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NOTRE DAME

F O O T B A L L

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NOTRE DAME (8-2)

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| Sept. 2 | 23/25 TEXAS A&M | W, 24-10 |
| Sept. 9 | 1/1 NEBRASKA | L, 24-27 (OT) |
| Sept. 16 | 13/12 PURDUE | W, 23-21 |
| Sept. 23 | at 23/20 Michigan State | L, 21-27 |
| Oct. 7 | STANFORD | W, 20-14 |
| Oct. 14 | vs. Navy (Orlando, Fla.) | W, 45-14 |
| Oct. 21 | at West Virginia | W, 42-28 |
| Oct. 28 | AIR FORCE | W, 34-31 (OT) |
| Nov. 11 | BOSTON COLLEGE | W, 28-16 |
| Nov. 18 | at Rutgers | W, 45-17 |
| Nov. 25 | at USC | 12:30 PST |

USC (5-6)

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| Aug. 27 | vs. 22/17 Penn State | W, 29-5 |
| Sept. 9 | COLORADO | W, 17-14 |
| Sept. 23 | SAN JOSE STATE | W, 34-24 |
| Sept. 30 | at Oregon State | L, 21-31 |
| Oct. 7 | ARIZONA | L, 15-31 |
| Oct. 14 | 9/12 OREGON | L, 17-28 |
| Oct. 21 | at Stanford | L, 30-32 |
| Oct. 28 | CALIFORNIA | L, 16-28 |
| Nov. 4 | at Arizona State | W, 44-38 (2OT) |
| Nov. 11 | WASHINGTON STATE | L, 27-33 |
| Nov. 18 | at UCLA | W, 38-35 |
| Nov. 25 | NOTRE DAME | 12:30 PST |

Numbers before opponents indicate AP and ESPN/USA Today rankings coming into game.

WEEKLY RANKINGS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in the weekly polls during the 2000 season:

| Week | AP | ESPN/USA Today |
|-----------|----|----------------|
| Preseason | NR | NR |
| Sept. 3 | 23 | 25 |
| Sept. 10 | 21 | 23 |
| Sept. 17 | 16 | 18 |
| Sept. 24 | NR | NR |
| Oct. 1 | 25 | NR |
| Oct. 8 | 20 | NR |
| Oct. 15 | 20 | 22 |
| Oct. 22 | 19 | 19 |
| Oct. 29 | 15 | 16 |
| Nov. 5 | 11 | 12 |
| Nov. 12 | 11 | 11 |
| Nov. 19 | 11 | 10 |

PRESEASON RANKINGS

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

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

Game No. **11**

(#11 AP/#10 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (8-2)**
vs. **USC Trojans (5-6)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at 12:30 p.m. PST (3:30 p.m. EST in South Bend).

The Site: Memorial Coliseum (92,000/natural grass) in Los Angeles, Calif.

The Tickets: A crowd of more than 80,000 is expected at the game.

The TV Plans: ABC Sports national telecast with with **Keith Jackson** (play-by-play), **Tim Brant** (analysis), **Todd Harris** (sideline) and **Mark Loomis** (producer).

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

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), USC (www.usctrojans.com).

THE HEAD COACH

Fourth-year Irish head coach Bob Davie owns a 29-18 (.617) career record at Notre Dame. Davie is one of 10 semifinalists for the *Football News* 2000 coach-of-the-year award and was one of 10 finalists for the 1998 Walter Camp Foundation/*Street and Smith's* Coach of the Year Award. His 1997 squad beat No. 11 LSU and No. 22 West Virginia to mark the first time a Notre Dame team beat ranked foes on consecutive weeks since November '92, while the '98 opening win over No. 5 and defending national champion Michigan gave him three wins over a ranked teams. He led the Irish to another season-opening ranked win this year against No. 23 Texas A&M, and the win over 13th-ranked Purdue marked the earliest the Irish have beaten two ranked opponents since 1990. The 2000 season marks Davie's seventh year at Notre Dame overall, after serving as defensive coordinator and inside linebacker coach from 1994-96. He coached nine seasons at Texas A&M ('85-'93), two at Tulane ('83-'84), four at Pittsburgh ('77, '80-'82) and two at Arizona ('78-'79), spending both years at Tulane as defensive coordinator and the last five at Texas A&M in that role.

THE INJURY UPDATE (as of Nov. 19)

Out

Junior QB **Arnaz Battle** Fractured left navicular (wrist) vs. Nebraska (out for season, had surgery Sept. 12)

Senior TE **Jabari Holloway** Sprained knee vs. Rutgers

Senior DE **Grant Irons** Dislocated right shoulder vs. Nebraska (out for season, had surgery Sept. 21)

Junior CB **Shane Walton** Broken right forearm vs. Rutgers (had surgery Nov. 19)

Probable

Senior FB **Jason Murray** Hamstring vs. Boston College (DNP vs. Rutgers)

Sophomore TB **Julius Jones** Bruised thigh vs. Boston College (DNP vs. Rutgers)

Junior CB **Clifford Jefferson** Sprained ankle vs. Air Force (DNP vs. Boston College, Rutgers)

NOTRE DAME-USC GAME NOTES

- The game marks the 72nd meeting between the Irish and Trojans in one of college football's greatest intersectional rivalries.

- Notre Dame leads the USC series that began in 1926 by a 40-26-5 margin, while the Trojans hold a 17-16-4 edge in games played in the Memorial Coliseum.

- The trip to Los Angeles will mark the return home for seven California natives on the Irish roster.

For more Notre Dame-USC notes, see pages 2-4.



MEDIA POLICIES

THE DAVIE CONFERENCES

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

TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS

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

DAVIE INTERVIEWS

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

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW



A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 11:00-11:30 p.m. EST for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

| Pos. | No. | Player | Notes |
|------|-----|----------------|---|
| SE | 21 | Javin Hunter | Tied career high for receptions with three vs. Rutgers |
| LT | 78 | Jordan Black | Has started all 19 games in which he has played in his career |
| LG | 55 | Jim Jones | Fifth-year player has started 20 of last 22 games |
| C | 52 | Jeff Faine | Has started every game in first season of collegiate action |
| RG | 69 | Mike Gandy | Has made 25 consecutive starting appearances on OL |
| RT | 75 | Kurt Vollers | Moved in RT role after starting final three '99 games at LT |
| TE | 86 | Dan O'Leary | Has played most minutes of any Irish tight end |
| FL | 6 | David Givens | Team leader in receptions with 23 for 275 yards |
| or | 18 | Joey Getherall | Team leader in receiving yards with 305 on 16 catches |
| QB | 10 | Matt LoVecchio | First QB since Kevin McDougal in '93 to win first six starts |
| FB | 40 | Jason Murray | Top Irish fullback vs. Stanford, Navy and Air Force |
| or | 36 | Tom Lopienski | 25-yard TD catch on fake FG vs. Rutgers for first career TD |
| TB | 22 | Julius Jones | Leads team with 617 rushing yards despite missing RU game |
| or | 12 | Tony Fisher | Gained over 100 yards for second straight week vs. Rutgers |

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

| Pos. | No. | Player | Notes |
|------|-----|--------------------|--|
| LE | 98 | Anthony Weaver | All-star cand. has 10 tckls. for loss, 5 sacks, 2 INT, fum. recov. |
| DT | 93 | B.J. Scott | Continued strong play with 6 tackles, sack vs. Air Force |
| NG | 90 | Lance Legree | Consistent Irish defender has played 41 career games |
| RE | 95 | Ryan Roberts | Two fum. recov. vs. RU, among team leaders in sacks (4) |
| ILB | 51 | Tyreo Harrison | Has played a part in three of team's seven fumble recoveries |
| ILB | 39 | Anthony Denman | Team leader in tackles (78), tackles for loss (13), sacks (5) |
| OLB | 30 | Rocky Boiman | Third on team with 56 tackles, eight for losses, 3.5 sacks |
| LCB | 1 | Brock Williams | Strong play in secondary with 3 passes broken up and INT |
| FS | 25 | Tony Driver | All-star cand. second in tackles (60), sack, INT, 2 fum. recov. |
| SS | 5 | Ron Israel | Career game vs. RU with 8 tackles, third INT in four games |
| RCB | 15 | Clifford Jefferson | Expected to recover from sprained ankle to fill in for Walton |

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

| Pos. | No. | Player | Notes |
|------|-----|----------------|---|
| KO | 93 | Matt McNew | 52 KOs have yielded aver. starting position of 25.6 yard line |
| PK | 13 | Nick Setta | Game winning FG vs. Pur., fake TD run vs. BC, pass vs. RU |
| P | 17 | Joey Hildbold | 36th in NCAA with 42.38 avg., avg. return of 2.2 yds./punt |
| HLD | 80 | Adam Tibble | Sure-handed walk-on HLD, fake FG TD option pitch vs. BC |
| SNP | 86 | Dan O'Leary | Talented TE also contributes on special teams on punts |
| or | 56 | John Crowther | Walk-on player handles holding on PATs and FGs |
| PR | 18 | Joey Getherall | 6th in NCAA with 17.5 yds/ret., 73-yard TD return vs. WVU |
| KR | 22 | Julius Jones | 4th in NCAA with 28.5 yds/ret., 100-yard TD return vs. Neb. |

THE IRISH TRAVEL PLANS

Notre Dame will be headquartered at the Ritz Carlton, Huntington, 1401 South Oak Knoll Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91106, (213) 568-3900. The Irish are scheduled to depart by TWA charter flight Thursday afternoon. A light workout at the Memorial Coliseum is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will finish the regular season with seven consecutive wins, the most to end the regular season since the '88 team won all 11 on its way to winning the national championship.
- The Irish will win four straight games away from home for the first time since 1996.
- Notre Dame will win at the Coliseum for the first time since 1992 after a tie in 1994 and losses in 1996 and 1998.

IF USC WINS ...

- The Trojans will defeat the Irish for the third straight game at the Coliseum.
- USC will avoid having just its third losing season in the last 39 years.
- The Trojans will defeat Notre Dame and UCLA in the same season for the first time since 1981.



SERIES NOTES

- Notre Dame holds a 40-26-5 series edge, with the Trojans holding a 17-16-4 edge in games played in the Memorial Coliseum.
- The teams will meet for the 55th straight season (the only gap in the series came during World War II, from 1943-45).
- The series began in 1926, when Knute Rockne became one of the first Midwestern or Eastern coaches to take his team to the West Coast. The next four games then alternated between Soldier Field and the Memorial Coliseum, with the first game played at Notre Dame Stadium in 1931.
- Notre Dame's 40 wins over USC are the most by a Trojan opponent (12 more than California's second-most 28). The Trojan's 26 wins over the Irish are the most by a Notre Dame opponent (three more than Purdue's second-most 23).
- USC is tied with Purdue as the second-most common opponent in Irish football history, as Notre Dame will have played both for the 72nd time this season.
- Prior to USC's 27-20 overtime win over the Irish in 1996, Notre Dame had not lost in any of the previous 13 series meetings (11 straight Irish wins from '83-93, a tie in '94, then another Irish win in '95).
- Since 1965, the ND-USC game has been nationally televised on 27 occasions (including the 2000 game).
- The 1999 USC game received the fifth-highest ticket demand in Notre Dame history (46,658) while the '97 game attracted an all-time high of 57,048 requests.

ND-USC IN THE POLLS

- Since the AP poll began in 1936, the last 62 Notre Dame-USC games (including this meeting) have included 28 in which both teams were ranked in the AP poll, 27 when one team was ranked and only seven when neither team was ranked. The 55 games with at least one ranked team have included 46 with at least one top-10 team.
- In the 54 games where at least one team has been ranked, the higher-ranked team is 30-19-5 (.602).
- An unranked team has defeated a ranked team 11 times in the series (six by USC), most recently in '98 when USC knocked off No. 9 Notre Dame (10-0) at the Coliseum.
- There have been seven other times in the series when an unranked team knocked off a top-10 opponent, with the Trojans winning four of those games.
- Notre Dame has a 19-9-2 record when it is ranked higher than USC.
- Notre Dame is 7-4 against USC teams with losing records.

COACHING CONNECTIONS

- Irish assistant head coach/linebackers Kirk Doll coached the tight ends at Iowa State in 1979 while USC third-year defensive coordinator **Bill Young** was coaching the DL at Iowa State during that 1979 season. Doll and Young then both spent the 1980-84 seasons on John Cooper's staff at Tulsa, with Doll coaching the OL while Young tutored the DL for three seasons before adding defensive coordinator responsibilities for the final two seasons. The pair moved on again when John Cooper took the head coaching spot at **Arizona State**, with Doll coaching the Sun Devils' OLBs from 1985-87 while Young was the D-Line coach (Young then went with Cooper to Ohio State and Doll began his six-year stint at Texas A&M).
- USC third-year DL coach **Ed Orgeron** coached the D-line at Syracuse from 1995-97, on a staff that included current Irish offensive coordinator **Kevin Rogers** and offensive tackles/tight ends coach **Steve Addazio**. Rogers was assistant head coach, QBs coach and recruiting coordinator at Syracuse during the 1995-97 seasons while Addazio coached the TEs and OL.
- USC first-year LB coach **A.J. Christoff** served as defensive coordinator at Notre Dame in 1984 and 1985 when the Irish held the Trojans to a combined 10 points in two games, winning 19-7 in '84 and 37-3 in '85.
- Third-year Irish defensive coordinator **Greg Mattison** and second-year safeties coach **Lou West** both coached with USC first-year WR/special teams coach **Dan Ferrigno** at Western Michigan. Mattison and Ferrigno spent five years on the same Bronco staffs (from 1982-86), while West coached with Mattison and Ferrigno in 1985 and 1986.

FRIEND OR FOE?

