

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1925 ROSE BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 27 – STANFORD 10

PASADENA (Jan. 1, 1925) — With the fabled Four Horsemen making their final appearance together, Notre Dame ventured to the distant West Coast and proved its worth by downing Stanford 27-10 in the 1925 Rose Bowl. The win gave Notre Dame a 10-0 record for the 1924 season and the national championship.

Although Pop Warner's Indians won the battle of the statistics-besting Notre Dame in virtually every offensive category—the Irish, coached by Knute Rockne, capitalized on Stanford miscues and came up on top on the scoreboard.

Stanford opened the scoring in the first quarter as Murray Cuddeback kicked a 27-yard field goal. But that was all the Indians could manage until late in the game when the outcome was almost assured.

Elmer Layden shone as a sparkling jewel in the Notre Dame crown all afternoon. The skinny full-back scored three touchdowns for the Irish, including two on interception returns. He also helped the Notre Dame cause with his punting that forced Stanford into poor field position on many occasions.

Layden's first score, a three-yard plunge across the goal line, capped a 46-yard drive by Notre Dame. Although Jim Crowley's kick failed, Notre Dame owned a 6-3 lead early in the second quarter.

Late in the second period, Layden stunned the capacity crowd of 53,000 in the Rose Bowl by intercepting an Ernie Nevers pass and galloping downfield for 78 yards for another touchdown. This time Crowley, another one of the Horsemen, converted the extra-point attempt.

Even though the stronger, more physical Stanford Indians were controlling the line play, Rockne's swift and crafty Irish kept putting points on the scoreboard.

Late in the third quarter, Stanford fumbled an Elmer Layden punt on its own 20-yard line. A quick-thinking Ed Hunsinger picked up the ball and ran untouched into the end zone for another Notre Dame score. With Crowley's kick, Notre Dame held a commanding 20-3 lead.

Stanford finally staged a late rally and threatened to dash the Irish hopes of a Midwest victory. Nevers, a star on both offense and defense, provided the heroics as he intercepted a Notre Dame pass on the Stanford 20-yard line, thwarting an Irish scoring drive. He then guided the Indians downfield to the Notre Dame seven. Another Stanford back, Ed Walker, passed to Ted Shipkey, a two-way star for the Indians, for the score. Cuddeback's kick brought Stanford back to within 10 points at 20-10.

The Indians moved into scoring territory again in the final stanza. Nevers brought Stanford all the way to the Notre Dame eight-inch line. But an inspired Irish line made a superb defensive stance on Nevers' final plunge, and the Notre Dame advantage stayed intact.

Notre Dame crossed the goal line a final time with only 30 seconds left in the contest that was played in 89-degree heat. Layden again intercepted a Nevers pass and took it 70 yards into the end zone. Crowley added the final touches with his kick.

Layden and Crowley proved the Irish standouts of the afternoon, but the two other Horsemen—Don Miller and quarterback Harry Stuhldreher—also played a big part in the Notre Dame win. Stuhldreher broke an ankle early in the contest but continued to play despite the painful injury. Captain Adam Walsh anchored the line play at center.

The story of the game proved to be Notre Dame's penchant for turning Stanford mistakes into Notre Dame scores.

"It is true that we got the breaks, but we would have won anyway," said Rockne. "It is one thing to get the breaks and another thing to take advantage of them. Stanford played a wonderful game, but we won fairly, playing the ball as it came to us, and we hope to be given credit for that."

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	13	7	7	27
Stanford	3	0	7	0	10
Attendance: 53,000	Weather: Hot, 89 degrees				

Team	Score ND-SU	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Stanford	0-3	1	8:00	Murray Cuddeback 27 FG
Notre Dame	6-3	2	13:30	Elmer Layden 3 run (Jim Crowley kick failed) Drive: 46 yards
Notre Dame	13-3	2	8:00	Elmer Layden 78 interception return (Jim Crowley kick) Big Play: Elmer Layden intercepted an Ernie Nevers pass on the Notre Dame 22-yard line and returned it 78 yards for the touchdown.
Notre Dame	20-3	3	5:00	Ed Hunsinger 20 fumble return (Jim Crowley kick) Big Play: Stanford fumbled an Elmer Layden punt and Ed Hunsinger recovered the ball and ran 20 yards for the score.
Stanford	20-10	3	1:00	Ted Shipkey 7 pass from Ed Walker (Murray Cuddeback kick) Drive: 50 yards
Notre Dame	27-10	4	0:30	Elmer Layden 70 interception return (Jim Crowley kick) Big Play: Elmer Layden intercepted an Ernie Nevers pass on the Notre Dame 30-yard line and returned it for the touchdown.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	SU	ND
First Downs	17	7
Yards Rushing	193	137
Yards Lost Rushing	15	7
Net Yards Rushing	178	130
Net Yards Passing	138	56
Passes Attempted	17	7
Passes Completed	12	3
Had Intercepted	5	3
Total Net Yards	316	186
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Penalties-Yards	1-15	4-30
Average Per Punt	42.5	48.5
Interceptions	3-7	5-139

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## 1970 COTTON BOWL

**TEXAS 21 — NOTRE DAME 17**

DALLAS — After a 45-year absence, Notre Dame reappeared on the bowl scene.

The Irish, who headed into the battle with a respectable 8-1-1 record, drew the unenviable assignment of challenging the nation's number-one team - the unbeaten Longhorns of Texas. With visions of the Four Horsemen dancing in their heads, the Irish almost pulled off the upset. Only a 76-yard drive late in the final period, capped by Billy Dale's one-yard scoring plunge, gave the Longhorns a hard fought 21-17 victory and insured their claim to the national title.

Although Texas won the annual Cotton Bowl Classic on this sundrenched but chilly New Year's Day before a packed house of 73,000, Notre Dame, coached by Ara Parseghian, matched the powerful Longhorns yard for yard until the final gun.

The Irish opened the scoring in the first quarter as Scott Hempel converted a 26-yard field goal. After the opening kickoff junior quarterback Joe Theismann guided the Irish 82 yards downfield, eating up six minutes on the clock, to set the stage for Hempel's kick.

Notre Dame scored again early in the second period as Theismann shocked the Longhorns by tossing a 54-yard touchdown bomb to Tom Gatewood on the first play from scrimmage after a Texas punt. Hempel's kick made it 10-0 for Notre Dame.

The Longhorns first lit the scoreboard in the second quarter as they drove 74 yards in nine plays. Behind the running of Ted Koy and Jim Bertelsen and the passing of James Street, the Longhorns moved into Notre Dame territory and ended the scoring march on Bertelsen's one-yard dash into the end zone. Happy Feller converted the PAT and the Longhorns trailed 10-7.

Neither team crossed the goal line again until the final period.

Texas jumped out in front of the Irish in the fourth quarter on a bruising 77-yard drive. Steve Worster, the game's leading rusher with 155 yards, barreled his way through the Irish defense for long gains of eight, nine and seven yards, while Bertelsen, who finished the afternoon with 81 yards, added carries of five and six yards to the Longhorn effort. Koy took the ball in from the three, and Feller's kick gave Texas a 14-10 lead.

Notre Dame fought right back. With Theismann at the controls, Notre Dame went 80 yards in eight plays to go ahead 17-14. The feisty Theismann put together scampers of 14 and 11 yards and tossed an 11-yard pass to Dennis Allen. The Irish finally scored on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Theismann to Jim Yoder.

With still seven minutes left in the battle, coach Darrell Royal and his Longhorns weren't about to watch their national championship dreams be snuffed out by an upstart group of Irishmen from Notre Dame. Texas made the most of its final surge. Twice the Longhorns needed conversions on fourth down to maintain possession, and the final one dashed Notre Dame's hopes. Street, on fourth and two from the Irish 10-yard line, threw low and wide to end Cotton Speyrer, but the lanky red-head snared it at the two. The Irish defense then halted a pair of Longhorn rushing plays, but on the third try, Dale found the end zone and the Longhorns had their national championship with only 1:08 left on the clock.

Notre Dame tried another comeback attempt with the seconds ticking away. Theismann brought the Irish all the way to the Texas 39, but with 28 seconds left, Tom Campbell intercepted Theismann's final pass.

Worster earned the game's offensive player award, while Notre Dame's captain Bob Olson won the most valuable defensive player honor.

Theismann's efforts established Cotton Bowl records in two categories. His 231 yards passing broke Roger Staubach's previous mark of 228 (1964) and his 279 yards total offense surpassed Duke Carlisle's 267 standard, also set in 1964.

### OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Bob Olson, Linebacker

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	7	0	7	17
Texas	0	7	0	14	21

Attendance: 73,000 Weather: Fair, 48 degrees

Team	Score ND-UT	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	3-0	1	8:41	Scott Hempel 26 FG
Drive: 82 yards in 16 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:14; Big Plays: Joe Theismann passes to Dennis Allen for 16 yards and Tom Gatewood for 11 yards.				
Notre Dame	10-0	2	14:40	Tom Gatewood 54 pass from Joe Theismann (Scott Hempel kick)
Drive: 54 yards in one play; Time Elapsed: 0:08; Big Play: Taking possession after a Texas punt, quarterback Joe Theismann threw a 54-yard bomb to Tom Gatewood on the first play from scrimmage.				
Texas	10-7	2	11:12	Jim Bertelsen 1 run (Happy Feller kick)
Drive: 74 yards in nine plays; Time Elapsed: 3:22; Big Plays: Quarterback James Street passes to Charles Speyrer for 17 yards and Randy Peschel for 16 yards, Jim Bertelsen run of 17 yards.				
Texas	10-14	4	10:05	Ted Koy 3 run (Happy Feller kick)
Drive: 77 yards in 18 plays; Time Elapsed: 8:10; Big Plays: Steve Worster runs of eight, nine and seven yards, Jim Bertelsen runs of five and six yards.				
Notre Dame	17-14	4	6:52	Jim Yoder 24 pass from Joe Theismann (Scott Hempel kick)
Drive: 80 yards in eight plays; Time Elapsed: 2:56; Big Plays: Joe Theismann runs of 14 and 11 yards, Joe Theismann pass to Dennis Allen for 11 yards and Bill Barz run of 12 yards.				
Texas	21-17	4	1:08	Billy Dale 1 run (Happy Feller kick)
Drive: 76 yards in 17 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:39; Big Play: James Street pass to Charles Speyrer for 17 yards.				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UT	ND
First Downs	25	25
By Rushing	19	13
By Passing	6	12
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	67	43
Yards Rushing	333	213
Yards Lost Rushing	2	24
Net Yards Rushing	331	189
Net Yards Passing	107	231
Passes Attempted	11	27
Passes Completed	6	17
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	78	70
Total Net Yards	448	420
Average Gain Per Play	5.7	6.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	2-10
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-9	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-159	7-256
Average Per Punt	39.8	36.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-24	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-31	5-97

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

UT: Steve Worster 20-155; Jim Bertelsen 18-81; Ted Koy 12-40; James Street 10-31; Charles Speyrer 1-13; Billy Dale 6-11.

ND: Bill Barz 10-49; Joe Theismann 11-48; Dennis Allan 7-47; Andy Huff 11-39; Jim Yoder 2-4; Mike Crotty 2-2.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

UT: James Street 11-6-1-107.

ND: Joe Theismann 27-17-2-231.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

UT: Charles Speyrer 4-70; Jim Bertelsen 1-21; Randy Peschel 1-16.

ND: Tom Gatewood 6-112; Dennis Allan 3-43; Mike Crotty 3-19; Andy Huff 2-15; Jim Yoder 1-24; Dewey Poskon 1-22; Bill Barz 1-7.

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## 1971 COTTON BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 24 — TEXAS 11

DALLAS — Notre Dame's defense caused nine Texas fumbles and All-America quarterback Joe Theismann personally accounted for three scores in the first 16 1/2 minutes en route to a 24-11 Irish victory in the 1971 Cotton Bowl Classic.

The victory, Notre Dame's 10th against only one loss during the season, stopped the Longhorns' 30-game winning string and knocked top-ranked Texas out of the race for its second consecutive national championship.

The decisive win was the first bowl victory in 46 years for Notre Dame, who returned to the post-season scene the year before after a 45-year absence.

Both teams displayed their offensive fireworks in the first half as the Irish built up a 24-11 advantage that held up until the final buzzer.

Texas cracked the scoring barrier early in the first period on Happy Feller's 23-yard field goal. On the first play of the Texas possession, quarterback Eddie Phillips rambled 63 yards downfield on an option play. But the Notre Dame defense stiffened its resistance and the Longhorns had to settle for only the three-pointer.

Then, Theismann ignited the Notre Dame charge by rallying the Irish to three touchdowns on their next four possessions. The senior all-star guided the Irish 80 yards in only 10 plays and tossed a 26-yard pass to Tom Gatewood for the touchdown. The scoring march included another Theismann pass to Gatewood (this one for 17 yards) and a Theismann scamper of 12 yards, along with runs of seven, 11 and six yards by John Cieszkowski. Scott Hempel's kick gave the Irish a 7-3 lead, and they never looked back.

Notre Dame increased its lead by seven 2 1/2 minutes later. Tom Eaton recovered a Texas fumble on the kickoff at the Longhorn 13-yard line. Six plays later, Theismann took the ball in himself on a three-yard run. Hempel again converted the PAT.

The Irish scored again on another Theismann run - this one from 15 yards - early in the second period. He helped the Irish march the 53 yards in the drive by tossing a 19-yard pass to Mike Creaney. Ed Gulyas contributed a 12-yard run.

Although the Longhorns had trouble getting their famed Wishbone attack off the ground because of a unique Notre Dame defensive alignment, Texas did manage another score in the second period. Phillips abandoned the run and went to the most rusty weapon in the Longhorn arsenal - the pass. He hit tight end Deryl Comer three times (for eight, 36 and 10 yards) in an 84-yard drive that climaxed on Jim Bertelsen's two-yard run. A Phillips pass to Danny Lester added two points.

The Irish wrapped up the scoring on a 36-yard field goal by Hempel with 24 seconds remaining on the clock before intermission.

The second half turned into a defensive struggle as Notre Dame played it conservatively, and Texas tried to figure out the Irish defensive setup that featured six men on the line of scrimmage - with three across from the Longhorn center.

Neither team mounted much of a scoring threat. However, in the third period, the fired-up Notre Dame defense took the steam out of a promising Longhorn drive. Irish linebacker Jim Musuraca met Bertelsen head-on at the Notre Dame 35-yard line and forced another fumble, one of five recovered by the Irish, that gave the ball and the momentum to Notre Dame.

Texas, who entered the game as the nation's top-ranked rushing team with an average of 374 yards per game, managed only 216 yards against the Irish. Phillips accumulated 164 of those yards. Notre Dame's ground game netted only 146 yards, paced by Cieszkowski's 52.

Phillips, who combined for 363 yards total offense, erased Theismann's standard of 279, set the previous year. He was voted the top offense player, while Notre Dame's Clarence Ellis earned the defensive honor.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	14	10	0	0	24
Texas	3	8	0	0	11
Attendance: 73,000	Weather: Fair, 52 degrees				

Team	Score ND-UT	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Texas	0-3	1	11:28	Happy Feller 23 FG
Drive: 67 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 1:33; Big Play: On first play from scrimmage quarterback Eddie Phillips goes 63 yards on option play.				
Notre Dame	7-3	1	7:58	Tom Gatewood 26 pass from Joe Theismann (Scott Hempel kick)
Drive: 80 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:39; Big Plays: Joe Theismann run of 12 yards, Joe Theismann pass to Tom Gatewood for 17 yards, John Cieszkowski runs of seven, 11 and six yards.				
Notre Dame	14-3	1	5:11	Joe Theismann 3 run (Scott Hempel kick)
Drive: 13 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 5:11; Big Plays: Tom Eaton recovered Texas fumble on kickoff at Longhorn 13-yard line, John Cieszkowski run of nine yards.				
Notre Dame	21-3	2	13:28	Joe Theismann 15 run (Scott Hempel kick)
Drive: 53 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 1:37; Big Plays: Joe Theismann pass to Mike Creaney for 19 yards, Ed Gulyas run of 12 yards.				
Texas	21-11	2	1:52	Jim Bertelsen 2 run (Danny Lester pass from Eddie Phillips)
Drive: 84 yards in 18 plays; Time Elapsed: 7:02; Big Plays: Eddie Phillips passes to Deryl Comer for eight, 36 and 10 yards.				
Notre Dame	24-11	2	0:24	Scott Hempel 36 FG
Drive: 78 yards in eight plays; Time Elapsed: 1:21; Big Play: Jim Bugler pass to Clarence Ellis for 37 yards.				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UT	ND
First Downs	20	16
By Rushing	10	9
By Passing	9	7
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	55	43
Yards Rushing	260	192
Yards Lost Rushing	44	46
Net Yards Rushing	216	146
Net Yards Passing	210	213
Passes Attempted	27	19
Passes Completed	10	10
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	82	72
Total Net Yards	426	359
Average Gain Per Play	5.2	5.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	9-5	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-33	5-52
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-163	8-366
Average Per Punt	32.6	45.7
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	4-26	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-41	3-58

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

UT: Eddie Phillips 23-164; Steve Worster 16-42; Donnie Wiggington 6-10; Jim Bertelsen 8-5; Billy Dale 1-2; Danny Lester 1(-7).

ND: John Cieszkowski 13-52; Larry Parker 13-48; Ed Gulyas 9-24; Joe Theismann 18-22.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

UT: Eddie Phillips 17-9-0-199; Donnie Wiggington 10-1-1-11.

ND: Joe Theismann 16-9-1-176; Jim Bulger 2-1-0-37; Pat Steenberge 1-0-0-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

UT: Deryl Comer 4-67; Jim Bertelsen 3-85; Danny Lester 2-17; Billy Dale 1-41.

ND: Jim Yoder 2-96; Tom Gatewood 2-43; John Cieszkowski 2-11; Larry Parker 2-7; Clarence Ellis 1-37; Mike Creaney 1-19.

### OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Clarence Ellis, Left Halfback

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## 1973 ORANGE BOWL

**NEBRASKA 40 — NOTRE DAME 6**

MIAMI — Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers proved the award was justified by scoring four touchdowns and passing for another as ninth-ranked Nebraska smashed Notre Dame 40-6 in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

Although he left the game in the third period with 81 yards rushing on 15 carries, Rodgers scored on runs of eight, four and five yards, galloped down the sidelines on a 50-yard touchdown pass play from quarterback David Humm and tossed a 52-yard scoring aerial to Frosty Anderson as the Cornhuskers rolled to their third consecutive Orange Bowl conquest.

The defeat was the worst for the Irish since Ara Parseghian took over the Notre Dame coaching reins in 1964.

Nebraska, a Big Eight power, bolted to a 20-0 halftime lead and added three more touchdowns - all by Rodgers - in the third period before Notre Dame managed a meaningless touchdown in the final quarter. That six-pointer, a five-yard scoring pass from Tom Clements to Pete Demmerle, kept Notre Dame's streak of scoring in 72 straight games alive.

Rodgers scored his first touchdown in the first quarter on an eight-yard run that capped a 76-yard drive. That march also included scampers of 13 and 10 yards by Rodgers as well as runs of 12 and six yards by Dave Goeller. Rick Sanger's kick made it Nebraska 7, Notre Dame 0.

In the second quarter, Gary Dixon helped the Huskers go 80 yards in 11 plays with a 36-yard burst. He then plunged over from the one-yard line and Sanger's kick gave Nebraska a 14-0 lead.

On Nebraska's next possession, Humm lateraled to Rodgers on the first play from scrimmage. Rodgers then heaved his 52-yard pass to Frosty Anderson. That put the Irish in a 20-0 hole, and they never recovered.

Notre Dame's first-half problems resulted mainly from its inability to take advantage of excellent field position. During the first 30 minutes the Irish had first downs at the Nebraska 30, 29 and 25-yard lines but couldn't score. On two other occasions Clements' passes were intercepted, once at the Husker 18 and once at the Nebraska 41.

The Rodgers extravaganza continued after intermission. He scored on runs of four and five yards. He then took a screen pass from Humm and dashed 50 yards down the right sideline for the final Nebraska touchdown, its sixth of the day. Rodgers then retreated to the bench for the rest of the game. The Huskers already had inflicted enough damage on the Irish, who finished the year at 8-3.

Nebraska bested Notre Dame in just about every statistical category. The Huskers rolled up 560 yards total offense to Notre Dame's 207. Nebraska had 300 yards on the ground and 260 through the air, while the Irish had 104 yards rushing and 103 yards passing. Notre Dame managed only 13 first downs to Nebraska's 30.

Humm completed 13 of 19 passes for 185 yards, while his Irish counterpart Tom Clements was successful on nine of 22 attempts for 103.

In addition to his 81 yards rushing, Rodgers caught three passes for 71 yards.

Nebraska ended the year at 9-2-1, losing only to UCLA and Oklahoma and tying Iowa State. The victory proved a fitting end to the 11-year Nebraska career of head coach Bob Devaney.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	0	0	6	6
Nebraska	7	13	20	0	40
Attendance: 80,010		Weather: Fair, 74 degrees			

Team	Score ND-UN	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Nebraska	0-7	1	11:19	Johnny Rodgers 8 run (Rich Sanger kick) Drive: 76 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:41; Big Plays: Johnny Rodgers runs of 13 and 10 yards, Dave Goeller runs of 12 and six yards, David Humm pass to Johnny Rodgers for nine yards.
Nebraska	0-14	2	14:21	Gary Dixon 1 run (Rich Sanger kick) Drive: 80 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:04; Big Plays: Gary Dixon run of 36 yards, David Humm pass to Bob Revelle for 19 yards.
Nebraska	0-20	2	12:20	Frosty Anderson 52 pass from Johnny Rodgers (Rich Sanger kick failed) Drive: 52 yards in one play; Time Elapsed: 0:09.
Nebraska	0-26	3	11:17	Johnny Rodgers 4 run (David Humm pass failed) Drive: 42 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 1:55; Big Plays: David Humm pass to Bob Revelle for 14.
Nebraska	0-33	3	7:33	Johnny Rodgers 5 run (Rich Sander kick) Drive: 80 yards in nine plays; Time Elapsed: 2:52; Big Plays: Gary Dixon run of 12 yards, David Humm passes to Johnny Rodgers for 12 yards and Bob Revelle for 29 yards.
Nebraska	0-40	3	6:00	Johnny Rodgers 50 pass from David Humm (Rich Sanger kick) Drive: 50 yards in one play; Time Elapsed: 0:12.
Notre Dame	6-40	4	13:51	Pete Demmerle 5 pass from Tom Clements (Clements pass failed) Drive: 77 yards in 15 plays; Time Elapsed: 7:03; Big Plays: Tom Clements run of 11 yards, Tom Clements pass to Mike Creaney for 17 yards.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	N	ND		N	ND
First Downs	30	13	Total Offensive Plays	90	67
By Rushing	20	6	Total Net Yards	560	207
By Passing	9	5	Average Gain Per Play	6.2	3.1
By Penalty	1	2	Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	3-0
Rushing Attempts	64	44	Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-68	1-15
Yards Rushing	328	145	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-0	1-0
Yards Lost Rushing	28	41	Punts: No.-Yds.	4-153	6-223
Net Yards Rushing	300	104	Average Per Punt	38.3	37.2
Net Yards Passing	260	103	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3	2-18
Passes Attempted	26	23	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-34	6-84
Passes Completed	17	9			
Had Intercepted	1	3			

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

UN: Johnny Rodgers 15-81; Gary Dixon 9-69; Dave Goeller 11-43; Ritch Bahe 6-27; Steve Runty 3-19; Maury Damkroger 3-18; Jeff Moran 4-11; Glen Garson 4-10; Ralph Powell 1-9; David Humm 4-7; Bill Olds 2-5; Don Westbrook 1-1.

ND: Eric Penick 8-48; Andy Huff 11-22; John Cieszkowski 3-21; Darryll Dewan 7-18; Art Best 7-15; Gary Dimmick 1-2; Al Samuel 1-0; Tom Clements 6-(-22).

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

UN: David Humm 19-13-0-185; Johnny Rodgers 1-1-0-52; Steve Runty 6-3-1-23.

ND: Tom Clements 22-9-3-103; Darryll Dewan 1-0-0-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

UN: Johnny Rodgers 3-71; Bob Revelle 3-62; Jerry List 3-25; Frosty Anderson 2-67; Glen Garson 2-16; Maury Damkroger 2-13; Brent Longwell 1-4; Dave Goeller 1-2.

ND: Darryll Dewan 3-46; Mike Creaney 2-28; Jim Roof 1-15; Pete Demmerle 1-5; Gary Diminick 1-5; Andy Huff 1-4.

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## 1973 SUGAR BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 24 — ALABAMA 23

NEW ORLEANS — It was to be a dream game.

Two undefeated, highly-ranked teams with long and storied gridiron traditions were set to battle for the national championship. It was billed as a classic confrontation - the game of the century.

The prognosticators' predictions rang true as the 1973 Sugar Bowl saw Notre Dame emerge a 24-23 winner over Alabama in a thriller that saw the lead change hands six times.

Bob Thomas, who had missed two attempts earlier in the game, kicked a 19-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Fighting Irish and coach Ara Parseghian the one-point upset over top-rated Alabama. The win also clinched the national championship for Notre Dame which finished the season at 11-0.

The record crowd of 85,161 was treated to a pulsating battle that went to the wire. With three minutes to play, Alabama's punting specialist, Greg Gantt, booted a 69-yard punt that backed up the Irish to their own one-yard line. However, Gantt was fouled on the play and Alabama was entitled to keep the ball with fourth down and five yards to go.

But Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant elected to decline the penalty, hoping his defense could force an Irish turnover deep in their own territory. Moments later, Notre Dame quarterback Tom Clements rifled a pass to tight end Robin Weber at the 38 and secured the national championship.

The Irish opened the contest with a superb defensive effort that held the Tide without a yard gained in the first period. Led by Clements, who shot passes of 19, 26 and 14 yards to split end Pete Demmerle, the Irish offense drew first blood in the opening period. Fullback Wayne Bullock capped a 64-yard scoring drive with a six-yard gallop into the end zone.

Alabama's thoroughbred backs made it out of the starting gate in the second period. They produced three long drives that resulted in a pair of scores - the first coming with 7:30 remaining. Randy Billingsley scored on a six-yard run and Bill Davis added the extra point that put Alabama up by one at 7-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Notre Dame's Al Hunter stunned the crowd with his dazzling 93-yard return, the longest in Sugar Bowl history. The Irish went for two and converted as Clements hit Demmerle in the end zone for a 14-7 Notre Dame lead.

Alabama moved deep into Notre Dame territory late in the second quarter, but had to settle for a 39-yard field goal by Davis.

At the start of the second half, Alabama marched 93 yards and took the lead on Wilbur Jackson's five-yard scoring plunge. Again Notre Dame charged back, but a 54-yard field goal try by Thomas fell by the wayside.

Notre Dame excited the crowd again when linebacker Drew Mahalic recovered a Tide fumble in mid-air and took the ball to the Alabama 12-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Eric Penick dashed 12 yards for the score. Thomas' kick gave the Irish a 21-17 lead.

Early in the fourth period, the game took a zany turn with three turnovers in 90 seconds. Alabama took charge and put in its own version of the razzle-dazzle. With the ball on the Notre Dame 25, second-string quarterback Richard Todd handed off to halfback Mike Stock, then raced to the sidelines where he took a return pass from Stock and went in for the score. But Davis missed the conversion try and Bryant's Tide, which hadn't won a bowl game in its last four appearances, hung on to a slim two-point advantage.

Notre Dame then marched 79 yards in 11 plays. Strong runs by Hunter, Penick and Clements and a 30-yard pass from Clements to Dave Casper carried the drive to the Alabama 15-yard line. The Irish got to the three, but couldn't get any closer when the call went to Thomas. This time he didn't miss and the Irish had a 24-23 win.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	6	8	7	3	24
Alabama	0	10	7	6	23
Attendance: 85,161		Weather: Fair, 55 degrees			

Team	Score ND-UA	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	6-0	1	3:19	Wayne Bullock 6 run (Kick failed, bad center snap) Drive: 64 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 2:32; Big Plays: Tom Clements passes to Pete Demmerle for 19, 26 and 14 yards.
Alabama	6-7	2	7:30	Randy Billingsley 6 run (Bill Davis kick) Drive: 52 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 2:40; Big Plays: Gary Rutledge pass to Mike Stock for 15 yards, Gary Rutledge run of 12 yards.
Notre Dame	14-7	2	7:17	Al Hunter 93 kickoff return (Pete Demmerle, pass from Clements) Drive: 93 yards in one play; Time Elapsed: 0:13.
Alabama	14-10	2	0:39	Bill Davis 39 FG Drive: 69 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 2:40; Big Plays: Richard Todd pass to George Pugh for 14 yards, Richard Todd run of 11 yards.
Alabama	14-17	3	11:02	Wilbur Jackson 5 run (Bill Davis kick) Drive: 93 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:57; Big Plays: Gary Rutledge passes to Wilbur Jackson for 21 yards and Wayne Wheeler for 13 yards.
Notre Dame	21-17	3	2:30	Eric Penick 12 run (Bob Thomas kick) Drive: 12 yards in one play; Time Elapsed: 0:07.
Alabama	21-23	4	9:33	Richard Todd 25 pass from Mike Stock (Bill Davis kick failed) Drive: 39 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 2:14.
Notre Dame	24-23	4	4:26	Bob Thomas 19 FG Drive: 79 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:13.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UA	ND
First Downs	23	20
By Rushing	15	12
By Passing	7	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	52	59
Yards Rushing	233	257
Yards Lost Rushing	43	5
Net Yards Rushing	190	252
Net Yards Passing	127	169
Passes Attempted	15	12
Passes Completed	10	7
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	67	71
Total Net Yards	317	421
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	5.9
Fumbles: No.-Lost	5-2	4-3
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-32	5-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-278	7-169
Average Per Punt	46.3	35.8
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-6	1-3
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-59	4-150

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

UA: Wilbur Jackson 11-62; Randy Billingsley 7-54; Paul Spivey 11-44; Richard Todd 3-32; Mike Stock 3-13; Ellis Beck 2-5; Calvin Culliver 2-5; Willie Shelby 3-1; Gary Rutledge 10-(-25).

ND: Wayne Bullock 19-79; Tom Clements 15-74; Art Best 12-45; Eric Penick 9-28; Al Hunter 4-26.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

UA: Gary Rutledge 12-7-1-88; Richard Todd 2-2-0-14; Mike Stock 1-1-0-25.

ND: Tom Clements 12-7-0-169.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

UA: George Pugh 2-28; Wilbur Jackson 2-22; Johnny Sharpless 2-22; Richard Todd 1-25; Mike Stock 1-15; Wayne Wheeler 1-13; Randy Billingsley 1-2.

ND: Dave Casper 3-75; Pete Demmerle 3-59; Robin Weber 1-35.

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Tom Clements, Quarterback

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1975 ORANGE BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 13 — ALABAMA 11

MIAMI — Alabama and Notre Dame locked horns again.

Although the stakes weren't as high (only Alabama was ranked number one, undefeated and looking for a national championship), the atmosphere was just as electric and frenzied as the 1973 Sugar Bowl. And this game was to be Ara Parseghian's last as head coach at Notre Dame. After 11 successful seasons and two national championships, he was hanging up his coach's playbook.

The Fighting Irish, though decided underdogs with their 9-2 ledger, gave Parseghian a proper going-away present - a 13-11 victory that denied the Tide the national title for the second straight year and gave Alabama and coach Paul "Bear" Bryant its eighth consecutive non-win in bowl competition.

Notre Dame staked itself to a 13-0 lead midway through the opening half and withstood the Tide's offensive thrust until the final gun sounded. The Irish got their first touchdown in the opening period. Alabama fumbled a Tony Brantley punt and Al Samuel recovered the ball at the Tide's 16-yard line.

Three plays later Notre Dame faced a fourth-and-one call at the seven. Wayne Bullock powered his way over the left side for three yards and a crucial first down. On the next play, he slithered into the end zone on a four-yard jaunt for the first Irish score. Dave Reeve added the extra point.

With 50 seconds left in the first quarter, the Notre Dame offense took control at its own 23-yard line and quarterback Tom Clements engineered another scoring drive - this one encompassing 77 yards in 17 plays and taking 7:21 off the clock. The Irish attempted only one pass in the march, a nine-yard completion to Mark McLane. The running game featured McLane and Samuel working the sweeps and Bullock picking up his yardage up the middle.

The drive almost stalled at the Alabama 28-yard line when the Irish faced a fourth-and-four situation. But an offside call on the Tide on the Irish field-goal attempt gave Notre Dame new life. The Irish made the most of that resurrection, as McLane took a pitchout and ran 12 yards. Two plays later he twisted loose from the Alabama defense and went nine yards for the score. Reeve's kick was off the mark and Notre Dame had to settle for a 13-0 lead.

The Irish fumbled on their next possession and gave the Tide the football on the Notre Dame 40-yard line. Alabama's game plan was to go to the air, and quarterback Richard Todd hit Ozzie Newsome for 11 yards and Jerry Brown for 12 yards to help the Tide move to the Notre Dame eight-yard mark. But the Irish defense dug in, and Alabama could manage only a 21-yard field goal by Danny Ridgeway.

After a scoreless third quarter in which the Irish held Alabama to just three first downs, all by passing, Notre Dame took over at its own eight. The offense, dormant since the second quarter, surged to life. Samuel picked up 20 yards on a pair of sweeps to get the Irish out of the hole. But the Tide stopped a fourth-down try and immediately went to work.

Again, Alabama, which had averaged only 11 passes a game during the season, went to the air. Todd carried the Tide to the Irish 12-yard line but then delivered an interception to John Dubenetzky, who returned the ball 16 yards to the 26.

The Irish couldn't put together a sustained drive and turned the ball over to Alabama with 4:29 left. On fourth down and five yards to go, Todd let loose a 48-yard touchdown pass to Russ Schamun. The Tide added two points on a conversion pass from Todd to George Pugh.

Alabama got the ball back with just under two minutes remaining. Needing only a field goal to avenge the 24-23 loss in the '73 Sugar Bowl, Todd tossed to Schamun for a 16-yard gain and to Randy Billingsley for an eight-yard reception. But Reggie Barnett intercepted Todd's next throw and sealed the verdict in favor of the Irish.

It proved to be a fitting finale for Parseghian, who downplayed the emotional impact of his last game as Irish head coach.

"I told the players before the game that I'd like to win this last one," he said. "But I told them they didn't owe me anything. They owed it to themselves, and they won it that way. We won as a team and we lost as a team. That's the way I told them to look at the game."

Ara Parseghian went out a winner. Notre Dame wouldn't have had it any other way.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	6	0	0	13
Alabama	0	3	0	8	11

Attendance: 71,801 Weather: Fair, 70 degrees

Team	Score ND-UA	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	7-0	1	6:41	Wayne Bullock 4 run (Dave Reeve kick) Drive: 16 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 1:30; Big Play: Al Samuel recovered Alabama fumble on 16-yard line after Notre Dame punt.
Notre Dame	13-0	2	8:29	Mark McLane 9 run (Dave Reeve kick failed) Drive: 77 yards in 17 plays; Time Elapsed: 7:21; Big Plays: Mark McLane run of 12 yards, Tom Clements run of seven yards and pass to Mark McLane for nine yards. Wayne Bullock run of eight yards.
Alabama	13-3	2	1:45	Danny Ridgeway 21 FG Drive: 36 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:01; Big Plays: Richard Todd passes to Ozzie Newsome for 11 yards and Jerry Brown for 12 yards.
Alabama	13-11	4	3:13	Russ Schamun 48 pass from Richard Todd (George Pugh pass from Richard Todd) Drive: 53 yards in four plays; Time Elapsed: 1:16; Big Plays: Richard Todd passes to Russ Schamun on fourth down for the 48-yard touchdown.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UA	ND
First Downs	14	15
By Rushing	3	14
By Passing	11	0
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	33	66
Yards Rushing	107	215
Yards Lost Rushing	45	30
Net Yards Rushing	62	185
Net Yards Passing	223	19
Passes Attempted	29	8
Passes Completed	15	4
Had Intercepted	2	2
Total Offensive Plays	62	74
Total Net Yards	285	204
Average Gain Per Play	4.6	2.6
Fumbles: No.-Lost	5-2	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	1-15
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-0	2-26
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-280	6-228
Average Per Punt	40.0	38.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	5-34	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-32	3-54

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

UA: Calvin Culliver 11-60; Willie Shelby 5-25; Richard Todd 9-4; Randy Billingsley 2-3; James Taylor 1-1; George Pugh 1(-)-8; Mike Stock 1(-)-9; Gary Rutledge 3(-)-14.

ND: Wayne Bullock 24-83; Al Samuel 10-39; Mark McLane 8-30; Tom Clements 11-26; Eric Penick 6-15; Tom Parise 3-4; Ron Goodman 1-2; Frank Allocco 3(-)-14.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

UA: Richard Todd 24-13-2-194; Gary Rutledge 5-2-0-29.

ND: Tom Clements 7-4-1-19; Ron Goodman 1-0-1-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

UA: Ozzie Newsome 6-68; Russ Schamun 5-126; Randy Billingsley 3-17; Jerry Brown 1-12.

ND: Pete Demmerle 2-12; Mark McLane 1-9; Ron Goodman 1(-)-2.

### OFFENSIVE MVP

Wayne Bullock, Fullback

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1976 GATOR BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 20 — PENN STATE 9

JACKSONVILLE — Al Hunter ignited the Notre Dame offense and tallied a pair of first-half touchdowns to spark the Fighting Irish to a 20-9 win over Penn State in the Gator Bowl before a crowd of 67,827.

Hunter, who became the first Notre Dame back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season, scored in each of the initial two periods.

After the Nittany Lions jumped out to a short-lived 3-0 lead on Tony Capozzoli's 26-yard field goal, Terry Eurick helped the Irish effort with a kickoff return of 65 yards. Hunter put together runs of six and nine yards before crossing the goal line on a one-yard dive. Dave Reeve added the extra point and the Irish were ahead for good.

In the second quarter Jim Browner recovered a Penn State fumble at the Nittany Lion 23-yard line. Six plays later, including a 12-yard pass from quarterback Rick Slager to Dan Kelleher, Reeve added three points to the Notre Dame total with a 23-yard field goal.

Notre Dame's offense continued its surge with another touchdown by Hunter. This time the Irish covered 51 yards in 10 plays. Slager tossed a pair of 12-yard passes to tight end Ken MacAfee and a 13-yarder to Hunter to move the Irish downfield. Hunter contributed an 11-yard gallop before scoring on a one-yard run. Reeve's kick made it Notre Dame 17, Penn State 3.

With only two seconds remaining on the clock before halftime, the Irish boosted their lead to 20-3 on another 23-yard field goal by Reeve. That Irish drive was helped by a punt interference call against Penn State, one of six penalties assessed against the Nittany Lions during the game.

Led by linebackers Bob Golic, Doug Becker and Steve Heimkreiter and strong safety Jim Browner, the Irish defense clamped down on Penn State's usually proficient offense. Notre Dame never allowed the Lions beyond their own 32 in the first half after their initial possession.

And despite good yardage totals in the second half, Penn State was unable to score a touchdown until Bruce Clark blocked a punt deep in Notre Dame territory with 9:14 left in the game. Quarterback Chuck Fusina tossed an eight-yard pass to Matt Suhey on the second play from scrimmage for the score. The Nittany Lions' two-point conversion attempt failed.

Penn State edged the Irish in total offense by one yard - gaining 274 yards to 273 for Notre Dame. The Nittany Lions gained 156 yards on the ground compared to the Irish total of 132. But 15th-ranked Notre Dame edged the Lions 141-118 in the passing department.

Hunter was the leading rusher in the game, gaining 102 yards on 26 carries. Bob Torrey paced the Nittany Lions with 63 yards in 12 tries. Suhey added 40.

Slager completed 10 of 19 passes for 141 yards, while Fusina was successful on 14 of 33 attempts. He also threw two interceptions.

MacAfee headed the Irish receiving corps with five catches for 78 yards. Kelleher hauled in three receptions for 46 yards.

The victory, Notre Dame's third consecutive win in postseason competition, gave coach Dan Devine a 9-3 record for the 1975 campaign, his second season with the Irish. Penn State, under the direction of coach Joe Paterno, fell to 7-5.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	13	0	0	20
Penn State	3	0	0	6	9

Attendance: 67,827 Weather: Clear, 48 degrees

Team	Score ND-PSU	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Penn State	0-3	1	7:15	Tony Capozzoli 26 FG Drive: 55 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:44; Big Plays: Jimmy Cefalo run of 15 yards, Bob Torrey run of eight yards.
Notre Dame	7-3	1	2:26	Al Hunter 1 run (Dave Reeve kick) Drive: 35 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:38; Big Plays: Terry Eurick kickoff return of 65 yards, Al Hunter runs of six and nine yards.
Notre Dame	10-3	2	8:49	Dave Reeve 23 FG Drive: 23 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 1:25; Big Plays: Jim Browner recovers Penn State fumble on 23-yard line, Rick Slager pass to Dan Kelleher for 12 yards.
Notre Dame	17-3	2	2:20	Al Hunter 1 run (Dave Reeve kick) Drive: 51 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:45; Big Plays: Rick Slager passes to Ken MacAfee for 12 and 12 yards and Al Hunter for 13, Al Hunter run of 11 yards.
Notre Dame	20-3	2	0:02	Dave Reeve 23 FG Drive: 32 yards in three plays; Time Elapsed: 0:15; Big Play: Rick Slager pass to Dan Kelleher for 26 yards.
Penn State	20-9	4	8:37	Matt Suhey 8 pass from Chuck Fusina (Bob Torrey run failed) Drive: Eight yards in two plays; Time Elapsed: 0:37; Big Plays: Penn State blocked a Notre Dame punt and recovered the ball on the Notre Dame eight-yard line. On the second play from scrimmage, Chuck Fusina tossed eight-yard touchdown pass to Matt Suhey.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	PSU	ND
First Downs	16	17
By Rushing	9	9
By Passing	6	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	40	48
Yards Rushing	180	143
Yards Lost Rushing	24	11
Net Yards Rushing	156	132
Net Yards Passing	118	141
Passes Attempted	33	20
Passes Completed	14	10
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	73	68
Total Net Yards	274	273
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	4.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	4-1	2-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-55	5-62
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-32
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-146	5-166
Average Per Punt	29.2	33.2
Punt Returns:		
No.-Yds.	2-21	3-2
Kickoff Returns:		
No.-Yds.	2-28	3-109

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

PS: Bob Torrey 12-63; Matt Suhey 9-40; Steve Geise 12-36; Jimmy Cefalo 3-18; Chuck Fusina 2-1; Mike Guman 2-(-2).

ND: Al Hunter 26-102; Vagas Ferguson 10-22; Willard Browner 3-10; Steve Orsini 3-7; Rick Slager 6-(-9).

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

PS: Chuck Fusina 33-14-2-118.

ND: Rick Slager 19-10-0-141; Willard Browner 1-0-0-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

PS: Jimmy Cefalo 5-60; Bob Torrey 3-(-3); Matt Suhey 2-17; Rich Mauti 1-21; Tom Donovan 1-11; Mick Shuler 1-10; Mike Guman 1-2.

ND: Ken MacAfee 5-78; Dan Kelleher 3-46; Al Hunter 1-13; Steve Orsini 1-4.

### NOTRE DAME MVP

Al Hunter, Left Halfback

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1978 COTTON BOWL

**NOTRE DAME 38 — TEXAS 10**

DALLAS — And then there were none. Not one unbeaten football team in major college football remained.

Dan Devine's Fighting Irish of Notre Dame took care of the last one, using an unrelenting defense to force six Texas turnovers and an opportunistic offense which capitalized on five of them to rout the previously unbeaten Longhorns 38-10 in the Cotton Bowl and claim the national championship for themselves.

The victory elevated Notre Dame into the top spot in both the AP and UPI final polls. Meanwhile, Texas - which had held the number-one ranking in both polls coming into the game - slipped to fourth in AP and fifth in UPI.

The Irish were devastating, particularly in the trenches, where the Irish defensive line threw a lasso around Texas Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell. Though Campbell did gain 116 yards on 29 carries, they were all tough yards. His longest run from scrimmage was only 18 late in the second quarter.

The Irish also forced the Longhorns into six turnovers, three fumbles and three interceptions, and took advantage of what Texas gave them with an offensive line performance which was awesome.

Backs Jerome Heavens and Vagas Ferguson gained 102 and 100 yards, respectively, by going where the Longhorns weren't. Ferguson, who also scored three touchdowns, won the outstanding offensive player honor.

