

NOTRE DAME vs AIR FORCE
OCTOBER 28, 2000
FIRST QUARTER PLAY-BY-PLAY
NOTRE DAME STADIUM

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
			Notre Dame wins the toss and defers until the second half. Air Force will receive and ND will defend the South goal.	
			McNew's kickoff bounces out of bounds at the AF 1 PENALTY ND Illegal Procedure Ball is spotted At the AF 35 yd line	
			Air Force ball at 14:55	
1	10	A35	McKay runs wide left but is stopped at the corner for no gain	Weaver
2	10	A35	Brown takes option pitch right for 3	Boiman
3	7	A38	Thiessen throws incomplete for Brown in the left flat	
4	7	A38	D. Thompson's 44 yd punt bounces out of bounds at the ND 18	
			Notre Dame Ball at 13:30	
1	10	N18	Julius Jones spins up the middle for 3	Meinrod
2	7	N21	Julius Jones bursts up the middle for 13 but fumbles when hit by Meinrod at the N35; the ball is recovered the ND 34 by AF's Crawley	
			Air Force ball at 12:47	
1	10	N34	Thiessen fails to gain on the option right	
2	10	N34	Thiessen gets good protection but is sacked from behind by Denman for a loss of 9	
3	19	N43	Thiessen bounces a screen right intended for McKay	
4	19	N43	D. Thompson's 29 yd punt bounces out of bounds at the ND14	
			Notre Dame ball at 11:14	
1	10	N14	LoVecchio overthrows Getherall in the right flat	
2	10	N14	Fisher takes pitch right and runs for 4	Pendry
3	6	N18	LoVecchio throws left for Fisher for 7 and the first down	Meinrod
1	10	N25	Fisher struggles inside for 2	Meinrod
2	8	N27	LoVecchio is flushed right and throws the ball away	
3	8	N27	LoVecchio steps up under heavy pressure and finds Givens over the middle for 9	Logsdon
1	10	N36	Fisher slips while trying the middle, failing to gain	Allen
2	10	N36	LoVecchio rolls left but throws the ball too high for Givens who makes the catch out of bounds	
3	10	N36	LoVecchio corrals a high snap from center before throwing incomplete for Hunter at the AF 30	
4	10	N36	PENALTY ND Delay of Game 5 yds	
4	15	N31	Hildbold's 30 yd punt bounces out of bounds that the AF 39	
			Air Force Ball at 7:55	
1	10	A39	Thiessen throws quick left to Brown who drops the pass.	

2	10	A39	McKay takes option pitch left gets a block at the corner for 8	Earl
3	2	A47	Thiessen keeps right on the option for 7 before being dragged down by Boiman	
1	10	N46	Amezaga takes reverse left for a gain of 4	Earl
2	6	N42	Thiessen overthrows a diving LaBasco at the ND 35	
3	6	N42	Thiessen overthrows Fleming the ND 38	
4	6	N42	D. Thompson's 26 yd punt bounces out of bounds at the ND 16	
<i>Notre Dame ball at 5:59</i>				
1	10	N16	Julius Jones explodes up the middle for 11	Crawley
1	10	N27	Julius Jones is buried after gaining 1	Pommer
2	9	N28	LoVecchio is sacked before he can roll out by a blitzing Gallagher Losing 6	
3	15	N22	LoVecchio escapes a heavy rush and breaks left gaining 23	Overstreet
1	10	N45	Julius Jones up the middle for 7	Zanotti
2	3	A48	LoVecchio throws in the right flat through the arms of Getherall	
3	3	A48	Out of the shotgun, Julius Jones fights for 2 and is stopped just short of the first down	Zanotti
4	1	A46	TIME OUT AF THEIR FIRST AT 2:47	
4	1	A46	Fisher struggles left and passes the first down marker before hitting the ground	Meinrod
1	10	A45	Julius Jones blasts up the middle for 11	Overstreet
1	10	A34	Julius Jones tries to run over left tackle but loses one	Runyon
2	11	A35	LoVecchio throws right for Getherall who makes a diving catch for 9	
3	2	A26	LoVecchio turns up on the option left for 3	Johnson
1	10	A23	Julius Jones powers over left tackle for 8	Crawley
FIRST QUARTER SCORE: NOTRE DAME 0, AIR FORCE 0				

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2	2	A15	Julius Jones fails to gain	Zanotti
3	2	A15	Julius Jones pulls away from one tackler for	Zanotti
4	1	A14	Julius Jones slams into the right side for 2	Pendry
1	10	A12	Julius Jones fights left for 2	Overstreet
2	8	A10	LoVecchio rolls right under pressure and throws in the back of the endzone for Givens who is covered by Duffy and Crawley; Crawley deflects the pass into the arms of Hunter who comes down just inside the line of the touchdown.	

