-51; Ryan Grant 10-13; Marcus Wilson 2-4; Tom Lopienski 1-1; Carlyle Holiday 10-1.

NAVY: Tony Lane 6-92; Eric Roberts 5-50; Aaron Polanco 24-39; Kyle Eckel 13-37; Bryce McDonald 4-14; Craig Candeto 2-13; Sam Mathews 1-5; Team 1(-34).

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

ND: Carlyle Holiday 13-21-0-272-1.
NAVY: Aaron Polanco 5-14-2-40-0; Craig andeto 1-1-0-12-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Arnaz Battle 5-35; Omar Jenkins 4-166; Maurice Stovall 1-38; Gary Godsey 1-20; Ronnie Rodamer 1-9; Billy Palmer 1-4.

NAVY: Chandler Sims 2-25; Eric Roberts 2-21; Brian Yarbrough 2-6.

Attendance - 70,260 (c)



2002 Notre Dame Box Scores

GAME 11

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#8/8 Notre Dame42

Notre Dame Stadium
Nov. 23, 2002

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — The Notre Dame offense awakened from its recent slumber to post a season-best 478 yards as the Irish rolled to their 10th victory and second shut-out of the season with a 42-0 whitewash of Rutgers.

With the victory, the Irish assured themselves of their first 10-win season since the 1993 team finished 11-1 and ranked second in the nation. It also made head coach Tyrone Willingham the first skipper in school history to win 10 games in his debut season at Notre Dame.

Sophomore tailback Ryan Grant became just the seventh player in Notre Dame history to go over 1,000 rushing yards in a season with his 68-yard effort while junior quarterback Carlyle Holiday equaled a school record with 4 touchdown passes.

The Notre Dame defense allowed a season-low 14 yards rushing, the second time this season that the Irish have allowed an opponent to rush for fewer than 20 yards (16 vs. Maryland on Aug. 31).

After the teams exchanged punts and fumbles throughout the first quarter, the Irish got on the board to conclude their first drive of the second quarter when Arnaz Battle caught a Carlyle Holiday pass across the middle, slipped a would-be tackler and sprinted up the left sideline for a 38 yard touchdown.

Less than four minutes later, Nagurski Trophy finalist Shane Walton intercepted a Ryan Hart pass after it bounced off the back of a Rutgers lineman, with Walton taking possession off his shoe tops before returning it 45 yards for his second score of the year. Walton's seventh interception of the season is the highest total for an Irish player since Todd Lyght picked off eight passes in 1989.

Leading 14-0 at the half, Notre Dame pulled away with the highest scoring third quarter in Irish history, scoring four touchdowns in just under 10 minutes.

Battle started the parade to the end zone catching a 63-yard bomb from Holiday on the second play of the second half. It was Battle's fifth touchdown reception of the season.

After forcing a Rutgers punt on its ensuing possession, Notre Dame scored on its third offensive play of the half as Holiday hit Omar Jenkins on a 37-yard strike to put the Irish up by four touchdowns.

Notre Dame then scored on its third possession and fifth play of the half, when Grant sprinted up the left sideline for a 28-yard touchdown.

The Irish rounded out the scoring with a Holiday scramble and pass to freshman wide-out Maurice Stovall just over five minutes before the end of the third quarter. It was Holiday's fourth touchdown pass of the day, tying a school record last set by Jarious Jackson against Arizona State in 1999.

With the scoreboard showing a comfortable six-touchdown margin, Willingham emptied his bench. In the final home game of the 2002 campaign, 24 players (including six seniors) saw their first significant playing time of the season, and 75 different Irish players saw action on the field. Among the seniors seeing late-game action was tailback Tim O'Neill, who carried six times for a career-high 52 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

Rutgers	0	0	0	0	—	0
Notre Dame	0	14	28	0	—	42

Second Quarter

ND - Arnaz Battle 38 pass from Carlyle Holiday (Nicholas Setta kick), 11:17

ND - Shane Walton 45 interception return (Setta kick), 7:25

Third Quarter

ND - Battle 63 pass from Holiday (Setta kick), 14:16

ND - Omar Jenkins 37 pass from Holiday (Setta kick), 12:21

ND - Ryan Grant 28 run (Setta kick), 8:50

ND - Maurice Stovall 26 pass from Holiday (Setta kick), 5:36

Team Statistics

	RU	ND
First downs	15	20
Rushes-yards	28-14	41-190
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	48-20-2	28-14-0
Passing yards	158	288
Total plays-yards	76-176	69-478
Returns-yards	7-70	7-22
Sacks by	1-4	5-35
Punts-average	10-45.0	6-34.3
Fumbles-lost	4-1	3-2
Penalties-yards	12-68	8-72
Third-down conversions	5-19	6-15
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	32:18	27:42

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

RU: Markis Facyson 8-35; Clarence Pittman 4-8; Corey Barnes 1(-1); Nathan Jones 1(-2); Ryan Hart 5(-10); Ryan Cubit 8(-12).

ND: Ryan Grant 18-68; Tim O'Neill 6-52; Carlyle Holiday 5-47; Rashon Powers-Neal 6-25; Tom Lopienski 1-1; Marcus Wilson 2-1; Dan Novakov 1(-1); Team 2(-3).

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

RU: Ryan Hart 12-25-1-99-0; Ryan Cubit 8-23-1-59-0.

ND: Carlyle Holiday 13-25-0-270-4; Pat Dillingham 1-3-0-18-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

RU: Josh Hobbs 5-43; Aaron Martin 5-30; L.J. Smith 4-28; Shawn Tucker 2-21; Markis Facyson 2-10; Ray Pilch 1-16; Sean Carty 1-10.

ND: Arnaz Battle 3-108; Omar Jenkins 3-61; Maurice Stovall 2-39; Rhema McKnight 2-27; Matt Shelton 1-18; Tom Lopienski 1-17; Marcus Wilson 1-10; Ryan Grant 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

GAME 12

#7/7 Notre Dame13
#6/6 USC44

Los Angeles Coliseum
Nov. 30, 2002

LOS ANGELES — Like millions throughout history, Notre Dame headed west, seeking to fulfill dreams of making it big in California. However, under the harsh glare of the Los Angeles spotlight, aspirations of a Bowl Championship Series berth went bust for the seventh-ranked Irish.

No. 6 USC reeled off 34 unanswered points in the final 31 minutes of the game to upend Notre Dame, 44-13, before a sellout crowd at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The loss prevented the Irish from posting the first 11-win regular season in school history, and it snapped a three-game winning streak for Notre Dame against the Trojans.

For the first time all season, the Irish defense bent under the weight of a sturdy USC offense which rolled up a Notre Dame opponent-record 610 yards, including 425 yards passing. Heisman Trophy winning Carson Palmer tossed four touchdown passes for the Trojans, tying another Irish opponent record.

Notre Dame stood evenly with USC throughout the majority of the first half. After Ryan Killeen missed an early field goal try for the Trojans, the Irish marched to the USC 17-yard line before settling for a 34-yard field goal by Nicholas Setta. On the ensuing kickoff, USC fumbled and the Irish recovered deep in Trojan territory. Yet, the Notre Dame offense could not capitalize on the turnover, and Setta came on to boot a 32-yard field goal for a 6-0 Irish lead.

USC bounced back, as Palmer connected with Mike Williams on a six-yard touchdown pass and Killeen added a 22-yard field goal in the second quarter. The Irish special teams then came up with a key play late in the period, as linebacker Carlos Pierre-Antoine blocked Tom Malone's punt and fell on the loose ball in the end zone to give Notre Dame a 13-10 lead with 1:07 remaining.

However, there was still enough time for USC to mount a late scoring drive and the Trojans did just that. Palmer moved his charges crisply down the field, capping the march with a 19-yard TD toss to Williams only five seconds before halftime.

