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### GAME 9

(#10 USA Today / #11 AP) Notre Dame (7-1) vs. North Carolina (1-7)

### The Date and Time

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at 2:43 p.m. EDT

### The Site

Notre Dame Stadium (80,795, grass surface) in Notre Dame, Ind.

### The Tickets

The game is officially sold out making it the 191st consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium. Since 1966, every Notre Dame home football game has been a sellout except one - a 1973 Thanksgiving Day game vs. Air Force. The Irish have now played in front of sellouts in 239 of their last 240 home games.

### The TV Plans

NBC national telecast with Tom Hammond (play-by-play) and Pat Haden (analysis), Lewis Johnson (sideline), David Gibson (producer) and John Gonzalez (director). NBC will stream a live 30 minute pre-game and post-game show on NBCSports.com.

### The Radio Plans

For the 39th consecutive season all Notre Dame football games are to be broadcast on approximately 300 stations in 50 states by Westwood One with Don Criqui (play-by-play) and former Irish running back Allen Pinkett (analysis) with Jeff Jeffers providing pre-game, halftime and post-game reports. This broadcast can be heard live on SIRIUS Satellite Radio (channel 159 for the North Carolina game) and it will be streaming live on the Notre Dame official athletics website at [www.und.com](http://www.und.com).

All Notre Dame home games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) and WDND-AM (1490) with pre-game analysis featuring Sean Stires and Vince DeDario. The post-game show is hosted by Jack Nolan and features former Notre Dame players Reggie Brooks and Mirko Jurkovic. See page 11 of this notes package for more information on Irish football radio and television shows.

### Real-Time Stats

Live in-game statistics are available through CSTV's Gametracker via each school's official athletic website.

### Web Sites

Notre Dame ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com))  
North Carolina ([www.tarheelblue.com](http://www.tarheelblue.com))

# 2006 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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### Two-Minute Drill

- No. 10/11 Notre Dame returns to Notre Dame Stadium this weekend for a meeting with North Carolina. The matchup is the first between the Irish and Tar Heels since 1975. North Carolina (1-7) is the second ACC opponent for Notre Dame in 2006. The Irish defeated Georgia Tech, 14-10, in the season opener. Notre Dame enters the contest following its decisive 38-14 victory over Navy last weekend. The Tar Heels lost 24-17 to Wake Forest a week ago.
- Notre Dame and North Carolina will play for the 17th time in series history on Saturday. The Irish hold a convincing 15-1-0 (.938) edge in the all-time series with the Tar Heels, including a current five-game winning streak. Notre Dame and North Carolina have not met on the gridiron since 1975 (see pages 2-5 for more information on the series).
- Streaks on the line this weekend: consecutive games started (Brady Quinn, 41) ... consecutive games with a completion (Brady Quinn, 44) ... consecutive passes without an interception (Brady Quinn, 169) ... consecutive games with a touchdown pass (Brady Quinn, 7) ... consecutive games with a reception (Darius Walker, 23; Jeff Samardzija, 21).

### A Win This Weekend Would...

- ... make Notre Dame 8-1 for the first time since 2002.
- ... be the sixth straight victory for the Irish.
- ... be the sixth consecutive victory over North Carolina and 11th straight victory in Notre Dame Stadium.
- ... improve Notre Dame to 16-1-0 in the all-time series with North Carolina.
- ... improve the Irish to 11-0-0 in the all-time series with the Tar Heels in Notre Dame Stadium.
- ... improve a ranked Irish squad to 11-0-0 all-time against North Carolina.
- ... improve Notre Dame to 14-1-0 all-time against an unranked Tar Heel squad.
- ... improve Weis' record to 17-4 overall and 2-0 against the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- ... improve Weis' home record to 9-3.
- ... improve Weis' record to 5-0 in November games.
- ... improve Weis' record to 11-4 in afternoon games.
- ... improve Notre Dame's all-time record to 819-267-42.
- ... improve Notre Dame's all-time record against the Atlantic Coast Conference to 74-27-2.

### A Loss This Weekend Would...

- ... make Notre Dame 7-2 for the first time since 2000.
- ... snap Notre Dame's winning streak at five games.
- ... snap the Irish's winning streak over North Carolina at five games overall and 10 games in Notre Dame Stadium.
- ... drop Notre Dame to 15-2-0 in the all-time series with North Carolina.
- ... drop the Irish to 10-1-0 in the all-time series with the Tar Heels in Notre Dame Stadium.
- ... drop a ranked Irish squad to 10-1-0 all-time against North Carolina.
- ... drop Notre Dame to 13-2-0 all-time against an unranked Tar Heel squad.
- ... drop Weis' record to 16-5 overall and 1-1 against the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- ... drop Weis' home record to 8-4.
- ... drop Weis' record to 4-1 in November games.
- ... drop Weis' record to 10-5 in afternoon games.
- ... drop Notre Dame's all-time record to 818-268-42.
- ... drop Notre Dame's all-time record against the Atlantic Coast Conference to 73-28-2.

### 2006 IRISH SCHEDULE

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Date	ND Rank	Opponent	TV	Time or Result	Last Week
Sept. 2	2/T-3	at Georgia Tech	ABC	ND 14, GT 10	W, 30-23 vs. Miami, Fla.
Sept. 9	T-4/5	19/19 PENN STATE	NBC	ND 41, PSU 17	W, 12-0 at Purdue
Sept. 16	2/T-3	11/13 MICHIGAN	NBC	UM 47, ND 21	W, 17-3 vs. Northwestern
Sept. 23	12/13	at Michigan State	ABC	ND 40, MSU 37	L, 21-46 at Indiana
Sept. 30	12/14	PURDUE	NBC	ND 35, PU 21	L, 0-12 vs. Penn State
Oct. 7	12/12	STANFORD	NBC	ND 31, SU 10	Bye
Oct. 21	10/8	UCLA	NBC	ND 20, UCLA 17	L, 15-37 at Washington St.
Oct. 28	11/10	vs. Navy (at Baltimore)	CBS	ND 38, Navy 14	-
Nov. 4	-/-	NORTH CAROLINA		2:30 p.m.	L, 17-24 vs. Wake Forest
Nov. 11	-/-	at Air Force	CSTV	4:00 p.m.	L, 14-33 vs. BYU
Nov. 18	-/-	ARMY	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 28-42 at Tulane
Nov. 25	-/-	at 9/9 USC	ABC	8 p.m.	L, 31-33 at Oregon State

### North Carolina-Notre Dame Series History

**Overall: 15-1-0; Home: 10-0-0; Away 4-1-0; Neutral 1-0-0**

Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	UNC
YS	1949	1-	W	42	6
*	1950	1-20	W	14	7
	1951		W	12	7
*	1952	16-	W	34	14
	1953	1-	W	34	14
*	1954	5-	W	42	13
	1955	5-	W	27	7
*	1956		W	21	14
*	1958	-11	W	34	24
*	1959		W	28	8
	1960		L	7	12
*	1962		W	21	7
*	1965	4-	W	17	0
*	1966	2-	W	32	0
*	1971	7-	W	16	0
	1975	15-	W	21	14

#### NOTRE DAME vs. THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Boston College	9	7	0	.563
Clemson	1	1	0	.500
Duke	2	1	0	.667
Florida State	2	4	0	.333
Georgia Tech	27	5	1	.833
Maryland	1	0	0	1.000
Miami (Fla.)	15	7	1	.674
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.938</b>
NC State	0	1	0	.000
Virginia	1	0	0	1.000
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	.000
Wake Forest	0	0	0	.000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.725</b>

#### CONFERENCE CALL

This season, Notre Dame faces teams from five different conferences. The conference breakdown for the 2006 schedule:

**Big Ten (4):** Penn State, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue

**Pac-10 (3):** Stanford, UCLA, USC

**ACC (2):** Georgia Tech, **North Carolina**

**Independents (2):** Navy, Army

**Mountain West (1):** Air Force

#### A Quick Look at North Carolina

• North Carolina enters the matchup with Notre Dame riding a five-game losing streak. The Tar Heels have been outscored 163-51 over the span. The Irish will be the fourth ranked opponent for North Carolina this season. The Tar Heels lost to then 16th-ranked Virginia Tech (35-10), then 19th-ranked Clemson (52-7) and 24th-ranked Wake Forest (24-17). North Carolina also dropped its season-opener, 21-16, to a then unranked Rutgers.

• The Tar Heels were beaten by No. 23 Wake Forest, 24-17, in Chapel Hill last weekend. North Carolina took a 17-14 lead into the fourth quarter, but were unable to hold on for the victory. Ronnie McGill scored a touchdown and rushed for 117 yards on 29 carries in the loss. Joe Dailey and Cam Sexton split the quarterback duties for the Tar Heels. Dailey went 13-for-19 for a 156 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. Sexton went 6-for-10 for 80 yards. Brooks Foster and Jesse Holley were tied for the team-lead with four catches. Foster had 49 yards receiving with a long of 35, while Holley had 42 yards with a long of 15. Kareen Taylor led the defensive effort with a team-high eight tackles. North Carolina limited the Demon Deacons to just 289 total yards.

• North Carolina enters Saturday's game with the 83rd-ranked rushing offense, 84th-ranked passing offense, 99th-ranked total offense and 108th-ranked scoring offense. The Tar Heels are averaging 118.88 yards per game on the ground, 174.63 yards in the air, 293.50 total yards and 15.25 points per game. McGill leads the Tar Heel ground game with 523 yards (65.4/game). McGill has rushed for six touchdowns and ranks 69th in the NCAA in rushing yards per game. Dailey has completed 61.3 percent of his passes (57-for-93) for 557 yards, two touchdowns and seven interceptions. Sexton has completed 42.2 percent of his passes (57-for-135) for 840 yards, four touchdowns and eight interceptions. Foster has been the favorite target for Tar Heel quarterbacks with 28 catches and 326 yards.

• The Tar Heels' defense has also struggled mightily this season. North Carolina ranks 93rd in total defense (376.38/game), 108th in scoring defense (32.63/game) and 115th in rush defense (205.13/game). The Tar Heels pass defense has been solid though. They allow only 171.25 yards per game, 35th in the nation. UNC has totaled 12 sacks. Taylor leads the team with 48 tackles. L Edwards has a team-high 4.5 tackles for loss, while H Taylor has 3.0 sacks.

• North Carolina's kicking game has been the team's strongest unit this season. Conor Barth is 6-for-6 on field goal attempts this season, including 3-for-3 from outside 40 yards. D Wooldridge is averaging 40.9 yards per punt and has dropped 13 inside the 20-yard line.

#### Notre Dame - North Carolina Series Notes

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• The Irish and Tar Heels will renew a rivalry that started during the 1949 season. The top-ranked Notre Dame squad routed North Carolina, 42-6. The two would meet each of the next seven seasons – all Irish victories. The series took a year off in 1957, but started up again for three consecutive years in 1958. In all, the Irish and Tar Heels faced one another 12 times over a 14-year period (1949-62).

#### Notre Dame vs. The ACC

• Notre Dame is 73-27-2 (.723) against current Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The Irish already defeated Georgia Tech from the ACC earlier this season. The Irish have had more success against members of the ACC than any other major conference. The Irish have a .500 or better record against eight of ten ACC teams Notre Dame has faced.

• Notre Dame's 102 games against the ACC ranks as the third-most contests against a conference trailing the Big Ten (338) and Pac-10 (115).

• The Irish are playing two ACC schools in the same season for the first time since 2002 (Maryland, Florida State and North Carolina State) and only the second time since 1982. Next year, Notre Dame will play three ACC schools as it opens the season hosting Georgia Tech before renewing acquaintances with Boston College and Duke.

• Notre Dame has faced North Carolina 16 times (15-1-0), tied for the third most meetings by the Irish against any ACC school. The 15 victories are tied for the second most victories for Notre Dame over an ACC foe. Notre Dame has faced Georgia Tech 33 times (27-5-1). Miami has collided with the Irish 23 times (15-7-1), while Boston College (9-7) has also played Notre Dame 16 times. It should be noted that all of Notre Dame's meetings with Miami and Boston College occurred prior to their moves to the ACC.

• Notre Dame has played a handful of games versus Florida State (2-4), Duke (2-1) and Clemson (1-1). Additionally, the Irish met three ACC opponents only once. They beat Virginia in the 1989 Kickoff Classic, Maryland in the 2002 Kickoff Classic but lost to NC State in the 2003 Gator Bowl.

• Notre Dame has posted a 41-9-0 (.820) record against ACC opponents in Notre Dame Stadium.

#### Notre Dame-North Carolina Connections

• Notre Dame has a penchant for ending impressive winning streaks in football, contributing to the program's great tradition. However, the magic is not limited to the football program. The women's soccer team ended the longest streak in all of NCAA sports and it came against North Carolina.

**Oct. 2, 1994:** ND women's soccer plays to a 0-0 tie vs. perennial power North Carolina in St. Louis, stopping UNC's 92-game win streak (still NCAA record) ... one year later, the Irish claimed the national title with College Cup wins over the Tar Heels and Portland.

• North Carolina head coach John Bunting served as a co-captain in 1971 when the Tar Heels not only went 9-3 and won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship, but made their last visit to Notre Dame Stadium.

• Notre Dame's roster features two players from the state of North Carolina. North Carolina's roster does not feature a player from the state of Indiana.

• Freshman DB Raeshon McNeil will renew acquaintances with three former teammates from Davie County H.S. McNeil played along side sophomore SS Cooter Arnold, freshman LB Logan Buchanan and senior LB David Wooldridge.

• Junior DB William David Williams hails from Raleigh, N.C. and Millbrook H.S. – some 30 miles from the UNC campus.

• Fourth-year Notre Dame women's basketball assistant coach Jonathan Tspis is a 1996 graduate of North Carolina.

• Assistant AD for compliance, Lisa Deibler, spent the better part of nine years in a similar role at North Carolina.

**On This Date**

Notre Dame has played 15 games in its history on Nov. 4. The Irish are 10-4-1 all-time on this date. The Irish have won their last five games played on Nov. 4 and have not lost on this date since the 1961 season. Notre Dame had fad faced Navy in its last eight games played on Nov. 4.

**Nov. 4, 1905:** Bill Downs scored six touchdowns, second most in single-game school history, to lead the Irish to a 71-0 rout of DePauw.

**Nov. 4, 1978:** Vegas Ferguson rushed for 219 yards on 18 carries in a 27-7 victory over Navy in Cleveland. The 219-yard rushing effort ranks as the seventh best in Notre Dame single-game rushing history. The 12.2 yards per carry also ranks fourth best in Irish history.

**The Last Meeting**  
**No. 15 Notre Dame 21, North Carolina 14**  
**Oct. 11, 1975, Chapel Hill, N.C.**

**(Joe Doyle, S.B. Tribune)** - Ted Burgmeier did not start the game for Notre Dame Saturday. Neither did Joe Montana. But these sophomores ended it for North Carolina with an incredible 80-yard touchdown connection that gave the Irish a tremendous victory in what might have been the greatest rally in school history.

Forty years ago, Notre Dame rallied from a 13-0 deficit to spill Ohio State, 18-13, with all three touchdowns in the fourth quarter. But this young Notre Dame team went the Irish of 1935 three points better – 21 points in the final 11:30 of play to erase a 14-0 lead by the surprising Tar Heels.

A record 49,500 in Keenan Stadium watched in disbelief as a sputtering Irish attack failed time and again against the host Tar Heels. And when the Irish came up with a bad center snap on a punt, North Carolina scored a third period touchdown. Later on in that period, the Tar Heels connected on a 39-yard touchdown pass for their 14-0 lead.

Then good fortune, Irish luck or whatever came to Notre Dame. Rick Slager engineered a 65-yard touchdown march that ended with Al Hunter scoring with 11:26 to play. A two-point conversion pass failed and Carolina held a 14-6 lead. It was still that way with 6:04 remaining.

Enter Montana, the baby-faced Monongahela, Pa., sophomore, who got two quick first downs to the North Carolina 41. Down the sideline went Dan Kelleher. Up went Montana's arm. Kelleher grabbed the pass and raced down the sideline to the 2.

On the next play, Hunter slashed over tackle again. It was 14-12, but Montana had the answer. He rifled a two-point conversion pass to tight end Doug Butth, who had never caught a pass for Notre Dame. It was 14-14 with 5:18 to play. Sports writers were checking the record books for the last tie game. But the Irish weren't through.

North Carolina drove to the Irish 24, but place kicker Tom Biddle missed a 41-yard field goal attempt – his third miss of the day. And the Irish had the ball at the 20 with 1:19 left.

Montana missed a pass that new father Mark McLane dropped. Then Burgmeier cut down the left sideline in a patter designed to get a first down or more but also out of bounds to kill the clock.

Safetyman Jeff Caldwell was close. But Burgmeier spurted past him and won the foot race to the goal for an 80-yard play with 1:03 left and after Pat McLaughlin kicked the point, the Irish fought off a last minute flurry of passes for an incredible 21-14 victory.

The 15th-ranked Irish won their fourth victory in five starts, but it was far from easy. The temperature was 79 degrees and there was hardly a breathe of fresh air moving in the idyllic stadium in the Carolina forests.

Burgmeier gave up his starting job to freshman Kris Haines because the Irish wanted Ted to double up as a defensive back. "We could not use him there," said assistant coach Paul Shoultz. "He was worn out from those long patterns on offense. But I am glad he had the speed to break that one."

Montana started last week's game against Michigan State but Slager opened against the Tar Heels. Though he hit on 11 of 21 passes, Slager couldn't get the Irish on the scoreboard until he engineered a 65-yard march that began late in the third quarter.

**Notre Dame Itinerary**

**MONDAY, OCT. 30**

Players Off

**TUESDAY, OCT. 31**

12:00 pm - Charlie Weis Press Conference

Satellite Coordinates: 1A-5C, Transponder 13

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media Viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with offensive coaches and players by request

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1**

1:20 pm - Tom Zbikowski Press Conference

1:40 pm - Brady Quinn Press Conference

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with Coach Weis, defensive coaches and players by request

**THURSDAY, NOV. 2**

11:30 am - Travis Thomas Press Conference

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media Viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with Coach Weis, special teams coaches and players by request

**FRIDAY, NOV. 3**

No Player or Coach Availability - Practice is Closed

**SATURDAY, NOV. 4**

2:30 pm - Kickoff vs. North Carolina

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5**

12:30 pm - Charlie Weis Press Conference

All Times Eastern

**Head-to-Head Statistical Comparison (2006 Stats)**

NOTRE DAME				NORTH CAROLINA		
#	NCAA	Category		Category	NCAA	#
30.00	24th	Scoring Offense	vs.	Scoring Defense	108th	32.63
387.25	30th	Total Offense	vs.	Total Defense	93rd	376.38
107.25	95th	Rushing Offense	vs.	Rushing Defense	115th	205.13
280.00	11th	Passing Offense	vs.	Passing Defense	35th	171.25
145.39	23rd	Passing Efficiency Offense	vs.	Passing Efficiency Defense	99th	145.03
21.63	56th	Scoring Defense	vs.	Scoring Offense	108th	15.25
330.38	61st	Total Defense	vs.	Total Offense	99th	293.50
138.25	69th	Rushing Defense	vs.	Rushing Offense	83rd	118.88
192.13	47th	Passing Defense	vs.	Passing Offense	84th	174.63
128.22	71st	Passing Efficiency Defense	vs.	Passing Efficiency Offense	111th	96.59
38.69	9th	Net Punting	vs.	Net Punting	72nd	34.73
5.29	103rd	Punt Returns	vs.	Punt Returns	58th	8.64
21.52	40th	Kickoff Returns	vs.	Kickoff Returns	53rd	20.55
0.50	31st	Turnover Margin	vs.	Turnover Margin	119th	-1.75
2.50	33rd	Sacks	vs.	Sacks Allowed	t-61st	2.00
2.63	97th	Sacks Allowed	vs.	Sacks	t-83rd	1.63

**Scoring Summary**

	1	2	3	4	E
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	- 0
Notre Dame	3	6	0	7	- 16

**First Quarter**

ND Thomas 28 yard field goal (6:05)

**Second Quarter**

ND Thomas 27 yard field goal (14:09)

ND Thomas 24 yard field goal (10:19)

**Fourth Quarter**

ND Gatewood 4 yard pass from Brown, Thomas kick (8:33)

**Team Statistics**

	ND	UNC
First Downs	21	8
Rushing	15	3
Passing	4	3
Penalty	2	2
Rushing Attempts	67	37
Yards Gained Rushing	248	105
Yards Lost Rushing	41	13
Net Yards Rushing	207	92
Net Yards Passing	82	57
Passes Attempted	17	17
Passes Completed	5	7
Interceptions Thrown	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	84	54
Total Net Yards	289	149
Average Gain Per Play	3.4	2.7
Fumbles: Number Lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-51	6-55
Punts-Yards	6-277	8-344
Average Yards Per Punt	46.2	43.0
Punt Returns-Yards	7-81	2-15
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-27	5-145
Interception Returns-Yards	1-18	0-0
Fumble Returns-Yards	1	2
Time of Possession	35:09	24:51

**Individual Leaders****NOTRE DAME**

Rushing: Cieszkowski 14-53, Dewan 14-44, Minnix 10-33, Gallagher 8-39, Huff 4-14, Parker 3-16, Steenberge 1-9, Brown 6-9, Diminick 4-8, Hill 1-2, Bulger 1-(-7), Townsend 1-(-13).

Passing (C-A-YDS-INT): Brown 5-14-82-0, Steenberge 0-2-0-0, Bulger 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: Gatewood 3-62, Dewan 2-20.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Rushing: Hamlen 15-47, Jolley 3-19, Hite 8-24, Levernez 8-2, Miller 3-0.

Passing (C-A-YDS-INT): Miller 7-17-57-1.

Receiving: Cowell 2-11, Leverenz 1-3, Bethea 1-20, Hite 1-5, Jolley 1-15, Hamlin 1-5.

## The Last Meeting in Notre Dame Stadium

### No. 7 Notre Dame 16, North Carolina 0

#### Nov. 9, 1971

**(Joe Doyle, S.B. Tribune)** - Notre Dame altered its winning football formula only slightly on Saturday, but in the end it was the magnificent defense that assured victory No. 5 of the season.

That defense was something in the eyes of North Carolina coach Bill Dooley, who gasped, "Notre Dame is the best defensive football team I have ever seen."

Here were Saturday's accomplishments for the Irish team that is ranked seventh in the nation:

- A second straight shutout and a streak of 14 consecutive quarters in which an opposing team has not scored on the defense.

- A goal line stand that shut off North Carolina in four plays from the 4-yard line with tackle Mike Kadish blocking a field goal try to insure a 16-0 victory.

- Limiting North Carolina, a team that had averaged 400 yards a game, to 92 running and 57 passing. The Tar Heels could complete only seven of 17 pass attempts.

Offensively, Notre Dame insured its victory early - assuming that the defense was going to come up with a shutout - on a new 1971 weapon, the field goal.

Sophomore kicker Bob Thomas booted three in succession the first three times the Irish were in possession for a 9-0 lead. And for good measure rookie quarterback Cliff Brown, making his first career start, lofted a fourth quarter scoring pass to record-breaking end Tom Gatewood for the game's only touchdown.

While the Irish offense seemed to sputter when it confronted the Tar Heels near the goal line, Brown performed with promise most of the time. He completed only five of his 14 passes, three of them to Gatewood who broke Jim Seymour's career record with his 139th catch.

Thomas also equalled a Gus Dorais record with his three field goals. Dorais set the mark by booting three in seven tries in 1913 against Texas.

North Carolina tried a little bit of everything to score against the Irish. After one kickoff, Lew Jolley ran from the goal line to the 10, then suddenly lateraled the ball across the field to Earle Bethea who ran behind the blocking of six or seven teammates to the Irish 42.

Clarence Ellis, the super defensive back, back-pedaled, fought off blocks and finally broke through single-handedly to stop Bethea in what Coach Ara Parseghian said "was absolutely the best defensive play I have ever seen in this stadium."

Ellis then intercepted a pass to choke off the Carolina threat on the next play, but he had company, too, in his bid for individual honors. Mike Crotty, the short but mighty safety, was all over the field, returning punts (81 yards in seven tries) and his blitz rushes kept passer Paul Miller off balance most of the time.

The Irish kept running back after running back into action and despite injuries to Andy Huff and Bill Gallagher, they piled up more than 200 yards against a team that had stopped opponents with a 98-yard rushing average in attaining a 4-1 record.

**Last Week Against Navy**

- Notre Dame converted on its 15th fourth down of the season in the first quarter touchdown drive. At the time, the Irish were 15-for-19 on fourth down this season - good for a .789 conversion percentage. Notre Dame entered the game tied for fifth in the NCAA in fourth down efficiency.

- The 36-yard touchdown pass from senior QB Brady Quinn to sophomore WR David Grimes was the ninth play for Notre Dame this season that exceeded 30 yards. The Irish added their 10th of the season, a 33-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to McKnight just before halftime. Five of the 10 plays have gone for touchdowns. Grimes was the sixth different Irish receiver to register a touchdown reception this season.

- Notre Dame jumped out to a 10-0 lead after the first quarter and then added 14 points in the second quarter. The Irish have scored at least 10 points in a quarter on nine different occasions this season. The 24 first half points are the most for Notre Dame since scoring 28 in the opening 30 minutes against Purdue earlier this season. In fact, the Irish have scored 24 or more points in a half 18 different times under second year head coach Charlie Weis.

- Senior QB Brady Quinn conducted a scoring drive on Notre Dame's final possession of the first half for the sixth time this season. Quinn went 5-for-6 for 64 yards and a 33-yard touchdown pass to senior Rhema McKnight. Over the six scoring drives (Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, Stanford, UCLA and Navy) in the waning minutes of the first half in 2006, Quinn is a remarkable 34-for-40 for 341 yards passing, four touchdown passes and a touchdown run.

- The Irish converted another fourth down play midway through the third quarter. It was Notre Dame's 16th fourth down conversion this season. Senior TE John Carlson, who converted both fourth downs with receptions, has given the Irish first downs on four fourth down plays this season (tied with Darius Walker for the team-high).

- Notre Dame eclipsed the 30-point barrier for the fifth time in 2006. The Irish have scored 30 or more points 15 times under Weis (Navy was his 20th as Irish head coach). The Irish have scored 30 or more points in 17 of the last 22 meetings with Navy. Notre Dame has scored more points against the Midshipmen (2,178) than any of its other 134 opponents in school history.

- The Irish were not forced to punt in a game for the first time this season and first time since Nov. 12, 2005 against Navy. Notre Dame ran 62 plays over 10 drives Saturday and 70 plays over nine drives in last season's meeting. The Irish have gone

140 plays against Navy without being forced to punt - dating back to a D.J. Fitzpatrick punt in the fourth quarter of a 27-9 Irish victory in 2004.

- Notre Dame allowed 211 yards rushing and 14 points in the first half. The Irish not only held the Midshipmen scoreless in the second half, but also limited the Navy option attack to just 60 yards on the ground in the second half.
- The 24-point margin of victory (38-14) is tied for the second largest victory under second year head coach Charlie Weis (largest margin of victory was 26 points last season against BYU).
- Notre Dame held Navy scoreless in the third and fourth quarter Saturday afternoon. It marked the 12th and 13th quarters this season that the Irish have held an opponent without any points for an entire period.
- Notre Dame set season-highs with yards per pass attempt (11.8), total yards (471) and yards per play (7.6).
- The Irish rushed for 176 yards this afternoon. That rushing effort ranks as the sixth-best game on the ground in the Charlie Weis era.

*Senior QB Brady Quinn*

... recorded his second touchdown rush of 2006 and sixth of his career ... the 19-yard run was his longest career touchdown rush and longest rush from scrimmage since Nov. 27, 2004 ... posted his 13th career game (fifth in '06) with at least three touchdown passes ... has totaled 21 touchdown passes in the past seven games, after failing to throw a TD pass in the opener versus Georgia Tech ... extended his own school record of consecutive passes without an interception to 169 pass attempts ... broke Ron Powlus' (1994-97) previous school record of 43 straight games with a completion (Quinn has completed a pass in 44 consecutive games) ... moved past Andrew Walter of Arizona State (2001-04) for 19th place all-time in NCAA Division I-A history for pass attempts ... moved past Joe Montana (1978) for ninth most passing yards in single-season history ... moved past Ron Powlus (1997) for 10th most total yards in single-season history ... moved past Ron Powlus (182, 1997) for fourth most completions in single-season history ... moved past Jarious Jackson (184, 1999) for third most completions in single-season history ... moved past John Huarte (1964) for eighth most passing yards in single-season history ... moved past Ron Powlus (1997) for seventh most passing yards in single-season history ... moved past Rick Mirer (1991) for sixth most passing yards in single-season history ... moved past Rick Mirer (1991) and Ron Powlus (1994) for second most touchdown passes in single-season history ... moved past Rick Mirer (1992) for ninth most total yards in single-season history ... moved past John Huarte (1964) for eighth most total yards in single-season history ... moved past Joe Montana (1978) for seventh most total yards in single-season history ... moved past Gino Guidugli (2001-04) of Cincinnati for 19th place all-time in career touchdown passes in NCAA Division I-A history ... moved past Ron Powlus (298, 1997) for fifth most pass attempts in Notre Dame single-season history ... moved past himself (191, 2004) for second most completions in Notre Dame single-season history ... moved past Steve Beuerlein (1986) for fifth most passing yards in Irish single-season history ... moved past Steve Beuerlein (1986) for sixth most total yards in Irish single-season history ... moved past Steve Stenstrom (1991-94) of Stanford for 31st place all-time in passing yards in NCAA Division I-A ... moved past

Charlie Frye (2001-04) of Akron for 18th place all-time in pass attempts in NCAA Division I-A

*Junior RB Darius Walker*

... moved past Nick Eddy (1964-66) for fifth place in career receiving yards for an Irish running back ... moved past Bob Scarpitto (1959) and Bob Gladieux (1967) for 10th place in single-season receiving yards by a Notre Dame running back ... moved past Raghieb Ismail (1988-90) for eighth place in career non-quarterback total yards ... eclipsed 100 yards for the third time this season and 11th time in his career ... moved past Jerome Heavens (1975-78) for fifth place all-time in career rushes ... eclipsed his own previous school

record (43) for receptions by a running back in single-season history

*Senior TE John Carlson*

... moved past Mark Bavaro (1984) for fifth place in single-season receptions by a Notre Dame tight end ... moved past Ken MacAfee (1976) for fourth most receptions by a tight end in single-season history ... moved past Ken MacAfee (1976) for fourth place in single-season receiving yards by tight end ... moved past Tony Hunter (1982) for third place in single-season receiving yards by tight end

**Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup**

*OFFENSE*

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
"X"	5	Rhema McKnight	Sr.	Ranks second in all-time catches and seventh in all-time reception yards
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Sr.	Started third-straight season opener; Navy was 32nd straight start
LG	50	Dan Santucci	Sr.	Has started 21 games over his career and 20 consecutive
C	78	John Sullivan	Sr.	Will make his 27th career start this weekend against North Carolina
RG	76	Bob Morton	Sr.	Started 36th career game and 18th at OG versus North Carolina
RT	74	Sam Young	Fr.	First true freshman to start season opener on O-line since 1972
TE	89	John Carlson	Sr.	529 receiving yards in 2006 ranks third best in single-season TE history
"Z"	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	Tied for first all-time in ND history with 22 career TD receptions
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Sr.	Enters UNC game w/ a school record streak of 169 passes without an INT
FB	35	Ashley McConnell	Sr.	Now a starter after Asaph Schwapp was lost for the season with torn ACL
RB	3	Darius Walker	Jr.	Ranks sixth all-time with 2,664 career yards rushing

*DEFENSE*

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
LDE	95	Victor Abiamiri	Sr.	19.0 career sacks tied for 5th all-time; ND's Lineman of the Year in '05
LDT	98	Trevor Laws	Sr.	Fifth on team with 39 tackles and second on squad with 8.5 TFLs
RDT	66	Derek Landri	Sr.	Leads front four with 40 tackles (11 against Navy); started 32 straight
RDE	75	Chris Frome	Sr.	First start of 2006 against MSU; 16 tackles and three QBH on the season
OLB	52	Joe Brockington	Sr.	Recorded a career-high seven tackles earlier this season against UCLA
MLB	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	Jr.	Leads team with 62 tackles and third on squad with 7.0 TFL in 2006
OLB	26	Travis Thomas	Sr.	Had three tackles at LB and a touchdown run at RB against Navy
LCB	20	Terrail Lambert	So.	Registered two INTs against MSU, including one for the go-ahead TD
FS	18	Chinedum Ndukwue	Sr.	52 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1 sack, 2 INT, 3 PBU, 2 QBH, 2 FF and 1 FR in 2006
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Recorded a career-high 14 tackles last week against Navy
RCB	30	Mike Richardson	Sr.	Leads the Irish secondary with five pass break-ups

*SPECIAL TEAMS*

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
PK	45	Carl Gioia	Sr.	6-for-10 on field goals this season; 30-of-31 on PAT
KO	39	Ryan Burkhart	Fr.	Served as Notre Dame's kickoff specialist the last four games
P	17	Geoff Price	Sr.	Ranks 5th in the NCAA with a per punt average of 45.3
H	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	High school teammate of Carl Gioia in his second season of holding
SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	Jr.	First SNP duties at ND was 2005 game vs. USC; Served as SNP since
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Tied for sixth in ND history with a 12.5 career punt return average
KR	11	David Grimes	So.	Ranks 33rd in the NCAA with a 24.83 kickoff return average
	19	George West	Fr.	Scored a touchdown against Purdue on his first career rush

*KEY PROBABLE NON-STARTERS*

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
WR	11	David Grimes	So.	First career TD reception on career-best 36-yd catch against Navy
WR	23	Chase Anastasio	Sr.	Combination of speed and experience earn him spot on two-deep
OL	72	Paul Duncan	So.	Second-year player will be used primarily as swing tackle
TE	87	Marcus Freeman	Sr.	Fifth-year senior should have receiving role expanded in 2006
CB	22	Ambrose Wooden	Sr.	Streak of consecutive games started snapped at 15 against MSU
CB	2	Darrin Walls	Fr.	Decorated DB in HS tallied 16 INTs while earning All-America honors

**Notre Dame's Record When...**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>Weis Era</b>
At Home	4-1	8-3
On The Road	2-0	7-0
Neutral Site Games	1-0	1-1
Vs. Ranked Opponents	1-1	4-3
Vs. In-state Opponents	1-0	2-0
In September	4-1	7-2
In October	3-0	5-2
In November	0-0	4-0
In December	0-0	0-0
In January	0-0	0-1
On Television	7-1	16-4
On NBC	4-1	8-3
On ABC	2-0	6-1
On ESPN	0-0	1-0
On CBS	1-0	1-0
Afternoon Games	5-1	10-4
Night Games	2-0	5-0
Decided By 7 or Less	3-0	4-2
Scoring First	5-0	11-1
Opponent Scores First	2-1	5-3
Leading At Halftime	4-0	12-1
Tied At Halftime	0-0	1-0
Trailing At Halftime	3-1	3-3
Leading After 3 Qtrs.	4-0	12-0
Tied After 3 Qtrs.	0-0	0-1
Trailing After 3 Qtrs.	2-1	4-3
In Overtime	0-0	0-1
Scoring 40+ Points	2-0	7-1
Scoring 30+ Points	5-0	13-2
Scoring 20-29 Points	2-1	10-4
Scoring 0-19 Points	1-0	2-0
Allowing 40+ Points	0-1	0-2
Allowing 30+ Points	1-0	2-3
Allowing 20-29 Points	1-0	7-3
Allowing 0-19 Points	5-0	8-0
Outrushing Opponent	4-0	7-0
Getting Outrushed	3-1	9-4
Passing For More Yds	6-1	13-2
Passing For Fewer Yds	1-0	3-2
Outgaining Opponent	4-0	12-1
Getting Outgained	3-1	4-3
Winning Time of Poss.	6-0	13-2
Losing Time of Poss.	1-1	3-2
Scoring a Def./ST TD	3-0	5-1
Allowing a Def./ST TD	1-1	2-2
Fewer Penalty Yards	5-0	7-2
More Penalty Yards	2-1	9-2
Winning Turnover Battle	6-0	12-2
Losing Turnover Battle	0-1	1-1
Walker 100 rushing yds	3-0	9-1
Walker 150 rushing yds	1-0	2-0
Walker 200 rushing yds	0-0	0-0
Quinn 250 passing yds	6-0	13-3
Quinn 300 passing yds	3-0	7-1
Quinn 350 passing yds	0-0	3-1
Quinn 400+ passing yds	0-0	3-1
Samardzija caught a TD	4-1	12-3
McKnight caught a TD	5-1	9-4

*Senior WR Rhema McKnight*

... moved past Tony Hunter (1979-82) for seventh place all-time in career receiving yards ... his second quarter touchdown reception was his eighth of the season and 15th of his career ... his fourth quarter touchdown reception was his ninth of the season and 16th of his career ... registered two touchdown catches in a single game for the first time in his career ... moved into a tie for fourth place (Jack Snow, 1964) for fourth most touchdown catches in single-season history ... moved into a tie with Jim Seymour (1966-68) for fifth most touchdown receptions in career history

*Senior DE Victor Abiamiri*

... moved into tie with Bryant Young (1990-93) for sixth in Notre Dame career sacks history ... moved past Brandon Hoyte (2002-05) for seventh in Notre Dame career tackles for loss history ... moved into tie with Ryan Roberts (1999-02) for fifth in Irish career sacks history

*Sophomore WR David Grimes*

... recorded his first career touchdown catch on a 36-yard strike late in the first quarter ... the reception was also the longest catch of his career (previous career-long grab was a 20-yard catch against Michigan earlier this season)

*Senior TB/LB Travis Thomas*

... recorded his second touchdown run of the season and seventh of his career ... the rush was his first carry since a one-yard scoring burst against Penn State earlier this season

*Senior SS Tom Zbikowski*

... registered a season and career-high 14.0 tackles ... the 14.0 tackles ties Maurice Crum, Jr.'s season-high for Notre Dame

*Senior DL Derek Landri*

... registered a season-high and career-high 11.0 tackles

*Freshman RB James Aldridge*

... rushed 12 times for 29 yards, both career-highs

**How Do They Stack Up?**

Average weight of the offensive and defensive lines: Average height of the receivers and the secondaries:  
 ND OL 294.0 lbs. vs. UNC DL 274.8 lbs. ND WR/TE 6' 4" vs. UNC DB 5' 11"  
 ND DL 277.0 lbs. vs. UNC OL 298.0 lbs. ND DB 6' 0" vs. UNC WR/TE 6' 2"

**Quinn Near Perfect Last Five Games; Possibly Best Five Game Stretch of Career**

Senior QB Brady Quinn has been nearly flawless the past five games – all Irish victories. Quinn is completing 67-percent (121-for-181) of his passes for 1,466 yards, 15 touchdowns and just one interception. He currently owns the nation's longest streak of consecutive passes without an interception at 169 (besting his own Notre Dame school record). Quinn has a 161.22 passing efficiency rating over the stretch of games.