PAT by Setta with Tibble holding.

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 7, AIR FORCE 0

SCORING DRIVE: 18 PLAYS, 84 YDS, 7 FIRST DOWNS 2-4 THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS 2-2 FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS 8:07 ELAPSED

McNew's kickoff is fielded by Amezaga at the 6 he returns 21 to the A36 where he is tackled by Howard

AIR FORCE BALL AT 12:42

1	10	A27	Beard up the middle for 2	Legree
2	8	A29	Thiessen throws over the middle to Fleming despite being leveled by Williams for a gain of 11	
1	10	A40	Palmer takes pitch left for 7	Earl
2	3	A47	Palmer runs left for 3	Boiman
1	10	M	Thiessen is sacked before he can set up losing 2	Scott
2	12	A48	After a play action fake Thiessen hits Fleming wide open over the middle for 23	Driver
1	10	N29	Beard up the middle for 1	Legree
2	9	N28	Beard up the middle for 5	Legree
3	4	N23	TIME OUT AIR FORCE ITS SECOND AT 8:13	
3	4	N23	After a play action fake Thiessen lofts the ball to Palmer who makes the catch at the ND 15 and outraces Denman into the endzone for the touchdown	

PAT by Adams with Bounds holding

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 7, AIR FORCE 7

SCORING DRIVE: 73 YDS, 9 PLAYS, 4 FIRST DOWNS 1-1 THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS, 4:45 ELAPSED

D. Thompson's kickoff is fielded by Julius Jones at the ND 2
 He returns 37 yds to the N 39 where he is tackled by D. Thompson

NOTRE DAME BALL AT 7:55

1	10	N39	FISHER struggles inside for 1	Meinrod
2	9	N40	LoVecchio throws left for Hunter but AF 's Nelson bats the ball up and nearly controls the tip at the ND 45	
3	9	N40	The pocket collapses around LoVecchio and he is sacked for loss of 7	Pommer
4	16	N33	Hildbold's 33 yd punt is fielded by McKay at the AF 15 . He returns 11 to the AF 26 where he is tackled by Jefferson.	

AIR FORCE BALL AT 6:25

1	10	A26	THIESSEN keeps on the option right, leaves Driver in his wake at the AF 37 and scampers for 23	Denman
1	10	A49	Thiessen throws deep down the middle for Brown who is double covered by Driver and Earl; the ball is intercepted by Earl but Driver is called for pass interference	
PENALTY ND PASS INTERFERENCE 15 YDS				

1	10	N36	Thiessen keeps left on the option for 2	Driver
2	8	N34	McKay takes reverse left gets a block at the corner from Dayoc for a gain of 23	Walton
1	10	N11	Brown up the middle for 7	Harrison
PENALTY PERSONAL FOUL ND 2 YDS				

1	g	N2	Thiessen keeps right for 1	Williams
2	G	N1	PENALTY AIRFORCE ILLEGAL PROCEDURE 4 YDS.	
2	G	N5	Brown outruns Williams but is unable to turn the right corner failing to gain.	Legree
3	G	N5	Thiessen 's pass intended for Malin is broken up by Weaver in the back field	
4	G	N5	PENALTY AIR FORCE ILLEGAL PROCEDURE 5 YDS	
4	G	N10	Adams with Bounds holding attempts 27 yard field goal, The kick is good	

SCORE: AIR FORCE 10, NOTRE DAME 7

SCORING DRIVE: 64 YDS, 8 PLAYS 4 FIRST DOWNS 0-1 ON THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS 3:19 ELAPSED

Adams kickoff bounces ou8t of bounds
PENALTY ILLEGAL PROCEDURE AIR FORCE BALL SPOTTED ATHE ND 35

NOTRE DAME BALL AT 3:03

1	10	N35	LoVecchio rolls right and throws down field to Fisher who drops the ball at The AF 35.	
2	10	N35	Julius Jones is smothered trying to turn the right corner losing 4	
3	14	N31	Getherall gains 13 on a reverse left.	Meinrod
4	1	N44	Hildbold's 42 yd punt is fair caught by McKay at the AF 14	

