

MEDIA DAY
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2005 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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2005: The Charlie Weis Era Begins...

The 117th season of Notre Dame football is the first in the tenure of head coach **Charlie Weis**, who is commencing his initial campaign today with his first fall media day.

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

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

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

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

Coaches: Charlie Weis begins his first fall camp at Notre Dame with his first Media Day.

2004 Statistical Leaders

Rushing: D. Walker (185 att., 786 yards, 4.2 avg., 7 TDs)

Passing: B. Quinn (191 of 353, 2,586 yards, 17 TDs, 10 INT)

Receiving: R. McKnight (42 for 610 yards, 14.5 avg., 4 TDs)

Punt Returns: C. Holiday (29 for 314 yards, 10.8 avg.)

Kickoff Returns: C. Anastasio (19 for 353 yards, 18.6 avg.)

Punting: D.J. Fitzpatrick (76 for 3,175 yards, 41.8 avg., 67 long)

Tackles: M. Goolsby (97: 43 solos, 54 assists)

Sacks: J. Tuck (6 for 38 yards)

TFLs: J. Tuck (14 for 57 yards)

Interceptions: M. Goolsby, D. Curry, D. Ellick (2)

Pass Breakups: D. Ellick (7)

2004 Irish Results

Sept. 4	at BYU	L, 17-20
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN (8/7)	W, 28-20
Sept. 18	at Michigan State	W, 31-24
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON	W, 38-3
Oct. 2	PURDUE (15/15)	L, 16-41
Oct. 9	STANFORD	W, 23-15
Oct. 16	#vs. Navy	W, 27-9
Oct. 23	(24/25) BOSTON COLL.	L, 23-24
Nov. 6	at Tennessee (9/11)	W, 17-13
Nov. 13	(24/-) PITTSBURGH	L, 38-41
Nov. 27	at USC (1/1)	L, 10-41
Dec. 28	%vs. Oregon State	L, 21-38

- at Giants Stadium (East Rutherford, NJ)

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

2005 IRISH SCHEDULE (All times Eastern Standard)

<u>Date</u>	<u>ND Rank</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>TV</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>	<u>The Skinny</u>
Sept. 3	-/-	at Pittsburgh	ABC	7 p.m.	Irish lost 41-38 in 2004 despite Quinn's 3 touchdown passes
Sept. 10	-/-	at Michigan	ABC	11 a.m.	Notre Dame has taken two of the last three games in the series
Sept. 17	-/-	Michigan State	NBC	2:30 p.m.	Zbikowski's 75-yard fumble return for a touchdown sparked Irish win in '04
Sept. 24	-/-	at Washington	ABC	2:30 p.m.	35-point margin of victory (38-3) was Notre Dame's largest in '04
Oct. 1	-/-	at Purdue	ESPN2	6 or 6:45 p.m.	Fasano turned in Notre Dame TE record 155 receiving yards in '04 tilt
Oct. 15	-/-	USC	NBC	2:30 p.m.	195 Irish rushing yards in '04 was most given up by USC since '02
Oct. 22	-/-	BYU	NBC	1:30 p.m.	Irish will look to avenge 20-17 loss in '04 season opener
Nov. 5	-/-	Tennessee	NBC	2:30 p.m.	17-13 win was Notre Dame's second of two over top-10 opponents in '04
Nov. 12	-/-	Navy	NBC	1 p.m.	Irish lead longest-running series in school history 68-9-1
Nov. 19	-/-	Syracuse	NBC	2:30 p.m.	10 Irish players caught a pass in Notre Dame's '03 loss to the Orange
Nov. 26	-/-	at Stanford	ABC	3:30 or 8 p.m.	Comeback win by Irish in '04 featured three rushing TDs after halftime

NOTRE DAME'S RETURNING LETTERMEN

Returning Lettermen – Offense (19)

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
WR	23	Chase Anastasio*	Led the Irish in kickoff returns last season with 19 for 353 yards, made 165 special team appearances in '04
TE	89	John Carlson*	Collected six receptions and five special teams tackles during 191 appearances in 2004
TE	88	Anthony Fasano**	Hauled in 27 passes (second on the team) for 367 yards and four scores in '04
TE	87	Marcus Freeman**	Caught five passes in eight games for the '04 team, played 75:18
LT	68	Ryan Harris**	Named Westwood One/Guardian Life Insurance Guardian of the Year in 2004, saw 362:45 minutes of action
RT	73	Mark LeVoit***	Has started the last 24 ND games, led Notre Dame in playing time during the 2003 season
LT	79	Brian Mattes*	Appeared in 10 games for the Irish in '04
WR	5	Rhema McKnight***	ND's leading receiver the last two seasons, posted 42 for 610 yards and three touchdowns in '04
LG	76	Bob Morton**	Started 11 games at left guard in '04, has also seen significant playing time at center during career
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal***	Veteran fullback caught two TD passes in '04, also has three career rushing touchdowns
QB	10	Brady Quinn**	Produced best season by sophomore QB in school history in '04, voted team captain by teammates
WR	83	Jeff Samardzija**	Had five catches for 89 yards in Insight Bowl, both career highs, standout pitcher on Irish baseball team
LG	50	Dan Santucci**	Played in 11 games in first year as an offensive lineman and poised to see increased role in 2005
WR	82	Matt Shelton***	Set single-season ND record for yards per catch with a 25.75 average in '04, nabbed six TD passes
RG	74	Dan Stevenson***	Started all 12 games at right guard in '04, seeing 348:05 of playing time
WR	21	Maurice Stovall***	Third on team with 21 catches for 313 yards in '04, has seven career touchdown passes
C	78	John Sullivan*	Started all 12 games in his first season of action in '04, logging 367:24 of playing time
RB	26	Travis Thomas*	Played in 11 games, starting once, for the '04 Irish
RB	3	Darius Walker*	Broke the Notre DAmE freshman rushing record with 786 yards in '04, also scored seven touchdowns

Returning Lettermen – Defense (12)

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
DE	95	Victor Abiamiri**	Played in every game in '04, recording six TFLs for 22 yards, returning from injury suffered during spring
DT	90	Brian Beidatsch***	Veteran defensive lineman has seen action in 30 games during career
LB	56	Nick Borseti*	Made seven tackles in nine games for the '04 Irish, was a standout on special teams
LB	52	Joe Brockington*	Played in 11 games, making 152 special teams appearances, in '04
LB	39	Brandon Hoyte***	2004 team's co-leader with three forced fumbles, voted team captain by his teammates
NG	66	Derek Landri**	Emerged as a force in '04, tallying 40 tackles and 7 TFLs
DL	98	Trevor Laws*	Posted 17 tackles and a sack in '04, poised for break out season after earning Blue/Gold Def. MVP honors
LB	46	Corey Mays***	Made 219 special teams appearances in '04 – second-most on team
FS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe**	Picked up a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in his first year as a safety, played WR in 2003
CB	30	Mike Richardson**	Tallied 33 tackles and an interception in '04
LB	43	Anthony Salvador**	Played in nine games before going down with an injury in '04
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski*	Won Walter Camp Defensive Player of the Week honors on Sept. 19

Returning Lettermen – Specialists (2)

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
K/P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick**	Led the '04 team in scoring with 67 points and developed into a dependable punter
SNP	62	Scott Raridon**	Appeared in all 12 games for the Irish in '04

The 2005 Notre Dame Coaching Staff

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

2005 Preseason Media Information

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

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- During the 2005 preseason practice schedule (Aug. 9 - Aug. 26) post practice interviews will take place on a three-day rotation. The offensive players, followed by the defensive players the next day and special team players on the third day, will rotate through the schedule until the team picks up the in-season interview schedule (which follows in this packet) on Aug. 29.

- The first day of the preseason practice schedule (Monday, Aug. 8) is open to the media for the first 20 minutes - but only Coach Weis will be available for short remarks afterward. The interview rotation schedule will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

- The first 20 minutes of every Notre Dame football practice, including two-practice days, is open to the media.

- During preseason two-practice days, players will be available after the morning practice. Coach Weis and assistant coaches will be available after the afternoon/evening practice.

- Preseason practice interview requests are due at the completion of practice on the day previous to the interview request. For example - a request for a Tuesday interview should be reported to Walker or Wasielewski before the completion of practice on Monday.

- Freshmen will not be available for interviews during preseason practice, barring special exceptions approved by Coach Weis.

- Preseason practice will take place on the west side of campus by O'Neill Hall from Monday, Aug. 8 - Tuesday Aug. 16. Practice will return to

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2005 Personnel Breakdown

A summary of the Notre Dame roster heading into 2005 fall practice reveals that **13 positional starters and kicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick** will return for action from the 2004 season: 10 offensive starters, three defensive starters and the punter and placekicker. Overall, 34 monogram winners return from the '04 Irish (19 offense, 13 defense, two specialists).