Seven Irish players hail from the state of California: senior DE **Andrew Dempsey** (Huntington Beach/Mater Dei), senior FL **Joey Getherall** (Hacienda Heights/Bishop Amat HS), senior FB **Jeremy Juarez**

MEDIA POLICIES

THE DAVIE SHOW

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

MORE MEDIA NOTES

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

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

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

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

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



IRISH HONORS

Head Coach Bob Davie

Football News Coach of the Year Semifinalist

QB Arnaz Battle

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

LT Jordan Black

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

LB Rocky Boiman

The Sporting News Great Unknowns Team

DT Darrell Campbell

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

ILB Anthony Denman

The Sporting News, ranked 13th nationally among ILB

Butkus Award preliminary list

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

FS Tony Driver

CBS Player of the Game vs. Navy (two fumble returns for touchdowns)

Florida Citrus Sports Commission Defensive MVP vs. Navy

The Sporting News, ranked 3rd nationally among FS

The Sporting News second team preseason All-American

Jim Thorpe Award watch list

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

TB Tony Fisher

CBS Player of the Game vs. Rutgers (27-135, 1 TD, 2-11 receiving)

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Boston College (26-196, 2 TDs)

CBS Player of the Game vs. West Virginia (2 receiving TDs, rushing TD)

Doak Walker Award candidate

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

RG Mike Gandy

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

FL Joey Getherall

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Air Force (4-116 receiving, 2 TDs, 2-22 rush., TD)

FL David Givens

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Stanford (3-34 receiving, 2 TDs, 5-23 rushing, blocked punt)

P Joey Hildbold

Ray Guy Award Finalist

(Arcadia/Bishop Amat HS), junior FB **Mike McNair** (Corona del Mar/Mater Dei HS), senior LB **Luigi Rao** (Monterey Park/Bishop Amat HS), senior OT **Kurt Vollers** (Whittier/Servite HS) and junior CB **Shane Walton** (San Diego/Bishop's School).

Several Notre Dame and USC players hail from the same hometown or attended the same high school:

- **McNair** played at Mater Dei High School, as did two USC players: freshman S **Matt Grootegoed** (Huntington Beach) and sophomore OL **Lenny Vandermade** (Santa Ana).
- **Getherall, Juarez** and **Rao** and USC freshman S **Jason Leach** all attended Bishop Amat HS.
- **Vollers** and USC freshman OT **Joe McGuire** (Anaheim) both attended Servite HS.
- **Walton** and USC senior DE/LE **Lonnie Ford** (Morse HS) both hail from San Diego, Calif.
- Notre Dame junior DB **Clifford Jefferson** and USC senior C **Eric Denmon** both hail from Dallas, Texas, natives and attended Carter HS.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-USC CONNECTIONS

- The winner of the game keeps a **shillelagh** (presented by the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles), with shamrocks representing Notre Dame victories and rubies Trojan heads standing for USC wins (each is engraved with the year and final score). The original foot-long shillelagh was flown from Ireland by Howard Hughes' pilot, according to legend, and was introduced in 1952 (although the medallions date back to the start of the series in 1926). When the original shillelagh ran out of space after the 1989 game, it was retired and is permanently displayed at Notre Dame. A new shillelagh—slightly larger than the original—was commissioned by Jim Gillis, a former baseball player at both USC and Notre Dame and onetime president of the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles. The new trophy was handcrafted in 1997 in County Leitrum, Ireland, and contains medallions beginning with the '90 game.
- Ninth-year Notre Dame women's volleyball head coach **Debbie (Landreth) Brown** was twice named the national player of the year while helping USC win the 1976 and '77 national championship in women's volleyball.

DAVIE NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALIST

Head coach Bob Davie has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the *Football News* 2000 coach-of-the-year award. The list will be trimmed to three finalists on Mon., Nov. 20. The official announcement of *FN's* coach of the year will be made Wed., Dec. 6. Davie has led the Irish to an 8-2 record this season and an Associated Press national ranking of 11th after entering the season unranked following a 5-7 '99 season. Notre Dame has won six consecutive games since its loss at Michigan State, remaining eligible for a potential major bowl appearance. Davie also was a finalist for the 1998 Walter Camp Foundation/*Street & Smith's* coach-of-the-year award. This year's *FN's* coach of the year will be honored on Tues., March 6, 2001, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at the National Athletic Awards ceremony.

LOVECCHIO ON RECORD-SETTING PACE

Freshman QB **Matt LoVecchio** enters the final Irish game of the regular season on pace to break the Irish single-season record for lowest interception percentage currently held by Ron Powlus, who threw just four INTs out of 232 pass attempts for .0172. LoVecchio sports a percentage of .0090 (1 of 111).

- His passing efficiency rating stands at 151.97, a rating which would place him seventh in the country (ahead of Oklahoma's Josh Heupel seventh at 149.7 and Miami's Ken Dorsey eighth at 147.9) if LoVecchio met the NCAA minimum of playing in 75 percent of a team's game. He has played in seven of 10 games and will not reach the minimum after the USC game (eight of 11 games for .727).
- LoVecchio's passing efficiency rating could end up the best for an Irish QB since the start of the 1990s, slightly better than the 151.3 rating of Kevin McDougal in 1993. Other high ratings for Irish QBs in the '90s are Jarious Jackson's 149.5 in '98, Rick Mirer's 149.2 in '91, Powlus' 141.3 in '96, Powlus' 140.7 in '95 and Jackson's 140.3 in '99.

POLL POSITION

The University of Notre Dame is the only Division I-A institution currently ranked among the top 20 teams in Associated Press standings in the sports of football, men's basketball and women's basketball. The Irish women's basketball team entered the season with its highest-ever preseason ranking at sixth in the AP and fifth in the ESPN/*USA Today* polls. Notre Dame currently stands 11th in football (8-2 record), while also rating 16th in men's basketball in the latest AP poll in those two sports. It's the first time in Irish athletic history all three of those Notre Dame teams have been ranked in the top 20 in the same week.



IRISH REMAIN ON SCHOOL RECORD TURNOVER PACE

Despite its four fumbles lost vs. in the last three games, Notre Dame continues to lead the country in fewest turnovers (eight tied with Toledo) in its 10 games, while its four INTs thrown by three different QBs stands tied for third best. Notre Dame also is tied for fifth with four fumbles lost this season. The school record for fewest fumbles lost in a season is five by the 1993 Irish.

- The NCAA record for fewest season turnovers is eight, held by Clemson in 1940 and Miami (Ohio) in 1966. Notre Dame's record for fewest turnovers is 10 in '93 with the '97 team second best with 13.
- The seven consecutive games without a lost fumble to start the season marked the longest streak for Notre Dame since a seven-game streak during the last six games in '93 (BYU, USC, Navy, Florida St., Boston Coll., Texas A&M in Cotton Bowl) and the first game of the '94 season vs. Northwestern.

FISHER FILLS IN WITH BACK-TO-BACK 100-YARD GAMES

Junior TB **Tony Fisher** started vs. Rutgers and played most of the Boston College after sophomore **Julius Jones** suffered a bruised thigh and has turned in consecutive 100-yard rushing games for the first time in his career and the first for an Irish player since Autry Denson had three straight 100-yard games in 1998. He gained 135 yards on 27 carries vs. Rutgers and 196 on 26 carries vs. Boston College.

- Junior **Tony Fisher's** 196-yard rushing day vs. Boston College marked the most proficient day for an Irish runner since Reggie Brooks gained 227 yards vs. USC in 1992 and the third best since 1983.
- His performance stands 11th best in the 1,056 games played in 111-plus seasons of Irish football.
- Fisher took the majority of the carries after sophomore starter **Julius Jones** left with an injury and gained the most yards ever in a single game for an Irish backup TB as each of the six runners who account for the top 10 rushing games were starters.

RED ZONE REPORT

The Irish have capitalized on 28 of their 30 trips inside the red zone this season with the only missed opportunities coming on a loss on downs against Michigan State and a missed FG vs. Rutgers. Notre Dame has come away with 16 rushing touchdowns, seven passing touchdowns and five field goals from **Nick Setta**, while its opponents have 11 field goals in addition to the 28 TDs (nine passing and 10 rushing). The red zone chances include two each for the Irish and their opponents in overtime.

| NOTRE DAME IN '00 | Category | '00 OPPONENTS |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 30 | Red-Zone Chances | 31 |
| 7 | Passing TDs | 9 |
| 16 | Rushing TDs | 10 |
| 23 | Total TDs | 19 |
| .767 (23/30) | TD Pct. | .613 (19/31) |
| 5 | FGs Made | 6 |
| 1 | FGs Missed | 3 |
| 0 | FGs Blocked | 0 |
| 153 | Total Points (TD-6, FG-3) | 132 |
| .933 (28/30) | Scoring Pct. | .806 (25/31) |

THE RUTGERS REVIEW

Four Irish players from New Jersey helped visiting Notre Dame improve to 8-2 with a 45-17 win over Rutgers. Junior TB **Terrance Howard** (Willingboro) scored a pair of rushing TDs, freshman **Matt LoVecchio** (Franklin Lakes) threw a pair of TD passes, senior SS **Ron Israel** (Lawnside) picked off his third INT in the last four games, and junior RE **Ryan Roberts** (Lawnside) recovered a pair of fumbles as the Irish took advantage of five Scarlet Knight turnovers for the victory. Junior TB **Tony Fisher** gained 135 yards for his second 100-yard rushing game in as many weeks, and seven different players had receptions for the Irish. A pair of first-quarter TD passes (43-yard **Joey Getherall** TD and 25-yard fake FG TD pass from **Nick Setta** to **Tom Lopienski**) helped Notre Dame build a 14-3 lead. Rutgers pulled within 14-10 following an Irish fumble, before Setta hit a 33-yard FG and Howard scored his first TD of the game to put Notre Dame ahead 24-10 at halftime. The Scarlet Knights' Dennis Thomas scored on a 65-yard TD run on the second play of the second half before the Irish scored three TDs, two off Rutgers turnovers, for the win. The Irish offense amassed 481 yards of total offense -- their most productive day since 524 yards vs. Navy in 1999.

IRISH HONORS

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TE Jabari Holloway

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

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

RE Grant Irons

The Sporting News and *Lindy's*, ranked 15th nationally among DE

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

LG Jim Jones

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

TB Julius Jones

CNNSI.com Half-America Team selection as kickoff returner

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Nebraska (2 kickoff returns for 145 yards, 100-yard TD return)

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Michigan State (26 carries for 126 yards, two touchdowns)

The Sporting News, ranked 19th nationally among RB

Athlon NFL all-decade team for 2000-2009
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

QB Matt LoVecchio

Florida Citrus Sports Commission Offensive MVP vs. Navy

PK Nick Setta

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Purdue (3-4 FG, 38-yard game-winning FG, 2-2 PATs)

USATODAY.com Player of the Week (Sept. 16 after game-winning FG vs. Purdue)

RT John Teasdale

Football News preseason all-independent team

CB Shane Walton

Amateur Star of the Month by San Diego Hall of Champions for September

LE Anthony Weaver

The Sporting News, ranked 10th nationally among DT

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

CB Brock Williams

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



USC SERIES

Series: ND leads 40-26-5. At Notre Dame Stadium: ND leads 22-9-1. At Memorial Coliseum: USC leads 17-16-4. Longest Series Streak: ND 11 (1983-93)

| Site | Year | Rank | W/L | ND | Opp |
|------|------|------|--------|----|-----|
| | 1926 | | W | 13 | 12 |
| SF | 1927 | | W | 7 | 6 |
| | 1928 | | L | 14 | 27 |
| SF | 1929 | | W | 13 | 12 |
| | 1930 | | W | 27 | 0 |
| * | 1931 | | L | 14 | 16 |
| | 1932 | | L | 0 | 13 |
| * | 1933 | | L | 0 | 19 |
| | 1934 | | W | 14 | 0 |
| * | 1935 | | W | 20 | 13 |
| | 1936 | 9- | T | 13 | 13 |
| * | 1937 | 9- | W | 13 | 6 |
| | 1938 | 1-8 | L | 0 | 13 |
| * | 1939 | 7-4 | L | 12 | 20 |
| | 1940 | | W | 10 | 6 |
| * | 1941 | 4- | W | 20 | 18 |
| | 1942 | 8-14 | W | 13 | 0 |
| * | 1946 | 2-16 | W | 26 | 6 |
| | 1947 | 1-3 | W | 38 | 7 |
| | 1948 | 2- | T | 14 | 14 |
| * | 1949 | 1-17 | W | 32 | 0 |
| | 1950 | | L | 7 | 9 |
| | 1951 | -20 | W | 19 | 12 |
| * | 1952 | 7-2 | W | 9 | 0 |
| | 1953 | 2-20 | W | 48 | 14 |
| * | 1954 | 4-17 | W | 23 | 17 |
| | 1955 | 5- | L | 20 | 42 |
| | 1956 | -17 | L | 20 | 28 |
| * | 1957 | 12- | W | 40 | 12 |
| | 1958 | 18- | W | 20 | 13 |
| * | 1959 | -7 | W | 16 | 6 |
| | 1960 | | W | 17 | 0 |
| * | 1961 | 8- | W | 30 | 0 |
| | 1962 | -1 | L | 0 | 25 |
| * | 1963 | -7 | W | 17 | 14 |
| | 1964 | 1- | L | 17 | 20 |
| * | 1965 | 7-4 | W | 28 | 7 |
| | 1966 | 1-10 | W | 51 | 0 |
| * | 1967 | 5-1 | L | 7 | 24 |
| | 1968 | 9-2 | T | 21 | 21 |
| * | 1969 | 11-3 | T | 14 | 14 |
| | 1970 | 4- | L | 28 | 38 |
| * | 1971 | 6- | L | 14 | 28 |
| | 1972 | 10-1 | L | 23 | 45 |
| * | 1973 | 8-6 | W | 23 | 14 |
| | 1974 | 5-6 | L | 24 | 55 |
| * | 1975 | 14-3 | L | 17 | 24 |
| | 1976 | 13-3 | L | 13 | 17 |
| * | 1977 | 11-5 | W | 49 | 19 |
| | 1978 | 8-3 | L | 25 | 27 |
| * | 1979 | 9-4 | L | 23 | 42 |
| | 1980 | 2-17 | L | 3 | 20 |
| * | 1981 | -5 | L | 7 | 14 |
| | 1982 | -17 | L | 13 | 17 |
| * | 1983 | | W | 27 | 6 |
| | 1984 | -14 | W | 19 | 7 |
| * | 1985 | | W | 37 | 3 |
| | 1986 | -17 | W | 38 | 37 |
| * | 1987 | 10- | W | 26 | 15 |
| | 1988 | 1-2 | W | 27 | 10 |
| * | 1989 | 1-9 | W | 28 | 24 |
| | 1990 | 7-18 | W | 10 | 6 |
| * | 1991 | 5- | W | 24 | 20 |
| | 1992 | 5-19 | W | 31 | 23 |
| * | 1993 | 2- | W | 31 | 13 |
| | 1994 | -17 | T | 17 | 17 |
| * | 1995 | 17-5 | W | 38 | 10 |
| | 1996 | 10- | L (ot) | 20 | 27 |
| * | 1997 | | L | 17 | 20 |
| | 1998 | 9- | L | 0 | 10 |
| * | 1999 | | W | 25 | 24 |

SCOUTING THE IRISH OFFENSE

Line -- The veteran Irish offensive line in '00 -- with the only untested position at the start of the season being center -- has remained intact with the same five starters in the first 10 games of the season and helped Notre Dame gain 380 net rushing yards against Boston College and 295 vs. Rutgers -- the two best rushing games of the season. Senior guards **Jim Jones** (left guard) and **Mike Gandy** (right guard) combined to start 21 games at their respective positions last year, while Gandy has made 25 consecutive starts in his career. Junior **Jordan Black** is back at the left tackle position where he started the first nine games in '99, while senior **Kurt Vollers** moved into the starting role at right tackle following backup action at left tackle in '99. Sophomore **Jeff Faine** is at center after seeing no game action as a freshman. Senior **John Teasdale** started 10 games in '99 at mostly right tackle and provides experience as a backup to Vollers. The other reserves are sophomore **Brennan Curtin** at tackle, juniors **Sean Mahan** and **Ryan Scarola** at guard and at center senior **JW Jordan**.

