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NOTRE DAME

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NOTRE DAME (2-1)

Sept. 4	at BYU (ESPN)	L, 17-20
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN (8/7) (NBC)	W, 28-20
Sept. 18	at Michigan State (ESPN)	W, 31-24
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON (NBC)	2:30 EST
Oct. 2	PURDUE (NBC)	1:30 EST
Oct. 9	STANFORD (NBC)	1:30 EST
Oct. 16	#vs. Navy (CBS)	Noon EDT
Oct. 23	BOSTON COLLEGE (NBC)	1:30 EST
Nov. 6	at Tennessee	TBA
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH (NBC)	2:30 EST
Nov. 27	at USC (ABC)	5:00 PST

- at Giants Stadium (East Rutherford, N.J.)

The numbers listed after the opponent are the opponent's ranking in the AP and ESPN/USA Today polls.

WASHINGTON (0-2)

Sept. 5	FRESNO STATE (FSN)	L, 16-35
Sept. 18	UCLA (ABC)	L, 31-37
Sept. 25	at Notre Dame (NBC)	2:30 EST
Oct. 2	at Stanford	2:00 PDT
Oct. 9	SAN JOSE STATE	12:30 PDT
Oct. 16	OREGON STATE	12:30 PDT
Oct. 23	at USC	1:30 PDT
Oct. 30	at Oregon	12:30 PST
Nov. 6	ARIZONA	12:30 PST
Nov. 13	CALIFORNIA	12:30 PST
Nov. 20	at Washington State (ABC)	5:00 PST

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Game No. **4**

Notre Dame Fighting Irish (2-1) vs. Washington Huskies (0-2)

The Date and Time: Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. EST.

The Site: Notre Dame Stadium (80,795/Natural Grass) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The Tickets: They're all sold — with this being the 175th consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium (the first 130 coming at the old 59,075 capacity). The Washington game marks the 223rd home sellout in the last 224 games (dating back to 1964). It also is the 165th sellout in the last 189 Irish games and the 29th in the last 30 games involving Notre Dame, dating back to the end of the 2001 season (only last year's game at Stanford was not a sellout).

The TV Plans: NBC national telecast with **Tom Hammond** (play-by-play), **Pat Haden** (analysis), **Lewis Johnson** (sideline), **Jim Bell** (producer) and **John Gonzalez** (director).

The Radio Plans: For the 37th consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast on more than 300 stations in all 50 states by Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play-by-play), former Irish running back **Allen Pinkett** (analysis), **Larry Michael** (pregame/halftime) and **Al Smith** (producer). A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student station, WVFI, also is available via the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com. All Notre Dame football games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) with pre- and post-game analysis featuring **Sean Stires**, **Shawn Lewallen**, **Jack Nolan**, **Mirko Jurkovic**, **Reggie Brooks** and **Vince DeDario**. All Irish games also are carried live in the Chicago market on ESPN Radio 1000.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, will be made available for the Washington game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Washington (www.gohuskies.com) athletics web sites.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Washington (www.gohuskies.com).

IRISH RETURN FROM A ROAD WIN TO TAKE ON WASHINGTON

Notre Dame (2-1) will play host to Washington (0-2) at Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since 1996 on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. (EST). The game will be televised nationally by NBC, marking the 140th consecutive Irish football game to be shown on one of the four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN).

Notre Dame will enter Saturday's game on an upswing after rebounding from a 20-17 loss at BYU on the first weekend of the season to defeat two Big Ten Conference opponents in a row (Michigan 28-20, at Michigan State 31-24). The Irish offense has received a shot in the arm from freshman running back **Darius Walker** (213 yards in two games, two TD) and a bevy of talented receivers. It was **Matt Shelton's** turn to shine last weekend at Michigan State, exploding for 123 receiving yards and one touchdown. Sophomore wideout **Jeff Samardzija** was also effective, setting new career highs with a team-best four catches for 65 yards.

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** rushed for his first career touchdown in Notre Dame's victory at Michigan State, while sophomore safety **Tom Zbikowski** provided one of the highlights of the college football weekend by stripping Jason Teague and returning a fumble 75 yards for a touchdown. Zbikowski also had an interception, nine tackles and two forced fumbles in the contest. Shelton's 35-yard touchdown grab, a six-yard touchdown run by senior running back **Ryan Grant** and senior kicker **D.J. Fitzpatrick's** 23-yard field goal rounded out the scoring for Notre Dame at MSU.

Washington will enter Notre Dame Stadium this weekend with a misleading 0-2 record. The Huskies have lost their first two games this season, both at home and both in heartbreaking fashion. UW saw Fresno State return two interceptions and a fumble for touchdowns in a 35-16 Bulldog victory, followed by a tough 37-31 loss to UCLA last Saturday. The Huskies held a 24-7 lead in the contest against UCLA, before the Bruins rattled off 27 consecutive points and rallied for the victory. The UCLA- Washington game ended with Husky receiver **Charles Frederick** being stopped at UCLA's one-yard line as time expired.



MEDIA INFORMATION

THE WILLINGHAM TELECONFERENCES

- **Tyrone Willingham's** weekly teleconference-style press conferences will take place on Tuesday mornings prior to each Notre Dame game, with the next scheduled for Sept. 23. They are held at the WNDU-TV studios (on US 933/Business 31, west edge of campus) in South Bend. A light meal is served beginning at 10:30 a.m. (EST), and Coach Willingham will address the media from 11:00-11:30 a.m. (EST). At least one Irish player generally is available for interviews following Willingham's remarks.
- Out-of-town media can connect to the Willingham portion of the conference via phone to listen and ask questions — contact the Notre Dame sports information office at (574) 631-7516 for the access number.
- All teleconferences also are available on satellite (Galaxy 3-C, Transponder 6). Video highlights from the previous week's Notre Dame game are included at the end of each 75-minute satellite feed (11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. EST).
- The teleconferences also are carried live on WNDN-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) in South Bend, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS

Transcriptions of **Tyrone Willingham's** Tuesday press conferences are available from the Notre Dame sports information office, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

**THE KEVIN WHITE
RADIO SHOW**

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** will air once again this year on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" welcomes a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
WR	21	Maurice Stovall	Has 10 receptions for 122 yards this season
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Freshman All-American in '03 who has made 11 career starts
LG	76	Bob Morton	Slid over from center to guard in '04; has started 14 times
C	78	John Sullivan	Aggressive force steps in at center after not playing in 2003
RG	74	Dan Stevenson	Has played both guard and tackle for Irish, starting 14 times
RT	73	Mark LeVoir	Imposing figure (6-7, 310) who started all 12 games last year
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Mackey Award cand. set career highs with 4 rec., 60 yds. at BYU
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Leads Notre Dame with 11 receptions; second with 134 yds.
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Averaging 219.3 yards passing per game
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Nabbed a crucial eight-yard touchdown catch vs. Michigan
RB	4	Ryan Grant	Scored his first touchdown of the season at Michigan State

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	44	Justin Tuck	Has three sacks this season; is second in ND history (22 sacks)
DT	77	Greg Pauly	Made three tackles vs. Michigan and five stops at BYU
DT	66	Derek Landri	Has broken up three passes at the line so far in '04
RE	92	Kyle Budinscak	Another veteran back for fifth year with 25 starts to his name
ILB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Had nine tackles (one for loss) in the victory over Michigan
ILB	41	Mike Goolsby	Leads team with 31 tackles in '04, added six at MSU last week
OLB	49	Derek Curry	Intercepted first pass of season and returned 35 yards at MSU
LCB	24	Dwight Ellick	Had INT, forced fumble and recovered fumble vs. Michigan
FS	8	Quentin Burrell	Has 11 tackles and one fumble recovery in last two games
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Nat'l. defensive player of the week after breakout game at MSU
RCB	15	Preston Jackson	Carded five solo tackles and broke up a pass vs. Michigan

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Missed first FG in 10 attempts at MSU; 2-3 on FG in '04
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Averaging 40.5 per punt this season
KO	45	Carl Gioia	Sophomore showed tremendous consistency in preseason
HLD	82	Matt Shelton	Sure-handed wideout takes over holding duties this season
SNP	64	Casey Dunn	Recovered a Michigan fumble on a punt return
PR	7	Carlyle Holiday	Averaging 12.0 per runback including a long of 21 yards
KR	21	Maurice Stovall	Had a 16-yard kickoff return vs. Michigan
	23	Chase Anastasio	Returned three kicks for 48 yards vs. Michigan (long of 23)

NOTRE DAME-WASHINGTON SERIES NOTES

- Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Washington, 4-0, including wins in both previous matchups at Notre Dame Stadium (46-0 in 1948 and 54-20 in 1996).
- Washington is one of eight NCAA Division I-A opponents against which Notre Dame has never lost, with a minimum of four games played in the series. The others in this select group include: California (4-0), Illinois (11-0-1), Minnesota (4-0-1), Rice (4-0), Rutgers (4-0), Tulane (8-0) and West Virginia (4-0).
- Washington is one of three Pac-10 Conference schools on the 2004 Notre Dame schedule, and one of two that will visit Notre Dame Stadium this season (Stanford comes to town on Oct. 9).
- Notre Dame has outscored Washington in its four previous games by an aggregate score of 156-48, or an average score of 39-12.
- In two prior series games at Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish have outscored the Huskies, 100-20, or an average of 50-10.
- Notre Dame has been ranked in three of the four series games entering this season (all but 1949), while UW was ranked in each of the last two meetings (1995 and 1996).



MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

- Outside his regular Tuesday teleconferences, the best time for interviews with head coach **Tyrone Willingham** is after practice Wednesday-Thursday or by special appointment. Please contact Doug Walker in the Notre Dame sports information office to make arrangements.
- Interviews with Irish players and assistant coaches will only take place on Monday-Wednesday during the week. All interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame sports information office by contacting either Doug Walker, Chris Masters or Alan Wasielewski.
- Selected players will be available each Monday in the Notre Dame sports information office and a schedule of that availability will be produced each Sunday during the football season. Players who are made available in this manner will not be available for interviews at any other time that week.
- ***A reminder: Media members are not permitted to call players in their dormitory rooms at any time or talk to players on Sundays, Thursdays or Fridays.***

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- The first 20 minutes of each practice session are open to the media. Contact the Notre Dame sports information office for exact times.
- Interview requests must be made prior to the end of the 20-minute open practice period on Tuesday and Wednesday. **All player and coach interviews will take place after practice in the media interview room, located at the tunnel entrance (north end) of Notre Dame Stadium.**
- Notre Dame's publicity material on football, including updated game notes, rosters and schedules, is available through www.und.com.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame football releases via email should send requests to Associate SID Doug Walker at dwalker@nd.edu.

ATHLETICS WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletics department web site, created in partnership with College Sports Online of Carlsbad, Calif., can be found at www.und.com, with extensive offerings including live GameTracker statistics for all home games.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will improve to 5-0 all-time against Washington, keeping the Huskies on the list of eight NCAA Division I-A teams who have never defeated the Irish (minimum of four games played).
- The Irish will pick up their eighth home victory in nine meetings with a Pac-10 Conference team since 1998 (only loss was to USC last season).
- Notre Dame will improve to 71-36-6 (.655) all-time against Pac-10 teams, including a 41-13-1 (.755) mark at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham** will earn his first career victory over Washington in six career matchups (0-5 at Stanford).

IF WASHINGTON WINS ...

- Washington will pick up its first-ever win over Notre Dame, becoming just the fifth Pac-10 team to defeat the Irish (others are Arizona, Oregon State, Stanford and USC).
- Notre Dame will drop two consecutive home games to Pac-10 opponents for the first time since 1982 (L, 14-7 vs. USC in '81; L, 16-13 vs. Arizona in '82).

NOTRE DAME-WASHINGTON SERIES HISTORY

- Notre Dame and Washington began their abbreviated series in 1948, when the Huskies came to South Bend and lost to the Irish, 46-0.
- Notre Dame turned around and ventured to Seattle the following season, once again besting UW by a 27-7 score.
- The two teams would not meet again for 46 seasons until Notre Dame made its way to Husky Stadium in 1995 and pulled out a 29-21 victory.
- Once again, the teams met again the next year, with the 11th-ranked Irish dispatching No. 16 Washington, 54-20.
- In that most recent matchup in 1996, Notre Dame piled up 650 yards of total offense, marking the last time the Irish have topped the 600-yard mark in offensive production.
- Notre Dame and Washington are scheduled to meet again next season in Seattle.

NOTRE DAME-WASHINGTON CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Bill Diedrick** is quite familiar with the Washington program, having spent four seasons (1994-97) as the Huskies' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, working with such UW and NFL standouts as brothers Damon and Brock Huard, as well as Marques Tuiasosopo. In fact, Diedrick was on the Washington coaching staff the last two times the Huskies played the Irish (1995 and 1996).
- Diedrick also has a longstanding relationship with Washington head coach **Keith Gilbertson** that dates back nearly 35 years. It began when Diedrick was a graduate assistant and Gilbertson played at Hawaii in 1970. The pair reunited from 1986-88 at Idaho, where Gilbertson was the Vandals' head coach and tapped Diedrick to be his offensive coordinator and quarterbacks/receivers coach — the tandem would help Idaho make three NCAA Division I-AA playoff appearances and reach the national semifinals in 1988.
- The defensive coordinator and linebackers coach on that 1986 Idaho squad was none other than current Notre Dame defensive coordinator **Kent Baer**, who also worked with Gilbertson at Utah State from 1977-81.
- Baer also served alongside Washington defensive coordinator/safeties coach **Phil Snow** on two occasions under veteran head coach Bruce Snyder — at California (1987-91) and Arizona State (1992-94). When Baer left ASU to join Tyrone Willingham's staff at Stanford prior to the 1995 season, Snow succeeded him as the Sun Devils' defensive coordinator.
- Notre Dame running backs/special teams coach **Buzz Preston** worked as a graduate assistant at Washington in 1983, serving on the staff of legendary UW mentor Don James.
- Washington assistant athletic director for media relations **Jim Daves** was an associate sports information director at Notre Dame from 1986-92 before assuming his current post in Seattle.
- Notre Dame assistant athletics director and Joyce Center manager **Brian Boulac** is a Olympia, Wash., native. He earned two monograms playing football for the Irish (1960 and 1961) before spending 12 seasons as an assistant coach at Notre Dame from 1970-82 and being a part of national championship teams in 1973 and 1977. Boulac later became the first head softball coach in school history from 1989-92, guiding the Irish to two Midwestern Collegiate Conference regular-season titles.



