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NOTRE DAME

F O O T B A L L

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NOTRE DAME (1-0)

Sept. 2	23/25 TEXAS A&M	W, 24-10
Sept. 9	NEBRASKA	1:30 EST
Sept. 16	PURDUE	Noon EST
Sept. 23	at Michigan State	TBA
Oct. 7	STANFORD	1:30 EST
Oct. 14	vs. Navy (Orlando, Fla.)	Noon EDT
Oct. 21	at West Virginia	TBA
Oct. 28	AIR FORCE	1:30 EST
Nov. 11	BOSTON COLLEGE	3:30 EST
Nov. 18	at Rutgers	3:30 EST
Nov. 25	at USC	12:30 PST

NEBRASKA (1-0)

Sept. 2	SAN JOSE STATE	W, 49-13
Sept. 9	at Notre Dame	1:30 EST
Sept. 23	IOWA	TBA
Sept. 30	MISSOURI	TBA
Oct. 7	at Iowa State	TBA
Oct. 14	at Texas Tech	TBA
Oct. 21	BAYLOR	TBA
Oct. 28	at Oklahoma	TBA
Nov. 4	KANSAS	TBA
Nov. 11	at Kansas State	TBA
Nov. 24	COLORADO	11:00 CST

PRESEASON RANKINGS

Here's where Notre Dame was ranked in the pre-season and final AP polls since 1987:

Year	Preseason	Final
1987	18	17
1988	13	1
1989	2	2
1990	2	6
1991	6	13
1992	3	4
1993	7	2
1994	2	NR
1995	9	11
1996	6	19
1997	11	NR
1998	22	22
1999	18	NR
2000	NR	

Game No. **2**

(#23 AP/#25 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (1-0)**
vs. (#1 AP/#1 ESPN/USA Today) **Nebraska Cornhuskers (1-0)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. EST.

The Site: Notre Dame Stadium (80,232/natural grass) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The Tickets: They're all sold—with this game marking the 151st consecutive sellout in Notre Dame Stadium (the first 130 coming at the old 59,075 capacity). The Nebraska game marks the 199th home sellout in the last 200 games (back to 1964) and the 120th sellout in the last 139 games involving Notre Dame, including the first 10 games of 1998 and the first 11 in '99.

The TV Plans: NBC Sports national telecast with **Craig Minervini** (play-by-play), **Pat Haden** (analysis) and **Bob Wischusen** (sideline).

The Radio Plans: For the 33rd consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast nationally on radio by Mutual/Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play by play) and **Tom Pagna** (game analysis) and **Paul Hornung** (pregame/halftime analysis). The Mutual Network includes more than 200 stations. A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student radio station, WVFI, is available through the Notre Dame athletic department web site at www.und.com.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics are available during every Notre Dame home game, via the Notre Dame athletic website (www.und.com).

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Nebraska (www.huskerwebcast.com).

THE HEAD COACH

Fourth-year Irish head coach Bob Davie owns a 22-16 (.579) career record at Notre Dame. Davie was one of 10 finalists for the 1998 Walter Camp Foundation/Street and Smith's Coach of the Year Award. His 1997 squad beat No. 11 LSU and No. 22 West Virginia to mark the first time a Notre Dame team beat ranked foes on consecutive weeks since November '92, while the '98 opening win over No. 5 and defending national champion Michigan gave him a 3-4 record vs. ranked opponents (now 5-5 after a '00 season-opening win over 23rd-ranked Texas A&M). The 2000 season marks Davie's seventh year at Notre Dame overall, after serving as defensive coordinator and inside linebacker coach from 1994-96. He coached nine seasons at Texas A&M ('85-'93), two at Tulane ('83-'84), four at Pittsburgh ('77, '80-'82) and two at Arizona ('78-'79), spending both years at Tulane as defensive coordinator and the last five at Texas A&M in that role.

THE INJURY UPDATE (as of Sept. 3)

Out

Freshman DL **Greg Pauly** Partially torn knee ligament, underwent surgery on Aug. 13

Probable

Junior QB **Arnaz Battle** Ankle vs. Texas A&M

Junior CB **Clifford Jefferson** Ankle vs. Texas A&M

NOTRE DAME-NEBRASKA SERIES NOTES

- Saturday's game marks the 15th meeting between the Irish and Huskers but the first since 1972 and the first in the regular season since 1948. Notre Dame leads the series 7-6-1 with a 3-0-1 mark at home.
- Notre Dame and Nebraska rank first (.753) and fourth (.707) in all-time winning percentage.
- Notre Dame (768) and Nebraska (744) stand second and third on college football's all-time wins list.
- The Irish are 5-0 against Big 12 schools since the formation of the league in 1996 and 37-15-2 all-time against current members of the Big 12.
- Nebraska makes its second trip to Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday, ending a 53-year break for the Cornhuskers between visits to Notre Dame Stadium -- the third longest break for an Irish opponent at Notre Dame Stadium.



MEDIA POLICIES

THE DAVIE CONFERENCES

Bob Davie's weekly teleconference-style press conferences are available via satellite on Tuesday prior to each Notre Dame game, with the first slated for Aug. 29 (there are no conferences on open-date weeks). They are held at 1:30 p.m. EST at the WNDU Studios (on US 933/Business 31, west edge of campus) in South Bend. A light lunch is served beginning at 12:30 p.m., and at least one Irish player generally is available for interviews between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Out-of-town media can connect to the conference via phone to listen and ask questions by calling the sports information office at (219) 631-7516. All teleconference are available on satellite at Telstar 5C, Transponder 7V—with the exception of the Aug. 29 press conference, which will be available at Telstar 6C, Transponder 7V. Approximately five minutes of video highlights from the previous week's Notre Dame game are included at the end of each hour-long satellite feed.

TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS

Exact transcriptions of Bob Davie's Tuesday and Sunday press conferences are available at the Notre Dame sports information department, through the fax-on-demand system and on the web site at www.und.com.

DAVIE INTERVIEWS

Outside his regular Tuesday teleconference, the best time for Bob Davie interviews is between noon and 1:00 p.m. (EST) during the week. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office to make specific arrangements.

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW



A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 10:00-10:30 p.m. for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show 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
SE	21	Javin Hunter	First career TD gave Irish 14-10 lead against Aggies
LT	78	Jordan Black	Shined in first collegiate action in nine starts at LT in '99
LG	55	Jim Jones	Fifth-year player started all but one game last year
C	52	Jeff Faine	Made collegiate debut against A&M
RG	69	Mike Gandy	Second-year starter at RG has most career minutes on OL
RT	75	Kurt Vollers	Moved in RT role after starting final three '99 games at LT
TE	87	Jabari Holloway	All-star candidate in his third straight season as starter
FL	18	Joey Getherall	Only catch vs. Texas A&M was first Irish TD of 2000
or	6	David Givens	Played more minutes last year than any other returning WR
QB	3	Arnaz Battle	Victorious first career start with 183 total offense, 2 TD passes
FB	36	Tom Lopienski	Assumed starting role after playing all 12 games in '99
TB	12	Tony Fisher	All-star candidate returns as top rusher from '99
or	22	Julius Jones	Team high 60 yards rushing with 17-yard TD vs. Aggies
or	32	Terrance Howard	Slashing runner completes three-pronged tailback attack

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	98	Anthony Weaver	All-star candidate registered six tackles vs. A&M, one for loss
DT	94	Andy Wisne	Assumed starting role after playing in all but two games in '99
NG	90	Lance Legree	Most consistent Irish defender has played 32 career games
RE	44	Grant Irons	All-star candidate among most experienced on Irish defense
ILB	51	Tyreo Harrison	Improved player earned starting spot after reserve role
ILB	39	Anthony Denman	Most experienced player on defense had 8 tackles vs. A&M
OLB	30	Rocky Boiman	Recorded a sack among his nine tackles against Aggies
LCB	1	Brock Williams	Returned to action with three tackles vs. Texas A&M
FS	25	Tony Driver	All-star candidate back sealed win over A&M with late INT
SS	5	Ron Israel	Earned starting spot after playing in 21 games in reserve role
RCB	42	Shane Walton	First career start results in five tackles, one a seven-yard loss

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
KO	93	Matt McNew	Three touchbacks among five kickoffs in collegiate debut
PK	13	Nick Setta	Made all three PATs, 32-yard field goal in collegiate debut
P	17	Joey Hildbold	69- and 59-yard punts among six for 44.3 average vs. A&M
HLD	80	Adam Tibble	Handled high snap vs. Aggies on Setta's 32-yard FG
SNP	86	Dan O'Leary	Talented TE also contributes on special teams on punts
or		John Crowther	Walk-on player contributes on PATs and FGs
PR/KR	18	Joey Getherall	Five punt returns totalled 37 yards vs. Texas A&M
or PR/KR	22	Julius Jones	One kickoff return for 19 yards against Aggies
or KR	25	Tony Driver	Factor in return game once again
or KR	6	David Givens	Returned two A&M kickoffs for 40 yards

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- The Irish will improve to 9-13-1 vs. No. 1 teams and 8-4 in their last 12 games vs. a top-ranked team.
- The Irish will win improve to 4-3 at home vs. No. 1 teams.
- The Irish will defeat a ranked team on consecutive weekends for the second time under head coach Bob Davie.
- The Irish will improve to 6-0 vs. Big 12 teams since the birth of the conference with wins over six different teams.