Backs -- Freshman **Matt LoVecchio** (64-111 for 838 yards, 11 TDs, 255 yards rushing) has settled into the starting quarterback position -- the third starting Irish QB this season -- and has won each of his first six starts. He made his first career start against Stanford after first coming off the bench against Michigan State in the second half and threw at least two TD passes in each of his first four starts -- the first Irish QB to throw at least 2 TDs in four consecutive games since Rick Mirer in 1992. Junior **Arnaz Battle** (13-31-173, 2 TDs, 157 yards rushing vs. Texas A&M and Nebraska) suffered a fractured left navicular (wrist) against Nebraska -- an injury that required surgery and will keep him out for the season-- thrusting sophomore **Gary Godsey** into the starting spot against Purdue (14 of 25 for 158 yards in first career game) and Michigan State (4-15 for 20 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT). Godsey returned to tight end following the Air Force, a move that will afford him the best chance to see playing time. Freshmen **Jared Clark** and **Carlyle Holiday** back up LoVecchio. Neither Clark nor Holiday has played a down this season.

A trio of tailbacks -- sophomore **Julius Jones** (142-586, 6 TDs, 5-48 receiving) and juniors **Tony Fisher** (117-562, 5 TDs, 11-98 receiving, 3 TDs) and **Terrance Howard** (66-379, 3 TDs) -- gives the Irish a talented and diversified running attack as each started at least once in the first four games. The elusive Jones has had three 100-yard rushing games this season (126 vs. Michigan State, 105 vs. Navy and 111 vs. Air Force) before leaving the Boston College game with an injury that also forced him to miss the Rutgers game -- the first game he has missed in his brief career. Fisher, who started all 12 games last year and has started five games this season, had the best rushing game for an Irish player since 1992 with his 196-yard game against Boston College. He followed up that performance with another 100-yard rushing day vs. Rutgers (27-135). Howard (career-high 7-96 vs. West Virginia) adds a combination of quickness and power and scored two TDs vs. Rutgers. Sophomore **Chris Yura** (first four carries of his career vs. Navy, four-yard gain on fake punt vs. BC) also helps out at tailback.

Senior **Jason Murray** (3-9, 2 catches for 12 yards, TD) shares the fullback duties with junior **Tom Lopienski** (8-17, 5-79 receiving, TD) who missed the Stanford game with a shoulder injury. **Lopienski** moved into the starting fullback spot for the first four games after carrying the ball 25 times for 76 yards in all 12 games last year. Junior **Mike McNair** also helps out at fullback after recovering from an injury-plagued '99 in which he played only in the opener against Kansas.

Receivers -- Senior **Joey Getherall** (16-305, 4 TDs) continues to be a steady performer for the Irish and had a three TD performance against Air Force, while junior **David Givens** (23-275) shares time with Getherall at flanker and had career bests for receptions and yards against Purdue (6-86) and touchdowns against Stanford (2). Junior **Javin Hunter** (11-199, 3 TDs) moved into the starting position at split end after playing in every game last year. Senior **Jay Johnson** (2-58, TD) played in the final 11 games of '99 and plays behind Hunter but did not play against West Virginia and Air Force with a hamstring injury. Freshman **Omar Jenkins** also has been in the rotations. Another strength for the Irish is at tight end where senior All-America candidate **Jabari Holloway** (6-97) and fifth-year and '99 honorable mention All-American **Dan O'Leary** (9-73, TD) give the Irish a pair of talented, experienced tight ends. Holloway will miss the USC game with a knee injury. Former converted QB sophomore **Gary Godsey** returned to TE following the Air Force game, a position he played as a freshman in '99 and saw action there at Rutgers.

SCOUTING THE IRISH DEFENSE

Line -- After making a slight adjustment on the defensive line in '00 -- going from a two end-two tackle alignment to one featuring two ends, a tackle and a nose guard -- the Irish were forced to shift one end



NOTRE DAME vs. PACIFIC-10 TEAMS

| School | Won | Lost | Tied | Pct. |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Arizona | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Arizona State | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| California | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Oregon | 1 | 0 | 1 | .750 |
| Oregon State | 0 | 0 | 0 | — |
| Stanford | 10 | 5 | 0 | .667 |
| UCLA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| USC | 40 | 26 | 5 | .599 |
| Washington | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Washington State | 0 | 0 | 0 | — |
| TOTALS | 65 | 32 | 6 | .660 |

• Notre Dame has won 66 percent of its games versus Pacific-10 Conference opponents, with a winning series record versus each of the Pac-10 teams that the Irish have played and an overall mark of 65-32-6 (.660) in 103 games against Pac-10 schools—including the 2000 and 1998 wins over Stanford, the '98 and '99 wins over Arizona State and the '99 win over USC. Nearly 70 percent of those games (71) have come versus USC (40-26-5) while another 15 have come against Stanford (10-5-0).

• Notre Dame has played a handful of games vs. California (4-0), Washington (4-0), Arizona (2-1), Oregon (1-0-1) and UCLA (2-0). Notre Dame and ASU met for the first time in 1998, while the Irish still have yet to face Oregon State or Washington State.

• The Irish won at Washington in '95 (29-21) and beat the Huskies at Notre Dame Stadium in '96 (54-20), with the only other previous games in that series coming in '48 and '49. The most recent games vs. other Pac-10 teams are: a 16-13 home loss to Arizona in '82, a 41-8 home win over California in '67, a 13-13 tie at Oregon in '82 and a 24-0 home win over UCLA in '64.

• Notre Dame is 11-5-1 (.676) in its last 17 games vs. Pac-10 schools (3-3-1 vs. USC, 4-2 vs. Stanford, 2-0 vs. Washington, 2-0 vs. ASU), beginning with a 1992 victory over USC.

position after losing senior RE **Grant Irons** (4 tackles, 1 for loss) for the season with a dislocated shoulder against Nebraska that required surgery. Sophomore **Ryan Roberts** (21 tackles, four sacks, two fumble recoveries) moved into Irons starting spot at right end and has been a great addition to the Irish pass rush. All-America candidate junior and two-year starter **Anthony Weaver** (45 tackles, 10 for loss, 5 sacks, 2 INTs, 1 fumble recovery) has starred at left end. Fifth-year **B.J. Scott** (22 tackles, 4 for loss, 2.5 sacks, INT) made his first career start against Nebraska at defensive tackle, while senior **Andy Wisne** (8 tackles, sack) backs up Scott after starting against A&M. Senior **Lance Legree** (47 tackles, 5 for loss, 2 sacks) entered '00 the starter at nose guard after starting the final seven games of '99 there and has started every game this season. The reserves are sophomore **Darrell Campbell** (3 tackles, 2 for loss, fumble recovery) at right end, **Cedric Hilliard** (2 tackles, 1 for loss) at nose guard and junior **John Owens** (9 tackles, 3 for loss, sack) at left end.

Linebackers -- Led by senior **Anthony Denman** (team-high 78 tackles, 13 for loss, 5 sacks) and junior **Rocky Boiman** (56 tackles, 8 for loss, 3.5 sacks, forced fumble), the Irish linebackers have played a large role in Notre Dame's improved defense. Denman starts at inside linebacker for the second straight year and had five tackles for loss and forced two fumbles against Air Force, while Boiman anchors the outside spot. Junior **Tyreo Harrison** (43 tackles, 4 for loss, sack, two fumbles forced and one recovered) moved into a starting spot at inside linebacker after playing all 12 games in '99 with two starts. Junior **Carlos Pierre-Antoine** (2 tackles) fills in at inside linebacker. Fifth-year **Anthony Brannan** backs up Boiman on the outside, while sophomore **Courtney Watson** (9 tackles, 1 for loss) plays behind Denman.

Backs -- Old faces and new faces make up the Irish secondary starters. Seniors **Tony Driver** (60 tackles, sack, two fumble returns for TDs, INT, 5 pass deflections) and **Brock Williams** (43 tackles, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 INT, 3 pass deflections) returned to starting roles, while senior **Ron Israel** (43 tackles, 4 for loss, 3 INT, 3 pass deflections) and junior **Shane Walton** (40 tackles, 2 for loss, 2 INTs, 60-yard INT TD, 3 pass deflections) moved into starting spots. Driver plays at free safety for the first time since '98 after playing seven games in '99 at tailback. Williams is back at left cornerback where he started eight of the last 10 games in '98. Israel moved from top reserve in '99 to starter at strong safety in '00. Walton -- who had his first career interception against Nebraska and had a 60-yard INT return against Purdue's Drew Brees -- won the starting spot at right cornerback after playing in nine games in '99 following a freshman season in which he starred on the Irish men's soccer team. He started the first 10 games this season before suffering a broken forearm vs. Rutgers. Sophomore **Glenn Earl** (20 tackles, fumble recovery, blocked punt and FG) played significant minutes against Air Force in replace of Israel. Freshman **Vontez Duff** (4 tackles, 1 pass deflection) played a large part of the Rutgers game and had his first career Int. The other reserves are sophomore **Jason Beckstrom** (17 tackles, 3 pass deflections) at left cornerback, junior **Clifford Jefferson** (18 tackles, forced fumble) at right cornerback, sophomore **Gerome Sapp** (37 tackles, 2 for loss) at strong safety and junior **Donald Dykes** (17 tackles) at free safety.

SCOUTING THE IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS

Fifth-year newcomer **Matt McNew** -- who joined the team in the spring after four years with the Irish men's soccer team -- handles the kickoffs and has allowed an average opponent starting position of 25.6-yard line through 52 kickoffs in '00. Sophomore **Nick Setta** (39-40 PATs, 7-13 FG) has shined as the Irish placekicker. He nailed the game-winning FG from 38 yards against Purdue as time expired and successfully executed fake FGs for TDs vs. BC and Rutgers. Sophomore and Ray Guy award finalist **Joey Hildbold** (56-2308-41.2) ranks 36th in the NCAA in punting average, has 15 punts of at least 50 yards (including two over 60 yards) and has allowed an average return of 2.3 yards per punt. He missed the BC game with an ankle injury. Setta filled in vs. BC and punted four times for 160 yards, landing two inside the 20 in his first career punting duties. Sophomore **Julius Jones** is fourth in the nation in KO return (15427-28.5, 100-yard TD return against Nebraska), while junior **David Givens** (10-200) and senior **Tony Driver** (7-186) also have helped the Irish to rank third in the country in KO returns. **Joey Getherall** (23-375-16.3 with 83-yard TD return vs. Nebraska, 73-yard return vs. WVU) returns punts and is sixth in the country. **Dan O'Leary** (punts) and **John Crowther** (PAT and FG) share the snaps. **Adam Tibble** does the holding.

DENMAN, DRIVER, FISHER, HILDBOLD, JONES EARN TROPHY CONSIDERATION

Four Irish players were selected for considerations for the annual position-specific trophies. Senior



DOVE TO ENTER HALL OF FAME

Notre Dame two-time consensus football All-American Bob Dove is one of 14 individuals selected for induction to the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame for 2000. Dove is one of 14 players and two coaches who will be officially inducted at the National Football Foundation's 43rd annual award dinner on Dec. 12, 2000, in New York City. The class then will be enshrined at the College Hall of Fame in South Bend in August, 2001. Representing the College Football Hall of Fame, executive director Bernie Kish presented Dove during halftime ceremonies of the Texas A&M game. Dove becomes the 38th former Notre Dame player inducted -- with Notre Dame boasting more representatives (including five coaches) than any other school. A three-year starter at end in 1940-42, Dove played on Frank Leahy's first two teams at Notre Dame and became the first sophomore to start for the Irish in 11 seasons. He was a second-team selection on Street & Smith's All-Time Dream Team for the first 50 years of its publication from 1941-90. He played nine seasons for several pro teams, earning Pro Bowl recognition in '51. Dove is the first player chosen by the Hall's Honors Review Committee, which considers players who played more than 50 years ago.

GEORGE CONNOR PRESENTED OUTLAND

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

linebacker **Anthony Denman** joined the preliminary list of 70 candidates for the Butkus Award -- presented annually to the best linebacker in college football by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando. Senior free safety **Tony Driver** was picked one of 40 players on the "watch list" for the Jim Thorpe Award -- presented annually to the best defensive back in college football by the Jim Thorpe Association in Oklahoma City, Okla. Junior tailback **Tony Fisher** was selected one of 35 initial candidates for the Doak Walker Award presented by Vectrix -- given annually to the nation's top college running back by the Southwestern Bell-SMU Athletic Forum in Dallas, before **Julius Jones** became an additional Irish nominee. Sophomore punter **Joey Hildbold** was named one of 10 finalists for the Ray Guy Award -- presented to the best punter in college football as determined by an executive committee comprised of sports writers, college football coaches, former punters and members of the Greater Augusta Sports Council. Hildbold is one of only two sophomores on the list. The winner will be announced on Dec. 7, at the ESPN College Football Awards Show.

IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS TRULY SPECIAL

The Irish special teams have played key roles in nearly every Notre Dame game this season. Here is a game-by-game look at the success and impact of Notre Dame's special teams:

Texas A&M: With the Irish trailing 10-7 in the third quarter and being forced to punt after three plays result in a loss of one yard on its opening series of the second half, sophomore P **Joey Hildbold** booms a 69-yard punt that is downed at the Aggies' three-yard line. After Notre Dame's defense forces A&M to punt from its eight-yard line, **Arnaz Battle** connects with **Javin Hunter** for a 46-yard TD pass just two plays later for what would be the game-winning TD.

Nebraska: Trailing the top-ranked Huskers 21-7 in the third quarter, the Irish use a kickoff return for a TD and a punt return for a TD to send the game into overtime. **Julius Jones** answers a Nebraska TD with a 100-yard KO return in the third quarter, before **Joey Getherall** takes a Husker punt 83 yards in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 21.

Purdue: In Notre Dame's 23-21 win over eventual Big 10 champion and Rose Bowl bound Purdue, sophomore **Glenn Earl** blocks Travis Dorsch's punt on the Boilers' first possession as the Irish took over at the Boiler four-yard line -- leading to the first Irish touchdown in the victory. **Nick Setta** seals the win with another special teams' highlight -- the fifth game-winning field goal at 0:00 in Notre Dame history with a 38 yarder in just his third career game.

Stanford: With the Irish leading by a 7-0 score, junior **David Givens** blocks Mike Biselli's punt as Notre Dame takes over at the Stanford 10-yard line with just 39 remaining in the first half -- leading to Notre Dame's second touchdown in the 20-14 win.

West Virginia: With the score tied at 14, **Courtney Watson** tackles punter Mark Fazzolari at the WVU 16-yard line following a high snap to set up the go-ahead TD three plays later. **Getherall** scores the fifth of five consecutive Irish TDs with a 73-yard punt return and a 42-14 lead in the victory.

Air Force: With the game tied 28-28 and the Falcons lining up for a potential game-winning field goal from 28 yards, **Earl** comes up with his second blocked kick of the season as time expires in the fourth quarter -- sending the game into overtime in the 34-31 Notre Dame victory.

Boston College: With a tenuous 21-10 lead over the Eagles and less than two minutes remaining in the third quarter, **Setta** lines up for a FG but instead takes a pitch from holder **Adam Tibble** -- who is tackled just before pitching to Setta --and runs untouched into the end zone for a five-yard TD run and a 28-10 lead.

Rutgers: The Irish convert a fake FG for the second consecutive week, as **Setta** takes a direct snap from **John Crowther** and connects with FB **Tom Lopienski** for a 25-yard TD in the first quarter. Leading 24-17 in the third quarter, **Chad DeBolt** recovers another **Givens** blocked punt -- followed two plays later by a 25-yard TD pass from **Matt LoVecchio** to **Javin Hunter** and a two TD lead.

• Here's a comparison between the '99 and '00 Irish special teams in the NCAA statistics:

| 1999 | Return Yards -- Total Returns -- Average -- TDs | 2000 |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| 21st at 23.1 | Kickoff | 3rd at 25.0 |
| 17th at 12.5 | Punt | 7th at 16.0 |
| 64th at 35.2 | Net Punting | 9th at 38.7 |



MANY HAPPY RETURNS FOR NOTRE DAME

The Irish have totalled 1471 return yards this season compared to 931 for their opponents -- a margin so large due in large part to the stellar performances of punt returner **Joey Getherall** (6th nationally at 16.3), punter **Joey Hildbold** (36th nationally at 41.2), kickoff returners **Julius Jones** (4th nationally at 28.5), **Tony Driver** and **David Givens** and placekicker **Matt McNew**. Notre Dame also is the only school ranked in the top 10 in kickoff returns, punt returns and net punting and one of only two in the top 20 in each according to the latest NCAA statistical rankings, while Jones and Getherall are one of two pairs of teammates in the top 10 in punt and KO returns.

Notre Dame's kicking game has limited its opponents to 4.6 yards per punt return and 18.6 yards per kickoff return. Based on the statistical rankings of the 114 NCAA I-A teams, these averages would place the Irish opponents 111th in punt returns and 79th in KO returns, while Notre Dame stands third in KO returns (25.0) and seventh in punt returns (15.4). Notre Dame also ranks ninth in net punting at 38.7, while its opponents' net punting of 32.8 would place them 89th, according to the latest NCAA national statistics. Here's a breakdown of the returns:

| NOTRE DAME | Return Yards -- Total Returns -- Average -- TDs | OPPONENTS |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 824--33--25.0--1 | Kickoff | 746--40--18.6--0 |
| 463--30--15.4--2 | Punt | 146--32--4.6--0 |
| 135--11--12.3--1 | Interception | 39--4--9.8--0 |
| 49--3--16.3--2 | Fumble | 0-1-0 |
| 1471--77--19.1--6 | Total Returns | 931--76--12.3--0 |

DRIVER 'RETURNS' TO RECORDBOOK

In the first 12:47 of the Navy game, **Tony Driver** became just the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to return a pair of fumbles for touchdowns -- since a 1992 NCAA change permitting defensive players to advance fumbles regardless of where on the field they occur. He joined Minnesota's Tyrone Carter who returned a pair of fumbles for TDs against Syracuse on Sept. 21, 1996.

- Driver also became the first Irish player in a season or a career to return a pair of fumbles for TDs, let alone in one game or one quarter.
- The last Irish defensive player to score two touchdowns was Dave Waymer, who ran back two interceptions in a 40-15 win against Miami (Fla.) in the 1979 Mirage Bowl in Toyko.

DRIVER NAMED TO THE SPORTING NEWS MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

The Sporting News has selected Irish senior **Tony Driver** to its midseason All-America list at free safety. Driver is second among the Irish with 45 tackles and has broken up three passes. He recorded an interception in the Irish opener against Texas A&M -- in his first game on defense since the '98 season -- and returned a pair of fumbles for TDs against Navy (see above).

WEAVER LEADS STRONG DEFENSE

Notre Dame's defense has been tough on opposing quarterbacks this season with 27 sacks in 10 games, in addition to numerous hurries and knockdowns. The play of junior DE **Anthony Weaver** has been a significant part of the Irish defensive pressure. Weaver has 10 tackles for losses and five sacks. The Irish surpassed their 18 sacks in '99 after totalling 20 sacks through the first seven games.

- Weaver also has two interceptions (vs. Michigan State to set up go-ahead TD and vs. Boston College on Eagles' first possession to set up early TD), a fumble recovery (vs. Stanford with the Cardinal threatening to score on ND's 15-yard line), a deflected third-down pass (vs. Air Force with the Falcons having to settle for a field goal after the incomplete pass) and a forced fumble (vs. Rutgers to set up an Irish TD four plays later).
- Junior RE **Ryan Roberts** had at least one sack in each of the first four games, becoming the first Irish player since Kory Minor in 1996 (vs. Boston College, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and USC) to have at least one sack in four consecutive games.
- Notre Dame's six sacks against Michigan State stand as the most under head coach Bob Davie and the most since the Irish had nine sacks against Rutgers in 1996.

IRISH DEFENSE GETS OFFENSIVE

Of Notre Dame's 41 touchdowns -- in addition to the three scored from kickoff and punt returns, the three set up by blocked punts and one set up by a botched opponent punt and the two fake field goals -- the Irish defense has scored or set up short drives on seven other TDs. **Shane Walton** had a 60-

37 FORMER IRISH ON '00 NFL ROSTERS

Notre Dame has 37 of its former football players participating in the National Football League in 2000, according to figures released by the league based on opening-day active rosters. The Irish led all Division I schools in that category five straight years from 1995 through '99. Notre Dame ranked second in players on 2000 opening-day rosters -- with Florida State leading the way (38), followed by Notre Dame (37), Ohio State (35), Florida and Miami (34 each), Penn State (32), Michigan and USC (31 each) and Nebraska, North Carolina and Texas A&M (30 each). Here are the former Fighting Irish now active in the pros (R indicates rookie):

- Carolina:** QB Steve Beuerlein, DB Deveron Harper (R), LB Kory Minor
- Chicago:** DT Jim Flanigan, OT Jerry Wisne, DB Shawn Wooden
- Cincinnati:** DB Tom Carter, DT Oliver Gibson
- Cleveland:** RB Marc Edwards
- Dallas:** WR Raghieb Ismail
- Denver:** QB Jarious Jackson (R)
- Detroit:** LB Scott Kowalkowski
- Green Bay:** DB Allen Rossum
- Indianapolis:** DB Jeff Burris, P Hunter Smith
- Jacksonville:** DE Renaldo Wynn
- Kansas City:** C Tim Grunhard
- Miami:** C Tim Ruddy, RB Autry Denson
- New York Giants:** OT Luke Petitgout, OG Mike Rosenthal, C Dusty Zeigler
- Oakland:** WR Tim Brown
- Philadelphia:** QB Ron Powlus, DT Paul Grasmanis, DB Bobby Taylor
- Pittsburgh:** RB Jerome Bettis, WR Malcolm Johnson
- St. Louis:** DB Todd Lyght
- San Diego:** K John Carney
- San Francisco:** DE Junior Bryant, QB Rick Mirer, DT Bryant Young
- Seattle:** WR Derrick Mayes, RB Ricky Watters
- Tennessee:** P Craig Hentrich
- Washington:** OT Andy Heck

In addition, signed to NFL practice squads were Brad Williams (Chicago), Mike Doughty (Cincinnati) and Bobby Brown (Cleveland). Since the start of the season, Anthony Johnson was signed by Jacksonville.

IRISH IN XFL

Notre Dame has eight players set to participate in the inaugural XFL season that kicks off in Feb., 2001. OT Jeremy Akers (1993-96) was drafted by Orlando, and DE Lamont Bryant (1996-99) by NY/NJ. Chicago has six Irish players based on geographical consideration: DB Deke Cooper ('96-99), RB Robert Farmer ('93-96), LB Bobbie Howard ('95-98), QB Kevin McDougal ('90-93), DB A'Jani Sanders ('96-99) and RB Ray Zellars ('91-94).



SINGLE-GAME BESTS

CAREER BESTS – RUSHING YARDS

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arnaz Battle | 107 yards vs. Nebraska, '00 |
| Tony Fisher | 196 vs. Boston College, '00 |
| Julius Jones | 146 vs. Navy, '99 |
| Terrance Howard | 96 vs. West Virginia, '00 |
| Tom Lopienski | 20 vs. USC, '99 |
| Matt LoVecchio | 79 vs. Rutgers, '00 |

CAREER BESTS – COMPLETIONS

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Arnaz Battle | 10 vs. Texas A&M, '00 |
| Gary Godsey | 14 vs. Purdue, '00 |
| Matt LoVecchio | 13 vs. Navy, '00 |

CAREER BESTS – PASSING YARDS

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Arnaz Battle | 133 vs. Texas A&M, '00 |
| Gary Godsey | 158 vs. Purdue, '00 |
| Matt LoVecchio | 183 vs. Navy, '00 |

CAREER BESTS – RECEPTIONS

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tony Fisher .. | 3 vs. BC, Stan., '99, West Va., '00 |
| Joey Getherall | 7 vs. USC, '99 |
| David Givens | 6, vs. Purdue, '00 |
| Jabari Holloway | 4 vs. Purdue, '98 |
| Terrance Howard | 3 vs. BC, Rutgers, '00 |
| Javin Hunter .. | 3 vs. Mich./Pur., '99, Rutgers, '00 |
| Jay Johnson | 2 vs. Tennessee, '99 |
| Julius Jones | 2 vs. Purdue, '00 |
| Tom Lopienski | 2 vs. Michigan St., '99 |
| Dan O'Leary | 4 vs. Purdue, '97 |

CAREER BESTS – RECEIVING YARDS

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Tony Fisher | 68 vs. Stanford, '99 |
| Joey Getherall | 133 vs. Oklahoma, '99 |
| David Givens | 86 vs. Purdue, '00 |
| Jabari Holloway | 94 vs. Purdue, '98 |
| Terrance Howard | 41 vs. Boston College, '00 |
| Javin Hunter | 84 vs. Michigan St., '99 |
| Julius Jones | 49 vs. USC, '99 |
| Dan O'Leary | 54 vs. Pitt, '99 |

CAREER BESTS – TACKLES

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Jason Beckstrom .. | 5 vs. Air Force, Rutgers, '00 |
| Rocky Boiman | 9 vs. Texas A&M, Neb., '00 |
| Anthony Denman | 13 vs. Tenn., '99, Neb., '00 |
| Tony Driver | 11 vs. Michigan St., '00 |
| Donald Dykes .. | 3 vs. Pitt, Stan., '99, Purdue, '00 |
| Glenn Earl | 8 vs. Air Force, '00 |
| Tyreo Harrison | 12 vs. Purdue, '00 |
| Grant Irons | 8 in three games |
| Ron Israel | 8 vs. West Virginia, Rutgers, '00 |
| Clifford Jefferson | 10 vs. Purdue, '99 |
| Lance Legree | 7 vs. Neb., Stan., '00 |
| Carlos Pierre-Antoine | 5 vs. ASU, '99 |
| Ryan Roberts | 4 vs. Neb., Mich. St., Rut., '00 |
| B.J. Scott | 6 vs. Air Force, '00 |
| Gerome Sapp | 8 vs. Boston College, '00 |
| Shane Walton | 7 vs. Neb., '00 |
| Anthony Weaver | 9 vs. Purdue, '00 |
| Brock Williams | 8 vs. Stan., '98, Mich. St., '00 |

yard interception return against Purdue, while both of **Anthony Weaver's** interceptions (vs. Michigan State at the two-yard line and vs. Boston College on the Eagles' second offensive play) were followed shortly by one-yard TD runs by **Julius Jones**. **Brock Williams** had an interception against Stanford before it took Jones three plays (three-yard run, 24-yard shovel pass and seven-yard run) to score on a short 34-yard TD drive. **Tony Driver** had a record day with two fumble returns for TDs against Navy. **Ryan Roberts** recovered a fumble forced by Weaver vs. Rutgers four plays before **Terrance Howard** capped off a short 18-yard drive with a two-yard TD run.