THE WASHINGTON SERIES

Series: Notre Dame leads 4-0.

Games at Notre Dame: Notre Dame leads 2-0.

Games at Notre Dame Stadium: Notre Dame leads 2-0.

Tyrone Willingham vs. Washington: 0-5.

Keith Gilbertson vs. Notre Dame: 0-0.

Willingham vs. Gilbertson: Willingham leads 1-0.

Site	Year	ND-UW Rank	W/L/T	ND	UW
*	1948	2-	W	46	0
	1949		W	27	7
	1995	23-15	W	29	21
*	1996	11-16	W	54	20

* – home games at Notre Dame Stadium since '30; away games at Husky Stadium since '20.; rankings are from AP poll at time of game.

FRIEND OR FOE?

- Notre Dame junior walk-on wide receiver **Mike O'Hara** is the only Washington native on the Irish roster, hailing from Bellevue, Wash., and attending Newport High School.
- Notre Dame junior nose guard **Derek Landri** and Washington redshirt junior offensive guard **Rob Meadow** were teammates at De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., helping the Spartans extend a national-record 151-game winning streak that ended earlier this year (ironically, the streak was stopped by Bellevue (Wash.) High School at Qwest Field in Seattle).
- Irish sophomore defensive back **Freddie Parish IV** and Washington redshirt sophomore free safety **Kim Taylor** were teammates at Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High School, helping that school to a 14-0 record and a CIF-Southern Section state championship in 2001.
- Notre Dame senior inside linebacker **Mike Goolsby** hails from Joliet, Ill., while Washington junior quarterback **Casey Paus** is from nearby New Lenox, Ill. Goolsby attended Joliet Catholic High School, while Paus matriculated from Lincoln Way High School.

NOTRE DAME VS. THE PAC-10 CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame has won more than 65 percent of its games versus Pac-10 Conference opponents, with a winning series record versus nine of the Pac-10 teams and an overall mark of 70-36-6 (.652) in 112 games against Pac-10 schools — including the '98, 2000, '02 and '03 wins over Stanford, the '98 and '99 wins over Arizona State, the '99, '00 and '01 wins over USC and the '03 victory over Washington State. Nearly 70 percent of those games (75) have come versus USC (42-27-5) while another 16 percent have come against Stanford (12-6-0).
- Notre Dame has played a handful of games vs. California (4-0), Washington (4-0), Arizona (2-1), Oregon (1-0-1) and UCLA (2-0). Notre Dame and Arizona State met for the first time in 1998, while the Irish met Oregon State for the first time in the 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Notre Dame played its first-ever game against Washington State last season, downing the Cougars, 29-26 in overtime.
- The Irish won at Washington in '95 (29-21) and beat the Huskies at Notre Dame Stadium in '96 (54-20), with the only other previous games in that series coming in '48 and '49. The most recent games vs. other Pac-10 teams are: a 16-13 home loss to Arizona in '82, a 41-8 home win over California in '67, a 13-13 tie at Oregon in '82 and a 24-0 home win over UCLA in '64.
- Notre Dame is 15-9-1 (.620) in its last 25 games vs. Pac-10 schools (4-5-1 vs. USC, 6-3 vs. Stanford, 2-0 vs. Washington, 2-0 vs. Arizona State, 1-0 vs. Washington State, 0-1 vs. Oregon State), starting with a '92 victory over USC. The Irish also are 11-2 (.846) in their last 13 home games against Pac-10 squads, dating back to 1993.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND WASHINGTON MET

Notre Dame's last matchup with Washington on Oct. 12, 1996, at Notre Dame Stadium marked the end of head coach Lou Holtz's experiment with the "Blarney" offense. The 11th-ranked Irish decided to switch from the 'spread' offense it had been attempting over the first five games of the season and returned to a tradition run-heavy offense. The results were spectacular, as the Irish rolled up 397 rushing yards on 58 attempts, led mostly by **Autry Denson** (137 yards, TD). Notre Dame attempted just 16 passes in the contest.

Notre Dame put up 14 points in the first half on two touchdown runs, one from Denson and the other from **Jamie Spencer**. **Randy Kinder** and **Robert Farmer** followed with touchdown runs in the second quarter, but Washington answered with runs from **Corey Dillon** and **Rashaan Shehee** to keep the game close.

The Irish exploded with 21 more points in the third quarter on back-to-back touchdown catches by **Pete Chryplewicz** and a **Malcolm Johnson** touchdown grab. Dillon added one more touchdown in the fourth quarter for Washington, while **Shannon Stephens** ended the scoring in the contest for Notre Dame by hauling in a 23-yard pass from **Jarious Jackson**.

1964 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER JOHN HUARTE TO BE HONORED AT WASHINGTON GAME

Notre Dame will celebrate the 40th anniversary of **John Huarte's** 1964 Heisman Trophy victory during Saturday's game against Washington. Huarte, a quarterback from Santa Ana, Calif., set 12 Irish records in '64 while leading Ara Parseghian's first team to a 9-1 record and a 6.5-game improvement over the previous season (the biggest such jump in school history and tied for 12th-best in NCAA history). Huarte finished that year by completing 114 of 205 passes for 2,062 yards and 16 touchdowns, while ranking third nationally in total offense (2,069).



ZBIKOWSKI NAMED NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Notre Dame sophomore safety **Tom Zbikowski** was named the Walter Camp Foundation Defensive Player of the Week on Sunday, Sept. 19, after his impressive performance at Michigan State. Zbikowski had a stellar day in the Fighting Irish's 31-24 victory over Michigan State, recording a team-high nine tackles (six solo). The native of Arlington Heights, Ill. also forced two fumbles and recorded one interception in the victory. One of Zbikowski's forced fumbles was a strip of a MSU ballcarrier that resulted in a fumble recovery and 75-yard touchdown that tied the game at 7-7 late in the first quarter.

SHELTON GETS IT DONE

Senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** enjoyed a career day at Michigan State last Saturday, nabbing three passes for 123 yards and one touchdown. Shelton's catches ended up at 53, 35 and 35 yards. A big-play specialist at Notre Dame, Shelton has averaged 34.6 yards on this three touchdown grabs (35 at MSU, 46 vs. Michigan, 65 at Stanford in '03).

WINNING THE FIELD POSITION BATTLE

One of the key (and sometimes overlooked) aspects of Notre Dame's success this season has been its ability to maintain excellent field position. After starting 11 of 15 drives against BYU at or inside their own 20-yard line, the Irish have started 23 of their last 31 drives in "plus territory" — outside their own 20-yard line — with 11 drives that began in their opponent's half of the field.

Another key fact to note: after an average starting field position at BYU of its own 22-yard line, Notre Dame has averaged starting at its own 40-yard line in wins over Michigan and Michigan State.

THE FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNT

Notre Dame came up with a Willingham-era record six turnovers (3 FUM, 3 INT) last weekend at Michigan State, marking the third consecutive week the Irish have had at least two takeaways. That should come as no surprise to many — during the past three-plus seasons (2001-04), Notre Dame has forced two or more turnovers in 29 of its 39 games, including 23 contests where they came up with at least three takeaways.

STOPPING THE RUN IS JOB ONE FOR IRISH

The Notre Dame run defense has been exceptionally sturdy during the past three seasons. Since head coach **Tyrone Willingham** and defensive coordinator **Kent Baer** arrived on the scene in 2002, the Irish have held 16 of 28 opponents to less than 100 yards rushing, including stingy performances in the first two games this year (BYU - 22; Michigan - 56). In fact, Notre Dame opponents are averaging a meager 2.4 yards per carry through the first three games this season.

In 2002, Notre Dame was ranked 10th in the nation in rushing defense, followed by a No. 29 national ranking last year. Through their first three games this season, the Irish are 18th in the country in rushing defense, allowing an average of just 81 yards on the ground.

WALKER POSTS UNPRECEDENTED FRESHMAN PRODUCTION

After sitting out Notre Dame's opener at BYU, freshman running back **Darius Walker** made a big splash in his home debut vs. Michigan, rushing 31 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-20 Irish win. He followed up with another solid effort at Michigan State, rushing for 98 yards on 26 carries. His Michigan performance was good enough for *The Sporting News* and Sporting News Radio to name the Lawrenceville, Ga., native as its National Player of the Week, and for *Rivals.com* to tab him as the National Freshman of the Week for Sept. 11. Walker's numbers in his first two games also put him in some select company in Notre Dame history:

- First Irish freshman to rush for 100 yards in a game since **Julius Jones** had 146 yards against Navy on Oct. 30, 1999.
- First Notre Dame freshman to score two touchdowns in a game since **Matt LoVecchio** ran for two scores at USC on Nov. 25, 2000.
- First Irish rookie to score in a home opener since Sept. 29, 1979, when **Tony Hunter** caught a 14-yard touchdown pass in a 27-3 win over Michigan State. Walker also is the first freshman to score two touchdowns in a home opener since at least 1970.
- First Notre Dame freshman running back to score twice in a game since Nov. 18, 1995, when **Autry Denson** rushed for two touchdowns in a 44-14 win at Air Force. (Note: **Julius Jones** did score twice vs. Boston College on Nov. 20, 1999, but one of his touchdowns came as a punt returner).

**NOTRE DAME vs.
PAC-10 TEAMS**

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Arizona	2	1	0	.667
Arizona State	2	0	0	1.000
California	4	0	0	1.000
Oregon	1	0	1	.750
Oregon State	0	1	0	.000
Stanford	12	6	0	.667
UCLA	2	0	0	1.000
USC	42	28	5	.593
Washington	4	0	0	1.000
Washington State	1	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	70	36	6	.652

CONFERENCE CALL

• This season, Notre Dame faces teams from five different conferences. Here's a look at the conference breakdown for the 11 Irish opponents in 2004:

Big Ten (3): Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue

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

BIG EAST (2): Boston College, Pittsburgh

Mountain West (1): BYU

SEC (1): Tennessee

Independents (1): Navy

• Notre Dame has had great overall success against the major conferences in the country, including the Pac-10, of which Washington is a member:

Conference	Winning %
Western Athletic	.842
Conference USA	.831
Mountain West	.774
Atlantic Coast	.753
BIG EAST	.710
Big 12	.667
Big Ten	.664
Pac-10	.652
SEC	.613



LOOKING BACK AT
PRIOR NOTRE DAME-
WASHINGTON GAMES

Here's a refresher on the four previous games played between Notre Dame and Washington in a series that began 56 years ago:

Nov. 27, 1948
at #2 Notre Dame 46, Washington 0

Second-ranked Notre Dame handled Washington 46-0 ... FB **John Panelli**, LH **Bill Gay** and RH **Jack Landry** each scored a touchdown in the contest ... LH and future Irish head coach **Terry Brennan** also scored a touchdown in the shutout ... 1949 Heisman Trophy winner **Leon Hart** caught two touchdown passes in the game as well ... Notre Dame scored 25 points in the first quarter, then added one more touchdown in the next three quarters ... attendance was 50,609 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Oct. 1, 1949
Notre Dame 27, at Washington 7

The Irish made the long cross country trip to Seattle to face UW at Husky Stadium ... Washington jumped ahead at 14:35 of the first quarter before eventual national champion Notre Dame rattled off 27 unanswered points for the victory ... FB **Emil Sitko** rushed for 98 yards on 16 carries in the contest ... QB **Bob Williams** was 9-of-15 for 107 yards, including a four-yard touchdown toss to that year's Heisman Trophy winner, **Leon Hart** ... Notre Dame held Washington to 17 yards rushing on 38 attempts.

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** has spread his pass completions around through the first three games of the 2004 season. Quinn has completed passes to 11 different receivers in Notre Dame's first three contests, a breakdown of five wide receivers, two tight ends and four running backs. Junior wide receiver **Rhema McKnight** has been Quinn's favorite target thus far, grabbing 11 passes for 134 yards and a touchdown. Fellow junior wideout **Maurice Stovall** is next with 10 receptions for 122 yards. Quinn also has tossed touchdown passes to three different players this season: McKnight, senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** (twice) and senior fullback **Rashon Powers-Neal**.

BE LIKE MIKE

Senior linebacker **Mike Goolsby** has made a resounding return to the Notre Dame lineup this season after missing the entire 2003 slate with an injury. Through three games this season, Goolsby has been credited with 31 tackles (10.3 per game) while leading the team in two of three games thus far. In fact, the Joliet, Ill., native rolled up career-best tackle totals his first two games of the year, tallying 11 stops at BYU and 14 tackles against Michigan.

HOYTE MAKING BIG PLAYS

Senior linebacker **Brandon Hoyte** has been a catalyst for Notre Dame's physical play on defense thus far this season, making several big hits and tackles for losses. Hoyte enters the Washington game with 19 tackles to rank second on the team, but his knack for making big hits has been a hallmark of his play thus far in 2004. Hoyte has forced two fumbles this season, collected one sack and has four tackles for loss (17 yards).

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Irish have caused 11 turnovers (6 FUM, 5 INT) this season and have made the most of their opportunities. Notre Dame has parlayed those takeaways into 38 points, which accounts for 50 percent of the Irish scoring (76 points) thus far in 2004.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

With 22 career sacks, senior defensive end and All-America candidate **Justin Tuck** is on the verge of becoming Notre Dame's all-time leader in that category. The Kellyton, Ala., native set a school record with 13.5 sacks last year and has added three sacks so far this season. With one sack last weekend vs. Michigan, he passed Mike Gann (1982-84) for second place on the Irish career list behind Kory Minor's 22.5 sacks from 1995-98. Here's a look at the Irish career sack leaders since 1982 (when Notre Dame began recognizing sacks as a separate statistic — prior to that, they were labeled "tackles for loss"):

Player	Seasons	Sacks
Kory Minor	1995-98	22.5
Justin Tuck	2002-04	22
Mike Gann	1982-84	21
Bryant Young	1990-93	18
Anthony Weaver	1998-01	17
Bert Berry	1993-96	16.5

FITZPATRICK SHARP IN THE PUNTING GAME

Senior punter **D.J. Fitzpatrick** has shown considerable improvement through his first two games this season. Fitzpatrick currently owns a 40.5 punting average, a jump of nearly four yards per kick from last year's average (36.84), and he also has four punts of at least 50 yards, including a career-long 56-yard boot at BYU. In addition, the Granger, Ind., product has dropped six punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line and is helping Notre Dame to hold its opponents to only 9.0 yards per punt return.