Defensively, the top honor went to Irish middle linebacker Bob Golic, who made 17 tackles and blocked a field-goal attempt by Russell Erxleben.

After the teams had traded field goals in the first quarter - Notre Dame's Dave Reeve hit a 47-yarder (after a Texas fumble) before Erxleben connected on a 42-yarder into a 12 mph wind - Golic and teammates Mike Calhoun and Doug Becker forced a Ham Jones fumble on a screen pass from Randy McEachern and Jim Browner recovered at the Longhorn 27.

Senior captain Terry Eurick scored on the fifth play after that turnover to give the Irish a 10-3 lead on the first play of the second quarter.

Defensive tackle Ken Dike then got into the act on Texas' next possession, stripping a scrambling McEachern of the ball, which Willie Fry recovered at the Longhorn 35.

Five plays later, Eurick scampered in from the 10 for a 17-3 lead.

An interception by linebacker Becker set up Notre Dame's third touchdown of the period, a 17-yard pass from Joe Montana to Ferguson.

But the Longhorns threw a scare into the Irish late in the quarter when McEachern directed a 68-yard, six-play drive in just 22 seconds to score. The touchdown came on a 13-yard aerial from McEachern to Mike Lockett after Irish safety Jim Browner had been called for interference on the last play of the first half.

The Irish regained the lost momentum when linebacker Steve Heimkreiter intercepted a McEachern pass midway through the third quarter. Ferguson went the final three yards on the 29-yard drive off left tackle to score, making it 31-10.

The loss ended a storybook season for first-year coach Fred Akers whose Longhorns had won 11 straight games. Notre Dame survived an early loss to Mississippi to finish 11-1 with 10 straight victories.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	21	7	7	38
Texas	3	7	0	0	10
Attendance: 76,701		Weather: Fair, 35 degrees			

Team	Score ND-UT	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	3-0	1	11:35	Dave Reeve 47 FG
Drive: 32 yards in four plays; Time Elapsed: 0:59.				
Texas	3-3	1	6:07	Russ Erxleben 42 FG
Drive: 80 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:18; Big Plays: Ham Jones runs of 40 and seven yards.				
Notre Dame	10-3	2	14:56	Terry Eurick 6 run (Dave Reeve kick)
Drive: 27 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 1:06; Big Plays: Jim Browner recovered Texas fumble at Texas 27-yard line. Joe Montana pass to Ken MacAfee for 10 yards, Jerome Heavens run of 10 yards.				
Notre Dame	17-3	2	11:37	Terry Eurick 10 run (Dave Reeve kick)
Drive: 35 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 1:32.				
Notre Dame	24-3	2	7:28	Vagas Ferguson 17 pass from Joe Montana (Dave Reeve kick)
Drive: 20 yards in three plays; Time Elapsed: 0:39; Big Plays: Doug Becker intercepted Texas pass and returned it to Texas 17-yard line. On third play from scrimmage Joe Montana passed to Vagas Ferguson for touchdown.				
Texas	24-10	2	0:00	Mike Lockett 13 pass from Randy McEachern (Russ Erxleben kick)
Drive: 68 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 0:20.				
Notre Dame	31-10	3	6:49	Vagas Ferguson 3 run (Dave Reeve kick)
Drive: 29 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 2:20; Big Plays: Steve Heimkreiter intercepted Texas pass on Texas 26-yard line, Joe Montana passes to Dave Waymer for 12 yards and Terry Eurick for 12 yards.				
Notre Dame	38-10	4	9:41	Vagas Ferguson 26 run (Dave Reeve kick)
Drive: 50 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 2:01.				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UT	ND	UT	ND
First Downs	16	26	Total Offensive Plays	74 85
By Rushing	6	15	Total Net Yards	291 399
By Passing	9	11	Average Gain Per Play	3.9 4.7
By Penalty	1	0	Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-3 0-0
Rushing Attempts	50	53	Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5 4-37
Yards Rushing	190	250	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0 3-20
Yards Lost Rushing	59	7	Punts: No.-Yds.	3-120 5-152
Net Yards Rushing	131	243	Average Per Punt	40.0 30.4
Net Yards Passing	160	156	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-1 0-0
Passes Attempted	24	32	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	8-81 1-17
Passes Completed	11	14		
Had Intercepted	3	1		

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

UT: Earl Campbell 29-116; Ham Jones 11-63; Paul Thompson 1-2; Johnnie Johnson 1-2; Randy McEachern 8-(-52).

ND: Jerome Heavens 22-101; Vagas Ferguson 21-100; Terry Eurick 4-16; Rusty Lisch 2-16; Jim Stone 2-4; Dave Mitchell 1-3; Joe Montana 1-3.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

UT: Randy McEachern 24-11-3-160.

ND: Joe Montana 25-10-1-111; Rusty Lisch 7-4-0-45.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

UT: Gil Harris 4-57; Alfred Jackson 3-33; Lam Jones 1-34; Ronnie Miksch 1-18; Mike Lockett 1-13; Ham Jones 1-5.

ND: Ken MacAfee 4-45; Dave Waymer 3-38; Vagas Ferguson 3-23; Kris Haines 2-29; Terry Eurick 1-12; Pete Pallas 1-9.

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Outstanding Offensive Player  
Vagas Ferguson, Running Back

Outstanding Defensive Player  
Bob Golic, Linebacker



# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1979 COTTON BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 35 — HOUSTON 34

DALLAS — Notre Dame utilized a miracle rally beginning midway through the fourth period to shock Houston 35-34 and capture the 43rd and coldest Cotton Bowl. It featured a comeback that many longtime observers called the greatest in Irish football history.

Quarterback Joe Montana, who missed most of the third quarter because of below-normal body temperature, captained an Irish rescue mission which saw the gold and green put 23 points on the board in the final seven minutes and 37 seconds, erasing a 34-12 Cougar lead in the process.

What happened in the last 7:37 was mind-boggling. For starters, the tide turned when freshman reserve fullback Tony Belden blocked a Jay Wyatt punt and classmate Steve Cichy picked it up in a crowd and rambled 33 yards for an Irish score. Notre Dame, electing to go for two, narrowed the deficit to 34-20 when Montana connected with tailback Vagas Ferguson in the end zone.

After his team had forced another Wyatt punt, Montana shifted into overdrive when the Irish regained possession at their own 39-yard line with 5:40 remaining on the clock.

On three straight plays the senior signal caller connected with freshman tight end Dean Masztak, fullback Jerome Heavens and flanker Pete Holohan for respective gains of 17, 30 and 11 (the last one on pass interference) yards. Two plays later Montana swept left end for two yards and a touchdown. Two points were once again a must for the Irish, who brought the score to 34-28 with a Montana-to-Haines completion.

The once dumbfounded Notre Dame legions suddenly had reason to cheer. Their Irish were rolling, or so it seemed, until all momentum seemed gone with 2:05 left in the game. It was then when Montana fumbled after a 16-yard run to the Houston 20 and Cougar Tommy Ebner recovered.

The Irish defense stiffened, and with a fourth-and-one from the Cougar 29 and 35 seconds left, Yeoman overruled a possible punt to go for the first down that would seal a win for the Southwest Conference champions. But Notre Dame held on a great stop by freshman Joe Gramke and the Irish took over with 28 ticks of the clock left, just 29 yards short of paydirt.

Montana, who needed a dose of chicken soup to help erase his hypothermic condition, started the last-ditch Irish effort by running for 11 yards and then throwing to Kris Haines for a gain of 10.

On the next play Montana, the same Montana who had earlier thrown four interceptions, wasted little time getting rid of the ball, tossing it quickly to the right corner of the end zone and in the direction of Haines. The pass was incomplete, but Montana's quickness in releasing stopped the clock with two seconds remaining and gave the Irish one last chance.

Montana, calling for the same play twice in a row, then proceeded to hit Hines with the tying touchdown pass.

Joe Unis, a Dallas native, came on to kick the extra point. An illegal procedure penalty nullified the winning point, so Unis had to do it all over. He did, and the miracle was history.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	12	0	0	23	35
Houston	7	13	14	0	34
Attendance: 32,500		Weather: Cold, 20 degrees			

Team	Score ND-UH	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	6-0	1	6:55	Joe Montana 3 run (Joe Unis kick failed) Drive: 66 yards in nine plays; Time Elapsed: 3:41; Big Plays: Joe Montana passes to Jerome Heavens for 27 yards and Dean Masztak for 26 yards.
Notre Dame	12-0	1	4:40	Pete Buchanan 1 run (Joe Montana pass failed) Drive: 25 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 2:15; Big Plays: Bob Crable recovered Houston fumble at Houston 25-yard line, Joe Montana pass to Vagas Ferguson for nine yards.
Houston	12-7	1	0:17	Willis Adams 15 pass from Danny Davis (Kenny Hatfield kick) Drive: 12 yards in three plays; Time Elapsed: 1:14.
Houston	12-14	2	6:27	Randy Love 1 run (Kenny Hatfield kick) Drive: 21 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 2:05; Big Plays: David Hodge recovered Notre Dame fumble at Notre Dame 21-yard line. Emmett King run of 14 yards.
Houston	12-17	2	3:00	Kenny Hatfield 21 FG Drive: 21 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 2:16.
Houston	12-20	2	0:03	Kenny Hatfield 34 FG Drive: 39 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 1:08.
Houston	12-27	3	6:29	Danny Davis 2 run (Kenny Hatfield kick) Drive: 30 yards in eight plays; Time Elapsed: 3:46; Big Plays: Danny Davis passes to Willis Adams for 20 yards and Eric Herring for nine yards, Danny Davis run of 11 yards.
Houston	12-34	3	4:40	Danny Davis 5 run (Kenny Hatfield kick) Drive: 19 yards in three plays; Time Elapsed: 1:18; Big Plays: Harold Fields recovered blocked Notre Dame 19-yard line. Danny Davis run of 12 yards.
Notre Dame	20-34	4	7:25	Steve Cichy 33 blocked punt return (Vagas Ferguson pass from Joe Montana) Drive: 33 yards in one play; Time Elapsed: 0:12.
Notre Dame	28-34	4	4:15	Joe Montana 2 run (Kris Haines pass from Joe Montana) Drive: 61 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 1:22; Big Plays: Joe Montana passes to Dean Masztak for 17 yards and Jerome Heavens for 30 yards.
Notre Dame	35-34	4	0:00	Kris Haines 8 pass from Joe Montana (Joe Unis kick) Drive: 29 yards in four plays; Time Elapsed: 0:28; Big Plays: Joe Montana run of 11 yards and pass to Kris Haines for 10 yards.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UH	ND	UH	ND
First Downs	16	13	Total Offensive Plays	76 77
By Rushing	12	4	Total Net Yards	289 294
By Passing	3	7	Average Gain Per Play	3.8 3.8
By Penalty	1	2	Fumbles: No.-Lost	6-3 3-3
Rushing Attempts	63	40	Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-38 8-74
Yards Rushing	253	144	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	4-43 0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	24	13	Punts: No.-Yds.	10-255 7-184
Net Yards Rushing	239	131	Average Per Punt	25.5 26.3
Net Yards Passing	60	163	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-(-2) 5-48
Passes Attempted	13	37	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-33 6-136
Passes Completed	4	13		
Had Intercepted	0	4		

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

UH: Danny Davis 19-76; Emmett King 21-74; Randy Love 22-73; Delrick Brown 1-6.  
ND: Jerome Heavens 16-71; Joe Montana 7-26; Vagas Ferguson 10-19; Pete Pallas 4-11; Dave Mitchell 1-3; Pete Buchanan 2-1.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

UH: Danny Davis 12-4-0-60; Delrick Brown 1-0-0-0.  
ND: Joe Montana 34-13-3-163; Tim Koegel 3-0-0-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

UH: Willis Adams 2-35; Eric Herring 2-25.  
ND: Jerome Heavens 4-60; Kris Haines 4-31; Dean Masztak 3-49; Pete Holohan 1-14; Vagas Ferguson 1-9.

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Joe Montana, Quarterback

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1981 SUGAR BOWL

### GEORGIA 17 — NOTRE DAME 10

NEW ORLEANS — The day before Georgia met Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl, Vince Dooley was hoping his football players would spend New Year's Eve night "in their hotel rooms, watching whatever it is they drop in New York, that ball or whatever."

By the time the two teams had played out Georgia's 17-10 win over Notre Dame in the 47th Sugar Bowl, Georgia had watched and claimed everything that fell from the heavens of the Superdome, including its first national championship.

The Bulldogs capitalized on two critical Notre Dame mistakes in the first half for touchdown drives of one and 22 yards, then fought back repeated Notre Dame threats in the second half giving 12-0 Georgia its first unbeaten season since 1946.

After seventh-ranked Notre Dame took a 3-0 lead on the game's first possession, the Irish drove to the Georgia 31 the next time they had the ball. But freshman Terry Hoage shot through the middle to block Harry Oliver's 48-yard field goal attempt. The play did two things. It led to Georgia's first score and warned Notre Dame of the strange perils that lay ahead.

The game's most valuable player, Herschel Walker, ran the ball six times to the Notre Dame 19 before the drive stopped and Rex Robinson kicked a 46-yard field goal to make it 3-3.

Robinson kicked off and drove the ball high and deep. Notre Dame deep backs Jim Stone and Ty Barber drifted away from the ball before it hit near the goal and began bouncing laterally. Stone had called for Barber to take the kick, but the crowd noise drowned out the call. Stone went after the ball but Georgia's Bob Kelly recovered at the one. Two plays later Walker dove over from the one and Georgia was ahead to stay 10-3.

If the 59-yard onside kick hadn't done enough damage, Notre Dame gave Georgia the eventual game-winning score in the first minute of the second quarter.

Notre Dame fullback John Sweeney's only carry of the game ended in a fumble when he was hit by linebacker Frank Ros at the Notre Dame 20. Chris Welton recovered for Georgia at the 22, the first of four Notre Dame turnovers.

Walker ran off right tackle for 12 yards and quarterback Buck Belue scrambled for seven more to the three. Walker took it over from there, scooting around right end untouched. Georgia had only three first downs and a 17-3 lead.

After Georgia went ahead on Walker's run, Notre Dame drove to the Bulldog 13 but again came away frustrated. Quarterback Mike Courey's lob pass for Pete Holohan was intercepted by Scott Woerner in the end zone. Midway through the third period the game's next serious threat developed when Notre Dame again drove to the Georgia 13. It was stopped when Woerner tipped away a Blair Kiel pass to Holohan in the end zone.

If Georgia's special teams ignited the win, the Bulldog defense fanned the flames in the second half. Belue went almost 58 minutes of the game without a completion and finished one-for-12. Walker, who gained 95 yards on 17 first-half carries managed only 55 on 19 second-half attempts.

As the third period wore on, Notre Dame's size began taking its toll on the smaller Bulldogs. Hanging in became an obvious chore.

With five minutes remaining in the third period Kiel - who quarterbacked the entire second half after Courey broke his right hand just before halftime - drove Notre Dame 57 methodical yards in 10 impressive plays. Phil Carter scored from one yard out and Oliver's kick made it 17-10 with :54 left in the third period.

On its next possession Notre Dame drove from its 46 to the Georgia 27 in five quick plays. But just when it appeared the Irish had the Bulldogs on the ropes, Woerner made another big play. On third and three at the Bulldog 20, the Georgia safety sliced through and dropped Phil Carter for a one-yard loss. Oliver - who had a one-for-four day on field goals - missed a 38-yard attempt.

Georgia defensive coordinator Erk Russell watched the mounting Irish momentum with a degree of concern. Notre Dame's domination - the Irish outgained Georgia 328 yards to 127 and had a 78-65 edge in plays - appeared to be mounting with each possession.

With nine minutes remaining Georgia had an opportunity to put Notre Dame out of reach of a one-touchdown comeback. Kiel's deep sideline pass from Hunter was intercepted by Mike Fisher at the Notre Dame 37. An incomplete long pass and two running plays by Walker gained six yards. Robinson pushed his 48-yard field goal wide to the right.

## SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	0	7	0	10
Georgia	10	7	0	0	17

Attendance: 77,895 Weather: Perfect, 72 degrees

Team	Score ND-GA	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	3-0	1	10:41	Harry Oliver 50 FG Drive: 48 yards in nine plays; Time Elapsed: 4:19; Big Plays: Blair Kiel passes to Phil Carter for 22 yards and Dean Masztak for 16 yards.
Georgia	3-3	1	1:45	Rex Robinson 46 FG Drive: 20 yards in eight plays; Time Elapsed: 3:38; Big Plays: Three Herschel Walker runs for seven yards and one for eight yards.
Georgia	3-10	1	1:04	Herschel Walker 1 run (Rex Robinson kick) Drive: 1 yard in two plays; Time Elapsed: 0:41.
Georgia	3-17	2	13:49	Herschel Walker 3 run (Rex Robinson kick) Drive: 22 yards in three plays; Time Elapsed: 0:17; Big Play: Herschel Walker run for 12 yards.
Notre Dame	10-17	3	:54	Phil Carter 1 run (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 57 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:25; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 16 yards.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	GA
First Downs	17	10
By Rushing	10	8
By Passing	7	1
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	50	52
Yards Rushed	206	181
Yards Lost Rushing	16	61
Net Yards Rushing	190	120
Net Yards Passing	138	7
Passes Attempted	28	13
Passes Completed	14	1
Had Intercepted	3	0
Total Offensive Plays	78	65
Total Net Yards	328	127
Average Gain Per Play	4.2	1.9
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	8-69	6-32
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	3-19
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-210	11-424
Average Per Punt	42.0	38.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-2	3-25
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-52	3-55

## INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

GA: Herschel Walker 36-150; Jimmy Womack 1-2; Carnie Norris 2-2; Buck Belue 13--(34).  
ND: Phil Carter 27-109; Mike Courey 5-40; Blair Kiel 10-27; Jim Stone 6-12; John Sweeney 1-2; Pete Buchanan 1-0.

## INDIVIDUAL PASSING

GA: Buck Belue 12-1-0-7; Herschel Walker 1-0-0-0.  
ND: Blair Kiel 27-14-2-138; Mike Courey 1-0-1-0.

## INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

GA: Amp Arnold 1-7.  
ND: Pete Holohan 4-44; Tony Hunter 3-29; Phil Carter 2-24; Dean Masztak 2-22; Nick Vehr 2-14; Pete Buchanan 1-5.

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1983 LIBERTY BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 19 — BOSTON COLLEGE 18

MEMPHIS — Notre Dame risked being labeled a “Scrooge” by finally shedding its charitable image in the 1983 Liberty Bowl.

After literally giving away victory and a chance at a major bowl bid to Penn State and Air Force in the waning seconds of the last two games of the regular season, the Irish defense tightened its money clip and emphatically refused Boston College’s request for a 10-2 record and residency among the nation’s top 10 teams.

With just 1:08 left on the clock and the Irish clinging to a perilously slim 19-18 advantage, Boston College faced a crucial fourth-and-four situation at the Notre Dame 35-yard line. Quarterback Doug Flutie, the Eagles’ shifty 5-9 junior who already had completed 16 of 36 passes for 287 yards, was threatening to pull off another magical comeback.

But Flutie’s last attempt fell incomplete. The Notre Dame defense blitzed and forced Flutie, who had slipped on the frozen turf, to unload the ball a bit sooner than planned. Freshman cornerback Troy Wilson smothered intended receiver Joe Giaquinto, who dove for Flutie’s pass and missed.

The Irish took possession with just a minute left and needed only to run out the clock for the 19-18 victory in Memphis. The Notre Dame defense had clung to its final margin of victory for 22 minutes—an eternity for Irish players, coaches and fans who were shivering with the thought of *deja vu*.

Senior quarterback Blair Kiel, who was relegated to relief duties after the first three games of the season, regained the starting nod on the basis of his off-the-bench performance in the last game against Air Force. He responded by completing 11 of 19 passes for 151 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown pass to freshman Alvin Miller.

Kiel’s accurate passing complemented Notre Dame’s two-pronged running attack which somehow managed to establish a strong footing on the icy field that was slippery between the hash marks and soft on the sides.

Instead of the usual I-formation, fullback Chris Smith and tailback Allen Pinkett shared time behind the huge Irish offensive line. The set-up was new, but the plays were the same. And the wrinkles caused the Eagle defense plenty of problems. Pinkett skated for 111 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 28 carries, while it took Smith 18 tries to gain his personal best of 104 yards.

But despite the offensive displays of Flutie and Kiel and Company and the last-minute heroics of the Irish defense, the difference in the game proved to be Mike Johnston’s one successful extra point. His next two attempts were blocked, but he still fared better than the Eagles. Brian Waldron slipped on his only try and both two-point conversion attempts failed.

Flutie’s pinpoint passing (three completions for 64 yards) moved Boston College into the end zone in just seven plays after the opening kickoff. Flutie’s favorite receiver, Brian Brennan, dove for a 17-yard touchdown catch to put the Eagles on the board.

But the Irish came right back with a 15-play, 87-yard drive that consumed nearly eight minutes. On fourth and one, Pinkett crossed the goal line. Johnston kicked the only successful PAT of the evening and Notre Dame led 7-6.

Holding penalties thwarted Notre Dame’s next two scoring opportunities and nearly wiped out a third after Golic blocked a John Mihalik punt and Stacey Toran recovered at the Eagles’ six. But on third and 14, Kiel lofted a scoring pass to Miller, who had only caught two the entire season.

On their next possession, the Irish marched 53 yards in six plays as Pinkett scored from the three around right end. Notre Dame moved in front 19-6.

But Flutie got back on track after the ensuing kickoff with a 42-yard pass to fullback Bob Biestek. Three plays later he connected with flanker Gerard Phelan for a 28-yard touchdown.

The Irish opened the second half by driving to the Eagles’ 15 but were forced to give up the football when Pinkett was stopped short on fourth and one.

Flutie then directed the Eagles 85 yards downfield and tossed a three-yard scoring pass to tight end Scott Gieselman. But Tony Furjanic, Notre Dame’s defensive MVP with seven tackles and an interception, batted Flutie’s two-point conversion pass away from Gieselman, and the Irish were still ahead, 19-18.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Boston College	6	6	6	0	18
Notre Dame	7	12	0	0	19
Attendance: 47,071	Weather: Cold, 12 degrees				

Team	Score ND-BC	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Boston College	0-6	1	12:07	Brian Brennan 17 pass from Doug Flutie (Doug Waldron kick failed) Drive: 63 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 2:53; Big Play: Doug Flutie pass to Brendan Murphy for 29 yards.
Notre Dame	7-6	1	4:24	Allen Pinkett 1 run (Mike Johnston kick) Drive: 87 yards in 16 plays; Time Elapsed: 7:43; Big Play: Chris Smith run for 17 yards.
Notre Dame	13-6	2	11:49	Alvin Miller 13 pass from Blair Kiel (Mike Johnston kick blocked) Drive: Six yards in four plays; Time Elapsed: 1:02.
Notre Dame	19-6	2	8:19	Allen Pinkett 3 runs (Mike Johnston kick blocked) Drive: 53 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 2:11; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Mark Bavaro for 20 yards.
Boston College	19-12	2	7:02	Gerard Phelan 28 pass from Doug Flutie (Doug Flutie pass failed) Drive: 69 yards in four plays; Time Elapsed: 1:08; Big Play: Doug Flutie pass to Bob Biestek for 42 yards.
Boston College	19-18	3	7:20	Scott Gieselman 3 pass from Doug Flutie (Doug Flutie pass failed) Drive: 85 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:00; Big Play: Doug Flutie pass to Brian Brennan for 41 yards.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	BC
First Downs	19	15
By Rushing	12	6
By Passing	7	9
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	54	29
Yards Rushing	253	126
Yards Lost Rushing	28	33
Net Yards Rushing	225	93
Net Yards Passing	151	287
Passes Attempted	19	38
Passes Completed	11	16
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	73	67
Total Net Yards	376	380
Average Per Play	5.14	5.66
Return Yards	10	0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-47	7-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-3	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-17	16-168
Average Per Punt	28.5	28.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-7	1-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-55	4-83

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

BC: Troy Stradford 16-51, Doug Flutie 5-32, Jim Browne 4-13, Bob Biestek 2-8, Ken Bell 1-3, Tim (-) 1-(-14).

ND: Allen Pinkett 28-111, Chris Smith 18-104, Mark Brooks 2-26, Alvin Miller 1-7, Blair Kiel 5-23.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

BC: Doug Flutie 37-16-1-287, Brian Brennan 1-0-0-0.

ND: Blair Kiel 19-11-1-151.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

BC: Brian Brennan 4-91, Gerard Phelan 4-52, Scott Geiselman 3-19, Troy Stradford 2-17, Bob Biestek 1-42, Kelvin Martin 1-36, Brendan Murphy 1-30.

ND: Mark Bavaro 5-52, Alvin Miller 3-31, Milt Jackson 2-25, Joe Howard 1-43.

### DEFENSIVE MVP

Tony Furjanic, Linebacker

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1984 ALOHA BOWL

### SMU 27 — NOTRE DAME 20

HONOLULU — It had all the earmarks of a classic Notre Dame comeback.

In fact, the Irish already had done it once that day-rebounding from a quick 14-0 deficit to tie the contest at 17 heading into the final period of the Aloha Bowl against SMU.

This time, the Ponies had grabbed a 27-17 advantage with 6:13 remaining. With SMU expecting a pass, Notre Dame ran nine straight times in a 2:57 period before John Carney's 31-yard field goal at the 3:15 mark.

The Irish defense then did the job, halting Reggie Dupard on a third-and-four attempt from the SMU 26. Mike Kovaleski stopped him after only a single yard.

After SMU's punt, quarterback Steve Beuerlein went to work from the Irish 23 with 2:42 left on the clock. Beuerlein had thrown only 12 passes to that point in the game. He would throw 11 in the next 2:19, almost enough for a patented Notre Dame finish. But he finished one short.

A second down Beuerlein run for 14 yards gave the Irish a first down at the SMU 17. Mark Bavaro grabbed a first-down pass for one yard and the clock kept moving. On second down, Beuerlein's throw for Joe Howard near the goal line caught Howard leaning the wrong direction. On third down, Beuerlein threw for Tim Brown, only to have the ball tipped into the air and knocked to the ground by SMU safety Tim Green. On fourth down, Beuerlein scrambled out of the pocket to his right and found Milt Jackson open in the end zone.

For the 10th-ranked Mustangs, it marked the moment of their 27-20 victory. Beuerlein's throw was just past the outstretched hands of Jackson with 23 seconds remaining.

SMU took advantage of its quickness to put touchdowns on the board on its initial two possessions. Junior quarterback Don King threw for 24 yards on the first SMU play from scrimmage, then Dupard ran for 11 yards the next down. A sprained ankle quickly put Dupard on the sidelines, but it mattered little. Sophomore Jeff Atkins—who eventually earned the offensive MVP award—caught a key 16-yard pass on third down and eventually scored on a seven-yard run.

The next time they had the ball, the Mustangs drove 80 yards in 14 plays—with King throwing to Cobby Morrison for a 21-yard score. King made the key play of that drive, throwing for 21 yards to Ron Morris on a third-and-18 call from the Irish 29.

Brown returned the SMU kickoff 53 yards to the SMU 47 - and Pinkett went to work. He carried five times down to the Pony 17 before catching a pass from Beuerlein in the end zone for the touchdown. The Irish defense held this time, and Notre Dame again went to work.

Starting from their own 15, the Irish had a 27-yard pass to Alonzo Jefferson nullified by clipping. Still, they came right back with a 15-yarder to Bavaro plus a facemask violation against SMU—then a 28-yard shovel pass to Jefferson. Another key stop of Jefferson on third and two by SMU halted the march—but Carney connected from 51 yards (the longest of his career and an Aloha Bowl record) to make it 14-10. SMU scored the final points of the half on a 47-yard field goal with even seconds remaining to make it 17-10 at the break.

Notre Dame was able to force Mustang punts on the first three possessions of the second half, but the Irish couldn't take advantage until the third try. Pinkett ran off gains of 11 and 13 yards, and Mark Brooks finally took it in from 11 for a 17-17 tie with 2:10 left in the third period.

SMU came right back to take the lead on an agonizingly-long, 19-play drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock. The Ponies did it the hard way, with Dupard twice converting on fourth-down runs after SMU reached the Notre Dame 25. Brandy Brownlee's 30-yard field goal made it 20-17 with 11:47 left in the game.

The Mustangs needed seven running plays to score what appeared to be the clinching touchdown. Atkins took a pitch for 22 yards and Dupard added 11 before Dupard's eventual two-yard scoring run.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	10	7	3	20
SMU	7	10	0	10	27
Attendance: 41,777      Weather: Cloudy, 77 degrees					

Team	Score	SMU-ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
SMU	7-0	1	6:07	Jeff Atkins 7 run (Brandy Brownlee kick)	
Drive: 78 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:08.					
SMU	14-0	2	11:35	Cobby Morrison 12 pass from Don King (Brandy Brownlee kick)	
Drive: 80 yards in 14 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:28.					
Notre Dame	14-7	2	8:26	Allen Pinkett 17 pass Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick)	
Drive: 47 yards in seven plays; Elapsed Time: 2:59.					
Notre Dame	14-10	2	4:23	John Carney 51 FG	
Drive: 51 yards in seven plays; Elapsed Time: 3:01.					
SMU	17-10	2	:07	Brandy Brownlee 47 FG	
Drive: 49 yards in 12 plays; Elapsed Time: 4:16.					
Notre Dame	17-17	3	3:50	Mark Brooks 11 run (John Carney kick)	
Drive: 40 yards in five plays; Elapsed Time: 2:10.					
SMU	27-17	4	6:13	Reggie Dupard 2 run (Brandy Brownlee kick)	
Drive: 50 yards in seven plays; Elapsed Time: 3:15.					
Notre Dame	27-20	4	3:15	John Carney 31 FG	
Drive: 65 yards in nine plays; Elapsed Time: 2:57.					

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	SMU
First Downs	22	26
By Rushing	12	18
By Passing	9	7
By Penalty	1	1
Yards Rushing	250	280
Yards Lost Rushing	32	54
Net Yards Rushing	218	226
Net Yards Passing	144	153
Passes Attempted	23	17
Passes Completed	11	9
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	81
Total Net Yards	362	379
Average Gain Per Play	5.5	4.7
Return Yards	42	25
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	4-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-44	5-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-166	5-205
Average Per Punt	41.5	41.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	4-42	2-25
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-105	2-55

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

SMU: Jeff Atkins 17-112, Reggie Dupard 23-103, Gary Hashaway 8-34, Cobby Morrison 7-26, Ron Morris 1-(-13), Don King 8-(-36).

ND: Allen Pinkett 24-136, Alonzo Jefferson 9-60, Mark Brooks 4-19, Steve Beuerlein 5-7, Tim Brown 1-(-4).

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

SMU: Don King 17-9-0-153.

ND: Steve Beuerlein 23-11-0-144.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

SMU: Jeff Atkins 2-31, Gary Hashaway 2-27, Ron Morris 2-27, Reggie Dupard 1-39, Marquis Pleasant 1-17, Cobby Morrison 1-12.

ND: Alonzo Jefferson 2-37, Joe Howard 2-24, Mark Bavaro 2-16, Tim Brown 1-16, Milt Jackson 1-13, Allen Pinkett 1-17, Chris Smith 1-11, Ricky Gray 1-10.

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1988 COTTON BOWL

### TEXAS A&M 35 — NOTRE DAME 10

DALLAS — For Notre Dame the 1988 Cotton Bowl closely resembled the 1987 season - a good start and a tough luck finish. The Irish, appearing in their first New Year's Day bowl in seven years, played like the team that shut down Michigan and Alabama-for almost a half, anyway.

But Texas A&M made the most of a costly second-period Irish turnover, and the momentum and breaks went the Aggies' direction the rest of the way as the Southwest Conference champions rolled to a 35-10 victory.

After losing the last two games of the regular season, the Irish looked like they were back on track on the opening kickoff, a 37-yard return by Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, his longest of the season. The next three plays were Anthony Johnson left, Anthony Johnson middle, and Anthony Johnson right to pound out the first down. Then Terry Andrysiak, playing for the first time since breaking his collarbone in October, took to the air with a 29-yard strike to Brown to the Aggie 20. After two runs for short gains, Notre Dame found itself facing a third down and seven. But once again it was Andrysiak to Brown, this time for 17 yards and a touchdown.

Texas A&M missed a field goal on the next possession, but a career long 64-yard punt by Craig Stump late in the quarter put the Irish on their own two-yard line and helped get the ball back to the Aggies in a hurry. Scott Slater managed to put a 26-yarder through the uprights as time expired in the first quarter.

The second quarter started out like the first. Notre Dame scored on its first possession with a 36-yard field goal by Ted Gradel. The Irish defense held the Aggies to 23 yards on their next drive and the Irish again began to march down the field. Andrysiak to Brown for 22. Andrysiak to Brown for 24. Andrysiak to Reggie Ward for 13. The Irish seemed unstoppable as they stood poised on the 18-yard line ready to score again.

Then, with 4:06 on the clock, the bottom fell out. A play-action pass intended to go right went left. Andrysiak's pass to tight end Andy Heck was picked off in the end zone by Alex Morris who made a one-handed catch and barely landed in bounds. The Aggies came alive.

Backup Lance Pavlas, who alternated at quarterback with the game's offensive MVP, Bucky Richardson, directed an 80-yard drive highlighted by a 33-yard pass to Gary Oliver. But it was freshman halfback Darren Lewis who took a pitch, stopped short and hit Tony Thompson for a 24-yard touchdown to tie the game.

The Irish took over on their own 29-yard line, but not for long. Braxton Banks dropped a short pass from Andrysiak and a controversial fumble call gave the Aggies the football. Four plays later Larry Horton drove two yards for an A&M touchdown with 0:26 left in the half. A "swinging gate" play, in which Wally Hartley ran three yards behind a wall of Aggies, gave Texas A&M the two-point conversion and an 18-10 halftime lead.

Texas A&M's momentum continued into the second half as the Aggies drove 80 yards to the Notre Dame one-yard line on their first possession. The Irish had a chance to stem the tide when Wes Pritchett hit Matt Gurley, forcing a fumble. Brandy Wells recovered for Notre Dame in the end zone for the touchback. But on the next play tailback Mark Green fumbled the ball and Dana Batiste recovered for A&M. A defensive pass interference penalty moved the Aggies down to the eight-yard line. Then Richardson ran one yard for the touchdown.

The Aggies continued to dominate the Irish in the fourth quarter, shutting out Brown, keeping Andrysiak to only two completions and holding Notre Dame to only 76 yards in the second half. Kip Corrington stopped Andrysiak on fourth and nine on the Aggie 28-yard line early in the quarter, ending any hopes of an Irish comeback. The Aggies ran at the Irish for 59 yards, setting up a Scott Slater 25-yard field goal with 8:32 on the clock.

Corrington would haunt Andrysiak again, this time with an interception of another pass intended for Heck on the Irish 30-yard line. Texas A&M wasted no time converting the turnover into the final score of the game as Richardson ran eight yards for his second touchdown.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	3	0	0	10
Texas A&M	3	15	7	10	35

Attendance: 73,006 Weather: Partly cloudy, dry, 37 degrees

Team	Score ND-A&M	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	0-7	1	11:25	Tim Brown 17 pass from Terry Andrysiak (Ted Gradel kick)
Drive: 59 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 3:28.				
Texas A&M	3-7	1	0:00	Scott Slater 26 FG
Drive: 30 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 3:09.				
Notre Dame	3-10	2	10:52	Ted Gradel 36 FG
Drive: 51 yards in nine plays; Elapsed Time: 4:03.				
Texas A&M	10-10	2	1:42	Tony Thompson 24 pass from Darren Lewis (Scott Slater kick)
Drive: 80 yards in six plays; Elapsed Time: 2:24.				
Texas A&M	18-10	2	0:26	Larry Horton 2 run (Wally Hartley run)
Drive: 21 yards in four plays; Elapsed Time: 1:02.				
Texas A&M	25-10	3	3:35	Bucky Richardson 1 run (Scott Slater kick)
Drive: 23 yards in five plays; Elapsed Time: 1:43.				
Texas A&M	28-10	4	8:32	Scott Slater 25 FG
Drive: 59 yards in nine plays; Elapsed Time: 4:17.				
Texas A&M	35-10	4	5:10	Bucky Richardson 8 run (Scott Slater kick)
Drive: 30 yards in five plays; Elapsed Time: 2:43.				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	A&M		ND	A&M
First Downs	16	24	Total Offensive Plays	64	76
By Rushing	5	17	Total Net Yards	277	410
By Passing	10	5	Average Gain Per Play	4.3	5.4
By Penalty	2	2	Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-2	1-1
Rushing Attempts	36	59	Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-64	6-55
Yards Rushing	92	298	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-0
Yards Lost Rushing	18	4	Punts: No.-Yds.	5-157	4-169
Net Yards Rushing	74	294	Average Per Punt	31.4	42.2
Net Yards Passing	203	116	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-4	2-9
Passes Attempted	28	17	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	8-15	12-33
Passes Completed	15	8			
Had Intercepted	2	0			

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

A&M: Bucky Richardson 13-96, Keith Woodside 17-73, Matt Gurley 15-60, Darren Lewis 7-52, Larry Horton 5-13, Lance Pavlas 1-0, Gary Costar 1-0.

ND: Anthony Johnson 8-20, Terry Andrysiak 11-15, Mark Green 5-14, Braxton Banks 5-9, Kent Graham 2-9, Tony Brooks 3-7, Tony Rice 1-3, Ricky Watters 1-(-3).

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

A&M: Lance Pavlas 7-5-0-77, Bucky Richardson 9-2-0-15, Darren Lewis 1-1-0-24.

ND: Terry Andrysiak 25-15-1-203, Tony Rice 3-0-1-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

A&M: Keith Woodside 2-22, Gary Oliver 1-33, Tony Thompson 1-24, Rod Harris 1-19, Sylvester Morgan 1-16, Darren Lewis 1-6, Percy Waddle 1-(-4).

ND: Brown 6-105, Heck 3-28, Ward 2-37, Green 1-24, Watters 1-10, Jefferson 1-7, Banks 1-(-8).

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1989 FIESTA BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 34 — WEST VIRGINIA 21

TEMPE — Combining a knock-'em-in-the-dirt style of defense with a timely passing game set up by the pounding Irish running attack, Notre Dame did it all in putting the finishing touches on its first national championship since 1977.

The Irish got on the scoreboard early, made life miserable for West Virginia star quarterback Major Harris and methodically dismantled the only other unbeaten team left in the country. The result in this Fiesta Bowl battle of perfect records - the 13th in bowl history - left Notre Dame with a 34-21 victory that actually was more convincing than the score indicated.

Michael Stonebreaker and Jeff Alm bashed Harris' left shoulder into the Sun Devil Stadium turf on the third play of the game and West Virginia's quarterback was never the same.

With Harris' effectiveness - and, thus, West Virginia's - reduced almost from the start, it was Irish quarterback Tony Rice who played like a Heisman Trophy contender. Shrugging off the nagging doubts about his passing ability, Rice first went about establishing Notre Dame's relentless ground game by calling for rushes on 16 of Notre Dame's first 17 plays.

Every time West Virginia was poised to stop the Irish option, Rice took advantage of single coverage in the secondary to throw for big yardage. He attempted only 11 passes, completing seven, but averaged more than 30 yards per completion on his way to the offensive MVP award.

"This is a great football team because nobody proved otherwise," said Holtz.

It took Notre Dame hardly any time at all to prove that to the 74,911 fans in attendance. Sending West Virginia's offense to the sideline after three downs, Rice scampered 31 yards around left end on third and seven. That set up a 45-yard Billy Hackett field goal just 4:35 into the game.

Three more plays netted only six yards, and Notre Dame took over again at their 39. Rice connected with Derek Brown for 23 yards but otherwise stayed on the ground all the way to first and goal from the three. West Virginia put up a fight at that point, but Anthony Johnson finally carried for the last yard on fourth down.

West Virginia went two more possessions without gaining first down yardage and the Irish capitalized again. On third and 11 at his own 48, Rice again found Brown wide open over the middle and Notre Dame's rookie tight end sprinted to the five. Rodney Culver scored on the next play to make it 16-0, 5:19 into the second quarter.

The Mountaineers finally found the scoreboard on a 29-yard Charlie Baumann field goal, but two of the three first downs on the 52-yard drive came via Irish penalties. And the Irish came right back with an answer. Rice hit Johnson for 19 yards, then zipped one to Raghieb Ismail for 29 yards and six points for a commanding 23-3 advantage. Only a 36-yard pass play with four seconds left from Harris to Reggie Rembert put West Virginia in position for a 31-yard field goal to close the half.

Notre Dame got those three points right back after Pat Terrell intercepted Harris on West Virginia's initial third-period offensive thrust. This time, it was Reggie Ho connecting from 32 yards after Rice's 35-yarder to Mark Green had picked up the largest chunk of ground.

Next came the only opportunity the Mountaineers had to get back in the game. After Harris had led his team 74 yards for a touchdown to make it 26-13, Willie Edwards intercepted a Rice pass to give West Virginia the ball back at the Irish 26. Notre Dame's defense proved equal to the challenge.

On first down, Flash Gordon hemmed in Harris on the option for a loss of two.

On second down, Stan Smagala made a spectacular deflection in the end zone of a Harris pass.

On third down, Frank Stams - who earned defensive MVP honors - and Arnold Ale stormed Harris for a loss of 12, knocking West Virginia completely out of field goal range. The Mountaineers had to punt, and Notre Dame promptly drove for another touchdown.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	9	14	3	8	34
West Virginia	0	6	7	8	21

Attendance: 74,911 Weather: Cloudy, light rain, 55 degrees

Team	Score ND-WV	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	3-0	1	10:25	Billy Hackett 45 FG
Drive: 37 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 3:00.				
Notre Dame	9-0	1	4:34	Anthony Johnson 1 run (run failed)
Drive: 61 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:20.				
Notre Dame	16-0	2	9:41	Rodney Culver 5 run (Reggie Ho kick)
Drive: 84 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:07.				
West Virginia	16-3	2	6:18	Charlie Baumann 29 FG
Drive: 52 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:22.				
Notre Dame	23-3	2	1:48	Raghieb Ismail 29 pass from Tony Rice (Reggie Ho kick)
Drive: 63 yards in eight plays; Time Elapsed: 4:30.				
West Virginia	23-6	2	2:00	Charlie Baumann 31 FG
Drive: 69 yards in nine plays; Time Elapsed: 1:48.				
Notre Dame	26-6	3	5:34	Reggie Ho 32 FG
Drive: 50 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 3:55.				
West Virginia	26-13	3	3:32	Grantis Bell 17 pass from Major Harris
Drive: 74 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 2:02.				
Notre Dame	34-13	4	13:05	Frank Jacobs 3 pass from Tony Rice (Rice two-point conversion)
Drive: 80 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 3:07.				
West Virginia	34-21	4	1:14	Reggie Rembert 3 run (Rembert two-point conversion)
Drive: 59 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:57.				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	WV	ND	WV
First Downs	19	19	Total Offensive Plays	70 67
By Rushing	13	4	Total Net Yards	455 282
By Passing	6	10	Average Gain Per Play	6.5 4.2
By Penalty	0	5	Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-0 0-0
Rushing Attempts	59	37	Penalties: No.-Yds.	11-102 3-38
Yards Rushing	245	141	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0 1-14
Yards Lost Rushing	3	33	Punts: No.-Yds.	4-147 7-318
Net Yards Rushing	242	108	Average Per Punt	36.8 45.1
Net Yards Passing	213	174	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-28 2-35
Passes Attempted	11	30	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3 6-107
Passes Completed	7	14		
Had Intercepted	1	1		

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Anthony Johnson 5-20, Tony Brooks 11-36, Tony Rice 13-75, Mark Green 13-62, Brasston Banks 5-12, Ricky Watters 3-6, Rodney Culver 4-20, Pat Eilers 1-2, Steve Belles 3-10, Ryan Mihalko 1-2.

WV: Major Harris 13-42, A.B. Brown 11-49, Craig Taylor 6-12, Undra Johnson 1-5, Rico Tyler 2-21, Eugene Napoleon 3-9, Reggie Rembert 1-3.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Tony Rice 11-7-1-213.

WV: Major Harris 26-13-1-166, Greg Jones 4-1-0-8

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Derek Brown 2-70, Anthony Johnson 1-19, Raghieb Ismail 1-29, Mark Green 1-35, Frank Jacobs 1-3, Ricky Watters 1-57.