DEFENSIVE BACKS SHARE INTERCEPTIONS

Irish senior SS **Ron Israel** helped seal the West Virginia win with a late, fourth-quarter interception, the first of his career, added another late INT vs. BC and a third vs. Rutgers. He joined seniors **Tony Driver** and **Brock Williams** and junior **Shane Walton** with INTs in '00 as all four of the starting Irish DBs in the secondary now have at least one INT each: Driver (Texas A&M), Williams (Stanford), Walton (Nebraska and Purdue). Backup **Vontez Duff** picked off his first career INT vs. Rutgers.

SETTA AND GODSEY SHARE UNLIKELY BOND

In a season that has seen a number of memorable plays in addition to an unexpected three different starting quarterbacks in the first five games, sophomore PK **Nick Setta** and sophomore TE **Gary Godsey** -- the Irish starting QB in the third and fourth games of the season before moving to tight end after the Air Force game -- share a common bond. The sophomores are the only Notre Dame players this season to both run for a TD and throw a TD pass. Setta's came on fake field goals vs. Boston College (a five-yard run) and Rutgers (a 25-yard pass to **Tom Lopienski**), while Godsey had a nine-yard TD scramble vs. Purdue and threw TD passes vs. Michigan State (**Jason Murray** six yards) and Navy (**Jay Johnson** 46 yards).

IRISH CONTINUE QB'S FIRST-START MAGIC

For the third time in five games in '00, an Irish quarterback making his first career start led Notre Dame to victory vs. Stanford. Freshman QB **Matt LoVecchio** began his first start by leading the Irish on a 91-yard drive in 11 plays in the 20-14 win over the Cardinal. Three weeks earlier, sophomore QB **Gary Godsey** engineered a game-winning drive that ended with a field goal as time expired in the 23-21 win over 13th-ranked Purdue. Two weeks before that game, junior **Arnaz Battle** -- out indefinitely with a broken left navicular suffered against Nebraska -- made his first career start in Notre Dame's 24-10 win over 25th-ranked Texas A&M. Battle became the 10th, Godsey became the 11th and LoVecchio became the 12th of the last 13 Irish quarterbacks to be victorious in their first career starts.

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

LAST 13 STARTING DEBUT GAMES BY NOTRE DAME QUARTERBACKS

- Terry Andrysiak, sophomore (vs. Mississippi, 11/9/85; 8th game of season) ... win, 37-14
- Tony Rice, sophomore (at Air Force, 10/17/87; 5th game of season) ... win, 35-14
- Kent Graham, freshman (Boston College, 11/7/87; 8th game of season) ... win, 32-25
- Rick Mirer, sophomore (#4 Michigan, 9/15/90; 1st game of season) ... win, 28-24
- Paul Failla, freshman (at Purdue, 9/28/91; 4th game of season) ... win, 45-20
- Kevin McDougal, senior (Northwestern, 9/4/93; 1st game of season) ... win, 27-12
- Ron Powlus, sophomore (at Northwestern, 9/3/94; 1st game of season) ... win, 42-15
- Tom Krug, junior (at Air Force, 11/18/95; 11th game of season) ... win, 44-14
- Jarious Jackson, senior (#5 Michigan, 9/5/98; 1st game of season) ... win, 36-20
- Eric Chappell, junior (at USC, 11/28/98, 11th game of season) ... loss, 10-0
- **Arnaz Battle, junior (#25 Texas A&M, 9/2/00, 1st game of season) ... win, 24-10**
- **Gary Godsey, sophomore (#13 Purdue, 9/16/00, 3rd game of season) ... win, 23-21**
- **Matt LoVecchio, freshman (Stanford, 10/7/00, 5th game of season) ... win, 20-14**



TEAM BESTS

NOTRE DAME BESTS – 1990s

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

ND BESTS – DAVIE ERA (1997-)

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rushing Yards | 380 vs. Boston College, '00 |
| Passing Yards | 338 vs. Pitt, '99 |
| Total Yards | 566 vs. Oklahoma, '99 |
| First Downs | 29 vs. BC, '97 |
| Low Rush Yds. Allowed | 33 vs. Baylor, '98 |
| Low Pass Yds. Allowed | 12 vs. Army, '98 |
| Low Total Yds. Allowed | 172 vs. Baylor, '98 |
| Fewest 1st Downs Allowed ... | 12 vs. Army, '98, Navy, '00 |
| Sacks | 6 vs. Michigan State, '00 |
| Turnovers Forced | 6 vs. ASU, '99 |
| Points (Game) | 52 vs. BC, '97 |
| Points (Half) | 31 vs. Pitt. (2nd half), '97 |
| Points (Quarter) | 27 vs. ASU, '99 |
| Victory Margin | 35 (48-13), vs. KU, '99 |

TURNING THE TABLES

- The '00 Irish are +11 in turnover margin, thanks to only four interceptions and four fumbles lost. Notre Dame is on pace to break the school record for fewest fumbles lost..
- The Irish defense forced four turnovers in the '99 Kansas game, extending one of the '98 team's high points (the Irish also were guilty of four turnovers vs. KU). In '98, Notre Dame tied for 21st in the nation with a +0.64 regular-season turnover ratio. Just 11 Div. I-A squads had fewer TOs than the 18 by the Irish in '98 (the Irish also had just 13 in '97). The Irish turned it over 30 times in '99 while forcing 26 (-4).
- The ND offense posted low turnover averages in '97 (1.18/gm, 13 total) and '98 (1.63, 18) but averaged 2.5 turnovers during the '99 season (30 total, none in back-to-back games vs. OU and ASU—the first time that has happened for the Irish since 1993).

LoVECCHIO 3RD STARTING QB IN FIRST FIVE GAMES, JUST 4TH FROSH QB IN 49 YEARS

Freshman **Matt LoVecchio** became Notre Dame's third starting quarterback in five games this season against Stanford, marking the first time since 1987 the Irish have had three starting QBs in one season and have had a significant starting freshman quarterback. After senior starter Terry Andrysiak broke his left collarbone in the fourth game of the '87 season, sophomore Tony Rice started six of the last seven games of the regular season. Freshman Kent Graham started against Boston College (6-8 for 111 yards, INT in the 32-25 win) in the eighth game of the season. Andrysiak returned as the starting QB in the Cotton Bowl.

- Steve Beuerlein started his fourth game as a freshman against Colorado (8-12 for 133 yards in 27-3 win) in 1983. Beuerlein took over for senior Blair Kiel -- who, in 1980, became the first Irish freshman to start at quarterback since Ralph Guglielmi in 1951 vs. North Carolina. Kiel made his first start in the fourth game of the season against Miami (4-17 for 35 yards in 32-14 win).
- Here's a comparison of the last four freshman QBs to start at Notre Dame (figures do not include bowl games):

| Quarterback | Year | GP-GS | Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yards-TD | Pct. | Record as Starter |
|-----------------|------|-------|--------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Matt LoVecchio | 2000 | 7-6 | 111-64-1-838-11 | .577 | 6-0 |
| Kent Graham | 1987 | 7-1 | 24-16-4-248-1 | .667 | 1-0 |
| Steve Beuerlein | 1983 | 10-8 | 145-75-6-1061-4 | .517 | 5-3 |
| Blair Kiel | 1980 | 9-8 | 124-48-5-531-0 | .387 | 6-1-1 |

BOIMAN NAMED TO THE SPORTING NEWS TEAM

The Sporting News has selected Irish junior OLB **Rocky Boiman** to its list of *Great Unknowns*-- "you probably won't recognize their faces, but you should recognize their efforts." Boiman has played a key role in the resurgence of the Notre Dame defense this season. He already has 54 tackles -- third most on the team -- and four-and-a-half sacks, surpassing his 39 tackles and two sacks in '99.

JULIUS JONES NAMED TO "HALF-AMERICA TEAM"

Sophomore **Julius Jones** has been named the best kickoff returner in the country, according to CNNSI/com's "Half-America Team" -- a list of the nation's top players through the first half of the season. He currently is ranked fourth in the country with an average of 28.5 yards per return and is one of just three second-year players on the list, joining redshirt freshman CB Michael Jolivet (Arizona) and sophomore kicker Jonathon Ruffin (Cincinnati). Jones had a 100-yard return for a touchdown against Nebraska and, with 1030 career KO return yards already, has moved into fifth place on all-time Irish KO return yards list.

JULIUS JONES TAPPED FUTURE STAR

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

THEY SHALL RETURN

- During the past 15 seasons ('86-'00), Notre Dame has produced 53 TDs via kickoff, punt and interception returns -- including **Shane Walton's** 60-yard interception return vs. Purdue, **Julius Jones'** 100-yard kickoff return and **Joey Getherall's** 83-yard punt return vs. Nebraska and 73-yard punt return vs. West Virginia in '00. Other recent returns for the Irish are Jones' 67-yard punt return vs. Boston College ('99), A'Jani Sanders' pair of INTs vs. ASU ('98 and '99), Bobbie Howard's INT vs. LSU ('98) and Deveron Harper's INT in the '99 opener vs. Kansas. (Those numbers don't include several fumble returns for TDs, with **Tony Driver's** pair against Navy the most recent and others coming from **Anthony Denman** vs. Kansas in '99, Deke Cooper at Michigan State in '98, Malcolm Johnson vs. Army in '98 and Lamont Bryant vs. LSU in '98).
- The 2000 Irish join the 1993 team as the only squads to return at least one punt, kickoff, interception and fumble for touchdowns and have six returns for touchdowns, the most since the '96 Irish had seven TD returns.
- Irish opponents in the past 15 seasons have combined for just 11 total returns for touchdowns (on kicks, punts or interceptions).



TICKET DETAILS

• All six '00 Notre Dame home football games were sold out. That's no surprise, considering 155 straight games at Notre Dame Stadium—and 203 of the last 204 back to '64—have been sellouts, including the six this year.

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

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

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

• The crowd of 80,653 at the Boston College game on Nov. 11 marked the largest crowd in Notre Dame Stadium history, topping the 80,232 that watched the Irish in their first five home games of the '00 season.

• The 53 returns have come from 30 players, including nine by Allen Rossum (an NCAA record), six by Raghieb Ismail, five by Tim Brown, three by Ricky Watters and two by **Joey Getherall** -- with current sophomore **Julius Jones** already having returned two kicks in his brief Irish career.

• **Getherall** joins Joe Heap (1951-54) and Ricky Watters (1987-90) as the only Irish players to return two punts of at least 73 yards each for touchdowns in a career and the only Irish player to accomplish that in one season. His 73-yard punt return vs. West Virginia stands tied for the 16th longest in Notre Dame history.

• The returns also do not include a blocked punt returned for TD in '96 and two by Irish opponents in '97 and '99. Notre Dame recovered a fumble in its opponent's end zone twice in '92. The Irish returned PATs for two points in '89 (Andre Jones vs. SMU) and '95 (Allen Rossum vs. Texas). Rice was the first team to return a PAT following the NCAA's implementation of the rule in a game against the Irish in '88.

• Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

| Year | PU | KO | INT | FUM | Year | PU | KO | INT | FUM |
|------|----|----|-----|-----|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1986 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1994 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1987 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1995 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 1988 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1996 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 1989 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1997 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 1990 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1998 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 1991 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1999 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 1992 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2000 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1993 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ND Total | 18 | 15 | 20 | 11 |
| | | | | | Opp. Total | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 |

JONES, GETHERALL, GIVENS GO LONG DISTANCE AGAINST HUSKERS

• **Julius Jones**, **Joey Getherall** and **David Givens** combined for 317 return yards (4 punts for 113 yards, 4 kickoffs for 204) against Nebraska -- including an 83-yard punt return by Getherall and a 100-yard kickoff return by Jones for touchdowns. The 317 return yards were the second most kickoff and punt return yards for the Irish since the start of the 1980 season. Notre Dame had 336 return yards (231 punt, 71 kickoff and 34 interception) against Pittsburgh in '96.

• Notre Dame's 204 kickoff return yards established a modern Irish record for single-game kickoff returns, eclipsing the 192 by Notre Dame (all by Raghieb Ismail) against Michigan in 1989. The Irish had 354 kickoff return yards against Kalamazoo in 1922.

• Jones' 175 return yards were the most for a Notre Dame player since Clint Johnson returned two kickoffs vs. Stanford for 179 yards and one touchdown. Jones' 100-yard TD return marked the first kickoff touchdown return of his career, the longest since Johnson went 100 yards vs. Stanford and the first for the Irish since Jarious Jackson returned an onside kick for a TD against Pitt in '97.

• Getherall's 83-yard punt return tied Allen Rossum's 83-yard punt return against Pittsburgh in 1996 for the eighth-longest in Irish history. The last Irish player to return a punt longer was Ricky Watters who set the record with a 97-yarder vs. SMU in 1989.

• Givens started the Nebraska game with a 41-yard kickoff return, the longest of his career.