Monogram winners From 2004

Monogram Winners Returning.....	33
Offense	19
Defense	12
Special Teams	2
Starters Returning	14
Offense	10
Defense	3
Special Team	1
Monogram Winners Lost	17
Offense	5
Defense	12
Special Teams	0

Career Starts Returning

Career Starts Returning – Offense	191 games
Career Starts Returning – Defense	47 games
Career Starts Returning – Specialists (K/P)	20 games

Career Starts Lost

Career Starts Lost – Offense	76 games
Career Starts Lost – Defense	194 games
Career Starts Lost – Specialists (K/P)	0 games

Same Faces, New Numbers

Seven Notre Dame veterans will suit up with a new number in 2005. The following is a list of Irish players whose number has changed.

Player	New Number	Old Number
Darrin Bragg	7	18
Leo Ferrine	15	38
Brandon Harris	36	81
Junior Jabbie	8	37
Terrail Lambert	20	34
David Wolke	14	13
Anthony Vernaglia	4	42

Departures from Spring Roster

Player	Position
Tregg Duerson	CB
John Kadous	OT
Travis Leitko	DE
Freddie Parish IV	S
Chris Vaughn	WR

Notre Dame's Returning Starting Experience

Player, Position	2004	Career
John Carlson, TE	.2	.2
Anthony Fasano, TE	.10	.13
Marcus Freeman, TE	.6	.6
Ryan Harris, LT	.12	.20
Justin Hoskins, RB	.1	.1
Mark LeVoi, RT	.12	.24
Rhema McKnight, WR	.10	.18
Bob Morton, LG	.11	.22
Rashon Power-Neal, FB	.4	.12
Brady Quinn, QB	.12	.21
Jeff Samardzija, WR	.1	.1
Dan Santucci, OG	.1	.1
Matt Shelton, WR	.3	.3
Dan Stevenson, RG	.12	.23
Maurice Stovall, WR	.8	.11
John Sullivan, C	.12	.12
Travis Thomas, RB	.1	.1
Offensive totals		.191
Victor Abiamiri, DE	.0	.5
Brandon Hoyte, LB	.5	.16
Derek Landri, DT	.12	.13
Corey Mays, LB	.0	.1
Tom Zbikowski, S	.12	.12
Defensive totals		.47

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Cartier Field on Aug. 17.

• While practice is located outside O'Neill Hall, post-practice interviews will be held inside the dormitory. When the team returns to Cartier Field, post-practice interviews will take place inside the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.

For access to the interview room in "The Gug," enter the main entrance (will be completed once the team returns to Cartier Field) on the west side of the building. You will be directed to the interview room from there.

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

OFFENSE (33)

Freshmen (7)	Sophomores (5)	Juniors (8)	Seniors (9)	5th Year Seniors (4)
OL Paul Duncan	WR Darrin Bragg	*WR Chase Anastasio	OL James Bonelli	***OT MARK LEVOIR
WR David Grimes	RB Justin Hoskins	*TE John Carlson	**TE ANTHONY FASANO	***FB RASHON POWERS-NEAL
TE Joey Hiben	OL Chauncey Incarnato	**OT RYAN HARRIS	**TE Marcus Freeman	***WR Matt Shelton
WR D.J. Hord	*RB Darius Walker	FB Ashley McConnell	RB Jeff Jenkins	***OG DAN STEVENSON
FB Asaph Schwapp	QB David Wolke	**QB BRADY QUINN	***WR RHEMA MCKNIGHT	
QB Evan Sharpley		**WR Jeff Samardzija	*OL Brian Mattes	
OL Mike Turkovich		*C JOHN SULLIVAN	**OG BOBBY MORTON	
		*RB Travis Thomas	**OG Dan Santucci	
			***WR MAURICE STOVALL	

DEFENSE (36)

Freshmen (8)	Sophomores (9)	Juniors (10)	Seniors (6)	5th Year Seniors (3)
DB David Bruton	LB Abdel Banda	**DE Victor Abiamiri	FS Jake Carney	***DE Brian Beidatsch
DL Derrell Hand	DE Justin Brown	*LB Nick Borseti	DE Chris Frome	***LB BRANDON HOYTE
DB Ray Herring	LB Maurice Crum, Jr.	*LB Joe Brockington	**NG DEREK LANDRI	***LB Corey Mays
DL Pat Kuntz	DB Leo Ferrine	CB LaBrose Hedgemon II	**CB Mike Richardson	
DB Kyle McCarthy	DB Junior Jabbie	*DL Trevor Laws	*LB Anthony Salvador	
LB Steve Quinn	DB Terrail Lambert	**S/LB Chinedum Ndukwe	DE Nate Schiccatano	
LB Scott Smith	DL Brandon Nicolas	LB Dwight Stephenson		
LB Kevin Washington	DE Ronald Talley	LB Mitchell Thomas		
	DB Anthony Vernaglia	CB Ambrose Wooden		
		*S TOM ZBIKOWSKI		

SPECIALISTS (5)

Freshmen (0)	Sophomores (0)	Juniors (3)	Seniors (1)	5th Year Seniors (1)
		K Carl Gioia	**LS Scott Raridon	**K/P D.J. FITZPATRICK
		P Geoff Price		
		K Bobby Renkes		

2005 Irish Captains and Team Representatives

The members of the University of Notre Dame football team have voted linebacker **Brandon Hoyte** and quarterback **Brady Quinn** as team captains for the 2005 season. By virtue of the vote, Hoyte and Quinn will be the team's designated captains for each game of the '05 season, to be joined each week by a special teams performer to be determined by the coaching staff. In '04, captains were selected on a game-by-game basis, with Hoyte earning the nod against Michigan State and Navy.

The following players have been named to the 2005 Irish Football House of Representatives, also by a vote of team members. These players comprise the team's Leadership Committee for '05.

Victor Abiamiri (defensive line) – Veteran defensive end has played in all 24 Irish games over the last two seasons, amassing 37 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and three sacks. The Randallstown, Md., native has five career starts and is poised to earn starting role this season.

Anthony Fasano (tight ends) – Verona, N.J., native has been a vital component of the Irish offense over the last two years while developing into one of the nation's most productive tight ends. He hauled in 27 catches for 367 yards in '04, including a Notre Dame tight end-record 155-yard outburst versus Purdue. In two years, he has turned in 45 catches for 536 yards and six touchdowns.

D.J. Fitzpatrick (special teams) – Former walk-on and local product (Mishawaka, Ind.) who has worked his way into eighth place in Notre Dame history in field goals made (23) heading into the '05 season. Serves as both placekicker and punter for the Irish, with a long field goal of 50 yards and a long punt of 67.

Brandon Hoyte (linebackers) – Fifth-year senior is a leader for the Irish both on and off the field, notching 74 tackles and eight tackles for loss in '04. The Parlin, N.J., native has totaled 205 career tackles, along with six sacks and four forced fumbles and is active in several community service projects.

Corey Mays (linebackers) – One of the team's elder statesmen, the Chicago native has made almost 600 special teams appearances in his career, racking up 45 tackles and blocking two kicks. A force at linebacker as well, Mays has six tackles for loss and three sacks in an Irish uniform.

Rhema McKnight (receivers) – The leader of the Irish receiving corps, McKnight could threaten the Notre Dame career records in receptions and receiving yards. He is currently seventh in school history in both categories with 98 for 1,301. The versatile native of La Palma, Calif., also has returned nine punts for an average of 10.7 yards for the Irish.

Rashon Powers-Neal (running backs) – A versatile back who has seen a majority of his work at fullback the last two seasons, Powers-Neal has 387 career rushing yards and 126 career yards receiving. The St. Paul, Minn., native caught his first career touchdown pass in the '04 upset of Michigan.

Brady Quinn (quarterbacks) – Already one of the most prolific passers in Notre Dame history, Quinn is poised to continue his assault on the record books under head coach Charlie Weis. Last season he compiled 2,586 yards and 17 touchdowns through the air – the finest statistical season for a sophomore quarterback in school history. The Dublin, Ohio, native has 4,417

passing yards and 26 touchdowns in his career.

Dan Stevenson (offensive line) – The Barrington, Ill., native is a three-time letterwinner who could emerge as one of the finest guards in the country this season. He started all 12 games last season, logging 348:05 of playing time and has a total of 33 games and 22 starts under his belt.

