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2008 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

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Schedule/Results

2008

Sept. 6	San Diego State (NBC)	3:30 ET
Sept. 13	Michigan (NBC)	3:30 ET
Sept. 20	at Michigan State	TBA
Sept. 27	Purdue (NBC)	3:30 ET
Oct. 4	Stanford (NBC)	2:30 ET
Oct. 11	at North Carolina	TBA
Oct. 18	Open Date	
Oct. 25	at Washington	TBA
Nov. 1	Pittsburgh (NBC)	2:30 ET
Nov. 8	at Boston College	TBA
Nov. 15	vs. Navy (Baltimore) (CBS)	12:00 ET
Nov. 22	Syracuse (NBC)	2:30 ET
Nov. 29	at USC	TBA

2007 (3-9)

Sept. 1	Georgia Tech	L, 33-3
Sept. 8	at Penn State	L, 31-10
Sept. 15	at Michigan	L, 38-0
Sept. 22	Michigan State	L, 31-14
Sept. 29	at Purdue	L, 33-19
Oct. 6	at UCLA	W, 20-6
Oct. 13	Boston College	L, 27-14
Oct. 20	USC	L, 38-0
Oct. 30	Navy	L, 46-44 (3 OT)
Nov. 10	Air Force	L, 41-24
Nov. 17	Duke	W, 28-7
Nov. 24	at Stanford	W, 21-14

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: J. Aldridge (121 att., 463 yards, 3.8 avg., 0 TD)
Passing: J. Clausen (138 of 245, 1,254 yards, 7 TDs, 6 Int.)
Receiving: J. Carlson (40 rec., 372 yards, 9.3 avg. 3 TDs)
Punt Returns: T. Zbikowski (23 for 234 yards, 10.2 avg.)
Kick Returns: A. Allen (33 for 704, 21.3 avg.)
Punting: G. Price (54 for 2,260 yards, 41.9 avg., 57 long)
Tackles: T. Laws (112: 53 solos, 59 assists)
Sacks: T. Laws (4 for 31 yards)
TFs: J. Brockington (8.5 for 13 yards)
Interceptions: D. Bruton (3 int.)
Pass Breakups: P. Kuntz and D. Walls (9)

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

79th Annual Blue-Gold Game

Presented by Home Run Inn Pizza

The Date and Time: Saturday, April 19, 2008, at 1:35 p.m. EST.

The Site: Notre Dame Stadium (80,795/natural grass) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The Tickets: Available through the Notre Dame athletics ticket office (574-631-7356). The cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for youths (18 and under). Tickets purchased on game day will cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths (18 and under).



BLUE-GOLD HISTORY

This is the 79th annual Blue-Gold football event, Notre Dame's final controlled scrimmage of the 2008 spring season.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE GAME

Proceeds from the Blue-Gold scrimmage benefit the scholarship fund of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, which is sponsoring Saturday's game.

BLUE-GOLD ATTENDANCE

Much of the Blue-Gold crowd typically has been of the walk-up variety on gameday. The attendance when the game has been played at Notre Dame Stadium has been routinely at least 20,000 fans -- with highs of 51,852 in '07, 41,279 in '06, 35,675 in '81, 32,071 in '86 and 29,541 in '90. In 1997, Notre Dame conducted a pair of Blue-Gold scrimmages at Moose Krause Stadium (capacity 9,700), drawing crowds of 8,240 and 9,241. Those spring games were moved to the smaller Krause Stadium while the expansion of Notre Dame Stadium was being completed.

THE PRE-GAME FESTIVITIES

- A special VIP Brunch ticket offers fans a full day of activities with the Irish, including joining the squad for its pregame meal. The brunch will be held at 9:00 a.m. ET in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse (doors open at 8:15 a.m.). All those attending the brunch also will have access to an autograph session with the current players from 9:45-10:30 a.m. ET in the north dome.
- There will be approximately 100 seats available in the Notre Dame Stadium press box where fans can have the same view as media covering Irish football. Fans seated in the press box receive a game program, as well as the same press box lunch fare served to media (hot dogs, soup, popcorn, soft drinks). The press box is available any time after 11:00 a.m. ET.
- Finish on the 50 - a 5K fun run sponsored by Alumni Hall to benefit Hannah and Friends begins at 8:00 a.m. The race is open to students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross and finishes on the 50-yard line of Notre Dame Stadium.
- A free-to-all interactive fan fest will take place from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. ET in the Joyce Center South parking lot.
- Former Notre Dame football players will take part in a flag football game in Notre Dame Stadium at 11:30 a.m. ET prior to the Blue-Gold contest.
- All former Irish football players will be invited back for the weekend.
- The Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley will hold a silent auction of sports memorabilia on Saturday morning in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse, in conjunction with the VIP brunch.

OTHER WEEKEND FESTIVITIES

- Men's Lacrosse vs. Quinnipiac - Friday, April 18 at 4:00 p.m. at School Field (528 S. Eddy Street, South Bend)
- Fan Fest in the Joyce Center South Parking Lot - Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Football Alumni Flag Football Game in Notre Dame Stadium - Saturday, April 21 at

Post-Game Media Policy

After Saturday's scrimmage, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis will address the media in the traditional postgame interview room adjacent to the Notre Dame locker room.

Weis will be followed by the honorary coaches for today's game. The honorary coaches will be positioned around the room similar to how players are interviewed following games. The coordinators and assistant coaches will not be made available following the Blue-Gold Game.

Team leaders, including the newly elected team captains, as well as the MVPs of the Blue-Gold Game will be made available in the interview room following Weis and the honorary coaches.

Those players will be brought to the interview room. They will be stationed around the room, and the media will then have an opportunity to speak to them. This is the only place where they may be interviewed.

Any additional questions regarding Notre Dame football should be directed to Brian Hardin, Director of Football Media Relations, associate athletics director John Heisler or assistant sports information director Michael Bertsch.

