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NOTRE DAME

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NOTRE DAME (5-2)

Sept. 4 at BYU (ESPN).....L, 17-20
 Sept. 11 MICHIGAN (8/7) (NBC)W, 28-20
 Sept. 18 at Michigan State (ESPN).....W, 31-24
 Sept. 25 WASHINGTON (NBC)W, 38-3
 Oct. 2 PURDUE (15/15) (NBC)L, 16-41
 Oct. 9 STANFORD (NBC).....W, 23-15
 Oct. 16 #vs. Navy (CBS).....W, 27-9
Oct. 23 (24/25) BOSTON COLL. (NBC) 1:30 EST
 Nov. 6 at TennesseeTBA
 Nov. 13 PITTSBURGH (NBC)2:30 EST
 Nov. 27 at USC (ABC)5:00 PST

- at Giants Stadium (East Rutherford, N.J.)

Numbers listed before and after opponent are Notre Dame/opponent rankings in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls.

BOSTON COLLEGE (4-2)

Sept. 2 at Ball StateW, 19-11
 Sept. 11 PENN STATE (ABC)W, 21-7
 Sept. 17 CONNECTICUT (ESPN2)W, 27-7
 Sept. 25 at Wake Forest (ESPN2)L, 14-17
 Oct. 2 MASSACHUSETTS (NESN)W, 29-7
 Oct. 16 PITTSBURGH (ESPN2).....L, 17-20 (OT)
Oct. 23 at Notre Dame (24/25) (NBC) ..1:30 EST
 Nov. 6 RUTGERS (NESN/YES).....3:30 EST
 Nov. 13 at West Virginia.....Noon EST
 Nov. 20 at Temple1:00 EST
 Nov. 27 SYRACUSETBA

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(#24 AP/#25 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (5-2)**
 vs. **Boston College Eagles (4-2)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. EST.

The Site: Notre Dame Stadium (80,795/Natural Grass) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The Tickets: They're all sold — with this being the 178th consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium (the first 130 coming at the old 59,075 capacity). The Boston College game marks the 226th home sellout in the last 227 games (dating back to 1964). It also is the 168th sellout in the last 193 Irish games and the 32nd in the last 34 games involving Notre Dame, dating back to the end of the 2001 season (only last year's game at Stanford and this year's Navy game were not sellouts).

The TV Plans: NBC national telecast with **Tom Hammond** (play-by-play), **Pat Haden** (analysis), **Lewis Johnson** (sideline), **David Gibson** (producer) and **John Gonzalez** (director).

The Radio Plans: For the 37th consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast on more than 300 stations in all 50 states by Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play-by-play), former Irish running back **Allen Pinkett** (analysis), **Larry Michael** (pregame/halftime) and **Al Smith** (producer). A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student station, WVFI, also is available via the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com. All Notre Dame football games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) with pre- and post-game analysis featuring **Sean Stires**, **Shawn Lewallen**, **Jack Nolan**, **Mirko Jurkovic**, **Reggie Brooks** and **Vince DeDario**. All Irish games also are carried live in the Chicago market on ESPN Radio 1000.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, will be made available for the Boston College game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Boston College (www.bceagles.com) athletics web sites.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Boston College (www.bceagles.com).

IRISH BACK HOME SATURDAY FOR IMPORTANT MATCHUP WITH BOSTON COLLEGE

Hoping to continue building momentum, Notre Dame (5-2) will renew one of the fiercest rivalries on its schedule when it plays host to Boston College Saturday at 1:30 p.m. (EST) at Notre Dame Stadium. The contest will be televised nationally by NBC, marking the 144th consecutive Irish football game to be broadcast across the country by one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN).

A strong running game and a sturdy defense paved the way for Notre Dame's fifth victory of 2004 in a 27-9 defeat of previously unbeaten Navy last Saturday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The Irish rushed for a season-best 204 yards behind the aggressive running of tailback **Ryan Grant** (114 yards and two touchdowns) and **Marcus Wilson** (33-yard touchdown run). Quarterback **Brady Quinn** passed for 116 of his 130 yards in the first half as the Irish used a balanced attack to build a 17-0 halftime lead before using a ball-control method offensively in the second half.

Discipline was the buzzword of the week defensively and the Irish handled their assignments well. The Irish held Navy to 260 yards of total offense on the day and were credited with five sacks of Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco, matching his five pass attempts, and held the Mids' leading rusher to 19 net yards. Linebacker **Brandon Hoyte** led the effort with a career-high 16 tackles, including a sack.

Boston College (4-2) enters this game off a painful loss at Pittsburgh, a 20-17 overtime verdict last Saturday. The Eagles feature a potent offense that averaged 398.7 yards per game, including 236.3 yards passing. Quarterback **Paul Peterson** ranks 24th nationally in total offense, averaging 250 yards per contest. The Eagles also boast one of the nation's top defenses, entering this week ranked among the nation's top 15 in four defensive categories: scoring defense (fourth), total defense (12th), pass efficiency defense (13th) and rushing defense (14th). In addition, BC is 24th in the country in pass defense (176.0 ypg.) and is second in kickoff returns (33.4 ypr.) and return specialist **Will Blackmon** leads the nation with an average of 35.3 yards per kickoff return.



MEDIA INFORMATION

THE WILLINGHAM TELECONFERENCES

- **Tyrone Willingham's** weekly teleconference-style press conferences will take place on Tuesday mornings prior to each Notre Dame game, with the next scheduled for Oct. 19 (there is no teleconference scheduled during bye weeks). They are held at the WNDU-TV studios (on US 933/Business 31, west edge of campus) in South Bend. A light meal is served beginning at 10:30 a.m. (EST), and Coach Willingham will address the media from 11:00-11:30 a.m. (EST). At least one Irish player generally is available for interviews following Willingham's remarks.
- Out-of-town media can connect to the Willingham portion of the conference via phone to listen and ask questions — contact the Notre Dame sports information office at (574) 631-7516 for the access number.
- All teleconferences also are available on satellite (Galaxy 3-C, Transponder 6). Video highlights from the previous week's Notre Dame game are included at the end of each 75-minute satellite feed (11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. EST).
- The teleconferences also are carried live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) in South Bend, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS

Transcriptions of **Tyrone Willingham's** Tuesday press conferences are available from the Notre Dame sports information office, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs once again this year on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" welcomes a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
WR	82	Matt Shelton	Fourth on the team with 13 catches for 344 yards and 4 TDs
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Freshman All-American in '03 who has made 15 career starts
LG	76	Bob Morton	Slid over from center to guard in '04; has started 18 times
C	78	John Sullivan	Aggressive force steps in at center after not playing in 2003
RG	74	Dan Stevenson	Has played both guard and tackle for Irish, starting 18 times
RT	73	Mark LeVoi	Imposing figure (6-7, 310) who has started the last 18 games
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Returned to lineup with one catch for 18 yards vs. Navy
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Continues to make key first down catches over last three games
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Set ND Stadium record with 432 passing yards vs. Purdue
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Has 7 catches for 48 yds. (6.9 avg.) & 1 rushing TD this year
RB	4	Ryan Grant	Has scored four touchdowns in his last two starts

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	44	Justin Tuck	Has 3.5 sacks this year; is second in ND history (22 sacks)
DT	77	Greg Pauly	Underrated lineman who has 30 tackles, 4.5 TFL this season
DT	66	Derek Landri	Hard-hitting tackle has broken up four passes this season
RE	92	Kyle Budinscak	5th-year man with 28 career starts; 3 PBU vs. Washington
ILB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Second on the team with 45 tackles; has forced 3 fumbles
ILB	41	Mike Goolsby	Team's leading tackler with 63; has led in stops in 4 of 7 games
OLB	49	Derek Curry	Third on team with 42 tackles; also has 3 sacks and 5.5 TFL
LCB	24	Dwight Ellick	Seventh on team with 30 tackles; leads ND with 2 INT
FS	8	Quentin Burrell	Third on the team with 42 total tackles after 11 at Navy
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Team-high 7 stops vs. Stanford; Nat'l def. player of week at MSU
RCB	15	Preston Jackson	Has 19 tackles, 1 INT (38-yd TD at BYU) and 2 PBUs in '04

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Has made 15 of last 17 attempts; 7-of-9 on FG in '04
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Ranks 26th in nation in punting average (42.5 yards per kick)
KO	96	Bobby Renkes	Three touchbacks in last two games
HLD	82	Matt Shelton	Sure-handed wideout has taken over holding duties this year
SNP-P	64	Casey Dunn	Recovered a Michigan fumble on a punt return
SNP-K	62	Scott Raridon	Handles all snaps on placements for second consecutive year
PR	7	Carlyle Holiday	Averaging 8.4 per runback including a long of 21 yards
KR	33	Justin Hoskins	Freshman who debuted with 17-yard return vs. Washington
	23	Chase Anastasio	Is averaging 20.8 yards per return in '04 with a long of 40

NOTRE DAME-BOSTON COLLEGE SERIES NOTES

- Notre Dame and Boston College are meeting for the 16th time on the gridiron, and the 13th consecutive season, with the Irish holding a 9-6 edge in the series. This will be the ninth time the two teams have played in South Bend, with Notre Dame holding a 5-3 edge at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Boston College has won the last three games in the series, its longest winning streak in the rivalry. Notre Dame has twice won four in a row against the Eagles, most recently doing so from 1995-98.
- The series features a matchup of the only two Catholic universities in the country playing Division I-A college football.
- Notre Dame has won five of the last nine series games by an average margin of 16.8 points per game.
- The last six games in the series have been decided by an average of just 5.4 points per game (32 total points), with BC winning four of those matchups — although Notre Dame had a chance to tie or win in the final four minutes each time.
- Only one of Boston College's six wins in the series has come by double digits (a 30-11 victory in 1994 in Chestnut Hill). The other five BC wins have come by a grand total of 17 points (3.4 points per game), including three two-point victories (most recently a 27-25 win last season).
- Saturday's game will mark the 13th time in the 16-game series at least one of the two teams has been

ranked at kickoff. Notre Dame is 7-3 against Boston College when it is ranked heading into its matchup with the Eagles (the Irish are 24th in the AP poll this week and 25th in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll). Conversely, BC is 4-7 when it is unranked entering the Notre Dame game, although three of those wins have come in the last three series games.

- Legendary Notre Dame head coach **Frank Leahy** spent two seasons at Boston College (1939-40), leading the Eagles to a bowl game both years.
- The winner of Saturday's game will claim the Frank Leahy Memorial Bowl, given by the Notre Dame Club of Boston, and the Ireland Trophy, presented by the Notre Dame Student Government.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will break a three-game losing streak against Boston College, defeating the Eagles for the first time since a 28-16 victory in 2000 at Notre Dame Stadium.
- The Irish will regain possession of the Frank Leahy Memorial Bowl and the Ireland Trophy for the first time since 2000. In the process, Notre Dame will improve to 3-1 in "trophy games" this season — the Irish defeated Michigan State (Megaphone Trophy) and Stanford (Legends Trophy), but fell to Purdue (Shillelagh Trophy).
- Notre Dame will snap a two-game losing streak against BIG EAST Conference opponents, beating a team from that league for the first time since last year's 20-14 win at Pittsburgh.
- Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham** will even his career record against Boston College at 2-2 and pick up his first win over the Eagles since coming to Notre Dame (he defeated BC once while he was the head coach at Stanford).
- Notre Dame will pick up its sixth victory of the season, thereby becoming bowl eligible for 2004.

IF BOSTON COLLEGE WINS ...

- Boston College will earn its fourth consecutive victory over Notre Dame, matching the longest winning streak by either team in the series.
- The Eagles will record their second win in a row at Notre Dame Stadium, picking up victories on consecutive trips to South Bend for the first time ever.
- BC will retain possession of the Frank Leahy Memorial Bowl and the Ireland Trophy for the fourth consecutive season.

NOTRE DAME-BOSTON COLLEGE SERIES HISTORY

- Notre Dame leads its series with Boston College 9-6, including a 5-3 edge when the scene shifts to Notre Dame Stadium.
- The series has been continuous since 1992 (this will be the 13th consecutive meeting).
- The first game of the series was held in 1975 at Schaefer Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (a 17-3 Irish win in **Dan Devine's** first game as head coach), while the other neutral-field game in the series was at Memphis, Tenn., in the 1983 Liberty Bowl (a 19-18 win for the Irish over the 13th-ranked Eagles).
- This year's game will mark the 13th time at least one of the two combatants has been ranked at kickoff.
- BC's current three-game winning streak is its longest ever against the Irish, while Notre Dame has defeated the Eagles four consecutive times on two occasions.
- The Eagles' most notable win over the Irish came in 1993, when BC defeated top-ranked and unbeaten Notre Dame, 41-39 on a last-second field goal by **David Gordon** at Notre Dame Stadium.
- The winner of this game earns the Frank Leahy Memorial Bowl, given by the Notre Dame Club of Boston, and the Ireland Trophy, presented by Notre Dame student government. The Ireland Trophy is intended to inspire a spirit of sportsmanship and friendly competition between the schools.
- Notre Dame and Boston College face one another in virtually every other sport (including men's and women's basketball) as members of the BIG EAST Conference. However, that will change next season when BC leaves the BIG EAST to join the Atlantic Coast Conference.

NOTRE DAME VS. THE BIG EAST CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame has won 71 percent of its games (62-25-1) vs. teams that currently make up the BIG EAST Conference, with 61 of those 88 games coming vs. former independent Pittsburgh.
- This is the first of two BIG EAST teams the Irish will face this season — Notre Dame will play host to Pittsburgh on Nov. 13. Last season marks the first time that the Irish played three road games against BIG EAST schools since the formation of the BIG EAST Football Conference in 1991.



MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

- Outside his regular Tuesday teleconferences, the best time for interviews with head coach Tyrone Willingham is after practice Wednesday-Thursday or by special appointment. Please contact Doug Walker in the Notre Dame sports information office to make arrangements.
- Interviews with Irish players and assistant coaches will only take place on Monday-Wednesday during the week. All interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame sports information office by contacting either Doug Walker, Chris Masters or Alan Wasielewski.
- Selected players will be available each Monday in the Notre Dame sports information office and a schedule of that availability will be produced each Sunday during the football season. Players who are made available in this manner will not be available for interviews at any other time that week.
- ***A reminder: Media members are not permitted to call players in their dormitory rooms at any time or talk to players on Sundays, Thursdays or Fridays.***

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- The first 20 minutes of each practice session are open to the media. Contact the Notre Dame sports information office for exact times.
- Interview requests must be made prior to the end of the 20-minute open practice period on Tuesday and Wednesday. **All player and coach interviews will take place after practice in the media interview room, located at the tunnel entrance (north end) of Notre Dame Stadium.**
- Notre Dame's publicity material on football, including updated game notes, rosters and schedules, is available through www.und.com.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame football releases via e-mail should send requests to Associate Sports Information Director Doug Walker at dwalker@nd.edu.

ATHLETICS WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletics department web site, created in partnership with College Sports Online of Carlsbad, Calif., can be found at www.und.com, with extensive offerings including live GameTracker statistics for all home games.



THE BOSTON COLLEGE SERIES

Series Record: Notre Dame leads 9-6.
 Games Played at Notre Dame: Notre Dame leads 5-3.
 Tyrone Willingham vs. Boston College: 1-2.
 Tom O'Brien vs. Notre Dame: 4-3.
 Willingham vs. O'Brien: O'Brien leads 2-1.

Site	Year	ND-BC Rank	W/L	ND	BC
FX	1975	9-	W	17	3
LB	1983	-13	W	19	18
*	1987	9-	W	32	25
*	1992	8-9	W	54	7
*	1993	1-16	L	39	41
	1994	8-	L	11	30
*	1995	12-	W	20	10
	1996	17-	W	48	21
*	1997		W	52	20
	1998	13-	W	31	26
*	1999	-25	L	29	31
*	2000	11-	W	28	16
	2001		L	17	21
*	2002	4-	L	7	14
	2003		L	25	27

* – home games at Notre Dame Stadium since '30; away games at Alumni Stadium since '57; FX – game played at Schaefer Stadium (Foxboro, Mass.); LB – Liberty Bowl (Memphis, Tenn.); rankings are from AP poll at time of game.

- Notre Dame owns a .500 or better record against all five current BIG EAST teams they have faced.
- The Irish are 29-11 (.725) all-time at home against current BIG EAST teams.
- Notre Dame is 22-8 (.733) against BIG EAST teams since 1990, including a run of eight consecutive victories from 1995-98.
- The Irish have won eight of their last 12 games against BIG EAST schools, including a 20-14 victory at No. 15 Pittsburgh last season.
- Notre Dame capped its 1988 national championship season with a 34-21 win in the Fiesta Bowl over third-ranked West Virginia.
- Notre Dame's most recent game versus Syracuse came in the 2003 season finale, when the Orange defeated the Irish, 38-12 at the Carrier Dome.
- The Irish have never faced Connecticut or Temple on the gridiron.
- The BIG EAST will be reconfigured in 2005, as Cincinnati, Louisville and South Florida all join the conference. Of that trio, Notre Dame has only faced Cincinnati once before — a 58-0 victory in South Bend way back in Oct. 20, 1900.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND BOSTON COLLEGE MET

The way Notre Dame and Boston College have been matching up in recent years, their fans might not have any nails left to chew on.

For the fourth time in the last five years, the Irish and Eagles provided another heart-stopping finish, with BC coming out on top for the third consecutive year, 27-25, on Sandro Sciortino's 26-yard field goal with 38 seconds remaining. It spoiled a dramatic comeback by Notre Dame, which had wiped out an 18-point third-quarter deficit and seemed poised to earn its first win in Chestnut Hill since 1998.

Freshman quarterback **Brady Quinn** put on a strong aerial display for the Irish in the loss, completing 23 of 39 passes for a career-high 350 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. It was the highest yardage total by a Notre Dame quarterback since **Joe Montana** threw for 358 yards at USC in 1978, and it was the first two-touchdown game of Quinn's career.

The Irish came out firing from the opening snap, as Quinn connected with sophomore **Maurice Stovall** on a 51-yard pass play, the second-longest of the year for Notre Dame. However, in a precursor of things to come, the Irish had to settle for a 38-yard field goal by **D.J. Fitzpatrick** and a 3-0 lead.

BC came back late in the first quarter, as **Quinton Porter** directed the Eagles 63 yards in seven plays. **David Kashetta** capped the drive with a 26-yard reception from Porter to put the hosts in front.

Boston College added to its advantage early in the second quarter, as **Horace Dodd** scampered into the end zone from four yards away. Fitzpatrick countered with his second field goal, this one from 27 yards out, and the score was 14-6 BC at the half.