Tom Zbikowski (defensive backs) – As a sophomore in '04, the Arlington Heights, Ill., native had a breakout year in his first season as a starter with 63 tackles and a fumble return for a touchdown. Known for his hard-nosed play, Zbikowski also displays intelligence and big-play ability on the field, as evidenced by his 75-yard touchdown scamper after forcing a fumble and recovering it against Michigan State to spark a 31-24 Irish win.

"Leadership is something we often talk about but is usually an intangible quality," head coach Charlie Weis said. "Leadership has to come from many places - the head coach and the coaching staff, for sure - but ultimately it must come from the players themselves. That's why the Leadership Committee will be such an important facet of our football team."

AWARD WATCH LISTS

• In June, Irish junior quarterback **Brady Quinn** was one of 53 players named to the 2005 Maxwell Award Watch List. The award, presented by the Maxwell Football Club, is given annually to the college football player of the year.

Quinn threw for 2,586 yards in '04, his second as the starting quarterback for Notre Dame. His sophomore season ended up as the best second-year campaign ever for an Irish quarterback, finishing second on the single-season passing list behind Jarious Jackson's 2,753 yards in '99. Quinn's attempts (353) and completions (191) stand atop the single-season list at Notre Dame and he accounted for 20 touchdowns (17 passing, three rushing) in '04.

Starting the last 21 consecutive games at quarterback for Notre Dame, Quinn has already posted the top freshman and sophomore statistical seasons in school history. He currently ranks fifth all-time on the Notre Dame passing list, just 403 yards behind Jackson for fourth place.

The award is named after Robert W. "Tiny" Maxwell, a Philadelphia native and former All-American guard at Swarthmore and Chicago who went on to a career that included professional football, coaching and sportswriting.

Notre Dame has seen four different players earn the Maxwell Award five times in the football program's history. Tight end Leon Hart was the initial recipient in 1949, followed by HB John Lattner (1952 and '53), LB Jim Lynch (1966) and DE Ross Browner (1977).

• On Aug. 1, senior tight end **Anthony Fasano** was named to the 2005 John Mackey Award Watch List. The award honors the best collegiate tight end in the country and is presented by the Nassau County Sports Commission.

Fasano is coming off his most productive season in 2004. As a junior, he finished second on the team with 27 catches for 367 yards and four touchdowns. Proficient in pass catching, route running and blocking, Fasano is poised for a break out year in Notre Dame's new offense – under the direction of head coach Charlie Weis and offensive coordinator Mike Haywood.

He exploded for career highs in catches and yards against Purdue, nabbing eight receptions for a Notre Dame tight end record 155 receiving yards.

2005: Year One for Head Coach Charlie Weis

As **Charlie Weis** heads into his first season at the helm of the Irish, here are a few notes on Notre Dame's head coaches in their inaugural year.

- The 28 head football coaches in Notre Dame history have combined to amass a 168-60-12 (.700) record in their first year at the helm. Since 1913, Jesse Harper's first season, Irish coaches have compiled a 103-41-5 (.691) in their initial campaign, including interim coaches Hugh Devore and Ed McKeever.
- Since Notre Dame Stadium was opened in 1930, five Notre Dame coaches – Hunk Anderson, McKeever, Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Tyrone Willingham – have opened away from home in their first season – going 5-0 in those games.
- Weis will be the first coach to begin his Notre Dame tenure with the first two games on the road and on the opponent's home field since Knute Rockne in 1918 (at Case Tech, at Wabash - both wins). Anderson faced his first two games away from Notre Dame in '31 (at Indiana, vs. Northwestern at Soldier Field - a win and a tie) and Devine also started with two games away from South Bend in '75 (vs. Boston College at Foxboro, at Purdue - both wins).
- The last Notre Dame coach to post a winning record in his first season with the Irish is Willingham, who went 10-3 in 2002. The last Irish coach to turn in a sub-.500 season in his first year is Lou Holtz, whose '86 team finished 5-6.
- The longest winning streak for a Notre Dame head coach to begin his career with the Irish is nine games, by Harper (1913-14) and Parseghian ('64).
- Weis is the second Notre Dame coach to face Pittsburgh on the road in his first game with the Irish. McKeever took on the Panthers in 1944, his first and only season at the helm and came away with a 58-0 win.
- Since 1913, four Notre Dame coaches – Elmer Layden, Parseghian, Holtz and Willingham – have taken over a program the year after his predecessor turned in a .500 or worse record. All but Holtz, who went 5-6 in '86, posted a winning record in his first season and the quartet had a combined 30-13 record in such seasons. The '04 Irish went 6-6 under Willingham.

Profile: First Year Irish Coaches

Jesse Harper (7-0-0 in 1913)

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

Knute Rockne (3-1-2 in 1918)

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

Hunk Anderson (6-2-1 in 1931)

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

Elmer Layden (6-3-0 in 1934)

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

Frank Leahy (8-0-1 in 1941)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. Arizona, 38-7
First non-winvs. Army, 0-0, Yankee Stadium (sixth game overall)
First road winat Georgia Tech, 20-0 (third game overall)
First loss, first home lossvs. GT, 13-6 in 1942 (11th game overall)
First road lossat Great Lakes, 19-14 in '43 (30th game overall)
First 16 road games14-0-2

Terry Brennan (9-1-0 in 1954)

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

Joe Kuharich (5-5-0 in 1959)

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

Ara Parseghian (9-1-0 in 1964)

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

Dan Devine (8-3-0 in 1975)

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

Gerry Faust (5-6-0 in 1981)

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

Lou Holtz (5-6-0 in 1986)

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

Bob Davie (7-6 in 1997)

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

Tyrone Willingham (10-3 in 2002)

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

Experience at the Top

In his first year as head coach at Notre Dame, Charlie Weis has put together a **staff with over 200 combined years of service** in the coaching ranks. In terms of total years coached on the college level or above, the Irish are bested by just one team on their 2005 schedule – Purdue.

Notre Dame Coaching Staff Experience

College assistant coach.....	152 years
College head coach.....	27
NFL assistant coach.....	26
NFL Europe head coach.....	6
NFL Europe assistant coach.....	2
CFL assistant coach.....	1
Total.....	214

Opponent Coaching Staff Experience

Purdue.....	225 years
Tennessee.....	206
Washington.....	204
Michigan.....	191
Stanford.....	189
Navy.....	182
Michigan State.....	151
BYU.....	137
Pittsburgh.....	133
Syracuse.....	128
USC.....	109

Bowl Season Isn't the Offseason**Coach.....Bowls Coached**

Charlie Weis.....	2
Mike Haywood.....	9
Rob Ianello.....	9
John Latina.....	10
Bill Lewis.....	13
Rick Minter.....	8
Jappy Oliver.....	7
Bernie Parmalee.....	0
Brian Polian.....	1
Peter Vaas.....	2
Total.....	61

Friend or Foe?

- Irish assistant head coach (offense)/offensive line coach John Latina was a member of the 1982 Pitt staff that went to the Cotton Bowl
- Notre Dame assistant head coach (defense)/defensive backs coach Bill Lewis coached defensive backs at Pittsburgh from 1966-68
- Defensive line coach Jappy Oliver lettered three times in football at Purdue and was a Boiler coach from 1979-80
- Special teams/assistant defensive backs coach Brian Polian was a graduate assistant at Michigan State in 1997

Notre Dame Ranks Among Grad Rate Leaders of Bowl Teams

An annual study released in Dec. 2004 by the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sports at the University of Central Florida showed that Notre Dame has the second-best overall graduate rate of its football student-athletes of the 56 bowl-playing schools in '04.

Overall, 27 of the 56 schools graduated less than half of their players and 39 of the schools graduated less than half of their black players. In '03, 32 bowl-bound teams graduated less than half of their football players. The list below shows the top three schools.

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

Bowl Comparison

Here's how Notre Dame compares in postseason bowl competition over the past 36 years (regular seasons 1969 through '04, or since Notre Dame began playing in bowl games on a regular basis).

Bowl Appearances (1969-2004)

School	No.	W-L
1. Nebraska	35	19-16
2. Michigan	32	14-18
3. Ohio State	30	13-17
Tennessee	30	18-12
Alabama	30	17-12-1
6. Penn State	29	19-10
7. Texas	28	11-17
Georgia	28	15-11-2
9. Florida State	27	18-8-1
10. USC	26	16-10
Notre Dame	26	13-13

Bowl Wins (1969-2004)

School	Wins
1. Nebraska	19
Penn State	19
3. Tennessee	18
Florida State	18
5. Alabama	17
6. USC	16
7. Oklahoma	15
Georgia	15
9. Michigan	14
Auburn	14
Notre Dame	13

Don't forget the anniversary...