Quinn had a similar stretch of games in 2005 that helped him move into Heisman consideration. Over games against BYU, Tennessee, Navy, Syracuse and Stanford, Quinn completed 66.7 percent (120-for-180) of his passes for 1,748 yards, 18 touchdowns and three interceptions.

	<b>Att.</b>	<b>Cmp.</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>TD</b>
Brady Quinn (2005)	180	120	3	66.7	1,748	18
Brady Quinn (2006)	181	121	1	66.9	1,466	15

**One of Nation's Best Not Needed Against Navy**

Senior P Geoff Price ranks fifth in the NCAA in punting at 45.3 yards per punt. That average would break Notre Dame's previous school record for average yards per punt (44.9) set by Craig Hentrich in 1990. While Price has proven to be a weapon for the Irish this season, anytime Notre Dame can get through an entire game without his services is a definite positive. The Irish were not forced to punt last weekend against Navy. It marked the first time Notre Dame failed to punt in a game since Nov. 12, 2005 against the Midshipmen. Notre Dame ran 62 plays over its 10 drives last weekend and ran 70 plays over nine drives in last season's meeting. The Irish have gone 140 plays against Navy without being forced to punt - dating back to a D.J. Fitzpatrick punt in the fourth quarter of a 27-9 Irish victory in 2004.

**Clock Watching**

- Notre Dame has held the time of possession advantage in six of its eight games this season (all victories), including besting Navy last weekend 30:39-29:21. The game against the Midshipmen marked the slimmest advantage in time of possession of those six games. Since Weis arrived at Notre Dame, the Irish are 13-2 when winning the time of possession battle.
- Notre Dame have won just three times since the start of 2005 when it did not have the ball longer than its opponent (3-2).
- The Irish held a decisive advantage in time of possession in their win against Purdue earlier this season. Notre Dame held the ball for 38:21. It was the longest the Irish held possession since controlling the ball for 38:40 against USC in 2005.

### BCS Rankings (Week 2)

TEAM	RK	PTS	%	RK	PTS	%	COMP AVG	BCS AVG	PRVS
1 Ohio State	1	2848	.999	1	1575	1.000	2	.9864	1
2 Michigan	2	2727	.957	2	1500	.952	1	.9697	2
3 West Virginia	3	2583	.906	3	1437	.912	13	.7862	4
4 Florida	7	2127	.746	7	1167	.741	4	.7791	6
5 Louisville	5	2278	.799	5	1271	.807	9	.7621	8
6 Auburn	6	2202	.773	6	1235	.784	7	.7589	5
7 Texas	4	2432	.853	4	1347	.855	12	.7562	7
8 USC	9	1937	.680	9	1049	.666	6	.7152	3
9 Notre Dame	10	1913	.671	10	1030	.654	5	.7151	9
10 California	11	1789	.628	11	980	.622	3	.7133	10
11 Tennessee	8	2081	.730	8	1118	.710	10	.7000	11
12 Rutgers	14	1241	.435	15	662	.420	8	.5153	14
13 Arkansas	12	1492	.524	12	816	.518	14	.5072	13
14 Boise State	15	1192	.418	14	694	.441	11	.4763	15
15 Boston College	16	1138	.399	16	639	.406	16	.3983	17

### Irish Rushing Defense Holds Navy Well Below Its Average

Navy came into the game with Notre Dame last weekend ranked second in the NCAA in rushing averaging 316.6 yards per game. The Midshipmen were also averaging 5.4 yards per carry. The Irish did allow Navy 271 yards on the ground, but only 60 came after halftime. Notre Dame also limited the Midshipmen to 4.8 yards per carry, including 3.0 ypa after halftime.

### Clock Winding Down, Brady At His Best

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn has conducted scoring drives to close the first half in six of the Irish's eight games this season. Against Navy last weekend, he went 5-for-6 for 64 yards and a 33-yard touchdown pass to senior Rhema McKnight. Over the six scoring drives (Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, Stanford, UCLA and Navy) in the waning minutes of the first half in 2006, Quinn is a remarkable 34-for-40 for 341 yards passing, four touchdown passes and a touchdown run. Quinn registered one against Stanford and then led Notre Dame to a field goal drive last weekend against UCLA. He was 7-for-8 for 62 yards and added 14 yards rushing along the way against the Bruins. Against Stanford, he was 5-of-6 for 47 yards and a 15-yard touchdown to senior WR Rhema McKnight on the 68-yard scoring drive. With Notre Dame trailing Georgia Tech, 10-0, and just under five minutes to go in the first half in the season opener, Quinn led the Irish on a 14 play, 80-yard scoring drive. He went 5-of-8 for 39 yards and also added 23 yards rushing on the drive, capped off by his five-yard touchdown scamper. Quinn was even more impressive in his two scoring drives against Penn State and Michigan. Both within the no-huddle, two-minute offense, he spearheaded Notre Dame's seven play, 69-yard and 1:17 march just before halftime against the Nittany Lions. Quinn was 5-of-5 for 58 yards and a touchdown strike on the drive. He was equally impressive running the two-minute drill late in the second quarter against the Wolverines. Quinn went 7-of-7 for 71 yards and a touchdown during the Irish's eight play, 72-yard and 2:10 drive.

#### Scoring Drives Just Before Halftime

Opponent	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TD
Georgia Tech	5	8	39	*1
^Penn State	5	5	58	1
^Michigan	7	7	71	1
^Stanford	5	6	47	1
#UCLA	7	8	62	0
^Navy	5	6	64	1
Totals	34	40	341	5

\*rushing touchdown  
^no huddle, two-minute drill  
# drive led to a field goal

### Football Definitely a Game of Adjustments

The Notre Dame defense has shown its prowess in 2006 when it comes to making adjustments at halftime. The Irish have twice blanked opponents (Georgia Tech and Navy) after halftime and allowed four other foes (Michigan State, Purdue, Stanford and UCLA) to seven points or less after intermission. Notre Dame has yielded just 53 points in the second half over its eight games in 2006 (14 of those came in the waning minutes against Penn State with the Irish leading 41-3). Here is an analytical look at the numbers before and after the midway point:

	First Downs	Rushing Yards	Passing Yards	Total Yards	Points
First Half	76 (9.5 avg.)	678 (84.8 avg.)	881 (110.1 avg.)	1,559 (194.9 avg.)	120 (15.0 avg.)
Second Half	67 (8.3 avg.)	428 (53.5 avg.)	656 (82.0 avg.)	1,084 (135.5 avg.)	53 (6.6 avg.)

### Thomas Also Returns to Notre Dame Lineup With a Bang

Senior LB/RB Travis Thomas missed both the Purdue and Stanford games after suffering a rib injury on the final play of the Michigan State game. He returned to the starting lineup against UCLA and totaled seven tackles, including a season-high 2.0 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry. Despite missing those two games, Thomas has recorded 27 tackles on the season, including 18 solo stops (fifth-best on the squad).

### National Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Oct. 29)

Rk	School	Record	Pts
1.	Ohio State (63)	9-0	1623
<b>2.</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>9-0</b>	<b>1547</b>
3.	West Virginia (2)	7-0	1494
4.	Texas	8-1	1397
5.	Louisville	7-0	1278
6.	Auburn	8-1	1250
7.	Florida	7-1	1243
8.	Tennessee	7-1	1232
<b>9.</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>1059</b>
10.	California	7-1	1040
11.	Notre Dame	7-1	1037
12.	Arkansas	7-1	935
13.	LSU	6-2	842
14.	Boise State	8-0	688
15.	Rutgers	7-0	644
16.	Boston College	7-1	624
17.	Wisconsin	8-1	617
18.	Oklahoma	6-2	589
19.	Clemson	7-2	435
<b>20.</b>	<b>Georgia Tech</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>402</b>
21.	Texas A&M	8-1	353
22.	Wake Forest	7-1	246
23.	Virginia Tech	6-2	188
24.	Oregon	6-2	167
25.	Washington State	6-3	40

OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES

Penn State 8.

USA TODAY/COACHES (Oct. 29)

Rk	School	Record	Pts
1.	Ohio State (63)	9-0	1575
<b>2.</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>9-0</b>	<b>1500</b>
3.	West Virginia	7-0	1437
4.	Texas	8-1	1347
5.	Louisville	7-0	1271
6.	Auburn	8-1	1235
7.	Florida	7-1	1167
8.	Tennessee	7-1	1118
<b>9.</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>1049</b>
10.	Notre Dame	7-1	1030
11.	California	7-1	980
12.	Arkansas	7-1	816
13.	LSU	6-2	775
14.	Boise State	8-0	694
15.	Rutgers	7-0	662
16.	Boston College	7-1	639
17.	Wisconsin	8-1	584
18.	Oklahoma	6-2	515
19.	Clemson	7-2	458
<b>20.</b>	<b>Georgia Tech</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>363</b>
21.	Texas A&M	8-1	335
22.	Oregon	6-2	262
23.	Wake Forest	7-1	214
24.	Virginia Tech	6-2	141
25.	Missouri	7-2	64

OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES

Penn State 15.

**BOLD** indicates 2006 Notre Dame opponents

### An Eye on Career Records

#### Total Offense

1. Brady Quinn . . . . .10,673 . . . . .2003-present
2. Ron Powlus . . . . .7,479 . . . . .1994-97
3. Rick Mirer . . . . .6,691 . . . . .1989-92
4. Steve Beuerlein . . . . .6,459 . . . . .1983-86
5. Jarious Jackson . . . . .5,777 . . . . .1996-99

#### Most Passes Attempted

1. Brady Quinn . . . . .1,438 . . . . .2003-present
2. Ron Powlus . . . . .969 . . . . .1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein . . . . .850 . . . . .1983-86
4. Rick Mirer . . . . .698 . . . . .1989-92
5. Blair Kiel . . . . .609 . . . . .1980-83

#### Most Passes Completed

1. Brady Quinn . . . . .833 . . . . .2003-present
2. Ron Powlus . . . . .558 . . . . .1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein . . . . .473 . . . . .1983-86
4. Rick Mirer . . . . .377 . . . . .1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson . . . . .306 . . . . .1996-99

#### Most Passing Yards

1. Brady Quinn . . . . .10,569 . . . . .2003-present
2. Ron Powlus . . . . .7,602 . . . . .1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein . . . . .6,527 . . . . .1983-86
4. Rick Mirer . . . . .5,997 . . . . .1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson . . . . .4,820 . . . . .1996-99

#### Average Passing Yards Per Game

1. Brady Quinn . . . . .240.2 . . . . .2003-present
2. Ron Powlus . . . . .172.7 . . . . .1994-97
3. Terry Hanratty . . . . .159.7 . . . . .1966-68
4. Steve Beuerlein . . . . .155.4 . . . . .1983-86
5. Joe Montana . . . . .152.6 . . . . .1975-78

#### Most Touchdown Passes

1. Brady Quinn . . . . .79 . . . . .2003-present
2. Ron Powlus . . . . .52 . . . . .1994-97
3. Rick Mirer . . . . .41 . . . . .1989-92
4. Jarious Jackson . . . . .34 . . . . .1996-99
5. Joe Theismann . . . . .31 . . . . .1968-70

#### Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

1. Brady Quinn . . . . .22 . . . . .2003-present
Jarious Jackson . . . . .9 . . . . .1996-99
3. Steve Beuerlein . . . . .8 . . . . .1983-86
Ron Powlus . . . . .8 . . . . .1994-97
5. Joe Theismann . . . . .5 . . . . .1968-70

#### Completion Percentage (minimum 150 attempts)

1. Kevin McDougal . . . . .62.2 . . . . .1990-93
2. Brady Quinn . . . . .57.9 . . . . .2003-present
3. Ron Powlus . . . . .57.5 . . . . .1994-97
4. Jarious Jackson . . . . .57.1 . . . . .1996-99
5. Joe Theismann . . . . .56.9 . . . . .1968-70

#### Average Rushing Yards Per Game

1. Autry Denson . . . . .89.9 . . . . .1995-98
2. Allen Pinkett . . . . .89.8 . . . . .1982-85
3. Darius Walker . . . . .85.9 . . . . .2004-present

### Thomas Pulling Double Duty

Travis Thomas made the switch over to defense in the spring to add some speed and quickness to that side of the football for the Irish. Thomas had three carries, a season-high 44 yards and a touchdown earlier this season against Penn State. He added another rushing touchdown this past weekend against Navy. Thomas is the first Notre Dame player rush for a touchdown in a game in which he started on defense since Jeff Burris on Nov. 20, 1993 against Boston College. Burris, an All-American safety, rushed 16 times for 92 yards and six touchdowns that season.

### John Carlson Turning In All-American Type Season; Leads TE Nationwide in Receiving YPG

Notre Dame senior TE John Carlson has exploded onto the college football scene in 2006. He has 37 receptions for 529 yards – good for an average of 66.1 yards a game. Despite the season being just eight games old, Carlson has already risen among the top 10 for yards and catches by a tight end in a single-season (Carlson's 529 yards ranks third and his 37 catches is fourth in single-season Irish TE history). His 14.3 yards per catch leads all Irish receivers. In fact, Carlson is 50th, nationally, in receiving yards per game and tops among tight ends. He also ranks 56th overall in receptions per game and third in the category among tight ends. With Carlson's 121-yard effort against Michigan State, he became the first Irish tight end to eclipse 100 yards receiving in a game since Anthony Fasano had 155 yards against Purdue on Oct. 2, 2004.

### A Look Back at a Past Notre Dame Team That Opened 7-1

With the victory last weekend over Navy, the Irish opened a season 7-1 for the first time since 1998 and 21st time in school history. Notre Dame opened the 1977 season 7-1 following its victory over Georgia Tech. The Irish closed the season with four consecutive victories, including a 38-10 rout of Texas in the Cotton Bowl to secure the program's 10th National Championship.

### Historic Notre Dame Stadium

The 2006 football season marks the 76th year of Irish football in fabled Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish have played 390 games in the facility to date and own a 295-90-5 (.763) record in the "House that Rockne Built." The Irish are 186-54-2 (.773) over the last 42 years at home. The most wins in a season by the Irish at home is seven by the 1988 national championship team and the longest home winning streak in Notre Dame football history is 28 games (from 11.21.42 through 9.30.50).

### Profile: Irish Coaches Through 20 Games

#### Knut Rockne (17-1-2, .900)

Home Record . . . . .7-0-1
Road Record . . . . .9-1-1
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .n/a

#### Jesse Harper (17-3-0, .850)

Home Record . . . . .9-0
Road Record . . . . .6-3
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .n/a

#### Terry Brennan (17-3-0, .850)

Home Record . . . . .8-1-0
Road Record . . . . .9-1-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .6-2-0

#### Ara Parseghian (16-3-1, .825)

Home Record . . . . .9-1-0
Road Record . . . . .5-2-1
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .1-2-0

#### Frank Leahy (15-2-3, .825)

Home Record . . . . .7-2-0
Road Record . . . . .5-0-1
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .5-1-1

#### Charlie Weis (16-4-0, .800)

Home Record . . . . .8-3-0
Road Record . . . . .7-0-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .4-3-0

#### Elmer Layden (15-4-1, .775)

Home Record . . . . .8-2-0
Road Record . . . . .5-1-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .n/a

#### Dan Devine (15-5-0, .750)

Home Record . . . . .7-3-0
Road Record . . . . .7-3-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .3-3-0

#### Hunk Anderson (14-4-2, .750)

Home Record . . . . .4-2-0
Road Record . . . . .7-1-1
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .n/a

#### Lou Holtz (13-7-0, .650)

Home Record . . . . .8-3-0
Road Record . . . . .4-6-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .4-6-0

#### Bob Davie (13-7-0, .650)

Home Record . . . . .9-2-0
Road Record . . . . .4-4-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .3-5-0

#### Tyrone Willingham (12-8-0, .600)

Home Record . . . . .8-4-0
Road Record . . . . .5-3-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .5-6-0

#### Gerry Faust (11-8-1, .575)

Home Record . . . . .7-4-0
Road Record . . . . .3-6-1
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .3-7-0

#### Joe Kuharich (7-13-0, .350)

Home Record . . . . .4-6-0
Road Record . . . . .3-6-0
Record vs. Ranked Opponents . . . . .2-5-0



**In Front of a Full House**

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 189 of its previous 215 games, including 64 of its last 69 contests dating back to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2000 season (the 2001, 2003 and 2005 games at Stanford, the 2004 game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands and the 2005 game at Washington were not sellouts). At Michigan in 2003, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record was set. It also represented the seventh time in the last four seasons that Notre Dame has been 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, vs. Oregon State in the Insight Bowl in 2004 - the game set a Bank One Ballpark record for football configuration). Notre Dame and Michigan played before an over-capacity 111,386 at Michigan Stadium in September of 2005. The 2005 Washington game was played before less than a capacity crowd as 71,473 witnessed the Irish defeat the Huskies, 36-17, at Husky Stadium (capacity: 72,500) in Seattle. At Purdue, the Irish and Boilermakers played before 65,491 football fans, a Ross-Ade Stadium record (since the renovation of the facility in 2003).

**Brady Quinn Surpasses 10,000 Career Yards**

Senior QB Brady Quinn eclipsed another milestone against UCLA earlier this season. Quinn became the 32nd quarterback in the history of NCAA Division IA football to eclipse 10,000 career passing yards. Here is an interesting comparison of Quinn and some of the other notable members of the exclusive club (players that eclipsed 10,000 career yards and won the Heisman Trophy).

	<b>Att.</b>	<b>Cmp.</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>TD</b>
Brady Quinn	1,438	833	36	57.9	10,569	79
Ty Detmer	1,530	958	65	62.6	15,031	121
Carson Palmer	1,515	895	49	59.1	11,388	71
Danny Wuerffel	1,170	708	42	60.5	10,875	114
Matt Leinart	1,245	807	23	64.8	10,693	99
Doug Flutie	1,270	677	54	53.3	10,579	67

**23 and Counting**

Junior RB Darius Walker extended his streak to 23 straight games with at least one catch following his three-reception effort against Navy on Oct. 28. His current streak is the longest on the team. Walker has hauled in at least one pass dating back to the Tennessee game on Nov. 13, 2004. He has caught 94 passes for 713 yards and three TDs over the 23 games. He is averaging just over four catches per game, and 7.7 yards per reception.

**Brady Stacks Up With The Most Recent Heisman Trophy Winners**

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting last season. Through eight games, Brady is on pace for 3,628 yards passing and 34 touchdown passes. Here is an interesting comparison between Quinn and the previous five QBs to capture the Heisman Trophy (a QB has taken home the award five of the last six years):

	<b>Yds</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>INT</b>	<b>Pct</b>
Brady Quinn, Notre Dame (projected)	3,628	34	6	63.7
Matt Leinart, USC (2004)	3,322	33	6	65.3
Jason White, Oklahoma (2003)	3,846	40	10	61.6
Carson Palmer, USC (2002)	3,942	33	10	63.2
Eric Crouch, Nebraska (2001)	*2,625	*26	10	55.5
Chris Weinke, Florida State (2000)	4,167	33	11	61.7

*total yards (passing/rushing) and total touchdowns*

**Quinn Ranks High Among Active QBs**

Quarterback Brady Quinn currently ranks in the top five among all active Division I-A quarterbacks in 10 categories ranging from passing charts to total offense lists. The following lists the categories he currently ranks in the top five:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CURRENT LEADER</b>
Pass Attempts	1st	1,438	-
Pass Completions	2nd	833	Kevin Kolb, Houston (872)
Pass Yards	2nd	10,569	Kevin Kolb, Houston (11,763)
Pass Touchdowns	2nd	79	Chris Leak, Florida (81)
Total Off.-Yards	2nd	10,673	Kevin Kolb, Houston (12,462)
Total Off.-Plays	3rd	1,663	Kevin Kolb, Houston (1,855)
Total Off.-TDs Responsible for	3rd	85	Kevin Kolb, Houston (95)
Pass Attempts/Gm	4th	32.7	Colt Brennan, Hawaii (41.3)
Total Off.-Yds/Gm	4th	242.6	Colt Brennan, Hawaii (379.2)
Pass Yards/Game	4th	240.2	Colt Brennan, Hawaii (361.8)

**An Eye on Career Records**

- Vagas Ferguson . . . . .73.9 . . . . .1976-79
- George Gipp . . . . .73.1 . . . . .1917-20

**Rushes**

- Allen Pinkett . . . . .889 . . . . .1982-85
- Autry Denson . . . . .854 . . . . .1995-98
- Vagas Ferguson . . . . .673 . . . . .1976-79
- Julius Jones . . . . .634 . . . . .1999-01, '03
- Darius Walker . . . . .598 . . . . .2004-present
- Jerome Heavens . . . . .590 . . . . .1975-78
- Ryan Grant . . . . .560 . . . . .2001-04
- Phil Carter . . . . .557 . . . . .1979-82
- Neil Worden . . . . .476 . . . . .1951-53
- Tony Brooks . . . . .423 . . . . .1987-91

**Most Pass Receptions by Running Back**

- Darius Walker . . . . .98 . . . . .2004-present
- Allen Pinkett . . . . .73 . . . . .1982-85
- Bob Gladieux . . . . .72 . . . . .1966-68
- Joseph Heap . . . . .71 . . . . .1951-54
- Mark Green . . . . .61 . . . . .1985-88

**Most Pass Receptions**

- Tom Gatewood . . . . .157 . . . . .1969-71
- Rhema McKnight . . . . .149 . . . . .2002-present
- Jeff Samardzija . . . . .144 . . . . .2003-present
- Jim Seymour . . . . .138 . . . . .1966-68
- Tim Brown . . . . .137 . . . . .1984-87
- Maurice Stovall . . . . .130 . . . . .2002-05
- Derrick Mayes . . . . .129 . . . . .1992-95
- Ken MacAfee . . . . .128 . . . . .1974-77
- Tony Hunter . . . . .120 . . . . .1979-82
- Malcolm Johnson . . . . .110 . . . . .1995-98

**Most Receiving Yards**

- Derrick Mayes . . . . .2,512 . . . . .1992-95
- Tim Brown . . . . .2,493 . . . . .1984-87
- Tom Gatewood . . . . .2,283 . . . . .1969-71
- Maurice Stovall . . . . .2,195 . . . . .2002-05
- Jim Seymour . . . . .2,113 . . . . .1966-68
- Jeff Samardzija . . . . .2,085 . . . . .2003-present
- Rhema McKnight . . . . .1,987 . . . . .2002-present
- Tony Hunter . . . . .1,897 . . . . .1979-82
- Ken MacAfee . . . . .1,759 . . . . .1974-77
- Malcolm Johnson . . . . .1,737 . . . . .1995-98

**Most Receiving Touchdowns**

- Derrick Mayes . . . . .22 . . . . .1992-95
- Jeff Samardzija . . . . .22 . . . . .2003-present
- Tom Gatewood . . . . .19 . . . . .1969-71
- Maurice Stovall . . . . .18 . . . . .2002-05
- Rhema McKnight . . . . .16 . . . . .2002-present
- Jim Seymour . . . . .16 . . . . .1966-68
- Ken MacAfee . . . . .15 . . . . .1974-77
- Tim Brown . . . . .12 . . . . .1984-87
- Bobby Brown . . . . .12 . . . . .1996-99
- Malcolm Johnson . . . . .10 . . . . .1995-98

## 2006 Media Information

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- Post-game interviews after Saturday's game will be conducted just outside the Notre Dame lockerroom. Contact Hardin or Bertsch for information on Notre Dame players availability.

### Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

Charlie Weis Teleconferences: Coach Weis will be available for two teleconferences each week of the season. (Media looking for the teleconference number should contact Brian Hardin)

- SUNDAY - 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. ET (except for Sept. 3 and Sept. 24 when it will begin at 1:30 p.m.)
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look back at the previous Saturday's game.
- TUESDAY - 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. ET
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look ahead at the upcoming weekend's opponent and other football-related issues.
- Satellite coordinates: IA 5-C, Transponder 13 (Available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)

For accredited members of the media who want to attend the weekly press conference, contact Brian Hardin or Michael Bertsch for more information. The Guglielmino Athletics Complex is located on the east side of campus, behind the Joyce Center and the Rolfs Recreation Center and just north of Moose Krause Stadium.

The Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium can be accessed through "The Gug's" main entrance, which is located on the west side of the building (facing the Rolfs Recreation Center and main campus).

Both teleconferences will be broadcast live (audio) on www.und.com each week. A full transcript from each teleconference will be posted on www.und.com as soon as possible.

Weis' Sunday and Tuesday press conferences also will be broadcast live (video) on www.und.com. and archived there for future use.

### Third-Quarter Success

Notre Dame has owned the third quarter to this point of the season ... The Irish have outscored its foes, 55-15, in the third quarter including a combined 27-0 margin in their last four outings against Purdue, Stanford, UCLA and Navy ... The Irish have allowed just one touchdown in the third quarter all season – a rushing touchdown from Jehuu Caulcrick of Michigan State on Sept. 23 ... Rhema McKnight scored a touchdown on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Brady Quinn against the Boilermakers ... Darius Walker scored on a 12-yard run and Carl Gioia booted a 35-yard field goal to help Notre Dame out-score the Cardinal, 10-0 ... Gioia kicked a 33-yard field goal as the Irish outscored the Bruins, 3-0 ... Brady Quinn had a career-long touchdown rush of 19 yards to help Notre Dame blank the Midshipmen, 7-0 ... Notre Dame has racked up at least 100 yards of total offense in the third quarter in four of its eight games, including three of the past four games ... The Irish recorded a season-high of 141 total yards (60 rush, 81 pass) in the third quarter against Georgia Tech on Sept. 2 ... On the opposite end of the spectrum, Notre Dame has not allowed 100 yards of total offense by any team in the third quarter this season ... The Irish have limited their opponents to an average of 57.6 yards of total offense in the third quarter, including just 14.8 passing yards ... The Irish have held its opponents to a miniscule 20.0 percent (5-for-25) of its third-down conversions.

### Darius Walker The Runner vs. Darius Walker The Receiver

Junior RB Darius Walker set a new single-game, career-high with nine receptions against Purdue earlier this season. He had registered seven catches in a game on three different occasions, including twice in 2006. Walker is second on the team with 45 receptions in 2006. He also leads the NCAA in receptions by a running back. Already the Notre Dame career leader in catches by a running back (98), Walker will shatter his previous single-season school record (43) for receptions by a running back.

### Need A First Down, Dial Darius Walker

Junior RB Darius Walker has touched the football 118 times the past four games. Of those 118 touches, 31 resulted in a first down for the Irish. In fact, Walker leads Notre Dame with 51 first down plays. Against Purdue earlier this season, Walker touched the ball 27 different times in the first-half against the Boilermakers. Of those 27 touches, nine resulted in a first down for the Irish. Walker finished the afternoon with 12.

### Cover Me

Notre Dame hasn't let the opposition generate good field position on kickoff's this season ... The Irish is allowing just 17.2 yards per kick return versus its foes in 2006 ... Senior Bobby Renkes and freshman Ryan Burkhart are two of the main reasons why ... Renkes has five touchbacks on his 21 kickoffs and Burkhart has four touchbacks on 21 kickoffs this season ... Notre Dame ranks 16th nationally in kickoff return defense ... The Irish has also stepped up its punt return defense in their last four games ... Notre Dame has allowed just 28 total punt return yards on four punts versus Purdue, Stanford, UCLA and Navy ... Senior punter and Ray Guy candidate Geoff Price, who is fifth in the NCAA with a 45.3 per punt average, has only had 14 of his 34 punts returned this season.

### McKnight & Carlson Moving The Chains

Senior WR Rhema McKnight and senior TE John Carlson have combined to earn 58 first downs this season. McKnight has 46 receptions and 32 of them have resulted in a first down, while Carlson has registered a first down on 26 of his 37 catches.

### Quinn Approaching Rarefied Air

Senior QB Brady Quinn has tossed 79 career touchdown passes over his brilliant four-year Irish career. Quinn has tossed 53 TD passes over his last 20 games – an average of 2.65 per game. At his current pace, Quinn would finish his career with 12,054 yards passing and 92 touchdown passes. He would become just the ninth player in NCAA Division I history to surpass 11,500 yards passing and 10th to ever pass for 90 or more career TD passes.

### Darius Walker Running Into Irish History

Junior RB Darius Walker has led the Irish in rushing each of the past two seasons and will most likely do it again in 2006. Walker has rushed for 682 yards over Notre Dame's first eight games, including 457 over the last four games. He would be the sixth running back in school history to lead the Irish in rushing three consecutive seasons and the first since Autry Denson (1995-98). Walker would be the first running back to lead Notre Dame in rushing over his first three seasons since Emil Sitko (1946-49). Sitko actually led Notre Dame in rushing each of his four seasons.

Walker also ranks among the active NCAA career leaders in six different categories. He ranks fourth in all-purpose plays per game (22.5), eighth in career rushes (598), eighth in total all-purpose plays (696), ninth in career rushes per game (19.3), 12th in career rushing yards (2,664), 15th in career rushing yards per game (85.9) and 18th in all-purpose yards per game (109.7).

### Charlie And The Irish Offensive Factory

Second year head coach Charlie Weis came to Notre Dame with a tremendous reputation as one of the premier offensive minds in all of the NFL. The Irish saw immediate results in 2005, setting 11 school records, including passing yards (3,963), touchdown passes (32), total offense yards (5,728) and total points (440). After Notre Dame scored 40 points against Michigan State earlier this season, the Irish have surpassed the 40-point barrier on eight separate occasions in Weis' 20 games as head coach. Prior to Weis' arrival, Notre Dame had eclipsed 40 points just nine times in its previous 97 contests. In addition, the Irish had 83 separate 100-yard receiving games over its first 116 seasons of football, but Notre Dame has had 16 the past two

years under Weis. To put those numbers in perspective, Notre Dame averaged a 100-yard receiving effort every 13 games. Under Weis, the Irish is almost recording a 100-yard receiving effort every game.

### McKnight & Samardzija Rank Among Nation's Top Receiving Duo

The senior WR tandem of Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija each rank among the top 10 in ND history for career receiving yards and receptions. McKnight and Samardzija are second and third, respectively, in school history with 148 and 144 career catches. McKnight is seventh in school history with 1,987 yards receiving, while Samardzija's 2,085 yards receiving is sixth best in ND history. His 22 career TD receptions is tied with Derrick Mayes for tops in school history. McKnight and Samardzija are among the top 20 (McKnight, 17th, Samardzija, 1-20th) in the NCAA among active receivers in catches. Samardzija is also among the top 20 in reception yards (18th) and career TD catches (7th). Steve Smith and Dwayne Jarrett, USC, are the only other teammates to be ranked among the top 20 in the NCAA among any of those three categories.

### Irish Triple Option Passing Attack

The Notre Dame offense has its own version of the triple option in the passing game. The Irish have three players, Jeff Samardzija, Rhema McKnight and John Carlson, each rank among the top 62 in the NCAA in receiving yards per game. Notre Dame and New Mexico State are the only two schools that have three student-athletes in the top 62. Notre Dame also has four receivers, including junior RB Darius Walker, among the top 56 in catches per game. McKnight leads the team with 46 catches, while Walker is second with 45. Samardzija is third on the Irish with 43 catches and Carlson is fourth with 37 grabs. McKnight ranks 18th, Walker 22nd, Samardzija (26th) and Carlson (56th) in the NCAA in receptions per game.

### Irish Rush Defense Bottles Up UCLA

UCLA entered the game with Notre Dame averaging over 143.67 yards a game rushing. In fact, the Bruins leading rusher, Chris Markey, ranked 18th in the NCAA at 98.7 yards per game. UCLA found life quite difficult against the Irish defense. The Bruins managed only 26 yards on the ground on 28 carries, just under a yard per tote. And, Markey had 19 carries for 32 yards and 11 of those yards came on one carry. Notre Dame was even more impressive in the second half. The Irish limited the Bruins to minus-17 yards on the ground.

### Notre Dame Defense Dominates UCLA on First Down

The Irish defense had struggled for most of the season on first down. Entering the matchup with UCLA, Notre Dame was allowing its opponents 6.79 yards on first down. The Irish limited the Bruins to a total of 24 yards on first down – an average of only 1.0 yard on first down.

### Irish Legends Are Made In The 4th Quarter, Brady Definitely Among The Greats

Senior QB Brady Quinn has turned the fourth quarter into his own personal sanctuary. Quinn has been at his best in the fourth quarter this season. He is 42-of-65, just shy of 65 percent, for 583 yards and seven TD passes. He has also tossed just one interception in the final quarter over the entire season.

### Quinn Not Afraid of the Late Game Dramatics

This season marks the 76th year of Notre Dame Stadium. There have been only nine games in the history of the "Stadium That Rockne Built" where the Irish trailed in the final minute and won (four by TD and five by FG). Jarious Jackson (1998 vs. Purdue and 1999 vs. Navy) and senior QB Brady Quinn (2003 vs. Navy, 2006 vs. UCLA) are the only two Irish quarterbacks to lead multiple game-winning drives when ND trailed at home in the final minute. But, Jackson's drive against Purdue in 1998 does really approach either of Quinn's, as Tony Driver's interception of Drew Brees put the ball at the 5-yard line (Jackson handed off to Autry Denson three times which got it down to the 1-yard line before the winning chip shot). Here is a look at both of Quinn's game-winning drives.