The Eagles looked to put the game out of reach in the third quarter, thanks in part to some excellent field position. BC started in Irish territory on back-to-back possessions midway through the quarter and parlayed that good fortune into 10 points and a 24-6 lead with 3:27 left in the period.

The Irish bounced back as Quinn guided his troops on a 10-play, 78-yard drive that included a pair of fourth-down conversions. The rookie quarterback finished off the march by tossing a high-arching touchdown pass to senior wideout **Omar Jenkins**, who just managed to get one foot down in the back of the end zone.

A bad snap on a BC punt helped the Irish creep closer in the fourth quarter. Eagles punter **Jeff Gomulinski** was tackled at his own 23-yard line and on the next play, Quinn and Stovall hooked up for the touchdown.

BC tried to sit on its lead, but Notre Dame wouldn't be denied. **Nate Schiccatano** broke through the Eagles' punt protection and blocked Gomulinski's kick. **Carlos Campbell** scooped up the ball and raced 25 yards to give the Irish the lead with 3:34 to play.

That set the stage for BC's last-gasp drive, which began with good field position following a 42-yard return on the ensuing kickoff by **Will Blackmon**. The Eagles then came up with two long third-down conversions and positioned themselves for Sciortino's winning kick.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND BOSTON COLLEGE MET AT NOTRE DAME STADIUM

For the first time since the 1999 Gator Bowl, Notre Dame took the field for its matchup with Boston College sporting green jerseys. However, by the time night had fallen on Notre Dame Stadium, the Eagles had left the fourth-ranked Irish feeling blue.



**NOTRE DAME vs.
BIG EAST TEAMS**

<u>School</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Boston College	9	6	0	.600
Connecticut	0	0	0	—
Pittsburgh	43	17	1	.713
Rutgers	4	0	0	1.000
Syracuse	2	2	0	.500
Temple	0	0	0	—
West Virginia	4	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	62	25	1	.710

IRISH VERSUS THE BIG EAST

- Notre Dame is 29-11 (.725) all-time playing a current BIG EAST school at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Boston College is the first of two BIG EAST teams on the 2004 Irish schedule. Pittsburgh will visit Notre Dame Stadium on Nov. 13.

CONFERENCE CALL

This season, Notre Dame faces teams from five different conferences. Here's a look at the conference breakdown for the 11 opponents the Irish will play in 2004:

Big Ten (3): Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue

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

BIG EAST (2): Boston College, Pittsburgh

Mountain West (1): BYU

SEC (1): Tennessee

Independents (1): Navy

WELL-ROUNDED SUCCESS

Notre Dame has had great overall success against the major conferences in the country, including the BIG EAST, of which Boston College is a member:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Winning %</u>
Western Athletic	.842
Conference USA	.831
Mountain West	.774
Atlantic Coast	.753
BIG EAST	.710
Big 12	.667
Big Ten	.662
Pac-10	.658
SEC	.613

Notre Dame turned the ball over a season-high five times and Boston College capitalized on two of those miscues, doing just enough to pull off a 14-7 upset before a record crowd of 80,935.

In spite of the turnovers, the Irish offense had one of its most complete performances of the year, rolling up 357 yards, including a season-best 235 yards passing. Quarterback **Carlyle Holiday** once again was efficient in the pocket, completing 16 of 32 passes for 198 yards and one touchdown.

Tailback **Ryan Grant** also continued to show his value in the backfield, rushing 27 times for 107 yards, carding his fourth 100-yard game of the season. Notre Dame also rang up a season-best 22 first downs and held the ball for nearly 34 minutes.

However, the Irish were crippled by seven fumbles, losing three of them, and five missed opportunities in the red zone. Coming into the contest, Notre Dame had converted on 14 of its previous 15 trips inside its opponent's 20-yard line, but the Irish would find the going tough in early November.

Notre Dame appeared to be in fine form in its opening possession of the game, marching 54 yards in 13 plays to the BC 20-yard line. But, on fourth-and-one, the Irish elected to try for the first down and Grant was stuffed while trying to go over right guard.

Notre Dame's defense forced the Eagles to go three-and-out on their next possession, but the Irish handed the ball right back to BC just one play later. Holiday and Grant botched the exchange on a handoff and Eagles linebacker **Josh Ott** was there to scoop up the loose ball at the Notre Dame 38-yard line.

Boston College quickly took advantage of the turnover, needing six plays to find the end zone. Quarterback **Brian St. Pierre** threw a 17-yard pass to **Keith Hemmings** on third-and-14, and tailback **Derrick Knight** followed with a 22-yard run around the right side to put the ball on the Irish three-yard line. Knight then darted up the middle for the touchdown.

Undaunted, Notre Dame marched back downfield, moving to the BC 11-yard line. However, the drive stalled, thanks to a nearly-disastrous fumble that Holiday alertly recovered and an incomplete pass to **Omar Jenkins** in the corner of the end zone. Still, Notre Dame sent out reliable placekicker **Nicholas Setta** to try and halve the Irish deficit. That attempt never took place, as holder **David Miller** dropped the snap and was tackled for a 12-yard loss.

BC added to its lead late in the second quarter after the Irish had driven to the Eagles' 14-yard line. Backup quarterback **Pat Dillingham** tried to escape pressure and threw a shovel pass that was intercepted by Ott, who ran 71 yards for the touchdown. The Eagles tacked on the two-point conversion and led 14-0 at the half.

Notre Dame had three more golden chances in the third quarter, moving inside the BC 20-yard line. However, the Irish fumbled back to the Eagles twice and lost the ball on downs once, truncating each scoring attempt.

The Irish finally reached the end zone with just over two minutes left, when Holiday found wideout **Maurice Stovall** on a 20-yard scoring pass. The Notre Dame defense then managed to get the ball back for the offense with under 30 seconds left, but Holiday's desperation pass fell incomplete as time expired, winding up the first Irish loss of the year.

STRONG IN THE RED ZONE

One of the key factors in Notre Dame's 5-2 start this season has been its play on both sides of the ball in the red zone (inside the 20-yard line). On offense, the Irish have made 23 trips to the red zone this year, coming away with 14 touchdowns (a .609 TD percentage). Conversely, opponents have visited the red zone 19 times against Notre Dame, but have just seven touchdowns (a .368 TD percentage).

WINNING THE FIELD POSITION BATTLE

One of the key (and sometimes overlooked) aspects of Notre Dame's success this season has been its ability to maintain excellent field position. After starting 11 of 15 drives against BYU at or inside their own 20-yard line, the Irish have started 58 of their last 81 drives in "plus territory" — outside their own 20-yard line — with 18 drives that began in their opponent's half of the field.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Irish have caused 17 turnovers (11 FUM, 6 INT) this season and have made the most of their opportunities. Notre Dame has parlayed those takeaways into 55 points, which accounts for 31 percent of the Irish scoring (180 points) thus far in 2004.



MEMORABLE GAMES IN THE NOTRE DAME-BOSTON COLLEGE SERIES

The following games are among Notre Dame's more memorable matchups with Boston College since the series began in 1975:

Dec. 29, 1983 (Liberty Bowl)

Notre Dame 19, #13 Boston College 18

Notre Dame knocks off 10-1 Boston College by holding a one-point lead for 22 minutes. The Irish defense, much maligned during the '83 season, turned away **Doug Flutie** on a fourth-down pass to end the game. Flutie was his usual spectacular self in the game, going 16 of 36 for 287 yards and three touchdowns. The game was determined by who could convert a PAT – which Notre Dame eventually posted one by **Mike Johnston**. Johnston's other two attempts were blocked, while Boston College missed their first PAT kick and could not complete two two-point conversions.

Tony Furjanic, the defensive MVP for Notre Dame, batted away Flutie's two-point attempt at 7:20 to preserve the lead for the Irish. Furjanic had seven tackles and an interception in the game. **Allen Pinkett** was the offensive star for Notre Dame, rushing 28 times for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

Nov. 7, 1992

at #8 Notre Dame 54, #9 Boston College 7

Notre Dame hands BC its first loss of the season in dominating fashion, piling up 576 yards of offense compared to just 176 for the Eagles.

Reggie Brooks rushed 18 times for 174 yards and a touchdown, while **Rick Mirer** ended the game completing 13-of-18 passes for 180 yards and three touchdowns.

Nov. 20, 1993

#16 Boston College 41, at #1 Notre Dame 39

An improbable and spectacular comeback by the Irish, who scored 22 points in the final 11 minutes to take the lead, was quickly forgotten when **David Gordon** nailed a 41-yard field goal as time expired to push Boston College to the upset victory over Notre Dame. **Kevin McDougal**, who was great during Notre Dame's

THE FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNT

Notre Dame came up with a Willingham-era record six turnovers (3 FUM, 3 INT) on Sept. 18 at Michigan State and followed up with five more turnovers one week later against Washington, marking the fourth consecutive week the Irish had at least two takeaways. That should come as no surprise to many — since the 2001 season, Notre Dame has forced two or more turnovers in 30 of its 42 games, including 24 contests where they came up with at least three takeaways. Heading into this weekend's game with Boston College, the Irish are 22nd in the country in turnover margin (+0.86 per game, +6 overall).

STOPPING THE RUN IS JOB ONE FOR IRISH

The Notre Dame run defense has been exceptionally sturdy since head coach **Tyrone Willingham** and defensive coordinator **Kent Baer** arrived on the scene in 2002. Over the last three seasons, the Irish have held 18 of 32 opponents to less than 100 yards rushing, including four games this year (BYU - 22; Michigan - 56; Purdue - 99; Stanford - 67). In fact, Notre Dame opponents are averaging 3.0 yards per carry through the first seven games this season.

In 2002, Notre Dame was ranked 10th in the nation in rushing defense, followed by a No. 29 national ranking last year. Through their first seven games this season, the Irish are 21st in the country in rushing defense, allowing an average of 105.29 yards on the ground (both numbers were increased vs. Navy's run-oriented attack last week).

THE QUINN-TESSENTIAL QUARTERBACK

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** continues to develop into Notre Dame's leader on offense and is on pace to a record-setting season in his second year with the Irish. Against Navy he compiled a solid performance by completing 11 of 20 attempts for 130 yards without an interception or a touchdown. Two weeks earlier, he turned in a career performance in a loss to Purdue when he completed 26 of 46 passes for 432 yards and one touchdown, rolling up the highest individual passing yardage total in Notre Dame Stadium history, the second-highest in school history (behind **Joe Theismann's** 526 yards at USC in 1970) and the sixth-best total by any quarterback in the country this year. In addition, Quinn's .565 completion percentage was the second-best of his career (minimum 15 attempts), topped only by his .590 mark (23 of 39) last year at Boston College.

Quinn was particularly sharp in outings against Washington and Purdue, completing 43 of 78 passes (.551) for 698 yards and five touchdowns with only one interception — good for a 148.89 pass efficiency rating. In fact, his three-game stretch against Michigan State, Washington and Purdue is the second-best in Notre Dame history for most passing yards in three consecutive games, as noted below:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Three-Game Passing Yardage</u>
Joe Theismann	1970	947 (272 - Georgia Tech; 149 - LSU; 526 - USC)
Brady Quinn	2004	912 (215 - Michigan St.; 265 - Washington; 432 - Purdue)
Steve Beuerlein	1986	828 (248 - Navy; 269 - SMU; 311 - Penn State)
Jarious Jackson	1999	814 (302 - Michigan; 267 - Purdue; 245 - Michigan State)
John Huarte	1964	783 (209 - UCLA, 300 - Stanford; 274 - Navy)
Terry Hanratty	1968	738 (202 - Oklahoma; 294 - Purdue; 242 - Iowa)
Ron Powlus	1995	716 (200 - Vanderbilt; 273 - Texas; 243 - Ohio State)
Joe Montana	1977	705 (260 - Navy; 273 - Georgia Tech; 172 - Clemson)

For the season, Quinn ranks 31st in the nation in total offense (233.6 yards per game) and 52nd in passing efficiency (127.26), while his 1,659 passing yards through seven games put him on pace to challenge **Jarious Jackson's** school record of 2,753 yards in 1999. In fact, there have been only six 2,000-yard passing seasons in school history, listed as follows:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Passing Yardage</u>
Jarious Jackson	1999	2,753
Joe Theismann	1970	2,429
Steve Beuerlein	1986	2,211
Rick Mirer	1991	2,117
Ron Powlus	1997	2,078
Joe Montana	1978	2,010
Brady Quinn	2004	2,607 (projected)

SHELTON GETS IT DONE

Senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** produced another solid outing against Purdue with three catches for 61 yards. For the season, Shelton ranks fourth on the team with 13 catches for 344 yards (26.5 yards per catch) and four touchdowns. Shelton enjoyed a career day (of sorts) against Washington when he nabbed a career-best four catches for 74 yards and two touchdowns, including scoring catches of 27 and 24 yards. One week earlier at Michigan State, Shelton snared three passes for 123 yards and a touchdown, including gains of 53, 35 and 35 yards. A big-play specialist at Notre Dame, Shelton has averaged 39.4 yards on his five career touchdown grabs (27 and 24 vs. Washington, 35 at MSU, 46 vs. Michigan, 65 at Stanford in '03).

WALKER POSTS UNPRECEDENTED FRESHMAN PRODUCTION

After sitting out Notre Dame's opener at BYU, freshman running back **Darius Walker** has provided a consistent threat in the Irish running game by averaging 77.0 yards rushing per game the past six contests (462 yards on 128 carries). Walker made a big splash in his home debut vs. Michigan, rushing 31 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-20 Irish win. He followed up with another solid effort at Michigan State, rushing for 98 yards on 26 carries, before running for 81 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries versus Washington. His Michigan performance was good enough for *The Sporting News* and *Sporting News Radio* to name the Lawrenceville, Ga., native as its National Player of the Week, and for *Rivals.com* to tab him as the National Freshman of the Week for Sept. 11.

Walker's numbers in his debut game vs. Michigan also put him among some select company in Notre Dame history:

- First Irish freshman to rush for 100 yards in a game since **Julius Jones** had 146 yards against Navy on Oct. 30, 1999.
- First Notre Dame freshman to score two touchdowns in a game since **Matt LoVecchio** ran for two scores at USC on Nov. 25, 2000.
- First Irish rookie to score in a home opener since Sept. 29, 1979, when **Tony Hunter** caught a 14-yard touchdown pass in a 27-3 win over Michigan State. Walker also is the first freshman to score two touchdowns in a home opener since at least 1970.
- First Notre Dame freshman running back to score twice in a game since Nov. 18, 1995, when **Autry Denson** rushed for two touchdowns in a 44-14 win at Air Force. (Note: **Julius Jones** did score twice vs. Boston College on Nov. 20, 1999, but one of his touchdowns came as a punt returner).

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** has spread his pass completions around through Notre Dame's first seven games of the 2004 season. Quinn has completed passes to 17 different receivers in those seven contests, a breakdown of seven wide receivers, five running backs, four tight ends and two passes to himself (caught off of deflections vs. Washington and Purdue). Junior wide receiver **Rhema McKnight** has been Quinn's favorite target thus far, grabbing 26 passes for 388 yards and two touchdowns. Junior tight end **Anthony Fasano** is next with 16 catches for 274 yards and two scores. Senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** has 13 catches for 344 yards and four touchdowns while sophomore wide receiver **Jeff Samardzija** (12 for 185) and junior wide receiver **Maurice Stovall** (14 for 195) both have 10 catches to their credit this season. Quinn has tossed touchdown passes to four different players this season: McKnight, Shelton (four times), Fasano (twice) and senior fullback **Rashon Powers-Neal**.

BE LIKE MIKE

Senior linebacker **Mike Goolsby** has made a resounding return to the Notre Dame lineup this season after missing the entire 2003 slate with an injury. Through seven games this season, Goolsby has been credited with a team-high 63 tackles (9.0 per game) while leading the team in four of seven games thus far. In fact, the Joliet, Ill., native rolled up career-best tackle totals his first two games of the year, tallying 11 stops at BYU and 14 tackles against Michigan. Goolsby also had 12 tackles last week vs. Navy.

HOYTE MAKING BIG PLAYS

Senior linebacker **Brandon Hoyte** has been a catalyst for Notre Dame's physical play on defense thus far this season, making several big hits and tackles for losses. Hoyte enters the Boston College game



MEMORABLE GAMES IN THE NOTRE DAME- BOSTON COLLEGE SERIES

(cont.)

comeback and finished 18-of-28 for 261 yards and two TD, hit **Lake Dawson** with a four-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal with 1:09 left to put the Irish ahead for the first time in the game.

Glenn Foley, unstoppable all afternoon, led the Eagles back into position for Gordon's field goal in the final minute. Foley ended the game 30-of-48 for 315 yards and four touchdowns. Tight end **Pete Mitchell** had a spectacular game as well, making 13 catches for 132 yards and two touchdowns.

Nov. 7, 1998

#13 Notre Dame 31, at Boston College 26

Another classic in the rivalry, **Deke Cooper** stuffed **Mike Cloud** on the goal line in the final minutes to secure the victory for the Irish. Cooper's big hit, the fourth stop by the Irish inside the three-yard line, secured the win for Notre Dame, an eventual Gator Bowl participant. Inside linebacker **Bobbie Howard** made the first two stops on the goal line stand, followed by **Jimmy Friday** on third down and Cooper on fourth down.

Cloud rushed for 141 yards in the game, while Notre Dame's **Autry Denson** matched him with 128 yards and two touchdowns. **Jarious Jackson** finished 10-of-21 passing for 210 yards and two scores for Notre Dame.

Nov. 2, 2002

Boston College 14, at #4 Notre Dame 7

In an eerie outcome reminiscent of 1993, Boston College knocked off a top-five Notre Dame team a week after a big victory over Florida State. This time, **Josh Ott** was the key player, returning an interception 71 yards for the deciding touchdown in the second quarter.

Notre Dame had trouble hanging on to the ball all day and fumbled away two scoring chances in the second half inside the BC 25-yard line. A **Carlisle Holiday** to **Maurice Stovall** touchdown pass with 2:25 left was all the scoring Notre Dame could manage.



INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME BESTS

TOTAL CARRIES

Ryan Grant.....	30 at Air Force, '02
Justin Hoskins.....	4 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins.....	5 vs. Washington, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal.....	17 vs. Navy, '02
Travis Thomas.....	6 at BYU, '04
Darius Walker.....	31 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson.....	10 at Air Force, '02

RUSHING YARDS

Ryan Grant.....	190 at Air Force, '02
Justin Hoskins.....	16 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins.....	20 vs. Purdue, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal.....	108 vs. Stanford, '02
Travis Thomas.....	18 vs. Navy, '04
Darius Walker.....	115 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson.....	44 at Air Force, '02

PASS COMPLETIONS

Pat Dillingham.....	19 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn.....	29 at Purdue, '03

PASS ATTEMPTS

Pat Dillingham.....	37 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn.....	59 at Purdue, '03

PASSING YARDS

Pat Dillingham.....	166 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn.....	432 vs. Purdue, '04

RECEPTIONS

John Carlson.....	2 vs. Navy, '04
Jerome Collins.....	3 vs. Stanford, '04
Anthony Fasano.....	8 vs. Purdue, '04
Marcus Freeman.....	3 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday.....	2 vs. Washington, '04
Rhema McKnight.....	8, three times (last: at BYU, '04)
Jeff Samardzija.....	4, twice (last: at Michigan State, '04)
Matt Shelton.....	4 vs. Washington, '04
Maurice Stovall.....	9 at Purdue, '03

RECEIVING YARDS

John Carlson.....	17 vs. Navy, '04
Jerome Collins.....	45 vs. Stanford, '04
Anthony Fasano.....	155 vs. Purdue, '04
Marcus Freeman.....	28 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday.....	30 at Michigan State, '02
Rhema McKnight.....	121 at Boston College, '03
Jeff Samardzija.....	65 at Michigan State, '04
Matt Shelton.....	123 at Michigan State, '04
Maurice Stovall.....	171 at Purdue, '03

TACKLES

Victor Abiamiri.....	7 vs. Michigan State, '03
Brian Beidatsch.....	2 at Stanford, '03
Lionel Bolen.....	4 at Boston College, '03
Kyle Budinscak.....	5 at Purdue, '01
Quentin Burrell.....	11 vs. Navy, '04
Carlos Campbell.....	8 at BYU, '04
Derek Curry.....	11 at Boston College, '03
Dwight Ellick.....	9 vs. USC, '03
Mike Goolsby.....	14 vs. Michigan, '04
Brandon Hoyte.....	16 vs. Navy, '04
Preston Jackson.....	8 at Michigan, '03
Derek Landri.....	6 vs. Navy, '04
Trevor Laws.....	5 at BYU, '04
Travis Leitko.....	5 vs. BYU, '03
Corey Mays.....	5, twice (last: vs. Navy, '04)
Freddie Parish IV.....	7 vs. Washington, '04
Greg Pauly.....	9 vs. Navy, '04
Mike Richardson.....	5, twice (last: vs. Stanford, '04)
Justin Tuck.....	14 vs. Navy, '03
Tom Zbikowski.....	9 at Michigan State, '04

with 45 tackles to rank second on the team, but his knack for making big hits has been a hallmark of his play thus far in 2004. Hoyte has forced three fumbles this season, collected one sack and has four tackles for loss (17 yards). Hoyte posted a career-best 16 stops vs. Navy last week, the most by an Irish player since **Courtney Watson** had 18 tackles at Nebraska in 2001.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

With 22 career sacks, senior defensive end and All-America candidate **Justin Tuck** is on the verge of becoming Notre Dame's all-time leader in that category. The Kellyton, Ala., native set a school record with 13.5 sacks last year and has added 3.5 sacks so far this season. With one sack vs. Michigan, he passed **Mike Gann** (1982-84) for second place on the Irish career list behind **Kory Minor's** 22.5 sacks from 1995-98. Here's a look at the Irish career sack leaders since 1982 (when Notre Dame began recognizing sacks as a separate statistic — prior to that, they were labeled "tackles for loss"):

Player	Seasons	Sacks
Kory Minor	1995-98	22.5
Justin Tuck	2002-04	22
Mike Gann	1982-84	21
Bryant Young	1990-93	18
Anthony Weaver	1998-01	17
Bert Berry	1993-96	16.5

FITZPATRICK SHARP IN THE PUNTING GAME

Senior punter **D.J. Fitzpatrick** has shown considerable improvement this season. Fitzpatrick currently ranks 26th in the nation with a 42.5-yard punting average, a jump of almost six yards per kick from last year's average (36.84), and he also has 10 punts of at least 50 yards, including a career-long 59-yarder vs. Purdue. In addition, the Granger, Ind., product has dropped 17 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line and is helping Notre Dame to hold its opponents to only 6.9 yards per punt return. Earlier this season, he had career-best outings in consecutive games, averaging 46.0 yards on seven attempts against Washington (including four punts of at least 50 yards and four punts downed inside the UW 20) and an impressive 49.3 yards on three punts against Purdue.

CLOSE SHAVES

Including four close games this season, Notre Dame is 12-4 (.750) in "one-possession games" (decided by eight points or less) since **Tyrone Willingham** took over as the Irish head coach in 2002. The only times the Irish have not won a close ball game under Willingham's guidance were against Boston College in 2002 (14-7) and 2003 (27-25), Michigan State in 2003 (22-16) and BYU in 2004 (20-17). The one-possession games in 2004 have been as follows: BYU (17-20 loss), Michigan (28-20 win), Michigan State (31-24 win) and Stanford (23-15 win).

RETURN TO SENDER

The return game has been a source of strength for Notre Dame in recent years. The Irish have logged 28 returns (punts, kickoffs, fumbles, interceptions) for touchdowns during the past six seasons (1999-2004), a figure that is tied for seventh in the country during that stretch. Here's a look at the national leaders in touchdown returns since '99 (research courtesy of the University of Colorado):

Team	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami (Fla.)	3	13	11	5	9	5	1	47
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	4	0	42
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	5	3	0	36
Colorado	5	4	7	7	1	3	4	31
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	0	3	30
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	1	30
NOTRE DAME	4	6	4	9	3	2	0	28
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	3	0	4	28
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	28
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	1	1	28

NOTRE DAME REGISTERS 800TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

The Notre Dame football program reached a historic milestone with its Oct. 9 victory vs. Stanford, becoming just the second current NCAA Division I-A program to amass 800 all-time wins. The Irish currently rank second in NCAA history with 801 wins, trailing only Michigan's 839 victories, although the Wolverines have played nine more seasons than Notre Dame.

THEY SHALL RETURN

- During the past 18-plus seasons ('86-'04), Notre Dame has produced 82 TDs via kickoff, punt, interception and fumble returns — with the most recent TD runback coming earlier this season on sophomore safety **Tom Zbikowski's** 75-yard fumble return at Michigan State.
- In contrast, opponents in the past 18 seasons have combined for 25 total TD returns vs. the Irish.
- Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM	Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM
1986	0	2	0	0	1997	0	2	1	0
1987	3	0	1	0	1998	0	0	2	3
1988	2	2	3	0	1999	1	0	2	1
1989	2	2	3	0	2000	2	1	1	2
1990	0	2	0	0	2001	0	1	2	1
1991	1	1	2	0	2002	2	1	4	2
1992	0	1	0	0	2003	1	0	0	2
1993	2	1	2	1	2004	0	0	1	1
1994	0	0	1	1	ND (82)	21	17	27	17
1995	1	0	2	1	Opp. (25)	7	4	9	5
1996	4	1	0	2					

IRISH HEAD COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM

A veteran with 27 years of coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels, **Tyrone Willingham** is in the midst of his third season as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame in 2004. Willingham has a record of 20-12 (.625) in two-plus seasons with the Irish, leading Notre Dame to a 10-3 record and a trip to the Gator Bowl in 2002 before a 5-7 campaign in 2003 and a 4-2 start in 2004.

In 2002, Willingham became the first Irish head coach ever to win 10 games in his first season, was named the ESPN/Home Depot College Coach of the Year, the Scripps College Coach of the Year, the Black Coaches Association Male Coach of the Year and received the George Munger Award College Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia. In addition, he made history in 2002 as the first college football coach ever to earn *The Sporting News* Sportsman of the Year award. In nine-plus years as a college head coach, Willingham has compiled a solid 64-48-1 (.571) record and has guided his teams to bowl games on five occasions.

Willingham was introduced as the new Irish mentor on Jan. 1, 2002, following seven seasons as the head coach at Stanford. He compiled a 44-36-1 (.549) record during his tenure at Stanford, guiding the Cardinal to four bowl games, including the Rose Bowl following the 1999 season. Willingham was a two-time Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year (1995 and 1999), the only Stanford coach to earn that award more than once, and he was a finalist for national coach-of-the-year honors in '95 and '99. All told, Willingham spent 10 years at Stanford, initially serving as running backs coach from 1989-91.

Between his stints with the Cardinal, Willingham coached in the professional ranks for three seasons (1992-94) with the Minnesota Vikings, helping his team win a pair of NFC Central Division championships and reach the playoffs all three years. Willingham began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Michigan State, in 1977, before moving to Central Michigan as the defensive secondary coach for two years (1978-79). He returned to MSU from 1980-82, working with the secondary and special teams units, and also served on the coaching staffs at North Carolina State (1983-85) and Rice (1986-88).

CURRY NAMED TO AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

Senior linebacker **Derek Curry** has been named to the 2004 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team, the AFCA announced Sept. 15. Curry was one of only 11 football student-



TEAM SINGLE-GAME BESTS

NOTRE DAME BESTS (2004)

Rushing Yards	.....204 vs. Navy
Passing Yards	.....266 vs. Washington
Total Yards	.....412 vs. Washington
First Downs	.....22 vs. Washington
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	.....22 at BYU
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	.....44 vs. Navy
Low Total Yds. Allowed	.....260 vs. Navy
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	.....13 at BYU
Sacks By	.....6 vs. Navy
Turnovers Forced	.....6 at Michigan State
Points (Game)	.....38 vs. Washington
Points (Half)	.....28 (2nd) vs. Michigan
Points (Quarter)	.....21, twice (last: 1st vs. Washington)
Victory Margin	.....35 (38-3) vs. Washington

NOTRE DAME BESTS (Willingham era)

Rushing Yards	.....352 at Pittsburgh, '03
Passing Yards	.....350 at Boston College, '03
Total Yards	.....512 vs. Stanford, '03
First Downs	.....24 vs. Navy, '03
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	.....8 at Pittsburgh, '03
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	.....44 vs. Navy, '04
Low Total Yds. Allowed	.....133 vs. Maryland, '02
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	.....8 vs. Maryland, '02
Sacks By	.....8, twice (last: at Pittsburgh, '03)
Turnovers Forced	.....6 at Michigan State, '04
Points (Game)	.....57 vs. Stanford, '03
Points (Half)	.....34 (1st) vs. Stanford, '03
Points (Quarter)	.....28 (3rd) vs. Rutgers, '02
Victory Margin	.....50 (57-7) vs. Stanford, '03

NOTRE DAME BESTS (1990-present)

Rushing Yards	.....458 vs. Purdue, '92
Passing Yards	.....350 at Boston College, '03
Total Yards	.....650, twice (MR: vs. Washington, '96)
First Downs	.....34 vs. Michigan State, '91
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	.....(-6) vs. Rutgers, '96
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	.....12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. Allowed	.....43 vs. Rutgers, '96
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	.....5 in two games
Sacks By	.....9 vs. Rutgers, '96
Turnovers Forced	.....6, twice (MR: at Michigan St., '04)
Points (Game)	.....62 vs. Rutgers, '96
Points (Half)	.....42 (2nd) vs. Navy, '90
Points (Qtr)	.....40 (2nd) vs. Pittsburgh, '96
Victory Margin	.....62 (62-0) vs. Rutgers, '96



**PAST PERFORMANCES BY
CURRENT IRISH PLAYERS vs.
BOSTON COLLEGE**

SS Lionel Bolen - 2003: made four tackles, including one for loss.

DE Kyle Budinscak - 2002: had one sack.

FS Quentin Burrell - 2003: made six tackles.

CB Carlos Campbell - 2002: caught one pass for 12 yards as wide receiver. **2003:** returned blocked punt 25 yards for go-ahead TD with 3:34 remaining.

LB Derek Curry - 2002: made two tackles, one sack. **2003:** had 11 tackles (all solo) and forced a fumble.

QB Pat Dillingham - 2002: completed four of eight passes for 37 yards with two interceptions.

TE Anthony Fasano - 2003: caught four passes for 48 yards.

K/P D. J. Fitzpatrick - 2003: kicked two field goals (27 and 38 yards); also punted five times for a 33-yard average.

RB Ryan Grant - 2001: carried once for four yards; **2002:** rushed 27 times for team-high 107 yards. **2003:** ran 10 times for 28 yards; also caught one pass for six yards.

WR/QB Carlyle Holiday - 2001: completed eight of 17 passes for 74 yards with two TD and one INT; rushed for team-high 109 yards on 22 carries; **2002:** completed 16 of 32 passes for 198 yards with one TD; rushed nine times for four yards. **2003:** had a 10-yard catch.

LB Brandon Hoyte - 2002: made three tackles. **2003:** had six tackles, including one for loss.

WR Rhema McKnight - 2002: caught two passes for 37 yards. **2003:** had four receptions for 121 yards.

DT Greg Pauly - 2003: had five stops, including two for losses.

QB Brady Quinn - 2003: completed 23 of 39 passes for a (then) career-high 350 yards and two TD with two INT.

FB Nate Schiccatano - 2003: blocked punt that was returned for go-ahead TD in fourth quarter.

WR Maurice Stovall - 2002: caught three passes for 33 yards and one TD (20 yards in fourth quarter). **2003:** had three catches for 80 yards and one TD.

athletes chosen for the NCAA Division I-A Team. Another 11 student-athletes were named to the team representing schools from NCAA Divisions I-AA, II, III and NAIA.

Nominations for the Good Works Team are submitted to the AFCA by college sports information departments. Nominees must be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or involved in other community service activities and must display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved. Athletic ability is not a criterion.

Curry is currently in his third season as a starting linebacker for the Irish. A three-time monogram winner at Notre Dame, Curry has distinguished himself as one of the team's undisputed leaders. In addition to his prowess on the football field, Curry has been a three-year volunteer for the Student-Athlete Advisory Council Pediatric Oncology Christmas Party; has volunteered at the Boy's and Girl's Club of downtown South Bend and the Robinson Community Learning Center; is in his third year of "Iron Sharpens Iron", an interdenominational Christian group at Notre Dame that brings students together in worship, prayer and bible studies; has volunteered for two years at "There Are Children Here"; and is a huddle leader for the Notre Dame chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Curry is the third Notre Dame football player named to the squad over the past six seasons. Grant Irons received the award as a junior in 1999 and went on to be a rare five-year monogram winner and two-time captain with the Irish while playing at linebacker and defensive end. He served as president of Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Advisory Council and was involved in numerous community service programs at Notre Dame and in the surrounding South Bend community.

All-America linebacker **Courtney Watson** received the honor in 2003. Watson was responsible for creating and developing the football team's community service initiative entitled "Tackle The Arts", an interactive approach that helps inspire children to explore different areas of the arts including reading, creative writing and poetry, drawing and music. Watson also installed a food drive dimension to the event and combined with current Irish players **Brandon Hoyte** and **Dan Stevenson** as hosts of a picnic for at-risk children in the South Bend area. He regularly made surprise visits to the pediatric floor at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, addressed the Jackson Middle School football team at its banquet and participated in the St. Joseph County City Bureau Youth Fest. On a campus level, Watson was nominated and then elected a member of the Notre Dame Student Senate in 2002-03 and served as a member of the Residence Life and Academic Council committees.

TICKET UPDATE

The Notre Dame ticket office received 52,179 ticket requests for the Oct. 2 game vs. Purdue, making it the fifth-highest requested Irish home game in history. The Notre Dame Stadium record of 59,368 ticket requests was set in '01 when the Irish took on West Virginia. Demand for that game was based on parents of current Notre Dame students being guaranteed four tickets for that contest — plus contributing alumni having the opportunity to apply for four tickets instead of the usual two, based on its designation as an alumni family game. Heading into this week's game vs. Boston College, the Irish have posted 177 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 225 in their last 226 home games.

Here are the top 10 games in terms of alumni ticket demand at Notre Dame Stadium:

1. West Virginia	2001	59,368
2. USC	1997	57,048
3. Boston College	2002	55,482
4. USC	2003	54,244
5. Purdue	2004	52,179
6. Florida State	2003	51,051
7. Michigan	2002	50,883
8. Michigan State	2001	48,404
9. Nebraska	2000	47,865
10. Michigan State	1997	47,681

IRISH HAVE TOUGHEST REMAINING SLATE FOR 2004 SEASON

The four games remaining on Notre Dame's 2004 football schedule comprise the most difficult slate in the country, according to NCAA figures released Sunday. Notre Dame's four opponents yet to be played have compiled a 17-5 record (.772) against other Division I-A opponents. The Irish hold a lead in that category over Baylor (second at 21-8, 724) and Georgia Tech (third at 19-8, 703).

Here's the top 10 listing for teams based on remaining games (team records in parentheses):

	Team	Opp. Record	Pct.	This Week
1.	Notre Dame (5-2)	17-5	.772	Boston College (4-2)
2.	Baylor (2-4)	21-8	.724	Iowa State (2-4)
3.	Georgia Tech (4-2)	19-8	.703	Idle
4.	UCLA (4-2)	21-9	.700	at Arizona State (5-1)
	Texas (5-1)	21-9	.700	at Texas Tech (4-2)
6.	Alabama (5-2)	16-7	.695	at Tennessee (5-1)
7.	Oklahoma State (5-1)	20-9	.689	at Missouri (4-2)
	Texas A&M (5-1)	20-9	.689	Colorado (4-2)
	Kansas (3-3)	20-9	.689	at Oklahoma (6-0)
10.	Rutgers (4-2)	17-8	.680	at Pittsburgh (4-2)

IRISH ALSO HAVE NATION'S TOUGHEST CUMULATIVE SCHEDULE

Notre Dame's 11 opponents for 2004 have combined to form the nation's toughest schedule overall based on a combined 42-17 mark (.711) by Irish opponents in games played to date, according to NCAA figures released this week. North Carolina stands second on that list with a 33-15 mark (.687).

Here's the top 10 listing for teams based on their cumulative schedules (team records in parentheses):

	Team	Opp. Record	Pct.	This Week
1.	Notre Dame (5-2)	42-17	.711	Boston College (4-2)
2.	North Carolina (3-4)	33-15	.687	Idle
3.	Baylor (2-4)	36-17	.679	Iowa State (2-4)
4.	Texas (5-1)	39-20	.661	at Texas Tech (4-2)
5.	Texas A&M (5-1)	37-19	.660	Colorado (4-2)
6.	Arizona (1-5)	36-19	.654	California (4-1)
7.	Georgia (5-1)	34-21	.618	at Arkansas (3-3)
8.	Arizona State (5-1)	35-22	.614	UCLA (4-2)
9.	Ohio State (3-3)	38-24	.612	Indiana (2-4)
10.	Temple (1-6)	30-19	.612	at Connecticut (4-2)

2004 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

The following is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995) and has appeared in the top 30 a total of 22 times in the last 27 years. The 2004 Irish ledger currently is the toughest in the nation, based on cumulative opposition.