The 2005 football season marks the **75th anniversary** of the opening of fabled Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish have played 379 games in that facility to date and own a 287-87-5 (.757) record in the "House that Rockne Built."

The Irish were 3-3 in Notre Dame Stadium in '04, running their home record to 91-28 (.765) over the last 20 years.

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

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

Irish will face another loaded schedule...

With the release of the USA Today Coaches Poll, Notre Dame found out just how tough the pre-season prognosticators think the 2005 slate will be:

- Notre Dame is the only team that will play three games against top-four teams - #1 USC, #3 Tennessee and #4 Michigan in the poll.
- Only one other school - Ohio State - has multiple games against the top four teams in the poll (#2 Texas and #4 Michigan).
- Notre Dame is the only school that will face three of the top nine teams in the poll this season.
- Four other schools - Indiana (#4 Michigan, #9 Ohio State, #10 Iowa), Minnesota (#4 Michigan, #9 Ohio State, #10 Iowa), Northwestern (#4 Michigan, #9 Ohio State, #10 Iowa) and Ohio State (#2 Texas, #4 Michigan, #10 Iowa) - have regular season games scheduled against top-10 teams.

A little perspective...

- The Irish collected the program's 800th football victory during the 2004 season when Notre Dame knocked off Stanford, 23-15, at Notre Dame Stadium on Oct. 9.
- The 1,100th game in Notre Dame football history occurred on Oct. 2 against Purdue (a 41-16 loss at Notre Dame Stadium).
- Notre Dame's 6-6 record in '04 marked the fifth break-even season in Irish football history, joining similar .500 marks in '50 (4-4-1), '59 (5-5-0), '61 (5-5-0) and '62 (5-5-0).
- Notre Dame scored 289 points in '04 and allowed opponents to score the exact same total, the only time in Irish football history that has happened.

In front of the nation...

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

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

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

Including the Insight Bowl carried on ESPN, Notre Dame now has a remarkable streak of 148 consecutive games (more than 12 full seasons) that have been carried by either NBC (80), ABC (42), CBS (14) or ESPN (12). You have to go all the way back to the '92 season to find a Notre Dame game that wasn't on one of those four networks.

Home series history a plus...

Notre Dame's series record in Notre Dame Stadium against their six home opponents in 2005 (Michigan State, USC, BYU, Tennessee, Navy and Syracuse) is a **combined 67-27-1 (.705)**. Their best mark over one of those opponents is the 25-3 advantage they own at home against Navy, and they have a losing record on their own field against only Tennessee.

Close shaves...

- One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's 2004 season was its penchant for playing close games. The Irish were 4-3 in games decided by eight points or less, defeating No. 7 Michigan (28-20), Michigan State (31-24), Stanford (23-15) and No. 9 Tennessee, while losing to BYU (20-17), Boston College (24-23) and Pittsburgh (41-38).
- The 2004 team had Notre Dame's third-most wins by eight points or less in a season. The record

of six victories was set in '39, when the Irish had a 6-2 record in games decided by eight points or less, and equaled when the '02 squad went 6-1 in such games. The '37 and '74 teams both had five eight-point wins, while the '04 team joined the '29, '40, '84, '90, '97 and '98 Irish with four eight-point victories.

The sky is falling (on opposing defenses)...

The Notre Dame offense produced an average of 218.1 yards per game via the pass in 2004, ranking as the **third-best per-game average in Notre Dame history** (according to records kept since '46). Only two other Irish teams averaged more passing yards: the '70 squad led by Joe Theismann averaged 252.7 yards per game and the '99 unit led by Jarious Jackson passed at a clip of 238.2 yards. That success in the air contributed to Notre Dame's total offense average of 357 yards per contest in '04, the most by the Irish since '99 (419.7 ypg).

Handling the pill...

The Irish completed 2004 with an impressive streak of **six consecutive games without losing a fumble**. Overall, Notre Dame did not lose a fumble in seven of 12 games and lost more than one only once all season (two at Michigan State). Since a fumble lost against Stanford on Oct. 9, the Irish enter the '05 season having gone 24 quarters and 184 rushing attempts without losing a fumble. Over that span, Notre Dame only fumbled twice, recovering both drops (vs. Navy and USC).

Below average is great for Irish...

Only one (Pittsburgh) of Notre Dame's 12 opponents achieved its **rushing average for 2004** against the Irish. Only three opponents managed to break the century mark in ground yardage (Michigan State, Washington and Navy) and only one average more than four yards per attempt (Michigan State, 4.7 yards per rush). Navy's 216 yards (on 61 carries - a 3.5 avg.) was the only 200+-yard outing by an opponent. The chart below shows each opponent's season rushing average and its final NCAA statistical ranking in comparison to how effectively Notre Dame contained their rushing offense.

Opponent	Season Avg. (NCAA rank)	Yards vs. ND	Difference
BYU	103.2 (102nd)	22	-81
Michigan	153.6 (61st)	56	-98
Michigan State	238.5 (10th)	165	-73
Washington	120.2 (90th)	112	-8
Purdue	125.3 (87th)	99	-26
Stanford	81.2 (114th)	67	-14
Navy	289.5 (3rd)	216	-73
Boston College	140.1 (74th)	62	-78
Tennessee	186.0 (24th)	58	-128
Pittsburgh	97.8 (105th)	98	---
USC	177.4 (33rd)	82	-94
Oregon State	70.7 (117th)	20	-51

Taking it 'to the house'...

Notre Dame was solid on both sides of the ball **in the red zone** (inside the 20-yard line) in 2004. On offense, the Irish made 36 trips to the red zone, coming away with 25 touchdowns (a 69.4% TD percentage). Opponents visited the red zone 38 times, managing 19 touchdowns (a 50% TD percentage).

In front of a full house...

Notre Dame has played **in front of sellout crowds** in 171 of its previous 196 games, including 35 of its last 37 games dating back to the end of the 2001 season (the '03 game at Stanford and last year's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands were not sellouts). At Michigan in '03, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the sixth time in the last three seasons that Notre Dame has been part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in '01; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in '02).

Making the grade...

The last four seasons of Notre Dame football have produced some **impressive semesters in the classroom** for the Notre Dame football team. In fact, the Irish had a 2004 spring semester in which the team's 104 players combined for a 2.96 grade-point average that ranks as the program's best semester GPA on record (dating back to 1992). The Notre Dame football program's top six semes-

Returning Letterwinners' Single-Game Bests

Total Carries

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

Rushing Yards

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

Pass Completions

Brady Quinn 29 at Purdue, '03

Pass Attempts

Brady Quinn 59 at Purdue, '03

Passing Yards

Brady Quinn 432 vs. Purdue '04

Receptions

John Carlson 3 vs. Boston College, '04
 Anthony Fasano 8 vs. Purdue, '04
 Marcus Freeman 3 at BYU, '04
 Rhema McKnight 8, three times
 Jeff Samardzija 5, vs. Oregon State, '04
 Matt Shelton 4 vs. Washington, '04
 Maurice Stovall 9 at Purdue, '03

Receiving Yards

John Carlson 17 vs. Navy, '04
 Anthony Fasano 155 vs. Purdue, '04
 Marcus Freeman 28 at BYU, '04
 Rhema McKnight 121 at Boston College, '03
 Jeff Samardzija 89, vs. Oregon State, '04
 Matt Shelton 128 vs. Pittsburgh, '04
 Maurice Stovall 171 at Purdue, '03

Tackles

Victor Abiamiri 7 vs. Michigan State, '03
 Brian Beidatsch 2 at Stanford, '03
 Joe Brockington 2 at Tennessee, '04
 Brandon Hoyte 16 vs. Navy, '04
 Derek Landri 7 vs. Boston College, '04
 Trevor Laws 5 at BYU, '04
 Corey Mays 5, twice
 Mike Richardson 7 vs. Boston College, '04
 Tom Zbikowski 9 at Michigan State, '04

Graduation Rate

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

The federally mandated '04 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between '94 and '97 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

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

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

In August '03, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in '96.

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

All Student-Athletes

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

Male Student-Athletes

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

Female Student-Athletes

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

ter GPAs since '92 were all posted in the seven semesters prior to the fall of '04, including the three semesters from fall of '02 to fall of '03 (2.84 in fall of '02, 2.79 in spring of '03 and 2.82 in fall of '03). The football program's second-best semester GPA of the past 12 years came in the spring of '02 (2.90), followed by a 2.80 in the spring of '01 and a 2.69 in the fall of '01. Upon closer examination, the 2004 spring semester saw 11 Irish football players post a Dean's List GPA (sliding scale, based on major), while 21 turned in a semester GPA of 3.4-plus and more than half (53) had a GPA of 3.0 or better. In addition, two players - former DE **Kyle Businscak** and senior LB **Brandon Hoyte** - received Academic All-District V honors in '03, marking Budinscak's third selection and Hoyte's second to the prestigious squad. Budinscak followed up with another All-District V honor in '04.