USC rode the momentum of its late first-half scoring drive into the third quarter, as Palmer threw another scoring pass and Killeen kicked a pair of field goals to give the hosts a 30-13 lead.

Trailing by 17 points late in the third period, the Irish defense gave Notre Dame an opportunity to get back in the contest, as linebacker Courtney Watson intercepted Palmer at the goal line and raced 60 yards to give the Irish excellent field position. That chance died moments later when the Notre Dame offense went three-and-out and was forced to punt the ball back to USC.

The Trojans put the game on ice in the fourth quarter, as Sultan McCullough scored on an 11-yard run and Palmer flipped his fourth touchdown pass of the night.

Meanwhile, the Irish held the ball for less than 22 minutes in the game and amassed a

season-low 109 yards en route to just their second loss of the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	6	7	0	0	—	13
USC	0	17	13	14	—	44

First Quarter

ND - FG Nicholas Setta 34, 4:10

ND - FG Setta 32, 3:46

Second Quarter

USC - Mike Williams 6 pass from Carson Palmer (Ryan Killeen kick), 10:49

USC - FG Killeen 22, 3:34

ND - Carlos Pierre-Antoine 27 blocked punt return (Setta kick), 1:07

USC - Williams 19 pass from Palmer (Killeen kick), 0:05

Third Quarter

USC - M. MacKenzie 15 pass from Palmer (Killeen kick), 12:01

USC - FG Killeen 27, 6:36

USC - FG Killeen 29, 2:15

Second Quarter

USC - Sultan McCullough 11 run (Killeen kick), 11:58

USC - M. MacKenzie 10 pass from Palmer (Killeen kick), 7:23

Team Statistics

	ND	USC
First downs	4	31
Rushes-yards	22-39	38-185
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	29-10-3	46-32-2
Passing yards	70	425
Total plays-yards	51-109	84-610
Returns-yards	8-198	7-107
Sacks by	1-10	3-27
Punts-average	9-37.6	4-31.5
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	5-50	9-51
Third-down conversions	0-13	5-14
Fourth-down conversions	0-1	0-0
Time of possession	21:55	38:05

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 10-16; Carlyle Holiday 6-12; Mike McNair 1-5; Tom Lopienski 1-3; Marcus Wilson 1-3; Rashon Powers-Neal 3-0.

USC: Justin Fargas 20-120; Sultan McCullough 8-44; Hershel Dennis 3-19; M. MacKenzie 3-6; Jacob Rogers 1-2; Carson Palmer 3(-6).

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

ND: Carlyle Holiday 10-29-3-70-0.

USC: Carson Palmer 32-46-2-425-4.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Omar Jenkins 3-33; Rhema McKnight 2-20; Arnaz Battle 2-6; Maurice Stovall 1-7; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-4; Ryan Grant 1-0.

USC: Mike Williams 10-169; Keary Colbert 5-75; Justin Fargas 4-41; M. MacKenzie 4-30; Alex Holmes 3-44; Kareem Kelly 3-12; Grant Mattos 2-52; Sultan McCullough 1-2.

Attendance - 91,432



Gator Bowl Recap

GAME 13

#17/17 No. Carolina St.28
 #11/12 Notre Dame6

Toyota Gator Bowl
Alltel Stadium
Jan. 1, 2003

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Progress can be measured in different ways. While Notre Dame's 28-6 loss to North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl might have put a damper on an otherwise brilliant season, it did serve as an indicator of the progress the Irish made in a very short period of time.

Notre Dame controlled the ball for more than 33 minutes and ran 15 more plays against the Wolfpack. However, the Irish were undermined by the one thing that had been their calling card all season — turnovers.

Notre Dame entered the game with a +8 turnover ratio, good for 26th in the nation. Against North Carolina State, that mark was turned upside down, as the Irish tossed three interceptions, including a critical game-changing theft late in the first half.

Playing his final game at Notre Dame, wide receiver Arnaz Battle caught 10 passes for 84 yards, setting a school record for recep-

tions in a bowl game. Battle wound up with 58 catches this season, the third-highest total in school history and the most by an Irish wideout in 33 years. Tailback Ryan Grant added 68 yards rushing on 21 carries, giving him 1,085 yards on the ground this year, the 10th-highest single-season mark in school history.

Spirits were high for Notre Dame early on, as the Irish moved smartly downfield on their second possession, going 52 yards in 12 plays to set up a 23-yard field goal by Nicholas Setta. However, in a precursor of Notre Dame's misfortune, starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday injured his shoulder late in the drive and would not return.

N.C. State moved in front on its next possession, driving 92 yards in 12 plays, and culminating with a two-yard TD run by T.A. McLendon. It was the first of two scores for the Wolfpack runner, who added a three-yard scamper the next time his team had the ball, putting N.C. State on top, 14-3, with 5:02 remaining in the first half.

The Wolfpack then dealt Notre Dame's comeback hopes a staggering blow, as Rod Johnson intercepted a pass by Irish reserve quarterback Pat Dillingham, setting up N.C. State at the Notre Dame 48-yard line. It took

Wolfpack signal-caller Philip Rivers six plays to march his team to the end zone, finding Jerricho Cotchery on a nine-yard scoring toss with 1:16 left in the first half.

The Irish looked strong on their first possession of the third quarter, moving all the way to the N.C. State 24-yard line. However, the drive stalled there and on fourth down, Notre Dame elected to go for it, but Johnson intercepted Dillingham's pass in the end zone, quashing the threat.

Later in the period, the Irish once again worked their way down to the Wolfpack 24-yard line. This time, they called on Setta, who boomed a 41-yard field goal to slice the N.C. State lead to 21-6 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wolfpack iced the game early in the final frame, as Rivers orchestrated a nine-play, 69-yard drive that was capped by his seven-yard touchdown pass to Sean Berton with just under 11 minutes to play.

Notre Dame made two forays into N.C. State territory in the fourth period, including a march to the Wolfpack one-yard line in the last two minutes. However, the Irish could not punch the ball into the end zone on four tries and turned the ball over on downs.

SCORING SUMMARY

No. Carolina St	0	21	0	7	—	28
Notre Dame	3	0	3	0	—	6

First Quarter

ND - FG Nicholas Setta 23, 4:12

Second Quarter

NCSU - T.A. McLendon 2 run (Adam Kiker kick), 14:03

NCSU - McLendon 3 run (Kiker kick), 5:02

NCSU - Jerricho Cotchery 9 pass from Philip Rivers (Kiker kick), 1:16

Third Quarter

ND - FG Setta 41, 1:44

Fourth Quarter

NCSU - Sean Berton 7 pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 10:41

Team Statistics

	NCSU	ND
First downs	21	23
Rushes-yards	26-62	38-86
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	41-25-0	44-23-3
Passing yards	255	200
Total plays-yards	67-317	82-286
Returns-yards	2-7	4-71
Sacks by	2-16	1-8
Punts-average	5-43.2	4-30.3
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	10-8	79-90
Third-down conversions	7-15	4-19
Fourth-down conversions	0-1	4-7
Time of possession	26:57	33:03

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

NCSU: Philip Rivers 7-22; Josh Brown 7-18; T.A. McLendon 11-18; Sean Berton 1-4.

ND: Ryan Grant 21-68; Rashon Powers-Neal 5-16; Mike McNair 4-8; Arnaz Battle 2-6; Carlyle Holiday 2-3; Pat Dillingham 4-(-15).

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

NCSU: Philip Rivers 23-37-0-228-2; Bryan Peterson 2-3-0-27-0.