Opponent (Ranking*)	'04 Record	'03 Record	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
BYU	3-4	4-8	at Air Force	Idle
Michigan (12/11)	6-1	10-3	at Purdue	Michigan State
Michigan State	4-3	8-5	Idle	at Michigan
Washington	1-5	6-6	at USC	at Oregon
Purdue (11/12)	5-1	9-4	Michigan	at Northwestern
Stanford	4-2	4-7	Oregon	at UCLA
Navy	5-1	8-5	Rice	Delaware
Boston College	4-2	8-5	at Notre Dame	Idle
Tennessee (10/13)	5-1	10-3	Alabama	at South Carolina
Pittsburgh	4-2	8-5	Rutgers	Idle
USC (1/1)	6-0	12-1	Washington	at Washington State

* - current Associated Press poll ranking listed first, followed by ESPN/USA Today poll ranking

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in 2003: 89-49 (.645); **Record in 2004:** 47-22 (.681)

BIG CROWDS

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 167 of its previous 192 games, including 31 of its last 33 games dating back to the end of the 2001 season (the '03 game at Stanford and last week's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands were not sellouts). At Michigan in 2003, the Irish and Wolverines helped bring in the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL SHOWS ON RADIO/TV

INSIDE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

"Inside Notre Dame Football," featuring head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, is a half-hour, weekly television show syndicated nationally by Notre Dame Sports Properties and hosted by **Jeff Jeffers**. The show is carried by WNDU-TV in South Bend on Saturdays (one hour before kickoff), and also is offered to cable systems nationwide, including the new Comcast SportsNet Chicago (first showing on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. CT; replays shown three times the rest of the week). In addition, the show will be archived on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL COACHES RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Coaches Radio Show," presented by Boling Laser Center, is a half-hour, weekly radio program which is broadcast Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (EST) on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend. The show, which is hosted by U93 sports director **Sean Stires** and former Irish wide receiver **Bobby Brown**, originates from Logan's Roadhouse in Mishawaka (4225 N. Main Street) and will feature a live or taped segment with Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, a live appearance by a Notre Dame player, plus other features involving the Irish staff and program.

This program is a cooperative venture of Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners. The show is slated to air for 10 weeks during the football season (remaining dates are: Oct. 18 and 25; and Nov. 8), and it will be broadcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL POSTGAME RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Postgame Radio Show" airs on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend and the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com) immediately following the conclusion of Westwood One's broadcasts of Notre Dame football games. The 90-minute show is co-hosted by **Jack Nolan**, and former Irish football players **Mirko Jurkovic** and **Reggie Brooks**. After home games, the show originates outside Gate 3 of the Joyce Center (directly across Juniper Road from Notre Dame Stadium). The home broadcasts feature live feeds from the postgame interview room, as well as an on-site visit from an Irish assistant coach.

This program is a cooperative venture of Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners.



GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top 10 Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduate rate categories — overall, football, men, women and African-American — according to statistics released in September 2003 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated 2003 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 13th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1993 and 1996 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 83 percent.

In August 2003, 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 1996.

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. (tie) Duke 89%
- (tie) Northwestern 89
- 3. (tie) **Notre Dame** 87
- (tie) Stanford 87

FOOTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Vanderbilt 84%
- 2. (tie) Duke 83
- (tie) Northwestern 83
- (tie) Syracuse 83
- 7. **Notre Dame** 81

MALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Duke 88%
- 2. **Notre Dame** 85
- 3. Stanford 83
- 4. Northwestern 82

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Northwestern 98%
- 2. (tie) **Notre Dame** 92
- (tie) Duke 92
- (tie) Stanford 92

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Rice 87%
- 2. (tie) Stanford 85
- (tie) Vanderbilt 85
- 4. Northwestern 83
- 5. Duke 82
- 6. **Notre Dame** 78

that 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 a part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002).

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

With the Boston College game slated to be televised nationally by NBC, the Irish will extend their streak of appearances on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) to 144 straight games, a stretch that spans nearly 11 full seasons (1993-2004). The last time the Irish didn't appear on one of those four networks was almost 12 years ago (Oct. 31, 1992), when Notre Dame downed Navy, 38-7, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That game was shown locally in South Bend on WNDU-TV. Here's a breakdown of the networks on which the Irish have played during this impressive streak:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>ABC</u>	<u>CBS</u>	<u>ESPN</u>
1992	4	3	1	—	—
1993	12	7	4	—	1
1994	12	7	5	—	—
1995	12	6	4	1	1
1996	11	6	2	2	1
1997	13	6	3	2	2
1998	12	7	3	2	—
1999	12	7	3	1	1
2000	12	6	3	3	—
2001	11	6	4	—	1
2002	13	7	4	1	1
2003	12	6	5	—	1
2004	8	5	—	1	2
Totals	144	79	41	13	11

WHEN THE EYES OF THE NATION ARE UPON THEM

Notre Dame is 171-86-3 (.663) all-time when it is playing in front of a national television audience. The 2003 game at Michigan was another milestone for the Irish program — it was the 300th time a Notre Dame football game appeared on national or regional television.

During their 115-year history, the Irish have posted a combined 199-113-4 (.636) record in these national or regional TV games, beginning with a 27-21 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma on Nov. 8, 1952 in a game that was shown nationwide on ABC. Here's a breakdown of Notre Dame's success over the years when appearing on each of the various networks on both a national and regional basis (the current Irish win/loss streak on the four major networks is listed in parentheses):

NATIONAL TELEVISION

NBC (won 1)	66-25-1 (.723)
ABC (lost 3)	44-35-2 (.556)
CBS (won 7).....	23-11-0 (.676)
ESPN/ESPN2 (won 1).....	20-11-0 (.645)
WGN	10-2-0 (.833)
SportsChannel	4-1-0 (.800)
Raycom	2-0-0 (1.000)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Katz	1-0-0 (1.000)
Totals.....	171-85-3 (.667)

REGIONAL TELEVISION

ABC (lost 2)	24-25-1 (.490)
CBS (won 1)	4-2-0 (.667)
Big Ten Syndication	1-0-0 (1.000)
TBS	0-1-0 (.000)
Totals.....	29-28-1 (.509)

NOTRE DAME FEATURED PROMINENTLY ON TELEVISION THIS YEAR

In addition to continuing its streak of consecutive games played on one of the four major television networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN), Notre Dame will be spotlighted on the small screen in several other ways during the 2004 season. Here's a thumbnail look at each of the individual TV projects which are featuring the Irish this year:

- ESPN's "College GameDay" is in its 11th season of live remotes from college football's top games.
- College Sports Television (CSTV), the 24-hour cable channel devoted exclusively to college sports, once again highlights Irish athletics during a two-hour block on Sunday nights called "Notre Dame Primetime." The show, which is co-hosted by former Irish split end **Derrick Mayes**, focuses on all 26 Notre Dame sports and the continuing growth of Irish athletics.
- Besides these features, Notre Dame is now in the 14th season of its unique relationship with NBC. All Irish home football games since 1991 have been televised on the network, with the current agreement slated to continue through 2010. **Tom Hammond** (play-by-play) and **Pat Haden** (analysis) are in their fourth full season broadcasting the action for NBC in '04.

NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN GARNERS NBC'S HIGHEST SEASON-OPENING RATING SINCE 1998

NBC's coverage of Notre Dame's 28-20 win over No.8 Michigan on Sept. 11 delivered a 4.0 national rating/10 share, making it the highest-rated season opener since a 5.1/14 on Sept. 5, 1998 for a 36-20 Irish win over fifth-ranked Michigan, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The 4.0/10 represents a 29 percent hike over last year's opener — a 29-26 overtime win over Washington State that produced a 3.1/8. It's the best rating for any Notre Dame telecast on NBC since a 4.4/11 vs. Boston College on Nov. 2, 2002.

NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS DEBUT ON SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO

In addition to its unparalleled television coverage, Notre Dame also has increased its radio footprint, announcing an agreement on Aug. 31 with SIRIUS Satellite Radio to become the official satellite radio partner for Notre Dame athletics. SIRIUS will broadcast every Irish football game this season, and also will air selected men's and women's basketball games, as well as other sporting events. In addition, SIRIUS will aid in the development of marketing initiatives with the University's athletic department as a member of "Team Notre Dame."

Notre Dame's agreement with SIRIUS is one of the cornerstones in the formation of SIRIUS College Sports Radio, a partnership between SIRIUS and College Sports Television (CSTV) that includes 23 major universities around the country. SIRIUS radios for the car and home start at \$149 and are available at major retailers nationwide. For more information, visit www.sirius.com.

NOTRE DAME IS AMERICA'S FAVORITE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

According to an ESPN Sports Poll of nearly 7,000 college sports fans ages 12 and older taken from January to December 2003, Notre Dame is the nation's favorite college football team, garnering 6.1 percent of the popular vote. Furthermore, the Irish were the only team to finish in the top 10 in all four regions of the country where the ESPN Sports Poll was conducted. Ohio State was the only other school to earn at least four percent of the vote, finishing at 5.3 percent.

KEVIN WHITE NAMED PRESIDENT OF DIVISION I-A ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** is the new president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association for 2004-05. His appointment became effective Sept. 27 at the Association's annual meeting in Dallas.

White, who is now in his fifth year at Notre Dame, served as first vice president in 2003-04 under **Gene DeFilippo**, director of athletics at Boston College. In addition to his new leadership role with the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association, White also is the third vice president of NACDA, the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, for 2004-05.

MAKING THE GRADE

The first two seasons of the **Tyrone Willingham** era have produced some impressive semesters in the classroom for the Notre Dame football team. In fact, the Irish are coming off 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



IN OTHER IRISH SPORTS ACTION THIS WEEK ...

MEN'S SOCCER

The No. 7 Notre Dame men's soccer team (10-2-2) continues its Fall Break trip with a pair of critical BIG EAST Conference matches. The Irish will visit Seton Hall Wednesday at 3 p.m. (EDT) before heading to Rutgers Saturday for a 7 p.m. (EDT) match.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team (15-0-0) winds up BIG EAST Conference play at home inside Alumni Field with matches against Rutgers (Friday at 7:30 p.m. EST) and Seton Hall (Sunday at 1 p.m. EST). The Irish already have clinched the BIG EAST regular-season title and need two victories to post the best start in school history.

VOLLEYBALL

The Notre Dame volleyball team (9-5) embarks on a two-match Western road swing, visiting No. 18 Utah on Tuesday and BYU on Wednesday. Both matches will start at 7 p.m. (MDT).

HOCKEY

The Notre Dame hockey team (0-3-1) plays just once this week, but it's an important contest as the Irish entertain No. 1 Boston College Friday at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Faceoff is set for 7:35 p.m. (EST) and the game will be televised regionally by Comcast Sports-Detroit.

MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS

Both Notre Dame tennis teams will send competitors to the ITA Midwest Championships, which begin Thursday and continue through Oct. 26. The men's event will be held in Ann Arbor, Mich., while the women's tourney is slated for Minneapolis.

MEN'S GOLF

After a nearly three-week hiatus, the Notre Dame men's golf team returns to the links Friday through Sunday, heading to Palo Alto, Calif., for The Nelson Invitational, hosted by Stanford.



**NOTRE DAME ALUMS
IN RARE NFL COMPANY**

Notre Dame is the only school to boast three former players who have totaled 10,000-plus rushing or receiving yards in NFL history. Entering games of Oct. 17, **Jerome Bettis** ranks sixth on the NFL's all-time rushing yards list and second among active rushers with 12,409 yards, while **Ricky Watters** retired with 10,643 yards (currently in 15th place). At the same time, **Tim Brown** ranks second on the NFL's all-time receiving yards list (14,856), trailing Oakland Raiders' wideout, **Jerry Rice**.

Only one other Division I-A school — Syracuse (**Jim Brown** and **Art Monk**) — has produced both an NFL 10,000-yard rusher and receiver. Three others — Oklahoma State (**Barry Sanders** and **Thurman Thomas**), Pittsburgh (**Tony Dorsett** and **Curtis Martin**) and USC (**Marcus Allen** and **O.J. Simpson**) — have produced two 10,000-yard NFL rushers.

**THE NOTRE DAME
FOOTBALL REVIEW**

Notre Dame Sports Properties offers a condensed two-hour delayed replay of the NBC broadcast of each Notre Dame home football game. These replays are available in many major markets via over-the-air syndication, including WAAT-TV, Channel 69 in South Bend (Sundays at 10 a.m. EST; Fridays at 7 p.m. EST).

Notre Dame road games also are now available in a three-hour replay format on Comcast Sports Net/Comcast local outlets in South Bend and Chicago (Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. EST/CDT), as well as Detroit and Flint, Mich. (Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. EDT).

top six semester GPAs since '92 all have been posted during the past seven semesters (prior to the fall of '04), including the first three semesters of Willingham's tenure (2.84 in the fall of '02, 2.79 in the spring of '03 and 2.82 in the fall of '03). The football program's second-best semester GPA of the past 12 years came in the spring of 2002 (2.90), followed by a 2.80 in the spring of 2001 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 — current fifth-year DE **Kyle Budinscak** and senior LB **Brandon Hoyte** — received Academic All-District V honors in 2003, marking Budinscak's third selection and Hoyte's second to the prestigious squad.

NOTRE DAME EXCELS IN THE CLASSROOM AS WELL AS ON THE FIELD

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 1996 earned their degrees within five years). The 2001 award followed Notre Dame's previous honors in 1982, '83, '84, '88 and '91. Notre Dame also holds the distinction of producing the first 100-percent rate in a single years after 24 of 24 student-athletes earned their degrees within a five-year period out of the entering class of 1982 (and 16 of those 24 did so within four years). Only eight other times has a school registered a 100-percent graduation rate.

The 1988 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 24 years the award has been presented — with Duke next at 21.

TAKING ACADEMIC SUCCESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

The high graduation rate of the Notre Dame football program extends to the elite group of former players who have moved on to play in the National Football League. Notre Dame has seen 88 of its former players appear on NFL opening-day rosters during the past eight seasons (1996-2003) and 93.1 percent of those players (82) have earned their degrees from the University. In fact, Notre Dame's own institutional research shows that 99 percent of scholarship football players who have entered the University since 1962 have received their degrees (896 of 905, based only on individuals who remained at the school at least four years). Those figures do not include players who transferred or withdrew before completing four or more years at Notre Dame.

The 93.1 percent graduation rate for NFL participants ranks even higher than Notre Dame's most recent NCAA graduation rates for all student-athletes (87 percent), male student-athletes (85), female student-athletes (92), football student-athletes (81) and African-American student-athletes (78). Those numbers, released last fall, comprised all student-athletes entering Notre Dame from 1993-96.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 2004 FOOTBALL KICKOFF LUNCHEONS

Tickets are now on sale for the 2004 Notre Dame Kickoff Luncheons held the Friday prior to each Irish home football game. The luncheons feature Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham, Irish players and assistant coaches, plus special guests and other attractions.

Tickets are \$18 each, with a handling fee of \$3 (payment may be made with one check for more than one luncheon). There are 10 seats per table — and if you wish to sit as a group at the same table with other guests, please return all reservations in one envelope. Checks should be made payable to "University of Notre Dame" and mailed to: Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Telephone and credit card reservations are not accepted. A printed reservation form also is available on Notre Dame's athletics web site at www.und.com.

The luncheons are held in the Joyce Center fieldhouse (north dome) on the Notre Dame campus, with a noon (EST) start. Be aware that advance reservations are required for tickets, and tickets are not routinely available at the door. This year's remaining luncheon dates are: Oct. 22 (Boston College) and Nov. 12 (Pittsburgh).

PEP RALLIES

All 2004 pep rallies will be held in the Joyce Center Arena (south dome) on Fridays before Saturday home games, beginning at 6 p.m. (EST). The Irish squad enters the arena at 6:30 p.m.

“NOTRE DAME EXPERIENCE” RETURNS FOR 2004 SEASON

For years, the Joyce Center Fieldhouse has been the “pregame meeting place” for several thousand Notre Dame alumni. In an effort to add to this tradition, the Notre Dame Athletics Department is providing an interactive fan experience for each of the 2004 home football games. For the third consecutive season, the “Notre Dame Experience” will combine the Notre Dame Alumni Association Hospitality Center with interactive inflatables, photo booths, autograph sessions, football trivia and stage activities. Gates open three hours prior to kickoff and admission is free for all “Notre Dame Experience” events.

THE 2004 NCAA STATISTICS REPORT

The NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame and Boston College in 2004 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	Boston College
Rushing Offense	127.7	48th at 162.3
Passing Offense	34th at 241.0	37th at 236.3
Total Offense	368.7	42nd at 398.7
Scoring Offense	25.7	21.2
Rushing Defense	21st at 105.3	14th at 99.5
Pass Defense	232.3	24th at 176.0
Pass Efficiency Defense	50th at 127.38	46th at 129.41
Total Defense	47th at 337.6	12th at 275.5
Scoring Defense	34th at 18.9	4th at 11.5
Net Punting	32nd at 38.1	33.3
Punt Returns	8.9	45th at 10.1
Kickoff Returns	18.8	2nd at 33.4
Turnover Margin	22nd at +0.9 (+6 overall)	(-0.17) (-1 overall)

Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	Boston College
Passing Efficiency		Paul Peterson 43rd at 129.68
Total Offense	Brady Quinn 31st at 233.6	Paul Peterson 24th at 250.0
Punting	D.J. Fitzpatrick 26th at 42.6	
Punt Returns		Will Blackmon 37th at 10.6
Kickoff Returns		Will Blackmon 1st at 35.3

NEXT WEEK: BYE

For the first time this season, Notre Dame will get a well-deserved breather as it enjoys the first of two bye weeks on the 2004 schedule. During the past two decades (1984-present), the Irish have taken full advantage of their week off, posting a 23-2 (.920) record in their first game after a regularly-scheduled bye week, including a current 14-game winning streak.

Notre Dame will return to the gridiron Nov. 6 when it ventures to Knoxville, Tenn., for a matchup with No. 10 Tennessee at Neyland Stadium. The Volunteers (5-1) will play host to Alabama this weekend and travel to South Carolina on Oct. 30 before playing the Irish.



38 FORMER IRISH ON '04 NFL OPENING-DAY ROSTERS

Notre Dame had 38 of its former football players, including three rookies, listed on the opening-day rosters for National Football League teams in 2004. Miami (43) and Florida State (39) were the only schools with more NFL opening-day representatives, and Tennessee tied Notre Dame with 38.