NOTRE DAME CLOSING IN ON 800TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

The Notre Dame football program is nearing a historic milestone, needing two victories to become just the second NCAA Division I-A program to amass 800 all-time wins. The Irish currently rank second in NCAA history with 798 wins, trailing only Michigan's 835 victories, although the Wolverines have played nine more seasons than Notre Dame. It should be noted that Yale, currently an NCAA Division I-AA institution, has 822 career wins with many of those triumphs coming before the Bulldogs' move to Division I-AA in 1982.



CLOSE SHAVES

Including all three games this season, Notre Dame is 11-4 (.733) in "one-possession games" (decided by eight points or less) since **Tyrone Willingham** took over as the Irish head coach prior in 2002. The only times the Irish have not won a close ball game under Willingham's guidance were against Boston College in 2002 (14-7) and 2003 (27-25), Michigan State in 2003 (22-16) and BYU in 2004 (20-17).

RETURN TO SENDER

The return game has been a source of strength for Notre Dame in recent years. The Irish have logged 28 returns (punts, kickoffs, fumbles, interceptions) for touchdowns during the past six seasons (1999-2004), a figure that is tied for seventh in the country during that stretch. Here's a look at the national leaders in touchdown returns since '99 (research courtesy of the University of Colorado):

Team	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami (Fla.)	3	13	11	5	9	2	1	44
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	2	0	40
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	5	2	0	35
Colorado	5	4	7	7	1	3	4	31
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	0	3	30
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	1	30
NOTRE DAME	4	6	4	9	3	2	0	28
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	3	0	4	28
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	28
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	1	1	28

THEY SHALL RETURN

- During the past 18-plus seasons ('86-'04), Notre Dame has produced 82 TDs via kickoff, punt, interception and fumble returns — with the most recent TD runback coming on sophomore safety **Tom Zbikowski's** 75-yard fumble return last weekend at Michigan State.
- In contrast, opponents in the past 18 seasons have combined for 24 total TD returns vs. the Irish.
- Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM	Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM
1986	0	2	0	0	1997	0	2	1	0
1987	3	0	1	0	1998	0	0	2	3
1988	2	2	3	0	1999	1	0	2	1
1989	2	2	3	0	2000	2	1	1	2
1990	0	2	0	0	2001	0	1	2	1
1991	1	1	2	0	2002	2	1	4	2
1992	0	1	0	0	2003	1	0	0	2
1993	2	1	2	1	2004	0	0	1	1
1994	0	0	1	1	ND (82)	21	17	27	17
1995	1	0	2	1	Opp. (24)	7	3	9	5
1996	4	1	0	2					

CURRY NAMED TO AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

Senior linebacker **Derek Curry** has been named to the 2004 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team, the AFCA announced Sept. 15. Curry was one of only 11 football student-athletes chosen for the NCAA Division I-A Team. Another 11 student-athletes were named to the team representing schools from NCAA Divisions I-AA, II, III and NAIA.

Nominations for the Good Works Team are submitted to the AFCA by college sports information departments. Nominees must be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or involved in other community service activities and must display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved. Athletic ability is not a criterion.

Curry is currently in his third season as a starting linebacker for the Irish. A three-time monogram winner at Notre Dame, Curry has distinguished himself as one of the team's undisputed leaders. In addition to his prowess on the football field, Curry has been a three-year volunteer for the Student-Athlete Advisory Council Pediatric Oncology Christmas Party; has volunteered at the Boy's and Girl's Club of downtown South Bend and the Robinson Community Learning Center; is in his third year of

LOOKING BACK AT PRIOR NOTRE DAME-WASHINGTON GAMES

(cont.)

Oct. 7, 1995

#23 Notre Dame 29, at #15 Washington 21

Allen Rossum returns an interception 76 yards with 0:28 remaining to seal a 29-21 victory for Notre Dame in Husky Stadium ... Notre Dame scored 22 points in the final quarter and trailed 21-14 with four minutes remaining ... **Marcel Edwards** led Notre Dame with 90 yards rushing, while **Autry Denson** added 63 yards and a touchdown ... **Derrick Mayes** was sensational with seven catches for 132 yards and two touchdowns ... **Ron Powlus'** final numbers were 12-of-18, 197 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT ... **Rashaan Sheehee** led Washington with 171 rushing yards and two touchdowns ... **Damon Huard** was 10-of-13, 109 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT.

Oct. 12, 1996

at #11 Notre Dame 54, Washington 20

The "Blarney" offense was abandoned this weekend for head coach **Lou Holtz** and the Irish, who rolled to 397 rushing yards in a 54-20 victory over Washington ... **Autry Denson** led the way with 137 yards and one TD ... **Robert Farmer** and **Randy Kinder** both ran for more than 60 yards in the contest as well ... **Ron Powlus** was 8-of-12 for 194 yards and 3 TD ... **Jarious Jackson** also had a touchdown pass in relief of Powlus ... Notre Dame rolled up 650 yards of offense, marking the last time the Irish had a 600-yard offensive output ... **Corey Dillon** rushed for 87 yards and two touchdowns for Washington.



INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME BESTS

TOTAL CARRIES

Ryan Grant	30 at Air Force, '02
Rashon Powers-Neal	17 vs. Navy, '02
Brady Quinn	8 at Purdue, '03
Travis Thomas	6 at BYU, '04
Darius Walker	31 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson	10 at Air Force, '02

RUSHING YARDS

Ryan Grant	190 at Air Force, '02
Rashon Powers-Neal	108 vs. Stanford, '02
Brady Quinn	28 vs. Florida State, '03
Travis Thomas	10 at Michigan State, '04
Darius Walker	115 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson	44 at Air Force, '02

PASS COMPLETIONS

Pat Dillingham	19 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn	29 at Purdue, '03

PASS ATTEMPTS

Pat Dillingham	37 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn	59 at Purdue, '03

PASSING YARDS

Pat Dillingham	166 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn	350 at Boston College, '03

RECEPTIONS

Jared Clark	4, twice (last: vs. WSU, '03)
Anthony Fasano	4, three times (last: at BYU, '04)
Marcus Freeman	3 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday	1, four times (last: at Syracuse, '03)
Rhema McKnight	8, three times (last: at BYU, '04)
Billy Palmer	1, twice (last: vs. Michigan State, '03)
Jeff Samardzija	4, twice (last: at Michigan State, '04)
Matt Shelton	3 at Michigan State, '04
Maurice Stovall	9 at Purdue, '03

RECEIVING YARDS

Jared Clark	41 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Anthony Fasano	60 at BYU, '04
Marcus Freeman	28 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday	30 at Michigan State, '02
Rhema McKnight	121 at Boston College, '03
Billy Palmer	13 vs. Michigan State, '03
Jeff Samardzija	65 at Michigan State, '04
Matt Shelton	123 at Michigan State, '04
Maurice Stovall	171 at Purdue, '03

TACKLES

Victor Abiamiri	7 vs. Michigan State, '03
Brian Beidatsch	2 at Stanford, '03
Lionel Bolen	4 at Boston College, '03
Kyle Budinscak	5 at Purdue, '01
Quentin Burrell	10 vs. Navy, '03
Carlos Campbell	8 at BYU, '04
Derek Curry	11 at Boston College, '03
Dwight Ellick	9 vs. USC, '03
Mike Goolsby	14 vs. Michigan, '04
Brandon Hoyte	11 vs. Washington State, '03
Preston Jackson	8 at Michigan, '03
Derek Landri	5 at Michigan State, '04
Trevor Laws	5 at BYU, '04
Travis Leitko	5 vs. BYU, '03
Corey Mays	5 at Stanford, '03
Freddie Parish IV	3 at Stanford, '03
Greg Pauly	5, twice (last: at BYU, '04)
Mike Richardson	5 at Stanford, '03
Justin Tuck	14 vs. Navy, '03
Tom Zbikowski	9 at Michigan State, '04

"Iron Sharpens Iron", an interdenominational Christian group at Notre Dame that brings students together in worship, prayer and bible studies; has volunteered for two years at "There Are Children Here"; and is a huddle leader for the Notre Dame chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Curry is the third Notre Dame football player named to the squad over the past six seasons. **Grant Irons** received the award as a junior in 1999 and went on to be a rare five-year monogram winner and two-time captain with the Irish while playing at linebacker and defensive end. He served as president of Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Advisory Council and was involved in numerous community service programs at Notre Dame and in the surrounding South Bend community.

All-America linebacker **Courtney Watson** received the honor in 2003. Watson was responsible for creating and developing the football team's community service initiative entitled "Tackle The Arts", an interactive approach that helps inspire children to explore different areas of the arts including reading, creative writing and poetry, drawing and music. Watson also installed a food drive dimension to the event and combined with current Irish players **Brandon Hoyte** and **Dan Stevenson** as hosts of a picnic for at-risk children in the South Bend area. He regularly made surprise visits to the pediatric floor at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, addressed the Jackson Middle School football team at its banquet and participated in the St. Joseph County City Bureau Youth Fest. On a campus level, Watson was nominated and then elected a member of the Notre Dame Student Senate in 2002-03 and served as a member of the Residence Life and Academic Council committees.

RANK AND FILE

Notre Dame's penchant for playing the best teams in the country is well known. In fact, over the last 18 seasons (1987-2004), the Irish have played 83 games against ranked opponents, an average of nearly five games per season. Notre Dame has posted a record of 44-37-2 (.542) in these games, including a 23-12-1 (.653) mark against ranked teams at home. Here's a breakdown of how the Irish have done against Top 25 teams since 1987:

Season	Home	Road/Neutral	Total
1987	2-0	1-2	3-2
1988	2-0	2-0	4-0
1989	3-0	3-1	6-1
1990	2-1	3-1	5-2
1991	1-1	1-2	2-3
1992	2-1-1	2-0	4-1-1
1993	1-1	2-0	3-1
1994	0-1	0-2-1	0-3-1
1995	2-0	1-2	3-2
1996	1-1	1-0	2-1
1997	1-1	1-3	2-4
1998	1-0	0-1	1-1
1999	1-1	0-3	1-4
2000	2-1	0-2	2-3
2001	0-1	0-2	0-3
2002	1-0	3-2	4-2
2003	0-2	1-2	1-4
2004	1-0	0-0	1-0
Totals	23-12-1	21-25-1	44-37-2

IRISH HEAD COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM

A veteran with 27 years of coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels, **Tyrone Willingham** is in the midst of his third season as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame in 2004. Willingham has a record of 17-11 (.607) in two-plus seasons with the Irish, leading Notre Dame to a 10-3 record and a trip to the Gator Bowl in 2002 before a 5-7 campaign in 2003.

In 2002, Willingham became the first Irish head coach ever to win 10 games in his first season, was named the ESPN/Home Depot College Coach of the Year, the Scripps College Coach of the Year, the Black Coaches Association Male Coach of the Year and received the George Munger Award College Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia. In addition, he made history in 2002 as the first college football coach ever to earn *The Sporting News Sportsman of the Year* award. In nine



**TEAM
SINGLE-GAME BESTS**

NOTRE DAME BESTS (2004)

Rushing Yards	173 at Michigan State
Passing Yards	265 at BYU
Total Yards	388 at Michigan State
First Downs	19 at Michigan State
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	22 at BYU
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	176 at Michigan State
Low Total Yds. Allowed	285 at BYU
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	13 at BYU
Sacks By	4 at BYU
Turnovers Forced	6 at Michigan State
Points (Game)	31 at Michigan State
Points (Half)	28 (2nd) vs. Michigan
Points (Quarter)	21 (4th) vs. Michigan
Victory Margin	8 (28-20) vs. Michigan

NOTRE DAME BESTS (Willingham era)

Rushing Yards	352 at Pittsburgh, '03
Passing Yards	350 at Boston College, '03
Total Yards	512 vs. Stanford, '03
First Downs	24 vs. Navy, '03
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	8 at Pittsburgh, '03
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	46 vs. Navy, '03
Low Total Yds. Allowed	133 vs. Maryland, '02
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	8 vs. Maryland, '02
Sacks By	8, twice (last: at Pittsburgh, '03)
Turnovers Forced	6 at Michigan State, '04
Points (Game)	57 vs. Stanford, '03
Points (Half)	34 (1st) vs. Stanford, '03
Points (Quarter)	28 (3rd) vs. Rutgers, '02
Victory Margin	50 (57-7) vs. Stanford, '03

NOTRE DAME BESTS (1990-present)

Rushing Yards	458 vs. Purdue, '92
Passing Yards	350 at Boston College, '03
Total Yards	650 in two games
First Downs	34 vs. Michigan State, '91
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	(-6) vs. Rutgers, '96
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. Allowed	43 vs. Rutgers, '96
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	5 in two games
Sacks By	9 vs. Rutgers, '96
Turnovers Forced ...	6, twice (MR: at Michigan St., '04)
Points (Game)	62 vs. Rutgers, '96
Points (Half)	42 (2nd) vs. Navy, '90
Points (Qtr)	40 (2nd) vs. Pittsburgh, '96
Victory Margin	62 (62-0) vs. Rutgers, '96

years as a college head coach, Willingham has compiled a solid 61-47-1 (.564) record and has guided his teams to bowl games on five occasions.

Willingham was introduced as the new Irish mentor on Jan. 1, 2002, following seven seasons as the head coach at Stanford. He compiled a 44-36-1 (.549) record during his tenure at Stanford, guiding the Cardinal to four bowl games, including the Rose Bowl following the 1999 season. Willingham was a two-time Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year (1995 and 1999), the only Stanford coach to earn that award more than once, and he was a finalist for national coach-of-the-year honors in '95 and '99. All told, Willingham spent 10 years at Stanford, initially serving as running backs coach from 1989-91.

Between his stints with the Cardinal, Willingham coached in the professional ranks for three seasons (1992-94) with the Minnesota Vikings, helping his team win a pair of NFC Central Division championships and reach the playoffs all three years. Willingham began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Michigan State, in 1977, before moving to Central Michigan as the defensive secondary coach for two years (1978-79). He returned to MSU from 1980-82, working with the secondary and special teams units, and also served on the coaching staffs at North Carolina State (1983-85) and Rice (1986-88).

BIG CROWDS

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 164 of its previous 188 games, including 28 of its last 29 games dating back to the end of the 2001 season (the '03 game at Stanford was not a sellout). At Michigan in 2003, the Irish and Wolverines helped bring in the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of that series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the sixth time in the last three seasons that Notre Dame has been a part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002).