Blue-Gold Players of the Game

Media members will vote for both the offensive and defensive player of the game. Please turn in your ballot to Brian Hardin by the 10:00 mark of the second half. The most valuable players will be announced at the end of the scrimmage.

Fall Reporting Date

Irish players will report to campus August 7 with practice starting the following day to begin fall workouts leading into Notre Dame's season opener Sept. 6 vs. San Diego State.

A full schedule of practice dates and times will be released at a later time. The 2008 Irish Football Media Day will occur Friday, Aug. 8 but specific times and schedule will be determined at a later date.

11:30 a.m. (A ticket to the Blue-Gold Game is required to attend)

- The Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley will hold a silent auction of sports memorabilia in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse, in conjunction with the VIP Brunch.

SIX HONORARY COACHES REPRESENTING SIX DECADES OF NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL FOR BLUE-GOLD SPRING GAME

One former Notre Dame football player from each of the last six decades will serve as honorary coaches for the 2008 Blue-Gold Spring Football Festival, presented by Home Run Inn Pizza, Irish head coach Charlie Weis announced Wednesday, March 26. Jim Morse ('50s), Terry Hanratty ('60s), Greg Marx ('70s), Allen Pinkett ('80s), Bryant Young ('90s) and Ryan Grant (2000s) accepted invitations from Weis and will coach in the annual spring game.

The 2008 Blue-Gold Spring Football Festival, presented by Home Run Inn Pizza, will take place April 18-20 with the Blue-Gold Game kicking off Saturday, April 19 at 1:35 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium. Tickets for the game are currently on sale at the Notre Dame ticket office and discounted general admission tickets are available at Michiana-area Meijer stores. Details for all weekend events including the football alumni flag football game and fun run to benefit Hannah and Friends can be found on UND.com.

Morse, a 5-11, 175-pounder from Muskegon, Mich., started at halfback for three seasons at Notre Dame (1954-56) and served as team captain as a senior in 1956. He led the Irish in receiving in both '55 (17 catches for 424 and three TDs) and '56 (20 for 442, one TD). His career all-purpose yardage total of 2,443 yards featured 12 TDs – including 208 career rushing attempts for 897 yards and five TDs, plus 1,102 more yards receiving. A 13th-round draft pick of the Green Bay Packers, Morse owns Jetway Air Service in Muskegon. He has been a major benefactor to Notre Dame, contributing to among other projects, the Coleman-Morse Center and the Morse Recruiting Lounge at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. Coleman-Morse opened in spring of 2001 and is a 64,000 square-foot building occupied by Academic Services, First Year of Studies and Campus Ministry. The Morse Recruiting Lounge is one of the signature features of The Gug and offers a beautiful view of campus while housing a bust of legendary coach Knute Rockne and 11 banners commemorating Notre Dame's 11 consensus national titles. Morse graduated in 1957 with a degree in communication.

Hanratty, a 6-1, 200-pounder from Butler, Pa., started for three seasons at quarterback (1966-68), helping the Irish to a national championship as a sophomore in 1966. He was a consensus All-American as a senior in '68, after winning third-team honors from the Associated Press as a sophomore. He threw for more than 1,200 yards in each of his three seasons and finished his collegiate career as Notre Dame's all-time passing leader (304 completions on 550 attempts for 4,152 yards and 27 TDs). He was a second-round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers in '69. He finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a sophomore in '66, ninth as a junior and third as a senior in '68. Hanratty played seven seasons with the Steelers (helping them win the '75 Super Bowl) and one with Tampa Bay, while throwing for 2,510 NFL yards. A 1969 Notre Dame graduate, he is a trader with Sanford Bernstein & Co.

Marx, a 6-5, 249-pound defensive tackle from Redford, Mich., was a unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 1972, earning mention on nine different All-America first teams as the Irish co-captain. A three-year regular on the Notre Dame defensive line, he made 82 tackles and broke up two passes as a sophomore starter in 1970 - then he was second on the team in tackles in '72 with 96, leading the team with six for lost yardage. He made 263 career tackles (24 for minus-105 yards) and broke up six passes. A two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, Marx earned post-graduate scholarships from both the NCAA and the National Football Foundation following his senior season. He played in the 1973 College All-Star and Hula Bowl contests - then was a second-round pick of the Atlanta Falcons in the 1973 NFL draft. A 1972 Notre Dame graduate from the College of Arts and Letters, he went on to earn his law degree from Notre Dame in 1977. Now living in Northville, Mich., he's a pension consultant with Manufacturers Life Insurance.

Pinkett, a 5-9, 181-pounder from Sterling, Va., started for three seasons at halfback and ended his career as Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher. He topped the 1,000-yard mark each of his last three seasons (1983-85) and ended up with 889 career carries for 4,131 yards and 49 TDs. He also caught 73 career passes for 774 yards and three TDs. Pinkett set Notre Dame career records for TDs (53), rushing TDs, rushing yards per game (96.1), rushing attempts and points scored (320). Pinkett fished eighth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a senior in '85, after finishing 16th as a sophomore. He won first-team All-America honors from Football News in both '83 and '85, captaining the squad as a senior in '85. He played six seasons with the NFL Houston Oilers (and one

in New Orleans) after being drafted in the third round in 1986. He has served as color analyst for Notre Dame's football radio broadcasts the last seven years. He graduated from Notre Dame in 1986 with a degree in marketing and now works for The Hartford (life insurance).

Young, a 6-3, 285-pounder from Chicago Heights, Ill., started for three seasons at defensive tackle (1991-93), serving as an Irish captain as a senior in 1993. He earned first-team All-America honors as a senior in 1993 by the American Football Coaches Association and from The Sporting News, and second-team honors from both Associated Press and United Press International. He made 67 tackles and had 6.5 sacks as a senior in '93 and led the team in sacks and tackles for losses as a junior in '92. Young was a first-round pick (seventh overall selection) of the San Francisco 49ers in 1994 and he played 14 seasons in the NFL before retiring after the 2007 season. He was a four-time Pro Bowl selection, was named the '99 NFL Comeback Player of the Year, helped the 49ers to the Super Bowl XXIX title and retired as the 49ers' all-time sack leader with 89.5. He's a 1994 Notre Dame graduate with a degree in marketing.

