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2006 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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GAME 1

(#2 AP/T-3 USA Today) Notre Dame (0-0) at Georgia Tech (0-0)

The Date and Time:

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at 8:12 p.m. EDT

The Site:

Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field (55,000, grass surface) in Atlanta, Ga.

The Tickets: The game is officially sold out. There are no standing-room only tickets available for the contest. Saturday's game will be the 182nd sellout in Notre Dame's last 208 games and 57th in the last 62 involving the Irish (the '01, '03 and '05 games at Stanford, the '04 game vs. Navy at The Meadowlands and last year's game at Washington were not sellouts).

The TV Plans: ABC national telecast with Brent Musburger (play-by-play) and Bob Davie (analysis), Kirk Herbstreit (analysis), Lisa Salters (sideline), Bill Bonnell (producer) and Derek Mobley (director).

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

All Notre Dame home games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) and WDND-AM (1490) with pre-game analysis featuring Sean Stires and Vince DeDario. The post-game show is hosted by Jack Nolan and features former Notre Dame players Reggie Brooks and Mirko Jurkovic. See page 3 of this notes package for more information on Irish football radio and television shows.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics will be provided through College Sports Online's Gametracker via each school's respective official athletic websites.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Georgia Tech (www.ramblinwreck.com).

Two-Minute Drill (what you need to know about this weekend's Notre Dame - Georgia Tech matchup) -

- Notre Dame is ranked #2 in the AP poll and tied for #3 in the USA Today/Coaches Poll. This is the highest the Irish have been ranked in both of the preseason polls since 1994 when they opened in the same spots in each poll. Notre Dame has been ranked in the top-5 in its season opener 18 times since 1950 and has a 16-2 record in those contests.
- Notre Dame and Georgia Tech are meeting for the 33rd time with the Irish holding a 26-5-1 advantage in the series. Georgia Tech won the last meeting between the two schools, 35-28, at the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, 1999 as Tech WR Dez White took a post pattern 55 yards for a touchdown to break a 28-28 deadlock with 7:55 left in the game. (see pages 3-4 for more information on the Notre Dame - Georgia Tech series).
- Notre Dame is 99-14-5 (.859) in season openers and has won its season debut in 17 of the last 20 years.
- Notre Dame and Georgia Tech are meeting in each other's season-opening game for the first time since 1997, a 17-13 victory by the 11th-ranked Irish over the Yellow Jackets in the rededication of Notre Dame Stadium, and the third time overall. In 1974, the #2 Irish opened the year with a 31-7 win at Georgia Tech.
- This is the first trip for Notre Dame to Georgia Tech since 1980 when the then top-ranked Irish got a fourth quarter field goal by Harry Oliver to force a 3-3 tie, the only stalemate between the two schools in 32 meetings.
- Charlie Weis will become just the second Notre Dame head coach to open the season in each of his first two years on the road. Ara Parseghian took his unranked Irish squad to Wisconsin for his first game in his first year (31-7 ND victory) and then opened the next year by having his third-ranked team open at California (48-6 ND victory).
- Notre Dame will kickoff the season with a night game (8:12 p.m. EDT kickoff) for the third consecutive season and fourth time in the last five years.
- The Irish open on the road for the third consecutive year. The only other time Notre Dame has opened the season on the road in three consecutive seasons was from 1942-44.
- The Irish are 30-7-2 (.795) in season openers on the road. Last year's season-opening victory at Pittsburgh was the first win on an opponent's home field to begin the year since a 14-7 victory at Vanderbilt in 1996.
- Notre Dame is 72-27-2 (.723) against current Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The 26 wins against Georgia Tech and 32 meetings with the Yellow Jackets are the most by the Irish against any ACC school.
- Notre Dame's 26 victories against Georgia Tech ranks as the eighth-most wins against any opponent and fifth-most of any non-Big Ten institution.
- The Irish are 5-2 in their last seven season openers that followed a bowl game loss from the previous season.
- Current Notre Dame assistant head coach (defense)/defensive backs coach Bill Lewis returns to Georgia Tech for the first time since he was the Yellow Jackets head coach from 1992-94.

2006 IRISH SCHEDULE

rankings AP/USA Today • all times Eastern

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	TV	Time	'04 Result
Sept. 2	2/T-3	at Georgia Tech	ABC	8 p.m.	Did Not Play
Sept. 9	-/-	19/19 PENN STATE	NBC	3:30 p.m.	Did Not Play
Sept. 16	-/-	14/15 MICHIGAN	NBC	3:30 p.m.	ND 17, Michigan 10
Sept. 23	-/-	at Michigan State	ABC	8 p.m.	MSU 44, ND 41 (ot)
Sept. 30	-/-	PURDUE	NBC	2:30 p.m.	ND 49, Purdue 28
Oct. 7	-/-	STANFORD	NBC	2:30 p.m.	ND 38, Stanford 31
Oct. 21	-/-	UCLA	NBC	2:30 p.m.	Did Not Play
Oct. 28	-/-	vs. Navy (at Baltimore)	CBS	Noon	ND 42, Navy 21
Nov. 4	-/-	NORTH CAROLINA	NBC	2:30 p.m.	Did Not Play
Nov. 11	-/-	at Air Force	CSTV	4:00 p.m.	Did Not Play
Nov. 18	-/-	ARMY	NBC	2:30 p.m.	Did Not Play
Nov. 25	-/-	at 6/T-3 USC	ABC	8 p.m.	USC 34, ND 31

2006 Media Information

Interview requests and media access for the 2006 Notre Dame football team are administered by lead football contact Brian Hardin and assistant football contact Michael Bertsch.

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• Post game interviews after Saturday's game will be done outside the Notre Dame visiting team locker-room. Contact Hardin or Chris Masters for information on Notre Dame players availability.

Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

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

• SUNDAY - 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. eastern
 • Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
 • This teleconference will function as a look back at the previous Saturday's game.

• TUESDAY - 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. eastern
 • Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
 • This teleconference will function as a look ahead at the upcoming weekend's opponent and other football-related issues.

• Satellite coordinates: IA 5-C, Transponder 13
 (Available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup**Offense:**

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
"X"	5	Rhema McKnight	Sr.	Led ND in receptions in 2003 & 2004; 103 career rec. for 1,370 yds.
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Sr.	Four-year starter that is up for the Lombardi and Outland Awards
LG	50	Dan Santucci	Sr.	Three-year letterwinner started all 12 games at RG in '05
C	78	John Sullivan	Sr.	Started last 8 games of '05 at C and has 20 career starts at position
RG	76	Bob Morton	Sr.	Three-year letterwinner has 17 career starts at C and 9 starts at OG
RT	74	Sam Young	Fr.	First true freshman to start season opener on O-line in ND history
TE	89	John Carlson	Sr.	First-year starter tallied 7 rec. for 56 yds. and 1 TD in '05
"Z"	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	Set ND single-season records in '05 with 1,249 rec. yds. and 15 TDs
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Sr.	Four-year starter and two-time Irish captain owns 30 ND records
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	So.	Emerged as starter midway through '05 gaining 67 yds. on 27 att.
RB	3	Darius Walker	Jr.	Rushed for 1,196 yds. and 9 TDs in '05 with seven 100-yard games

Defense:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
LDE	95	Victor Abiamiri	Sr.	ND's Lineman of the Year in '05 recorded 48 tackles and 8 sacks
LDT	98	Trevor Laws	Sr.	Started all 12 games in '05 and was Defensive MVP of spring game
RDT	66	Derek Landri	Sr.	Started last 24 games at DT; Notched career-high 43 tackles in '05
RDE	99	Ronald Talley	Jr.	Emerged as a starter late in '05; Started 5 games last year
SLB	47	Mitchell Thomas	Sr.	Versatile LB getting first chance to start for Irish
MLB	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	Jr.	Started all 12 games in '05 and ranked 6th on team with 57 tackles
WLB	26	Travis Thomas	Sr.	Special teams stalwart brings speed and athleticism to LB corps
LCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	Sr.	Veteran CB started all 12 games in '05 tallying 74 tackles and 2 INT
FS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	Sr.	Former WR started all 12 games at safety in '05
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Third-team All-American in '05; 5 INTs last year-2 returned for TDs
RCB	30	Mike Richardson	Sr.	Fifth-year senior has started 17 games in career and all 12 in '05

Special Teams:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
PK	45	Carl Gioia	Sr.	Won placekicking duties based on consistency through fall camp
KO	14	Bobby Renkes	Sr.	Hangtime and distance of kickoffs helped win him kickoff derby
P	17	Geoff Price	Sr.	Strong-legged punter had solid fall camp to win job for first time
H	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	High school teammate of C. Gioia in his second season of holding
SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	Jr.	First SNP duties at ND was '05 game vs. USC; Served as SNP since
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Averaged 14.0 yards on 27 returns in '05 with 2 TD returns
KR	11	David Grimes	So.	Returned 15 KO's averaging 22.5 yards per return in '05
	19	George West	Fr.	Speedy WR returned 4 punts and 3 kickoffs for TDs as senior in HS

Key Probable Non-Starters:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
RB	26	Travis Thomas	Sr.	Starting WLB will continue serving as back-up RB just like in '05
WR	11	David Grimes	So.	Strong spring and fall camp helped separate him as third WR option
WR	23	Chase Anastasio	Sr.	Combination of speed and experience earn him spot on two-deep
OL	79	Brian Mattes	Sr.	Veteran can provide depth at both guard and tackle positions
OL	72	Paul Duncan	So.	Second-year player will be used primarily as swing tackle
TE	87	Marcus Freeman	Sr.	Fifth-year senior should have receiving role expanded in '06
DE	75	Chris Frome	Sr.	Started first 6 games in '05 before injury ended season
LB	54	Anthony Vernaglia	Jr.	Special teams player in '05 to compete for SLB position
CB	2	Darrin Walls	Fr.	Decorated DB in HS tallied 16 INTs while earning All-America honors

2006: Year Two of the Charlie Weis Era

The 118th season of Notre Dame football is the second in the tenure of head coach Charlie Weis, who started his career with a 9-3 record in 2005, including wins over three ranked opponents, and a berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl (Notre Dame's first Bowl Championship Series appearance since 2000).

The winner of the 2005 FWAA/Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, Weis turned around Notre Dame's football fortunes in astonishing fashion. He took most of the same talent of a 6-6 team in '04, installed his offensive system, and produced a team that came within six points of a perfect regular season record. One of the Fighting Irish losses was a last-second defeat to defending national champion USC. There was a little doubt from the beginning of the 2005 season things would be different under Weis. With victories at Pittsburgh and Michigan to open the season, Weis became the first Irish head coach to win his first two career games on opponents' home fields since Knute Rockne in 1918. Weis made the Fighting Irish the most prolific scoring team in modern school history (36.7 ppg) and qualified the Irish as the most improved offensive team in the country.

Weis was named the 28th head football coach in Notre Dame history on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004. A 1978 Notre Dame graduate, Weis took the reins of the Irish program after a highly successful career as an assistant coach in the National Football League. The owner of four Super Bowl champion rings as products of a stellar 15-season career as an NFL assistant, Weis is a widely respected disciple of professional coaching standouts Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick. He came to Notre Dame after excelling as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, where he played an integral role in New England's victories in three Super Bowls.

Weis is the first Notre Dame graduate to hold the football head coaching position at his alma mater since Hugh Devore (a '34 graduate) served as interim coach in 1963 and is the first Notre Dame graduate to serve as the Irish football coach on a full-fledged basis since Joe Kuharich (a '38 graduate who coached at Notre Dame from 1959 through '62). Entering his 28th season in coaching in 2006, Weis coached nine seasons with the Patriots, including five as offensive coordinator. He helped produce four Super Bowl championships (New York Giants following the 1990 season, Patriots following '01, '03 and '04 seasons), five conference titles and seven division crowns.

2005: Season in Review

- Notre Dame completed a 9-3 season in 2005 playing a schedule that included four ranked teams (according to the AP ranking) in the season's first six games. Notre Dame won three of the games, taking down #23 Pittsburgh, #3 Michigan and #22 Purdue - all on the road - before a narrow loss to #1 USC at home on Oct. 15.