ND: Pat Dillingham 19-37-3-166-0; Carlyle Holiday 3-6-0-22-0; Joey Hildbold 1-1-0-12-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

NCSU: Jerricho Cotchery 10-127; Sean Berton 5-40; T.A. McLendon 3-16; Dovonte Edwards 3-13; Bryan Peterson 2-16; Joseph Gray 1-24; Sterling Hicks 1-19.

ND: Arnaz Battle 10-84; Jared Clark 4-41; Omar Jenkins 3-42; Maurice Stovall 3-25; Gary Godsey 1-5; Ronnie Rodamer 1-5; Rhema McKnight 1-(-2).

Attendance - 73,491 (c)



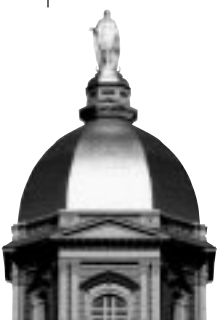
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The William D. Reynolds Award



Darrell R. "Flash" Gordon ('88, '89MSA) of Richmond, Ind., is the 2003 recipient of the William D. Reynolds Award to be presented at halftime of the annual Blue-Gold spring football game. The award is conferred annually on a Notre Dame graduate who is doing exceptional work with youth for the betterment of the quality of life.

Gordon is chief executive officer for Wernle Children's Home, a residential treatment behavioral health care agency serving youth in Indiana and Ohio. He has gained the trust and respect of his young clients by listening to their concerns and soliciting the boys' suggestions for improvement in their program. Daily contact with Gordon has resulted in signs of heightened self-esteem among the boys at Wernle as they realize that their opinions and ideas have merit and they are treated with respect. Gordon has succeeded in rallying significant support in his campaign to make Wernle

Children's Home a premier facility, including his recruitment of exemplary individuals to serve on Wernle's board of directors.

He is also adjunct professor of sports law at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Prior to accepting his position at Wernle, he served as coordinator of the NCAA's "Education and Stay in Bounds" program, designed to promote the development of character and good sportsmanship in young athletes.

While earning his juris doctorate degree from Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law, Gordon held leadership positions in numerous community and collegiate organizations. He has earned the reputation of being an inspiring leader and a thorough and careful administrator.

Gordon played outside linebacker for the Irish football team and started on the 1988 national championship team. Darrell and his wife, Tonia, have a baby daughter, Justis.

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Darrell Gordon's response:

I am very honored to receive the 2003 William D. Reynolds Award for working with youth for the betterment of the quality of life in which we live.

In 1984, I accepted an athletic scholarship to play for the University of Notre Dame's football team to further enhance my education and to become part of the Notre Dame family, which is dedicated to youth development.

In 1989, I received my master's degree from the University of Northern Kentucky. These experiences broadened my administrative skills to become more equipped to address the struggling issues of youth development in our nation.

As a proud alumnus who understands the value of education, mentorship and God's love for mankind, it is my promise to effectively represent our institution by providing an uncompromising devotion to counseling our young men and women to become great citizens.

Thank you, Notre Dame, for promoting a mission to have a positive impact on the lives of so many. And I humbly thank you for selecting me as your 2003 William D. Reynolds Award recipient. I shall indeed cherish this day for years to come. May God bless you.

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The University of Notre Dame's institutional mission is to attain the highest standards of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and selected fields of research in a community of learning where truth is seen to be informed by belief and where, specifically, the Catholic faith and intellectual tradition are celebrated and lived.

Notre Dame's founding can perhaps best be characterized as an outburst of missionary zeal. How else can one describe the action of Father Edward Sorin, the 28-year-old French priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross who, with \$310 cash and three log buildings in various stages of disrepair in the middle of the northern Indiana frontier, had the temerity to christen his enterprise the University of Notre Dame du Lac?

Notre Dame at its founding was a name in search of, or perhaps in anticipation of, a university. The wonder is not so much what the University has become more than a century and a half later, but that it survived at all in those early years of beginning almost literally from nothing. In his book, *"The University of Notre Dame: A Portrait of Its History and Campus,"* historian Thomas Schlereth of the American studies department has described the odds the University was up against:

"Only nine other Catholic colleges existed when Notre Dame was founded but that number had grown to 51 by 1861. Presently only seven of these antebellum institutions still exist. One historian estimates a mortality rate of approximately 80 percent among Notre Dame's contemporary secular institutions. Yet Notre Dame survived..."

The University's survival of those early years is a tribute not only to the

faith of Father Sorin, but also his pragmatism and wit. In the beginning, his institution's only admissions requirement was the ability to pay—some payment, at least, and not necessarily in currency or coin; livestock or the services of a tradesman or some other "in-kind" payment also were cheerfully accepted. Nor were admissions limited by religious preference. Father Sorin's mission and inspiration were thoroughly and indisputably Catholic, but from the beginning he made it clear that would-be students of any religious persuasion were welcome; indeed, that Notre Dame's student body eventually would become overwhelmingly Catholic was more a reflection of American culture than of parochialism on the University's part.

Sorin was equally flexible when it came to his University's academic offerings. While a classical collegiate curriculum was established early on, so too were elementary and preparatory programs as well as a manual labor school, and for several decades the collegiate program never attracted more than a dozen students in any year. As Notre Dame's chronicler, Father Arthur Hope, C.S.C., has written, "If (Sorin) was to begin at all, the head of this new college had to be mightily concerned about frostbite and empty stomachs. The more elusive problems of intellectual development would have to wait."

If Notre Dame in its infancy was the child of Sorin's vision and will, its subsequent growth and development were the products of large and powerful social and historical forces. Just as the University was being established, the first waves of European immigrants, overwhelmingly Catholic, were reaching America's shores, and Notre Dame's location—though seemingly remote—

in fact put it within easy reach of cities like Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis, all of which soon would have large immigrant Catholic populations. The growth of the University of Notre Dame and the immigrant experience would be inextricably linked.

A number of forces were at work in this relationship. The American Dream was coming into being, and with it the hope and expectation that, through hard work and education, children would enjoy greater opportunities than their parents. At the same time, anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic sentiments were open and pervasive in American society, creating barriers to immigrant Catholic students. Equally strong sentiments among many Catholics regarded public schools at any level as dangerous places where young people might lose their faith. For all these reasons, education—primary, secondary and higher education—became the centerpiece of American Catholicism.

Though it may not have seemed so at the time, this great historical movement of peoples and the creation of the American melting pot dramatically enhanced the odds of Notre Dame's survival. What still had to be decided, however, was precisely the type of institution Notre Dame would become. How could this small Midwestern school without endowment and without ranks of well-to-do alumni hope to compete with firmly established private universities and public-supported state institutions? As in Sorin's day, the fact that the University pursued this lofty and ambitious vision of its future was testimony to the faith of its leaders—leaders such as Father John Zahm, C.S.C. As Schlereth describes it:

"Zahm... envisioned Notre Dame as potentially 'the intellectual center of the American West'; an institution



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The Grotto

with large undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools equipped with laboratories, libraries, and research facilities; Notre Dame should strive to become the University that its charter claimed it was.”

Zahm was not without evidence to support his faith in Notre Dame's potential. On this campus in 1899, Jerome Green, a young Notre Dame scientist, became the first American to transmit a wireless message. At about the same time, Albert Zahm, Father John's younger brother, was designing the first successful helicopter and first wind tunnel, and was launching the first man-carrying glider from the roof of a building on campus. The University also had established the nation's first architecture, law and engineering schools under Catholic auspices.

The debate over Notre Dame's future was effectively ended in the two decades following the First World War. In 1919 the University installed its first president to have earned a Ph. D., Father James Burns, C.S.C., and the changes he initiated were as dramatic as they were far-reaching. The elementary, preparatory and manual labor programs were scrapped; the University's first board of lay advisors was established with the goal of creating a \$1-million endowment, and a national campaign was conducted to achieve that goal; and the first annual giving program for alumni was launched. With this impetus established, between 1919 and 1933 the University would erect 15 new buildings and triple the numbers of both its students and its faculty.