Grant, a 6-1, 218-pound running back from Nyack, N.Y., became only the seventh player in Notre Dame history to rush for 1,000 or more yards in a season with his 1,085 yards as a sophomore in 2002. He currently stands 12th on the Notre Dame career rushing list with his 2,220 yards on 570 carries, with 18 TDs. He served as one of four Irish captains as a senior in '04. Grant signed as a free agent with the New York Giants, was traded to Green Bay just prior to the 2007 season, then rushed for 956 yards on 188 carries (5.1 average) with eight TDs (he also caught 30 passes for 145 yards while starting seven games). Grant had five-regular-season 100-yard games (including 156 yards vs. Oakland) in '07, then sparkled in Green Bay's first NFL playoff game with 201 rushing yards on 27 carries and three TDs. He's a 2005 Notre Dame graduate with a degree in sociology.

IRISH RETURN 37 MONOGRAM WINNERS AND 16 STARTERS

Notre Dame opened spring practice with 37 returning monogram winners from last season – 20 on offense and 17 on defense. It was the most returning monogram winners since 2004 when the Irish had 44 lettermen return.

Sixteen returning starters from 2007 highlight the spring roster for the Irish comprised of nine offensive starters and seven defensive starters. The kicker and part-time punter also return on special teams. The nine returning offensive starters is the most since 2005 when Notre Dame returned 10 offensive starters while the seven defensive starters on the spring roster is the most since 2006 when the Irish returned nine defensive starters.

NACDA Director's Cup

The University of Notre Dame stands 18th in the second set of winter sports standings released in the 2007-08 United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

Winter competition in NCAA events so far has earned Notre Dame 265.5 points – 90 for its runner-up finish in men's and women's fencing (a combined championship), 64 for a regional semifinal appearance in women's basketball, 50 for a second-round appearance in men's basketball, 37.5 for a tie for 36th place in the men's indoor track and field championships, and 24 for a 41st-place finish in men's swimming and diving (the first points ever won for the Irish in men's swimming).

Yet to come are winter points for the appearance in the national championship game by the men's ice hockey team at the Frozen Four last weekend.

Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 188 points -- 32 based on their 21st-place finish in men's cross country, 83 for Notre Dame's national semifinal appearance in women's soccer, and 73 for its national quarterfinal appearance in men's soccer.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in women's field hockey, men's and women's cross country, men's water polo, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, the football championship subdivision (former I-AA) and the football bowl subdivision (formerly I-A). They also include winter results from men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field, fencing, women's hockey, rifle, skiing, and wrestling.

The final winter sports standings will be published May 1.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02, tied for 13th in 2002-03, 19th in 2003-04, 16th in 2004-05, a best-ever sixth in 2005-06 and 22nd in 2006-07.

Here are the current standings:

1.Stanford 907, 2.Texas 684, 3.California 629, 4.Penn State 622.75, 5.Ohio State 589.5, 6.West Virginia 578, 7.Tennessee 576.75, 8.Arizona State 573.5, 9.(tie)North Carolina and Wisconsin 568.5, 11.Michigan 563.25, 12.Florida State 535, 13.LSU 529.5, 14.Florida 527.75, 15.Texas A&M 479.75, 16.USC 460.5, 17.Purdue 456.5, **18.Notre Dame 453.5**, 19.Minnesota 450.75, 20.Duke 433, 21.UCLA 430, 22.Georgia 425.5, 23.Virginia 416, 24.Oregon 412.5, 25.Connecticut 400.

Blue-Gold Game Rules and Scoring System

GAME CLOCK

- There will be two 30-minute halves with a running clock.
- Last 2 minutes of each half are normal.
- Clock stoppages will only occur due to injuries or timeouts called.

TIMEOUTS

- Each team will be allowed 3 timeouts per half (clock will stop at each timeout).

HALFTIME

- Halftime will last 20 minutes.

COIN TOSS

- There will be a ceremonial coin toss at the beginning of Saturday's game.

OVERTIME

- There will be no overtime.

OTHER RULES

- Quarterbacks will be tagged off with two hands to be called down.
- Each possession to start a half, following a score, or after a defensive stop will

begin from the offense's own 35-yard line.

- There will not be any kickoffs
- A scoring point system will determine the winner of the game

SCORING SYSTEM

OFFENSE

- 1st Down 1 point
 - Explosive Play* 2 points
 - Field Goal 3 points
 - Touchdown 6 points
 - Extra Point 1 point
 - 2-point Conversion 2 points
 - Blocked Punt 3 points
- *Explosive Play = 10-yard run / 20-yard pass

DEFENSE

- Sack 2 points
- Defensive Stop 2 points
- 3 and Out 3 points
- Turnover 6 points
- Turnover for Touchdown 10 points
- Missed Extra Point 1 point
- Missed 2-point Conv. 2 points
- Missed Field Goal 3 points
- Blocked Field Goal 3 points

THREE PLAYERS RETURN FOR FIFTH YEAR

Notre Dame returns three student-athletes as fifth-year players in 2008 as DE Justin Brown, ILB Maurice Crum Jr., and CB Terrail Lambert all remain members of the team. Brown, Crum and Lambert will graduate this May and take graduate-level courses while exhausting their final season of athletic eligibility. The three fifth-year seniors is the fewest at Notre Dame since 1998 when the Irish had three fifth-year players.

Combined with the fourth-year seniors, Notre Dame has a total of 15 scholarship players in their fourth or fifth year with the team, the fewest since freshmen regained eligibility in 1972.

FOOTBALL TRIO HELPING IRISH BASEBALL THIS SPRING

Three Notre Dame football players are also contributing this spring to the 29th-ranked Irish baseball team which currently is 23-9-1 and is in first place in the BIG EAST with a 10-2 record. Quarterback Evan Sharpley, punter Eric Maust and wide receiver Golden Tate have all played key roles this spring, albeit in different roles.