WV: Keith Winn 3-31, Craig Taylor 3-34, Grantis Bell 4-44, Reggie Rembert 2-40, A.B. Brown 1-17, Rico Tyler 1-8

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Offensive MVP Defensive MVP  
Tony Rice, Quarterback Frank Stams, Defensive End

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1990 ORANGE BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 21 — COLORADO 6

MIAMI — Notre Dame made use of its standard weapons — a bend-but-don't break defense, a rugged running game plus a timely pass completion or two. Those items, plus some uncharacteristic miscues by top-ranked Colorado enabled the Irish to dash the national title hopes of the Buffs with their 21-6 Orange Bowl victory.

The Notre Dame triumph over unbeaten Colorado helped the Irish make amends for their loss to Miami that ended the regular season and marked the only blemish on the record for the last two seasons. It also lent credence to the pregame speculation that the Irish experience in big games would pay dividends.

That certainly appeared to be the case in the first half when the Buffs — who came in averaging 34 points and 473 yards per game — squandered three golden scoring opportunities. Colorado rolled up and down the field the initial two periods, but putting the ball in the end zone was another matter.

First, the Buffs drove to the Irish 35 on their second possession. From there, Eric Bieniemy darted into the clear at the Notre Dame 25, only to fumble as he changed hands with the football. Pat Terrell recovered for Notre Dame at the Irish 19.

On their next possession, the Buffs moved from their own 18 to the Notre Dame five. On fourth and three from there, kicker Ken Culbertson oddly pulled a chip-shot, 23-yard field-goal attempt to the left.

Finally, Colorado ran the ball to a first and goal at the Irish one—only to have Notre Dame pull off what Lou Holtz tabbed as the most impressive goal line stand he'd seen in a bowl game. On fourth down, the Buffs gambled with a fake field-goal attempt, but holder Jeff Campbell had no one to throw to and Troy Ridgley and Stan Smagala smothered him at the one.

Notre Dame's lone scoring chance in the first 30 minutes ended when Colorado blocked a Billy Hackett field goal try as the first half ended in a rather bizarre 0-0 tie. As it turned out, all the momentum shifted to the Notre Dame side of the ledger from that point on.

The Irish took the second half kickoff and required just over three minutes to score. A 27-yard pass from Tony Rice to Tony Smith and a 27-yard run by fullback Anthony Johnson — who played impressively in finishing with 89 rushing yards — set the stage for Johnson's two-yard scoring run that made it 7-0.

Notre Dame immediately got the ball back when Ned Bolcar tipped a third down Darian Hagan pass into the air and intercepted at the Buff 46. Twenty-five yards in penalties for clipping and holding calls almost sabotaged the Irish. But Rice threw to Johnson for 13 yards on a third down play, then hit Pat Eilers for 18 on first and 32. Finally, Orange Bowl MVP Raghib Ismail raced 35 yards down the Notre Dame sideline on a reverse for a 14-0 Irish lead. Ismail, who ended up playing tailback most of the night, in part due to an early knee injury to Ricky Watters, finished with 108 yards rushing to lead both teams.

Colorado bounced back on the final play of the third period, accounting for the longest rush against the Irish all season on a 39-yard Hagan keeper that made it 14-6 when Culbertson's PAT hit the upright. When the Buffs were forced to punt the ball away to Notre Dame at the 10:27 mark, they had no idea they'd nearly never get it back.

Notre Dame promptly embarked on a stereotypical Irish march — 17 runs, none longer than 11 yards, no passes — that knocked 8:55 off the clock. When Johnson negotiated the final seven yards for a clinching touchdown that made it 21-6 with only 1:32 remaining, the Buffs were finished.

For the Irish, the triumph finished off a long season that began way back in August in the Kickoff Classic and featured Holtz's squad atop the polls throughout the regular season. Then, the one week the Irish weren't number one after their defeat at the hands of the Hurricanes, they bounced back to beat the number-one team.

They did it by playing mistake-free football — no turnovers for the Irish compared to a lost fumble and pair of interceptions thrown by Hagan.

"Coming away from the first half without any points after controlling the game for a while was too much to overcome," said Colorado coach Bill McCartney. "Anytime you're playing a team like Notre Dame, you've got to capitalize on your chances. We didn't. I didn't think anybody could keep us out of the end zone like they did on the goal line, but they did."

## SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	0	14	7	21
Colorado	0	0	6	0	6

Attendance: 81,191 Weather: Cloudy and breezy, 70 degrees

Team	Score ND-CU	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	7-0	3	11:48	Anthony Johnson 4 run (Craig Henrich kick) Drive: 69 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 3:12; Big Play: Anthony Johnson run for 29 yards.
Notre Dame	14-0	3	7:19	Raghib Ismail 35 run (Craig Henrich kick) Drive: 46 yards in seven plays; Elapsed Time: 3:27; Big Play: Tony Rice pass to Pat Eilers for 18 yards.
Colorado	14-6	3	:01	Darian Hagan 39 run (Ken Culbertson kick failed) Drive: 53 yards in four plays; Elapsed Time: 1:42.
Notre Dame	21-6	4	1:32	Anthony Johnson 7 run (Craig Henrich kick) Drive: 82 yards in 17 plays; Elapsed Time: 8:55; Big Play: Anthony Johnson runs for nine and 11 yards.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	CU
First Downs	18	16
By Rushing	14	12
By Passing	4	4
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	52	46
Yards Rushing	295	239
Yards Lost Rushing	16	22
Net Yards Rushing	279	217
Net Yards Passing	99	65
Passes Attempted	9	13
Passes Completed	5	4
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	61	59
Total Net Yards	378	282
Average Gain Per Play	6.2	4.8
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-35	1-5
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-204	3-118
Average Per Punt	40.1	39.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	3-36
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-24	3-43

## INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Raghib Ismail 16-108; Anthony Johnson 15-89; Tony Rice 14-50; Rodney Culver 5-29; Ricky Watters 2-3.

CU: Darian Hagan 19-106; Eric Bieniemy 11-66; J.J. Flannigan 12-45; Erich Kissick 2-6; Jeff Campbell 2-(-6).

## INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Tony Rice 9-5-0-99.

CU: Darian Hagan 13-4-2-65.

## INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Pat Eilers 2-47; Tony Smith 1-27; Anthony Johnson 1-13; Derek Brown 1-12.

CU: Erich Kissick 2-33; Mike Pritchard 1-16; John Perak 1-16.

## NOTRE DAME MVP

Raghib Ismail, Flanker

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1991 ORANGE BOWL

**COLORADO 10 — NOTRE DAME 9**

MIAMI — Turnovers, mistakes and missed opportunities — they all played major roles for Notre Dame as the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish self-destructed on offense in their Orange Bowl rematch with top-ranked Colorado.

This time, it was the Buffs who survived one last amazing attempt by Raghieb Ismail and claimed the national championship on a 10-9 victory.

The game produced some strange twists, notably the starring role played by reserve Colorado quarterback Charles Johnson. He came off the bench after Darian Hagan injured a knee late in the first half and looked impressive in completing five of six passes after intermission.

Meanwhile, the Irish offense — coldly proficient most of the season — struggled to five turnovers, including three within four plays in the second half. The Notre Dame defense, which had its share of struggles in 1990, played maybe as well as it had all year against a potent Buffalo attack.

But it was a play that didn't even count that had everyone talking once this one was over.

With Colorado nursing its one-point lead and pushing toward field goal range in the waning moments, Notre Dame's defense came to the fore. From a first-and-10 situation at the Irish 27 for the Buffs, Notre Dame produced three straight lost-yardage plays, the last two sacks of Johnson for a combined 19 yards in losses, pushing Colorado back to its own 47 with 43 seconds to go — and brought punter Tom Rouen onto the field. In turn, Ismail wandered back toward the goal line for the Irish.

Ejecting not to boot the ball out of bounds, Rouen boomed a 44-yarder that Ismail fielded at his own nine. Rocket weaved his way through all kinds of traffic and eventually broke free down the right sideline for what appeared to be a spectacular 91-yard return. But a flag had been thrown against Greg Davis for a clip as Ismail was breaking to the outside. The Irish began instead at their own 22 and couldn't advance beyond their own 38 before time ran out.

The frustrating finish typified what proved to be an unusually inefficient evening for Notre Dame's offense. The Irish endured just about everything — a blocked PAT, a 50-yard field goal that banged off the upright, three interceptions and a pair of lost fumbles. Still, Ismail's last gasp return might very well have turned out to be the gamewinner.

Colorado wasted little time throwing its best shots at the Irish, sending speedy Mike Pritchard on a reverse for 15 yards on the game's first play. But when Rouen mishandled the punt snap on fourth down, Notre Dame began at the Colorado 48. That's when the Irish should have known they might be in for a long evening, as a pressured Rick Mirer saw his first-down pass for Ismail picked off and returned to near midfield.

Notre Dame's next possession took up 14 plays — but moved only as far as the Buff 35 following two straight incompletions. A Jim Sexton punt panned Colorado at its three, and enabled Notre Dame to take over on the Big Eight champion's 35. This time, two more incompletions prompted a Hentrich field goal attempt from 50 yards that clanged off the right upright.

Colorado broke the scoring drought early in the second period, taking the ball from its own 32 to the Irish five. Notre Dame held off the Buffs from a first-and-goal situation at the seven and forced a Jim Harper field goal that made it 3-0.

The Irish responded by throwing a 62-yard march of their own at Colorado. Mirer threw twice to Ismail for 21 total yards and later to Irv Smith for nine yards on third down. Ricky Watters negotiated the last two yards for the touchdown, but Colorado blocked Hentrich's extra-point attempt. Notre Dame's lone other first-half attempt ended in a 48-yard field-goal try by Hentrich that misfired.

Notre Dame took the second half kickoff and drove methodically from its own 28, getting 26 yards on a first-play throw to Derek Brown and 19 more on a Watters run. But, after first and goal at the Colorado four saw the Irish manage two runs for lost yardage and an incompleting, Hentrich converted the field goal from 24 yards to make it 9-3.

Next for the Irish came their offensive undoing, as lost fumbles by Watters and Tony Brooks were followed by an interception of a Mirer throw. In between came Colorado's only other points — a one-yard Eric Bieniemy run capping a 40-yard drive, plus the eventual game-winning PAT — and it could have been worse. Notre Dame's defense thwarted one possession with a pair of minus-yardage plays and ended another when George Williams blocked a 36-yard field-goal attempt early in the final period.

The Irish couldn't convert after Willie Clark recovered a Bieniemy fumble near midfield at the halfway mark of the fourth quarter. That set up Ismail's ill-fated punt return that left fans of both teams gasping.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	6	3	0	9
Colorado	0	3	7	0	10
Attendance: 77,062—Weather: Fair, 76 degrees					

Team	Score CU-ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Colorado	3-0	2	12:04	Jim Harper 22 FG
Drive: 63 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:24; Big Play: Eric Bieniemy run for 18 yards.				
Notre Dame	3-6	2	7:32	Ricky Watters 2 run (Craig Hentrich kick blocked)
Drive: 62 yards in nine plays; Elapsed Time: 4:32; Big Play: Jerome Bettis run for 18 yards.				
Notre Dame	3-9	3	10:10	Craig Hentrich 24 FG
Drive: 66 yards in 10 plays; Elapsed Time: 4:50; Big Play: Rick Mirer pass to Derek Brown for 26 yards.				
Colorado	10-9	3	4:26	Eric Bieniemy 1 run (Jim Harper kick)
Drive: 40 yards in eight plays; Elapsed Time: 3:58; Big Play: Charles Johnson pass to Sean Brown for 16 yards.				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	CU	ND
First Downs	19	18
By Rushing	13	8
By Passing	6	9
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	54	35
Yards Rushing	235	141
Yards Lost Rushing	49	18
Net Yards Rushing	186	123
Net Yards Passing	109	141
Passes Attempted	19	31
Passes Completed	9	13
Had Intercepted	0	3
Total Offensive Plays	73	66
Total Net Yards	295	264
Average Gain Per Play	4.0	4.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-50	3-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-50	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-283	3-153
Average Per Punt	40.4	51.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	4-68
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-49	3-53

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

CU: Eric Bieniemy 26-86, George Hemingway 14-76, Darian Hagan 7-36, Mike Pritchard 2-24, Charles Johnson 4-(-25), Tom Rouen 1-(-11).

ND: Tony Brooks 9-46, Ricky Watters 9-44, Jerome Bettis 3-27, Rodney Culver 5-9, Raghieb Ismail 3-(-1), Rick Mirer 6-(-2).

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

CU: Darian Hagan 12-4-0-29, Charles Johnson 6-5-0-80, Eric Bieniemy 1-0-0-0.

ND: Rick Mirer 31-13-3-141.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

CU: Mike Pritchard 3-45, Sean Brown 2-23, George Hemingway 2-13, Eric Bieniemy 1-19, Jon Boman 1-9.

ND: Raghieb Ismail 6-57, Derek Brown 4-50, Adrian Jarrell 1-11, Irv Smith 1-9, Shawn Davis 1-8.

### DEFENSIVE MVP

Chris Zorich, Nose Tackle



# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1992 SUGAR BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 39 — FLORIDA 28

NEW ORLEANS — The old maxim that he who laughs last, laughs best, accounts for the roar emanating from the Irish locker room after a stunning 39-28 Sugar Bowl upset of third-ranked Florida.

After surviving two weeks as the collective butt of jokes — including “What’s the difference between Cheerios and Notre Dame? Cheerios belong in a bowl!” gag overheard from an anonymous French Quarter waiter — the 18th-ranked Irish responded on game day with a convincing second half rejoinder that silenced the snapping jaws of the heavily favored Gators and the heavily partisan Superdome crowd of 76,447.

Down 16-7 at the half, and outgained 288-142 in total yardage to that point, Notre Dame unleashed a power running game behind a dominating offensive line, a strategy that resulted in 32 second half points including three Jerome Bettis touchdowns late in the contest. Meanwhile, Gator quarterback Shane Matthews and the potent Florida offense jabbed away at the young Notre Dame defense but never landed the necessary knockout punch, instead settling for a record five field goals by Arden Czyzewski on five trips inside the Irish 20.

The criticisms of that makeshift defensive lineup appeared to be well founded after the game’s first series, as Matthews shredded the young secondary for 60 passing yards en route to an 11-play, 85-yard touchdown drive that took over four minutes. That set the tone for much of the first half, although three long Gator drives netted only nine total points.

The Irish, meanwhile, managed just one first down in the first quarter and were down 13-0 before Rick Mirer ignited the offense with three straight completions. The last was a 40-yard strike to Lake Dawson midway through the second quarter, pulling the Irish to within six points at 13-7. Czyzewski’s third field goal of the half, with just 20 second remaining, accounted for the nine-point halftime margin.

The halftime stats harbored little foresight on what would take place on the Superdome turf in the ensuing 30 minutes. Notre Dame entered the game as the nation’s sixth-best rushing team, averaging nearly 270 yards per game, but had totaled just 34 ground yards. Meanwhile, Matthews looked every bit the 3,000 yard passer he was, throwing for 202 first half yards and helping the Gators control the ball for nearly 20 minutes.

Any thought that the Irish would be forced into debuting “Air Holtz” in the second half was quickly buried. Like a prizefighter tiring out an opponent with body punches, Holtz called for an incredible 11 straight running plays into the heart of the renowned Florida line, with the work of Bettis, Rodney Culver and Tony Brooks finally resulting in the first-ever collegiate field goal by Kevin Pendergast.

After the Irish defense held, the burly backfield returned to their ground-eating ways. Bettis and Culver chewed up 41 yards on three carries midway through the drive, and Mirer and Tony Smith saved a third-and-17 with another of their seven hookups. Mirer hit 6-5 Irv Smith for the go-ahead touchdown near the end of the third quarter.

Florida retook the lead 22-17 on successive field goals, though failing to get the TD after Darren Mickell forced a Rick Mirer fumble at the Irish 12. The rest of the final quarter would belong Bettis, the eventual Sugar Bowl MVP. He capped a 14-play drive by crashing in behind Gene McGuire for a three-yard score, with the two-point conversion giving the Irish a 25-22 advantage. After the Gators failed on fourth-and-10 at midfield with under four minutes to go, Bettis took the first handoff and rumbled through a gaping right-side hole for 49 yards and a 32-22 lead.

But no lead is safe when Matthews’ arm is involved, and with well over three minutes still to work with, he eventually hit Harrison Houston with a 36-yard TD strike. But the two-point conversion pass failed, as the Irish led 32-28.

Bettis and the Irish line wasted little time sealing the outcome. After Culver covered an onside kick attempt, the 246-pound Bettis broke loose again on a third down, rolling to his third score from 39 yards out. Those were the last of 245 second half rushing yards by the Irish, with Bettis accounting for 127 and Rodney Culver and Tony Brooks also prime contributors. Though Matthews finished 28-of-58 with 370 passing yards, he had just 11 second half completions against a tightening Holtz-inspired defense. In fact, the Gators went without a touchdown for over 53 minutes between the opening score and Houston’s grab in the waning moments.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	7	10	22	39
Florida	10	6	0	12	28

Attendance: 76,447—Weather: Indoors, 72 degrees

Team	Score UF-ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Florida	7-0	1	10:40	Willie Jackson 15 pass from Shane Matthews (Arden Czyzewski kick) Drive: 85 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:20; Big Play: Shane Matthews 21 pass to Aubrey Hill.
Florida	10-0	1	3:36	Arden Czyzewski 26 FG Drive: 71 yards in 15 plays; Elapsed Time: 5:02; Big Play: Shane Matthews pass 18 yards to Willie Jackson.
Florida	13-0	2	10:29	Arden Czyzewski 24 FG Drive: 75 yards in 14 plays; Elapsed Time: 5:21; Big Play: Shane Matthews run 20 yards.
Notre Dame	13-7	2	8:01	Lake Dawson 40 pass from Rick Mirer (Craig Hentrich kick) Drive: 64 yards in five plays; Elapsed Time: 2:28; Big Play: Rick Mirer pass 19 yards to Tony Smith.
Florida	16-7	2	0:20	Arden Czyzewski 36 FG Drive: 51 yards in 10 plays; Elapsed Time: 2:23; Big Play: Shane Matthews 17-yard pass to Alonzo Sullivan.
Notre Dame	16-10	3	10:03	Kevin Pendergast 23 FG Drive: 64 yards in 12 plays; Elapsed Time: 4:57; Big Play: Rodney Culver 19 run.
Notre Dame	16-17	3	2:12	Irv Smith 4 pass from Rick Mirer (Kevin Pendergast kick) Drive: 80 yards in 14 plays; Elapsed Time 4:53; Big Play: Rick Mirer 16-yard pass to Tony Smith.
Florida	19-17	4	13:42	Arden Czyzewski 37 FG Drive: 50 yards in 10 plays; Elapsed Time: 3:30; Big Play: Shane Matthews 20 pass to Errict Rhett.
Florida	22-17	4	11:21	Arden Czyzewski 24 FG Drive: 4 yards in 4 plays; Elapsed Time: 0:57.
Notre Dame	22-25	4	4:48	Jerome Bettis 3 run (Rick Mirer to Tony Brooks pass) Drive: 64 yards in 14 plays; Elapsed Time 6:33; Big Play: Rodney Culver 12 run.
Notre Dame	22-32	4	3:32	Jerome Bettis 49 run (Kevin Pendergast kick) Drive: 49 yards in one play; Elapsed Time: 0:09.
Florida	28-32	4	2:28	Harrison Houston 36 pass from Shane Matthews (Matthews pass incomplete) Drive: 64 yards in five plays; Elapsed Time: 1:04.
Notre Dame	28-39	4	2:04	Jerome Bettis 39 run (Kevin Pendergast kick) Drive: 44 yards in three plays; Elapsed time: 0:24.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	UF	ND	UF
First Downs	23	29	Total Offensive Plays	68 91
By Rushing	18	13	Total Net Yards	433 511
By Passing	4	16	Average Gain Per Play	6.4 5.6
By Penalty	1	0	Fumbles: No.-Lost	4-3 0-0
Rushing Attempts	49	33	Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-15 4-40
Yards Rushing	324	162	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-31 1-4
Yards Lost Rushing	45	21	Punts: No.-Yds.	2-68 2-105
Net Yards Rushing	279	141	Average Per Punt	34.0 52.5
Net Yards Passing	154	370	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0 0-0
Passes Attempted	19	58	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	7-188 6-90
Passes Completed	14	28		
Had Intercepted	1	2		

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Jerome Bettis 16-150, Rodney Culver 13-93, Tony Brooks 13-68, Paul Failla 1(-2), Rick Mirer 6(-30).

UF: Errict Rhett 15-63, Willie McClendon 7-34, Shane Matthews 7-27, Dexter McNabb 4-17.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Rick Mirer 19-14-1-154.

UF: Shane Matthews 58-28-2-370.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Tony Smith 7-75, Lake Dawson 2-49, Derek Brown 1-11, Rodney Culver 1-6, Jerome Bettis 1-5, Irv Smith 1-4, William Pollard 1-4.

UF: Willie Jackson 8-148, Harrison Houston 3-52, Alonzo Sullivan 4-47, Aubrey Hill 3-41, Errict Rhett 4-38, Willie McClendon 3-19, Tre Everett 2-18, Dexter McNabb 1-7.

### MILLER-DIGBY AWARD — MVP

Jerome Bettis, Fullback

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1993 COTTON BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 28 — TEXAS A&M 3

DALLAS — Both Texas A&M and Notre Dame were known for their running games entering the 1993 Cotton Bowl Classic. The Aggies had built up a 12-0 record behind the running of Rodney Thomas and Greg Hill while the Irish checked in with a 9-1-1 mark on the strength of Lou Holtz's "Thunder and Lightning", Jerome Bettis and Reggie Brooks.

In the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, only one great running game showed itself.

Notre Dame rushed for 290 net yards while A&M accounted for just 78 as the Irish dominated all facets of the game in a 28-3 win over the Aggies.

Brooks finished with 115 yards on 22 carries and Bettis added 75 yards on 20 rushes. Quarterback Rick Mirer even got into the act with 55 yards on 13 attempts.

But, in the first half, Notre Dame certainly didn't appear to be on the way to a blowout. On its first possession, the Irish drove to the Aggie 18 before Mirer's pitch to Brooks ended up on the ground and Kefa Chatham recovered for Texas A&M. After that drive, Notre Dame was forced to punt on its next four possessions, moving no more than 20 yards each time it had the ball.

At the same time, the Aggies were having very little luck moving the ball. Texas A&M did move into field goal range midway through the second quarter but Terry Venetoulis' 46-yard attempt was short and the game remained scoreless.

After the teams again exchanged punts, Notre Dame received the spark it needed to take control. With just 36 seconds left in the half, Mirer threw to Lake Dawson on a middle screen and Dawson strolled 40 yards to give the Irish a 7-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Notre Dame's rushing game came to the forefront and buried the Aggies. After throwing 15 passes in the first half, the Irish put the ball in the air only three times in the second half. Notre Dame controlled the ball and the clock, by using the ground game. At one period in the second half, the Irish ran the ball on 34 consecutive plays — successfully.

On its first possession of the half, Notre Dame ate up 5:06 of clock with an 65-yard, 10-play drive that resulted in a Mirer-to-Bettis touchdown toss of 26 yards. Possession number two was much of the same for the Irish, moving 87 yards in 10 plays before Brooks fumbled at the Texas A&M four.

Again the Notre Dame defense rose to the occasion. On the Aggies' second play after the turnover, Brian Hamilton stripped Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig and Demetrius DuBose recovered at the Aggie 11. Two plays later, Bettis scored from one yard out to give the Irish a 21-0 lead.

After A&M scored on a 41-yard field goal by Venetoulis, Notre Dame again kept the ball on the ground and moved 82 yards in 16 plays in 9:24 with Bettis adding the final score — his third touchdown — to set the final, 28-3.

Mirer was named the game's most outstanding offensive player, completing eight-for-16 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns. Devon McDonald was the game's outstanding defensive player with 10 tackles, including four for losses and one sack.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	7	14	7	28
Texas A&M	0	0	0	3	3

Attendance: 71,615 — Weather: Cloudy, 31 degrees

Team	Score A&M-ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	0-7	2	0:36	Lake Dawson 40 pass from Rick Mirer (Craig Hentrich kick)
Drive: 64 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 0:56.				
Notre Dame	0-14	3	7:17	Jerome Bettis 26 pass from Mirer (Craig Hentrich kick)
Drive: 65 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:06; Big Play: On third down-and-six, Rick Mirer runs right for seven yards and a first down.				
Notre Dame	0-21	3	0:33	Jerome Bettis 1 run (Craig Hentrich kick)
Drive: 11 yards in two plays; Time Elapsed: 0:08; Big Play: Demetrius DuBose recovers Corey Pullig's fumble at the Texas A&M 11.				
Texas A&M	3-21	4	14:27	Terry Venetoulis 41 FG
Drive: 38 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 1:06; Big Play: Corey Pullig throws to Tony Harrison for 39 yards.				
Notre Dame	3-28	4	5:03	Jerome Bettis 4 run (Craig Hentrich kick)
Drive: 82 yards in 16 plays; Time Elapsed: 9:24; Big Play: Rick Mirer keeps for 11.				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND		A&M		
First Downs	23	29	Total Offensive Plays	82	51
By Rushing	20	8	Total Net Yards	439	165
By Passing	6	2	Average Gain Per Play	5.4	3.2
By Penalty	2	1	Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-3	2-2
Rushing Attempts	64	33	Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-30	7-42
Yards Rushing	308	122	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	18	44	Punts: No.-Yds.	4-152	6-243
Net Yards Rushing	290	78	Average Per Punt	38.0	40.5
Net Yards Passing	149	87	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-9	2-8
Passes Attempted	18	18	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	1-13	5-98
Passes Completed	9	7	Third Down Conversions	12-17	3-12
Had Intercepted	0	0			

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Reggie Brooks 22-115, Jerome Bettis 20-75, Rick Mirer 13-55, Lee Becton 5-26, Jeff Burris 2-8, Travis Davis 1-8, Ray Zellars 1-3.

A&M: Rodney Thomas 20-50, Brian Mitchell 1-12, Corey Pullig 9-11, Doug Carter 3-5.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Rick Mirer 16-8-0-119, Paul Failla 1-1-0-30, Jerome Bettis 1-0-0-0.

A&M: Corey Pullig 18-7-0-87.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Irv Smith 3-38, Lake Dawson 2-46, Mike Miller 1-30, Jerome Bettis 1-26, Reggie Brooks 1-5, Ray Griggs 1-4.

A&M: Tony Harrison 3-59, Greg Schorp 2-14, Brian Mitchell 1-12, Clif Groce 1-2.

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Outstanding Offensive Player  
Rick Mirer, Quarterback

Outstanding Defensive Player  
Devon McDonald, Defensive End

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1994 COTTON BOWL

### NOTRE DAME 24 — TEXAS A&M 21

DALLAS — Defenses dominated late in the Cotton Bowl as the Irish shut down Texas A&M's comeback in the fourth quarter for an edgy 24-21 win in Dallas. Tailback Lee Becton led all runners with 138 of Notre Dame's 206 yards rushing, marking his seventh consecutive 100-plus yardage game.

Texas A&M countered the Irish ground attack with an aerial display headed by quarterback Corey Pullig. Pullig hit the airways 31 times, completing 17 for 238 yards to balance out what Notre Dame had done on the ground. Both teams scored touchdowns on their first possessions of the game. Notre Dame drove 91 yards and capped off the drive with quarterback Kevin McDougal's electrifying 19-yard keeper around the right end. The Aggies reloaded and struck back with a drive that resulted in Greg Hill's eight-yard touchdown sweep around the right side.

For the next few series both teams would battle back and fourth, getting few results. The defenses denied each other time and time again. For the Aggies, it was time for the air raid as they mounted a 77-yard, 14-play drive that chewed up 7:02 off the clock. During the drive, the Aggies passed five times, completing four. Faced with a fourth and one, R.C. Slocum and his troops elected to go for the first down at the Irish 15. Pullig, using a beautiful play-action fake, found a wide open Detron Smith for an Aggie touchdown.

Pullig would end the half with 123 yards passing, completing 50 percent of his passes and leading A&M to a 14-7 halftime lead. Notre Dame's explosive attack was limited to only 123 yards of total offense. To blame for that was an Aggie defense that swarmed anywhere it saw blue and gold.

Notre Dame, after holding Texas A&M to a three-yard series on the opening drive, started the second half in the same fashion in which it began the game — by scoring a touchdown. The engines ignited for the rest of the game as Becton hit on all cylinders. The tailback carried four times for 32 yards before Notre Dame tied the game at 14-14 with Ray Zellars going off tackle for a two-yard score.

Slocum's troops battled right back to remain in the driver's seat. Using only 3:31, the Aggies assembled a 10-play, 80-yard drive with Pullig hitting on three quick attempts, and Rodney Thomas plowing his way in from the one to put the Aggies back on top at 21-14.

Becton would carry three more times for 31 yards, and McDougal would hit a streaking Zellars for another 18 to put the Irish deep into enemy territory. With first and goal from the one, Holtz turned to freshman bulldozer Marc Edwards who plowed his way in to tie the game at 21. With the Irish stopping A&M after six plays, Slocum's team punted the ball away.

Deadlocked in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame found the momentum. After settling for a punt on the first drive of the quarter, Pete Bercich picked off Pullig and took the ball back. Seven plays later, the Irish had to punt again. With under six minutes left, it seemed A&M would have the last chance at victory. Slocum's Aggies started at their own 10-yard line and went backwards. On fourth and 12 the Aggies punted the ball into the hands of Irish return man Mike Miller.

Miller left nothing behind him except Aggies, and a blazing trail of smoke. He returned the punt 38 yards before finally being pushed out of bounds to give the Irish the ball on the A&M 22-yard line. Becton picked up eight on the first play, but the Aggie defense stiffened and held the Irish. Placekicker Kevin Pendergast and the Notre Dame field goal unit trotted out to the field, only to head back to the sidelines. The Irish took a timeout with 2:22 left in the game after trying to draw the Aggies offside. Pendergast and company returned to the field and connected on the 31-yard field goal to give the Irish a 24-21 lead.

A&M received the kickoff, and Pullig entered the game to try and muster one last heroic effort. But, on first and 10, Notre Dame's Bobby Taylor picked up a loose fumble and seemed to have thwarted any last Aggie chance of survival. Slocum's boys on defense held Notre Dame to three and out and got the ball back with a minute left to play. Needing a big play, Pullig went to the air one more time and found tight end Greg Schorp for a gain of 32. After unsuccessful second and third down plays, the Aggies had one last chance to win. Pullig dropped back to pass and found Tony Harrison who then tried to lateral the ball back to teammate Leeland McElroy. The ball never made it there, and Irish linebacker Renaldo Wynn smothered the ball.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	0	14	3	24
Texas A&M	7	7	7	0	21

Attendance: 69,855 — Weather: Sunny, 62 degrees

Team	Score A&M-ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	0-7	1	8:01	Kevin McDougal 19 run (Kevin Pendergast kick)
Drive: 91 yards in 13 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:59				
Texas A&M	7-7	1	3:56	Greg Hill 8 run (Terry Venetoulis kick)
Drive: 79 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:05; Big Play: Corey Pullig 21-yard pass to Rodney Thomas on third and 16 for the first down				
Texas A&M	14-7	2	2:56	Corey Pullig 15 pass to Detron Smith (Terry Venetoulis kick)
Drive: 77 yards in 14 plays; Time Elapsed: 7:02; Big Play: Corey Pullig 15-yard touchdown pass on fourth and one at the Irish 15				
Notre Dame	14-14	3	10:21	Ray Zellars 2 run (Kevin Pendergast kick)
Drive: 51 yards in eight plays; Time Elapsed: 3:35; Big Play: Lee Becton takes wide pitch for 13 yards and carries two more times to set up Ray Zellars score				
Texas A&M	21-14	3	6:50	Rodney Thomas 1-yard dive (Terry Venetoulis kick)
Drive: 80 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:31; Big Play: Leeland McElroy picks up the first down on a 16-yard run to ND 19				
Notre Dame	21-21	3	3:48	Marc Edwards 2 run (Kevin Pendergast kick)
Drive: 65 yards in seven plays; Time Elapsed: 3:02; Big Play: Kevin McDougal tosses 18-yard pass to Ray Zellars to A&M 13				
Notre Dame	21-24	4	2:22	Kevin Pendergast 31 FG
Drive: 8 yards in 4 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:38; Big Play: Michael Miller returns punt for 38 yards to A&M 22				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	A&M		ND	A&M
First Downs	19	20	Total Offensive Plays	66	68
By Rushing	13	11	Total Net Yards	311	341
By Passing	5	9	Average Gain Per Play	4.7	5.0
By Penalty	1	0	Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-0	4-2
Rushing Attempts	51	37	Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-34	3-15
Yards Rushing	236	147	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-1	0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	30	44	Punts: No.-Yds.	7-266	4-149
Net Yards Rushing	206	103	Average Per Punt	38.0	37.3
Net Yards Passing	105	238	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-35	0-0
Passes Attempted	15	31	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-59	5-117
Passes Completed	7	17	Third Down Conversions	5-13	6-14
Had Intercepted	0	1			

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Lee Becton 26-138, Kevin McDougal 9-13, Ray Zellars 9-25, Marc Edwards 3-6, Michael Miller 2-20, Jeff Burris 1-4, Randy Kinder 1-0.

A&M: Greg Hill 16-38, Cliff Groce 1-2, Leeland McElroy 4-45, Rodney Thomas 9-33, Corey Pullig 7-15.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Kevin McDougal 15-7-0-105.

A&M: Corey Pullig 31-17-1-238.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Lake Dawson 2-41, Derrick Mayes 2-27, Lee Becton 1-3, Oscar McBride 1-16, Ray Zellars 1-18.

A&M: Cliff Groce 4-45, Greg Shrop 3-53, Tony Harrison 3-52, Mitchell 2-29, Detron Smith 2-24, Leeland McElroy 1-7, Greg Hill 1-7, Rodney Thomas 1-21.

### OFFENSIVE MVP

Lee Becton, Tailback

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1995 FIESTA BOWL

**COLORADO 41 — NOTRE DAME 24**

TEMPE — If holding the Heisman Trophy winner in check ranked as the only goal, Notre Dame's defensive performance against fourth-rated Colorado in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl might have qualified as impressive.

Unfortunately for the Irish, there proved to be far more to the Buffaloes' potency than running back Rashaan Salaam. Though he did score three touchdowns on runs of five, one and one yards, Notre Dame limited him to 83 net yards on 27 attempts, for a 3.1-yard average with no gain greater than 13 yards.

The same could not be said for quarterback Kordell Stewart. Running the Colorado option attack with precision, Stewart threw for 226 yards and a touchdown and — more impressively — scuttled the Irish defense with 143 rushing yards on only seven carries. He easily earned the game's offensive MVP award and had more to do than anyone else with Colorado scurrying out to a 31-3 lead on its way to an eventual 41-24 victory over Notre Dame.

Stewart's 29-yard run and 37-yard completion to Phil Savoy set up the Buffs' first touchdown. His 35-yard romp set up the second Colorado TD. A 46-yard pass to James Kidd put the Buffs in position for their third first half TD. And a third period, 41-yard option keeper by Stewart made it 34-17 for Colorado just when the Irish were threatening to get back into the football game. Playing its final game for retiring coach Bill McCartney, Colorado scored on five of its first six possessions to do everything it could to put the contest out of reach early.

Salaam's biggest gain of the afternoon came on the game's third play from scrimmage. After that, Stewart took over. His 28-yard pass to Michael Westbrook pushed the Buffs to the Irish 22 and, three plays later, Neil Voskeritchian converted a 33-yard field goal for an early Colorado advantage.

After Notre Dame's first possession ended when Ron Powlus couldn't connect with Derrick Mayes on a fourth-and-eight throw from the Colorado 30, the Buffs continued their rumbling. Stewart's 29-yard excursion came on first down, and three plays later he hooked up with Savoy for 37 yards to the Irish one. Stewart's one-yard toss to tight end Christian Fauria made it 10-0.

Notre Dame rebounded with a field goal of its own, after Scott Sollmann's kickoff return to the Buff 46 and Powlus' run for 17 set Scott Cengia up for a three-pointer from 29 yards out. But that barely stemmed the Buffalo tide.

Stewart keyed the next Colorado scoring drive, running 35 yards himself and throwing for 22 more to Westbrook before scoring himself from nine yards out to make it 17-3. Third downs hurt the Irish on Colorado's next possession, as Stewart ran for 16 yards on third and 11 and threw to Savoy for 46 on third and 10. The Buffs' next scoring drive required only 38 yards after an eight-yard Notre Dame punt, with Salaam notching the score on a short run.

Notre Dame's initial touchdown drive came in the final 1:29 of the first half, with Powlus throwing for 36 yards to Lee Becton, 20 more to Mayes and finally seven yards to Mayes for the score — making it 31-10 at the break. Though Colorado ran off only four more plays than Notre Dame in the first two periods, its 332-161 edge in total yards at halftime proved particularly telling.

The Irish attempted to reestablish their running game as the third period began — and they did so, with Becton running for gains of 12 and 18 yards on successive plays and Ray Zellars following with an 11-yard run. But, on fourth and goal from the five, Charles Stafford's throw to Zellars after a faked field goal went awry.

Still, Powlus hooked up with Mayes after a short Colorado punt on a TD throw that comprised a one-play, 40-yard scoring drive to cut the deficit to 31-17.

After a Voskeritchian field goal, the Irish drove from their own 21 to the Colorado 30, only to have the Buffs' Ted Johnson intercept a pass for the only turnover by either team.

A 37-yard Stewart pass to Kidd set up Salaam's final TD. Then the Irish drove 91 yards in 14 plays, converting four times on third down before Powlus threw seven yards to Leon Wallace for the final 41-24 margin.

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Lee Becton 17-81, Ron Powlus 15-12, Ray Zellars 5-21, Emmett Mosley 3-21, Marc Edwards 2-4, Robert Farmer 2-1, Scott Sollmann 1-9.

CU: Rashaan Salaam 27-83, Kordell Stewart 7-143, Herchell Troutman 2-20, Kay Detmer 2-2, Lendon Henry 1-(-2).

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Ron Powlus 34-18-1-259; Charles Stafford 1-0-0-0.

CU: Kordell Stewart 21-12-0-226.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Derrick Mayes 4-93, Lee Becton 3-60, Emmett Mosley 3-34, Ray Zellars 2-25, Charles Stafford 2-22, Oscar McBride 2-21, Leon Wallace 1-7, Robert Farmer 1-(-3).

CU: Michael Westbrook 4-70, James Kidd 2-83, Phil Savoy 2-58, Christian Fauria 2-3, Rae Carruth 1-6, Rashaan Salaam 1-6.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Colorado	10	21	3	7	41
Notre Dame	3	7	7	7	24

Attendance: 73,968—Weather: Sunny, 60 degrees

Team	Score CU-ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Colorado	3-0	1	11:58	Neil Voskeritchian 33 FG Drive: 53 yards in 8 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:59; Big Play: Michael Westbrook 22 pass from Kordell Stewart to Notre Dame 22 on 1st and 15
Colorado	10-0	1	5:55	Christian Fauria 1 pass from Kordell Stewart (Neil Voskeritchian kick) Drive: 70 yards in 5 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:27; Big Play: 3rd and 7, Phil Savoy 37 pass from Kordell Stewart to ND 1.
Notre Dame	10-3	1	2:01	Scott Cengia 29 FG Drive: 34 yards in 9 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:54; Big Play: 2nd and 8, Ron Powlus 17 run to CU 17
Colorado	17-3	2	9:21	Kordell Stewart 9 run (Neil Voskeritchian kick) Drive: 66 yards in 5 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:55; Big Play: 2nd and 9, Kordell Stewart 35 run to ND 30.
Colorado	24-3	2	4:07	Rashaan Salaam 1 run (Neil Voskeritchian kick) Drive: 80 yards in 9 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:50; Big Play: 3rd and 10, James Kidd 46 pass from Kordell Stewart to ND 1.
Colorado	31-3	2	1:35	Rashaan Salaam 1 run (Neil Voskeritchian kick) Drive: 38 yards in 6 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:45; Big Play: 3rd and 9, Michael Westbrook 19 pass from Kordell Stewart to ND 18.
Notre Dame	31-10	2	0:05	Derrick Mayes 7 pass from Ron Powlus (Scott Cengia kick) Drive: 65 yards in 6 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:30; Big Play: 2nd and 9, Derrick Mayes 20 pass from Ron Powlus to CU 8.
Notre Dame	31-17	3	5:47	Derrick Mayes 40 pass from Ron Powlus (Scott Cengia kick) Drive: 40 yards in 1 play; Time Elapsed: 0:08; Big Play: 1st and 10, Derrick Mayes 40 pass from Ron Powlus for TD.
Colorado	34-17	3	1:55	Neil Voskeritchian 48 FG Drive: 45 yards in 5 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:03; Big Play: 1st and 10, Kordell Stewart 41 run to ND 35
Colorado	41-17	4	9:29	Rashaan Salaam 5 run (Neil Voskeritchian kick) Drive: 56 yards in 4 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:43; Big Play: 2nd and 2, James Kidd 37 pass from Kordell Stewart to ND 11.
Notre Dame	41-24	4	2:07	Leon Wallace 7 pass from Ron Powlus (Stefan Schreffner kick) Drive: 91 yards in 14 plays; Time elapsed: 7:22; Big Play: 3rd and 5, Derrick Mayes 26 pass from Ron Powlus to CU 32.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	CU	ND	CU	ND
First Downs	18	22	Total Offensive Plays	60 80
By Rushing	9	13	Total Net Yards	472 408
By Passing	8	9	Average Gain Per Play	10.8 7.4
By Penalty	1	0	Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0 2-0
Rushing Attempts	39	45	Penalties: No.-Yds.	4-35 3-25
Yards Rushing	246	149	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-7 0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	0	27	Punts: No.-Yds.	4-144 5-165
Net Yards Rushing	246	149	Average Per Punt	36.0 33.0
Net Yards Passing	226	259	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-12 0-0
Passes Attempted	21	35	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-47 7-149
Passes Completed	12	18	Third Down Conversions	5-11 10-19
Had Intercepted	0	1		

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1996 ORANGE BOWL

### FLORIDA STATE 31 — NOTRE DAME 26

MIAMI — Notre Dame's 1996 Orange Bowl matchup with eighth-ranked Florida State qualified as a historic occasion, since the Irish and Seminoles comprised the final combatants in Miami's venerable Orange Bowl facility before the game's switch to Joe Robbie Stadium for 1997.

The game itself was not without its challenges for Lou Holtz's sixth-ranked team that was without injured quarterback Ron Powlus and leading rusher Randy Kinder — and found itself facing a Florida State offensive attack averaging 48.4 points and 551.5 yards per game.

Still, backup quarterback Tom Krug, all-star split end Derrick Mayes and their Irish teammates combined to keep the Seminoles on their heels most of the evening until a 17-point fourth-quarter rally wiped out a 12-point Notre Dame lead and gave Florida State a 31-26 win for its 11th consecutive postseason victory.

Krug took a physical pounding but still managed to rush for 45 yards and tie an Irish bowl record with three touchdown passes and an overall 14-of-24 throwing performance. Mayes earned Notre Dame's MVP honor by catching six passes for 96 yards, including TD grabs of 39 and 33 yards.

Those two helped Notre Dame claim a 26-14 edge with less than 12 minutes on the clock before a furious Seminole response, aided by the last two of four scoring throws by Danny Kanell, put Bobby Bowden's club back on top. Andre Cooper claimed the Seminole MVP award thanks to three TD receptions, the last of which put Florida State ahead for good at 29-26 with 6:09 to go.

The Irish had their share of early opportunities, especially after Florida product Autry Denson rambled 48 yards on the first play from scrimmage and Marc Edwards followed that effort with a 28-yard gain of his own on the next play. But, after reaching the six, a sack and a missed field goal sent Notre Dame to the sideline emptyhanded.

A Shawn Wooden interception ended Florida State's first possession at midfield, and five plays later Krug led Mayes perfectly into the end zone for 39 yards and a 7-0 lead. The Seminoles required just more than two minutes to tie it, with Warrick Dunn adding 23 yards on one play and Kanell finding Cooper for 15 yards and the touchdown.

With the Irish going to a spread passing game that at times saw Krug lined up with no one else in the backfield, Notre Dame pounded out a 62-yard answering drive. This time Scott Cengia's 20-yard field goal attempt fell through after hitting the left upright and the Irish led by three.

Notre Dame's chance to take control fell through the cracks when an illegal block negated a 52-yard score on a punt return by Mayes. With Kanell hitting Cooper a second time in the end zone, this time for 10 yards, the Seminoles claimed a 14-10 halftime advantage.

