



NOTRE DAME POSTGAME NOTES

*vs. Duke * Notre Dame Stadium * Notre Dame, Indiana * September 24, 2016*

TEAM NOTES

- Notre Dame fell to 3-2 all-time against Duke.
- Notre Dame fell to 142-61-4 all-time in the month of September, including a 76-26-1 mark at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Saturday's game was the 252nd straight sellout at Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame has played in front of a sellout crowd in 301 of its last 302 home games with the exception of a 1973 Thanksgiving Day game against Air Force.
- Notre Dame's opening touchdown drive covered 75 yards on eight plays in 2:53. Notre Dame has now recorded 10 scoring drives of at least 75 yards thus far in 2016, with the opening drive the third and a later Josh Adams nine-yard touchdown run the fourth such scoring campaigns in under three minutes of elapsed time of possession.
- Notre Dame scored first for the fourth straight game with a DeShone Kizer eight-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The Irish later forced Duke into a three-and-out on the opening Blue Devils drive.
- Notre Dame stopped Duke on a pair of fourth-down conversion attempts during the game. Irish opponents have only converted one of their last four fourth down tries.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB DeShone Kizer eclipsed the 300-yard passing plateau for the second straight game, finishing with a career-high 381 yards through the air and two touchdowns. Kizer's 441 yards of total offense were the eighth-most by a Notre Dame quarterback in program history.
- Kizer scored his fifth rushing touchdown of 2016 (15th career) with an eight-yard carry on the opening Notre Dame drive. Kizer has scored a rushing touchdown in each of his last six games, and in nine of his last 10 games overall dating back to a win over Temple in 2015.
- Kizer has now thrown a touchdown pass in 15 of his 17 career games, and has both rushed and thrown for at least one touchdown in 11 of those contests.
- Kizer completed 10 passes of 20 or more yards during the game, averaging 17.3 yards per completion.
- Kizer connected with WR Kevin Stepherson on a 44-yard touchdown pass during the second Notre Dame drive of the opening quarter. The career-long reception for Stepherson was his second career Irish touchdown.
- RB Dexter Williams picked up his second touchdown of the season with a 13-yard rush that capped a nine-play, 72-yard drive in the second quarter.
- RB Josh Adams scored his first rushing touchdown of 2016 by crossing the goal line from nine yards out in the third quarter. Notre Dame gained 53 of 83 total yards from scrimmage during the drive on four rushing attempts.
- WR Equanimeous St. Brown recorded his first career 100-yard receiving game, hauling in six catches for 116 yards and a touchdown.
- LB Nyles Morgan forced a key third down stop with a sack on the second Duke offensive possession of the third quarter, dropping Blue Devils quarterback Daniel Jones for a loss of seven yards.
- CB Donte Vaughn recorded his first career Notre Dame interception, picking off Jones in the end zone to stall a Duke drive late in the third quarter.
- QB Malik Zaire was officially credited with a start at WR after taking the field during Notre Dame's opening drive. Zaire gained four yards on a zone read rush on the first play from scrimmage.
- OL Quenton Nelson was selected as the honorary recipient of the uniform number one on Saturday,



although NCAA rules preclude offensive linemen from wearing the number in a game. The honor will be awarded weekly to the player who best represents the ideals of the program on and off of the field.