Sharpley leads the team in home runs (7) and slugging percentage (.728) and ranks fourth in batting average (.346) and runs batted in (23). Maust has been the top pitcher this spring and leads the Irish in earned-run average (2.23) while posting a 3-1 record with five games started. Tate has been used as the fourth outfielder recently and is batting .275 and has four RBI and three stolen bases.

Sharpley will miss the Blue-Gold Game as the baseball team plays a three-game set at West Virginia this weekend. Both Maust and Tate will play in today's game, however, Maust will board a plane following the scrimmage to fly to Pittsburgh. He'll then drive two hours to Morgantown, W.V. as he is scheduled to be the starting pitcher in Sunday's finale.

IRISH RETURN EXPERIENCED OFFENSE

When Notre Dame takes the field this fall, the Irish will have nine returning starters on offense, the most at Notre Dame since 2005 when the Irish returned 10 starters. Few teams will enter the '08 season with a more experienced offensive attack. In fact, according to Phil Steele, only 11 teams out of the 120 schools in the Football Bowl Subdivision will enter 2008 with more returning starters than the Irish:

11 Returning Offensive Starters: Ball State, Florida International

10 Returning Offensive Starters: Arizona, Buffalo, BYU, Connecticut, Fresno St., Idaho, North Carolina, Temple, Texas Tech

9 Returning Offensive Starters: Baylor, Florida Atlantic, Iowa, Northern Illinois, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn State, Rice, South Florida and Wyoming

CLAUSEN CLAWS HIS WAY INTO FRESHMAN RECORD BOOK

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen had a memorable freshman season at Notre Dame as he placed his name throughout the Irish record book for freshman quarterbacks. Clausen started his first collegiate game in the second week of the season at Penn State, the earliest a Notre Dame signal caller had ever started. Clausen went on to start eight more contests and place himself in the top three of many statistical categories.

Clausen shared the school record for starts by an Irish freshman quarterback, equaling Blair Kiel's and Brady Quinn's previous mark of nine starts. The 10 games he appeared in was the third-most by a Notre Dame quarterback behind Quinn (12) and Kiel (11). Clausen ranked second on the attempts (245), completions (138) and yards (1,254) lists behind Quinn (332 attempts, 157 completions, 1,831 yards) and only Matt LoVecchio completed a

higher percentage of passes. Clausen's seven TD passes were just behind LoVecchio (11) and Quinn (9).

KAMARA IS CATCHING ON

Notre Dame wide receiver Duval Kamara enjoyed a breakout season in 2007 as he posted some of the best receiving totals by a freshman in school history. Kamara finished his first year with 32 receptions for 357 yards and four touchdowns. He set a pair of Notre Dame rookie receiving single-season records with his 32 catches and four touchdown receptions.

Catches by a Notre Dame Freshman

<u>Name</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Year</u>
1. Duval Kamara	32	2007
2. Tim Brown	28	1984

Touchdown Catches by a Notre Dame Freshman

<u>Name</u>	<u>TD Catches</u>	<u>Year</u>
1. Duval Kamara	4	2007
2. Derek Brown	3	1988
2. Derrick Mayes	3	1992
2. Maurice Stovall	3	2002

CRUM NAMED TO LOTT TROPHY WATCH LIST AGAIN

Notre Dame linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. is among 42 of the top defensive players in the nation to be named to the 2008 Lott Trophy Watch List.

Named after Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott, The Lott Trophy is awarded to college football's Defensive IMPACT Player of the Year. Now in its fifth year, The Lott Trophy is the first college football award to equally recognize athletic performance and the personal character attributes of the player.

Sponsored by The Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation, the award is given to a player who exhibits the same characteristics Lott embodied during his distinguished career: Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity.

Crum, a 6-0, 235-pound senior from Riverview, Florida, ranked third on the Irish with 84 tackles a year ago. He enters the 2008 season with 241 career tackles and needs 54 stops to enter Notre Dame's top-ten list for career tackles. Crum has totaled 17.5 tackles for loss and five sacks in his Irish career and is on pace to become the ninth Notre Dame defender to reach 300 career tackles.

Crum, who was named to the 2007 watch list, is one of seven repeat nominees. The other players nominated for a second straight year are Crum, Jonathan Casillas of Wisconsin, Brian Cushing of USC, Zack Follett of Cal, Nic Harris of Oklahoma and Darryl Richard of Georgia Tech.

David Pollack of Georgia won the initial Lott Trophy in 2004. DeMeco Ryans of Alabama won the award in 2005, Daymeion Hughes of Cal was the recipient in 2006 and LSU's Glenn Dorsey claimed the honor last year. Georgia, Alabama, Cal and LSU each received \$25,000 for their general scholarship funds. In four years, the Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation has donated over \$450,000 to various charities, including the three universities.

Voters for the award include selected members of the national media, previous finalists, the Board of Directors of the Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation, The IMPACT Foundation Board of Advisers comprised of many retired NFL players and Master Coaches, a distinguished group of former head college coaches.

The winner will be announced at a gala black-tie banquet at The Pacific Club in Newport Beach, Ca. on December 14th, 2008.

CRUM CLOSE TO CRACKING ALL-TIME TACKLES TOP-10 LIST

Senior Maurice Crum Jr. enters the 2008 season with an oppor-

tunity to join a very select crowd at Notre Dame. Crum currently has 241 career tackles and needs 54 stops this season to move into a tie for 10th all-time with Greg Collins. The fifth-year senior from Tampa, Fla. would become the ninth Notre Dame player to total 300 tackles if he can record 59 stops this year.

Last year, Tom Zbikowski became the eighth player to hit 300 tackles as Zbikowski did so in his final collegiate game. If Crum were to join the 300 club, it would mark the first time since Tony Furjanic and Mike Kovaleski in 1985 and 1986 that the Irish had players reach the 300-tackle plateau in consecutive seasons.