The third quarter and first part of the fourth were all Notre Dame. The Irish forced the 'Noles to punt the ball away to start the second half, then drove 55 yards to take the lead on Krug's second TD pass to Mayes, this one for 33 yards and a 17-14 score. Meanwhile, Ivory Covington ended another Florida State threat with an interception and Scott Bentley's missed 42-yard field goal maintained that margin at the end of three periods.

On the fourth play of the final quarter Irish punter Hunter Smith kicked the ball 44 yards to the Florida State one. From there on first down, Kanell dropped one step too far into the end zone, with the resulting safety making the margin 19-14. Emmett Mosley returned the free kick 21 yards, Robert Farmer rushed 51 yards down the left side — and Krug's five-yard toss to tight end Pete Chryplewicz made it 26-14 with 11:43 on the clock.

The Seminoles wasted little time getting back into the contest, requiring only five plays and 1:56 to negotiate 73 yards. Kanell passed 24 yards to Wayne Messam, 21 more to E.G. Green, then 11 more to Green to cut the margin to 26-21.

After the Irish couldn't gain a first down, Dee Feaster's 41-yard punt return put the 'Noles in prime position. A key fourth-and-five completion to Green put the ball on the Irish three, and on second down the familiar Kanell-to-Cooper pairing made it 29-26 after the duo also combined on a two-point conversion.

An Irish fumble stopped one late Notre Dame foray, but Florida State misfired on a pass attempt into the end zone on fourth and goal from the three. Notre Dame took over one more time from the three with 2:06 left, but on first down Krug was called for intentional grounding from the end zone. The two points and resulting Seminole possession enabled Florida State to run out the clock.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	FSU		ND	FSU
First Downs	17	26	Total Offensive Plays	71	70
By Rushing	11	10	Total Net Yards	425	478
By Passing	5	16	Average Gain Per Play	6.0	6.8
By Penalty	1	0	Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	1-0
Rushing Attempts	45	37	Penalties: No.-Yds.	7-55	7-59
Yards Rushing	297	221	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-14	1-8
Yards Lost Rushing	41	33	Punts: No.-Yds.	5-212	3-132
Net Yards Rushing	256	188	Average Per Punt	42.4	44.0
Net Yards Passing	169	290	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-21	3-52
Passes Attempted	26	33	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	5-110	6-78
Passes Completed	15	20	Third Down Conversions	7-16	6-13
Had Intercepted	1	2			

### SCORING SUMMARY

Florida State	7	7	0	17	31
Notre Dame	10	0	7	9	26

Attendance: 72,198—Weather: Cloudy, humid, 79 degrees

Team	Score FSU-ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	0-7	1	8:27	Derrick Mayes 39 pass from Tom Krug (Scott Cengia kick) Drive: 50 yards in 5 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:55; Big Play: Tom Krug 15-yard scramble on second and 10 from the 50 to set up score.
Florida State	7-7	1	6:08	Andre Cooper 15 pass from Dan Kanell (Scott Bentley kick) Drive: 81 yards in 7 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:19; Big Play: Warrick Dunn runs for 23 yards down right side on first and 10 to put ball at ND 31.
Notre Dame	7-10	1	0:02	Scott Cengia 20FG Drive: 62 yards in 14 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:06; Big Play: Tom Krug passes to Emmett Mosley on third and four to putt ball at FSU 8.
Florida State	14-10	2	2:30	Andre Cooper 10 pass from Dan Kanell (Scott Bentley kick) Drive: 59 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:44; Big Play: Warrick Dunn runs for 18 yards down right side on third and eight to put ball at ND 11.
Notre Dame	14-17	3	8:04	Derrick Mayes 33 pass from Tom Krug (Scott Cengia kick) Drive: 55 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:58; Big Play: Touchdown pass.
Notre Dame	14-19	4	13:44	Safety, Dan Kannell steps out of bounds in end zone
Notre Dame	14-26	4	11:43	Pete Chryplewicz 5 pass from Tom Krug (Scott Cengia kick) Drive: 63 yards in 5 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:01; Big Play: Robert Farmer runs for 51 yards on third and three to put ball at FSU 4.
Florida State	21-26	4	9:47	E.G. Green 11 pass from Dan Kanell (Scott Bentley kick) Drive: 73 yards in 5 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:56; Big Play: Dan Kanell passes for 24 yards to Wayne Messam on second and eight to put ball at ND 32.
Florida State	29-26	4	6:09	Andre Cooper 3 pass from Dan Kanell (Scott Bentley kick) Drive: 30 yards in 6 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:39; Big Play: Dan Kanell 22 pass to E.G. Green on four and five to put ball at ND 3.
Florida State	31-26	4	2:02	Safety, Tom Krug intentional grounding in end zone

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Robert Farmer 7-93, Autry Denson 11-67, Marc Edwards 14-55, Thomas Krug 11-45, Marcus Thorne 1-4, Scott Sollmann 1-8.

FSU: Warrick Dunn 22-151, Rock Preston 6-55, Pooh Bear Williams 2-7, Khalid Abdullah 2-2, Danny Kanell 5-27.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Thomas Krug 24-14-3-140, Hunter Smith 1-1-0-29, Marc Edwards 1-0-0-0.

FSU: Danny Kanell 32-20-4-290, Warrick Dunn 1-0-0-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Derrick Mayes 6-96, Pete Chryplewicz 3-18, Marc Edwards 2-25, Charles Stafford 2-14, Emmett Mosley 1-13, Robert Farmer 1-3.

FSU: Wayne Messam 6-103, E.G. Green 5-99, Andre Cooper 4-38, Warrick Dunn 2-19, Pooh Bear Williams 2-17, Khalid Abdullah 1-14.

### NOTRE DAME MVP

Derrick Mayes, split end

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1997 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

### LSU 27 — NOTRE DAME 9

SHREVEPORT — The rematch track record alone didn't bode well for the Irish. In 12 previous bowl games that had been rematches of regular-season contests, the same team had won both games on only four occasions.

It had been tough enough for Notre Dame to venture into Louisiana once, with the Irish coming away with an impressive 24-6 conquest of 11th-rated LSU in Baton Rouge in mid-November.

Now, Bob Davie's crew was assigned to return to that same state, this time to Shreveport, for an Independence Bowl date with those same Tigers of LSU.

And the Irish showed signs early on making it two straight against Gerry DiNardo's team. While holding LSU to less than 100 total yards in the opening half, Notre Dame made good use of Autry Denson's 68 first half rushing yards and saw 60- and 70-yard marches end up in a pair of Scott Cengia field goals good for a 6-3 halftime lead. In fact, LSU's only first-half points came following the only turnover in the first 30 minutes, a lost fumble by the Irish.

Then came Rondell Mealey. He, more than any other single player, accounted for the eventual 27-9 LSU triumph.

Technically listed as the third-string tailback early in the year behind eventual top Southeastern Conference groundgainer Kevin Faulk and Cecil Collins, Mealey found his best-ever career opportunity staring him in the face at Independence Stadium with Collins long since lost for the season with a broken leg and Faulk idled since the first period with a sprained left ankle. Enter Mealey, a sophomore from Destrehan, La.

After receiving the second half kickoff, Mealey carried the ball on LSU's first seven plays from scrimmage. Those seven rushes accounted for 40 yards (of the 46 on the drive) and a Wade Richey field goal tied the game at six.

After bottling up the Irish at their own six, the Tigers took the lead for good on their next possession, this time with Mealey carrying four straight times for 27 yards in the middle of the eight-play touchdown excursion.

The Irish didn't manage a third period first down until the final play of the quarter. Nonetheless, a roughing-the-passer penalty against LSU and a 26-yard Ron Powulus rushing gain put Notre Dame in position for another Cengia field goal, this one from 33 yards out to make it 13-9 with 13 minutes remaining.

Just as quickly as Irish fans regained hope Davie's squad could get back into the game, Mealey took it away. On first down from his own 20, he stunned the record crowd of 50,459 by romping 78 yards to the Irish two. When he scored on the next play to make it 20-9, the decibel level of the Tiger fans rose with the Irish deficit on the scoreboard.

Three quarterback sacks energized the Tigers over the next two Notre Dame drives, leaving Mealey to add a final score with 2:22 remaining. On this seven-play drive, he carried six times for 34 of the 35 yards (27 on one run).

Denson finished with 101 yards for the Irish, Malcolm Johnson caught five passes for 49 yards, Hunter Smith punted for a 45-yard average and Melvin Dansby added 14 tackles, three for losses.

But it was Mealey who carried the day, with all but 37 of his 222 rushing yards coming in the second half.

Notre Dame might have held a larger margin at the half had the Irish managed to cash in more effectively once inside enemy territory.

On the first Irish scoring drive, a Denson gain of 35 yards put Notre Dame at the LSU 13 with a first down. But successive rushing gains of zero, minus-three and zero yards by Denson left Cengia to kick a 33-yarder on fourth and 13.

Later, after a first and goal at the LSU four, the Irish managed a net of two yards on three rushing attempts, again leaving it for Cengia to connect from 21 yards for the 6-3 halftime lead.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	3	0	3	9
LSU	0	3	10	14	27

Attendance: 50,459—Weather: Cloudy, showers, 40 degrees

Team	Score ND-LSU	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	3-0	1	7:13	Scott Cengia 33 FG Drive: 70 yards in 9 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:03; Big Play: Autry Denson rushes 35 yards on first and 10 to put ball at LSU 13
LSU	3-3	2	7:12	Wade Richey 37 FG Drive: 4 yards in 4 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:54; Big Play: Mark Roman recovers Notre Dame fumble at ND 24 to start drive
Notre Dame	3-6	2	0:20	Scott Cengia 21 FG Drive: 60 yards in 14 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:52; Big Play: Autry Denson rushes five yards on third and 2 to put ball at LSU 4
LSU	6-6	3	9:17	Wade Richey 42 FG Drive: 46 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:43; Big Play: Abram Booty 14-yard pass from Herb Tyler on third and six to put ball at ND 33
LSU	6-13	3	4:05	Abram Booty 12 pass from Herb Tyler (Wade Richey kick) Drive: 49 yards in 14 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:31; Big Play: Rondell Mealey 13-yard rush on first and 10 to put ball at ND 23
Notre Dame	9-13	4	13:10	Scott Cengia 33 FG Drive: 61 yards in 8 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:34; Big Play: Ron Powulus 26-yard rush on first and 10 to put ball at LSU 20
LSU	9-20	4	0:23	Rondell Mealey 2 run (Wade Richey kick) Drive: 80 yards in 2 plays; Time Elapsed: 0:23; Big Play: Rondell Mealey 78-yard rush on first and 10 to put ball at ND 2
LSU	9-27	4	3:19	Rondell Mealey 1 run (Wade Richey kick) Drive: 35 yards in 7 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:19; Big Play: Rondell Mealey 27-yard rush on third and 13 to put ball at ND 1

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	LSU	ND	LSU	
First Downs	19	19	Total Offensive Plays	66	64
By Rushing	10	14	Total Net Yards	243	326
By Passing	6	5	Average Gain Per Play	3.7	5.1
By Penalty	3	0	Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	0-0
Rushing Attempts	41	52	Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-30	5-55
Yards Rushing	198	294	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	70	29	Punts: No.-Yds.	5-225	4-143
Net Yards Rushing	128	265	Average Per Punt	45.0	35.8
Net Yards Passing	115	61	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-23	3-38
Passes Attempted	25	12	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-61	2-34
Passes Completed	13	5	Third Down Conversions	6-16	7-15
Had Intercepted	0	0			

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Autry Denson 20-101, Ken Barry 8-43, Tony Driver 1-1, Clement Stokes 1- -2, Jarious Jackson 4- -2, Ron Powulus 7- -13.

LSU: Rondell Mealey 34-222, Tommy Banks 6-23, Herb Tyler 9-13, Kevin Faulk 3-7.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Ron Powulus 18-8-0-66, Jarious Jackson 7-5-0-49.

LSU: Herb Tyler 12-5-1-61.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Malcolm Johnson 5-49, Autry Denson 3-32, Joey Getherall 3-23, Bobby Brown 1-10, Ken Barry 1-1.

LSU: Abram Booty 5-61.

### INDEPENDENCE BOWL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Bobbie Howard

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 1999 GATOR BOWL

### GEORGIA TECH 35 — NOTRE DAME 28

JACKSONVILLE — Nearly all the pre-game speculation in the Notre Dame camp prior to the 1999 Gator Bowl matchup with Georgia Tech centered around the physical condition of Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Though Jackson wasn't quite 100 percent, his gutsy contributions and those of record-setting Irish tailback Autry Denson nearly were enough to carry green-clad Notre Dame to victory at Alltel Stadium.

Instead, it was the big-play offense of Georgia Tech that paved the way for a 35-28 Yellow Jacket victory in a rematch between the same two teams that had opened the 1997 regular season in the dedication game of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium.

Jackson played it safe in the opening half, disdaining the option most of the time in the interest of simply making sure he was healthy for the second half. But he turned things loose a bit more after the break, even running for a third-period Irish score that brought the Irish within a point at 21-20. Denson, meanwhile, gained 96 of his game-high 130 rushing yards in the final two periods and his three touchdown runs helped earn him the Notre Dame MVP honor.

But all that wasn't enough to prevent Tech's diversified offense from using a banner 237-yard throwing effort by quarterback Joe Hamilton and TD receptions of 44 and 55 yards by Dez White in the second half to hold off the Irish. The Jackets scored on five drives of 71 yards or longer.

Tech took a lead midway through the opening period, as Hamilton deftly mixed his plays, hitting four straight attempts good for 59 yards down to the Notre Dame 28. From there, the Jackets ran off seven straight running plays — including a conversion on fourth and one — with Joe Burns taking a pitch from Hamilton from the five, then throwing back to the Tech signalcaller for the score.

Notre Dame responded quickly, with Jackson finding Bobby Brown good for 33 yards on second down to the Tech 31. After a Jamie Spencer run for 10 yards, Denson ran for nine to tie the score.

Tech responded in kind, with Hamilton throwing to Charlie Rogers for 26 yards and to White for 11. Phillip Rogers went the final two yards for a 14-7 Georgia Tech advantage.

Jackson was sacked to thwart each of the next two Irish series. Then it was Tech that put together another impressive 84-yard march, 68 of it coming on the ground. Hamilton found Mike Sheridan for nine yards and a 21-7 advantage. Jackson completed five straight passes in the final few minutes of the first half, but a Jim Sanson 44-yard field goal attempt fell short with 45 seconds remaining.

Denson nearly took control of the game by himself as the second half began. An 80-yard Irish excursion involved seven carries for 54 by the senior back, with his one-yard gain cutting the deficit to 21-14. Tony Driver's fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff set the Irish up at the Tech 26, and on the eighth play Jackson found paydirt. A blocked PAT attempt left Tech ahead 21-20.

Then it became big-play time for the Jackets. A second-down Bobbie Howard sack left Georgia Tech with third and 10 from the Irish 44 — but Hamilton responded by finding Jacksonville native White behind the defense to put Tech back up 28-20. But the Irish weren't finished.

On a 12-play, 88-yard drive, Denson carried seven times — including for the TD — and Jackson found Jay Johnson on a key 27-yard pass play. Jackson's two-point conversion throw to Brown tied the score at 28 with 11:56 to go in the contest.

The Irish nearly recovered a second fumble on the kickoff, but from there Tech launched its game-winning drive. After Hamilton threw twice for the necessary yardage on third downs, on first and 10 he again found White on a post pattern and the 55-yard scoring play.

The Irish had three more shots, but none of the three possessions advanced past the Notre Dame 28-yard line.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia Tech	7	14	7	7	35
Notre Dame	7	0	13	8	28

Attendance: 70,791—Weather: Sunny, clear, 67 degrees

Team	Score GT ND	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Georgia Tech	7-0	1	6:22	Joe Hamilton 5 pass from Joe Burns (Brad Chambers kick) Drive: 87 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:53; Big Play: Phillip Rogers rushes for two yardson fourth and one to put ball at ND 17.
Notre Dame	7-7	1	4:06	Autry Denson 9 run (Jim Sanson kick) Drive: 65 yards in 6 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:16; Big Play: Jarious Jackson passes to Bobby Brown for 33 yards on second and nine to put ball at GT 3.
Georgia Tech	14-7	2	13:46	Phillip Rogers 2 run (Brad Chambers kick) Drive: 78 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:20; Big Play: Joe Hamilton passes to Charlie Rogers for 26 yards on second and nine to put ball at ND 30.
Georgia Tech	21-7	2	4:26	Mike Sheridan 9 pass from Joe Hamilton (Brad Chambers kick) Drive: 84 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:26; Big Play: Charlie Rogers rushes for 26 yards on second and five to put ball at ND 37.
Notre Dame	21-14	3	10:47	Autry Denson 1 run (Jim Sanson kick) Drive: 80 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:13; Big Play: Autry Denson rushed for five yards and third and one to put ball at GT 25.
Notre Dame	21-20	3	7:23	Jarious Jackson 2 run (Kick blocked) Drive: 26 yards in 8 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:24; Big Play: Jarious Jackson rushes for one yard on fourth and one to put ball at GT 1.
Georgia Tech	28-20	3	3:42	Dez White 44 pass from Joe Hamilton (Brad Chambers kick) Drive: 71 yards in 7 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:41; Big Play: Touchdown pass.
Notre Dame	28-28	4	11:56	Autry Denson 1 run (Bobby Brown pass from Jarious Jackson) Drive: 88 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:46; Big Play: GT penalized 13 yards for late hit on Notre Dame third and eight to put ball at GT 13.
Georgia Tech	35-28	4	7:55	Dez White 55 pass from Joe Hamilton (Brad Chambers kick) Drive: 91 yards in 9 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:01; Big Play: Joe Hamilton passes to Charlie Rogers for eight yards on third and four to put ball at GT 34.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	GT	ND	GT
First Downs	20	23	65	68
By Rushing	10	10	309	436
By Passing	8	11	4.8	6.4
By Penalty	2	2	2-1	2-1
Rushing Attempts	41	47	6-30	7-53
Yards Rushing	104	205	0-0	0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	35	11	5-183	3-104
Net Yards Rushing	159	194	36.6	34.7
Net Yards Passing	150	242	1-8	3-38
Passes Attempted	24	21	4-55	5-40
Passes Completed	13	14	2-9	6-12
Had Intercepted	0	0		

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Autry Denson 26-130, Jamie Spencer 3-17, Jarious Jackson 12-12.  
GT: Charlie Rogers 13-82, Joe Burns 12-55, Phillip Rogers 10-28, Joe Hamilton 10-19, Ed Wilder 2-10.

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Jarious Jackson 24-13-0-150.  
GT: Joe Hamilton 20-13-3-237, Joe Burns 1-1-1-5.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Malcolm Johnson 5-43, Bobby Brown 2-42, Jay Johnson 1-27, Raki Nelson 2-20, Jabari Holloway 2-11, Autry Denson 1-7.  
GT: Dez White 4-129, Charlie Rogers 4-52, Russell Matvay 1-28, Mike Sheridan 1-9, Ed Wilder 1-7, Conrad Andrzejewski 1-7, Joe Hamilton 1-5, Joe Burns 1-5.

### NOTRE DAME MVP

Autry Denson, tailback

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 2001 FIESTA BOWL

### OREGON STATE 41 — NOTRE DAME 9

TEMPE — Oregon State used four third quarter touchdowns, capitalizing on two Notre Dame turnovers, to defeat the Irish 41-9 in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

Notre Dame's trip to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl was its 11th New Year's Day Bowl game in 14 years and second in the four-year tenure of Irish head coach Bob Davie. The loss was its fifth straight bowl-game defeat, a drought that goes back to the 1994 Cotton Bowl win over sixth-ranked Texas A&M. "That football team out there impressed me," Davie said.

While the scoreboard showed the worst defeat for the Irish since a 58-7 loss at Miami in 1985, Notre Dame was still within striking distance at halftime.

Oregon State tallied scores on its first two possessions with field goals of 32 and 29 yards. Both drives covered over 50 yards, but the Irish defense got tough deep in its own territory holding the Beavers on third-and-18 and third-and-one.

The Beavers had another chance to score midway through the second quarter, but Notre Dame snuffed out the opportunity with a stop on fourth-and-goal from the Irish one-yard line.

Notre Dame was again forced to punt with the Beavers taking over at their own 10-yard line. At that point, Oregon State appeared to be ready to run away with the game when Chad Johnson caught a Jonathan Smith pass on second down and sprinted 74 yards for the first touchdown of the game. The Beavers' two-point conversion attempt failed and Oregon State led 12-0.

Notre Dame then took the ball at its own 23 and quarterback Matt LoVecchio was sacked on the first two Irish plays. After seeing its third-and-31 pass fall incomplete, the drive was kept alive by a personal foul call against Oregon State. A 40-yard pass from LoVecchio to Javin Hunter moved Notre Dame into Beaver territory for the first time in the game. An Oregon State pass interference call moved Notre Dame to the Beaver 12, but after two incomplete passes, Nick Setta booted a 29-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

Notre Dame trailed just 12-3.

Oregon State took possession to open the second half, but the drive fizzled after just four plays. Notre Dame took over following the punt, but the Beavers forced a LoVecchio fumble on second down deep in his own territory. Oregon State turned that possession into a touchdown in just two plays, scoring on a 23-yard pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

"If I had to say there was one big series, I think it was probably the first possession of the second half when it was 12-3 and we finally stopped them," Davie said. "We ran the ball on first down and got stoned, and then on second down we get sacked and turn the ball over. We were just off-rhythm all night, and I have to give (Oregon State) credit because they jumped up and made a bunch of plays on defense."

Oregon State, up 19-3 three minutes into the third quarter, turned it up offensively and defensively in the next seven minutes. The Beaver defense held Notre Dame to minus-11 yards on its next three possessions, forcing two punts and an interception while scoring three touchdowns in its next eight plays.

After forcing another LoVecchio interception late in the third quarter to stop an Irish drive, Oregon State was content to let the clock run. They had turned a 12-3 halftime lead into a 41-3 celebration.

Notre Dame rounded out the scoring by capitalizing on the lone Oregon State turnover by following a Beaver fumble with a 57-yard touchdown drive capped by a Tony Fisher dive from a yard out. "Their speed was definitely a factor," Davie said. "They played extremely hard. When we can't run the football any more effectively than we did tonight, we virtually have no chance."

The Irish were limited to season lows with 155 yards total offense and 17 yards rushing.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	3	0	6	9
Oregon State	3	9	29	0	41

Attendance: 75,428—Weather: Clear, 63 degrees

Team	Score ND-OSU	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Oregon State	0-3	1	7:27	Ryan Cesca 32-yard field goal Drive: 59 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:32; Big Play: Jonathan Smith completes an eight-yard pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh on third-down-and-five to put ball on the Notre Dame 30.
Oregon State	0-6	2	14:55	Ryan Cesca 29-yard field goal Drive: 50 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:08; Big Play: Ken Simonton rushes for two yards on fourth-and-one putting the ball on the Notre Dame 19.
Oregon State	0-12	2	4:18	Chad Johnson 74-yard pass from Jonathan Smith (Two-point conversion failed) Drive: 90 yards in 4 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:08; Big Play: Touchdown pass as Chad Johnson runs away from defense after CB Clifford Jefferson pulls a hamstring.
Notre Dame	3-12	2	0:00	Nick Setta 29-yard field goal Drive: 65 yards in 15 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:18; Big Play: Two Oregon State penalties give Notre Dame first downs and a Matt LoVecchio 40-yard pass to Javin Hunter gives Notre Dame the ball on the Oregon State 30.
Oregon State	3-19	3	12:04	T.J. Houshmandzadeh 23-yard pass from Jonathan Smith (Ryan Cesca kick) Drive: 26 yards in 2 plays; Time Elapsed: 0:45; Big Play: Eric Manning recovers a Matt LoVecchio fumble giving Oregon State the ball on the Notre Dame 26.
Oregon State	3-27	3	9:08	Terrell Roberts 45-yard punt return (Robert Prescott pass from Jonathan Smith)
Oregon State	3-34	3	7:02	Chad Johnson 4-yard pass from Jonathan Smith (Ryan Cesca kick) Drive: 22 yards in 4 plays; Time Elapsed: 0:58; Big Play: Touchdown pass after Matt LoVecchio interception gives Oregon State the ball on Irish 22.
Oregon State	3-41	3	4:54	Ken Simonton 4-yard run (Ryan Cesca kick) Drive: 55 yards in 4 plays; Time Elapsed: 1:31; Big Play: Jonathan Smith 25-yard pass to Robert Prescott placing ball at ND 25. Ken Simonton follows with 17-yard run putting ball at ND 4.
Notre Dame	9-41	4	6:07	Tony Fisher 1-yard run (Matt LoVecchio rush fails) Drive: 57 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:10; Big Play: Matt LoVecchio completes 14-yard pass to Javin Hunter putting ball on Oregon State 1.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OSU		ND	OSU
First Downs	18	20	Total Offensive Plays	70	64
By Rushing	5	7	Total Net Yards	155	446
By Passing	7	12	Average Gain Per Play	2.2	7.0
By Penalty	6	1	Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	3-1
Rushing Attempts	37	39	Penalties: No.-Yds.	7-42	18-174
Yards Rushing	99	156	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-31
Yards Lost Rushing	82	29	Punts: No.-Yds.	6-249	3-117
Net Yards Rushing	17	127	Average Per Punt	41.5	39.0
Net Yards Passing	138	319	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-(-1)	4-106
Passes Attempted	33	25	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	6-146	1-12
Passes Completed	13	17	Third Down Conversions	4-15	5-13
Had Intercepted	2	0			

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Julius Jones 13-30, Terrance Howard 8-28, Tony Fisher 5-9, Tom Lopienski 1-0, Joey Getherall 1-(-1), Matt LoVecchio 9-(-49).

OSU: Ken Simonton 18-85, Antonio Battle 8-32, Patrick McCall 10-25, Nick Stremick 1-(-2), Jonathan Smith 2-(-13).

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Matt LoVecchio 33-13-0-138.

OSU: Jonathan Smith 24-16-3-305, Nick Stremick 1-1-0-14.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: David Givens 4-23, Javin Hunter 3-57, Dan O'Leary 2-36, Tony Fisher 2-2, Joey Getherall 1-10, Julius Jones 1-10.

OSU: T.J. Houshmandzadeh 6-74, Chad Johnson 4-93, Martin Maurer 3-82, Robert Prescott 2-41, Patrick McCall 1-15, Tevita Moala 1-14.

### FIESTA BOWL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Julius Jones, tailback



# Bowl Game Recaps

## 2003 GATOR BOWL

### NORTH CAROLINA ST. 28 — NOTRE DAME 6

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

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

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

Playing his final game at Notre Dame, wide receiver Arnaz Battle caught 10 passes for 84 yards, setting a school record for receptions in a bowl game. Battle wound up with 58 catches on the season, the third-highest total in school history and the most by an Irish wideout in 33 years. Tailback Ryan Grant added 68 yards rushing on 21 carries, giving him 1,085 yards on the ground for the season, the 10th-highest single-season mark in school history.

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

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

The Wolfpack then dealt Notre Dame's comeback hopes a staggering blow, as Rod Johnson intercepted a pass by Irish reserve quarterback Pat Dillingham, setting up N.C. State at the Notre Dame 48-yard line. It took Wolfpack signal-caller Philip Rivers six plays to march his team to the end zone, finding Jerricho Cotchery on a nine-yard scoring toss with 1:16 left in the first half.

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

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

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

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

### SCORING SUMMARY

North Carolina State	0	21	0	7	28
Notre Dame	3	0	3	0	6

Attendance: 73,491—Weather: Partly Cloudy, Temp. 70

Team	Score ND-NCST	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	3-0	1	4:12	Nicholas Setta 23-yard field goal Drive: 52 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:42; Big Play: Rashon Powers-Neal rushes for 2 yards on fourth-and-one to NC State 49 to keep drive going.
North Carolina State	3-7	2	14:03	T.A. McLendon 2-yard run (Adam Kiker kick) Drive: 96 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:09; Big Play: Philip Rivers completes 11-yard pass to Jerricho Cotchery to ND 2 on third down and six.
North Carolina State	3-14	2	5:02	T.A. McLendon 3-yard run (Adam Kiker kick) Drive: 76 yards in 11 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:51; Big Play: Philip Rivers completes passes of 18 and 12 yards putting the ball at the ND 3.
North Carolina State	3-21	2	1:16	Philip Rivers 9-yard pass to Jerricho Cotchery (Adam Kiker kick) Drive: 48 yards in 6 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:51; Big Play: After a Pat Dillingham INT gives NC State the ball on the ND 48, Bryan Peterson completes a pass to Joseph Gray for 24 yards to the ND 13.
Notre Dame	6-21	3	1:44	Nicholas Setta 41-yard field goal Drive: 39 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:05; Big Play: Pat Dillingham completes a 17-yard pass to Omar Jenkins on fourth-and-four.
North Carolina State	6-28	4	10:41	Philip Rivers 7-yard pass to Sean Berton (Adam Kiker Kick) Drive: 69 yards in 9 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:51; Big Play: Rivers completes passes of 26 and 12 yards to Jerricho Cotchery giving the Wolfpack the ball on the ND 22.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NCS	ND	NCS	ND	
First Downs	21	23	Total Offensive Plays	67	82
By Rushing	4	8	Total Net Yards	317	286
By Passing	14	9	Average Gain Per Play	4.7	3.5
By Penalty	3	6	Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	0-0
Rushing Attempts	26	38	Penalties: No.-Yds.	10-87	9-90
Yards Rushing	80	112	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-26	0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	18	26	Punts: No.-Yds.	1-0	2-20
Net Yards Rushing	62	86	Average Per Punt	43.2	30.3
Net Yards Passing	255	200	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-0	2-20
Passes Attempted	41	44	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	1-7	2-51
Passes Completed	25	23	Third Down Conversions	7-15	4-19
Had Intercepted	0	3	Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	4-7

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

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

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

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

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

NCS: Philip Rivers 37-23-2-228, Bryan Peterson 3-2-0-27, Team 1-0-0-0.

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

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

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

### NOTRE DAME GATOR BOWL MVP

Cedric Hilliard, nose guard

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 2004 INSIGHT BOWL

### OREGON STATE 38 — NOTRE DAME 21

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Playing under an interim head coach at the conclusion of one of the most tumultuous months in Notre Dame football history, the Irish ended the 2004 season with a loss to Oregon State in the Insight Bowl at Bank One Ballpark in downtown Phoenix.

Derek Anderson passed for 358 yards and four touchdowns as Notre Dame fell to Oregon State, 38-21. Anderson, who completed 28-of-45 passes, tossed two touchdowns to Joe Newton and one each to George Gillett and Dan Haines. Oregon State (7-5) opened a 14-0 first quarter cushion behind scoring tosses of 12 yards to Gillett and 11 yards to Newton. Anderson's 11-yard pass to Haines made it 21-0 with 7:49 left in the second quarter, and the Beavers led by at least 10 points thereafter. The first two scores were set up by a long punt return by Sammie Stroughter and a blocked punt by Derrick Doggett, respectively.

Notre Dame (6-6) was playing its one and only game under Kent Baer, their defensive coordinator under former head coach Tyrone Willingham, who was fired on November 30. "I'd be lying if I told you that it didn't affect some people," said Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, who completed 17-of-29 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns.

The Irish showed plenty of fight, recovering from an early 21-0 deficit by pulling within 10 points late in the third period (24-14). Notre Dame cut the halftime deficit to 21-7 with an impressive 13-play, 84-yard scoring drive that was capped by a 13-yard pass from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano 56 seconds before the intermission.

After OSU added a field goal early in the third quarter, the Irish moved 49 yards in six plays for a touchdown to cut the deficit to 10 points. A 29-yard pass from Quinn to Jeff Samardzija keyed the march that concluded with a five-yard scoring run by Darius Walker with 2:40 left in the period.

Notre Dame's comeback hopes were stalled on OSU's next drive. The Beavers took the ensuing possession 90 yards in 12 plays for a touchdown, chewing up 5:23 of game time before a one-yard pass from Anderson to Newton gave OSU a commanding 31-14 edge.

The Irish responded with a score of their own, marching 88 yards in 10 plays to pull within 31-21 on an 18-yard pass from Quinn to Rhema McKnight, who made a spectacular one-handed grab in the end zone for the score with 4:52 left. But the Beavers added an insurance score just 1:33 later, after recovering Notre Dame's attempted on-side kick at the Irish 28. Dwight Wright scored on a two-yard run with 3:19 to go for the final margin.

Notre Dame's receivers were the team's standouts as Samardzija nabbed a career-high five passes for 89 yards while McKnight had four catches for 90 yards to key the offense.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OSU	ND	OSU
First Downs	17	19	Total Offensive Plays	66 63
By Rushing	3	2	Total Net Yards	276 378
By Passing	11	17	Average Gain Per Play	4.2 6.0
By Penalty	3	0	Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0 1-0
Rushing Attempts	33	18	Penalties: No.-Yds.	2-10 5-45
Yards Rushing	90	46	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0 1-37
Yards Lost Rushing	31	26	Punts: No.-Yds.	8-255 4-141
Net Yards Rushing	59	20	Average Per Punt	31.9 35.2
Net Yards Passing	217	358	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-7 5-77
Passes Attempted	33	45	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	6-109 3-34
Passes Completed	18	28	Third Down Conversions	7-16 6-14
Had Intercepted	1	0	Fourth Down Conversions	0-0 1-1

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	7	7	7	21
Oregon State	14	7	3	14	38
Attendance: 45,917—Weather: Dome					

Team	Score	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Oregon State	0-7	1	9:24	George Gillett 12-yard pass from Derek Anderson (Alexis Serna kick) Drive: 27 yards in four plays; Time Elapsed: 1:18; Big Play: Sammie Stroughter returns a punt 52 yards to the ND 27 yard line to set up the touchdown.
Oregon State	0-14	1	5:41	Joe Newton 11-yard pass from Derek Anderson (Alexis Serna kick) Drive: 10 yards in two plays; Time Elapsed: 0:48; Big Play: Derrick Doggett blocks a punt on the ND 27 and returns it six yards to set up the touchdown.
Oregon State	0-21	2	7:49	Dan Haines 11-yard pass from Derek Anderson (Alexis Serna kick) Drive: 45 yards in five plays; Time Elapsed: 2:49; Big Play: OSU fumbles, but recovers the ball on Notre Dame's 20 yard line to set up the touchdown.
Notre Dame	7-21	2	0:56	Anthony Fasano 13-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 84 yards in 13 plays; Time Elapsed: 6:53; Big Play: On third and eight on the OSU 44, a pass interference penalty keeps the drive alive for Notre Dame.
Oregon State	7-24	3	9:16	Alexis Serna 38-yard field goal Drive: 32 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 1:59; Big Play: Derek Anderson completes a 15-yard pass to Mike Hass on the first play of the drive.
Notre Dame	14-24	3	2:40	Darius Walker five-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 49 yards in six plays; Time Elapsed: 3:34; Big Play: Quinn completes a 29-yard pass to Jeff Samardzija on the first play of the drive.
Oregon State	14-31	4	12:17	Joe Newton one-yard pass from Derek Anderson (Alexis Serna kick) Drive: 90 yards in 12 plays; Time Elapsed: 5:23; Big Play: Anderson completes a 31-yard pass to Gillett to position the ball on the ND 12.
Notre Dame	21-31	4	4:52	Rhema McKnight 18-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 88 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:04; Big Play: On third and 12 at the OSU 29, Quinn completes a 16-yard pass to Samardzija.
Oregon State	21-38	4	3:19	Dwight Wright two-yard run (Alexis Serna kick) Drive: 28 yards in four plays; Time Elapsed: 1:33; Big Play: After a failed on-side kick by Notre Dame, Anderson hits Hass for 21 yards on the first play of the drive to position the ball at the ND 7.

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Darius Walker 13-43, Ryan Grant 14-19, Brady Quinn 4-10, Marcus Wilson 1-0, Chase Anastasio 1 (-13)  
OSU: Dwight Wright 9-24, Ryan Cole 3-3, Derek Anderson 5 (-6)

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Brady Quinn 29-17-1-214, Pat Dillingham 1-3-0-3, Justin Hoskins 1-0-0-0  
OSU: Derek Anderson 45-28-0-358

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Jeff Samardzija 5-89, Rhema McKnight 4-90, Marcus Wilson 2-3, Darius Walker 1-13, Anthony Fasano 1-13, Billy Palmer 1-6, Ryan Harris 1-3, Rashon Powers-Neal 1-2, Josh Schmidt 1-1, Matt Shelton 1 (-3)  
OSU: Joe Newton 7-85, Mike Hass 5-105, George Gillett 4-62, Marcel Love 4-37, Dan Haines 3-25, Yvenson Bernard 2-19, Dwight Wright 2-16, Josh Hawkins 1-9

### SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Derek Curry, linebacker

# Bowl Game Recaps

## 2006 FIESTA BOWL

**OHIO STATE 34 — NOTRE DAME 20**

TEMPE, Ariz. (Jan. 2, 2006) — Notre Dame's return to national prominence under first-year head coach Charlie Weis was capped by the first Irish appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game in five years. Unfortunately, the result was not indicative of the team's success in the regular season as the fifth-ranked Irish suffered a 34-20 loss to fourth-ranked Ohio State in the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Much of the pre-game hype about the contest focused on the matchup between the Notre Dame offense and the Buckeye defense, but the game actually turned on the ability of the Ohio State offense to exploit matchups against the Irish defense. The Buckeyes racked up 617 yards of offense, a record by a Notre Dame opponent, on the way to handing the Irish their third defeat of the season.

OSU quarterback Troy Smith earned Game MVP honors by using his maneuverability and poise under pressure to repeatedly create big plays at crucial moments, accounting for 408 yards (66 rushing, 342 passing) and two touchdowns. Meanwhile, the Irish stayed in the game thanks to a plucky defense that wouldn't quit and an offense (led by quarterback Brady Quinn and tailback Darius Walker) that came out blazing, stalled, then regrouped to rally the team in the game's late stages.

The game started just as Weis and the Irish drew it up as Notre Dame took the game's opening kickoff and proceeded to march to a quick touchdown. Walker rushed three times for 39 yards and Quinn completed a pair of passes for 33 more as the Irish drove 72 yards in six plays to a touchdown as Walker raced 20 yards to pay dirt for a 7-0 Notre Dame lead just 2:01 into the game.

Ohio State responded with a drive characteristic of the rest of the game. Twice Smith managed to create big plays on key third down situations, scrambling for 15 yards and a first down on a third-and-nine play and passing for six yards to Santonio Holmes on a third-and-six situation. Then, Smith fired a 56-yard bomb to wideout Ted Ginn Jr. for a touchdown to tie the game at 7-7 with 10:02 left in the opening quarter.

Notre Dame squandered a golden scoring opportunity late in the opening period when Irish linebacker Corey Mays sacked Smith and forced him to fumble at the Buckeye 14. Defensive end Ronald Talley recovered for the Irish and Notre Dame took possession in the shadow of the OSU end zone. But the Irish failed to produce points as the Buckeye defense stiffened and stopped the Irish on a fourth-and-two play, sacking Quinn for an eight-yard loss to end the threat.

The Buckeyes took the lead on the ensuing possession, driving 86 yards in six plays. Smith connected with Ginn for 18 yards on a third-and-nine play immediately before Ginn took a reverse and sprinted 68 yards to the end zone, dodging the entire Irish defense on his way to the end zone and a 14-7 OSU lead early in the second quarter. The Buckeyes extended the lead to 21-7 at the half on a 85-yard pass from Smith to Holmes with 2:21 left in the second quarter and appeared to be in control as the second half began.

But the Irish showed impressive resolve to stay in it, blocking a Huston field goal attempt early in the third period then marching 71 yards in 10 plays to pull within 21-13 on a 10-yard run by Walker with 4:25 left in the period. Late in the quarter, the game's most controversial play went against the Irish. Safety Tom Zbikowski picked up what appeared to be a fumble by OSU receiver Anthony Gonzalez, returning the loosed ball for an apparent 87-yard touchdown that would have narrowed the score to 21-19. But officials ruled via replay that Gonzalez had not retained possession, negating the play. Huston kicked a 40-yard field goal on the next play for a 24-13 OSU lead.

"That was THE play," Weis said. "What I said to the official on the field is I hope your guy upstairs was right because that changed the whole complexion of the game."

Huston added another field goal early in the fourth, this one from 26 yards out, to give the Buckeyes a 27-13 edge. But the Irish would not go down quietly. Quinn, who set Irish bowl passing records for yards, completions, attempts and consecutive completions (tying a school mark with 14 consecutive at one point in the game), led them 80 yards in 13 plays. The scoring play, a three-yard run by Walker off a direct snap, was his third of the game (another Irish bowl mark), and pulled Notre Dame within 27-20 with 5:27 remaining.

But OSU responded with a clinching score. Smith wiggled out of pressure twice on third down plays to complete clutch passes for first downs before Antonio Pittman sealed the outcome with a 60-yard run for a score with 1:46 remaining.

It was a tough loss for the Irish, but not one without memorable performances. Stovall had nine catches for 126 yards to set new Irish bowl record for receiving yards. Quinn finished with 29 completions in 45 attempts, tying the single-game Notre Dame record for completions. For his gutsy performance, Quinn was awarded the game's sportsmanship award. Defensively, linebackers Corey Mays and Brandon Hoyte had standout performances. Mays made a game-high 12 tackles, forced a fumble, had two tackles for losses and one quarterback sack. Hoyte added 10 tackles, including one for a loss.

"There are two ways you can go after a loss," Weis said. "One way is you sit there and feel sorry for yourselves. The other way is to take that bitter taste in your mouth and say I don't want to have that taste a year from now."

### SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	0	6	7	20
Ohio State	7	14	3	7	34
Attendance: 76,196		Weather: Pleasant, 76 degrees			

Team	Score ND-OSU	Qtr.	Time Left	Play
Notre Dame	7-0	1	12:59	Darius Walker 20 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 72 yards in 6 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:01; Big Play: Brady Quinn passes 25 yards to Maurice Stovall on first and 10 to OSU 20 to set up score.
Ohio State	7-7	1	10:02	Ted Ginn Jr. 56 pass from Troy Smith (Josh Huston kick) Drive: 82 yards in 7 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:57; Big Play: Troy Smith scrambles for 15 yards on third and nine to the OSU 34.
Ohio State	7-14	2	14:16	Ted Ginn Jr. 68 run (Josh Huston kick) Drive: 86 yards in 6 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:16; Big Play: Troy Smith passes for 18 yards to Ted Ginn Jr. on third and nine to the OSU 32.
Ohio State	7-21	2	2:21	Santonio Holmes 85 pass from Troy Smith (Josh Huston kick) Drive: 98 yards in 4 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:16; Big Play: Troy Smith scrambles for nine yards on third and six to the OSU 15.
Notre Dame	13-21	3	4:25	Darius Walker 10 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 71 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:53; Big Play: Brady Quinn passes for 21 yards to Matt Shelton on second and 10 to the 50.
Ohio State	13-24	3	2:20	Josh Huston 40 field goal Drive: 42 yards in 5 plays; Time Elapsed: 2:05; Big Play: Troy Smith passes for 44 yards to Ted Ginn Jr. on first and 10 to the ND 21.
Ohio State	13-27	4	10:12	Josh Huston 26 field goal Drive: 60 yards in 10 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:22 Big Play: Troy Smith passes for 17 yards to Roy Hall on third and five to the ND 16.
Notre Dame	20-27	4	5:27	Darius Walker 3 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 80 yards in 13 plays; Time Elapsed: 4:45; Big Play: Brady Quinn passes for 28 yards to Jeff Samardzija on third and 12 to the OSU 27.
Ohio State	20-34	4	1:46	Antonio Pittman 60 run (Josh Huston kick) Drive: 85 yards in 7 plays; Time Elapsed: 3:41; Big Play: Troy Smith passes for 15 yards to Anthony Gonzalez on third and 11 to the OSU 40.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	OSU	ND		OSU	ND
First Downs	27	22	Total Offensive Plays	64	73
By Rushing	12	8	Total Net Yards	617	348
By Passing	14	12	Average Gain Per Play	9.6	4.8
By Penalty	1	2	Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-2	1-0
Rushing Attempts	36	28	Penalties: No.-Yds.	7-53	6-48
Yards Rushing	293	106	Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Yards Lost Rushing	18	44	Punts: No.-Yds.	1-40	6-254
Net Yards Rushing	275	62	Average Per Punt	40.0	42.3
Net Yards Passing	342	286	Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-20	1-0
Passes Attempted	28	45	Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-51	2-23
Passes Completed	19	29	Third Down Conversions	8-12	9-17
Had Intercepted	0	0	Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-2

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

ND: Darius Walker 16-90, Asaph Schwapp 2-4, Brady Quinn 10-(-32)  
OSU: Antonio Pittman 21-136, Ted Ginn Jr. 2-73, Troy Smith 13-66

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

ND: Brady Quinn 45-29-0-286  
OSU: Troy Smith 28-19-0-342

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

ND: Maurice Stovall 9-126, Darius Walker 7-37, Jeff Samardzija 6-59, Matt Shelton 5-52, Anthony Fasano 2-12  
OSU: Ted Ginn Jr. 8-167, Santonio Holmes 5-124, Roy Hall 2-22, Antonio Pittman 2-6, Anthony Gonzalez 1-15, Marcel Frost 1-8

### SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Brady Quinn, quarterback

# National Championships

The national championship team in college football generally is considered to be the top-rated squad in the final rankings issued each year by the poll of sportswriters and broadcasters (Associated Press) and the poll of coaches (United Press International through 1990, *USA Today*/CNN since 1991-1996, *USA Today*/ESPN 1997-2004/*USA Today* 2005-present).