Also during this period, a new and utterly unanticipated element was added to the ethos of Notre Dame, and the University forever after would be a national institution. That new element was, of course, the game of football. But for Notre Dame and for its legions of ethnic American loyalists—most, but not all, Catholic—the cliché was true: Football was more than a game. Through its academic program, Notre Dame already was part of the striving of ethnic Americans to earn a place in the American mainstream. Now, even for those who had never and would never attend Notre Dame, the University became a symbol, so much so that its attrac-

tion persists literally to this day.

The national recognition football brought to Notre Dame was a mixed blessing at those times when it tended to overshadow the University's growing academic distinction, but overall it has been an almost incalculable boon to public awareness of, interest in, and support of Notre Dame. It may be amusing to speculate how the University's history might have been different without the phenomenon of football, but the University is happy to accept this legacy as is.

If the post-World War I era saw Notre Dame's first flowering as a true University, the half-century since the Second World War has seen the vision of John Zahm reach full fruition. Father John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., began the process after the war by toughening Notre Dame's entrance requirements, increasing faculty hiring, and establishing the Notre Dame Foundation to expand the University's development capabilities. Then, during the 35-year tenure of Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame's enrollment, faculty and degrees awarded all doubled; library volumes increased five-fold; endowment catapulted from less than \$10 million to more than \$400 million; campus physical facilities grew from 48 to 88 buildings; faculty compensation increased ten-fold; and research funding more than twenty-fold. In addition, two defining moments occurred during this period: the transference of University governance in 1967 from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a predominantly lay board of trustees and the admission of women to undergraduate studies in 1972.

Since 1987, when Father Edward Malloy, C.S.C., assumed the presidency, the University has continued to grow in stature. Endowed faculty positions now number more than 135, the student body is among the most selective in the nation, with a third of entering freshmen ranking among the top five students in their high school graduating classes, and the graduation rate annually is among the four or five highest in the nation, behind only a handful of Ivy League institutions. The University's endowment, now more than \$3 billion, is the 18th

largest in American higher education and campus additions have included new research laboratories, a graduate student housing complex, residence halls for undergraduate women (who now comprise more than 45 percent of the student body), DeBartolo Hall, the most technologically advanced teaching facility in higher education, a 153,000-square foot complex for the Mendoza College of Business and one of the largest bookstores in higher education.

The question for Notre Dame today is, having become a distinguished American university, to what should it now aspire?

Some goals are self-evident. The University must strive at all times to bring new vigor to its teaching and to enhance both the breadth and the depth of the education it offers students. At the same time, it must strengthen significantly its graduate programs and faculty research to make ever greater contributions in the quest for new knowledge.

But the institutional mission of Notre Dame reaches beyond these goals.

The higher aspiration of the University is to seek out and assume leadership roles through which students and alumni, faculty, interdisciplinary institutes, and professional programs can bring their accomplishments to bear on the most basic and pressing needs of humanity—for peace and social justice, for human rights and dignity, for ethical conduct in business, science and the professions, for a renewal of values in interpersonal and societal relationships, and for a more enlightened stewardship of the environment, to name but a few of the challenges.

This aspiration is incumbent upon Notre Dame as a Catholic University. Today, as throughout its history, Notre Dame's position in American culture mirrors that of the Catholic church. The world is very different from the one encountered by Father Sorin on his arrival in this country. The tangible barriers faced then by Catholic students and scholars have largely been removed, and today one may find such students and scholars at Harvard and Stanford and Duke, as well as at Notre Dame. American Catholics are firmly implanted in the American mainstream.

At the same time, the secularization of contemporary American society is an undisputed fact, and with that transformation has come a weakening of common values, an antipathy to belief, and a resistance to the very notion of underlying truths. One expression of this viewpoint is the contention that a Catholic university is a contradiction in terms, that reason and belief are somehow mutually exclusive. The Catholic intellectual tradition and the Western university tradition itself stand in opposition to this contention, as does Notre Dame.

It is a telling act that throughout Notre Dame's history, and increasingly in recent years, many eminent scholars of various faith traditions have made the University their home simply because they have preferred to work in a community of learning where belief is not merely tolerated, but in fact is celebrated.

Father Sorin's dream was predicated on his conviction that a university would be a powerful force for good in this land that he embraced as his own.

For Notre Dame, Sorin's conviction remains the inspiration, the mission and the driving force.



Athletics Director Kevin White



Kevin White, one of the most progressive and talented administrators in the intercollegiate athletics ranks, has quickly attached his signature as director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame.

In fact, his initial two years in that position remarkably qualified as the most successful across-the-board years in the history of athletics at Notre Dame.

A career educator and one of the most respected athletic administrators in the nation, White previously had been athletic director at Arizona State University, Tulane University, the University of Maine, and Loras College. He brought a combined 18 years of experience in those positions with him to his assignment at Notre Dame.

Appointed by Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president, on March 13, 2000, White became the first Notre Dame athletic director to report directly to the University's president -- under the realignment of athletic administrative responsibilities announced in February 2000 by Father Malloy.

White's first two years at Notre Dame in 2000-01 and 2001-02 saw unprecedented across-the-board achievement on Irish fields of play:

- * Notre Dame finished 11th and 13th, respectively, in the Sears Directors' Cup all-sports ratings in those years, matching its best-ever back-to-back rankings in that competition.
- * Four different teams earned number-one rankings in 2000-01 (women's soccer, women's basketball, men's fencing and baseball were number one at some point, and men's lacrosse ranked second) -- and men's fencing repeated the honor in '02.
- * The Irish claimed the '01 national championship in women's basketball, third-place finishes in fencing (a men's and women's combined championship) in '01 and '02, national semifinal appearances in women's soccer in '00 and men's lacrosse in '01, and a College World Series appearance in baseball in 2002. A record 37 Notre Dame athletes earned All-America honors in 2001-02.

* Sixteen of a possible 22 teams earned national rankings in 2000-01, including 10 that achieved the highest rating in the history of the program. Then in 2001-02, 20 of 26 teams qualified for NCAA competition.

* Notre Dame won the BIG EAST Conference Commissioner's Trophy for overall athletic success in league play in both 2001 and 2002 for both men and women. The Irish won a record eight league titles in 2001-02.

His initial years on the job at

Notre Dame also featured a handful of other noteworthy accomplishments:

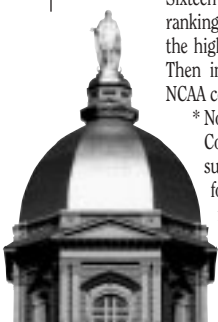
- * He helped the Irish athletic program toward its goal of becoming a top five program in the Sears Directors' Cup all-sports competition by championing the University's plan to add 64 grants-in-aid over a four-year span (that goal was announced in December 2000), in order to give all 26 varsity sports the full NCAA complement of scholarships.
- * He emphasized the need to remain competitive on the facilities front by commissioning a facilities masterplan that now provides a long-term plan for upgrading Notre Dame's athletic physical plant.
- * On the academic front, Irish student-athletes enjoyed one of the most productive years ever in the classroom in

2000-01 -- with the football team recording its two highest-ever semester grade-point averages, the men's and women's basketball squads posting their best-ever fall GPAs and six other teams posting their highest-ever semester averages during the fall. Then four teams during the '01 spring semester achieved their highest in-season averages ever. In 2001-02, 25 teams achieved GPAs of 3.0 or higher, including eight Academic All-Americans.