WALLS OF DEFENSE

Cornerback Darrin Walls enjoyed his best season at Notre Dame last year starting 11 of the 12 games and recording career-highs in every statistical category. Among the career-best numbers were the nine pass breakups, which tied for the team-high honors, and 10 passes defended (breakups + interceptions).

The nine pass breakups tied Pat Kuntz for team-high honors and were the most by an Irish defender since Bobby Taylor recorded nine in 1993. Walls' 10 passes defended tied for the sixth-most in school history and were the best single-season total since Shane Walton recorded a school record 14 (seven interceptions and seven pass breakups) in 2002.

IAN WILLIAMS NAMED 2007 FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN

Notre Dame nose tackle Ian Williams (Altamonte Springs, Fla./Lyman) was named to the 2007 AON Insurance Freshman All-America Team, the Football Writers Association of America announced Jan. 7 during the association's annual awards breakfast.

Williams finished his first season with 45 tackles, including 19 solo stops and 1.5 tackles for loss. He played in all 12 contests and started the final two games of the season for the Irish. Despite playing primarily as a reserve for much of the year, Williams ranked sixth on the team in tackles and was the only player ranked in the top-12 in tackles on the team who did not start at least four games.

He was one of six true freshmen named to the defensive unit on the FWAA Freshman All-America Team and was one of 13 of the 28 freshman All-America selections who was a true freshman this season.

Williams was named to the CollegeFootballNews.com all-freshman third team and was an honorable mention member of The Sporting News all-freshman team.

The FWAA Freshman All-America Team and First-Year Coach of the Year Award were selected by a group of writers led by FWAA vice-president Mike Griffith of the Knoxville News-Sentinel. Both true freshmen and redshirt freshmen were considered for the team.

ALLEN IN IRISH RECORD BOOKS ALREADY

Halfback Armando Allen wasted little time etching his name in the Notre Dame football record books as he set two single-season school records in his freshman season. Allen broke the school record for total kickoff returns in a season and most kickoff return yards and already ranks seventh in career kickoff returns.

Kickoff Returns - Season

<u>Name</u>	<u>No.-Yards</u>	<u>Year</u>
1. Armando Allen	33-704	2007
2. Julius Jones	26-603	1999
3. Tim Brown	25-698	1986
4. Tony Driver	23-512	1998
4. Tim Brown	23-456	1987

NOTRE DAME CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF SUCCESS

Over the last 100 years, no team in college football has been as successful as the University of Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish have the most wins and best winning percentage of all teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A).

Since 1908, Notre Dame has won 743 football games, one more than Alabama and six more than third-place Texas. The Irish have an overall winning percentage of .741 in the last 100 seasons while Ohio State ranks second at .731 and Michigan is third at .730.

2008 SCHEDULE NOTES

- For the 18th consecutive year, NBC Sports will televise all home games nationally from Notre Dame Stadium.

- Purdue (38th appearance at Notre Dame, 34th at Notre Dame Stadium), Michigan (17th at Notre Dame, 14th at Notre Dame Stadium) and Stanford (12th, all at Notre Dame Stadium) all last played at Notre Dame in 2006.

- Syracuse will be making its first trip to South Bend since 2005, for its sixth all-time game against the Irish, its third in South Bend.

- Pittsburgh will be playing at Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since 2004 -- and its 29th time overall.

- San Diego State and Notre Dame will be meeting for the first time.

- Six of the '08 Notre Dame opponents played in postseason bowl games following the 2007 season - Michigan (won Capital One Bowl), Michigan State (Champs Sports Bowl), Purdue (won Motor City Bowl), Boston College (won Champs Sports Bowl), Navy (Poinsettia Bowl), and USC (won Rose Bowl).

- The only road game with a confirmed kickoff time is the Nov. 15 Notre Dame-Navy game in Baltimore, Md., with a noon EST start (CBS Sports will televise).

- Please note that South Bend observes Eastern time (including DST) all year around. In 2008, daylight time ends and standard time begins on Nov. 2.

IRISH OPEN '08 CAMPAIGN ON RARE WINNING STREAK

Notre Dame currently is riding a two-game winning streak and opens the 2008 campaign with the longest winning streak to start a season since 1993. The Irish won the final seven games in 1992 and then won the first 10 games of the '93 season. Last year, Notre Dame defeated Duke and won at Stanford to close out the season. Eighteen of the 22 players who started in those two games return for the Irish this year.

CAMPAIGN '08 WILL SEE IRISH COVER ALL CORNERS OF COUNTRY

The Fighting Irish will see almost as much of the United States as the presidential candidates in 2008 as the six road games have the Irish playing in almost every region of the country. Notre Dame will play in red states and blue states as well as undecided states and even at Michigan State.

Notre Dame will accumulate some serious frequent flyer miles as it will travel 5,652 miles during the '08 season. The only bus trip for the Irish is the first road game of the season at Michigan State. The Sept. 20 tilt will count a paltry 157 miles towards the overall mileage. The longest trip is the Thanksgiving weekend venture to Los Angeles, which at 1,815 miles just edged Seattle at 1,808 miles for top honors.

NOTRE DAME STADIUM SET TO HOST 200TH CONSECUTIVE SELLOUT

Notre Dame opens the 2008 season at home for just the third time in the last eight seasons and the Irish will be playing in their 200th consecutive sellout. The streak started Sept. 28, 1974

against Purdue when the capacity of Notre Dame Stadium was 59,075 and will continue Sept. 6, 2008 with a packed house of 80,795.

San Diego State serves as the opponent and will be playing the Irish for the first time. The Aztecs will be the 47th school to appear at Notre Dame Stadium during the current capacity crowd streak. Navy and USC, predictably, have appeared the most times at Notre Dame since 1974, each playing 17 games against the Irish, while Michigan State and Purdue have each made 16 trips to the "house that Rockne built."

WEIS TO VISIT U.S. TROOPS IN MIDDLE EAST THIS MAY

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis will take part in a first-of-its-kind tour this May when he travels with four other college football coaches to the Middle East to meet with members of the United States military.