Opponent	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TD
UCLA (2006)	3	3	80	1
Navy (2003)	4	6	35	0
Totals	7	9	115	1

### Instant Classic

The UCLA game certainly qualifies among the most "fantastic Irish finishes" ever at Notre Dame Stadium. Four times now, in the 75-year history of Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish have scored the winning touchdown in the final minute of regulation:

**Oct. 27, 1979:** Rusty Lisch's 14-yard TD pass to Dean Masztak and two-point conversion pass to Pete Holohan with 42 seconds to play beat South Carolina, 18-17.

**Nov. 14, 1992:** Rick Mirer's three-yard TD pass to Jerome Bettis and ensuing two-point conversion (pass from Mirer to Reggie Brooks) give the Irish a 17-16 victory over Penn State with 0:20 on the clock.

**Oct. 30, 1999:** Jarious Jackson's 16-yard TD pass to Jay Johnson with 0:36 left gives Notre Dame a 28-24 win over Navy.

**Oct. 22, 2006:** Brady Quinn's 45-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Samardzija produces the game-winning points with just 27 seconds left in a 20-17 win over UCLA.

## 2006 Media Information

### Player/Assistant Coach

#### Post-Practice Interviews

Notre Dame player interviews are available on a rotating schedule during the week.

**Tuesday:** Available by request: Offensive players (not including Brady Quinn), Off. Coordinator Mike Haywood, Coach Weis.

**Wednesday:** Available by request: Offensive captain Brady Quinn, defensive captain Tom Zbikowski, defensive players (not including Travis Thomas), Def. Coordinator Rick Minter, Coach Weis.

**Thursday:** Available by request: Special teams captain Travis Thomas, special-team players, Special Teams Coach Brian Polian, Coach Weis.

There is no interview availability for any player or coach on Monday and Friday of each game week.

**NOTE** - All requests for player and coordinator interviews should be sent to Brian Hardin at bhardin2@nd.edu. A detailed description of the subject matter for the interview needs to be included. Requests are due at 10:00 a.m. each day of practice.

### Practice Access & Post-Practice

#### Interview Location

The first 20 minutes of each practice (during the season) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are open to the media for viewing.

Post-practice interviews will take place in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium. Enter through the MAIN ENTRANCE (facing west) and you will be directed to the auditorium.

### Notre Dame Coaches'

#### Radio Show

The weekly show will be held at JT's Sports Bar & Grill in Granger. The show will air live on U93 (92.9 FM) Mondays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Jack Nolan will host the show along with former Irish player Reggie Brooks. Air dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 16, 23, Nov. 6, 13. The show is a cooperative venture between Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletic department and Artistic Media Partners. The show can also be heard on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com).

### Inside Notre Dame Football

#### With Charlie Weis

(television show)

Taped on Sunday nights, Inside Notre Dame Football will feature a recap of the week's contest, Notre Dame player features and more. A list of affiliates can be found on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com). The show can be seen locally Sunday evenings on WNDU-TV following the late local news. It will also re-air on WNDU-TV the following Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. as well as 90 minutes prior to kickoff of Notre Dame home games.

### All Times Eastern

See Page 4 of release for next week's entire schedule.

**Starter Sheet**

Offense	2006	Streak	Career
Quinn (QB)	8	41	41
Harris (LT)	8	32	40
Morton (RG)	8	10	36
McKnight (WR)	8	8	26
Sullivan (C)	8	8	26
Santucci (LG)	8	20	21
Walker (RB)	8	13	21
Samardzija (WR)	8	21	21
Carlson (TE)	8	10	14
Young (RT)	8	8	8
Freeman (TE)	3	2	6
McConnell (FB)	2	2	2
Grimes (WR)	2	2	2
Anastasio (WR)	1	1	1

Defense	2006	Streak	Career
Landri (RT)	8	32	33
Zbikowski (SS)	7	2	31
Abiamiri (LE)	8	21	27
Richardson (CB)	8	20	25
Crum (LB)	8	20	20
Ndukwe (FS)	8	20	20
Laws (LT)	8	20	20
Wooden (CB)	3	-	15
Talley (RE)	4	1	9
Thomas, T. (LB)	6	2	6
Thomas, M. (LB)	4	1	4
Lambert (CB)	5	5	5
Frome (DE)	4	4	4
Brockington (LB)	3	3	3
Walls (CB)	2	2	2
Herring (SS)	1	1	1

**Longest Active Streaks**

Quinn (QB)	41
Harris (LT)	32
Landri (RT)	32
Abiamiri (LE)	21
Samardzija (WR)	21
Santucci (LG)	20
Richardson (CB)	20
Crum (LB)	20
Ndukwe (FS)	20
Laws (LT)	20

**Most Career Starts (Active)**

Quinn (QB)	41
Harris (LT)	40
Morton (RG)	36
Landri (RT)	33
Zbikowski (SS)	31
Abiamiri (LE)	27
McKnight (WR)	26
Sullivan (C)	26
Richardson (CB)	25
Santucci (LG)	21
Walker (RB)	21
Samardzija (WR)	21

**Samardzija On The Brink**

Senior All-American WR Jeff Samardzija will close his career as one of the most decorated Irish wide receivers of all time. Samardzija's has 22 career touchdown catches and 2,085 receiving yards. He is tied with Derrick Mayes for the Notre Dame career record for touchdown passes. Samardzija is the sixth Irish wideout to ever surpass 2,000 yards in receiving. The most impressive thing about Samardzija's numbers are the fact that they have been recorded basically in the past two seasons.

Player, Years	Yards	Games with a reception
Derrick Mayes, 1992-95	2,512	40
Tom Gatewood, 1969-71	2,283	30
Maurice Stovall, 2002-05	2,195	38
Jim Seymour, 1966-68	2,113	28
Jeff Samardzija, 2004-06	2,085	30

**The Firm of Laws & Landri Yields Immediate Results**

The senior defensive tackle duo of Trevor Laws and Derek Landri spearheaded an Irish rush defense that has dominated the line of scrimmage for the better part of the last four games (Purdue, Stanford, UCLA and second half of Navy). Last weekend against the Midshipmen, Landri totaled a career-high 11.0 tackles, while Laws chipped in with 4.0, including two for loss and a sack. The duo helped the Notre Dame defense limit Navy to just 60 yards on 20 carries in the second half. Against UCLA, Landri made five tackles, added a quarterback hurry and registered a sack on the game's final play. Laws had four tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a quarterback hurry and a fumble recovery against UCLA. The duo helped Notre Dame limit the Bruins to just 26 yards on the ground on 28 carries, just under a yard per tote. The Irish were even more impressive in the second half. Notre Dame limited the Bruins to minus-17 yards on the ground. Landri and Laws rank fourth (40) and fifth (39), respectively, in tackles for Notre Dame. The interior tackle duo has combined for 13.5 tackles for loss, 7.0 sacks and four quarterback hurries. Laws and Landri were also instrumental in neutralizing the vaunted, power running attack of Michigan. The Wolverines needed 41 carries to reach 120 yards – just 2.9 yards per carry. In fact, 18 of Mike Hart's carries were for two yards or less, including nine for zero or negative yardage. Laws' 10 tackles were a career-high.

**Brockington Making The Most of Senior Season**

Senior LB Joe Brockington entered the 2006 season with 12 career total tackles in 22 games over the previous two seasons. When an injury sidelined starting LB Travis Thomas, Brockington moved into the starting lineup for the first time of his career against Purdue earlier this season. He has started each of the past four Notre Dame games. Brockington has amassed 21 tackles in his four starts, including a career-high of seven against UCLA.

**Zbikowski Right Back in the Saddle**

After starting 29 consecutive games at strong safety, senior Tom Zbikowski missed the Stanford game due to a shoulder injury. Zbikowski returned to the starting lineup against UCLA last weekend and appeared to not miss a beat. He recorded four tackles and a quarterback hurry as the Irish defense dominated the Bruins for most of the afternoon. Zbikowski was even better last weekend against Navy. He totaled a career-high 14.0 tackles, including 10.0 solo stops. Zbikowski ranks second on the Notre Dame defense with 52 tackles. He has added a tackle for loss, pass break up, two quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and a 25-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

**Crum, Jr. Making Crumbs Of Ball Carriers**

Junior LB Maurice Crum, Jr. has been a vital asset to Notre Dame's defensive effort the past two weeks. He registered 11.0 tackles, four solo, in the victory over Navy. It marked the second time this season that Crum, Jr. has amassed over 10 tackles in a game. He recorded a team-best eight tackles and added a pass breakup and sack against UCLA two weeks ago. Crum, Jr. leads Notre Dame with 62 tackles and 31 solo stops. He is third on the Irish defense with 7.0 tackles for loss, including two sacks. Crum has also added a forced fumble, pass break-up and two quarterback hurries. He had a career-high 14 tackles earlier this season against Penn State.

**Victor Violating Opposing Offenses**

Senior DE Victor Abiamiri has been in Notre Dame's opposing backfield so often over the last few weeks that teams might start asking him to pay rent. Abiamiri, who leads the Irish with 8.0 sacks, 12.5 tackles for loss and 11 quarterback hurries, has been almost unblockable the past four games (Purdue, Stanford, UCLA and Navy). Abiamiri has 8.0 tackles for loss, 6.0 sacks and eight QB hurries in that span. Last week against the Midshipmen, he had six tackles, 2.0 for loss and 2.0 sacks. Abiamiri had four tackles, 1.5 for loss and 1.0 sack, as well as 2.0 quarterback hurries against UCLA as well. Abiamiri is sixth on the all-time Irish list for career sacks (19.0) and ranks seventh with 37.5 career TFLs.

**Abiamiri Awarded Fanning Scholarship**

Senior DE Victor Abiamiri, a senior finance major from Baltimore, Md., and Franklin Lakes, N.J., has been named a 2006 recipient of Eugene D. Fanning Scholarships at the University of Notre Dame. Abiamiri was selected by faculty of Notre Dame's Fanning Center for Business Communication for their excellence in communication skills and exemplary personal characteristics. The scholarships include a \$3,500 credit to each student's tuition account and a commemorative pewter plate. Established in 1995 in honor of the late Gene Fanning, the scholarships are funded by donations from members of the University's advi-

sory council for the Mendoza College of Business. Fanning, a 1953 Notre Dame graduate, was a Chicago businessman and investor who taught business communication courses as a guest instructor in the college from 1989 to 1995.

### Auditions For Notre Dame's Third Wideout No Longer Needed

Sophomore WR David Grimes was instrumental in Notre Dame's come-from-behind victory over UCLA and added three catches for 72 yards, including a 36-yard TD grab against Navy. Grimes posted career-highs in both receptions (8) and receiving yards (79) against the Bruins. He came up with a huge 14-yard reception for a first down on Notre Dame's three play, 80-yard game-winning drive. Grimes, who missed the Purdue game, has 16 catches this season for 206 yards. His previous career-high for catches and yards came against Michigan (4 for 48).

### Price is Right

Despite the fact he entered this season with only two career punts, Geoff Price has made his presence known across the country for Notre Dame. Price is fifth in the NCAA in punting with a per kick average of 45.29. That average would break Notre Dame's previous school record for average yards per punt (44.9) set by Craig Hentrich in 1990. He not only has dropped 10 punts inside the 20-yard line, including three against Purdue, but also has nine punts of 50 or more yards. Price has averaged 50+ yards in punts in two separate games, including a school-record 51.9 yards per kick (7-for-363) against Michigan.

### Ndukwe Making Plays All Over The Field

Notre Dame senior FS Chinedum Ndukwe, who played his freshman year with the Irish as a wide receiver, has taken his game to another level in 2006. Ndukwe started all 12 games last season and made 52 tackles. He is third on Notre Dame with 52 tackles, 26 solo stops, this season. Ndukwe, who came up with a huge forced fumble and fumble recovery late in the fourth quarter to help the Irish rally past Michigan State earlier this year, has added two interceptions, 2.5 tackles for loss, one sack, three pass break-ups, two forced fumbles, two quarterback hurries and a fumble recovery.

### Terrail Lambert Derails Opposition

Junior CB Terrail Lambert undoubtedly etched his name along side some of the all-time Notre Dame legends following his performance against Michigan State. His 27-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter capped the Irish's thrilling 40-37 come-from-behind victory over the Spartans. The pick was not only his first career interception, but was Notre Dame's first interception return for a touchdown since junior CB Leo Ferrine had a 16-yard "pick six" against Syracuse last year. Lambert was also the first Irish defender with two interceptions in the same game since Sept. 21, 2002, when Gerome Sapp had two picks at Michigan State in a 21-17 Notre Dame victory. Lambert is seventh on the team with 31 tackles, including a career-best 11 stops earlier in the season against Purdue. He also chipped in with a forced fumble and fumble recovery on the same play. Lambert also leads the squad with three interceptions.

## Irish Among National Leaders

Category	Rank	Stat	National Leader	Stat
Rushing Offense	95th	107.25	West Virginia	319.00
Passing Offense	11th	280.0	Hawaii	421.88
Total Offense	30th	387.25	Hawaii	529.25
Scoring Offense	24th	30.00	Hawaii	45.38
Rushing Defense	69th	138.25	Michigan	28.44
Pass Efficiency Defense	71st	128.22	LSU	85.36
Total Defense	61st	330.38	LSU	211.63
Scoring Defense	56th	21.63	Ohio State	7.33
Net Punting	9th	38.69	New Mexico State	42.91
Punt Returns	103rd	5.29	UTEP	26.33
Kickoff Returns	40th	21.52	Texas A&M	29.65
Turnover Margin	31st	0.50	BYU	1.50
Pass Defense	47th	192.13	Wyoming	134.33
Passing Efficiency	23rd	145.39	Hawaii	183.60
Sacks	33rd	2.50	Louisville	4.14
Tackles For Loss	41st	6.13	FIU	9.43
Sacks Allowed	97th	2.63	Clemson	0.56

### Rushing

Darius Walker	31st	85.25
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### Passing Efficiency

Brady Quinn	22nd	145.83
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### Total Offense

Brady Quinn	8th	278.25
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### Receptions Per Game

Rhema McKnight	18th	5.75
Darius Walker	22nd	5.63
Jeff Samardzija	26th	5.38
John Carlson	56th	4.63

### Receiving Yards Per Game

Rhema McKnight	26th	77.13
John Carlson	50th	66.13
Jeff Samardzija	62nd	63.63

### Interceptions

Terrail Lambert	44th	0.38
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### Punting

Geoffrey Price	5th	45.29
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### Punt Returns

Tom Zbikowski	69th	6.50
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### Kickoff Returns

David Grimes	33rd	24.83
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### Field Goals

Carl Gioia	79th	0.75
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### Scoring

Rhema McKnight	57th	6.75
Jeff Samardzija	†-81st	6.00
Carl Gioia	†-81st	6.00

### All-Purpose Yards

Darius Walker	25th	124.25
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### Sacks

Victor Abiamiri	9th	1.0
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### Tackles For Loss

Victor Abiamiri	10th	1.56
Trevor Laws	74th	1.06

### Tackles

Maurice Crum	75th	7.75
Tom Zbikowski	95th	7.43

### Coaching Staff Locations...

Charlie Weis	sidelines
John Latina	sidelines
Bill Lewis	sidelines
Michael Haywood	sidelines
Rick Minter	press box
Rob Ianello	press box
Jappy Oliver	sidelines
Bernie Parmalee	sidelines
Brian Polian	sidelines
Peter Vaas	press box
Grad. Asst. Shane Waldron	press box
Grad. Asst. Jeff Burrow	press box

### Pronunciation Guide

Victor Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Chase Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Asaph Schwapp	A-sopp shwapp
David Bruton	BREW-ton
Derrell Hand	du-RELL
Leo Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Chris Frome	Fr-ROM
Carl Gioia	JOY-uh
Pat Kuntz	Koontz
Derek Landri	LAN-dree
Brian Mattes	MATT-is
Munir Prince	MOON-year
Chindeum Ndukwe	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Rhema McKnight	RAY-ma
Raeshon McNeil	RAY-shawn
Konrad Reuland	ROO-land
Jeff Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Michael Turkovich	Turk-uh-vitch
Anthony Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Tom Zbikowski	zib-uh-COW-ski

### Harris Interactive Poll

1.	Ohio State (113)	9-0
2.	Michigan	9-0
3.	West Virginia (1)	7-0
4.	Texas	8-1
5.	Louisville	7-0
6.	Auburn	8-1
7.	Florida	7-1
8.	Tennessee	7-1
9.	USC	6-1
10.	Notre Dame	7-1
11.	California	7-1
12.	Arkansas	7-1
13.	LSU	6-2
14.	Rutgers	7-0
15.	Boise State	8-0
16.	Boston College	7-1
17.	Wisconsin	8-1
18.	Oklahoma	6-2
19.	Clemson	7-2
20.	Georgia Tech	6-2

### Going Down To The Wire

In the two seasons since Charlie Weis arrived at Notre Dame, the Irish have played 20 games. Just under half of those, seven of the 20, have been decided by seven points or less and five have been decided by three points or less. Notre Dame has won its fair share. The Irish are 5-2 in games decided by a seven points or less since Weis arrived in 2005. Notre Dame has captured its last four games decided by a touchdown or less.

### Notre Dame Normally Comes Flying Out of the Gates

While the Irish did not score a touchdown on their opening possession against UCLA or Navy (did get a field goal against the Midshipmen), Notre Dame has recorded a touchdown on its opening drive of the game on two separate occasions in 2006 (Purdue and Stanford) and 10 times in head coach Charlie Weis' 20 career games on the sidelines. In fact, the Irish have recorded touchdowns on their opening drives of each half in a game six times (Purdue, Stanford, Pittsburgh [2005], BYU [2005], Navy [2005] and Stanford [2005]) under Weis.

### Not Too Bad A Drive

Notre Dame had three scoring drives of 75 yards or longer last weekend against Navy. The Irish had a pair of 80 yard marches and a 76 yard drive. Notre Dame had two of its longest drives of the season against Stanford and UCLA as well. The Irish closed the first half against the Bruins with a 19-play, 77-yard drive that took 7:18 off the clock. The drive is the longest of the season for Notre Dame in terms of plays and time of possession. Ironically, it was the longest scoring drive that failed to result in a touchdown since Oct. 11, 2003 against Pittsburgh – when the Irish used 9:14 off the clock and did not score (that 16-play, 68-yard drive ran out the clock to end the game). Notre Dame followed that drive with another scoring drive that almost exceeded seven minutes, again resulting in just a field goal. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the Irish game-winning three play, 80-yard drive against UCLA took 35 seconds. For the season, the Irish are averaging 67.1 yards, 9.2 plays and a TOP of 3:39 on its touchdown drives. Notre Dame has also had eight scoring drives under two minutes.

### Irish Midseason Report

Notre Dame entered its bye week and midpoint of the 2006 season with a 5-1 record. The Irish were 4-2 at the midway point of last season. Here is an interesting look at how this year's edition of Notre Dame football compares to last season.

2006	Offense	2005	2006	Defense	2005
30.3	Points Per Game	36.0	23.7	Points Allowed	25.7
641	Rushing Yards	1025	809	Rushing Yards Allowed	758
1,641	Passing Yards	1,913	1,277	Passing Yards Allowed	1,829
2,282	Total Offense	2,938	2,086	Total Yards Allowed	2,587
37% (30-for-82)	3rd Down Conversions	48% (46-for-96)	28% (19-for-69)	3rd Down Conversions	31% (25-for-80)
31:57	Time of Possession	35:12	28:03	Time of Possession	24:48
15 (109 yards)	Sacks Allowed	10 (59 yards)	13 (102 yards)	Sacks	13 (87 yards)
91% (21-for-23)	Red-Zone Scores	89% (24-for-27)	88% (14-for-16)	Red-Zone Scores	70% (16-for-23)
78% (18-for-23)	Red-Zone Touchdowns	78% (21-for-27)	50% (8-for-16)	Red-Zone Touchdowns	57% (13-for-23)
7	Turnovers	8	9	Turnovers Forced	14

### Brady Quinn Boiling Hot Against Purdue

Purdue must think the Notre Dame senior signal caller wore an Irish uniform for 10 years. Quinn put together a remarkable career in four games against the Boilermakers. He blitzed the Purdue defense for 1,485 yards passing and seven touchdowns. In Quinn's last three games against the Boilermakers, he has thrown for 432 yards (2004), 440 (2005) and 316 (2006) – the outings in 2004 and 2005 rank fourth and fifth respectively on the ND single-game list. Quinn went 29-for-38 with two touchdowns against Purdue earlier this season. Combined with last year's game in West Lafayette, Quinn completed 58-for-74 (78.4) and five touchdowns.

### 2006 Notre Dame Football Replays

Chicago	WWME TV 23	Louisville	WYCS TV & CABLE 24
Chicago LP	W24AW TV 24	Providence (RI&Conn)	Cox Sports
Chicago LP	W18AT TV 18	Lexington	WVTNLP TV & CABLE 48
Chicago LP	W54BK TV 54	Roanoke LP	WYAT TV & CABLE 40
NC/PA/DC/MD/DEL/VA/WVA Mid-Atlantic Sports Network		Rochester, NY	WRWB TV 16
Cleveland and Ohio	SportsTime Ohio	Huntsville LP	WYAM TV 56 & CABLE 21
Cleveland LP	WIVM TV & CABLE 52	South Bend	WCWW
Raleigh LP	WARZ TV & CABLE 35	Evansville-Jasper	WJTS TV 27
Nashville Dropin	WKAG TV 43	Corpus Christi LP	K07TS TV 7
Columbus, OH LP	WIVN TV 29 & CABLE 99	Binghamton LP	WISF TV 15 & CABLE 27
Grand Rapids LP	WMKG TV & CABLE 40	Direct TV	DIRECT TV 321

### Walker Early & Often

Junior RB Darius Walker had 20 carries and seven receptions in the first-half against Purdue. He finished with a season-high 31 carries and career-high nine catches. The 40 touches in a single-game tied his previous career-high. Walker recorded 40 touches (35 rushes, 5 receptions) against Stanford on Nov. 26, 2005.

### In The Red Zone

• Notre Dame was 3-of-4 in the red zone, with three touchdowns, in the victory over Navy last weekend. The Irish are now 27-of-30 (.900) in the red zone through the first eight games of the season. Notre Dame has only settled for field goals on five of those occasions and two were against UCLA. The Irish are 72-of-85 (.847) in the red zone during the Charlie Weis era. Notre Dame has recorded 61 touchdowns compared to just 11 field goals goals. In other words, the Irish register seven points almost 85 percent of the time they enter the red zone over the past two seasons. Conversely, Notre Dame's opponents have scored a touchdown on just 10-of-20 trips into the red zone in 2006 (.500).

### On Third & Fourth Down

• Notre Dame continued to struggle on third down last weekend against Navy going 4-of-11 (.364) on third-down conversions and now is 38-for-112 (.339) on the season. That statistic is way down from a year ago. The Irish converted 90-of-184 (.489) on third downs in 2005, which ranked seventh in the NCAA. While Notre Dame has struggled on third down, fourth down to this point of the season is a completely different story. The Irish are 17-for-23 on fourth down over their first eight games this season and rank 10th in the NCAA with a .739 conversion rate. In fact, only two teams in the country have more fourth down conversions than the Irish.

### Five Straight Undefeated Opponents To Open The Season

Notre Dame always plays one of the top schedules in all of college football, but the Irish took that to the ultimate extreme this season. Notre Dame faced an undefeated opponent each of its first five games this season. Notre Dame's opponents, Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue, are a combined 29-10 (excluding the game with the Irish) and four of those losses came against No. 1 Ohio State or No. 2 Michigan. The 1999 Notre Dame squad was the last Irish team to face five consecutive undefeated foes to open the season.

### Irish Road Warriors

Notre Dame extended its current road winning streak to seven games with its victory over Michigan State in East Lansing. The seven-game road winning streak is the longest since a nine-game run that spanned four seasons (1991-94). The school record for consecutive victories on the road is 11, set on two occasions by Frank Leahy coached teams. Notre Dame won 11 straight dating from Sept. 28, 1946 to Nov. 6, 1948. Ironically enough, that streak ended with a 14-14 tie against USC. The Irish went on to win five consecutive after the tie before finally losing a road contest at Indiana. In all, Notre Dame was unbeaten in 17 straight road games. The Irish put together another 11-game victory stretch from Nov. 22, 1952 to Oct. 7, 1955. The seven-game road winning streak also happens to be the first seven road games for second year Irish head coach Charlie Weis. It is the longest road winning streak to open a Notre Dame coaching career since Leahy went 9-0-1 over his first 10 road games.

### Irish Comeback For The Ages

From the 7-0 victory over Oklahoma in 1957 snapping the Sooners 47-game winning streak, to Harry Oliver's 51-yd field goal as time expired to defeat Michigan in 1980, to the 31-30 victory over top-ranked Miami in 1988 en route to the school's 11th national championship, Notre Dame has been part of some unbelievable football games over its 118 years of football. The comeback victory over Michigan State earlier this year will sit along side those previously mentioned games.

The Irish overcame a 16-point fourth quarter deficit against the Spartans (actually trailed 37-21 with just under nine

### Milestone Games in 2006

#### 100-Yard Rushing Games

Darius Walker vs. Purdue	146
Darius Walker vs. Stanford	153
Darius Walker vs. Navy	103

#### 100-Yard Receiving Games

Rhema McKnight at GT	108 yds (8 receptions)
*John Carlson at MSU	121 yds (4 receptions)
Jeff Samardzija at MSU	113 yds (7 receptions)
Rhema McKnight vs. PU	120 yds (10 receptions)
Jeff Samardzija vs. UCLA	118 (8 receptions)

#### 300-Yard Passing Games

Brady Quinn	319 (Michigan State)
Brady Quinn	316 (Purdue)
Brady Quinn	304 (UCLA)

#### Multiple Touchdown Performances

Brady Quinn vs. Penn State	3 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Michigan	3 (passing)
Brady Quinn at Michigan State	5 (passing)
Rhema McKnight at Michigan State	2 (receiving)
Rhema McKnight vs. Purdue	2 (receiving)
Jeff Samardzija at Michigan State	2 (receiving)
Brady Quinn vs. Purdue	2 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Stanford	3 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. UCLA	2 (passing)
Jeff Samardzija vs. UCLA	2 (receiving)
Rhema McKnight vs. Navy	2 (receiving)
Brady Quinn vs. Navy	4 (3 passing and 1 rushing)

#### Ten-Tackles (or more) Games

*Maurice Crum vs. Penn State	14
*Chinedum Ndukwe vs. Michigan	11
*Terrail Lambert	11
*Trevor Laws vs. Michigan	10
*Tom Zbikowski vs. Navy	14
*Derek Landri vs. Navy	11
Maurice Crum vs. Navy	11
* - individual career highs	

### All-Time First Round NFL Draft Picks

1. Southern Cal	65
2. Ohio State	64
<b>3. Notre Dame</b>	<b>60</b>
4. Miami-Fla.	58
5. Michigan	41
6. Florida	40
7. Texas	37
8. Tennessee	36
9. Oklahoma	35
10. Alabama	34

Research data provided by the National Football League.

### Inside Notre Dame Football Affiliates

Chicago (IL/IN/IA/WI)	Comcast SportsNet Chicago	Fresno	KNXT-TV
Chicago LP	W54BK TV 54	Tulsa	Cox 3
Chicago LP	W18AT TV 18	Wichita	KGPT TV
Chicago LP	W24AW TV 24	Roanoke LP	WYAT TV & CABLE 40
DC/DE/MD/NC/PA/VA/WV	Mid-Atlantic Sports Network	Omaha/Council Bluffs	Cox Cable Sports
IL/IN/MO/NE/KA/IA	Fox Sports Midwest	Huntsville LP	WYAM TV 56 & CABLE 21
Detroit	Comcast SportsNet Michigan	South Bend	WNDU-TV
Cleveland & all Ohio	SportsTime Ohio	Evansville-Jasper	WJTS TV 27
Cleveland	WAX & CABLE	Tyler, Texas LP	KLPN TV 58 & Cable &
Cleveland LP	WIVM TV & CABLE 52	Tyler, Texas LP	KTPN TV
Raleigh LP	WARZ TV & CABLE 35	Binghamton LP	WISF TV 15 & CABLE 27
Columbus, OH LP	WIVN TV 29 & Cable 99	Binghamton LP	WBPN TV 8
Grand Rapids LP	WMKG TV & CABLE 40	Direct TV WHT-National	DIRECT TV 321
Oklahoma City	OKC Cox 7	CSTV-National	National Cable and Satellite
Louisville	WYCS TV & CABLE 24	Worldwide	und.com
Providence (RI&Conn)	Cox Cable Sports		

**Irish in the NFL**

**Atlanta Falcons**

Allen Rossum, CB

**Arizona Cardinals**

Bert Berry, LB  
Carlyle Holiday, WR

**Baltimore Ravens**

Gerome Sapp, SS

**Buffalo Bills**

Mike Gandy, G

**Chicago Bears**

\*Mark LeVoi, OL

**Dallas Cowboys**

\*Jerome Collins, TE  
Anthony Fasano, TE  
Julius Jones, RB

**Houston Texans**

Glenn Earl, FS  
Anthony Weaver, DT

**Indianapolis Colts**

Rocky Boiman, LB  
Hunter Smith, P

**Kansas City Chiefs**

Jordan Black, OL

**Minnesota Vikings**

#Joey Goodspeed, RB  
Mike Rosenthal, OL

**New England Patriots**

\*Corey Mays, LB  
#Matt Shelton, WR  
\*Dan Stevenson, G

**New Orleans Saints**

John Carney, K  
Jeff Faine, C

**New York Giants**

Luke Petitgout, OL  
Justin Tuck, DE  
SRyan Grant, RB

**Oakland Raiders**

Grant Irons, DE

**San Francisco 49ers**

Arnaz Battle, WR  
Bryant Young, DT

**St. Louis Rams**

Tony Fisher, RB

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

Sean Mahan, OG  
Maurice Stovall, WR

**Tennessee Titans**

David Givens, WR  
Craig Hentrich, P

**Washington Redskins**

Jim Molinaro, OL  
Reynaldo Wynn, DT

\* practice squad

# injured reserve

S reserve/non-football injury list

minutes remaining), the largest deficit entering the fourth quarter the Irish have overcome since the 1979 Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1, 1979) when Notre Dame trailed Houston, 34-12, with just under eight minutes to go in the game and came back to win, 35-34. Joe Montana threw the winning touchdown pass to Kris Haines as time expired (Joe Unis kicked the deciding PAT) in what was later termed "The Chicken Soup Game."

**Secondary Stands Tall Against Some of the Nation's Best WR**

Over Notre Dame's first five games, the Irish secondary has been dealt the difficult task of guarding some of the countries top wide receivers. Notre Dame faced Calvin Johnson of Georgia Tech, Derrick Williams of Penn State, Steve Breaston of Michigan, Matt Trannon of Michigan State and Dorien Bryant of Purdue (all of who entered the game as their teams top receiver). With the exception of Johnson's first half in the season opener, Notre Dame has clearly taken away these premier playmakers. Here is a quick synopsis of the Irish against those dangerous wideouts:

	1ST HALF			2ND HALF		
	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.
Calvin Johnson	5	95	19.0	2	16	8.0
Derrick Williams	1	3	3.0	2	9	4.5
Steve Breaston	3	29	9.7	3	13	4.3
Matt Trannon	0	0	0.0	2	23	11.5
Dorien Bryant	1	13	13.0	2	28	14.0

**Notre Dame Little Too Unselfish**

Ervin Baldwin of Michigan State was the third Notre Dame opponent to register a defensive touchdown in consecutive weeks against Michigan and the Spartans. The Wolverines had a pair of defensive scores in their victory over the Irish. Prior to the Sept. 16 against Michigan, the Irish had allowed just three defensive touchdowns total in their previous 34 games.

**Notre Dame Defense Comes Through Late**

After the Irish defense surrendered 31 points in the first half to Michigan State, it would have been hard to imagine that the same defensive group could possibly turn the game into Notre Dame's favor, but that is exactly what happened. The Irish allowed just six points after halftime and limited the Spartans to 128 total yards on their 33 second half plays. Drew Stanton was just 2-for-9 (both completions coming on Michigan State's final drive) for 23 yards. Notre Dame also forced three take-aways, two interceptions and one fumble. In fact, the Irish turned over the Spartans on their final three possessions.

**Spartans Seeing Brady**

After senior QB Brady Quinn threw for 487 yards and five TD passes in the 2005 meeting with Michigan State, many figured it would be near impossible to repeat that type of performance in 2006. Well, let's just say that Quinn met the task. He threw for 319 yards and five touchdowns. Quinn has thrown for five or more TD passes in one game on three separate occasions and two have come against the Spartans. For his career, he was 71-of-137 for 1,124 yards and 12 touchdowns against the Spartans.

**Quinn Threw 21 TDs in Notre Dame Stadium in 2005; 13 Already in 2006**

Brady Quinn shattered the Notre Dame record for touchdown passes at Notre Dame Stadium in a season, exploding for 21 in 2005 (5 vs. Michigan State, 1 vs. USC, 6 vs. BYU, 3 vs. Tennessee, 4 vs. Navy, 2 vs. Syracuse). He has a chance of equalling his own school record in 2006. Quinn has 13 TD passes in Notre Dame's first five games at home in 2006. That total would have eclipsed the previous school record (excluding Quinn's 2005 season) for touchdown passes in Notre Dame Stadium in a single-season of 11 by Ron Powlus (1994) and Jarious Jackson (1999). Quinn was so dominant that his total home field touchdown passes would have broken the previous single-season record, regardless of venue, of 19 held by Ron Powlus (1994). Quinn threw 11 touchdown passes away from Notre Dame Stadium (32 total).

**Weis Guys a Resilient Bunch**

Notre Dame is 16-4 under head coach Charlie Weis. Even more impressive than his .800 winning percentage, is the Irish's perfect 4-0 record under Weis following a loss. Notre Dame's average margin of victory in those four games is 13 points.

**Brady's Bunch**

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn has spread his pass completions around through the first eight games of 2006. Quinn has completed passes to nine different receivers, a breakdown of five wide receivers, two tight ends and two running backs. Quinn has thrown touchdown passes to a total of six different players this season: John Carlson, Rhema McKnight, Darius Walker, Jeff Samardzija, Ashley McConnell and David Grimes.

**Rhema has McKnight to Remember**

After missing almost all of 2005 following a knee injury suffered during the second game last year, fifth-year senior WR Rhema McKnight returned to the gridiron with a vengeance at Georgia Tech. McKnight led the Irish with eight catches for 108 yards against the Yellow Jackets. After pacing Notre Dame in catches in 2003 and 2004, McKnight picked up a key 19-yard catch on 3rd and 9 on the final possession of the game, prohibiting Georgia Tech from getting the ball one last time.



If the current USA Today college football poll were re-ranked by football GSR score, Notre Dame would rank number one. Here's how the poll would look:

Institution	GSR	Actual Ranking
1. Notre Dame	95	10
2. Florida	80	7
3. Clemson	77	19
4. Michigan	71	2
5. Boise State	65	14
6. Auburn	63	6
West Virginia	63	3
8. Oregon	59	22
9. Tennessee	58	8
Rutgers	58	15
11. Ohio State	55	1
USC	55	9
13. Georgia Tech	55	20
14. Louisville	53	5
Missouri	53	25

### Irish Lead the Way in National Graduate Rate

The graduation rate for student-athletes at Notre Dame is the highest in the nation among Division I-A colleges and universities in an annual federal report for the Department of Education, and is the second highest in a new survey developed by the NCAA. Notre Dame's federal graduation rate is 90.4 percent, according to statistics released in January by the NCAA, slightly ahead of Duke University at 89.6 percent as the best among the major football-playing schools of Division I-A. The federal rate is based on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated with six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates. Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A schools on another scale, called the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), which was developed last year by the NCAA. The 98 percent GSR is second only to the 99 percent of the U.S. Naval Academy, which, like all the military academies, is exempt from the federal survey because it does not offer grants-in-aid to student-athletes. The data for both surveys is based upon the entering classes from 1995 to 1998. The two graduation rate reports should not be confused with the Academic Progress Rate, which uses formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility to measure the academic performance of all participants who receive a grant-in-aid at every NCAA Division I college and university.