Since the AP began certifying the winner of its national crown in 1936, Notre Dame has won more national championships than any other team in the country. The Irish have won eight titles (1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88) — with Oklahoma second on the list with seven.

The coaches' poll has voted a national champion since 1950. Notre Dame has won three UPI titles (1966-77-88) during that period. Only USC (six) and Oklahoma (five) have won more. The UPI poll was taken following the end of the regular season each year until the 1974 season when the coaches first waited until the bowl games were conducted to issue their final rankings.

The Football Writers Association of America has presented the Grantland Rice Award since 1954, with Notre Dame earning the trophy in 1966, '73, '77 and '88. The National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame has presented the MacArthur Bowl to its national champion since 1959. Notre Dame has won it on five occasions — 1964, '66 (tie with Michigan State), '73, '77 and '88.

A variety of other rating systems have been recognized over the years in attempting to determine the top team in college football each season.

Notre Dame generally is considered to have earned 11 consensus national titles (1924-29-30-43-46-47-49-66-73-77-88). But there have been 19 seasons in which Notre Dame has qualified as a national champion from at least one legitimate poll, with all teams receiving national championship mention and their individual selectors noted.

Here are Notre Dame's 11 consensus seasons:

Year	Team	Record	Coach	Selector
1924	Notre Dame	10-0	Knute Rockne	Bill, DS, Helms, Boand, FR, Houll, NCF, Poling
	Pennsylvania	9-1-1	Lou Young	Davis
1929	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Bill, DS, Dunkel, Boand, Helms, FR, NCF, Poling
	Pittsburgh	9-1	Jock Sutherland	Davis
	USC	10-2	Howard Jones	Houlgate
1930	Notre Dame	10-0	Knute Rockne	All but FR, tie for Davis
	Alabama	10-0	Wallace Wade	Davis (tie), FR
1943	Notre Dame	9-1	Frank Leahy	Unanimous
1946	Notre Dame	8-0-1	Frank Leahy	AP, Berry, Bill, Dunkel, LS, Devold, NCF, Helms (tie), Boand (tie), Poling (tie)
	Army	9-0-1	Red Blaik	Houlgate, FR, Boand (tie), Helms (tie), Poling (tie)
	Georgia	11-0	Wally Butts	WS
1947	Notre Dame	9-0	Frank Leahy	AP, WS, Helms (tie)
	Michigan	10-0	Fritz Crisler	Berry, Bill, Dunkel, LS, Houlgate, Helms (tie), Boand, FR, Devold, NCF, Poling
1949	Notre Dame	10-0	Frank Leahy	All but FR, Bill
	Oklahoma	11-0	Bud Wilkinson	FR, Bill
1966	Notre Dame	9-0-1	Ara Parseghian	AP, UPI, FWAA, Poling (tie), Dunkel, LS, Devold, FN, Matthews, Bill, NCF, Sag., NFFHF (tie), Helms (tie)
	Alabama	11-0	Paul "Bear" Bryant	Berry
	Michigan State	9-0-1	Duffy Daugherty	FR, Helms (tie), NFFHF (tie), Poling (tie)
1973	Notre Dame	11-0	Ara Parseghian	AP, FWAA, NFFHF, Helms, FN, NCF (tie)
	Alabama	10-1	Bear Bryant	UPI, Berry
	Oklahoma	10-0-1	Barry Switzer	Bill, Dunkel, FR, Devold
	Michigan	10-0-1	Glenn "Bo" Schembechler	NCF (tie), Poling (tie)

Year	Team	Record	Coach	Selector
	Ohio State	10-0-1	Woody Hayes	FACT, NCF (tie), Poling (tie), Sag.
1977	Notre Dame	11-1	Dan Devine	All but Berry, FACT (tie), FR (tie)
	Alabama	11-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	FR (tie)
	Arkansas	11-1	Lou Holtz	FACT (tie)
	Texas	11-1	Fred Akers	Berry, FACT (tie)
1988	Notre Dame	12-0	Lou Holtz	All but Berry, Sag.
	Miami (Fla.)	11-1	Dennis Erickson	Berry, Sag.

## Here are the other 10 seasons Notre Dame received some mention:

1919	Harvard	9-0-1	Bob Fisher	Unanimous
	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Davis (tie), NCF (tie)
	Illinois	6-1	Bob Zuppke	Davis (tie), FR (tie), Boand
	Texas A&M	10-0	D.X. Bible	NCF (tie)
1920	California	9-0	Andy Smith	Helms, FR, Houll., NCF
	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Davis (tie)
	Princeton	6-0-1	Bill Roper	Davis (tie), Boand (tie)
	Harvard	8-0-1	Robert Fisher	Boand (tie)
1927	Illinois	7-0-1	Bob Zuppke	DS, Davis, Helms, NCF
	Yale	7-1	T.A.D. Jones	FR
	Notre Dame	7-1-1	Knute Rockne	Houl.
	Georgia	9-1	George Woodruff	Boand, Poling
1938	Tennessee	11-0	Bob Neyland	Bill, Dunkel, LS, Boand, Houll., FR, Poling, Sag.
	TCU	11-0	Dutch Meyer	AP, WS, Helms, NCF
	Notre Dame	8-1	Elmer Layden	DS
1953	Notre Dame	9-0-1	Frank Leahy	All but AP, UP, FRI, INS, Berry
	Maryland	10-1	Jim Tatum	AP, UPI, INS
	Oklahoma	9-1-1	Bud Wilkinson	FR, Berry
1964	Alabama	10-1	Bear Bryant	AP, UPI, LS, Berry
	Arkansas	11-0	Frank Broyles	Bill, FWAA, Helms, FR, NCF, Poling
	Notre Dame	9-1	Ara Parseghian	NFFHF, Devold, FN, Sag.
	Michigan	9-1	Bump Elliott	Dunkel
1967	USC	10-1	John McKay	All but Dunkel, LS, Poling
	Notre Dame	8-2	Ara Parseghian	Dunkel
	Tennessee	9-2	Doug Dickey	LS
	Oklahoma	10-1	Chuck Fairbanks	Poling
1970	Nebraska	11-0-1	Bob Devaney	AP, Bill, FWAA, Dunkel, Helms, FR, Devold, FN, FACT (tie), NCF
	Texas	10-1	Darrell Royal	Berry, UPI, LS, NFFHF (tie), FACT (tie)
	Ohio State	9-1	Woody Hayes	NFFHF (tie)
	Notre Dame	10-1	Ara Parseghian	FACT (tie), Matthews, Sag.
	Arizona State	11-0	Frank Kush	Pol
1989	Miami (Fla.)	11-1	Dennis Erickson	All but Bill, Berry, FACT (tie), Sag.
	Notre Dame	12-1	Lou Holtz	Berry, FACT (tie), Sag.
	Florida State	10-2	Bobby Bowden	Bill
1993	Florida State	12-1	Bobby Bowden	All but NCF, Matthews
	Auburn	11-0	Terry Bowden	NCF (tie)
	Nebraska	11-1	Tom Osborne	NCF (tie)
	Notre Dame	11-1	Lou Holtz	Matthews, NCF (tie)

## RATING SYSTEMS

- ALD** Alderson System (1994-current); a mathematical rating system based strictly on a point value system reflecting competition as well as won-lost record. Developed by Bob Alderson of Muldrow, Okla.
- AP** Associated Press (1936-current); the first major nationwide poll for ranking college football teams is voted on by sportswriters and broadcasters. It is probably the most well-known and widely circulated among all of history's polls.
- Berry** Berryman System (1990-present); a mathematically based power rating system based on a quality point rating formula developed by Carl P. Berryman of Washington, D.C. Predated national champions from 1940-1989.
- Bill** Billingsley Report (1970-current); a mathematically based power rating system developed by Richard Billingsley of Nashville, Tenn. His work is published annually as the Billingsley Report through his own company, the College Football Research Center. Predated national champions from 1869-1970.
- Boand** Boand System (1930-1960); known as the Azzi Ratem System developed by William Boand of Tucson, Ariz. He moved to Chicago in 1932. Appeared in many newspapers as well as *Illustrated Football Annual* (1932-42) and weekly in *Football News* (1942-44, 1951-60). Predated national champions from 1919-1929.
- Davis** Parke H. Davis Ratings (1933); a noted college football historian, Parke H. Davis, went back and named the championship teams from the 1869 through the 1932 season. He also named a national champion at the conclusion of the 1933 season. Interestingly, the years 1869-75 were identified by Davis as the Pioneer Period; the years 1876-93 were called the period of American Intercollegiate Football Association, and the years 1894-1933 were referred to as the Period of Rules Committees and Conferences.
- DeVold** DeVold System (1939-current); a mathematical rating system developed by Harry DeVold from Minneapolis, a former football player at Cornell. He eventually settled in the Detroit area and worked in the real estate business. The ratings have appeared in *The Football News* since 1962. Predated national champions from 1939-1944.
- DS** Dickinson System (1924-40); a mathematical point system devised by Frank Dickinson, a professor of economics at the University of Illinois. Dickinson divided teams into two categories, those that had a higher than .500 winning percentage and those below. Dickinson mentioned his method in class one day and the Daily Illini sports editor featured a story which came to the attention of Chicago clothing manufacturer Jack Rissman, who decided he would like to use Dickinson's ratings to select the top team in the Big Ten each year so that he could present a trophy to the winner. When Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne heard about this, he invited both the professor and the clothing manufacturer to lunch at South Bend and said, "Why don't you make it a national trophy that Notre Dame will have a chance to win?" Never one to miss out on a good thing, Rockne also persuaded Dickinson and Rissman to predate the whole thing a couple of years so that the 1924 Irish — the Four Horsemen team — could be the first official, system-rated national champion.
- The annual Dickinson ratings were emblematic of the national championship and the basis for awarding the Rissman Trophy and the Knute K. Rockne Intercollegiate Memorial Trophy. Notre Dame gained permanent possession of the Rissman Trophy after its third victory in 1930. Minnesota retired the Rockne Trophy after winning it for a third time in 1940. Subsequently, the Associated Press annual national champions were awarded the Williams Trophy and the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell Trophy. In 1947, Notre Dame retired the Williams Trophy (named after Henry A. Williams, Minnesota coach, and sponsored by the M Club of Minnesota). In 1956, Oklahoma retired the O'Donnell Trophy (named for Notre Dame's president and sponsored by Notre Dame alumni). Beginning with the 1957 season, the award was known as the AP Trophy, and since 1983 the award has been known as the Paul "Bear" Bryant Trophy.
- Dunkel** Dunkel System (1929-current); a power index rating system devised by Dick Dunkel, Sr. (1929-71); from 1972 by Dick Dunkel Jr.
- FACT** FACT (1968-current); a computerized mathematical ranking system developed by David Rothman of Hawthorne, Calif. FACT is the Foundation for the Analysis of Competitions and Tournaments and began selecting a national champion in 1968.
- FN** *Football News* (1958-current); weekly poll of its staff writers has named a national champion since 1958.
- FR** College Football Researchers Association (1919-current); founded by Anthony Cusher of Reeder, N.D., and Robert Kirlin of Spokane, Wash. Announced its champion in its monthly bulletin and No. 1 team determined by top-10 vote of membership on a point system. Predated national champions from 1919-1981.

- FWAA** Football Writers Association of America (1954-current); the No. 1 team of the year is determined by a five-man panel representing the nation's football writers. The national championship team receives the Grantland Rice Award.
- INS** International News Service (1952-57); a poll conducted for six years by members of the International News Service (INS) before merger with United Press in 1958.
- Helms** First Interstate Bank Athletic Foundation (1883-1982); originally known by this name from 1936-69 and established by the founding sponsor, Paul J. Helms, a Los Angeles sportsman and philanthropist. After Helms' death in 1957, United Savings and Loan Association became its benefactor during 1970-72. A merger of United Savings and Citizen Savings was completed in 1973, and the Athletic Foundation became known as Citizen Savings Athletic Foundation. In 1982, First Interstate Bank assumed responsibility for its final rankings. In 1941, Bill Schroeder, managing editor of the Helms Athletic Foundation retroactively selected the national football champions for the period beginning in 1883 (the first year of a scoring system) through 1941. Thereafter, Schroeder, who died in 1988, then chose, with the assistance of the Hall board, the annual national champion after the bowl games.
- Houl.** Houlgate System (1927-58); a mathematical rating system developed by Deke Houlgate of Los Angeles, Calif. His ratings were syndicated in newspapers and published in *Illustrated Football* and *Football Thesaurus* (1946-58).
- LS** Litkenhous System (1934-1976); a "difference-by-score" method syndicated by Fred Litkenhous and his brother Edward.
- Matthews** Matthews Grid Ratings (1966-present); a mathematical rating system developed by college mathematics professor Herman Matthews of Middlesboro, Ky. Has appeared in newspapers and *The Football News*.
- NCF** National Championship Foundation (1869-present); established by Mike Riter of Germantown, N.Y. Issues an annual report. Predated national champions from 1869-1979.
- NYT** *New York Times* (1979-current); a mathematical rating system introduced by the newspaper.
- NFFHF** National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame (1959-current); the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame named its first national champion in 1959. Headquartered in Larchmont, N.Y., the present National Football Foundation was established in 1954 to promote amateur athletics in America. The national champion was awarded the MacArthur Bowl from 1959-90. In 1991 and 1992, the NFF/HOF joined United Press International to award the MacArthur Bowl, and in 1993 the NFF/HOF joined with *USA Today* to present the Sears MacArthur Bowl.
- Poling** Poling System (1924-84); a mathematical rating system for college football teams developed by Richard Poling from Mansfield, Ohio, a former football player at Ohio Wesleyan. Poling's football ratings were published annually in the *Football Review Supplement* and in various newspapers. Predated national champions from 1924-34.
- Sag** Sagarin Ratings (1978-current); a mathematical rating system developed by Jeff Sagarin of Bloomington, Ind., a 1970 MIT mathematics graduate. Runs annually in *USA Today*. Predated national champions in 1938, 1956-77.
- SI** *Sports Illustrated* (1981-present); voted on annually by a committee of writers representing various regions of the country for this nationally circulated magazine.
- TSN** *The Sporting News* (1975-current); chosen by editorial staff.
- USA** *USA Today* (2005), was *USA Today/ESPN* (1997-2004); introduced a weekly poll of sportswriters in 1982 and ranked the top 25 teams in the nation with a point system. The poll results are featured in *USA Today*, a national newspaper, and ESPN, a national cable television network. Took over as the coaches' poll in 1991. *USA Today* also formed a coalition with the National Football Foundation in 1993 to name the MacArthur Bowl national champion. Poll was co-sponsored by the Cable News Network, another national cable television network, through 1996.
- UPI** United Press International (1950-96); in 1950, the United Press news service began its full poll of football coaches (replaced as coaches' poll after 1990 season). When the United Press merged with the International News Service in 1958, it became known as United Press International. The weekly UPI rankings were featured in newspapers, radio and television nationwide. UPI and the National Football Foundation formed a coalition for 1991 and 1992 to name the MacArthur Bowl national champion.
- WS** Williamson System (1932-63); system of syndicated power ratings chosen by Paul Williamson of New Orleans, a geologist and member of the Sugar Bowl committee.

Sources: Robert A. Rosiek, *Dearborn Heights, Mich.*; *The National Championship Foundation, Germantown, N.Y.*

# Four Horsemen Help Notre Dame and Knute Rockne Enjoy Ride To First National Championship

The 1924 Notre Dame football team will always be known best for New York Herald Tribune sportswriter Grantland Rice's account of the Notre Dame vs. Army game played October 18 at the Polo Grounds in New York: "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again.

"In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction, and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley, and Layden. They formed the crest of the South Bend cyclone before which another fighting Army team was swept over the precipice at the Polo Grounds this afternoon as 55,000 spectators peered down on the bewildering panorama spread out on the green plain below."

Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, fullback Elmer Layden, and halfbacks Jim Crowley and Don Miller were the cornerstone of a team considered one of the best in college football history.

The Fighting Irish won the Army game 13-7, as the Four Horsemen played magnificently. Miller rushed for 148 yards, Crowley for 102 and Layden for 60, while Stuhldreher orchestrated the offense masterfully from the quarterback position. It was the third victory of the season for the Irish, it came against a foe considered the toughest on the schedule, and it spurred the Irish on to a perfect 10-0 season and the school's first recognized national championship.

Rice's account led to near-mythic status for the Irish backfield, but the Seven Mules, who did the blocking, and the Shock Troops, who were perhaps the best second string in the

game, played indispensable roles, too. Each week in 1924, seventh-year Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne started his second stringers, his Shock Troops.

When Rockne felt his Shock Troops had done their job, he brought in the Four Horsemen and the Seven Mules, a group so good "that the Holy Ghost couldn't have broken into that lineup," said Harry O'Boyle, a kicker and reserve halfback on the Shock Troops. Center Adam Walsh was the heart of the Seven Mules, a group that also included ends Ed Hunsinger and Chuck Collins, tackles Rip Miller and Joe Bach, and guards Noble Kizer and John Wiebel. Walsh characterized the win over Army with a late interception—which he made with two broken hands.

The combination of the Shock Troops, the Seven Mules, and the Four Horsemen worked 10 times in 10 tries in 1924 against a national schedule that took the Irish to New York, Princeton, N.J., Madison, Wis., Soldier Field in Chicago, and Pittsburgh during the regular season while giving them only four home games. In addition, at the end of the season, Rockne was able to convince the University administration to permit the football team to travel to California to play Stanford in the Rose Bowl, where the Irish clinched the Helms Athletic Foundation's national championship with a 27-10 victory.

In the Rose Bowl—Notre Dame's only bowl appearance until the team began making regular bowl trips with the 1970 Cotton Bowl—the Irish were faced with stopping an undefeated, once-tied Stanford team that included

1924 — 10-0-0

- On the gridiron fields of football fame,  
Ride the four great horsemen of Notre Dame,  
From Princeton East to Nebraska West  
They have charged through the lines of the country's best  
"They shall not pass," the Army cried,  
But nothing could stop the horsemen's ride  
On to victory and immortal fame  
Still rise the four great horsemen of Notre Dame.  
—Pittsburgh Gazette Times

- "There's a kick in Notre Dame; not alone in Notre Dame football, but in every effort, every endeavor, every activity that its men undertake. It is a training camp for more than famous backfields, mighty captains, invincible Horsemen. There's where the kick is — in the knowledge that America's acclaimed champions of the gridiron are the representatives of an ideal that works, and will work for all time to come, like a strong leaven in our national soul — the ideal of manliness, sportmanship, chivalry, of friendly rivalry and inspiring competition."  
—Charles Phillips



- "Sing a song of Notre Dame,  
Shout their praises wide.  
Tell of Crowley's sturdy might,  
Sing of Layden's stride.  
Spread the news  
of Miller's speed,  
Speak of Walsh's game,  
Fighters of the bulldog breed,  
Here's to Notre Dame."  
— Ford C. Frick

legendary coach Pop Warner and quarterback Ernie Nevers. Rockne was concerned his players might not be ready physically for the heat of the West Coast, so he arranged for a slow, cross-country train trip that included stops in Louisiana, Texas and Arizona so players would have time to adjust to warmer, more demanding weather.

It worked, as Elmer Layden scored Notre Dame's first touchdown on a three-yard run and returned interceptions of Nevers' passes 78 and 70 yards for two more touchdowns. The Irish took advantage of eight Stanford turnovers and made a critical goal-line

stand in the fourth quarter to come up with the 17-point win.

"That would always be my favorite team," Rockne once said. "I think I sensed that the backfield was a product of destiny. At times they caused me a certain amount of pain and exasperation, but mainly they brought me great joy."

— Willie Shearer



# Irish Follow Lead of Elder and Savoldi To Undefeated 1929 Season

If the Great Depression wasn't reason enough for Notre Dame football partisans to be a little down, then the fact the Irish were without a home for the 1929 season was surely enough to bring some anxiety into the minds of both the team and its followers. Plans were underway at Notre Dame for a new stadium to be built, and 1929 was the transition year in which the Irish had no home.

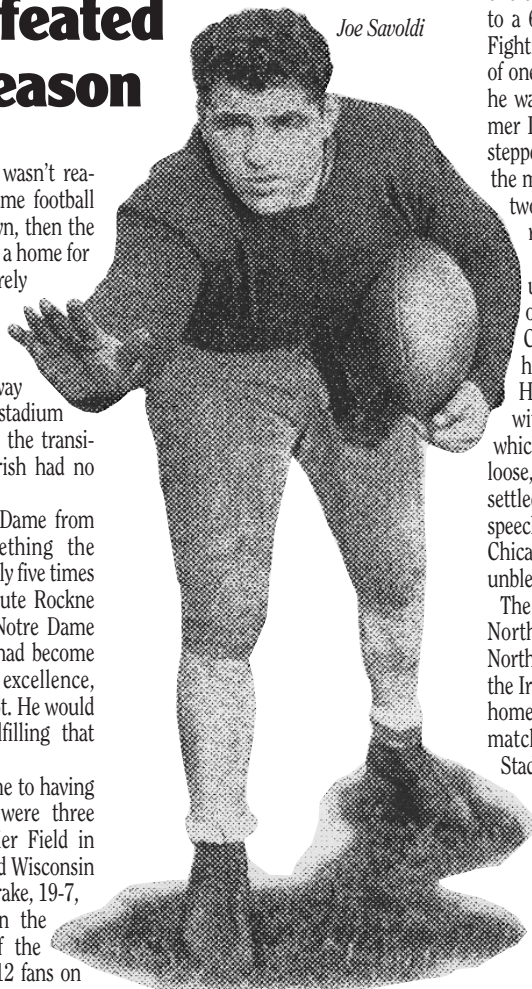
That didn't keep Notre Dame from winning, however, something the team had accomplished only five times in nine tries in 1928. Knute Rockne had promised to return Notre Dame football in 1929 to what had become its customary level of excellence, homefield advantage or not. He would not be stopped from fulfilling that promise.

The closest the Irish came to having a home game in 1929 were three games contested at Soldier Field in Chicago. The Irish defeated Wisconsin there, 19-0, October 19, Drake, 19-7, November 9, and USC in the most important game of the year, 13-12, before 112, 912 fans on November 16.

The lack of home turf was not the only major difficulty of the 1929 season for Notre Dame. The team's legendary coach was in battle with phlebitis, which doctors said stood a 50-50 chance of taking Rockne's life if he tried to coach that season. But coach the team he did, through one dramatic victory after another, either by telephone from a hospital bed or from a wheelchair on the sidelines.

Rockne's leg problems began during the following week and the announcement was made that he would not

Joe Savoldi



as bad as ever, but the team needed him. The Notre Dame-USC tradition was already a great one, and the first half foretold the kind of game everyone expected, with the teams battling to a 6-6 tie. In the locker room, the Fighting Irish were in desperate need of one of Rock's famous speeches, but he was nowhere to be found. So former Irish running back Paul Castner stepped up to do what he could, and in the middle of his oration, who should two Irish managers wheel into the room but Rockne himself.

He was in great pain and had undergone quite a strain — not only from making the trip to Chicago but also from watching his team struggle in the first half. He gave an impassioned speech with what strength he had, during which a blood clot in one leg broke loose, passed through his heart and settled safely in the other leg. His speech worked, as the Irish escaped Chicago with a 13-12 win and an unblemished 7-0 record.

The Irish still had traditional foes Northwestern and Army left. Northwestern fell relatively easy, as the Irish posted a win on the Wildcats' home field. But the November 30 matchup with Army at Yankee Stadium proved to be a real battle.

The game was played on turf that was frozen solid, and neither team was able to accomplish anything. It was eight degrees at gametime and a biting wind cut across the field as



Paul Castner

the players dashed out for the opening kickoff.

The first quarter was scoreless, but in the second period Army drove deep into Irish territory. When Red Cagle lofted a pass for his end, Carl Carlmark, it looked like a certain score for the Cadets. But Notre Dame's Jack Elder came out of nowhere to snatch the ball away. He took it 93 yards for the game's only touchdown. The extra point was added to make it 7-0 Irish, and that's the way it stayed.

Notre Dame was 9-0 and the season was over. The team had survived without a home, Rockne had survived his illness and Notre Dame had its second national championship.

—Willie Shearer

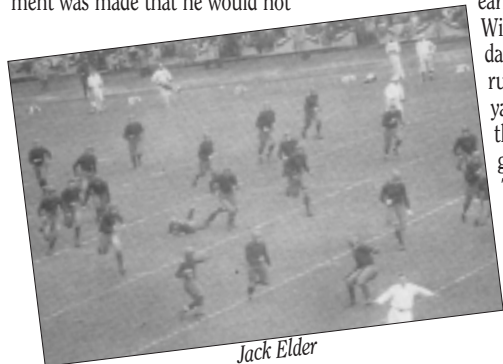
accompany the team on its trip to Baltimore to face Navy. Line coach Tom Lieb took over for Rockne that day, as the Irish won 14-7. But back in South Bend, doctor's orders couldn't keep Rock away from practice at Cartier Field, where he set up his command post in his car and used a loudspeaker to direct activities.

By the time the USC contest rolled around, the Irish were 6-0, and recognized as one of the top teams in the nation. Running back Joe Savoldi had earned acclaim in the Wisconsin game with dazzling touchdown runs of 71 and 40 yards, and he provided the only score of the game in Notre Dame's 7-0 win at Carnegie Tech October 26.

When the Irish faced USC at Soldier Field November 16, Rockne's status was

## 1929 — 9-0-0

- "Yeah, fair, just fair."  
— Knute Rockne on the prospects of his 1929 team
- "Keep on going, Joe! Don't stop when you are tackled! Keep those legs going! Don't stop even when you are on the ground with half of the other team on top of you. Keep on going until you can't wiggle a toe! Don't stop till the referee takes the ball from you. Keep on going, keep on going!"  
— Assistant Coach Jack Chevigny to Joe Savoldi, who scored two of three touchdowns against Wisconsin
- "Notre Dame football is, apparently, too much in demand to allow any appreciable let-up in the matter of booking straight high-grade attractions through the season. Rockne tries hard to say no to the various schedule-makers who want Notre Dame on their cards, but they all want the Irish so intensely that it's hard to turn 'em down. Besides, Rock's natural tendency is to 'Take em all on!'"  
— John W. Stahr in his "Lookin' On" column



Jack Elder



## Another National Championship Finds A Home In Notre Dame Stadium

Brand new stadium, same old result— another national championship for the Notre Dame football team.

The 1930 football season marked the opening of Notre Dame Stadium, just another in the long line of Knute Rockne masterpieces, only this was a football stadium instead of a team. With typical meticulousness, he had supervised every minute detail of the construction of the stadium.

In addition, Rockne had for the first time a full-time equipment manager, a trainer, a doctor who traveled with the team, a business manager, several secretaries, a staff to handle the complex sale and distribution of tickets. On top of all that, Rockne was healthy again. The doctors at the Mayo Clinic had given him a thorough going-over from head to foot during the offseason and had given him a clean bill of health.

All the Rock had to do was coach, and what a job he did.

On October 4, 1920, the Fighting Irish opened their season in the imposing new stadium — an impressive amphitheatre of dull red brick trimmed with limestone. Rockne had the original sod from Cartier Field transplanted just for good measure.

The Irish christened the good earth with a 20-14 win over Southern Methodist. The stadium was officially dedicated the following week, as Notre Dame trounced Navy, 26-2. In the

third week of the season, Notre Dame played its third straight home game, defeating Carnegie Tech, 21-6, to cap off a successful first homestand.

Preseason prognosticators across the country considered the 1930 Notre Dame team to be Rockne's strongest yet. Rockne had said as much himself prior to the start of the season, and he had good reason for such high expectations. Frank Carideo, Marchy Schwartz, Marty Brill, and Jumpin' Joe Savoldi made up a latter day version of the Four Horsemen in the backfield, and all of them earned All-America status on one team or another for that season. The Fighting Irish were not only stocked with an explosive collection of running backs, but the team also sported a tremendous crew of linemen. Center Tommy Yarr, guards Nordy Hoffman and Brent Metzger, tackles Joe Kurth and Al Culver, and end Tom Conley all made All-America teams either that season or the following one.

The Irish left home three times in the fourth through eighth weeks of the season but continued to roll. Notre Dame traveled to Pitt and beat the Panthers, 35-19. A 27-0 romp over Indiana followed, before the Irish visited a 60-20 walloping on the Quakers of Pennsylvania. Marty Brill, who had transferred to Notre Dame from Pennsylvania, played the greatest game of his career that day, breaking

loose for three touchdowns on runs of 45, 52 and 65 yards.

The Notre Dame winning streak stood at 15 games over two seasons, and it quickly grew to 17 as the Irish sprinted past Drake and Northwestern. All that remained between Notre Dame and another national title were games against Army and USC.

On a November 29 afternoon that saw rain and sleet turn Soldier Field into a swamp, the Cadets and the Irish squared off, and it appeared that neither team was going to budge. Near the end of the game, however, Schwartz broke loose for a 54-yard scoring run. The all-important extra point gave the Irish a 7-0 lead. Army scored quickly thereafter, though, on a blocked punt, and it appeared that things would be knotted up. But Notre Dame blocked the extra point, and that's the way it ended.

To finish off the season, Rockne used all his psychological expertise in a ploy that helped the Irish get ready for USC. Injuries during the season left the team with only one healthy fullback, Dan Hanley. So Rock decided to turn Bucky O'Connor, a second-team halfback, into a first-string fullback.

However, in practice, Rock had O'Connor and Hanley trade jerseys, and not a single soul suspected anything unusual.

When the game got underway, Notre Dame had one of the speediest fullbacks the Trojan defense had ever seen. O'Connor scored two touchdowns, including one on an 80-yard dash, and the Irish dominated the favored home team to the tune of 27-0.

It was a fitting script to what turned out to be Rockne's final game as the Notre Dame head football coach. The team won its second consecutive national championship, and the following winter Rockne died in a plane crash in Kansas.

— Willie Shearer

### 1930 — 10-0-0

- "I asked them, before the game, to do the best they could and they played perfectly. A coach can't ask more than that."  
— Knute Rockne on his team's performance against USC
- "The 1930 backfield has plenty of the guile and also the heft and the bone and sinew to smash on when guile won't do. When they have to, those boys simply tramp them down."  
— Knute Rockne



# Irish March to 9-1 Mark and Fourth Consensus National Championship Behind Heisman Winner Angelo Bertelli and Frank Leahy's T-Formation

At the beginning of the 1943 season many experts called Notre Dame's schedule its most difficult in school history. The Irish faced seven teams that season that were ranked among the nation's top 13 teams in the final Associated Press Poll.

Frank Leahy's squad only had two returning starters from the '42 squad that finished 7-2-2. To make matters worse, seven of the 10 games in '43 were on the road.

The Irish were still in the early stages of adjusting to the T-formation, which Leahy installed the season before, moving away from the traditional Notre Dame "Box Formation." The new offense enabled the '43 team to score 340 points, 156 more than the season before. The T-formation also led to the emergence of Angelo Bertelli, who moved from tailback to quarterback to lead the Irish offense.

Bertelli led the Irish to a 6-0 start as the team outscored its opponents 261-31. Included in that stretch were key victories over second-ranked Michigan and third-ranked Navy.

A record crowd of 85,688 witnessed the 35-12 Irish win in Ann Arbor. Bertelli was brilliant, completing five of eight passes for two touchdowns while All-America running back Creighton Miller averaged 16 yards per play against Michigan.

Led by Bertelli and All-America tackle Jim White, both of whom finished in the top 10 in the Heisman balloting

that year, the Irish rolled to a 50-0 victory over Wisconsin and a 47-0 bashing of Illinois following the win over Michigan, to extend their record to 5-0.

Those wins were followed by a colossal matchup between top-ranked Notre Dame and third-ranked Navy in Cleveland. The Irish cruised to a 33-6 win but lost their quarterback. The Marine Corps called Bertelli into service with four games left in the season.

Leahy called on a sophomore to be Bertelli's replacement in the following week's game against Army, the third-ranked team in the country that week.

All Bertelli's replacement did was throw for two touchdowns, run for another and intercept a pass to lead the Irish to a 26-0 win. A new star was born—the incomparable John Lujack.

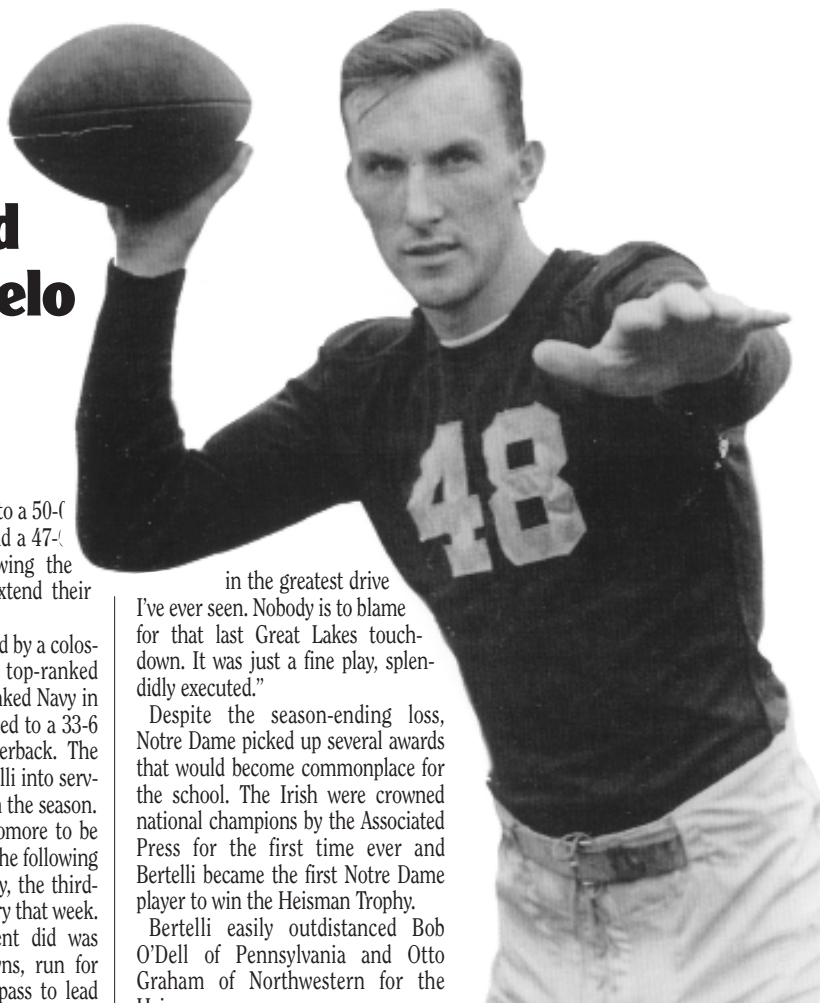
With Lujack calling the signals, the Irish defeated two more top ten teams in the following two weeks, Northwestern and Iowa Pre-Flight.

All that stood between Leahy's first undefeated and untied season was Great Lakes, a team the Irish had tied in their two previous meetings during the 1918 and 1942 seasons.

Notre Dame scored first but trailed 12-7 late in the fourth quarter. Miller capped off an 80-yard drive with a touchdown to put the Irish ahead 14-12 with 1:05 to play.

With 33 seconds remaining, Great Lakes quarterback Steve Lach connected on a 46-yard pass to Paul Anderson, who fielded the ball at the six-yard line and then went into the end zone for the game-winning score, ruining Notre Dame's perfect season.

After the game, Leahy told his team, "You're still champions to me, boys. You fought your hearts out every inch of the way



in the greatest drive I've ever seen. Nobody is to blame for that last Great Lakes touchdown. It was just a fine play, splendidly executed."

Despite the season-ending loss, Notre Dame picked up several awards that would become commonplace for the school. The Irish were crowned national champions by the Associated Press for the first time ever and Bertelli became the first Notre Dame player to win the Heisman Trophy.

Bertelli easily outdistanced Bob O'Dell of Pennsylvania and Otto Graham of Northwestern for the Heisman.

— Jeff Spelman

## 1943 — 9-1-0

- "They had speed, power and deception in their attack, and they looked like one of the best teams I have seen in years."

— Georgia Tech Coach Bill Alexander

- "Even the business manager was calling friends and asking if they had an extra ticket. Not even the scalpers had any; you couldn't buy one from them for love nor money for the simple reason that they didn't have any."

— Jim Costin, *South Bend Tribune* sports editor

- "It would be most ungracious for me to say that the 1943 team, which I coach, was better than the 1929 team on which I played. What would my old teammates think of me if I said such a thing? There is honor and glory enough for all Notre Dame teams, winning or losing, and I, for one, refuse to be drawn into any arguments over which was the 'best' Notre Dame team. They are all great in my book. But, it would be unfair for me and most unkind to my present players, however, if I did not give them the credit they so richly deserve."

— Irish head coach Frank Leahy



Creighton Miller

# Leahy Returns From Service to Lead Irish To First of Four Consecutive Undefeated Seasons

World War II had finally ended and the United States was ready to think about something more pleasant than international conflict for a change — like Notre Dame football. The year was 1946, the coach was hard-driving Frank Leahy and it was the beginning of a dynasty for Notre Dame football.

In 1943, Leahy had guided the Fighting Irish to their first wire-service national championship, and fourth overall, behind Heisman Trophy winner Angelo Bertelli and future Heisman winner John Lujack. World War II took many football players from college, including Bertelli in the middle of his Heisman campaign in '43, but many returned to the gridiron after the war ended, including Lujack, who would go on to win the Heisman in 1947.

For the players who returned to Notre Dame in '46, losing a college football game was not to be one of their post-war experiences. From 1946 to 1949, Notre Dame went 36-0-2 and won three national championships in one of the most successful four-year periods in college football history.

The 1946 season started it all. Halfback Terry Brennan and linemen Bill Walsh, Bill Fischer, and John Mastrangelo were among the group of returnees from the previous season. There were several new faces who came to Notre Dame after Navy hitch-hikes had interrupted their respective careers at Holy Cross and Texas A&M. There were also players for whom the war had postponed college football, like end Jim Martin and running back Emil (Red) Sitko, and there were freshmen like Leon Hart. Returning to Notre Dame along with Lujack were veterans such as tackle Zygmunt (Ziggy) Czarobski, end Jack Zilly, and fullback Jim Mello. Even Leahy was coming back to Notre Dame after a couple years in the service.

Leahy was a perfectionist and strict disciplinarian, and enduring his practices wasn't much more fun than being a soldier. But it sure produced results. The Irish usually had two separate platoons ready for each game, and often the first string didn't play

much more than half the game. On the football field, the Irish had strength in numbers, and Leahy fought a war of attrition.

The season began with the Irish routing their first five opponents — Illinois, which went on to win the Western (now Big Ten) conference championship, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Iowa, and Navy before facing top-ranked Army. Coached by the great Earl (Red) Blaik and featuring Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis in the backfield, Army had won two straight national championships and 25 straight games, including two defeats of Notre Dame in the previous two seasons by a combined score of 107-0.

The showdown was set for November 9 in Yankee Stadium where 74,121 fans turned out to see a 0-0 tie. Notre Dame advanced to the Army four-yard line in the second quarter for the game's deepest scoring threat, but the

Cadets held on downs. Blanchard broke into the clear once and appeared to be headed for a score, but an open-field tackle by Lujack saved the Irish from defeat.

Army retained its top ranking in the Associated Press poll after the game. But the Irish walloped their final three opponents by a combined score of 94-6 and were named national champions in the final poll of the season. When the smoke cleared, the Irish found themselves the nation's statistical leaders in total offense (441.3 yards per game), rushing offense (340.1 yards per game), total defense (141.7 yards per game) and scoring defense (2.7 points per game) and had allowed only Illinois, Purdue, Iowa, and USC to score points against them. For the season, Notre Dame outscored its opponents 271 to 24 in nine games.

It was only the beginning.  
— Willie Shearer



Irish star John Lujack (32) awaits the coin toss preceding one of Notre Dame's early-season clashes during the 1946 season.

## 1946 — 8-0-1

- “Prayers work better when the players are big.”

— Frank Leahy on the cover of *Time* magazine Oct. 14, 1946

- “I have told our players that they can expect the same thing (losing a game) to happen to them at any time if they let down or get to believing they are the champions after playing only one game.”

— Frank Leahy

- “Fifty-nine and forty-eight, this is the year we retaliate!”

— impromptu battle cry fashioned by the squad for the 1944 and 1945 losses to Army

- “You know, we started to plan for the national championship when spring practice opened last April. I told the boys that I thought we could make it, but that it would take hard work and lots of it; long, tire-some hours of sweat and toil on the practice field. The players dug in right from the start and gave everything they had and were rewarded with the national championship.”

— Frank Leahy

- “A team that won't be beat can't be beat. That's the story of the Army-Notre Dame scoreless battle in Yankee Stadium.”

— Bill Corum,  
*New York Herald-American*

- “A new Notre Dame football comet soared over the gridiron of Memorial Stadium this afternoon and crushed Illinois' championship hopes into dying embers, 26-6. It is a comet which promises to grow in brilliance as the season progresses and eventually light up the gridiron picture with victories over Navy, Army, Northwestern and Southern California for an undisputed national title.”

— Gene Kessler,  
*Chicago Times*

# Dominating '47 Squad Runs to Perfect Record As Heisman Winner Lujack Heads List Of All-Stars

In any discussion of college football's greatest teams, one team that always comes to mind is the 1947 Notre Dame squad. The Irish never trailed in any game that year and compiled a 9-0 record, their first unblemished record in 17 years.



Larry Coutre

Notre Dame held its opponents to under six points a game while averaging over 32 points. Only one team — Northwestern — scored more than one touchdown against the Irish that year. But maybe the most impressive note about the squad is that it sent 42 players to professional football.

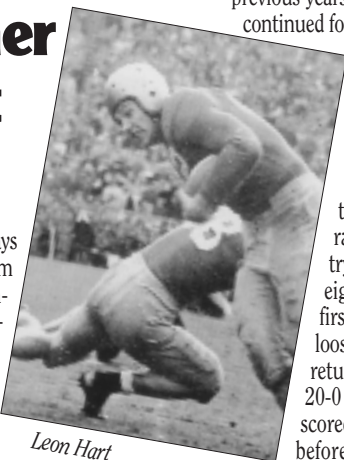
The mainstays on that team included consensus All-Americans George Connor, Bill Fischer and John Lujack, who won the Heisman Trophy that year. The team also included future Heisman winner Leon Hart and the man who later succeeded Leahy as head coach of the Irish, Terry Brennan.

The Irish began the season with six turnovers against Pittsburgh, but Lujack scored three times to lead Notre Dame to an easy 40-6 win. Leahy's squad stumbled a little bit in the next game, too, but came out ahead of Purdue, 22-7.

Notre Dame then exploded for three consecutive shutouts over Nebraska (31-0), Iowa (21-0) and Navy (27-0). The win over the Cornhuskers avenged a 17-0 loss that Knute Rockne's 1925 squad suffered to Nebraska, the last time the two

schools had met.

Following three impressive shutouts, the Irish faced Army, a team that had become such a fierce rival in previous years that the series was discontinued for 10 years after the 1947 game. The two teams battled to a 0-0 tie in 1946 in one of the most famous games in Notre Dame history.



Leon Hart

Notre Dame entered the game as the top-ranked team in the country while Army was rated eighth. The Irish struck first when Brennan broke loose for a 97-yard kickoff return. Notre Dame built a 20-0 lead before Army finally scored. The Irish won 27-7 before a record crowd of 59,171 at Notre Dame Stadium.

The next week was the only close game of the year. Northwestern became the only team in 1947 to come within two touchdowns of the Irish as Notre Dame won 26-19.

The Irish ended the season with a 59-6 thrashing of Tulane and an impressive 38-7 win over third-ranked Southern California. When the final national polls came out, Notre Dame was No. 1 for the second straight year.