Weis will participate in meet and greets at various military bases throughout the Middle East from May 20-26 as well as coach flag football teams made up of servicemen and women. He will also take part in a symposium, allowing audience members to ask questions.

"I am honored to be selected to a group of collegiate football coaches to visit our troops in the Middle East the week leading up to Memorial Day," said Weis. "My family and I believe this to be a small way to thank and support our troops for defending our country. As a proud Notre Dame alumnus, I consider this trip to be a privilege and I'm looking forward to this with great anticipation."

The Irish head coach will be joined on the tour by Mark Richt (University of Georgia), Randy Shannon (University of Miami), Jack Siedlecki (Yale University) and Tommy Tuberville (Auburn University).

Morale Entertainment is organizing the tour in association with Armed Forces Entertainment. This is the first tour involving NCAA football coaches and Armed Forces Entertainment. A television concept for the tour is being developed by Morale Entertainment in conjunction with Big Dog Productions. Broadcast details will be released at a later time.

Armed Forces Entertainment is the lead Department of Defense agency for providing entertainment to U.S. military personnel serving overseas, with priority given to those in contingency operations and at remote and isolated locations. The Department of the Air Force is the executive agent of Armed Forces Entertainment. Founded in 1951, Armed Forces Entertainment brings a touch of home to more than 500,000 troops annually, embracing the best of Americana that stretches across all genres of entertainment. Visit www.armedforcesentertainment.com for more information. To learn more about NCAA head coaches participating in this tour, please visit www.coachestour2008.com.

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TEAM ECLIPSES 3.0 GPA FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT SEMESTER

Members of the 2007 University of Notre Dame football team combined to post a semester grade-point average above 3.0 during the '07 fall semester, marking the fifth straight semester (and the first five times in recorded history) that the Irish football team has topped the 3.0 GPA level as a group.

Fifty-one of the 94 players registered at least a 3.0 mark for the '07 fall semester and 15 of 25 starters (including punter, place-kicker and long snapper) earned at least a 3.0.

"I'm very pleased that our football team has earned this distinction for a fifth consecutive semester," head coach Charlie Weis said. "We are truly committed at Notre Dame to what the priorities of a student-athlete should be. Excelling in the classroom and graduating in four years are just two examples of that.

I'm very proud of our team and am appreciative of all the effort put forth by them and our academic services department."

The Irish were led in the classroom and on the field by two second-team Academic All-Americans, tight end John Carlson and defensive lineman Trevor Laws. Both Carlson and Laws were enrolled in the graduate studies program at Notre Dame during the fall semester after earning their undergraduate degrees in four years and receiving their respective diplomas last May.

Statistics for the semester cumulative GPAs of the football team were not kept prior to 1992, but before Weis' arrival in 2005, the previous best semester cumulative GPA was 2.911. Beginning with the '05 fall semester, the Irish football team has recorded over a 3.0 combined GPA in each semester.

Weis' first team in 2005 surpassed the 3.0 mark for the first time ever with a 3.044 combined GPA in the fall semester of '05. At that time, that marked the highest figure ever attained by the football team. Then, the Notre Dame players followed that up with a combined and unprecedented 3.072 mark in the spring semester of '06. The fall semester of '06 saw the Irish football team post a 3.041 cumulative GPA and 61 of the 104 players achieved at least a 3.0 during that semester. In the spring of '07, Irish players improved on that and recorded a 3.043 combined GPA.

The football team was also named co-recipient of the 2007 Academic Achievement Award from the American Football Coaches Association. The Irish shared the honor with Northwestern University after both schools graduated 95 percent of the freshman class that entered in 2001-02. Weis will accept the award in Anaheim, Calif. on Jan. 7, at the annual AFCA Convention.

THREE FORMER PLAYERS AND ONE FORMER COACH MAKE HALL OF FAME BALLOT

The names of three former Notre Dame football all-stars -- Tim Brown, Dave Casper and Jim Seymour -- along with former Irish head coach Lou Holtz appear on the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) ballot released this week. The ballot contains names of 75 players and eight coaches vying for induction in 2008.

The ballot hit the mail to the more than 12,000 members of the NFF and College Hall of Fame whose votes will be recorded and submitted to the Foundation's honors court, which deliberates and is responsible for selecting the class. The honors court, an 11-member panel chaired by Gene Corrigan (former Notre Dame athletic director, Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner and NCAA past president) and also including former Notre Dame associate athletic director and sports information director Roger Valdiserri, is comprised of athletics directors, conference commissioners, Hall of Fame coaches and members of the media.

The Hall of Fame class will be announced later this spring and then inducted at the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's 51st Awards Dinner in December at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

To be eligible for the ballot, players must have been chosen first-team All-America by a major/national selector as recognized and utilized by the NCAA for their consensus All-America teams, played their last year of intercollegiate football at least 10 years prior, played within the last 50 years and be retired from playing professional football. Coaches must be out of the college coaching profession for at least three years, coached a minimum of 10 years and 100 games as a head coach, not be coaching on the professional level and have won at least 60 percent of their games. In both cases, the candidate's post-football record

as a citizen may also be weighed.

Once nominated for consideration, all player candidates are submitted to one of eight district screening committees, depending on their geographic location, which conducts a vote to determine who appears on the ballot and represents their respective districts. Each year, 15 candidates not selected for the Hall of Fame are named automatic holdovers and bypass the district screening process and automatically appear on the ballot the following year.

NOTRE DAME AND ISP JOIN TO PRODUCE FOOTBALL RADIO NETWORK

The University of Notre Dame and ISP Sports, have approved a new, 10-year business partnership in which ISP will become the new exclusive national rights-holder for Notre Dame football radio broadcasts.

The Notre Dame-ISP relationship will begin with the 2008 season and extend through the 2017 season -- with ISP managing, producing and syndicating Notre Dame's national football radio network.