- The season culminated with Notre Dame's appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, a 34-20 loss to Ohio State. The game was the Irish's second appearance in a Bowl Championship Series bowl game and Notre Dame's first since 2000. The bowl game marked Notre Dame's 27th bowl appearance (13-14) and the 15th in 19 years.

- Notre Dame's 9-3 record marked a drastic improvement over the previous season's 6-6 mark. The Irish lost their three games by a total of 20 points and narrowly missed a perfect regular season, losing two games by a total of six points (one in overtime, the other with :03 on the clock). Conversely, Notre Dame's victories came by an average of 18.7 points per contest.

- Notre Dame had a 2-1 record against bowl teams during the regular season, including an 0-1 mark against BCS teams (wins over Michigan and Navy; loss to BCS participant USC). The three Irish opponents in bowls: Michigan (lost to Nebraska in Alamo), Navy (defeated Georgia Tech in Emerald) and USC (lost to Texas in Rose Bowl for the National Championship).

- The Notre Dame offense scored at a feverish pace in 2005, eclipsing 40 points six times, matching the school record set by both the 1991 and 1992 teams. The Irish scored 30 or more points in 10 of 12 games, setting a school record for 30-point performances (old record: nine in '91). The Irish scored 30+ points in nine straight games to end the regular season, the first Notre Dame team to do so. Notre Dame ended the season with 440 points scored to set a new Irish standard (old record: 426 in '91).

- With the impressive scoring pace, the Irish also put up yardage totals previously unprecedented in Notre Dame history. The 2005 Irish were the first Notre Dame team to have a 3,000-yard passer (Brady Quinn, 3,633 yards), 1,000-yard rusher (Darius Walker, 1,106 yards) and 1,000-yard receiver (Jeff Samardzija, 1,190 yards and Maurice Stovall, 1,023 yards) on the same roster.

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Player/Asst. Coach Post-Practice Interviews: Notre Dame player interviews are available on a rotating schedule during the week.

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

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

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

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

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

Practice Access and Post-Practice Interview Location:

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

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

Notre Dame Coaches' Radio Show:

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

Inside Notre Dame Football With Charlie Weis (television show):

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

GEORGIA TECH (26-5-1)

Home: 15-2-0; Away 11-2-1; Neutral 0-1-0

Site	Year	Rank	W/L ND	GT
	1922		W 13	3
*	1923		W 35	7
*	1924		W 34	3
	1925		W 13	0
*	1926		W 12	0
*	1927		W 26	7
	1928		L 0	13
	1929		W 26	6
	1938		W 14	6
*	1939		W 17	14
*	1940		W 26	20
	1941		W 20	0
*	1942		L 6	13
*	1943		W 55	13
	1944	18-10	W 21	0
	1945		W 40	7
*	1953	1-4	W 27	14
*	1959	-19	L 10	14
	1967	9-	W 36	3
*	1968	9-	W 34	6
	1969	9-	W 38	20
*	1970	1-	W 10	7
	1974	2-	W 31	7
*	1975	12-	W 24	3
	1976	11-	L 14	23
*	1977	5-	W 69	14
	1978	10-20	W 38	21
*	1979	10-	W 21	13
	1980	1-	T 3	3
*	1981		W 35	3
*	1997	11-	W 17	13
GB	1998	17-12	L 28	35

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

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Boston College	9	7	0	.563
Clemson	1	1	0	.500
Duke	2	1	0	.667
Florida State	2	4	0	.333
Georgia Tech	26	5	1	.828
Maryland	1	0	0	1.000
Miami (Fla.)	15	7	1	.674
North Carolina	15	1	0	.934
North Carolina State	0	1	0	.000
Virginia	1	0	0	1.000
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	.000
Wake Forest	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	72	27	2	.723

CONFERENCE CALL

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

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

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

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

Independents (2): Navy, Army

Mountain West (1): Air Force

Notre Dame - Georgia Tech Series Notes

- This year's opener will mark the 33rd meeting between Notre Dame and Georgia Tech, with the Irish holding a 26-5-1 series lead. Georgia Tech won the previous matchup on Jan. 1, 1999 at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. (see page 5 for recap). The Irish also own an 11-2-1 record against the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta

- The two schools first met in 1922, with the Irish claiming a 13-3 triumph behind head coach Knute Rockne. Notre Dame went on to win the first six contests between the two teams, outscoring the Yellow Jackets 133-20.

- This year's matchup marks the second time that Notre Dame has played Georgia Tech at Bobby Dodd Stadium with the #2 AP ranking. In 1974, the #2 Irish kicked off the season by beating an unranked Georgia Tech team 31-7 for Notre Dame's 20th all-time victory against the Yellow Jackets.

- Notre Dame has been ranked higher than Georgia Tech entering a matchup in the series 13 times, posting an 11-1-1 record in those games. On three occasions the Irish were ranked #1 overall, with the Irish winning the first two meetings (1953, 1970) and tying the third contest (1980).

- Georgia Tech had a #4 ranking and a 31-game winning streak heading into its game against the #1 Irish in 1953 but saw its winning streak snapped by a 27-14 defeat to ND at Notre Dame Stadium.

- The top-ranked Irish got a two-yard touchdown run by Denny Allan with just 6:28 remaining in the game to escape Georgia Tech's upset bid, 10-7, at Notre Dame Stadium on Nov. 14, 1970.

- The Nov. 8, 1975 game between the two teams featured the Notre Dame debut of Rudy Ruettiger, made famous by the 1993 film, *Rudy*. The Irish entered the game ranked 12th in the AP poll and emerged with a 24-3 victory.

- Notre Dame and Georgia Tech have met only twice since 1981, splitting matchups in 1997 and 1998. The 1997 meeting marked Bob Davie's debut and the first game in the rededicated Notre Dame Stadium.

- Notre Dame's 26 all-time wins over Georgia Tech are the eighth-most against a single opponent in Irish history. The Irish have beaten only Navy (69 wins), Purdue (50), Pittsburgh (44), Michigan State (43), USC (42), Northwestern (37) and Army (36) more times.

Notre Dame vs. The ACC

- Notre Dame has had more success against members of the Atlantic Coast Conference than any other major conference, winning better than 72 percent of its games against ACC institutions. The Irish have a .500 or better record against eight of ten ACC teams Notre Dame has faced.

- Notre Dame's 101 games against the ACC ranks as the third-most contests against a conference trailing the 334 meetings with the Big Ten and 113 games versus Pac-10 schools.

- Georgia Tech has faced Notre Dame 32 times (26-5-1), by far the most any ACC program has played the Irish. Miami has collided with Notre Dame 23 times (15-7-1) while North Carolina (15-1) and Boston College (9-7) have each played ND 16 times. It should be noted that all of Notre Dame's meetings with Miami and Boston College occurred prior to conference realignment and their moves to the ACC.

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

- The Irish host North Carolina Nov. 4 marking the first time since 2002 (Maryland, Florida State and North Carolina State) and second time since 1982 that Notre Dame has played multiple ACC universities in the same season. Next year Notre Dame will play three ACC schools as it opens the season hosting Georgia Tech before renewing acquaintances with Boston College and Duke.

- Notre Dame has posted a 28-18-1 record against ACC opponents on the road.

The Last Time... Notre Dame vs. Georgia Tech

#12 Georgia Tech - 35
 #17 Notre Dame - 28
 Gator Bowl - Jacksonville, Fla.
 Jan. 1, 1999

JACKSONVILLE — Nearly all the pre-game speculation in the Notre Dame camp prior to the 1999 Gator Bowl matchup with Georgia Tech centered around the physical condition of Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Though Jackson wasn't quite 100 percent, his gutsy contributions and those of record-setting Irish tailback Autry Denson nearly were enough to carry green-clad Notre Dame to victory at Alltel Stadium.

Instead, it was the big-play offense of Georgia Tech that paved the way for a 35-28 Yellow Jacket victory in a rematch between the same two teams that had opened the 1997 regular season in the dedication game of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium.

Jackson played it safe in the opening half, disdaining the option most of the time in the interest of simply making sure he was healthy for the second half. But he turned things loose a bit more after the break, even running for a third-period Irish score that brought the Irish within a point at 21-20. Denson, meanwhile, gained 96 of his game-high 130 rushing yards in the final two periods and his three touchdown runs helped earn him the Notre Dame MVP honor.

But all that wasn't enough to prevent Tech's diversified offense from using a banner 237-yard throwing effort by quarterback Joe Hamilton and TD receptions of 44 and 55 yards by Dez White in the second half to hold off the Irish. The Jackets scored on five drives of 71 yards or longer.

Tech took a lead midway through the opening period, as Hamilton deftly mixed his plays, hitting four straight attempts good for 59 yards down to the Notre Dame 28. From there, the Jackets ran off seven straight running plays — including a conversion on fourth and one — with Joe Burns taking a pitch from Hamilton from the five, then throwing back to the Tech signalcaller for the score.

Notre Dame responded quickly, with Jackson finding Bobby Brown good for 33 yards on second down to the Tech 31. After a Jamie Spencer run for 10 yards, Denson ran for nine to tie the score.

Tech responded in kind, with Hamilton throwing to Charlie Rogers for 26 yards and to White for 11. Phillip Rogers went the final two yards for a 14-7 Georgia Tech advantage.

Jackson was sacked to thwart each of the next two Irish series. Then it was Tech that put together another impressive 84-yard march, 68 of it coming on the ground. Hamilton found Mike Sheridan for nine yards and a 21-7 advantage. Jackson completed five straight passes in the final few minutes of the first half, but a Jim Sanson 44-yard field goal attempt fell short with 45 seconds remaining.

Denson nearly took control of the game by himself as the second half began. An 80-yard Irish excursion involved seven carries for 54 by the senior back, with his one-yard gain cutting the deficit to 21-14. Tony Driver's fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff set the Irish up at the Tech 26, and on the eighth play Jackson found paydirt. A blocked PAT attempt left Tech ahead 21-20.

Then it became big-play time for the Jackets. A second-down Bobbie Howard sack left Georgia Tech with third and 10 from the Irish 44 — but Hamilton responded by finding Jacksonville native White behind the defense to put Tech back up 28-20. But the Irish weren't finished.

On a 12-play, 88-yard drive, Denson carried seven times — including for the TD — and Jackson found Jay Johnson on a key 27-yard pass play. Jackson's two-point conversion throw to Brown tied the score at 28 with 11:56 to go in the contest.

The Irish nearly recovered a second fumble on the kickoff, but from there Tech launched its game-winning drive. After Hamilton threw twice for the necessary yardage on third downs, on first and 10 he again found White on a post pattern and the 55-yard scoring play.

The Irish had three more shots, but none of the three possessions advanced past the Notre Dame 28-yard line.

SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia Tech	7	14	7	7	35
Notre Dame	7	0	13	8	38

First Quarter

GT - Joe Hamilton 5 pass from Joe Burns (Brad Chambers kick), 6:22

ND - Autry Denson 9 run (Jim Sanson kick), 4:06

Second Quarter

GT - Philip Rogers 2 run (Chambers kick), 13:46

GT - Mike Sheridan 9 pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 4:26

Third Quarter

ND - Denson 1 run (Sanson kick), 10:47

ND - Jarious Jackson 2 run (kick blocked), 7:23

GT - Dez White 44 pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 3:42

Fourth Quarter

ND - Denson 1 run (Bobby Brown pass from Jackson), 11:56

GT - White 55 pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 7:55

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	GT
First downs	20	23
Rushes-yards	41-194	47-205
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-13-0	21-14-0
Passing yards	150	242
Total plays-yards	65-309	68-436
Kick returns-yards	4-55	5-40
Sacks by	1-6	4-26
Punts-average	5-36.6	3-34.7
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-30	7-53
Third-down conversions	2-9	6-12
Fourth-down conversions	1-1	2-2
Time of possession	29:13	30:47

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing (Carries-Yards): **ND:** Autry Denson 26-130; Jamie Spencer 3-17; Jarious Jackson 12-12. **GT:** Charlie Rogers 13-82; Joe Burns 12-55; Phillip Rogers 10-28; Joe Hamilton 10-19; Ed Wilder 2-10.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD): **ND:** Jarious Jackson 24-13-0-150-0. **GT:** Joe Hamilton 20-13-0-237-3; Joe Burns 1-1-0-5-1.