- * The American Football Coaches Association awarded its Academic Achievement Award for 2001 to Notre Dame based on its 100 percent graduation for entering freshmen from 1995.
- * The NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association gave one of its four 2000 awards of excellence to Notre Dame's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program
- * He assured long-term consistency in the Irish coaching ranks by signing Notre Dame head coaches to multi-year contracts.
- * He renewed Notre Dame's Westwood One contract for football radio broadcasts for five more years beginning in 2003.

Under White's leadership over four years, Arizona State rose all the way to 11th in 1999-2000 in the Sears Directors' Cup rankings of overall athletic success (compared to a 23rd-place ranking the year before he arrived). He saw the Sun Devils win the 1996 NCAA men's golf title and NCAA women's golf titles in '97 and '98 -- in addition to NCAA runner-up finishes in baseball in '98 and women's gymnastics in '99, and a Rose Bowl appearance in football following the '97 season. In 1998-99 the university placed three teams in the top five in the country, four in the top 10, and eight in the top 20 in their respective sports.

White reorganized academic and student services for athletes (assembling a task force to increase graduation rates of student-athletes), renegotiated the university's radio contracts, built up the athletic department staff, planned the addition of two new women's sports, hired five head coaches, and increased the athletic operating budget from \$16.7 million to \$26 million while at the same time turning a \$3-million deficit into a \$1-million-plus surplus. He also reorganized athletic fundraising and launched a \$25-million capital campaign. During his tenure in Tempe, the university allocated \$30 million to a series of athletics facilities construction projects.



Athletics Director Kevin White

With a Ph.D. in education, White has taught classes throughout his career, including currently as a concurrent associate professor in the management department of the Mendoza College of Business as part of Notre Dame's MBA program during spring semesters (he teaches a sports business course). Known for his close personal ties with student-athletes, at Arizona State he established a highly successful life skills program.

At Tulane for five years from 1991-96, White saw the men's basketball team advance to postseason play five seasons in as many years. Two Green Wave women's basketball teams played in the NCAA tournament during his tenure -- and three Tulane baseball squads advanced to NCAA play. He helped bring Tulane into Conference USA, with the Green Wave beginning play in that league in 1995-96.

The 15-sport Tulane program featured a \$13.5 million budget. White helped launch a variety of marketing initiatives, including the department's first multi-media marketing campaign (it earned several awards), an expansion of radio broadcast properties and a five-fold membership increase in the Green Wave Club. He reorganized the department, developed a comprehensive compliance program and assisted the university in its development role for a \$125 million, 19,000 seat, multi-purpose arena in downtown New Orleans, with Tulane as the primary tenant.

At Maine for four years from 1987-91, White directed a program that was widely regarded as the most progressive in the Northeast. Maine captured conference championships and postseason bids (either NCAA or NIT) in 1989-90 in five sports -- football, baseball, hockey, women's basketball and golf. During those four years, Maine twice appeared in the NCAA Division I-AA Football Championships and three times reached the NCAA Hockey Final Four.

While overseeing a 20-sport program with a \$5 million budget, White helped Maine generate \$11 million in private support (including \$4.2 for expansion of the Alford Sports Center) and saw season ticket sales increase by 450 percent.

White first spent five years as athletic director at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, from 1982-87 -- also serving as the college's vice president for student development and dean of students for a year and vice president for college advancement for another year. In his multiple roles he supervised a \$15-million capital campaign, the annual fund, planned giving, alumni relations, college publications, and public relations. He also founded and was executive director of the National Catholic Basketball Tournament.

As head of its 20-sport intercollegiate athletic program, White helped Loras rank among the top 10 NAIA institutions in all-sports competition, prior to joining the NCAA in 1984. He initiated an extensive athletic facility enhancement program (including the \$4 million Graber Sports Center) and implemented the college's graduate program in physical education with an emphasis in athletic administration.

White has served on numerous NCAA committees, including the NCAA Council, formerly the association's highest governing body, as well as currently serving as first vice president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association.

In addition to his current role with the BCS (Bowl Championship Series), he previously was a member of the Rose Bowl Management Committee while at Arizona State, was an ex-officio member of the Sugar Bowl Committee during his tenure at Tulane and also worked closely with the Fiesta Bowl during his stay in Tempe.

White has served as mentor for an impressive list of senior level athletic administrators who have worked for him, then gone on to become directors of athletics -- including Jim Sterk of Washington State, Tom Boeh of Ohio University, Ian McCaw of Northeastern and Massachusetts, Bruce Van De Velde of Iowa State, Herman Frazier of Hawaii, Scott Devine of St. Mary's College (Md.), Greg Capell of Loras, Tim Van Alstine of Western Illinois, Bubba Cunningham at Ball State, as well as current Notre Dame senior associate athletic director Sandy Barbour, who followed him at Tulane.

White also has his own weekly, half-hour radio show on ESPN Radio 1000 in Chicago -- and has a pre-game segment on

The Kevin White File

Year	School	Assignment
1972-73	Gulf (Fla.) High School	Cross Country and Track Coach
1973-74	Gulf (Fla.) High School	Cross Country and Track Coach
1974-75	Gulf (Fla.) High School	Cross Country and Track Coach
1975-76	Gulf (Fla.) High School	Cross Country and Track Coach
1976-77	Central Michigan University	Assistant Cross Country Coach, Track Coach
1977-78	Central Michigan University	Assistant Cross Country Coach, Track Coach
1978-79	Central Michigan University	Assistant Cross Country Coach, Track Coach
1979-80	Central Michigan University	Assistant Cross Country Coach, Track Coach
1980-81	Mt. Morris (Mich.) School District	Administrator for Athletics and Special Projects
1981-82	Southeast Missouri State Univ.	Assistant Athletic Director, Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach
1982-83	Loras College	Director of Athletics
1983-84	Loras College	Director of Athletics
1984-85	Loras College	Director of Athletics
1985-86	Loras College	Vice President for Student Development, Director of Athletics
1986-87	Loras College	Vice President for College Advancement, Director of Athletics
1987-88	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1988-89	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1989-90	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1990-91	University of Maine	Director of Athletics
1991-92	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1992-93	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1993-94	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1994-95	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1995-96	Tulane University	Director of Athletics
1996-97	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
1997-98	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
1998-99	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
1999-00	Arizona State University	Director of Athletics
2000-01	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2001-02	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics
2002-03	University of Notre Dame	Director of Athletics

Westwood One's radio broadcasts of Notre Dame football games.

During his coaching career, White served as head track and field coach at Southeast Missouri State (1981-82) and assistant cross country and track and field coach at Central Michigan (1976-80).

At Southeast Missouri State (where he also served as assistant athletic director), he coached 16 Division I and II All-Americans and was named Missouri College and University Track Coach of the Year in 1982. He served as director of the 1981 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championship and founded the Semotom Relays, a track event that attracted 61 university teams.

At Central Michigan, White coached four Division I All-Americans and one national champion. He served as director of the '78 Mid-American Conference Track Championship, the 1977, '78 and '79 Central Michigan Relays and the '77 State of Michigan Special Olympics.

He began his coaching career at Gulf High School in New Port Richey, Fla., coaching cross country and track and assisting in football and wrestling. He coached his Gulf teams to 19 conference, district, regional and county championships between 1972 and '76. He's a member of the Florida High School Track Coaches and Athletes Hall of Fame.

White also spent a year (1980-81) as district administrator for athletics and special projects for the Mt. Morris Consolidated School District in Mt. Morris, Mich., where he supervised an athletic program that included 47 teams and 70 coaches in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Born Sept. 25, 1950, in Amityville, N.Y., White earned his

Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in 1983 with an emphasis on higher education administration -- and in 1985 completed postdoctoral work at Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management. He earned his master's degree in athletics administration from Central Michigan University in 1976 and his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972 from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., where he also competed as a sprinter in track and field. He was awarded St. Joseph's Alumni Achievement Award in 1997.