ISP, the largest collegiate-only sports marketing firm in the country, represents athletics marketing and multi-media rights for more than 40 Division I-A universities, five major conferences (including two Bowl Championship Series conferences, the BIG EAST Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference) and two postseason football bowl games.

ISP takes over for Westwood One, which had held Irish football radio rights since 1968, originally as the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

"The rapidly changing faces of the various media make radio a critical element in our overall game plan when it comes to exposure and public relations for Notre Dame athletics and, in this case, Irish football," said athletics director Kevin White.

"As we spent a full year assessing the marketplace, we're convinced that ISP has become and will continue to be the pre-eminent stakeholder when it comes to sales and marketing within collegiate athletics.

"Ben Sutton (ISP chairman and CEO) and his staff work solely in the collegiate market, and they are extremely passionate about their dedication to the college game.

"We're grateful to Westwood One for all it has done to help us grow Notre Dame football. We're even more excited about the prospect of further growing the radio portion of the business in partnership with ISP."

"This partnership represents a milestone for our company," Sutton said. "We could not be more pleased to have such a distinguished university, and an athletic program of such rich tradition, as part of our family of schools. We are honored by the confidence that (Notre Dame president) Father (John) Jenkins, Kevin White and their outstanding staff have expressed in us by allowing ISP to represent the Fighting Irish."

ISP has named Ron Murphy the general manager for the Notre Dame ISP Sports Network. Murphy brings over 30 years of advertising sales and management experience, having worked for several notable companies such as CBS, Yankee Entertainment and Sports (Y.E.S.) and FOX Sports Net.

Murphy joins ISP's team of more than 250 professional sales people dedicated to the collegiate market, with relationships with more than 800 radio stations (and more than 100 television stations) around the country.

Headquartered in Winston-Salem, N.C., ISP has nearly 50 sales offices around the country. Sutton founded the company in 1992. Among ISP clients are seven ACC athletic programs (Boston College, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Miami, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest), five from the BIG EAST (Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, South Florida, Syracuse, Villanova), five from the

Southeastern Conference (Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, South Carolina, Vanderbilt) and three from the Pacific-10 Conference (California, UCLA, Washington). In 2007, the BIG EAST Conference and ISP announced a six-year agreement involving virtually all conference marketing and sales.

Notre Dame remains the only college football program to have its games broadcast on a truly national radio network of linear stations. Joe Boland, former sports director at WSBT in South Bend, originated the Irish Football Network in 1948. In 1956, the Mutual Broadcasting System first carried Notre Dame games on approximately 560 stations. From 1958-67, the ABC Radio Network carried Irish games on a similar-sized network. Mutual began carrying Notre Dame games again in 1968 (that year with 253 affiliates). Mutual eventually became Westwood One (now a publicly held company managed and partly owned by CBS Radio).

LOCAL YOUTHS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley annually distributes scholarship money to area seniors that will attend the University of Notre Dame. The following list is of those students who will receive scholarship aid from the club.

Name	High School
Devin Blankinship	Elkhart Baptist
Thomas Everett	St Joseph's
Joshua Foster	Tippecanoe Valley
Amanda Gray	Mishawaka
Christine Hamma	Clay
Christina Konkey	Riley
Kevin McShane	Trinity
Rocio Miramontes	Penn
Edward Murphy	St Joseph's
Ryan Richter	St Joseph's
Phillip Salvador	Clay
Mitchell Speer	St Joseph's
Laura Talboom	Adams
Nickolas Winovich	Penn
Hanna Yang	Penn

2008 Blue-Gold Game Rosters

BLUE TEAM (OFFENSE)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	Hometown/High School
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	197	Sr.	Lee's Summit, MO/Rockhurst
5	Allen, Armando	HB	5-10	190	So.	Opa Locka, FL/Hialeah-Miami Lakes
7	Clausen, Jimmy	QB	6-3	212	So.	Westlake Village, CA/Oaks Christian
11	Grimes, David	WR	5-10	175	Sr.	Detroit, MI/DePorres
12	Lezynski, Nick+	QB	5-8	157	So.	Newton, PA/Notre Dame High School
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	212	Sr.	Marshall, MI/Marshall
14	Walker, Brandon	K	6-3	188	So.	Findlay, OH/Findlay
15	Castello, Brian+	QB	6-2	191	So.	Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley
18	Kamara, Duval	WR	6-5	225	So.	Hoboken, NJ/Hoboken
19	West, George	WR	5-8	200	Jr.	Spencer, OK/Northeast Academy
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	HB	5-11	195	Jr.	Wellesley, MA/Belmont Hill
23	Tate, Golden	WR	5-11	188	So.	Hendersonville, TN/Pope John Paul II
24	Coughlin, Brian+	WR	6-0	172	Jr.	Oak Lawn, IL/Brother Rice
29	Garcia, Michael+	WR	6-1	178	So.	Colorado Springs, CO/St. Mary's
30	Paskorz, Steve	FB	6-2	230	So.	Allison Park, PA/Hampton
32	Schmidt, Luke	FB/TE	6-3	255	Jr.	Jasper, IN/Jasper
33	Hughes, Robert	HB	5-11	240	So.	Chicago, IL/Hubbard
34	Aldridge, James	HB	6-0	222	Jr.	Crown Point, IN/Merrillville
36	Bizjak, Joe+	K	6-2	165	Jr.	Kokomo, IN/Kokomo
37	Noel, Eras+	HB	5-8	190	So.	Palmdale, CA/Paraclete
38	Gurries, Chris+	WR	5-10	181	So.	Reno, NV/Bishop Manogue
39	Brooks, Kevin+	TE/LS	6-2	240	Jr.	Thousand Oaks, CA/Crespi Carmelite
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	5-11	188	Jr.	Wakarusa, IN/Northwood
41	Rodriguez, Nikolas+	HB	5-11	205	Sr.	San Antonio, TX/Cornerstone Christian
42	Franco, Dan+	WR	5-10	188	Jr.	Granger, IN/Clay
44	Schwapp, Asaph	FB	6-0	261	Sr.	Hartford, CT/Weaver
45	Patterson, Kris+	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	Seattle, WA/O'Dea
46	Vittoria, Joe+	FB	5-11	244	Jr.	New Canaan, CT/New Canaan
47	Narvaez, Mike+	FB	5-11	231	Jr.	Ridgewood, NJ/Ridgewood
51	Wenger, Dan	OC	6-4	300	Jr.	Coral Springs, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
55	Olsen, Eric	OG	6-4	303	Jr.	Staten Island, NY/Brooklyn Poly Prep
59	Stewart, Chris	OG	6-5	340	Jr.	Spring, TX/Klein
62	Flavin, Bill+	OC	6-3	252	So.	Darien, IL/Benet Academy
63	Tisak, Jeff+	OT	6-3	300	Sr.	Ambridge, PA/Duluth East
67	Bemenderfer, Thomas	OC	6-5	300	Sr.	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
70	Romine, Matt	OT	6-5	290	So.	Tulsa, OK/Union
72	Duncan, Paul	OT	6-7	308	Sr.	Dallas, GA/East Paulding
74	Young, Sam	OT	6-8	330	Jr.	Coral Springs, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
75	Dever, Taylor	OT	6-5	306	So.	Grass Valley, CA/Nevada Union
76	Nuss, Andrew	OG	6-5	303	So.	Ashburn, VA/Stone Bridge
77	Turkovich, Michael	OG/OT	6-6	301	Sr.	Bedford, PA/Valley Forge Military Academy
78	Robinson, Trevor	OG	6-5	306	Fr.	Elkhorn, NE/Elkhorn
80	Jackson, Richard	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	Clermont, FL/East Ridge
82	Parris, Robby	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	Olmstead Falls, OH/St. Ignatius
83	Ragone, Mike	TE	6-5	241	So.	Cherry Hill, NJ/Camden Catholic
85	Vos, Sam+	WR	5-10	199	Jr.	Burlington, WI/Catholic Central
86	Kuppich, Paul+	TE/LS	6-3	232	Sr.	Westerville, OH/St. Charles Prep