Receiving (Catches-Yards): **ND:** Malcolm Johnson 5-43; Bobby Brown 2-42; Jay Johnson 1-27; Raki Nelson 2-20; Jabari Holloway 2-11; Autry Denson 1-7. **GT:** Dez White 4-129; Charlie Rogers 4-52; Russel Matvay 1-28; Mike Sheridan 1-9; Ed Wilder 1-7; Conrad Andrzejewski 1-7; Joe Hamilton 1-5; Joe Burns 1-5.

THE 2005 NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF

Coach	Position	Previous Position, Team
Charlie Weis	Head Coach	Offensive Coordinator, New England Patriots (NFL)
John Latina	Assistant Head Coach (offense)/Offensive Line	Offensive Coordinator, University of Mississippi
Bill Lewis	Assistant Head Coach (defense)/Defensive Backs	Defensive Nickel Package, Miami Dolphins (NFL)
Michael Haywood	Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs	Running Backs, University of Texas
Rick Minter	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, University of South Carolina
Rob Ianello	Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator	Tight Ends, University of Wisconsin
Jappy Oliver	Defensive Line	Defensive Line, University of South Carolina
Bernie Parmalee	Tight Ends/Assistant Special Teams	Tight Ends, Miami Dolphins (NFL)
Brian Polian	Special Teams/Assistant Linebackers	Running Backs, University of Central Florida
Peter Vaas	Quarterbacks	Head Coach, Cologne Centurions (NFL Europe)

COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS DURING GAME

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Asaph Schwapp	A-sopp shwopp
Bruton	BREW-ton
Derrell Hand	du-RELL
Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Frome	Fr-ROM
Kuntz	Koontz
Landri	LAN-dree
Mattes	MATT-is
Munir	MOON-year
Chindeum Ndukwe	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Rhema McKnight	RAY-ma
Reuland	ROO-land
Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Turkovich	Turk-uh-vitch
Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Zbikowski	zib-uh-COW-ski

2006 Personnel Breakdown

A summary of the Notre Dame roster heading into the 2006 season reveals that 16 positional starters will return for action from the 2005 season: Seven offensive starters and nine defensive starters as well as one specialist. Overall, 36 monogram winners return from the '05 Irish (15 offensive, 20 defensive, 1 specialists).

Monogram winners from 2005

Monogram winners Returning	36
Offense	15
Defense	20
Special Teams	1
Starters Returning	16
Offense	7
Defense	9
Special Teams	1
Monogram Winners Lost	23
Offense	12
Defense	9
Special Teams	2

Career Starts Returning

Career Starts Returning - Offense	126 games
Career Starts Returning - Defense	113 games

Career Starts Lost

Career Starts Lost - Offense	118 games
Career Starts Lost - Defense	40 games

Same Faces, New Numbers

Four Notre Dame veterans will suit up with a DUKE number in 2006. The following is a list of Irish players whose number has changed.

Player	New Number	Old Number
Darrin Bragg	81	7
Craig Cardillo	7	37
Bobby Renkes	14	96
Anthony Vernaglia	54	4

Notre Dame Back Atop All-Time Winning Percentage List

Notre Dame's 2005 season record put the Irish back in the top spot in college football's all-time winning percentage list. Notre Dame will enter the 2006 season leading the all-time winning percentage list, just ahead of Michigan. The Irish are second on the all-time wins list behind Michigan. The Irish are 811-266-42 all-time for a winning percentage of .7435. Michigan enters the '06 season 849-280-36 all-time for a winning percentage of .7425. The two-game difference in win-loss records in '05 - with Notre Dame finishing 9-3 and Michigan going 7-5 - was enough to push the Irish past the Wolverines on the all-time list.

Quinn and the Notre Dame Record Book

Quarterback Brady Quinn returns for his fourth season as the starter in 2006, but he already has made a lasting mark on the Irish football record book owning 30 school records. Since 1950, a Notre Dame quarterback has thrown for 300 yards or more 16 times. Quinn is responsible for seven of those performances - the most for any single Notre Dame quarterback. Quinn has thrown for 350 (vs. Boston College, 2003), 432 (vs. Purdue, 2004), 487 (vs. Michigan State, 2005), 327 (at Washington, 2005), 440 (at Purdue, 2005), 467 (vs. BYU, 2005) and 432 (at Stanford, 2005).

Quinn is the only Notre Dame quarterback to throw for over 400 yards five times in a career (in fact, he is the only one to do it twice) - and in Notre Dame's road game at Purdue in '05 he became the first to throw for more than 300 yards in three consecutive games. He also is the first Irish quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards four times in a season.

Quinn's 2005 season game by game:

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
at Pittsburgh	27	18	.667	1	227	2	51
at Michigan	30	19	.633	0	140	2	26
Michigan State	60	33	.550	1	487	5	50
at Washington	37	25	.675	0	327	1	52
at Purdue	36	29	.805	1	440	3	55
USC	35	19	.542	1	264	1	36
BYU	41	32	.780	0	467	6*	44
Tennessee	33	20	.606	0	295	3	73
Navy	31	22	.710	1	284	4	31
Syracuse	37	21	.567	0	270	2	41
at Stanford	38	25	.658	2	432	3	80
Ohio State	45	29	.644	0	286	0	28
TOTAL	454*	295*	.649	7	3919*	32*	80
Per Game	37.6	24.5	.664	0.6	326.6	2.6	

Pass Efficiency: 158.40

*Notre Dame record

Quinn's TD Passes Streak

Brady Quinn tossed at least one touchdown pass in 16 games in a row for the Irish before the skein ended in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, breaking John Huarte's record of 10 set in 1964. The Dublin, Ohio, native totaled 40 scoring tosses during the run (2.5 per game).

Quinn's touchdown passes over the 16-game streak:

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

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

Quinn: A Touchdown Machine

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

Quinn Threw 21 TDs in Notre Dame Stadium in '05

Brady Quinn shattered the Notre Dame record for touchdown passes at Notre Dame Stadium in a season, exploding for 21 scoring tosses in '05 (5 vs. Michigan State, 1 vs. USC, 6 vs. BYU, 3 vs. Tennessee, 4 vs. Navy, 2 vs. Syracuse).

CURRENT RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

Aug. 18, 2006

Rk	Team	Record	LW
1.	Ohio State	10-2	4
2.	NOTRE DAME	9-3	9
3.	Texas	13-0	1
4.	Auburn	9-3	14
5.	West Virginia	11-1	5
6.	<i>Southern California</i>	12-1	2
7.	Florida	9-3	T-12
8.	LSU	11-2	6
9.	California	8-4	25
10.	Oklahoma	8-4	22
11.	Florida State	8-5	23
12.	Miami (Fla.)	9-3	17
13.	Louisville	9-3	19
14.	<i>Michigan</i>	7-5	NR
15.	Georgia	10-3	10
16.	Iowa	7-5	NR
17.	Virginia Tech	11-2	7
18.	Clemson	8-4	21
19.	<i>Penn State</i>	11-1	3
20.	Nebraska	8-4	24
21.	Oregon	10-2	T-12
22.	TCU	11-1	11
23.	Tennessee	5-6	NR
24.	Arizona State	7-5	NR
25.	Texas Tech	9-3	20

USA TODAY/COACHES POLL

Aug. 4, 2006

Rk	School	Record	LW
1.	Ohio State	10-2	4
2.	Texas	13-0	1
3.	NOTRE DAME	9-3	11
3.	<i>Southern California</i>	12-1	2
5.	Oklahoma	8-4	22
6.	Auburn	9-3	14
7.	West Virginia	11-1	6
8.	Florida	9-3	16
9.	LSU	11-2	5
10.	Florida State	8-5	23
11.	Miami (Fla.)	9-3	18
12.	California	8-4	25
13.	Louisville	9-3	20
14.	Georgia	10-3	10
15.	<i>Michigan</i>	7-5	NR
16.	Virginia Tech	11-2	7
17.	Iowa	7-5	NR
18.	Clemson	8-4	21
19.	<i>Penn State</i>	11-1	3
20.	Oregon	10-2	12
21.	TCU	11-1	9
22.	Nebraska	8-4	24
23.	Tennessee	5-6	NR
24.	Alabama	10-2	8
25.	Texas Tech	9-3	19

Italics indicates 2006 Notre Dame opponents

The previous record for touchdown passes in Notre Dame Stadium in a single-season was 11 by Ron Powlus (1994) and Jarious Jackson (1999). Quinn's performance was so dominant that his total home field touchdown passes would have broken the previous single-season record, regardless of venue, of 19 held by Ron Powlus (1994). Quinn threw 11 touchdown passes away from Notre Dame Stadium (32 total).

Samardzija's Record Season Earned All-America Honors

Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija returns for his senior season in '06 after earning consensus first-team All-America honors in 2005 when he led the team with 77 catches for 1,249 yards and 15 touchdowns. He became Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard receiver since 1970 on an 80-yard touchdown pass against Stanford on Nov. 26. Samardzija eventually broke Tom Gatewood's single-season receiving yardage record against Stanford, pushing his season total to 1,190 yards and tied Gatewood's single-season receptions mark. He also surpassed the single-season touchdown total as his 15 scoring receptions led the nation and bested Derrick Mayes' previous record of 11 from 1994

Samardzija opened 2005 with TD Catches in 8 Straight Games

Jeff Samardzija entered the 2005 campaign without a touchdown catch in his career, then proceeded to catch a touchdown pass in each of Notre Dame's first eight games. The two-sport athlete (also a top-line pitching prospect for the Chicago Cubs after he was drafted in the fifth round in this year's Major League Baseball draft) became the first

How the Irish Were Built (* - indicates monograms won, CAPS indicates returning starters)

OFFENSE (39)

Freshmen (16)	Sophomores (6)	Juniors (2)	Seniors (7)	5th Year Seniors (5)
RB-James Aldridge	OL-Paul Duncan	WR-Darrin Bragg	**WR-Chase Anastasio	***TE-Marcus Freeman
OL-Matt Carufel	*WR-David Grimes	**RB-DARIUS WALKER	**TE-John Carlson	****WR-Rhema McKnight
QB-Zach Frazer	WR-D.J. Hord		***T-RYAN HARRIS	*OL-Brian Mattes
WR-Barry Gallup	*FB-ASAPH SCHWAPP		FB-Ashley McConnell	***G-Bob Morton
WR-Richard Jackson	QB-Evan Sharpley		***QB-BRADY QUINN	***G-DAN SANTUCCI
QB-Demetrius Jones	OL-Michael Turkovich		***WR-JEFF SAMARDZIJA	
OL-Eric Olsen			**C-JOHN SULLIVAN	
WR-Robby Parris				
RB-Munir Prince				
TE-Konrad Reuland				
RB-Luke Schmidt				
OL-Chris Stewart				
OL-Bartley Webb				
OL-Dan Wenger				
WR-George West				
OL-Sam Young				

DEFENSE (34)

Freshmen (10)	Sophomores (8)	Juniors (6)	Seniors (11)	5th Year Seniors (3)
DB-Sergio Brown	*S-David Bruton	*DE-Justin Brown	***DE-VICTOR ABIAMIRI	*DE-CHRIS FROME
DB-Jashaad Gaines	DL-Derrell Hand	*LB-MAURICE CRUM, JR.	*LB-Nick Borseti	***DT-DEREK LANDRI
DB-Leonard Gordon	*DB-Ray Herring	*DB-Leo Ferrine	**LB-Joe Brockington	***CB-MIKE RICHARDSON
DB-Raeshon McNeil	DL-Pat Kuntz	*DB-Terrail Lambert	*DT-Casey Cullen	
DL-Paddy Mullen	S-Kyle McCarthy	*DE-Ronald Talley	**DT-TREVOR LAWS	
LB-Morrice Richardson	*LB-Steve Quinn	LB-Anthony Vernaglia	***S-CHINEDUM NDUKWE	
DL-John Ryan	LB-Scott Smith		DT-Dwight Stephenson, Jr.	
LB-Toryan Smith	LB-Kevin Washington		*LB-Mitchell Thomas	
DL-Kellen Wade			**LB-Travis Thomas	
DB-Darrin Walls			*CB-AMBROSE WOODEN	
			**S-TOM ZBIKOWSKI	

SPECIALISTS (4)

Freshmen (1)	Sophomores (0)	Juniors (1)	Seniors (2)	5th Year Seniors (0)
K-Ryan Burkhart		*SNP-J.J. JANSEN	P-Geoff Price	
			K-Carl Gioia	

Irish receiver to begin the season with eight consecutive games with a touchdown catch - which made him the Notre Dame record holder for consecutive games with a touchdown reception. He surpassed Malcolm Johnson's six-game run from 1998 against BYU.