### Abiamiri Named to Mid-Season Hendricks Award Watch List

Senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri was named to the 2006 Mid-Season Hendricks Award Watch List announced Oct. 24 by the Hendricks Foundation. He has 32 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss and 8.0 sacks in 2006. Abiamiri now has 19.0 sacks for his career. He has been a key member of Notre Dame's defensive line since his freshman season in 2003 when he became just the fourth freshman to start on the defensive line for Notre Dame since 1991. Abiamiri enjoyed a great season in 2005 totaling 48 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, a team-high eight sacks and seven quarterback hurries helping him earn the team's Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

### Harris Named to Outland Trophy Watch List

Senior offensive tackle Ryan Harris was named to the 2006 Outland Trophy Watch List in June by the Football Writers Association of America. The award has been given annually to the nation's top offensive or defensive interior lineman since 1946. Harris has started 40 career games at tackle, including the last 32 at left tackle protecting quarterback Brady Quinn's blind side. Harris played a key role in 2005 as the team averaged 36.7 points per game and 477.3 yards of total offense. In 2004, he was named the team's Westwood One/Guardian Life Insurance Guardian of the Year. Harris earned freshman All-America accolades from Rivals.com in 2003 and second-team freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News after becoming just the third true freshman lineman to start on the offensive line.

### Another Weis, Rockne Comparison

Second year Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis has avoided any comparisons to any of the great all-time Irish head coaches, especially legendary head man Knute Rockne. However, Weis accomplished something after the victory over Penn State that only Rockne and himself can claim. With Notre Dame's 41-17 rout of the Nittany Lions, Weis became just the second coach in Irish history to open his first two seasons in South Bend at 2-0. Rockne opened the 1918 and 1919 seasons with consecutive victories.

### Defense More Than Carried Its Weight Against Georgia Tech, Penn State

Notre Dame held Georgia Tech and Penn State scoreless over for a total of nearly five quarters before the Nittany Lions kicked a field goal at the 11:29 mark of the third quarter on Sept. 9. The scoreless streak spanned 68:16 and was the longest such streak since the 2002 season. Notre Dame went 94:28 without allowing any points over a three-game stretch that included Navy, Rutgers and USC.

### Quinn and the Notre Dame Record Book

Quarterback Brady Quinn is in his fourth season as the starter. He has already made a lasting mark on the Irish football record book owning or sharing 35 school records. Since 1950, a Notre Dame quarterback has thrown for 300 yards or more 18 times. Quinn is responsible for nine of those performances - the most for any single Notre Dame quarterback. Quinn has thrown for 350 (vs. Boston College, 2003), 432 (vs. Purdue, 2004), 487 (vs. Michigan State, 2005), 327 (at Washington, 2005), 440 (at Purdue, 2005), 467 (vs. BYU, 2005), 432 (at Stanford, 2005), 319 (at Michigan State, 2006) and 304 (vs. UCLA, 2006). Quinn is the only Notre Dame quarterback to throw for over 400 yards five times in a career (in fact, he is the only one to do it twice) - and in Notre Dame's road game at Purdue in 2005 he became the first to throw for more than 300 yards in three consecutive games. He also is the first Irish quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards four times in a season.

## Rule Changes for 2006

### Regarding The Clock

- The clock will start on kickoffs as soon as the kicker's foot hits the ball.
- When the ball changes hands, by kick or turnover, the clock will start as soon as the ball is ready for play, not at the snap.
- When a team is awarded a first down, the clock will be stopped and will start on the ready for play signal.

### Instant Replay

For the 2006 season, the rules committee is allowing several varying systems to implement video replay, as determined by each conference or institution.

Each head coach is allowed one challenge per game, which is exercised by requesting a team timeout. A head coach may issue a challenge only if his team has one or more timeouts remaining in the half. If the challenged ruling is overturned, the timeout is not charged, but the coach has no more challenges during that game.

### Plays that MAY be reviewed:

1. Governed by sideline, goal line and end line:
  - Scoring plays, including a runner breaking the plane of the goal line.
  - Pass complete/incomplete/intercepted at sideline, goal line and end line.
  - Runner/receiver in or out of bounds.
  - Recovery of loose ball in bounds.
2. Passing Plays:
  - Pass ruled complete/incomplete/intercepted in the field of play and end zones.
  - Touching of a forward pass by an ineligible receiver.
  - Touching of a forward pass by a defensive player.
  - Quarterback (passer) forward pass or fumble (if ruled incomplete, the play is finalized).
  - Illegal forward pass or illegal handing beyond the line of scrimmage.
  - Illegal forward pass or illegal handing after change of possession.
  - Forward or backward pass thrown from behind the line of scrimmage.
3. Other detectable infractions:
  - Runner ruled not down.
  - Forward progress errors with respect to first down.
  - Touching of a kick.
  - Number of players on field.
  - Clock adjustments.
  - Fourth-down/try fumble plays.

### Plays that MAY NOT be reviewed:

1. Holding
2. Offside/encroachment
3. Pass interference
4. Personal fouls (e.g., late hits)
5. Illegal blocks
6. Illegal formations
7. Face mask
8. Taunting/excessive celebration
9. False starts
10. Roughing the passer/kicker
11. Fighting participants

## Irish Football By The Numbers

**.744** - Notre Dame's winning percentage, the second-highest in the history of college football.

**1** - Notre Dame is the only team, college or professional, to have all of its games broadcast nationally on the radio and is the only team to have all of its home games televised nationally (NBC).

**5** - College Football Hall of Fame Coaches - Jesse Harper, Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine.

**7** - Heisman Trophy Winners: Angelo Bertelli (1943), Johnny Lujack (1947), Leon Hart (1949), John Lattner (1953), Paul Hornung (1956), John Huarte (1964) and Tim Brown (1987).

**10** - Alumni named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

**11** - National Championships - since the Associated Press poll began in 1936 (1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88), the most of any other school. The Irish also earned consensus national titles in 1924, 1929 and 1930 prior to the organization of the AP rankings.

**12** - Unbeaten and untied seasons.

**21** - Seasons in which the team has been voted the national champion by at least one selector.

**27** - Bowl games in which the Irish have taken part.

**31** - Unanimous first-team All-Americans - more than any other school.

**41** - College Football Hall of Fame Players.

**79** - Different consensus All-Americans - more than any other school.

**99** - Percent graduation rate among football players who enter on scholarship and remain at least four years.

**101** - Out of 118 years in which Notre Dame has finished with a winning record.

**118** - Years of college football (including 2006).

**168** - consecutive games televised nationally or regionally by NBC, CBS, ABC or ESPN.

**178** - selections on All-America first teams.

**190** - consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium.

**286** - appearances by Notre Dame football on network television - more than any other school.

**300+** - stations that broadcast Notre Dame football via Westwood One.

**818** - All-time victories, second all-time in college football.

## Quinn's TD Passes Streak

Brady Quinn tossed at least one touchdown pass in 16 games in a row for the Irish before the skid ended in the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, breaking John Huarte's record of 10 set in 1964. The Dublin, Ohio, native totaled 40 scoring tosses during the run.

**2005:** 3 at Stanford, 2 vs. Syracuse, 4 vs. Navy, 3 vs. Tennessee, 6 vs. BYU, 1 vs. USC, 3 at Purdue, 1 at Washington, 5 vs. Michigan State, 2 at Michigan, 2 at Pittsburgh

**2004:** 2 vs. Oregon State (Insight Bowl), 1 at USC, 3 vs. Pittsburgh, 1 at Tennessee, 1 vs. Boston College

## Quinn: A Touchdown Machine

Brady Quinn accounted for two or more touchdowns in 10 of Notre Dame's 12 games in 2005 and had an eight-game streak of multiple TD games snapped in the Fiesta Bowl - three (passing) at Purdue, two (one run, one pass) vs. USC, six (passing) vs. BYU, three (passing) vs. Tennessee, four (passing) vs. Navy, two (passing) vs. Syracuse and three (passing) at Stanford.

## Morton Selected to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team

Senior OL Bob Morton was one of 11 players in NCAA Division I-A chosen to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. The two 11-man teams, a Division I-A team and a combined team from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA, honor players for their dedication and commitment to community service. Nominees have to be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or involved in other community service activities. Candidates have to display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved. On the field success is not a criteria.

## Young Makes ND History

Still listed as the starter at right tackle entering this weekend, Sam Young made Notre Dame history at Georgia Tech becoming the first true freshman to start the season opener on the offensive line since freshmen became eligible in 1972. Young is just the fourth Irish freshman to start on the offensive line joining an elite club that includes teammate Ryan Harris as well as Brad Williams and Mike Rosenthal. Harris started the final eight games of the 2003 season, Williams made starts against Navy and Boston College in 1996 and Rosenthal started against Ohio State, USC and Air Force in 1995.

## Defense Shines at Georgia Tech

Notre Dame's much-maligned defense rose to the occasion against a quick Georgia Tech team with very talented players at the skill positions. After hearing the cries of "617 yards" all summer, the defense responded by allowing just 259 yards of offense to the Yellow Jackets, the second-fewest total during the Charlie Weis era. The defense was at its best late in the game as they allowed just 71 yards of offense in the second half on 21 plays. Included in the second half effort was limiting Tech's All-American WR Calvin Johnson to just 16 yards on two receptions. A key reason for the success was its effectiveness on third down where Georgia Tech converted on just 2-of-10 chances for the game and was 0-for-4 in the third and fourth quarters.

## Zbikowski's Rapid Returns

Safety Tom Zbikowski, a senior in 2006, has made a name for himself in the Notre Dame record books. Zbikowski scooped up a fumble and raced 25 yards for a touchdown against Penn State earlier this season. With the return, Zbikowski became the Irish all-time leader in fumble return yards (100) and joined Tony Driver (1997-00) as the only Notre Dame players to ever return a pair of fumbles for touchdowns. Zbikowski, who has six career TD returns (two interceptions, two punts, two fumbles), has clearly established himself among the best big-play return specialists in Notre Dame history. In a three-game stretch against USC, BYU and Tennessee in 2005, he returned a punt or interception for a touchdown four times - the first Irish defensive player to accomplish such a feat. Zbikowski also returned a fumble 75 yards for a TD against Michigan State in 2004. With his interception and punt return for a touchdown against Tennessee on Nov. 5, Zbikowski became the first Irish player to accomplish that feat (interception return and punt return in the same game) since Nick Rassas against Northwestern in 1965. Rassas returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown and a punt 72 yards for a score in Notre Dame's 38-7 rout.

## Samardzija's Record Season Earned All-America Honors

Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija returns for his senior season in 2006 after earning consensus first-team All-America honors in 2005 when he led the team with 77 catches for 1,249 yards and 15 touchdowns. He became Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard receiver since 1970 on an 80-yard touchdown pass against Stanford on Nov. 26 of last season. Samardzija eventually broke Tom Gatewood's single-season receiving yardage record against Stanford, pushing his season total to 1,190 yards and tied Gatewood's single-season receptions mark. He also surpassed the single-season touchdown total as his 15 scoring receptions led the nation and bested Derrick Mayes' previous record of 11 from 1994.

## Samardzija Opened 2005 with TD Catches in Eight Straight Games

Jeff Samardzija entered the 2005 campaign without a touchdown catch in his career, then proceeded to catch a touchdown pass in each of Notre Dame's first eight games of last season. The two-sport athlete (also a top-line pitching prospect for the Chicago Cubs after he was drafted in the fifth round in this year's Major League Baseball draft) became the first Irish receiver to begin the season with eight consecutive games with a touchdown catch - which made him the Notre Dame record holder for consecutive games with a touchdown reception. He surpassed Malcolm Johnson's six-game run from 1998 against BYU. Samardzija, who also serves as the team's holder on field-goal attempts, tied a Notre Dame record with three touchdown recep-

tions versus Michigan State (later broken by Maurice Stovall, who posted four touchdown receptions against BYU). Samardzija was the seventh player to catch three touchdown passes in a game and the first since Tom Gatewood versus Purdue in 1970.

### Walker Rushed 1,000 Yards in Dramatic Fashion

Running back Darius Walker became the ninth Irish player to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season with 1,196 yards on 253 carries and seven touchdowns last year. Walker surpassed the 1,000-yard barrier during a career-best 35-carry, 186-yard outing at Stanford during which he scored the winning touchdown and added a two-point conversion for the final score. Walker also set an Irish mark for receptions by a back with 43 for 351 yards and two scores. Walker's ever against Stanford pushed him into the top-10 all-time on the single-season rushing yardage list as well.

### Walker's 100-Yard Games

Darius Walker rushed for 100 yards seven times last season, marking the first time since 1993 that an Irish player posted seven or more 100-yard rushing performances in a season. Lee Becton ended the 1993 campaign with seven consecutive 100-yard performances.

### Older and Wiser

The 2006 Notre Dame offensive line is one of the most experienced units in school history. The Irish offense boasts over 100 combined career starts on the line. Senior tackle Ryan Harris has started 40 Notre Dame games and led the veteran group in starting assignments. Seniors Bob Morton and John Sullivan were second and third with 36 starts and 26 career starts, respectively, while senior Dan Santucci has 21 starts to his credit.

### Quinn, Samardzija and Walker Named to Maxwell Award Watch List

Senior quarterback Brady Quinn, senior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija and junior running back Darius Walker have been named to the 2006 Maxwell Award Watch List. The Maxwell Award is presented annually by the Maxwell Football Club to the top collegiate football player. Notre Dame's three players on the Maxwell Award Watch List matches USC, Ohio State, Michigan and Miami (FL) for the most nominees. The list will be trimmed to 12 semi-finalists in October before three finalists are named in November.

### Sullivan Named to Rimington Watch List

Senior center John Sullivan has been named to the Rimington Trophy Spring Watch List. He joins 38 other centers on the list for the Dave Rimington Trophy, awarded annually to the most outstanding center in college football. The Boomer Esiason Foundation presents the award to the center who receives the most first team All-America votes determined by the AFCA, Walter Camp Foundation, Sporting News and FWAA. Sullivan started the last seven games at center for the Irish in 2005, while making appearances in all 12 games. As a junior in 2004, he started all 12 games and called out all blocking assignments for the offensive line. He has started all eight games in 2006.

### Quinn, Samardzija Named to Walter Camp Watch List

Senior quarterback Brady Quinn and senior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija were two of 35 "players to watch" chosen by the Walter Camp Football Foundation. The nation's fourth-oldest individual college football award will have its watch list narrowed to 10 semi-finalists in early November before the winner is chosen based on voting conducted by the 119 Division I-A head coaches and sports information directors.

### Zbikowski Named to Nagurski and Bednarik Watch Lists

Senior defensive back Tom Zbikowski has been named to both the Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List and Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List for 2006. The Nagurski Trophy is given to the nation's top defensive player at the Charlotte Touchdown Club annual awards banquet. The Bednarik Award is given annually to the nation's top defensive player as voted on by head coaches, members of the Maxwell Football Club and various sports writers throughout the country. Zbikowski was named third-team All-America by the Associated Press after the 2005 season when he made 62 tackles and led the team with five interceptions, returning two for touchdowns. He also added two touchdowns on punt returns. Zbikowski has started 26 straight games and has scored touchdowns via interception return, punt return and fumble return during his Notre Dame career.

### Notre Dame at Air Force on CSTV Saturday, November 11

CSTV: College Sports Television will broadcast the Notre Dame at Air Force game on Saturday, Nov. 11 (4:00 PM, ET). This game marks the only time this season that a cable network will broadcast a Notre Dame football game. CSTV is currently available through cable operators across the country and also on satellite via DISH NETWORK and DIRECTV. CSTV is offering a special Sneak Peek programming offer to its affiliates beginning Friday, Nov. 10 and will continue throughout the weekend, which will ensure that CSTV, and the Notre Dame @ Air Force game, will be seen in 22 million incremental households. DIRECTV, DISH NETWORK, Comcast, Brighthouse, Time Warner Cable, Suddenlink Communications, and numerous other smaller MSO's have agreed to carry CSTV in their most widely distributed packages the weekend of November 10th. A final list of participating systems will be published as game day nears.

CSTV is also offering the game through a special broadband Pay Per View package, which can be purchased online at CSTV.com. The cost is \$14.95 advance order and \$19.95 day of game. If you purchase the package, you can also watch it afterward on-demand.

## College Graduates

The 2006 Notre Dame roster features nine players who have already earned their undergraduate degree from the University. Fifth-year seniors Dan Chervanick, Marcus Freeman, Chris Frome, Derrick Landri, Brian Mattes, Rhema McKnight, Bob Morton, Mike Richardson and Dan Santucci all graduated from Notre Dame in May of 2006.

The fifth-year senior group also proved to be diligent workers in the classroom - especially in their final undergraduate semester at the University. The football team posted a 3.072 GPA for the spring semester in 2006, the best the squad has done since tracking each team's GPA was instituted at Notre Dame in 1992.

Here is a list of the graduates on the 2006 Notre Dame football team -

- [OL Dan Chervanick](#) - degrees in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business and history (3.75 final semester GPA, 3.60 overall GPA).
- [TE Marcus Freeman](#) - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.00 GPA during fall '05 semester).
- [DE Chris Frome](#) - degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business (3.83 GPA during fall '05 semester, 3.303 overall GPA).
- [DT Derek Landri](#) - degree in history and computer applications from the College of Arts and Letters (3.33 GPA during fall '05 semester and 3.08 GPA during final semester).
- [OL Brian Mattes](#) - degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business (3.834 final semester GPA, 3.486 overall GPA and Dean's List honoree).
- [WR Rhema McKnight](#) - degrees in psychology and computer applications from the College of Arts and Letters (3.417 during fall '05 semester).
- [OL Bob Morton](#) - degree in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business (3.417 final semester GPA).
- [CB Mike Richardson](#) - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.143 final semester GPA).
- [OL Dan Santucci](#) - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.917 final semester GPA to earn Dean's List status, 3.359 overall GPA).

Notre Dame's nine college graduates is second-best in the nation. The full list (minimum of six).

Auburn	11
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>9</b>
Texas Tech, Miami (Fla.)	9
Boston College, Louisiana Tech, Penn State	7
Kentucky, Baylor, West Virginia	6

Tom Hart will be joined by analyst Trev Alberts to call the action, along with Anne Marie Anderson reporting from the sideline.

### **"Chicago" to Perform with Notre Dame Band**

Members of the band Chicago will perform with the Notre Dame Marching Band during halftime of the University of North Carolina game, this Saturday, November 4.

Chicago the band was formed in 1967 in Chicago, Illinois and was one of the first popular rock groups to make use of band instruments such as trumpet, trombone, and saxophone. One of the group's original mentors, Father George Wiskirchen, C.S.C., was then the band director at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Illinois, where Chicago member James Pankow had attended and played in the school band. Father Wiskirchen served as Assistant Director of Bands at Notre Dame from 1972 to 2001 and maintained a close connection between the Notre Dame Band and the group Chicago.

As a musical and historical tribute to this connection, the Band of the Fighting Irish will perform this halftime show incorporating the music of Chicago. Joining the Notre Dame Band on the field will be original Chicago band performers James Pankow, trombone, Lee Loughnane, trumpet, Robert Lamm, keyboard, and Walt Parazaidar, saxophone; along with current members Bill Champlin, organ, Jason Scheff, bass, Larry Klimas, saxophone, Tris Imboden, drums, and Keith Howland, guitar.

Chicago will also perform in concert Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend.

### **Former All-American Jerome Bettis Named 2006 Most Caring Athlete**

*By Dennis McCafferty*

Jerome Bettis came to South Bend, Ind., in 1990, ready to play football and get a good education. Almost immediately, Bettis remembers, he was transformed by Notre Dame in ways that went far beyond the Fighting Irish's storied sporting traditions of "Touchdown Jesus," Knute Rockne and 11 national titles.

In fact, it was the Catholic university's culture of community service that sparked the young man's passion for helping others. "Notre Dame is about a lot more than football and tradition," says Bettis, taking a break during a photo shoot for this weekend's magazine cover. "You're in the national spotlight all the time, and they stress community and character there. Man, I was never exposed to anything like that. Shortly after I got there, I understood that Notre Dame could be used as a platform to try to influence other young people's lives and hopefully do some good."

So the freshman Bettis returned to his Detroit home on breaks, determined to reach out to other inner-city young people at churches and rec centers about making the right choices in life. Since then, Bettis has continued to take advantage of his place on the public stage when it comes to making a difference. His Detroit- and Pittsburgh-based Jerome Bettis The Bus Stops Here Foundation, among other efforts, has sent more than 5,000 inner-city kids from ages 8 to 18 to the JB Football Camp in Detroit, has awarded no fewer than 30 college scholarships, has built or renovated playgrounds in struggling areas and has attempted to bridge the digital divide by teaching computer literacy to more than 200 children. The latter effort is called the Cyber Bus program, and Bettis is especially gratified when he gets a sense of the impact it makes.

"We not only teach kids how to use a computer," he says, "but we teach them how to tear one down and build it back up. I had one little girl who amazed me, building a computer from its parts and adding stuff like extra memory. I used to get my haircut in Pittsburgh where her mom went, and one day she told me, 'Cyber Bus helped my daughter get to college.' That's something you always remember."

The running back has just finished a future Hall of Fame career as a Pittsburgh Steeler. His punishing profile earned him the nickname "the Bus," thus the name of his charitable foundation. And Bettis' profile has grown in other ways this year, as he joined NBC as a studio analyst for "Football Night in America," part of the network's much-anticipated prime-time Sunday package. Anyone who knows football realizes that Bettis capped off his playing career in storybook fashion, winning the Super Bowl in his last game, in his hometown of Detroit. When it comes to raising foundation support, a good story like that never hurts.

"People always want to come up to you and shake your hand and talk to you and get their picture taken with you," he says. "But even more so after the Super Bowl. They come up to me saying they're so happy I finally got my championship ring. And sure, that builds up the kind of energy and interest that helps me bring more attention to my foundation."

And these days, there's another change that's increasing his zeal for The Bus Stops

Here: his 20-month-old daughter, Jada Bettis, with wife Trameka. Having Jada in his life has added to his perspective when he works on a new foundation project.

"Anytime I see a place that needs a playground now, I think about her," Bettis says. "As a parent, I know how important playgrounds are for children when it comes to developing physically and having a safe outlet for activities. And it helps them work on their social skills, too. So when I see a place without one, it makes me all the more determined to do something about it."

### **Notre Dame Makes First Offer Of Football Season Tickets In Three decades; Revenue To Fund Repairs To Stadium**

To fund repairs to historic Notre Dame Stadium, the University of Notre Dame announced today the sale of 5,000 football season tickets beginning in 2007 - the first such offering in more than three decades. The University also announced that, in response to unprecedented demand, it is instituting changes to several policies that will increase ticket access for alumni in the general football ticket lottery.

The 5,000 season tickets will be sold first to people directly affiliated with Notre Dame and then to the general public. In addition to the face value of the tickets, the cost will include an annual ticket rights fee based on seat location: \$2,000 per ticket for sideline seats, \$1,500 for corner seats, and \$1,250 for end zone seats.

The revenue generated through the ticket plan will be used to assist in paying for repairs and ongoing preservation of the 76-year-old Notre Dame Stadium's original seating bowl. The exact cost of the project is yet to be finalized, but is expected to exceed \$40 million.

University officials studied other revenue-generating options - including the addition of luxury boxes - before deciding on the ticket rights fees.

"Notre Dame Stadium is a legendary landmark in American athletics, and we are committed to preserving and maintaining both its structural integrity and its historic look and feel," said John Affleck-Graves, executive vice president of the University. "By providing a rare opportunity to purchase Notre Dame football season tickets, we are developing revenue for this important project, giving fans a chance to invest in the future of 'The House that Rockne Built,' and protecting current and future resources necessary for our primary mission of teaching and research excellence."

Engineering studies have indicated that the structural supporting frame of the stadium remains in good condition. However, freeze/thaw damage over three-quarters of a century has led to deterioration of the seating bowl concrete. Stadiums of the same vintage as Notre Dame's facility at the University of Michigan and Ohio State and Purdue Universities have faced similar maintenance issues in recent years. The repair project was to begin last spring, but the University put it on hold to conduct further engineering analysis.

Fans interested in purchasing season tickets can find information on the process on the Web at <http://stadiumpreservation.nd.edu>. A waiting list for the potential future sale of season tickets will be established after all of the current allotment has been sold.

Affleck-Graves emphasized that none of the new season tickets will be drawn from tickets currently available in the general alumni lottery. The 5,000 tickets will come from season tickets that have been returned over the past several years, as well as a reduction in internal University ticket allocations, he said.

Though unrelated to the season ticket offering, the University also has responded to the high demand for Irish football tickets in the 2006 general alumni ticket lottery by revising policies that will reallocate tickets among several groups in order to increase opportunities in the general lottery.

"Notre Dame has the most inclusive alumni ticketing process of any high-demand program in the nation, and we remain committed to continuing that access," Affleck-Graves said.

### **Notre Dame Stadium Gate A Now "All-America Gate"**

The University of Notre Dame's 79 consensus All-America football players are now honored inside Gate A of Notre Dame Stadium, as part of a multi-year plan to theme the five entrance gates to Notre Dame's home football facility.

Each display inside Gate A at the stadium is a 10-by-16-foot Notre Dame blue powder-coated aluminum plate with the ND logo in gold at the top. The displays are entitled "Consensus All-Americans" in Notre Dame gold letters eight inches high across the top of the blue panel.

Featured on the panels are authentic Notre Dame helmets with name plates representing the consensus All-Americans from Notre Dame, plus room for four future consensus All-Americans.

The name plates are made of bronze, with black etched letters identifying each play-

er's name, year(s) he was named a consensus All-American, and hometown. A bronze plaque is also mounted on one of the two displays to explain how a consensus All-American is selected.

Players accorded the majority of votes at their positions by selectors are designated consensus All-Americans. Current teams utilized in designation of consensus selections are those chosen by the Associated Press, the American Football Coaches Association, the Football Writers Association of America, the Walter Camp Foundation and The Sporting News.

Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija in 2005 was Notre Dame's most recent consensus pick - with the first coming in 1913 (quarterback Gus Dorais). Two-time consensus selections include Frank Carideo (1929-30), Marcy Schwartz (1930-31), Bob Dove (1941-42), George Connor (1946-47), John Lujack (1946-47), Bill Fischer (1947-48), Leon Hart (1948-49), Emil Sitko (1948-49), John Lattner (1952-53), Ross Browner (1976-77), Ken MacAfee (1976-77), Bob Crable (1980-81), Michael Stonebreaker (1988, 1990), Todd Lyght (1989-90), Chris Zorich (1989-90) and Aaron Taylor (1992-93).

The displays were designed by Rockwell Group of New York and fabricated by Show Motion Inc., of Connecticut. The Notre Dame Monogram Club funded the project.

There are plans to theme the other three entry gates at the Stadium - with the intention of creating specific recognition of Notre Dame's national championships and its national championship coaches.

Prior to the 2005 season, three-by-eight foot replica Heisman Trophies were added to the Gate B display, where pictures of all seven Irish Heisman winners were placed earlier.

The honoring of Notre Dame's Heisman Trophy winners took the form of seven individual panels installed within existing brick niches of the old stadium wall just inside Gate B. There is one display each for Angelo Bertelli, John Lujack, Leon Hart, John Lattner, Paul Hornung, John Huarte and Tim Brown.

### Notre Dame Athletics in Print

Four new books either about Notre Dame athletics or written by past or current Irish coaches will be available in bookstores this fall. Head coach Charlie Weis is scheduled to release his autobiography, *NO EXCUSES*, Oct. 10. With the help of NFL.com national editor and author, Vic Carucci, the book will tell the remarkable story of his journey from being a student of Notre Dame to becoming head coach of his alma mater. Stories from his professional career of working in the NFL to personal events involving himself and his family will also be chronicled. Former head coach Lou Holtz' autobiography, *Wins, Losses, and Lessons* hit bookshelves Aug. 15. Detailing stories from his youth to his days as a football head coach, this book is said to be a "reflective, inspiring and candid look back at an extraordinary life and career from a coaching legend." *Fighting Irish Legends, Lists and Lore* is the latest book by Karen Heisler, wife of Notre Dame Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heisler, and "captures the history, tradition, and spirit of one of the nation's most storied and revered athletic programs." The book recounts stories of Notre Dame's most famous athletes and coaches in every sport. Longtime writer and editor for *Blue & Gold Illustrated* Tim Priste released his latest book entitled, *The New Gold Standard* Aug. 16. The book takes readers inside head coach Charlie Weis' first season at Notre Dame and how he "returned the program to its rightful (and historic) place among college football's elite."

### Notre Dame Leads the Way in National Graduate Rate

The graduation rate for student-athletes at the University of Notre Dame is the highest in the nation among Division I-A colleges and universities in an annual federal report for the Department of Education, and is the second highest in a new survey developed by the NCAA. Notre Dame's federal graduation rate is 90.4 percent, according to statistics released in January by the NCAA, slightly ahead of Duke University at 89.6 percent as the best among the major football-playing schools of Division I-A. The federal rate is based on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated with six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates. Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A schools on another scale, called the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), which was developed last year by the NCAA. The 98 percent GSR is second only to the 99 percent of the U.S. Naval Academy, which, like all the military academies, is exempt from the federal survey because it does not offer grants-in-aid to student-athletes. The data for both surveys is based upon the entering classes from 1995 to 1998. The two graduation rate reports should not be confused with another new NCAA initiative, the Academic Progress Rate, which uses a series of formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility to measure the academic performance of all participants who receive a grant-in-aid on every team at every NCAA Division I college and university.

### Football Ticket Demand Hits a Record High

How much interest is there in University of Notre Dame football games for 2006? There's enough that the Sept. 9 Notre Dame-Penn State game and the Sept. 16 Notre Dame-Michigan game qualify as the two highest-requested games in the history of Notre Dame's ticket lottery.

There's enough that four '06 home games rank in the all-time top 10 for requests - and all seven games rank in the top 30. There's enough that the Nov. 25 Notre Dame-USC game in Los Angeles qualified as the most-requested road game in Irish ticket history.

And there's enough that the Notre Dame ticket office expects to mail refunds worth more than a record \$11.7 million (compared to refunds of \$5.2 million a year ago) to unsuccessful lottery participants in the University's ticket distribution for contributing alumni, monogram winners, undergraduate parents and benefactors. There was a 37 percent increase in applications submitted to the '06 lottery compared to a year ago.

Notre Dame alumni making an annual contribution of \$100 or more to the University are eligible to apply for two tickets to as many home and away football games as they choose. In excess of 30,000 tickets per game are available for each home contest for contributing alumni. Any time the number of applications exceeds the supply, a lottery is held - and lotteries were required for all seven 2006 home games (meaning every home game automatically sold out).

Demand was highest for the Sept. 9 home game vs. Penn State (66,670 tickets requested) and the Sept. 16 home game vs. Michigan (61,631), making those games the two highest-demanded home games in the history of Notre Dame Stadium. The previous all-time high was 59,368 requests for the 2001 home game against West Virginia. The high in 2005 was 54,211 for the USC game at Notre Dame Stadium.

Other high-demand home games in '06 are contests against North Carolina (54,838 requests for sixth all-time), UCLA (51,933 for 10th all-time), Stanford (50,491 for 13th all-time) and Purdue (47,655 for 17th all-time).

The high demand for road games came for the regular-season finale at USC (an all-time record 33,251 requests). Notre Dame receives 15,000 tickets as the visiting team in that contest.

### New Fighting Irish All-Access Package Launched on Aug. 4

The University of Notre Dame official athletic website, und.com, entered a new era on Friday, Aug. 4. The Fighting Irish All-Access package underwent a complete overhaul and und.com will bring Notre Dame alumni and fans full coverage free of charge for the 2006-07 season. Irish fans will no longer be required to subscribe or sign up for audio/video coverage on und.com. It features a new media player, which includes a bigger display screen and easier access to und.com's multimedia offerings. As part of the new Fighting Irish All-Access launch, the und.com crew will post a bevy of video offerings from a variety of Irish sports and the University archives - just the first step toward developing und.com into the top source for Fighting Irish fans on the world wide web. Check und.com for more details.

### Former Heisman Winners to be Honored at Notre Dame Home Games

All former Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winners will be featured on home game tickets as well as the corresponding game programs and schedule cards this season. The seven winners or family members of the winners have been invited back to Notre Dame to be honored during the weekend their likeness is featured on the game ticket and program. Angelo Bertelli graces the cover of the Penn State game, Johnny Lujack is on the Michigan game cover, John Lattner is featured during the Purdue weekend, Leon Hart will be honored at the Stanford game, Paul Hornung will be on the cover of the UCLA game, the North Carolina game ticket and program will honor John Huarte, while Tim Brown will be featured at the Army game.