+ Walk-on Player

Honorary Head Coaches: Jim Morse, Terry Hanratty, Allen Pinkett, Ryan Grant

Offense: Michael Haywood, Rob Ianello, John Latina, Bernie Parmalee, Ron Powlus, Kevin Loney (GA)

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GOLD TEAM (DEFENSE)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	Hometown/High School
2	Walls, Darrin	DC	6-0	180	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills
4	Gray, Gary	DC	5-11	185	So.	Columbia, SC/Richland Northeast
6	Herring, Ray	DC	5-10	200	Sr.	Melbourne, FL/Holy Trinity
8	McNeil, Raeshon	DC	6-0	187	Jr.	Cooleemee, NC/Davie County
20	Lambert, Terrail	DC	5-11	196	Sr.	Oxnard, CA/St. Bonaventure
22	Smith, Harrison	DS	6-2	206	So.	Knoxville, TN/Knoxville Catholic
24	Gordon, Leonard	DS	5-11	192	Jr.	Clarksville, TN/Fort Campbell (KY)
27	Bruton, David	DS	6-2	205	Sr.	Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DS	6-0	200	Sr.	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
29	Gaines, Jashaad	DS	6-0	202	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV/Las Vegas
31	Brown, Sergio	DS	6-1	197	Jr.	Maywood, IL/Proviso East
35	Smith, Kevin+	ILB	5-8	200	Jr.	Gainesville, FL/F.W. Buchholz
37	Anello, Mike+	DC	5-10	170	Sr.	Orland Park, IL/Carl Sandburg
38	Bathon, Chris+	DS	5-10	192	Jr.	Pleasantville, NY/Pleasantville
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	ILB	6-0	235	Sr.	Riverview, FL/Tamba Bay Tech
41	Smith, Scott	OLB	6-3	235	Sr.	Highland Park, IL/Highland Park
42	Washington, Kevin	ILB	6-1	240	Sr.	Sugar Land, TX/Austin
43	Maust, Eric+	P	6-1	177	Jr.	Roswell, GA/Blessed Trinity
43	Leonis, John+	DC	5-9	169	Jr.	Medford, OR/Saint Mary's
47	Nagel, Aaron	ILB	6-1	225	So.	Lemont, IL/Lemont
48	Quinn, Steve	ILB	6-2	231	Sr.	Cherry Hill, NJ/St. Joseph's (Philadelphia)
49	Smith, Toryan	ILB	6-0	244	Jr.	Rome, GA/Rome
53	Richardson, Morrice	DE	6-2	235	Jr.	College Park, GA/Westlake
56	Neal, Kerry	OLB	6-2	240	So.	Bunn, NC/Bunn
58	Smith, Brian	OLB	6-3	239	So.	Overland Park, KS/Saint Thomas Aquinas
61	Quintana, Martin+	DL/LB	6-1	242	Jr.	Berwyn, IL/St. Joseph's
64	Burke, Tom+	LB	5-10	242	Jr.	New City, NY/Clarkstown South
69	Inzunza, Dorian+	DL	5-9	255	Sr.	Indio, CA/Coachella Valley
90	Ryan, John	DE	6-5	244	Jr.	Westlake, OH/St. Ignatius
91	Nwankwo, Emeka	DE	6-4	290	So.	Miramar, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep
93	Mullen, Paddy	NT	6-5	285	Jr.	St. Louis, MO/DeSmet Jesuit
94	Brown, Justin	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Clinton, MD/Bishop McNamara
95	Williams, Ian	NT	6-2	306	So.	Altamonte Springs, FL/Lyman
97	Wade, Kallen	OLB	6-5	240	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH/Withrow
98	Cwynar, Sean	DE	6-4	282	Fr.	Woodstock, IL/Marian Central Catholic

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Honorary Head Coaches: Greg Marx and Bryant Young

Defense: Corwin Brown, Jon Tenuta, Jappy Oliver, Patrick Graham (GA)