TICKET UPDATE

The Notre Dame ticket office received 52,179 ticket requests for the Oct. 2 game vs. Purdue, making it the fifth-highest requested Irish home game in history. The Notre Dame Stadium record of 59,368 ticket requests was set in '01 when the Irish took on West Virginia. Demand for that game was based on parents of current Notre Dame students being guaranteed four tickets for that contest — plus contributing alumni having the opportunity to apply for four tickets instead of the usual two, based on its designation as an alumni family game. Prior to this weekend's game vs. Washington, the Irish have posted 174 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 222 in their last 223 home games.

Here are the top 10 games in terms of alumni ticket demand at Notre Dame Stadium:

1. West Virginia	2001	59,368
2. USC	1997	57,048
3. Boston College	2002	55,482
4. USC	2003	54,244
5. Purdue	2004	52,179
6. Florida State	2003	51,051
7. Michigan	2002	50,883
8. Michigan State	2001	48,404
9. Nebraska	2000	47,865
10. Michigan State	1997	47,681

THE 2004 SCHEDULE

Notre Dame's rugged 2003 schedule featured nine teams that advanced to bowl games, including three participants in Bowl Championship Series (BCS) contests. The 2004 slate figures to be just as formidable, although the Irish benefit from playing four of their first six contests within the friendly confines of Notre Dame Stadium.

In all, eight bowl qualifiers from 2003 dot the Irish schedule — Michigan (Rose Bowl), Michigan State (Alamo Bowl), Purdue (Capital One Bowl), Navy (Houston Bowl), Boston College (San Francisco Bowl), Tennessee (Peach Bowl), Pittsburgh (Continental Tire Bowl) and USC (Rose Bowl). This season, Notre Dame also will take on three Big Ten Conference schools — Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue — as well as three Pacific-10 Conference institutions — Washington, Stanford and USC. Other conferences represented on this year's docket include the Mountain West (BYU), Southeastern (Tennessee) and BIG EAST (Boston College and Pittsburgh).



**39 FORMER IRISH ON '04
NFL OPENING-DAY ROSTERS**

Notre Dame has 39 of its former football players, including three rookies, listed on the opening-day rosters for National Football League teams in 2004. Last season, the Irish had 40 former players on NFL opening-day rosters, tying Florida for the most of any school. Florida State (37), Georgia (36), Miami (36) and Tennessee (36) rounded out the top five.

The Irish have produced either the first- or second-highest total in that category for nine consecutive years (1995-2003). Notre Dame led all Division I schools for five years in a row from 1995-99. Here are the former Notre Dame players now active in the pros (R - indicates rookie):

- Arizona:** DE Bertrand Berry
- Atlanta:** DB/KR Allen Rossum
- Baltimore:** SS Gerome Sapp, DE Anthony Weaver
- Chicago:** OT Mike Gandy
- Cleveland:** C Jeff Faine
- Dallas:** RB Julius Jones (R), OT Kurt Vollers
- Detroit:** QB Rick Mirer, TE John Owens
- Green Bay:** RB Tony Fisher, LB Tyreo Harrison
- Houston:** SS Glenn Earl (R)
- Indianapolis:** FB Tom Lopienski, P Hunter Smith
- Jacksonville:** S Deke Cooper, FB Marc Edwards
- Kansas City:** OL Jordan Black
- Minnesota:** OG Mike Rosenthal
- New England:** WR David Givens
- New Orleans:** K John Carney, DB Deveron Harper, LB Courtney Watson (R)
- New York Giants:** DT Lance Legree, OT Luke Petitgout
- Oakland:** DT Grant Irons
- Philadelphia:** DT Paul Grasmanis
- Pittsburgh:** RB Jerome Bettis, OG Jim Jones
- San Francisco:** WR Arnaz Battle, DT Bryant Young
- St. Louis:** FB Joey Goodspeed
- Seattle:** CB Bobby Taylor
- Tampa Bay:** WR Tim Brown, OG Sean Mahan
- Tennessee:** LB Rocky Boiman, P Craig Hentrich
- Washington:** OT Jim Molinaro, DL Renaldo Wynn

Other former Fighting Irish players affiliated with NFL teams include DT Darrell Campbell (rookie - Chicago Bears reserve/non-football injury list), OT Brennan Curtin (Green Bay Packers injured reserve) and S Shawn Wooden (Miami Dolphins injured reserve).

The strength of the 2004 Notre Dame docket is already evident. Through the first three weeks of September, Notre Dame's schedule is ranked as the fourth-toughest schedule in the nation, according to NCAA statistics that compute the ranking based on the cumulative record of all Irish opponents this season (past and future).

Last year's Notre Dame ledger was ranked third in the nation according to the final NCAA statistical reports, marking the 22nd time in 27 seasons that the Irish have had their schedule ranked in the top 30 in the country. In addition to nine '03 opponents advancing to bowl games, four of Notre Dame's first eight foes last year were ranked among the nation's top 25 at season's end.

2004 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

The following is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995) and has appeared in the top 30 a total of 22 times in the last 27 years. The 2004 Irish ledger currently is ranked fourth in the nation, based on cumulative opposition.

Opponent (Ranking*)	'04 Record	'03 Record	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
BYU	1-2	4-8	at Boise State	at Colorado State
Michigan (18/18)	2-1	10-3	Iowa	at Indiana
Michigan State	1-2	8-5	at Indiana	at Iowa
Washington	0-2	6-6	at Notre Dame	at Stanford
Purdue (15/15)	2-0	9-4	at Illinois	at Notre Dame
Stanford	2-0	4-7	USC	Washington
Navy	3-0	8-5	Vanderbilt	at Air Force (9/30)
Boston College	3-0	8-5	at Wake Forest	Massachusetts
Tennessee (11/8)	2-0	10-3	Louisiana Tech	Auburn
Pittsburgh	1-1	8-5	Furman	Idle
USC (1/1)	3-0	12-1	at Stanford	Idle

* - current Associated Press poll ranking listed first, followed by ESPN/USA Today poll ranking

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in 2003: 89-49 (.645); Record in 2004: 20-8 (.714)

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

With the Washington game slated to be televised nationally by NBC, the Irish will extend their streak of appearances on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) to 140 straight games, a stretch that spans 10 full seasons (1993-2003). The last time the Irish didn't appear on one of those four networks was more than 11 years ago (Oct. 31, 1992), when Notre Dame downed Navy, 38-7, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That game was shown locally in South Bend on WNDU-TV. Here's a breakdown of the networks on which the Irish have played during this impressive streak:

YEAR	GAMES	NBC	ABC	CBS	ESPN
1992	4	3	1	—	—
1993	12	7	4	—	1
1994	12	7	5	—	—
1995	12	6	4	1	1
1996	11	6	2	2	1
1997	13	6	3	2	2
1998	12	7	3	2	—
1999	12	7	3	1	1
2000	12	6	3	3	—
2001	11	6	4	—	1
2002	13	7	4	1	1
2003	12	6	5	—	1
2004	4	2	—	—	2
Totals	140	76	41	12	11

NOTRE DAME FEATURED PROMINENTLY ON TELEVISION THIS YEAR

In addition to continuing its streak of consecutive games played on one of the four major television networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN), Notre Dame will be spotlighted on the small screen in several other ways during the 2004 season. Here's a thumbnail look at each of the individual TV projects which are featuring the Irish this year:

- ESPN's "College GameDay" is celebrating its 11th season of live remotes from college football's top games.
- College Sports Television (CSTV), the 24-hour cable channel devoted exclusively to college sports, once again highlights Irish athletics during a two-hour block on Sunday nights called "Notre Dame Primetime." The show, which will be co-hosted by former Irish split end **Derrick Mayes**, focuses on all 26 Notre Dame sports and the continuing growth of Irish athletics.
- Besides these features, Notre Dame is now in the 14th season of its unique relationship with NBC. All Irish home football games since 1991 have been televised on the network, with the current agreement slated to continue through 2010. **Tom Hammond** (play-by-play) and **Pat Haden** (analysis) are in their fourth full season broadcasting the action for NBC in '04.

WHEN THE EYES OF THE NATION ARE UPON THEM

Notre Dame is 168-85-3 (.662) all-time when it is playing in front of a national television audience. The 2003 game at Michigan was another milestone for the Irish program — it was the 300th time a Notre Dame football game appeared on national or regional television.

During their 115-year history, the Irish have posted a combined 196-112-4 (.635) record in these national or regional TV games, beginning with a 27-21 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma on Nov. 8, 1952 in a game that was shown nationwide on ABC. Here's a breakdown of Notre Dame's success over the years when appearing on each of the various networks on both a national and regional basis (the current Irish win/loss streak on the four major networks is listed in parentheses):

NATIONAL TELEVISION

NBC (won 3)	64-24-1 (.725)
ABC (lost 3)	44-36-2 (.549)
CBS (won 6)	22-11-0 (.667)
ESPN/ESPN2 (won 1)	20-11-0 (.645)
WGN	10-2-0 (.833)
SportsChannel	4-1-0 (.800)
Raycom	2-0-0 (1.000)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Katz	1-0-0 (1.000)
Totals	168-85-3 (.662)

REGIONAL TELEVISION

ABC (lost 2)	23-24-1 (.490)
CBS (won 1)	4-2-0 (.667)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Big Ten Syndication	0-1-0 (.000)
Totals	28-27-1 (.509)

NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN GARNERS NBC'S HIGHEST SEASON-OPENING RATING SINCE 1998

NBC's coverage of Notre Dame's 28-20 win over No.8 Michigan on Sept. 11 delivered a 4.0 national rating/10 share, making it the highest-rated season opener since a 5.1/14 on Sept. 5, 1998 for a 36-20 Irish win over fifth-ranked Michigan, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The 4.0/10 represents a 29 percent hike over last year's opener — a 29-26 overtime win over Washington State that produced a 3.1/8. It's the best rating for any Notre Dame telecast on NBC since a 4.4/11 vs. Boston College on Nov. 2, 2002.

NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS DEBUT ON SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO

In addition to its unparalleled television coverage, Notre Dame also has increased its radio footprint, announcing an agreement on Aug. 31 with SIRIUS Satellite Radio to become the official satellite radio partner for Notre Dame athletics. SIRIUS will broadcast every Irish football game this season, and also will air selected men's and women's basketball games, as well as other sporting events. In addition, SIRIUS will aid in the development of marketing initiatives with the University's athletic department as a member of "Team Notre Dame."

Notre Dame's agreement with SIRIUS is one of the cornerstones in the formation of SIRIUS College Sports Radio, a partnership between SIRIUS and College Sports Television (CSTV) that includes 23 major universities around the country. SIRIUS radios for the car and home start at \$149 and are available at major retailers nationwide. For more information, visit www.sirius.com.



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL SHOWS ON RADIO/TV

INSIDE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

"Inside Notre Dame Football," featuring head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, is a half-hour, weekly television show syndicated nationally by Notre Dame Sports Properties and hosted by **Jeff Jeffers**. The show is carried by WNDU-TV in South Bend on Saturdays (one hour before kickoff), and also is offered to cable systems nationwide (clearances TBA). In addition, the show will be archived on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL COACHES RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Coaches Radio Show," presented by Boling Laser Center, is a half-hour, weekly radio program which is broadcast Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (EST) on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend. The show, which is hosted by U93 sports director **Sean Stires** and former Irish wide receiver **Bobby Brown**, originates from Logan's Roadhouse in Mishawaka (4225 N. Main Street) and will feature a live or taped segment with Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, a live appearance by a Notre Dame player, plus other features involving the Irish staff and program.

This program is a cooperative venture of Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners. The show is slated to air for 10 weeks during the football season (remaining dates are: Sept. 20 and 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25; and Nov. 8), and it will be broadcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL POSTGAME RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Postgame Radio Show" airs on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend and the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com) immediately following the conclusion of Westwood One's broadcasts of Notre Dame football games. The 90-minute show is co-hosted by **Jack Nolan**, and former Irish football players **Mirko Jurkovic** and **Reggie Brooks**. After home games, the show originates outside Gate 3 of the Joyce Center (directly across Juniper Road from Notre Dame Stadium). The home broadcasts feature live feeds from the postgame interview room, as well as an on-site visit from an Irish assistant coach.

This program is a cooperative venture of Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners.



GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top 10 Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduate rate categories - overall, football, men, women and African-American - according to statistics released in September 2003 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated 2003 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 13th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1993 and 1996 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 83 percent.

In August 2003, 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 1996.

All Student-Athletes

- 1. (tie) Duke 89%
- (tie) Northwestern 89
- 3. **(tie) Notre Dame 87**
- (tie) Stanford 87

Football Student-Athletes

- 1. Vanderbilt 84%
- 2. (tie) Duke 83
- (tie) Northwestern 83
- (tie) Syracuse 83
- 7. **Notre Dame 81**

Male Student-Athletes

- 1. Duke 88%
- 2. **Notre Dame 85**
- 3. Stanford 83
- 4. Northwestern 82

Female Student-Athletes

- 1. Northwestern 98%
- 2. **(tie) Notre Dame 92**
- (tie) Duke 92
- (tie) Stanford 92

African-American Student-Athletes

- 1. Rice 87%
- 2. (tie) Stanford 85
- (tie) Vanderbilt 85
- 4. Northwestern 83
- 5. Duke 82
- 6. **Notre Dame 78**

THE 2004 NFL DRAFT

Five former Notre Dame players were selected in the 2004 National Football League Draft. Leading the way was running back **Julius Jones**, who went to the Dallas Cowboys in the second round (43rd pick overall). Jones was joined by linebacker **Courtney Watson**, who was taken 17 picks later in the second round (60th overall) by the New Orleans Saints. Safety **Glenn Earl** was chosen in the fourth round (122nd overall) by the Houston Texans, while fellow defensive back **Vontez Duff** joined him as a Texan when Houston tapped him in the sixth round (170th overall). Offensive tackle **Jim Molinaro** was the final Irish player taken, selected by the Washington Redskins in the seventh round (180th overall).

NOTRE DAME IS AMERICA'S FAVORITE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

According to an ESPN Sports Poll of nearly 7,000 college sports fans ages 12 and older taken from January to December 2003, Notre Dame is the nation's favorite college football team, garnering 6.1 percent of the popular vote. Furthermore, the Irish were the only team to finish in the top 10 in all four regions of the country where the ESPN Sports Poll was conducted. Ohio State was the only other school to earn at least four percent of the vote, finishing at 5.3 percent.