IF NEBRASKA WINS ...

- The Cornhuskers will win at Notre Dame for the first time in four tries and in Notre Dame Stadium for the first time in two games.
- The Cornhuskers will become the first visiting top-ranked team to defeat the host Irish since Purdue in 1968.
- The Cornhuskers will extend their winning streak to eight games.



IRISH VS. #1 TEAMS

Saturday's game marks the 23rd time Notre Dame has faced the #1 team in the Associated Press poll and the seventh time at home. The Irish are 8-13-1 overall in those contests and 3-3 at home (see page 438 of 2000 Notre Dame football media guide for complete list), but Notre Dame has won seven of its last 11 attempts. Here's a listing of previous Irish battles with #1 teams played in Notre Dame Stadium:

- Nov. 21, 1936 #11 Notre Dame def. #1 Northwestern 26-6**
- Nov. 20, 1965 #1 Michigan State def. #4 Notre Dame 12-3
- Oct. 14, 1967 #1 USC def. #5 Notre Dame 24-7
- Sept. 28, 1968 #1 Purdue def. #2 Notre Dame 37-22
- Oct. 15, 1988 #4 Notre Dame def. #1 Miami 31-30**
- Nov. 13, 1993 #2 Notre Dame def. #1 Florida State 31-24**

Here are details of the last 10 times Notre Dame has done battle with top-ranked teams (only the Miami and Florida State games were played in Notre Dame Stadium):

- Jan. 1, 1972 #6 Notre Dame def. #1 Texas 24-11 (Cotton Bowl)**
- Dec. 2, 1972 #1 USC def. #10 Notre Dame 45-23
- Dec. 31, 1973 #3 Notre Dame def. #1 Alabama 24-23 (Sugar Bowl)**
- Jan. 2, 1978 #5 Notre Dame def. #1 Texas 38-10 (Cotton Bowl)**
- Jan. 1, 1981 #1 Georgia def. #7 Notre Dame 17-10 (Sugar Bowl)
- Nov. 6, 1982 Notre Dame def. #1 Pittsburgh 31-16**
- Nov. 16, 1985 #1 Penn State def. Notre Dame 36-6
- Oct. 15, 1988 #4 Notre Dame def. #1 Miami 31-30**
- Jan. 1, 1990 #4 Notre Dame def. #1 Colorado 21-6 (Orange Bowl)**
- Jan. 1, 1991 #1 Colorado def. #5 Notre Dame 10-9
- Nov. 13, 1993 #2 Notre Dame def. #1 Florida State 31-24**

IRISH LEAD IN NO. 1 WINS

Notre Dame's eight victories over top-ranked teams in the AP polls are the most of any team, one better than seven by USC and Purdue. The Irish also own the most wins over a top-ranked team in men's basketball with nine for a combined total of 17 wins in football and men's basketball over No. 1 ranked teams.

COACHING CONNECTIONS

Notre Dame assistant athletic and longtime assistant coach (1969-85) George Kelly joined Ara Parseghian's coaching staff after serving as an assistant coach at Nebraska from 1961-68. He spent eight seasons at Nebraska as an assistant under Husker head coaches Bill Jennings and Bob Devaney. The '53 Notre Dame graduate is credited with the "Blackshirts" worn by the Nebraska defense in practice.

NOTRE DAME-NEBRASKA SERIES HISTORY

- Saturday's game will mark the 15th meeting between two of the winningest teams in college football history but just the fourth game played at Notre Dame.
- There have been seven shutouts in the series with an average margin of victory of 15.8 points by the winning team in the 13 games that were won and lost.
- The teams first met in 1915 and played the closest game in the series, a 20-19 Nebraska win in the first of 11 consecutive meetings from 1915-25.
- Notre Dame's first win in the series came the following year in '16 by a 20-0 margin. Nebraska first traveled to Notre Dame in 1921, and the Irish won 7-0 for their third consecutive win over the Cornhuskers.
- From '22-24, head coach Knute Rockne and the Four Horsemen compiled a 27-2-1 record, with the losses coming at Nebraska in '22 (14-6) and '23 (14-7) before a 34-6 win at home in '24.
- Twenty-two years passed between the Cornhuskers' 17-0 win in '25 and the next meeting between the teams in '47 and '48.
- The Irish entered both games of the home-and-home series ranked second and won 31-0 in Nebraska's only game in Notre Dame Stadium in '47 and 44-13 in '48 at Nebraska.
- Twenty-four more years passed before the teams met once again in 1972 in the Orange Bowl. The ninth-ranked Cornhuskers handed the 12th-ranked Irish a 40-6 loss, the worst defeat for head coach Ara Parseghian at Notre Dame.

MEDIA POLICIES

THE SUNDAY WRAP-UP

Bob Davie holds a media briefing from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each Sunday following Irish games. The briefing is held at the Joyce Center football auditorium. Check with John Heisler at (219) 631-7516 for teleconference availability.

THE HOST FOOTBALL REVIEW

Host Communications offers a two-hour delayed replay of each Notre Dame home game. The replays are available in many major markets, via over-the-air syndication, including South Bend's WNDU-TV (Sundays, beginning at 1:30 a.m.) and AT&T Cable channel 5 (times TBA). The review broadcasts also will be shown in Chicago on WJYS TV-62 (on Sundays, beginning at 3:00 a.m.).

THE DAVIE SHOW

Bob Davie's half-hour, weekly television show is syndicated nationally by Host Communications, produced by Golden Dome Productions and hosted by Jeff Jeffers. The show is carried by WNDU-TV in the South Bend market on the following Saturday (one hour before gametime) and on Fox Sports Net Chicago on Monday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

Monday is the only day practice is open to media (open week Monday plans are TBA). Cameras and media are permitted at Monday practice during the first half hour (check with Notre Dame SID office for exact times). All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office. Notre Dame's publicity material on football is available through a fax-on-demand system. Contact the Notre Dame sports information office at 219-631-7516 for details.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame football releases via email should send requests to Sports Information Assistant Eric Wachter at wachter.1@nd.edu.

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the extensive offerings including real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home football games.



IRISH HONORS

QB Arnaz Battle

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Texas A&M (10-16-133, 2 TDs, 12-50 rushing)

LT Jordan Black

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

DT Darrell Campbell

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

ILB Anthony Denman

The Sporting News, ranked 13th nationally among ILB

Butkus Award preliminary list

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

FS Tony Driver

The Sporting News, ranked 3rd nationally among FS

The Sporting News second team preseason All-American

Jim Thorpe Award watch list

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

TB Tony Fisher

Doak Walker Award candidate

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

RG Mike Gandy

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

TE Jabari Holloway

The Sporting News and *Lindy's*, ranked 3rd nationally among TE

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

• Nebraska first played at Notre Dame Stadium in 1947 and makes its second visit on Saturday, ending a 53-year break for the Cornhuskers between visits to Notre Dame Stadium -- the third longest break for an Irish opponent at Notre Dame Stadium. Kansas ended a 61-year absence in 1999, while Ohio State recently returned after 60 years in 1996. Other breaks include Washington (48 years, 1948-96), Arizona (41 years, 1941-82), Texas (41 years, 1995-54) and Michigan (36 years, 1942-78).

NOTRE DAME-NEBRASKA CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame sophomore CB Jason Beckstrom, junior OG Sean Mahan and senior DT Andy Wisne all hail from the same hometown (Tulsa, Okla.) and attended the same high school (Jenks) as Cornhusker junior NT Jason Lohr.
- Irish senior DE Grant Irons is the brother of former Nebraska offensive lineman Jerry Irons, who lettered at Nebraska in 1991.
- Notre Dame junior ILB Carlos Pierre-Antoine attended the same high school (Bishop O'Dea in Seattle, Wash.) as Nebraska freshman ILB Tim Reese.
- Irish senior walk-on LB Joseph Mueller -- from O'Neill, Neb. and O'Neill Public high school -- is the only current Irish player from Nebraska.
- Notre Dame senior women's soccer captain Kelly Lindsey and Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch both hail from Omaha, Neb., and are 1997 graduates of Millard North high school.
- Irish associate softball head coach Deanna Gumpf (formerly Deanna Mays) is a 1992 graduate of Nebraska and starred for the Cornhusker softball team from 1989-92 where she pitched and played first base. She earned second-team all-Big Eight honors in 1991. Gumpf came to Notre Dame in 1998.