Taking care of business off the field, too...

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) annually honors the school with the **highest graduation rate** based on a particular entering freshman football class, and Notre Dame has won the award six times, most recently in 2001 with its 100-percent graduation rate (22 of 22 entering freshmen from '96 earned their degrees within five years). The '01 award followed Notre Dame's previous honors in '82, '83, '84, '88 and '91. Notre Dame also holds the distinction of producing the first 100-percent rate in a single year when 24 of 24 student-athletes from the entering class of '82 earned their degrees within a five-year period (and 16 of those 24 did so within four years). Only eight other times has a school registered a 100-percent graduation rate. The '88 award had special meaning, as it was the first time a school won the national championship on the football field - as Notre Dame did, finishing 12-0 after a Fiesta Bowl win over unbeaten West Virginia - and in the classroom. Including the special mention category, the Irish have received some sort of recognition in 23 of the 24 years the award has been presented, with Duke next at 21.

Hitting the road ...

- Heading into this year, only three of the last 20 Notre Dame football seasons have featured road games in four of the first six outings. Lou Holtz faced the challenge twice – 1987 and '89 – coming away with 8-4 and 12-1 records, respectively and earning a memorable win over #1 Colorado in the Orange bowl following the '89 season. Bob Davie went 7-6 with such a schedule in '97.
- The Irish are a combined 32-16 (.667) in seasons that send them away from home for at least four of their first six games, including wins the Liberty Bowl and Orange Bowl following the 1983 and '89 seasons, respectively.
- Over the last 10 seasons, Notre Dame has only played more than two out of their first six games on the road three times. In 1997 Davie's team played four of their first six away from home and the '95 and '03 squads were on the road for three of their first six. Over that 10-year span, Notre Dame has averaged 2.4 road games in their first six contests of the year.
- The 1989 schedule dealt Holtz and company five of their first six games on the road, with four on the opposing team's home turf and one at a neutral site. The Irish opened the season 6-0 under those conditions, beating Virginia at Giants Stadium and defeating #2 Michigan, Purdue, Stanford and #17 Air Force away from home.
- Charlie Weis' first season will be the most challenging beginning slate (in terms of road games) since Davie faced four of his first six games on the road in his inaugural campaign. In his first half dozen games, Davie's crew played Purdue, Michigan, Stanford and Pittsburgh on the road, defeating only the Panthers.
- In 1983, Gerry Faust's third year on the job, the Irish faced four of their first five games on the road and wound up 3-1, including a 30-6 win over #7 South Carolina.
- Nobody, though, will face the challenge that Knute Rockne took on in 1929, playing all nine games on the road with Notre Dame Stadium under construction and coaching the team to a 9-0 record.

... and heading home

- The 2005 season will grant Notre Dame five consecutive home games for the first time since '99, when Davie's team finished the year 5-7. The Irish went 4-1 in those five games, however, beating the likes of #23 Oklahoma and USC.
- Faust's first-year schedule also boasted five straight games at Notre Dame Stadium and the team came away with wins over Michigan State, Navy and Georgia Tech en route to a 3-2 home stand.
- Faust and Davie's squads both produced 4-2 home records in 1981 and '99, respectively.
- In the three seasons of the last 20 that have sent the Irish on the road for four of their first six games, the team has compiled a combined 14-2 home record, led by 5-0 home seasons from Holtz in 1987 and '89.
- This year's five-game home stand features a showdown with Navy, making the Midshipmen the only school to appear all three times the Irish schedule has permitted such an extended stay in South Bend.
- Though the Irish haven't played more than three consecutive home games in any of the last five seasons, they are 21-10 (.677) in Notre Dame Stadium over that span.
- Until this year, there has never been a Notre Dame season with both four of the first six games on the road and a five-game homestand.

Three's company...

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

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

Quinn setting the tone early...

Among the top-10 passing leaders in Notre Dame history who saw significant playing time in their first two varsity seasons, junior **Brady Quinn** leads the way in yards, attempts and completions – and compares favorably in interceptions thrown, touchdowns and completion percentage. Compared to Ron Powlus (1994-95), Steve Beuerlein (1983-84), Terry Hanratty (1966-67) and Tom Clements (1972-73) – all passers who rank in the top-10 on Notre Dame's career passing yardage chart and earned key roles in their first two seasons – Quinn leads the way in completions (348), attempts and yards (4417).

A breakdown –

Attempts

Quinn	685
Powlus	439
Beuerlein	377
Hanratty	353
Clements	275

Completions

Quinn	348
Powlus	243
Beuerlein	215
Hanratty	188
Clements	143

Yards

Quinn	4417
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Powlus	3582
Beuerlein	2981
Hanratty	2686
Clements	2045

Interceptions

Powlus	16
Clements	18
Beuerlein	24
Quinn	25
Hanratty	25

Completion Percentage

Beuerlein .....	.570
Powlus .....	.553
Hanratty .....	.532
Clements .....	.520
Quinn .....	.508

Jinx? What jinx?

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

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

Older and wiser...

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

Year	Starts Heading Into Season
2005 .....	.99
1997 .....	.84
2002 .....	.76
1985 .....	.56
1996 .....	.56
1998 .....	.52
1987 .....	.50
1995 .....	.49
1993 .....	.46
1989 .....	.45
1990 .....	.43

On the 'Fas' Track to Success

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

Barring injury, Fasano will move onto Notre Dame's top-five all-time tight end receiving list this season. Here's a look at where he stands heading into 2005.

Player	Receptions	Years
Ken MacAfee	128	1974-77
Tony Hunter	120	1979-82
Derek Brown	62	1988-91
Dean Masztak	62	1978-81
Mark Bavaro	55	1981-84
Anthony Fasano	45	2003-present

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

Player	Yards	Years
Tony Hunter	1887	1979-82
Ken MacAfee	1759	1974-77
Dean Masztak	924	1978-81
Derek Brown	899	1988-91
Mark Bavaro	771	1981-84
Anthony Fasano	536	2003-present

What makes Fasano's totals even more impressive is the fact that he has tallied them in only two years of action, after redshirting in 2002. Here's a breakdown of what Notre Dame's other prolific pass-catching tight ends did in their third season in the blue and gold.

Player	Receptions-Yards	Touchdowns
Ken MacAfee	34-483	3
Tony Hunter	28-387	2
Derek Brown	15-220	1
Dean Masztak	8-97	0
Mark Bavaro	23-376	3

The Verona, N.J., native also accounted for a large chunk of the Irish offense in '04. Here's a breakdown of his production.

Category	Percent accounted for
Total receptions	.13.8
Tight end receptions	.56.3
Receptions by a junior	.27.8
Total receiving yards	.14.0
Tight end receiving yards	.71.2
Receiving yards by a junior	.27.2
Total touchdowns	.7.7
Tight end touchdowns	.80.0
Touchdowns by a junior	.50.0
Total receiving yards per game	.15.3
Tight end receiving yards per game	.64.7
Receiving yards per game by a junior	.26.2

An Eye On Career Records

Most Passes Attempted

1. Ron Powlus9691994-97
2. Steve Beuerlein . .8501983-86
3. Rick Mirer6981989-92
4. **Brady Quinn****685****2003-present**
5. Blair Kiel6091980-83

Most Passes Completed

1. Ron Powlus5581994-97
2. Steve Beuerlein . .4731983-86
3. Rick Mirer3771989-92
4. **Brady Quinn****348****2003-present**
5. Jarious Jackson . .3061996-99

Most Passing Yards

1. Ron Powlus76021994-97
2. Steve Beuerlein . .65271983-86
3. Rick Mirer59971989-92
4. Jarious Jackson . .48201996-99
5. **Brady Quinn****4417****2003-present**

Most Touchdown Passes

1. Ron Powlus521994-97
 2. Rick Mirer411989-92
 3. Jarious Jackson . .341996-99
 4. Joe Theismann . . .311968-70
 5. Angelo Bertelli . . .281941-43
- Brady Quinn****26****2003-present**

Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

1. Jarious Jackson . .91996-99
2. Steve Beuerlein . .81983-86

Ron Powlus81994-97

4. **Brady Quinn****6****2003-present**
5. Joe Theismann . . .51968-70

Average Rushing Yards Per Game

1. Autry Denson . . .89.91995-98
 2. Allen Pinkett . . .89.81982-85
 3. Vagas Ferguson . .73.91976-79
 4. George Gipp . . .73.11917-20
 5. Neil Worden . . .69.81951-53
- Darius Walker****71.5****2004-present**