The Irish have produced either the first-, second- or third-highest total in that category for 10 consecutive years (1995-2004). Notre Dame led all Division I schools for five years in a row from 1995-99. Here are the former Notre Dame players now active in the pros (*R* - indicates rookie):

- Arizona:** DE Bertrand Berry
- Atlanta:** DB/KR Allen Rossum
- Baltimore:** SS Gerome Sapp (now with Indianapolis), DE Anthony Weaver
- Chicago:** OT Mike Gandy
- Cleveland:** C Jeff Faine
- Dallas:** RB Julius Jones (R), OT Kurt Vollers
- Detroit:** QB Rick Mirer, TE John Owens
- Green Bay:** RB Tony Fisher
- Houston:** SS Glenn Earl (R)
- Indianapolis:** FB Tom Lopienski, P Hunter Smith
- Jacksonville:** S Deke Cooper, FB Marc Edwards
- Kansas City:** OL Jordan Black
- Minnesota:** OG Mike Rosenthal
- New England:** WR David Givens
- New Orleans:** K John Carney, DB Deveron Harper, LB Courtney Watson (R)
- New York Giants:** DT Lance Legree, OT Luke Petitgout
- Oakland:** DT Grant Irons
- Philadelphia:** DT Paul Grasmanis
- Pittsburgh:** RB Jerome Bettis, OG Jim Jones
- San Francisco:** WR Amaz Battle, DT Bryant Young
- St. Louis:** FB Joey Goodspeed
- Seattle:** CB Bobby Taylor
- Tampa Bay:** WR Tim Brown, OG Sean Mahan
- Tennessee:** LB Rocky Boiman, P Craig Hentrich
- Washington:** OT Jim Molinaro, DL Renaldo Wynn

Other former Fighting Irish players affiliated with NFL teams include DT **Darrell Campbell** (rookie - Chicago Bears reserve/non-football injury list), OT **Brennan Curtin** (Green Bay Packers injured reserve) and S **Shawn Wooden** (Miami Dolphins injured reserve).

2004 Notre Dame Football
 Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct 16, 2004)
 All games

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
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SCORING.....	180	132
Points Per Game.....	25.7	18.9
FIRST DOWNS.....	136	121
Rushing.....	55	46
Passing.....	71	66
Penalty.....	10	9
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	894	737
Yards gained rushing.....	1038	947
Yards lost rushing.....	144	210
Rushing Attempts.....	286	248
Average Per Rush.....	3.1	3.0
Average Per Game.....	127.7	105.3
TDs Rushing.....	12	4
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1687	1626
Att-Comp-Int.....	217-115-5	227-121-6
Average Per Pass.....	7.8	7.2
Average Per Catch.....	14.7	13.4
Average Per Game.....	241.0	232.3
TDs Passing.....	9	6
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	2581	2363
Total Plays.....	503	475
Average Per Play.....	5.1	5.0
Average Per Game.....	368.7	337.6
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	18-339	30-663
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	21-187	19-132
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	6-147	5-9
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	18.8	22.1
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	8.9	6.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	24.5	1.8
FUMBLES-LOST.....	13-6	21-11
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	43-331	43-338
Average Per Game.....	47.3	48.3
PUNTS-YARDS.....	45-1846	41-1714
Average Per Punt.....	41.0	41.8
Net punt average.....	38.1	37.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	31:20	28:40
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	41/109	36/105
3rd-Down Pct.....	38%	34%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	5/12	0/6
4th-Down Pct.....	42%	0%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	16-105	15-85
MISC YARDS.....	79	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	23	13
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	7-9	14-16
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	21-21	10-10
ATTENDANCE.....	646360	280426
Games/Avg Per Game.....	8/80795	4/70106
Neutral Site Games.....		2/76166

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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Notre Dame.....	52	26	48	54	- 180
Opponents.....	39	19	50	24	- 132

2004 Notre Dame Football
Notre Dame Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 16, 2004)
All games

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Walker, D.	6	128	487	25	462	3.6	3	19	77.0
Grant, R.	4	54	262	6	256	4.7	5	19	64.0
Wilson, M.	7	25	103	7	96	3.8	1	33	13.7
Jenkins, J.	4	9	45	2	43	4.8	0	14	10.8
Thomas, T.	6	23	43	18	25	1.1	0	12	4.2
Powers-Neal, R.	7	11	22	0	22	2.0	1	7	3.1
Hoskins, J.	4	4	16	0	16	4.0	0	6	4.0
Shelton, M.	7	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Quinn, B.	7	30	60	84	-24	-0.8	2	11	-3.4
Total.....	0	286	1038	144	894	3.1	12	33	0.0
Opponents.....	0	248	947	210	737	3.0	4	18	0.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	7	127.26	213-112-5	52.6	1659	9	54	237.0
Dillingham, P.	4	178.40	3-3-0	100.0	28	0	13	7.0
Wilson, M.	7	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	0	127.38	217-115-5	53.0	1687	9	54	0.0
Opponents.....	0	116.91	227-121-6	53.3	1626	6	97	0.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
McKnight, R.	7	26	388	14.9	2	54	55.4
Fasano, A.	6	16	274	17.1	2	42	45.7
Stovall, M.	5	14	195	13.9	0	49	39.0
Shelton, M.	7	13	344	26.5	4	53	49.1
Samardzija, J.	7	12	185	15.4	0	41	26.4
Powers-Neal, R.	7	7	48	6.9	1	10	6.9
Freeman, M.	6	5	50	10.0	0	16	8.3
Collins, J.	6	4	58	14.5	0	21	9.7
Walker, D.	6	4	24	6.0	0	14	4.0
Thomas, T.	6	2	28	14.0	0	15	4.7
Holiday, C.	7	2	21	10.5	0	14	3.0
Carlson, J.	7	2	17	8.5	0	12	2.4
Jenkins, J.	4	2	10	5.0	0	7	2.5
Quinn, B.	7	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Anastasio, C.	7	1	15	15.0	0	15	2.1
Schmidt, J.	6	1	14	14.0	0	14	2.3
Grant, R.	4	1	9	9.0	0	9	2.2
Vaughn, C.	5	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.4
Total.....	0	115	1687	14.7	9	54	0.0
Opponents.....	0	121	1626	13.4	6	97	0.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Holiday, C.	17	143	8.4	0	21
McKnight, R.	3	16	5.3	0	8
Collins, J.	1	28	28.0	0	0
Total.....	21	187	8.9	0	21
Opponents.....	19	132	6.9	1	25

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ellick, D.	2	20	10.0	0	18
Curry, D.	1	35	35.0	0	35
Jackson, P.	1	38	38.0	1	38
Richardson, M.	1	32	32.0	0	32
Zbikowski, T.	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total.....	6	147	24.5	1	38
Opponents.....	5	9	1.8	0	5

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anastasio, C.	11	229	20.8	0	40
Hoskins, J.	4	65	16.2	0	22
Stovall, M.	2	29	14.5	0	16
Holiday, C.	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total.....	18	339	18.8	0	40
Opponents.....	30	663	22.1	2	100

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Zbikowski, T.	1	75	75.0	1	75
Curry, D.	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total.....	2	79	39.5	1	75
Opponents.....	1	0	0.0	0	0

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SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Fitzpatrick, D.	0	7-9	21-21	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Grant, R.	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Shelton, M.	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Walker, D.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Powers-Neal, R.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McKnight, R.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Quinn, B.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	12
Fasano, A.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Zbikowski, T.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jackson, P.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Wilson, M.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ellick, D.	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	23	7-9	21-21	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	180
Opponents.....	13	14-16	10-10	0-0	1	1-3	0	0	132

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	7	243	-24	1659	1635	233.6
Walker, D.	6	128	462	0	462	77.0
Grant, R.	4	54	256	0	256	64.0
Wilson, M.	7	26	96	0	96	13.7
Jenkins, J.	4	9	43	0	43	10.8
Dillingham, P.	4	3	0	28	28	7.0
Thomas, T.	6	23	25	0	25	4.2
Powers-Neal, R.	7	11	22	0	22	3.1
Hoskins, J.	4	4	16	0	16	4.0
TEAM	3	1	-2	0	-2	-0.7
Total.....	0	503	894	1687	2581	0.0
Opponents.....	0	475	737	1626	2363	0.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Fitzpatrick, D.	7-9	77.8	0-0	4-4	1-2	2-3	0-0	47	0

FG SEQUENCE	Notre Dame	OPPONENTS
Brigham Young	(21)	(44), (53)
Michigan	-	(38), (33), (22), (47)
Michigan State	37, (23)	42, (46)
Washington	(45)	(26), 47
Purdue	(26), 44	(31), (39)
Stanford	(38)	(27), (20), (38)
Navy	(47), (20)	(29)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Fitzpatrick, D.	42	1787	42.5	59	4	5	17	0
TEAM	2	21	10.5	21	0	0	0	2
Price, G.	1	38	38.0	38	0	1	1	0
Total.....	45	1846	41.0	59	4	6	18	2
Opponents.....	41	1714	41.8	63	1	2	10	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Gioia, C.	24	1329	55.4	0	2
Renkes, B.	9	546	60.7	3	1
Fitzpatrick, D.	3	151	50.3	0	0
Total.....	36	2026	56.3	3	3
Opponents.....	30	1857	61.9	10	2

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Walker, D.	6	462	24	0	0	0	486	81.0
McKnight, R.	7	0	388	16	0	0	404	57.7
Shelton, M.	7	0	344	0	0	0	344	49.1
Fasano, A.	6	0	274	0	0	0	274	45.7
Grant, R.	4	256	9	0	0	0	265	66.2
Anastasio, C.	7	0	15	0	229	0	244	34.9
Stovall, M.	5	0	195	0	29	0	224	44.8
Samardzija, J.	7	0	185	0	0	0	185	26.4
Holiday, C.	7	0	21	143	16	0	180	25.7
Wilson, M.	7	96	0	0	0	0	96	13.7
Collins, J.	6	0	58	28	0	0	86	14.3
Hoskins, J.	4	16	0	0	65	0	81	20.2
Powers-Neal, R.	7	22	48	0	0	0	70	10.0
Thomas, T.	6	25	28	0	0	0	53	8.8
Jenkins, J.	4	43	10	0	0	0	53	13.2
Freeman, M.	6	0	50	0	0	0	50	8.3
Jackson, P.	7	0	0	0	0	38	38	5.4
Curry, D.	7	0	0	0	0	35	35	5.0
Richardson, M.	7	0	0	0	0	32	32	4.6
Zbikowski, T.	7	0	0	0	0	22	22	3.1
Ellick, D.	7	0	0	0	0	20	20	2.9
Carlson, J.	7	0	17	0	0	0	17	2.4
Schmidt, J.	6	0	14	0	0	0	14	2.3
Vaughn, C.	5	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.4
TEAM	3	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.7
Quinn, B.	7	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-3.4
Total.....	0	894	1687	187	339	147	3254	0.0
Opponents.....	0	737	1626	132	663	9	3167	0.0

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	-Sacks-	---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick
41 Goolsby, M.	7	26	37	63	3.5-10	1.0-6	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
39 Hoyte, B.	7	23	22	45	5.0-22	2.0-13	.	1	.	.	3	.	.
8 Burrell, Q.	7	20	22	42	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
9 Zbikowski, T.	7	24	16	40	2.5-5	.	1-22	1	.	1-75	2	.	.
49 Curry, D.	7	22	17	39	5.5-34	3.0-29	1-35	2	.	2-4	.	.	.
77 Pauly, G.	7	12	18	30	4.5-12	1.0-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
24 Ellick, D.	7	23	7	30	1.0-4	.	2-20	3	.	1-0	2	.	.
44 Tuck, J.	7	10	15	25	6.5-29	3.5-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 Landri, D.	7	8	13	21	2.5-6	0.5-1	.	4	.	1-0	1	.	.
15 Jackson, P.	7	13	6	19	.	.	1-38	2	1	.	.	.	.
30 Richardson, M.	7	12	4	16	.	.	1-32	1	.	.	2	.	.
98 Laws, T.	7	8	7	15	2.0-11	1.0-8	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
6 Campbell, C.	7	11	4	15	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Budinscak, K.	7	10	4	14	2.0-6	1.0-4	.	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
46 Mays, C.	7	5	7	12	2.0-7	2.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Parish IV, F.	7	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Abiamiri, V.	7	5	4	9	4.0-15	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 Frome, C.	6	3	3	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97 Leitko, T.	7	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
56 Borsetti, N.	6	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 Carlson, J.	7	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Vaughn, C.	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Anastasio, C.	7	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Ndukwe, C.	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
31 Carney, J.	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Collins, J.	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
22 Wooden, A.	7	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Thomas, T.	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
21 Stovall, M.	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Dunn, C.	7	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Beidatsch, B.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Bolen, L.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Fitzpatrick, D.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 Fasano, A.	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Shelton, M.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Thomas, M.	7	1	.	1	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 Freeman, M.	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	0	272	230	502	44-169	16-105	6-147	25	1	11-79	14	1	.
Opponents.....	0	288	228	516	36-135	15-85	5-9	19	7	6-0	8	2	.

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	31	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	115	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	2	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Grant, R. vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004) Grant, R. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Long Rush.....	33	Wilson, M. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	47	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Pass completions....	26	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Quinn, B. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	432	Quinn, B. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	Quinn, B. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Long Pass.....	54	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Receptions.....	8	McKnight, R. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Fasano, A. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Receiving.....	155	Fasano, A. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Receptions.....	2	Shelton, M. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004) Fasano, A. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Long Reception.....	54	McKnight, R. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Field Goals.....	2	Fitzpatrick, D. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Long Field Goal.....	47	Fitzpatrick, D. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Punts.....	10	Fitzpatrick, D. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punting Avg.....	49.3	Fitzpatrick, D. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Long Punt.....	59	Fitzpatrick, D. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Long Punt Return....	21	Holiday, C. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Long Kickoff Return.	40	Anastasio, C. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Tackles.....	16	Hoyte, B. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Sacks.....	2.0	Tuck, J. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Mays, C. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Tackles For Loss....	2.0	Hoyte, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Tuck, J. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Pauly, G. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Abiamiri, V. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004) Mays, C. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Interceptions.....	1	Jackson, P. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Ellick, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Zbikowski, T. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Richardson, M. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Curry, D. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Ellick, D. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	51	vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	204	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.6	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	3	vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004) at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	49	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Pass completions....	29	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	460	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Pass.....	9.4	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Total Plays.....	85	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Total Offense.....	536	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Play.....	6.3	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Points.....	38	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Sacks By.....	5	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
First Downs.....	28	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Penalties.....	10	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Penalty Yards.....	101	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Turnovers.....	4	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Interceptions By....	3	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	24	Polanco, Aaron, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	102	Eckel, Kyle, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	1	TAHI, Naufahu, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Stanton, Drew, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Lemon, J.R., vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004) Divis, Frank, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Long Rush.....	18	Teague, Jason, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	40	Henne, Chad, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Pass completions....	25	Henne, Chad, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	385	Kyle Orton, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	Kyle Orton, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Long Pass.....	97	Kyle Orton, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Receptions.....	12	Edwards, B., vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Receiving.....	181	T. Stubblefield, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Receptions.....	2	T. Stubblefield, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Long Reception.....	97	T. Stubblefield, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Field Goals.....	4	Rivas, Garrett, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Long Field Goal.....	53	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punts.....	9	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punting Avg.....	46.8	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Punt.....	63	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Punt Return....	25	Tomlinson, Jaso, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Long Kickoff Return.	100	Jerome Brooks, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Tackles.....	13	George Hall, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004) Bergeron, David, vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004)
Sacks.....	2.5	Ray Edwards, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Tackles For Loss....	2.5	Ray Edwards, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Interceptions.....	1	Mundy, Ryan, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Curry, Markus, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Reid, Lawrence, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Dortch, Tyrell, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Fountaine, Matt, vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	61	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	216	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.7	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	1	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004) at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	44	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Pass completions....	25	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	413	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Pass.....	12.9	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Total Plays.....	78	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Total Offense.....	512	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Play.....	8.5	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Points.....	41	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Sacks By.....	7	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
First Downs.....	22	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Penalties.....	9	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004)
Penalty Yards.....	74	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Turnovers.....	6	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Interceptions By....	3	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)

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Date	Opponent	Score		Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
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Sep 4, 2004	at Brigham Young	17-20	L	0- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:29	65251
Sep 11, 2004	#8 MICHIGAN	W 28-20		1- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:24	80795
Sep 18, 2004	at Michigan State	W 31-24		2- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:20	74962
Sep 25, 2004	WASHINGTON	W 38-3		3- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:39	80795
Oct 02, 2004	#15 PURDUE	16-41	L	3- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	3:35	80795
Oct 09, 2004	STANFORD	W 23-15		4- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	3:34	80795
Oct 16, 2004	vs Navy	W 27-9		5- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	2:57	76166

* indicates conference game

NOTRE DAME VS. BOSTON COLLEGE

2004 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	RB
@BYU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	T. Thomas
UM	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant
@MSU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant
WASH	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Shelton	Quinn	Freeman*	Walker
PUR	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Freeman	Shelton	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Walker
STAN	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Freeman	Stovall	Quinn	Carlson*	Grant
vs. NAVY	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Carlson*	Grant

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 @TENN
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 @USC

* - opened in two tight end formation

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	CB	FS	SS	CB
@BYU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
UM	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
@MSU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
WASH	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
PUR	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
STAN	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
vs. NAVY	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson

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 @USC

* - opened in nickel defense

Red Zone Statistics

ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
@BYU	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MICH	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
@MSU	5	3	17	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
WASH	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	4	2	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
STAN	3	3	20	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NAVY	3	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	23	18	108	14	11	3	4	5	2	1	0	0

Notre Dame Red Zone Efficiency: 18 of 23 (.783) / Touchdown Efficiency: 14 of 23 (.609)

Third-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Jerome Collins	0	2	2
Anthony Fasano	0	7	7
Ryan Grant	6	0	6
Jeff Jenkins	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	3	3
Brady Quinn	5	0	5
Jeff Samardzija	0	6	6
Matt Shelton	0	3	3
Maurice Stovall	0	3	3
Travis Thomas	1	0	1
Darius Walker	4	0	4
Totals	17	24	41

ND on 3rd down: 41-109 (.376)

Fourth-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Ryan Grant	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	1	1
Brady Quinn	2	0	2
Matt Shelton	0	1	1
Totals	3	2	5

ND on 4th down: 5-12 (.417)

Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
@BYU	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICH	3	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
@MSU	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
WASH	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
PUR	4	4	24	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
STAN	4	4	15	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
vs. NAVY	3	2	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	19	16	74	7	4	3	9	9	1	0	2	0