THE TEXAS A&M REVIEW

Notre Dame trailed 7-0 late in the first half against 25th-ranked Texas A&M before junior quarterback Arnaz Battle -- making his first career start -- led the Irish on a 2:09, 70-yard drive in seven plays to tie the score 7-7 at halftime. Battle completed a nine-yard touchdown pass to senior Joey Getherall for Notre Dame's first points of the season. The Aggies took the second-half kickoff 75-yards in a drive that lasted 7:35 but were forced to settle for a field goal after the Irish defense kept Texas A&M out of the end zone after first and goal from the two-yard line. After the teams exchanged punts -- with Irish sophomore Joey Hildbold booming a 69-yard punt that was downed at the Aggie three-yard line -- Battle connected with junior Javin Hunter for a 46-yard touchdown strike to give Notre Dame its first lead at 14-10 and the decisive score in the game. Texas A&M went three and out on its next possession and the Irish pulled away with 69-yard drive that ate up 4:44 and ended with sophomore Julius Jones finding the end zone after a 17-yard run. Another drive of 3:10 ended with sophomore Nick Setta -- 3-3 on PATs in his collegiate debut -- nailing his first career field goal from 32 yards for the final points of the 24-10 game. Texas A&M went 60 yards on nine plays on its final drive, but its comeback hopes ended after an interception from senior Tony Driver. Notre Dame ran out the final 4:09 with a 40-yard drive. Battle finished 10-16 for 133 yards and two touchdown passes and a team-high 50 yards rushing on 12 carries. The Irish defense held the Aggies scoreless for the final 22:25 of the game and allowed just 90 net rushing yards.

SCOUTING THE IRISH OFFENSE

Line -- The Irish return four starters to a veteran offensive line in '00 with the only untested position being at center. Senior guards **Jim Jones** (left guard) and **Mike Gandy** (right guard) combined to start 21 games at their respective positions last year. Junior **Jordan Black** is back at the left tackle position where he started the first nine games in '99, while senior **Kurt Vollers** moved into the starting role at right tackle following backup action at left tackle in '99. Sophomore **Jeff Faine** is at center after seeing no game action as a freshman. Senior **John Teasdale** started 10 games in '99 at mostly right tackle and provides experience as a backup to Vollers. The other reserves are sophomore **Brennan Curtin** at tackle, juniors **Sean Mahan** and **Ryan Scarola** at guard and at center senior **JW Jordan**.

Backs -- Junior **Arnaz Battle** (10-16-133, 2TDs, 50 yards rushing) assumed the Irish starting quarterback spot after playing in seven games in '99 and four in '98 behind Jarious Jackson. As a sophomore he was seven for 15 for 84 yards with a 30-yard completion to Jay Johnson in the first quarter against Stanford. Also a threat carrying the ball, Battle rushed for 100 yards on 19 carries last year, most of which came on a 74-yard touchdown run against Kansas on the Notre Dame's longest play from scrimmage in '99. Standing 6-7, sophomore **Gary Godsey** brings a physical presence as backup



IRISH HONORS

(cont.)

RE Grant Irons

The Sporting News and *Lindy's*, ranked 15th nationally among DE
Lindy's, ranked 16th nationally among DE
The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

LG Jim Jones

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

TB Julius Jones

The Sporting News, ranked 19th nationally among RB
Athlon NFL all-decade team for 2000-2009
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

RT John Teasdale

Football News preseason all-independent team

LE Anthony Weaver

The Sporting News, ranked 10th nationally among DT
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

LCB Brock Williams

Lindy's, ranked 23rd nationally among CB
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

quarterback. Godsey did not see varsity action as a freshman but a solid spring effort earned him the backup role heading into '00.

A trio of tailbacks -- juniors **Tony Fisher** (10-30) and **Terrance Howard** (7-29) and sophomore **Julius Jones** (14-60, TD) -- give the Irish a talented and diversified running attack. Fisher started all 12 games last year and returns as the team's top rusher from '99. Howard adds a combination of quickness and power, while the elusive Jones showed more and more of his potential as the weeks went by in '99.

Junior **Tom Lopienski** (2-9 rushing, 2-34 receiving) moved into the starting fullback spot after carrying the ball 25 times for 76 yards in all 12 games last year. Junior **Mike McNair** also helps out at fullback after recovering from an injury-plagued '99 in which he played only in the opener against Kansas. Senior **Jason Murray** (back in '00 after missing all of '99 with injury) and sophomore **Chris Yura** could see time at fullback.

Receivers -- One of the most competitive spots on the Irish depth chart comes from the receiving corps. Senior **Joey Getherall's** (1-9, TD) 35 catches in '99 make him the top returning receiver, while junior **David Givens** (1-21) will share time with Getherall at flanker. Junior **Javin Hunter** (2-50, TD) moved into the starting position at split end after playing in every game last year (13 for 224 yards). Senior **Jay Johnson** played in the final 11 games of '99 and will see time behind Hunter. Freshmen receivers **Jerome Collins**, **Lorenzo Crawford**, **Omar Jenkins**, **Ronnie Rodamer** and **Jovan Witherspoon** also could contribute. Another strength for the Irish will be at tight end where senior All-America candidate **Jabari Holloway** (2-15) and fifth-year and '99 honorable mention All-American **Dan O'Leary** (1-5) return.

SCOUTING THE IRISH DEFENSE

Line -- The Irish make a slight adjustment on the defensive line in '00 -- going from a two end-two tackle alignment to one featuring two ends, a tackle and a nose guard. Senior **Grant Irons** (3 tackles, 1 for loss) moved to right end after starting the first 10 games of '99 at left end and should once again be one of the leaders. Junior and two-year starter **Anthony Weaver** (6 tackles, 1 for loss) takes on a starting role at left end. Senior **Andy Wisne** and sophomore **Darrell Campbell** head up the defensive tackle position. Senior **Lance Legree** (3 tackles, 2 for loss) entered '00 the starter at nose guard after starting the final seven games of '99 there. The reserves are sophomore **Ryan Roberts** (1 tackle, 1 sack) at left end, senior **B.J. Scott** at nose guard and junior **John Owens** at right end.

Linebackers -- Two of three starters return among the Irish linebackers, senior **Anthony Denman** (8 tackles) and junior **Rocky Boiman** (9 tackles, 1 sack). Denman starts at inside linebacker for the second straight year, while Boiman anchors the outside spot. Junior **Tyreo Harrison** (5 tackles) moved into a starting spot at inside linebacker after playing all 12 games in '99 with two starts. Junior **Carlos Pierre-Antoine** fills in at inside linebacker. Fifth-year **Anthony Brannan** backs up Boiman on the outside, while sophomore **Courtney Watson** (1 tackle) will play behind Denman.

Backs -- Old faces and new faces make up the Irish secondary starters. Seniors **Tony Driver** (10 tackles, 1 INT) and **Brock Williams** (3 tackles) returned to starting roles, while senior **Ron Israel** (4 tackles) and junior **Shane Walton** (5 tackles, 1 for loss) moved into starting spots. Driver plays at free safety for the first time since '98 after playing seven games in '99 at tailback. Williams is back at left cornerback where he started eight of the last 10 games in '98. Israel moved from top reserve in '99 to starter at strong safety in '00. Walton won the starting spot at right cornerback after playing in nine games in '99 following a freshman season in which he starred on the Irish men's soccer team. The reserves are sophomore **Jason Beckstrom** at left cornerback, junior **Clifford Jefferson** (3 tackles) at right cornerback, sophomores **Gerome Sapp** (2 tackles) and **Glenn Earl** at strong safety and junior **Donald Dykes** (1 tackles) at free safety.

SCOUTING THE IRISH KICKING GAME

The Irish kicking derby went done to the wire with fifth-year newcomer **Matt McNew** (kickoffs, 3 touchbacks), sophomore **Nick Setta** (placekicks, 3-3 PATs, 1-1 FG) and sophomore **Joey Hildbold** (punts, 6-266-44.3) earning the starting spots. McNew joined the team in the spring after four years with the Irish men's soccer team, while Setta saw his first collegiate action against Texas A&M. Hildbold averaged 39.0 yards/punt in '99. Junior **David Givens** (2-40) and senior **Tony Driver** share duties returning kickoffs. **Joey Getherall** (5-37) returns punts, while **Julius Jones** (1-19 KO) is in the mix for



THE NEBRASKA SERIES

Notre Dame leads 7-6-1 overall, 3-0 at home and 1-0-0 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Notre Dame trails 4-5-1 at Nebraska and 1-2 at Memorial Stadium.