AIR FORCE BALL AT 1:54

1	10	A14	Brown takes option pitch right for 7	Beckstrom
2	3	A21	Thiessen hits Fleming over the middle for 9	Beckstrom
1	10	A30	McKay on a delay gains 3	Williams
2	7	A33	Brown takes option pitch right for 6	Sapp
3	1	A39	Palmer up the middle for 2	Scott
1	10	A41	Thiessen underthrows Fleming allowing NDs Walton to break up the pass at the ND 30	
2	10	A41	Thiessen throws screen right to Palmer who is tackled immediately for a loss of 6	Denman
3	16	A 35	TIME OUT ND ITS FIRST AT 00:35	
3	16	A35	Thiessen slips while dropping back to pass losing 3	
4	19	A32	TIME OUT ND ITS SECOND AT 00:30	
4	19	A32	D. Thompson's 47 yd punt is fielded by Getherall at the N21 He returns 1 Yd to the ND 22 where he is tackled by Beard. PENALTY ND ILLEGAL BLOCK 10 YDS	
<i>NOTRE DAME BALL AT 00:17</i>				
1	10	N12	<i>LoVecchio takes a knee losing 1 as the half ends.</i>	

HALFTIME SCORE: AIR FORCE 10, NOTRE DAME 7

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			D. Thompson's kickoff is fielded by Julius Jones at the N5 He returns 41 yds to the ND 46 before he is pushed out of bounds by Metters	
NOTRE DAME BALL AT 14:48				
1	10	N46	Julius Jones up the middle for 5	Glisson
2	5	A49	Julius Jones up the middle for 8	Glisson
1	10	A41	Fisher up the middle for 5	Runyon
2	5	A36	Fisher bounces outside left for 6	GLISSON
1	10	A30	Fisher fights up the middle for 2	Gallagher
2	8	A28	After a play action fake, LoVecchio throws right for Getherall who makes the catch in the endzone over Buelow?	
<i>PAT by Setta with Tibble holding</i>				
SCORE: NOTRE DAME 14, AIR FORCE 10				
SCORING DRIVE: 54 YDS, 6 PLAYS, 3 FIRST DOWNS 0-0 THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS 2:56 ELAPSED				
<i>McNew's onside kick is bawbles and then dropped by Beckstrom Rule recovers for Air Force on the AF 43</i>				
AIR FORCE BALL AT 11:59				
1	10	A43	Thiessen keeps on the option for 2	Denman
2	8	A45	McKay takes option pitch right for 5	Driver
3	3	M	BROWN takes option pitch right is tackled for a loss of 3 by Boiman	
4	5	A48	D. Thompson's 37 Yd punt is fair caught by Getherall at the ND 16	
NOTRE DAME BALL AT 10:32				
1	10	N16	Julius Jones up the middle for 5	Johnson
2	5	N21	LoVecchio overthrows Givens open behind two defenders at the ND 35	
3	5	N21	LoVecchio throws left for Getherall for 11	Metters
1	10	N32	Julius Jones fights over left guard for 1	Zanotti
2	9	N33	Under an Air Force blitz, LoVecchio lofts the ball down field to Hunter Who almost makes a diving catch?	
3	9	N33	LoVecchio'S pass down the middle batted down by Zanotti and nearly Intercepted by Johnson at the ND 40	

4 9 N33 *Hilbold's partially blocked 16 yd punt bounces out of bounds at the ND49*

AIR FORCE BALL at 8:31

1 10 N49 THIESSEN rolls right and hits Beard in midstride for 5 Williams
2 5 N44 Thiessen pitches right to Brown for 9 Denman

1 10 N35 Thiessen keeps on the option left but fumbles when hit by Denman and Earl.
Recovered by Earl.

NOTRE DAME BALL AT 7:47

1 10 N25 *Julius Jones is stuffed up the middle after gaining one Pommer*
2 9 N26 *LoVecchio bursts up the middle out of the pocket for 8 Johnson*

3 1 n34 *Julius Jones runs wide right for 11 Glisson*

1 10 N45 *Julius Jones struggles at left guard failing to gain Johnson*
2 10 N45 *Under heavy blitz, LoVecchio throws left to Givens for 7 Buelow*
3 3 A48 *Julius Jones explodes over left tackle, gaining 11 Glisson*

1 10 A37 *Julius Jones is stuffed up the middle failing to gain Pendry*
2 10 A37 *LoVecchio fakes the pitch left to Julius Jones and then overthrows him
Down the left sideline.*

3 10 A37 *On a double reverse, Getherall hands to Givens who runs untouched down
The left sideline for a Touchdown*

PAT by Setta with Tibble holding

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 21, AIR FORCE 10

**SCORING DRIVE: 75 YDS, 9 PLAYS, 3 FIRST DOWNS, 3-3 THIRD DOWN
CONVERSIONS, 4:30 ELAPSED**

*McNew's kicker is fielded by Amezaga at the AF1.1 He returns 24 Yds to the
AF 25 where he is tackled by Duff*

AIR FORCE BALL AT 3:07

1 10 A25 BROWN fails to gain on option pitch right Harrison
2 10 A25 Thiessen keeps left on the option for 4 Williams
3 6 A29 Thiessen gets away from 2 tackles in the backField before Denman
brings him down for a loss of 2.
4 8 A27 D.Thompson's 41 yd punt is down at the ND 32.

