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2006 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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GAME 5

(#12 AP/# 14 USA Today) Notre Dame (3-1) vs.
(RV AP/RV USA Today) Purdue (4-0)

The Date and Time

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at 2:43 p.m. EDT

The Site

Notre Dame Stadium (80,795, grass surface) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The Tickets

The game is officially sold out making it the 188th consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium. Since 1966, every Notre Dame home football game has been a sellout except one - a 1973 Thanksgiving Day game vs. Air Force. The Irish have now played in front of sellouts in 236 of their last 237 home games.

The TV Plans

NBC national telecast with Tom Hammond (play-by-play) and Pat Haden (analysis), Lewis Johnson (sideline), David Gibson (producer) and John Gonzalez (director). NBC will stream a live 30 minute pre-game and post-game show on NBCSports.com.

The Radio Plans

For the 39th consecutive season all Notre Dame football games are to be broadcast on approximately 300 stations in 50 states by Westwood One with Don Criqui (play-by-play) and former Irish running back Allen Pinkett (analysis) with Jeff Jeffers providing pre-game, halftime and post-game reports. This broadcast can be heard live on SIRIUS Satellite Radio (channel 159 for the Purdue game) and it will be streaming live on the Notre Dame official athletics website at www.und.com.

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

Real-Time Stats

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

Web Sites

Notre Dame (www.und.com)
Purdue (www.purduesports.com)

Two-Minute Drill

- No. 12/14 Notre Dame returns to Notre Dame Stadium this weekend with another matchup against an undefeated team. All five of the Irish's opponents this season have entered the game undefeated. Notre Dame comes into the game following one of its greatest comebacks in a storied football history. The Irish rallied from a 16-point, fourth quarter deficit for a 40-37 victory over Michigan State. Meanwhile, Purdue improved to 4-0 with a 27-21 victory over Minnesota in West Lafayette last Saturday.

- Notre Dame and the Boilermakers will meet for the 78th time Saturday. The Irish lead the all-time series, 50-25-2. Notre Dame and Purdue have played each of the past 61 years. The series has been continuous since 1946, tying the USC rivalry for Notre Dame's second-longest continuous series (Notre Dame and Navy have played every year since 1927). The Irish are 25-11-0 all-time against the Boilermakers in South Bend, including victories in 13 of the last 14 meetings. (see pages 2-4 for more information on the series).

- The winner of the game is presented the Shillelagh Trophy, a tradition started in 1957. The trophy was donated by the late Joe McLaughlin (a merchant seaman and Notre Dame fan who brought the club from Ireland). Notre Dame has taken home the Shillelagh Trophy 31 times in the 49-year history of the award.

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

A Notre Dame Win This Week Would...

- ... make the Irish 4-1 for the second consecutive season.
- ... be the second straight over Purdue, fifth in the last seven

- years and 14th in the last 15 meetings in Notre Dame Stadium.

- ... improve the Irish to 51-25-2 in the all-time series with the Boilermakers.

- ... improve the Irish to 26-11-0 in the all-time series with Purdue in South Bend and 23-10 in Notre Dame Stadium.

- ... improve Weis' record to 6-3 against teams undefeated entering the game.

- ... improve Weis' record to 13-4 overall, 2-0 against Purdue and 5-3 against Big Ten foes.

- ... improve Weis' home record to 6-3.

- ... improve Weis' record to 7-2 in September games.

- ... improve Weis' record to 7-4 in afternoon games.

- ... improve the Irish's all-time record to 815-267-42.

- ... improve the Irish's all-time record at home to 293-90-5.

- ... improve the Irish's all-time record against the Big Ten to 216-107-15.

A Notre Dame Loss This Week Would...

- ... make the Irish 3-2 for the second time in three seasons.

- ... be the third in the last four meetings with Purdue and second consecutive at Notre Dame Stadium (after the Boilermakers dropped 13 straight from 1976-2004)

- ... drop the Irish to 50-26-2 in the all-time series with the Boilermakers.

- ... drop the Irish to 25-12-0 in the all-time series with Purdue in South Bend and 22-11 in Notre Dame Stadium.

- ... drop Weis' record to 5-4 against teams undefeated entering the game.

- ... drop Weis' record to 12-5 overall, 1-1 against Purdue and 4-4 against Big Ten foes.

- ... drop Weis' home record to 5-4.

- ... drop Weis' record to 6-3 in September games.

- ... drop Weis' record to 6-5 in afternoon games.

- ... drop the Irish's all-time record to 814-268-42.

- ... drop the Irish's all-time record at home to 292-91-5.

- ... drop the Irish's all-time record against the Big Ten to 215-108-15.

2006 IRISH SCHEDULE

rankings AP/USA Today • all times Eastern

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	TV	Time or Result	Last Week
Sept. 2	2/T-3	at Georgia Tech	ABC	ND 14, GT 10	W, 24-7 vs. Virginia
Sept. 9	T-4/5	19/19 PENN STATE	NBC	ND 41, PSU 17	L, 6-28 vs. Ohio State
Sept. 16	2/T-3	11/13 MICHIGAN	NBC	UM 47, ND 21	W, 27-13 vs. Wisconsin
Sept. 23	12/13	at Michigan State	ABC	ND 40, MSU 37	-
Sept. 30	12/14	PURDUE	NBC	2:30 p.m.	W, 27-21 vs. Minnesota
Oct. 7	-/-	STANFORD	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 10-36 vs. Washington St.
Oct. 21	-/-	UCLA	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 19-29 at Washington
Oct. 28	-/-	vs. Navy (at Baltimore)	CBS	Noon	L, 23-24 vs. Tulsa
Nov. 4	-/-	NORTH CAROLINA	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 7-52 at Clemson
Nov. 11	-/-	at Air Force	CSTV	4:00 p.m.	W, 31-24 at Wyoming
Nov. 18	-/-	ARMY	NBC	2:30 p.m.	W, 27-20 (ot) at Baylor
Nov. 25	-/-	at 3/2 USC	ABC	8 p.m.	W, 20-3 at Arizona

Purdue-Notre Dame Series History**Overall: 50-25-2; Home: 25-11-0; Away 25-13-2; Neutral 0-1-0**

Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	UM
*	1896		L	22	28
	1899		T	10	10
*	1901		W	12	6
	1902		T	6	6
	1904		L	0	36
	1905		L	0	32
	1906		W	2	0
	1907		W	17	0
	1918		W	26	6
	1919		W	33	13
*	1920		W	28	0
	1921		W	33	0
	1922		W	20	0
*	1923		W	34	7
*	1933		L	0	19
*	1934		W	18	7
*	1939		W	3	0
*	1946	3-	W	49	6
	1947	1-	W	22	7
*	1948		W	28	27
	1949	2-	W	35	12
*	1950	1-	L	14	28
*	1951	15-	W	30	9
	1952	-9	W	26	14
	1953	1-	W	37	7
*	1954	1-19	L	14	27
	1955	11-	W	22	7
*	1956	18-	L	14	28
	1957		W	12	0
*	1958	11-15	L	22	29
	1959	8-	L	7	28
*	1960	12-	L	19	51
	1961		W	22	20
*	1962		L	6	24
	1963		L	6	7
*	1964	9-	W	34	15
	1965	1-6	L	21	25
*	1966	6-8	W	26	14
	1967	1-10	L	21	28
*	1968	2-1	L	22	37
	1969	9-16	L	14	28
*	1970	6-	W	48	0
	1971	2-	W	8	7
*	1972	10-	W	35	14
	1973	7-	W	20	7
*	1974	2-	L	20	31
	1975	9-	W	17	0
*	1976		W	23	0
	1977	11-	W	31	24
*	1978		W	10	6
	1979	5-17	L	22	28
*	1980	11-9	W	31	10
	1981	13-	L	14	15
*	1982	10-	W	28	14

Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	UM
	1983	5-	W	52	6
D	1984	8-	L	21	23
	1985		L	17	35
*	1986		W	41	9
	1987	8-	W	44	20
*	1988	8-	W	52	7
	1989	1-	W	40	7
*	1990	1-	W	37	11
	1991	8-	W	45	20
*	1992	6-	W	48	0
	1993	4-	W	17	0
*	1994	8-	W	39	21
	1995	25-	W	35	28
*	1996	9-	W	35	0
	1997	12-	L	17	28
*	1998	123-	W	31	30
	1999	16-20	L	23	28
*	2000	21-13	W	23	21
	2001		W	24	18
*	2002	23-	W	24	17
	2003	-22	L	10	23
*	2004	-15	L	16	41
	2005	13-22	W	49	28

**NOTRE DAME vs.
THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE**

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Illinois	11	0	1	.958
Indiana	23	5	1	.810
Iowa	13	8	3	.604
Michigan	14	19	1	.426
Michigan St.	44	25	1	.636
Minnesota	4	0	1	.900
Northwestern	37	8	2	.808
Ohio State	2	3	0	.400
Penn State	9	8	1	.544
Purdue	50	25	2	.662
Wisconsin	8	6	2	.563
TOTALS	215	107	15	.659

CONFERENCE CALL

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

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

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

ACC (2): Georgia Tech, North Carolina

Independents (2): Navy, Army

Mountain West (1): Air Force

Notre Dame - Purdue Series Notes

- Notre Dame and Purdue will be meeting for the 78th time in the all-time series this Saturday. The Irish lead the series by a 50-25-2 count.

- The series started in 1896, with Purdue collecting a 28-22 victory in South Bend. The only current NCAA Division I-A schools that played Notre Dame earlier than Purdue are Michigan (1887 - first game in program history) and Northwestern (1889).

- The teams played seven times from 1899-1907 before a 11-year break (the longest hiatus in the history of the series). The teams resumed the rivalry in 1918 and met every year until 1923 before a 10-year break. The teams then met in 1933, 1934, 1939 and the series has been continuous since 1946. The series is tied with the USC rivalry for Notre Dame's second-longest continuous series (Notre Dame and Navy have played every year since 1927).

- Notre Dame's 50 series wins against Purdue are the second-most against any opponent - 68 against Navy is the highest.

- Entering the 2006 season, Purdue has beaten Notre Dame more times (25) than any other school besides USC (29) and Michigan State (25).

- The Irish have not been shutout by the Boilermakers since 1933 (a 19-0 loss in South Bend). Notre Dame has been blanked on two other occasions (1904, 1905).

- Including this weekend's game, Notre Dame or Purdue has been nationally ranked in 19 of the past 20 meetings (dating back to 1987). The 2001 game was the only time in that stretch that neither the Irish or Boilermakers were ranked.

- Over the last 10 meetings, Notre Dame holds a slim 6-4 advantage. The Irish won in 1996, 1998, from 2000-02 and 2005. Purdue claimed victories in 1997, 1999 and 2003-04.

- The series has been one filled with many offensive fireworks. Since 1982 (a span of 24 games), the winning team has scored no fewer than 22 points in every meeting except Notre Dame's 17-0 triumph in 1993. The winning team has eclipsed the 30-point barrier on 12 different occasions and averaged just over 35 points per contest.

- If the series history holds true, Notre Dame will need to score often to earn a victory this weekend. When the Irish fail to score 23 or more points in a game against Purdue, the Irish are 11-17-2 (.400). Since 1981 (25 meetings), Notre Dame has lost five out of the six games to Purdue in which it failed to score over 20 points.

On This Date

Notre Dame has played 13 previous games in its history on Sept. 30. The Irish are 11-2 all-time on this date, including a 4-1 mark against Purdue.

Sept. 30, 1967: Notre Dame quarterback Terry Hanratty set a school record with 63 pass attempts in a 28-21 loss to Purdue. The Irish entered the matchup with the Boilermakers No. 1 in the country and riding a 12-game unbeaten streak. He also completed 29 passes and threw for 366 yards that afternoon (both were school records at the time). They currently rank fifth and seven, respectively, in those categories.

Sept. 30, 1978: Notre Dame linebacker Bob Golic registered 19 tackles in a 10-6 victory over Purdue. The 19 tackles are still tied for the fifth most tackles by an Irish player in a single game.

Sept. 30, 1989: In a 40-7 victory over Purdue, Notre Dame punter/place kicker Craig Hentrich made his first of what eventually turned out to be 136 consecutive made extra-points. The streak ended on Sept. 26, 1992, also against the Boilermakers.

Sept. 30, 1922: In a 46-0 shutout of Kalamazoo, Paul Castner returned four kickoffs for a total of 253 yards. The 253 yards in kickoff returns is the most in single-game school history. Castner averaged over 63 yards per return and took two all the way back for touchdowns.

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

NOTRE DAME				PURDUE			
#	NCAA	Category		Category	NCAA	#	
29.00	39th	Scoring Offense	vs.	Scoring Defense	99th	28.75	
348.00	55th	Total Offense	vs.	Total Defense	105th	410.75	
74.75	108th	Rushing Offense	vs.	Rushing Defense	59th	126.00	
273.25	16th	Passing Offense	vs.	Passing Defense	115th	284.75	
134.04	47th	Passing Efficiency Offense	vs.	Passing Efficiency Defense	90th	137.92	
27.75	94th	Scoring Defense	vs.	Scoring Offense	5th	40.75	
342.50	80th	Total Defense	vs.	Total Offense	10th	461.50	
161.25	92nd	Rushing Defense	vs.	Rushing Offense	40th	164.00	
181.25	50th	Passing Defense	vs.	Passing Offense	7th	297.50	
126.59	63rd	Passing Efficiency Defense	vs.	Passing Efficiency Offense	23rd	154.67	
40.68	7th	Net Punting	vs.	Net Punting	97th	31.67	
7.88	69th	Punt Returns	vs.	Punt Returns	71st	7.83	
24.93	25th	Kickoff Returns	vs.	Kickoff Returns	71st	19.40	
0.00	60th	Turnover Margin	vs.	Turnover Margin	+37th	0.50	
2.00	51st	Sacks	vs.	Sacks Allowed	7th	0.75	
2.50	85th	Sacks Allowed	vs.	Sacks	+19th	3.00	

Notre Dame vs. The Big Ten

- Notre Dame has faced no other conference as often as the Big Ten. The Irish have played 337 all-time games against the 11 current members of the league. Notre Dame is 215-107-15 in those meetings. The Irish has played almost three times as many games against the Big Ten as any other conference. The Pac-10 (114) is the only other conference against whom Notre Dame has played at least 100 games.
- Notre Dame has faced Purdue 77 times in school history, more all-time meetings than any other Big Ten program. Michigan State is second with 70 all-time meetings followed by Northwestern (47).
- Notre Dame will play four members of the Big 10 in 2006. In addition to Penn State, Michigan and Michigan State, the Irish will also face Purdue. Notre Dame has played a member of the Big Ten every single season since 1915. In fact, the Irish will face four Big Ten schools in the same season for the first time since 1994. The Irish face Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue for the fifth consecutive season.
- Notre Dame has posted a 108-44-5 record against Big Ten opponents at home.