MAKING THE GRADE

The first two seasons of the **Tyrone Willingham** era have produced some impressive semesters in the classroom for the Notre Dame football team. In fact, the Irish are coming off a 2004 spring semester in which the team's 104 players combined for a 2.96 grade-point average that ranks as the program's best semester GPA on record (dating back to 1992). The Notre Dame football program's top six semester GPAs since '92 all have been posted during the past seven semesters (prior to the fall of '04), including the first three semesters of Willingham's tenure (2.84 in the fall of '02, 2.79 in the spring of '03 and 2.82 in the fall of '03). The football program's second-best semester GPA of the past 12 years came in the spring of 2002 (2.90), followed by a 2.80 in the spring of 2001 and a 2.69 in the fall of '01.

Upon closer examination, the 2004 spring semester saw 11 Irish football players post a Dean's List GPA (sliding scale, based on major) while 21 turned in a semester GPA of 3.4-plus and more than half (53) had a GPA of 3.0 or better. In addition, two players — current fifth-year DE **Kyle Budinscak** and senior LB **Brandon Hoyte** — received Academic All-District V honors in 2003, marking Budinscak's third selection and Hoyte's second to the prestigious squad.

NOTRE DAME EXCELS IN THE CLASSROOM AS WELL AS ON THE FIELD

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) annually honors the school with the highest graduation rate based on a particular entering freshman football class — and Notre Dame has won the award six times, most recently in 2001 with its 100-percent graduation rate (22 of 22 entering freshmen from 1996 earned their degrees within five years). The 2001 award followed Notre Dame's previous honors in 1982, '83, '84, '88 and '91. Notre Dame also holds the distinction of producing the first 100-percent rate in a single years after 24 of 24 student-athletes earned their degrees within a five-year period out of the entering class of 1982 (and 16 of those 24 did so within four years). Only eight other times has a school registered a 100-percent graduation rate.

The 1988 award had special meaning, as it marked the first time a school won the national championship on the football field — as Notre Dame did, finishing 12-0 after a Fiesta Bowl triumph over unbeaten West Virginia — and in the classroom. Including the special mention category, Notre Dame has received some sort of recognition in 23 of 24 years the award has been presented — with Duke next at 21.

TAKING ACADEMIC SUCCESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

The high graduation rate of the Notre Dame football program extends to the elite group of former players who have moved on to play in the National Football League. Notre Dame has seen 88 of its former players appear on NFL opening-day rosters during the past eight seasons (1996-2003) and 93.1 percent of those players (82) have earned their degrees from the University. In fact, Notre Dame's own institutional research shows that 99 percent of scholarship football players who have entered the University since 1962 have received their degrees (896 of 905, based only on individuals who remained at the school at least four years). Those figures do not include players who transferred or withdrew before completing four or more years at Notre Dame.



The 93.1 percent graduation rate for NFL participants ranks even higher than Notre Dame's most recent NCAA graduation rates for all student-athletes (87 percent), male student-athletes (85), female student-athletes (92), football student-athletes (81) and African-American student-athletes (78). Those numbers, released last fall, comprised all student-athletes entering Notre Dame from 1993-96.

“THE SHIRT” NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2004 SEASON

For the 15th consecutive year, Notre Dame Student Activities and Government are sponsoring a T-shirt that benefits scholarship funds, student groups and service projects. In each of the past two years, the initial run of nearly 50,000 shirts sold out prior to the start of the season. In 2002, a record-setting total of 130,000 shirts were sold, with that initial run of 44,000 selling out within six weeks of its debut (at the time, it was one of the earliest sellouts in the history of the project). As a result, Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham** began labelling the Shirt-clad crowd as the “sea of green.”

Over the past 14 years, the venture has more than \$2.5 million in net profit for worthy causes and serves the dual purpose of promoting spirit and raising funds. Some of the proceeds supported students and employees who have incurred catastrophic accidents, while others benefitted endowment funds and additional monies were given to support service projects for student groups on campus.

“The Shirt 2004” is kelly green for an unprecedented third consecutive year, reminiscent of the original 1990 Shirt, and features this season’s motto, “Onward To Victory.” The short-sleeve shirt is traditionally worn by Notre Dame students and fans at the first home game of each football season. The cost of this year’s shirt is \$15 and it is available on campus to the University community and the general public at the Hammes Bookstore, the information desk at the LaFortune Student Center, the Varsity Shop at the Joyce Center and the Alumni Association at the Eck Center. Orders also may be placed by telephone (1-800-647-4641) or on-line through the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 2004 FOOTBALL KICKOFF LUNCHEONS

Tickets are now on sale for the 2004 Notre Dame Kickoff Luncheons held the Friday prior to each Irish home football game. The luncheons feature Notre Dame head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, Irish players and assistant coaches, plus special guests and other attractions.

Tickets are \$18 each, with a handling fee of \$3 (payment may be made with one check for more than one luncheon). There are 10 seats per table — and if you wish to sit as a group at the same table with other guests, please return all reservations in one envelope. Checks should be made payable to “University of Notre Dame” and mailed to: Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Telephone and credit card reservations are not accepted. A printed reservation form also is available on Notre Dame’s athletics web site at www.und.com.

The luncheons are held in the Joyce Center fieldhouse (north dome) on the Notre Dame campus, with a noon (EST) start. Be aware that advance reservations are required for tickets, and tickets are not routinely available at the door. This year’s remaining luncheon dates are: Sept. 24 (Washington), Oct. 1 (Purdue), Oct. 8 (Stanford), Oct. 22 (Boston College) and Nov. 12 (Pittsburgh).

PEP RALLIES

All 2004 pep rallies will be held in the Joyce Center Arena (south dome) on Fridays before Saturday home games, beginning at 6 p.m. (EST). The Irish squad enters the arena at 6:30 p.m.

“NOTRE DAME EXPERIENCE” RETURNS FOR 2004 SEASON

For years, the Joyce Center Fieldhouse has been the “pregame meeting place” for several thousand Notre Dame alumni. In an effort to add to this tradition, the Notre Dame Athletics Department is providing an interactive fan experience for each of the 2004 home football games. For the third consecutive season, the “Notre Dame Experience” will combine the Notre Dame Alumni Association Hospitality Center with interactive inflatables, photo booths, autograph sessions, Notre Dame football trivia and stage activities. Gates open three hours prior to kickoff and will stay open until one hour after the game. Admission is free for all “Notre Dame Experience” events.

ORDER THE 2004 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL PREVIEW MAGAZINE TODAY

This season marks the 11th edition of the Notre Dame Football Preview Magazine — an official publication by the University of Notre Dame athletic department. The 1994, '95, '96, '97 and '98 and 2000 editions were voted best in the nation in the special publications competition sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The preview magazine, published by Ave Maria Press, numbers nearly

IN OTHER IRISH SPORTS ACTION THIS WEEKEND ...

MEN'S SOCCER

The fifth-ranked Irish men’s soccer team (3-1-1) heads out on its first BIG EAST Conference road trip of the season. Notre Dame will visit West Virginia Thursday at 7 p.m. (EDT) before traveling to Villanova on Sunday for a noon (EDT) match.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The No. 1 Notre Dame women’s soccer team (7-0-0) returns home to take on BIG EAST Conference foe Pittsburgh Friday at 7:30 p.m. (EST) at Alumni Field. The Irish will then play host to Wisconsin-Green Bay in a non-conference match Sunday at 1 p.m. (EST), also at Alumni Field.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Irish women’s golf team is back on the links Friday-Sunday, heading to Lubbock, Texas, for the Jeannine McHaney Invitational, hosted by Texas Tech. The event also will serve as a preview for the NCAA Central Regional, which will be held on the same course in Lubbock in May 2005.



NOTRE DAME ALUMS IN RARE NFL COMPANY

Notre Dame is the only school to boast three former players who have totaled 10,000-plus rushing or receiving yards in NFL history. Through games of Sept. 19, **Jerome Bettis** ranks sixth on the NFL's all-time rushing yards list and second among active rushers with 12,354 yards, while **Ricky Watters** retired with 10,741 yards (good for 13th place). At the same time, **Tim Brown** ranks second on the NFL's all-time receiving yards list (14,806), trailing only Oakland Raiders' wideout, Jerry Rice.

Only one other Division I-A school — Syracuse (**Jim Brown** and **Art Monk**) — has produced both an NFL 10,000-yard rusher and receiver. Three others — Oklahoma State (**Barry Sanders** and **Thurman Thomas**), Pittsburgh (**Tony Dorsett** and **Curtis Martin**) and USC (**Marcus Allen** and **O.J. Simpson**) — have produced two 10,000-yard NFL rushers.

THE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL REVIEW

Notre Dame Sports Properties offers a condensed two-hour delayed replay of the NBC broadcast of each Notre Dame home football game. These replays are available in many major markets via over-the-air syndication, including WAAT-TV, Channel 69 in South Bend (Sundays at 10 a.m. EST; Fridays at 7 p.m. EST).

100 pages, including game action shots of returning Irish players and coaches, position-by-position breakdowns and a feature on head coach **Tyrone Willingham**. It's a collectors item perfect for autographs — with an emphasis on outstanding color photography unavailable in any other publication. The yearbook is priced at \$10 (plus \$5 for postage and handling) and can be ordered by calling 1-800-647-4641.

THE 2004 NCAA STATISTICS REPORT

The NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame and Washington in 2004 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	Washington
Rushing Offense	106.33	32nd at 194.50
Passing Offense	219.33	195.00
Total Offense	325.67	49th at 389.50
Scoring Offense	25.33	23.50
Rushing Defense	18th at 81.00	280.50
Pass Defense	226.33	4th at 123.50
Pass Efficiency Defense	34th at 108.03	118.56
Total Defense	41st at 307.33	404.00
Scoring Defense	21.33	36.00
Net Punting	35.00	30.82
Punt Returns	30th at 12.23	0.00
Kickoff Returns	18.14	18.56
Turnover Margin	25th at +1.00 (+3 overall)	0.00 (0 overall)

Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	Washington
Rushing		Kenny James 22nd at 104.00
Total Offense	Brady Quinn 41st at 217.67	
Receptions Per Game		Charles Frederick 17th at 6.50
Receiving Yards Per Game		Charles Frederick 13th at 107.00
Interceptions		Evan Benjamin 2nd at 1.00
Punt Returns	Carlyle Holiday 26th at 12.00	
Field Goals		Michael Braunstein 33rd at 1.00
All-Purpose Runners		Charles Frederick 9th at 182.50

NEXT WEEK: PURDUE

Notre Dame continues its three-game homestand next Saturday, Oct. 2, when it plays host to in-state rival (and 15th-ranked) Purdue at 2:30 p.m. (EST) at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish holds a 49-24-2 edge in the all-time series with the Boilermakers, including a 25-10 record in South Bend, where Purdue has not won since 1974 (an active streak of 13 consecutive victories). However, the Boilermakers won last year's matchup with Notre Dame, 23-10, and will be seeking back-to-back wins over the Irish for the first time since the 1984 and 1985 seasons.

Purdue (2-0) was idle last week, take a breather after blasting its first two opponents (Syracuse and Ball State) by a combined score of 109-7. Not surprisingly, the Boilermakers lead the nation in scoring offense and defense, as well as passing efficiency, thanks to the play of quarterback **Kyle Orton**. Purdue will take on Illinois this weekend in Champaign, Ill., before setting its sights on Notre Dame.

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 All games

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
SCORING.....	76	64
Points Per Game.....	25.3	21.3
FIRST DOWNS.....	47	46
Rushing.....	21	18
Passing.....	23	26
Penalty.....	3	2
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	319	243
Yards gained rushing.....	375	336
Yards lost rushing.....	56	93
Rushing Attempts.....	109	100
Average Per Rush.....	2.9	2.4
Average Per Game.....	106.3	81.0
TDs Rushing.....	4	2
PASSING YARDAGE.....	658	679
Att-Comp-Int.....	92-47-4	107-62-5
Average Per Pass.....	7.2	6.3
Average Per Catch.....	14.0	11.0
Average Per Game.....	219.3	226.3
TDs Passing.....	4	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	977	922
Total Plays.....	201	207
Average Per Play.....	4.9	4.5
Average Per Game.....	325.7	307.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	7-127	13-297
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	13-159	8-72
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	5-129	4-9
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	18.1	22.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	12.2	9.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	25.8	2.2
FUMBLES-LOST.....	6-4	10-6
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	16-126	18-144
Average Per Game.....	42.0	48.0
PUNTS-YARDS.....	24-912	22-952
Average Per Punt.....	38.0	43.3
Net punt average.....	35.0	36.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	29:17	30:43
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	13/44	17/51
3rd-Down Pct.....	30%	33%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	2/4	0/0
4th-Down Pct.....	50%	0%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	8-58	5-33
MISC YARDS.....	75	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	10	6
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	2-3	7-8
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	10-10	5-5
ATTENDANCE.....	80795	140213
Games/Avg Per Game.....	1/80795	2/70106
Neutral Site Games.....		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame.....	14	10	21	31	76
Opponents.....	23	6	17	18	64

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Notre Dame Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 19, 2004)
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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Walker, D.	2	57	221	8	213	3.7	2	19	106.5
Grant, R.	2	15	79	4	75	5.0	1	19	37.5
Wilson, M.	3	12	32	6	26	2.2	0	12	8.7
Thomas, T.	2	11	15	3	12	1.1	0	7	6.0
Powers-Neal, R.	3	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Quinn, B.	3	11	28	33	-5	-0.5	1	11	-1.7
Total.....	3	109	375	56	319	2.9	4	19	106.3
Opponents.....	3	100	336	93	243	2.4	2	18	81.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	3	118.10	91-47-4	51.6	658	4	54	219.3
Wilson, M.	3	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	3	116.82	92-47-4	51.1	658	4	54	219.3
Opponents.....	3	108.07	107-62-5	57.9	679	2	50	226.3

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
McKnight, R.	3	11	134	12.2	1	54	44.7
Stovall, M.	3	10	122	12.2	0	49	40.7
Powers-Neal, R.	3	5	32	6.4	1	9	10.7
Shelton, M.	3	4	169	42.2	2	53	56.3
Samardzija, J.	3	4	65	16.2	0	31	21.7
Fasano, A.	3	4	60	15.0	0	27	20.0
Freeman, M.	3	3	28	9.3	0	15	9.3
Thomas, T.	2	2	28	14.0	0	15	14.0
Jenkins, J.	1	2	10	5.0	0	7	10.0
Vaughn, C.	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Walker, D.	2	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Total.....	3	47	658	14.0	4	54	219.3
Opponents.....	3	62	679	11.0	2	50	226.3

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Holiday, C.	10	120	12.0	0	21
McKnight, R.	2	11	5.5	0	8
Collins, J.	1	28	28.0	0	0
Total.....	13	159	12.2	0	21
Opponents.....	8	72	9.0	1	14