JONES ALREADY AMONG RETURN LEADERS

In his brief Irish career, sophomore Julius Jones -- already with punt ('99 BC) and kickoff ('00 Nebraska) returns for touchdowns -- has produced some of Notre Dame's top return games in the past decade, dating back to Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown's first season in '84 season:

| Name | Game | PUNTS | KICKOFFS | TOTAL RETURNS |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | No.-Yds.-TD | No.-Yds.-TD | No.-Yds.-TD |
| 1. Tim Brown | '87 Michigan State | 6-150-2 | 2-57-0 | 8-207-2 |
| 2. Raghieb Ismail | '89 Michigan | 0-0-0 | 3-192-2 | 3-192-2 |
| 3. Clint Johnson | '93 Stanford | 0-0-0 | 2-179-1 | 2-179-1 |
| 4. Raghieb Ismail | '88 Rice | 1-9-0 | 2-170-2 | 3-179-2 |
| 5. Julius Jones | '00 Nebraska | 3-30-0 | 2-145-1 | 5-175-1 |
| 6. Julius Jones | '99 BC | 2-71-1 | 4-97-0 | 6-168-1 |
| 7. Julius Jones | '99 Pittsburgh | 1-1-0 | 7-163-0 | 8-164-0 |
| 8. Julius Jones | '99 Stanford | 1-15-0 | 6-148-0 | 7-163-0 |
| 9. Tony Driver | '98 BC | 0-0-0 | 6-158-0 | 6-158-0 |
| 10. Tim Brown | '87 BC | 3-21-0 | 5-132-0 | 8-153-0 |



**FUTURE IRISH
FOOTBALL SCHEDULES**

2001

Sept. 8 at Nebraska
 Sept. 15 at Purdue
Sept. 22 MICHIGAN STATE
 Sept. 29 at Texas A&M
Oct. 6 PITTSBURGH
Oct. 13 WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 20 USC
 Oct. 27 at Boston College
Nov. 3 TENNESSEE
Nov. 17 NAVY
 Nov. 24 at Stanford

2002

Sept. 7 PURDUE
Sept. 14 MICHIGAN
 Sept. 21 at Michigan State
Oct. 5 STANFORD
Oct. 12 PITTSBURGH
 Oct. 19 at Air Force
 Oct. 26 at Florida State
Nov. 2 BOSTON COLLEGE
 Nov. 9 vs. Navy (site TBA)
Nov. 23 RUTGERS
 Nov. 30 at USC

2003

Sept. 13 at Michigan
Sept. 20 MICHIGAN STATE
 Sept. 27 at Purdue
Oct. 4 WAKE FOREST
 Oct. 11 at Pittsburgh
Oct. 18 USC
 Oct. 25 at Boston College
Nov. 1 FLORIDA STATE
 Nov. 8 **NAVY**
Nov. 15 BYU
 Nov. 22 at Syracuse
 Nov. 29 at Stanford

GIVENS HIS ALL

Irish junior FL **David Givens** put his versatility on full display against West Virginia with a 52-yard halfback pass to **Joey Getherall** and a five-yard TD run -- both firsts for Givens this season. His pass to Getherall was followed two plays later by an Irish TD for a 35-14 lead. He also provided a key block on **Terrance Howard's** 80-yard TD run vs. the Mountaineers. Against Stanford, Givens caught a pair of TD passes and blocked a punt with less than a minute remaining in the first half to set up his second TD -- giving the Irish a 14-0 lead just before halftime of the 20-14 win. He recorded season-highs for an Irish receiver against Purdue with six catches for 86 yards. Against Air Force, Givens took a handoff from Getherall on a double reserve and scored a 37-yard TD. He blocked another punt vs. Rutgers to help give the Irish a two TD lead vs. Rutgers. Givens has 22 carries for 97 yards and has caught a team-high 23 passes this season for 275 yards.

THE 2000 NCAA STATS

NCAA stat rankings for Notre Dame and USC (top 50 for team ranks):

| Team Rankings | Notre Dame | USC |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Rushing Offense | 16th at 210.3 | 42nd at 160.5 |
| Passing Offense | 131.2 | 24th at 263.4 |
| Total Offense | 341.5 | 23rd at 423.8 |
| Scoring Offense | 35th at 30.6 | 26.2 |
| Passing Efficiency | 18th at 136.8 | 120.6 |
| Rushing Defense, yards | 154.6 | 28th at 114.8 |
| Passing Defense, yards | 38th at 201.7 | 224.1 |
| Total Defense | 50th at 356.3 | 37th at 338.9 |
| Scoring Defense | 31st at 20.5 | 27.2 |
| Net Punting | 9th at 38.7 | 29.1 |
| Punt Returns | 7th at 16.0 | 9.2 |
| Kickoff Returns | 3rd at 25.0 | 18.6 |
| Turnover Margin | 7th at 1.1 (+11 overall) | -1.5 (-16 overall) |
| Fumbles Lost | 5th with 4 | 17 |
| Passes Had Intercepted | T3rd with 4 | 16 |
| Turnovers Lost | T1st with 8 | 33 |
| Individual Rankings | Notre Dame | USC |
| Total Offense | Carson Palmer | 27th at 240.5 |
| Passing | Carson Palmer | 17th at 19.2 comp/game |
| Receptions | Kareem Kelly | 43rd at 5.1 |
| Receiving Yards | Kareem Kelly | 45th at 70.5 |
| All-Purpose Yards | Julius Jones | 44rd at 121.78 |
| Kickoff Returns | Julius Jones | 4th at 28.5 |
| Punt Returns | Joey Getherall | 6th at 17.1 |
| Punting | Joey Hildbold | 36th at 41.2 |

TWO-SPORT STANDOUTS

Junior cornerback **Shane Walton** -- less than two years removed from earning all-BIG EAST honors as a freshman forward on the '98 Irish men's soccer team -- entered the 2000 season as Notre Dame's starter at right cornerback and has 29 tackles, one tackle for a loss, two interceptions -- including a 60-yard INT return for a touchdown against Purdue's Drew Brees -- and three passes deflected this season. Walton joined the Irish football squad in the spring of '99 and saw action in three games in the secondary during the '99 season. He played in nine games overall with 61 appearances on special teams, earning his second ND monogram in as many years and in as many sports.

While Walton underwent a less traditional soccer-to-football transition, fifth-year **Matt McNew** made



MONTANA ENTERS NFL HALL OF FAME

- Former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana—who went on to star for 14 seasons in the National Football League with the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs—became the seventh Notre Dame player to be inducted into the National Professional Football Hall of Fame, as a first-ballot selection for the class of 2000.
- Curly Lambeau, who lettered for the Irish in 1918, was a charter member of the Hall in 1963 as a founder, player and coach for the Green Bay Packers from 1919-1949 ... the other five former Notre Dame players in the pro Football Hall of Fame include: 1964 inductee George Trafton (C, Chicago Bears 1920-22), 1968 inductee Wayne Millner (E, Boston and Washington Redskins, 1936-41, 1945), 1975 inductee George Connor (T/LB, Chicago, 1948-55), 1986 inductee Paul Hornung (QB, Green Bay 1957-62, 1964-66) and 1988 inductee Alan Page (DT, Minnesota 1967-78, Chicago 1978-81).
- The 2000 induction ceremonies were held at the Hall in Canton, Ohio, on July 28-31 and include a reunion of some 110 of the 136 living members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame—billed as the largest collection of Hall of Famers in major sports history (Connor and Hornung were expected to be on hand for the reunion) ... Montana selected former San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo to be his presenter at the induction ceremony.

the more natural switch from soccer player to placekicker. After exhausting his four years of eligibility with the Irish men's soccer team, McNew tried out in the '00 spring season and was invited to join the team in the fall. In his first collegiate football game, **McNew** boomed five kickoffs for the Irish against the Aggies, including three kickoffs touchbacks. His 52 kickoffs in '00 have resulted in average opponent starting position at the Irish 25.6-yard line.

Junior walk-on **Chad DeBolt** - who has made over 50 special teams appearances in '00 and was one of just four walkons on the West Virginia trip -- also stars for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team. The Waterloo, N.Y., native played in all 14 games last year as a defensive midfielder and won over 60 percent of the faceoffs he attempted for the men's lacrosse team - which turned in one of its best seasons ever in '00 by reaching the NCAA quarterfinals for the second time in its history.

FOUR RANKED OPPONENTS IN A ROW

• After games against 23rd-ranked Texas A&M, top-ranked Nebraska and 13th-ranked Purdue to open the season, the Irish played their fourth consecutive ranked opponent at 23rd-ranked Michigan State, marking the first time since the inception of the Associated Press poll in 1936 that Notre Dame has opened a season with four ranked opponents. The Irish played four consecutive games against ranked opponents during the regular season for the first time since 1957 and for only the third time ever (1943 was the first time).

• Here's how the 1943 Irish fared against their four consecutive ranked opponents:
 Oct. 30 #1 ND def. #3 Navy 33-6 Nov. 13 #1 ND def. #8 Northwestern 25-6
 Nov. 6 #1 ND def. #3 Army 26-0 Nov. 20 #1 ND def. #2 Iowa Pre-Flight 14-13

• Here's how the 1957 Irish fared against their four consecutive ranked opponents:
 Nov. 2 #16 Navy def. #5 ND 20-6
 Nov. 9 #4 Michigan State def. #15 ND 34-6
 Nov. 16 ND def. #2 Oklahoma 7-0 (ending the OU's NCAA record 57-game winning streak)
 Nov. 23 #8 Iowa def. #9 ND 21-13

COACHING IN THE CLUTCH

Knute Rockne owns the best career winning percentage among Notre Dame coaches in games decided by seven or fewer points, at 21-1-5 (.870). Among Irish coaches with 14-plus "close games," the other top winning percentages in tight games belong to Elmer Layden (22-7-3, .734), Frank Leahy (17-5-8, .700), Ara Parseghian (13-6-4, .652), Dan Devine (15-9-1, .620), **Bob Davie** (14-9, .609) and Lou Holtz (20-18-2, .525).

SETTA SAILS WINNING KICK

Irish sophomore PK **Nick Setta** -- in just the third career game played -- nailed the fifth game-winning field goal at 0:00 in Notre Dame history against Purdue and the first since Jim Sanson in 1996. Setta finished the Purdue game 3-4 in field goals attempts, connecting from 47, 32 and 38 and missing from 39 yards. The other Irish game-winning field goals as time expired were:

Sept. 21, 1996 Jim Sanson 39-yard FG, #9 Notre Dame def. #6 Texas, 27-24
 Nov. 29, 1986 John Carney 19-yard FG, Notre Dame def. #17 USC 38-37
 Sept. 20, 1980 Harry Oliver 51-yard FG, #8 Notre Dame def. #14 Michigan 29-27
 Nov. 18, 1961 Joe Perkowski 41-yard FG, Notre Dame def. #10 Syracuse 17-15

HOWARD'S RUN 15TH LONGEST IN IRISH HISTORY

- Junior TB **Terrance Howard** had an 80-yard touchdown run against West Virginia in the second-quarter to tie the game at 14-14, the first of five consecutive Irish TDs against the Mountaineers.
- His 80-yard run stands as the 15th longest in Notre Dame history and the second longest for the Irish in the last 27 years (Robert Farmer had an 81-yard TD run against Boston College in 1996).
- The run also set a Mountaineer Field record for the longest by a West Virginia opponent, eclipsing a 74-yard run by Maryland's Mike Beasley in 1988.
- He finished with 96 yards rushing against WVU, the second consecutive week he has rushed for career-high yards after 68 against Navy.

THEISMANN TO SERVE AS GUEST SPEAKER AT 81ST ANNUAL FOOTBALL BANQUET

Former Notre Dame All-America quarterback and current ESPN analyst **Joe Theismann** will serve as guest speaker for the 81st annual University of Notre Dame Football Banquet. The banquet, sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, will be held Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, in the north



dome of the Joyce Center on the Notre Dame campus. A reception on the concourse begins at 5:45 p.m. EST and the dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. The program will include video highlights of the 2000 season and a special tribute to senior members of the 2000 Irish squad. Ticket information will be announced within the next few weeks. In addition to the dinner, all senior members of the 2000 Irish team will be available for autographs on the concourse during the reception. There also will be a silent auction of Notre Dame football photographs and memorabilia during the reception.

NUMBER CHANGES

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

2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE AMONG TOUGHEST

Notre Dame's schedule currently ranks eighth toughest in the country according to the Nov. 13 Bowl Championship Series schedule rank -- a figure that is based on the won/loss record of a team's past opponents and the won/loss record of a team's opponents' opponents. The schedule also ranked third toughest among the top 15 teams in the BCS poll.

IRISH OPPONENT UPDATE

Below is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times in the last 22 years (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995).

| Opponent | '00 Record | Nov. 11 | Nov. 18 |
|----------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Texas A&M | 7-3 | Idle | at Texas (11/24) |
| Nebraska | 8-2 | Idle | Colorado (11/24) |
| Purdue | 8-3 | def. Indiana 41-13 | schedule complete |
| Michigan State | 5-6 | lost to Penn State 42-23 | schedule complete |
| Stanford | 5-6 | def. California 36-20 (OT) | schedule complete |
| Navy | 0-10 | lost to Wake Forest 49-26 | vs. Army (12/2) |
| West Virginia | 6-4 | def. East Carolina 42-24 | at Pittsburgh (11/24) |
| Air Force | 8-3 | def. San Diego State 45-24 | schedule complete |
| Boston College | 6-4 | Idle | at Miami |
| Rutgers | 3-7 | lost to Notre Dame 45-17 | at Syracuse |
| USC | 5-6 | def. UCLA 38-35 | Notre Dame |

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in '00 (not including games vs. ND): 59-46 (.562)

IRISH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM HONORED AS ONE OF NATION'S BEST

The Notre Dame CHAMPS/Life Skills Program has been identified as one of the best in the nation by the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association. Notre Dame received one of four program of excellence awards at the Association's Sept. 25 awards dinner in Dallas. Honored along with Notre Dame were Arizona State University, the University of Iowa and Michigan State University. Notre Dame's Life Skills Program currently is under the direction of Bernard Muir, associate athletic director for student-athlete welfare.

• In existence since August 1996, Notre Dame's Life Skills Program is committed to the total development of the University's student-athletes. It fosters the cultivation of skills that allow for their maximization on and off the playing field. The program develops and implements events and activities which are designed to facilitate learning in five key areas: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development. By the time a Notre Dame student-athlete graduates, he or she will have participated in approximately 40 hours of required skill building and development workshops in each key area. All freshmen and their parents participate in orientation sessions designed to assist in the transition into the University and to inform them about the Life Skills Program as well as other support services.

GERMANY GAME GETS RAVE REVIEWS

Eight members of Notre Dame's 1988 national championship football team—including '88 tri-captain Mark Green and standout inside linebacker Wes Pritchett—helped comprise the list of 55 former Irish

JONES QUICKLY CLIMBS KICKOFF RETURN LIST

In his brief Irish career, sophomore **Julius Jones** is on pace to surpass Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown as the Notre Dame leader in career kickoff return yards. He already has 1030 yards, fifth most in Irish history, just seven yards behind teammate **Tony Driver**.

| Name | Yards | Ret. | Aver. | Yrs. |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Tim Brown | 1613 | 69 | 23.38 | '84-87 |
| 2. Raghieb Ismail | 1271 | 46 | 27.63 | '88-90 |
| 3. Jim Stone | 1079 | 49 | 22.02 | '77-80 |
| 4. Tony Driver | 1037 | 45 | 23.04 | '97-'00 |
| 5. Julius Jones | 1030 | 41 | 25.12 | '99-'00 |
| 6. Allen Rossum | 891 | 29 | 30.72 | '94-97 |
| 7. Clint Johnson | 778 | 27 | 28.81 | '90-93 |
| 8. Emmett Mosley | 778 | 39 | 25.93 | '93-96 |
| 9. Paul Castner | 767 | 21 | 36.52 | '20-22 |
| 10. Terry Eurick | 739 | 32 | 23.09 | '74-77 |

IRISH REMAIN FAN FAVORITES

The ESPN Sports Poll, a product of TNS Intersearch, asked a sample of college sports fans from September 1999 through August 2000 to name their favorite college football team, and Notre Dame was tapped the fans' favorite team. The Fighting Irish were the only team to be represented among the top 10 favorite teams in each of the four regions. Notre Dame finished second in the West and Northeast, fourth in the North Central and sixth in the South.