Irish Record Setters In The Notre Dame-Purdue Series

- The Notre Dame-Purdue series has been filled with incredible quarterback performances from the Irish. Five of the top 10 single-game completion records happened against the Boilermakers (Ron Powlus - 31; Brady Quinn - 29, 29, 26; Terry Hanratty - 29). Three of the top seven single-game highs for passing yards also came against Purdue (Brady Quinn - 440, 432; Terry Hanratty - 366). Only three Irish quarterbacks have ever attempted 45 or more passes in one game and three of those efforts came against the Boilermakers (Hanratty owns the school record with 63; Quinn recorded 59 in 2003 and 46 in 2004).
- Reggie Brooks rushed for three touchdowns, tied for sixth-most in single-game history, in a 48-0 rout of the Boilermakers on Sept. 26, 1992.
- Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn recorded 11 straight completions in last season's 49-28 victory and his 80.5 completion percentage for the game is the sixth-best in single-game school history.
- Quinn has eclipsed the 400-yard mark in passing on four occasions over his career, twice against Purdue. He threw for 440 yards in 2005 and 432 yards in 2004.
- Former QB and current Notre Dame Director of Personnel Development, Ron Powlus, tossed four touchdown passes in a 35-28 victory over Purdue on Sept. 9, 1995. At the time, the four TD passes was tied for the school record.
- Former All-American WRs Jim Seymour and Tom Gatewood each had remarkable careers against Purdue. Seymour had 13 catches, second most in single-game school history, with a school record 276 yards on Sept. 24, 1966. Gatewood had 12 catches, third most in a game, for 192 yards against the Boilermakers on Sept. 26, 1970. Both had three touchdown receptions in the each game as well.
- Notre Dame has had a pair of running backs eclipse 100 yards rushing in the same game just 16 times over 118 years of football. Two of those occasions came against Purdue. Phil Carter and Larry Moriarty rushed for 154 and 106 yards, respectively, on Sept. 25, 1982. Ray Zellers and Randy Kinder went for 156 and 143 on Sept. 24, 1994.

National Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Sept. 17)

Rk	School	Record	LW
1.	Ohio State (59)	4-0	1
2.	Auburn (2)	4-0	2
3.	USC (2)	3-0	3
4.	West Virginia (2)	4-0	4
5.	Florida	4-0	5
6.	Michigan	4-0	6
7.	Texas	3-1	7
8.	Louisville	4-0	8
9.	LSU	3-1	10
10.	Georgia	4-0	9
11.	Virginia Tech	4-0	11
12.	Notre Dame	3-1	12
13.	Iowa	4-0	14
14.	Oregon	3-0	13
15.	Tennessee	3-1	15
16.	Oklahoma	3-1	17
17.	TCU	3-0	16
18.	Clemson	3-1	19
19.	Florida State	3-1	18
20.	California	3-1	21
21.	Nebraska	3-1	23
22.	Boise State	4-0	25
23.	Rutgers	4-0	NR
24.	Georgia Tech	3-1	NR
25.	Missouri	4-0	NR

OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES

Purdue 34, Michigan State 20, Penn State 19, UCLA 5.

USA TODAY/COACHES (Sept. 17)

Rk	School	Record	LW
1.	Ohio State (59)	4-0	1
2.	USC (2)	3-0	2
3.	Auburn (2)	4-0	3
4.	West Virginia	4-0	4
5.	Florida	4-0	5
6.	Michigan	4-0	6
7.	Texas	3-1	8
8.	Louisville	4-0	9
9.	Georgia	4-0	7
10.	LSU	3-1	11
10.	Virginia Tech	4-0	10
12.	Oregon	3-0	12
13.	Iowa	4-0	14
14.	Notre Dame	3-1	13
15.	TCU	3-0	15
16.	Oklahoma	3-1	16
17.	Florida State	3-1	17
18.	Tennessee	3-1	19
19.	Clemson	3-1	23
20.	California	3-1	20
21.	Nebraska	3-1	24
22.	Boise State	4-0	25
23.	Rutgers	4-0	NR
24.	Texas Tech	3-1	NR
25.	Boston College	3-1	21

OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES

Purdue 36, Georgia Tech 33, Penn State 24, Michigan State 17, UCLA 2.

BOLD indicates 2006 Notre Dame opponents

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	E
Notre Dame	7	21	7	14	- 49
Purdue	0	0	14	14	- 28

1st 8:54	ND	Powers-Neal 1 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick)
2nd 14:16	ND	Powers-Neal 1 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick)
2nd 6:24	ND	Samardzija 4 yd pass from Quinn, B. (Fitzpatrick kick)
2nd 2:57	ND	Walker 10 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick)
3rd 11:31	PUR	Bryant 18 yd pass from Kirsch (Jones kick)
3rd 8:48	ND	Samardzija 55 yd pass from Quinn, B. (Fitzpatrick kick)
3rd 6:37	PUR	Bryant 3 yd pass from Kirsch (Jones kick)
4th 11:31	ND	Carlson 22 yd pass from Quinn, B. (Fitzpatrick kick)
4th 8:58	PUR	Sheets 5 yd run (Jones kick)
4th 6:17	ND	Thomas, T. 10 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick)
4th 1:52	PUR	Sheets 8 yd run (Jones kick)

Team Statistics	ND	UM
FIRST DOWNS	32	29
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	50-153	24-164
PASSING YDS (NET)	468	350
Passes Att-Comp-Int	39-30-2	58-33-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	89-621	82-514
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	2-18
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-62	5-126
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	2-32
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-36.5	3-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	4-35
Possession Time	36:03	23:57
Third-Down Conversions	10 of 16	6 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards): Notre Dame - Walker 23-80; Jenkins 6-30; Quinn, B. 4-23; Thomas, T. 4-17; Powers-Neal 8-10; Samardzija 1-3; Team 4-minus 10. Purdue Sheets 6-66; Kirsch 6-47; Jones 4-26; Void 6-23; Williams 1-1; Bryant 1-1.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD): Notre Dame - Quinn, B. 29-36-1-440; Wolke 1-3-1-28. Purdue - Kirsch 29-44-1-274; Painter 4-14-0-76.

Receiving (Catches-Yards): Notre Dame - Stovall 8-134; Samardzija 7-153; Shelton 7-68; Powers-Neal 3-35; Fasano 2-30; Woods 1-28; Carlson 1-22; Walker 1-minus 2. Purdue - Bryant 14-127; Ingraham 7-91; Noel 3-41; Chattams 3-22; Sheets 2-36; Orton 2-17; Williams 1-11; Jones 1-5.

The Last Time**No. 13 Notre Dame 49, No. 22 Purdue 28
Oct. 1, 2005, Ross-Ade Stadium**

(Associated Press) - Brady Quinn's big numbers are starting to result in Notre Dame victories.

Quinn passed for 440 yards and three touchdowns against 22nd-ranked Purdue on Saturday night, leading No. 13 Notre Dame to a 49-28 victory.

It's the second straight game that Quinn has passed for over 300 yards and won. He had been 0-3 in such games before beating Washington a week earlier, and just 1-7 in games when he passed for at least 230 yards.

Quinn credits his improvement to coach Charlie Weis.

"He's a great teacher. He's taught me so many things about how to run an offense and be a leader," Quinn said. "A lot of things he learned in the NFL, he's brought down to teach me."

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

"Brady picked them apart," Weis said. "We were taking 3-yard passes and turning them into 15, 20 yards gains."

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

"Brady is performing like the leader we need him to be and I look for him to continue to progress in upcoming games," Weis said.

He'll need to. Next up for the Irish is No. 1 USC on Oct. 15 in South Bend.

The loss was the biggest by the Boilermakers since losing 31-3 at Michigan in 2003. Purdue fell to 12-27 against ranked opponents under ninth-year coach Joe Tiller.

"We couldn't stop the run or the passing game," Tiller said. "I guess I'm not shocked, but I'm disappointed in the outcome."

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

"I wasn't thinking anything about revenge coming into this game," Quinn said. "What enabled us to win was the execution of our game plan."

On Saturday night, though, Quinn didn't throw an interception until the Irish were up 35-14 - and the Irish intercepted the ball back on the next play - and he was hardly pressured as he cut up the Purdue secondary.

Quinn passed for at least 300 yards for a third straight game. Previously, no Irish quarterback had passed for 300 yards twice in a season. He now has five games in his career of over 300 yards passing. In three of those he has surpassed 400 yards, but before Saturday night the two 400-yard efforts had ended in defeat.

"He played like a great player," Tiller said. "He's a talented player."

Quinn completed eight straight passes at one point and 11 straight at another. Quinn's primary targets were Maurice Stovall and Samardzija.

Stovall finished with eight catches for 134 yards, including four catches for 71 yards on Notre Dame's second scoring drive. Samardzija had a diving one-handed catch for 41 yards to the 1-yard line to set up Notre Dame's first score. He also had a 55-yard TD catch and a 4-yard catch for a score, becoming the first Irish receiver to have TD catches in the team's first five games. He finished with seven catches for 153 yards.

Samardzija said he wasn't surprised by the 49 points by the Irish.

"Why not, it's just something you've got to expect. You've just got to always talk about that next step."

The five straight games with touchdown catches are the most for an Irish receiver since Malcolm Johnson had six straight during the 1998 season.

Notre Dame tight end John Carlson had his first career TD catch in the fourth quarter, a 22-yard pass from Quinn, who left the game with 11:31 left in the fourth quarter.

Dorien Bryant had a career-high 14 catches for Purdue, two of them for touchdowns, for 127 yards. Brandon Kirsch was 29-of-44 passing for 274 yards with one interception. Kory Sheets ran for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

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

"The kid's a hard worker," Weis said. "Each week he shows signs of evolving and getting better."

How Do They Stack Up?

Average weight of the offensive and defensive lines:

ND OL 294.0 lbs. vs. PU DL 266.5 lbs.

ND DL 277.0 lbs. vs. PU OL 302.5 lbs.

Average height of the receivers and the secondaries:

ND WR/TE 6' 4" vs. PU DB 5' 11"

ND DB 6' 0" vs. PU WR/TE 6' 2"

Last Week Against Michigan State

- Notre Dame overcame a 16-point fourth quarter deficit Saturday night, the largest fourth quarter deficit the Irish have overcome since the 1979 Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1, 1979) when Notre Dame trailed Houston, 34-12, with just under eight minutes to go in the game and came back to win, 35-34. Joe Montana threw the winning touchdown pass to Kris Haines as time expired (Joe Unis kicked the deciding PAT) in what was later termed "The Chicken Soup Game."
- The victory was head coach Charlie Weis' seventh consecutive road win to open his career – the longest streak to open a Notre Dame coach's career since Frank Leahy began his Irish coaching tenure with a 10-game road unbeaten streak.
- Notre Dame eclipsed the 40-point barrier for the second time this season and eighth time under Weis.
- The Spartans' second quarter interception return for a touchdown by Ervin Baldwin was the third by a Notre Dame opponent in its last two games. Prior to Sept. 16 against Michigan, the Irish had allowed just three defensive touchdowns in their previous 34 games.
- Senior P Geoff Price, who entered the game as the nation's second-ranked punter, booted a 54-yd punt in the first quarter, his eighth punt of 50+ yards this season.
- Senior QB Brady Quinn started his 37th consecutive game of his career. Quinn trails only Ron Powlus (43) in the Notre Dame record book for career starts by a quarterback.
- Quinn's five touchdown passes gave him 11 this season and 69 for his career. Quinn has thrown for three or more TD passes in 11 different games during his career. It was also Quinn's fifth career game with at least four TD passes and third game with five or more.
- Quinn topped 300 yards passing for the first time in 2006 and eighth time in his Irish career.
- Senior WR Rhema McKnight's second touchdown reception of the game was his fourth of the season and 11th of his career. The TD catch moved him past Malcolm Johnson (1995-98) for 10th on the Irish all-time TD receptions list.
- Junior RB Darius Walker moved past Don Miller (1922-24) for 10th all-time on the Irish career all-purpose yards list.
- Walker's four-yard reception in the second quarter gave him 74 catches for his career, eclipsing Allen Pinkett's previous school record (73 from 1982-85) for career receptions by a running back.
- Walker's 10th rush of the game was his 500th career carry at Notre Dame. Walker is just the eighth player in Irish history to record 500 career carries.
- Senior TE John Carlson's 62-yard touchdown catch was the longest catch of his career and longest TD reception for the Irish since Samardzija's 80-yard TD at Stanford on Nov. 26, 2005.
- Carlson had 121 yards receiving on four catches, becoming the first Irish tight end to eclipse 100 yards receiving since Anthony Fasano had 155 yards on eight catches against Purdue on Oct. 2, 2004.
- Samardzija's 43-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter was his second TD reception of the game, fourth of the season and 19th of his career. He moved past Maurice Stovall (2002-05) for third and tied Tom Gatewood (1969-71) for second on the all-time TD receptions list. Samardzija also moved passed Tony Hunter (1979-82) for eighth on the school's all-time receptions list. In addition, Samardzija, who eclipsed 1,800 career yards receiving, surpassed Ken MacAfee (1974-77) for seventh all-time on the career receiving yards list.
- Carlson and Samardzija each went over 100 yards receiving on the night. They are the first Notre Dame duo to register 100 yards receiving in the same game since Samardzija and Stovall turned the task at Stanford last year.
- Abiamiri's third-quarter sack was his second of 2006 and 12th of his career. He moved into a tie with Wally Klein (1983-86) for ninth all-time on the Irish career sacks list.
- Junior CB Terrail Lambert's 27-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter was not only his first career interception, but also Notre Dame's first "pick six" since Leo Ferrine had a 16-yard runback for a score against Syracuse last year. Lambert also is the first Irish defender with two interceptions in the same game since Sept. 21, 2002, when Jerome Sapp had two picks at Michigan State in a 21-17 Notre Dame victory.