Samardzija, who also serves as the team's holder on field-goal attempts, tied a Notre Dame record with three touchdown receptions versus Michigan State (later broken by teammate Maurice Stovall, who posted four touchdown receptions against BYU). Samardzija was the seventh player to catch three touchdown passes in a game and the first since Tom Gatewood versus Purdue in 1970.

Walker Rushed 1,000 Yards in Dramatic Fashion

Running back Darius Walker became the ninth Irish player to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season with 1,196 yards on 253 carries and seven touchdowns last year. Walker surpassed the 1,000-yard barrier during a career-best 35-carry, 186-yard outing at Stanford during which he scored the winning touchdown and added a two-point conversion for the final score. Walker also cemented his status as an every down back in '05, setting an Irish mark for receptions by a back with 43 for 351 yards and two scores. Walker's big day against Stanford pushed him into the top-10 all-time on the single-season rushing yardage list as well -

Notre Dame Single-Season Rushing Yardage Top 10

1.	Vagas Ferguson, 1979	1,437
2.	Allen Pinkett, 1983	1,394
3.	Reggie Brooks, 1992	1,343
4.	Julius Jones, 2003	1,268
	Autry Denson, 1997	1,268
6.	Darius Walker, 2005	1,196
7.	Vagas Ferguson, 1978	1,192
8.	Autry Denson, 1998	1,176
9.	Allen Pinkett, 1984	1,105
10.	Ryan Grant, 2002	1,085

Walker's 100-Yard Games

Darius Walker rushed for 100 yards seven times last season, marking the first time since 1993 that an Irish player posted seven or more 100-yard rushing performances in a season. Lee Becton ended the '93 campaign with seven consecutive 100-yard performances.

100-Yard Rushing Games in a Single Season (Since 1950)

1.	Allen Pinkett	10	1983
2.	Phil Carter	9	1980
3.	Autry Denson	8	1997
4.	Darius Walker	7	2005
	Lee Becton	7	1993

Older and Wiser

The 2006 Notre Dame offensive line is one of the most experienced units in school history. With four student-athletes that started at least five games last year, the Irish offense boasts almost 100 combined career starts on the line. Entering the '06 campaign, senior tackle Ryan Harris started the last 32 Notre Dame games and led the veteran group in starting assignments. Seniors Bob Morton and John Sullivan were second and third with 26 starts and 20 starts, respectfully, while senior Dan Santucci has 13 starts to his credit. Here is a look at the 10 most experienced offensive line units to wear the blue and gold since '85, with the '06 group added in for comparison.

Year	Starts Heading Into Season
2005	99
2006	91
1997	84
2002	76
1985	56
1996	56
1998	52
1987	50
1995	49

An Eye on Career Records

Most Passes Attempted

1.	• Brady Quinn	.1135	.2003-present
2.	Ron Powlus	.969	1994-97
3.	Steve Beuerlein	.850	1983-86
4.	Rick Mirer	.698	1989-92
5.	Blair Kiel	.609	1980-83

Most Passes Completed

1.	• Brady Quinn	.640	.2003-present
2.	Ron Powlus	.558	1994-97
3.	Steve Beuerlein	.473	1983-86
4.	Rick Mirer	.377	1989-92
5.	Jarious Jackson	.306	1996-99

Most Passing Yards

1.	• Brady Quinn	.8336	.2003-present
2.	Ron Powlus	.7602	1994-97
3.	Steve Beuerlein	.6527	1983-86
4.	Rick Mirer	.5997	1989-92
5.	Jarious Jackson	.4820	1996-99

Most Touchdown Passes

1.	• Brady Quinn	.58	.2003-present
2.	Ron Powlus	.52	1994-97
3.	Rick Mirer	.41	1989-92
4.	Jarious Jackson	.34	1996-99
5.	Joe Theismann	.31	1968-70

Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

1.	• Brady Quinn	.16	.2003-present
	Jarious Jackson	.9	1996-99
3.	Steve Beuerlein	.8	1983-86
	Ron Powlus	.8	1994-97
5.	Joe Theismann	.5	1968-70

Average Rushing Yards Per Game

1.	Autry Denson	.89.9	1995-98
2.	Allen Pinkett	.89.8	1982-85
3.	• Darius Walker	.86.2	.2004-present
4.	Vagas Ferguson	.73.9	1976-79
5.	George Gipp	.73.1	1917-20

Most Pass Receptions

1.	Tom Gatewood	.157	1969-71
2.	Jim Seymour	.138	1966-68
3.	Tim Brown	.137	1984-87
4.	Derrick Mayes	.129	1992-95
5.	Ken MacAfee	.128	1974-77
9.	• Rhema McKnight	.103	.2002-present
10.	• Jeff Samardzija	.101	.2003-present

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Graduation Rate

The University of Notre Dame **ranks among the top three Division I-A institutions** in five major student-athlete graduation rate categories – overall, football, men, women and African-American – according to statistics released in October 2004 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated '04 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between '94 and '97 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Among student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, 99 percent earned their degrees. The national average was 84 percent.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 87 percent of its student-athletes, second only to Duke University at 90 percent, and tied with Stanford and Northwestern Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

In August '03, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in '96.

Notre Dame graduated 71 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally, and Irish football players graduated at a 77 percent rate, to rank eighth.

All Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	90%
2.	(tie) Notre Dame	87
	(tie) Northwestern	87
	(tie) Stanford	87

Male Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	88%
2.	Stanford	84
3.	Notre Dame	82

Female Student-Athletes

1.	Northwestern	96%
2.	Duke	95
3.	Notre Dame	94

1993.....	46
1989.....	45
1990.....	43

Young Set to Make ND History

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

Nine Veteran Starters Return to Lead Irish Defense

A solid group of returning veterans returns to lead the Irish defense in '06, led by nine starters from last season including four players entering their third season on the starting unit. A full offseason with the defensive coaching staff combined with a second season in defensive coordinator Rick Minter's scheme as well as a talented crop of freshmen should alone make the Notre Dame defense better. Cornerback Ambrose Wooden (74 tackles in '05) and safety Tom Zbikowski (71 stops in '05) are the leading returning tacklers of the unit. While both figure to provide valuable leadership, other key returnees figure to be just as vital to the unit's continued improvement. Chief among those returnees are senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri (eight sacks in '05), senior tackles Derek Landri (eight tackles for loss in '05) and Trevor Laws (33 tackles and two blocked field goals last season) and linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr. (57 tackles in '05).

Zbikowski's Rapid Returns

Safety Tom Zbikowski, a senior in '06 who has seen action the last two seasons for the Irish, has already made a name for himself in the Notre Dame record books. In a three-game stretch against USC, BYU and Tennessee last year, he returned a punt or interception for a touchdown four times - the first Irish defensive player to accomplish such a feat. Zbikowski has scored five touchdowns in his career overall, having returned a fumble 75 yards for a TD against Michigan State in 2004.

With his interception and punt return for a touchdown against Tennessee on Nov. 5, Zbikowski became the first Irish player to accomplish that feat (interception return and punt return in the same game) since Nick Rassas against Northwestern in 1965. Rassas returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown and a punt 72 yards for a score in Notre Dame's 38-7 victory. With his five career TD returns (two interceptions, two punts, one fumble), Zbikowski already has established himself among the best big-play return specialists in Notre Dame history.

Abiamiri Named to Hendricks Watch List

Senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri was named to the 2006 Hendricks Award Preseason Watch List announced in June by the Hendricks Foundation. Abiamiri has been a key member of Notre Dame's defensive line since his freshman season in 2003 when he became just the fourth freshman to start on the defensive line for Notre Dame since 1991. Abiamiri enjoyed his best season last year totaling 48 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, a team-high eight sacks and seven quarterback hurries helping him earn the team's Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation. Abiamiri begins the 2006 campaign needing just half a sack and five tackles for loss to enter Notre Dame's all-time top 10 in both categories.

Harris Named to Outland Trophy Watch List

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

Quinn, Samardzija and Walker Named to Maxwell Award Watch List

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

Quinn enters his senior season owning every major Notre Dame passing record and flourished in his first season with head coach Charlie Weis last year. Quinn received third-team All-America praise by the Associated Press after setting single-season school records for attempts (450), completions (292), yards (3,919) and touchdowns (32).

Samardzija was on the receiving end of many of Quinn's passes. His 2005 postseason accolades included being named first-team All-America by the Football Writers Association of America and ESPN.com. He was also a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award for college football's top receiver after setting single-season records for receiving yards (1,249) and touchdown catches (15).

Walker already ranks 13th in career rushing yards at Notre Dame having carved up 1,982 yards in his two seasons for the Irish. Last year, Walker gained 1,196 yards and scored nine touchdowns while eclipsing the 100 yard mark in seven games. Against a stout Ohio State defense in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, he set a Notre Dame bowl record by tallying three rushing touchdowns. Walker also owns the school's freshman rushing record with 786 yards in 2004.

Quinn and Samardzija Named to Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List

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

Sullivan Named to Rimington Watch List

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

Zbikowski Named to Nagurski and Bednarik Watch Lists

Senior defensive back Tom Zbikowski has been named to both the Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List and Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List for 2006. The Nagurski Trophy is given to the nation's top defensive player at the Charlotte Touchdown Club annual awards banquet. The Bednarik Award is given annually to the nation's top defensive player as voted on by head coaches, members of the Maxwell Football Club and various sports writers throughout the country. Zbikowski was named third-team All-America by the Associated Press after the 2005 season when he made 62 tackles and led the team with five interceptions, returning two for touchdowns. He also added two touchdowns on punt returns. Zbikowski has started all 24 games in which he has played over the last two seasons and has scored touchdowns via interception return, punt return and fumble return during his Notre Dame career.

Notre Dame Student-Athletes Lead the Way in National Graduate Rate

The graduation rate for student-athletes at the University of Notre Dame is the highest in the nation among Division I-A colleges and universities in an annual federal report for the Department of Education, and is the second highest in a new survey developed by the NCAA.

Notre Dame's federal graduation rate is 90.4 percent, according to statistics released in January by the NCAA, slightly ahead of Duke University at 89.6 percent as the best among the major football-playing schools of Division I-A. The federal rate is based on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated with six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A schools on another scale, called the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), which was developed last year by the NCAA. The University's 98 percent GSR is second only to the 99 percent of the U.S. Naval Academy, which, like all the military academies, is exempt from the federal survey because it does not offer grants-in-aid to student-athletes.