White also attended the University of South Florida and St. Leo College in Tampa, Fla., between 1972 and '76 -- and he took 60 hours of advanced graduate courses in higher education administration at Michigan State University between 1977 and '80.

White's wife, Jane, earned a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's in 1973 and a master's degree in physical education from Central Michigan in 1977. She also served as head track and field coach at Central Michigan.

The couple has five children -- Maureen, who completed a master of fine arts degree at Arizona State in 2000 and currently teaches at San Francisco City College; Michael, a University of Mississippi graduate and four-year starter at point guard for the Ole Miss basketball team and now an assistant basketball coach at Jacksonville (Ala.) State University; Daniel, a senior at the University of Notre Dame and a member of the '01 Irish basketball squad (he will be a graduate assistant basketball coach at Ohio University while pursuing an advanced degree); Brian, a freshman at Holy Cross College in South Bend; and Mariah, a sixth-grader who is a standout in swimming.



Indicators of Excellence

RANKINGS

- * Notre Dame's commitment to academic excellence, values, service and character development annually places the University among the nation's top 25 institutions of higher learning in surveys conducted by *U.S. News and World Report*, *Princeton Review*, *Time*, *Kiplinger's* and the *Templeton Foundation*.
- * Notre Dame ranks as one of the nation's most selective universities, joining Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Dartmouth, Brown, MIT and Rice as the only schools that admit fewer than half of their freshman applicants and enroll more than half of those who are admitted.
- * An influential book from Johns Hopkins University Press ranks Notre Dame sixth among 11 rising private research universities.
- * Notre Dame ranks first among U.S. Catholic colleges and universities in the number of undergraduates who have gone on to earn a doctorate since 1920, according to independent studies conducted by Georgetown University and the Delta Epsilon Sigma scholastic honor society.
- * Notre Dame is one of just five universities to rank consistently both in the top 25 in the *U.S. News & World Report* survey of America's best colleges and the Sears Directors Cup standings of the best overall athletic programs.
- * Computer and information technology resources at Notre Dame have been ranked among the nation's best for three consecutive years in the survey "*America's 100 Most Wired Colleges.*"

STUDENTS

- * Notre Dame's graduation rate of 94 percent for all students ranks behind only Harvard and Princeton.
- * The academic profile of the entering Notre Dame undergraduate features a median SAT score of 1350. Some 35 percent ranked 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 in their high school graduating classes, and 85 percent graduated in the top 10 percent. Entering students were leaders in volunteer service, sports, fine and dramatic arts, and student government.
- * Notre Dame's 96 percent retention rate between the freshman and sophomore years is among the highest in the country, thanks in large part to the University's unique First Year of Studies program.
- * Notre Dame graduates are accepted into medical schools at a rate of about 75 percent, almost twice the national average.
- * Notre Dame's student body includes some 700 students from 80 nations around the world.

FACULTY & PROGRAMS

* In a survey of some 2,000 leading scholars of American religion, two of the scholars regarded as "most important to the field" are Notre Dame historians Nathan Hatch and George Marsden. Of the two books singled out as "most important for the study of American religion," one was "*The Democratization of American Christianity*," by Hatch, the University's provost. A third Notre

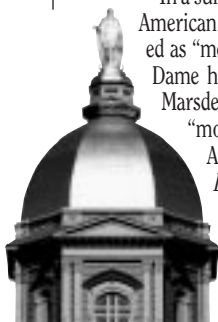


Dame historian, Jay Dolan, also was cited as one of the leading authors in the field.

- * Carolyn Woo, Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business, has been named one of the 40 "young leaders" of American academe by Change, the journal of the *American Association for Higher Education*.
- * Notre Dame's School of Architecture offers the nation's only fully accredited curriculum in Classical architecture and has been described by *New York Times* as "the Athens" of the New Classicism movement.
- * Faculty in the Notre Dame theology department have published more than 300 books since 1965, an output unmatched in higher education.
- * Notre Dame's Institute for Medieval Studies was the first in the United States, and the University also founded the first publication series dedicated specifically to medieval topics.
- * According to the National Science Foundation, Notre Dame is one of the top three U.S. universities in low-energy nuclear physics research.
- * The University's biological sciences department is an internationally recognized center for research in mosquito biology and the Center for Tropical Disease Research and Training houses the Aedes Reference Centre.
- * The 7,500-acre University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center on the Wisconsin-Michigan border encompasses woodlands, ponds, streams and more than 30 lakes. Home to the University's Jerry Hank Family Program in Environmental Studies and the new James B. Hank Research Facility, it is one of the premier ecological field stations in the world.
- * Notre Dame's Department of Accountancy consistently ranks among the top 10 in the country

in an annual nationwide survey of accountancy department chairs. The University ranks seventh in the number of alumni who are partners of Big Five accounting firms.

- * The distance learning initiative in the Executive MBA Program in the Mendoza College of Business has been selected as the best in higher education.
 - * The Department of Mathematics ranks among the top quarter among all universities that grant a doctorate in the field.
 - * Five of the leading marketing researchers in the nation are Notre Dame faculty members, according to a survey published in *Marketing Educator*.
 - * Faculty members in the Notre Dame chemical engineering department are among the world's top 10 most frequently cited scholars in the field, according to *Science Watch*.
 - * Five professors in Notre Dame's electrical engineering department are fellows - the highest grade of membership - in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.
 - * The wind tunnels housed in the Hessert Center for Aerospace Research are internationally known for pioneering techniques in smoke-flow visualization.
 - * The Notre Dame Law School is rated among the top 30 overall and is among the top five in the quality of the faculty and student satisfaction, according to a *Princeton Review* survey.
 - * The Law School is the oldest in the nation under Catholic auspices.
 - * The Notre Dame MBA program has the No. 1 business ethics curriculum in higher education, according to *Business Week*, and is rated by *Forbes* among the top 20 in giving students the best return on their investment.
 - * Notre Dame in 1917 became the first university in the United States to offer a four-year course of studies in foreign commerce, beginning an emphasis on global issues that continues today in the Mendoza College of Business.
 - * Notre Dame has the only operating center for liturgical research and education established by the United States' bishops.
 - * Notre Dame established the first programs in law, engineering and architecture at an American Catholic institution of higher learning.
 - * Music professor Alexander Blachly was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1999.
 - * Marketing professors William Wilkie and Joel Urbany have been recognized by the *Journal of Consumer Psychology* as among the nation's most productive authors of consumer marketing research.
- ## RESEARCH
- * The first evidence of a new subnuclear particle - an exotic meson - was discovered by a team of physicists led by the elementary particle physics group at Notre Dame. Long theorized, the particle had remained undetected, and its discovery will allow physicists to expand their understanding of nature at its most fundamental level.
 - * Notre Dame is part of a new consortium of universities constructing the world's largest tele-



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scope in Arizona.

- * The first experimental demonstration of a transistorless approach to computing, called quantum-dot cellular automata, was performed by a team of Notre Dame electrical engineering researchers. The new approach, which will take years to perfect, could allow for as many as 40 trillion devices on a four-inch-square chip, compared with six million devices on the most advanced conventional chip.
- * Notre Dame's Nuclear Structure Laboratory is one of only nine government-designated and university-operated accelerator labs in the country.
- * Two Notre Dame engineers, Bill Spencer and Michael Sain, have developed a new method to protect buildings from violent movement during earthquakes and other catastrophic events.
- * Notre Dame paleontologist J. Keith Rigby has uncovered what is believed to be the largest Tyrannosaurus Rex yet found.
- * The U.S. Department of Energy-supported Radiation Laboratory on campus has given Notre Dame the largest concentration of radiation chemists in the world, with typically 30 different external institutions represented annually on its research staff. Notre Dame was the first American university to provide formal training in radiation chemistry and it continues to be the principal source of trained postgraduates in the field.
- * Among scientific and technological innovations historically associated with the Notre Dame campus are the discovery of the formulae leading to synthetic rubber, the first demonstration of the aerodynamics of glider flight, the first transmission in the United States of a wireless

message, and the first disintegration of the nucleus of an atom by electron bombardment.