Most Pass Receptions

1. Tom Gatewood . .1571969-71
2. Jim Seymour . . .1381966-68
3. Tim Brown1371984-87
4. Derrick Mayes . . .1291992-95
5. Ken MacAfee . . .1281974-77

8. Rhema McKnight .. 98 2002-present

Most Receiving Yards

- 1. Derrick Mayes ... 2512 ... 1992-95
- 2. Tim Brown 2493 ... 1984-87
- 3. Tom Gatewood ... 2283 ... 1969-71
- 4. Jim Seymour 2113 ... 1966-68
- 5. Tony Hunter 1897 ... 1979-82

9. Rhema McKnight .. 1301 2002-present

Maurice Stivall 1046 .. 2002-present

Most Receiving Touchdowns

- 1. Derrick Mayes ... 22 1992-95
- 2. Tom Gatewood ... 19 1969-71
- 3. Jim Seymour 16 1966-68
- 4. Ken MacAfee ... 15 1974-77
- 5. Tim Brown 12 1984-87
- Bobby Brown ... 12 1996-99

10. Maurice Stovall .. 7 2002-present

Rhema McKnight 6 2002-present

Anthony Fasano 6 2002-present

Most Receptions by a Tight End

- 1. Ken MacAfee ... 128 ... 1974-77

2. Tony Hunter 120 1979-82

3. Derek Brown 62 1988-91

Dean Masztak ... 62 1978-81

5. Mark Bavaro 55 1981-84

Anthony Fasano 45 2003-present

Most Tackles

1. Bob Crable 521 1978-81

2. Bob Golic 479 1975-78

3. Steve Heimkreiter .. 398 1975-78

4. Bob Olson 369 1967-69

5. Tony Furjanic ... 361 1982-85

Brandon Hoyte 205 2002-present

Most Fumble Return Yards

1. Gerome Sapp ... 93 1999-02

2. Steve Lawrence .. 79 1983-86

3. Tom Zbikowski .. 75 2004-present

4. Quentin Burrell .. 65 2001-04

5. Bobby Taylor ... 57 1991-94

Scoring

1. Allen Pinkett ... 320 ... 1982-85

2. Craig Hentrich ... 294 ... 1989-92

3. Autry Denson ... 282 1995-98

4. Louis Salmon ... 250 1900-03

5. Nicholas Setta .. 248 2000-03

D.J. Fitzpatrick 120 ... 2002-present

Most Punts

1. Blair Kiel 259 1980-1983

2. Joey Hildbold 256 1999-2002

3. Joe Restic 209 1975-1978

4. Hunter Smith 174 1995-1998

5. Brian Doherty ... 140 1971-1973

7. D.J. Fitzpatrick 121 2002-Present

Most Kickoff Returns

1. Julius Jones 72 1999-01, 2003

2. Tim Brown 69 1984-87

3. Jim Stone 49 1977-80

4. Tony Driver 47 1997-00

Vontez Duff 47 2000-03

Chase Anastasio ... 19 2004-present

Already in the books...

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

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

Crammin' it in...

On Monday, August 29, ESPNU will air a "**Notre Dame Football Cram Session.**" From 1:30-10 p.m., the network will broadcast games and shows from the ESPN library that reflect the Irish spirit and tradition. The schedule for the Cram Session is as follows:

- 1:30-7 p.m. Notre Dame Football: The Season Weekly
- 7 p.m. Notre Dame at Michigan State (from 9/18/04)

Schedule and time for the broadcast are subject to change.

Tony Roberts honored...

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

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

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

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

Previously recognized for his contribution to the game of football, Roberts' accolades include seven Associated Press Sports Reporting awards and seven Sportscaster of the Year honors. He has broadcasted more Army-Navy, Notre Dame-Navy and college bowl games than any other play-by-play announcer.

Past Chris Schenkel Award winners include Chris Schenkel (1996), Jack Cristil (1997), Max Falkenstein (1998), Jack Flemming (1999), Ray Christensen (2000), Frank Fallon (2001), Bob Brooks (2002), Larry Munson (2003) and Bob Robertson (2004).

2005 Notre Dame Opponents

Pittsburgh Panthers

September 3 at Heinz Field

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Conference: BIG EAST

Head Coach: Dave Wannstedt

2004 Record: 8-4

Returning Starters: 18

Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 18-43-1

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 10	at Ohio
Sept. 17	at Nebraska
Sept. 24	YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Sept. 30	at Rutgers
Oct. 8	CINCINNATI
Oct. 15	SOUTH FLORIDA
Oct. 22	SYRACUSE
Nov. 3	at Louisville
Nov. 12	CONNECTICUT
Nov. 24	at West Virginia

Michigan Wolverines

September 10 at Michigan Stadium

Location: Ann Arbor, Mich.

Conference: Big Ten

Head Coach: Lloyd Carr

2004 Record: 9-3

Returning Starters: 17

Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 18-13-1

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Sept. 10	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 17	EASTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 24	at Wisconsin
Oct. 1	at Michigan State
Oct. 8	MINNESOTA
Oct. 15	PENN STATE
Oct. 22	at Iowa
Oct. 29	at Northwestern
Nov. 12	INDIANA
Nov. 19	OHIO STATE

Michigan State Spartans

September 17 at Notre Dame Stadium

Location: East Lansing, Mich.

Conference: Big Ten

Head Coach: John L. Smith

2004 Record: 5-7

Returning Starters: 16

Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 24-42-1

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	KENT STATE
Sept. 10	HAWAII
Sept. 17	at Notre Dame
Sept. 24	at Illinois
Oct. 1	MICHIGAN
Oct. 15	at Ohio State
Oct. 22	NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 29	INDIANA
Nov. 5	at Purdue
Nov. 12	at Minnesota
Nov. 19	PENN STATE

Washington Huskies

September 24 at Husky Stadium

Location: Seattle, Wash.

Conference: Pacific-10

Head Coach: Tyrone Willingham

2004 Record: 1-10

Returning Starters: 19

Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 0-5

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	AIR FORCE
Sept. 10	CALIFORNIA
Sept. 17	IDAHO
Sept. 24	NOTRE DAME
Oct. 1	at UCLA
Oct. 15	at Oregon
Oct. 22	USC
Oct. 29	at Arizona State
Nov. 5	OREGON STATE
Nov. 12	at Arizona
Nov. 19	WASHINGTON STATE

Purdue Boilermakers

October 3 at Ross-Ade Stadium

Location: West Lafayette, Ind.

Conference: Big 10

Head Coach: Joe Tiller

2004 Record: 7-5

Returning Starters: 20

Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 25-49-2

2005 Schedule

Sept. 10	AKRON
Sept. 17	at Arizona
Sept. 24	at Minnesota
Oct. 1	NOTRE DAME
Oct. 8	IOWA
Oct. 15	NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 22	at Wisconsin

Oct. 29	at Penn State
Nov. 5	MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 12	ILLINOIS
Nov. 19	at Indiana

USC Trojans

October 15 at Notre Dame Stadium

Location: Los Angeles, Calif.

Conference: Pacific-10

Head Coach: Pete Carroll

2004 Record: 13-0

Returning Starters: 15

Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 29-42-5

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Hawaii
Sept. 17	ARKANSAS
Sept. 24	at Oregon
Oct. 1	at Arizona State
Oct. 8	ARIZONA
Oct. 15	at Notre Dame
Oct. 22	at Washington
Oct. 29	WASHINGTON STATE
Nov. 5	STANFORD
Nov. 12	at California
Nov. 19	FRESNO STATE
Dec. 3	UCLA

Brigham Young Cougars

October 22 at Notre Dame Stadium

Location: Provo, Utah

Conference: Mountain West

Head Coach: Bronco Mendenhall

2004 Record: 5-6

Returning Starters: 14

Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 2-3

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	BOSTON COLLEGE
Sept. 10	EASTERN ILLINOIS
Sept. 24	TCU
Oct. 1	at San Diego State
Oct. 8	at New Mexico
Oct. 15	COLORADO STATE
Oct. 22	at Notre Dame
Oct. 29	AIR FORCE
Nov. 5	at UNLV
Nov. 12	at Wyoming
Nov. 19	UTAH

Tennessee Volunteers

November 5 at Notre Dame Stadium

Location: Knoxville, Tenn.