Site	Year	Rank	W/L/T	ND	NU
	1915		L	19	20
	1916		W	20	0
	1917		L	0	7
	1918		T	0	0
	1919		W	14	9
	1920		W	16	7
*	1921		W	7	0
	1922		L	6	14
	1923		L	7	14
*	1924		W	34	6
	1925		L	0	17
*	1947	2-	W	31	0
	1948	2-	W	44	13
OB	1993	12-9	L	6	40

* -- home game OB -- Orange Bowl

ND'S LARGEST BOWL MARGINS

Biggest bowl victory margins for ND

- 28 points – 1978 Cotton Bowl
Notre Dame 38, Texas 10
- 25 points – 1993 Cotton Bowl
Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3
- 17 points – 1925 Rose Bowl
Notre Dame 27, Stanford 10
- 15 points – 1990 Orange Bowl
Notre Dame 21, Colorado 6

Biggest bowl loss margins for ND

- 34 points – 1973 Orange Bowl
Nebraska 40, Notre Dame 6
- 25 points – 1988 Cotton Bowl
Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10
- 18 points – 1997 Independence Bowl
LSU 27, Notre Dame 9
- 17 points – 1995 Fiesta Bowl
Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24

both punt kickoff returns. **Dan O'Leary** (punts) and **John Crowther** (PAT and FG) share the snapping. **Adam Tibble** does the snapping,

THE 1999 NCAA STATS (bold = 2000 returning player)

Final 1999 NCAA stat rankings (first official statistical rankings for 2000 will be released Sept. 10) for Notre Dame and Nebraska (top 50 for team ranks):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	Nebraska
Rushing Offense	26th at 181.5 ypg	4th at 265.9
Passing Offense	34th at 238.2 ypg	126.3
Total Offense	19th at 419.7 ypg	44th at 392.2
Scoring Offense	35th at 29.0 ppg	12th at 34.3
Rushing Defense, yards	50th at 142.2 ypg	6th at 77.3
Passing Efficiency Def.	128.9 rating pts (241.5 ypg)	2nd at 87.9 (190 ypg)
Total Defense	383.7 ypg	2nd at 251.8
Scoring Defense	27.6 ppg	3rd at 12.5
Net Punting	35.2 ypp	39.4
Punt Returns	17th at 12.5 ypr	34th at 10.9
Kickoff Returns	21st at 23.1 ypr	18.4
Turnover Margin	-0.33/gm (-4 overall)	+0.42 (+5 overall)
Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	Nebraska
Passing Efficiency	Jarious Jackson	Eric Crouch
	14th at 140.3 rating pts	127.9
Total Offense	Jarious Jackson	Eric Crouch
	19th at 268.08 ypg	179.8
Scoring		Eric Crouch
		8.5
Kickoff Returns	Julius Jones	Randy Stella
	36th at 23.2 ypr	36th at 23.2
Punting		Dan Hadenfeldt
		40.7
Field Goals		Josh Brown
		1.17

DENMAN, DRIVER, FISHER EARN TROPHY CONSIDERATION

Three Irish players have been selected for considerations for the annual position-specific trophies. Senior linebacker **Anthony Denman** joins the preliminary list of 70 candidates for the Butkus Award - presented annually to the best linebacker in college football by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando. The list will be trimmed to 10 semifinalists on Oct. 19, and three finalists will be announced on Nov. 9. Senior free safety **Tony Driver** has been picked one of 40 players on the "watch list" for the Jim Thorpe Award -- presented annually to the best defensive back in college football by the Jim Thorpe Association in Oklahoma City, Okla. Junior tailback **Tony Fisher** has been selected one of 35 candidates for the Doak Walker Award presented by Vectrix -- given annually to the nation's top college running back by the Southwestern Bell-SMU Athletic Forum in Dallas. The Southwestern Bell Athletic Forum Board of Directors will select eight semifinalists on Nov. 8, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will vote on the winner in late November. The National Selection Committee consists of former All-Pro and All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives.

JULIUS JONES TAPPED FUTURE STAR

Athlon Sports recently projected a National Football League "All-Decade" team for 2000-2009 and current Irish sophomore **Julius Jones** was one of two running backs named to the squad, joining current Indianapolis Colts star Edgerrin James. The 26-player team included just four other current college players: tackle Michael Munoz (Tennessee), linebacker D.J. Williams (University of Miami), linebacker Saleem Rasheed (Alabama) and punt returner David Allen (Kansas State).



**NOTRE DAME vs.
BIG 12 TEAMS**

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Baylor	2	0	0	1.000
Colorado	3	2	0	.400
Iowa State	0	0	0	—
Kansas	4	1	1	.750
Kansas State	0	0	0	—
Missouri	2	2	0	.500
Nebraska	7	6	1	.536
Oklahoma State	0	0	0	—
Oklahoma	8	1	0	.89
Texas	8	2	0	.800
Texas A&M	3	1	0	.750
Texas Tech	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	37	15	2	.704

CONFERENCE CALL

• Notre Dame faced teams from eight different conferences/affiliations in 1998 and from six different leagues in 1999, including three each from the Big 10 (Michigan, Purdue, Michigan State) and Pacific-10 (Arizona State, USC, Stanford), two each from the Big 12 (Kansas, Oklahoma) and the BIG EAST (Pittsburgh, Boston College), plus Tennessee (Southeastern) and Navy (independent).

• In 1998, the Irish played the above Pac-10 and Big-10 teams, in addition to Boston College, Navy, Army (Conference USA), Baylor (Big 12), LSU (Southeastern) and Georgia Tech (Atlantic Coast).

• Notre Dame's 2000 schedule will feature teams from six affiliations: two each from the Big 10 (Purdue, Michigan State), the Big 12 (Texas A&M, Nebraska) and the Pac-10 (Stanford, USC) and three from the BIG EAST (West Virginia, Boston College, Rutgers), plus independent Navy and Air Force (Mountain West).

IRISH CONTINUE QB'S FIRST-START MAGIC

• Notre Dame opened the 2000 season against Texas A&M with quarterback Arnaz Battle, who made his first career start on the collegiate level and became the 10th consecutive QB making his first start in a season opener to lead the Irish to victory. Dating back to 1965, Notre Dame now has won 10 straight season-opening games with a new quarterback: Bill Zloch (vs. Cal, '65), Terry Hanratty (vs. Purdue, '66), Pat Steenberge (vs. Northwestern, '71), Tom Clements (vs. Northwestern, '72), Rick Slager (vs. Boston College, '75), Rick Mirer (vs. Michigan, '90), Kevin McDougal (vs. Northwestern, '93), Ron Powlus (vs. Northwestern, '94), Jarious Jackson (vs. Michigan, '98) and Arnaz Battle (vs. Texas A&M).
 • Battle also became the 10th of the last 11 Irish quarterbacks making their first start to lead Notre Dame to a win. From 1985-98, Notre Dame was victorious in nine straight games in which an Irish quarterback was making his first career start, including four coming in a season opener.
 • Notre Dame's nine-game, first-start streak ended in the 10-0 loss at USC on Nov. 28, 1998, when Eric Chappell started in place of the injured starter Jackson (then-freshman Arnaz Battle also played a large chunk of that game).

LAST 11 STARTING DEBUT GAMES BY NOTRE DAME QUARTERBACKS

- Terry Andrysiak, sophomore (vs. Mississippi, 11/9/85; 8th game of season) ... win, 37-14 ... 4-of-8 passing, 60 yards, TD ... 2 rushes for -7 yards.
- Tony Rice, sophomore (#11 Notre Dame at Air Force, 10/17/87; 5th game of season) ... win, 35-14 ... 1-of-5 passing, 10 yards, INT ... 9 rushes for 70 yards, 2 TD ... played due to Andrysiak's broken collarbone injury, in previous game at Pittsburgh.
- Kent Graham, freshman (#9 Notre Dame vs. Boston College, 11/7/87; 8th game of season) ... win, 32-25 ... 6-of-8 passing, 11 yards, INT ... 3 rushes for 7 yards.
- Rick Mirer, sophomore (#1 Notre Dame vs. #4 Michigan, 9/15/90; 1st game of season) ... win, 28-24 ... 14-of-23 passing, 165 yards, TD, INT ... 10 rushes for 12 yards, TD.
- Paul Failla, freshman (#8 Notre Dame at Purdue, 9/28/91; 4th game of season) ... win, 45-20 ... 1-of-1 passing, 10 yards ... 2 rushes for 11 yards ... started in place of Mirer due to team policy of "no practice, no start" (Miran had pulled rib cartilage during the week) ... Mirer replaced Failla beginning with the second series.
- Kevin McDougal, senior (#7 Notre Dame vs. Northwestern, 9/4/93; 1st game of season) ... win, 27-12 ... 6-of-8 passing, 135 yards ... 5 rushes for -16 yards.
- Ron Powlus, sophomore (#3 Notre Dame at Northwestern, 9/3/94; 1st game of season) ... win, 42-15 ... 18-of-24 passing, 291 yards, 4 TD ... 2 rushes for 6 yards.
- Tom Krug, junior (#8 Notre Dame at Air Force, 11/18/95; 11th game of season) ... win, 44-14 ... 8-of-13 passing, INT ... 3 rushes for 13 yards ... started due to Powlus' collarbone injury, in previous week versus Navy.
- Jarious Jackson, senior (Notre Dame vs. #5 Michigan, 9/5/98; 1st game of season) ... win, 36-20 ... 4-of-10 passing, 96 yards, 2 TDs, INT ... 16 rushes for 62 yards.
- Eric Chappell, junior (#9 Notre Dame at USC, 11/28/98, 11th game of season) ... loss, 10-0 ... 0-of-3 passing, 2 INT ... 7 rushes for 33 yards.
- **Arnaz Battle, junior (Notre Dame vs. #25 Texas A&M, 9/2/00, 1st game of season) ... win, 24-10 ... 10-of-16 passing, 2 TDs ... 12 rushes for 50 yards.**

TWO-SPORT STANDOUTS

Junior cornerback **Shane Walton** -- less than two years removed from earning all-BIG EAST honors as a freshman forward on the '98 Irish men's soccer team -- entered the 2000 season as Notre Dame's starter at right cornerback (five tackles, one for a loss versus Texas A&M). Walton joined the Irish football squad in the spring of '99 and saw action in three games in the secondary during the '99 season. He played in nine games overall with 61 appearances on special teams, earning his second monogram at Notre Dame in as many years and in as many sports.