- * Physicists David Bennett and his wife, Sun Hong Rhie, are developing a new technique to observe extra-solar planets.

ALUMNI

- * The University's network of 242 alumni clubs - including 22 in foreign countries - is the most extensive in higher education.
- * With graduates renowned for their loyalty and generosity, Notre Dame annually ranks among the top five in percentage of alumni who contribute.
- * In the world of business, Notre Dame alumni serve in chief executive and other leadership positions at firms such as Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Bank of America; Haggar Company; Mobil Corp.; Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co.; the Chicago Mercantile Exchange; Merck & Company; Marriott Corp.; and Liz Claiborne, Inc.
- * Notre Dame alumni preside as chief executive officers at some 20 American colleges and universities.
- * Notre Dame graduates in high-level governmental positions include U.S. Congressmen representing New York, New Jersey, Indiana and the national security advisor.
- * In alumni satisfaction surveys, Notre Dame ranks among the top three nationally.
- * Notre Dame alumni hold senior positions at some of the nation's leading media organizations, including ABC News, *Newsweek*, *Los Angeles Times*, NBC, *Chicago Tribune*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Universal Press Syndicate, PBS, *Sports Illustrated*, *La opinion*, and the Poynter Institute for Media Studies.
- * Astronaut alumnus James Wetherbee is deputy director of NASA's Johnson Space Center and has served as pilot or commander on four space shuttle missions.

RESOURCES & FACILITIES

- * Notre Dame ranks in the top 20 among all American colleges and universities in size of endowment (about \$3 billion) and in annual voluntary support. Since 1984-85 the University has ranked first in the amount of money contributed annually by parents. It has the largest endowment and yearly gift total of any Catholic institution of higher learning in the world.
- * DeBartolo Hall, the University's 84-classroom teaching facility, includes state-of-the-art computer and audio-visual equipment that makes it the most technologically advanced in higher education.
- * The new 65,000-square-foot Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore is among the largest in American higher education.

SERVICE

- * Community service is a hallmark of Notre Dame. About 80 percent of Notre Dame students through the University's Center for Social Concerns are active in social service, and at least 10 percent of each year's baccalaureate graduating class spends a year or more in volunteer service, prompting UN General-Secretary Kofi

Annan to say, "Notre Dame represents much that is best and most generous in the American tradition."

- * More than 600 Notre Dame graduates have participated in the Holy Cross Associates program since its inception in 1978. Established by the University's founding congregation, the program engages young lay people in the congregation's service to the poor in the United States and Chile.
- * Notre Dame's Social Concerns Seminars, in which undergraduates spend fall and spring breaks offering assistance in Appalachia and other impoverished areas, constitute the most comprehensive service-learning program in higher education.
- * The University's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) sends 135 recent graduates to teach in some 90 understaffed Catholic schools in the Southern, Southeastern and Southwestern United States and in South Bend.

INTERNATIONAL AND OFF-CAMPUS STUDIES

- * Notre Dame has the largest proportion of students studying abroad of any Top 20 research university in the United States.
- * Notre Dame offers 26 international study programs in 16 countries: Austria, France, Ireland, Mexico, Japan, Spain, Greece, Egypt, Australia, Chile, Israel, England, Italy, Russia, China and Germany.
- * Notre Dame's Keough Institute for Irish Studies is the nation's foremost Irish studies program, and Notre Dame has the most prominent presence in Ireland of any American university. The Keough Institute is under the direction of the distinguished Irish scholar and novelist Seamus Deane and brings the foremost Irish scholars in the world to Notre Dame as both visiting and permanent faculty.
- * Notre Dame students study the Bible, Middle Eastern history and the social and political problems of the Palestinians and Israelis in the Holy Land at the University's Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies at Tantur, located on a hilltop on the road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.
- * The University's London Centre programs, which recently moved into expanded quarters in an historic building on Trafalgar Square, include some 120 students each semester from each of Notre Dame's four colleges.
- * Notre Dame's London Law Centre operates the only full-time branch of an American law school located outside the United States.
- * Notre Dame students who choose to study Down Under attend the University of Notre Dame-Australia, a private Catholic university founded in 1989 and located in Fremantle. Although there are no financial or legal ties, Notre Dame-Australia drew much of its founding inspiration from its U.S. namesake.



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The Proud Tradition

One hundred and fifteen years after Notre Dame fielded its first athletic team, the University is a national leader in combining athletic and academic excellence. Notre Dame is one of only two universities in the nation that typically rank each year among both the Sears Directors' Cup top 20 for all-sports achievement and the *U.S. News & World Report* top 20 national universities.

Notre Dame now fields 26 varsity teams — 13 each for women and men. Just 30 years after women were first admitted to the University as undergraduates, *Sports Illustrated* ranks Notre Dame among the top 15 women's athletics programs in the nation. The University has won 21 national championships — a record 11 in football, five in fencing, and one each in women's basketball, women's soccer, men's cross country, men's tennis and men's golf. Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1994, Notre Dame has won 39 conference championships, including a record eight in 2001-02, and eight consecutive conference Commissioner's Trophies.

At the same time, in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) graduation rate survey (which considers any student leaving a program for whatever reason a non-graduate), Notre Dame ranks fourth in the nation among Division I schools in its overall student-athlete graduation rate and the graduation rate for Notre Dame student-athletes who complete their eligibility is 99 percent.

Notre Dame has produced 144 GTE Academic All-Americans, the second highest amount in the nation, including eight in 2001-02.

petitive position, the program now must grow in the number of athletic grants-in-aid it offers. Currently, the number of grants-in-aid at Notre Dame falls below the number permitted by the NCAA in 15 sports. To relieve this shortfall, and make it possible for every Notre Dame team to aspire to championships, the officers of the University have approved the goal of offering the full NCAA complement of grants-in-aid in all sports by the 2004-05 academic year, pending adequate funding from outside sources. The addition of these grants-in-aid is critically important to the athletic program, both for competitive and financial reasons.

Rockne Heritage Fund

The Rockne Heritage Fund is the only scholarship fund to be named for Notre Dame's football coaching legend. Its purpose is to help meet the goal of providing the full NCAA complement of grants-in-aid within the next several years and build an endowment that will fund athletic grants-in-aid for the long-term benefit of the University's student-athletes.

The current cost of an athletic grant-in-aid is approximately \$35,000 and grants-in-aid are one of the largest items in the Athletic Department's budget. At the same time, 32 new grants-in-aid have to be added to provide the full NCAA complement in all sports. The Rockne Heritage Fund will be the leadership program in achieving this goal.

When fully funded for the 2004-05 academic year, Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports will offer more than 320 grants-in-aid, propelling the University toward its goal of a Top 5 ranking in the Sears Directors' Cup competition and offering every Notre Dame team the opportunity to pursue a national championship.

Athletic Scholarships For Olympic Sports

NCAA Maximum Allowed Women's Scholarships

119

Current Notre Dame

102

NCAA Maximum Allowed Men's Scholarships

88.2

Current Notre Dame

73.2

Notre Dame lags behind most of its peers in the number of grants-in-aid offered to student-athletes, particularly in the Olympic sports. At an average cost of \$35,000 per scholarship, the University is behind by nearly \$1.2 million.

The Next Step

Not resting on its laurels, the University of Notre Dame continues to aspire to even greater achievements as an academic institution and in athletics.