Opponent Red Zone Efficiency: 16 of 19 (.842) / Touchdown Efficiency: 7 of 19 (.368)

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2004 Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Notre Dame	21-11-0	47-26-0-265-1	68-276	15-3-9-3	2-1	26:28
@ BYU	35-22-1	33-22-1-263-1	68-285	13-2-10-1	3-1	33:32
@ Notre Dame	40-135-2	21-10-3-178-2	61-313	13-7-6-0	2-1	27:22
Michigan	30-56-0	40-25-1-240-1	70-296	15-6-8-1	2-2	32:38
Notre Dame	48-173-2	24-11-1-215-1	72-388	19-11-8-0	2-2	34:01
@ Michigan State	35-165-1	34-15-3-176-0	69-341	18-10-8-0	5-3	25:59
@ Notre Dame	46-146-1	32-17-1-266-4	78-412	22-8-12-2	1-0	31:57
Washington	34-112-0	44-17-1-223-0	78-335	20-4-12-4	5-4	28:03
@ Notre Dame	36-76-1	49-29-0-460-1	85-536	28-4-21-3	2-1	33:12
Purdue	28-99-0	32-22-0-413-4	60-512	22-6-15-1	0-0	26:48
@ Notre Dame	51-149-3	24-11-0-173-0	75-322	19-9-9-1	3-1	36:20
Stanford	25-67-1	38-17-0-267-0	63-334	16-3-11-2	4-0	23:40
Notre Dame	44-204-3	20-11-0-130-0	64-334	20-13-6-1	1-0	29:59
vs. Navy	61-216-1	6-3-0-44-0	67-260	17-15-2-0	2-1	30:01
@ Notre Dame						
Boston College						
Notre Dame						
@ Tennessee						
@ Notre Dame						
Pittsburgh						
Notre Dame						
@ USC						

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
@BYU	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	L, 17-20
MICH	2	1	3	1	3	4	-1	W, 28-20
@MSU	3	3	6	2	1	3	+3	W, 31-24
WASH	4	1	5	0	1	1	+4	W, 38-3
PUR	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	L, 16-41
STAN	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	W, 23-15
vs. NAVY	1	0	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 27-9
BC								
@TENN								
PITT								
@USC								
Totals	11	6	17	6	5	11	+6	5-2

Turnover Analysis

17 opponent turnovers led to 55 of 180 (.306) Notre Dame points (7 TD/7 PAT/2 FG)
 11 Notre Dame turnovers led to 16 of 132 (.121) opponent points (1 TD/1 PAT/3 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Drives Started	94	95
Cumulative Starting Yardline	3,131	2,553
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 34	own 27
Drives Started in Plus Territory	61	55
Scores (TD/FG)	26 (20/6)	17 (6/11)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	19/4/2	22/2/2
Turnovers/End of Half	8/2	8/4
Drives Started at/inside own 20	33	40
Scores (TD/FG)	2 (1/1)	7 (4/3)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	26/1/0	19/2/0
Turnovers/End of Half	3/1	9/3

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Chase Anastasio	0	1	1
John Carlson	0	1	1
Jerome Collins	0	4	4
Anthony Fasano	0	13	13
Marcus Freeman	0	3	3
Ryan Grant	17	0	17
Justin Hoskins	1	0	1
Jeff Jenkins	3	0	3
Rhema McKnight	0	14	14
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	1	2
Brady Quinn	6	0	6
Jeff Samardzija	0	10	10
Josh Schmidt	0	1	1
Matt Shelton	0	13	13
Maurice Stovall	0	9	9
Travis Thomas	1	1	2
Darius Walker	21	0	21
Marcus Wilson	5	0	5
Penalty			10
Team Totals	55	71	136

NOTRE DAME VS. BOSTON COLLEGE

2004 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Grant	Powers-Neal	Quinn	T. Thomas	Walker	Wilson	TOTAL
@BYU	DNP	1-0-0	5-(-13)-0	6-2-0	DNP	9-22-0	21-11-0
Michigan	4-9-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	DNP	31-115-2	3-4-0	40-135-2
@Michigan State	11-66-1	1-0-0	4-1-1	5-10-0	26-98-0	0-0-0	48-173-2
Washington	DNP	3-17-0	0-0-0	5-(-5)-0	23-81-1	5-20-0	46-146-1
Purdue	DNP	2-1-1	12-(-7)-0	0-0-0	19-60-0	1-2-0	36-76-1
Stanford	19-67-2	4-4-0	7-(-12)-0	0-0-0	20-82-0	1-8-0	51-149-3
vs. Navy	20-114-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	9-26-0	6-40-1	44-204-3
Boston College							
@Tennessee							
Pittsburgh							
@USC							

PASSING

(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD)	Dillingham	Quinn	TOTAL
@BYU	DNP	47-26-0-265-1	47-26-0-265-1
Michigan	DNP	20-10-3-178-2	21-10-3-178-2
@Michigan State	DNP	24-11-1-215-1	24-11-1-215-1
Washington	0-0-0-0-0	32-17-1-266-4	32-17-1-266-4
Purdue	3-3-0-38-0	46-26-0-432-1	49-29-0-460-1
Stanford	0-0-0-0-0	24-11-0-173-0	24-11-0-173-0
vs. Navy	0-0-0-0-0	20-11-0-130-0	20-11-0-130-0
Boston College			
@Tennessee			
Pittsburgh			
@USC			

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Collins	Fasano	Freeman	Holiday	McKnight	Powers-Neal	Samardzija	Shelton	Stovall	TOTAL
@BYU	0-0-0	4-60-0	3-28-0	0-0-0	8-92-1	4-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-23-0	26-265-1
Michigan	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-42-0	1-8-1	0-0-0	1-46-1	5-82-0	10-178-2
@Michigan State	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-65-0	3-123-1	2-17-0	11-215-1
Washington	0-0-0	3-41-2	0-0-0	2-21-0	3-68-0	0-0-0	3-48-0	4-74-2	DNP	17-266-4
Purdue	1-13-0	8-155-0	2-22-0	0-0-0	7-113-1	1-6-0	3-59-0	3-61-0	DNP	29-460-0
Stanford	3-45-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-51-0	1-10-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	3-59-0	11-173-0
vs. Navy	0-0-0	1-18-0	DNP	0-0-0	2-22-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	2-40-0	1-14-0	11-130-0
Boston College										
@Tennessee										
Pittsburgh										
@USC										

FIELD GOALS

(* - missed FG)	@BYU	UM	@MSU	WASH	PUR	STAN	vs. NAVY	BC	@TENN	PITT	USC
Fitzpatrick	21	None	37*, 23	45	26, 44*	38	47, 20				

2004 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

TACKLES

(UT-AT-TT-TFL-FR-INT-PBU-SK)

	@BYU	Michigan	@Michigan State	Washington	Purdue	Stanford
Abiamiri	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0.5-0-0-0	2-0-2-2-0-0-0-1	1-1-2-1.5-0-0-0-0
Budinscak	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-1-1-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-2-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Burrell	4-2-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-1-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0
Campbell	7-1-8-1-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-1-0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Curry	2-4-6-2-1-0-0-1	2-4-6-1-0-0-0-1	4-0-4-1-0-1-0-0	3-3-6-0-1-0-1-0	5-2-7-1-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-1-0-0-1-1
Ellick	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-1-1-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0	5-2-7-0-0-1-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-1-0	4-2-6-0-0-0-1-0
Frome	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Goolsby	2-9-11-1-0-0-1-0	7-7-14-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-0-0-2-0	3-4-7-0-0-0-0-0	5-2-7-0.5-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0.5-0-0-0-0
Hoyte	5-1-6-2-0-0-0-1	3-6-9-1-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-0-0-0-0	5-1-6-0-0-0-1-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Jackson	0-3-3-0-1-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Landri	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-2-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-1-0	1-3-4-0.5-0-0-0-0
Laws	3-2-5-1-0-0-0-1	2-2-4-1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-1-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Leitko	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-1-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Mays	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Parish	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Pauly	2-3-5-2-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-0-0.5	4-1-5-1-0-0-0-0
Richardson	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-1-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0
Tuck	1-4-5-2-0-0-0-2	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-1	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-1.5-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0.5-0-0-0-0.5	1-1-2-1.5-0-0-0-0
Zbikowski	3-2-5-2-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	6-3-9-0-1-1-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-1-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0

TACKLES

(UT-AT-TT-TFL-FR-INT-PBU-SK)

	vs. Navy	Boston College	@Tennessee	Pittsburgh	USC
Abiamiri	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0				
Budinscak	2-1-3-1-0-0-0-0				
Burrell	3-8-11-0.5-0-0-1-0				
Campbell	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Curry	3-3-6-0-0-0-0-0				
Ellick	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Frome	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0				
Goolsby	3-9-12-1.5-0-0-0-1				
Hoyte	5-11-16-1-0-0-0-1				
Jackson	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Landri	2-4-6-1-1-0-0-1				
Laws	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0				
Leitko	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Mays	4-1-5-2-0-0-0-2				
Parish	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0				
Pauly	1-8-9-1-0-0-0-1				
Richardson	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Tuck	2-5-7-0-0-0-0-0				
Zbikowski	3-5-8-0-0-0-0-0				

NOTRE DAME VS. BOSTON COLLEGE

2004 Notre Dame Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
@ BYU	2	0:00/D.J. Fitzpatrick 21 field goal	10p, 77yd, 1:34
	3	4:24/Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 54yd, 0:13
	4	8:19/Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
Michigan	3	11:02/Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 61yd, 1:14
	4	13:48/Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 29yd, 1:42
	4	11:23/Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 5yd, 0:06
	4	5:49/Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 40yd, 2:13
@ Michigan State	1	4:42/Brady Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 13yd, 3:37
	1	0:07/Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	2	8:52/Matt Shelton 35 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 59yd, 1:10
	3	5:39/Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 75yd, 2:56
Washington	4	0:57/D.J. Fitzpatrick 23 field goal	7p, 40yd, 2:32
	1	8:59/Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 45yd, 1:37
	1	0:20/Matt Shelton 27 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	11p, 79yd, 3:40
	1	0:00/Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 18yd, 0:03
Purdue	2	9:14/Anthony Fasano 15 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 65yd, 2:39
	2	0:34/D.J. Fitzpatrick 45 field goal	9p, 34yd, 1:33
	4	12:19/Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 75yd, 1:18
	3	8:54/Rhema McKnight 40 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 63yd, 2:57
Stanford	3	4:17/Rashon Powers-Neal 1 run (Brady Quinn pass failed)	7p, 76yd, 2:23
	2	12:14/D.J. Fitzpatrick 38 field goal	7p, 48yd, 2:29
	3	5:56/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	13p, 73yd, 6:27
	4	11:59/Ryan Grant 3 run (Brady Quinn pass failed)	7p, 27yd, 3:40
vs. Navy	4	4:10/Brady Quinn 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 47yd, 2:17
	1	12:54/Marcus Wilson 33 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 81yd, 2:06
	1	6:48/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 68yd, 2:30
	2	0:53/D.J. Fitzpatrick 47 field goal	9p, 38yd, 3:50
	3	1:16/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	13p, 73yd, 6:36
	4	12:55/D.J. Fitzpatrick 20 field goal	6p, 11yd, 3:14

Goin' The Distance

ND plays covering 25+ yards this season

Opp	Player	dist	play
@BYU	Chase Anastasio	40	KR
	Rhema McKnight	54*	rec
	Anthony Fasano	27	rec
	Preston Jackson	38*	INT
UM	Maurice Stovall	49	rec
	Matt Shelton	46*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	27	rec
@MSU	Tom Zbikowski	75*	FR
	Matt Shelton	53	rec
	Matt Shelton	35*	rec
	Derek Curry	35	INT
	Mike Richardson	32	INT
	Matt Shelton	35	rec
	Jeff Samardzija	31	rec
WASH	Matt Shelton	27*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	53	rec
PUR	Anthony Fasano	42	rec
	Anthony Fasano	26	rec
	Anthony Fasano	25	rec
	Chase Anastasio	30	KR
	Rhema McKnight	40*	rec
	Jeff Samardzija	41	rec
	Matt Shelton	34	rec
STAN	Chase Anastasio	27	KR
	Maurice Stovall	43	rec
	Rhema McKnight	34	rec
v. NAVY	Marcus Wilson	33*	rush
	Matt Shelton	30	rec

* - scoring play / KR - kickoff return / PR - punt return / BPR - blocked punt return / INT - interception return / FR - fumble return

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2004 Opponent Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
@ BYU	1	9:47/Naufahu Tahu 5 run (Payne kick)	6p, 75yd, 1:58
	1	1:31/Matt Payne 44 field goal	8p, 29yd, 3:24
	2	1:34/Matt Payne 53 field goal	4p, (-4)yd, 2:04
	3	7:47/Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick)	4p, 62yd, 1:27
Michigan	1	8:29/Garrett Rivas 38 field goal	7p, 17yd, 2:37
	1	0:11/Garrett Rivas 33 field goal	13p, 41yd, 5:58
	2	0:00/Garrett Rivas 22 field goal	9p, 75yd, 3:52
	3	5:57/Garrett Rivas 47 field goal	7p, 14yd, 2:38
@Michigan State	1	12:18/Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	3	5:28/DeAndra Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	4	14:55/Dave Rayner 46 field goal	8p, 31yd, 3:38
	4	0:09/Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick)	8p, 63yd, 0:41
Washington	2	11:53/Michael Braunstein 26 field goal	10p, 58yd, 3:07
Purdue	1	10:49/Ben Jones 31 field goal	10p, 63yd, 4:11
	1	6:16/Jerome Brooks 100 kickoff return (Jones kick)	no drive
	2	11:24/Ben Jones 24 field goal	7p, 52yd, 1:52
	2	1:03/Rob Ninkovich 2 pass from Kyle Orton (Jones kick)	11p, 97yd, 3:36
	3	11:51/Taylor Stubblefield 97 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	3p, 97yd, 0:19
	3	6:40/Kyle Ingraham 9 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	5p, 56yd, 2:14
Stanford	3	0:45/Stubblefield 12 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	8p, 75yd, 3:32
	1	9:45/Michael Sgroi 27 field goal	9p, 42yd, 2:04
	1	5:22/Michael Sgroi 20 field goal	8p, 75yd, 2:26
	3	12:23/Michael Sgroi 38 field goal	7p, 60yd, 2:37
vs. Navy	3	3:28/J.R. Lemon 1 run (Trent Edwards pass intercepted)	9p, 80yd, 2:28
	3	7:52/Geoff Blumenfeld 29 field goal	15p, 81yd, 7:08
	4	4:19/Frank Divis 5 run (Aaron Polanco pass failed)	5p, 31yd, 2:01

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Rushing Yards

9. Tony Brooks (1987-88, '90-91)	2,274
10. Emil Sitko (1946-49)	2,226
11. Neil Worden (1951-53)	2,039
12. Lee Becton (1991-94)	2,029
13. Mark Green (1985-88)	1,977
14. Ryan Grant (2001-present)	1,961

Pass Completions

4. Jarius Jackson (1996-99)	306
5. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	304
6. Blair Kiel (1980-83)	297
7. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	290
8. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	269

Pass Attempts

2. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	850
3. Rick Mirer (1989-92)	698
4. Blair Kiel (1980-83)	609
5. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	550
6. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	525

Passing Yardage

6. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	4,152
7. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	4,121
8. Blair Kiel (1980-83)	3,650
9. Tom Clements (1972-74)	3,594
10. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	3,490

Passing Yards Per Game

1. Brady Quinn (2003-pres.)	183.7 (3,490/19)
2. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	172.7 (7,602/44)
3. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	159.7 (4,152/26)
4. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	155.4 (6,527/42)
5. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	152.6 (4,121/27)

Pass Receptions

3. Tim Brown (1984-87)	137
4. Derrick Mayes (1992-95)	129
5. Ken MacAfee (1974-77)	128
6. Tony Hunter (1979-82)	120
--. Rhema McKnight (2002-present)	82
--. Maurice Stovall (2002-present)	54

Field Goals Made

3. (tie) Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	39
(tie) Dave Reeve (1974-77)	39
5. Mike Johnston (1982-83)	31
6. Jim Sanson (1996-99)	28
7. Harry Oliver (1980-81)	24
--. D.J. Fitzpatrick (2002-present)	19

The Last Time It Happened ...