NOTRE DAME ITINERARY

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

Players Off

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

12:00 pm - Charlie Weis Press Conference

Satellite Coordinates: 1A-5C, Transponder 13

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media Viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with offensive coaches and players by request

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

1:20 pm - Tom Zbikowski Press Conference

1:40 pm - Brady Quinn Press Conference

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with Coach Weis, defensive coaches and players by request

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

11:30 am - Travis Thomas Press Conference

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media Viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with Coach Weis, special teams coaches and players by request

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

No Player or Coach Availability - Practice is Closed

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

2:30 pm - Kickoff vs. Purdue

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

12:30 pm - Charlie Weis Press Conference

All Times Eastern

Notre Dame's Record When...

	2006	Weis Era
At Home	1-1	5-3
On The Road	2-0	7-0
Neutral Site Games	0-0	0-1
Vs. Ranked Opponents	1-1	3-3
Vs. In-state Opponents	0-0	1-0
In September	3-1	6-2
In October	0-0	2-1
In November	0-0	4-0
In December	0-0	0-0
In January	0-0	0-1
On Television	3-1	12-4
On NBC	1-1	5-3
On ABC	2-0	6-1
On ESPN	0-0	1-0
On CBS	0-0	0-0
Afternoon Games	1-1	6-4
Night Games	2-0	5-0
Decided By 7 or Less	2-0	3-2
Scoring First	1-0	7-1
Opponent Scores First	2-1	5-3
Leading At Halftime	1-0	9-1
Tied At Halftime	0-0	1-0
Trailing At Halftime	2-1	2-3
Leading After 3 Qtrs.	1-0	9-0
Tied After 3 Qtrs.	0-0	0-1
Trailing After 3 Qtrs.	1-1	3-3
In Overtime	0-0	0-1
Scoring 40+ Points	2-0	7-1
Scoring 30+ Points	2-0	10-2
Scoring 20-29 Points	1-1	9-4
Scoring 0-19 Points	1-0	2-0
Allowing 40+ Points	0-1	0-2
Allowing 30+ Points	1-0	2-3
Allowing 20-29 Points	0-0	6-3
Allowing 0-19 Points	2-0	5-0
Outrushing Opponent	1-0	4-0
Getting Outrushed	2-1	8-4
Passing For More Yds	3-1	10-2
Passing For Fewer Yds	0-0	2-2
Outgaining Opponent	1-0	9-1
Getting Outgained	2-1	3-3
Winning Time of Poss.	2-0	9-2
Losing Time of Poss.	1-1	3-2
Scoring a Def./ST TD	2-0	4-1
Allowing a Def./ST TD	1-1	2-2
Fewer Penalty Yards	1-0	3-2
More Penalty Yards	2-1	9-2
Winning Turnover Battle	3-0	9-2
Losing Turnover Battle	0-1	1-1
Walker 100 rushing yds	0-0	6-1
Walker 150 rushing yds	0-0	1-0
Walker 200 rushing yds	0-0	0-0
Quinn 250 passing yds	2-0	9-3
Quinn 300 passing yds	1-0	5-1
Quinn 350 passing yds	0-0	3-1
Quinn 400+ passing yds	0-0	3-1
Samardzija caught a TD	2-1	10-3

An Eye on Career Records**Total Offense**

*1. Brady Quinn	9,530	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	7,479	1994-97
3. Rick Mirer	6,691	1989-92
4. Steve Beuerlein	6,459	1983-86
5. Jarious Jackson	5,777	1996-99

Most Passes Attempted

*1. Brady Quinn	1,293	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	969	1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein	850	1983-86
4. Rick Mirer	698	1989-92
5. Blair Kiel	609	1980-83

Most Passes Completed

*1. Brady Quinn	732	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	558	1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein	473	1983-86
4. Rick Mirer	377	1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson	306	1996-99

Most Passing Yards

*1. Brady Quinn	9,422	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	7,602	1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein	6,527	1983-86
4. Rick Mirer	5,997	1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson	4,820	1996-99

Average Passing Yards Per Game

*1. Brady Quinn	.235.6	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	.172.7	1994-97
3. Terry Hanratty	.159.7	1966-68
4. Steve Beuerlein	.155.4	1983-86
5. Joe Montana	.152.6	1975-78

Most Touchdown Passes

*1. Brady Quinn	.69	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	.52	1994-97
3. Rick Mirer	.41	1989-92
4. Jarious Jackson	.34	1996-99
5. Joe Theismann	.31	1968-70

Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

*1. Brady Quinn	.18	2003-present
Jarious Jackson	.9	1996-99
3. Steve Beuerlein	.8	1983-86
Ron Powlus	.8	1994-97
5. Joe Theismann	.5	1968-70

Completion Percentage (minimum 150 attempts)

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

Average Rushing Yards Per Game

1. Autry Denson	.89.9	1995-98
2. Allen Pinkett	.89.8	1982-85
*3. Darius Walker	.81.8	2004-present

Another Undefeated Opponent Awaits The Irish

Notre Dame always plays one of the top schedules in all of college football, but the Irish are about to play their fifth game of 2006 and each of the five opponents entered the contest undefeated. Notre Dame's opponents, Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue, are a combined 9-1 (excluding the game with the Irish). The lone loss for a Notre Dame opponent from a team other than the Irish was Penn State's loss last weekend at No. 1 Ohio State. The 1999 Notre Dame squad was the last Irish team to face five consecutive undefeated foes to open the season.

Despite that type of schedule, Notre Dame has ranked among the elite teams in college football in recent years, compiling a combined 163-68-2 (.704) over the last 19 seasons. That glossy record becomes even more noteworthy considering no team in the country has faced a more difficult schedule and achieved more victories over quality opponents than the Irish during that period.

Irish Road Warriors

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

Irish Comeback For The Ages

From the 7-0 victory over Oklahoma in 1957 snapping the Sooners 47-game winning streak, to Harry Oliver's 51-yd field goal as time expired to defeat Michigan in 1980, to the 31-30 victory over top-ranked Miami in 1988 en route to the school's 11th national championship, Notre Dame has been part of some unbelievable football games over its 118 years of football. The comeback victory over Michigan State last weekend will sit along side those previously mentioned games.

The Irish overcame a 16-point fourth quarter deficit against the Spartans (actually trailed 37-21 with just under nine minutes remaining), the largest fourth quarter deficit the Irish have overcome since the 1979 Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1, 1979) when Notre Dame trailed Houston, 34-12, with just under eight minutes to go in the game and came back to win, 35-34. Joe Montana threw the winning touchdown pass to Kris Haines as time expired (Joe Unis kicked the deciding PAT) in what was later termed "The Chicken Soup Game."

Brady Quinn Boiling Hot Against Purdue

Purdue must feel like the Notre Dame senior signal caller has been wearing an Irish uniform for 10 years. Quinn has put together a remarkable career in three games against the Boilermakers. He has blitzed the Purdue defense for 1,169 yards passing and five touchdowns. In Quinn's last two games against the Boilermakers, he has thrown for 432 (2004) and 440 yards (2005) – the two outings rank fourth and fifth respectively on the ND single-game list. In last year's game in West Lafayette, Quinn completed 11 consecutive passes, fifth best in Irish history, over one stretch and finished 29-for-36 (the 80.5 completion percentage ranks sixth all-time in single-game history).

Brady Stacks Up With The Most Recent Heisman Trophy Winners

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting last season. Through four games, Brady is on pace for 3,530 yards passing and 36 touchdown passes. Here is an interesting comparison between Quinn and the previous five QBs to capture the Heisman Trophy (a QB has taken home the award five of the last six years):

	Yds	TD	INT	Pct
Brady Quinn, Notre Dame (projected)	3,530	36	13	58.2
Matt Leinart, USC (2004)	3,322	33	6	65.3
Jason White, Oklahoma (2003)	3,846	40	10	61.6
Carson Palmer, USC (2002)	3,942	33	10	63.2
Eric Crouch, Nebraska (2001)	*2,625	*26	10	55.5
Chris Weinke, Florida State (2000)	4,167	33	11	61.7

total yards (passing/rushing) and total touchdowns

Quinn Approaching Rarefied Air

Senior QB Brady Quinn has tossed 69 career touchdown passes over his brilliant four-year Irish career. Quinn has tossed 43 TD passes over his last 16 games – an average of 2.7 per game. At his current pace, Quinn would finish his career with 11,866 yards passing and 94 touchdown passes. He would become just the ninth player in NCAA Division I history to surpass 11,500 yards passing and 10th to ever pass for 90 or more career TD passes.

Notre Dame Defense Comes Through Late

After the Irish defense surrendered 31 points in the first half to Michigan State, it would have been hard to imagine that the

same defensive group could possibly turn the game into Notre Dame's favor, but that is exactly what happened. The Irish allowed just six points after halftime and limited the Spartans to 128 total yards on their 33 second half plays. Drew Stanton was just 2-for-9 (both completions coming on Michigan State's final drive) for 23 yards. Notre Dame also forced three take-aways, two interceptions and one fumble. In fact, the Irish turned over the Spartans on their final three possessions.

Charlie And The Irish Offensive Factory

Second year head coach Charlie Weis came to Notre Dame with a tremendous reputation as one of the premier offensive minds in all of the NFL. The Irish saw immediate results in 2005, setting 11 school records, including passing yards (3,963), touch-down passes (32), total offense yards (5,728) and total points (440). After Notre Dame scored 40 points against Michigan State last week, the Irish have surpassed the 40-point barrier on eight separate occasions in Weis' 16 games as head coach. Prior to Weis' arrival, Notre Dame had eclipsed 40 points just nine times in its previous 97 contests. In addition, the Irish had 83 separate 100-yard receiving games over its first 116 seasons of football, but Notre Dame has had 14 the past two years under Weis. To put those numbers in perspective, Notre Dame averaged a 100-yard receiving effort every 13 games. Under Weis, the Irish is almost recording a 100-yard receiving effort every game.

Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
"X"	5	Rhema McKnight	Sr.	Ranks seventh all-time in ND history with 125 career receptions
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Sr.	Started third-straight season opener; Michigan St. was 28th straight start
LG	50	Dan Santucci	Sr.	Has started 17 games over his career and 16 consecutive
C	78	John Sullivan	Sr.	Will make his 23rd career start this weekend against Purdue
RG	76	Bob Morton	Sr.	Started 32nd career game and 14th at OG versus Michigan State
RT	74	Sam Young	Fr.	First true freshman to start season opener on O-line since 1972
TE	89	John Carlson	Sr.	Had career-high 121 yards receiving this past weekend at Michigan St.
"Z"	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	Ranks tied for second all-time in ND history with 19 career TD receptions
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Sr.	Completed 20-of-36 passes for 319 yds and 5 TD versus Michigan St.
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	So.	Emerged as starter midway through 2005 gaining 67 yds. on 27 att.
RB	3	Darius Walker	Jr.	Eclipsed 500 carries for his career this past weekend against Michigan St.