NOTRE DAME BALL AT 00:55

1 10 N32 *AFTER a play action fake, LoVecchio unloads deep down the middle who
catches the ball after everybody at the A23. Duff catches Getherall's ankle
at the AF 10 but Getherall keeps his balance and lunges over the goal line
for the TD.*

PAT by Setta with Tibble holding

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 28, AIR FORCE 10

SCORING DRIVE: 68 YDS. 1 PLAY, 1 FIRST DOWN 0-0 ON THIRD DOWN

CONVERSIONS, 0:09 ELAPSED

McNew's kickoff is fielded by Amezaga at the AF2. He returns 24 Yds to the AF 26 where he is tackled by DeBolt.

AIR FORCE BALL AT 0:36

1 10 A26 PENALTY AF ILLEGAL SHIFT 5 YDS.

1 15 A21 Thiessen throws in the left flat to Brown for 8

Earl

THIRD QUARTER SCORE: NOTRE DAME 28, AIR FORCE 10

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2	7	A29	Thiessen throws to Amezaga who drags a tackler to gain 5	Earl
3	2	A34	Brown takes option pitch right gets a block from Beard and gains 12	Beckstrom
1	10	A46	Thiessen throws down the middle to LaBasco for 12	Walton
1	10	N42	Thiessen keeps right on the option and is dragged down in the backfield by Denman for a loss of 3	
2	13	N45	McKay takes reverse pitch right and gains 2	Walton
3	11	N43	Thiessen throws right to Fleming who is tackled just short of the first down and a gain of 10	Walton
4	1	N33	Thiessen keeps right on the option and goes left for 3 and a first down	Beckstrom
1	10	N30	After a play action fake, Thiessen lofts the ball down the field where Jessop makes an over the shoulder catch in the endzone for the TD	
			PAT by Adams with Bounds holding	

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 28, AIR FORCE 17

SCORING DRIVE: 74 YDS, 9 PLAYS , 4 FIRST DOWNS, 1-2 ON THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS, 1-1 FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS 4:36 ELAPSED.

D. Thompson's kickoff fielded by Julius Jones at the ND 5. He returns 21 yds to the ND 26 where he is hit by Arthur

NOTRE DAME BALL AT 10:59

1	10	N26	Howard up the middle for 4	Johnson
2	6	N30	LoVecchio rolls outside the pocket and throws the ball away.	
3	6	N30	LoVecchio overthrows Hunter well covered by Crawley at the AF 35	
4	6	N30	Hildbold' [s 43 yd punt fielded by Mc Kay returns to the AF 27. He returns it 4 yds to the AF 31	

AIR FORCE BALL AT 10:00

1	10	A31	Brown takes option pitch right and is dropped for a loss of 3	Weaver
2	13	A28	Thiessen drops back to pass and scrambles down the right side line for 15 before running out of bounds.	
1	10	A43	Thiessen throws slant right to a sliding Fleming for 10	
1	10	N47	Thiessen throws down the right sideline for Amezaga who is a stride behind Beckstrom, but misses the diving catch.	
2	10	N47	Thiessen throws left to Brown for 11	Earl
1	10	N36	Thiessen under throws Fleming at the ND 35	
2	10	N36	Thiessen throws slant left to Fleming for 12	Walton
1	10	N24	PALMER Takes option pitch right for 5	Williams
2	5	N19	Becker slants left for 4	Earl
3	1	N15	Under pressure from Scott, Thiessen is forced to throw early	
And misses Brown at the ND 5.				
4	1	N15	Becker blasts up the middle for 2	Scott
1	10	N13	Becker bulls over the right guard for 7	Sapp
2	3	N6	Becker slants over the left tackle, fumbles as he crosses the goal line. When hit by Denman. Fumble recovered by AF's Giovanetti in the endzone for the Touchdown.	

Two-point conversion attempt: Thiessen's pitch right on the option to McKay who lunges Over the goal line.

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 28, AIR FORCE 25

SCORING DRIVE: 69 YDS, 13 PLAYS, 6 FIRST DOWNS, 0-1 THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS, 1-1 FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS 3:51 ELAPSED

Adams' kickoff fielded by Driver at the ND 7 . He returns 44 yds to the AF 49 where He is tackled by Pommer.