NOTRE DAME ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:at Boston College, 1996 (426)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Stanford, 2003 (320)
 Had 70 or more rushing attempts:vs. Michigan State, 1991 (76)
 Had 60 or more rushing attempts:vs. West Virginia, 2001 (69)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:vs. Stanford, 2004 (51)
 Had six or more rush TDs:vs. Navy, 1996 (6)
 Had five or more rush TDs:at USC, 2000 (5)
 Had four or more rush TDs:at Stanford, 2003 (4)
 Had two players with 100 rush yards in a game:vs. Stanford, 2002
 (Rashon Powers-Neal 108, Ryan Grant 103)

PASSING

Had 500 or more yards:at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 400 or more yards:vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
 Had 300 or more yards:vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. Purdue, 2004 (49)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:vs. Purdue, 2004 (49)
 Had 25 or more pass completions:vs. Purdue, 2004 (29)
 Had 20 or more pass completions:vs. Purdue, 2004 (29)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
 Had five passes intercepted:vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four passes intercepted:at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted:vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:vs. Purdue, 2004
 (Anthony Fasano 155, Rhema McKnight 113)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:vs. Purdue, 2004
 (Anthony Fasano - 155)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:vs. Navy, 1999
 (Jarious Jackson - 200 passing, Julius Jones - 146 rushing)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:at Air Force, 2002
 (Arnaz Battle - 112 receiving, Ryan Grant - 190 rushing)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:vs. Washington, 1996 (650)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (536)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (536)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (85)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense:vs. Stanford, 2004 (75)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 30 or more points:vs. Washington, 2004 (38)
 Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50 or more points:at Miami (FL), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40 or more points:vs. Purdue, 2004 (41)
 Allowed 30 or more points:vs. Purdue, 2004 (41)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
 (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0),
 vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1976 vs. Purdue (23-0), at
 Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs. North
 Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0), vs.
 Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:vs. Washington, 2004
 (Matt Shelton - 2, Anthony Fasano - 2)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:vs. Navy, 2004
 Committed six or more turnovers:vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
 Committed five or more turnovers:vs. Boston College, 2002 (5)
 Committed four or more fumbles lost:vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
 Committed three or more fumbles lost:vs. Washington State, 2003 (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways:at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five or more takeaways:vs. Washington, 2004 (5)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs:vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
 (Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD:at BYU, 2004 (1)
 (Preston Jackson - 38 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:at Michigan State, 2004 (1)
 (Tom Zbikowski - 75 yards)

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DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:at BYU, 2004 (22)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:vs. Navy, 2004 (44)
Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense:.....vs. Navy, 2004 (260)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense: ..at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)
Intercepted five or more passes:vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
Intercepted four or more passes:vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes:at Michigan State, 2004 (3)
Scored a safety:at Stanford, 2003
Recorded nine or more sacks:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
Recorded eight or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded seven or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded six or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded five or more sacks:vs. Navy, 2004 (5)
Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:vs. Purdue, 2002
(Vontez Duff, 33 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD:at Boston College, 2003
(Carlos Campbell, 25 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD:vs. Navy, 2002
(Vontez Duff, 92 yards)
Blocked a punt:vs. Michigan, 2004
Punted 10 or more times:at BYU, 2004 (11)
Did not punt:vs. Pittsburgh, 1993
Blocked a field goal:vs. Stanford, 2002
Had a field goal blocked:vs. Navy, 2002
Blocked a PAT kick:vs. LSU, 1998
Scored on a blocked PAT attempt:vs. Texas, 1995
Missed a kicking PAT:vs. Boston College, 1999
Had a kicking PAT blocked:at Stanford, 2003
Had a punt blocked:at Michigan State, 2004

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:vs. Washington, 1996 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs:vs. Navy, 2004 (20)
Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
Had 10 or more penalties:vs. Washington, 2004 (10)
Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:vs. Stanford, 2004 (36:20)
Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Washington State, 2003 (W, 29-26)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Never
Rushed for 250 or more yards:Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)

Rushed for 200 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 175 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 150 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 125 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 100 or more yards:Ryan Grant vs. Navy, 2004 (114)
Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards:Carlyle Holiday
. at Boston College, 2001 (109)
Rushed 40 or more times:Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)
Rushed 35 or more times:Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (35)
Rushed 30 or more times:Darius Walker vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)
Rushed 25 or more times:Darius Walker at Michigan State, 2004 (26)
Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
Rushed for three or more TDs:Julius Jones vs. BYU, 2003 (3)
Rushed for two or more TDs:Ryan Grant vs. Navy, 2004 (2)
Had a run of 80 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 70 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 60 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (67)
Had a run of 50 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
Passed for 400 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
Passed for 300 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
Attempted 50 or more passes:.....Brady Quinn vs. Florida State, 2003 (52)
Attempted 40 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (46)
Attempted 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (46)
Completed 20 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (26)
Threw five or more TDs:Never
Threw four or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
Threw five or more interceptions:Before 1975
Threw four or more interceptions:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)
Threw three or more interceptions:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more: ..Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2003 (65)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Brady Quinn vs. Wash., 2004 (53)

RECEIVING

Caught 15 or more passes:Never
Caught 10 or more passes:Amaz Battle vs. North Carolina St., 2003 (10)
Caught seven or more passes:.....Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 175 or more yards receiving:Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (155)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (155)
Caught three or more TDs:Tom Gatewood vs. Purdue, 1970 (3)
Caught two or more TDs:Matt Shelton vs. Washington, 2004 (2)
Anthony Fasano vs. Washington, 2004 (2)

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TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500 or more yards total offense:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (425)
Had 100 yards both passing and rushing:Jarious Jackson
vs. Oklahoma, 1999 (276 passing, 107 rushing)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:.....Brady Quinn
vs. Washington, 2004 (4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Brady Quinn
vs. Washington, 2004 (4 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Shane Walton vs. Maryland, 2002 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes:Gerome Sapp at Michigan State, 2002 (2)
Recovered three or more fumbles:Never
Recovered two or more fumbles:Gerome Sapp vs. Navy, 2001 (2)
Recorded 15 or more tackles:Brandon Hoyte vs. Navy, 2004 (16)
Recorded 10 or more tackles:Brandon Hoyte vs. Navy, 2004 (16)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
Scored 10 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
Kicked five or more field goals:Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State (5)
Kicked four or more field goals:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (4)
Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards:Never
Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards:Nicholas Setta
vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)
Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 (71)
Kicked a punt 60 or more yards:Joey Hildbold vs. Purdue, 2000 (63)
Punted 10 or more times:D.J. Fitzpatrick at BYU, 2004 (10)
Totaled 175 or more kick return yards: Raghil Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)
Totaled 100 or more punt return yards:Joey Getherall
at West Virginia, 2000 (122)

AN OPPOSING TEAM ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)
Had 300 or more yards:Stanford, 1997 (322)
Had 50 or more rushing attempts:Navy, 2004 (61)
Had five or more rush TDs:Stanford, 1990 (5)
Had four or more rush TDs:Michigan, 2003 (4)
Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game:Stanford, 1997
(Anthony Bookman - 142, Mike Mitchell - 135)

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards:Purdue, 2004 (413)
Had 300 or more yards:Purdue, 2004 (413)
Had 60 or more pass attempts:Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Had 50 or more pass attempts:Purdue, 2001 (52)
Had 40 or more pass attempts:.....Washington, 2004 (44)
Had 30 or more pass completions:USC, 2002 (32)
Had five or more passing TDs:Never
Had four or more passing TDs:Purdue, 2004 (4)
Had three or more passing TDs:Purdue, 2004 (4)

RECEIVING

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

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:USC, 2002 (610)
Had 500 or more yards total offense:Purdue, 2004 (512)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:Purdue, 2004 (512)
Had 80 or more plays:USC, 2003 (81)
Had 70 or more plays:Washington, 2004 (78)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:Never
Scored 50 or more points:Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
Scored 40 or more points:Purdue, 2004 (41)
Scored 30 or more points:Purdue, 2004 (41)
Scored a two-point conversion:Michigan, 2004

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:Stanford, 2004
Had three or more fumbles lost:Washington, 2004 (4)
Intercepted five or more passes:USC, 1967 (7)
Intercepted four or more passes:Purdue, 2003 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes:Michigan, 2004 (3)
Returned an interception for a TD:Florida State, 2003
(Leroy Smith - 90 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD:Air Force, 2002
(Marchello Graddy - 21 yards)

DEFENSE

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs:Michigan, 2003 (7)
Scored a safety:LSU, 1998
Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards:BYU, 2004 (11)
Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards:Navy, 2004 (130)
Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)

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Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense:BYU, 2004 (276)
Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2003 (140)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:Purdue, 2002 (Anthony Chambers - 76 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD:Michigan State, 2004
(Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD:Michigan St., 2004 (DeAndra Cobb - 89 yards)
Punted 10 or more times:Rutgers, 2002 (10)
Did not punt:Miami (Fla.), 1985
Missed a kicking PAT: Washington State, 2003

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs:Purdue, 2004 (22)
Had 10 or more penalties:Washington State, 2003 (13)
Had 100 or more yards in penalties:Washington State, 2003 (118)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:Michigan, 2003 (37:47)
Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher:Syracuse, 2003
(Johnnie Morant, 103 receiving, Walter Reyes, 189 rushing)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)
Rushed for 200 or more yards:Rondell Mealey, LSU, 1997 (222)
Rushed for 150 or more yards:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (189)
Rushed for 100 or more yards:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (189)
Rushed 40 or more times:Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)
Rushed 30 or more times:Chris Perry, Michigan, 2003 (31)
Rushed 25 or more times:Chris Perry, Michigan, 2003 (31)
Rushed for five or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Rushed for four or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Rushed for three or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Rushed for two or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Had a run of 80 yards or more:Sherman Lewis, Michigan State, 1963 (85)
Had a run of 70 yards or more:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
Had a run of 60 yards or more:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
Had a run of 50 yards or more:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Never
Passed for 400 or more yards:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (425)
Passed for 300 or more yards:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (385)
Attempted 60 or more passes:Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Attempted 50 or more passes:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2001 (52)

Attempted 40 or more passes:Chad Henne, Michigan, 2004 (40)
Completed 30 or more passes:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
Completed 20 or more passes:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (21)
Threw four or more TDs:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (4)
Threw three or more TDs:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (4)
Completed a pass of 90 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:Braylon Edwards, Michigan, 2004 (12)
Caught seven or more passes:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (7)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:Craphonso Thorpe
Florida State, 2003 (217)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)
Caught three or more TD passes:Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 1995 (3)
Caught two or more TD passes:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004
(4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004
(4 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
Recorded three or more sacks:Ennis Davis, USC, 1999 (3)
Recorded two or more sacks:Julian Jenkins, Stanford, 2004 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan St., 2004 (79)
Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Jerome Brooks, Purdue, 2004 (118)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 1

Notre Dame	17
BYU	20

LaVell Edwards Stadium
Sept. 4, 2004

PROVO, Utah — Brigham Young held off a late push by Notre Dame for a 20-17 victory in the season opener for both teams. Matt Berry passed for 167 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown pass and a clutch 37-yard completion in the final minutes to Todd Watkins, after relieving BYU starter John Beck in the second quarter.

The Fighting Irish were about to get a final chance with BYU facing a third-and-8 play from its own 25. But Berry, who replaced injured starter John Beck in the second quarter, threw a long pass toward the Notre Dame sideline that Watkins leaped to pull in and give BYU a first down with 1:34 remaining. Watkins, a junior college transfer making his BYU debut, also caught a 50-yard pass from Beck to set up the Cougars' opening touchdown.

Notre Dame's Brady Quinn completed 26 of 47 passes for 265 yards, including a screen pass that Rhema McKnight took 54 yards for a touchdown. Preston Jackson returned an interception 38 yards in the fourth quarter to get the Irish within a field goal, but they had to punt on their last possession and the Cougars didn't give up the ball again.

McKnight had a career-high eight catches for 92 yards in the game as Quinn distributed completions to seven different receivers. Tight end Anthony Fasano added four catches for 60 yards for the Irish while fullback Rashon Powers-Neal caught four passes for 24 yards.

Berry, BYU's starter until breaking a bone in his hand early last season, completed 15 of 23 passes yards and an interception. He was shaky early in relief of Beck, who left in the second quarter after being leveled on an option play by Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte. X-rays on Beck were negative for any breaks, but he did not return.

The Cougars prevailed on a night when the most effective ways to move the ball were do anything but run with it. Only 22 of BYU's 285 yards came on the ground. The Fighting Irish had 21 carries for 11 yards on the ground. Matt Payne had field goals of 44 and 53 yards for BYU and his punting was clutch, pinning the Irish inside their own 15 all night and handcuffing the already struggling offense. Payne averaged 46.8 yards per kick even with a few short ones he tried to place in the corner.

BYU was the first to score when Fahu Tahī ran in from 5 yards out. The score was set up by Watkins, who was double covered and had his legs wrapped up but pulled in a 50-yard pass from Beck anyway. The Irish didn't score until late in the second quarter when Quinn ran the hurry-up offense to get within range for D.J. Fitzpatrick's 21-yard field goal for Notre Dame's first points of the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	3	7	7	—	17
BYU	10	3	7	0	—	20

First Quarter

BYU - Naufahu Tahī 5 run (Matt Payne kick), 9:47

BYU - FG Payne 44, 1:31

Second Quarter

BYU - FG Payne 53, 1:34

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 21, 0:00

Third Quarter

BYU - Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick), 7:47

ND - Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:24

Fourth Quarter

ND - Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:19

Team Statistics

	ND	BYU
First downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	21-11	35-22
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	47-26-0	33-22-1
Passing yards	265	263
Total plays-yards	68-276	68-285
Kick returns-yards	3-51	6-63
Sacks by	5-36	3-22
Punts-average	11-40.8	9-46.8
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-yards	7-55	9-74
Third-down conversions	3-16	7-19
Fourth-down conversions	1-2	0-0
Time of possession	26:28	33:32

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Marcus Wilson 9-22; Travis Thomas 6-2; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; Brady Quinn 5-(-13).

BYU: Naufahu Tahī 12-31; Curtis Brown 12-15; John Beck 3-12; TEAM 2-(-2); Austin Collie 1-(-3); Matt Berry 5-(-31).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 47-26-0-265-1.

BYU: Matt Berry 23-15-1-167-1; John Beck 10-7-0-96-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Rhema McKnight 8-92; Anthony Fasano 4-60; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-24; Marcus Freeman 3-28; Maurice Stovall 3-23; Travis Thomas 2-28; Jeff Jenkins 2-10.

BYU: Todd Watkins 5-115; Curtis Brown 5-15; Austin Collie 3-54; Naufahu Tahī 3-31; David Coats 2-32; Jason Kukahiko 2-14; Dennis Pitta 1-4; Chris Hale 1-(-2).

Attendance - 65,251 (c)

Game 2

#8/7 Michigan	20
Notre Dame	28

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 11, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Freshman running back Darius Walker ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns as Notre Dame pulled off a 28-20 upset of No. 8/7 Michigan, which self-destructed in the second half.

Walker's first score from six yards out gave the Irish (1-1) their first lead, 14-12, just over a minute into the fourth quarter. After a blocked punt on Michigan's next possession, Walker scampered five yards around left end to extend the lead to 21-12.

"This was a big win. Any time you knock off a top 10 team, it's a big win," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said. "This was just one game, though. I can't get ahead of myself; I won't let my team get ahead of itself. Today was fantastic; tomorrow we start over again."

Walker finished with 115 yards on 31 carries, becoming the first Notre Dame freshman to top the 100-yard mark since Julius Jones in 1999. He also was the first Irish rookie running back to score twice since Jerome Heavens in 1975.

"(Running backs coach) Buzz Preston and I talked during the week. We wanted to get him in the first quarter, but we didn't know how many carries he would get," Willingham said. "He gave us a spark. The right person at the right time can give you that spark that everyone feeds off of."

Michigan (1-1) was undone by miscues in the second half, turning the ball over three times in addition to the blocked punt. The Wolverines also were unable to establish their running game, gaining just 55 yards on 28 carries.

The Wolverines held a 9-0 lead at the half as Garrett Rivas connected on field goals of 38, 33 and 22 yards. Notre Dame got on the board in the third period when Brady Quinn, who completed 10-of-20 passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns, hit Matt Shelton with a 46-yard scoring strike. Rivas' fourth field goal from 47 yards gave Michigan a 12-7 lead heading into the final period.

Michigan freshman Chad Henne was 25-of-40 for 240 yards and a touchdown to Steve Breaston with 2:27 to play. Henne found Breaston for the two-point conversion to provide the final margin.

The loss was Michigan's third straight at Notre Dame Stadium. The Wolverines have not won at Notre Dame Stadium since 1994. The Wolverines hold an 18-13-1 all-time lead in the series but are just 4-8-1 since 1987, including 1-5-1 at Notre Dame.

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan	6	3	3	8	—	20
Notre Dame	0	0	7	21	—	28

First Quarter

UM - FG Garrett Rivas 38, 8:29

UM - FG Rivas 33, 0:11

Second Quarter

UM - FG Rivas 22, 0:00

Third Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 11:02

UM - FG Rivas 47, 5:57

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:48

ND - Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:23

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:49

UM - Steve Breaston 25 pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick), 2:27

Team Statistics

	UM	ND
First downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	30-56	40-135
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-25-1	21-10-3
Passing yards	240	178
Total plays-yards	70-296	61-313
Kick returns-yards	5-94	12-162
Sacks by	0-0	2-18
Punts-average	8-38.4	7-37.6
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-50	5-49
Third-down conversions	6-18	3-12
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-1
Time of possession	32:38	27:22

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

UM: Jerome Jackson 15-32; Pierre Rembert 4-23; Michael Hart 5-17; Kevin Dudley 1-4; David Underwood 1-0; Steve Breaston 1-(-4); Chad Henne 3-(-16).

ND: Darius Walker 31-115; Ryan Grant 4-9; Brady Quinn 2-7; Marcus Wilson 3-4.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

UM: Chad Henne 40-25-1-240-1.

ND: Brady Quinn 20-10-3-178-2; Marcus Wilson 1-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

UM: Braylon Edwards 12-129; Steve Breaston 5-42; Jason Avant 3-30; Tim Massaquoi 1-11; Tyler Ecker 1-9; Kevin Dudley 1-9; Michael Hart 1-8; Pierre Rembert 1-2.

ND: Maurice Stovall 5-82; Rhema McKnight 3-42; Matt Shelton 1-46; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 3

Notre Dame 31
Michigan State 24

Spartan Stadium
Sept. 18, 2004

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Irish safety Tom Zbikowski returned a fumble 75 yards for a touchdown and had an interception that set up another score for Notre Dame, which forced six turnovers and beat Michigan State 31-24. The Fighting Irish (2-1) got three interceptions and recovered three fumbles in the victory.

Zbikowski's interception of Stephen Reaves' pass led to a 13-yard scoring drive for the Irish that was capped by a fourth-down, 1-yard bootleg by quarterback Brady Quinn to tie the game at 7. Zbikowski struck again on the next possession. He read a Michigan State option play and stripped running back Jason Teague of the ball, then raced the length of the field for a 14-7 lead.

Michigan State scored early in the first quarter on a blocked punt by Marshall Campbell. The punt was recovered in the end zone by Jerramy Scott to give Michigan State a 7-0 lead. But the Spartans couldn't keep the momentum, committing four first-half turnovers. Reaves, a freshman, was benched at halftime after throwing three interceptions. He was 7-for-20 for 66 yards.

The Irish had several scoring opportunities in the first half and extended their lead to 21-7 midway through the second period on a 59-yard, three-play drive capped by a 35-yard pass from Quinn to wide receiver Matt Shelton. Shelton finished with three catches for 123 yards and a touchdown.

An impressive 75-yard drive in the third period extended the Irish lead to 28-7. Notre Dame used seven consecutive running plays to reach the end zone. Grant started the drive with a 16-yard run before Walker carried four consecutive times for a total of 45 yards, including runs of 16 and 19 yards. Grant then returned to finish off the march with runs of nine and six yards, scoring from the six with 5:39 left in the third period.

That 21-point lead was short-lived as DeAndra Cobb returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for a Spartan touchdown. MSU followed with a 31-yard march to a field goal on its next possession to cut the lead to 28-17 and threatened to make another charge in the fourth period by marching 85 yards to the Irish one-yard line before Notre Dame's Corey Mays forced a fumble by MSU tailback Jahuu Caulcrick that Quentin Burrell recovered in the end zone.

An exchange of fumbles preceded Notre Dame's clinching score, a 23-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick with 57 seconds remaining for a 31-17 Irish lead. Reaves' replacement, sophomore Drew Stanton, led the Spartans to their only offensive TD with 9 seconds left in the game. Stanton ran in from 4 yards out.