Conference: Southeastern

Head Coach: Phillip Fulmer
 2004 Record: 10-2
 Returning Starters: 16
 Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 4-3

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3 UAB
 Sept. 17 at Florida
 Sept. 24 at LSU
 Oct. 1 MISSISSIPPI
 Oct. 8 GEORGIA
 Oct. 22 at Alabama
 Oct. 29 SOUTH CAROLINA
Nov. 5 at Notre Dame
 Nov. 12 MEMPHIS
 Nov. 19 VANDERBILT
 Nov. 26 at Kentucky

Navy Midshipmen
November 12 at Notre Dame Stadium

Location: Annapolis, Md.
 Conference: Independent
 Head Coach: Paul Johnson
 2004 Record: 10-2
 Returning Starters: 8
 Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 9-68-1

2005 Schedule

Sept. 3 vs. Maryland
 Sept. 10 STANFORD
 Sept. 24 at Rice
 Oct. 1 at Duke
 Oct. 8 AIR FORCE
 Oct. 15 KENT STATE
 Oct. 29 at Rutgers
 Nov. 5 TULANE
Nov. 12 at Notre Dame
 Nov. 19 TEMPLE
 Dec. 3 vs. Army

Syracuse Orange
November 19 at Notre Dame Stadium

Location: Syracuse, N.Y.
 Conference: BIG EAST
 Head Coach: Greg Robinson
 2004 Record: 6-6
 Returning Starters: 14
 Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 2-2

2005 Schedule

Sept. 4 WEST VIRGINIA
 Sept. 10 BUFFALO
 Sept. 17 VIRGINIA
 Oct. 1 at Florida State
 Oct. 7 at Connecticut
 Oct. 15 RUTGERS

Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh
 Oct. 29 CINCINNATI
 Nov. 12 SOUTH FLORIDA
Nov. 19 at Notre Dame
 Nov. 26 at Louisville

Stanford Cardinal
November 26 at Stanford Stadium

Location: Stanford, Calif.
 Conference: Pacific-10
 Head Coach: Walt Harris
 2004 Record: 4-7
 Returning Starters: 17
 Series Record vs. Notre Dame: 6-13

2005 Schedule

Sept. 10 at Navy
 Sept. 17 UC DAVIS
 Oct. 1 OREGON
 Oct. 8 at Washington State
 Oct. 15 at Arizona
 Oct. 22 ARIZONA STATE
 Oct. 29 UCLA
 Nov. 5 at USC
 Nov. 12 at Oregon State
 Nov. 19 CALIFORNIA
Nov. 26 NOTRE DAME

Opponents' 2004 Records At A Glance

Pittsburgh	8-4
Michigan	9-3
Michigan State	5-7
Washington	1-10
Purdue	7-5
USC	13-0
Brigham Young	5-6
Tennessee	10-2
Navy	10-2
Syracuse	6-6
Stanford	4-7
Total	76-52

By Conference

BIG EAST	14-10
Big Ten	21-15
Pacific-10	18-17
Southeastern	10-2
Independent	10-2
Mountain West	5-6

2005 Irish Schedule Analysis

Teams that were:

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

Teams that:

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

Returning Starters:

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

A Look Back At 2004

at home	3-3
on the road	2-2
at neutral site	1-1
during the day	5-3
at night	1-3
in September	3-1
in October	2-2
in November	1-2
in December	0-1
when outrushing opponent	5-4
when outrushed by opponent	1-2
when outpassing opponent	3-2
when outpassed by opponent	3-4
committing fewer turnovers	4-1
same number of turnovers	0-2
committing more turnovers	2-3
when Irish scored first	2-2
when opponent scored first	4-4
when leading at half	3-1
when tied at half	0-0
when trailing at half	3-5
when D. Walker had 100 rushing yards	1-1
when B. Quinn had 250 passing yards	1-3
when A. Fasano caught a TD	2-1

Alphabetical Roster (As of August 8, 2005)

No.	Name	Position	Ht./Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School
95	Victor Abiamiri	Defensive End	6-4/265	JR	Randallstown, MD/The Gilman School
23	Chase Anastasio	Wide Receiver	6-1/207	JR	Burke, VA/Robinson
40	Matt Augustyn	Fullback	6-3/220	JR	Chevy Chase, MD/Our Lady of Good Counsel
58	Abdel Banda	Linebacker	6-1/208	SO	Morristown, NJ/Delbarton
90	Brian Beidatsch	Defensive Tackle	6-3/294	SR	Milwaukee, WI/Marquette
59	James Bent	Offensive Line	6-2/265	SR	Mishawaka, IN/Mishawaka
53	Joseph Boland	Linebacker	6-2/242	SR	Drexel Hill, PA/Monsignor Bonner
71	James Bonelli	Offensive Guard	6-4/290	SR	Camarillo, CA/St. Bonaventure
56	Nick Borseti	Linebacker	6-4/240	JR	Saugus, MA/St. John's Prep
7	Darrin Bragg	Wide Receiver	6-1/190	SO	San Jose, CA/Bellarmino Prep
52	Joe Brockington	Linebacker	6-1/225	JR	Palmyra, PA/Palmyra
94	Justin Brown	Def. End/Linebacker	6-3/243	SO	Clinton, MD/Bishop McNamara
27	David Bruton	Defensive Back	6-1/185	FR	Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg
91	Craig Cardillo	Kicker	6-0/175	JR	Hauppauge, NY/Hauppauge
89	John Carlson	Tight End	6-6/250	JR	Litchfield, MN/Litchfield
31	Jake Carney	Free Safety	6-0/189	SR	Lexington, KY/Lexington Catholic
59	Dan Chervanick	Defensive Tackle	6-1/258	SR	Leesport, PA/Holy Name
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	Linebacker	6-0/221	SO	Riverview, FL/Tampa Bay Tech
60	Casey Cullen	Linebacker	6-1/227	JR	Victoria, TX/St. Joseph
72	Paul Duncan	Offensive Line	6-7/270	FR	Dallas, GA/East Paulding
24	Brandon Erickson	Wide Receiver	6-0/178	SO	Marlboro, NJ/Marlboro
88	Anthony Fasano	Tight End	6-4/257	SR	Verona, NJ/Verona
15	Leo Ferrine	Defensive Back	6-0/181	SO	Springfield, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
54	David Fitzgerald	Offensive Line	6-4/295	SR	Godfrey, IL/Marquette Catholic
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Kicker/Punter	6-1/208	SR	Granger, IN/Marian
87	Marcus Freeman	Tight End	6-3/250	SR	St. Paul, MN/Cretin-Derham Hall
75	Chris Frome	Defensive End	6-5/271	SR	Saugus, CA/Newhall Hart
18	Justin Gillett	Quarterback	5-11/175	SO	Santa Barbara, CA/San Marcos
45	Carl Gioia	Kicker	5-10/183	JR	Valparaiso, IN/Valparaiso
17	Dan Gorski	Quarterback	6-4/194	FR	Omaha, NE/Creighton Prep
11	David Grimes	Wide Receiver	5-10/165	FR	Detroit, MI/DePorres
86	Tim Gritzman	Tight End	6-3/250	SO	Lockport, IL/Lockport
92	Derrell Hand	Defensive Line	6-3/300	FR	Philadelphia, PA/West Catholic
36	Brandon Harris	Wide Receiver	6-0/197	SR	New Orleans, LA/Benjamin Franklin
68	Ryan Harris	Offensive Line	6-5/292	JR	St. Paul, MN/Cretin Derham Hall
29	LaBrose Hedgemon II	Defensive Back	5-9/190	JR	Hoover, AL/Hoover
6	Ray Herring	Defensive Back	5-11/190	FR	Melbourne, FL/Holy Trinity
85	Joey Hiben	Tight End	6-4/248	FR	Chaska, MN/Waconia
53	Dan Hickey	Snapper	6-3/224	JR	Garden City, NY/Chaminade
1	DJ Hord	Wide Receiver	6-2/185	FR	Lee's Summit, MO/Rockhurst
33	Justin Hoskins	Running Back	5-10/195	SO	Grand Rapids, MI/Creston
39	Brandon Hoyte	Linebacker	5-11/235	SR	Parlin, NJ/Sayreville War Memorial
26	Wade Iams	Defensive back	5-9/188	SO	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
70	Chauncey Incarnato	Offensive Tackle	6-5/275	SO	Dover, OH/Dover
8	Junior Jabbie	Cornerback	5-10/188	SO	Parlin, NJ/The Hun School
61	J.J. Jansen	Snapper	6-3/241	SO	Phoenix, AZ/Brophy Prep
32	Jeff Jenkins	Running Back	6-0/215	SR	Ann Arbor, MI/Huron
69	Neil Kennedy	Defensive Tackle	5-11/260	SO	Phoenix, AZ/Brophy Prep
35	Tim Kenney	Cornerback	6-0/180	JR	Belvidere, IL/Belvidere
96	Pat Kuntz	Defensive Line	6-2/261	FR	Indianapolis, IN/Roncagli
20	Terrail Lambert	Cornerback	5-11/191	SO	Oxnard, CA/St. Bonaventure
66	Derek Landri	Nose Guard	6-3/285	SR	Concord, CA/De La Salle
98	Trevor Laws	Defensive Line	6-0/290	JR	Burnsville, MN/Apple Valley
73	Mark LeVoi	Offensive Tackle	6-7/315	SR	Eden Prairie, MN/Eden Prairie
27	John Lyons	Running Back	6-1/205	JR	Sioux Falls, SD/O'Gorman
79	Brian Mattes	Offensive Tackle	6-6/295	SR	Larksville, PA/Wyoming Valley West
46	Corey Mays	Linebacker	6-1/242	SR	Chicago, IL/Morgan Park
28	Kyle McCarthy	Defensive back	6-0/185	FR	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
35	Ashley McConnell	Fullback	5-11/252	JR	Adairsville, GA/Adairsville
5	Rhema McKnight	Wide Receiver	6-1/211	SR	La Palma, CA/Kennedy
37	Matt Mitchell	Cornerback	5-9/194	SR	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers
8	Marty Mooney	Quarterback	6-2/202	SR	Cincinnati, OH/St. Xavier
76	Bob Morton	Offensive Guard	6-4/294	SR	McKinney, TX/McKinney
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	Safety	6-3/225	JR	Powell, OH/Dublin Coffman
93	Brandon Nicolas	Defensive End	6-3/263	SO	Santa Ana, CA/Mater Dei
84	Michael O'Hara	Wide Receiver	5-10/180	SR	Bellevue, WA/Newport
38	Nick Possley	Wide Receiver	6-1/183	SO	Wheaton, IL/Warrenville South