**2006 Notre Dame Players Season/Career Highs****Victor Abiamiri**

**Season**  
Tackles 9, vs. Michigan (9.16)  
TFL 3.5, vs. Stanford (10.7)  
Sacks 3, vs. Stanford (10.7)

**Career**  
Tackles 10, at Stanford (11.26.05)  
TFL 4, at Stanford (11.26.05)  
Sacks 4, at Stanford (11.26.05)  
PBUs 1, twice  
Fumbles Forced 1, vs. MSU (9.17.05)

**Joe Brockington**

**Season**  
Tackles 7, vs. UCLA (10.21)  
TFL 0.5, twice  
PBUs 1, v. Purdue (9.30)

**Career**  
Tackles 7, vs. UCLA (10.21.06)  
TFL 1, vs. MSU (9.17.05)  
PBUs 1, v. Purdue (9.30.06)

**John Carlson**

**Season**  
Receptions 6, twice  
Receiving Yards 121, at MSU (9.23)  
Receiving TDs 1, twice  
Longest Reception 62, at MSU (9.23)

**Career**  
Receptions 6, twice  
Receiving Yards 121, at MSU (9.23.06)  
Receiving TDs 1, three times  
Longest Reception 62, at MSU (9.23.06)

**Maurice Crum, Jr.**

**Season**  
Tackles 14, vs. PSU (9.9)  
TFL 3.0, vs. PSU (9.9)  
Sacks 1, twice  
PBUs 1, vs. UCLA (10.21.06)

**Career**  
Tackles 14, vs. PSU (9.9.06)  
TFL 3.0, twice  
Sacks 1, twice  
PBUs 1, twice  
Fumbles Forced 1, at Michigan (9.10.05)

**Chris Frome**

**Season**  
Tackles 4, vs. PSU (9.9)

**Career**  
Tackles 4, vs. PSU (9.9.06)  
TFL 1, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)  
Sacks 1, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)  
PBUs 1, three times

**David Grimes**

**Season**  
Receptions 8, vs. UCLA (10.21)  
Receiving Yards 79, vs. UCLA (10.21)  
Longest Reception 36, vs. Navy (10.28)  
Receiving TDs 1, vs. Navy (10.28)  
Longest Kickoff Return 46, at GT (9.2)

**Career**  
Receptions 8, vs. UCLA (10.21.06)  
Receiving Yards 79, vs. UCLA (10.21.06)  
Longest Reception 36, vs. Navy (10.28.06)  
Receiving TDs 1, vs. Navy (10.28.06)  
Longest Kickoff Return 46, at GT (9.2.06)

**Ray Herring**

**Season**  
Tackles 9, vs. Stanford (10.7)

PBUs 1, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
**Career**  
Tackles 9, vs. Stanford (10.7)  
PBUs 1, vs. Purdue (9.30)

**Terrail Lambert**

**Season**  
Tackles 11, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
TFL 1.0, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Interceptions 2, at MSU (9.23)  
Fumble Recoveries 1, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Fumbles Forced 1, vs. Purdue (9.30)

**Career**  
Tackles 11, vs. Purdue (9.30.06)  
TFL 1.0, vs. Purdue (9.30.06)  
Interceptions 2, at MSU (9.23)  
PBUs 1, at Washington (9.24.05)

**Derek Landri**

**Season**  
Tackles 11, vs. Navy (10.28)  
TFL 2, at MSU (9.23)  
Sacks 1.5, vs. Stanford (10.7)

**Career**  
Tackles 11, vs. Navy (10.28.06)  
TFL 2, twice  
Sacks 1.5, twice  
PBUs 2, vs. Michigan (9.11.04)  
Fumble Recoveries 1, twice  
Fumbles Forced 1, vs. Stanford (10.9.04)

**Trevor Laws**

**Season**  
Tackles 10, vs. Michigan (9.16)  
TFL 2.0, twice  
Sacks 1, three times  
PBUs 1, vs. PSU (9.9)  
Fumble Recoveries 1, vs. UCLA (10.21.06)  
Fumbles Forced 1, at MSU (9.23)

**Career**  
Tackles 10, vs. Michigan (9.16)  
TFL 2.0, twice  
Sacks 1, five times  
PBUs 1, four times  
Fumble Recoveries 1, twice  
Fumbles Forced 1, vs. Wash. (9.25.05)

**Ashley McConnell**

**Season**  
Carries 1, twice  
Rushing Yards 2, vs. PSU (9.9)  
Receptions 1, twice  
Receiving Yards 5, vs. Stanford (10.7)  
Receiving TDs 1, vs. Michigan (9.16)

**Career**  
Carries 1, three times  
Rushing Yards 3, vs. BYU (10.22.05)  
Receptions 1, twice  
Receiving Yards 5, vs. Stanford (10.7.06)  
Receiving TDs 1, vs. Michigan (9.16.06)

**Rhema McKnight**

**Season**  
Receptions 10, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Receiving Yards 120, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Receiving TDs 2, three times  
Longest Reception 44, at GT (9.2.06)

**Career**  
Receptions 10, vs. Purdue (9.30.06)  
Receiving Yards 121, at BC (10.25.03)  
Receiving TDs 2, three times  
Longest Reception 54, at BYU (9.4.04)

**Chinedum Ndukwe**

**Season**  
Tackles 11, vs. Michigan (9.16)  
TFL 1.0, twice  
Interceptions 1, twice  
Sacks 1, vs. PSU (9.9)  
PBUs 1, three times

**Career**  
Tackles 11, vs. Michigan (9.16)  
TFL 1.0, four times  
Interceptions 1, four times  
Sacks 1, vs. Tennessee ('05)  
PBUs 2, twice

**Brady Quinn**

**Season**  
Completions 29, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Attempts 48, vs. Michigan (9.16)  
Passing Yards 319, at MSU (9.23)  
Passing TDs 5, at MSU (9.23)  
Rushing TDs 1, twice  
Rushing Yards 28, vs. Navy (10.28)  
Longest Pass 62, at MSU (9.23)  
Longest Rush 19, vs. Navy (10.28)

**Career**  
Completions 33, vs. MSU (9.17.05)  
Attempts 60, vs. MSU (9.17.05)  
Passing Yards 487, vs. MSU (9.17.05)  
Passing TDs 6, vs. BYU (10.22.05)  
Rushing TDs 1, six times  
Rushing Yards 49, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)  
Longest Pass 85, at Purdue (9.27.03)  
Longest Rush 22, vs. USC (11.27.04)

**Mike Richardson**

**Season**  
Tackles 5, three times  
TFL 2.0, at MSU (9.23)  
PBUs 1, five times

**Career**  
Tackles 9, twice  
TFL 2.0, twice  
Sacks 1, three times  
Interceptions 1, four times  
PBUs 2, vs. Syracuse (11.26.05)  
Fumble Recoveries 1, at Purdue (10.1.05)  
Fumbles Forced 2, vs. UT (11.5.05)  
Longest INT Return 32, at MSU (9.18.04)

**Jeff Samardzija**

**Season**  
Receptions 8, vs. UCLA (10.21)  
Receiving Yards 118, vs. UCLA (10.21)  
Receiving TDs 2, twice  
Longest Reception 45, vs. UCLA (10.21)

**Career**  
Receptions 10, vs. BYU (10.22.05)  
Receiving Yards 191, at Stanford (11.26.05)  
Receiving TDs 3, vs. MSU (9.17.05)  
Longest Reception 80, at Stan. (11.26.05)

**Mitchell Thomas**

**Season**  
Tackles 5, vs. PSU (9.9)  
TFL 0.5, vs. Michigan (9.16)

**Career**  
Tackles 5, vs. PSU (9.9.06)  
TFL 0.5, vs. Michigan (9.16.06)

**Travis Thomas**

**Season**  
Carries 6, at Georgia Tech (9.2)  
Rushing Yards 44, vs. PSU (9.9)  
Rushing TDs 1, twice  
Tackles 8, at MSU (9.23)  
TFL 2.0, twice  
Sacks 1.0, vs. Michigan (9.16)

**Career**  
Carries 18, vs. USC (10.15.05)  
Rushing Yards 58, vs. Navy (11.12.05)  
Rushing TDs 1, seven times  
Receptions 2, at BYU (9.4.04)  
Receiving Yards 28, at BYU (9.4.04)  
Tackles 8, at MSU (9.23.06)  
TFL 2.0, twice  
Sacks 1.0, vs. Michigan (9.16.06)

**Darius Walker**

**Season**  
Carries 31, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Rushing Yards 153, vs. Stanford (10.7)  
Rushing TDs 1, three times  
Receptions 9, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Receiving Yards 73, vs. Purdue (9.30)  
Receiving TDs 1, vs. PSU (9.9)  
Longest Rush 32, vs. Stanford (10.7.06)  
Longest Reception 18, vs. PSU (9.9)

**Career**  
Carries 35, at Stanford (11.26.05)  
Rushing Yards 186, at Stanford (11.26.05)  
Rushing TDs 2, vs. Michigan (9.11.04)  
Receptions 9, vs. Purdue (9.30.06)  
Receiving Yards 73, vs. Purdue (9.30.06)  
Receiving TDs 1, three times  
Longest Rush 40, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)  
Longest Reception 51, at Pitt. (9.3.05)

**Ambrose Wooden**

**Season**  
Tackles 6, vs. PSU (9.9)  
PBUs 1, vs. PSU (9.9)

**Career**  
Tackles 12, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)  
Interceptions 1, twice  
PBUs 2, vs. MSU (9.17.05)

**Tom Zbikowski**

**Season**  
Tackles 14, vs. Navy (10.28)  
TFL 1.0, at Ga. Tech (9.2)  
PBUs 1, at MSU (9.23)  
Longest Punt Return 25, at MSU (9.23)

**Career**  
Tackles 14, vs. Navy (10.28.06)  
TFL 1.5, at BYU (9.4.04)  
Interceptions 1, six times  
Sacks 1, vs. Tennessee (11.5.05)  
PBUs 2, at Washington (9.24.05)  
Longest INT Return 83, vs. BYU (10.22.05)  
Longest Punt Return 78, vs. UT (11.5.05)

## 2006 Individual/Team Honors & Awards

### Victor Abiamiri

- Hendricks Award Mid-Season Watch List
- Athlon Sports Second Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Third Team All-America
- Eugene D. Fanning Scholarships Awardee
- Lindy's #8 Defensive End
- Phil Steele's #11 Defensive End
- The Sporting News #5 Defensive End
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### James Aldridge

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent

### John Carlson

- John Mackey Tight End of the Week (Sept. 26)
- Phil Steele's #28 Tight End
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Academic Honors Program Participant

### Maurice Crum

- The Sporting News #14 Inside Linebacker
- Phil Steele's #43 Inside Linebacker
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### David Grimes

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent (kick returner)

### Ryan Harris

- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Athlon Sports Second Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Third Team All-America
- Lindy's #7 Offensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's #17 Offensive Tackle
- The Sporting News #6 Offensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Derek Landri

- Insider's Football News Third-Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Honorable Mention All-America
- Lindy's #8 Defensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's #26 Defensive Tackle
- The Sporting News #8 Defensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Terrail Lambert

- Master Coaches Survey Defensive Player Of The Week (Sept. 26)
- FWAA/Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 26)

### Trevor Laws

- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Honorable Mention All-America
- Lindy's #18 Defensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Brian Mattes

- Academic Honors Program Participant

### Bob Morton

- American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team
- Phil Steele's #38 Offensive Guard
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Rhema McKnight

- Phil Steele's #55 Wide Receiver
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Chinedum Ndukwe

- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Geoff Price

- Ray Guy Award Watch List

### Brady Quinn

- Cingular Player of the Week (Sept. 28)
- ABC Saturday Night College Football Player of the Game (Sept. 23)
- Walter Camp Football Foundation Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 24)
- Cingular Player of the Week (Sept. 12)
- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Athlon Sports First Team All-America
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine First Team All-America
- Insider's Football News First Team All-America
- Lindy's First Team All-America
- Phil Steele's First Team All-America
- Rivals.com First Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation First Team All-America
- The Sporting News First Team All-America
- Lindy's #1 Quarterback
- Phil Steele's #1 Quarterback
- The Sporting News #1 Quarterback
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Mike Richardson

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent

### Asaph Schwapp

- Phil Steele's #15 Fullback

### Jeff Samardzija

- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Athlon Sports First Team All-America
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine First Team All-America
- Rivals.com First Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation First Team All-America
- Lindy's Second Team All-America
- Phil Steele's Second Team All-America
- The Sporting News Second Team All-America
- Insider's Football News Third Team All-America
- Lindy's #3 rated wide receiver
- Phil Steele's #3 rated wide receiver
- The Sporting News #3 Receiver
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Dan Santucci

- The Sporting News #10 Offensive Guard
- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent
- Academic Honors Program Participant

### John Sullivan

- Rimington Watch List
- Phil Steele's Third Team All-America
- Phil Steele's #3 Center
- Lindy's #10 Center
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Mitchell Thomas

- Phil Steele's #60 Outside Linebacker

### Darius Walker

- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Lindy's #16 Running Back
- Phil Steele's #11 Running Back
- The Sporting News #19 Running Back
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Ambrose Wooden

- Phil Steele's #13 Cornerback
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

### Tom Zbikowski

- Nagurski Award Watch List
- Bednarik Award Watch List
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine First Team All-America (punt returner)
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine Second Team All-America (defensive back)
- Athlon Sports Second Team All-America (safety)
- Lindy's Second Team All-America (defensive back)
- Phil Steele's Second Team All-America (safety)
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Second Team All-America (defensive back)
- Insider's Football News Third-Team All-America (punt returner)
- Lindy's #4 Safety
- Phil Steele's #2 Strong Safety
- The Sporting News #8 Strong Safety
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent (safety)
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent (punt returner)

### TEAM UNIT RANKINGS

- Lindy's #3 Backfield
- Lindy's #4 Receivers
- Lindy's #6 Offensive Line
- Athlon Sports #1 Quarterback Unit
- Athlon Sports #4 Wide Receiver Unit
- The Sporting News #3 Backfield
- The Sporting News #10 Defensive Line
- Phil Steele's #1 Quarterback Unit
- Phil Steele's #10 Offensive Line
- Phil Steele's #5 Defensive Backs

### TEAM NATIONAL PRESEASON RANKINGS

- Athlon Sports #2
- CBSsportsline.com Magazine #4
- ESPN.com #8 (post-spring)
- FoxSports.com #11
- Lindy's #1
- Phil Steele's #7
- Street and Smith's #4
- The Sporting News #1

## Brady Quinn's Assault on the Notre Dame Record Book

Senior quarterback owns 35 school records

### SINGLE-GAME

**Touchdown Passes:** 6 vs. BYU (2005), breaking his previous mark of five posted earlier in 2005 against Michigan State

**Pass Completions:** 33 vs. Michigan State (2005), matching Joe Theismann's record from the 1970 game at USC

**Consecutive Pass Completions:** 14 vs. Ohio State (2005), tied for first on the all-time list with Powlus' 14 straight vs. Michigan State in 1997

**Passes Without An Interception:** 45 vs. UCLA (2006), tying his own school record set against Ohio State on Jan. 2, 2006

### SEASON

**Touchdown Passes:** 32 (2005), the Notre Dame single-season record, breaking Powlus' mark of 19 from 1994

**Pass Completions:** 292 (2005), breaking his own mark of 195 from 2004

**Pass Completions Per Game:** 24.3 (2005), breaking Terry Hanratty's 16.6 from 1968

**Completion Percentage:** 64.9 (2005), breaking Kevin McDougal's record of 61.6 from 1993

**Passing Yards:** 3,919 (2005), besting Jarious Jackson's record 2,753 from 1999

**Average Passing Yards Per Game:** 326.6 (2005), far ahead of Theismann's 242.9 from 1970

**Pass Attempts Per Game:** 37.5 (2005), breaking his own record of 29.4 from 2004

**Pass Attempts:** 450 (2005), breaking his own mark of 332 from 2003

**Pass Efficiency Rating:** 158.4 (2005), ahead of John Huarte's 155.1 from 1964

**Total Yards From Scrimmage:** 4,009 (2005), breaking Jackson's mark of 3,217 from 1999

**Touchdown Passes in Notre Dame Stadium:** 21 (2005), breaking the record of 11 held by Powlus (1994) and Jackson (1999)

**Points Responsibility:** 198 (2005), breaking Rick Mirer's mark of 162 (1991)

### CAREER

**Touchdown Passes:** 79, first on the all-time list ahead of Ron Powlus (52 from 1994-97)

**Pass Completions:** 833, passing Powlus (558)

**Pass Completions Per Game:** 18.9, breaking Powlus' record of 12.6

**Passing Yards:** 10,569, breaking Powlus' mark of 7,602

**Pass Attempts Per Game:** 32.7, breaking Powlus' record of 22.0

**Pass Attempts:** 1,438, passing Powlus (969)

**Total Yards From Scrimmage:** 10,673, breaking Powlus' mark of 7,479

**Total Plays:** 1,663, breaking Powlus' record of 1,201

**Lowest Interception Percentage:** 2.50 (36 of 1,438), breaking Powlus' record of 2.78 (27 of 969)

**Points Responsibility:** 510, breaking Rick Mirer's mark of 350 (1989-92)

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Consecutive Passes Without an Interception (One Season):** 169, breaking his own previous school record of 130 during the 2005 season

**Consecutive Passes Without an Interception (Overall):** 169, breaking his own previous record of 143 which was compiled vs. Stanford and Ohio State in 2005, Georgia Tech (2006), Penn State (2006), Michigan (2006)

**Passing Yards, First Half:** 287, vs. BYU (2005), breaking his own record of 283 against Purdue in 2005

**Games with Four or More Touchdown Passes:** 5, Washington (2004), Michigan State (2005), BYU (2005), (2005) and Michigan State (2006) - surpassing Powlus' mark of three

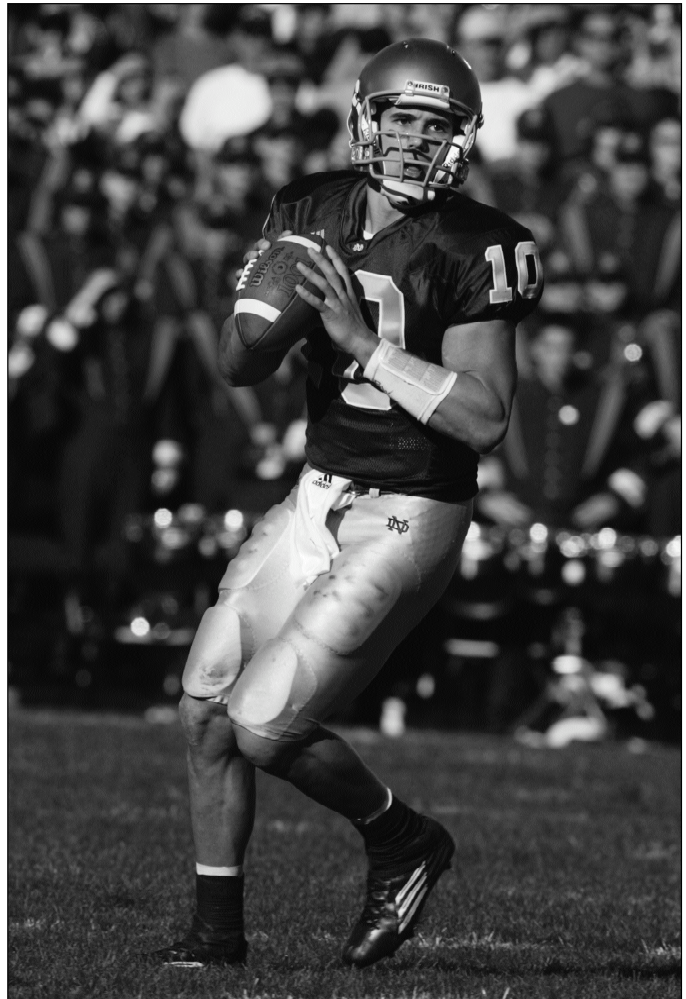
**Consecutive Games with a Touchdown Pass:** 16, from 2004 vs. Boston College to 2006 Fiesta Bowl vs. Ohio State

**Games with 250-plus Passing Yards:** 22, breaking Jackson's record of nine from 1996-99

**Games with 300-plus Passing Yards:** 10, (Quinn is the only Irish quarterback to throw for over 300 yards more than twice - Jackson posted two 300-yard performances during his career)

**Games with 400-plus Passing Yards:** 5, (Quinn is the only Irish quarterback to throw for over 400 yards multiple times - Theismann accomplished the feat once with his Notre Dame-record 526 yards vs. USC in 1970)

**Consecutive Games Completing a Pass:** 44, tied the record of 43 set by Ron Powlus (11 games in 1994, 10 games in 1995, 11 games in 1996 and 11 games in 1997)







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## TEAM RECORDS - OFFENSE

**most points in a game**

49	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
49	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
42	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
42	at Pittsburgh	Sept 3, 2005
41	Penn State	Sept 9, 2006
41	Tennessee	Nov 5, 2005
41	Michigan State	Sept 17, 2005
40	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006
38	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
38	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

**most points in a half**

35 (1st)	at Pittsburgh	Sept 3, 2005
28 (1st)	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
28 (2nd)	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
28 (1st)	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
28 (1st)	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
26 (2nd)	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006
24 (2nd)	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005
24 (2nd)	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
24 (1st)	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
21	Six Times	

**most points in a quarter**

28 (2nd)	at Pittsburgh	Sept 3, 2005
21 (2nd)	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
21 (3rd)	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
21 (2nd)	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
20 (4th)	Tennessee	Nov 5, 2005
19 (4th)	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006
18 (4th)	at Stanford	Nov. 26, 2005
17 (2nd)	Penn State	Sept 9, 2006
17 (4th)	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005
14	12 times	

**margin of victory**

26	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
24	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
24	Penn State	Sept 9, 2006
24	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
21	at Pittsburgh	Sept 3, 2005
21	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
21	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
21	Stanford	Oct 7, 2006
20	Tennessee	Nov 5, 2005
19	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005

**fewest points in a game**

14	at Georgia Tech	Sept 2, 2006
17	at Michigan	Sept 10, 2005
20	vs. OSU (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 2, 2006
20	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
21	Michigan	Sept 16, 2006
31	USC	Oct 15, 2005
31	Stanford	Oct 7, 2006
34	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
35	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
36	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005

**fewest points in a half**

3 (2nd)	at Michigan	Sept 10, 2005
7 (2nd)	at Pittsburgh	Sept 3, 2005
7 (1st)	vs. OSU (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 2, 2006
7 (1st)	at Georgia Tech	Sept 2, 2006
7 (2nd)	at Georgia Tech	Sept 2, 2006
7 (2nd)	Michigan	Sept 16, 2006
7 (2nd)	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
10 (1st)	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
10 (2nd)	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
10 (2nd)	USC	Oct 15, 2005

**most rushing yards in a game**

275	at Pittsburgh	Sept 3, 2005
233	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005
231	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
221	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
204	Stanford	Oct 7, 2006
176	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
153	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
153	USC	Oct 15, 2005
138	at Georgia Tech	Sept 2, 2006
138	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006

**fewest rushing yards in a game**

4	Michigan	Sept 16, 2006
41	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
44	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
47	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006
48	Tennessee	Nov 5, 2005
62	vs. OSU (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 2, 2006
104	at Michigan	Sept 10, 2005
107	Michigan State	Sept 17, 2005
110	Penn State	Sept 9, 2006
134	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005

**most carries**

52	USC	Oct 15, 2005
50	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
50	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
50	at Pittsburgh	Sept 03, 2005
47	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005
44	at Michigan	Sept 10, 2005
43	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
40	at Georgia Tech	Sept 02, 2006
39	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
39	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006

**highest average gain per rush (20 rushes)**

5.7	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	39-221
5.5	at Pittsburgh	Sept 03, 2005	50-275
5.2	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006	39-204
5.0	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005	47-233
4.8	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	37-176
4.6	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	50-231
3.7	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	36-134
3.5	at Georgia Tech	Sept 02, 2006	40-138
3.2	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006	43-138
3.1	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	50-153
3.1	Penn State	Sept 09, 2006	36-110

**most rushing TDs scored**

4	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
4	at Pittsburgh	Sept 03, 2005
3	vs Ohio State	Jan 02, 2006
3	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005
3	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
2	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
2	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
2	USC	Oct 15, 2005
2	at Georgia Tech	Sept 02, 2006
2	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

**most passes attempted**

60	Michigan State	Sept 17, 2005
49	Michigan	Sept 16, 2006
45	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
45	vs Ohio State	Jan 02, 2006
41	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
39	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
38	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
38	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
38	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
38	at Georgia Tech	Sept 02, 2006

38	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
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**most passes completed**

33	Michigan State	Sept 17, 2005
32	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
30	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
29	vs Ohio State	Jan 02, 2006
29	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
27	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
27	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
25	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
25	Penn State	Sept 09, 2006
25	Michigan	Sept 16, 2006
25	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005

**highest completion percentage (10 passes)**

78.0	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	32-41
76.9	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	30-39
76.3	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006	29-38
72.0	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	18-25
71.1	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006	27-38
71.0	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	22-31
69.4	Penn State	Sept 09, 2006	25-36
67.6	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005	25-37
66.7	at Pittsburgh	Sept 03, 2005	18-27
65.8	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	25-38

**most passing yards**

487	Michigan State	Sept 17, 2005
468	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
467	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
432	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
327	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005
319	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006
316	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006
304	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
295	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
295	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

**most passing ypa (10 attempts)**

12.0	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	39-468
11.8	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	25-295
11.4	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	41-467
11.4	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	38-432
9.2	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	31-284
8.9	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	33-295
8.9	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006	36-319
8.8	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005	37-327
8.4	at Pittsburgh	Sept 03, 2005	27-227
8.3	Purdue	Sept 30, 2006	38-316

**most passing yards per comp. (5 completions)**

17.3	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	25-432
16.4	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	18-295
15.9	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006	20-319
15.6	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	30-468
14.8	Michigan State	Sept 17, 2005	33-487
14.8	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	20-295
14.6	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	32-467
13.9	USC	Oct 15, 2005	19-264
13.1	at Washington	Sept 24, 2005	25-327
13.0	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	22-286

**most touchdown passes**

6	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
5	Michigan State	Sept 17, 2005
5	at Michigan State	Sept 23, 2006
4	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
3	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
3	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
3	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
3	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006

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3	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
3	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
3	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

### most passes had intercepted

3	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
2	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
2	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
1	Five Times	

### highest passing efficiency rating (11 attempts)

222.0	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
210.72	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
192.9	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
184.1	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
176.8	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
170.3	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
165.7	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
163.9	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
163.5	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
154.3	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005

### most total offense plays

98	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	38r,60p
89	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	50r,39p
88	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	50r,38p
87	USC	Oct 15, 2005	52r,35p
84	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005	47r,37p
81	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006	43r,38p
80	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006	35r,45p
78	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006	40r,38p
77	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006	39r,38p
77	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	50r,27p

### most total offense yards gained

663	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	231r,432p
621	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	153r,468p
594	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	107r,487p
560	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005	233r,327p
511	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	44r,467p
505	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	221r,284p
502	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	275r,227p
471	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	176r, 295p
454	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006	138r,316p
436	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006	204r,232p

### highest average gain per play

8.0	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	64-511
7.6	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	62-471
7.5	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	88-663
7.2	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	70-505
7.0	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	89-621
6.9	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006	53-366
6.7	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005	84-560
6.5	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	77-502
6.1	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	98-594
5.7	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	74-420
5.7	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006	77-436

### most all-purpose yards gained

794	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
716	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
698	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
683	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
622	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
605	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
577	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
560	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
556	USC	Oct 15, 2005
517	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006

### most all-purpose attempts

85	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
85	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
84	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
81	USC	Oct 15, 2005
78	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
76	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
76	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
72	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
71	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
69	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006

### most touchdowns scored

7	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
7	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
6	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
6	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
6	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
5	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
5	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
5	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
5	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
5	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
5	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

### most first downs in a game

33	at Pittsburgh	Sep 3, 2005
33	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
32	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
31	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
31	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
30	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
29	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
29	Stanford	Oct 7, 2006
28	USC	Oct 15, 2005
27	BYU	Oct 22, 2005

### fewest first downs in a game

13	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
14	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
14	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
17	at Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
20	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
20	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
21	at Georgia Tech	Sep 2, 2006
22	vs. Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 2, 2006
22	Penn State	Sep 9, 2006
27	BYU	Oct 22, 2005

### most time of possession

38:40	USC	Oct 15, 2005
38:01	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
36:56	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
36:03	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
35:49	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
35:25	at Georgia Tech	Sep 2, 2006
34:35	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
34:40	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
34:14	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
33:11	Penn State	Sep 9, 2006

### least time of possession

24:21	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
26:04	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
26:21	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
28:25	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
29:16	vs. Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 2, 2006
30:39	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
30:56	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
32:12	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
32:13	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
32:46	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005

### most third down conversions

10	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
10	USC	Oct 15, 2005
10	at Pittsburgh	Sep 3, 2005
9	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
9	vs. Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 2, 2006
8	BYU	Nov 12, 2005
8	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
8	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
7	Tennessee	Nov 5, 2005
7	at Georgia Tech	Sep 2, 2006
7	Stanford	Oct 7, 2006

### fewest third down conversions

1	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
2	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
4	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
4	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
5	Penn State	Sep 9, 2006
5	UCLA	Oct 28, 2006
6	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
6	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
6	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
6	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005

### most fourth down conversions

4	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
4	Penn State	Sep 9, 2006
3	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
3	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	at Georgia Tech	Sep 2, 2006
2	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
2	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
2	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
1	at Purdue	Oct 1, 2005
1	USC	Oct 15, 2005
1	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
1	vs. Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 2, 2006
1	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006

### TEAM RECORDS - SPECIAL TEAMS

#### most punts

9	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
7	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
7	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
7	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
6	vs. Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
5	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
5	USC	Oct 15, 2005
5	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
5	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
4	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
3	Five Times	

#### most punt returns

6	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
4	USC	Oct 15, 2005
4	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
3	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
3	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
2	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
2	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
2	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
2	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
2	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

#### most punt return yards

118	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
87	USC	Oct 15, 2005
34	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
31	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005

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30	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
25	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
25	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
23	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
22	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
22	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005

## highest avg. gain per punt return (2 returns)

39.3	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	3-118
21.8	USC	Oct 15, 2005	4-87
15.5	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005	2-31
12.5	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	2-25
11.0	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	2-22
7.5	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	2-15
7.5	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006	4-30
7.3	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	3-22
5.7	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	6-34
2.0	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006	2-4

## most kick returns

7	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
5	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
4	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
4	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
4	USC	Oct 15, 2005
4	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
4	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
3	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
3	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
3	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006

## most kick return yards

158	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
99	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
97	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
86	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
86	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
79	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
70	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
62	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
60	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
54	Navy	Nov 12, 2005

## highest avg. gain per kick return (2 returns)

39.5	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006	2-79
31.0	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	2-62
24.8	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006	4-99
24.2	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	4-97
23.3	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	3-70
22.6	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006	7-158
21.5	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	4-86
20.0	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006	3-60
19.5	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	2-39
17.5	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	2-35

## TEAM RECORDS - DEFENSE

### most fumble returns

1	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
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### most fumble return yards

25	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
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### most interception returns

2	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
2	USC	Oct 15, 2005
2	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
2	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
1	10 times	

### most interception return yards

86	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
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74	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
51	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
27	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
27	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
16	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
14	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
13	USC	Oct 15, 2005
1	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
-7	Navy	Nov 12, 2005

## highest average gain per int return (2 returns)

43.0	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	2-86
37.0	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	2-74
13.5	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006	2-27
6.5	USC	Oct 15, 2005	2-13

## most tackles

97	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	29-68
87	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	42-45
85	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006	31-54
80	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	42-38
71	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	31-40
71	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006	47-24
70	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006	36-34
70	USC	Oct 15, 2005	32-38
70	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	52-18
66	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	53-13
66	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	44-22

## most quarterback sacks

7.0	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
5.0	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
5.0	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
4.0	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
3.0	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
3.0	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
3.0	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
3.0	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
3.0	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
3.0	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005

## most tackles for loss

12.0	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
11.0	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
10.0	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
9.0	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
8.0	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
8.0	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
8.0	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
7.0	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
7.0	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
6.0	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
6.0	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
6.0	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
6.0	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005

## most fumbles forced

3	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
3	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
2	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
2	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
2	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
1	Six Times	

## most fumbles recovered

2	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
2	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
2	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
7	Seven Times	

## most pass breakups

9	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
6	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
5	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
5	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
5	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
5	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
5	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
3	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
3	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
3	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
3	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS - OFFENSE

### most rushing attempts

35	Walker	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
31	Walker	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
26	Walker	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
26	Walker	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
26	Walker	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
25	Walker	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
23	Walker	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
22	Walker	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
21	Walker	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
21	Walker	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
20	Walker	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
20	Walker	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
20	Walker	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

### most rushing yards (10 100-yard games)

186	Walker	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
153	Walker	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
146	Walker	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
128	Walker	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
123	Walker	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
118	Walker	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
116	Walker	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
104	Walker	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
103	Walker	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
100	Walker	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005

### highest average gain per rush (10 carries)

6.2	Walker	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	19-118
6.1	Walker	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006	25-153
6.1	Walker	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005	21-128
5.6	Walker	vs Ohio State	Jan 02, 2006	16-90
5.3	Walker	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	35-186
5.3	Thomas, T.	Navy	Nov 12, 2005	11-58
5.2	Walker	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006	20-103
5.0	Walker	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	20-100
4.7	Walker	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	26-123
4.7	Walker	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006	31-146

### most rushing touchdowns

3	Powers-Neal	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
3	Walker	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
2	Powers-Neal	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
1	22 times		

### longest rush from scrimmage

43	Thomas, T.	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
38	Walker	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
37	Walker	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
32	Walker	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
22	Walker	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
20	Walker	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
20	Walker	USC	Oct 15, 2005
19	Walker	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
19	Walker	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
19	Quinn	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006





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1	Gioia	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
1	Gioia	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
1	Gioia	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

## most field goals made

3	Fitzpatrick	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
2	Gioia	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
2	Fitzpatrick	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
2	Fitzpatrick	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
2	Fitzpatrick	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	Gioia	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
1	Fitzpatrick	USC	Oct 15, 2005
1	Fitzpatrick	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
1	Gioia	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
1	Gioia	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
1	Gioia	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006

## longest field goal made

48	Fitzpatrick	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
44	Fitzpatrick	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
43	Fitzpatrick	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
40	Gioia	vs. Navy	Oct 28, 2006
39	Fitzpatrick	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
36	Fitzpatrick	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
35	Gioia	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
35	Gioia	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
32	Fitzpatrick	USC	Oct 15, 2005
29	Gioia	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005

## most punts

9	Fitzpatrick	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
7	Price	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
7	Price	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
6	Price	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
6	Fitzpatrick	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
5	Fitzpatrick	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
5	Fitzpatrick	USC	Oct 15, 2005
5	Fitzpatrick	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
5	Price	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
4	Fitzpatrick	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005

## most yards punting

371	Fitzpatrick	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
363	Price	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
303	Price	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
254	Fitzpatrick	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
252	Price	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
236	Price	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006
221	Fitzpatrick	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
199	Fitzpatrick	USC	Oct 15, 2005
173	Fitzpatrick	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
160	Fitzpatrick	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
137	Fitzpatrick	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
137	Price	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006

## highest average yards per punt (3 punts)

51.9	Price	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006	7-363
50.4	Price	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006	5-252
45.7	Fitzpatrick	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	3-137
45.7	Price	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006	3-137
44.2	Fitzpatrick	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	5-221
44.0	Price	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006	3-132
43.3	Price	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006	7-303
42.3	Fitzpatrick	vs Ohio State (FB)	Jan 02, 2006	6-254
41.3	Fitzpatrick	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	3-124
41.2	Fitzpatrick	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005	9-371

## most punts downed inside 20

3	Price	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006
2	Fitzpatrick	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
2	Fitzpatrick	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
2	Fitzpatrick	USC	Oct 15, 2005

2	Fitzpatrick	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	Price	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
2	Price	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
1	Fitzpatrick	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
1	Fitzpatrick	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
1	Fitzpatrick	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
1	Fitzpatrick	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
1	Price	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
1	Price	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
1	Price	UCLA	Oct 21, 2006

## longest punt

62	Price	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
61	Price	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
60	Fitzpatrick	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
59	Price	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
56	Price	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
54	Fitzpatrick	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
54	Price	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
51	Price	vs. Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
51	Price	vs. Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
51	Fitzpatrick	BYU	Oct 22, 2005

## longest punt return

78	Zbikowski	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
60	Zbikowski	USC	Oct 15, 2005
25	Zbikowski	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
25	Zbikowski	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
23	Zbikowski	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005
19	Zbikowski	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005
18	Zbikowski	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
17	Grimes	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
17	Zbikowski	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
14	Zbikowski	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005

## longest kick return

46	Grimes	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
40	Grimes	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
36	Hord	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
33	Grimes	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
33	West	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
31	Grimes	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
30	West	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
28	Grimes	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
28	Grimes	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
28	Walls	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006

## most punt returns

6	Zbikowski	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
4	Zbikowski	USC	Oct 15, 2005
4	Zbikowski	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006
3	Zbikowski	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
3	Zbikowski	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
2	Zbikowski	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
2	Zbikowski	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006
2	Zbikowski	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	Zbikowski	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005

## most punt return yards

118	Zbikowski	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	3 returns
87	Zbikowski	USC	Oct 15, 2005	4 returns
34	Zbikowski	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	6 returns
31	Zbikowski	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005	2 returns
30	Zbikowski	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006	4 returns
25	Zbikowski	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006	1 returns
23	Zbikowski	at Pittsburgh	Sep 03, 2005	1 returns
22	Zbikowski	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	3 returns
22	Zbikowski	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	2 returns
19	Zbikowski	at Michigan	Sep 10, 2005	1 returns

## highest avg. gain per punt return (2 returns)

39.3	Zbikowski	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	3-118
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21.8	Zbikowski	USC	Oct 15, 2005	4-87
15.5	Zbikowski	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005	2-31
11.0	Zbikowski	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	2-22
7.5	Zbikowski	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	2-15
7.5	Zbikowski	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006	4-30
7.3	Zbikowski	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005	3-22
5.7	Zbikowski	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	6-34
2.0	Zbikowski	Penn State	Sep 09, 2006	2-4

## most kick returns

6	Grimes	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
4	Grimes	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005
3	Grimes	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
3	Hord	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005
3	Walls	Stanford	Oct 07, 2006
3	West	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006
2	Grimes	Navy	Nov 12, 2005
2	Grimes	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
2	Grimes	USC	Oct 15, 2005
2	Harris, B.	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	Hord	BYU	Oct 22, 2005
2	Hoskins	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005
2	Walls	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006

## most kick return yards

145	Grimes	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006	6 returns
97	Grimes	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	4 returns
71	West	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006	3 returns
70	Hord	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	3 returns
62	Grimes	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	2 returns
62	Grimes	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	3 returns
46	Grimes	at Georgia Tech	Sep 02, 2006	1 returns
44	Hoskins	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	2 returns
44	Walls	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006	2 returns
42	Harris, B.	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	2 returns

## highest avg. gain per kick return (2 returns)

31.0	Grimes	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005	2-62
24.2	Grimes	at Stanford	Nov 26, 2005	4-97
24.2	Grimes	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006	6-145
23.7	West	at Michigan State	Sep 23, 2006	3-71
23.3	Hord	Tennessee	Nov 05, 2005	3-70
22.0	Hoskins	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	2-44
22.0	Walls	Purdue	Sep 30, 2006	2-44
21.0	Harris, B.	Michigan State	Sep 17, 2005	2-42
20.7	Grimes	BYU	Oct 22, 2005	3-62
18.0	Grimes	USC	Oct 15, 2005	2-36

## most blocked kicks

2	Anastasio	Syracuse	Nov 19, 2005
1	Anastasio	at Washington	Sep 24, 2005
1	Landri	Michigan	Sep 16, 2006
1	Laws	vs Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl)	Jan 02, 2006
1	Laws	at Purdue	Oct 01, 2005
1	Ndukwe	vs Ohio State	Jan 02, 2006

## Results

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	Score/Time	Record	Time	Attend
Sept. 2	2/T-3	at Georgia Tech (ABC)	ND 14, GT 10	1-0	3:17	56,680
Sept. 9	T-4/5	19/19 PENN STATE (NBC)	ND 41, PSU 17	2-0	3:19	80,795
Sept. 16	2/T-3	11/13 MICHIGAN (NBC)	UM 47, ND 21	2-1	3:28	80,795
Sept. 23	12/13	at Michigan State (ABC)	ND 30, MSU 37	3-1	3:31	80,193
Sept. 30	12/14	PURDUE (NBC)	ND 35, PUR 21	4-1	3:20	80,795
Oct. 7	12/12	STANFORD (NBC)	ND 31, STAN 10	5-1	3:03	80,795
Oct. 21	10/8	UCLA (NBC)	ND 20, UCLA 17	6-1	3:35	80,795
*Oct. 28	11/10	vs. Navy (CBS)	ND 38, NAVY 14	7-1	3:03	71,851
Nov. 4	-/-	NORTH CAROLINA (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Nov. 11	-/-	at Air Force (CSTV)	4:00 p.m.			
Nov. 18	-/-	ARMY (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Nov. 25	-/-	at 4/2 USC (ABC)	8 p.m.			