The Irish had enough on offense to secure the victory, running for 173 yards. Ryan Grant had 66 yards on 11 carries, including a 6-yard touchdown. Quinn was 11-of-24 passing for 215 yards, including the scoring pass to Shelton.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame 14 7 7 3 — 31
Michigan St. 7 0 7 10 — 24

First Quarter

MSU - Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Dave Rayner kick), 12:18

ND - Brady Quinn 1 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 4:42

ND - Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:07

Second Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 35 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:52

Third Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:39

MSU - DeAndra Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick), 5:28

Fourth Quarter

MSU - FG Rayner 46, 14:55

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 23, 0:57

MSU - Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick), 0:09

Team Statistics

	ND	MSU
First downs	19	18
Rushes-yards	48-173	35-165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-11-1	34-15-3
Passing yards	215	176
Total plays-yards	72-388	69-341
Kick returns-yards	5-73	10-212
Sacks by	1-4	2-11
Punts-average	6-33.3	5-44.8
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-yards	4-22	3-20
Third-down conversions	7-16	4-14
Fourth-down conversions	1-1	0-0
Time of possession	34:01	25:59

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Darius Walker 26-98; Ryan Grant 11-66; Travis Thomas 5-10; Brady Quinn 4-1; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; TEAM 1-(-2).

MSU: Jahuu Caulcrick 15-85; Drew Stanton 8-49; Jason Teague 6-21; Matt Trannon 1-12; DeAndra Cobb 3-3; Stephen Reaves 1-(-1); TEAM 1-(-4).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 24-11-1-215-1.

MSU: Stephen Reaves 20-7-3-66-0; Drew Stanton 12-8-0-110-0; TEAM 2-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Jeff Samardzija 4-65; Matt Shelton 3-123; Maurice Stovall 2-17; Chris Vaughn 1-7; Darius Walker 1-3.

MSU: Jason Teague 4-14; Jerramy Scott 3-71; Kyle Brown 3-43; Matt Trannon 2-27; Agim Shabaj 2-14; Eric Knott 1-7.

Attendance - 74,962 (c)

Game 4

Washington 3
Notre Dame 38

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 25, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Finally, Notre Dame had room to relax.

Brady Quinn tied a school record with four touchdown passes to lead the Fighting Irish to a 38-3 victory over Washington, improving the Irish's record to 3-1. Quinn was 15-of-23 passing for 196 yards with two touchdowns each to Matt Shelton and Anthony Fasano in the first half, leading Notre Dame to its first easy victory of the season.

Quinn completed only two passes in the second half, one for 53 yards that set up the Fighting Irish's final score, but it hardly mattered. Quinn, a sophomore, finished 17 of 32 for 266 yards with one interception. Quinn spread his completions around to seven different receivers, including one play in which he caught his own deflected pass, and has completed passes for 14 different receivers this season. Quinn's fourth touchdown pass tied a school record done eight times, the last by Carlyle Holiday in 2002.

About the only disappointment for Notre Dame on Saturday was that after playing their best half offensively, the Irish could not move the ball in the second half. But the Huskies — who were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 16-3 loss to Arizona in 1992 — never got back in the game. The three points were the fewest allowed by the Irish since a 42-0 victory over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 2002.

Quinn guided Notre Dame to scores on five of its eight first-half possessions. He started the run on Notre Dame's second possession, pump faking a screen pass, then throwing 24 yards into the end zone to Shelton, who was wide open. Two possessions later, Quinn capped a 79-yard drive, Notre Dame's longest scoring drive of the season, with a 27-yard pass to a leaping Shelton. Making his first starting appearance for the Irish, Shelton finished with a career-high four catches for 74 yards.

The Notre Dame defense, which had set up or scored half of the Irish touchdowns entering the game, set the offense up again on Washington's next play. Nose guard Trevor Laws jarred the ball loose from tailback Kenny James, then fell on the ball at the Washington 18. The Irish scored on the next play when Quinn threw an 18-yard TD pass to Fasano, giving Notre Dame a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Washington made it 21-3 on a 26-yard field goal by Michael Braunstein. But the Irish went ahead, 28-3, on a 15-yard scoring pass from Quinn to Fasano in the second quarter. Notre Dame moved ahead 31-3 when D. J. Fitzpatrick kicked a 45-yard field goal with 34

seconds left in the half. The Irish went ahead, 38-3, on a 17-yard run by the freshman Darius Walker, who finished with 81 yards on 23 carries. Walker made his first start in place on injured senior Ryan Grant.

SCORING SUMMARY

Washington 0 3 0 0 — 3
Notre Dame 21 10 0 7 — 38

First Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:59

ND - Shelton 27 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:20

ND - Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:00

Second Quarter

WASH - FG Michael Braunstein 26, 11:53

ND - Fasano 15 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:14

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 45, 0:34

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:19

Team Statistics

	WASH	ND
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	34-112	46-146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-17-1	32-17-1
Passing yards	223	266
Total plays-yards	78-335	78-412
Kick returns-yards	11-135	3-37
Sacks by	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	7-40.6	8-45.0
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-101
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	28:03	31:57

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

WASH: Kenny James 11-33; James Sims 4-30; Louis Rankin 5-25; Carl Bonnell 6-16; Zach Tuiaosopo 2-8; Anthony Russo 1-7; Shelton Sampson 3-6; Casey Paus 2-(-13).

ND: Darius Walker 23-81; Marcus Wilson 5-20; Rashon Powers-Neal 3-17; Jeff Jenkins 5-17; Justin Hoskins 4-16; Matt Shelton 1-0; Travis Thomas 5-(-5).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

WASH: Casey Paus 26-10-0-130-0; Carl Bonnell 18-7-1-93-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 32-17-1-266-4.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

WASH: Corey Williams 5-72; Sonny Shackelford 3-38; Bobby Whitome 2-36; Joe Toledo 2-27; Kenny James 2-15; Anthony Russo 1-13; Charles Frederick 1-11; Quintin Daniels 1-11.

ND: Matt Shelton 4-74; Rhema McKnight 3-68; Jeff Samardzija 3-48; Anthony Fasano 3-41; Carlyle Holiday 2-21; Josh Schmidt 1-14; Brady Quinn 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 5

#15/15 Purdue 41
Notre Dame 16

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 2, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — It was an offensive showcase that has seldom been matched at Notre Dame Stadium.

An amazing performance by Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn was overshadowed by an incredible performance by Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton, whose pinpoint passing and poise in the pocket helped No. 15 Purdue end 30 years of frustration at Notre Dame. Off to a phenomenal start to the season, Orton passed for 385 yards — including a 97-yard touchdown to Taylor Stubblefield — and four scores as the Boilermakers defeated the Fighting Irish, 41-16.

Jerome Brooks ran back a kickoff 100 yards for a score for Purdue (4-0), which snapped a 13-game road losing streak in Notre Dame Stadium and became the first Big Ten team in three tries to beat Notre Dame this season. The Irish had defeated Michigan and Michigan State.

Orton completed 21-of-31 passes, including a pair of scores to Stubblefield, his favorite target. Through four games, Orton has 17 touchdowns without an interception this season. Just as impressive was Quinn, who went 26-of-46 for 432 yards — a record by a quarterback at Notre Dame Stadium — and one touchdown without an interception for the Irish (3-2). It was the second-most passing yards ever produced by a Notre Dame quarterback.

After Notre Dame tied the game at 3-3 on D.J. Fitzpatrick's 26-yard field goal with just over six minutes left in the first quarter, Brooks took the ensuing kickoff on the goal line, broke a pair of tackles and raced diagonally to his left for the score.

It was 13-3 when Notre Dame freshman Darius Walker lost a fumble at the Purdue 3 and Orton marched the Boilermakers on a 97-yard drive, which he capped with a two-yard pass to Rob Ninkovich to make it 20-3 with 1:03 left in the half.

Orton added three TD passes in the third quarter, including his bomb down the right sideline to Stubblefield just over three minutes into the half. It was the second-longest TD pass in Purdue history and the longest ever allowed by Notre Dame.

Stubblefield had seven catches for 181 yards and moved into second place on the school's career receiving yards and receptions lists. Despite both teams being held to double figures in rushing yards, the game featured more than 1,000 yards of total offense (Notre Dame - 536; Purdue - 512).

The Irish produced a pair of 100-yard receiving efforts in the game as tight end Anthony Fasano caught eight passes for 155 yards and receiver Rhema McKnight grabbed

seven for 113 yards and a touchdown. Fasano's total yardage set a new Notre Dame record for receiving yards by a tight end in a single game.

SCORING SUMMARY

Purdue	10	10	21	0	—	41
Notre Dame	3	0	13	0	—	16

First Quarter

PUR - FG Ben Jones 31, 10:49

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 26, 6:30

PUR - Jerome Brooks 100 kickoff return (Jones kick), 6:16

Second Quarter

PUR - FG Jones 39, 11:24

PUR - Rob Ninkovich 2 pass from Kyle Orton (Jones kick), 1:03

Third Quarter

PUR - Taylor Stubblefield 97 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 11:51

ND - Rhema McKnight 40 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:54

PUR - Kyle Ingraham 9 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 6:40

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1 run (Quinn pass failed), 4:17

PUR - Stubblefield 12 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 0:45

Team Statistics

	PUR	ND
First downs	22	28
Rushes-yards	28-99	36-75
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	32-22-0	49-29-0
Passing yards	413	460
Total plays-yards	60-512	85-536
Kick returns-yards	2-118	6-100
Sacks by	7-31	2-17
Punts-average	3-35.7	3-49.3
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	8-70	7-40
Third-down conversions	5-10	8-18
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	2-4
Time of possession	26:48	33:12

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

PUR: Jerod Void 11-53; Brandon Jones 9-44; Kyle Orton 6-3; Ray Williams 1-1; TEAM 1-(-2).

ND: Darius Walker 19-60; Jeff Jenkins 2-20; Marcus Wilson 1-2; Rashon Powers-Neal 2-1; Brady Quinn 12-(-7).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

PUR: Kyle Orton 31-21-0-385-4; Brandon Jones 1-1-0-28-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 46-26-0-432-1; Pat Dillingham 3-3-0-28-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

PUR: Taylor Stubblefield 7-181; Ray Williams 5-59; Kyle Ingraham 4-29; Dorian Bryant 2-78; Brian Hare 1-36; Jerod Void 1-15; Charles Davis 1-13; Rob Ninkovich 1-2.

ND: Anthony Fasano 8-155; Rhema McKnight 7-113; Matt Shelton 3-61; Jeff Samardzija 3-59; Marcus Freeman 2-22; Darius Walker 1-16; Chase Anastasio 1-15; Jerome Collins 1-13; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; Brady Quinn 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

Game 6

Stanford 15
Notre Dame 23

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 9, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham found a way to beat his former Stanford team for a third straight time as the Irish claimed a 23-15 win. This one, though, was nowhere near as easy as the previous two. With the victory, Notre Dame became just the second Division I-A team to win 800 games (Michigan won its 838th vs. Minnesota on Saturday).

Notre Dame looked as if it was in trouble until a muffed punt snap by Stanford set up a go-ahead touchdown by Ryan Grant from 3 yards out early in the fourth quarter. The Irish added an insurance score on quarterback Brady Quinn's two-yard run with 4:10 left and turned back Stanford's last-gasp drive for a tying score. Quinn was 11-of-24 passing for 173 yards, but didn't play the last series after being shaken up on the TD run.

"It was a barnburner," Willingham said. "We weren't trying to burn down the barn. It was hard for me because I didn't think we were playing the way I know we can."

Stanford (3-2), which lost to the Irish (4-2) by 24 and 50 points the past two seasons, looked as though it might finally beat its former coach. The Cardinal were leading 15-10 until punter Jay Ottovegio dropped the snap late in the third quarter despite no pressure by the Irish. Ottovegio picked the ball up and tried to get the punt off, but was tackled by Corey Mays just as he released the ball and fanned on the kick. Stanford's David Bergeron recovered the ball on the 27 for Stanford, but the Irish took over on downs.

Grant, who missed the past two games and the season-opener against Brigham Young because of an injured left hamstring, also had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter. Grant finished with 67 yards on 19 carries for Notre Dame. Willingham said having Grant back was a key for the Irish.

"We said all along that Ryan is not only an excellent player, he's an excellent leader," Willingham said. "When you have him in there, it just multiplies your experience."

Darius Walker ran for 82 yards on 20 carries. Notre Dame, held to 76 yards rushing in its loss to Purdue and 11 yards in its loss to Brigham Young, rushed for 149 yards and improved to 4-0 in games when it rushes for at least 100 yards.

"I hope we can get out of this week-to-week situation and we can get consistent with our running game because that is critical to our success," Willingham said. "Having a run game allows us to be a better football team. That's the bottom line."

The Cardinal couldn't finish their drives, settling for three field goals by Michael Sgroi,

including two on their first two possessions when they drove inside the Notre Dame 10. Despite all their troubles, Stanford had a chance to tie it from the 39-yard line on the last play of the game. But Notre Dame knocked down the pass by Trent Edwards into the end zone to preserve the victory. Edwards was 17-of-38 passing for 267 yards for the Cardinal.

SCORING SUMMARY

Stanford	6	0	9	0	—	15
Notre Dame	0	3	7	13	—	23

First Quarter

STAN - FG Michael Sgroi 27, 9:45

STAN - FG Sgroi 20, 5:22

Second Quarter

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 38, 12:14

Third Quarter

STAN - FG Sgroi 38, 12:23

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:56

STAN - J.R. Lemon 1 run (Trent Edwards pass intercepted), 3:28

Fourth Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 3 run (Brady Quinn pass failed), 11:59

Team Statistics

	STAN	ND
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	34-112	46-146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-17-1	32-17-1
Passing yards	223	266
Total plays-yards	78-335	78-412
Kick returns-yards	11-135	3-37
Sacks by	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	7-40.6	8-45.0
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-101
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	28:03	31:57

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

STAN: J.R. Lemon 13-41; Mark Bradford 1-16; Kenneth Tolon 4-8; Trent Edwards 6-8; Jay Ottovegio 1-(-6).

ND: Darius Walker 20-82; Ryan Grant 19-67; Marcus Wilson 1-8; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-4; Brady Quinn 7-(-12).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

STAN: Trent Edwards 38-17-0-267-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 24-11-0-173-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

STAN: Alex Smith 5-73; Evan Moore 5-72; Greg Camarillo 2-50; Matt Traverso 1-30; Justin McCullum 1-24; Mark Bradford 1-9; Kenneth Tolon 1-7; J.R. Lemon 1-2.

ND: Maurice Stovall 3-59; Rhema McKnight 3-51; Jerome Collins 3-45; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-10; Jeff Samardzija 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 7

Notre Dame 27
Navy 9

Giants Stadium
Oct. 16, 2004

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Ryan Grant ran for 114 yards and two touchdowns, and Notre Dame (5-2) had little trouble extending its NCAA-record winning streak against Navy (5-1) with a 27-9 victory. Navy came in unbeaten with hopes of finally ending four decades of futility against the Irish. Adding to the optimism for the Midshipmen were their performances against Notre Dame the past two seasons when the Irish needed late-game heroics in both to extend the streak.

"We remember how close this game has been the last two years," Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby. "That was the thing coach (Greg) Mattison tried to get across to us this week. It doesn't have to be close."

The defensive line coach was right. Grant and Notre Dame's dominant lines wrapped this one up early for the Irish. Notre Dame needed two possessions to take a 14-0 lead.

"It kind of set the tone for the game and gave us confidence," said quarterback Brady Quinn, who was 11-for-20 for 130 yards.

The Irish went into halftime up 17-0, having allowed Navy's triple-option attack to break midfield at Giants Stadium just once. The Midshipmen got their ground game going on the first drive of the second half, marching 81 yards without throwing a pass. But Navy stalled and settled for a field goal to make it 17-3.

Kyle Eckel finished with 102 yards on 22 rushes for Navy, but playing from behind just doesn't suit the Midshipmen. Navy completed 3 of 6 passes for 44 yards.

Navy came in averaging 267 yards rushing, but led by defensive tackles Greg Pauly and Derek Landri, Notre Dame had five sacks and limited the Midshipmen to 216 yards rushing.

Navy's only touchdown came on a late 5-yard run by Frank Divis. Notre Dame showed off its version of power football on its first drive of the second half. The Irish went 73 yards on 13 plays throwing just two short passes. Grant, from nearby Nyack, N.Y., accounted for 64 yards on the drive -- 55 on nine rushes. He skipped into the end zone from a yard out to make it 24-3 late in the third quarter.

Grant carried the ball 20 times for his first 100-yard game in two years. Notre Dame opened the game with an 81-yard drive that couldn't have gone more smoothly. Quinn completed his first two throws for 37 yards and Marcus Wilson, a third-stringer from New York City, scored his first career touchdown on a 33-yard run through a huge opening.

Notre Dame's second possession went much like the first, with Quinn hooking up

with Matt Shelton for 30 yards to the Navy 20 and Grant handling the rest on the ground. The senior tailback went 19 yards off tackle, then bounced to the outside for a 1-yard run that made it 14-0.

Navy managed only 95 yards in the first half, all on the ground. Notre Dame balanced its attack with 110 on the ground and 116 through the air.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	14	3	7	3	—	27
Navy	0	0	3	6	—	9

First Quarter

ND - Marcus Wilson 33 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 12:54

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:48

Second Quarter

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 47, 0:53

Third Quarter

NAVY - FG Geoff Blumenfeld 29, 7:52

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:16

Fourth Quarter

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 20, 12:55

NAVY - Frank Divis 5 run (Aaron Polanco pass failed), 4:19

Team Statistics

	ND	NAVY
First downs	20	17
Rushes-yards	44-204	61-216
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	20-11-0	6-3-0
Passing yards	130	44
Total plays-yards	64-334	67-260
Kick returns-yards	5-39	7-90
Sacks by	5-21	0-0
Punts-average	4-41.0	4-35.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-31	2-10
Third-down conversions	5-12	8-15
Fourth-down conversions	0-1	0-2
Time of possession	29:59	30:01

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 20-114; Marcus Wilson 6-40; Darius Walker 9-26; Travis Thomas 7-18; Jeff Jenkins 2-6.

NAVY: Kyle Eckel 22-102; Eric Roberts 5-51; Frank Divis 5-32; Aaron Polanco 24-19; Marco Nelson 3-13; Trey Hines 1-6; Lloyd Regas 1-(-7).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 20-11-0-130-0.

NAVY: Aaron Polanco 5-3-0-44-0; Frank Divis 1-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Matt Shelton 2-40; Rhema McKnight 2-22; John Carlson 2-17; Anthony Fasano 1-18; Maurice Stovall 1-14; Ryan Grant 1-9; Jeff Samardzija 1-5; Darius Walker 1-5.

NAVY: Eric Roberts 1-21; Frank Divis 1-14; Amir Jenkins 1-9.

Attendance - 76,166