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
LDE	95	Victor Abiamiri	Sr.	13 career sacks ranks 1-9th all-time; ND's Lineman of the Year in '05
LDT	98	Trevor Laws	Sr.	Has registered 17 tackles, including 3 TFL, over the past two games
RDT	66	Derek Landri	Sr.	First Irish player to block a PAT since 1998; started last 28 games at DT
RDE	99	Ronald Talley	Jr.	Tied a career-high with seven tackles two weeks ago against Michigan
SLB	47	Mitchell Thomas	Sr.	Limited playing time at Michigan St. due to Spartans' spread offense
MLB	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	Jr.	Leads Irish defense with 31 tackles, including 20 solo, in 2006
WLB	26	Travis Thomas	Sr.	Had a career-best eight tackles to pace the Irish against Michigan St.
LCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	Sr.	Streak of consecutive games started snapped at 15 against Michigan St.
FS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	Sr.	Has 29 tackles, 2.5 for loss, 1 sack, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 2 FF and 1 FR in 2006
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Had a 25-yd fumble return for TD (sixth TD of career) versus Penn State
RCB	30	Mike Richardson	Sr.	Leads the Irish secondary with three PBU's

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
PK	45	Carl Gioia	Sr.	Connected on both FG attempts and went 5-for-5 on PATs versus PSU
KO	14	Bobby Renkes	Sr.	Placed 4-of-7 kickoffs in the end zone w/ two touchbacks versus PSU
P	17	Geoff Price	Sr.	Ranks 4th in the NCAA with a per punt average of 47.7
H	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	High school teammate of Carl Gioia in his second season of holding
SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	Jr.	First SNP duties at ND was 2005 game vs. USC; Served as SNP since
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Tied for sixth in ND history with a 12.6 career punt return average
KR	11	David Grimes	So.	Ranks 21st in the NCAA with a 27.38 kickoff return average
	19	George West	Fr.	First collegiate touch resulted in 33 yard return on opening kickoff

KEY PROBABLE NON-STARTERS

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

An Eye on Career Records

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

Rushes

1. Allen Pinkett8891982-85
2. Austry Denson8541995-98
3. Vagas Ferguson6731976-79
4. Julius Jones6341999-01, '03
5. Jerome Heavens5901975-78
6. Ryan Grant5602001-04
7. Phil Carter5571979-82
- *8. Darius Walker5012004-present
9. Neil Worden4761951-53
10. Tony Brooks4231987-91

Most Pass Receptions by Running Back

1. Darius Walker762004-present
2. Allen Pinkett731982-85
3. Bob Gladieux721966-68
4. Joseph Heap711951-54
5. Mark Green611985-88

Most Pass Receptions

1. Tom Gatewood1571969-71
2. Jim Seymour1381966-68
3. Tim Brown1371984-87
4. Derrick Mayes1291992-95
5. Ken MacAfee1281974-77
- *7. Rhema McKnight1252002-present
- *8. Jeff Samardzija1242003-present

Most Receiving Yards

1. Derrick Mayes2,5121992-95
2. Tim Brown2,4931984-87
3. Tom Gatewood2,2831969-71
4. Jim Seymour2,1131966-68
5. Maurice Stovall2,0692002-05
6. Tony Hunter1,8971979-82
7. Ken MacAfee1,7591974-77
8. Malcolm Johnson1,7371995-98
- *7. Jeff Samardzija1,8492003-present
- *10. Rhema McKnight1,6832002-present

Most Receiving Touchdowns

1. Derrick Mayes221992-95
- *2. Jeff Samardzija192003-present
- Tom Gatewood191969-71
4. Maurice Stovall182002-05
5. Jim Seymour161966-68
6. Ken MacAfee151974-77
7. Tim Brown121984-87
- Bobby Brown121996-99
- *9. Rhema McKnight112002-present
10. Malcolm Johnson101995-98

* indicates current players

Starter Sheet

Offense	2006	Streak	Career
Quinn (QB)	4	37	37
Harris (LT)	4	28	36
Morton (RG)	4	6	32
McKnight (WR)	4	5	22
Sullivan (C)	4	4	22
Santucci (LG)	4	16	17
Walker (RB)	4	9	17
Samardzija (WR)	4	17	17
Carlson (TE)	4	6	10
Freeman (TE)	1	-	4
Young (RT)	4	4	4
Anastasio (WR)	1	1	1
McConnell (FB)	2	2	2

Defense	2006	Streak	Career
Landri (RT)	4	28	29
Zbikowski (SS)	4	28	28
Abiamiri (LE)	4	17	23
Richardson (CB)	4	16	21
Crum (LB)	4	16	16
Wooden (CB)	3	-	15
Ndukwe (FS)	4	16	16
Laws (LT)	4	16	16
Talley (RE)	3	-	8
Thomas, M. (LB)	3	-	3
Thomas, T. (LB)	4	4	4
Frome (DE)	1	1	1
Lambert (CB)	1	1	1
Walls (CB)	1	1	1

Longest Active Streaks

Quinn (QB)	37
Harris (LT)	28
Landri (RT)	28
Zbikowski (SS)	28
Abiamiri (LE)	17
Samardzija (WR)	17

Most Career Starts (Active)

Quinn (QB)	37
Harris (LT)	36
Morton (RG)	32
Landri (RT)	29
Zbikowski (SS)	28

Current Irish Players Career Statistics Against Purdue**VICTOR ABIAMIRI**

	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR
2003	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
2004	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	0	0
2005	1	2	0	2	0.0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	4	0	4	2.0	0	0	0

DEREK LANDRI

	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR
2003	1	0	2	2	0.5	0	0	0
2004	1	0	2	2	0.5	1	0	0
2005	1	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	5	5	1.0	1	0	0

RHEMA MCKNIGHT

	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2003	1	4	32	0	10	4.0	8.0	32.0
2004	1	7	113	1	40	7.0	16.1	113.0
TOTAL	2	11	145	1	40	5.5	13.2	72.5

CHINEDUM NDUKWE

	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT
2003	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2004	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2005	1	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0

BRADY QUINN

	G	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effic
2003	1	59-29-4	297	1	85	49.2	5.0	297.0	83.5
2004	1	46-26-0	432	1	42	56.5	9.4	432.0	142.6
2005	1	36-29-1	440	3	55	80.6	12.2	440.0	205.2
TOTAL	3	141-84-5	1169	5	85	59.6	8.3	389.7	133.8

JEFF SAMARDZIJA

	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2003	1	4	18	0	6	4.0	4.5	18.0
2004	1	3	59	0	41	3.0	19.7	59.0
2005	1	7	153	2	55	7.0	21.9	153.0
TOTAL	3	14	230	2	55	4.7	16.4	76.7

DARIUS WALKER

	G	Rus.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2004	1	19	60	0	8	3.2	60.0
2005	1	23	80	1	19	3.5	80.0
TOTAL	2	42	140	1	19	3.3	70.0

	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2004	1	2	16	0	14	2.0	8.0	16.0
2005	1	1	-2	0	0	1.0	-2.0	-2.0
TOTAL	2	3	14	0	14	1.5	4.7	7.0

TOM ZBIKOWSKI

	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT
2004	1	5	0	5	1.0	1	0	0	0
2005	1	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	8	1	9	1.0	1	0	0	0

McKnight/Samardzija Rank Among Nation's Top Receiving Duo

The senior WR tandem of Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija each rank among the top 10 in ND history for career receiving yards and receptions. McKnight ranks seventh in school history with 125 career catches and 10th in school history with 1,683 yards receiving. Samardzija is in eighth place and just one catch shy of McKnight for seventh. His 1,849 yards receiving is seventh best in ND history, while his 19 career TD receptions is second-best in school history. McKnight is among the top 20 in the NCAA among active receivers in catches. Samardzija is just outside the top 20 in receptions, but ranks 18th in receiving yards and eighth in TD catches. Steve Smith and Dwayne Jarrett, USC, are the only other teammates to be ranked among the top 20 in the NCAA among any of those three categories.

Irish Triple Option Passing Attack

The Notre Dame offense has its own version of the triple option in the passing game. The Irish has three players, Jeff Samardzija, Rhema McKnight and John Carlson, each rank among the top 50 in the NCAA in receiving yards per game. Notre Dame and New Mexico State are the only two schools that have three student-athletes in the top 50. Notre Dame also has a fourth receiving option as Darius Walker is tied for team lead with 23 catches.

In The Red Zone

• Notre Dame was a perfect 2-of-2 in the red zone in the victory at Michigan State last weekend. The Irish are now 12-of-13 (.923) in the red zone through the first four games of the season. Notre Dame has only settled for field goals on two of those occasions. Even more remarkable, the Irish are 57-of-68 (.838) in the red zone during the Charlie Weis era. Notre Dame has recorded 48 touchdowns compared to just nine field goals. In other words, the Irish register seven points just over 70 percent of the time they enter the red zone over the past two seasons. Conversely, Notre Dame's opponents have scored on 11-of-12 trips into the red zone in 2006, but only 6-of-12 (50.0%) have resulted in touchdowns.

On Third & Fourth Down

• Notre Dame was just 1-for-11 (.091) on third-down conversions against Michigan State last weekend and now is 15-for-55 (.273) on the season. That statistic is way down from a year ago. The Irish converted 90-of-184 (.489) on third downs in 2005, which ranked seventh in the NCAA. While Notre Dame has struggled on third down, fourth down to this point of the season is a completely different story. The Irish are a 8-of-10 on fourth down over their first four games this season. In fact, no team has more 4th down conversions than Notre Dame.

John Carlson Turning In All-American Type Season

Notre Dame senior TE John Carlson has exploded onto the college football scene in 2006. He has 17 receptions for 297 yards – good for an average of nearly 75 yards a game. Carlson's 17.5 yards per catch leads the entire Irish receiving corp. In fact, Carlson is 28th, nationwide, in total receiving yards and third among tight ends. He also ranks 36th overall in receiving yards per game and third in the category among tight ends. With Carlson's recent 121 yard effort against Michigan State, he became the first Irish tight end to eclipse 100 yards receiving in a game since Anthony Fassano had 155 yards against Purdue on Oct. 2, 2004.

Brady Takes Game To Another Level In 4th Quarter

Quinn is on pace for another record-setting season for Notre Dame. The senior QB is on pace for 3,530 yards passing and 36 touchdown passes. Quinn would eclipse 30 TD passes and 3,000 yards for the second consecutive season. As impressive as those numbers are, take a look at these. Quinn has been at his best in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's first four games. He is 21-of-33, nearly 64 percent, for 340 yards and four TD passes in the final quarter this season.

Weis Guys a Resilient Bunch

Notre Dame is 12-4 under second year head coach Charlie Weis. Even more impressive than his .750 winning percentage, is the Irish's perfect 4-0 record under Weis following a loss. Notre Dame's average margin of victory in those four games is 13 points.

Secondary Stands Tall Against Some of the Nation's Best WR

Over Notre Dame's first four games, the Irish secondary has been dealt the difficult task of guarding some of the countries top wide receivers. Notre Dame has faced Calvin Johnson of Georgia Tech, Derrick Williams of Penn State, Steve Breaston of Michigan and Matt Trannon of Michigan State (all of who entered the game as their teams top receiver). With the exception of Johnson's first half in the season opener, Notre Dame has clearly taken away these premier playmakers. Here is a quick synopsis of the Irish against those dangerous wideouts:

	1ST HALF			2ND HALF		
	Rec.	Avg.	Yds.	Rec.	Avg.	Yds.
Calvin Johnson	5	19.0	95	2	8.0	16
Derrick Williams	1	3.0	3	2	4.5	9
Steve Breaston	3	9.7	29	3	4.3	13
Matt Trannon	0	0.0	0	2	11.5	23

Quinn Ranks High Among Active QBs

Quarterback Brady Quinn currently ranks in the top five among all active Division I-A quarterbacks in 10 categories ranging from passing charts to total offense lists. The following lists the categories he currently ranks in the top five:

CATEGORY	RANK	TOTAL	CURRENT LEADER
Pass Attempts	1st	1,293	-
Total Off.-Yards	2nd	9,530	Kevin Kolb, Houston (10,987)
Pass Yards	2nd	9,422	Kevin Kolb, Houston (10,348)
Total Off.-Yds/Gm	3rd	238.2	Kevin Kolb, Houston (274.7)
Total Off.-Plays	3rd	1,490	Kevin Kolb, Houston (1,652)
Pass Completions	3rd	732	Kevin Kolb, Houston (766)
Pass Yards/Game	4th	235.6	Colt Brennan, Hawaii (355.7)
Pass Touchdowns	t-2nd	69	Chris Leak, Florida (77)
Pass Attempts/Gm	5th	32.3	Colt Brennan, Hawaii (42.0)
Total Off.-TDs Responsible for	4th	74	Chris Leak, Florida (87)

Coaching Staff Locations...

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

Pronunciation Guide

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

Harris Interactive Poll

1	Ohio State (107)	4-0
2	USC (4)	3-0
3	Auburn (2)	4-0
4	West Virginia	4-0
5	Michigan	4-0
6	Florida	4-0
7	Louisville	4-0
8	Texas	3-1
9	Georgia	4-0
10	LSU	3-1
11	Virginia Tech	4-0
12	Notre Dame	3-1
13	Oregon	3-0
14	Iowa	4-0
15	Tennessee	3-1
16	Oklahoma	3-1
17	TCU	3-0
18	California (Cal)	3-1
19	Clemson	3-1
20	Florida State	3-1

2006 Media Information

Interview requests and media access for the 2006 Notre Dame football team are administered by lead football contact Brian Hardin and assistant football contact Michael Bertsch.

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

Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

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

- SUNDAY - 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. ET (except for Sept. 3 and Sept. 24 when it will begin at 1:30 p.m.)
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look back at the previous Saturday's game.

- TUESDAY - 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. ET
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look ahead at the upcoming weekend's opponent and other football-related issues.
- Satellite coordinates: IA 5-C, Transponder 13 (Available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)

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

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

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

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

Ndukwe Making Plays All Over The Field

Notre Dame senior FS Chinendum Ndukwe is leading the much-improved Irish pass defense. Ndukwe came up with a huge forced fumble and fumble recovery late in the fourth quarter to help the Irish rally past Michigan State last weekend. He is third on the team with 29 tackles, including 20 solo stops. He has added two interceptions, 2.5 tackles for loss, one sack, four pass break-ups, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

Price is Right

Despite the fact he entered this season with only two career punts, Geoff Price has made his presence known over Notre Dame's first four games. After Price averaged 50.4 yards on five punts against Georgia Tech, he responded with a career-best 62 yard boot versus Penn State. He took his game to another level against Michigan. Price averaged a school-record 51.9 yards per kick (7-for-363) against the Wolverines. He even dropped two inside the 20-yard line. Price had four punts of at least 50 yards in the game. After another impressive performance against Michigan State in which he averaged 43.3 yards per punt in a driving rain storm, he added his eighth 50+ yard punt this season and has also dropped five inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Price ranks fourth in the NCAA this week with an 47.5 yard average.

Clock Winding Down, Brady At His Best

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

Scoring Drives Just Before Halftime

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

*rushing touchdown

^no huddle, two-minute drill

Spartans Seeing Brady

After senior QB Brady Quinn threw for 487 yards and five TD passes in the 2005 meeting with Michigan State, many figured it would be near impossible to repeat that type of performance in 2006. Well, let's just say that Quinn met the task. He threw for 319 yards and five touchdowns. Quinn has thrown for five or more TD passes in one game on three separate occasions and two have come against the Spartans. For his career, he was 71-of-137 for 1,124 yards and 12 touchdowns against the Spartans.