The Graduation Success Rate was created to more accurately reflect actual graduation rates by including transfer

An Eye on Career Records cont. from p. 9

Most Receiving Yards

1.	Derrick Mayes	.....2,512	.....1992-95
2.	Tim Brown	.....2,493	.....1984-87
3.	Tom Gatewood	.....2,283	.....1969-71
4.	Jim Seymour	.....2,113	.....1966-68
5.	Maurice Stovall	.....2,069	.....2002-05
6.	Tony Hunter	.....1,897	.....1979-82
7.	Ken MacAfee	.....1,759	.....1974-77
8.	Malcolm Johnson	.....1,737	.....1995-98
9.	• Jeff Samardzija	.....1,576	...2003-present
10.	Bobby Brown	.....1,521	.....1996-99
11.	• Rhema McKnight	.....1,370	...2002-present

Most Receiving Touchdowns

1.	Derrick Mayes	.....22	.....1992-95
2.	Tom Gatewood	.....19	.....1969-71
3.	Maurice Stovall	.....18	.....2002-05
4.	Jim Seymour	.....16	.....1966-68
5.	• Jeff Samardzija	.....15	...2003-present
	Ken MacAfee	.....15	.....1974-77
7.	Tim Brown	.....12	.....1984-87
	Bobby Brown	.....12	.....1996-99
9.	Malcolm Johnson	.....10	.....1995-98
10.	Jack Snow	.....9	.....1962-64
11.	Anthony Fasano	.....8	.....2003-05
12.	Kris Haines	.....7	.....1975-78
	• Rhema McKnight	.....7	.....2002-present
	Matt Shelton	.....7	.....2002-05

• - indicates current players

2006 Irish Schedule Analysis

Teams that were:

above .500 in 2005.....	7
.500 in '05	0
below .500 in '05	5
undefeated in '05.....	0

Teams that:

finished in the final AP top-10 in '05.....	2
finished in the final AP top-25 in '05.....	3
went to a bowl in '05	6
went to a BCS bowl in '05	2
went to a New Year's Day bowl in '05.....	0
went to a January bowl in '05.....	2
went to a December bowl in '05	4
won a bowl game in '05	3
were on the '05 Irish schedule.....	6
lost to the Irish in '05	4

Returning Starters:

Navy	17
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Notre Dame 16

Army.....	16
Stanford	16
Georgia Tech	14
Michigan	14
Air Force	12
Michigan State.....	12
North Carolina.....	12
UCLA.....	12
Penn State.....	11
Purdue	11
USC.....	10

A Look Back At 2005

Notre Dame at home	4-2
on the road	5-0
at neutral site.....	0-1
during the day	6-2
at night	3-1
in September	3-1
in October	2-1
in November.....	4-0
in January	0-1
when outrushing opponent	3-0
when outrushed by opponent	6-3
when outpassing opponent	7-1
when outpassed by opponent	2-2
committing fewer turnovers	6-2
same number of turnovers	2-1
committing more turnovers.....	1-0
when Irish scored first	6-1
when opponent scored first.....	3-2
when leading at half	8-1
when tied at half	0-2
when trailing at half.....	1-0
when D. Walker had 100 rushing yards	6-1
when B. Quinn had 250 passing yards	7-3
when J. Samardzija caught a TD.....	8-2

data in the calculation. College and university presidents asked the NCAA to develop a new methodology that takes into account the mobility among students in today's higher education environment. Research indicates that approximately 60 percent of all new bachelor's degree recipients are attending more than one undergraduate institution during their collegiate careers.

The remainder of the top five after Notre Dame and Duke among I-A universities in the federal survey are Stanford at 88 percent, Northwestern at 86 percent, and Rice at 83 percent. On the GSR, the rest of the top five I-A schools following Navy and Notre Dame are Clemson and Northwestern, both at 97 percent, and Duke at 93 percent.

The data for both surveys is based upon the entering classes from 1995 to 1998. The two graduation rate reports should not be confused with another new NCAA initiative, the Academic Progress Rate, which uses a series of formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility to measure the academic performance of all participants who receive a grant-in-aid on every team at every NCAA Division I college and university.

Historic Notre Dame Stadium

The 2006 football season marks the 76th year of Irish football in fabled Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish have played 386 games in the facility to date and own a 291-90-5 (.760) record in the "House that Rockne Built." The Irish were 3-3 in Notre Dame Stadium in '04, but rebounded to finish 4-2 at home in '05 and push the team's record at home to 95-32 (.748) over the last 21 years. The most wins in a season by the Irish at home is seven by the '88 national championship team and the longest home winning streak in Notre Dame football history is 28 games (from 11/21/42 through 9/30/50).

In Front of a Full House

Notre Dame will enter the '06 season having played in front of sellout crowds in 181 of its previous 207 games, including 56 of its last 61 contests dating back to the end of the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2000 season (the '01, '03 and '05 games at Stanford, the '04 game vs. Navy at the Meadowslands and the '05 game at Washington were not sellouts). At Michigan in '03, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record was set. It also represented the seventh time in the last four seasons that Notre Dame has been part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in '01; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in '02, vs. Oregon State in the Insight Bowl in '04 - the game set a Bank One Ballpark record for football configuration). Notre Dame and Michigan played before an over-capacity 111,386 at Michigan Stadium in September of '05. The '05 Washington game was played before less than a capacity crowd as 71,473 witnessed the Irish defeat the Huskies, 36-17, at Husky Stadium (capacity: 72,500) in Seattle. At Purdue, the Irish and Boilermakers played before 65,491 football fans, a Ross-Ade Stadium record (since the renovation of the facility in 2003).

Football Ticket Demand Hits a Record High

How much interest is there in University of Notre Dame football games for 2006? There's enough that the Sept. 9 Notre Dame-Penn State game and the Sept. 16 Notre Dame-Michigan game qualify as the two highest-requested games in the history of Notre Dame's ticket lottery. There's enough that four '06 home games rank in the all-time top 10 for requests - and all seven games rank in the top 30. There's enough that the Nov. 25 Notre Dame-USC game in Los Angeles qualified as the most-requested road game in Irish ticket history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The University of Notre Dame official athletic website, und.com, entered a new era on Friday, Aug. 4. The Fighting Irish All-Access package has undergone a complete overhaul and und.com will bring Notre Dame alumni and fans full coverage free of charge for the 2006-07 season.

Irish fans will no longer be required to subscribe or sign up for audio/video coverage on und.com. By September 1, und.com also will unveil a new media player, which will feature a bigger display screen and easier access to und.com's multimedia offerings.

As part of the new Fighting Irish All-Access launch, the und.com crew will post a bevy of video offerings from a variety of Irish sports and the University archives - just the first step toward developing und.com into the top source for Fighting Irish fans on the world wide web. Check und.com for more details.

Former Heisman Winners to be Honored at Notre Dame Home Games

All former Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winners will be featured on home game tickets as well as the corresponding game programs and schedule cards this season. The seven winners or family members of the winners have been invited back to Notre Dame to be honored during the weekend their likeness is featured on the game ticket and program.

Angelo Bertelli graces the cover of the Penn State game, Johnny Lujack is on the Michigan game cover, John Lattner is featured during the Purdue weekend, Leon Hart will be honored at the Stanford game, Paul Hornung will be on the cover of the UCLA game, the North Carolina game ticket and program will honor John Huarte, while Tim Brown will be featured at the Army game.

Easter Heathman to Receive Honorary Monogram

The University of Notre Dame Monogram Club will present Easter Heathman with an honorary monogram prior to the Penn State pep rally on Friday, Sept. 8. Heathman grew up near the Knute Rockne crash site in Bazaar, Kan., and has served as the unofficial caretaker of the Rockne crash site for the past 75 years.

1966 National Championship Team to be Honored During Purdue Weekend

This season marks the 40th anniversary of the 1966 Notre Dame football team that won the national championship and the team will be honored during its reunion on the Purdue game weekend. The '66 squad averaged over 36 points per game while permitting just five touchdowns on defense. That Irish squad posted a 9-0-1 record including three wins over top-10 teams with an average margin of victory in those contests of 33.7 points. Head coach Ara Parseghian won his first of two titles and tied Frank Leahy (later matched by Dan Devine) in the process as the quickest Notre Dame head coach to win a national championship, doing so in his third campaign.

Notre Dame Athletics in Print

Four new books either about Notre Dame athletics or written by past or current Irish coaches will be available in bookstores this fall.

Head coach Charlie Weis is scheduled to release his autobiography, *NO EXCUSES*, Oct. 10. With the help of NFL.com national editor and author, Vic Carucci, the book will tell the remarkable story of his journey from being a student of Notre Dame to becoming head coach of his alma mater. Stories from his professional career of working in the NFL to personal events involving himself and his family will also be chronicled.

Former head coach Lou Holtz' autobiography, *Wins, Losses, and Lessons* hits bookshelves Aug. 15. Detailing stories from his youth to his days as a football head coach, this book is said to be a "reflective, inspiring and candid look back at an extraordinary life and career from a coaching legend."

Fighting Irish Legends, Lists and Lore is the latest book by Karen Heisler, wife of Notre Dame Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heisler, and "captures the history, tradition, and spirit of one of the nation's most storied and revered athletic programs." The book recounts stories of Notre Dame's most famous athletes and coaches in every sport.

Longtime writer and editor for *Blue & Gold Illustrated* Tim Prister is set to release his latest book entitled, *The New Gold Standard* Aug. 16. The book takes readers inside head coach Charlie Weis' first season at Notre Dame and how he "returned the program to its rightful (and historic) place among college football's elite."

College Graduates

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

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

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

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

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

Auburn	.....11
Notre Dame	.....9
Texas Tech, Miami (Fla.)	.....8
Boston College, Louisiana Tech, Penn State	...7
Kentucky, Baylor, West Virginia	.....6

2005 NOTRE DAME TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
SCORING	440	294
Points Per Game	36.7	24.5
FIRST DOWNS	314	239
Rushing	126	82
Passing	169	137
Penalty	19	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	1765	1588
Yards gained rushing	2079	1931
Yards lost rushing	314	343
Rushing Attempts	491	403
Average Per Rush	3.6	3.9
Average Per Game	147.1	132.3
TDs Rushing	21	17
PASSING YARDAGE	3963	3175
Att-Comp-Int	454-294-8	410-218-13
Average Per Pass	8.7	7.7
Average Per Catch	13.5	14.6
Average Per Game	330.2	264.6
TDs Passing	32	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	5728	4763
Total Plays	945	813
Average Per Play	6.1	5.9
Average Per Game	477.3	396.9
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	34-646	65-1379
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	28-396	27-174
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	13-223	8-103
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.0	21.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	14.1	6.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	17.2	12.9
FUMBLES-LOST	17-6	20-11
PENALTIES-YARDS	77-667	71-554
Average Per Game	55.6	46.2
PUNTS-YARDS	47-1873	61-2503
Average Per Punt	39.9	41.0
Net punt average	36.1	34.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	32:51	27:09
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	90/184	58/165
3rd-Down Pct	49%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	9/18	14/27
4th-Down Pct	50%	52%
SACKS BY-YARDS	31-216	21-135
MISC YARDS	0	4
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	58	37
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	12-18	12-17
PAT-ATTEMPTS	54-57	32-33
ATTENDANCE	484770	370858
Games/Avg Per Game	6/80795	5/74172
Neutral Site Games		1/76196

2005 NOTRE DAME INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Walker, Darius	12	253	1274	78	1196	4.7	9	38	99.7
Thomas, Travis	12	63	266	18	248	3.9	5	16	20.7
Powers-Neal, Rashon	5	31	101	1	100	3.2	6	10	20.0
Quinn, Brady	12	70	245	155	90	1.3	1	16	7.5
Schwapp, Asaph	12	27	74	7	67	2.5	0	7	5.6
Jenkins, Jeff	11	19	60	4	56	2.9	0	9	5.1
Wolke, David	6	1	22	0	22	22.0	0	22	3.7
Samardzija, Jeff	12	9	25	12	13	1.4	0	9	1.1
Grimes, David	11	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	8	0.7
McConnell, Ashley	3	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Stovall, Maurice	12	2	1	0	1	0.5	0	1	0.1
Hoskins, Justin	5	2	0	1	-1	-0.5	0	0	-0.2
McKnight, Rhema	2	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-3.5
Team	6	10	0	31	-31	-3.1	0	0	-5.2
Total	12	491	2079	314	1765	3.6	21	38	147.1
Opponents	12	403	1931	343	1588	3.9	17	68	132.3

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Comp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G	
Quinn, Brady	12	158.40	450-292-7		64.9	3919	32	80	326.6
Wolke, David	6	45.07	3-1-1		33.3	28	0	28	4.7
Mooney, Marty	2	234.40	1-1-0		100.0	16	0	16	8.0
Total	12	157.82	454-294-8	64.8	3963	32	80	330.2	
Opponents	12	126.37	410-218-13	53.2	3175	18	85	264.6	

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Samardzija, Jeff	12	77	1249	16.2	15	80	104.1
Stovall, Maurice	12	69	1149	16.7	11	50	95.8
Fasano, Anthony	12	47	576	12.3	2	43	48.0
Walker, Darius	12	43	351	8.2	2	51	29.2
Shelton, Matt	12	28	329	11.8	0	33	27.4
Powers-Neal, Rashon	5	9	90	10.0	0	18	18.0
Carlson, John	12	7	56	8.0	1	22	4.7
McKnight, Rhema	2	5	69	13.8	1	27	34.5
Schwapp, Asaph	12	3	22	7.3	0	12	1.8
Grimes, David	11	2	19	9.5	0	11	1.7
Thomas, Travis	12	2	9	4.5	0	8	0.8
Woods, Rob	11	1	28	28.0	0	28	2.5
O'Hara, Michael	2	1	16	16.0	0	16	8.0
Total	12	294	3963	13.5	32	80	330.2
Opponents	12	218	3175	14.6	18	85	264.6