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ellick, D.	1	2	2.0	0	2
Zbikowski, T.	1	22	22.0	0	22
Curry, D.	1	35	35.0	0	35
Richardson, M.	1	32	32.0	0	32
Jackson, P.	1	38	38.0	1	38
Total.....	5	129	25.8	1	38
Opponents.....	4	9	2.2	0	5

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anastasio, C.	5	98	19.6	0	40
Stovall, M.	2	29	14.5	0	16
Total.....	7	127	18.1	0	40
Opponents.....	13	297	22.8	1	89

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Zbikowski, T.	1	75	75.0	1	75
Total.....	1	75	75.0	1	75
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

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SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Fitzpatrick, D.	0	2-3	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	16
Shelton, M.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Walker, D.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Jackson, P.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Grant, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Powers-Neal, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
McKnight, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Zbikowski, T.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Quinn, B.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	10	2-3	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	76
Opponents.....	6	7-8	5-5	0-0	1	1-1	0	0	64

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	3	102	-5	658	653	217.7
Walker, D.	2	57	213	0	213	106.5
Grant, R.	2	15	75	0	75	37.5
Wilson, M.	3	13	26	0	26	8.7
Thomas, T.	2	11	12	0	12	6.0
TEAM	3	1	-2	0	-2	-0.7
Total.....	3	201	319	658	977	325.7
Opponents.....	3	207	243	679	922	307.3

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Fitzpatrick, D.	2-3	66.7	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	23	0

FG SEQUENCE	Notre Dame	OPPONENTS
Brigham Young	(21)	(44), (53)
Michigan	-	(38), (33), (22), (47)
Michigan State	37, (23)	42, (46)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Fitzpatrick, D.	22	891	40.5	56	3	3	6	0
TEAM	2	21	10.5	21	0	0	0	2
Total.....	24	912	38.0	56	3	3	6	2
Opponents.....	22	952	43.3	63	0	0	7	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Gioia, C.	13	744	57.2	0	1
Fitzpatrick, D.	1	49	49.0	0	0
Total.....	14	793	56.6	0	1
Opponents.....	13	816	62.8	6	0

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Walker, D.	2	213	3	0	0	0	216	108.0
Shelton, M.	3	0	169	0	0	0	169	56.3
Stovall, M.	3	0	122	0	29	0	151	50.3
McKnight, R.	3	0	134	11	0	0	145	48.3
Holiday, C.	3	0	0	120	0	0	120	40.0
Anastasio, C.	3	0	0	0	98	0	98	32.7
Grant, R.	2	75	0	0	0	0	75	37.5
Samardzija, J.	3	0	65	0	0	0	65	21.7
Fasano, A.	3	0	60	0	0	0	60	20.0
Thomas, T.	2	12	28	0	0	0	40	20.0
Jackson, P.	3	0	0	0	0	38	38	12.7
Curry, D.	3	0	0	0	0	35	35	11.7
Richardson, M.	3	0	0	0	0	32	32	10.7
Powers-Neal, R.	3	0	32	0	0	0	32	10.7
Freeman, M.	3	0	28	0	0	0	28	9.3
Collins, J.	3	0	0	28	0	0	28	9.3
Wilson, M.	3	26	0	0	0	0	26	8.7
Zbikowski, T.	3	0	0	0	0	22	22	7.3
Jenkins, J.	1	0	10	0	0	0	10	10.0
Vaughn, C.	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	7.0
Ellick, D.	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.7
TEAM	3	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.7
Quinn, B.	3	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-1.7
Total.....	3	319	658	159	127	129	1392	464.0
Opponents.....	3	243	679	72	297	9	1300	433.3

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
41 Goolsby, M.	3	13	18	31	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
39 Hoyte, B.	3	12	7	19	4.0-17	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
9 Zbikowski, T.	3	12	6	18	1.5-4	.	1-22	1	.	1-75	2	.	.
8 Burrell, Q.	3	8	9	17	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
49 Curry, D.	3	8	8	16	3.5-23	2.0-20	1-35	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
6 Campbell, C.	3	10	4	14	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Ellick, D.	3	11	2	13	1.0-4	.	1-2	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
15 Jackson, P.	3	8	4	12	.	.	1-38	2	1	.	.	.	.
66 Landri, D.	3	5	4	9	0.5-1	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
77 Pauly, G.	3	4	5	9	2.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98 Laws, T.	3	5	4	9	2.0-11	1.0-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44 Tuck, J.	3	3	5	8	3.0-18	3.0-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Budinscak, K.	3	5	3	8	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
46 Mays, C.	3	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Richardson, M.	3	3	1	4	.	.	1-32	1	.	.	1	.	.
89 Carlson, J.	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Leitko, T.	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Parish IV, F.	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Borseti, N.	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Anastasio, C.	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
22 Wooden, A.	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Stovall, M.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Vaughn, C.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 Frome, C.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Dunn, C.	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Abiamiri, V.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 Fasano, A.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Collins, J.	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
87 Freeman, M.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	3	123	92	215	21-90	8-58	5-129	12	1	6-75	7	1	.
Opponents.....	3	119	88	207	16-56	5-33	4-9	7	7	4-0	5	2	.

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 Notre Dame Game Superlatives (as of Sep 19, 2004)
 All games

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	31	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	115	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	2	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Long Rush.....	19	Walker, D. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Grant, R. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	47	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Pass completions....	26	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	265	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
TD Passes.....	2	Quinn, B. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Long Pass.....	54	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Receptions.....	8	McKnight, R. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Yards Receiving.....	123	Shelton, M. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Receptions.....	1	McKnight, R. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Powers-Neal, R. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Shelton, M. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Shelton, M. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Long Reception.....	54	McKnight, R. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Field Goals.....	1	Fitzpatrick, D. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Fitzpatrick, D. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Long Field Goal.....	23	Fitzpatrick, D. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Punts.....	10	Fitzpatrick, D. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punting Avg.....	42.8	Fitzpatrick, D. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Punt.....	56	Fitzpatrick, D. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Punt Return....	21	Holiday, C. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Long Kickoff Return.	40	Anastasio, C. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Tackles.....	14	Goolsby, M. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Sacks.....	2.0	Tuck, J. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Tackles For Loss....	2.0	Hoyte, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Tuck, J. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Pauly, G. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Interceptions.....	1	Jackson, P. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Ellick, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Zbikowski, T. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Richardson, M. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Curry, D. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	48	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	173	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Yards Per Rush.....	3.6	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	2	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	47	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Pass completions....	26	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	265	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Yards Per Pass.....	9.0	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Passes.....	2	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Total Plays.....	72	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Total Offense.....	388	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Yards Per Play.....	5.4	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Points.....	31	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Sacks By.....	5	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
First Downs.....	19	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Penalties.....	7	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Penalty Yards.....	55	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Turnovers.....	4	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Interceptions By....	3	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	15	Jackson, J., vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Caulcrick, J., at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	85	Caulcrick, J., at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	1	TAHI, Naufahu, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Stanton, Drew, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Long Rush.....	18	Teague, Jason, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	40	Henne, Chad, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Pass completions....	25	Henne, Chad, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	240	Henne, Chad, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
TD Passes.....	1	BERRY, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Henne, Chad, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Long Pass.....	50	BECK, John, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Receptions.....	12	Edwards, B., vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Receiving.....	129	Edwards, B., vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
TD Receptions.....	1	COLLIE, Austin, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Breaston, Steve, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Long Reception.....	50	WATKINS, Todd, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Field Goals.....	4	Rivas, Garrett, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Long Field Goal.....	53	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punts.....	9	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punting Avg.....	46.8	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Punt.....	63	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Punt Return....	14	MAHUIKA, Bryce, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Kickoff Return.	89	Cobb, DeAndra, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Tackles.....	12	POPPINGA, Brady, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Smith, Eric, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Sacks.....	1.0	STAFFIERI, Mark, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) POPPINGA, Brady, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) MARQUARDT, Dani, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Hayes, Jaren, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Tackles For Loss....	2.0	Vickerson, K., at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Interceptions.....	1	Mundy, Ryan, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Curry, Markus, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Reid, Lawrence, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Dortch, Tyrell, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)

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All games

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	35	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	165	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.7	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	1	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	40	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Pass completions....	25	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	263	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Yards Per Pass.....	8.0	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
TD Passes.....	1	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Total Plays.....	70	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Total Offense.....	341	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Yards Per Play.....	4.9	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Points.....	24	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Sacks By.....	3	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
First Downs.....	18	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Penalties.....	9	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Penalty Yards.....	74	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Turnovers.....	6	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Interceptions By....	3	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)

2004 Notre Dame Football
 Notre Dame Game Results (as of Sep 19, 2004)
 All games

Date	Opponent	Score		Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
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Sep 4, 2004	at Brigham Young	17-20	L	0- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:29	65251
Sep 11, 2004	#8 MICHIGAN	W 28-20		1- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:24	80795
Sep 18, 2004	at Michigan State	W 31-24		2- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:20	74962

* indicates conference game

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2004 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	RB
@BYU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	T. Thomas
UM	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant
@MSU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant

WASH
PUR
STAN
vs. NAVY
BC
@TENN
PITT
@USC

* - opened in two tight end formation

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	CB	FS	SS	CB
@BYU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
UM	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
@MSU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson

WASH
PUR
STAN
vs. NAVY
BC
@TENN
PITT
@USC

* - opened in nickel defense

Red Zone Statistics

ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
@BYU	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
UM	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
@MSU	5	3	17	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
WASH												
PUR												
STAN												
vs. NAVY												
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	10	7	41	5	4	1	2	3	1	1	0	0

Notre Dame Red Zone Efficiency: 7 of 10 (.700) / Touchdown Efficiency: 5 of 10 (.500)

Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
@BYU	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UM	3	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
@MSU	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
WASH												
PUR												
STAN												
vs. NAVY												
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	6	5	23	2	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	0

Opponent Red Zone Efficiency: 5 of 6 (.833) / Touchdown Efficiency: 2 of 6 (.333)

Third-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Anthony Fasano	0	2	2
Ryan Grant	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	1	1
Brady Quinn	1	0	1
Jeff Samardzija	0	3	3
Matt Shelton	0	1	1
Maurice Stovall	0	2	2
Darius Walker	2	0	2
Totals	4	9	13

ND on 3rd down: 13-44 (.295)

Fourth-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Brady Quinn	2	0	2
Totals	2	0	2

ND on 4th down: 2-4 (.500)

NOTRE DAME VS. WASHINGTON

2004 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	21-11-0	47-26-0-265-1	68-276	15-3-9-3	2-1	26:28
@ BYU	35-22-1	33-22-1-263-1	68-285	13-2-10-1	3-1	33:32
@ Notre Dame	40-135-2	21-10-3-178-2	61-313	13-7-6-0	2-1	27:22
Michigan	30-56-0	40-25-1-240-1	70-296	15-6-8-1	2-2	32:38
Notre Dame	48-173-2	24-11-1-215-1	72-388	19-11-8-0	2-2	34:01
@ Michigan State	35-165-1	34-15-3-176-0	69-341	18-10-8-0	5-3	25:59
@ Notre Dame						
Washington						
@ Notre Dame						
Purdue						
@ Notre Dame						
Stanford						
Notre Dame						
vs. Navy						
@ Notre Dame						
Boston College						
Notre Dame						
@ Tennessee						
@ Notre Dame						
Pittsburgh						
Notre Dame						
@ USC						

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
@BYU	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	L, 17-20
UM	2	1	3	1	3	4	-1	W, 28-20
@MSU	3	3	6	2	1	3	+3	W, 31-24
WASH								
PUR								
STAN								
vs. NAVY								
BC								
@TENN								
PITT								
@USC								
Totals	6	5	11	4	4	8	+3	2-1

Turnover Analysis

11 opponent turnovers led to 38 of 76 (.500) Notre Dame points (5 TD/5 PAT/1 FG)
 8 Notre Dame turnovers led to 9 of 64 (.141) opponent points (0 TD/0 PAT/3 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Drives Started	46	47
Cumulative Starting Yardline	1,581	1,433
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 34	own 30
Drives Started in Plus Territory	27	31
Scores (TD/FG)	9 (8/1)	9 (3/6)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	8/2/1	14/0/1
Turnovers/End of Half	6/1	6/1
Drives Started at/inside own 20	19	16
Scores (TD/FG)	1 (0/1)	2 (1/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	16/0/0	8/0/0
Turnovers/End of Half	2/0	5/1

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Anthony Fasano	0	3	3
Marcus Freeman	0	2	2
Ryan Grant	5	0	5
Rhema McKnight	0	3	3
Brady Quinn	2	0	2
Jeff Samardzija	0	4	4
Matt Shelton	0	4	4
Maurice Stovall	0	6	6
Travis Thomas	0	1	1
Darius Walker	12	0	12
Marcus Wilson	2	0	2
Penalty			3
Team Totals	21	23	47

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2004 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Grant	Powers-Neal	Quinn	T.Thomas	Walker	Wilson	TOTAL
@BYU	DNP	1-0-0	5-(-13)-0	6-2-0	DNP	9-22-0	21-11-0
Michigan	4-9-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	DNP	31-115-2	3-4-0	40-135-2
@Michigan State	11-66-1	1-0-0	4-1-1	5-10-0	26-98-0	0-0-0	48-173-2
Washington							
Purdue							
Stanford							
vs. Navy							
Boston College							
@Tennessee							
Pittsburgh							
@USC							

PASSING

(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD)	Dillingham	Quinn	TOTAL
@BYU	DNP	47-26-0-265-1	47-26-0-265-1
Michigan	DNP	20-10-3-178-2	21-10-3-178-2
@Michigan State	DNP	24-11-1-215-1	24-11-1-215-1
Washington			
Purdue			
Stanford			
vs. Navy			
Boston College			
@Tennessee			
Pittsburgh			
@USC			

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Fasano	Freeman	Holiday	McKnight	Powers-Neal	Samardzija	Shelton	Stovall	TOTAL
@BYU	4-60-0	3-28-0	0-0-0	8-92-1	4-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-23-0	26-265-1
Michigan	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-42-0	1-8-1	0-0-0	1-46-1	5-82-0	10-178-2
@Michigan State	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-65-0	3-123-1	2-17-0	11-215-1
Washington									
Purdue									
Stanford									
vs. Navy									
Boston College									
@Tennessee									
Pittsburgh									
@USC									

FIELD GOALS

(x-missed FG)	@BYU	UM	@MSU	WASH	PUR	STAN	v. NAVY	BC	@TENN	PITT	USC
Fitzpatrick	21	None	37x, 23								