Brady Quinn Step-for-Step With 2005 Record Setting Pace

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

	G	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effic
2005	4	95-154-2	1,181	10	52	61.6	7.7	295.3	144.94
2006	4	92-158-4	1,086	11	62	58.2	6.9	271.5	133.90

Brady's Bunch

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn has spread his pass completions around through the first four games of 2006. Quinn has completed passes to eight different receivers in Notre Dame's first four contests, a breakdown of four wide receivers, two tight ends and two running backs. Senior WR Jeff Samardzija and junior RB Darius Walker have been Quinn's favorite targets thus far. Samardzija and Walker have each grabbed 23 passes. Samardzija has recorded 273 yards and four touchdowns, while Walker has 140 yards and one touchdown. Senior WR Rhema McKnight is next with 22 catches for a team-high 313 yards and four touchdowns. Senior TE John Carlson has 17 receptions for 297 yards and one TD. Quinn has thrown touchdown passes to a total of five different players this season: Carlson, McKnight, Walker, Samardzija and senior FB Ashley McConnell.

Front Four

While Mike Hart rushed for 124 yards to lead Michigan's 120-yard rushing attack on Sept. 16, the Notre Dame front four really limited the vaunted, power running attack of the Wolverines. Michigan needed 41 carries to reach those 120 yards - just 2.9 yards per carry. In fact, 18 of Hart's carries were for two yards or less, including nine for zero or negative yardage. Much of that is due in part to the play by the Irish front four. Trevor Laws, Victor Abiamiri, Ronald Talley and Derrick Landri combined for 32 total tackles, including four for loss. Laws' 10 tackles were a career-high and Talley's seven tied his career-best.

Rhema has McKnight to Remember

After missing almost all of 2005 following a knee injury suffered during the second game last year, fifth-year senior WR Rhema McKnight returned to the gridiron with a vengeance at Georgia Tech. McKnight led the Irish with eight catches for 108 yards

against the Yellow Jackets. After pacing Notre Dame in catches in 2003 and 2004, McKnight picked up a key 19-yard catch on 3rd and 9 on the final possession of the game, prohibiting Georgia Tech from getting the ball one last time.

Abiamiri Named to Hendricks Watch List

Senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri was named to the 2006 Hendricks Award Preseason Watch List announced in June by the Hendricks Foundation. He has 15 tackles in 2006, including a season-high nine against Michigan. Abiamiri picked up his 12th career sack earlier this year against Penn State. He moved into a tie for ninth place with Wally Kleine (1983-86) on the Notre Dame career list (since 1982). He needs just 0.5 more tackles for loss to enter Notre Dame's all-time top 10 in that category as well. He has been a key member of Notre Dame's defensive line since his freshman season in 2003 when he became just the fourth freshman to start on the defensive line for Notre Dame since 1991. Abiamiri enjoyed a great season in 2005 totaling 48 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, a team-high eight sacks and seven quarterback hurries helping him earn the team's Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Harris Named to Outland Trophy Watch List

Senior offensive tackle Ryan Harris was named to the 2006 Outland Trophy Watch List in June by the Football Writers Association of America. The award has been given annually to the nation's top offensive or defensive interior lineman since 1946. Harris has started 36 career games at tackle, including the last 28 at left tackle protecting quarterback Brady Quinn's blind side. Harris played a key role in 2005 as the team averaged 36.7 points per game and 477.3 yards of total offense. In 2004, he was named the team's Westwood One/Guardian Life Insurance Guardian of the Year. Harris earned freshman All-America accolades from Rivals.com in 2003 and second-team freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News after becoming just the third true freshman lineman to start on the offensive line.

Another Weis, Rockne Comparison

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

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

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

Quinn and the Notre Dame Record Book

Quarterback Brady Quinn is in his fourth season as the starter. He has already made a lasting mark on the Irish football record book owning or sharing 32 school records. Since 1950, a Notre Dame quarterback has thrown for 300 yards or more 17 times. Quinn is responsible for eight of those performances - the most for any single Notre Dame quarterback. Quinn has thrown for 350 (vs. Boston College, 2003), 432 (vs. Purdue, 2004), 487 (vs. Michigan State, 2005), 327 (at Washington, 2005), 440 (at Purdue, 2005), 467 (vs. BYU, 2005), 432 (at Stanford, 2005) and 319 (at Michigan State, 2006). Quinn is the only Notre Dame quarterback to throw for over 400 yards five times in a career (in fact, he is the only one to do it twice) - and in Notre Dame's road game at Purdue in '05 he became the first to throw for more than 300 yards in three consecutive games. He also is the first Irish quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards four times in a season.

Quinn's TD Passes Streak

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

2005: 3 at Stanford, 2 vs. Syracuse, 4 vs. Navy, 3 vs. Tennessee, 6 vs. BYU, 1 vs. USC, 3 at Purdue, 1 at Washington, 5 vs. Michigan State, 2 at Michigan, 2 at Pittsburgh

2004: 2 vs. Oregon State (Insight Bowl), 1 at USC, 3 vs. Pittsburgh, 1 at Tennessee, 1 vs. Boston College

Quinn: A Touchdown Machine

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

Quinn Threw 21 TDs in Notre Dame Stadium in 2005

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

2006 Media Information

Player/Assistant Coach

Post-Practice Interviews

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

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

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

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

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

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

Practice Access & Post-Practice

Interview Location

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

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

Notre Dame Coaches'

Radio Show

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

Inside Notre Dame Football With Charlie Weis

(television show)

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

All Times Eastern

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

Irish Among National Leaders

Category	Rank	Stat	National Leader	Stat
Rushing Offense	108	74.75	Navy	330.50
Passing Offense	16	273.25	New Mexico State	420.67
Total Offense	55	348.00	Louisville	523.00
Scoring Offense	39	29.00	Louisville	44.00
Rushing Defense	92	161.25	Michigan	18.50
Pass Efficiency Defense	63	126.59	LSU	61.28
Total Defense	80	342.50	Missouri	175.25
Scoring Defense	94	27.75	LSU	5.00
Net Punting	7	40.68	South Carolina	43.14
Punt Returns	69	7.88	UTEP	25.00
Kickoff Returns	25	24.93	Kansas State	33.43
Turnover Margin	60	0.00	Western Michigan	2.00
Pass Defense	50	181.25	Wyoming	101.00
Passing Efficiency	47	134.04	Pittsburgh	188.15
Sacks	51	2.00	Arizona State	4.75
Tackles For Loss	33	6.75	Connecticut	11.67
Sacks Allowed	85	2.50	Utah	0.00

Rushing

Darius Walker	56.75	95th
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Passing Efficiency

Brady Quinn	133.88	43rd
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Total Offense

Brady Quinn	270.75	12th
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Receptions Per Game

Darius Walker	5.75	t-24th
Jeff Samardzija	5.75	t-24th
Rhema McKnight	5.50	31st
John Carlson	4.25	89th

Receiving Yards Per Game

Rhema McKnight	78.25	33rd
John Carlson	74.25	36th
Jeff Samardzija	68.25	50th

Interceptions

Chinedum Ndukwe	0.50	t-29th
Terrail Lambert	0.50	t-29th

Punting

Geoffrey Price	47.73	4th
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Punt Returns

Tom Zbikowski	7.88	60th
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Kickoff Returns

David Grimes	27.38	21st
George West	21.67	46th

Field Goals

Carl Gioia	0.50	76th
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Scoring

Rhema McKnight	6.00	t-90th
Jeff Samardzija	6.00	t-90th

Tackles

Maurice Crum	7.75	t-84th
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Tackles For Loss

Maurice Crum	1.50	29th
Victor Abiamiri	1.25	t-73th

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

Senior OL Bob Morton was one of 11 players in NCAA Division I-A chosen to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. The two 11-man teams, a Division I-A team and a combined team from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA, honor players for their dedication and commitment to community service. Nominees have to be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or involved in other community service activities. Candidates have to display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved. On the field success is not a criteria.

Young Makes ND History

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

Defense Shines at Georgia Tech

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

Zbikowski's Rapid Returns

Safety Tom Zbikowski, a senior in 2006, has made a name for himself in the Notre Dame record books. Zbikowski scooped up a fumble and raced 25 yards for a touchdown against Penn State earlier this season. With the return, Zbikowski became the Irish all-time leader in fumble return yards (100) and joined Tony Driver (1997-00) as the only Notre Dame players

to ever return a pair of fumbles for touchdowns. Zbikowski, who has six career TD returns (two interceptions, two punts, two fumbles), has clearly established himself among the best big-play return specialists in Notre Dame history. In a three-game stretch against USC, BYU and Tennessee in 2005, he returned a punt or interception for a touchdown four times - the first Irish defensive player to accomplish such a feat. Zbikowski also returned a fumble 75 yards for a TD against Michigan State in 2004. With his interception and punt return for a touchdown against Tennessee on Nov. 5, Zbikowski became the first Irish player to accomplish that feat (interception return and punt return in the same game) since Nick Rassas against Northwestern in 1965. Rassas returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown and a punt 72 yards for a score in Notre Dame's 38-7 rout.

Grimes, West Kick Start Special Teams Unit

A focal point in the off-season of Head Coach Charlie Weis and Special Teams Coach Brian Polian was to get better field position for the offense off of kickoff returns. Three games into 2006, it looks as if the efforts put in by the coaches and players in the off-season has paid off as the 25.0 yards per kickoff return is the 24th-best in Division I-A. Freshman George West fielded the opening kickoff of the season, and in his first collegiate touch he sprinted out 33 yards to set up the Irish offense. Not to be outdone was sophomore WR David Grimes who sprinted out almost to midfield on his only kick return of the game for 46 yards. Grimes ranks 20th in the country with an average of 27.29 per kick return.

Historic Notre Dame Stadium

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

In Front of a Full House

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 185 of its previous 211 games, including 60 of its last 65 contests dating back to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2000 season (the 2001, 2003 and 2005 games at Stanford, the 2004 game vs. Navy at the Meadowslands and the 2005 game at Washington were not sellouts). At Michigan in 2003, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record was set. It also represented the seventh time in the last four seasons that Notre Dame has been part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002, vs. Oregon State in the Insight Bowl in 2004 - the game set a Bank One Ballpark record for football configuration). Notre Dame and Michigan played before an over-capacity 111,386 at Michigan Stadium in September of 2005. The 2005 Washington game was played before less than a capacity crowd as 71,473 witnessed the Irish defeat the Huskies, 36-17, at Husky Stadium (capacity: 72,500) in Seattle. At Purdue, the Irish and Boilermakers played before 65,491 football fans, a Ross-Ade Stadium record (since the renovation of the facility in 2003).

Samardzija's Record Season Earned All-America Honors

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

Samardzija Opened 2005 with TD Catches in Eight Straight Games

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

Walker Rushed 1,000 Yards in Dramatic Fashion

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

Walker's 100-Yard Games

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

Older and Wiser

The 2006 Notre Dame offensive line is one of the most experienced units in school history. The Irish offense boasts over 100 combined career starts on the line. Senior tackle Ryan Harris has started 36 Notre Dame games and led the veteran group in starting assignments. Seniors Bob Morton and John Sullivan were second and third with 32 starts and 22 career starts, respectively, while senior Dan Santucci has 17 starts to his credit.

Quinn, Samardzija and Walker Named to Maxwell Award Watch List

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

Milestone Games in 2006

100-Yard Rushing Games

100-Yard Receiving Games

Rhema McKnight at GT	108 yds (8 receptions)
*John Carlson at MSU	121 yds (4 receptions)
Jeff Samardzija at MSU	113 yds (7 receptions)

300-Yard Passing Games

Brady Quinn	319 (Michigan State)
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Multiple Touchdown Performances

Brady Quinn vs. Penn State	3 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Michigan	3 (passing)
Brady Quinn at Michigan State	5 (passing)

Ten-Tackles (or more) Games

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

All-Time First Round NFL Draft Picks

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

Research data provided by the National Football League.

Irish in the NFL

Atlanta Falcons

Allen Rossum, CB

Arizona Cardinals

Bert Berry, LB
*Carlyle Holiday, WR

Baltimore Ravens

Gerome Sapp, SS

Buffalo Bills

Mike Gandy, G

Chicago Bears

*Mark LeVoi, OL

Dallas Cowboys

*Jerome Collins, TE
Anthony Fasano, TE
Julius Jones, RB

Houston Texans

Glenn Earl, FS
Anthony Weaver, DT

Indianapolis Colts

Rocky Boiman, LB
Hunter Smith, P

Kansas City Chiefs

Jordan Black, OL

Minnesota Vikings

#Joey Goodspeed, RB
Mike Rosenthal, OL

New England Patriots

*Corey Mays, LB
#Matt Shelton, WR
*Dan Stevenson, G

New Orleans Saints

John Carney, K
Jeff Faine, C

New York Giants

Luke Petitgout, OL
Justin Tuck, DE
SRyan Grant, RB

Oakland Raiders

Grant Irons, DE

San Francisco 49ers

Arnaz Battle, WR
Bryant Young, DT

St. Louis Rams

Tony Fisher, RB

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Sean Mahan, OG
Maurice Stovall, WR

Tennessee Titans

David Givens, WR
Craig Hentrich, P

Washington Redskins

Jim Molinaro, OL
Reynaldo Wynn, DT

* practice squad
injured reserve
\$ reserve/non-football injury list

Sullivan Named to Rimington Watch List

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

Quinn, Samardzija Named to Walter Camp Watch List

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

Zbikowski Named to Nagurski and Bednarik Watch Lists

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

Irish Alumni Association To Present Awards During Purdue Game

The Notre Dame Alumni Association will present three honorary awards during the festivities surrounding the Purdue game this weekend. Jerry Groom and Jack Connor, Irish teammates under legendary football coach Frank Leahy, will receive the Harvey G. Foster Award. Groom and Connor are being recognized for their devotion to the University of Notre Dame. They founded the Leahy Scholarship program, which has reached a total value of nearly \$1.5 million and benefitted some 31 Notre Dame students since 1997. Terrence F. Sauvain Sr. will be presented the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, CSC, Award. He is minority staff director on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee and assistant to its ranking minority member, U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. The final award, the Richard A. Rosenthal Award, was awarded to Paul Bonitatibus, Michael O. Read and Rod West. They received the award for their exemplary activity following Hurricane Katrina.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame Athletics in Print

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

Notre Dame Leads the Way in National Graduate Rate

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

Football Ticket Demand Hits a Record High

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

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

And there's enough that the Notre Dame ticket office expects to mail refunds worth more than a record \$11.7 million



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College Graduates

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

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

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

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

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

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

(compared to refunds of \$5.2 million a year ago) to unsuccessful lottery participants in the University's ticket distribution for contributing alumni, monogram winners, undergraduate parents and benefactors. There was a 37 percent increase in applications submitted to the '06 lottery compared to a year ago.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Former Heisman Winners to be Honored at Notre Dame Home Games

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

Irish Football By The Numbers

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 - Unbeaten and untied seasons.