NOTRE DAME BALL AT 5:52

1	10	BA49	Julius Jones runs wide left for no gain	Overstreet
2	10	A49	Julius Jones up the middle for 3	Pommer
3	7	A46	LoVecchio is unable to find a receiver and runs right for 4	Pommer
4	3	A42	Hildbold's 37 Yd punt is batted out of the endzone and downed by Sapp at the AF 5.	

AIR FORCE BALL AT 4:14

1	10	A5	Thiessen throws deep left for Fleming who adjusts to the ball before Walton turns around to gain 42.	
1	10	A47	Brown takes option pitch right for 3	William
2	7	M	Thiessen hits McKay underneath over the middle for 14	Walton
PENALTY ND PERSONAL FOUL 15 YDS				
1	10	N21	Palmer takes option pitch losing 2	Williams

2 12 N23 Thiessen throws incomplete for Brown who nearly makes the catch
under tight pressure form Earl at the ND 2
3 12 N23 Palmer on the delay gains 6 Sapp
4 6 N TIME OUT ND ITS FIRST AT 2:01

4 6 N17 Adams with Bounds holding converts 34 Yd field goal attempt at 4:36

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 28, AIR FORCE 28
SCORING DRIVE: 78 YDS , 7 PLAYS 3 FIRST DOWNS , 0-1 ON THIRD DOWN
CONVERSIONS 2:18 ELAPSED.

Adams kickoff is fielded 2 yds deep in the endzone he returns to the 20 where
He is tackled by Cage.

1 10 N20 **NOTRE DAME BALL AT 1:51**

1 10 N20 PENALTY ND ILLEGAL PROCEDURE 5 YDS.

1 15 N15 LoVecchio is sacked for a loss of 7 Pommer
2 22 N8 LoVecchio barely eludes the grasp of Probert in the endzone
and finds Hunter for 16
TIME OUT AF IT FIRST AT 1:02

3 6 N24 LoVecchio throws incomplete for Fisher broken up by Glisson
4 6 N24 Hildbolds44 Yd punt is fielded by McKay at the AF 32. He returns to
4 yds to the AF36 where he is tackled by Howard.

AIR FORCE BALL AT 0:49

1 10 A36 Thiessen throws to Fleming who is behind Beckstrom down the
Right sideline for 46 Beckstrom

1 10 N18 Becker up the middle for 2 Denman
2 8 N16 Becker up the middle for 5 Beckstrom

3 3 N11 TIME OUT AIR FORCE ITS 2ND 0:003
TIME OUT NOTRE DAME ITS 2ND AT0:03

3 3 N11 Adams with Bounds holding attempts 28 yd field goal that is blocked by
ND's Earl as time expires.

FOURTH QUARTER SCORE: NOTRE DAME 28, AIR FORCE 28

Notre Dame wins the overtime-game toss and elects to go on defense first;
Air Force elects to attack the South endzone.

AIR FORCE BALL

1 10 N25 Becker over left guard for 5 Legree
2 5 N20 Becker up the middle for 4 Harrison
3 1 N16 Thiessen fakes up the middle for Becker, keeps right and is dragged
down by the ankles after gaining 9 Boiman

1	G	N7	Becker fumbles the ball after the exchange from Thiessen, but Thiessen Recovers at the ND 7	
2	G	N7	Thiessen throws for Amezaga who has a step on Beckstrom in the back of the endzone but Driver steps in front to tip the pass away.	
3	G	N7	Thiessen loses 2	Denman
4	G	N9	Adams with Bounds holding converts 26-Yd field goal attempt	

SCORE: AIR FORCE 31, NOTRE DAME 28
SCORING DRIVE: 6 PLAYS, 16 YARDS, 1 FIRST DOWN, 1-2 THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS,

NOTRE DAME BALL

1	10	A25	LoVecchio rolls right and throws for Givens behind two defenders in the back of the endzone. Givens makes the catch and lands with both knees in bounds before hitting the end line with his shoulder pads; the ball is ruled out of bounds, incomplete.	
2	10	A25	Julius Jones bursts up the middle for 12	Glisson
1	10	A13	Julius Jones loses 2 up the middle	Johnson
2	12	A15	LoVecchio throw a screen left to Julius Jones who avoids two tacklers in the backfield and gains 6	Nelson
3	6	A9	TIME OUT NOTRE DAME	
3	6	A9	Getherall takes reverse hand off left , gets a block in the backfield from Black and races down the sideline for the Touchdown.	

SCORE: NOTRE DAME 34, AIR FORCE 31
SCORING DRIVE: 25 YDS, 5 [PLAYS, 2 FIRST DOWNS 1-1 THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS

FINAL SCORE: NOTRE DAME 34, AIR FORCE 31