On the athletics side, the University's varsity program has doubled in size — from 13 to 26 sports — the past 25 years. To enhance its com-

Competitive Success Summary — 2001-02

- 4 Top 5 national finishes
- 8 Top 10 national finishes
- 15 Top 25 national finishes
- 20 of 26 programs advanced to NCAA postseason competition (best overall performance in Notre Dame history)
- 8 BIG EAST Titles (BIG EAST record)
- 8th consecutive conference Commissioner's Trophy
- 13th place Sears Directors' Cup finish (second-best ever)
- 37 All-Americans (Notre Dame record)
- 2 National Coach of the Year Awards
- 5 BIG EAST Coach of the Year Awards
- 85 percent graduation rate for student-athletes (fourth in the nation among Division I schools)

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NCAA COMPLIANCE

The University of Notre Dame Athletic Compliance Office is totally committed to supporting the mission of the Department of Athletics. At Notre Dame, we believe in the concept of shared responsibilities. Consequently, members of the Department of Athletics, other institutional staff members, student-athletes as well as all individuals and groups representing Notre Dame's athletics interests are responsible for ensuring the University's commitment to integrity and rules compliance.

Notre Dame also believes in governing itself by the principle of institutional control by operating its athletics program in a manner that is consistent with the letter and spirit of NCAA, conference and University rules and regulations. The University's commitment is to maintain control of its athletics programs through cooperation and effective communication with administrators, coaches, faculty, institutional staff members, student-athletes and representatives of the University's athletics interests.

The Notre Dame Athletic Compliance Office is charged with coordinating, monitoring and verifying compliance with all NCAA, BIG EAST and CCHA Conference rules and regulations. Moreover, it is our responsibility to educate the various constituencies of the University (e.g., coaches, administrators, faculty, student-athletes) and the University community at-large regarding these rules and regulations. The Athletic Compliance Office is also charged with developing operating systems within the Department of Athletics and the University that provide procedures on how to function effectively within the established rules and regulations and to discover and report any violations of NCAA rules.

Preventative and frequent education is a key component to maintaining the principle of institutional control. To this end, listed below is important information that you should know regarding NCAA regulations.

I. WHO IS A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE ("PROSPECT")?

A prospective student-athlete is any student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a person becomes a prospect prior to the ninth grade if a university provides him/her (or his/her family and friends) with any financial aid or other benefit that is not generally provided to all prospects.

II. WHEN IS A PROSPECT CONSIDERED RECRUITED?

Per NCAA rules, the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete has occurred when:

- a) An institution provides a prospect with an official visit;
- b) An institution has an in-person, off-campus encounter with a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardian(s); or
- c) An institution initiates or arranges telephone contact with a prospect, or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) on more than one occasion.

III. RECRUITING MATERIAL

An institution is permitted to send recruiting material [information about the institution's athletics program(s)] to a prospect beginning September 1 of the prospect's junior year in high school. Athletic questionnaires and camp brochures may be sent to a prospect prior to the September 1 date.

IV. TELEPHONE CALLS

General Rule - A coach may not initiate telephone contact with a prospect until July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, a coach may make only one telephone call to the prospect or the prospect's family each week. However, there exist certain exceptions to this rule.

(A) **Football Exception** - A coach may initiate telephone contact with a prospect on one occasion during the month of May of the prospect's junior year in high school. Subsequent to making the one allowable telephone call during the month of May, a coach may not call a prospect again until September 1 of the prospect's senior year in high school.

(B) **Ice Hockey Exception** - A coach may make one telephone call to a prospect who is a resident of a foreign country during the month of July following the completion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school. After making the one allowable call, a coach may not make another telephone call to the prospect in the sport of ice hockey until July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school.

(C) **Men's Basketball Exception** - A coach is permitted to make one telephone call to a prospect during the month of March of the prospect's junior year in high school. After making the one allowable call, a coach is permitted to make one telephone call to a prospect on or after June 21 of the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls to a prospect may be made during the month of July following the prospect's junior year in high school, with no more than one telephone call per week.

(D) **Women's Basketball Exception** - A coach is permitted to make one telephone call to a prospect on or after June 21 of the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls to a prospect may be made during the month of July following the prospect's junior year in high school, with no more than one telephone call per week.

(E) **Other Exceptions** - A coach may make more than one telephone call to a prospect under the following circumstances; (1) during the five days prior to the prospect's official visit to that institution, (2) on the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent and the two days following this date, (3) on the day of a coach's scheduled off-campus contact during a permissible off-campus contact period, and (4) during the two days before and after the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent.

V. OFF-CAMPUS FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT

A coach may not arrange an off-campus face-to-face meeting with a prospect until July 1 following the prospect's junior year in high school.

(A) **Men's Basketball Exception** - A coach may make one in-person, off-campus recruiting contact with a prospect or a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) during April of the prospect's junior year in high school.

VI. IMPORTANT REMINDER

Only a college coach who has been certified by his/her institution and the NCAA may recruit a prospect. Alumni and other representatives of an institution's athletics interests may not contact a prospect to encourage him/her to attend a particular institution. A representative of institution's athletics interests is anyone who:

(A) Has ever participated in or is a member of an agency or organization that promotes the institution's intercollegiate athletics program;

(B) Has ever made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;

(C) Has ever assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes, their families and/or friends;

(D) Has ever been involved in promoting an institution's athletics program; or

(E) Has ever been a season ticket holder for an institution in any sport;

Once a person has become a representative of an institution's athletics interests, he/she maintains that identity indefinitely.

If a person meets at least one of the criteria listed above, he/she is considered a representative of an institution's athletics interests. Consequently, he/she MAY NOT:

(1) Provide a prospective or currently enrolled student-athlete, their parents and/or friends any benefit, money, gifts, awards or special arrangement without prior approval from an Athletic Compliance Office;

(2) Provide any payment of expense or loan of an automobile for a prospective or currently enrolled student-athlete;

(3) Provide an honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement;

(4) Provide free or reduced cost lodging in your home to a prospective or currently enrolled student-athlete or their family and/or friends;

(5) Be involved in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes. No contact (in person, mail, telephone, e-mail, etc.) should be made by an athletics representative with a prospect unless an established prior relationship exists. Under no circumstances should the contact be for recruiting purposes.

(6) Use the name, picture or appearance of an enrolled student-athlete to advertise, recommend or promote sales or use of a commercial product or service of any kind.

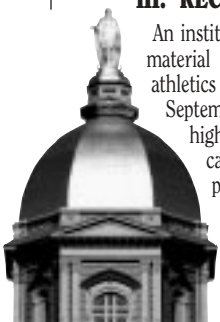
If a person is considered a representative of an institution's athletics interests based upon the criteria listed above, he/she MAY:

(1) Arrange summer employment for a prospective student-athlete, provided he/she has signed a National Letter-of-Intent and receives approval from the Athletic Compliance Office; and

(2) Continue established family relationships with friends and neighbors.

For additional answers to questions you may have about the recruiting process and for information about the academic requirements for participation during the first year of collegiate enrollment, please do not hesitate to contact the National Collegiate Athletic Association at (317) 917-6222 or visit their website at www.ncaa.org.

The Notre Dame Athletic Compliance Office can also provide you assistance with any of your questions. If you or anyone you know needs information regarding NCAA regulations, please contact our office and ask to speak with either Sandy Barbour, Senior Associate Director of Athletics at (574) 631-3248 or Barbour.4@nd.edu; Mike Karwoski, Assistant Director of Athletics at (574) 631-4107 or Karwoski.1@nd.edu; or Chris Reynolds, Assistant Director of Athletics at (574) 631-7358 or Reynolds.36@nd.edu.



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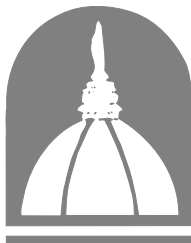
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