NOTRE DAME VS. WASHINGTON

2004 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

TACKLES

(UT-AT-TT-TFL-FR-INT-PBU-SK)

	@BYU	UM	@MSU	WASH	PUR	STAN	vs. NAVY
Abiamiri	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Budinscak	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-1-1-0-0-1				
Burrell	4-2-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-1-0-0-0				
Campbell	7-1-8-1-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-1-0-0-0-0				
Curry	2-4-6-2-1-0-0-1	2-4-6-1-0-0-0-1	4-0-4-1-0-1-0-0				
Ellick	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-1-1-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0				
Frome	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Goolsby	2-9-11-1-0-0-1-0	7-7-14-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-0-0-2-0				
Hoyte	5-1-6-2-0-0-0-1	3-6-9-1-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-0-0-0-0				
Jackson	0-3-3-0-1-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0				
Landri	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-2-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-1-0				
Laws	3-2-5-1-0-0-0-1	2-2-4-1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0				
Leitko	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Mays	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Parish	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Pauly	2-3-5-2-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Tuck	1-4-5-2-0-0-0-2	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-1	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Zbikowski	3-2-5-2-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	6-3-9-0-1-1-0-0				

TACKLES

(UT-AT-TT-TFL-FR-INT-PBU-SK)

	BC	@TENN	PITT	USC
Abiamiri				
Budinscak				
Burrell				
Campbell				
Curry				
Ellick				
Frome				
Goolsby				
Hoyte				
Jackson				
Landri				
Laws				
Leitko				
Mays				
Parish				
Pauly				
Tuck				
Zbikowski				

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2004 Notre Dame Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
@ BYU	2	0:00/D.J. Fitzpatrick 21 field goal	10p, 77yd, 1:34
	3	4:24/Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 54yd, 0:13
	4	8:19/Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
Michigan	3	11:02/Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 61yd, 1:14
	4	13:48/Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 29yd, 1:42
	4	11:23/Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 5yd, 0:06
	4	5:49/Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 40yd, 2:13
@ Michigan State	1	4:42/Brady Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 13yd, 3:37
	1	0:07/Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	2	8:52/Matt Shelton 35 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 59yd, 1:10
	3	5:39/Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 75yd, 2:56
4	0:57/D.J. Fitzpatrick 23 field goal	7p, 40yd, 2:32	

Goin' The Distance

ND plays covering 25+ yards this season

Opp	Player(s)	dist	play
@BYU	Chase Anastasio	40	KR
	Rhema McKnight	54*	rec
	Anthony Fasano	27	rec
	Preston Jackson	38*	INT
UM	Maurice Stovall	49	rec
	Matt Shelton	46*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	27	rec
@MSU	Tom Zbikowski	75*	FR
	Matt Shelton	53	rec
	Matt Shelton	35*	rec
	Derek Curry	35	INT
	Mike Richardson	32	INT
	Matt Shelton	35	rec
	Jeff Samardzija	31	rec

** - scoring play / KR - kickoff return / PR - punt return / BPR - blocked punt return / INT - interception return / FR - fumble return*

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2004 Opponent Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
@ BYU	1	9:47/Naufahu Tahi 5 run (Payne kick)	6p, 75yd, 1:58
	1	1:31/Matt Payne 44 field goal	8p, 29yd, 3:24
	2	1:34/Matt Payne 53 field goal	4p, (-4)yd, 2:04
	3	7:47/Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick)	4p, 62yd, 1:27
Michigan	1	8:29/Garrett Rivas 38 field goal	7p, 17yd, 2:37
	1	0:11/Garrett Rivas 33 field goal	13p, 41yd, 5:58
	2	0:00/Garrett Rivas 22 field goal	9p, 75yd, 3:52
	3	5:57/Garrett Rivas 47 field goal	7p, 14yd, 2:38
@Michigan State	4	2:27/Steve Breaston 25 pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick)	7p, 80yd, 1:13
	1	12:18/Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	3	5:28/DeAndra Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	4	14:55/Dave Rayner 46 field goal	8p, 31yd, 3:38
	4	0:09/Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick)	8p, 63yd, 0:41

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Rushing Yards

17. Tony Fisher (1998-01)	1,849
18. Jim Crowley (1922-24)	1,841
19. Christie Flanagan (1925-27)	1,822
20. Ricky Watters (1987-90)	1,814
-- Ryan Grant (2001-present)	1,780

Pass Completions

7. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	290
8. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	268
9. Tom Clements (1972-74)	265
10. Ralph Guglielmi (1951-54)	209
-- Brady Quinn (2003-present)	204

Pass Attempts

5. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	550
6. Jarious Jackson (1996-99)	536
7. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	515
8. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	509
-- Brady Quinn (2003-present)	423

Passing Yardage

7. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	4,121
8. Blair Kiel (1980-83)	3,650
9. Tom Clements (1972-74)	3,594
10. Ralph Guglielmi (1951-54)	3,117
-- Brady Quinn (2003-present)	2,489

Passing Yards Per Game

1. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	172.7 (7,602/44)
2. Brady Quinn (2003-pres.)	165.9 (2,489/15)
3. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	159.7 (4,152/26)
4. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	155.4 (6,527/42)
5. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	152.6 (4,121/27)

Pass Receptions

3. Tim Brown (1984-87)	137
4. Derrick Mayes (1992-95)	129
5. Ken MacAfee (1974-77)	128
6. Tony Hunter (1979-82)	120
-- Rhema McKnight (2002-present)	67
-- Maurice Stovall (2002-present)	50

Field Goals Made

3. (tie) Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	39
(tie) Dave Reeve (1974-77)	39
5. Mike Johnston (1982-83)	31
6. Jim Sanson (1996-99)	28
7. Harry Oliver (1980-81)	24
-- D.J. Fitzpatrick (2002-present)	14

The Last Time It Happened ...

NOTRE DAME ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards: at Boston College, 1996 (426)
 Had 300 or more yards: at Stanford, 2003 (320)
 Had 70 or more rushing attempts: vs. Michigan State, 1991 (76)
 Had 60 or more rushing attempts: vs. West Virginia, 2001 (69)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts: at Stanford, 2003 (50)
 Had six or more rush TDs: vs. Navy, 1996 (6)
 Had five or more rush TDs: at USC, 2000 (5)
 Had four or more rush TDs: at Stanford, 2003 (4)
 Had two players with 100 rush yards in a game: vs. Stanford, 2002
 (Rashon Powers-Neal 108, Ryan Grant 103)

PASSING

Had 500 or more yards: at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 400 or more yards: at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 300 or more yards: at Boston College, 2003 (350)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts: at BYU, 2004 (47)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts: at BYU, 2004 (47)
 Had 25 or more pass completions: at BYU, 2004 (26)
 Had 20 or more pass completions: at BYU, 2004 (26)
 Had five passing TDs: vs. Rutgers, 1996 (5)
 Had four passing TDs: vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4)
 Had three passing TDs: vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4)
 Had five passes intercepted: vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four passes intercepted: at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted: vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game: at Purdue, 1977
 (Kris Haines 120, Ken MacAfee 114)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game: at Purdue, 2003
 (Maurice Stovall, 171)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game: vs. Navy, 1999
 (Jarious Jackson 200 passing, Julius Jones 146 rushing)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game: ... at Air Force, 2002
 (Arnaz Battle 112 receiving, Ryan Grant 190 rushing)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense: vs. Washington, 1996 (650)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense: at Stanford, 2003 (512)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense: at Stanford, 2003 (512)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense: at Purdue, 2003 (87)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense: at Purdue, 2003 (87)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points: vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50 or more points: at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40 or more points: at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 30 or more points: at Michigan State, 2004 (31)
 Allowed 60 or more points: Never
 Allowed 50 or more points: at Miami (FL), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40 or more points: vs. USC, 2003 (45)
 Allowed 30 or more points: at Syracuse, 2003 (38)
 Was held scoreless: vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home: vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road: at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless: vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home: vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road: at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site: vs. Maryland
 (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season: 2002 vs. Maryland (22-0),
 vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season: 1976 vs. Purdue (23-0), at
 Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season: 1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season: 1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs. North
 Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0), vs.
 Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season: 1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover: vs. Navy, 2003
 Committed six or more turnovers: vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
 Committed five or more turnovers: vs. Boston College, 2002 (5)
 Committed four or more fumbles lost: vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
 Committed three or more fumbles lost: vs. Washington State (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways: at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five or more takeaways: at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs: vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
 (Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD: at BYU, 2004 (1)
 (Preston Jackson, 38 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD: at Michigan State, 2004 (1)
 (Tom Zbikowski - 75 yards)

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DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards: at BYU, 2004 (22)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards: vs. Navy, 2003 (46)
Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense: . vs. Michigan, 2004 (296)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense: at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)
Intercepted five or more passes: vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
Intercepted four or more passes: vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes: at Michigan State, 2004 (3)
Scored a safety: at Stanford, 2003
Recorded nine or more sacks: vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
Recorded eight or more sacks: vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded seven or more sacks: vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded six or more sacks: vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded five or more sacks: at BYU, 2004 (5)
Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs: at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD: vs. Purdue, 2002
(Vontez Duff, 33 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD: at Boston College, 2003
(Carlos Campbell, 25 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD: vs. Navy, 2002
(Vontez Duff, 92 yards)
Blocked a punt: vs. Michigan, 2004
Punted 10 or more times: at BYU, 2004 (11)
Did not punt: vs. Pittsburgh, 1993
Blocked a field goal: vs. Stanford, 2002
Had a field goal blocked: vs. Navy, 2002
Blocked a PAT kick: vs. LSU, 1998
Scored on a blocked PAT attempt: vs. Texas, 1995
Missed a kicking PAT: vs. Boston College, 1999
Had a kicking PAT blocked: at Stanford, 2003
Had a punt blocked: at BYU, 2004

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs: vs. Washington, 1996 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs: at Stanford, 2003 (20)
Was not penalized: at LSU, 1997
Had 10 or more penalties: vs. Washington State, 2003 (10)
Had 120 or more yards in penalties: at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time: vs. BYU, 2003 (36:56)
Was involved in a tie game: at USC, 1994 (17-17)
Was involved in an overtime game: .. vs. Washington State, 2003 (W, 29-26)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards: Never
Rushed for 250 or more yards: Julius Jones, at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)

Rushed for 200 or more yards: Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 175 or more yards: Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 150 or more yards: Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 125 or more yards: Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 100 or more yards: Darius Walker, vs. Michigan, 2004 (115)
Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards: Carlyle Holiday
. at Boston College, 2001 (109)
Rushed 40 or more times: Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)
Rushed 35 or more times: Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (35)
Rushed 30 or more times: Darius Walker, vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)
Rushed 25 or more times: Darius Walker, at Michigan State, 2004 (26)
Rushed for four or more TDs: Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
Rushed for three or more TDs: Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (3)
Rushed for two or more TDs: Darius Walker, vs. Michigan, 2004 (2)
Had a run of 80 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 70 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 60 yards or more: Carlyle Holiday vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (67)
Had a run of 50 yards or more: Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards: Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
Passed for 400 or more yards: Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
Passed for 300 or more yards: ... Brady Quinn at Boston College, 2003 (350)
Attempted 50 or more passes: Brady Quinn vs. Florida State, 2003 (52)
Attempted 40 or more passes: Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (47)
Attempted 30 or more passes: Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (47)
Completed 20 or more passes: Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (26)
Threw five or more TDs: Never
Threw four or more TDs: Carlyle Holiday vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4)
Threw five or more interceptions: Before 1975
Threw four or more interceptions: Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)
Threw three or more interceptions: Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more: Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more: Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more: .. Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2003 (65)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more: .. Brady Quinn at Mich. St., 2004 (53)

RECEIVING

Caught 15 or more passes: Never
Caught 10 or more passes: Amaz Battle vs. North Carolina State,
2003 Gator Bowl (10)
Caught seven or more passes: Rhema McKnight at BYU, 2004 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving: Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 175 or more yards receiving: Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 150 or more yards receiving: Maurice Stovall at Purdue, 2003 (171)
Had 100 or more yards receiving: ... Matt Shelton at Michigan St., 2004 (123)
Caught three or more TDs: Tom Gatewood vs. Purdue, 1970 (3)
Caught two or more TDs: Amaz Battle vs. Rutgers, 2002 (2)

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TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500 or more yards total offense: Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
Had 400 or more yards total offense: Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
Had 100 yards both passing and rushing: Jarious Jackson
vs. Oklahoma, 1999 (276 passing, 107 rushing)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns: Carlyle Holiday
vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns: Carlyle Holiday
vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes: Shane Walton vs. Maryland, 2002 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes: Gerome Sapp at Michigan St., 2002 (2)
Recovered three or more fumbles: Never
Recovered two or more fumbles: Gerome Sapp vs. Navy, 2001 (2)
Recorded 15 or more tackles: ... Courtney Watson at Michigan St., 2002 (15)
Recorded 10 or more tackles: Mike Goolsby vs. Michigan, 2004 (14)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15 or more points kicking: D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
Scored 10 or more points kicking: D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
Kicked five or more field goals: Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State (5)
Kicked four or more field goals: D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (4)
Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards: Never
Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards: Nicholas Setta
vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)
Kicked a punt 70 or more yards: Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 Cotton Bowl (71)
Kicked a punt 60 or more yards: Joey Hildbold vs. Purdue, 2000 (63)
Punted 10 or more times: D.J. Fitzpatrick at BYU, 2004 (10)
Totaled 175 or more kick return yards: Raghil Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)
Totaled 100 or more punt return yards: Joey Getherall
at West Virginia, 2000 (122)

AN OPPOSING TEAM ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards: Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)
Had 300 or more yards: Stanford, 1997 (322)
Had 50 or more rushing attempts: Navy, 2003 (53)
Had five or more rush TDs: Stanford, 1990 (5)
Had four or more rush TDs: Michigan, 2003 (4)
Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game: Stanford, 1997
(Anthony Bookman 142, Mike Mitchell 135)

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards: USC, 2002 (425)
Had 300 or more yards: Florida State, 2003 (325)
Had 60 or more pass attempts: Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Had 50 or more pass attempts: Purdue, 2001 (52)
Had 40 or more pass attempts: Michigan, 2004 (40)
Had 30 or more pass completions: USC, 2002 (32)
Had five or more passing TDs: Never
Had four or more passing TDs: USC, 2003 (4)
Had three or more passing TDs: Florida State, 2003 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game: USC, 2003
(Mike Williams, 112, Keary Colbert, 120)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense: USC, 2002 (610)
Had 500 or more yards total offense: USC, 2003 (551)
Had 400 or more yards total offense: Florida State, 2003 (425)
Had 80 or more plays: USC, 2003 (81)
Had 70 or more plays: Syracuse, 2003 (72)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points: Never
Scored 50 or more points: Miami (FL), 1985 (58)
Scored 40 or more points: USC, 2003 (45)
Scored 30 or more points: Syracuse, 2003 (38)
Scored a two-point conversion: Michigan, 2004