\*at Baltimore

## Defensive Stats

	GP	S	A	T	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR	FF	Blk.	Kick	Saf
40 CRUM, Maurice	8	31	31	62	7.0-33	2.0-21	1-0	2	1	.	1	.	.	.
9 ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	7	31	21	52	1.0-1	.	.	1	2	1-25	1	.	.	.
18 NDUKWE, Chinedum	8	26	26	52	2.5-11	1.0-7	2-52	3	2	1-0	2	.	.	.
66 LANDRI, Derek	8	17	23	40	5.0-40	3.5-36	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	.
98 LAWS, Trevor	8	18	21	39	8.5-39	3.5-24	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.	.
95 ABIAMIRI, Victor	8	18	14	32	12.5-61	8.0-46	.	.	11	.	.	.	.	.
20 LAMBERT, Terrail	8	24	7	31	1.0-3	.	3-27	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.
30 RICHARDSON, Mike	8	20	11	31	3.5-7	.	.	5	1	.	.	.	.	.
26 THOMAS, Travis	6	18	9	27	5.0-21	1.0-9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52 BROCKINGTON, Joe	8	8	14	22	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 HERRING, Ray	8	9	8	17	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 FROME, Chris	8	6	10	16	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	.
99 TALLEY, Ronald	6	1	10	11	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
22 WOODEN, Ambrose	5	9	2	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 THOMAS, Mitchell	8	5	5	10	0.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
56 BORSETI, Nick	8	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 FERRINE, Leo	5	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 CULLEN, Casey	8	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 BRUTON, David	7	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 McCARTHY, Kyle	8	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 LEITKO, Travis	8	2	3	5	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
2 WALLS, Darrin	6	4	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 QUINN, Steve	7	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 BROWN, Sergio	8	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 CARLSON, John	8	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 KUNTZ, Pat	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
94 BROWN, Justin	1	1	1	2	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
8 McNEIL, Raeshon	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 PRICE, Geoff	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 WEST, George	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 VERNAGLIA, Anthony	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 McKNIGHT, Rhema	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 RYAN, John	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 FREEMAN, Marcus	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 GIOIA, Carl	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 SMITH, Toryan	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	8	283	240	523	49-227	20-149	6-79	18	27	6-25	7	1	.	.
Opponents.....	8	299	246	545	43.0-203	21-150	4-85	22	19	4-54	3	.	.	.

## Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics

TEAM STATISTICS	UND	OPP			
SCORING	240	173			
Points Per Game	30.0	21.6			
FIRST DOWNS	177	143			
Rushing	59	68			
Passing	107	62			
Penalty	11	13			
RUSHING YARDAGE	858	1106			
Yards gained rushing	1067	1337			
Yards lost rushing	209	231			
Rushing Attempts	264	278			
Average Per Rush	3.2	4.0			
Average Per Game	107.2	138.2			
TDs Rushing	9	6			
PASSING YARDAGE	2240	1537			
Att-Comp-Int	305-194-4	213-113-6			
Average Per Pass	7.3	7.2			
Average Per Catch	11.5	13.6			
Average Per Game	280.0	192.1			
TDs Passing	21	13			
TOTAL OFFENSE	3098	2643			
Total Plays	569	491			
Average Per Play	5.4	5.4			
Average Per Game	387.2	330.4			
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	25-538	35-602			
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	14-74	14-143			
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-79	4-85			
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.5	17.2			
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.3	10.2			
INT RETURN AVERAGE	13.2	21.2			
FUMBLES-LOST	7-4	9-6			
PENALTIES-YARDS	55-444	50-417			
Average Per Game	55.5	52.1			
PUNTS-YARDS	35-1577	39-1668			
Average Per Punt	45.1	42.8			
Net punt average	38.7	37.3			
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	32:04	27:56			
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	38/112	29/95			
3rd-Down Pct	34%	31%			
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	17/23	3/11			
4th-Down Pct	74%	27%			
SACKS BY-YARDS	20-149	21-150			
MISC YARDS	0	0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	32	22			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-10	7-10			
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1			
RED-ZONE SCORES	27-30 90%	17-20 85%			
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	22-30 73%	10-20 50%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	30-31 97%	20-22 91%			
ATTENDANCE	403975	136873			
Games/Avg Per Game	5/80795	2/68436			
Neutral Site Games		1/71851			
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	48	83	55	54	240
Opponents	54	66	15	38	173



### Individual Stats

<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
WALKER, Darius	8	160	714	32	682	4.3	3	32	85.2
THOMAS, Travis	6	10	79	0	79	7.9	2	43	13.2
ALDRIDGE, James	2	16	59	5	54	3.4	0	11	27.0
PRINCE, Munir	6	12	32	11	21	1.8	0	11	3.5
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	4	15	0	15	3.8	0	6	7.5
WEST, George	8	1	11	0	11	11.0	1	11	1.4
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	8	1	5	0	5	5.0	1	5	0.6
McCONNELL, Ashley	8	2	2	0	2	1.0	0	2	0.2
SHARPLEY, Evan	4	2	2	2	0	0.0	0	2	0.0
TEAM	2	3	0	4	-4	-1.3	0	0	-2.0
QUINN, Brady	8	53	148	155	-7	-0.1	2	19	-0.9
Total.....	8	264	1067	209	858	3.2	9	43	107.2
Opponents.....	8	278	1337	231	1106	4.0	6	37	138.2

<u>PASSING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Effic</u>	<u>A-C-I</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
QUINN, Brady	8	145.83	193-303-4	63.7	2233	21	62	279.1
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	8	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
SHARPLEY, Evan	4	158.80	1-1-0	100.0	7	0	7	1.8
Total.....	8	145.40	194-305-4	63.6	2240	21	62	280.0
Opponents.....	8	128.17	113-213-6	53.1	1537	13	88	192.1

<u>RECEIVING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
McKNIGHT, Rhema	8	46	617	13.4	9	44	77.1
WALKER, Darius	8	45	312	6.9	1	18	39.0
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	8	43	509	11.8	7	45	63.6
CARLSON, John	8	37	529	14.3	2	62	66.1
GRIMES, David	7	16	206	12.9	1	36	29.4
FREEMAN, Marcus	8	3	37	12.3	0	25	4.6
McCONNELL, Ashley	8	2	8	4.0	1	5	1.0
ANASTASIO, Chase	6	1	15	15.0	0	15	2.5
PARRIS, Robby	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Total.....	8	194	2240	11.5	21	62	280.0
Opponents.....	8	113	1537	13.6	13	88	192.1

<u>PUNT RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	10	65	6.5	0	25
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	2	4	2.0	0	2
WEST, George	2	5	2.5	0	3
Total.....	14	74	5.3	0	25
Opponents.....	14	143	10.2	0	21

<u>KICK RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
GRIMES, David	12	298	24.8	0	46
WEST, George	8	156	19.5	0	33
WALLS, Darrin	5	84	16.8	0	28
Total.....	25	538	21.5	0	46
Opponents.....	35	602	17.2	0	40

<u>INTERCEPTIONS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
LAMBERT, Terrail	3	27	9.0	1	27
NDUKWE, Chinedum	2	52	26.0	0	51
CRUM, Maurice	1	0	0.0	0	0

Total.....	6	79	13.2	1	51
Opponents.....	4	85	21.2	2	35

<u>FUMBLE RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	1	25	25.0	1	25
Total.....	1	25	25.0	1	25
Opponents.....	1	54	54.0	1	54

<u>FG</u>	<u>FGM-FGA</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>01-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50-99</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Blkd</u>
GIOIA, Carl	6-10	60.0	0-0	1-1	4-5	1-4	0-0	40	0

<u>FG SEQUENCE</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
Georgia Tech	42,36	(30)
Penn State	(35),(35)	(28)
Michigan	-	(20),(33)
Michigan State	-	(32)
Purdue	47	44
Stanford	(35)	(19)
UCLA	(20),48,(33)	47,(29)
Navy	(40)	32
North Carolina		
Air Force		
Army		
USC		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

<u>PUNTING</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>I20</u>	<u>Blkd</u>
PRICE, Geoff	34	1540	45.3	62	3	6	10	0
QUINN, Brady	1	37	37.0	37	1	0	0	0
Total.....	35	1577	45.1	62	4	6	10	0
Opponents.....	39	1668	42.8	73	7	6	9	0

<u>KICKOFFS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>Retn</u>	<u>Net</u>
RENKES, Bobby	21	1290	61.4	5	0		
BURKHART, Ryan	21	1245	59.3	4	0		
GIOIA, Carl	2	92	46.0	0	0		
WHITAKER, Nate	1	50	50.0	0	0		
Total.....	45	2677	59.5	9	0	602	42.1 22
Opponents.....	36	2173	60.4	10	1	538	39.9 25

<u>ALL PURPOSE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>KOR</u>	<u>IR</u>	<u>Tot</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
WALKER, Darius	8	682	312	0	0	0	994	124.2
McKNIGHT, Rhema	8	0	617	0	0	0	617	77.1
CARLSON, John	8	0	529	0	0	0	529	66.1
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	8	5	509	4	0	0	518	64.8
GRIMES, David	7	0	206	0	298	0	504	72.0
WEST, George	8	11	0	5	156	0	172	21.5
WALLS, Darrin	6	0	0	0	84	0	84	14.0
THOMAS, Travis	6	79	0	0	0	0	79	13.2
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	7	0	0	65	0	0	65	9.3
ALDRIDGE, James	2	54	0	0	0	0	54	27.0
NDUKWE, Chinedum	8	0	0	0	0	52	52	6.5
FREEMAN, Marcus	8	0	37	0	0	0	37	4.6

LAMBERT, Terrail	8	0	0	0	0	27	27	3.4
PRINCE, Munir	6	21	0	0	0	0	21	3.5
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
ANASTASIO, Chase	6	0	15	0	0	0	15	2.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	8	2	8	0	0	0	10	1.2
PARRIS, Robby	4	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.8
TEAM	2	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-2.0
QUINN, Brady	8	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-0.9
Total.....	8	858	2240	74	538	79	3789	473.6
Opponents.....	8	1106	1537	143	602	85	3473	434.1

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
QUINN, Brady	8	356	-7	2233	2226	278.2
WALKER, Darius	8	160	682	0	682	85.2
THOMAS, Travis	6	10	79	0	79	13.2
ALDRIDGE, James	2	16	54	0	54	27.0
PRINCE, Munir	6	12	21	0	21	3.5
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	4	15	0	15	7.5
WEST, George	8	1	11	0	11	1.4
SHARPLEY, Evan	4	3	0	7	7	1.8
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	8	2	5	0	5	0.6
McCONNELL, Ashley	8	2	2	0	2	0.2
TEAM	2	3	-4	0	-4	-2.0
Total.....	8	569	858	2240	3098	387.2
Opponents.....	8	491	1106	1537	2643	330.4

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
McKNIGHT, Rhema	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
GIOIA, Carl	0	6-10	30-31	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
WALKER, Darius	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	24
THOMAS, Travis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
CARLSON, John	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
QUINN, Brady	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
GRIMES, David	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
McCONNELL, Ashley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
LAMBERT, Terrail	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
WEST, George	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	32	6-10	30-31	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	240
Opponents.....	22	7-10	20-22	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	173

### Drive Charts

ND	Drives	TDs	FGs	Punts	Miss FG	Int	Fum	Downs	Avg.	I20
GT	10	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	own 25	4
PSU	11	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	own 37	1
UM	17	3	0	7	0	3	2	1	own 29	3
MSU	14	5	0	7	0	1	0	1	own 28	2
PUR	11	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	own 27	1
STAN	11	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	own 27	3
UCLA	14	2	2	7	1	0	1	1	own 32	1
NAVY	10	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	own 35	1

Opp.	Drives	TDs	FGs	Punts	Miss FG	Int	Fum	Downs	Avg.	I20
GT	10	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	own 22	3
PSU	11	2	1	2	0	1	2	2	own 20	5
UM	14	6	2	6	0	1	0	0	own 39	3
MSU	16	4	1	7	0	2	1	0	own 31	1
PUR	10	3	0	2	1	0	1	3	own 21	5
STAN	9	1	1	5	0	1	0	1	own 28	2
UCLA	14	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	own 31	3
NAVY	9	2	0	4	1	0	1	1	own 20	2

### In The Red Zone

Notre Dame

ND	In RZ	Scores	Pts	Rush			Pass			- failed to score inside RZ -				
				TDs	TDs	TDs	FGs	MFA	Downs	Int	Fum	Half	Game	
GT	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
PSU	6	6	34	4	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UM	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MSU	2	2	13	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PUR	6	5	35	5	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
STAN	4	4	24	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UCLA	3	3	13	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>NAVY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Totals	30	27	168	22	7	15	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	

Notre Dame Opponents

ND	In RZ	Scores	Pts	Rush			Pass			- failed to score inside RZ -				
				TDs	TDs	TDs	FGs	MFA	Downs	Int	Fum	Half	Game	
GT	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PSU	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
UM	4	4	20	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MSU	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PUR	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
STAN	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UCLA	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>NAVY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Totals	20	17	91	10	6	4	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	

## Superlative Statistics

### INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	.31	.....	WALKER vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Rushing	.153	.....	WALKER vs Stanford (Oct 07, 2006)
TD Rushes	.1	.....	WALKER at Georgia Tech (Sep 02, 2006)
		.....	QUINN, B. at Georgia Tech (Sep 02, 2006)
		.....	THOMAS, T. vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
		.....	WALKER vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
		.....	SAMARDZIJA vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
		.....	WEST vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
		.....	WALKER vs Stanford (Oct 07, 2006)
		.....	THOMAS, T. vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
		.....	QUINN, B. vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Long Rush	.43	.....	THOMAS, T. vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
Pass attempts	.48	.....	QUINN, B. vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Pass completions	.29	.....	QUINN, B. vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Passing	.319	.....	QUINN, B. at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
TD Passes	.5	.....	QUINN, B. at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Long Pass	.62	.....	QUINN, B. at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Receptions	.10	.....	McKNIGHT vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Receiving	.121	.....	CARLSON at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
TD Receptions	.2	.....	McKNIGHT at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
		.....	SAMARDZIJA at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
		.....	McKNIGHT vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
		.....	SAMARDZIJA vs UCLA (Oct 21, 2006)
		.....	McKNIGHT vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Long Reception	.62	.....	CARLSON at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Field Goals	.2	.....	GIOIA vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
		.....	GIOIA vs UCLA (Oct 21, 2006)
Long Field Goal	.40	.....	GIOIA vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Punts	.7	.....	PRICE vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
		.....	PRICE at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Punting Avg	.51.9	.....	PRICE vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Long Punt	.62	.....	PRICE vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
Long Punt Return	.25	.....	ZBIKOWSKI at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Long Kickoff Return	.46	.....	GRIMES at Georgia Tech (Sep 02, 2006)
Tackles	.14	.....	CRUM vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
		.....	ZBIKOWSKI vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Sacks	.3.0	.....	ABIAMIRI vs Stanford (Oct 07, 2006)
Tackles For Loss	.3.5	.....	ABIAMIRI vs Stanford (Oct 07, 2006)
Interceptions	.2	.....	LAMBERT at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)

### TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	.43	.....	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Rushing	.204	.....	vs Stanford (Oct 07, 2006)
Yards Per Rush	.5.2	.....	vs Stanford (Oct 07, 2006)
TD Rushes	.3	.....	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Pass attempts	.49	.....	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Pass completions	.29	.....	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Passing	.319	.....	at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Yards Per Pass	.11.8	.....	vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
TD Passes	.5	.....	at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Total Plays	.81	.....	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Total Offense	.454	.....	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Per Play	.7.6	.....	vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Points	.41	.....	vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
Sacks By	.5	.....	vs Stanford (Oct 07, 2006)
First Downs	.33	.....	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Penalties	.11	.....	at Georgia Tech (Sep 02, 2006)
		.....	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Penalty Yards	.84	.....	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Turnovers	.5	.....	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Interceptions By	.2	.....	at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)

**Superlative Statistics****OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	.31	Hart, Mike, vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Yards Rushing	.124	Hart, Mike, vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
TD Rushes	.2	Kaheaku-Enhada, Kaipo-Noa vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Long Rush	.37	Stanton, Drew, at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Pass attempts	.46	Painter, Curtis, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Pass completions	.23	Painter, Curtis, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Passing	.398	Painter, Curtis, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
TD Passes	.3	Henne, Chad, vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Long Pass	.88	Painter, Curtis, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Receptions	.8	Lymon, Selwyn, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Receiving	.238	Lymon, Selwyn, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
TD Receptions	.3	Manningham, M., vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Long Reception	.88	Lymon, Selwyn, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Field Goals	.2	Rivas, Garrett, vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Long Field Goal	.33	Rivas, Garrett, vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Punts	.7	Brooks, D., at Georgia Tech (Sep 02, 2006)
		Fields, Brandon, at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Punting Avg	.52.0	Armstrong, Jared, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Long Punt	.73	Fields, Brandon, at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Long Punt Return	.21	Breaston, Steve, vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Long Kickoff Return	.40	Bryant, Dorien, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Tackles	.15	Spencer, Anthony, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Sacks	.3.5	Hickman, Justin, vs UCLA (Oct 21, 2006)
Tackles For Loss	.4.5	Spencer, Anthony, vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Interceptions	.2	Burgess, P., vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)

**OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	.56	vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Yards Rushing	.271	vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Yards Per Rush	.5.8	at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
TD Rushes	.2	vs Navy (Oct 28, 2006)
Pass attempts	.46	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Pass completions	.24	vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
Yards Passing	.398	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Per Pass	.10.0	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
TD Passes	.3	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
		at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Total Plays	.74	vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
Total Offense	.490	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Yards Per Play	.7.7	vs Purdue (Sep 30, 2006)
Points	.47	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)
Sacks By	.5	vs UCLA (Oct 21, 2006)
First Downs	.25	vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
Penalties	.9	at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Penalty Yards	.75	at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Turnovers	.3	vs Penn State (Sep 09, 2006)
		at Michigan State (Sep 23, 2006)
Interceptions By	.3	vs Michigan (Sep 16, 2006)

## Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	X	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	FB	QB	RB	Z
at Georgia Tech	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	*Freeman (TE)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
Penn State	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	*Anastasio (WR)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
Michigan	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	McConnell	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
at Michigan State	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	McConnell	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
Purdue	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	Freeman (TE)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
Stanford	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	Grimes (WR)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
UCLA	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	Grimes (WR)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
vs. Navy	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	Freeman (TE)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija

North Carolina

at Air Force

Army

at USC

DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	CB	FS	SS
at Georgia Tech	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Talley	Thomas, T.	Crum	Thomas, M.	Wooden	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
Penn State	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Talley	Thomas, T.	Crum	Thomas, M.	Wooden	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
Michigan	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Talley	Thomas, T.	Crum	Thomas, M.	Wooden	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
at Michigan State	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Frome	Thomas, T.	Crum	*Lambert (DB)	Walls	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
Purdue	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Frome	Brockington	Crum	*Lambert (DB)	Walls	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
Stanford	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Frome	Brockington	Crum	Thomas, M.	Lambert	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Herring
UCLA	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Frome	Brockington	Crum	Thomas, T.	Lambert	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
vs. Navy	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Frome	Brockington	Crum	Thomas, T.	Lambert	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski

North Carolina

at Air Force

Army

at USC

### 3rd Down Conversions

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	7-16 (43.8%)	1-4 (25.0%)	3-5 (60.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)	1-4 (25.0%)
Penn State	5-14 (35.7%)	2-4 (50.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)
Michigan	2-14 (14.3%)	0-2 (0.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	1-5 (20.0%)
Michigan State	1-11 (9.1%)	0-4 (0.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)	0-2 (0.0%)
Purdue	8-14 (57.1%)	1-2 (50.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)	4-6 (66.7%)	2-4 (50.0%)
Stanford	7-13 (53.8%)	3-3 (100.0%)	2-5 (40.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)
UCLA	4-19 (21.1%)	1-4 (25.0%)	1-6 (16.7%)	1-5 (20.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)
Navy	4-11 (36.4%)	1-3 (33.3%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)	2-5 (40.0%)
Totals	38-112 (33.9%)	9-26 (34.6%)	11-29 (37.9%)	10-28 (35.7%)	8-29 (27.6%)
Opponents	29-95 (30.5%)	7-19 (36.8%)	9-23 (39.1%)	5-25 (20.0%)	8-28 (28.6%)

### 4th Down Conversions

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Penn State	4-4 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Michigan	1-2 (50.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)
Michigan State	2-3 (66.7%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Purdue	2-2 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (100.0%)
Stanford	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)
UCLA	4-5 (80.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)
Navy	3-5 (60.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	1-3 (33.3%)
Totals	17-23 (73.9%)	2-2 (100.0%)	5-6 (83.3%)	5-6 (83.3%)	5-9 (55.6%)
Opponents	3-11 (27.3%)	0-2 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	3-6 (50.0%)

### Time of Possession

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	35:35	8:02	8:48	8:25	10:10
Penn State	33:11	9:12	9:46	8:49	5:24
Michigan	26:04	5:57	6:01	4:07	9:59
Michigan State	24:21	6:55	6:20	7:25	3:41
Purdue	38:01	9:41	10:40	10:01	7:39
Stanford	34:40	8:25	10:01	7:02	9:12
UCLA	34:14	7:38	11:05	9:45	5:46
Navy	30:39	8:10	5:19	6:05	11:05
Totals	256:45	64:00	68:00	61:39	62:56
Avg.	32:04	8:00	8:30	7:42	7:52
Opponents	223:15	56:00	52:00	58:21	57:04
Avg.	27:56	7:00	6:30	7:18	7:08

### Third Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
McKnight, Rhema	0	9	9
Walker, Darius	6	2	8
Quinn, Brady	7	0	7
Samardzija, Jeff	0	5	5
Carlson, John	0	3	3
Grimes, David	0	2	2
Thomas, Travis	1	0	1
Schwapp, Asaph	1	0	1
Freeman, Marcus	0	1	1
Prince, Munir	1	0	1
Totals	16	22	38

### Fourth Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Walker, Darius	3	1	4
Carlson, John	0	4	4
Quinn, Brady	3	0	3
Samardzija, Jeff	1	2	3
Aldridge, James	1	0	1
Thomas, Travis	1	0	1
McConnell, Ashley	1	0	1
Totals	10	7	17

### Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	<b>RUSHING</b> (No.-Yds.-TD)	<b>PASSING</b> (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b> (Plays-Yds.)	<b>FIRST DOWNS</b> (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	<b>FUMBLES</b> (No.-Lost)	<b>TIME OF POSSESSION</b> (Min:Sec)
Notre Dame	40-138-2	38-23-246-0	78-384	21-9-11-1	0-0	35:25
at Georgia Tech	28-119-0	24-12-140-1	52-259	14-9-5-0	0-0	24:35
Notre Dame	36-110-1	36-25-0-287-3	72-397	22-7-15-0	1-0	33:11
Penn State	33-192-1	41-24-1-225-1	74-383	25-10-12-3	3-2	26:49
Notre Dame	17-4-0	49-25-3-241-3	66-245	14-1-10-3	2-2	26:04
Michigan	41-120	22-13-1-220-3	63-340	17-8-7-2	0-0	33:56
Notre Dame	17-47-0	36-20-1-319-5	53-366	13-3-10-0	3-1	24:21
at Michigan State	43-248-1	23-11-2-140-3	66-388	18-12-6-0	2-1	35:39
Notre Dame	43-138-3	38-29-0-316-2	81-454	33-10-20-3	0-0	38:01
Purdue	18-92-1	46-23-0-398-2	64-490	24-6-15-3	1-1	21:59
Notre Dame	39-204-1	38-27-0-232-3	77-436	29-13-14-2	0-0	34:40
Stanford	31-72-0	18-10-1-154-1	49-226	14-5-6-3	0-0	25:20
Notre Dame	35-41-0	45-27-0-304-2	80-345	20-7-13-0	1-1	34:14
UCLA	28-26-0	32-16-1-217-2	60-243	12-2-9-1	1-1	25:46
Notre Dame	37-176-2	25-18-0-295-3	62-471	25-9-14-2	0-0	30:39
vs. Navy	56-271-2	7-4-0-43-0	63-314	19-16-2-1	2-1	29:21
Notre Dame North Carolina						
Notre Dame at Air Force						
Notre Dame Army						
Notre Dame at USC						

### Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
at Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W, 14-10
Penn State	2	1	3	0	0	0	+3	W, 41-17
Michigan	0	1	1	2	3	5	-4	L, 47-21
at Michigan State	1	2	3	1	1	2	+1	W, 40-37
Purdue	1	0	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 35-21
Stanford	0	1	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 31-10
UCLA	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	W, 20-17
vs. Navy	1	0	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 38-14
North Carolina at Air Force Army at USC								
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>7-1</b>

### First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Walker, Darius	35	16	51
McKnight, Rhema	0	31	32
Carlson, John	0	26	26
Samardzija, Jeff	1	21	22
Quinn, Brady	13	0	13
Grimes, David	0	9	9
Freeman, Marcus	0	3	3
Schwapp, Asaph	2	0	2
Aldridge, James	3	0	3
Thomas, Travis	2	0	2
McConnell, Ashley	1	0	1
West, George	1	0	1
Anastasio, Chase	0	1	1
Prince, Munir	1	0	1
Penalty			11
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>177</b>

### Field Position

	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>Opponents</b>
Drives Started	97	94
Cumulative Starting Yardline	3,014	2,567
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 31.1	own 27.3
Drives started in plus territory	13	6
Scores (TD/FG)	6 (6/0)	3 (2/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	2/1/1	2/0/1
Turnovers/End of Half	0/3	0/0
Drives started at/inside own 20	36	39
Scores (TD/FG)	10 (8/2)	10 (9/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	18/1/2	17/4/0
Turnovers/End of Half	1/2	5/2

**Individual Game-by-Game Statistics***RUSHING*

<b>(No.-Yds.-TD)</b>	<b>Walker</b>	<b>T. Thomas</b>	<b>Schwapp</b>	<b>Quinn</b>	<b>McConnell</b>	<b>Aldridge</b>
at Georgia Tech	22-99-1	6-19-0	3-13-0	7-9-1	-	Did Not Play
Penn State	20-56-0	3-44-1	1-2-0	8-24-0	1-2-0	Did Not Play
Michigan	10-25-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-(-18)-0	0-0-0	Did Not Play
at Michigan State	11-47-0	0-0-0	Did Not Play	6-0-0	0-0-0	Did Not Play
Purdue	31-146-1	Did Not Play	Did Not Play	6-(-29)-0	1-0-0	Did Not Play
Stanford	25-153-1	Did Not Play	Did Not Play	4-9-0	0-0-0	4-25-0
UCLA	21-53-0	0-0-0	Did Not Play	14-(-12)-0	0-0-0	Did Not Play
vs. Navy	20-103-0	1-16-1	Did Not Play	4-28-1	0-0-0	12-29-0
North Carolina						
at Air Force						
Army						
at USC						

*PASSING*

<b>(Attempts-Completions-Interceptions-Yards-TD)</b>	<b>Quinn</b>
at Georgia Tech	38-23-0-246-0
Penn State	36-25-0-287-3
Michigan	48-24-3-234-3
at Michigan State	36-20-1-319-5
Purdue	38-29-0-316-2
Stanford	37-27-0-232-3
UCLA	45-27-0-304-2
vs. Navy	25-18-0-295-3
North Carolina	
at Air Force	
Army	
at USC	

*RECEIVING*

<b>(No.-Yds.-TD)</b>	<b>McKnight</b>	<b>Samardzija</b>	<b>Carlson</b>	<b>Walker</b>	<b>Freeman</b>	<b>Grimes</b>
at Georgia Tech	8-108-0	6-74-0	4-36-0	4-18-0	1-10-0	0-0-0
Penn State	5-59-1	6-56-1	6-98-0	7-72-1	1-2-0	0-0-0
Michigan	5-76-1	4-30-1	3-42-0	7-35-0	0-0-0	4-48-0
at Michigan State	4-70-2	7-113-2	4-121-1	5-15-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Purdue	10-120-2	4-46-0	5-62-0	9-73-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Stanford	5-62-1	7-50-1	6-38-1	6-45-0	1-25-0	1-7-0
UCLA	3-28-0	8-118-2	4-57-0	4-22-0	0-0-0	8-79-0
vs. Navy	6-94-2	1-22-0	5-75-0	3-32-0	0-0-0	3-72-1
North Carolina						
at Air Force						
Army						
at USC						

*FIELD GOALS*

	<b>GT</b>	<b>PSU</b>	<b>UM</b>	<b>MSU</b>	<b>PUR</b>	<b>STAN</b>	<b>UCLA</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>UNC</b>	<b>AFA</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>USC</b>
Gioia, Carl	0-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-3	1-1				

**Team Game-by-Game Comparison**

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>1st Downs</b>	<b>Rushing</b>	<b>Passing</b>	<b>Pass Yds</b>	<b>Plays</b>	<b>Tot Yds</b>	<b>Pen Yds</b>	<b>T/O</b>
at Georgia Tech	14/10	21/14	138/119	23-38/12-24	246/140	78/52	384/259	11-80/5-28	0/0
Penn State	41/17	22/25	110/158	25-36/24-41	287/225	72/74	397/383	6-64/4-25	0/3
Michigan	21/47	14/17	4/120	25-49/13-22	241/220	66/63	245/340	11-84/5-70	5/1
at Michigan State	40/37	13/18	47/248	20-36/11-23	319/140	53/66	366/388	8-58/9-75	2/3
Purdue	35/21	33/24	138/92	29-38/23-46	316/398	81/64	454/490	5-36/8-74	0/1
Stanford	31/10	29/14	204/72	27-38/10-18	232/154	77/49	436/226	4-37/7-47	0/1
UCLA	20/17	20/12	41/26	27-45/16-32	304/217	80/60	345/243	6-50/8-55	1/2
vs. Navy	38/14	25/19	176/271	18-25/4-7	295/43	62/63	471/314	4-35/4-43	0/1
North Carolina									
at Air Force									
Army									
at USC									

**Note:** Game totals are displayed in the format Notre Dame/Opponent for each category

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>3rd Down</b>	<b>4th Down</b>	<b>Time Poss</b>	<b>Margin</b>	<b>Yds/Rush</b>	<b>Yds/Pass. Att.</b>	<b>Yds/Play</b>	<b>Punting</b>
at Georgia Tech	7-16/2-10	1-1/0-0	35:25/24:35	+11:10	3.5/4.2	6.5/5.8	4.9/5.0	5-50.4/7-48.1
Penn State	5-14/5-13	4-4/2-4	33:11/26:49	+6:22	3.1/4.8	8.0/5.5	5.5/5.2	3-44.0/2-35.0
Michigan	2-14/4-13	1-2/0-0	26:04/33:56	-7:52	0.2/2.9	4.9/10.0	3.7/5.4	7-51.9/6-37.5
at Michigan State	1-11/3-14	2-3/1-1	24:21/35:39	-11:18	2.8/5.8	8.9/6.1	6.9/5.9	7-43.3/7-46.9
Purdue	8-14/4-11	2-2/0-3	38:01/21:59	+16:02	3.2/5.1	8.3/8.7	5.6/7.7	3-45.7/2-52.0
Stanford	7-13/1-8	0-1/0-1	34:40/25:20	+9:20	5.2/2.3	6.1/8.6	5.7/4.6	3-39.0/5-34.2
UCLA	4-19/5-14	4-5/0-1	34:14/25:46	+8:28	1.2/0.9	6.8/6.8	4.3/4.1	7-39.0/6-46.5
vs. Navy	4-11/5-12	3-5/0-1	30:39/29:21	+1:18	4.8/4.8	11.8/6.1	7.6/5.0	0-0.0/4-38.5
North Carolina								
at Air Force								
Army								
at USC								

**Note:** Game totals are displayed in the format Notre Dame/Opponent for each category



**Miscellaneous Statistics**

## ND Big Plays (35+ yards)

Yards	Play	Opp.	Quarter	Player(s)
*62	Pass	Michigan State	3rd	Brady Quinn to John Carlson
51	INT Return	Michigan	1st	Chinedum Ndukwe off of Chad Henne
46	Kick Return	Georgia Tech	1st	David Grimes
*45	Pass	UCLA	4th	Brady Quinn to Jeff Samardzija
44	Pass	Georgia Tech	3rd	Brady Quinn to Rhema McKnight
*43	Pass	Michigan State	4th	Brady Quinn to Jeff Samardzija
43	Rush	Penn State	3rd	Travis Thomas
42	Pass	Georgia Tech	4th	Brady Quinn to Jeff Samardzija
*36	Pass	Navy	1st	Brady Quinn to David Grimes

\* - For Touchdown

## Opponent Big Plays (35+ yards)

Yards	Play	Opp.	Quarter	Player(s)
*88	Pass	Purdue	2nd	Curtis Painter to Selwyn Lymon
*69	Pass	Michigan	1st	Chad Henne to Mario Manningham
*57	Pass	Stanford	4th	Anthony Kimble to Kelton Lynn
*54	Pass	UCLA	2nd	Patrick Cowan to Marcus Everett
45	Pass	Georgia Tech	2nd	Reggie Ball to Calvin Johnson
40	Pass	Purdue	4th	Curtis Painter to Selwyn Lymon
39	Pass	Purdue	1st	Curtis Painter to Selwyn Lymon
37	Rush	Michigan State	1st	Drew Stanton
37	Kick Return	Michigan State	2nd	Demond Williams
*36	Pass	UCLA	2nd	Patrick Cowan to William Snead
35	INT Return	Michigan	3rd	Preston Burgess off of Brady Quinn