2005 NOTRE DAME INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Zbikowski, Tom	27	379	14.0	2	78
Grimes, David	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total	28	396	14.1	2	78
Opponents	27	174	6.4	0	22

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Zbikowski, Tom	5	136	27.2	2	83
Richardson, Mike	3	16	5.3	0	13
Wooden, Ambrose	2	41	20.5	0	41
Ndukwe, Chinedum	2	14	7.0	0	14
Ferrine, Leo	1	16	16.0	1	16
Total	13	223	17.2	3	83
Opponents	8	103	12.9	1	30

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Grimes, David	15	338	22.5	0	40
Hord, D.J.	7	123	17.6	0	36
Hoskins, Justin	5	105	21.0	0	24
Harris, Brandon	3	53	17.7	0	22
Carlson, John	1	14	14.0	0	14
Wooden, Ambrose	1	13	13.0	0	13
Zbikowski, Tom	1	-10	-10.0	0	0
Schwapp, Asaph	1	10	10.0	0	10
Total	34	646	19.0	0	40
Opponents	65	1379	21.2	1	87

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	4	4.0	0	4

SCORING	TD	PATs			Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
		FGs	Kick	Rush					
Samardzija, Jeff	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	90
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	0	11-17	52-54	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	85
Walker, Darius	11	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	68
Stoval, Maurice	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	66
Powers-Neal, Rashon	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Thomas, Travis	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Zbikowski, Tom	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Fasano, Athony	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McKnight, Rhema	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Quinn, Brady	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Carlson, John	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ferrine, Leo	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Gioia, Carl	0	1-1	2-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	5
Team	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total	58	12-18	54-57	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	440
Opponents	37	12-17	32-33	1-1	1	1-2	0	0	294

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Quinn, Brady	12	520	90	3919	4009	334.1
Walker, Darius	12	253	1196	0	1196	99.7
Thomas, Travis	12	63	248	0	248	20.7
Powers-Neal, Rashon	5	31	100	0	100	20.0
Schwapp, Asaph	12	27	67	0	67	5.6
Jenkins, Jeff	11	19	56	0	56	5.1
Wolke, David	6	4	22	28	50	8.3
Mooney, Marty	2	1	0	16	16	8.0
Samardzija, Jeff	12	9	13	0	13	1.1
Grimes, David	11	2	8	0	8	0.7
McConnell, Ashley	3	1	3	0	3	1.0
Stoval, Maurice	12	2	1	0	1	0.1
Hoskins, Justin	5	2	-1	0	-1	-0.2
McKnight, Rhema	2	1	-7	0	-7	-3.5
Team	6	10	-31	0	-31	-5.2
Total	12	945	1765	3963	5728	477.3
Opponents	12	813	1588	3175	4763	396.9

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Long	Blkd
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	11-17	64.7	0-0	4-6	3-5	4-6	0-0	48	1
Gioia, Carl	1-1	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	29	0
Totals	12-18								
Opp.	12-15								

FG SEQUENCE	Notre Dame	OPPONENTS
Pittsburgh	-	(49),(23)
Michigan	(43)	(38)
Michigan State	(48),48,(44)	(21),53
Washington	(25),(39),(25)	(27)
Purdue	-	44
USC	(32),35	-
BYU	-	(44),42
Tennessee	(36),(28)	(25),(30)
Navy	-	-
Syracuse	39,28,(44),(29)	(31)
Stanford	42,(29),29	(31)
Ohio State	-	28,46,(40),(26)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd	KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	Yd Ln
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	45	1815	40.3	60	1	5	12	1	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	61	3690	60.5	8	1			
Team	1	10	10.0	10	0	0	0	0	Gioia, Carl	20	1115	55.8	2	1			
Quinn, Brady.	1	48	48.0	48	1	0	0	0	Total	81	4805	59.3	10	2	1579	39.8	25
Total	47	1873	39.9	60	2	5	12	1	Opponents	58	3499	60.3	21	2	1066	41.9	23
Opponents	61	2503	41.0	64	2	8	14	3									

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Walker, Darius	12	1196	351	0	0	0	1547	128.9
Samarzija, Jeff	12	13	1249	0	0	0	1262	105.2
Stovall, Maurice	12	1	1149	0	0	0	1150	95.8
Fasano, Anthony	12	0	576	0	0	0	576	48.0
Zbikowski, Tom	12	0	0	379	-10	136	505	42.1
Grimes, David	11	8	19	17	338	0	382	34.7
Shelton, Matt	12	0	329	0	0	0	329	27.4
Thomas, Travis	12	248	9	0	0	0	257	21.4
Powers-Neal, Rashon	5	100	90	0	0	0	190	38.0
Hord, D.J.	6	0	0	0	123	0	123	20.5
Hoskins, Justin	5	-1	0	0	105	0	104	20.8
Schwapp, Asaph	12	67	22	0	10	0	99	8.2
Quinn, Brady	12	90	0	0	0	0	90	7.5
Carlson, John	12	0	56	0	14	0	70	5.8
McKnight, Rhema	2	-7	69	0	0	0	62	31.0
Jenkins, Jeff	11	56	0	0	0	0	56	5.1
Wooden, Ambrose	12	0	0	0	13	41	54	4.5
Harris, Brandon	8	0	0	0	53	0	53	6.6
Woods, Rob	11	0	28	0	0	0	28	2.5
Walke, David	6	22	0	0	0	0	22	3.7
Ferrine, Leo	12	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.3
O'Hara, Michael	2	0	16	0	0	0	16	8.0
Richardson, Mike	12	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.3
Ndukwe, Chinedum	12	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.2
McConnell, Ashley	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
Team	6	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	-5.2
Total	12	1765	3963	396	646	223	6993	582.8
Opponents	12	1588	3175	174	1379	103	6419	534.9

2005 NOTRE DAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Blkd.	DEFENSIVE LEADERS	|—Tackles—|			|—Sacks—|	|—Pass Def—|			|—Fumbles—|		QBH	Rcv.-Yds.	FF	Kick	Saf.
		GP	Solo	Ast.	Total	TFL-Yds.	No.-Yards	Int.-Yds.	BrUp						
39	Hoyte, Brandon	12	53	39	92	16.5-45	6.0-23	.	3	2	.	2	.	.	
46	Mays, Corey	12	43	37	80	12.5-48	5.0-35	.	2	3	3-0	3	.	.	
22	Wooden, Ambrose	12	61	13	74	.	.	2-41	5	.	1-0	.	.	.	
9	Zbikowski, Tom	12	42	29	71	1.0-10	1.0-10	5-136	4	.	.	1	.	.	
30	Richardson, Mike	12	50	16	66	5.0-26	3.0-22	3-16	7	.	1-0	2	.	.	
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	12	32	25	57	3.5-5	.	.	1	3	.	1	.	.	
18	Ndukwe, Chinedum	12	31	21	52	2.5-5	.	2-14	5	.	4-0	1	1	.	
95	Abiamiri, Victor	12	34	14	48	15.0-92	8.0-78	.	2	7	.	1	.	.	
66	Landri, Derek	12	16	27	43	8.0-26	3.0-14	.	2	7	.	.	.	.
98	Laws, Trevor	12	8	25	33	3.0-17	1.5-13	.	1	3	.	.	2	.	
99	Talley, Ronald	11	9	14	23	1.5-8	1.0-7	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.	
15	Ferrine, Leo	12	17	5	22	2.0-6	.	1-16	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
90	Beidatsch, Brian	12	5	9	14	2.0-5	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
27	Bruton, David	11	10	4	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
89	Carlson, John	12	9	4	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
94	Brown, Justin	12	9	3	12	1.0-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
43	Salvador, Anthony	12	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Brockington, Joe	11	4	5	9	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Anastasio, Chase	11	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.
60	Cullen, Casey	12	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
20	Lambert, Terrail	12	7	1	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
26	Thomas, Travis	12	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Frome, Chris	6	3	3	6	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
6	Herring, Ray	8	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Carney, Jake	6	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Borseti, Nick	6	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
9A	Kuntz, Pat	8	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	12	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Quinn, Steve	10	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Vernaglia, Anthony	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Freeman, Marcus	12	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Fasano, Anthony	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Smith, Scott	8	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Chervanick, Dan	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
61	Jansen, J.J.	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Harris, Brandon	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Santucci, Dan	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Hoskins, Justin	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Gioia, Carl	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Thomas, Mitchell	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
71	Bonelli, James	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Samaradzija, Jeff	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
68	Harris, Ryan	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
72	Duncan, Paul	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	LeVoi, Mark	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Stovall, Maurice	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Schiccatano, Nate	2	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Boland, Joe	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4A	Whitney III, Rich	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	12	495	335	830	76-307	31-216	13-223	41	31	11-0	14	6	.	
	Opponents	12	664	329	993	73.0-293	21-135	8-103	35	37	6-4	11	2	.	

2005 NOTRE DAME GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE	X	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	Y	Z	QB	FB	RB
at Pittsburgh	Samardzija	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	*Carlson	Quinn	*Freeman	Walker
at Michigan	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	McKnight	Quinn	*Samardzija	Walker
Michigan State	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker
at Washington	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker
at Purdue	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Walker
USC	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	Schwapp	Walker
BYU	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Shelton	*Grimes
Tennessee	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*T. Thomas	Walker
Navy	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker
Syracuse	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Shelton	Walker
at Stanford	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker
Ohio State	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker

*Started game with 3 TEs vs. Pitt; extra WR at Michigan, Mich. State & Syracuse; 2 TEs vs. Washington, Navy & Stanford; 5 receivers vs. BYU; no FB vs. Tennessee, Syracuse & Ohio State

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	Apache	MLB	OLB	CB	FS	SS	CB
at Pittsburgh	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Michigan	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Michigan State	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Washington	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Purdue	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	**Ferrine	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
USC	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
BYU	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Tennessee	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Navy	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Syracuse	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Stanford	Brown	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Ohio State	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden

ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
Pittsburgh	6	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Michigan	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSU	5	4	28	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Washington	5	5	26	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	5	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
USC	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BYU	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tennessee	3	3	13	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Navy	5	5	35	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syracuse	5	2	10	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Stanford	7	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ohio State	4	3	20	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	55	45	285	38	21	17	7	4	2	0	2	2

Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
Pittsburgh	2	2	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
MSU	5	5	30	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	4	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Purdue	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
USC	4	3	20	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BYU	4	3	20	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tennessee	4	4	21	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Navy	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syracuse	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stanford	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	41	31	184	23	13	10	8	1	1	4	4	0

THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Samardzija, Jeff	1	16	17
Walker, Darius	15	2	17
Stovall, Maurice	-	15	15
Fasano, Anthony	-	8	7
Quinn, Brady	6	-	6
Schwapp, Asaph	5	-	5
Powers-Neal, Rashon	4	-	4
Shelton, Matt	-	4	4
Thomas, Travis	4	-	4
Carlson, John	-	1	1
Grimes, David	-	1	1
McKnight, Rhema	-	1	1
O'Hara, Michael	-	1	1
Wolke, David	1	-	1
Woods, Rob	-	1	1
Penalty	-	-	4
Totals	36	50	90

ND on third down: 90-184 (.489)

FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Quinn, Brady	3	-	3
Stovall, Maurice	-	2	2
Powers-Neal, Rashon	1	-	1
Samardzija, Jeff	-	1	1
Schwapp, Asaph	1	-	1
Walker, Darius	1	-	1
Totals	6	3	9

ND on fourth down: 9-18 (.500)