Just how good was this '47 team? Well, consider that several of the first string players that year (such as Brennan) didn't even try out for pro-

fessional football but opted to coach instead.

The great '47 squad also included six players who were elected into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame — Lujack, Connor, Hart, Fischer, Sitko and Ziggy Czarobski. And to top that off, their coach, Frank Leahy, wound up the second winningest coach in college history just behind his mentor, Knute Rockne.

The Boston Herald called the '47 Irish team, "the greatest Notre Dame squad of all time. Its third string could whip most varsities."

The immortal sportswriter Grantland Rice added after the final game of the season, "There no longer is any doubt as to the best team in college football, it happens to be Notre Dame. College football never before has known a team so big, so fast and so experienced."

His words may still hold true today.  
— Willie Shearer

## 1947 — 9-0-0

- "Yes, if they let us use the two-team system — two teams at one time."

— Tulane coach Henry Frnka when asked if his squad had a chance to upset Notre Dame.

- "Be a fighter, gents. Not only out there on the football field, but out in life as well."

— Irish coach Frank Leahy



Emil Sitko

# Irish Exceed All Expectations With Third Title Under Leahy

November 15, 1945 ranks as one of the most important dates in Notre Dame football history. Check the record books, though, and you won't find one of the greatest games in Irish history played on that day.

November 15, 1945, was a Thursday, not a Saturday, and that was the day Lieutenant Frank Leahy was discharged from the Navy. He returned to Notre Dame campus, signed a 10-year contract, and began what was to be one of the most successful four-year runs in college football history.

The 1946 and 1947 seasons brought national championships to Notre Dame. The 9-0-1 1948 team was runner-up to Michigan. But a national championship in 1949 would allow Notre Dame to close the decade in magnificent style.

And that is exactly what happened. Notre Dame went 10-0 which made for a four-year mark of 36-0-2. End Leon Hart won the Heisman Trophy and Leahy had his fourth championship and the school's seventh.

Before the season, however, nobody expected a championship team to emerge from the South Bend campus. The Irish needed somebody to emerge as a leader and attention was focused on Leon Hart, already recognized as the finest end in the college game, along with Emil Sitko, Larry Coutre and co-captain Jim Martin. But most observers agreed that the Fighting Irish would need more than that.

Soon enough, they got it. In the sixth game of the season, against Michigan State on November 5, quarterback Bob Williams stepped to the fore. He led the top-ranked Irish to a 34-21

victory over the 10th-ranked Spartans in a game at East Lansing that the press thought would knock Notre Dame from its lofty perch atop collegiate football.

Williams continued to shine in subsequent games. He was at his daring best the following week in a game versus North Carolina played at Yankee Stadium. Leahy had given Williams instructions that he was never to pass the football on the fourth down situation on their own 19-yard line with the score tied 6-6 in the second quarter. He couldn't help himself. Knowing that if he failed he'd have to head to the nearest exit to avoid Leahy, the self-assured Williams completed an 18-yard pass to Larry Coutre for an Irish first down. Notre Dame went on to a 42-6 win, and Williams soon became recognized as the nation's best quarterback.

The Irish eased through their final two home games, rolling over Iowa,

28-7, and 17th ranked Southern Cal, 32-0. All that remained was what was sure to be an easy win over Southern Methodist in Dallas. SMU would be without its top player, 1948 Heisman winner Doak Walker, and the nation

had virtually conceded the national championship to Notre Dame.

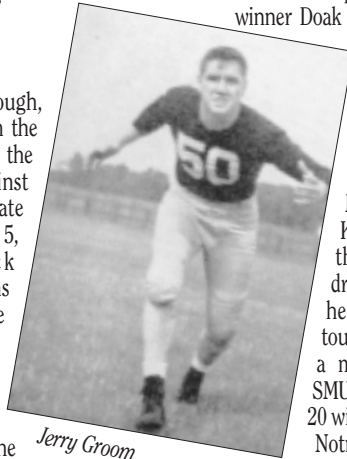
Notre Dame jumped to an early lead before Mustang running back Kyle Rote came to life in the steady afternoon drizzle. Running at will, he scored two quick touchdowns and thanks to a missed extra point by SMU, the score was tied at 20 with seven minutes to go.

Notre Dame's back was to the wall for the first time all season, and the offense rose to the occasion. In blitzkrieg fashion, the Irish simply pushed SMU straight back into its own endzone with 10 determined rushes that covered 54 yards and put Notre Dame up by a touchdown, 27-20.

The drive was so quick, however, that SMU still had time to score. But in the shadow of the Notre Dame goal post, when Rote tried to pass for the tying touchdown, Notre Dame's Jerry Groom made a game-saving interception.

It was the final play of the game and of a decade that saw Frank Leahy lead the Fighting Irish to three national championships in four years.

—Willie Shearer



Jerry Groom

## 1949 — 10-0-0

- "We'll have the worst team Notre Dame has ever had."  
— Leahy in April of 1949

- "Of course, I suppose I am always sort of a pessimist."  
— Frank Leahy

- "It's the greatest college team I've ever seen."  
— Red Grange

- "We shall always want Notre Dame men to play to win so long as there is a Notre Dame ... to win cleanly according to the rules ... because Notre Dame men are reared here on the campus in this spirit and because they exemplify this spirit all over the world, they are the envy of the nation."  
— Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C.

- "From the first ringing impact of kuckle upon nose ... Saturday's No. 1 spectacle was as one-sided as an election in Moscow."

— Walter Stewart,  
*Memphis Commercial Appeal*  
on the Tulane game

- "Make mistakes against the average team and you're in trouble. Make mistakes against Notre Dame and it's suicide ... even a perfect team couldn't have turned back this great Irish squad."

— Braven Dwyer, *Los Angeles Times*



Bob Lally and Jim Mutscheller stop SMU's Kyle Rote just short of the tying tally.

# Irish Win National Championship At Start of Notre Dame's Era of Ara

Coach Ara Parseghian, in his third season at Notre Dame, made a difficult decision at the start of the 1966 season, picking sophomore Terry Hanratty as his starting quarterback over classmate Coley O'Brien, yet the decision proved without a doubt to be the correct one. Hanratty and split end Jim Seymour, also a sophomore, turned out to be one of the best passing combinations Notre Dame fans have ever seen.

The two had begun working together during the previous winter, developing their timing, moves, and patterns so they would know each other's habits inside out when the 1966 season began. Seymour was a good bet to take over one of the end positions that was being vacated after the '65 season, but Hanratty had no such assurances of whether or not he would be the number-one quarterback.

Fortunately for Hanratty, Parseghian decided to balance an already steady running game, manned by Nick Eddy, Larry Conjar and Rocky Bleier, with the passing talent of Hanratty.

The decision bore fruit in the first game of the season, as Hanratty and Seymour hooked up 13 times for 276 yards, Notre Dame records for receptions and yards, and three touchdowns, which tied a school record. The Irish defeated Rose Bowl-bound Purdue that day, 26-14 in South Bend.

Notre Dame traveled to Northwestern for the second game of the season and won, 35-7. The Irish defense gave up its last points for the next three games and showed the kind of stiffness that ensured Notre Dame would never be out of any contest. Notre Dame returned home for the next two games and defeated Army and North Carolina by a combined score of 67-0, setting the stage for a showdown with Oklahoma.

Notre Dame traveled to Norman for what was supposed to be anybody's ballgame. The game was billed as a matchup between the small, quick, strong Sooners and the big, slow Irish. But Oklahoma was out of its depth. Although the Irish lost Seymour to an ankle injury that would cost him two games, the Fighting Irish rolled to a 38-0 victory and their third straight shutout of the young season.

Notre Dame pounded its next three opponents—Navy, Pittsburgh, and Duke, giving up only one score, a touchdown to Navy. Meanwhile, the offense was hitting on all cylinders,

racking up 31 points versus the Midshipmen, 40 against Pitt, and a whopping 64 against the Blue Devils.

The game of the century took place on November 19 when number-one ranked Notre Dame traveled to East Lansing, Mich., to play second-ranked Michigan State for all the marbles.

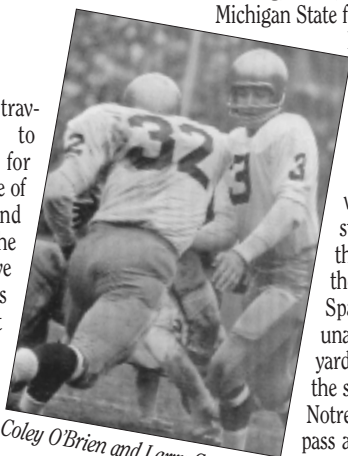
Notre Dame fell behind 10-0 in the second quarter, but O'Brien, who had been diagnosed with diabetes only a few weeks earlier and was still adjusting, brought the Irish back to tie in the second half. The Spartan offense was unable to net a single yard running the ball in the second half, and when Notre Dame intercepted a pass and returned it to the Spartan 18-yard line in the

fourth quarter, it looked like Notre Dame's chance to win. But three plays and minus-six yards later left the Irish with a 41-yard field goal attempt, which sailed wide to the right.

Notre Dame had the ball again on its own 30 with 1:24 left in the game. But rather than gamble with passes deep in their own territory, the Irish attempted to run the ball out of danger. The game was a 10-10 tie.

The Irish held on to their top ranking and traveled to Los Angeles to play Rose Bowl-bound USC. The Irish tore the Trojans apart, 51-0, posting the team's sixth shutout in 10 games and ensuring another unanimous number-one selection for the national championship.

— Willie Shearer



Coley O'Brien and Larry Conjar

## 1966 — 9-0-1

- “There’s pressure in every coaching job, but winning makes it a lot easier to accept. Fortunately, we have been winning. But like one fan told me, we’re with you Ara, win or tie. You notice he didn’t say anything about losing.”

— Ara Parseghian

- “Man, those cats hit and stick to you. That game was rough.”

— Bubba Smith, Michigan State defensive end

- “Sure I do. Absolutely. I have no qualms about it, but ... there’s not enough difference between No. 1 and No. 2 to say that whoever wins, it could be an upset.”

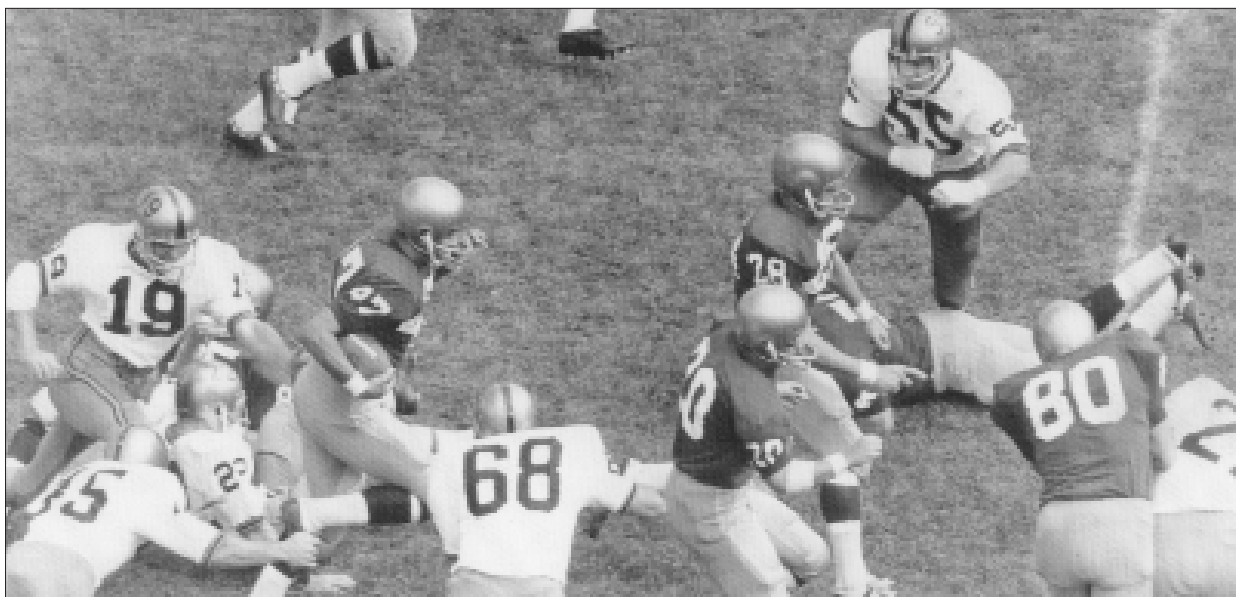
— Ara responding to a question about entering the MSU-ND game as the number-one team

- “I knew there was going to be a winner and a loser, and I thought we were going to win. I never thought about a tie. The last thing Duffy Daughtery or I wanted was a tie.”

— Ara Parseghian

- “The Super Bowl was not as big as that Michigan State-Notre Dame game.”

— Captain Jim Lynch, who also played in Super Bowl IV, remarks on the MSU-ND game 25 years later



Rocky Bleier and Don Gmitter clear the path for Nick Eddy en route to a 26-14 Irish win over eighth-ranked Purdue.

# Clements and Talented Irish Backfield Clinch Title With Sugar Bowl Win Over No. 1 Tide

Every college football season seems to have its own game of the century, but the 1973 matchup between Notre Dame and Alabama was special. It came in the Sugar Bowl, and it was to be a dream game.

Two undefeated, highly-ranked teams with long and storied gridiron traditions were set to battle for the national championship.

The prognosticators' predictions rang true as the Fighting Irish emerged 24-23 victors over the Crimson Tide of Alabama in a thriller that saw the lead change hands six times.

Bob Thomas, who had missed two earlier attempts in the game, kicked a 19-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Irish and coach Ara Parseghian the one-point triumph over top-rated Alabama. The win clinched Notre Dame's sixth wire-service national championship and ninth overall as the Irish finished the season with a perfect 11-0 record.

The balanced Irish attack was keyed by four backs who gained over 300 yards apiece: fullback Wayne Bullock (752), halfback Art Best (700), halfback Eric Penick (586) and quarterback Tom Clements (360). It was one of the fastest backfields Notre Dame had ever assembled, as Penick had 9.5

speed in the 100-yard dash, while Best checked in at 9.7.

The Irish were ranked in the eighth spot with wins over Rice and Army, setting the stage for what everyone considered to be Notre Dame's first real test of the year, a home battle with sixth-ranked USC.

The Trojans came to town riding a 23-game unbeaten streak, and Notre Dame was full of memories of the previous season's clash, which saw running back Anthony Davis romp for six touchdowns in a 45-23 Trojan win.

Squib kicks were the solution to the problem of Davis returning kicks, and a fired up defense held him to just 55 yards on 19 carries. Quite simply, the day belonged to Notre Dame, as Penick ran for 118 yards, 50 more than the entire USC squad. The Irish pulled off a 23-14 win and jumped to fifth in the polls.

Notre Dame cruised through the remainder of the schedule. Navy was an easy victim, 44-7, and 20th-ranked Pittsburgh played the docile host to the Irish and fell 31-10. The Irish finished off Parseghian's first perfect regular season with a 48-15 win over Air Force and a 44-0 whitewashing of Miami at the Orange Bowl.

The stage was set for the contest between number-one Alabama and

**1973 — 11-0-0**

- "It was the kind of game you could sink your teeth into."  
— Bear Bryant on the 'Bama-Notre Dame Sugar Bowl
- "I really thought it was going to be intercepted."  
— Irish quarterback Tom Clements on his 38-yard pass out of the end zone to help Irish run out the clock against Alabama in the Sugar Bowl
- "This was not only a great game for Notre Dame, it was a great game for college football."  
— Ara Parseghian after the Alabama game
- "I just remember breaking free . I can't remember anything else."  
— Eric Penick commenting on his 85-yard touchdown that gave Notre Dame its first victory over USC since 1966
- "How does it feel? It feels like the end of four long waiting years. It feels like the top of the world. And only one thing could possibly beat this — 11-0."  
— Brad Doherty after the Miami win

third-ranked Notre Dame that seemed to deserve every phrase of its high-powered buildup. The Irish opened the contest with a superb defensive effort that held the Tide without a yard in the first period as Notre Dame took a 6-0 lead. Alabama's thoroughbred backs made it out of the starting gate in the second period, however. They produced three long drives that resulted in a pair of touchdowns, the first of which put the Tide up 7-6.

Early in the fourth quarter, the game took a wild turn with three turnovers in 90 seconds. Alabama took charge and put in its own version of the razzle-dazzle.

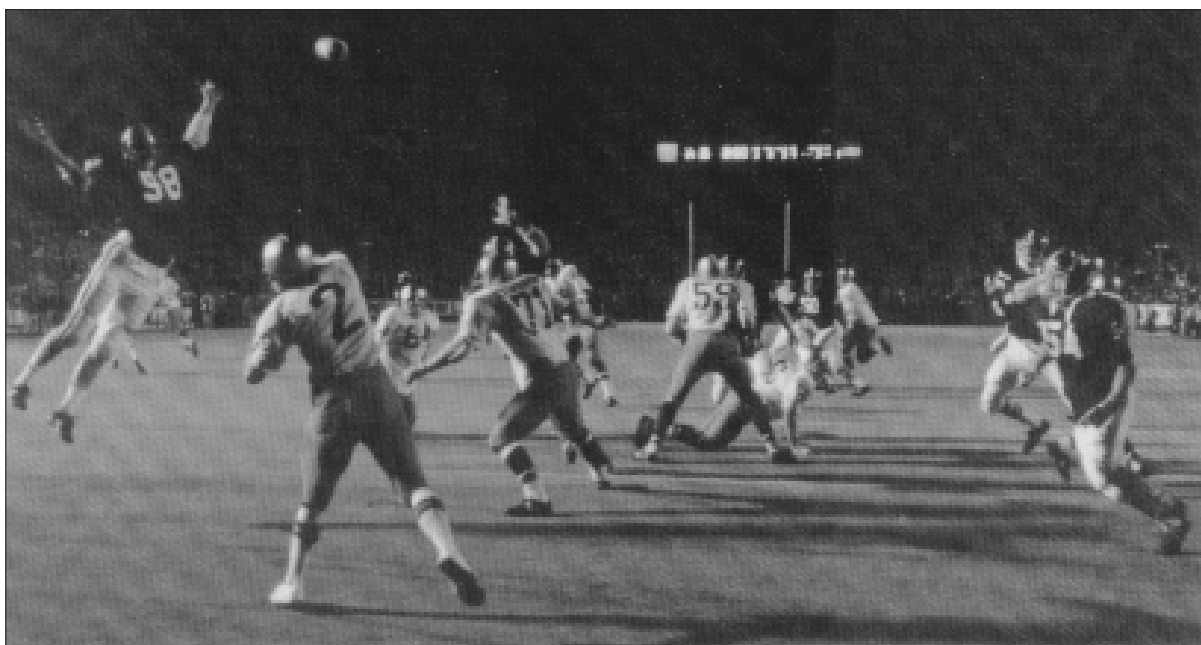
With the ball on the Notre Dame 25, quarterback Richard Todd handed off to halfback Mike Strock, then raced to

the sidelines where he took a return pass from Strock and went in for the score.

But Alabama missed the conversion try and the Tide had only a slim two-point lead.

Notre Dame then marched 79 yards in 11 plays. Strong runs by Hunter, Penick and Clements and a 30-yard pass from Clements to Dave Casper carried the drive to the Alabama 15-yard line. The Irish got to the three, but couldn't get any closer before the call went to Thomas. His kick was true, the game belonged to the Irish, and so did the national championship.

— *Willie Shearer*



Quarterback Tom Clements throws out of the end zone to Robin Weber to seal a victory over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

# Then There Were None — Irish Defeat Top-Ranked, Unbeaten Texas For '77 Title

Who could forget the cover of Sports Illustrated the week after Notre Dame had defeated Texas 38-10 in the 1978 Cotton Bowl? A fierce Terry Eurick was pictured fighting through a hole in the offensive line, the caption reading, "The Irish Wake the Echoes." On the inside, "Shakin' Down the Thunder" was the title of an article about how Notre Dame's victory over the previously-unbeaten Longhorns was enough to vault the Irish from fifth to first in the wire-service polls and give the University its seventh wire service national championship and 10th overall.

The theme for that January 2 in Dallas could have been "and then there were none." For there was not one unbeaten team remaining after the Irish had knocked Texas from its No. 1 ranking.

Third-year Irish coach Dan Devine made sure his charges were ready to take care of America's last undefeated team. An unrelenting defense was the reason why. The defense featured 1976 Outland Trophy winner Ross Browner



Vagas Ferguson

at one end and Willie Fry at the other, supported by a tough, mobile group of linebackers headed by All-American Bob Golic. The Irish forced six Texas turnovers in the Cotton Bowl, and an opportunistic offense capitalized on five of them. Notre Dame's devastating strength in the trenches roped up Texas' Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell. He managed a tough 116 yards on 29 carries.

Notre Dame's defensive strength came as no surprise in 1977, and it was the primary reason the Irish were near the top of the polls in the preseason rankings. But it was an unexpected

boost from the offense that gave Notre Dame the national championship in 1977. Quarterback Joe Montana and running back Jerome Heavens both rebounded on offense, teaming with All-America tight end Ken MacAfee, who led the team in receiving for the third straight year.

The offense came on strong in 1977 as Montana threw for over 1,600 yards and 11 touchdowns and Heavens led the team with 994 rushing yards. Montana earned a reputation as "The Comeback Kid" with performances like the one he had in the third game of the season when, in his first appearance in over a year, he engineered the Irish to 17 fourth-quarter points in Notre Dame's come-from-behind 31-24 win at Purdue. Later in the season, the Irish traveled to Death Valley to play the 15th-ranked Clemson Tigers, and Montana scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to bring the Irish to a 21-17 win.

Heavens was healthy again in 1977 and he joined the explosive Vagas Ferguson behind Montana. Heavens proved himself fully recovered with 136 yards against Michigan State and followed his outburst against the Spartans with a Notre Dame-record 200 yards rushing versus Army. Two weeks later he went for 100 against Navy.

But the key regular season win came in a mid-season 49-19 thrashing of fifth-ranked USC in Notre Dame Stadium. In that one, the Irish warmed up in their usual blue jerseys, only to emerge in green just prior to kickoff. That triumph helped wipe out the memory of Notre Dame's second-game road loss, a 20-13 defeat at Ole Miss that proved its sole '77 blemish.

The Irish ran out to a 24-10 halftime lead in the Cotton Bowl and then added touchdowns in each of the final quarters for an overwhelming 28-point victory. Few questioned who was number one.

Notre Dame leapfrogged over the four teams ranked ahead of it to grab the nation's top position.

The Irish did, indeed, wake the echoes and shake down the thunder.

— Willie Shearer

## 1977 — 11-1-0

- "Pressure comes from within the family. There's no pressure hanging over our heads. We've got this guarded optimism."

— Irish head coach

Dan Devine during the preseason

- "You have to remember that defenses are made on the football field, not in the preseason polls, not in newspaper or magazine articles and not at press conferences."

— Irish captain  
Willie Fry

- "I don't like to say it was easy, but ... well, the way we played today, we could have dominated any line in the country."

— Irish offensive

tackle Tim Foley on the Irish win over Texas

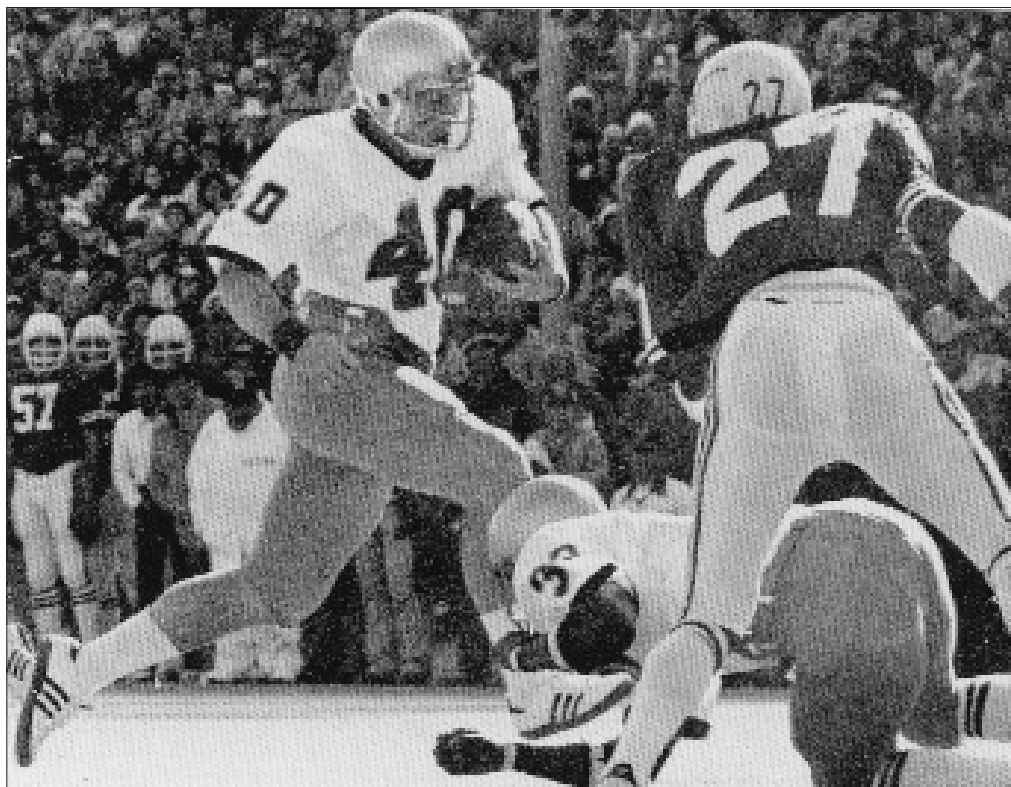
- "We earned it on the field. We played number one and we beat them."

— Irish head coach

Dan Devine

- "At least the team that beat us was a good one. Everyone can't say that."

— Texas coach Fred Akers



Terry Eurick romped for two touchdowns and caught a 12-yard pass to set up a Vagas Ferguson score in the Irish win over top-ranked and previously unbeaten Texas in the '78 Cotton Bowl.

# Hold-Your-Breath Season Ends Perfectly With National Title In Fiesta Bowl

It wasn't long after Lou Holtz's arrival as head football coach at Notre Dame that he opined that the Irish couldn't expect to be a great team until they were great on defense.

That prophesy came true for Holtz and the Irish in 1988 - ironically, just a year after Notre Dame's Tim Brown had captured the Heisman Trophy. But with his departure came a revitalization of the defense, led by senior defensive end Frank Stams, junior linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, sophomore defensive tackle Chris Zorich and senior linebacker Wes Pritchett, all of whom merited some sort of All-America honors. They were supported by cornerback Todd Lyght, linebacker Ned Bolcar and defensive tackle Jeff Alm, who went on to earn that same All-America acclaim a year later.

The end result was a consensus national championship for the Irish in 1988, thanks to a perfect 12-0 campaign. The title came in Holtz's third season as Irish head coach, much as Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine before him had claimed national crowns in their respective third seasons as Irish head coach. It came thanks to riveting regular-season triumphs over Michigan, Miami and USC — and it ultimately featured wins over teams ranked first, second and third in the polls when they faced Notre Dame.

When the 13th-ranked Irish debuted against ninth-rated Michigan in Notre Dame Stadium, Holtz knew his youthful offense would be tested, particularly with a green group of receivers featuring Ricky Watters at flanker in a switch from tailback, plus rookies Derek Brown and Raghib Ismail. His concern was borne out when Notre Dame did not score a touchdown from scrimmage.

But Watters returned a Michigan punt 81 yards for a touchdown, and unheralded walk-on kicker Reggie Ho knocked through four field goals, twice bringing the Irish from behind including the game winner with 1:13 remaining. A field goal miss from 48 yards as time expired by the Wolverines earned Notre Dame a 19-17 opening victory.

Four wins later, the fourth-rated

Irish welcomed top-ranked Miami and its 36-game regular-season unbeaten streak to Notre

Dame Stadium. The streak bit the dust that day by a 31-30 count, as Notre Dame forced seven Hurricane turnovers and made use of a bevy of heroes, lastly Pat Terrell, who knocked down Miami quarterback Steve Walsh's two-point conversion pass with 45 seconds remaining.

Terrell previously ran an interception back 60 yards for a score, Stams forced two Walsh fumbles, recovered another and tipped the pass Terrell intercepted — and quarterback Tony Rice threw for a career-high 195 yards. The Irish took the lead for good midway through the third period after thwarting a fake punt by Miami and then held on down the stretch. Though Walsh threw for 424 yards, the stingy Irish front line limited the 'Canes to 57 rushing yards.

The season finale found the 10-0 and top-ranked Irish underdogs against second-rated and also unbeaten USC

in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Again, it was defense that dominated for Notre Dame in a 27-10 victory. Stams had nine tackles, two and a half sacks and fumble recovery and made life miserable for Trojan standout Rodney Peete.

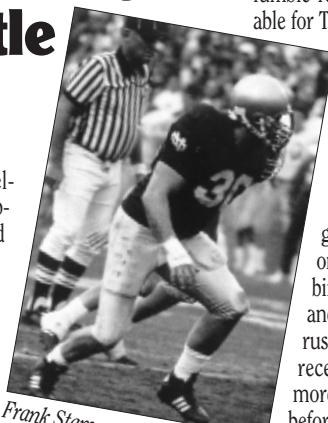
Cornerback Stan Smagala ran an interception back 64 yards for a 20-7 halftime lead after Rice had skirted left end for 65 yards for the first points of the game.

The Irish prevailed despite going 29 minutes in the second and third periods combined without a first down — and in spite of the fact leading rusher Tony Brooks and leading receiver Watters, both sophomores, were suspended the day before the game.

Notre Dame met third-ranked and unbeaten West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl in hopes of claiming the championship — and the Irish rode early leads of 16-0 and 23-3 to an eventual 34-21 victory banking on another staunch defensive effort.

Rice ran for 75 yards and completed seven throws for 213 more yards. Meanwhile, Stams had two sacks on his way to the defensive MVP award, and the Irish dominated a heralded Mountaineer offensive line that had been one of the main reasons West Virginia had never trailed in a game all season. The more physical Notre Dame team knocked quarterback Major Harris out of the contest early due to a bruised shoulder and limited the potent Mountaineer ground game to 108 yards.

Holtz's final pronouncement: "This team will go down as a great football team because nobody proved otherwise."



Frank Stams



Tony Rice

## 1988 — 12-0-0

- "If you look at it on paper, there is no justification for Notre Dame to be rated in the top 20."  
— Irish head coach Lou Holtz in the preseason
- "If we are number one, I don't care who is number two."  
— Irish coach Lou Holtz
- "I was so tired, I was wondering if we'd ever get off the field."  
— Defensive End Frank Stams after the USC game
- "I think this team is underrated even if we are No. 1. I've read articles that people have sent to me all year saying we were lucky against this team or that. Our football team is prettier than I am, but that's about it. We don't play pretty all the time, but we sure play together as a team."  
— Irish coach Lou Holtz
- "The poll is great and it creates a tremendous amount of interest. But I only pay attention to the last one. It's amazing. Here we are number one and I'm scared to death of a team that hasn't won a game."  
— Irish coach Lou Holtz
- "I'm exactly the same today as when I woke up yesterday. The players are the same, we're not bigger. We're not stronger. We're not faster. We're not going to change our uniforms. If you start worrying about No. 1 and try to defend it, the pressure would be tremendous."  
— Irish coach Lou Holtz
- "Winning the national championship was never in my thoughts. I have been asked the question did I ever dream about winning the national championship.  
"Yeah, you dream about it, but I never really thought that it would happen to me. I never thought I would coach a national championship team. It still hasn't sunk in on me yet."  
— Irish coach Lou Holtz
- "We're going on a mission this year, a couple of weeks of sacrifice for something that we're going to be able to enjoy and celebrate the rest of our lives. That's a small price to pay."  
— Senior tailback Mark Green



# The Fighting Irish



Exactly where and how Notre Dame's athletic nickname, "Fighting Irish," came to origination never has been perfectly explained.

One story suggests the moniker was born in 1899 with Notre Dame leading Northwestern 5-0 at halftime of a game in Evanston, Ill. The Wildcat fans supposedly began to chant, "Kill the Fighting Irish, kill

the Fighting Irish," as the second half opened.

Another tale has the nickname originating at halftime of the Notre Dame-Michigan game in 1909. With his team trailing, one Notre Dame player yelled to his teammates — who happened to have names like Dolan, Kelly, Glynn, Duffy and Ryan — "What's the matter with you guys? You're all Irish and you're not fighting worth a lick."

Notre Dame came back to win the game and the press, after overhearing the remark, reported the game as a victory for the "Fighting Irish."

The most generally accepted explanation is that the press coined the nickname as a characterization of Notre Dame athletic teams, their never-say-die fighting spirit and their Irish qualities of grit, determination and tenacity. The term likely began as an abusive expression tauntingly directed toward the athletes from the small, private, Catholic institution. Notre Dame alumnus Francis Wallace popularized it in his *New York Daily News*

columns in the 1920s.

The Notre Dame *Scholastic*, in a 1929 edition, printed its own version of the story:

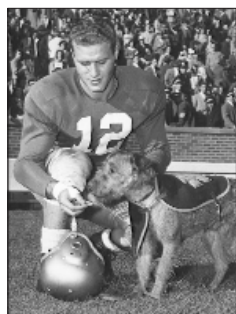
"The term 'Fighting Irish' has been applied to Notre Dame teams for years. It first attached itself years ago when the school, comparatively unknown, sent its athletic teams away to play in another city. . . . At that time the title 'Fighting Irish' held no glory or prestige. . . .

"The years passed swiftly and the little school began to take a place in the sports world. . . . 'Fighting Irish' took on a new meaning. The unknown of a few years past has boldly taken a place among the leaders. The unkind appellation became symbolic of the struggle for supremacy of the field. . . . The term, while given in irony, has become our heritage. . . . So truly does it represent us that we are unwilling to part with it. . . ."

Notre Dame competed under the nickname "Catholics" during the 1800s and became more widely known as the "Ramblers" during the early 1920s in the days of the Four Horsemen.

University president Rev. Matthew Walsh, C.S.C., officially adopted "Fighting Irish" as the Notre Dame nickname in 1927.

# The Leprechaun and Cheerleaders



Consistent with the Irish nickname that the University's sports teams carry is the mascot of the University—the leprechaun. It was registered as an official University mark in 1965.

Fans, though, do think of the leprechaun as the mascot of Irish teams, but it wasn't always that way. For years Notre Dame teams were represented by a succession of Irish terrier dogs. The first —Brick Top Shuan-Rhu—was donated by Charles Otis of Cleveland, Ohio, and presented to Knute Rockne the week of the 1930 ND-Pennsylvania game.

There was a companion mascot named Pat in the late 1950s along with several female terriers, but most of the terriers went by Clashmore Mike. Clashmore Mike had his own column in the football game programs in the 1930s and 1940s, was the subject of a 1949 book, "Mascot Mike of Notre Dame" in 1949, and appeared on the cover of the 1963 *Notre Dame Football Dope Book* along with coach Hugh Devore and captain Bob Lehmann.

Notre Dame traditionally has had male cheerleaders, but females from Saint Mary's joined that group in the late 1960s. Since women were admitted to the University beginning in 1972, female cheerleaders have come from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Hailing from all over the country, these men and women act as ambassadors for the University both in South Bend and around the world. Regardless of their residence hall affiliation, major or outside interests, they represent the student body and the school to everyone who watches Irish athletics.

The cheerleading team is composed of two squads. The gold squad attends every football game, pep rally and home men's basketball game, while the blue squad cheers for home men's soccer games, women's soccer, volleyball and women's basketball. Each season, the two squads combine for 180 appearances at University events and community service functions.

Led by head coach Jonette Minton and assistant coach Brian Egendoerfer, the Irish cheerleaders practice four days a week and add two days of strength and conditioning to their schedules during the season, which formally runs from September through April.

# Gold, Blue (and Green)

Although Notre Dame's official colors for athletics long have been listed as gold and blue, the color of the Irish home football jersey has switched back and forth between blue and green for more than 50 years.

The origin of school colors can be traced back to the founding of the University. At the time of its founding in 1842, Notre Dame's original school colors were yellow and blue; yellow symbolized the light and blue the truth. However, sometime after the Dome and Statue of Mary atop the Main Building was gilded, gold and blue became the official colors of the University.

Notre Dame made moderate adjustments on its uniforms for the 2001 season as adidas took over the design of the uniforms, adding a panel of gold down the sides of the white road jerseys with a single shamrock and the word "Irish" at the V of the neckline. A single green shamrock with an interlocking ND was also added to the traditional gold pants, while the football helmet remained the same.

Further adjustments occurred for the 2004 season as the uniform featured slimmer numbers on jerseys while removing the gold panel on the sides of the white road jerseys.

Before the adidas-era uniform change in 2001, the 1984 season marked the most-recent major change as the Irish returned to the standard navy blue worn throughout the Ara Parseghian years and early portion of the Dan Devine era. The gold Irish helmets and pants remained unchanged.

When Gerry Faust took over in 1981, Notre Dame went to royal blue jerseys with three one-inch stripes on the sleeves, two gold surrounding one white. But the stripes were eliminated on the '84 tops, which didn't feature any trim or feathering other than the white numbers on the navy blue shirts. Lou Holtz's only change beginning in '86 involved adding the interlocked Notre Dame logo to the shoulder of the jerseys and to the left front side of the pants.

While dark blue jerseys with a gleaming gold helmet and gold pants is the signature uniform for the University of Notre Dame football team, green has developed into an unofficial third school color and is used across Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports as an added inspirational tool.

Any discussion about the green uniforms in Notre Dame athletic history begins with the Notre Dame - USC contest on Oct. 22, 1977. Irish head coach Dan Devine, taking a friendly suggestion from head basketball coach Digger Phelps during an off-season conversation, ordered special green jerseys four months in advance of the Irish-Trojan contest. Notre Dame had not donned green jerseys since a 1968 Thanksgiving Day game in Yankee Stadium against Syracuse.

In what was billed as the best-kept secret in Irish football history, most of the team was unaware of the uniform switch until 20 minutes before kickoff, although Devine allowed captains Ross Browner, Terry Eurick and Willie Fry to try on the new jerseys on Friday afternoon before the pep rally. Even though Fry hinted about the change at the rally that evening by calling for the fans to wear green to the game and referring to his teammates as the 'Green Machine', the secret remained safe until the team returned after pregame warm ups to find green jerseys with gold numbers hanging in each player's respective lockers.

Notre Dame Stadium was already operating at a

fever pitch that day before the team even took the field. The student body wheeled a home-made Trojan horse onto the field to symbolize the historical Fall of Troy. The Irish fans also were eager to make up for the 55-24 loss to USC in 1974, a game in which Notre Dame led 24-0 at halftime.

The Irish rolled to a 49-19 victory over USC in their green jerseys and the 'Green Machine' was born. Notre Dame wore the jerseys for the rest of the season, sweeping through the remainder of the schedule and thumping #1 Texas 38-10 in the Cotton Bowl to earn the National Championship.

Since that October day in 1977, the green jerseys have been used to give any Irish athletic team extra motivation for a big game, particularly during championship competition. Some Irish teams also have special green jerseys prepared if they are scheduled to play on St. Patrick's Day.

Gerry Faust outfitted his Irish teams in green jerseys twice for two victories over USC in 1983 and '85 (the team switched to green during halftime of the '85 game). Lou Holtz incorporated green twice in his tenure, spurring the team to a 1992 Sugar Bowl victory over Florida with green numbers on a white jersey and the team also wore green in a 41-24 loss to Colorado in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. Bob Davie's Irish teams wore green in a 35-28 loss to Georgia Tech in the 1999 Gator Bowl, while Tyrone Willingham's team wore green in a 14-7 loss to Boston College in '02.

Head coach Charlie Weis employed the green jerseys against USC in '05 and the Irish responded with a memorable performance that pushed the defending national champion Trojans to the brink in a 34-31 last-second loss.

Green jerseys have developed into a special outfit for championship competition in Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports. The women's basketball team switches to green jerseys for its annual NCAA Tournament competition, which traditionally begins the same weekend as St. Patrick's Day.

In recent years, several varsity teams (men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, hockey, softball and women's lacrosse) have worn green jerseys while competing in a championship game or while playing on St. Patrick's Day.

Though the 1977 Notre Dame-USC gridiron contest marked the renewal of green jerseys, Notre Dame football teams have been wearing green in one fashion or another since Knute Rockne patrolled the sidelines. In those days, the Notre Dame varsity team usually wore blue, while the freshman squad was outfitted in green.

But, on several occasions the varsity team did wear green — simply for purposes of distinction when the Irish opponent also came out in blue. Games against Navy, for example, in the late 1920s featured green-clad Notre Dame teams, to avoid confusion with the Navy's blue uniforms.

Rockne didn't mind using the color change as a psychological ploy. When Notre Dame faced Navy in Baltimore in 1927, the Irish head coach started his



second-string reserves. Navy retaliated by scoring a touchdown in the first five minutes of the game. But, just as the Midshipmen scored, reported George Trevor in the *New York Sun*, Rockne made his move:

"Instantaneously the Notre Dame regulars yanked off their blue outer sweaters and like a horde of green Gila monsters darted onto the field. From that moment on Notre Dame held the initiative, imposed its collective will upon the Navy."

The Irish came from behind to win that one 19-6 — then did the same thing the following year in Chicago's Soldier Field, this time beating Navy 7-0. The 1928 edition of the *Scholastic Football Review* included this description:

"Mr. K. K. Rockne may, or may not, be a psychologist. But, he did array his Fighting Irish in bright green jerseys for their battle with the United States Naval Academy. Mr. Rockne evidently surmised that garbing a band of native and adopted Irish in their native color is somewhat akin to showing a bull the Russian flag."

The green jerseys remained prominent throughout the Frank Leahy years — particularly so in September of 1947 when Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Lujack graced the cover of *Life* magazine clad in green. Several of Joe Kuharich's squads wore green with UCLA-style shoulder stripes and shamrocks on the helmets. Even Hugh Devore's 1963 team — after wearing navy blue all season — switched to green in the finale against Syracuse.

Faust's return to blue came after the new Irish coach suggested some research into the University archives to determine the history of Notre Dame's gold and blue colors.

Those findings indicated the blue color was actually Madonna blue, a light blue shade, as opposed to the navy blue shade that has been most common in recent Notre Dame uniforms.

# Knute Rockne

Knute Rockne received a rude introduction to football.

As a young Norwegian immigrant to the Logan Square district of Chicago, Rockne first played the game with his immigrant neighbors on the sandlots. A slender and swift ballcarrier, Rockne broke away from his pursuers for a long run, a sure touchdown. But a rowdy group of fans for the opponents stepped in, stripped the ball away from his cradled arms and mistook his body for a punching bag.

When he finally arrived home, his parents took one look at his tattered body and announced that his football career was over.

But a few bumps and bruises would not keep Rockne away from the game he loved for long. With his parents' blessing, he returned to the gridiron in high school and later emerged as the country's most respected, innovative and successful college football coach of all time.

After Rockne finished high school, he worked as a mail dispatcher with the Chicago Post Office for four years and continued his athletic endeavors at the Irving Park Athletic Club, the Central YMCA and the Illinois Athletic Club. By then he had saved enough money to continue his education and boarded the train for South Bend and Notre Dame. After a difficult first year as a scrub with the varsity, Rockne turned his attention to track where he earned a monogram and later set a school record (12-4) in the indoor pole vault.

Those accomplishments gave him incentive to give football another try. This time he succeeded and eventually was named to Walter Camp's All-America football squad as a third-string end. During his senior season (1913) when he served as captain, Rockne and his roommate, quarterback Gus Dorais, stunned Army with their deadly pass combination and handed the high-ranking Cadets a 35-13 setback.

But Rockne — who also fought semi-professionally in South Bend, wrote for the student newspaper and yearbook, played flute in the school orchestra, took a major role in every student play and reached the finals

of the Notre Dame marbles tournament — considered himself primarily a student. He worked his way through school, first as a janitor and then as a chemistry research assistant to Professor Julius A. Nieuwland, whose discoveries led to synthetic rubber. Rockne graduated magna cum laude with a 90.52 (on a scale of 100) grade average.

Upon graduation Rockne was offered a post at Notre Dame as a graduate assistant in chemistry. He accepted that position on the condition that he be allowed to help Jesse Harper coach the football team. When Harper retired after the 1917 season, Rockne was named his successor.

Under Rockne's tutelage, Notre Dame skyrocketed to national prominence and became America's team. With their penchant for upsetting the stronger, more established football powers throughout the land, the Irish captured the hearts of millions of Americans who viewed Notre Dame's victories as hope for their own battles.