\* - For Touchdown

## ND Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr.	Points	Plays	Yards	TOP	How?
GT	2	TD	14	80	4:34	Brady Quinn 5-yd run
GT	3	TD	14	64	5:29	Darius Walker 13-yd run
PSU	1	FG	12	63	5:20	Carl Gioia 35-yd field goal
PSU	2	FG	13	37	4:35	Carl Gioia 35-yd field goal
PSU	2	TD	9	75	4:11	Jeff Samardzija 7-yd pass from Brady Quinn
PSU	2	TD	7	69	1:17	Rhema McKnight 9-yd pass from Brady Quinn
PSU	3	TD	-	-	-	Tom Zbikowski 25-yd fumble recovery
PSU	3	TD	8	55	2:36	Travis Thomas 1-yd run
PSU	4	TD	10	46	5:05	Darius Walker 15-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	1	TD	2	4	0:54	Ashley McConnell 3-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	2	TD	8	72	2:10	Jeff Samardzija 4-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	4	TD	8	80	2:19	Rhema McKnight 28-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	2	TD	5	60	1:45	Rhema McKnight 32-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	2	TD	7	72	2:08	Jeff Samardzija 17-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	3	TD	5	80	1:57	John Carlson 62-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	4	TD	5	80	1:56	Jeff Samardzija 43-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	4	TD	2	24	1:13	Rhema McKnight 14-yd pass from Brady Quinn
MSU	4	TD	-	-	-	Terrail Lambert 27-yd interception return
PUR	1	TD	7	70	3:14	George West 11-yd run
PUR	1	TD	7	78	2:53	Darius Walker 14-yd run
PUR	2	TD	10	72	4:04	Rhema McKnight 6-yd pass from Brady Quinn
PUR	2	TD	12	66	5:46	Jeff Samardzija 5-yd run
PUR	3	TD	8	64	4:05	Rhema McKnight 12-yd pass from Brady Quinn
STAN	1	TD	17	91	7:10	Jeff Samardzija 8-yd pass from Brady Quinn
STAN	2	TD	9	68	2:26	Rhema McKnight 15-yd pass from Brady Quinn
STAN	3	TD	6	76	2:32	Darius Walker 32-yd run
STAN	3	FG	10	46	4:30	Carl Gioia 35-yd field goal
STAN	4	TD	12	77	5:15	John Carlson 1-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UCLA	1	TD	7	44	3:40	Jeff Samardzija 2-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UCLA	2	FG	19	77	7:18	Carl Gioia 20-yd field goal
UCLA	3	FG	14	60	6:55	Carl Gioia 33-yd field goal
UCLA	4	TD	3	80	0:35	Jeff Samardzija 45-yd pass from Brady Quinn
NAVY	1	FG	7	40	3:15	Carl Gioia 40-yd field goal
NAVY	1	TD	9	80	4:55	David Grimes 36-yd pass from Brady Quinn
NAVY	2	TD	7	76	3:39	Travis Thomas 16-yd run
NAVY	2	TD	7	80	1:24	Rhema McKnight 33-yd pass from Brady Quinn
NAVY	3	TD	9	69	4:37	Brady Quinn 19-yd run
NAVY	4	TD	7	47	2:42	Rhema McKnight 6-yd pass from Brady Quinn

## Opponent Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr.	Points	Plays	Yards	TOP	How?
GT	1	TD	7	74	1:28	Calvin Johnson 4-yd pass from Reggie Ball
GT	2	FG	8	50	3:29	Travis Bell 30yd field goal
PSU	3	FG	10	69	2:29	Kevin Kelly 28-yd field goal
PSU	4	TD	18	89	6:16	Deon Butler 2-yd pass from Anthony Morelli
PSU	4	TD	13	83	3:20	Daryll Clark 5-yd run
UM	1	TD	-	-	-	Preston Burgess 31-yd interception return
UM	1	TD	4	80	2:15	Mario Manningham 69-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	1	TD	4	27	2:41	Mike Hart 2-yd run
UM	2	TD	6	54	2:41	Mario Manningham 20-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	2	TD	10	59	4:48	Mario Manningham 22-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	3	FG	4	1	1:42	Garrett Rivas 20-yd field goal
UM	3	FG	9	51	4:00	Garrett Rivas 33-yd field goal
UM	4	TD	-	-	-	LaMarr Woodley 54-yd fumble return
MSU	1	TD	3	73	0:58	Kerry Reed 34-yd pass from Drew Stanton
MSU	1	TD	4	50	1:09	Javon Ringer 26-yd pass from Drew Stanton
MSU	1	FG	7	43	3:02	Brett Swinson 32-yd field goal
MSU	2	TD	-	-	-	Ervin Baldwin 19-yd interception return
MSU	2	TD	8	59	4:12	Kerry Reed 15-yd pass from Drew Stanton
MSU	3	TD	4	62	1:00	Jehuu Caulcrick 30-yd run
PUR	1	TD	6	86	3:10	Kory Sheets 7-yd run
PUR	2	TD	2	88	0:32	Selwyn Lymon 88-yd pass from Curtis Painter
PUR	4	TD	10	87	2:49	Selwyn Lymon 9-yd pass from Curtis Painter
STAN	1	FG	14	71	6:35	Aaron Zagory 19-yd field goal
STAN	4	TD	4	80	1:35	Kelton Lynn 57-yd pass from Anthony Kimble
UCLA	1	TD	10	87	3:31	Marcus Everett 54-yd pass from Patrick Cowan
UCLA	2	TD	3	39	1:01	William Snead 36-yd pass from Patrick Cowan
UCLA	4	FG	11	48	4:22	Justin Medlock 29-yd field goal
NAVY	2	TD	9	80	4:53	Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada 1-yd run
NAVY	2	TD	13	65	5:17	Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada 1-yd run

## The Last Time...

### 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: .....at Stanford, 2005 (50)  
 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 Purdue, 2005 (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: .....at Stanford, 2005 (432)  
 Had 300 or more yards: .....vs. UCLA, 2006 (304)  
 Had 40 or more pass attempts: .....vs. UCLA, 2006 (45)  
 Had 30-39 pass attempts: .....vs. Stanford, 2006 (38)  
 Had 25-29 pass completions: .....vs. UCLA, 2006 (27)  
 Had 20-24 pass completions: .....at Michigan State, 2006 (20)  
 Had six passing TDs .....vs. BYU, 2005 (6)  
 Had five passing TDs: .....at Michigan State, 2006 (5)  
 Had four passing TDs: .....vs. Navy, 2005 (4)  
 Had three passing TDs: .....vs. Navy, 2006 (3)  
 Had five passes intercepted: .....vs. USC, 1967 (7)  
 Had four passes intercepted: .....at Purdue, 2003 (4)  
 Had three passes intercepted: .....vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)

#### RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game: .....at Michigan State, 2006  
 (John Carlson - 121, Jeff Samardzija - 113)  
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game: .....at Stanford, 2005  
 (Jeff Samardzija - 191)  
 Had two players with 10 catches in a game: .....vs. BYU, 2005  
 (Maurice Stovall - 14, Jeff Samardzija - 10)

#### COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game: .....vs. Stanford, 2006  
 (Brady Quinn - 232 passing, Darius Walker - 153 rushing)  
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game: .....vs. Purdue, 2006  
 (Rhema McKnight - 120 receiving, Darius Walker - 186 rushing)

#### TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense: .....at Stanford, 2005 (663)  
 Had 500-599 yards total offense: .....vs. Navy, 2005 (505)  
 Had 400-499 yards total offense: .....vs. Navy, 2006 (471)  
 Had 85 or more plays total offense: .....at Stanford, 2005 (88)  
 Had 75-84 plays total offense: .....vs. UCLA, 2006 (80)

#### SCORING

Scored 60 or more points: .....vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)  
 Scored 50-59 points: .....at Stanford, 2003 (57)  
 Scored 40-49 points: .....at Michigan State, 2006 (40)  
 Scored 30-39 points: .....vs. Navy, 2006 (38)  
 Allowed 60 or more points: .....Never  
 Allowed 50-59 points: .....at Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)  
 Allowed 40-49 points: .....vs. Michigan, 2006 (47)  
 Allowed 30-39 points: .....at Michigan State, 2006 (37)  
 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: .....at Michigan State, 2006  
 (Rhema McKnight - 2, Jeff Samardzija - 2)

#### TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover: .....vs. Navy, 2006  
 Committed six or more turnovers: .....vs. Navy, 1984 (6)  
 Committed five turnovers: .....vs. Michigan, 2006 (5)  
 Committed four fumbles lost: .....vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)  
 Committed three fumbles lost: .....vs. Washington State, 2003 (3)  
 Recorded six or more takeaways: .....at Michigan State, 2004 (6)  
 Recorded five 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 Michigan State, 2006 (1)  
 (Terrail Lambert - 27 yards)  
 Returned a fumble for a TD: .....vs. Penn State, 2006 (1)  
 (Tom Zbikowski - 25 yards)

#### DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards: .....vs. UCLA, 2006 (26)  
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards: .....vs. Navy, 2006 (43)  
 Held opponent to 201-300 yards total offense: .....vs. UCLA, 2006 (243)  
 Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense: .....at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)  
 Intercepted five or more passes: .....vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)  
 Intercepted four passes: .....vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)  
 Intercepted three passes: .....at Michigan State, 2004 (3)  
 Scored a safety: .....at Stanford, 2003  
 Recorded nine or more sacks: .....vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)  
 Recorded eight sacks: .....vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)  
 Recorded seven sacks: .....at Stanford, 2005 (7)  
 Recorded six sacks: .....vs. Navy, 2004 (6)  
 Recorded five sacks: .....at Pitt, 2005 (5)  
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs: .....at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD: .....vs. Tennessee, 2005  
 (Tom Zbikowski, 78 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. Syracuse, 2005 (2)  
 Punted 10 or more times: .....at Tennessee, 2004 (10)  
 Did not punt: .....vs. Navy, 2006  
 Blocked a field goal: .....at Purdue, 2005  
 Had a field goal blocked: .....vs. Syracuse, 2005  
 Blocked a PAT kick: .....vs. Michigan, 2006  
 Scored on a blocked PAT attempt: .....vs. Texas, 1995  
 Missed a kicking PAT: .....at Michigan State, 2006

## The Last Time...

Had a kicking PAT blocked: .....at Stanford, 2003  
 Had a punt blocked: .....vs. Michigan State, 2005

### MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs: .....vs. Purdue, 2006 (33)  
 Had 20-29 first downs: .....vs. Navy, 2006 (25)  
 Was not penalized: .....at LSU, 1997  
 Had 10 or more penalties: .....vs. Michigan, 2006 (11)  
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties: .....at Rutgers, 2000 (120)  
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time: .....vs. Purdue, 2006 (38:01)  
 Was involved in a tie game: .....at USC, 1994 (17-17)  
 Was involved in an overtime game: .....vs. Michigan State, 2005 (L, 41-44)

### A NOTRE DAME PLAYER

#### RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards: .....Never  
 Rushed for 250-299 yards: .....Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)  
 Rushed for 200-249 yards: .....Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)  
 Rushed for 175-199 yards: .....Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (186)  
 Rushed for 150-174 yards: .....Darius Walker vs. Stanford, 2006 (153)  
 Rushed for 125-149 yards: .....Darius Walker vs. Purdue, 2006 (146)  
 Rushed for 100-124 yards: .....Darius Walker vs. Navy, 2006 (103)  
 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 35-39 times: .....Julius Jones vs. BYU, 2003 (35)  
 Rushed 30-34 times: .....Darius Walker vs. Purdue, 2006 (31)  
 Rushed 25-29 times: .....Darius Walker vs. Stanford, 2006 (25)  
 Rushed for four or more TDs: .....Emmett Masley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)  
 Rushed for three TDs: .....Darius Walker vs. Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (3)  
 Rushed for two TDs: .....Rashon Powers-Neal at Purdue, 2005 (2)  
 Had a run of 80 yards or more: .....Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)  
 Had a run of 70-79 yards: .....Arnaz Battle vs. Kansas, 1999 (74)  
 Had a run of 60-69 yards: .....Carlyle Holiday vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (67)  
 Had a run of 50-59 yards: .....Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

#### PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards: .....Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)  
 Passed for 400-499 yards: .....Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (432)  
 Passed for 300-399 yards: .....Brady Quinn vs. UCLA, 2006 (304)  
 Attempted 50 or more passes: .....Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)  
 Attempted 40-49 passes: .....Brady Quinn vs. UCLA, 2006 (45)  
 Attempted 30-39 passes: .....Brady Quinn vs. Stanford, 2006 (37)  
 Completed 30 or more passes: .....Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (32)  
 Completed 20-29 passes: .....Brady Quinn vs. UCLA, 2006 (27)  
 Threw five or more TDs: .....Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (5)  
 Threw four TDs: .....Brady Quinn vs. Navy, 2005 (4)  
 Threw three TDs: .....Brady Quinn vs. Navy, 2006 (3)  
 Threw five or more interceptions: .....Before 1975  
 Threw four interceptions: .....Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)  
 Threw three interceptions: .....Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)  
 Completed a pass of 80 yards or more: .....Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (80)  
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards: .....Brady Quinn vs. Tennessee, 2005 (73)  
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards: .....Brady Quinn at Michigan State, 2006 (62)  
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards: .....Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2005 (55)

#### RECEIVING

Caught 15 or more passes: .....Never  
 Caught 10-14 passes: .....Rhema McKnight vs. Purdue, 2006 (10)  
 Caught seven to nine passes: .....Jeff Samardzija vs. UCLA, 2006 (8)  
 .....David Grimes vs. UCLA, 2006 (8)  
 Had 200 or more yards receiving: .....Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (207)  
 Had 175-199 yards receiving: .....Jeff Samardzija at Stanford, 2005 (191)  
 Had 150-174 yards receiving: .....Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU, 2005 (152)

Had 100-149 yards receiving: .....Jeff Samardzija vs. UCLA, 2006 (118)  
 Caught four or more TDs: .....Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (4)  
 Caught three TDs: .....Maurice Stovall vs. Navy, 2005 (3)  
 Caught two TDs: .....Rhema McKnight vs. Navy, 2006 (2)

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500 or more yards total offense: .....Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)  
 Had 400-499 yards total offense: .....Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (457)  
 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. Navy, 2006 (3 passing, 1 rushing)  
 Accounted for three touchdowns: .....Brady Quinn vs. Stanford, 2006 (3 passing)

### DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes: .....Shane Walton vs. Maryland, 2002 (3)  
 Intercepted two passes: .....Terrail Lambert at Michigan State, 2006 (2)  
 Recovered three or more fumbles: .....Never  
 Recovered two fumbles: .....Gerome Sapp vs. Navy, 2001 (2)  
 Recorded 15 or more tackles: .....Brandon Hoyte vs. Navy, 2004 (16)  
 Recorded 10-14 tackles: .....Tom Zbikowski vs. Navy, 2006 (14)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15 or more points kicking: .....D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)  
 Scored 10-14 points kicking: .....Carl Gioia vs. PSU, 2006 (11)  
 Kicked five or more field goals: .....Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State, 2003 (5)  
 Kicked four 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 60-69 yards: .....Geoffrey Price vs. PSU, 2006 (62)  
 Punted 10 or more times: .....D.J. Fitzpatrick at Tennessee, 2004 (10)  
 Totaled 175 or more kickoff return yards: .....Raghib Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)  
 Totaled 100 or more punt return yards: .....Tom Zbikowski vs. Tennessee, 2005 (118)

### AN OPPOSING TEAM

#### RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards: .....Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)  
 Had 300-399 yards: .....Stanford, 1997 (322)  
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts: .....Navy, 2006 (56)  
 Had five or more rush TDs: .....USC, 2005 (5)  
 Had four 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: .....Washington, 2005 (408)  
 Had 300-399 yards: .....Purdue, 2006 (398)  
 Had 60 or more pass attempts: .....Tennessee, 1990 (60)  
 Had 50-59 pass attempts: .....Purdue, 2005 (58)  
 Had 40-49 pass attempts: .....Purdue, 2006 (46)  
 Had 30 or more pass completions: .....Purdue, 2005 (33)  
 Had five or more passing TDs: .....USC, 2004 (5)  
 Had four passing TDs: .....Oregon State, 2004 (4)  
 Had three passing TDs: .....Michigan, 2006 (3)

#### 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: .....Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (617)

## The Last Time...

Had 500-599 yards total offense: .....Purdue, 2005 (514)  
 Had 400-499 yards total offense: .....Purdue, 2006 (490)  
 Had 80 or more plays: .....Purdue, 2005 (82)  
 Had 75-79 plays: .....BYU, 2005 (79)

### SCORING

Scored 60 or more points: .....Never  
 Scored 50-59 points: .....Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)  
 Scored 40-49 points: .....Michigan, 2006 (47)  
 Scored 30-39 points: .....Michigan State, 2006 (37)  
 Scored a two-point conversion: .....Tennessee, 2005

### TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover: .....Georgia Tech, 2006  
 Had three or more fumbles lost: .....Washington, 2004 (4)  
 Intercepted five or more passes: .....USC, 1967 (7)  
 Intercepted four passes: .....Purdue, 2003 (4)  
 Intercepted three passes: .....Michigan, 2006 (3)  
 Returned an interception for a TD: .....Michigan, 2006  
 (Preston Burgess - 31 yards)  
 Returned a fumble for a TD: .....Michigan, 2006  
 (LaMarr Woodley - 54 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: .....UCLA, 2006 (41)  
 Held ND to 101-200 passing yards: .....Michigan, 2005 (140)  
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards: .....Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)  
 Held ND to 201-300 yards total offense: .....Michigan, 2006 (245)  
 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 (DeAndrea Cobb - 89 yards)  
 Punted 10 or more times: .....Rutgers, 2002 (10)  
 Did not punt: .....Miami (Fla.), 1985  
 Missed a kicking PAT: .....Michigan State, 2006

### MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs: .....USC, 2002 (31)  
 Had 20-29 first downs: .....Purdue, 2006 (24)  
 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 State, 2005 (35:39)  
 Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher: .....Michigan, 2006  
 (Mike Hart, 124 rushing, Mario Manningham, 137 receiving)

### AN OPPOSING PLAYER

#### RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards: .....Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)  
 Rushed for 200-299 yards: .....Rondell Mealey, LSU, 1997 (222)  
 Rushed for 150-199 yards: .....Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (160)  
 Rushed for 100-149 yards: .....Jehuu Caulcrick, Michigan State, 2006 (111)  
 Rushed 40 or more times: .....Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)  
 Rushed 30-39 times: .....Mike Hart, Michigan, 2006 (31)  
 Rushed 25-29 times: .....Lamar Owens, Navy, 2005 (26)  
 Rushed for five or more TDs: .....Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)  
 Rushed for four TDs: .....Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)  
 Rushed for three TDs: .....Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (3)  
 Rushed for two TDs: .....Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy, 2006 (2)  
 Had a run of 80 yards or more: .....Sherman Lewis, Michigan State, 1963 (85)

Had a run of 70-79 yards: .....Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)  
 Had a run of 60-69 yards: .....Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (68)  
 Had a run of 50-59 yards: .....Damien Rhodes, Syracuse, 2005 (51)

### PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards: .....Never  
 Passed for 400-499 yards: .....Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)  
 Passed for 300-399 yards: .....Curtis Painter, Purdue, 2006 (398)  
 Attempted 60 or more passes: .....Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)  
 Attempted 50-59 passes: .....Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2001 (52)  
 Attempted 40-49 passes: .....Curtis Painter, Purdue, 2006 (46)  
 Completed 30 or more passes: .....Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)  
 Completed 20-29 passes: .....Curtis Painter, Purdue, 2006 (23)  
 Threw five or more TDs: .....Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)  
 Threw four TDs: .....Derek Anderson, Oregon State, 2004 (4)  
 Threw three TDs: .....Chad Henne, Michigan, 2006 (3)  
 Completed a pass of 90 yards or more: .....Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)  
 Completed a pass of 80-89 yards: .....Curtis Painter, Purdue, 2006 (88)  
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards: .....T.C. Ostrander, Stanford, 2005 (76)  
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards: .....Chad Henne, Michigan, 2006 (69)  
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards: .....Patrick Cowan, UCLA, 2006 (54)

### RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes: .....Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (14)  
 Caught seven to nine passes: .....Selwyn Lymon, Purdue, 2006 (8)  
 Had 200 or more yards receiving: .....Selwyn Lymon, Purdue, 2006 (238)  
 Had 150-199 yards receiving: .....Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)  
 Had 100-149 yards receiving: .....Marcus Everett, UCLA, 2006 (102)  
 Caught three or more TD passes: .....Mario Manningham, Michigan, 2006 (3)  
 Caught two TD passes: .....Selwyn Lymon, Purdue, 2006 (2)

### SCORING

Accounted for five or more touchdowns: .....Matt Leinart, USC, 2004  
 (5 passing)  
 Accounted for four touchdowns: .....Matt Trannon, Michigan State, 2005  
 (3 receiving, 1 rushing)  
 Accounted for three touchdowns: .....Chad Henne, Michigan, 2006  
 (3 passing)

### DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes: .....Rad Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)  
 Intercepted two passes: .....Preston Burgess, Michigan, 2006 (2)  
 Recorded three or more sacks: .....Justin Hickman, UCLA (3)  
 Recorded two sacks: .....Clifton Ryan, Michigan State, 2006 (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: .....Jared Armstrong, Purdue, 2006 (69)  
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards: .....Karl Whittaker, Navy, 2005 (159)

## Game Summaries

### Game #1 • Sept. 2, 2006

#### No. 2 Notre Dame 14, Georgia Tech 10

Atlanta, Georgia • Bobby Dodd Stadium (56,680)

**(AP)** - Notre Dame actually won a defensive struggle, scoring just enough points to avoid a major upset at the start of its most anticipated season in years.

Brady Quinn and hometown favorite Darius Walker each ran for a touchdown Saturday night as the No. 2 Fighting Irish, with their highest preseason ranking since 1994, rallied for a 14-10 victory over Georgia Tech.

Notre Dame fell behind 10-0 and was on the verge of going scoreless in the opening half for the first time in nearly two years. But Quinn ran it in from the 5 on a gutsy call by coach Charlie Weis with just 11 seconds remaining.

Then, taking advantage of a personal foul against the Yellow Jackets, Walker raced to the corner for a 13-yard touchdown with 6 1/2 minutes to go in the third period. There was a smattering of cheers in the crowd for the former high school star from suburban Atlanta, who finished with 99 yards rushing and caught four passes.

Quinn, who finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting while breaking nearly every Notre Dame passing record last season, completed 23-of-38 for 246 yards and converted a fourth-and-1 sneak near midfield with 1:07 remaining that sealed the victory.

But it was the Notre Dame defense that preserved this one, holding Georgia Tech to 259 yards and removing some of the sting from its last performance. In the Fiesta Bowl, the Fighting Irish gave up a school-record 617 yards in a loss to Ohio State.

Georgia Tech's star receiver, Calvin Johnson, came up with seven catches for 111 yards and his team's lone TD. But he did most of his damage in the first half, coming up with two catches for 16 yards over the final two quarters against a team that ranked 103rd nationally against the pass in 2005.

Notre Dame scored the winning touchdown after a personal foul on Philip Wheeler kept the drive going.

On third-and-10 at the Georgia Tech 18, Quinn couldn't find anyone open, so he took off running. He was heading out of bounds well short of the first down when Wheeler came up and delivered a helmet-to-helmet hit while the quarterback was still in bounds.

Quinn went flying and so did the penalty flag that gave Notre Dame first-and-goal. Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey screamed at referee Dan Capron, who was nearly hit by a water bottle that came flying from the stands as he signaled the penalty.

After a holding call backed Notre Dame up, Walker got the handoff on a draw, cut to the outside and outraced Kenny Scott to the corner. Just to make sure he got in, Walker stuck the ball over the line with his right arm as he dove at the pylon.

Georgia Tech had a chance after Carl Gioia missed his second field-goal attempt of the night. Quarterback Reggie Ball broke off a couple of runs that gave the Yellow Jackets first down at the Notre Dame 45.

But a low snap led to a 5-yard sack of Ball, and he was dumped again for a 14-yard loss by Maurice Crum Jr. Georgia Tech had to punt it away, and the Fighting Irish ran out the final 5 1/2 minutes.

Johnson went deep in the second quarter, running past Darrin Walls to haul in a 45-yard pass to the Notre Dame 12. The Yellow Jackets stalled there and settled for Travis Bell's 30-yard field goal.

But Quinn and the Fighting Irish finally got going, converting a couple of key third-down plays before they reached the Georgia Tech 5 and called their final timeout with 16 seconds remaining in the half.

Notre Dame lined up with two receivers to one side, three to the other and no one behind Quinn. It was all a ruse, designed to spread out the Georgia Tech defense.

Quinn took one step back, then burst up the middle and dove into the end zone. If he had come up short, it's doubtful the Fighting Irish would have been able to line up for another play.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Notre Dame	0	7	7	0	14
Georgia Tech	7	3	0	0	10

#### Scoring Summary:

1st 00:35 GT Johnson, C. 4 yd pass from Ball, R. (Bell, T. kick), 7-74, 1:28  
 2nd 04:45 GT Bell, T. 30 yd field goal, 8-50, 3:29  
 00:11 ND Brady Quinn 5 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 14-80, 4:34  
 3rd 06:33 ND Darius Walker 13 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 14-64, 5:29

	ND	GT
FIRST DOWNS	21	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-138	28-119
PASSING YDS (NET)	246	140
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-23-0	24-12-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	78-384	52-259
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-30	3-24
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-79	2-35
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-50.4	7-48.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-80	5-28
Possession Time	35:25	24:35
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 16	2 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-14	2-19

### Game #2 • Sept. 9, 2006

#### No. 4 Notre Dame 41, No. 19 Penn State 17

Notre Dame, Indiana • Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

**(AP)** - Brady Quinn threw three touchdowns and the Notre Dame offense returned to fantastic form in a 41-17 victory over No. 19 Penn State.

Quinn, the Heisman hyped quarterback, was 12-of-16 passing for 150 yards and two touchdowns in the second quarter alone as fourth-ranked Notre Dame opened a 20-0 lead. The defense and special teams chipped in, too, breaking the game open in the third quarter by scoring one touchdown and setting up another as the Fighting Irish cruised. The game was essentially over at halftime.

Coach Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions (1-1) haven't beaten a ranked team on the road since a 34-31 win at No. 19 Wisconsin on Oct. 5, 2002. It was a disappointing performance for the Nittany Lions, who were eager to show they're ready to be national contenders again after winning the Big Ten last year.

Quinn and the Irish looked much sharper than they did a week earlier in a 14-10 victory at Georgia Tech, when they played so inconsistently that even Weis dropped the Irish a few spots on his ballot in the coaches' poll.

Asked how it felt to beat a coach like Paterno, Weis said: "I was happy to beat Penn State. ... We were happy to beat a team as good as Penn State the way we did today."

Quinn threw touchdown passes to Samardzija, Rhema McKnight and Darius Walker.

Through two games Quinn has 533 yards passing - well ahead of last year's pace of 367 yards.

Weis said the only bad pass he thought Quinn threw was when he overthrew John Carlson in the end zone early in the second half and the Irish had to settle for a field goal.

Quinn said the big difference was the play off the offensive line, which wasn't very good against Georgia Tech.

Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny said the Irish caught the Nittany Lions off guard.

Safety Tom Zbikowski returned a fumble for a 25-yard touchdown for Notre Dame and Travis Thomas - the running back turned starting linebacker - set up his own 1-yard TD run with a 43-yard run on a fake punt.

Anthony Morelli, making his second career start for the Lions, found playing on the road a little more difficult than playing Akron at home. He was 21 of 33 passing with one interception and a fumble. He threw a 2-yard TD pass to Deon Butler with 5:51 left in the game.

The difference in the game was that Notre Dame was able to overcome its mistakes, while the Nittany Lions could not. The Irish again struggled early with penalties, two that stalled drives. Then Zbikowski couldn't handle a punt, but it bounced forward and Raeshon McNeil recovered for the Irish.

The Nittany Lions had a botched field-goal attempt on their first possession. Then Tony Hunt fumbled the ball on Penn State's second possession and Ronald Talley recovered for the Irish. On their first possession of the second half, Irish linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. knocked the ball loose when he hit Morelli. Zbikowski picked up the fumble and went in for a touchdown.

The Irish special teams contributed as well. Carl Gioia, who missed both his field goal attempts against Tech a week earlier, kicked two from 35 yards, and Geoff Price had a 62-yard punt.

The victory gives Notre Dame a 9-8-1 edge in the series, with the two teams meeting again next season in State College. It was the first meeting between the two storied schools since Penn State joined the Big Ten in 1993.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	0	0	3	14	17
Notre Dame	3	17	14	7	41

#### Scoring Summary:

1st 09:40 ND Carl Gioia 35 yd field goal, 12-63 5:20  
 2nd 10:42 ND Carl Gioia 35 yd field goal, 13-37 4:35  
 03:58 ND Jeff Samardzija 7 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 9-75 4:11  
 00:07 ND Rhema McKnight 9 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 7-69 1:17  
 3rd 13:58 ND Tom Zbikowski 25 yd fumble recovery (Carl Gioia kick)  
 11:29 PSU Kelly, Kevin 28 yd field goal, 10-69 2:29  
 04:33 ND Travis Thomas 1 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 8-55 2:36  
 4th 12:07 ND Darius Walker 15 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 10-46 5:05  
 05:51 PSU Butler, Deon 2 yd pass from Morelli, Anthony (Kelly, Kevin kick), 18-89 6:16  
 00:20 PSU Clark, Darryl 5 yd run (Kelly, Kevin kick), 13-83 3:20

	PSU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	25	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-158	36-110
PASSING YDS (NET)	225	287
Passes Att-Comp-Int	41-24-1	36-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	74-383	72-397
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-25
Punt Returns-Yards	2-12	2-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-79	1-13
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-1
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-35.0	3-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	6-64
Possession Time	26:49	33:11
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	5 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 4	4 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-24	2-14

## Game Summaries

### Game #3 • Sept. 16, 2006

#### No. 11 Michigan 47, No. 2 Notre Dame 21

Notre Dame, Indiana • Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

**(AP)** - No. 11 Michigan finally put a Big Blue bruising on the second-ranked Fighting Irish in a 47-21 rout Saturday - the most points scored against Notre Dame at home in 46 years.

Chad Henne threw three touchdown passes to Mario Manningham, and the Wolverines intercepted Brady Quinn three times and shut down the rest of the Irish offense.

Prescott Burgess intercepted Quinn on the second play of the game to set the tone. The Wolverines were ahead 26-7 before the Irish had their initial first down.

The Wolverines (3-0) ended a two-game losing streak to Notre Dame (2-1) as well as a three-game slide at Notre Dame Stadium. The 47 points were second only to the 51 scored at Notre Dame by Purdue in 1960.

It was a huge win for Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, who had been under fire for failing to win big games the past two seasons - twice in bowl games, and twice each to Notre Dame and Ohio State. Carr, though, improved to 4-1 against No. 2 teams and 16-6 against Top 10 teams.

For Notre Dame, the loss was another setback on its road to restore its storied program. In 2000, there was a 41-9 loss to Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl when the Irish were No. 10; three years ago it was a 38-0 loss to Michigan; and last year it was a 34-20 loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl when the Irish were ranked No. 4.

It was just the eighth time the Irish have given up at least 40 points at home.

The Wolverines jumped on Notre Dame mistakes, including a pass that sailed through the hands of tight end John Carlson to Burgess, who returned it 31 yards for a touchdown. Then Manningham was left open for a 69-yard touchdown catch and David Grimes fumbled a kickoff return that set up a 2-yard TD run by Mike Hart, who finished with 124 yards on 31 carries.

Henne then threw TD passes of 20 and 22 yards to Manningham to make it 34-7. The 34 points were the most allowed in a half by Notre Dame since 1998 when the Irish gave up 42 points in the first half in a 45-3 loss at Michigan State.

The 34 first-half points by an opponent were the most since Purdue scored 45 in its '51-19 win in 1960.

Quinn, touted as the Heisman Trophy favorite, was just 3-of-13 passing for 14 yards before going 7-of-7 for 71 yards in leading the Irish to a touchdown drive just before halftime, cutting the score to 34-14.

Michigan held Notre Dame to 4 yards rushing on 17 carries and 245 total offense, 1 yard more than the Irish had against Michigan last season in their worst offensive output under Charlie Weis. The difference Saturday is Notre Dame gained most of its yards well after the game was decided.

Hart had his third straight 100-yard game. The Wolverines improved to 12-1 in games when he runs for 100 or more yards.

It also was a big day for Henne, who last season was heavily criticized for his performance in Notre Dame's 17-10 victory.

Henne got off to a rocky start Saturday, throwing a pass that was picked off by Chinedum Ndukwe. Ndukwe returned it 51 yards to the Michigan 4 to set up Notre Dame's first score. But he finished the day 12-of-22 for 220 yards.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Michigan	20	14	6	7	47
Notre Dame	7	7	0	7	21

#### Scoring Summary:

1st	14:19	UM	Burgess, Preston 31 yd interception return (Rivas, Garrett kick)
	10:16	UND	Ashley McConnell 3 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 2-4 0-54
	03:53	UM	Manningham, M. 69 yd pass from Henne, Chad (Rivas, Garrett kick blkd), 4-80 2:15
	01:12	UM	Hart, Mike 2 yd run (Rivas, Garrett kick), 4-27 2:41
2nd	11:26	UM	Manningham, M. 20 yd pass from Henne, Chad (Rivas, Garrett kick), 6-54 2:41
	02:30	UM	Manningham, M. 22 yd pass from Henne, Chad (Rivas, Garrett kick), 10-59 4:48
	00:20	UND	Jeff Samardzija 4 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 8-72 2:10
3rd	05:20	UM	Rivas, Garrett 20 yd field goal, 4-1 1:42
	00:00	UM	Rivas, Garrett 33 yd field goal, 9-51 4:00
4th	12:41	UND	Rhema McKnight 28 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 8-80 2:19
	03:23	UM	Woodley, LaMarr 54 yd fumble recovery (Rivas, Garrett kick)

	UM	ND
FIRST DOWNS	17	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-120	17-4
PASSING YDS (NET)	220	241
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-13-1	49-25-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-340	66-245
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-54	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-64	1-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-59	7-158
Interception Returns-Yards	3-66	1-51
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-37.5	7-51.9
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-70	11-84
Possession Time	33:56	26:04
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	2 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-19	2-12

### Game #4 • Sept. 23, 2006

#### No. 12 Notre Dame 40, Michigan State 37

East Lansing, Mich. • Spartan Stadium (80,193)

**(AP)** - Trailing by 17 points at halftime, Notre Dame faced a sobering reality: A season that began with so much promise was about to be derailed by a second straight defeat.

Coming off a blowout loss to Michigan, the Irish looked beaten again - still down 16 going into the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Michigan State looked unstoppable in front of a fired-up crowd.

In stunning fashion, the Irish stepped up.

Cornerback Terrail Lambert capped a furious rally by returning an interception 27 yards for a touchdown with 2:53 remaining to give the 12th-ranked Fighting Irish a 40-37 victory over the Spartans on Saturday night.

The loss shocked Michigan State (3-1) and its fans, who remained in the stands despite heavy rain in the second half, convinced they were going to see the Spartans beat the Irish (3-1) for the eighth time in 10 meetings.

But it wasn't to be.

Lambert made sure of that, following up his score by ending the Spartans' hopes moments later with a juggling interception of Drew Stanton's pass in the closing seconds.

That the decisive plays came from the Irish defense, exposed in the loss to the Wolverines and for much of the game Saturday, may have been the biggest surprise.