2005 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Notre Dame at Pittsburgh	50-275-4 31-103-1	27-18-1-227-2 35-20-1-220-1	77-502 66-323	33-20-11-2 20-8-9-3	1-0 2-1	32:46 27:14
Notre Dame at Michigan	44-104-0 29-114-0	30-19-0-140-2 44-19-1-223-1	74-244 73-337	17-9-8-0 15-6-9-0	3-1 3-1	30:56 29:04
Notre Dame Michigan State	38-107-0 36-161-2	60-33-1-487-5 27-16-1-327-3	98-594 63-488	31-10-19-2 18-7-10-1	1-1 4-2	35:49 24:11
Notre Dame at Washington	47-233-3 22-41-1	37-25-0-327-1 40-19-1-408-1	84-560 62-449	31-13-16-2 20-2-16-2	2-0 2-2	36:56 23:04
Notre Dame at Purdue	50-153-4 24-164-2	39-30-2-468-3 58-33-1-350-2	89-621 82-514	32-3-24-0 29-7-20-2	0-0 1-1	36:03 23:57
Notre Dame USC	52-153-2 31-175-5	35-19-1-264-1 33-17-2-301-0	87-417 64-476	28-12-12-4 20-6-11-3	2-1 1-0	38:40 21:20
Notre Dame BYU	23-44-0 34-75-1	41-32-0-467-6 45-26-2-317-2	64-511 79-392	27-3-20-4 26-7-17-2	3-2 0-0	26:21 33:39
Notre Dame Tennessee	34-48-0 39-109-1	33-20-0-295-3 32-13-2-187-1	67-343 71-296	14-6-8-0 18-5-10-3	2-1 2-1	32:12 27:48
Notre Dame Navy	39-221-2 58-239-2	31-22-1-284-4 10-4-1-75-1	70-505 68-314	29-13-15-1 21-16-4-1	0-0 2-1	28:25 31:35
Notre Dame Syracuse	36-134-1 38-143-0	38-22-0-286-2 22-9-1-78-1	74-420 60-221	20-9-10-1 11-4-5-2	1-0 1-0	32:13 27:47
Notre Dame at Stanford	50-231-2 25-(11)-0	38-25-2-432-3 36-23-0-347-3	88-663 61-336	30-15-14-1 14-2-12-0	1-0 0-0	34:35 25:25
Notre Dame vs. Ohio State	28-62-3 36-275-2	45-29-0-286-0 28-19-0-342-2	73-348 64-617	22-8-12-2 27-12-14-1	1-0 2-2	29:16 30:44

TURNOVERS

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
at Pittsburgh	1	1	2	0	1	1	+1	W, 42-21
at Michigan	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	W, 17-10
Michigan State	2	1	3	1	1	2	+1	L, 41-44
at Washington	2	1	3	0	0	0	+3	W, 36-17
at Purdue	1	1	2	0	2	2	-0-	W, 49-28
USC	0	2	2	1	1	2	-0-	L, 31-34
BYU	0	2	2	2	0	2	-0-	W, 49-23
Tennessee	1	2	3	1	0	1	+2	W, 41-21
Navy	1	1	2	0	1	1	+1	W, 42-21
Syracuse	0	1	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 34-10
at Stanford	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2	W, 38-31
vs. Ohio State	2	0	2	0	0	0	+2	L, 20-34
Totals	11	13	24	6	8	14	+10	9-3

Turnover Analysis

24 opponent turnovers led to 72 of 440 (.164) Notre Dame points (9 TD/9 PAT/3 FG)

14 Notre Dame turnovers led to 45 of 294 (.153) opponent points (6 TD/6 PAT/1 FG)

FIELD POSITION

	Notre Dame	Opponents
Drives Started	148	154
Cumulative Starting Yardline	4450	4430
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 30	own 29
Drives started in plus territory	98	98
Scores (TD/FG)	46 (39/7)	32 (23/9)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	22/8/5	36/7/4
Turnovers/End of Half	11/6	15/4
Drives started at/inside own 20	49	56
Scores (TD/FG)	13 (10/3)	14 (11/3)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	25/2/1	25/4/1
Turnovers/End of Half	3/5	9/3

FIRST DOWNS EARNED

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Walker	69	15	84
Stovall	-	52	52
Samardzija	4	45	49
Fasano	1	25	26
Shelton	-	18	18
T. Thomas	15	-	15
Quinn	15	-	15
Powers-Neal	8	4	12
Schwapp	10	1	11
McKnight	-	4	4
Jenkins	3	-	3
Carlson	-	2	2
Grimes	-	2	2
Wolke	1	-	1
Woods	-	1	1
Penalty	-	-	19
Team Totals	126	169	314

2005 NOTRE DAME INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Walker	T. Thomas	Powers-Neal	Hoskins	Quinn	Jenkins	Schwapp
at Pittsburgh	20-100-1	8-40-0	8-41-3	0-0-0	5-49-0	6-17-0	2-6-0
at Michigan	26-104-0	0-0-0	6-19-0	0-0-0	7-(-16)-0	0-0-0	2-8-0
Michigan State	26-116-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-(-8)-0	0-0-0	5-(-1)-0
at Washington	21-128-1	7-52-1	9-30-1	DNP	4-29-0	3-4-0	0-0-0
at Purdue	23-80-1	4-17-1	8-10-2	0-0-0	4-23-0	6-30-0	0-0-0
USC	19-72-0	18-52-1	DNP	DNP	13-21-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
BYU	7-17-0	1-(-3)-0	DNP	DNP	4-(-10)-0	0-0-0	8-27-0
Tennessee	15-62-0	8-15-0	DNP	DNP	4-(-16)-0	0-0-0	3-0-0
Navy	19-118-1	11-58-1	DNP	2-(-1)-0	3-27-0	0-0-0	3-13-0
Syracuse	26-123-1	3-4-0	DNP	DNP	3-2-0	4-5-0	0-0-0
at Stanford	35-186-1	3-13-1	DNP	DNP	6-21-0	DNP	2-10-0
vs. Ohio State	16-90-3	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	10-(-32)-0	0-0-0	2-4-0

PASSING

(Attempts-Completions-Interceptions-Yards-TD)	Quinn	Wolke	Mooney
at Pittsburgh	27-18-1-227-2	0-0-0-0-0	DNP
at Michigan	30-19-0-140-2	DNP	DNP
Michigan State	60-33-1-487-5	DNP	DNP
at Washington	37-25-0-327-1	0-0-0-0-0	DNP
at Purdue	36-29-1-440-3	3-1-1-28-0	0-0-0
USC	35-19-1-264-1	DNP	DNP
BYU	41-32-0-467-6	0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Tennessee	33-20-0-295-3	0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Navy	31-22-1-284-4	0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Syracuse	37-21-0-270-2	DNP	1-1-0-16-0
at Stanford	38-25-2-432-3	DNP	DNP
vs. Ohio State	45-29-0-286-0	DNP	DNP

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds-TD)	Fasano	Stovall	Shelton	Samardzija	Carlson	Walker	T.Thomas	Powers-Neal	McKnight
at Pittsburgh	4-42-0	2-27-0	0-0-0	3-34-1	2-3-0	3-52-1	0-0-0	1-18-0	3-51-0
at Michigan	4-18-0	2-17-0	1-4-0	4-52-1	0-0-0	5-22-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	2-18-1
Michigan State	7-93-0	8-176-1	6-87-0	6-96-3	0-0-0	5-24-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP
at Washington	6-66-0	3-34-0	0-0-0	8-164-1	1-15-0	3-20-0	0-0-0	4-28-0	DNP
at Purdue	2-30-0	8-134-0	7-68-0	7-153-2	1-22-1	1-(-2)-0	0-0-0	3-35-0	DNP
USC	4-86-0	3-30-0	1-5-0	6-99-1	0-0-0	4-43-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
BYU	5-55-0	14-207-4	1-8-0	10-152-2	0-0-0	1-37-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Tennessee	4-78-1	2-41-1	1-6-0	7-127-1	1-8-0	4-34-0	1-1-0	DNP	DNP
Navy	4-70-1	8-130-3	1-6-0	5-42-0	0-0-0	2-15-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Syracuse	2-7-0	3-91-1	3-62-0	7-80-1	2-8-0	3-14-0	1-8-0	DNP	DNP
at Stanford	3-19-0	7-136-1	2-31-0	8-191-2	0-0-0	5-55-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
vs. Ohio State	2-12-0	9-126-0	5-52-0	6-59-0	0-0-0	7-37-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP

FIELD GOALS

	at Pitt.	at Mich.	MSU	at UW	at PU	USC	BYU	UT	Navy	SU	at Stan.	OSU
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	0-0	1-1	2-3	3-3	0-0	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-4	0-2	0-0
Gioia, Carl	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0

2005 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

Opponent	Score	1st Downs	Rushing	Passing	Pass Yds	Plays	Tot Yds	Ret Yds	Pen Yds	T/O
at Pittsburgh	42-21	33/20	50-275/31-103	27-18-1/35-20-1	227/220	77/66	502/323	58/83	94/55	1/2
at Michigan	17-10	17/15	44-104/29-114	30-19-0/44-19-1	140/223	74/73	244/337	70/103	21/28	1/2
Michigan State	41-44	31/18	38-107/36-161	60-33-1/27-16-1	487/327	98/63	594/488	122/161	92/85	2/3
at Washington	36-17	31/20	47-233/22-41	37-25-0/40-19-1	327/408	84/62	560/449	62/74	60/25	0/3
at Purdue	49-28	32/29	50-153/24-164	39-30-2/58-33-1	468/350	89/82	621/514	62/176	40/35	2/2
USC	31-34	28/20	52-153/31-175	35-19-1/33-17-2	264/301	87/64	417/476	139/115	62/98	2/2
BYU	49-23	27/26	23-44/34-75	41-32-0/45-26-2	467/317	64/79	511/392	187/203	77/80	2/2
Tennessee	41-21	14/18	34-48/39-109	33-20-0/32-13-2	295/187	67/71	343/296	262/185	78/37	1/3
Navy	42-21	29/21	39-221/58-239	31-22-1/10-4-1	284/75	70/68	505/314	72/175	35/4	1/2
Syracuse	34-10	20/11	36-134/38-143	38-22-0/22-9-1	286/78	74/60	420/221	77/126	50/46	0/1
at Stanford	38-31	30/14	50-231/25-111	38-25-2/36-23-0	432/347	88/61	663/336	131/188	10/8	2/0
vs. Ohio State	20-34	22/27	28-62/36-275	45-29-0/28-19-0	286/342	73/64	348/617	23/71	48/53	0/2
Totals	440-294	314/239	491-1765/403-1588	454-294-8/410-218-13	3963/3175	945/813	5728/4763	1265/1660	667/554	14/24

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format Team/Opponent for each category

Opponent	3rd Down	4th Down	Time Poss	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Punting
at Pittsburgh	10-15/4-14	0-0/1-3	32:46/27:14	5:32	5.5/3.3	8.4/6.3	6.5/4.9 3-45.7/4-48.8	
at Michigan	4-15/5-18	0-0/2-4	30:56/29:04	1:52	2.4/3.9	4.7/5.1	3.3/4.6 9-41.2/8-41.2	
Michigan State	6-18/3-12	3-4/0-1	35:49/24:11	11:38	2.8/4.5	8.1/12.1	6.1/7.7 5-34.0/5-42.6	
at Washington	6-13/2-10	0-3/2-3	36:56/23:04	13:52	5.0/1.9	8.8/10.2	6.7/7.2 1-33.0/3-37.3	
at Purdue	10-16/6-13	1-1/1-3	36:03/23:57	12:06	3.1/6.8	12.0/6.0	7.0/6.3 2-36.5/3-44.0	
USC	10-19/5-13	1-1/2-2	38:40/21:20	17:20	2.9/5.6	7.5/9.1	4.8/7.4 5-39.8/6-45.8	
BYU	6-11/4-15	0-0/2-3	26:21/33:39	-7:18	1.9/2.2	11.4/7.0	8.0/5.0 5-44.2/6-43.0	
Tennessee	7-16/8-18	0-1/0-0	32:12/27:48	4:24	1.4/2.8	8.9/5.8	5.1/4.2 5-34.6/8-43.2	
Navy	8-12/9-14	1-2/2-3	28:25/31:35	-3:10	5.7/4.1	9.2/7.5	7.2/4.6 0-0.0/2-38.5	
Syracuse	6-17/3-15	2-3/2-3	32:13/27:47	4:26	3.7/3.8	7.5/3.5	5.7/3.7 3-41.3/8-30.6	
at Stanford	8-15/1-11	0-1/0-2	34:35/25:25	9:10	4.6/-0.4	11.4/9.6	7.5/5.5 3-39.3/7-40.0	
vs. Ohio State	9-17/8-12	1-2/0-0	29:16/30:44	-1:28	2.2/7.6	6.4/12.2	4.8/9.6 6-42.3/1-40.0	
Totals	90-184/58-165	9-18/14-27	394:12/325:48	68:24	3.6/3.9	8.7/7.7	6.1/5.9 47-39.9/61-41.0	