During Rockne's 13-year coaching tenure, Notre Dame beat Stanford in the '25 Rose Bowl and put together five unbeaten and untied seasons. Rockne produced 20 first-team All-Americans. His lifetime winning percentage of .881 (105-12-5) still ranks at the top of the list for both college and professional football. Rockne won the last 19 games he coached.

Rockne, who was inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1951 — the first year of inductions — revolutionized the game of football with his wide-ranging ideas and innovations.

Rockne was the first football coach to take his team all over the country and initiate intersectional rivalries. The Irish competed in a national arena. He challenged the best football teams in the land and almost always won.

Using his medical and anatomical knowledge, Rockne designed his own equipment and uniforms. He reduced the amount of bulk and weight of the equipment, while increasing its protectiveness. He also introduced the gold satin and silk pants that cut down on wind resistance.



Rockne foresaw the day of the two-platoon system and often used his "shock troops," a full team of second stringers, at the start of most games.

Inspired by the precision and timing of a chorus line, Rockne added the Notre Dame shift to his playbook. In the shift, all four backs were still in motion at the snap. Opponents were so dumbfounded by the shift that they couldn't find a consistent way to handle it. The rules board finally enacted a law against the shift.

Rockne also attempted to outsmart his coaching peers by downplaying his squads' talent. He never boasted about his team or its strengths; rather, he lamented his squad's lack of skill every chance he got.

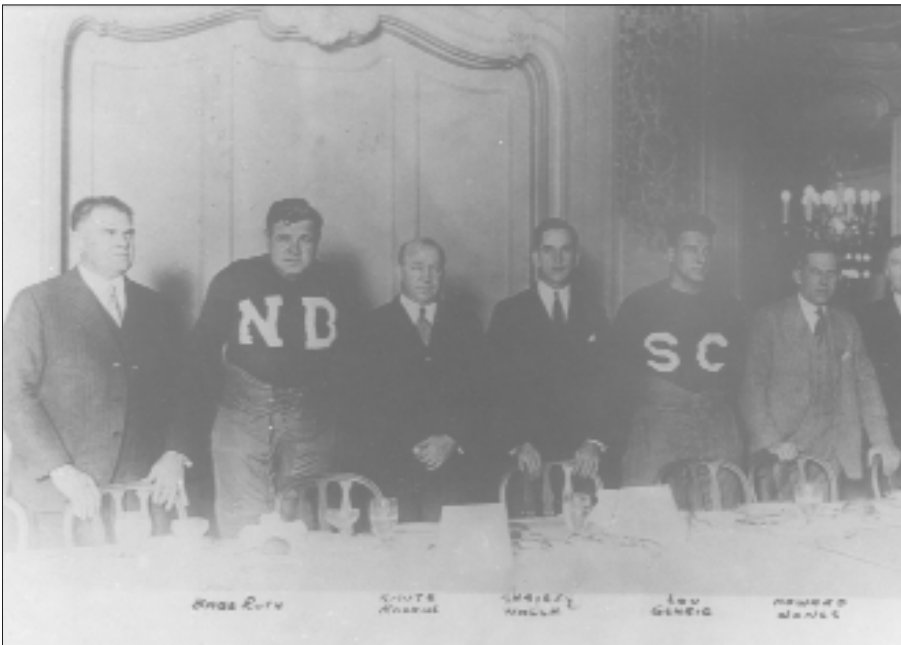
Rockne believed that half of football strategy was passing, while most of his counterparts kept the ball on the ground.

But football was never enough for Rockne. He also served as Notre Dame's athletic director, business manager, ticket distributor, track coach and equipment manager; he wrote a newspaper column once a week; he authored three books, including a volume of juvenile fiction; Rockne was principle designer of Notre Dame Stadium; he opened a stock brokerage firm in South Bend during his last season; he was a dedicated family man to his wife Bonnie and their four children and for years raised much of the family's food in his garden. Rockne also made several public speeches a year and served as a public spokesman for Studebaker.

For all of his contributions to the game of football, Rockne was recognized as the 76th most powerful person in sports for the 20th century by *The Sporting News*.

After the championship season of 1930, Rockne tried to get away for a much-needed rest and vacation. But he was needed in Los Angeles to make a football demonstration movie

An enthusiastic flier and never one to waste time, Rockne boarded Transcontinental-Western's Flight 599 from Kansas City to Los Angeles on March 31, 1931. Shortly after takeoff, the plane flew into a storm, became covered with ice and fell into a wheat field near Bazaar, Kan. There were no survivors.



# George Gipp



George Gipp, perhaps the greatest all-around player in college football history, would have become a legend even if he had overcome the streptococcal throat infection that led to his untimely death at the age of 25.

But ironically, his death on Dec. 14, 1920 — coming just two weeks after he was selected by Walter Camp as Notre Dame's first All-American — assured Gipp's place in Notre Dame's history books.

While on his deathbed, Gipp, who had contracted

the strep throat while helping the Irish defeat Northwestern late in his senior season, made this often-repeated plea to his coach, Knute Rockne.

"I've got to go, Rock. It's all right. I'm not afraid. Some time, Rock, when the team is up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating the boys — tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper. I don't know where I'll be then, Rock. But I'll know about it, and I'll be happy."

Rockne waited eight years to relay Gipp's parting request. On Nov. 10, 1928, after losing two of its first six games, an injury-riddled Notre Dame team traveled to Yankee Stadium to face unbeaten Army. According to Francis Wallace of the *New York News*, Rockne made this pregame speech to his underdog Irish.

"The day before he died, George Gipp asked me to wait until the situation seemed hopeless — then ask a Notre Dame team to go out and beat Army for him. This is the day, and you are the team."

Notre Dame won the game 12-6 on a pair of second-half touchdowns. Jack Chevigny scored the first on a one-yard run and, after reaching the end zone, said, "That's one for the Gipper." Football experts who witnessed it said the game was the greatest demonstration of inspired football ever played anywhere.

Even now, more than 70 years later, every aspiring football player, or anyone facing insurmountable odds, hears the tale of the Gipper.

But George Gipp should be remembered for much more than his tragic death and dying wish.

Gipp left his home in Laurium, Mich., in 1916 and headed to Notre Dame with ambitions of playing baseball. But one fall afternoon Rockne spotted Gipp, who had never played football in high school, drop kicking the football 60 and 70 yards just for the fun of it. The persuasive coach, sensing Gipp's natural athletic ability, eventually convinced Gipp to go out for the team. Gipp experienced nothing but success on the gridiron.

A four-year member of the varsity, Gipp proved to be the most versatile player Rockne ever had. He could run, he could pass and he could punt. Still holder of a handful of Notre Dame records in a variety of categories, Gipp led the Irish in rushing and passing each of his last three seasons (1918, 1919 and 1920). His career mark of 2,341 rushing yards lasted more than 50 years until Jerome Heavens broke it in 1978. Gipp did not allow a pass completion in his territory. Walter Camp named him the outstanding college player in America in 1920. Gipp was voted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1951.

During Gipp's career, Notre Dame compiled a 27-2-3 record, including a 19-0-1 mark in his last 20 games. With Gipp's help the Irish outscored their opponents 506 to 97 in those contests. Notre Dame was undefeated in 1919 and 1920 and the Irish were declared Champions of the West.

Despite his football achievements, Gipp's first love remained baseball. He played centerfield for the Irish and had planned to join the Chicago Cubs after graduation.



Nearly 20 years after the death of George Gipp, actor Ronald Reagan played Gipp in the film "Knut Rockne-All American" which held its world premiere in South Bend on October 4, 1940.

## George Gipp Career Stats

Date	†1917 Opponent (Score)	Rushing		TD	Passing			Int. Rets.		Punting			Punt Rets.		Kickoffs		Scoring		
		No.	Yds.		Att.	Cmp	Yds.	TD	No.	Yds.	No.	Yds.	No.	Yds.	TD	PAT	Pts.		
10-20	Nebraska (0-7)	15	31	—	3	1	5	—	—	—	—	5	69	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-27	*South Dakota (40-0)	24	110	—	3	1	25	1	—	—	2	70	3	30	—	—	—	—	—
11-3	Army (7-2)	23	68	—	2	1	10	—	—	—	11	374	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11-10	@Morningside (13-0)	1	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>1917 Totals</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>1918</b>																			
9-28	Case Tech (26-6)	18	88	2	12	5	101	—	—	—	8	304	—	—	—	—	2	2	14
11-2	Wabash (67-7)	16	119	2	4	2	22	—	—	—	1	42	—	—	—	—	2	2	14
11-9	*Great Lakes (7-7)	15	69	—	7	2	19	—	—	—	8	297	—	—	1	15	—	1	1
11-16	Michigan State (7-13)	15	52	—	6	3	35	—	—	—	10	388	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
11-23	Purdue (26-6)	19	137	2	7	3	51	1	—	—	4	156	—	—	1	25	2	1	13
11-28	Nebraska (0-0)	15	76	—	9	4	65	—	1	10	12	456	—	—	1	40	—	—	—
<b>1918 Totals</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>1919</b>																			
10-4	*Kalamazoo (14-0)	11	148	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	113	—	—	1	31	—	—	—
10-11	*Mount Union (60-7)	10	123	2	3	2	49	—	—	—	1	48	1	12	2	56	2	—	12
10-18	Nebraska (14-9)	7	31	—	8	5	124	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	—	—	—
10-25	*Western Michigan (53-0)	9	85	2	3	2	26	—	—	—	2	82	—	—	—	—	2	—	12
11-1	Indiana (16-3)	18	82	1	7	3	57	—	—	—	4	143	—	—	—	—	1	1	+10
11-8	Army (12-9)	15	70	1	14	7	115	—	—	—	1	35	—	—	—	—	1	—	6
11-15	*Michigan St. (13-0)	10	45	—	10	5	73	1	2	10	—	—	—	—	1	10	—	—	—
11-22	Purdue (33-13)	12	51	—	15	11	217	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	29	—	1	1
11-27	Morningside (14-6)	14	94	1	11	6	66	—	1	22	1	45	—	—	2	40	1	2	8
<b>1919 Totals</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>+49</b>
<b>1920</b>																			
10-2	*Kalamazoo (39-0)	16	183	1	4	2	46	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	1	—	6
10-9	*Western Michigan (42-0)	14	123	2	2	1	10	—	—	—	1	28	—	—	1	15	2	3	15
10-16	Nebraska (16-7)	15	70	1	22	6	117	—	1	10	3	117	2	16	1	15	1	2	8
10-23	*Valparaiso (28-3)	11	120	2	7	4	102	—	—	—	4	173	—	—	1	21	2	4	16
10-30	Army (27-17)	20	150	—	9	5	123	1	—	—	3	129	2	50	8	157	—	3	3
11-6	*Purdue (28-0)	10	129	1	7	4	128	—	—	—	8	339	1	35	—	—	1	3	9
11-13	Indiana (13-10)	16	52	1	5	3	26	—	—	—	9	351	—	—	—	—	1	1	7
11-20	oNorthwestern (33-7)	—	—	—	6	5	157	2	—	—	—	—	1	0	—	—	—	—	—
<b>1920 Totals</b>		<b>102</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>COMPOSITE TOTALS</b>		<b>369</b>	<b>2341</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1769</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3690</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>+156</b>

\*Home game.

†Did not play two games against Kalamazoo and Wisconsin. @Sustained broken ankle on first play from scrimmage after gaining 35 yards and missed final two games against Michigan State and Washington & Jefferson. +Includes one field goal. oDue to shoulder injury incurred against Indiana, Gipp was withheld from action until the fourth quarter and then inserted only after Evanston fans chanted "We want Gipp, we want Gipp." He remained in Chicago to give punting instructions to a high school team coached by a former teammate, contracted a strep throat and died from complications (pneumonia) of the disease on December 14 at the age of 25.

# The Four Horsemen



The Four Horsemen — Don Miller, Elmer Layden, Jim Crowley and Harry Stuhldreher

It was 80 years ago that a dramatic nickname coined by a poetic sportswriter and the quick-thinking actions of a clever student publicity aide transformed the Notre Dame backfield of Stuhldreher, Crowley, Miller and Layden into the most fabled quartet in college football history.

Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, left halfback Jim Crowley, right halfback Don Miller and fullback Elmer Layden had run rampant through Irish opponents' defenses since coach Knute Rockne devised the lineup in 1922 during their sophomore season. But the foursome needed some help from Grantland Rice, a sportswriter for the *New York Herald-Tribune*, to achieve football immortality. After Notre Dame's 13-7 victory over Army on October 18, 1924, Rice penned the most famous passage in the history of sports journalism.

"Outlined against a blue, gray October sky the Four Horsemen rode again.

"In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are: Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley and Layden. They formed the crest of the South Bend cyclone before which another fighting Army team was swept over the precipice at the Polo Grounds this afternoon as 55,000 spectators peered down upon the bewildering panorama spread out upon the green plain below."

George Strickler, then Rockne's student publicity aide and later sports editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, made sure the name stuck. After the team arrived back in South Bend, he posed the four players, dressed in their uniforms, on the backs of four horses from a livery stable in town. The wire services picked up the

with other sportswriters. Our record helped, too. If we'd lost a couple, I don't think we would have been remembered."

After that win over Army, Notre Dame's third straight victory of the young season, the Irish were rarely threatened the rest of the year. A 27-10 win over Stanford in the 1925 Rose Bowl gave Rockne and Notre Dame the national championship and a perfect 10-0 record.

As it usually is with legends, the Four Horsemen earned their spot in gridiron history. Although none of the four stood taller than six feet and none of the four weighed more than 162 pounds, the Four Horsemen might comprise the greatest backfield ever. As a unit, Stuhldreher, Crowley, Miller and Layden played 30 games and only lost to one team, Nebraska, twice.

Stuhldreher, a 5-7, 151-pounder from Massillon, Ohio, was a self-assured leader who not only could throw accurately but also returned punts and proved a solid blocker. He emerged as the starting signalcaller four games into his sophomore season in 1922. He was often labeled cocky, feisty and ambitious, but his field generalship was unmatched.

Crowley, who came to Notre Dame in 1921 from Green Bay, Wis., stood 5-11 and weighed 162 pounds. Known as "Sleepy Jim" for his drowsy-eyed appearance, Crowley outmaneuvered many a defender with

**"Outlined against a blue, gray October sky the Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley and Layden. They formed the crest of the South Bend cyclone before which another fighting Army football team was swept over the precipice at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon as 55,000 spectators peered down on the bewildering panorama spread on the green plain below.**

**A cyclone can't be snared. It may be surrounded, but somewhere it breaks through to keep going. When the cyclone starts from South Bend, where the candle lights still gleam through the Indiana sycamores, those in the way must take to storm cellars at top speed. Yesterday the cyclone struck again, as Notre Dame beat Army 13 to 7, with a set of back field stars that ripped and crashed through a strong Army defense with more speed and power than warring cadets could meet."**

**— Grantland Rice  
New York Herald Tribune  
October 19, 1924**

now-famous photo, and the legendary status of the Four Horsemen was insured.

The 1999 season marked the 75th anniversary of the Four Horsemen's senior year and decedents of each member of that group were honored at the Notre Dame vs. Navy game on October 30, 1999.

"At the time, I didn't realize the impact it would have," Crowley said later. "But the thing just kind of mushroomed. After the splurge in the press, the sports fans of the nation got interested in us along

his clever, shifty ballcarrying.

Miller, a native of Defiance, Ohio, followed his three brothers to Notre Dame. At 5-11, 160 pounds, Miller proved to be the team's breakaway threat. According to Rockne, Miller was the greatest open-field runner he ever coached.

Layden, the fastest of the quartet, became the Irish defensive star with his timely interceptions and also handled the punting chores. The 6-0, 162-pounder from Davenport, Iowa, boasted 10-second speed in the 100-yard dash.

After graduation, the lives of the Four Horsemen took similar paths. All began coaching careers with three of the four occupying top positions.

Layden coached at his alma mater for seven years and compiled a 47-13-3 record. He also served as athletic director at Notre Dame. After a business career in Chicago, Layden died in 1973 at the age of 70.

Crowley coached Vince Lombardi at Fordham before entering business in Cleveland. He died in 1986 at the age of 83.

Stuhldreher, who died in 1965 at the age of 63, became athletic director and football coach at Wisconsin.

Miller left coaching after four years at Georgia Tech and began practicing law in Cleveland. He was appointed U.S. District Attorney for Northern Ohio by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Miller died in 1979 at the age of 77.

All four players eventually were elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame — Layden in 1951, Stuhldreher in 1958, Crowley in 1966 and Miller in 1970.

## Four Horsemen Career Stats

	Rushing			Passing				Receiving			Int. Ret.		Punt Ret.		Kickoff Ret.		Scoring		
	No.	Yds.	TD	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TD	No.	Yds.	TD	No.	Yds.	No.	.Yds.	No.	Yds.	TD	PAT	Pts.
<b>Jim Crowley</b>																			
1922	75	566	5	21	10	154	1	—	—	—	2	9	4	36	—	—	5	4	34
1923	88	536	4	36	13	154	1	1	44	—	4	31	—	—	4	89	4	15	39
1924	131	739	6	26	14	236	2	12	265	3	—	—	—	—	4	52	9	17	71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Elmer Layden</b>																			
1922	80	453	0	17	9	173	2	4	57	1	2	5	2	27	2	38	1	3	9
1923	102	420	5	6	3	51	—	6	78	2	3	58	1	1	6	110	7	5	47
1924	111	423	5	6	1	18	—	1	10	—	2	59	—	—	5	111	6	4	40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1296</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Don Miller</b>																			
1922	87	472	3	—	—	—	—	6	144	1	—	—	—	—	5	179	5	—	30
1923	89	689	9	—	—	—	—	9	149	1	1	—	4	69	1	15	10	—	60
1924	107	763	5	1	—	—	—	16	297	2	2	43	—	—	1	20	7	—	42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1933</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Harry Stuhldreher</b>																			
1922	26	49	5	15	8	68	3	6	95	1	—	—	28	199	1	10	6	—	36
1923	26	50	2	19	10	205	3	7	63	—	3	—	38	308	—	—	3	1	19
1924	17	19	3	33	25	471	4	5	52	—	—	—	22	194	2	13	3	1	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Composite Totals</b>																			
	<b>939</b>	<b>5188</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>*66</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>446</b>

\*Miller also scored 1 TD on a kickoff return, Layden 1 TD on an interception return and Stuhldreher 1 TD on a punt return. Statistics do not include 1925 Rose Bowl against Stanford. Punting statistics: Layden, 112 punts for 36.4 average; Crowley, 7 punts for 38.0 average.

# The Legend of Rudy

Rudy spent the first 27 years of his life preparing for 27 seconds of college football glory. He has spent the rest of his life making sure that everyone hears his story.

Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger had a familiar dream. Like many young men of his generation, Rudy imagined himself in a gold helmet running through the tunnel at Notre Dame Stadium as a member of the Fighting Irish. What separated Rudy from so many others was his fanatical devotion to this impossible dream. Rudy's work ethic far outstripped his talent. His high school grades were far from outstanding. As one of 14 children, Rudy's family could not afford to send him to college.

Rudy's dreams lay dormant for several years. Rudy spent two years as a turbine operator for Commonwealth Edison. During the Vietnam war, his job was interrupted by two years in the Navy. When he returned to his factory job, Rudy shared his dreams with his best friend and co-worker.

"I wanted something better," he said, "but I didn't know how to get it."

Tragedy brought Rudy the answer when his friend was killed in accident at the power plant.

"He had told me how he regretted not going after his dreams. Then, he got (sic.) killed on me. That's when I realized I was going after Notre Dame and after my dream."

At the age of 23, Rudy moved to South Bend and enrolled at Holy Cross College under the G.I. Bill. While attending Holy Cross, Rudy would walk to Notre Dame to watch the 1973 championship team practice. When they left the field, he put himself through the same drills.

He also worked hard in the classroom. After failing his first four tests, he turned things around to finish with a solid 3.4 grade-point average. He applied to Notre Dame after his first semester, but his application was rejected. A semester later, Rudy was rejected again. In fact, it was not until he completed Holy Cross' two-year program with honors that he was accepted to Notre Dame.

After a considerable effort, Ruettiger managed to convince Notre Dame head coach Ara Parseghian to give him a spot on the Notre Dame team. As a member of the scout team, Ruettiger's job was to prepare the first team by being, essentially, a living tackling dummy. His chief value was that it didn't matter if he was injured. On his very first play, the 5'6", 185-pound Ruettiger squared off against 6'4", 255-pound Steve Neece who knocked him right on his sitter. They told him to get up, and he did.

Rudy got up again and again as his miniscule frame was wantonly tossed about each day at practice. Indefatigable, Rudy refused to quit. Former teammate Willie Fry recalls, "Our attitude at first was, 'Go away.' But he wouldn't go away. Basically you had to like Rudy because you couldn't get rid of him."

Eventually, Ruettiger's bruised body had earned him the respect of teammates and the coaching staff. According to Parseghian, Rudy "had earned the right to be there."

But Rudy had not yet earned the right to wear the blue and gold. At the time, NCAA rules permitted only

60 players to dress for home games. Notre Dame had more than enough scholarship players meet this limit. After his first season, Dan Devine took over for Ara Parseghian as head coach. Rudy had finally gained Parseghian's respect, and now he had to start all again with Devine. He began his final year – his last chance at glory – with a clean slate.

Week after week, he checked the dress list but never found Ruettiger. This was disheartening for both Rudy and his teammates.

"All our players idolize this kid because he is a man. Rudy works hard every day and never misses a practice," said then-linebacker coach George Kelly.

"Some seniors like Randy Payne, Bob Zanot, and Pat Sarb came to us and said they wanted Rudy to dress before them," added then-defensive line coach Joe Yonto.

"If there was a spot open, they wanted Rudy to have it."

Before the final game against Georgia Tech, cheers rose from the ranks of the players as Devine announced that Rudy would dress for the final game. Rudy's dream came true on Nov. 8, 1975, when he ran through the tunnel into a stadium of 59,075 screaming fans.

Although he had achieved his dream of running through the tunnel, Ruettiger's chances of taking the field remained bleak. With under a minute to play, Notre Dame's offense still held the ball.

"We almost had to use him as a split receiver," said Kelly. "We were afraid time was going to run out before we got back on defense."

But then the offense scored and Ruettiger took the field to defend the kickoff return. The ball sailed through the end zone for a touchback and Rudy looked to the sidelines for a replacement, but none came. Ruettiger stayed in the game for the final two plays as the left defensive end.

On the first play, Rudy burst through the blockers and nearly got to Georgia Tech's quarterback, ironically named Rudy Allen. On the next play, Ruettiger ended his Notre Dame football career with an exclamation mark, sacking Allen on the game's final play. After the tackle, Rudy rose up from the ground and onto the shoulders of teammates Ron Cullins and Tom Parise who carried Ruettiger off the field and into the locker room. Rudy's dream continued. Sweat and tears streamed down his face as teammates chanted, "Rudy, Rudy."

"I've waited 27 years for this," Rudy said. "When you achieve one dream, dream another."

Rudy had accomplished his first dream, but he was not done yet. Ruettiger refused to let his inspirational story of grit, determination, and perseverance be forgotten. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1976 with a degree in sociology, Ruettiger took a job selling insurance. Afterwards, he worked for an auto dealer and a real estate company. But all the while, Rudy pursued his new dream – to turn his story into a movie. He approached this with the same determination that had been his

trademark at Notre Dame.

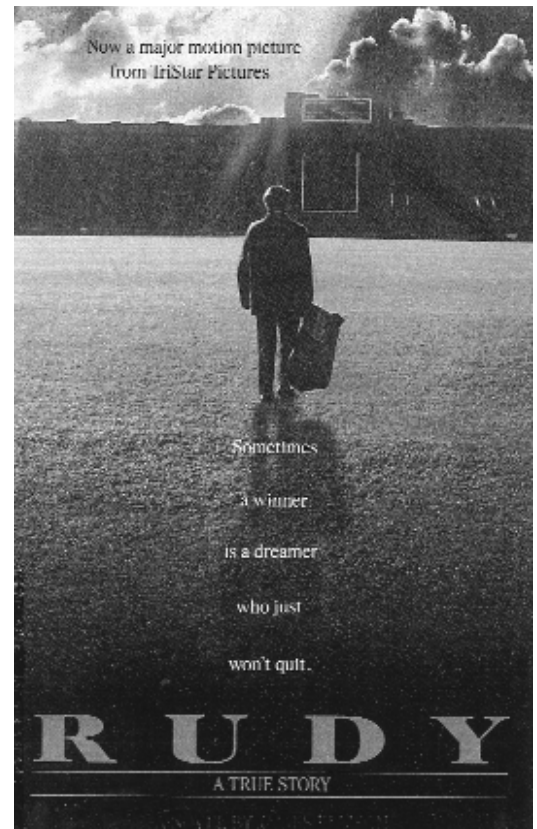
Rudy was working as the manager of a condo complex in South Bend when his new dream started to take shape. He had been in negotiation with Angelo Pizzo, one of the screenwriters for the hit sports drama "Hoosiers," and arranged to meet him for lunch in California. After flying out to California and waiting at the restaurant, Rudy discovered that he had been stood up. But do you think he gave up? Our Rudy? Rudy left the restaurant and tracked down a local mailman who gave him directions to Pizzo's house. Ruettiger knocked on the door, Pizzo answered and Ruettiger said, "Hi, I'm Rudy."

"Oh no," Pizzo replied, "You're everything they say you are."

If Pizzo meant relentless, he was certainly right. In 1991, Rudy and Pizzo signed a deal with Columbia Tristar Pictures to bring "Rudy" to the big screen. The film turned out to be a smash success – tugging on the heart-strings of audiences across the country. It received two thumbs up from Siskel and Ebert and garnered Rudy an invitation to the White House for a private screening with the Clinton family. The movie brought Rudy's inspirational story to the masses, making the name "Rudy" synonymous with the underdog.

On the coattails of the movie's success, Ruettiger became a one-man industry, peddling his message that dreams can come true. These days, Rudy makes his living as a motivational speaker.

"It's okay to have dreams, if you stay true to them," he says. "Because dreams can come true."





# Football Landmarks



*THE LIBRARY MURAL—The 132-foot-high stone mosaic on the south side of the Hesburgh Library was patterned after Millard Sheet's painting, "The Word of Life," with Christ as teacher surrounded by his apostles and an assembly of saints and scholars who have contributed to knowledge through the ages. A gift of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phalin, the mural contains 81 different types of stone material from 16 countries. Its fabrication included 171 finishes and the total composition contains 5,714 individual pieces. It's sometimes referred to as "Touchdown Jesus" since the mural of Christ with upraised hands is visible from inside Notre Dame Stadium.*



*WE'RE NUMBER ONE—Crafted by Josef Turkalj—a protege of Notre Dame's famed artist-in-residence, Ivan Mestrovic—the bronze statue just west of the Hesburgh Library depicts Moses in flowing robes at the foot of Mt. Sinai as he chastises the Israelites who have fallen into idolatry in his absence. His right hand is extended heavenward as he declares there is but one God—creating the reference to "We're No. 1 Moses"—his left hand grasps the two stone tablets upon which God has enscribed the Ten Commandments. The right knee is bent over and his foot crushes the head of the golden calf idol.*



*FAIR CATCH CORBY—A campus statue placed in front of Corby Hall in 1911 depicts Chaplain William J. Corby, C.S.C., with his right arm raised in the act of giving general absolution to the Irish Brigade before they went into action on the second day of the three-day Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. A duplicate statue to honor his long service to the Union cause was dedicated on the battlefield in 1910. Corby was Notre Dame's president two times: 1866-72 and 1887-81. In 1896, he planned the campus grotto as a small copy of the one at Lourdes. The campus statue is also known as "Fair-Catch Corby." (Photo by Heather K. Gollatz)*

# Bowl Coalition, Alliance and BCS History

The history of the Bowl Championship Series began in 1992 with the Bowl Coalition and lasted for three seasons through 1994. The Bowl Coalition featured four games – the Orange, Sugar, Cotton and Fiesta Bowls – with conference champions locked into the Orange (Big Eight), Sugar (Southeastern) and Cotton (Southwest) Bowls and the Fiesta Bowl having the ability to pair two at-large teams. The Fiesta Bowl had the ability to select one Coalition-eligible team, that was not a conference champion, before the national selection date. The original Coalition also involved champions from the BIG EAST and the Atlantic Coast Conferences, as well as Notre Dame.

Selections were made on the basis of how the champions of the Big Eight, Southeastern and Southwest Conferences finished in the final regular-season poll, which was a combination of the CNN/USA Today rankings. All selections were made by the Coalition as a group on the first Sunday in December following the final weekend of the regular season. All teams had to have at least six wins against Division I-A opponents and Notre Dame was guaranteed a spot with seven wins and could still qualify with six wins given mutual agreement between the bowls and the University.

There were 56 Division I-A members that were members of the original Coalition, which also included original involvement with the Gator and Hancock Bowls. The remainder of the bowls remained in place, many with predetermined conference tie-ins. A second layer of bowls eventually was identified and came to be known as the Tier Two bowls.

## 1992 Season

### Sugar Bowl

#### Alabama 34, Miami, Fla. 13

\* Had first selection, but had automatic matchup between SEC champion Alabama, which was ranked No. 2 in final regular season AP poll, against BIG EAST champion Miami, which was ranked No. 1.

### Cotton Bowl

#### Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3

\* Had second selection based on SWC champion Texas A&M being ranked No. 4 at end of regular season and chose at-large selection Notre Dame.

### Orange Bowl

#### Florida State 27, Nebraska 14

\* Had third selection based on Big Eight champion Nebraska being ranked No. 11 at end of regular season and chose ACC champion Florida State.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Syracuse 26, Colorado 22

\* Had fourth selection and chose at-large selection Syracuse and also picked at-large selection Colorado.

## 1993 Season

### Orange Bowl

#### Florida State 18, Nebraska 14

\* Had first selection, but had automatic matchup between Big Eight champion Nebraska, which was ranked No. 1 in final regular season coalition poll, against ACC champion Florida State, which was ranked No. 2.

### Sugar Bowl

#### Florida 41, West Virginia 7

\* Had second selection based on BIG EAST champion West Virginia being ranked No. 3 at end of regular season and chose SEC champion Florida.



Notre Dame received an at-large bid to the 1993 Cotton Bowl, where it defeated Southwest Conference champion Texas A&M 28-3 (photo by Don Stacy)

### Cotton Bowl

#### Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21

\* Had third selection based on SWC champion Texas A&M being ranked No. 7 at end of regular season and chose at-large selection Notre Dame.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Arizona 29, Miami, Fla. 0

\* Had fourth selection and chose at-large selection Miami and also picked at-large selection Arizona.

## 1994 Season

### Orange Bowl

#### Nebraska 24, Miami 17

\* Had first selection based on Big Eight champion Nebraska being ranked No. 1 at end of regular season in coalition poll and chose BIG EAST champion Miami.

### Sugar Bowl

#### Florida State 23, Florida 17

\* Had second selection based on SEC champion Florida being ranked No. 5 and chose ACC champion Florida State.

### Cotton Bowl

#### USC 55, Texas Tech 14

\* Had third selection based on SWC champion Texas Tech being unranked and chose at-large selection USC.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24

\* Had fourth selection and chose at-large selection Notre Dame and also picked at-large selection Colorado.

The Bowl Alliance lasted three seasons, 1995 through 1997, and involved three games – the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar Bowls. A predetermined rotation created a situation in which each year a different bowl had the first two choices, while a second bowl chose third and fifth and the third bowl chose fourth and sixth. Conferences that were part of the Alliance were the Big 12, Atlantic Coast, BIG EAST and Southeastern, leaving two at-large slots.

The most noteworthy change from the Coalition to the Alliance involved the elimination of the conference tie-ins which had been in existence for years. The goal was to provide the best opportunity to match the top two teams and provide the greatest flexibility in creating the postseason matchups amongst the Alliance partners.

In 1995, the first year of the Alliance, there was only one at-large position since the merger of the Big Eight and Southwest Conferences into the Big 12 had not yet taken place, providing five guaranteed conference champions that season.

Notre Dame was guaranteed the at-large slot in 1995 by finishing in the final regular-season top 10 of either the *Associated Press* or *CNN/USA Today* poll. The Irish accomplished that and played Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

A second at-large spot opened up in 1996 though Notre Dame had no way to guarantee itself a slot in an Alliance game. Notre Dame's ability to qualify for one of those games came by earning a spot in the pool of available teams and teams were required to win at least eight games to qualify. Notre Dame won eight games in 1996 and qualified for the pool, but ultimately was not selected.

The BCS is revamped for the 2006 season, featuring the four traditional BCS games in early January, followed by a National Championship Game matching the top two teams in the BCS rankings one week later.

## 1995 Season

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Nebraska 62, Florida 24

\* Had first and second selections and picked Big Eight champion Nebraska, which was ranked No. 1 in final regular season AP poll, against SEC champion Florida, which was ranked No. 2. This pick was required through mandatory No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup rules.

### Orange Bowl

#### Florida State 31, Notre Dame 26

\* Had third and fifth selections and picked ACC champion Florida State against at-large selection Notre Dame.

### Sugar Bowl

#### Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10

\* Had fourth and sixth selections and picked BIG EAST champion Virginia Tech against SWC champion Texas.

## 1996 Season

### Sugar Bowl

#### Florida 52, Florida State 20

\* Had first and second selections and picked SEC champion Florida and ACC champion Florida State.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Penn State 38, Texas 15

\* Had third and fifth selections and picked at-large selection Penn State and Big 12 champion Texas.

### Orange Bowl

#### Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

\* Had fourth and sixth selections and picked at-large selection Nebraska and BIG EAST champion Virginia Tech.

## 1997 Season

### Orange Bowl

#### Nebraska 42, Tennessee 17

\* Had first and second selections and picked Big 12 champion Nebraska and SEC champion Tennessee.

### Sugar Bowl

#### Florida State 31, Ohio State 14

\* Had third and fifth selections and picked ACC champion Florida State and at-large selection Ohio State.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Kansas State 35, Syracuse 18

\* Had fourth and sixth selections and picked at-large selection Kansas State and BIG EAST champion Syracuse.

The Bowl Championship Series began for the 1998 season and a description of its selection process is found on the previous page.

## 1998 Season

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Tennessee 23, Florida State 16

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: SEC champion Tennessee (No. 1) vs. ACC champion Florida State (No. 2).

### Rose Bowl

#### Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31

\* Had Big Ten champion Wisconsin against Pac 10 champion UCLA based on agreement with respective conferences when neither champion was involved in national championship game.

### Sugar Bowl

#### Ohio State 24, Texas A&M 14

\* Had first and third selection among four remaining teams based on losing automatic qualifier (SEC champion Tennessee) to national championship game and Tennessee being ranked higher than Florida State; picked at-large selection Ohio State first and Big 12 champion Texas A&M third.

### Orange Bowl

#### Florida 31, Syracuse 10

\* Had second and four selection among four remaining teams based on losing automatic qualifier (ACC champion Florida State) to national championship game and Tennessee being ranked higher than Florida State; picked at-large selection Florida State second and BIG EAST champion Syracuse fourth.

## 1999 Season

### Sugar Bowl

#### Florida State 46, Virginia Tech 29

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: ACC champion Florida State (No. 1) vs. BIG EAST Champion Virginia Tech (No. 2).

### Rose Bowl

#### Wisconsin 17, Stanford 9

\* Had Big Ten champion Wisconsin against Pac 10 champion Stanford based on agreement with respective conferences when neither champion was involved in

national championship game.

### Orange Bowl

#### Michigan 35, Alabama 34 (overtime)

\* Had SEC champion Alabama based on regional consideration; had first pick among remaining spots and selected at-large selection Michigan.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Nebraska 31, Tennessee 21

\* Had Big XII champion Nebraska based on regional consideration; had second pick among remaining spots and selected at-large selection Tennessee.

## 2000 Season

### Orange Bowl

#### Oklahoma 13, Florida State 2

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: Big XII Champion Oklahoma (No. 1) vs. ACC champion Florida State (No. 2)

### Rose Bowl

#### Washington 34, Purdue 24

\* Had Big Ten champion Purdue against Pac-10 champion Washington based on agreement with respective conferences when neither champion was involved in national championship game.

### Sugar Bowl

#### Miami 37, Florida 20

\* Had SEC Champion Florida based on regional consideration; and selected at-large pick Miami.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Oregon State 41, Notre Dame 9

\* At-large selections, picking independent Notre Dame, who was ranked 11th in the Bowl Championship Series poll and the Pac-10's Oregon State, who was ranked sixth.

## 2001 Season

### Rose Bowl

#### Miami 37, Nebraska 14

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: BIG EAST Champion Miami (No. 1) vs. at-large pick Nebraska (No. 2).

### Orange Bowl

#### Florida 56, Maryland 23

\* Had ACC Champion Maryland based on regional consideration; and selected at-large pick Florida (No. 5 in the BCS).

### Sugar Bowl

#### LSU 47, Illinois 34

\* Had SEC Champion LSU based on regional consideration; and selected Big Ten Champion Illinois (No. 8 in the BCS).

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Oregon 38, Colorado 16

\* Had Big 12 Champion Colorado based on regional consideration; and selected Pac-10 Champion Oregon (No. 4 in the BCS).

## 2002 Season

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Ohio State 31, Miami 24 (2 ot)

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: Big Ten Champion Ohio State (No. 2) vs. BIG EAST Champion Miami (No. 1).

### Orange Bowl

#### USC 38, Iowa 17

\* Selected at-large pick USC (No. 4 in the BCS) and at-large selection Iowa (No. 5 in the BCS).

### Sugar Bowl

#### Georgia 26, Florida State 13

\* Had SEC Champion Georgia (No. 3 in the BCS) based on regional consideration and ACC Champion Florida State.

## Rose Bowl

#### Oklahoma 34, Washington State 14

\* Selected Big 12 Champion Oklahoma vs. Pac-10 Champion Washington State due to regional considerations.

## 2003 Season

### Sugar Bowl

#### LSU 21, Oklahoma 14

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: SEC Champion LSU (No. 2) vs. at-large bid Oklahoma (No. 1).

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Ohio State 35, Kansas State 28

\* Selected Big Ten Champion Ohio State (No. 5 in BCS) and Big 12 Champion Kansas State (No. 10 in the BCS).

### Rose Bowl

#### USC 28, Michigan 14

\* Selected Pac-10 Champion USC (No. 3 in BCS) and at-large selection Michigan (No. 6 in BCS) based on final Bowl Championship Series poll, despite USC's No. 1 ranking in final Associated Press poll.

### Orange Bowl

#### Miami 16, Florida State 14

\* Selected BIG EAST Champion Miami (No. 5 in BCS) and ACC Champion Florida State based on regional considerations.

## 2004 Season

### Orange Bowl

#### USC 55, Oklahoma 17

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: Pac-10 Champion USC (No. 1) vs. Big 12 Champion Oklahoma (No. 2).

### Rose Bowl

#### Texas 38, Michigan 37

\* Selected Big 12 Champion Texas (No. 4 in the BCS) vs. at-large selection and Big Ten Champion Michigan.

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Utah 35, Pittsburgh 7

\* Selected at-large selection and Mountain West Conference Champion Utah (No. 6 in BCS) vs. Big East Champion Pittsburgh.

### Sugar Bowl

#### Auburn 16, Virginia Tech 13

\* Selected SEC Champion Auburn (No. 3 in BCS) vs. ACC Champion Virginia Tech (No. 8 in BCS).

## 2005 Season

### Rose Bowl

#### Texas 41, USC 38

\* Had No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup for national championship according to final Bowl Championship Series poll: Pac-10 Champion USC (No. 1) vs. Big 12 Champion Texas (No. 2).

### Fiesta Bowl

#### Ohio State 34, Notre Dame 20

\* Had at-large selection Ohio State (No. 4 in BCS) vs. at-large selection Notre Dame (No. 6 in BCS).

### Sugar Bowl

#### West Virginia 38, Georgia 35

\* Had SEC Champion Georgia (No. 7 in BCS) and Big East Champion West Virginia (No. 11 in BCS).

### Orange Bowl

#### Penn State 26, Florida State 23 (3 ot)

\* Selected Big Ten Champion Penn State (No. 11 in BCS) and ACC Champion Florida State based on regional considerations.

# Irish in the Pros

Notre Dame has had over 400 different players who have gone on to appear on an active roster in either the National Football League (1920-current), the fourth American Football League (1960-69) or the All-American Football Conference (1946-49). Active players are in bold type:

Adams, John (Tree), T, Washington 1945-49  
Adamson, Ken, G, Denver 1960-62  
Alm, Jeff, DT, Houston, 1990-1993  
Anderson, Eddie, E, Rochester 1922; Chicago Cardinals 1922-25; Chicago Bears 1923  
Anderson, Hunk, G, Chicago Bears 1922-25  
Angsman, Elmer, HB, Chicago Cardinals 1946-52  
Bagarus, Steve, HB, Washington 1945-46; 1948; L.A. Rams 1947  
Banas, Steve, QB, Detroit 1935; Philadelphia 1935  
Banks, Robert, DE, Houston 1988, 1991; Cleveland 1989-90  
Barry, Norm, QB, Chicago Cardinals 1921; Green Bay 1921  
**Battle, Arnaz, WR, San Francisco 2003-current**  
Baujan, Harry, E, Cleveland 1920-21  
Bavaro, Mark, TE, NY Giants 1985-90; Cleveland 1992; Philadelphia 1993-1994  
Beams, Byron, T, Pittsburgh 1959-60; Houston 1961  
Becker, Doug, LB, Chicago Bears 1978; Buffalo 1978  
Beinor, Ed, T, Chicago Cardinals 1940-41; Washington 1941-42  
Belden, Bob, QB, Dallas 1969-70  
Bell, Greg, RB, Buffalo 1984-87; L.A. Rams 1988-89; L.A. Raiders 1990-91  
Bercich, Pete, LB, Minnesota, 1994-2000  
Berezney, Pete, T, L.A. Dons (AAFC) 1947; Baltimore (AAFC) 1948  
**Berry, Bert, LB/DE, Indianapolis, 1997-99; Denver 2000-03; Arizona 2004-current**  
Bertelli, Angelo, QB, L.A. Dons (AAFC) 1946; Chicago Rockets 1947-48  
Bettis, Jerome, FB, L.A./St. Louis Rams 1993-1995; Pittsburgh 1996-2005  
Beuerlein, Steve, QB, L.A. Raiders 1987-90; Dallas 1991-92; Arizona 1993-1994; Jacksonville 1995; Carolina 1996-2000; Denver 2001-2003  
**Black, Jordan, OL, Kansas City 2003-current**  
Bleier, Rocky, RB, Pittsburgh 1968, 1971-80  
**Boiman, Rocky, LB, Tennessee 2002-04; Dallas 2005-current**  
Bolcar, Ned, LB, Seattle 1990; Miami 1991-92  
Bradley, Luther, CB, Detroit 1978-81  
Brennan, Mike, OT, Cincinnati 1990; Phoenix 1991; Buffalo 1991-1992  
Brooks, Reggie, TB, Washington 1993-95; Tampa Bay 1996  
Brooks, Tony, FB, Philadelphia 1992-1993  
Brown, Bobby, WR, Cleveland 2000  
Brown, Dean, OT, San Diego 1990  
Brown, Chris, DB, Pittsburgh 1984-85  
Brown, Derek, TE, New York Giants 1992-1994; Jacksonville 1995-96; Oakland 1998; Arizona 1999-2000  
Brown, Tim, WR, L.A./Oakland Raiders 1988-2004  
Browner, Jim, S, Cincinnati 1979-80  
Brutz, Jim, T, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1946-48  
Browner, Ross, DE, Cincinnati 1979-86; Green Bay 1987  
Bryant, Junior, DE, San Francisco, 1993-2001  
Budka, Frank, DB, L.A. Rams 1964  
Buoniconti, Nick, LB, Boston 1962-68; Miami 1969-74, 1976  
Burgmeier, Ted, S, Kansas City 1978  
Burnell, Max, HB, Chicago Bears 1944  
Burris, Jeff, CB-S, Buffalo 1994-97; Indianapolis 1998-2001; Cincinnati 2002-2003; New England 2004  
Calhoun, Mike, DT, San Francisco 1980; Tampa Bay 1980  
**Campbell, Darrell, DT, Cleveland 2004-current**  
Carberry, Glen, E, Buffalo 1923-24; Cleveland 1925  
**Carney, John, K, Tampa Bay 1989; San Diego 1990-2000; New Orleans 2001-current**  
Carollo, Joe, T, L.A. Rams 1962-68, 1971; Philadelphia 1969; Cleveland 1972-73  
Carroll, Jim, LB, N.Y. Giants 1965-66; Washington 1966-68; N.Y. Jets 1969  
Carter, Tom, DB, Washington, 1993-96; Chicago, 1997-99; Cincinnati 1999-2001  
Casper, Dave, TE, Oakland 1974-80; Houston 1980-83; Minnesota 1983; L.A.