While Walton underwent a less traditional soccer-to-football transition, fifth-year **Matt McNew** made the more natural switch from soccer player to placekicker. After exhausting his four years of eligibility with the Irish men's soccer team, McNew tried out in the '00 spring season and was invited to join the team in the fall.

McNEW MAKES KICKOFF DEBUTS

Fifth-year kicker Matt McNew -- playing in his first collegiate football game -- boomed five kickoffs for the Irish against the Aggies. Texas A&M's best field position after the kicks came at the 26-yard line



DOVE TO ENTER HALL OF FAME

Notre Dame two-time consensus football All-American Bob Dove is one of 14 individuals selected for induction to the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame for 2000. Dove is one of 14 players and two coaches who will be officially inducted at the National Football Foundation's 43rd annual award dinner on Dec. 12, 2000, in New York City. The class then will be enshrined at the College Hall of Fame in South Bend in August, 2001. Representing the College Football Hall of Fame, executive director Bernie Kish presented Dove during halftime ceremonies of the Texas A&M game.

Dove becomes the 38th former Notre Dame player inducted — with Notre Dame boasting more representatives (including five coaches) than any other school. A three-year starter at end in 1940-42, Dove played on Frank Leahy's first two teams at Notre Dame and became the first sophomore to start for the Irish in 11 seasons. As a freshman in '39, he caught 15 passes for 187 yards from future Heisman Trophy winner Angelo Bertelli. He received the Knute Rockne Memorial Trophy in 1942 as the top collegiate lineman in the country. He was a second-team selection on Street & Smith's All-Time Dream Team for the first 50 years of its publication from 1941-90. He played nine seasons for several pro teams, earning Pro Bowl recognition in '51. He served as an assistant coach from '69 through '86 for the Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills and for the University of Detroit and Youngstown State. Dove is the first player chosen by the Hall of Fame's Honors Review Committee, which considers players who played more than 50 years ago. Joining Dove on the list of players to be inducted are Marcus Allen (USC), Kurt Burris (Oklahoma), Dan Dierdorf (Michigan), John Elway (Stanford), Michael Haynes (Arizona State), Terry Hoage (Georgia), Stan Jones (Maryland), Johnny Musso (Alabama), Johnny Rodgers (Nebraska), Joe Schmidt (Pittsburgh), Harley Sewell (Texas), Billy Ray Smith (Arkansas) and Eddie Talboom (Wyoming). The coaches named were Terry Donahue (UCLA) and Forest Evashevski (Hamilton, Washington State, Iowa). The Youngstown, Ohio native currently resides in Canfield, Ohio.

following McNew's first kick after Notre Dame's touchdown just before halftime. In the second half, McNew's first three kickoffs were touchbacks, and the hangtime on his final kickoff allowed the Aggies to return the ball only to the 18-yard line.

IRISH DEFENSE STOPS AGGIES

Notre Dame's defense held Texas A&M to 10 points on 90 net yards rushing. The last time the Irish defense allowed fewer than 10 points to a ranked team came in the 1993 Cotton Bowl when Notre Dame held third-ranked Texas A&M to just a field goal in the 28-3 victory. Notre Dame also held fifth-ranked USC to 10 points in 1995. The 90 net yards rushing by the Aggies are the fewest by a ranked Irish opponent since Notre Dame held 17th-ranked USC to 87 net yards rushing in 1994 in a 17-17 tie.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL KICKOFF LUNCHEONS

Tickets are available for the 2000 Notre Dame Football Kickoff Luncheons, held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse (north dome). The luncheons are held at the same day and time before every Irish home game this season. The 2000 football luncheons are sponsored by the Notre Dame Athletic Department and the speaking program each week includes a combination of special guests, head coach Bob Davie, members of his coaching staff and members of the Irish squad, in addition to video features. Tickets are \$16 each (plus \$3 handling charge per order) and are available by calling (219) 272-2870.

PEP RALLIES

All 2000 pep rallies will be held in the Joyce Center Arena (south dome). Planned start times are 6:30 p.m., with the football team arriving at the usual 7:00 p.m.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Former Notre Dame walk-on and current senior QB/TE **Joe Recendez** was elevated to scholarship status prior to the start of the 2000 season, as was junior CB **Dwayne Francis**. Current senior outside linebacker **Anthony Brannan** was elevated to scholarship status prior to the 1999 season.

NUMBER CHANGES

The Irish have made five number changes from the original media guide roster: senior FS **Justin Smith** will wear No. 4 (instead of 39), junior HLD **Adam Tibble** is wearing No. 80 (instead of 73), freshman TE **Billy Palmer** is wearing No. 85 (instead of 96), junior walk-on center **John Crowther** is wearing 56 (not 64) and junior walk-on TE/DE **Jeffrey Campbell** is wearing 64 (not 85).

FRESHMAN WALK-ONS

Notre Dame's freshman class includes 18 scholarship players and two walk-ons: quarterback **Matt Krueger** (who will be sharing No. 8 with wide receiver Lorenzo Crawford) and tight end **Brendan Hart** (who is sharing No. 83 with walk-on kicker Josh Gentile). Hart is the grandson of former Notre Dame end and 1949 Heisman Trophy winner Leon Hart and the son of former Irish tight end Kevin Hart. Krueger prepped at South Bend's Marian High School as did his brother Ryan, a junior walk-on QB with the Irish.

COACHING IN THE CLUTCH

Knute Rockne owns the best career winning percentage among Notre Dame coaches in games decided by seven or fewer points, at 21-1-5 (.870). Among Irish coaches with 14-plus "close games," the other top winning percentages in tight games belong to Elmer Layden (22-7-3, .734), Frank Leahy (17-5-8, .700), Ara Parseghian (13-6-4, .652), Dan Devine (15-9-1, .620), **Bob Davie** (11-7, .611) and Lou Holtz (20-18-2, .525).

NOTRE DAME STADIUM EXPANDS AGAIN ... BY 220 SEATS

The capacity of Notre Dame Stadium has increased slightly to 80,232 for the 2000 football season. The increase of 220 represents field seats in the southwest section of the Stadium being made available to Notre Dame alumni clubs to assist in their scholarship development efforts. Notre Dame Stadium's capacity for the 1998 and '99 seasons was 80,012 -- making the facility the 15th largest in the country. The 1997 first-season capacity of 80,225 was based on computerized projections made prior to the construction of the new seating areas. Prior to the 1997 expansion, the Stadium's official capacity was 59,075.



FIRST-TIME VISITORS

Texas A&M became the 61st team to visit Notre Dame Stadium in the 2000 season opener, with the Irish owning a 52-8-1 mark (.861) in games when the opponent was making its first visit to the Stadium. Thirteen of those teams previously had played at Notre Dame (prior to 1930), with the Irish owning a mark of 40-6-1 since 1930 versus teams making their first overall visit to Notre Dame (.862). Texas A&M became the ninth consecutive opponents to lose in its first trip to Notre Dame Stadium. The first eight are: Colorado ('84), Mississippi ('85), Boston College ('87), BYU ('92), Vanderbilt ('95), Rutgers ('96), West Virginia ('97) and ASU ('99).

FOR OPENERS

Notre Dame has won nearly 90 percent of its season openers (95-12-5, .871), including 68-9-3 (.869) mark in season openers played at home. The last time the Irish lost a season opener in Notre Dame Stadium was in '95 (Northwestern, 17-15), with Notre Dame opening the '97, '98, '99 and '00 seasons with victories at home. Prior to the Northwestern defeat, the Irish won eight straight openers (four at Notre Dame Stadium), dating back to Michigan's 24-23 win at Notre Dame in '86. Notre Dame's all-time record in season-opening games includes a 10-2-1 (8-2-1 at home) mark versus teams that currently comprise the Big 12 Conference.