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

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

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

41 - College Football Hall of Fame Players.

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

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

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

118 - Years of college football (including 2006).

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

178 - selections on All-America first teams.

187 - consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium.

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

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

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

Rule Changes for 2006

Regarding The Clock

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

Instant Replay

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

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

Plays that MAY be reviewed:

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

Plays that MAY NOT be reviewed:

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

2006 Individual/Team Honors & Awards

Victor Abiamiri

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

James Aldridge

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent

John Carlson

- Phil Steele's #28 Tight End
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Academic Honors Program Participant

Maurice Crum

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

David Grimes

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

Ryan Harris

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

Derek Landri

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

Trevor Laws

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

Brian Mattes

- Academic Honors Program Participant

Bob Morton

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

Rhema McKnight

- Phil Steele's #55 Wide Receiver

- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Chinedum Ndukwe

- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Brady Quinn

- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Cingular Player of the Week (Sept. 11)
- ABC Saturday Night College Football Player of the Game (Sept. 23)
- Walter Camp Football Foundation Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 24)
- Athlon Sports First Team All-America
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine First Team All-America
- Insider's Football News First Team All-America
- Lindy's First Team All-America
- Phil Steele's First Team All-America
- Rivals.com First Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation First Team All-America
- The Sporting News First Team All-America
- Lindy's #1 Quarterback
- Phil Steele's #1 Quarterback
- The Sporting News #1 Quarterback
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Mike Richardson

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent

Asaph Schwapp

- Phil Steele's #15 Fullback

Jeff Samardzija

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

Dan Santucci

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

John Sullivan

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

Mitchell Thomas

- Phil Steele's #60 Outside Linebacker

Darius Walker

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

Ambrose Wooden

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

Tom Zbikowski

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

TEAM UNIT RANKINGS

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

TEAM NATIONAL PRESEASON RANKINGS

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

Brady Quinn's Assault on the Notre Dame Record Book

Senior quarterback owns or shares 32 school records

SINGLE-GAME

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

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

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

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

SEASON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAREER

Touchdown Passes: 69, first on the all-time list ahead of Ron Powlus (52 from 1994-97)

Pass Completions: 732, passing Powlus (558)

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

Passing Yards: 9,422, breaking Powlus' mark of 7,602

Pass Attempts Per Game: 32.3, breaking Powlus' record of 22.0

Pass Attempts: 1,293, passing Powlus (969)

Total Yards From Scrimmage: 9,422, breaking Powlus' mark of 7,479

Total Plays: 1,490, breaking Powlus' record of 1,201

Lowest Interception Percentage: 2.78 (36 of 1,293), equalling Powlus' record of 2.78 (27 of 969)

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

Games with Four or More Touchdown Passes: 5, Washington (2004), Michigan State (2005), BYU (2005), (2005) and Michigan State (2006) - surpassing Powlus' mark of three

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

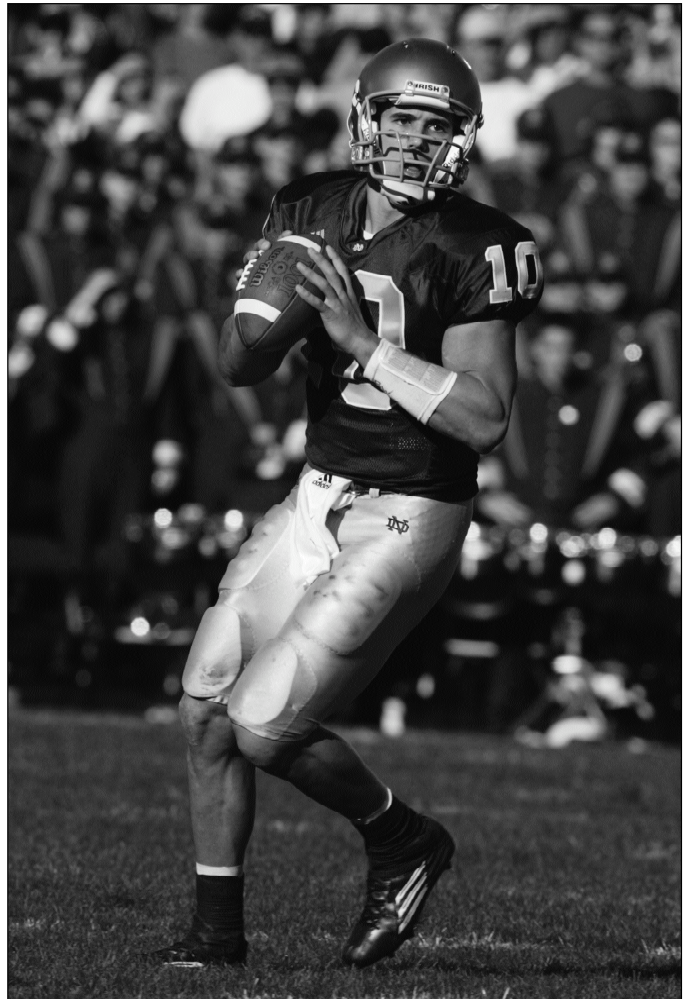
Games with 250-plus Passing Yards: 18, breaking Jackson's record of nine from 1996-99

Games with 300-plus Passing Yards: 8, (Quinn is the only Irish quarterback to throw for over 300 yards more than twice - Jackson posted two 300-yard performances during his career)

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

RECORD ON THE BRINK

Consecutive Games Completing a Pass: 40, record is 43 set by Ron Powlus (11 games in 1994, 10 games in 1995, 11 games in 1996 and 11 games in 1997)



Other Current Irish Players Among Notre Dame Record Book

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

RUSHING RECORDS

Attempts - Game

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

Attempts - Season

Name	Rushes	Year
6. Darius Walker	253	2005

Attempts - Career

Name	Rushes	Years
8. Darius Walker	501	active

Yards - Season

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

Yards - Season - Freshman

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

Yards - Career

Name, Years	Att.	Avg.	Yards
11. Darius Walker	501	4.4	2209

Average Yards Per Game - Career

Name, Years	Yards	G	Avg.
4. Darius Walker, active	2209	27	81.8

RECEIVING RECORDS

Receptions - Season

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

Receptions - Career

Name	Catches	Years
7. Rhema McKnight	125	active
8. Jeff Samardzija	124	active

Receptions - RB - Season

Name	Catches	Year
1. Darius Walker	43	2005

Receptions - RB - Career

Name	Catches	Years
1. Darius Walker	76	active

Receiving Yards - Game

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

Receiving Yards - Season

Name	Yards	Year
1. Jeff Samardzija	1249	2005

Receiving Yards - Career

Name	Yards	Years
7. Jeff Samardzija	1849	active
10. Rhema McKnight	1683	active

Receiving Yards - RB - Season

Name	Yards	Year
8. Darius Walker	351	2005

Yards Per Reception- Game (minimum 4 receptions)

Name	Receptions	Yards
2. Rhema McKnight (4 for 121)	4	30.3 at Boston College, Oct. 25, 2003
Jeff Carlson (4 for 121)	4	30.3 at Michigan State, Sept. 23, 2006

Receiving Yards Per Game - Season

Name	Avg.	Year
3. Jeff Samardzija	104.1	2005

TD Receptions - Game

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

TD Receptions - Season

Name	TDs	Year
1. Jeff Samardzija	15	2005

TD Receptions - Career

Name	TDs	Years
t2. Jeff Samardzija	19	active
9. Rhema McKnight	11	active

TD Receptions - RB - Season

Name	TDs	Year
t9. Darius Walker	2	2005

TD Receptions - RB - Career

Name	TDs	Years
t8. Darius Walker	3	active

TOTAL OFFENSE

Yards - Non-Quarterback - Season

Name	Yards	Year
9. Darius Walker	1196	2005

Yards Per Game - Career

Name	YPG	Years
5. Darius Walker	81.8	active

ALL-PURPOSE

Yards - Game

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

Yards - Season

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

INTERCEPTION RECORDS

Longest for TD (Since 1980)

Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
3. Tom Zbikowski	83	BYU	Oct. 22, 2005
t23. Tom Zbikowski	33	Tennessee	Nov. 5, 2005
30. Terrail Lambert	27	Michigan State	Sept. 23, 2006
t34. Leo Ferrine	16	Syracuse	Nov. 19, 2005

Most - Season

Name	Total	Year
13. Tom Zbikowski	5	2005

Return Yards - Game

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

Return Yards - Season

Name	Yards	Year
t3. Tom Zbikowski	136	2005

Return Yards - Career

Name	Yards	Years
10. Tom Zbikowski	158	active

Return for TD - Season

Name	Total	Year
t1. Tom Zbikowski	2	2005

Return for TD - Career

Name	Total	Years
t5. Tom Zbikowski	2	active

TACKLES FOR LOSS (since 1967)

TFL - Season

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

SACKS (since 1982)

Career

Name	Total	Years
t9. Victor Abiamiri	13	active

FUMBLES

Recoveries - Season

Name	Total	Year
7. Chinedum Ndukwe	4	2005

Return Yards - Season (since 1985)

Name	Yards	Year
2. Tom Zbikowski	75	2004

Return Yards - Career (since 1985)

Name	Yards	Years
1. Tom Zbikowski	100	active

Returns for TD - Career (since 1985)

Name	Total	Years
t1. Tom Zbikowski	2	active

PUNT RETURNS

Average - Season

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

Average - Career

Name	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Years
t-6. Tom Zbikowski	35	442	12.6	2	active

Results

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	Score/Time	Record	Time	Attend
Sept. 2	2/T-3	at Georgia Tech (ABC)	ND 14, GT 10	1-0	3:17	56,680
Sept. 9	T-4/5	19/19 PENN STATE (NBC)	ND 41, PSU 17	2-0	3:19	80,795
Sept. 16	2/T-3	11/13 MICHIGAN (NBC)	UM 47, ND 21	2-1	3:28	80,795
Sept. 23	12/13	at Michigan State (ABC)	ND 40, MSU 37	3-1	3:31	80,193
Sept. 30	-/-	PURDUE (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Oct. 7	-/-	STANFORD (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Oct. 21	-/-	UCLA (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
*Oct. 28	-/-	vs. Navy (CBS)	Noon			
Nov. 4	-/-	NORTH CAROLINA (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Nov. 11	-/-	at Air Force (CSTV)	4:00 p.m.			
Nov. 18	-/-	ARMY (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Nov. 25	-/-	at 4/2 USC (ABC)	8 p.m.			

*at Baltimore

Defensive Stats

	GP	S	A	T	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR	FF	Blk. Kick	Saf
40 CRUM, Maurice	4	20	11	31	6.0-26	1.0-14	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
9 ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	4	19	11	30	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	1-25	1	.	.
18 NDUKWE, Chinedum	4	20	9	29	2.5-11	1.0-7	2-52	2	.	1-0	2	.	.
98 LAWS, Trevor	4	11	10	21	4.0-22	2.0-11	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
26 THOMAS, Travis	4	14	3	17	3.0-17	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 LANDRI, Derek	4	9	7	16	2.0-19	1.0-15	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
30 RICHARDSON, Mike	4	10	6	16	3.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
95 ABIAMIRI, Victor	4	8	7	15	4.5-18	2.0-10	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
22 WOODEN, Ambrose	3	8	2	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20 LAMBERT, Terrail	4	7	3	10	.	.	2-27	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 FROME, Chris	4	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
47 THOMAS, Mitchell	4	3	5	8	0.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99 TALLEY, Ronald	4	1	7	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
60 CULLEN, Casey	4	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 HERRING, Ray	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 BORSETI, Nick	4	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 LEITKO, Travis	4	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
2 WALLS, Darrin	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
28 McCARTHY, Kyle	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 BRUTON, David	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 QUINN, Steve	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 McNEIL, Raeshon	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 PRICE, Geoff	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 KUNTZ, Pat	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 McKNIGHT, Rhema	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 RYAN, John	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 FREEMAN, Marcus	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 CARLSON, John	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 BROWN, Sergio	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 SMITH, Toryan	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 FERRINE, Leo	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 WEST, George	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 BROCKINGTON, Joe	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 SMITH, Scott	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Total.....	4	162	102	264	27-124	8-66	4-79	9	7	3-25	5	1	.
Opponents.....	4	148	78	226	18.0-95	10-73	4-85	11	8	3-54	2	.	.

Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics

TEAM STATISTICS	UND	OPP			
SCORING	116	111			
Points Per Game	29.0	27.8			
FIRST DOWNS	70	74			
Rushing	20	39			
Passing	46	30			
Penalty	4	5			
RUSHING YARDAGE	299	645			
Yards gained rushing	400	774			
Yards lost rushing	101	129			
Rushing Attempts	110	145			
Average Per Rush	2.7	4.4			
Average Per Game	74.8	161.2			
TDs Rushing	3	3			
PASSING YARDAGE	1093	725			
Att-Comp-Int	159-93-4	110-60-4			
Average Per Pass	6.9	6.6			
Average Per Catch	11.8	12.1			
Average Per Game	273.2	181.2			
TDs Passing	11	8			
TOTAL OFFENSE	1392	1370			
Total Plays	269	255			
Average Per Play	5.2	5.4			
Average Per Game	348.0	342.5			
KICK RETURNS: #YARDS	14-349	17-273			
PUNT RETURNS: #YARDS	8-63	10-115			
INT RETURNS: #YARDS	4-79	4-85			
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	24.9	16.1			
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.9	11.5			
INT RETURN AVERAGE	19.8	21.2			
FUMBLES-LOST	6-3	5-3			
PENALTIES-YARDS	36-286	23-198			
Average Per Game	71.5	49.5			
PUNTS-YARDS	22-1050	22-960			
Average Per Punt	47.7	43.6			
Net punt average	40.7	38.0			
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:45	30:15			
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	15/55	14/50			
3rd-Down Pct	27%	28%			
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	8/10	3/5			
4th-Down Pct	80%	60%			
SACKS BY-YARDS	8-66	10-73			
MISC YARDS	0	0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	16	14			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-4	5-5			
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1			
RED-ZONE SCORES	12-13 92%	11-12 92%			
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	10-13 77%	6-12 50%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	14-15 93%	12-14 86%			
ATTENDANCE	161590	136873			
Games/Avg Per Game	2/80795	2/68436			
Neutral Site Games		0/0			
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	10	45	28	33	116
Opponents	44	31	15	21	111

Individual Stats

<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
WALKER, Darius	4	63	243	16	227	3.6	1	19	56.8
THOMAS, Travis	4	9	63	0	63	7.0	1	43	15.8
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	4	15	0	15	3.8	0	6	7.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	4	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.5
SHARPLEY, Evan	2	2	2	2	0	0.0	0	2	0.0
TEAM	1	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-2.0
PRINCE, Munir	3	4	4	7	-3	-0.8	0	4	-1.0
QUINN, Brady	4	25	71	74	-3	-0.1	1	16	-0.8
Total.....	4	110	400	101	299	2.7	3	43	74.8
Opponents.....	4	145	774	129	645	4.4	3	37	161.2

<u>PASSING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Effic</u>	<u>A-C-I</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
QUINN, Brady	4	133.88	92-158-4	58.2	1086	11	62	271.5
SHARPLEY, Evan	2	158.80	1-1-0	100.0	7	0	7	3.5
Total.....	4	134.03	93-159-4	58.5	1093	11	62	273.2
Opponents.....	4	126.64	60-110-4	54.5	725	8	69	181.2

<u>RECEIVING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	4	23	273	11.9	4	43	68.2
WALKER, Darius	4	23	140	6.1	1	18	35.0
McKNIGHT, Rhema	4	22	313	14.2	4	44	78.2
CARLSON, John	4	17	297	17.5	1	62	74.2
GRIMES, David	4	4	48	12.0	0	20	12.0
FREEMAN, Marcus	4	2	12	6.0	0	10	3.0
PARRIS, Robby	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	4	1	3	3.0	1	3	0.8
Total.....	4	93	1093	11.8	11	62	273.2
Opponents.....	4	60	725	12.1	8	69	181.2

<u>PUNT RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	8	63	7.9	0	25
Total.....	8	63	7.9	0	25
Opponents.....	10	115	11.5	0	21

<u>INTERCEPTIONS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
LAMBERT, Terrail	2	27	13.5	1	27
NDUKWE, Chinedum	2	52	26.0	0	51
Total.....	4	79	19.8	1	51
Opponents.....	4	85	21.2	2	35

<u>KICK RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
GRIMES, David	8	219	27.4	0	46
WEST, George	6	130	21.7	0	33
Total.....	14	349	24.9	0	46
Opponents.....	17	273	16.1	0	37

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

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

<u>FG SEQUENCE</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
Georgia Tech	42, 36	(30)
Penn State	(35), (35)	(28)
Michigan	-	(20),(33)
Michigan State	-	(32)

Purdue
Stanford
UCLA
Navy
North Carolina
Air Force
Army
USC

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

<u>PUNTING</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>I20</u>	<u>Blkd</u>
PRICE, Geoff	22	1050	47.7	62	2	3	5	0
Total.....	22	1050	47.7	62	2	3	5	0
Opponents.....	22	960	43.6	73	3	1	7	0

<u>KICKOFFS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>Retn</u>	<u>Net</u>
RENKES, Bobby	21	1290	61.4	5	0		
GIOIA, Carl	1	38	38.0	0	0		
Total.....	22	1328	60.4	5	0	273	43.4 21
Opponents.....	22	1328	60.4	7	1	349	38.1 26

<u>ALL PURPOSE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>KOR</u>	<u>IR</u>	<u>Tot</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
WALKER, Darius	4	227	140	0	0	0	367	91.8
McKNIGHT, Rhema	4	0	313	0	0	0	313	78.2
CARLSON, John	4	0	297	0	0	0	297	74.2
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	4	0	273	0	0	0	273	68.2
GRIMES, David	4	0	48	0	219	0	267	66.8
WEST, George	4	0	0	0	130	0	130	32.5
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	4	0	0	63	0	0	63	15.8
THOMAS, Travis	4	63	0	0	0	0	63	15.8
NDUKWE, Chinedum	4	0	0	0	0	52	52	13.0
LAMBERT, Terrail	4	0	0	0	0	27	27	6.8
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
FREEMAN, Marcus	4	0	12	0	0	0	12	3.0
PARRIS, Robby	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	4	2	3	0	0	0	5	1.2
TEAM	1	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-2.0
QUINN, Brady	4	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.8
PRINCE, Munir	3	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.0
Total.....	4	299	1093	63	349	79	1883	470.8
Opponents.....	4	645	725	115	273	85	1843	460.8

Individual Stats

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
QUINN, Brady	4	183	-3	1086	1083	270.8
WALKER, Darius	4	63	227	0	227	56.8
THOMAS, Travis	4	9	63	0	63	15.8
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	4	15	0	15	7.5
SHARPLEY, Evan	2	3	0	7	7	3.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	4	1	2	0	2	0.5
TEAM	1	2	-2	0	-2	-2.0
PRINCE, Munir	3	4	-3	0	-3	-1.0
Total.....	4	269	299	1093	1392	348.0
Opponents.....	4	255	645	725	1370	342.5

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
McKNIGHT, Rhema	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
GIOIA, Carl	0	2-4	14-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	20
WALKER, Darius	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	12
CARLSON, John	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
QUINN, Brady	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
THOMAS, Travis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
LAMBERT, Terrail	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
McCONNELL, Ashley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	16	2-4	14-15	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	116
Opponents.....	14	5-5	12-14	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	111

Drive Charts

ND	Drives	TDs	FGs	Punts	Miss FG	Int	Fum	Downs	Avg.	120
GT	10	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	own 25	4
PSU	11	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	own 37	1
UM	17	3	0	7	0	3	2	1	own 29	3
MSU	14	5	0	7	0	1	0	1	own 28	2

Opp.	Drives	TDs	FGs	Punts	Miss FG	Int	Fum	Downs	Avg.	120
GT	10	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	own 22	3
PSU	11	2	1	2	0	1	2	2	own 20	5
UM	14	6	2	6	0	1	0	0	own 39	3
MSU	16	4	1	7	0	2	1	0	own 31	1

In The Red Zone

Notre Dame

ND	In RZ	Scores	Pts	Rush		Pass		- failed to score inside RZ -					
				TDs	TDs	TDs	FGs	MFA	Downs	Int	Fum	Half	Game
GT	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
PSU	6	6	34	4	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
UM	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>MSU</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	13	12	75	10	3	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

Notre Dame Opponents

ND	In RZ	Scores	Pts	Rush		Pass		- failed to score inside RZ -					
				TDs	TDs	TDs	FGs	MFA	Downs	Int	Fum	Half	Game
GT	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PSU	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
UM	4	4	20	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>MSU</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	12	11	57	6	2	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	0

Game-by-Game Starters

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

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

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3rd Down Conversions

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	7-16 (43.8%)	1-4 (25.0%)	3-5 (60.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)	1-4 (25.0%)
Penn State	5-14 (35.7%)	2-4 (50.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)
Michigan	2-14 (14.3%)	0-2 (0.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	1-5 (20.0%)
Michigan State	1-11 (9.1%)	0-4 (0.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)	0-2 (0.0%)
Totals	15-55 (27.3%)	3-14 (21.4%)	6-15 (40.0%)	4-13 (30.8%)	2-13 (15.4%)
Opponents	13-50 (26.0%)	4-11 (36.4%)	4-11 (36.4%)	2-14 (14.3%)	4-14 (28.6%)

4th Down Conversions

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Penn State	4-4 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Michigan	1-2 (50.0)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)
Michigan State	2-3 (66.7%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Totals	8-10 (80.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)	4-5 (80.0%)
Opponents	3-5 (60.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	3-3 (100.0%)

Time of Possession

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	35:35	8:02	8:48	8:25	10:10
Penn State	33:11	9:12	9:46	8:49	5:24
Michigan	26:04	5:57	6:01	4:07	9:59
Michigan State	24:21	6:55	6:20	7:25	3:41
Totals	119:01	30:06	30:55	28:46	29:14
Avg.	29:45	7:32	7:44	7:12	7:18
Opponents	120:59	29:54	29:05	31:14	30:46
Avg.	30:15	7:28	7:26	7:48	7:42

Third Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
McKnight, Rhema	0	4	4
Carlson, John	0	3	3
Walker, Darius	1	1	2
Quinn, Brady	2	0	2
Samardzija, Jeff	0	2	2
Schwapp, Asaph	1	0	1
Freeman, Marcus	0	1	1
Totals	4	11	15

Fourth Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Walker, Darius	2	0	2
Samardzija, Jeff	0	2	2
Carlson, John	0	1	1
Quinn, Brady	1	0	1
Thomas, Travis	1	0	1
McConnell, Ashley	1	0	1
Totals	5	3	8

Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Notre Dame	40-138-2	38-23-246-0	78-384	21-9-11-1	0-0	35:25
at Georgia Tech	28-119-0	24-12-140-1	52-259	14-9-5-0	0-0	24:35
Notre Dame	36-110-1	36-25-0-287-3	72-397	22-7-15-0	1-0	33:11
Penn State	33-192-1	41-24-1-225-1	74-383	25-10-12-3	3-2	26:49
Notre Dame	17-4-0	49-25-3-241-3	66-245	14-1-10-3	2-2	26:04
Michigan	41-120	22-13-1-220-3	63-340	17-8-7-2	0-0	33:56
Notre Dame	17-47-0	36-20-1-319-5	53-366	13-3-10-0	3-1	24:21
at Michigan State	43-248-1	23-11-2-140-3	66-388	18-12-6-0	2-1	35:39
Notre Dame						
Purdue						
Notre Dame						
Stanford						
Notre Dame						
UCLA						
Notre Dame						
vs. Navy						
Notre Dame						
North Carolina						
Notre Dame						
at Air Force						
Notre Dame						
Army						
Notre Dame						
at USC						

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
at Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W, 14-10
Penn State	2	1	3	0	0	0	+3	W, 41-17
Michigan	0	1	1	2	3	5	-5	L, 47-21
at Michigan State	1	2	3	1	1	2	+1	W, 40-37
Purdue								
Stanford								
UCLA								
vs. Navy								
North Carolina								
at Air Force								
Army								
at USC								
Totals	2	2	4	2	3	5	-1	2-1

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Walker, Darius	12	6	18
McKnight, Rhema	0	13	13
Carlson, John	0	12	12
Samardzija, Jeff	0	10	10
Quinn, Brady	4	0	4
Grimes, David	0	3	3
Schwapp, Asaph	2	0	2
Freeman, Marcus	0	2	2
Thomas, Travis	1	0	1
McConnell, Ashley	1	0	1
Penalty			4
Team Totals	20	46	70

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponents
Drives Started	51	52
Cumulative Starting Yardline	1,602	1,482
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 31.4	own 28.5
Drives started in plus territory	7	3
Scores (TD/FG)	4 (4/0)	2 (1/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	2/0/0	1/0/0
Turnovers/End of Half	0/1	0/0
Drives started at/inside own 20	21	21
Scores (TD/FG)	5 (4/1)	4 (3/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	11/0/1	12/1/0
Turnovers/End of Half	1/1	3/1

Team Game-by-Game Comparison

Opponent	Score	1st Downs	Rushing	Passing	Pass Yds	Plays	Tot Yds	Pen Yds	T/O
at Georgia Tech	14/10	21/14	138/119	23-38/12-24	246/140	78/52	384/259	11-80/5-28	0/0
Penn State	41/17	22/25	110/158	25-36/24-41	287/225	72/74	397/383	6-64/4-25	0/3
Michigan	21/47	14/17	4/120	25-49/13-22	241/220	66/63	245/340	11-84/5-70	5/1
at Michigan State	40/37	13/18	47/248	20-36/11-23	319/140	53/66	366/388	8-58/9-75	2/3
Purdue									
Stanford									
UCLA									
vs. Navy									
North Carolina									
at Air Force									
Army									
at USC									

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

Opponent	3rd Down	4th Down	Time Poss	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass. Att.	Yds/Play	Punting
at Georgia Tech	7-16/2-10	1-1/0-0	35:25/24:35	11:10	3.5/4.2	6.5/5.8	4.9/5.0	5-50.4/7-48.1
Penn State	5-14/5-13	4-4/2-4	33:11/26:49	6:22	3.1/4.8	8.0/5.5	5.5/5.2	3-44.0/2-35.0
Michigan	2-14/4-13	1-2/0-0	26:04/33:56	7:52	0.2/2.9	4.9/10.0	3.7/5.4	7-51.9/6-37.5
at Michigan State	1-11/3-14	2-3/1-1	24:21/35:39	11:18	2.8/5.8	8.9/6.1	6.9/5.9	7-43.3/7-46.9
Purdue								
Stanford								
UCLA								
vs. Navy								
North Carolina								
at Air Force								
Army								
at USC								