But the Irish offense also clicked late, led by quarterback Brady Quinn.

Quinn started slow, going just 2-of-8 for 6 yards in the first quarter as Michigan State jumped out to a 17-0 lead.

But he finished 20-of-36 for 319 yards with five TDs against one interception.

The Irish trailed 37-21 entering the fourth quarter. But Quinn threw TD passes to Jeff Samardzija (43 yards) and Rhema McKnight (14 yards) to cut the lead to 37-33 with 4:57 remaining.

McKnight's score was set up by another big play from the defense. Notre Dame safety Chinedum Ndukwe stripped the ball from Stanton and recovered it at the Michigan State 24 with about 6 minutes remaining.

Michigan State's Jehu Caulcrick finished with 111 yards and a TD on eight carries. Stanton ran for 53 yards, and completed 10 of 22 passes for 114 yards. He had two TD passes and the two interceptions.

The Spartans led this one 31-14 at halftime and looked as if they should be preparing for another postgame celebration.

It was all Michigan State early, as the Spartans rolled up 260 yards of offense in the first half.

After forcing a Notre Dame punt, the Spartans scored on a three-play, 73-yard drive on their first possession. The drive was capped by a 34-yard touchdown pass from Stanton to Kerry Reed.

Notre Dame's Tom Zbikowski fumbled a punt that Michigan State's punter, Brandon Fields, recovered at the 50. The Spartans scored on a trick play, with receiver Matt Trannon throwing a 26-yard TD pass to a wide-open Javan Ringer.

Brett Swenson added a 32-yard field goal late in the first quarter to make it 17-0.

But the Spartans struggled in the second half as turnovers and penalties cost them.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Notre Dame	0	14	7	19	40
Michigan State	17	14	6	0	37

#### Scoring Summary:

1st	12:15	MSU	Reed, Kerry 34 yd pass from Stanton, Drew (Swenson, Brett kick), 3-73 0:58
	06:49	MSU	Ringer, Javan 26 yd pass from Trannon, Matt (Swenson, Brett kick), 4-50 1:09
	01:39	MSU	Swenson, Brett 32 yd field goal, 7-43 3:02
2nd	11:07	ND	Rhema McKnight 32 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 5-60 1:45
	09:04	MSU	Baldwin, Ervin 19 yd interception return (Swenson, Brett kick)
	06:45	ND	Jeff Samardzija 17 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 7-72 2:08
	02:11	MSU	Reed, Kerry 15 yd pass from Stanton, Drew (Swenson, Brett kick), 8-59 3:12
3rd	11:13	ND	John Carlson 62 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 5-80 1:57
	05:50	MSU	Caulcrick, J. 30 yd run (Swenson, Brett rush fumbled), 4-62 1:00
4th	08:18	ND	Jeff Samardzija 43 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Darius Walker rush failed), 5-80 1:56
	04:57	ND	Rhema McKnight 14 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick failed), 2-24 1:13
	02:53	ND	Terrail Lambert 27 yd interception return (Carl Gioia kick)

	ND	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	13	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	17-47	43-248
PASSING YDS (NET)	319	140
Passes Att-Comp-Int	36-20-1	23-11-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	53-366	66-388
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-25	1-15
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-99	5-100
Interception Returns-Yards	2-27	1-19
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-43.3	7-46.9
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-58	9-75
Possession Time	24:21	35:39
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 11	3 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-26	2-11

## Game Summaries

### Game #5 • Sept. 30, 2006

#### No. 12 Notre Dame 35, Purdue 21

#### Notre Dame, Indiana • Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

**(AP)** - Brady Quinn, Darius Walker and the Notre Dame offense were at their best against one of the nation's worst defenses.

Quinn picked apart Purdue, completing 24 of his first 28 passes to help the 12th-ranked Irish build a three-touchdown lead on their way to a 35-21 victory Saturday.

Quinn finished 29-for-38 for 316 yards against the Boilermakers, who entered the game with the fifth-worst pass defense in the country. The Irish, who entered the game with the nation's 12th-worst rushing offense, got 146 yards on 36 carries by Darius Walker.

The Fighting Irish withstood a big day by Curtis Painter and the Boilermakers' offense. Painter was 23-for-46 for 398 yards and Selwyn Lymon had eight catches for 238 yards - the second most by a Purdue receiver and the most ever by an Irish opponent.

The Irish improved to 4-1 for the second straight season - the first time they have had one loss or fewer after five games in consecutive seasons since the 1993-94 seasons. The loss ended a seven-game winning streak for Purdue (4-1).

The Irish offense, which had played inconsistently in its first four games, finally looked like last season's record-setting group. They opened a 28-7 lead late in the first half, when they had 19 first downs - matching the season-high they had for an entire game in a 41-17 win over Penn State.

Purdue simply couldn't slow the Irish.

The Boilermakers finished with 490 yards offense, but also put themselves in a hole with a fumble and a missed field goal.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller said the Boilermakers can't afford to squander scoring chances.

Rhema McKnight added a career-high 10 catches for 120 yards and two touchdowns as the Fighting Irish, who scored on four of their first five possessions, had a season-high 454 total yards.

George West opened the scoring for the Irish on an 11-yard end around, marking the first time the Irish scored a touchdown on their first possession this season. Walker added a 14-yard run giving the Irish 14 points in the first quarter, surpassing the 10 first-quarter points they had scored combined in their first four games.

The Irish opened a 28-7 lead late in the second quarter with a faked field goal when Jeff Samardzija, the holder, picked up the ball and ran untouched for a 5-yard TD.

The Boilermakers cut the score to 28-14 just 32 seconds later, on the long hook up between Painter and Lymon. Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski and cornerback Darrin Walls both had a shot at Lymon at the Notre Dame 38, but Lymon broke free for the score.

But the Irish scored on their first possession of the second half, a 12-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight, and the Boilermakers never got any closer than two touchdowns.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Purdue	7	7	0	7	21
Notre Dame	14	14	7	0	35

#### Scoring Summary:

1st	11:46	ND	George West 11 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 7-70, 3:14
	03:35	PUR	Sheets, Kory 7 yd run (Summers, Chris kick), 6-86, 3:10
	00:42	ND	Darius Walker 14 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 7-78, 2:53
2nd	08:50	ND	Rhema McKnight 6 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 10-72, 4:04
	01:22	ND	Jeff Samardzija 5 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 12-66, 5:46
	00:50	PUR	Lymon, Selwyn 88 yd pass from Painter, Curtis (Summers, Chris kick), 2-88, 0:32
3rd	09:38	ND	Rhema McKnight 12 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 8-64, 4:05
4th	07:16	PUR	Lymon, Selwyn 9 yd pass from Painter, Curtis (Summers, Chris kick), 10-87, 2:49

	PUR	ND
FIRST DOWNS	24	33
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	18-92	43-138
PASSING YDS (NET)	398	316
Passes Att-Comp-Int	46-23-0	38-29-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	64-490	81-454
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	1-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-131	3-60
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-52.0	3-45.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-74	5-36
Possession Time	21:59	38:01
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	8 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 3	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-29	0-0

### Game #6 • Oct. 7, 2006

#### No. 12 Notre Dame 31, Stanford 10

#### Notre Dame, Indiana • Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

**(AP)** - Not quite a blowout, though far from a scare, No. 12 Notre Dame had a comfortable day against winless Stanford.

Brady Quinn threw for three touchdowns, Darius Walker ran for a season-high 153 yards and a touchdown and the Notre Dame defense played its best game of the season in a 31-10 win over the Cardinal on Saturday.

Weis, who threatened the Irish with a long, hard bye week if they didn't play well against Stanford - which nearly upset the Irish last season - was pleased that Quinn was 27 of 37 passing for 232 yards, that the Irish rushed for 204 yards, converted on 7 of 13 third downs and didn't have a turnover.

Despite being held to 226 yards total offense and the Cardinal being held to a field goal on first-and-goal from the 4 early in the game, Stanford coach Walt Harris found reason for hope.

The Irish, who won their first eight games in 2002, are off to their second best start since also starting the 1998 season 5-1. Stanford (0-6) is off to its worst start since losing its first six games in 1983 en route to a 1-10 season.

Quinn completed TD passes to Jeff Samardzija, Rhema McKnight and John Carlson. It was the fourth time this season Quinn has thrown at least three TD passes and the 12th time in his career.

It was the second straight 100-yard game for Walker and his second best game rushing. Walker, who also had six catches for 45 yards, rushed for 186 yards on 35 carries against Stanford last season. The Irish finished with a season-high 204 yards rushing against the Cardinal defense, which entered the game last in the nation in rushing defense at 282.8 yards a game.

The Irish defense, which entered the game ranked 92nd in the nation, held Stanford to a field goal through three quarters before finally getting beat on a 57-yard halfback pass from Anthony Kimble to Kelton Lynn 33 seconds into the fourth quarter - the longest play of the season for the Cardinal.

But the Irish defense played solidly, holding the Cardinal to 72 yards rushing and 226 yards total offense - the fewest yards allowed by the Irish this season. They held the Cardinal to three-and-out on three straight possessions in the first half and sacked Trent Edwards five times - three by defensive end Victor Abiamiri, who had four sacks against the Cardinal last season.

The Irish, who needed a last-minute touchdown a year ago to beat Stanford, took control late in the second quarter. They drove 68 yards in 2:26 to go ahead 14-3 on a 15-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight with 29 seconds left in the first half. Quinn was 5-of-6 passing on the drive for 32 yards, completing a 15-yard TD pass to McKnight. McKnight caught the ball at the 7, cut inside cornerback Brandon Harrison and ran untouched to the end zone. It was his fifth straight game with a touchdown.

The Irish then went ahead 21-3 by scoring on their first possession of the second half. Walker scored on a 32-yard run, his longest run of the season. Walker accounted for 65 yards on the 76-yard drive, with a 14-yard catch on a swing pass and 51 yards on three runs.

The Irish added a 35-yard field goal by Carl Gioia and a one-handed TD catch by Carlson.

It was one of the few complaints Weis had, aside from Stanford's long touchdown. But the Irish know they played well enough to keep Weis happy.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Stanford	3	0	0	7	10
Notre Dame	7	7	10	7	31

#### Scoring Summary:

1st	07:50	UND	Jeff Samardzija 8 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 17-91 7:10
	01:15	STAN	Zagory, Aaron 19 yd field goal, 14-71 6:35
2nd	00:29	UND	Rhema McKnight 15 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 9-68 2:26
3rd	09:25	UND	Darius Walker 32 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 6-76 2:32
	01:02	UND	Carl Gioia 35 yd field goal, 10-46 4:30
4th	14:27	STAN	Lynn, Kelton 57 yd pass from Kimble, Anthony (Zagory, Aaron kick), 4-80 1:35
	09:12	UND	John Carlson 1 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 12-77 5:15

	STAN	ND
FIRST DOWNS	14	29
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-72	39-204
PASSING YDS (NET)	154	232
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-10-1	38-27-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	49-226	77-436
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	1-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-64	3-40
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-34.2	3-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-47	4-37
Possession Time	25:20	34:40
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 8	7 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	5-36

## Game Summaries

### Game #7 • Oct. 21, 2006

#### No. 10 Notre Dame 21, UCLA 17

#### Notre Dame, Indiana • Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

**(AP)** - Brady Quinn threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Samardzija with 27 seconds left to give 10th-ranked Notre Dame an improbable 20-17 comeback victory over UCLA.

It appeared as though Notre Dame had squandered its last chance to win when Quinn was stuffed on a fourth-and-1 from the Notre Dame 35 with 2:25 left. But the Irish held UCLA to three-and-out to give Quinn one last chance.

Because the Irish (6-1) were able to stop the clock twice with timeouts during the Bruins' short series, they got the ball back with 62 seconds left. Quinn hit Samardzija with a 21-yard pass and David Grimes with a 14-yard pass to move to the UCLA 45. He then threw the TD pass to Samardzija, who cut inside safety Dennis Keyes at the 20-yard line. Keyes managed to knock Samardzija off balance, but the Notre Dame receiver kept his feet and made it to the end zone, keeping the Irish's hopes for a berth in the Bowl Championship Series alive.

It was just the third time Notre Dame has won a game with a touchdown in the final 30 seconds. The other two times were in a 17-16 win over Penn State in snowy conditions in 1992, and in a 35-34 victory over Houston in the Cotton Bowl at the end of the 1978 season.

UCLA (4-3), which upset No. 10 California last season, narrowly missed out on repeating the feat.

Quinn was 27-of-45 passing for 304 yards with two TD passes to Samardzija, who tied the school record of 22 career touchdown catches held by Derrick Mayes in 1995. Samardzija, who had a 2-yard TD pass in the first quarter, finished with eight catches for 118 yards.

Patrick Cowan, making just his second start in place of injured Ben Olson, was 16-of-32 passing for 217 yards and completed two of the three longest passes for UCLA this season, both for touchdowns. He completed passes of 54 yards to Marcus Everett and a 36-yarder to tight end William Snead - the first career catch for the converted defensive end.

Everett scored early in the second quarter on third-and-10, racing untouched to the end zone with Notre Dame cornerback Mike Richardson chasing after him. It surpassed UCLA's previous longest passing play of the season, a 46-yard catch by tight end Logan Paulsen in the season opener against Utah.

The Bruins scored again two possessions later following a 22-yard punt by Geoff Price, who entered the game second in the nation with 46.6 yards a punt. UCLA again scored on third down from the 36, with Cowan hitting Snead at the 24 and Snead running over safeties Ray Herring and Chinedum Ndukwe at the 5.

UCLA entered the game with just eight passes of 20 yards or more, seven of them coming against Utah and Stanford. The two TD passes were the seventh and eighth time the Irish gave up pass plays of 35 yards or more. Cowan also had a 24-yard pass to Justin Taylor.

Justin Medlock, who had made 14 straight field goals, missed a 47-yard attempt after UCLA was called for a false start. But he kicked a 29-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to give the Bruins a 17-13 lead.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
UCLA	0	14	0	3	- 17
Notre Dame	7	3	3	7	- 20

#### Scoring Summary:

1st	04:04	UND	Jeff Samardzija 2 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 7-44 3:40
2nd	13:42	UCLA	Everett, Marcus 54 yd pass from Cowan, Patrick (Medlock, Justin kick), 10-87 3:31
	07:18	UCLA	Snead, William 36 yd pass from Cowan, Patrick (Medlock, Justin kick), 3-39 1:01
	00:00	UND	Carl Gioia 20 yd field goal, 19-77 7:18
3rd	01:50	UND	Carl Gioia 33 yd field goal, 14-60 6:55
4th	07:19	UCLA	Medlock, Justin 29 yd field goal, 11-48 4:22
	00:27	UND	Jeff Samardzija 45 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 3-80 0:35

	UCLA	ND
FIRST DOWNS	12	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	28-26	35-41
PASSING YDS (NET)	217	304
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-16-1	45-27-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	60-243	80-345
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-25	2-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-81	3-53
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-46.5	7-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-55	6-50
Possession Time	25:46	34:14
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	4 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	4 of 5
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-33	3-26

### Game #8 • Oct. 28, 2006

#### No. 11 Notre Dame 38, Navy 14

#### Baltimore, Maryland • M&T Bank Stadium (71,851)

**(AP)** - Brady Quinn enjoyed an afternoon that would have satisfied almost every quarterback in the nation, especially one with a shot at winning the Heisman Trophy.

Quinn accounted for four touchdowns and No. 11 Notre Dame amassed a season-high 471 yards Saturday in a 38-14 victory over Navy, the Fighting Irish's 43rd consecutive win in the series.

With Quinn leading the way, the Irish (7-1) scored on their first five possessions to take a 31-14 lead. The Irish were then stuffed at the Navy 1 before Quinn completed his marvelous performance with his third touchdown pass.

Six scores in seven possessions is impressive work, but Quinn lamented Notre Dame's lone unproductive drive. What could possibly be better than scoring 31 points on the opening five drives?

Quinn finished 18-for-25 for 295 yards, and he also ran 19 yards for a score. Darius Walker ran for 103 yards on 20 carries and Rhema McKnight had two touchdown catches to help the Irish win their fifth straight.

Although Quinn found fault with the offense, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis was delighted with the way the Irish played after last week's 21-17 comeback win over UCLA.

For a while, Navy kept pace with the Irish. Notre Dame led 17-14 in the second quarter and yielded 211 yards rushing before halftime.

Navy quarterback Kalpa-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada scored two touchdowns in his first college start and Reggie Campbell ran for 81 yards, but the Midshipmen couldn't mount enough offense to beat Notre Dame for the first time since Roger Staubach pioneered a 35-14 win in 1963.

Notre Dame's winning streak against Navy (5-3) is the longest against one opponent in NCAA history.

By the time the Midshipmen got that one stop, it was 31-14. And Quinn made amends for that shortcoming on the next series, throwing a 6-yard touchdown pass to McKnight for a 24-point cushion with 9:36 left.

Notre Dame led 17-14 in the second quarter before Quinn threw a 33-yard TD pass to McKnight.

After Navy ended its first possession of the second half with a punt, Quinn capped a 60-yard drive with a 19-yard run - his longest since 2004 - to make it 31-14. The drive was extended by a personal foul call against the Midshipmen after Notre Dame came up short on a third-and-19 play.

Navy completed only four passes and managed only 60 yards rushing after halftime.

Navy kept it close before halftime, even though the Irish averaged 9.9 yards on 29 plays.

Walker ran for 18 yards on the game's first play from scrimmage, and Notre Dame went up 3-0 on a 40-yard field goal by Carl Gioia. Quinn's first pass was a 12-yarder to John Carlson, giving the senior quarterback a school-record 44 straight games with a completion.

Notre Dame made it 10-0 with a 36-yard pass from Quinn to David Grimes, who made a diving catch in the left side of the end zone on third-and-18.

Navy countered with a 1-yard touchdown run by Kaheaku-Enhada, but the Irish needed only seven plays to make it 17-7. Travis Thomas scored on a 16-yard run to cap the drive.

Navy mounted a 13-play drive that ended with a 1-yard run by Kaheaku-Enhada, but the Midshipmen would get no closer.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Notre Dame	10	14	7	7	- 38
Navy	0	14	0	0	- 14

#### Scoring Summary:

1st	11:45	UND	GIOIA, Carl 40 yd field goal, 7-40 3:15
	01:32	UND	GRIMES, David 36 yd pass from QUINN, Brady (GIOIA, Carl kick), 9-80 4:55
2nd	11:39	NAVY	Kaheaku-Enhada 1 yd run (Harmon, Matt kick), 9-80 4:53
	08:00	UND	THOMAS, Travis 16 yd run (GIOIA, Carl kick), 7-76 3:39
	02:43	NAVY	Kaheaku-Enhada 1 yd run (Harmon, Matt kick), 13-65 5:17
	01:19	UND	McKNIGHT, Rhema 33 yd pass from QUINN, Brady (GIOIA, Carl kick), 7-80 1:24
3rd	08:10	UND	QUINN, Brady 19 yd run (GIOIA, Carl kick), 9-69 4:37
4th	09:36	UND	McKNIGHT, Rhema 6 yd pass from QUINN, Brady (GIOIA, Carl kick), 7-47 2:42

	ND	Navy
FIRST DOWNS	25	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	37-176	56-271
PASSING YDS (NET)	295	43
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-18-0	7-4-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-471	63-314
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-36	4-53
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	4-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	4-43
Possession Time	30:39	29:21
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	5 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	3 of 5	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-21	1-8



**Numerical Roster**

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Hord, D.J.	WR
2	Walls, Darrin	DB
3	Walker, Darius	RB
4	Jones, Demetrius	QB
5	McKnight, Rhema	WR
6	Herring, Ray	DB
7	Cardillo, Craig	WR
8	McNeil, Raeshon	DB
9	Zbikowski, Tom	DB
10	Quinn, Brady	QB
11	Grimes, David	WR
12	Frazer, Zach	QB
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB
14	Renkes, Bobby	K
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB
16	Gillett, Justin	QB
17	Price, Geoff	P
18	Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB
19	West, George	WR
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR
22	Wooden, Ambrose	DB
23	Anastasio, Chase	WR
23	Williams, William David	DB
24	Erickson, Brandon	WR
24	Gordon, Leonard	DB
25	Prince, Munir	RB
26	Thomas, Travis	LB
27	Bruton, David	DB
27	Lyons, John	RB
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB
29	Gaines, Jashaad	DB
29	Richardville, Jake	WR
30	Richardson, Mike	DB
31	Brown, Sergio	DB
32	Schmidt, Luke	RB
33	Whitaker, Nate	K
34	Aldridge, James	RB
35	Kenney, Tim	DB
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB
36	Cure, Dex	RB
37	Jabbie, Junior	RB
38	Iams, Wade	DB
38	Possley, Nick	WR
39	Brooks, Kevin	TE
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB
41	Smith, Scott	LB
42	Costanzo, David	WR
42	Washington, Kevin	LB
43	Anello, Mike	DB
43	Maust, Eric	P
44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB

**ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School
95	***Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	265	Sr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School
34	Aldridge, James	RB	6-0	213	Fr.	7-6-87	Crown Point, Ind.	Merrillville
23	**Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	199	Sr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson
43	+Anello, Mike	DB	5-10	165	So.	1-20-87	Orland Park, Ill.	Carl Sandburg
49	+Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	236	Sr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel
67	+Bemenderfer, Thomas	OL	6-5	285			Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn
56	*Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	239	Sr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep
81	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	Jr.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmine Prep
52	**Brockington, Joe	LB	6-2	232	Sr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra
39	+Brooks, Kevin	TE	6-2	241	Fr.	7-9-87	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Crespi Carmelite/Jeremiah Ross
94	*Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	249	Jr.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara
31	Brown, Sergio	DB	6-2	196	Fr.	5-22-88	Maywood, Ill.	Proviso East
27	*Bruton, David	DB	6-2	202	So.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	5-11	196	Fr.	3-30-87	Wakarusa, Ind.	Northwood
7	+Cardillo, Craig	WR	6-0	170	Sr.	11-1-83	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Happauge
89	**Carlson, John	TE	6-6	256	Sr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield
73	Carufel, Matt	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	11-20-87	Forest Lake, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
46	+Charters, Kyle	LB	5-11	215	Jr.	2-23-85	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.	Trabuco Hills
64	+Chervanick, Dan	OL	6-1	260	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name
42	+Costanzo, David	WR	5-9	165	So.	6-29-87	El Paso, Texas	Chapin
40	*Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech
60	*Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	241	Sr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph
36	+Cure, Dex	RB	6-1	220	Fr.	2-13-87	Wray, Colo.	Wray
72	Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	So.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding
24	+Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro
15	*Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	189	Jr.	9-22-86	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep
12	Frazer, Zach	QB	6-5	226	Fr.	2-23-88	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Mechanicsburg
87	***Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	246	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
75	*Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	266	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart
29	Gaines, Jashaad	DB	6-0	196	Fr.	12-19-86	Las Vegas, Nev.	Las Vegas
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR	5-11	181	Fr.	10-14-87	Wellesley, Mass.	Belmont Hill
16	+Gillett, Justin	QB	5-11	180	Jr.	1-16-86	Santa Barbara, Calif.	San Marcos
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	170	Sr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso
24	Gordon, Leonard	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	5-29-88	Clarksville, Tenn.	Fort Campbell (Ky.)
11	*Grimes, David	WR	5-10	174	So.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres
92	Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	287	So.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic
68	***Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	285	Sr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
6	*Herring, Ray	DB	5-10	190	So.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	192	So.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst
38	+Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	183	Jr.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn
37	Jabbie, Junior	RB	5-11	196	Jr.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School
80	Jackson, Richard	WR	6-3	204	Fr.	9-25-87	Clermont, Fla.	East Ridge
61	*Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	Jr.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep
4	Jones, Demetrius	QB	6-4	202	Fr.	1-3-88	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park
69	+Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	266	Jr.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep
35	+Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	179	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	272	So.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli
20	*Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	191	Jr.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure
66	***Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	283	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle
98	**Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	294	Sr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley
91	+Leitko, Travis	DL	6-7	270	Sr.	8-9-83	The Woodlands, Texas	The Woodlands
27	+Lyons, John	RB	6-1	204	Sr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman
79	*Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	284	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West

**ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (continued)**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School
43	+Maust, Eric	P	6-1	177	Fr.	1-19-88	Roswell, GA	Blessed Trinity
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	200	So.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	239	Sr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville
5	****McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy
8	McNeil, Raeshon	DB	6-0	184	Fr.	12-25-87	Cooleemee, N.C.	Davie County
76	***Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney
93	Mullen, Paddy	DL	6-5	269	Fr.	8-15-87	St. Louis, Mo.	DeSmet Jesuit
18	***Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	209	Sr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman
55	Olsen, Eric	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	6-16-88	Staten Island, N.Y.	Brooklyn Poly Prep
82	Parris, Robby	WR	6-3	198	Fr.	12-3-87	Olmsted Falls, Ohio	St. Ignatius
45	+Patterson, Kris	WR	5-11	185	So.	1-18-87	Seattle, Wash.	O'Dea
46	+Planalp, Michael	TE	6-4	248	So.	9-7-85	Cincinnati, Ohio	Wyoming
38	+Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South
17	Price, Geoff	P	6-3	193	Sr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage
25	Prince, Munir	RB	5-10	184	Fr.	3-15-88	Florissant, Mo.	St. Louis DeSmet Jesuit
10	***Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	233	Sr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman
48	*Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	231	So.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	Philadelphia (Pa.) St. Joseph's
14	+Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	180	Sr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands
88	Reuland, Konrad	TE	6-6	246	Fr.	4-4-87	San Capistrano, Calif.	Mission Viejo
30	***Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	182	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins
53	Richardson, Morrice	LB	6-2	222	Fr.	1-27-88	College Park, Ga.	Westlake
29	+Richardville, Jake	WR	6-0	180	So.	9-2-85	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Bishop Dwenger
90	Ryan, John	DL	6-5	244	Fr.	5-7-88	Westlake, Ohio	St. Ignatius
83	***Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Sr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso
50	***Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's
44	*Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	255	So.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	212	So.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall
32	Schmidt, Luke	RB	6-3	252	Fr.	4-22-87	Jasper, Ind.	Jasper
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	244	So.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park
49	Smith, Toryan	LB	6-1	244	Fr.	9-14-87	Rome, Ga.	Rome
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	257	Sr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II
59	Stewart, Chris	OL	6-5	340	Fr.	9-12-87	Spring, Texas	Klein
78	**Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	280	Sr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich
86	+Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	234	Jr.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University
47	*Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	236	Sr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station
26	**Thomas, Travis	LB	6-0	218	Sr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington
63	+Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	278	So.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)
77	Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	299	So.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge Military Academy
54	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6-3	233	Jr.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran
97	Wade, Kallen	DL	6-5	240	Fr.	4-3-88	Cincinnati, Ohio	Withrow
3	***Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford
2	Walls, Darrin	DB	6-1	174	Fr.	6-20-88	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Woodland Hills
42	Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	243	So.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin
71	Webb, Bartley	OL	6-7	291	Fr.	3-19-88	Springdale, Ark.	Springdale
51	Wenger, Dan	OL	6-4	282	Fr.	3-16-88	Coral Springs, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
19	West, George	WR	5-8	188	Fr.	8-27-88	Spencer, Okla.	Northeast Academy
23	+Williams, William David	DB	5-9	173	Jr.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook
33	+Whitaker, Nate	K	5-9	165	Fr.	8-29-88	San Diego, Calif.	St. Augustine
22	*Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman
84	Yeatman, Will	TE	6-6	263	Fr.	4-10-88	San Diego, Calif.	Rancho Bernardo
74	Young, Sama	OL	6-8	305	Fr.	6-24-87	Coral Springs, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
9	**Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	216	Sr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove

\* indicates number of monograms won; + indicates non-scholarship (walk-on) player

**Numerical Roster**

No.	Name	Pos.
45	Gioia, Carl	K
45	Patterson, Kris	WR
46	Charters, Kyle	LB
46	Planalp, Michael	TE
47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB
48	Quinn, Steve	LB
49	Augustyn, Matt	RB
49	Smith, Toryan	LB
50	Santucci, Dan	OL
51	Wenger, Dan	OL
52	Brockington, Joe	LB
53	Richardson, Morrice	LB
54	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB
55	Olsen, Eric	OL
56	Borseti, Nick	LB
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL
59	Stewart, Chris	OL
60	Cullen, Casey	DL
61	Jansen, J.J.	SNP
63	Tisak, Jeff	OL
64	Chervanick, Dan	OL
66	Landri, Derek	DL
67	Bemenderfer, Thomas	OL
68	Harris, Ryan	OL
69	Kennedy, Neil	DL
71	Webb, Bartley	OL
72	Duncan, Paul	OL
73	Carufel, Matt	OL
74	Young, Sama	OL
75	Frome, Chris	DL
76	Morton, Bob	OL
77	Turkovich, Michael	OL
78	Sullivan, John	OL
79	Mattes, Brian	OL
80	Jackson, Richard	WR
81	Bragg, Darrin	WR
82	Parris, Robby	WR
83	Samardzija, Jeff	WR
84	Yeatman, Will	TE
86	Talerico, Mike	TE
87	Freeman, Marcus	TE
88	Reuland, Konrad	TE
89	Carlson, John	TE
90	Ryan, John	DL
91	Leitko, Travis	DL
92	Hand, Derrell	DL
93	Mullen, Paddy	DL
94	Brown, Justin	DL
95	Abiamiri, Victor	DL
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL
97	Wade, Kallen	DL
98	Laws, Trevor	DL

**NOTRE DAME DEPTH CHART (vs. North Carolina – November 4, 2006)****IRISH OFFENSE**

X	5	**Rhema McKnight	6-2	208	Sr.
	23	Chase Anastasio	6-2	199	Sr.
	19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	285	Sr.
	77	Michael Turkovich	6-6	299	So.
LG	50	DAN SANTUCCI	6-4	300	Sr.
	55	Eric Olsen	6-4	300	Fr.
C	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-4	279	Sr.
	76	Bob Morton	6-4	300	Sr.
RG	76	Bob Morton	6-4	300	Sr.
	79	Brian Mattes	6-6	285	Sr.
RT	74	Sam Young	6-8	305	Fr.
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	So.
TE	89	John Carlson	6-6	256	Sr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-3	246	Sr.
Z	83	JEFF SAMARDZIJA	6-5	216	Sr.
	11	David Grimes	5-10	174	So.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	233	Sr.
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	So.
FB	35	Ashley McConnell	6-0	239	Sr.
	89	John Carlson	6-6	256	Sr.
HB	3	DARIUS WALKER	5-10	208	Jr.
	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	218	Sr.
	25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	Fr.
	or 34	James Aldridge	6-0	213	Fr.

**IRISH DEFENSE**

LDE	95	VICTOR ABIAMIRI	6-4	270	Sr.
	90	John Ryan	6-5	244	Fr.
	or 94	Justin Brown	6-3	249	Jr.
LDT	98	TREVOR LAWS	6-1	294	Sr.
	91	Travis Leitko	6-7	270	Sr.
RDT	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-3	283	Sr.
	96	Pat Kuntz	6-2	272	So.
RDE	75	Chris Frome	6-5	266	Sr.
	90	John Ryan	6-5	244	Fr.
	or 94	Justin Brown	6-3	249	Jr.
OLB	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	218	Sr.
	56	Nick Borsetti	6-4	239	Sr.
MLB	40	MAURICE CRUM, JR.	6-0	225	Jr.
	49	Toryan Smith	6-1	244	Fr.
OLB	52	Joe Brockington	6-2	232	Sr.
	47	Mitchell Thomas	6-3	236	Sr.
	or 54	Anthony Vernaglia	6-3	233	Jr.
LCB	20	Terrail Lambert	5-11	188	Jr.
	22	AMBROSE WOODEN	5-11	190	Sr.
	8	Raeshon McNeil	6-0	184	Fr.
FS	18	CHINEDUM NDUKWE	6-2	209	Sr.
	28	Kyle McCarthy	6-0	200	So.
	or 27	David Bruton	6-2	202	So.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	216	Sr.
	6	Ray Herring	5-10	190	So.
RCB	30	MIKE RICHARDSON	5-11	182	Sr.
	22	AMBROSE WOODEN	5-11	190	Sr.
	2	Darrin Walls	6-1	174	Fr.

**IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS**

PK	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	177	Sr.
	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	Fr.
P	17	Geoff Price	6-3	193	Sr.
	14	Bobby Renkes	6-0	180	Sr.
KO	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	Fr.
	14	Bobby Renkes	6-0	180	Sr.
HLD	83	JEFF SAMARDZIJA	6-5	216	Sr.
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	So.
SNP	61	J.J. JANSEN	6-3	242	Jr.
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	So.
PR	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	216	Sr.
	19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
	11	David Grimes	5-10	174	So.
KR	11	DAVID GRIMES	5-10	174	So.
	19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
	2	Darrin Walls	6-0	174	Fr.
	25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	Fr.

ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2005 (min. six regular season starts)  
 \*\* - indicates was a starter in 2004

**NOTRE DAME DRESS ROSTER** (vs. Navy – October 28, 2006)

#2 .....Walls, Darrin .....DB	#31 .....Brown, Sergio .....DB	#73 .....Carufel, Matt .....OL
#3 .....Walker, Darius .....RB	#35 .....McConnell, Ashley .....FB	#74 .....Young, Sam .....OL
#4 .....Jones, Demetrius .....QB	#37 .....Jabbie, Junior .....RB	#75 .....Frome, Chris .....DL
#5 .....McKnight, Rhema .....WR	#38 .....Possley, Nick .....WR	#76 .....Morton, Bob .....OL
#6 .....Herring, Ray .....DB	#40 .....Crum Jr, Maurice .....LB	#78 .....Sullivan, John .....OL
#8 .....McNeil, Raeshon .....DB	#44 .....Schwapp, Asaph .....FB	#79 .....Mattes, Brian .....OL
#9 .....Zbikowski, Tom .....DB	#45 .....Gioia, Carl .....K	#80 .....Jackson, Richard .....WR
#10 .....Quinn, Brady .....QB	#47 .....Thomas, Mitchell .....LB	#82 .....Parris, Robby .....WR
#11 .....Grimes, David .....WR	#48 .....Quinn, Steve .....LB	#83 .....Samardzija, Jeff .....WR
#12 .....Frazer, Zach .....QB	#49 .....Smith, Toryan .....LB	#84 .....Yeatman, Will .....TE
#13 .....Sharpley, Evan .....QB	#50 .....Santucci, Dan .....OL	#87 .....Freeman, Marcus .....TE
#14 .....Renkes, Bobby .....K/P	#52 .....Brockington, Joe .....LB	#88 .....Reuland, Konrad .....TE
#17 .....Price, Geoff .....P	#53 .....Richardson, Morrice .....DL	#89 .....Carlson, John .....TE
#18 .....Ndukwe, Chinedum .....DB	#54 .....Vernaglia, Anthony .....LB	#90 .....Ryan, John .....DL
#19 .....West, George .....WR	#55 .....Olsen, Eric .....OL	#91 .....Leitko, Travis .....DL
#20 .....Lambert, Terrail .....DB	#56 .....Borseti, Nick .....LB	#93 .....Mullen, Paddy .....TE
#22 .....Wooden, Ambrose .....DB	#57 .....Stephenson Jr, Dwight .....DL	#94 .....Brown, Justin .....DL
#23 .....Anastasio, Chase .....WR	#60 .....Cullen, Casey .....DL	#95 .....Abiamiri, Victor .....DL
#25 .....Prince, Munir .....RB	#61 .....Jansen, J.J. ....SNP	#96 .....Kuntz, Pat .....DL
#26 .....Thomas, Travis .....LB	#64 .....Chervanick, Dan .....OL	#98 .....Laws, Trevor .....DL
#28 .....McCarthy, Kyle .....DB	#66 .....Landri, Derrick .....DL	#99 .....Talley, Ronald .....DL
#29 .....Gaines, Jashaad .....DB	#68 .....Harris, Ryan .....OL	
#30 .....Richardson, Mike .....DB	#72 .....Duncan, Paul .....OL	