DUTILE NAMED FACULTY BOARD CHAIR

Notre Dame's faculty representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is professor Fernand "Tex" Dutile, associate dean of the Law School. Dutile assumed his duties as the chair of the Faculty Board on Athletics in September 2000.

2000 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

Below 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 in the last 22 years (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995).

Opponent	'00 Record	Sept. 2	Sept. 9
Texas A&M	0-1	lost at Notre Dame 24-10	Wyoming
Nebraska	1-0	def. San Jose State 49-13	at Notre Dame
Purdue	1-0	def. Central Michigan 48-0	Kent State
Michigan State	0-0	Idle	Marshall
Stanford	1-0	def. Washington State 24-10	San Jose State
Navy	0-1	lost to Temple 17-6	at Georgia Tech
West Virginia	1-0	def. Boston College 34-14	Idle (Sept. 16 vs. Maryland)
Air Force	1-0	def. Cal State Northridge 55-6	Brigham Young
Boston College	0-1	lost at West Virginia 34-14	at Army
Rutgers	1-0	def. Villanova 34-21	Buffalo
USC	1-0	def. Penn St. 29-5 (8/27)	Colorado

Notre Dame 2000 Opponents' Combined Record in 2000: 7-3 (.700)

Notre Dame 2000 Opponents' Combined Record in 1999: 73-56 (.566)

AUSTIN CARR CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC PLANNED

The first Austin Carr Charity Golf Classic will be held Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, at the new Warren Golf Course at the University of Notre Dame. The event is sponsored by the Austin Carr Foundation, with proceeds to benefit a University of Notre Dame minority scholarship fund in Carr's name, the March of Dimes and the Center for the Homeless. The weekend will begin with a celebrity reception at 7:00 p.m. EST, on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Warren Golf Course clubhouse. Following the Notre Dame-Purdue football game at Notre Dame Stadium the following day, a charity dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. EST Saturday, also at the Warren Golf Course clubhouse. Golf then will begin on Sunday with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. EST. Celebrities already committed to participating in the event include former Notre Dame basketball standouts Bruce Flowers, Bob Arnzen, Bill Hanzlik and Gary Brokaw, former Irish football stars Nick Eddy, Ross Browner, Creighton Miller, Tony Rice, Jim Seymour and Willie Townsend, former

GEORGE CONNOR PRESENTED OUTLAND

A ceremony to present former Irish great George Connor with an Outland Trophy was held during pregame ceremonies of the Texas A&M game. He was presented with an Outland Trophy in recognition of the award he received in 1946. The Outland Trophy recognizes the nation's top interior lineman and ranks as college football's third-oldest award, behind only the Heisman Trophy and the Maxwell Award -- both of which honor the nation's top overall player. Connor was the first recipient of the Outland, but permanent trophies were not presented to the winners until 1989. Prior to 1989, the winner of the Outland was presented with a plaque and the original trophy, which then was passed on to the following year's winner. The Football Writers Association of America -- sponsor of voting and presentation of the Outland Trophy -- recently decided to begin presenting Outland trophies to pre-'89 winners. The Downtown Rotary Club of Omaha and the Omaha Sports Committee also came on board with this project and began presenting the trophies to former winners at the annual Outland Award Dinner in Omaha. Participating in the Notre Dame ceremonies were FWAA president Tom Shatel of the *Omaha World Herald*, president of the FWAA, Bob Mancuso, representing the Downtown Rotary Club of Omaha and Jay Baum of the Omaha Sports Committee.

Connor, who earned All-America honors at Holy Cross before transferring to Notre Dame, was the leader of a dominating group of Irish offensive linemen in the late 1940s. He was a key component of the '46 and '47 Irish national championship teams and won consensus All-America honors both seasons. Connor's success continued on the professional level while playing for his hometown team, the Chicago Bears. A five-time all-NFL selection who excelled on both sides of the ball, Connor was considered one of pro football's first linebackers who combined size and mobility while his iron-man endurance saw him on the field for nearly every play. Connor was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame -- the only player ever presented for induction by legendary coach George Halas -- and he is one of just seven Outland winners to enter the pro hall of fame, including ND's third recipient Ross Browner ('76).



SINGLE-GAME BESTS

CAREER BESTS – RUSHING YARDS

Arnaz Battle	75 yards vs. Kansas, '99
Tony Fisher	140 vs. Oklahoma, '99
Julius Jones	146 vs. Navy, '99
Tom Lopienski	20 vs. USC, '99

CAREER BESTS – COMPLETIONS

Arnaz Battle	10 vs. Texas A&M, '00
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CAREER BESTS – PASSING YARDS

Arnaz Battle	133 vs. Texas A&M, '00
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CAREER BESTS – RECEPTIONS

Tony Fisher	3 vs. BC, Stan., '99
Joey Getherall	7 vs. USC, '99
David Givens	5, vs. BC, '99
Jabari Holloway	4 vs. Purdue, '98
Javin Hunter	3 vs. Mich./Purdue, '99
Jay Johnson	2 vs. Tennessee, '99
Tom Lopienski	2 vs. Michigan St., '99
Dan O'Leary	4 vs. Purdue, '97

CAREER BESTS – RECEIVING YARDS

Tony Fisher	68 vs. Stanford, '99
Joey Getherall	133 vs. Oklahoma, '99
David Givens	48 vs. BC, '99
Jabari Holloway	94 vs. Purdue, '98
Javin Hunter	84 vs. Michigan St., '99
Julius Jones	49 vs. USC, '99
Dan O'Leary	54 vs. Pitt, '99

CAREER BESTS – TACKLES

Rocky Boiman	9 vs. Texas A&M, '00
Anthony Denman	13 vs. Tenn., '99
Tony Driver	10 vs. Texas A&M, '00
Donald Dykes	3 vs. Pitt, Stan., '99
Tyreo Harrison	11 vs. Pitt, '99
Grant Irons	8 in three games
Ron Israel	4 vs. Texas A&M, '00
Clifford Jefferson	10 vs. Purdue, '99
Lance Legree	6 vs. Navy, Stan., '99
Carlos Pierre-Antoine	5 vs. ASU, '99
B.J. Scott	4 vs. Texas A&M, '00
Gerome Sapp	4 vs. ASU, '99
Shane Walton	5 vs. Texas A&M, '00
Anthony Weaver	6 vs. Texas A&M, '00

Irish football offensive coordinator and Westwood One color commentator Tom Pagna and former St. Louis Cardinal quarterback Jim Hart. Corporate foursomes are available for \$2,000 each. Anyone interested in playing or in corporate sponsorships can contact Joel Piekarski, Advantage Golf, 1606 East Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Akron, OH 44312, or call (330) 899-9319. Carr, currently the director of business and community development for the Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association, remains the all-time leading career scorer in Notre Dame basketball history. He finished with 2,560 points between 1968-71 — helping him earn national player of the year honors as a senior in 1970-71 from the Associated Press and United Press International. He still ranks as the most prolific scorer in the history of the NCAA basketball tournament, thanks to his 41.3-point average in seven career NCAA games. He holds the NCAA tournament single-game record with 61 points vs. Ohio University in '70, posted three of the top five scoring performances in tournament history and still holds six NCAA tournament records. Carr is a native of Washington, D.C., where he attended Mackin High School. Currently active with the Cleveland's literacy program as a spokesman for "Stay-in-School," Carr also hosts the pregame show on the Cavs' radio broadcasts and participates with the Cavs' Legends Team. A '71 Notre Dame graduate in economics, Carr, his wife Sharon and children Jason and Ashley reside in suburban Cleveland.