**FORMER PLAYERS
NAMED TO ABC
ALL-TIME TEAM**

Three former Notre Dame football greats have been selected to the ABC Sports College Football All-Time All-America Team, as featured in a recently-published book by Hyperion. Receiver **Tim Brown** was named to the second team, as was defensive lineman **Alan Page**, while tight end **Dave Casper** was chosen to the third team.

- **Brown**, from Dallas, Texas, won the 1987 Heisman Trophy and finished his Notre Dame career as the all-time Irish leader in reception yardage (2,493). He keynoted his Heisman bid in '87 by returning two punts for 66 and 71 yards for TDs against Michigan State. Brown continues to star as a receiver for the NFL Oakland Raiders.

- **Page**, from Canton, Ohio, earned consensus All-America honors as a senior in 1966 while helping the Irish to the national championship. A three-year starter at defensive end, he made 63 tackles as a senior in '66 and finished with 134 career tackles. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in '93 — and was an NCAA Silver Anniversary award winner in '92. A former NFL MVP during his career with the Minnesota Vikings, Page now serves as a Minnesota Supreme Court judge.

- **Casper**, from Chilton, Wis., was a consensus All-America selection as a senior in 1973 on Notre Dame's national championship team. A three-year starter from 1971-73, he opened at offensive tackle for two seasons, then switched to tight end as a senior. His career totals included 21 catches for 335 yards and four TDs. He served as co-captain of Notre Dame's '73 national title squad. After 11 years in the NFL, Casper was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 1993 and was an NCAA Silver Anniversary award winner in 1999.

football players who participated in Charity Bowl 2000. The former Irish players traveled to Hamburg, Germany, for a July 8, 2000, game against the Hamburg Blue Devils football club, at Volkspark Stadium. A memorable six-day trip was capped by a 14-10 victory for the Notre Dame alumni team, with the game ending on Ivory Covington's interception in the end zone after the Blue Devils had marched to the seven-yard line. QB Steve Belles had a hand in both Irish scoring drives, hitting Clint Johnson with a 50-yard bomb to set up his own two-yard option keeper for the first TD before connecting with Johnson for a 23-yard TD pass later in the game. The game benefited Kinder Helfen Kindern (Kids Helping Kids) and the Notre Dame Brennan-Boland Scholarship Fund, which provides need-based assistance to sons and daughters of members of the Notre Dame National Monogram Club. The coaching staff included former Notre Dame assistant coaches Brian Boulac, Skip Holtz, Peter Vaas, Brian White and Tony Yelovich and former Irish player Mike Haywood while current defensive coordinator **Greg Mattison** served as head coach. Feature stories detailing the alumni team's experiences in Germany—including a full recap—are posted on the ND athletic website (www.und.com).

BIG CROWDS EVERYWHERE

The Irish have played in front of capacity crowds in 126 of the last 147 games, including the first five games in 2000. Each of the first 10 regular-season games involving Notre Dame during the '98 season — and the first 11 in '99 — was played in front of a sellout crowd.

FRESHMAN WALK-ONS

Notre Dame's freshman class includes 17 scholarship players and two walk-ons: quarterback **Matt Krueger** (who will be sharing No. 8 with wide receiver Lorenzo Crawford) and tight end **Brendan Hart** (who is sharing No. 83 with walk-on kicker Josh Gentile). Hart is the grandson of former Notre Dame end and 1949 Heisman Trophy winner Leon Hart and the son of former Irish tight end Kevin Hart. Krueger prepped at South Bend's Marian High School as did his brother Ryan, a junior walk-on QB.

GIVING BACK

Four former Notre Dame football players currently are employees of the University: flanker **Mike Favorite** ('81-'83), defensive back **D'Juan Francisco** ('86-'89), quarterback **Tony Rice** ('87-'89) and offensive tackle **Larry Williams** ('81-'84). Favorite joined Notre Dame in 1993 as assistant director of the auditing department, recently served as associate director for "Y2K" compliance and currently is a strategic consultant in the office of information technologies. Francisco joined the Notre Dame Alumni Association in 1992 and assumed the role of director of constituency groups, alumni clubs and student programs (he now coordinates 210 domestic and 30 international alumni clubs). Rice was appointed assistant director of regional development for Notre Dame in the Chicago area on Feb. 1, 1999, while Williams was named Notre Dame's director of licensing in November of 1999.

RECENT IRISH RUSHING HISTORY

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

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Rushing Average</u> | <u>NCAA Rank</u> | <u>Rushing TDs</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1987 | 252.1 | 14th | 33 |
| 1988 | 258.0 | 11th | 30 |
| 1989 | 287.7 | 8th | 42 |
| 1990 | 250.3 | 12th | 33 |
| 1991 | 268.0 | 5th | 31 |
| 1992 | 280.9 | 3rd | 34 |
| 1993 | 260.7 | 6th | 36 |
| 1994 | 215.6 | 20th | 18 |
| 1995 | 233.5 | 6th | 29 |
| 1996 | 269.5 | 8th | 34 |
| 1997 | 174.9 | 36th | 22 |
| 1998 | 212.5 | 16th | 22 |
| 1999 | 181.5 | 26th | 25 |
| 2000 | 210.3 | 16th | 19 |

★ ★ All-Star Candidate ★ ★

#39 Anthony Denman

Inside Linebacker • Notre Dame

6-2 • 235 • Senior

Rusk, Texas (Rusk)

- * Ringleader of re-energized Irish defense in 2000
- * Notre Dame's leading tackler in 2000 with 78 overall tackles, 49 of those solos
- * Also leads Irish in 2000 in sacks (five) and tackles for loss (13 for 50)
- * Matched his career high with 13 tackles vs. top-ranked Nebraska (including a sack and two tackles for loss) in a game Irish coach Bob Davie called "the best game I've seen played by a linebacker since I've been at Notre Dame."
- * Has led Irish in tackles in five of the last six games, vs. Stanford (seven), Navy (five), West Virginia (eight), Air Force (11) and Boston College (nine) — with Air Force effort also including five tackles for loss, a sack and two fumbles caused
- * Two-year starter who is one of four Notre Dame captains for 2000
- * Named to Butkus Award watch list for 2000



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| 1977 | 11 | - | 1 | - | 0 |
| 1988 | 12 | - | 0 | - | 0 |

PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY

Anthony Denman's 2000 Totals

Started all 10 games
49 solo tackles
29 assisted tackles
78 total tackles
5 sacks for 30 yards in losses
13 tackles for 50 yards in losses
2 fumbles caused

★ ★ All-Star Candidate ★ ★

#98 Anthony Weaver

Defensive End • Notre Dame

6-3 • 276 • Junior

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (Saratoga Springs)

- * Has developed into most dominant Irish defensive lineman since Renaldo Wynn in '96 (Wynn was team MVP and #1 NFL draft pick)
- * Has recorded five sacks, 10 tackles for loss, two interceptions, a fumble recovery, a forced fumble and four passes broken up
- * Made career-high nine tackles vs. Michigan State and also intercepted a pass that set up go-ahead score for Irish
- * Had six tackles vs. Texas A&M, seven vs. top-rated Nebraska
- * Had two sacks vs. Michigan State, then six tackles, two for loss, one sack and a fumble recovery vs. Stanford
- * Intercepted a pass on first series vs. Boston College to set up fastest Notre Dame offensive score since final regular-season game in '97
- * Leads all defensive players in career starts and leads all non-seniors in playing time



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Anthony Weaver's 2000 Totals

Started all 10 games
24 solo tackles, 21 assisted tackles
45 total tackles
10 tackles for 37 yards in losses
5 sacks for 28 yards in losses
2 interceptions, 4 passes broken up
1 fumble caused and 1 recovered

★ ★ All-Star Candidate ★ ★

#25 Tony Driver

Free Safety • Notre Dame

6-2 • 220 • Senior

Louisville, Ky. (Male)

- * Notre Dame's 2000 free safety starter was named by The Sporting News to its midseason All-America squad as first team free safety
- * Has changed positions every year he has been at Notre Dame, playing tailback as freshman in '97, safety as sophomore in '98, tailback as junior in '99
- * Tied an NCAA record with two fumble returns for touchdowns vs. Navy, returning them 24 and 22 yards (only other player to ever do this was Minnesota's Tyrone Carter in '96)
- * Ranked as first Notre Dame defensive player to score twice in a game since Dave Waymer in 1979 returned two interceptions for TDs vs. Miami
- * Named CBS Sports Notre Dame MVP vs. Navy
- * Started season with 10 tackles vs. Texas A&M (to go with an interception), 10 vs. top-ranked Nebraska and team-leading 11 vs. Michigan State
- * Named to Jim Thorpe Award watch list for 2000
- * Second-team preseason All-America as safety by The Sporting News



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Tony Driver's 2000 Totals

Started all 10 games
36 solo tackles
24 assisted tackles
60 total tackles
1 interception for 19 yards
5 passes broken up
2 fumble recoveries for 46 yards, 2 TDs
7 kickoff returns for 186 yards (26.6 average)

★ ★ All-Star Candidate ★ ★

#69 Mike Gandy

Offensive Guard • Notre Dame

6-4 • 315 • Senior

Garland, Texas (Garland)

- * Veteran of Irish offensive line in 2000
- * Played every offensive snap in eight of first 10 games
- * Named to preseason All-Independent teams by Football News and The Sporting News
- * Leads all offensive linemen in career playing time, thanks to 23 career starts
- * Rated by The Sporting News as third-best offensive guard among pro prospects in Nov. 6 issue
- * Helped the Irish to a season high 481 yards of total offense against Rutgers

Mike Gandy's 2000 Totals

Started all 10 games



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| 1988 | 12 | - | 0 | - | 0 |

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TODAY

★ ★ All-Star Candidate ★ ★

#18 Joey Getherall

Flanker/Punt Returner • Notre Dame

5-7 • 175 • Senior

Hacienda Heights, Calif. (Bishop Amat)

- * Has staked himself as one of most exciting players in college game in 2000, based on his multiple talents as pass receiver, rusher and punt returner
- * Currently ranks sixth individually in NCAA punt return stats at 16.3 each, as one of only 11 players in 2000 to return two or more punts for TDs
- * Returned one punt 83 yards for a TD vs. Nebraska, ranking as longest Irish punt return for a TD in 11 years and first punt return for score vs. Nebraska in 12 years
- * Returned a punt 73 yards for TD vs. West Virginia to give Irish 42-14 lead
- * Leads team in receiving yards (305) in 2000 and receiving TDs (four)
- * Scored three TDs vs. Air Force, on 28-yard and 68-yard pass receptions and then on nine-yard reverse that won game 34-31 for Irish in overtime for Notre Dame's first-ever overtime victory
- * Caught four passes for 116 yards vs. Air Force and was named NBC Sports Notre Dame MVP
- * Only player in Notre Dame history with two punt returns of 73 yards or more for TDs in a season
- * Has chance to break Notre Dame single-season record for punt return yards (he has 375; record is 459 by Nick Rassas in 1965)
- * Needs one more punt return for TD this season to tie Irish single-season mark by Allen Rossum (1996), Tim Brown (1987) and Nick Rassas (1965)



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| 1977 | 11 | - | 1 | - | 0 |
| 1988 | 12 | - | 0 | - | 0 |

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Joey Getherall's 2000 Totals

16 receptions for 305 yards
(19.1 average), 4 TDs
7 rushes for 60 yards, 1 TD
23 punt returns for 375 yards
(16.3 average), 2 TDs

Notre Dame Game-By-Game Starters

| OPPONENT | SE | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | TE | FL | QB | FB | TB |
|----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| Texas A&M | Hunter | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Givens | Battle | Lopienski | Fisher |
| Nebraska | Hunter | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Getherall | Battle | Lopienski | Jones |
| Purdue | Hunter | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | O'Leary (TE) | Godsey | Lopienski | Howard |
| Michigan State | Hunter | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Givens | Godsey | O'Leary (TE) | Jones |
| Stanford | Hunter | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Givens | LoVecchio | O'Leary (TE) | Fisher |
| Navy | Getherall | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Givens | LoVecchio | O'Leary (TE) | Fisher |
| West Virginia | Getherall | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Givens | LoVecchio | O'Leary (TE) | Fisher |
| Air Force | Getherall | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | O'Leary (TE) | LoVecchio | Murray | Jones |
| Boston College | Hunter | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Givens | LoVecchio | Lopienski | Jones |
| Rutgers | Hunter | Black | Jones | Faine | Gandy | Vollers | Holloway | Getherall | LoVecchio | Lopienski | Fisher |

| OPPONENT | LE | LT | NG | RE | OLB | ILB | ILB | LCB | FS | SS | RCB |
|----------------|--------|-------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Texas A&M | Weaver | Wisne | Legree | Irons | Boiman | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |
| Nebraska | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Irons | Boiman | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |
| Purdue | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Roberts | Boiman | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |
| Michigan State | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Roberts | Boiman | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |
| Stanford | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Roberts | Beckstrom | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |
| Navy | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Jefferson (CB) | Boiman | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |
| West Virginia | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Roberts | Jefferson (CB) | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |
| Air Force | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Roberts | Boiman | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Earl | Walton |
| Boston College | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Roberts | Boiman | Harrison | Denman | Williams | Driver | Sapp | Walton |
| Rutgers | Weaver | Scott | Legree | Beckstrom | Boiman | Dykes | Denman | Williams | Driver | Israel | Walton |