16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Fullback	6-2/240	SR	St. Paul, MN/Cretin Derham Hall
17	Geoffrey Price	Punter	6-3/198	JR	Hurst, TX/Colleyville Heritage
10	Brady Quinn	Quarterback	6-4/232	JR	Dublin, OH/Coffman
48	Steve Quinn	Linebacker	6-3/215	FR	Cherry Hill, NJ/St. Joseph's (Philadelphia)
62	Scott Raridon	Center/Long Snapper	6-7/315	SR	Mason City, IA/Mason City
96	Bobby Renkes	Kicker	6-0/195	JR	Dallas, TX/Lake Highlands
32	Alvin Reynolds	Defensive Back	5-10/186	SO	Charlotte, NC/Country Day
30	Mike Richardson	Cornerback	5-11/188	SR	Warner Robins, GA/Warner Robins
43	Anthony Salvador	Linebacker	6-2/230	SR	Concord, CA/De La Salle
83	Jeff Samardzija	Wide Receiver	6-5/220	JR	Valparaiso, IN/Valparaiso
50	Dan Santucci	Offensive Guard	6-4/297	SR	Chicago, IL/St. Patrick's
25	Nate Schiccatano	Linebacker	6-2/241	SR	Coal Township, PA/Southern Columbia
44	Asaph Schwapp	Fullback	6-2/230	FR	Hartford, CT/Weaver
33	Bret Shapot	Cornerback	5-8/170	SO	West Chester, PA/B. Reed Henderson
13	Evan Sharpley	Quarterback	6-2/212	FR	Marshall, MI/Marshall
82	Matt Shelton	Wide Receiver	6-0/175	SR	Collierville, TN/Collierville
41	Scott Smith	Linebacker	6-3/235	FR	Highland Park, IL/Highland Park
57	Dwight Stephenson, Jr.	Defensive End	6-2/260	JR	Delray Beach, FL/Pope John Paul II
74	Dan Stevenson	Offensive Guard	6-6/302	SR	Barrington, IL/Barrington
21	Maurice Stovall	Wide Receiver	6-5/220	SR	Philadelphia, PA/Arch Bishop Carroll
78	John Sullivan	Center	6-4/300	JR	Old Greenwich, CT/Greenwich
40	Mike Talerico	Tight End	6-5/245	SO	St. Louis, MO/University
99	Ronald Talley	Defensive End	6-4/255	SO	Oak Park, MI/Renaissance
47	Mitchell Thomas	Linebacker	6-3/225	JR	Opelika, AL/Smiths Station
26	Travis Thomas	Running Back	6-0/208	JR	Washington, PA/Washington
77	Mike Turkovich	Offensive Line	6-7/290	FR	Bedford, PA/Valley Forge Military Academy
4	Anthony Vernaglia	Safety	6-3/222	SO	Anaheim Hills, CA/Orange Lutheran
3	Darius Walker	Running Back	5-11/205	SO	Lawrenceville, GA/Buford
42	Kevin Washington	Linebacker	6-1/215	FR	Sugar Land, TX/Austin
45	Rich Whitney III	Defensive Back	6-2/213	JR	Warminster, PA/Kansas City Rockhurst
23	William David Williams	Cornerback	5-10/170	SO	Raleigh, NC/Millbrook
14	David Wolke	Quarterback	6-2/195	SO	Mount Juliet, TN/Smyrna
22	Ambrose Wooden	Cornerback	5-11/192	JR	Baltimore, MD/The Gilman School
81	Rob Woods	Wide Receiver	6-2/207	SR	Atlantic, IA/Atlantic
9	Tom Zbikowski	Safety	5-11/202	JR	Arlington Heights, IL/Bufalo Grove

Numerical Roster

1	DJ Hord	WR	26	Travis Thomas	RB	52	Joe Brockington	LB	86	Tim Gritzman	TE
3	Darius Walker	RB	27	David Bruton	DB	53	Dan Hickey	SNP	87	Marcue Freeman	TE
4	Anthony Vernaglia	S	27	John Lyons	RB	53	Joseph Boland	LB	88	Anthony Fasano	TE
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	54	David Fitzgerald	OL	89	John Carlson	TE
6	Ray Herring	DB	29	LaBrose Hedgemon II	DB	56	Nick Borseti	LB	90	Brian Beidatsch	DT
7	Darrin Bragg	WR	30	Mike Richardson	CB	57	Dwight Stephenson, Jr.	DE	91	Craig Cardillo	K
8	Junior Jabbie	CB	31	Jake Carney	S	58	Abdel Banda	LB	92	Derrell Hand	DL
8	Marty Mooney	QB	32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	59	James Bent	OL	93	Brandon Nicolas	DE
9	Tom Zbikowski	S	32	Alvin Reynolds	DB	59	Dan Chervanick	DT	94	Justin Brown	DELB
10	Brady Quinn	QB	33	Justin Hoskins	RB	60	Casey Cullen	LB	95	Victor Abiamiri	DE
11	David Grimes	WR	33	Bret Shapot	CB	61	J.J. Jansen	SNP	96	Bobby Renkes	K
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	35	Ashley McConnell	FB	62	Scott Raridon	OLS	96	Pat Kuntz	DL
14	David Wolke	QB	35	Tim Kenney	CB	66	Derek Landri	NG	98	Trevor Laws	DL
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	36	Brandon Harris	CB	68	Ryan Harris	OL	99	Ronald Talley	DE
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	37	Matt Mitchell	WR	69	Neil Kennedy	DT			
17	Geoffrey Price	P	38	Nick Possley	WR	70	Chauncey Incarnato	OT			
17	Dab Gorski	QB	39	Brandon Hoyte	LB	71	James Bonelli	OG			
18	Justin Gillett	QB	40	Mike Talerico	TE	72	Paul Duncan	OL			
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	S	40	Matt Augustyn	FB	73	Mark LeVoir	OT			
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	74	Dan Stevenson	OG			
20	Terrail Lambert	CB	41	Scott Smith	LB	75	Chris Frome	DE			
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	42	Kevin Washington	LB	76	Bob Morton	OG			
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	43	Anthony Salvador	LB	77	Mike Turkovich	OL			
23	William David Williams	CB	44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	78	John Sullivan	C			
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	45	Carl Gioia	K	79	Brian Mattes	OT			
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	45	Rich Whitney III	DB	81	Rob Woods	WR			
25	Nate Schiccatano	LB	46	Corey Mays	LB	82	Matt Shelton	WR			
26	Wade Iams	DB	47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	83	Jeff Samardzija	WR			
			48	Steve Quinn	LB	84	Michael O'Hara	WR			
			50	Dan Santucci	OG	85	Joey Hiben	TE			