GERMANY GAME GETS RAVE REVIEWS

- Eight members of Notre Dame's 1988 national championship football team—including '88 tri-captain Mark Green and standout inside linebacker Wes Pritchett—helped comprise the list of 55 former Irish football players who participated in Charity Bowl 2000 ... the former Irish players traveled to Hamburg, Germany, for a July 8, 2000, game against the Hamburg Blue Devils football club, at Volkspark Stadium.
- A memorable six-day trip was capped by a 14-10 victory for the Notre Dame alumni team, with the game ending on Ivory Covington's interception in the end zone after the Blue Devils had marched to the seven-yard line ... QB Steve Belles had a hand in both Irish scoring drives, hitting Clint Johnson with a 50-yard bomb to set up his own two-yard option keeper for the first TD before connecting with Johnson for a 23-yard TD pass later in the game.
- The game benefited Kinder Helfen Kindern (Kids Helping Kids) and the Notre Dame Brennan-Boland Scholarship Fund, which provides need-based assistance to sons and daughters of members of the Notre Dame National Monogram Club.
- Others from the '88 championship roster that headed to Hamburg included Belles, FL Pat Eilers, DL Bryan Flannery, DL Andre Jones, DL George Marshall and DB Brandy Wells. Other headliners included TBs Reggie Brooks (named the Notre Dame MVP) and Lee Becton, QBs Terry Andrysiak and Pat Steenberge and WR Kris Haines.
- There were four former Notre Dame captains on the roster: Green, Becton and DL Brian Hamilton and Melvin Dansby.
- Other former Irish players on the roster were: RBs Ken Barry and Dean Lytle; LBs Kurt Belisle and Dave Butler; DL Corey Bennett, Reggie Fleurima and Pat Kramer; OL Matt Brennan, Tom Freeman, Rick Kaczynski and Jim Kordas; TEs Al Bucci and Mike Denvir; WRs Cikai Champion, Mike James, Adrian Jarrell and Johnson; DBs Covington, Bill Gibbs, Ty Goode and Tim Lynch; and K Ted Gradel. Also participating were: DL Darnell Smith; LBs Dave Butler, Karl McGill, Jeremy Nau, Jeremy Sample, and Jack Shields; DBs Mark Monahan and Stephen Pope; RBs Emmett Mosley and Chris Smith; OL Brendan O'Connor, Mike Perrino, Ron Plantz, Jon Spickelmier and Greg Stec; P Scott Palumbo; and WR Charles Stafford ... QB Tony Rice and DB John Covington also made the trip but did not play due to injury.
- The coaching staff included former Notre Dame assistant coaches Brian Boulac, Skip Holtz, Peter Vaas, Brian White and Tony Yelovich and former Irish player Mike Haywood while current defensive coordinator **Greg Mattison** served as head coach ... feature stories detailing the alumni team's experiences in Germany—including a full-game recap—are posted on the Notre Dame athletic website (www.und.com).

MONTANA ENTERS PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

- Former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana—who went on to star for 14 seasons in the National Football League with the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs—became the seventh Notre Dame player to be inducted into the National Professional Football Hall of Fame, as a first-ballot selection for the class of 2000.
- Curly Lambeau, who lettered for the Irish in 1918, was a charter member of the Hall in 1963 as a founder, player and coach for the Green Bay Packers from 1919-1949 ... the other five former Notre



Dame players in the pro Football Hall of Fame include: 1964 inductee George Trafton (C, Chicago Bears 1920-22), 1968 inductee Wayne Millner (E, Boston and Washington Redskins, 1936-41, 1945), 1975 inductee George Connor (T/LB, Chicago, 1948-55), 1986 inductee Paul Hornung (QB, Green Bay 1957-62, 1964-66) and 1988 inductee Alan Page (DT, Minnesota 1967-78, Chicago 1978-81).

• The 2000 induction ceremonies were held at the Hall in Canton, Ohio, on July 28-31 and include a reunion of some 110 of the 136 living members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame—billed as the largest collection of Hall of Famers in major sports history (Connor and Hornung were expected to be on hand for the reunion) ... Montana selected former San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo to be his presenter at the induction ceremony.

GIVING BACK

• Four former Notre Dame football players currently are employees of the University: flanker **Mike Favorite** ('81-'83), defensive back **D'Juan Francisco** ('86-'89), quarterback **Tony Rice** ('87-'89) and offensive tackle **Larry Williams** ('81-'84).

• Favorite joined Notre Dame in 1993 as assistant director of the auditing department, recently served as associate director for "Y2K" compliance and currently is a strategic consultant in the office of information technologies.

• Francisco joined the Notre Dame Alumni Association in 1992 and assumed the role of director of constituency groups, alumni clubs and student programs (he now coordinates 210 domestic and 30 international alumni clubs).

• Rice was appointed assistant director of regional development for Notre Dame in the Chicago area on Feb. 1, 1999, while Williams was named Notre Dame's director of licensing in November of 1999.

IRISH SELL OUT FOR 36TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN 1999

The University of Notre Dame finished 15th nationally in attendance among all NCAA Division I-A football-playing institutions in 1999. The Irish averaged 80,012 fans (the full capacity of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium) for the seven '99 home games. The '99 season marked the 35th consecutive season that every seat has been sold for every home game. Notre Dame also ranked eight nationally for 1997 season home attendance and 11th in '98, with the average increase of 21,150 fans per game in '97 compared to '96 representing the second-highest increase nationally, behind Stanford's 21,154 that was helped by the Oct. 4 crowd of 75,651 (compared to the average of 56,937) when the Irish played the Cardinal in Palo Alto. College football set an all-time attendance record in 1997, with 36.9 million fans viewing games, including a record 27.5 million in Division I-A.

BIG CROWDS EVERYWHERE

With the first three games of the Irish 2000 season sold out at home, after the Purdue game the Irish will have played in front of capacity crowds in 121 of 140 games. Each of the first 10 regular-season games involving Notre Dame during the '98 season – and the first 11 in '99 – was played in front of a sellout crowd.

NOTRE DAME VS. BIG 12 TEAMS

• Notre Dame has played 54 previous games versus teams that currently comprise the Big 12 Conference, with a .698 winning percentage in those games (37-15-2)

• Notre Dame leads or is tied in every series it has played versus Big 12 teams.

• Three of Notre Dame's more recent games versus Big 12 teams were bowl games against Colorado: the 1990 Orange Bowl (a 21-6 victory for the No. 4 Irish over the #1 Buffs); the 1991 Orange Bowl (a 10-9 win for the No. 1 Buffs over the No. 5 Irish); and the 1995 Fiesta Bowl (a 41-24 win for No. 4 CU).

• Other Notre Dame games versus Big 12 teams in the 1990s include the pair of Irish wins over Texas: 55-27 at home in 1994, with the Irish ranked 21st and the Longhorns 13th; and 27-24 at Texas in '95, with the Irish No. 9 and the 'Horns No. 6. The only other Notre Dame games vs. Big 12 teams in the 1990s were the 1998 win over Baylor (27-3), two Cotton Bowl wins over Texas A&M: 28-3 in 1992 (Notre Dame was ranked No. 5, A&M No. 4) and 24-21 in '93 (when the Irish were ranked No. 4 and the Aggies No. 7) and the '99 wins over Kansas (48-13) and Oklahoma (34-30).

• Most of Notre Dame's all-time games versus the current Big 12 teams have been against three teams: Nebraska (7-6-1 series lead for the Irish), Texas (8-2 series) and Oklahoma (8-1 series).

• Notre Dame never has played Iowa State, Kansas State, Oklahoma State or Texas Tech, with the other series versus Big 12 teams breaking down as follows: Colorado (3-2), Missouri (2-2), Texas A&M (3-1) and Baylor (2-0).

TEAM BESTS

NOTRE DAME BESTS – 1990s

Rushing Yards	458 vs. Purdue, '92
Passing Yards	338 vs. Pitt, '99
Total Yards	650 in two games
First Downs	34 vs. MSU, '91
Low Rush. Yards All.	-6 vs. Rutgers, '96
Low Pass Yards All.	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. All.	43 vs. Rutgers, '96
Fewest First Downs All.	5 in two games
Points (Game)	62 vs. Rutgers, '96
Points (Half)	42 (2nd) vs. Navy, '90
Points (Qtr)	40 (2nd) vs. Pitt., '96
Victory Margin	62 (62-0) vs. Rut., '96

ND BESTS – DAVIE ERA (1997-)

Rushing Yards	343 vs. Kansas, '99
Passing Yards	338 vs. Pitt, '99
Total Yards	566 vs. Oklahoma, '99
First Downs	29 vs. BC, '97
Low Rush Yds. All.	33 vs. Baylor, '98
Low Pass Yds. All.	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. All.	172 vs. Baylor, '98
Fewest 1st Downs All.	12 vs. Army, '98
Sacks	5 vs. Baylor, '98
Turnovers Forced	6 vs. ASU, '99
Points (Game)	52 vs. BC, '97
Points (Half)	31 vs. Pitt. (2nd half), '97
Points (Quarter)	27 vs. ASU, '99
Victory Margin	35 (48-13), vs. KU, '99

TURNING THE TABLES

• The Irish defense forced four turnovers in the '99 Kansas game, extending one of the '98 team's high points (the Irish also were guilty of four turnovers vs. KU). In '98, Notre Dame tied for 21st in the nation with a +0.64 regular-season turnover ratio. Just 11 Div. I-A squads had fewer turnovers than the 18 by the Irish in '98 (the Irish also had just 13 in '97). The Irish turned it over 30 times in '99 while forcing 26 (-4).

• The ND offense posted low turnover averages in '97 (1.18/gm, 13 total) and '98 (1.63, 18) but averaged 2.5 turnovers during the '99 season (30 total, none in back-to-back games vs. OU and ASU—the first time that has happened for the Irish since 1993).

• The Irish finished the 1998 season with a +7 overall turnover ratio but went -4 in 1999 (the Irish defense forced 14 fumbles and 12 interceptions while the Irish offense had 15 fumbles and 15 interceptions).



TICKET DETAILS

• All seven '99 Notre Dame home football games were sold out. That's no surprise, considering 149 straight games at Notre Dame Stadium—and 197 of the last 198 back to '64—have been sellouts.