Raiders 1984  
Chryplewicz, Pete, TE, Detroit Lions 1997-2000; Oakland 2001  
Cifelli, Gus, T, Detroit 1950-52; Green Bay 1953; Philadelphia 1954; Pittsburgh 1954  
Clark, Willie, CB, San Diego 1994-96; Philadelphia 1997  
Clasby, Bob, DT, St. Louis-Phoenix 1986-1990  
Clatt, Corwin, FB, Chicago Cardinals 1948-49  
Clements, Tom, QB, Kansas City, 1980  
Cobbins, Lyron, LB, Arizona 1997  
Cofall, Stanley, HB, Cleveland 1920; N.Y. Giants 1921  
Coleman, Herb, C, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1946-48; Baltimore (AAFC) 1948  
Collins, Greg, LB, San Francisco 1975; Seattle 1976; Buffalo 1977  
**Collins, Jerome, TE, St. Louis Rams 2005-current**  
Commisa, Vince, G, Boston 1944  
Conjar, Larry, RB, Cleveland 1967; Philadelphia 1968; Baltimore 1969-70  
Connor, George, T-DT-LB, Chicago Bears 1948-55  
Cook, Ed, T, Chicago Cardinals 1958-59; St. Louis 1960-65; Atlanta 1966-67  
**Cooper, Deke, S, Carolina 2002-2003; Jacksonville 2004, Miami 2005-current**  
Corgan, Mike, FB, Detroit 1943  
Costa, Paul, TE-T, Buffalo 1965-72  
Cotton, Forrest (Fod), T, Rock Island 1923-25  
Coughlin, Danny, HB, Minnesota 1923  
Coughlin, Frank, T, Detroit 1921; Green Bay 1921; Rock Island 1921  
Coutre, Larry, HB, Green Bay 1950, 1953; Baltimore 1953  
Covington, John, CB-S, Indianapolis 1994; New Orleans 1995  
Cowhig, Gerry, FB, L.A. Rams 1947-49; Chicago Cardinals 1950; Philadelphia 1951  
Crabbe, Bob, LB, N.Y. Jets 1982-85  
Crimmins, Bernie, G, Green Bay 1945  
Crotty, Jim, DB, Washington 1960-61; Buffalo 1961-62  
Crowley, Jim, HB, Green Bay 1925; Providence 1925  
Culver, Al, T, Chicago Bears 1932; Green Bay 1932  
Culver, Rodney, FB, Indianapolis, 1992-1993; San Diego 1994-1995  
Curtin, Brennan, OL, Green Bay, 2003-current  
Czarobski, Ziggy, G, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1948; Chicago Hornets (AAFC) 1949  
Dahl, Bob, OT, Cleveland 1992-1995; Washington 1996-97  
Dalvin, Mike, OT, Washington 1955  
Dancewicz, Frank, QB, Boston 1946-48  
Davis, Arch, HB, Columbus 1925-26  
Davis, Travis, S, New Orleans 1995; Jacksonville 1995-98; Pittsburgh 1999-2000  
Dawson, Lake, WR, Kansas City 1994-97; Indianapolis 1999  
DeGree, Cy, G, Detroit 1921  
Denman, Anthony, ILB, Cleveland 2001; Buffalo 2002  
Denson, Autry, RB, Miami, 1999-2001, Chicago 2001, Cleveland 2002; Indianapolis 2002, Detroit, 2002-current  
DiBernardo, Rick, LB, St. Louis 1986  
Dorsey, Eric, DT, N.Y. Giants 1986-1992  
Doughty, Mike, OT, Cincinnati 2000-2001  
Dove, Bob, E-DE, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1946-47; Chicago Cardinals 1948-53; Detroit 1953-54  
Driver, Tony, DB, Buffalo 2001-02  
DuBose, Demetrius, LB, Tampa Bay 1993-1996  
Duerson, Dave, S, Chicago Bears 1983-89, N.Y. Giants, 1990; Arizona 1991-93  
**Duff, Vontez, CB, Houston 2004, N.Y. Giants 2005-current**  
Duggan, Eddie, HB, Rock Island 1921  
Duranko, Pete, DE-LB, Denver 1967-70, 1972-74  
**Earl, Glenn, FS, Houston 2004-current**  
Ebli, Ray, E, Chicago Cardinals 1942; Buffalo (AAFC) 1946; Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1947  
Eddy, Nick, RB, Detroit 1968-1972  
Edwards, Gene (Horse), G, Canton 1920-21; Toledo 1922; Cleveland 1923-35  
Edwards, Marc, RB, San Francisco 1997-1998; Cleveland 1999-2000; New England 2001-02, Jacksonville 2003-04  
Eichenlaub, Ray, FB, Columbus 1925; Cleveland 1925  
Eilers, Pat, S, Minnesota 1990-91; Phoenix 1992; Washington 1993-94; Chicago 1995

Ellick, Dwight, CB, Tampa Bay 2005-current  
 Ellis, Clarence, CB, Atlanta 1972-74  
 Enright, Rex, FB, Green Bay 1926-27  
 Evans, Fred, (Dippy), HB, Cleveland (AAFC) 1946; Buffalo (AAFC) 1947;  
 Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1947-48; Chicago Bears 1948  
**Faine, Jeff, C, Cleveland, 2003-05; New Orleans 2006**  
 Fanning, Mike, DE-DT, LA Rams 1975-82; Detroit 1983; Seattle 1984  
**Fasano, Anthony, TE, Dallas Cowboys 2006**  
 Feeney, Al, C, Canton 1920-21  
 Ferguson, Vagas, RB, New England 1980-82; Houston 1983; Cleveland 1983  
 Figaro, Cedric, LB, San Diego 1988-90; Cleveland 1991-92; St. Louis 1995-96  
 Fischer, Bill (Moose), T, Chicago Cardinals 1949-53  
**Fisher, Tony, RB, Green Bay 2002-05; St. Louis Rams 2006**  
 Fitzgerald, Freeman, C, Rock Island 1920-21  
 Flanigan, Jim, DT, Chicago 1994-2000; Green Bay 2001, San Francisco 2002-2003;  
 Philadelphia 2004-05  
 Foley, Tim, T, Baltimore 1981  
 Furjanic, Tony, LB, Buffalo 1986-88; Miami 1988  
**Gandy, Mike, G, Chicago 2001-05; Buffalo 2006**  
 Gann, Mike, DE, Atlanta 1985-1993  
 Garvey, Hec, T, Chicago Bears 1922-25, Hartford 1926; Brooklyn 1926, 1930; N.Y.  
 Giants 1927-28; Providence 1929; Staten Island 1931  
 Gasparella, Joe, QB-LB, Pittsburgh 1948, 1950-51; Chicago Cardinals 1951  
 Gatewood, Tom, WR, N.Y. Giants 1972-73  
 Gaul, Frank, T, N.Y. Bulldogs 1949  
 Gay, Bill, DB, Chicago Cardinals, 1951-52  
 Gibson, Oliver, NG, Pittsburgh 1995-1998; Cincinnati 1999-2003; Buffalo 2004  
**Givens, David, WR, New England 2002-05; Tennessee 2006**  
 Gladieux, Bob, RB, Boston 1969; New England 1970-72; Buffalo 1970  
 Goeddeke, George, C-G, Denver 1967-72  
 Golic, Bob, LB-NT, New England 1979-82; Cleveland 1982-88; Los Angeles Raiders  
 1989-92  
 Golic, Mike, DT, Houston 1985-87; Philadelphia 1988-1992; Miami 1993  
 Gompers, Bill, HB, Buffalo (AAFC) 1948  
**Goodspeed, Joey, RB, New Orleans 2001; San Diego 2003; St. Louis  
 2004; Minnesota 2005-current**  
**Goolsby, Mike, LB, Dallas 2005; St. Louis 2006**  
**Grant, Ryan, RB, N.Y. Giants 2005-current**  
**Grasmanis, Paul, DL, Chicago 1996-98; St. Louis 1999; Denver 1999-  
 2000; Philadelphia 2001-current**  
 Green, Mark, HB, Chicago Bears 1989-1992  
 Greeney, Norm, G, Green Bay 1933; Pittsburgh 1934-35  
 Groom, Jerry, C, Chicago Cardinals 1951-55  
 Grunhard, Tim, C, Kansas City 1990-2000  
 Guglielmi, Ralph, Washington, QB, 1955, 1958-60; St. Louis 1961; N.Y. Giants  
 1962-63; Philadelphia 1963  
 Haines, Kris, WR, Washington 1979; Chicago Bears 1979-81  
 Halperin, Robert, QB, Brooklyn 1932  
 Hanlon, Bob, HB-DB, Chicago Cardinals 1948; Pittsburgh 1949  
 Hanratty, Terry, QB, Pittsburgh 1969-75; Tampa Bay 1976  
 Hardy, Kevin, DE-DT, San Francisco 1968; Green Bay 1970; San Diego 1971-72  
 Harper, Deveron, DB, Carolina 2000-2003; New Orleans 2004  
 Harrison, Tyreo, ILB, Philadelphia 2002-04  
 Hart, Leon, E-FB, Detroit 1950-57  
 Hayes, Dave, E, Green Bay 1921-22  
 Hayes, Jerry, E, Rock Island 1921  
 Heap, Joe, HB, N.Y. Giants 1955  
 Hearden, Tom (Red), HB, Green Bay 1927-28; Chicago Bears 1928  
 Heck, Andy, OT, Seattle 1989-1993; Chicago 1994-98; Washington 1999- 2000  
 Heenan, Pat, SE-DB, Washington 1960  
 Heldt, Mike, C, Indianapolis 1992-93  
 Heimkreiter, Steve, LB, Baltimore 1980  
 Helwig, John, G, Chicago Bears 1953-56  
**Hentrich, Craig, P, Green Bay 1994-97; Tennessee 1998-current**  
 Higgins, Luke, G, Baltimore (AAFC) 1947  
**Holiday, Carlyle, WR, Arizona 2005-current**  
 Holohan, Pete, TE, San Diego 1981-87; L.A. Rams 1988-90; Kansas City 1991;  
 Cleveland 1992  
 Holloway, Jabari, TE, New England 2001-02, Houston 2002-04  
 Hornung, Paul, HB-K, Green Bay 1957-62, 1964-66  
 Howard, Bobbie, LB, Chicago 2000-2003  
 Howard, Joe, SE, Buffalo 1986-88; Washington 1989-91  
 Huarte, John, QB, Boston 1966-67; Philadelphia 1968; Kansas City 1970-71;  
 Chicago Bears 1972  
 Huffman, Dave, C-G-T, Minnesota 1979-83, 1985-90  
 Huffman, Tim, G-T, Green Bay 1981-85  
 Hughes, Ernie, G, San Francisco 1978, 1980; N.Y. Giants 1981-83  
 Hunter, Art, C, Green Bay 1954; Cleveland 1956-59; L.A. Rams 1960-64;  
 Pittsburgh 1965  
 Hunter, Al, RB, Seattle 1977-80  
 Hunter, Javin, WR, Baltimore 2002-04  
 Hunter, Tony, TE, Buffalo 1983-84; L.A. Rams 1985-87  
**Irons, Grant, DE, Buffalo, 2002-03; Oakland 2004-current**  
 Ismail, Raghib, WR, L.A./Oakland Raiders 1993-95; Carolina 1996-98; Dallas  
 1999-2002  
 Israel, Ron, DB, Washington 2002; Minnesota 2003; Denver 2004  
 Izo, George, QB, St. Louis 1960; Washington 1961-64; Detroit 1965; Pittsburgh  
 1966  
 Jackson, Jarious, QB, Denver 2000-05  
 Johnson, Anthony, FB, Indianapolis 1990-93; New York Jets 1994; Chicago 1995;  
 Carolina 1995-2000; Jacksonville 2001  
 Johnson, Malcolm, WR, Pittsburgh 2000; New York Jets 2001  
 Jones, Andre, LB, Detroit 1992  
 Jones, Jerry, G, Decatur 1920; Rock Island 1922; Cleveland 1924  
 Jones, Jim, OT, Baltimore 2001; Pittsburgh 2004  
**Jones, Julius, RB, Dallas 2004-current**  
 Jurkovic, Mirko, OG, Chicago 1992  
 Juzwik, Steve, HB, Washington 1942; Buffalo (AAFC) 1946-47; Chicago Rockets  
 (AAFC) 1948  
 Kadish, Mike, DT, Buffalo 1973-81  
 Kantor, Joe, RB, Washington 1966  
 Kasper, Tom, HB, Rochester 1923  
 Keefe, Emmett, G, Chicago Tigers 1920; Green Bay 1921; Rock Island 1921-22;  
 Milwaukee 1922  
 Kell, Paul, T, Green Bay 1939-40  
 Kelley, Mike, T-G, Houston 1985-87; Philadelphia 1988  
 Kelly, Bob, HB, LA Dons (AAFC) 1947-48; Baltimore (AAFC) 1949  
 Kelly, Jim, TE, Pittsburgh 1963; Philadelphia 1965, 1967  
 Kerr, Bill, E, L.A. Dons (AAFC) 1946  
 Kiel, Blair, QB, Tampa Bay 1984; Indianapolis 1986-87; Green Bay 1988-91  
 Kiley, Roger, E, Chicago Cardinals 1923  
 Kinder, Randy, RB, Philadelphia 1997-99  
 Knafelc, Greg, QB, New Orleans 1983  
 Knapp, Lindsay, OG, Kansas City, 1993-1995; Green Bay 1995-96  
 Koken, Mike, HB, Chicago Cardinals 1933  
 Kosikowski, Frank, E, Cleveland (AAFC) 1948; Buffalo (AAFC) 1948  
 Kovatch, John, E, Washington 1942, 1946; Green Bay 1947  
 Kowalkowski, Scott, LB, Philadelphia 1991-93; Detroit 1994-2001  
 Koziak, Mike, G, Duluth 1924-25  
 Krimm, John, S, New Orleans 1982-83  
 Kuchta, Frank, C, Washington 1958-59; Denver 1960  
 Kuechenberg, Bob, G-T, Miami 1970-83  
 Kuharich, Joe, G, Chicago Cardinals 1940-41, 1945  
 Kulbitski, Vic, FB, Buffalo (AAFC) 1946-48  
 Kunz, George, T, Atlanta 1969-74, Baltimore 1975-77, 1980  
 Kurth, Joe, T, Green Bay 1933-34  
 Lambeau, Earl (Curly), HB, Green Bay 1921-29  
 Lamonica, Daryle, QB, Buffalo 1963-66; Oakland 1967-74  
 Lansing, Vince, T-G, Evansville 1921  
 Lanza, Chuck, C, Pittsburgh 1988-90  
 Larson, Fred, C, Chicago Bears 1922; Milwaukee 1923-24; Green Bay 1925;  
 Chicago Cardinals 1929  
 Lattner, Johnny, HB, Pittsburgh 1954  
 Law, John, T, Newark 1930  
 Lawrence, Don, T, Washington 1959-61  
 Leahy, Bernie, HB, Chicago Bears 1932  
 Legree, Lance, DT, N.Y. Giants 2002-04  
 Lemek, Ray, G, Washington 1957-61; Pittsburgh 1962-65

Leonard, Bill, DE, Baltimore (AAFC) 1949  
 Leonard, Jim, FB-QB, Philadelphia 1934-37  
 Leopold, Bobby, LB, San Francisco 1980-83  
 Lind, Mike, FB, San Francisco 1963-67  
 Lisch, Rusty, QB-S, St. Louis 1980-83; Chicago Bears 1984  
 Livingstone, Bob, HB, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1948; Chicago Hornets (AAFC) 1949; Buffalo (AAFC) 1949; Baltimore 1950  
 Longo, Tom, DB, N.Y. Giants 1969; St. Louis 1971  
 Lopinski, Tom, FB, Indianapolis 2003-04  
 Lujack, Johnny, QB-DB, Chicago Bears 1948-51  
 Lyght, Todd, CB, L.A./St. Louis Rams 1991-2000, Detroit 2001-current  
 Lynch, Dick, DB, Washington 1958; N.Y. Giants 1959-66  
 Lynch, Jim, LB, Kansas City 1967-77  
 MacAfee, Ken, TE, San Francisco 1978-79  
 Mack, Bill (Red), FL, Pittsburgh 1961-63, 1965; Philadelphia 1964; Atlanta 1966; Green Bay 1966  
 Maddock, Bob, G, Chicago Cardinals 1942; 1946  
 Maggioli, Chick, HB, Buffalo (AAFC) 1948; Detroit 1949; Baltimore 1950  
 Mahalic, Drew, LB, San Diego 1975; Philadelphia 1976-78  
**Mahan, Sean, OG, Tampa Bay 2003-current**  
 Malone, Grover (Molly), HB, Chicago Tigers 1920; Green Bay 1921; Akron 1923  
 Marelli, Ray, G, Chicago Cardinals 1928  
 Martin, Dave, LB, Kansas City 1968; Chicago Bears 1969  
 Martin, Jim, LB-K, Cleveland 1950; Detroit 1951-61; Baltimore 1963; Washington 1964  
 Martz, Bob, OT, Tampa, 1991  
 Marx, Greg, DE, Atlanta 1973  
 Mastrangelo, John, G, Pittsburgh 1947-48; N.Y. Yankees (AAFC) 1949; N.Y. Giants 1950  
 Mavraides, Menil (Minnie), G, Philadelphia 1954, 1957  
 Mayer, Frank, G, Green Bay 1927  
 Mayes, Derrick, WR, Green Bay 1996-98; Seattle 1999-2000, Kansas City 2001  
 Mayl, Gene, E, Dayton 1925-26  
 McBride, Oscar, TE, Arizona 1995-96  
 McCoy, Mike, DT, Green Bay 1970-76; Oakland 1977-78; N.Y. Giants 1979-80; Detroit 1980  
 McDonald, Devon, LB, Indianapolis 1993-95; Arizona 1996  
 McGill, Karmeeleyah, LB, Cincinnati 1993  
 McGill, Mike, LB, Minnesota 1968-70; St. Louis 1971-72  
 McGuire, Gene, C, New Orleans 1992-93; Green Bay 1995; Miami 1995  
 McNerny, Arnold, C-FB, Chicago Cardinals 1920-27  
 McMullan, John, G, N.Y. Titans 1960-61  
 McNulty, Paul, E, Chicago Cardinals 1924-25  
 Meagher, Jack, E, Chicago Tigers 1920  
 Mehre, Harry, C, Minneapolis 1923-24  
 Mello, Jim, FB, Bos. 1947; L.A. Rams 1948; Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1948; Detroit 1949  
 Mergenthal, Art, G, Cleveland 1945; L.A. Rams 1946  
 Meyer, John, LB, Houston 1966  
 Mieszkowski, Ed, T, Brooklyn (AAFC) 1946-47  
 Miller, Don, HB, Providence 1925  
 Millner, Wayne, E, Boston, 1936; Washington 1937-41, 1945  
 Minor, Kory, LB, Carolina, 2000-02  
 Mirer, Rick, QB, Seattle, 1993-96; Chicago 1997; Green Bay 1998; N.Y. Jets 1999; San Francisco 2000-2001; Oakland 2002-2003; Detroit 2004  
 Mohardt, Johnny, HB, Chicago Cardinals 1922-23; Racine 1924; Chicago Bears 1925  
**Molinaro, Jim, OL, Washington 2004-current**  
 Montana, Joe, QB, San Francisco 1979-1992, Kansas City 1993-1994  
 Moriarty, Larry, RB, Houston 1983-86; Kansas City 1986-91  
 Moynihan, Tim, C, Chicago Cardinals 1932-33  
 Munde, Fred, C, Chicago Bears 1943-45  
 Murray, Jason, FB, Cincinnati 2002-current  
 Mutscheller, Jim, E-TE, Baltimore 1954-61  
 Nemeth, Steve, HB-QB, Cleveland 1945; Chi-Rockets (AAFC) 1946; Baltimore (AAFC) 1947  
 Niehaus, Steve, DT, Seattle 1976-78; Minnesota 1979  
 Norman, Todd, T, Seattle 1995  
 O'Boyle, Harry, HB, Green Bay 1928-29, 1932; Philadelphia 1933  
 O'Connor, Bill (Zeke), E, Buffalo (AAFC) 1948; Cleveland (AAFC) 1949; N.Y. Yankees 1951  
 O'Leary, Dan, TE, Buffalo 2001, Pittsburgh 2002, N.Y. Giants 2003  
 O'Malley, Jim, LB, Denver 1973-75  
 O'Neil, Bob, G, Pittsburgh 1956-57; N.Y. Titans 1961  
 Oriard, Mike, C, Kansas City 1970-73  
 Ostrowski, Chet, DE, Washington 1954-59  
**Owens, John, TE, Detroit 2002-04; Cleveland 2005-current**  
 Page, Alan, DT, Minnesota 1967-78; Chicago Bears 1978-81  
 Palumbo, Sam, LB, Cleveland 1955-56; Green Bay 1957; Buffalo 1960  
 Panelli, John (Pep), FB-LB, Detroit 1949-50; Chicago Cardinals 1951-53  
 Pasquesi, Tony, DT, Chicago Cardinals 1955-57  
 Patulski, Walt, DE, Buffalo 1972-75; St. Louis 1977  
 Pearson, Dud, QB, Racine 1922  
 Pergine, John, LB, L.A. Rams 1969-72; Washington 1973-75  
 Petitbon, John, HB, Dallas 1952; Cleveland 1955-56; Green Bay 1957  
**Petitgout, Luke, OL, N.Y. Giants 1999-current**  
 Peterson, Anthony, LB, San Francisco 1994-96; Chicago 1997; San Francisco 1998-99; Washington 2000  
 Phelan, Bob, HB, Toledo 1922; Rock Island 1923-24  
 Piepul, Milt, FB, Detroit 1941  
 Pietrosante, Nick, FB, Detroit 1959-65; Cleveland 1966-67  
 Pinkett, Allen, RB, Houston 1986-91  
 Pliska, Joe, HB, Hammond 1920-21  
 Pivarnik, Joe, G, Philadelphia 1936  
 Pivec, Dave, TE, L.A. Rams 1966-68; Denver 1969  
 Pottios, Myron, LB, Pittsburgh 1961, 1963-65; L.A. Rams 1966-70; Washington 1971-74  
 Powers, John, SE, Pittsburgh 1962-66  
 Powlus, Ron, QB, Philadelphia 2000-2001  
 Pozderac, Phil, T, Dallas 1982-87  
 Pritchett, Wes, LB, Buffalo 1989-90, Atlanta 1991  
 Puplis, Andy, HB, Chicago Cardinals 1943  
 Quinn, Steve, C, Houston 1966  
 Rassas, Nick, DB, Atlanta 1966-68  
 Ratigan, Brian, LB, Indianapolis 1994  
 Ratkowski, Ray, HB, Boston 1961  
 Ratterman, George, QB, Buffalo (AAFC) 1947-49, NY Yankees 1950-51, Cleveland 1952-56  
 Regner, Tom, G-T, Houston 1967-72  
 Rehder, Tom, OT, New England 1988-89, N.Y. Giants 1990, Minnesota 1992  
 Reilly, Jim, G, Buffalo 1970-71  
 Ridder, Tim, OG, Indianapolis 2001-02  
 Riffle, Chuck, G, Cleveland 1944; N.Y. Yankees (AAFC) 1946-48  
 Rogers, John, C, Cincinnati 1933-34  
**Rosenthal, Mike, OL, N.Y. Giants 1999-2002; Minnesota 2003-current**  
**Rossum, Allen, CB, Philadelphia 1998-2000; Green Bay 2000-01; Atlanta 2002-current**  
 Ruddy, Tim, C, Miami 1994-2003  
 Rudnick, Tim, S, Baltimore 1974  
 Ruetz, Joe, G, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1946, 1948  
 Rutkowski, Ed, HB-FL-QB, Buffalo 1963-66  
 Ryan, Jim, HB, Rock Island 1924; Chicago Cardinals 1924  
 Ryan, Tim, OG, Tampa 1991-1993  
 Rydzewski, Frank, T, Cleveland 1920; Chicago Tigers 1920; Hammond 1920, 1922-26; Chicago Cardinals 1921; Chicago Bears 1923; Milwaukee 1925  
 Rykovich, Julie, HB-DB, Buffalo (AAFC) 1947-48; Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1948; Chicago Bears 1949-51  
 Rymkus, Lou, T, Washington 1943; Cleveland 1946-51  
**Sapp, Jerome, SS, Baltimore 2003-04; Indianapolis 2005-current**  
 Savoldi, Joe, FB, Chicago Bears 1930  
 Scarpitto, Bob, FL-P, San Diego 1961; Denver 1962-67; Boston 1968  
 Schaefer, Don, FB, Philadelphia 1956  
 Scharer, Eddie, QB, Detroit 1926, 1928; Pottsville 1927  
 Schoen, Tom, S, Cleveland 1970  
 Scholtz, Bob, C, Detroit 1960-64; N.Y. Giants 1965-66  
 Schrader, Jim, C, Washington 1954, 1956-61; Philadelphia 1962-64  
 Scibelli, Joe, G, L.A. Rams 1961-75  
 Scott, Vince, G, Buffalo (AAFC) 1947-48  
 Scully, John G-C, Atlanta 1981-90

Seiler, Paul, T-C, N.Y. Jets 1967, 1969; Oakland 1971-73  
 Seyfrit, Frank (Si), E, Toledo 1923; Hammond 1924  
 Seymour, Jim, WR, Chicago Bears 1970-72  
 Shellogg, Alec, T, Brooklyn 1939; Chicago Bears 1939  
 Signaigo, Joe, OG-DG, New York (AAFC) 1948-49; New York Yankees 1950  
 Simmons, Floyd, HB, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1948  
 Sitko, Emil (Red), HB, San Francisco 1950; Chicago Cardinals 1951-52  
 Skoglund, Bob, E, Green Bay 1947  
 Slackford, Fred, FB, Dayton 1920; Canton 1921  
 Smagala, Stan, CB, Dallas, 1990; Pittsburgh 1992-93  
 Smith, Chris, FB Kansas City, 1986-87  
 Smith, Dick (Red), QB, Green Bay 1927, 1929; N.Y. Yankees 1928; Newark 1930; N.Y. Giants 1931  
**Smith, Hunter, P, Indianapolis 1999-current**  
 Smith, Irv, TE, New Orleans, 1993-97; San Francisco 1998; Cleveland 1999-2000  
 Smith, Rod, DB, New England 1992-1994; Carolina 1995-1998; Green Bay 1998  
 Smith, Tony, SE, Kansas City 1992  
 Snow, Jack, SE, L.A. Rams 1965-75  
 Snowden, Jim, T-DE, Washington 1965-71  
 Spaniel, Frank, HB, Baltimore 1950; Washington 1950  
 Stams, Frank, DE, L.A. Rams 1989-91, Cleveland 1992-1994; Carolina 1995  
 Statuto, Art, C, Buffalo (AAFC) 1948-49; Los Angeles Rams 1950  
 Steinkemper, Bill, T, Chicago Bears 1943  
 Stenger, Brian, LB, Pittsburgh 1969-72; New England 1973  
**Stevenson, Dan, OG, New England 2006**  
 Stevenson, Mark, G, Columbus 1922  
 Stewart, Ralph, C-LB, New York (AAFC) 1947-48; Baltimore (AAFC) 1948  
 Stickles, Monty, TE, San Francisco 1960-67; New Orleans 1968  
 Stonebreaker, Michael, LB, Chicago 1991; Atlanta 1993-94  
**Stovall, Maurice, WR, Tampa Bay 2006**  
 Streeter, George, SS, Chicago Bears 1989; L.A. Raiders 1990  
 Strohmeyer, George, C, Brooklyn (AAFC) 1948; Chicago Hornets (AAFC) 1949  
 Stuhldreher, Harry, QB, Brooklyn 1926  
 Sullivan, George, E, Boston 1948  
 Swatland, Dick, G, Houston 1968  
 Swistowicz, Mike, FB, N.Y. Yankees 1950; Chicago Cardinals 1950  
 Sylvester, Steve, G-T-C, Oakland 1975-81; L.A. Raiders 1982-83  
 Szymanski, Dick, C-LB, Baltimore 1955, 1957-68  
 Szymanski, Frank, C-LB, Detroit 1945-47, Philadelphia 1948, Chicago 1949  
 Tatum, Kinnon, LB, Carolina 1997-99; Tampa Bay 2000  
 Taylor, Aaron, G, Green Bay 1994-97; San Diego 1998-99  
 Taylor, Bobby, CB, Philadelphia 1995-2003; Seattle 2004  
 Terlep, George, QB, Buffalo (AAFC) 1946-48; Cleveland (AAFC) 1948  
 Terrell, Pat, FS, Los Angeles Rams 1990-93; N.Y. Jets 1994-1995; Carolina 1995-97; Green Bay 1998  
 Thayer, Tom, G-C, Chicago Bears 1985-92, Miami 1993  
 Theismann, Joe, QB-KR, Washington 1974-85  
 Thomas, Bob, K, Chicago Bears 1975-84; Detroit 1982; San Diego 1985  
 Tobin, George, G, N.Y. Giants 1947  
 Toneff, Bob, DT, San Francisco 1952, 1954-58; Washington 1959-64  
 Tonelli, Mario, HB, Chicago Cardinals 1940, 1945  
 Toran, Stacey, S, L.A. Raiders 1984-88  
 Trafton, George, C, Decatur 1920; Chicago Staleys 1921; Chicago Bears 1922-32  
 Tripucka, Frank, QB, Philadelphia 1949; Detroit 1949; Chicago Cardinals Dallas 1952; Denver 1960-63  
**Tuck, Justin, DE, N.Y. Giants 2005-current**  
 Urban, Gasper, G, Chicago Rockets (AAFC) 1948  
 Vairo, Dom, E, Green Bay 1935  
 Varrichione, Frank, T, Pittsburgh 1955-60; L.A. Rams 1961-65  
 Vasys, Arunas, LB, Philadelphia 1966-68  
 Vergara, George, E, Green Bay 1925  
 Vollers, Kurt, T, Indianapolis 2002, Dallas 2002-04  
 Wallace, John, E, Chicago Bears 1928; Dayton 1929  
 Wallner, Fred, G, Chicago Cardinals 1951-52, 1954-55; Houston 1960  
 Walsh, Bill, C, Pittsburgh 1949-54  
 Walton, Shane, CB, St. Louis 2003; Pittsburgh 2004  
 Ward, Gillie, T, Dayton 1923  
**Watson, Courtney, LB, New Orleans 2004-05; Miami Dolphins 2006-**  
 Watters, Ricky, RB, San Francisco 1991-1994; Philadelphia 1995-97; Seattle 1998-2001  
 Waymer, Dave, CB, New Orleans 1980-89; San Francisco 1990-91, L.A. Raiders 1992  
**Weaver, Anthony, DE, Baltimore 2002-04; Houston 2005-current**  
 Wendell, Marty, G, Chicago Hornets (AAFC) 1949  
 Weston, Jeff, DT, N.Y. Giants 1979-82  
 Wetoska, Bob, T, Chicago Bears 1960-69  
 Whipple, Ray, E, Detroit 1920  
 White, Jim, T, N.Y. Giants 1946-50  
 Whittington, Mike, LB, N.Y. Giants 1980-83  
 Wightkin, Bill, T-DE, Chicago Bears 1950-57  
 Williams, Bob, QB, Chicago Bears 1951-52, 1955  
 Williams, Brock, CB, New England, 2001-02, Oakland 2003-04; Cincinnati 2004  
 Williams, George, DT, Cleveland 1992  
 Williams, Joel, TE, Miami 1987  
 Williams, Larry, G, Cleveland 1986-88, San Diego 1989; New Orleans 1990-91; New England 1992  
 Wisne, Jerry, OL, Chicago 1999-2000; Minnesota 2001, Houston 2002, Green Bay 2003-current  
 Wolski, Bill, HB, Atlanta 1966  
 Wooden Shawn, S, Miami 1996-99; Chicago 2000; Miami 2001-04  
 Worden, Neil (Bull), FB, Philadelphia 1954, 1957  
 Wunsch, Harry, G, Green Bay 1934  
**Wynn, Renaldo, DE, Jacksonville, 1997-2001; Washington 2002-current**  
 Wynne, Chet, FB, Rochester 1922  
 Wynne, Elmer, FB, Chicago Bears 1928; Dayton 1929  
 Yarr, Tom, C, Chicago Cardinals 1933  
 Yonakor, John, E-DE, Cleveland (AAFC) 1946-49; N.Y. Yanks 1950; 1952  
**Young, Bryant, DE, San Francisco 1994-current**  
 Zaleski, Ernie, HB, Baltimore 1950  
 Zeigler, Dusty, G, Buffalo 1996-99; N.Y. Giants 2000-02  
 Zellars, Ray, FB, New Orleans 1995-1998  
 Zilly, Jack, E, L.A. Rams 1947-51; Philadelphia 1952  
 Zoia, Clyde, G, Chicago Cardinals 1920-23  
 Zontini, Lou, HB, Chicago Cardinals 1940-41; Cleveland 1944; Buffalo (AAFC) 1946  
 Zorich, Chris, DT, Chicago 1991-97; Washington 1997

# Super Bowl Service

Running back Jerome Bettis became the 29th former Notre Dame football player to win a Super Bowl ring when he led the Pittsburgh Steelers to a victory over the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL on February 5, 2006 in Detroit, Michigan. Bettis, who played for the Irish from 1990-92 and is a native of Detroit, rushed 14 times for 43 yards in Super Bowl XL.

Below is a listing of the former Notre Dame players who played in National Football League's world championship game, the Super Bowl, since its inception in 1967 following the 1966 regular season (\*indicates active but did not play; + indicates inactive; ++ indicates practice squad):

Bavaro, Mark	New York Giants 1987 (XXI), 1991 (XXV)
Bettis, Jerome	Pittsburgh Steelers 2005 (XL)
Beuerlein, Steve	Dallas Cowboys 1993 (XXVII)
Bleier, Rocky	Pittsburgh Steelers 1975 (IX), 1976 (X), 1979 (XIII), 1980 (XIV)
Brennan, Mike	Buffalo Bills 1992 (XXVI+)
Brown, Tim	Oakland Raiders 2003 (XXXVII)
Browner, Ross	Cincinnati Bengals 1982 (XVI)
Bryant, Junior	San Francisco 49ers 1995 (XXIX++)
Buoniconti, Nick	Miami Dolphins 1972 (VI), 1973 (VII), 1974 (VIII)
Carney, John	San Diego Chargers 1995 (XXXIX)
Casper, Dave	Oakland Raiders 1977 (XI)
Clark, Willie	San Diego Chargers 1995 (XXXIX)
Culver, Rodney	San Diego Chargers 1995 (XXXIX*)
Dorsey, Eric	New York Giants 1987 (XXI), 1991 (XXV)
Duerson, Dave	Chicago Bears 1986 (XX), New York Giants 1991 (XXV)
Edwards, Mark	New England Patriots 2002 (XXXVI)
Fanning, Mike	Los Angeles Rams 1980 (XIV)
Gibson, Oliver	Pittsburgh Steelers 1996 (XXX*)
Givens, David	New England Patriots 2004 (XXXVIII), 2005 (XXXIX)
Grasmanis, Paul	Philadelphia Eagles 2005 (XXXIX)
Hanratty, Terry	Pittsburgh Steelers 1975 (IX*), 1976 (X)
Hentrich, Craig	Green Bay Packers 1997 (XXXI), 1998 (XXXII); Tennessee Titans 2000 (XXXIV)
Holloway, Jabari	New England Patriots 2002 (XXXVI+)
Hornung, Paul	Green Bay Packers 1967 (I*)
Knapp, Lindsay	Green Bay Packers 1997 (XXXI)
Kuechenberg, Bob	Miami Dolphins 1972 (VI), 1973 (VII), 1974 (VIII), 1983 (XVII)
Lamonica, Daryle	Oakland Raiders 1968 (II)
Leopold, Bobby	San Francisco 49ers 1982 (XVI)
Lyght, Todd	St. Louis Rams 2000 (XXXIV)
Lynch, Jim	Kansas City Chiefs 1970 (IV)
Mack, Bill (Red)	Green Bay Packers 1967 (I)
Mayes, Derrick	Green Bay Packers 1997 (XXXI+), 1998 (XXXII)



Former Irish star wide receiver David Givens caught five passes for 69 yards and one touchdown to help the New England Patriots to a victory over the Carolina Panthers in Super XXXVIII in February, 2004.

McGill, Mike	Minnesota Vikings 1970 (IV)
Mirer, Rick	Oakland Raiders 2003 (XXXVII)
Montana, Joe	San Francisco 49ers 1982 (XVI), 1985 (XIX), 1989 (XXIII), 1990 (XXIV)
Page, Alan	Minnesota Vikings 1970 (IV), 1974 (VIII), 1975 (IX), 1977 (XI)
Peterson, Anthony	San Francisco 49ers 1995 (XXIX++)
Petitgout, Luke	New York Giants 2001 (XXXV)
Pottios, Myron	Washington Redskins 1973 (VII)
Rehder, Tom	New York Giants 1991 (XXV+)
Rosenthal, Mike	New York Giants 2001 (XXXV)
Sylvester, Steve	Oakland Raiders 1977 (XI), 1981 (XV), Los Angeles Raiders 1984 (XVIII)
Szymanski, Dick	Baltimore Colts 1969 (III)
Taylor, Aaron	Green Bay Packers 1997 (XXXI), 1998 (XXXII)
Thayer, Tom	Chicago Bears 1986 (XX)
Theismann, Joe	Washington Redskins 1983 (XVII), 1984 (XVIII)
Watters, Ricky	San Francisco 49ers 1995 (XXIX)
Williams, Brock	New England Patriots 2002 (XXXVI)
Young, Bryant	San Francisco 49ers 1995 (XXIX)
Zeigler, Dusty	New York Giants 2001 (XXXV)

The following Notre Dame players have won Super Bowl rings: Rocky Bleier (four), Joe Montana (four), Steve Sylvester (three), Bob Kuechenberg (two), Mark Bavaro (two), Nick Buoniconti (two), Dave Duerson (two), Steve Beuerlein, Junior Bryant, Dave Casper, Mark Edwards, David Givens, Terry Hanratty, Craig Hentrich, Jabari Holloway, Paul Hornung, Lindsay Knapp, Bobby Leopold, Todd Lyght, Jim Lynch, Bill (Red) Mack, Derrick Mayes, Anthony Peterson, Aaron Taylor, Tom Thayer, Joe Theismann, Ricky Watters and Bryant Young (one).

The following Notre Dame players have won college national championship rings and Super Bowl rings: Rocky Bleier, Dave Casper, Joe Montana, Bobby Leopold, Jim Lynch, Bob Kuechenberg, Ricky Watters and Todd Lyght.



# Former Assistant Football Coaches & Where They Are Now ...

	Current Team	Current Position	Years at Notre Dame
Addazio, Steve	University of Florida	Offensive Line (Tackles and Tight Ends)	1999-2001
Alvarez, Barry	University of Wisconsin	Athletic Director	1987-1989
Armstrong, Keith	Miami Dolphins	Special Teams	1993
Baer, Kent	University of Washington	Defensive Coordinator	2002-2004
Blache, Greg	Washington Redskins	Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Line	1972-1975, 1981-1983
Borbely, Dave	University of Virginia	Offensive Line	1998-2001
Bumpas, Dick	Texas Christian University (TCU)	Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Line	1990-1992
Cerrato, Vinny	Washington Redskins	Vice President of Football Operations	1986-1990
Christoff, A. J.	Stanford University	Defensive Coordinator and Secondary	1984-1985
Clements, Tom	Green Bay Packers	Quarterbacks	1992-1994
Colletto, Jim	UCLA	Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Line	1997-1998
Cooper, Ron	University of South Carolina	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator and Outside Linebackers	1991-1992
Darnell, Gary	Texas A&M University	Defensive Coordinator	1990-1991
DeFilippo, John *	New York Giants	Offensive Quality Control	2001-2002
Denbrock, Mike	University of Washington	Offensive Line	2002-2004
Doll, Kirk	Denver Broncos	Linebackers	1994-2001
Doyle, Chris	University of Iowa	Strength and Conditioning	1991
Durkin, D.J. *	Bowling Green State University	Special Teams Coordinator	2003-2004
Fabris, Jon *	University of Georgia	Defensive Ends	1995
Hagen, Steve *	Fresno State University	Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks	1989-1990
Harper, J. C.*	Stephen F. Austin State University	Defensive Coordinator	1990-1991
Harris, Bishop	San Francisco 49ers	Running Backs	1984-1985
Hayes, Jay	Cincinnati Bengals	Defensive Line	1988-1991
Heater, Chuck	University of Florida	Cornerbacks and Recruiting Coordinator	1988-1990
Hickey, Bill	Princeton University	Head Coach - Lightweight Football	1969-1975
Hogan, Rex *	Chicago Bears	Scout	1998-2003
Holtz, Skip	East Carolina University	Head Coach	1990-1993
Hudson, Greg *	University of Minnesota	Defensive Coordinator and Linebackers	1993
Hudson, Ron	University of Louisiana-Lafayette	Offensive Line	1982-1985
Johnson, Jim	Philadelphia Eagles	Defensive Coordinator	1977-1983
Johnson, Merv	University of Oklahoma	Director of Football Operations	1963-1978
Johnson, Taver *	University of Miami (Ohio)	Defensive Coordinator	1999
Klunder, Chad *	University of Notre Dame	Director of Football Operations	2003-2004, 2005-present
Lantz, Rick	Berlin Thunder	Head Coach	1984-1985
Lockwood, David	University of Minnesota	Defensive Coordinator and Outside Linebackers	2001
Markuson, Mike *	University of Arkansas	Running Game Coordinator and Offensive Line	1989
Martindale, Don *	Oakland Raiders	Linebackers	1994-1995
Mattison, Greg	University of Florida	Co-Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Line	1997-2004
McDonnell, John	Purdue University	Offensive Line (Tackles and Tight Ends)	2002-2004
McFarland, Robert *	Stephen F. Austin State University	Head Coach	1990-1991
Meyer, Urban	University of Florida	Head Coach	1996-2000
Miles, Trent	University of Washington	Running Backs	2002-2004
Minter, Rick	University of Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator and Linebackers	1992-1993, 2005-present
Monken, Todd *	Louisiana State University (LSU)	Passing Game Coordinator and Wide Receivers	1992
Mosley, Earle	University of Kansas	Running Backs	1992-1996
Moynihan, Dennis *	Ball State University	Linebackers	1997, 1999-2002
Mullen, Dan *	University of Florida	Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks	1999-2000
Palmero, John	University of Miami (Florida)	Defensive Line	1998-1989
Partridge, Jerry *	Missouri Western University	Head Coach	1989
Pees, Dean	New England Patriots	Defensive Coordinator	1994
Phillips, Joker	University of Kentucky	Offensive Coordinator	2001
Preston, Buzz	Stanford University	Running Backs	2002-2004
Rogers, Kevin	Minnesota Vikings	Quarterbacks	1999-2001
Rosburg, Jerry	Cleveland Browns	Special Teams Coordinator	1999-2000
Sanford, Mike	University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV)	Head Coach	1999-2000
Sawvel, Jay	Southern Illinois University	Defensive Backs	1996-1997
Schottenheimer, Kurt	Green Bay Packers	Secondary	1986
Sheridan, Bill	New York Giants	Linebackers	2001
Simmons, Bob	University of Washington	Special Teams Coordinator and Tight Ends	2002-2004
Stewart, George	Atlanta Falcons	Wide Receivers	1986-1988
Stock, Mike	Green Bay Packers	Special Teams	1969-1974
Strong, Charlie	University of Florida	Asst. Head Coach/Co-Def. Coordinator and Linebackers	1995-1998
Trgovac, Mike	Carolina Panthers	Defensive Coordinator	1992-1994
Turner, Chris *	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Assistant	1994
Vaas, Peter	University of Notre Dame	Quarterbacks	1990-1991, 2005-present
Walters, Trent	Philadelphia Eagles	Secondary	2002-2003
West, Lou	Indiana State University	Head Coach	1999-2000
White, Brian *	University of Wisconsin	Offensive Coordinator and Running Backs	1988-1989
Wiesehan, Chris *	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Offensive Assistant	1997
Wilks, Steven	Chicago Bears	Defensive Backs	2004

\*denotes graduate assistant while at Notre Dame