Game-By-Game Statistics

| NOTRE DAME | RUSHING (Att.-Yds.-TD) | PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD) | TOTAL OFF. (Att-Yds.) | FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn) | FUMBLES (No.-Lost) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| vs. Texas A&M | 49-194-1 | 16-10-0-133-2 | 65-327 | 21-13-6-2 | 1-0 |
| vs. Nebraska | 40-184-1 | 15-3-1-40-0 | 55-224 | 11-7-2-2 | 1-0 |
| vs. Purdue | 34-78-1 | 25-14-1-158-0 | 59-236 | 14-8-5-1 | 0-0 |
| vs. Michigan State | 37-149-2 | 16-5-1-63-1 | 53-212 | 8-5-2-1 | 0-0 |
| vs. Stanford | 50-166-1 | 18-10-0-100-2 | 68-266 | 16-11-5-0 | 1-0 |
| vs. Navy | 55-218-1 | 21-14-1-229-3 | 76-447 | 25-13-10-2 | 1-0 |
| vs. West Virginia | 43-227-3 | 17-9-0-146-2 | 60-373 | 12-6-6-0 | 0-0 |
| vs. Air Force | 47-212-2 | 25-10-0-171-3 | 72-383 | 19-13-6-0 | 1-1 |
| vs. Boston College | 61-380-4 | 12-9-0-86-0 | 73-466 | 21-19-2-0 | 3-2 |
| vs. Rutgers | 60-295-3 | 20-14-0-186-3 | 80-481 | 22-15-6-1 | 3-1 |

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|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| by Texas A&M | 37-90-1 | 28-16-1-165-0 | 65-255 | 17-7-7-3 | 1-0 |
| by Nebraska | 59-274-4 | 15-7-1-103-0 | 74-377 | 20-14-5-1 | 1-0 |
| by Purdue | 43-177-1 | 24-13-1-221-2 | 67-398 | 20-10-10-0 | 1-1 |
| by Michigan State | 50-167-1 | 24-12-1-181-2 | 74-348 | 19-12-6-1 | 3-1 |
| by Stanford | 29-142-0 | 43-19-1-242-2 | 72-384 | 18-6-12-0 | 1-1 |
| by Navy | 32-58-0 | 20-11-0-188-2 | 55-246 | 12-7-5-0 | 3-2 |
| by West Virginia | 48-134-3 | 55-16-1-305-1 | 81-439 | 22-7-12-3 | 1-0 |
| by Air Force | 53-206-1 | 29-17-0-265-2 | 82-471 | 27-12-12-3 | 3-1 |
| by Boston College | 30-124-0 | 29-15-2-172-2 | 59-296 | 15-6-7-2 | 0-0 |
| by Rutgers | 30-174-2 | 28-13-3-175-0 | 58-349 | 17-8-8-1 | 3-2 |

Game-By-Game Individual Statistics

| RUSHING (Att.-Yds.-TD) | Battle | Fisher | Getherall | Givens | Godsey | Howard | Hunter | Jones | Lopienski | LoVecchio | Murray | TOTAL |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| vs. Texas A&M | 12-50-0 | 10-30-0 | 0-0-0 | 4-16-0 | DNP | 7-29-0 | 0-0-0 | 14-60-1 | 2-9-0 | DNP | DNP | 49-194-1 |
| vs. Nebraska | 14-107-0 | 6-11-1 | 1-4-0 | 0-0-0 | DNP | 2-6-0 | 0-0-0 | 15-52-0 | 2-4-0 | DNP | 0-0-0 | 40-184-1 |
| vs. Purdue | DNP | 6-18-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 7-3-1 | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 18-56-0 | 2-1-0 | DNP | DNP | 34-78-1 |
| vs. Michigan State | DNP | 1-(-1)-0 | 2-3-0 | 1-2-0 | 2-(-1)-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 26-126-2 | 1-(-1)-0 | 4-21-0 | 0-0-0 | 37-149-2 |
| vs. Stanford | DNP | 9-47-0 | 1-7-0 | 5-23-0 | DNP | 3-21-0 | 1-23-0 | 13-29-1 | DNP | 13-36-0 | 1-1-0 | 50-166-1 |
| vs. Navy | DNP | 11-36-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-5-0 | 0-0-0 | 13-68-0 | 0-0-0 | 18-105-1 | 0-0-0 | 6-(-11)-0 | 2-8-0 | 55-218-1 |
| vs. West Virginia | DNP | 13-43-1 | 0-0-0 | 8-21-1 | DNP | 7-96-1 | 0-0-0 | 6-28-0 | 0-0-0 | 9-39-0 | 0-0-0 | 43-227-3 |
| vs. Air Force | DNP | 8-21-0 | 2-22-1 | 1-37-1 | DNP | 1-4-0 | 0-0-0 | 27-111-0 | 0-0-0 | 7-18-0 | 0-0-0 | 47-212-2 |
| vs. Boston College | DNP | 26-196-2 | 0-0-0 | 1-1-0 | DNP | 16-84-0 | 0-0-0 | 5-19-1 | 0-0-0 | 10-73-0 | 0-0-0 | 61-380-4 |
| vs. Rutgers | DNP | 27-135-1 | 1-24-0 | 1-(-8)-0 | 0-0-0 | 16-69-2 | 0-0-0 | DNP | 1-3-0 | 12-79-0 | DNP | 60-295-3 |

PASSING

| (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yards-TD) | Battle | Godsey | LoVecchio | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| vs. Texas A&M | 16-10-0-133-2 | DNP | DNP | 16-10-0-133-2 |
| vs. Nebraska | 15-3-1-40-0 | DNP | DNP | 15-3-1-40-0 |
| vs. Purdue | DNP | 25-14-1-158-0 | DNP | 25-14-1-158-0 |
| vs. Michigan State | DNP | 15-4-1-20-1 | 1-1-0-43-0 | 16-5-1-63-1 |
| vs. Stanford | DNP | DNP | 18-10-0-100-2 | 18-10-0-100-2 |
| vs. Navy | DNP | 1-1-0-46-1 | 20-13-1-183-2 | 21-14-1-229-3 |
| vs. West Virginia | DNP | DNP | 16-8-0-94-2 | 17-9-0-146-2 |
| vs. Air Force | DNP | DNP | 25-10-0-171-3 | 25-10-0-171-3 |
| vs. Boston College | DNP | DNP | 12-9-0-86-0 | 12-9-0-86-0 |
| vs. Rutgers | DNP | 0-0-0 | 19-13-0-161-2 | 20-14-0-186-3 |

RECEIVING

| (No.-Yds.-TD) | Fisher | Getherall | Givens | Holloway | Howard | Hunter | Johnson | Jones | Lopienski | O'Leary | Murray | TOTAL |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| vs. Texas A&M | 0-0-0 | 1-9-1 | 1-21-0 | 2-15-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-50-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-34-0 | 1-5-0 | DNP | 10-133-2 |
| vs. Nebraska | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-9-0 | 1-25-0 | 1-6-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 3-40-0 |
| vs. Purdue | 1-2-0 | 1-9-0 | 6-86-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-15-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-26-0 | 1-7-0 | 1-5-0 | DNP | 14-158-0 |
| vs. Michigan State | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-8-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-57-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-(-8)-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-6-1 | 5-63-1 |
| vs. Stanford | 0-0-0 | 1-(-2)-0 | 3-34-2 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-12-0 | 1-24-0 | DNP | 3-26-0 | 1-6-0 | 10-100-2 |
| vs. Navy | 3-36-1 | 4-41-0 | 4-63-0 | 1-32-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-46-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-11-1 | 0-0-0 | 14-229-3 |
| vs. West Virginia | 3-35-2 | 3-79-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | DNP | 0-0-0 | 1-13-0 | 2-19-0 | 0-0-0 | 9-146-2 |
| vs. Air Force | 1-7-0 | 4-116-2 | 2-16-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-26-1 | DNP | 1-6-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 10-25-3 |
| vs. Boston College | 1-7-0 | 0-0-0 | 3-13-0 | 1-17-0 | 3-41-0 | 1-8-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 9-86-0 |
| vs. Rutgers | 2-11-0 | 2-53-1 | 2-25-0 | 0-0-0 | 3-22-0 | 3-43-1 | 0-0-0 | DNP | 1-25-1 | 1-7-0 | DNP | 14-186-3 |

FIELD GOALS

| (x-missed FG) | TAMU | NEB | PU | MSU | STAN | NAVY | WVU | AFU | BC | RU | USC |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Nick Setta | 32 | 29 | 47, x39, 32, 38 | x44 | x38 | 23 | x42 | -- | x48 | 31, x41 | |

TACKLES

| | Beckstrom | Boiman | DeBolt | Denman | Driver | Dykes | Earl | Francis | Harrison |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| vs. Texas A&M | 0 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| vs. Nebraska | 0 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| vs. Purdue | 2 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| vs. Michigan State | 0 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| vs. Stanford | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| vs. Navy | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| vs. West Virginia | 1 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| vs. Air Force | 5 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 4 |
| vs. Boston College | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Rutgers | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

TACKLES

| | Howard | Irons | Israel | Jefferson | Legree | Owens | Roberts | Ryan | Sarb |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| vs. Texas A&M | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | DNP |
| vs. Nebraska | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Purdue | 1 | DNP | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| vs. Michigan State | 0 | DNP | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| vs. Stanford | 0 | DNP | 5 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| vs. Navy | 1 | DNP | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| vs. West Virginia | 0 | DNP | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| vs. Air Force | 2 | DNP | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Boston College | 0 | DNP | 7 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| vs. Rutgers | 1 | DNP | 8 | DNP | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 |

TACKLES

| | Sapp | Scott | Walton | Watson | Weaver | Williams | Wisne | Yura |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| vs. Texas A&M | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| vs. Nebraska | 5 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| vs. Purdue | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| vs. Michigan State | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| vs. Stanford | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| vs. Navy | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. West Virginia | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Air Force | 4 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| vs. Boston College | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| vs. Rutgers | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

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Notre Dame Offense

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| SE | 21 | JAVIN HUNTER | 6-0 | 190 | Jr. |
| | 11 | Jay Johnson | 5-11 | 196 | Sr. |
| LT | 78 | JORDAN BLACK | 6-6 | 308 | Jr. |
| | 63 | Brennan Curtin | 6-8 | 315 | So. |
| LG | 55 | JIM JONES | 6-2 | 312 | Sr. |
| | 79 | Sean Mahan | 6-3 | 290 | Jr. |
| C | 52 | JEFF FAINE | 6-3 | 290 | So. |
| | 66 | JW Jordan | 6-1 | 269 | Sr. |
| RG | 69 | MIKE GANDY | 6-4 | 305 | Sr. |
| | 72 | Ryan Scarola | 6-5 | 310 | Jr. |
| RT | 75 | KURT VOLLERS | 6-7 | 307 | Sr. |
| | 76 | John Teasdale | 6-5 | 305 | Sr. |
| TE | 86 | DAN O'LEARY | 6-3 | 255 | Sr. |
| | 14 | Gary Godsey | 6-7 | 239 | So. |
| or | 84 | John Owens | 6-3 | 260 | Jr. |
| FL | 18 | JOEY GETHERALL | 5-7 | 170 | Sr. |
| or | 6 | DAVID GIVENS | 6-3 | 214 | Jr. |
| | 80 | Omar Jenkins | 6-1 | 187 | Fr. |
| QB | 10 | MATT LoVECCHIO | 6-4 | 194 | Fr. |
| | 7 | Carlyle Holiday | 6-3 | 203 | Fr. |
| | 9 | Jared Clark | 6-4 | 223 | Fr. |
| FB | 40 | JASON MURRAY | 6-1 | 259 | Sr. |
| or | 36 | TOM LOPIENSKI | 6-1 | 236 | Jr. |
| | 47 | Mike McNair | 6-0 | 237 | Jr. |
| TB | 22 | JULIUS JONES | 5-10 | 206 | So. |
| or | 12 | TONY FISHER | 6-2 | 225 | Jr. |
| | 32 | Terrance Howard | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. |

Notre Dame Defense

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| LE | 98 | ANTHONY WEAVER | 6-3 | 276 | Jr. |
| | 84 | John Owens | 6-3 | 260 | Jr. |
| DT | 93 | B.J. SCOTT | 6-3 | 285 | Sr. |
| | 94 | Andy Wisne | 6-3 | 279 | Sr. |
| NG | 90 | LANCE LEGREE | 6-1 | 290 | Sr. |
| | 50 | Cedric Hilliard | 6-2 | 294 | So. |
| RE | 95 | RYAN ROBERTS | 6-2 | 254 | Jr. |
| | 60 | Darrell Campbell | 6-4 | 285 | So. |
| ILB | 51 | TYREO HARRISON | 6-2 | 240 | Jr. |
| | 2 | Carlos Pierre-Antoine | 6-3 | 260 | Jr. |
| ILB | 39 | ANTHONY DENMAN | 6-2 | 236 | Sr. |
| | 33 | Courtney Watson | 6-1 | 223 | So. |
| OLB | 30 | ROCKY BOIMAN | 6-4 | 239 | Jr. |
| | 43 | Anthony Brannan | 5-10 | 215 | Sr. |
| LCB | 1 | BROCK WILLIAMS | 5-10 | 188 | Sr. |
| | 27 | Jason Beckstrom | 5-10 | 190 | So. |
| FS | 25 | TONY DRIVER | 6-1 | 220 | Sr. |
| | 28 | Donald Dykes | 5-11 | 197 | Jr. |
| SS | 5 | RON ISRAEL | 6-0 | 208 | Sr. |
| | 19 | Glenn Earl | 6-2 | 213 | So. |
| | 20 | Gerome Sapp | 6-0 | 213 | So. |
| RCB | 15 | CLIFFORD JEFFERSON | 5-9 | 175 | Jr. |
| | 34 | Vontez Duff | 5-11 | 186 | Fr. |
| | 38 | Preston Jackson | 5-9 | 169 | Fr. |

Notre Dame Specialists

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| KO | 92 | MATT McNEW | 6-5 | 209 | Sr. |
| | 35 | David Miller | 5-11 | 196 | Jr. |
| PK | 13 | NICK SETTA | 5-11 | 169 | So. |
| | 35 | David Miller | 5-11 | 196 | Jr. |
| P | 17 | JOEY HILDBOLD | 5-10 | 185 | So. |
| | 13 | Nick Setta | 5-11 | 169 | So. |
| HLD | 80 | ADAM TIBBLE | 5-11 | 201 | Jr. |
| SNP | 86 | DAN O'LEARY | 6-3 | 255 | Sr. |
| or | 56 | JOHN CROWTHER | 6-2 | 240 | Jr. |
| PR | 18 | JOEY GETHERALL | 5-7 | 170 | Sr. |
| KR | 25 | TONY DRIVER | 6-1 | 220 | Sr. |
| | 6 | DAVID GIVENS | 6-3 | 214 | Jr. |