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Miscellaneous Statistics

ND Big Plays (35+ yards)

<u>Yards</u>	<u>Play</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Player(s)</u>
*62	Pass	Michigan State	3rd	Brady Quinn to John Carlson
46	Kick Return	Georgia Tech	1st	David Grimes
44	Pass	Georgia Tech	3rd	Brady Quinn to Rhema McKnight
*43	Pass	Michigan State	4th	Brady Quinn to Jeff Samardzija
43	Rush	Penn State	3rd	Travis Thomas
42	Pass	Georgia Tech	4th	Brady Quinn to Jeff Samardzija

* - For Touchdown

Opponent Big Plays (35+ yards)

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

* - For Touchdown

ND Scoring Drives

<u>Game</u>	<u>Qtr.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>How?</u>
GT	2	TD	14	80	4:34	Brady Quinn 5-yd run
GT	3	TD	14	64	5:29	Darius Walker 13-yd run
PSU	1	FG	12	63	5:20	Carl Gioia 35-yd field goal
PSU	2	FG	13	37	4:35	Carl Gioia 35-yd field goal
PSU	2	TD	9	75	4:11	Jeff Samardzija 7-yd pass from Brady Quinn
PSU	2	TD	7	69	1:17	Rhema McKnight 9-yd pass from Brady Quinn
PSU	3	TD	-	-	-	Tom Zbikowski 25-yd fumble recovery
PSU	3	TD	8	55	2:36	Travis Thomas 1-yd run
PSU	4	TD	10	46	5:05	Darius Walker 15-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	1	TD	2	4	0:54	Ashley McConnell 3-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	2	TD	8	72	2:10	Jeff Samardzija 4-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	4	TD	8	80	2:19	Rhema McKnight 28-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	2	TD	5	60	1:45	Rhema McKnight 32-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	2	TD	7	72	2:08	Jeff Samardzija 17-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	3	TD	5	80	1:57	John Carlson 62-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	4	TD	5	80	1:56	Jeff Samardzija 43-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	4	TD	2	24	1:13	Rhema McKnight 14-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	4	TD	-	-	-	Terrail Lambert 27-yd interception return

Opponent Scoring Drives

<u>Game</u>	<u>Qtr.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>How?</u>
GT	1	TD	7	74	1:28	Calvin Johnson 4-yd pass from Reggie Ball
GT	2	FG	8	50	3:29	Travis Bell 30-yd field goal
PSU	3	FG	10	69	2:29	Kevin Kelly 28-yd field goal
PSU	4	TD	18	89	6:16	Deon Butler 2-yd pass from Anthony Morelli
PSU	4	TD	13	83	3:20	Daryll Clark 5-yd run
UM	1	TD	-	-	-	Preston Burgess 31-yd interception return
UM	1	TD	4	80	2:15	Mario Manningham 69-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	1	TD	4	27	2:41	Mike Hart 2-yd run
UM	2	TD	6	54	2:41	Mario Manningham 20-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	2	TD	10	59	4:48	Mario Manningham 22-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	3	FG	4	1	1:42	Garrett Rivas 20-yd field goal
UM	3	FG	9	51	4:00	Garrett Rivas 33-yd field goal
UM	4	TD	-	-	-	LaMarr Woodley 54-yd fumble return
MSU	1	TD	3	73	0:58	Kerry Reed 34-yd pass from Drew Stanton
MSU	1	TD	4	50	1:09	Javon Ringer 26-yd pass from Drew Stanton
MSU	1	FG	7	43	3:02	Brett Swinson 32-yd field goal
MSU	2	TD	-	-	-	Ervin Baldwin 19-yd interception return
MSU	2	TD	8	59	4:12	Kerry Reed 15-yd pass from Drew Stanton
MSU	3	TD	4	62	1:00	Jehuu Caulcrick 30-yd run

The Last Time...

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING

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

PASSING

Had 500 or more yards:at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 400 or more yards:at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Michigan State, 2006 (319)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. Michigan, 2006 (49)
 Had 30-39 pass attempts:at Michigan State, 2006 (36)
 Had 25-29 pass completions:vs. Michigan, 2006 (25)
 Had 20-24 pass completions:at Michigan State, 2006 (20)
 Had six passing TDsvs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had five passing TDs:at Michigan State, 2006 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. Navy, 2005 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Had five passes intercepted:vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four passes intercepted:at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted:vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:at Michigan State, 2006
 (John Carlson - 121, Jeff Samardzija - 113)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:at Stanford, 2005
 (Jeff Samardzija - 191)
 Had two players with 10 catches in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
 (Maurice Stovall - 14, Jeff Samardzija - 10)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

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

TOTAL OFFENSE

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

SCORING

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

Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
 (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0)
 vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Purdue (23-0)
 at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
 vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
 vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
 vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:at Michigan State, 2006
 (Rhema McKnight - 2, Jeff Samardzija - 2)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:vs. PSU, 2006
 Committed six or more turnovers:vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
 Committed five turnovers:vs. Michigan, 2006 (5)
 Committed four fumbles lost:vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
 Committed three fumbles lost:vs. Washington State, 2003 (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways:at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five takeaways:vs. Washington, 2004 (5)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs:vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
 (Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD:at Michigan State, 2006 (1)
 (Terrail Lambert - 27 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:vs. PSU, 2006 (1)
 (Tom Zbikowski - 25 yards)

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

The Last Time...

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER

RUSHING

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

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
 Passed for 400-499 yards:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Passed for 300-399 yards:Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (319)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Attempted 40-49 passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (48)
 Attempted 30-39 passes:Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (36)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Completed 20-29 passes:Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (20)
 Threw five or more TDs:Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (5)
 Threw four TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Navy, 2005 (4)
 Threw three TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Threw five or more interceptions:Before 1975
 Threw four interceptions:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Threw three interceptions:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (80)
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards:Brady Quinn vs. Tennessee, 2005 (73)
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards:Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (62)
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2005 (55)

RECEIVING

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

Had 100-149 yards receiving:John Carlson at Michigan State, 2006 (121)
 Jeff Samardzija at Michigan State, 2006 (113)
 Caught four or more TDs:Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (4)
 Caught three TDs:Maurice Stovall vs. Navy, 2005 (3)
 Caught two TDs:Rhema McKnight at Michigan State, 2006 (2)
 Jeff Samardzija at Michigan State, 2006 (2)

TOTAL OFFENSE

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

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (5 passing)
 Accounted for three touchdowns:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (3 passing)

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

AN OPPOSING TEAM

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

The Last Time...

TOTAL OFFENSE

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

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:Never
 Scored 50-59 points:Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Scored 40-49 points:Michigan, 2006 (47)
 Scored 30-39 points:Michigan State, 2006 (37)
 Scored a two-point conversion:Tennessee, 2005

TURNOVERS

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

DEFENSE

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs:Michigan, 2003 (7)
 Scored a safety:LSU, 1998
 Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards:Michigan State, 2006 (47)
 Held ND to 101-200 passing yards:Michigan, 2005 (140)
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)
 Held ND to 201-300 yards total offense:Michigan, 2006 (245)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2003 (140)

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
 Had 20-29 first downs:PSU, 2006 (25)
 Had 10 or more penalties:Washington State, 2003 (13)
 Had 100 or more yards in penalties:Washington State, 2003 (118)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:Michigan State, 2005 (35:39)
 Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher:Michigan, 2006
 (Mike Hart, 124 rushing, Mario Manningham, 137 receiving)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)
 Rushed for 200-299 yards:Rondell Mealey, LSU, 1997 (222)
 Rushed for 150-199 yards:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (160)
 Rushed for 100-149 yards:Jehuu Caulcrick, Michigan State, 2006 (111)
 Rushed 40 or more times:Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)
 Rushed 30-39 times:Mike Hart, Michigan, 2006 (31)
 Rushed 25-29 times:Lamar Owens, Navy, 2005 (26)
 Rushed for five or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
 Rushed for four TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)

Rushed for three TDs:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (3)
 Rushed for two TDs:Kory Sheets, Purdue, 2005 (2)
 Had a run of 80 yards or more:Sherman Lewis, Michigan State, 1963 (85)
 Had a run of 70-79 yards:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
 Had a run of 60-69 yards:Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (68)
 Had a run of 50-59 yards:Damien Rhodes, Syracuse, 2005 (51)

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

SCORING

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

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
 Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
 Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan State, 2006 (73)
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Karl Whittaker, Navy, 2005 (159)

Game Summaries

Game #1 • Sept. 2, 2006

No. 2 Notre Dame 14, Georgia Tech 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Game #2 • Sept. 9, 2006

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Game Summaries

Game #3 • Sept. 16, 2006

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Game #4 • Sept. 23, 2006

No. 12 Notre Dame 40, Michigan state 37

East Lansing, Mich. • Spartan Stadium (80,193)

(AP) - Trailing by 17 points at halftime, Notre Dame faced a sobering reality: A season that began with so much promise was about to be derailed by a second straight defeat.

Coming off a blowout loss to Michigan, the Irish looked beaten again - still down 16 going into the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Michigan State looked unstoppable in front of a fired-up crowd.

"I think that at halftime the guys realized the season was starting to fall away for us," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "Everyone could feel the same thing. After the game we played last week, and now we're down big at halftime ... it was basically 'Hey fellas, what's it gonna be? Are we just going to be a bunch of also-rans or are we going to come out here and give it a chance to win the game?'"

In stunning fashion, the Irish stepped up.

Cornerback Terrail Lambert capped a furious rally by returning an interception 27 yards for a touchdown with 2:53 remaining to give the 12th-ranked Fighting Irish a 40-37 victory over the Spartans on Saturday night.

The loss shocked Michigan State (3-1) and its fans, who remained in the stands despite heavy rain in the second half, convinced they were going to see the Spartans beat the Irish (3-1) for the eighth time in 10 meetings.

But it wasn't to be.

Lambert made sure of that, following up his score by ending the Spartans' hopes moments later with a juggling interception of Drew Stanton's pass in the closing seconds.

That the decisive plays came from the Irish defense, exposed in the loss to the Wolverines and for much of the game Saturday, may have been the biggest surprise.

But the Irish offense also clicked late, led by quarterback Brady Quinn.

Quinn started slow, going just 2-of-8 for 6 yards in the first quarter as Michigan State jumped out to a 17-0 lead.

But he finished 20-of-36 for 319 yards with five TDs against one interception.

The Irish trailed 37-21 entering the fourth quarter. But Quinn threw TD passes to Jeff Samardzija (43 yards) and Rhema McKnight (14 yards) to cut the lead to 37-33 with 4:57 remaining.

McKnight's score was set up by another big play from the defense. Notre Dame safety Chinedum Ndukwe stripped the ball from Stanton and recovered it at the Michigan State 24 with about 6 minutes remaining.

Michigan State's Jehuu Caulcrick finished with 111 yards and a TD on eight carries. Stanton ran for 53 yards, and completed 10 of 22 passes for 114 yards. He had two TD passes and the two interceptions.

Michigan State looked like it might continue its recent good fortune against the Irish, which included a 44-41 overtime victory in South Bend last year after which a few Spartan players planted a school flag near midfield.

The Spartans led this one 31-14 at halftime and looked as if they should be preparing for another postgame celebration.

It was all Michigan State early, as the Spartans rolled up 260 yards of offense in the first half.

After forcing a Notre Dame punt, the Spartans scored on a three-play, 73-yard drive on their first possession. The drive was capped by a 34-yard touchdown pass from Stanton to Kerry Reed.

Notre Dame's Tom Zbikowski fumbled a punt that Michigan State's punter, Brandon Fields, recovered at the 50. The Spartans scored on a trick play, with receiver Matt Trannon throwing a 26-yard TD pass to a wide-open Javon Ringer.

Brett Swenson added a 32-yard field goal late in the first quarter to make it 17-0.

But the Spartans struggled in the second half as turnovers and penalties cost them.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Notre Dame	0	14	7	19	40
Michigan State	17	14	6	0	37

MSU	Kerry Reed 34 yd pass from Drew Stanton (Brett Swenson kick), 12:15 in 1st
MSU	Javon Ringer 26 yd pass from Matt Trannon (Brett Swenson kick), 6:49 in 1st
MSU	Brett Swenson 32 yd field goal, 1:39 in 1st
ND	Rhema McKnight 32 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 11:07 in 2nd
MSU	Ervin Baldwin 19 yd interception return (Brett Swenson kick), 9:04 in 2nd
ND	Jeff Samardzija 17 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 6:45 in 2nd
MSU	Kerry Reed 15 yd pass from Drew Stanton (Brett Swenson kick), 2:11 in 2nd
ND	John Carlson 62 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 11:13 in 3rd
MSU	Jehuu Caulcrick 30 yd run (Brett Swenson rush fumbled), 5:50 in 3rd
ND	Jeff Samardzija 43 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Darius Walker rush failed), 8:18 in 4th
ND	Rhema McKnight 14 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick failed), 4:57 in 4th
ND	Terrail Lambert 27 yd interception return (Carl Gioia kick), 2:53 in 4th

ND	Statistics	MSU
13	First Downs	18
17	Rushing Attempts	43
47	Net Yards Rushing	248
319	Net Yards Passing	140
36	Passes Attempted	23
20	Passes Completed	11
1	Had Intercepted	2
366	Total Net Yards	388
3-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
7-43.3	Punts-Average	7-46.9
24:21	Possession	35:39

Numerical Roster

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

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (continued)

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

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

Numerical Roster

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

NOTRE DAME DEPTH CHART (vs. Purdue – September 30, 2006)**IRISH OFFENSE**

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

IRISH DEFENSE

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

IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS

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