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
95	*** Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	265	Sr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School	Biff Poggi
34	Aldridge, James	RB	6-0	213	Fr.	7-6-87	Crown Point, Ind.	Merrillville	Jeff Yelton
23	** Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	199	Sr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
43	+ Anello, Mike	DB	5-10	165	So.	1-20-87	Orland Park, Ill.	Carl Sandburg	Marty Balle
49	+ Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	236	Sr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy
67	+ Bemenderfer, Thomas	OL	6-5	285			Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	
56	* Borsetti, Nick	LB	6-4	239	Sr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
81	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	Jr.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmino Prep	Mike Janda
52	** Brockington, Joe	LB	6-2	232	Sr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
39	+ Brooks, Kevin	TE	6-2	241	Fr.	7-9-87	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Crespi Carmelite	Jeremiah Ross
94	* Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	249	Jr.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
31	Brown, Sergio	DB	6-2	196	Fr.	5-22-88	Maywood, Ill.	Proviso East	Aaron Peppers
27	* Bruton, David	DB	6-2	202	So.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg	Tim Lewis
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	5-11	196	Fr.	3-30-87	Wakarusa, Ind.	Northwood	Rich Dodson
7	+ Cardillo, Craig	WR	6-0	170	Sr.	11-1-83	Happauge, N.Y.	Happauge	Steve Atkinson
89	** Carlson, John	TE	6-6	256	Sr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield	Jon Johnson
73	Carufel, Matt	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	11-20-87	Forest Lake, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Mike Scanlan
46	+ Charters, Kyle	LB	5-11	215	Jr.	2-23-85	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.	Trabuco Hills	Jason Negro
64	+ Chervanick, Dan	OL	6-1	260	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
42	+ Costanzo, David	WR	5-9	165	So.	6-29-87	El Paso, Texas	Chapin	Daren Walker
40	* Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	John Colbert
60	* Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	241	Sr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph	John Mares
36	+ Cure, Dex	RB	6-1	220	Fr.	2-13-87	Wray, Colo.	Wray	Neal Rusher
72	Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	So.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding	Tim Glanton
24	+ Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
15	* Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	189	Jr.	9-22-86	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
12	Frazer, Zach	QB	6-5	226	Fr.	2-23-88	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Mechanicsburg	Rich Lichtel
87	*** Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	246	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
75	* Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	266	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart	Mike Herrington
29	Gaines, Jashaad	DB	6-0	196	Fr.	12-19-86	Las Vegas, Nev.	Las Vegas	Chris Faircloth
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR	5-11	181	Fr.	10-14-87	Wellesley, Mass.	Belmont Hill	Kevin Fleming
16	+ Gillett, Justin	QB	5-11	180	Jr.	1-16-86	Santa Barbara, Calif.	San Marcos	Will Gonzales
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	170	Sr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
24	Gordon, Leonard	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	5-29-88	Clarksville, Tenn.	Fort Campbell (Ky.)	Shawn Berner
11	* Grimes, David	WR	5-10	174	So.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres	Greg Carter
92	Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	287	So.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic	Brian Fluck
68	*** Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	285	Sr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
6	* Herring, Ray	DB	5-10	190	So.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity	John Thomas
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	192	So.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst	Tony Severino
38	+ Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	183	Jr.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	Cory Yeoman
37	Jabbie, Junior	RB	5-11	196	Jr.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School	Dave Dudeck
80	Jackson, Richard	WR	6-3	204	Fr.	9-25-87	Clermont, Fla.	East Ridge	Bud O'Hara
61	+* Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	Jr.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
4	Jones, Demetrius	QB	6-4	202	Fr.	1-3-88	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
69	+ Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	266	Jr.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
35	+ Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	179	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere	Mike Hearn
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	272	So.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli	Bruce Scifres
20	* Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	191	Jr.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
66	*** Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	283	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
98	** Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	294	Sr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
91	+ Leitko, Travis	DL	6-7	270	Sr.	8-9-83	The Woodlands, Texas	The Woodlands	Weldon Willig
27	+ Lyons, John	RB	6-1	204	Sr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman	Steve Kueter

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79	* Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	284	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West	Ed Michaels
43	+ Maust, Eric	P	6-1	177	Fr.	1-19-88	Roswell, GA	Blessed Trinity	Ricky Turner
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	200	So.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney	P.J. Fecko
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	239	Sr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville	Johnny Gullede
5	**** McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy	Mitch Olson
8	McNeil, Raeshon	DB	6-0	184	Fr.	12-25-87	Cooleemee, N.C.	Davie County	Doug Illing
76	*** Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney	Ron Poe
93	Mullen, Paddy	DL	6-5	269	Fr.	8-15-87	St. Louis, Mo.	DeSmet Jesuit	Pat Mahoney
18	*** Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	209	Sr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
55	Olsen, Eric	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	6-16-88	Staten Island, N.Y.	Brooklyn Poly Prep	Craig Jacoby
82	Parris, Robby	WR	6-3	198	Fr.	12-3-87	Olmsted Falls, Ohio	St. Ignatius	Chuck Kyle
45	+ Patterson, Kris	WR	5-11	185	So.	1-18-87	Seattle, Wash.	O'Dea	Monte Kohler
46	+ Planalp, Michael	TE	6-4	248	So.	9-7-85	Cincinnati, Ohio	Wyoming	Bernie Barre
38	+ Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South	Ron Muhitch
17	Price, Geoff	P	6-3	193	Sr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage	Chris Cunningham
25	Prince, Munir	RB	5-10	184	Fr.	3-15-88	Florissant, Mo.	St. Louis DeSmet Jesuit	Pat Mahoney
10	*** Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	233	Sr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
48	* Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	231	So.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	Philadelphia (Pa.) St. Joseph's	Gil Brooks
14	+ Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	180	Sr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands	Jerry Gayden
88	Reuland, Konrad	TE	6-6	246	Fr.	4-4-87	San Capistrano, Calif.	Mission Viejo	Bob Johnson
30	*** Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	182	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins	Richard Fendley
53	Richardson, Morrice	LB	6-2	222	Fr.	1-27-88	College Park, Ga.	Westlake	Dallas Allen
29	+ Richardville, Jake	WR	6-0	180	So.	9-2-85	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Bishop Dwenger	Chris Swarczkopf
90	Ryan, John	DL	6-5	244	Fr.	5-7-88	Westlake, Ohio	St. Ignatius	Chuck Kyle
83	*** Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Sr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
50	*** Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's	Dan Galante
44	* Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	255	So.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver	Rob Fleeting
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	212	So.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall	Rich Hulkow
32	Schmidt, Luke	RB	6-3	252	Fr.	4-22-87	Jasper, Ind.	Jasper	Tony Ahrens
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	244	So.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park	Kurt Weinberg
49	Smith, Toryan	LB	6-1	244	Fr.	9-14-87	Rome, Ga.	Rome	Sid Fritts
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	257	Sr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II	Dave Dunn
59	Stewart, Chris	OL	6-5	340	Fr.	9-12-87	Spring, Texas	Klein	Stan Labay
78	** Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	280	Sr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich	Rich Albonizio
86	+ Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	234	Jr.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University	Gary Kornfeld
99	* Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	262	Jr.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance	William Hill
47	* Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	236	Sr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station	Trey Holladay
26	** Thomas, Travis	LB	6-0	209	Sr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington	Guy Montecalvo
63	+ Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	278	So.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)	Joe Heitala
77	Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	299	So.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge Military Academy	Jim Burner
54	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6-3	233	Jr.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
97	Wade, Kallen	DL	6-5	240	Fr.	4-3-88	Cincinnati, Ohio	Withrow	Doc Gamble
3	** Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
2	Walls, Darrin	DB	6-1	174	Fr.	6-20-88	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Woodland Hills	George Novak
42	Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	243	So.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
71	Webb, Bartley	OL	6-7	291	Fr.	3-19-88	Springdale, Ark.	Springdale	Gus Malzahn
51	Wenger, Dan	OL	6-4	282	Fr.	3-16-88	Coral Springs, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas	George Smith
19	West, George	WR	5-8	188	Fr.	8-27-88	Spencer, Okla.	Northeast Academy	Ron Kroeger
23	+ Williams, William David	DB	5-9	173	Jr.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
33	+ Whitaker, Nate	K	5-9	165	Fr.	8-29-88	San Diego, Calif.	St. Augustine	Jerry Ralph
22	* Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
84	Yeatman, Will	TE	6-6	263	Fr.	4-10-88	San Diego, Calif.	Rancho Bernardo	Ron Hamamoto
74	Young, Sam	OL	6-8	305	Fr.	6-24-87	Coral Springs, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas	George Smith
9	** Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	216	Sr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts

* indicates number of monograms won; + indicates non-scholarship (walk-on) player

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Irish Offense

X	5	**Rhema McKnight	6-2	208	Sr.
	23	Chase Anastasio	6-2	199	Sr.
	19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	285	Sr.
	77	Michael Turkovich	6-6	299	So.
LG	50	DAN SANTUCCI	6-4	300	Sr.
	55	Eric Olsen	6-4	300	Fr.
C	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-4	279	Sr.
	76	Bob Morton	6-4	300	Sr.
	64	Dan Chervanick	6-1	260	Sr.
RG	76	Bob Morton	6-4	300	Sr.
	79	Brian Mattes	6-6	285	Sr.
RT	74	Sam Young	6-8	305	Fr.
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	So.
TE	89	John Carlson	6-6	256	Sr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-3	246	Sr.
Z	83	JEFF SAMARDZIJA	6-5	216	Sr.
	11	David Grimes	5-10	174	So.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	233	Sr.
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	So.
FB	44	ASAPH SCHWAPP	6-0	255	So.
	35	Ashley McConnell	6-0	239	Sr.
HB	3	DARIUS WALKER	5-10	208	So.
	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	215	Jr.
	25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	Fr.

Irish Defense

LDE	95	VICTOR ABIAMIRI	6-4	270	Sr.
	90	John Ryan	6-5	244	Fr.
	or 94	Justin Brown	6-3	249	Jr.
LDT	98	TREVOR LAWS	6-1	294	Sr.
	91	Travis Leitko	6-7	270	Sr.
RDT	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-3	283	Sr.
	96	Pat Kuntz	6-2	272	So.
RDE	99	RONALD TALLEY	6-4	262	Jr.
	75	Chris Frome	6-5	266	Sr.
WLB	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	207	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-2	232	Sr.
MLB	40	MAURICE CRUM, JR.	6-0	225	Jr.
	49	Toryan Smith	6-1	244	Fr.
SLB	47	Mitchell Thomas	6-3	236	Sr.
	54	Anthony Vernaglia	6-3	233	Jr.
LCB	22	AMBROSE WOODEN	5-11	190	Sr.
	2	Darrin Walls	6-0	174	Fr.
FS	18	CHINEDUM NDUKWE	6-2	209	Sr.
	28	Kyle McCarthy	6-0	200	So.
	or 27	David Bruton	6-2	202	So.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	216	Sr.
	6	Ray Herring	5-10	190	So.
RCB	30	MIKE RICHARDSON	5-11	182	Sr.
	20	Terrail Lambert	5-11	188	So.
	or 8	Raeshon McNeil	6-0	184	Fr.

Irish Special Teams

PK	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	177	Sr.	SNP	61	J.J. JANSEN	6-3	242	Jr.
	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	Fr.		72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	So.
P	17	Geoff Price	6-3	193	Sr.	PR	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	216	Sr.
	14	Bobby Renkes	6-0	180	Sr.		11	David Grimes	5-10	174	So.
KO	14	Bobby Renkes	6-0	180	Sr.		19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	Fr.	KR	11	DAVID GRIMES	5-10	174	So.
HLD	83	JEFF SAMARDZIJA	6-5	216	Sr.		19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	So.		2	Darrin Walls	6-0	174	Fr.
							25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	Fr.

ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2005 (min. six regular season starts)

** - indicates was a starter in 2004