• The 1997-2000 seasons have produced the 10 highest number of ticket requests in Notre Dame history, thanks to the availability of nearly twice as many tickets through the alumni lottery (33,779 in '98; 16,000 prior to '97). The 1999 home game with USC attracted 46,658 requests from alumni, now ranking fifth all-time (see chart at left), while the demand for the 2000 Nebraska game (46,865) ranks second and demand for the 2000 Boston College game ranks seventh (46,312). Contributing alumni are graduates who have contributed at least \$100 to the University within the last calendar year.

• Ticket requests for '97—the first year of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium—increased by 90,000 for six games, compared to the highest previous figure. Thousands more contributing alumni received tickets in '97, '98 and '99 compared to any previous year. Additional tickets were made available to parents of current students, and an alumni family game was designated, providing alumni the chance to order more than the customary two tickets. All University staff also now have the opportunity to obtain tickets.

• The increase of nearly 21,000 seats provided 16,000 more to the lottery, 3,000 to faculty and staff and 2,000 to University allotments, including trustees, advisory councils, alumni board, alumni clubs, and major benefactors.

• Missouri and Notre Dame last played in 1984, a 16-14 win at Missouri by the No. 19-ranked Irish. The last Notre Dame-Nebraska game was the 1973 Orange Bowl, a 40-6 win for the No. 9 Cornhuskers over the No. 12 Irish. The last Notre Dame-Oklahoma game prior to '99 produced a 45-21 win at home for the No. 5 Irish over the No. 3 Sooners.

• One of the most famous games in Notre Dame football history came on Nov. 16, 1957, when the Irish won 7-0 at Oklahoma to halt the Sooners' winning streak at 47 games (which remains the NCAA record).

• The Irish renewed the series with Oklahoma in 1999 and next will face Nebraska in 2000.

TOUGHEST TICKET

Including the 2000 lottery figures, here are the 10-highest demanded games (based on total tickets requested by contributing alumni) in Notre Dame Stadium history:

Rk.	Opponent	Season	Request
1.	USC	1997	57,048
2.	Nebraska	2000	47,865
3.	Michigan State	1997	47,681
4.	Michigan	1998	47,233
5.	USC	1999	46,658
6.	Army	1998	46,547
7.	Boston College	2000	46,312
8.	West Virginia	1997	46,093
9.	Ohio State	1996	45,225
10.	Boston College	1997	43,442

RECENT IRISH RUSHING HISTORY

Notre Dame's rushing attack has ranked 20th or better nationally in 11 of the last 13 years:

Year	Rushing Average	NCAA Rank	Rushing TDs
1987	252.1	14th	33
1988	258.0	11th	30
1989	287.7	8th	42
1990	250.3	12th	33
1991	268.0	5th	31
1992	280.9	3rd	34
1993	260.7	6th	36
1994	215.6	20th	18
1995	233.5	6th	29
1996	269.5	8th	34
1997	174.9	36th	22
1998	212.5	16th	22
1999	181.5	26th	25

Notre Dame Game-By-Game Starters

OPPONENT	SE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	FL	QB	FB	TB
Texas A&M	Hunter	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Getherall	Battle	Lopienski	Fisher
OPPONENT	LE	LT	NG	RE	OLB	ILB	ILB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Texas A&M	Weaver	Wisne	Legree	Irons	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton

Game-By-Game Statistics

NOTRE DAME	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL OFF.	FIRST DOWNS	FUMBLES
	(Att.-Yds.-TD)	(A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	(Att-Yds.)	(Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	(No.-Lost)
vs. Texas A&M	49-194-1	16-10-0-133-2	65-327	21-13-6-2	1-0
OPPONENT	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL OFF.	FIRST DOWNS	FUMBLES
	(Att.-Yds.-TD)	(A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	(Att-Yds.)	(Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	(No.-Lost)
by Texas A&M	37-90-1	28-16-1-165-0	65-255	17-7-7-3	1-0

Game-By-Game Individual Statistics

RUSHING							
(Att.-Yds.-TD)	Battle	Fisher	Givens	Howard	Jones	Lopienski	TOTAL
vs. Texas A&M	12-50-0	10-30-0	4-16-0	7-29-0	14-60-1	2-9-0	49-194-1

PASSING		
(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yards-TD)	Battle	TOTAL
vs. Texas A&M	16-10-0-133-2	

RECEIVING								
(No.-Yds.-TD)	Black	Getherall	Givens	Holloway	Hunter	Lopienski	O'Leary	TOTAL
vs. Texas A&M	1-(-1)-0	1-9-1	1-21-0	2-15-0	2-50-1	2-34-0	1-5-0	10-133-2

FIELD GOALS											
(x-missed FG)	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Purdue	Mich. State	Stanford	Navy	West Va.	Air Force	Boston Coll.	Rutgers	USC
Nick Setta	32										

TACKLES	Boiman	Denman	Driver	Dykes	Francis	Harrison	Howard	Irons	Israel	Jefferson
vs. Texas A&M	9	8	10	1	1	5	1	3	4	3

TACKLES	Legree	Roberts	Sapp	Scott	Walton	Watson	Weaver	Williams	Wisne
vs. Texas A&M	3	1	2	4	5	1	6	3	1

Notre Dame vs. Nebraska

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Notre Dame Offense

SE	21	JAVIN HUNTER	6-0	190	Jr.
	11	Jay Johnson	5-11	196	Sr.
LT	78	JORDAN BLACK	6-6	308	Jr.
	63	Brennan Curtin	6-8	315	So.
LG	55	JIM JONES	6-2	312	Sr.
	79	Sean Mahan	6-3	290	Jr.
C	52	JEFF FAINE	6-3	290	So.
	66	JW Jordan	6-1	269	Sr.
RG	69	MIKE GANDY	6-4	305	Sr.
	72	Ryan Scarola	6-5	310	Jr.
RT	75	KURT VOLLERS	6-7	307	Sr.
	76	John Teasdale	6-5	305	Sr.
TE	87	JABARI HOLLOWAY	6-3	265	Sr.
	86	Dan O'Leary	6-3	255	Sr.
FL	18	JOEY GETHERALL	5-7	170	Sr.
or	6	DAVID GIVENS	6-3	214	Jr.
QB	3	ARNAZ BATTLE	6-1	221	Jr.
	14	Gary Godsey	6-7	239	So.
FB	36	TOM LOPIENSKI	6-1	236	Jr.
	47	Mike McNair	6-0	237	Jr.
	40	Jason Murray	6-1	259	Sr.
TB	12	TONY FISHER	6-2	225	Jr.
or	22	JULIUS JONES	5-10	206	So.
or	32	TERRANCE HOWARD	6-1	195	Jr.

Notre Dame Defense

LE	98	ANTHONY WEAVER	6-3	276	Jr.
	95	Ryan Roberts	6-2	254	Jr.
DT	94	ANDY WISNE	6-3	279	Sr.
	60	Darrell Campbell	6-4	285	So.
NG	90	LANCE LEGREE	6-1	290	Sr.
	93	B.J. Scott	6-3	285	Sr.
RE	44	GRANT IRONS	6-5	275	Sr.
	84	John Owens	6-3	260	Jr.
ILB	51	TYREO HARRISON	6-2	240	Jr.
	2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	6-3	260	Jr.
ILB	39	ANTHONY DENMAN	6-2	236	Sr.
	33	Courtney Watson	6-1	223	So.
OLB	30	ROCKY BOIMAN	6-4	239	Jr.
	43	Anthony Brannan	5-10	215	Sr.
LCB	1	BROCK WILLIAMS	5-10	188	Sr.
	27	Jason Beckstrom	5-10	190	So.
FS	25	TONY DRIVER	6-1	220	Sr.
	28	Donald Dykes	5-11	197	Jr.
SS	5	RON ISRAEL	6-0	208	Sr.
	20	Gerome Sapp	6-0	213	So.
	19	Glenn Earl	6-2	213	So.
RCB	42	SHANE WALTON	5-11	186	Jr.
	15	Clifford Jefferson	5-9	175	Jr.

Notre Dame Specialists

KO	92	MATT McNEW	6-5	209	Sr.
	13	Nick Setta	5-11	169	So.
PK	13	NICK SETTA	5-11	169	So.
	35	David Miller	5-11	196	Jr.
P	17	JOEY HILDBOLD	5-10	185	So.
	13	Nick Setta	5-11	169	So.
HLD	73	ADAM TIBBLE	5-11	201	Jr.
SNP	86	DAN O'LEARY	6-3	255	Sr.
or	56	JOHN CROWTHER	6-2	240	Jr.
PR	22	JULIUS JONES	5-10	206	SO.
or	18	JOEY GETHERALL	5-7	170	Sr.
KR	22	JULIUS JONES	5-10	206	SO.
or	6	DAVID GIVENS	6-3	214	Jr.
or	25	TONY DRIVER	6-1	220	Sr.