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover: Purdue, 2003
Had three or more fumbles lost: Michigan State, 2004 (3)
Intercepted five or more passes: USC, 1967 (7)
Intercepted four or more passes: Purdue, 2003 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes: Michigan, 2004 (3)
Returned an interception for a TD: Florida State, 2003
(Leroy Smith, 90 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD: Air Force, 2002
(Marchello Graddy, 21 yards)

DEFENSE

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs: Michigan, 2003 (7)
Scored a safety: LSU, 1998
Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards: BYU, 2004 (11)
Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards: Michigan, 2004 (178)
Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards: Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)
Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense: BYU, 2004 (276)
Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense: Michigan, 2003 (140)

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SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD: Purdue, 2002 (Anthony Chambers - 76 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD: Michigan State, 2004
(Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD: .. Michigan St., 2004 (DeAndra Cobb - 89 yards)
Punted 10 or more times: Rutgers, 2002 (10)
Did not punt: Miami (Fla.), 1985
Missed a kicking PAT: Washington State, 2003

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs: USC, 2002 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs: Syracuse, 2003 (21)
Had 10 or more penalties: Washington State, 2003 (13)
Had 100 or more yards in penalties: Washington State, 2003 (118)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time: Michigan, 2003 (37:47)
Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher: Syracuse, 2003
(Johnnie Morant, 103 receiving, Walter Reyes, 189 rushing)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards: Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)
Rushed for 200 or more yards: Rondell Mealey, LSU
1997 Independence Bowl (222)
Rushed for 150 or more yards: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (189)
Rushed for 100 or more yards: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (189)
Rushed 40 or more times: Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)
Rushed 30 or more times: Chris Perry, Michigan, 2003 (31)
Rushed 25 or more times: Chris Perry, Michigan, 2003 (31)
Rushed for five or more TDs: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Rushed for four or more TDs: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Rushed for three or more TDs: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Rushed for two or more TDs: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Had a run of 80 yards or more: ... Sherman Lewis, Michigan State, 1963 (85)
Had a run of 70 yards or more: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
Had a run of 60 yards or more: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
Had a run of 50 yards or more: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards: Never
Passed for 400 or more yards: Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (425)
Passed for 300 or more yards: Chris Rix, Florida State, 2003 (327)
Attempted 60 or more passes: Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Attempted 50 or more passes: Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2001 (52)
Attempted 40 or more passes: Chad Henne, Michigan, 2004 (40)
Completed 30 or more passes: Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
Completed 20 or more passes: Chad Henne, Michigan, 2004 (25)
Threw four or more TDs: Matt Leinart, USC, 2003 (4)
Threw three or more TDs: Chris Rix, Florida State, 2003 (3)

Completed a pass of 80 yards or more: Bill Burke, Michigan St., 1999 (80)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more: Brian St. Pierre,
Boston College, 2001 (70)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more: Brian St. Pierre,
Boston College, 2001 (70)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more: John Beck, BYU, 2004 (50)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes: Braylon Edwards, Michigan, 2004 (12)
Caught seven or more passes: Braylon Edwards, Michigan, 2004 (12)
Had 200 or more yards receiving: Craphonso Thorpe
Florida State, 2003 (217)
Had 150 or more yards receiving: Craphonso Thorpe
Florida State, 2003 (217)
Had 100 or more yards receiving: ... Braylon Edwards, Michigan, 2004 (129)
Caught three or more TD passes: Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 1995 (3)
Caught two or more TD passes: . Craphonso Thorpe, Florida State, 2003 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns: Walter Reyes
Syracuse, 2003, (5 rushing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns: Walter Reyes
Syracuse, 2003, (5 rushing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes: Rod Johnson, North Carolina State
2003 Gator Bowl (3)
Intercepted two or more passes: Rod Johnson, North Carolina State
2003 Gator Bowl (3)
Recorded three or more sacks: Ennis Davis, USC, 1999 (3)
Recorded two or more sacks: Alonzo Jackson, Florida State, 2002 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals: Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards: Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards: .. Brandon Fields, Michigan St., 2004 (79)
Totaled 100 or more kick return yards: DeAndra Cobb
Michigan State, 2004 (152)

2004 NOTRE DAME BOX SCORES

Game 1

Notre Dame	17
BYU	20

LaVell Edwards Stadium
Sept. 4, 2004

PROVO, Utah — Brigham Young held off a late push by Notre Dame for a 20-17 victory in the season opener for both teams. Matt Berry passed for 167 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown pass and a clutch 37-yard completion in the final minutes to Todd Watkins, after relieving BYU starter John Beck in the second quarter.

The Fighting Irish were about to get a final chance with BYU facing a third-and-8 play from its own 25. But Berry, who replaced injured starter John Beck in the second quarter, threw a long pass toward the Notre Dame sideline that Watkins leaped to pull in and give BYU a first down with 1:34 remaining. Watkins, a junior college transfer making his BYU debut, also caught a 50-yard pass from Beck to set up the Cougars' opening touchdown.

Notre Dame's Brady Quinn completed 26 of 47 passes for 265 yards, including a screen pass that Rhema McKnight took 54 yards for a touchdown. Preston Jackson returned an interception 38 yards in the fourth quarter to get the Irish within a field goal, but they had to punt on their last possession and the Cougars didn't give up the ball again.

McKnight had a career-high eight catches for 92 yards in the game as Quinn distributed completions to seven different receivers. Tight end Anthony Fasano added four catches for 60 yards for the Irish while full-back Rashon Powers-Neal caught four passes for 24 yards.

Berry, BYU's starter until breaking a bone in his hand early last season, completed 15 of 23 passes yards and an interception. He was shaky early in relief of Beck, who left in the second quarter after being leveled on an option play by Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte. X-rays on Beck were negative for any breaks, but he did not return.

The Cougars prevailed on a night when the most effective ways to move the ball were do anything but run with it. Only 22 of BYU's 285 yards came on the ground. The Fighting Irish had 21 carries for 11 yards on the ground. Matt Payne had field goals of 44 and 53 yards for BYU and his punting was clutch, pinning the Irish inside their own 15 all night and handcuffing the already struggling offense. Payne averaged 46.8 yards per kick even with a few short ones he tried to place in the corner.

BYU was the first to score when Fahu Tahī ran in from 5 yards out. The score was set up by Watkins, who was double covered and had his legs wrapped up but pulled in a 50-yard pass from Beck anyway. The Irish didn't score until late in the second quarter when Brady ran the hurry-up offense to get within range for D.J. Fitzpatrick's 21-yard field goal for Notre Dame's first points of the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	3	7	7	—	17
BYU	10	3	7	0	—	20

First Quarter

BYU - Naufahu Tahī 5 run (Matt Payne kick), 9:47

BYU - FG Payne 44, 1:31

Second Quarter

BYU - FG Payne 53, 1:34

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 21, 0:00

Third Quarter

BYU - Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick), 7:47

ND - Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:24

Fourth Quarter

ND - Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:19

Team Statistics	ND	BYU
First downs	13	
Rushes-yards	21-11	35-22
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	47-26-0	33-22-1
Passing yards	265	263
Total plays-yards	68-276	68-285
Kick returns-yards	3-51	6-63
Sacks by	5-36	3-22
Punts-average	11-40.8	9-46.8
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-yards	7-55	9-74
Third-down conversions	3-16	7-19
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	1-2
Time of possession	26:28	33:32

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Marcus Wilson 9-22; Travis Thomas 6-2; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; Brady Quinn 5-(-13).

BYU: Naufahu Tahī 12-31; Curtis Brown 12-15; John Beck 3-12; TEAM 2-(-2); Austin Collie 1-(-3); Matt Berry 5-(-31).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 47-26-0-265-1.

BYU: Matt Berry 23-15-1-167-1; John Beck 10-7-0-96-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Rhema McKnight 8-92; Anthony Fasano 4-60; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-24; Marcus Freeman 3-28; Maurice Stovall 3-23; Travis Thomas 2-28; Jeff Jenkins 2-10.

BYU: Todd Watkins 5-115; Curtis Brown 5-15; Austin Collie 3-54; Naufahu Tahī 3-31; David Coats 2-32; Jason Kukahiko 2-14; Dennis Pitta 1-4; Chris Hale 1-(-2).

Attendance - 65,251 (c)

Game 2

#8/7 Michigan	20
Notre Dame	28

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 11, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Freshman running back Darius Walker ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns as Notre Dame pulled off a 28-20 upset of No. 8/7 Michigan, which self-destructed in the second half.

Walker's first score from six yards out gave the Irish (1-1) their first lead, 14-12, just over a minute into the fourth quarter. After a blocked punt on Michigan's next possession, Walker scampered five yards around left end to extend the lead to 21-12.

"This was a big win. Any time you knock off a top 10 team, it's a big win," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said. "This was just one game, though. I can't get ahead of myself; I won't let my team get ahead of itself. Today was fantastic; tomorrow we start over again."

Walker finished with 115 yards on 31 carries, becoming the first Notre Dame freshman to top the 100-yard mark since Julius Jones in 1999. He also was the first Irish rookie running back to score twice since Jerome Heavens in 1975.

"(Running backs coach) Buzz Preston and I talked during the week. We wanted to get him in the first quarter, but we didn't know how many carries he would get," Willingham said. "He gave us a spark. The right person at the right time can give you that spark that everyone feeds off of."

Michigan (1-1) was undone by miscues in the second half, turning the ball over three times in addition to the blocked punt. The Wolverines also were unable to establish their running game, gaining just 55 yards on 28 carries.

The Wolverines held a 9-0 lead at the half as Garrett Rivas connected on field goals of 38, 33 and 22 yards. Notre Dame got on the board in the third period when Brady Quinn, who completed 10-of-20 passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns, hit Matt Shelton with a 46-yard scoring strike. Rivas' fourth field goal from 47 yards gave Michigan a 12-7 lead heading into the final period.

Michigan freshman Chad Henne was 25-of-40 for 240 yards and a touchdown to Steve Breaston with 2:27 to play. Henne found Breaston for the two-point conversion to provide the final margin.

The loss was Michigan's third straight at Notre Dame Stadium. The Wolverines have not won at Notre Dame Stadium since 1994. The Wolverines hold an 18-13-1 all-time lead in the series but are just 4-8-1 since 1987, including 1-5-1 at Notre Dame.

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan	6	3	3	8	—	20
Notre Dame	0	0	7	21	—	28

First Quarter

UM - FG Garrett Rivas 38, 8:29

UM - FG Rivas 33, 0:11

Second Quarter

UM - FG Rivas 22, 0:00

Third Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 11:02

UM - FG Rivas 47, 5:57

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:48

ND - Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:23

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:49

UM - Steve Breaston 25 pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick), 2:27

Team Statistics	UM	ND
First downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	30-56	40-135
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-25-1	21-10-3
Passing yards	240	178
Total plays-yards	70-296	61-313
Kick returns-yards	5-94	12-162
Sacks by	0-0	2-18
Punts-average	8-38.4	7-37.6
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-50	5-49
Third-down conversions	6-18	3-12
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-1
Time of possession	32:38	27:22

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

UM: Jerome Jackson 15-32; Pierre Rembert 4-23; Michael Hart 5-17; Kevin Dudley 1-4; David Underwood 1-0; Steve Breaston 1-(-4); Chad Henne 3-(-16).

ND: Darius Walker 31-115; Ryan Grant 4-9; Brady Quinn 2-7; Marcus Wilson 3-4.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

UM: Chad Henne 40-25-1-240-1.

ND: Brady Quinn 20-10-3-178-2; Marcus Wilson 1-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

UM: Braylon Edwards 12-129; Steve Breaston 5-42; Jason Avant 3-30; Tim Massaquoi 1-11; Tyler Ecker 1-9; Kevin Dudley 1-9; Michael Hart 1-8; Pierre Rembert 1-2.

ND: Maurice Stovall 5-82; Rhema McKnight 3-42; Matt Shelton 1-46; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME BOX SCORES

Game 3

Notre Dame 31
Michigan State 24

Spartan Stadium
Sept. 18, 2004

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Irish safety Tom Zbikowski returned a fumble 75 yards for a touchdown and had an interception that set up another score for Notre Dame, which forced six turnovers and beat Michigan State 31-24. The Fighting Irish (2-1) got three interceptions and recovered three fumbles in their second straight victory.

Zbikowski's interception of Stephen Reaves' pass led to a 13-yard scoring drive for the Irish that was capped by a fourth-down, 1-yard bootleg by quarterback Brady Quinn to tie the game at 7. Zbikowski struck again on the next possession. He read a Michigan State option play and stripped running back Jason Teague of the ball, then raced the length of the field for a 14-7 lead.

Michigan State scored early in the first quarter on a blocked punt by Marshall Campbell. The punt was recovered in the end zone by Jerramy Scott to give Michigan State a 7-0 lead. But the Spartans couldn't keep the momentum, committing four first-half turnovers. Reaves, a freshman, was benched at halftime after throwing three interceptions. He was 7-for-20 for 66 yards.

The Irish had several scoring opportunities in the first half and extended their lead to 21-7 midway through the second period on a 59-yard, three-play drive capped by a 35-yard pass from Quinn to wide receiver Matt Shelton. Shelton finished with three catches for 123 yards and a touchdown.

An impressive 75-yard drive in the third period extended the Irish lead to 28-7. Notre Dame used seven consecutive running plays to reach the end zone. Grant started the drive with a 16-yard run before Walker carried four consecutive times for a total of 45 yards, including runs of 16 and 19 yards. Grant then returned to finish off the march with runs of nine and six yards, scoring from the six with 5:39 left in the third period.

That 21-point lead was short-lived as DeAndra Cobb returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for a Spartan touchdown. The Spartans followed with a 31-yard march to a field goal on their next possession to cut the lead to 28-17 and MSU threatened to make another charge in the fourth period by marching 85 yards to the Irish one-yard line before Notre Dame's Corey Mays forced a fumble by MSU tailback Jahuu Caulcrick that Quentin Burrell recovered in the end zone.

An exchange of fumbles preceded Notre Dame's clinching score, a 23-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick with 57 seconds remaining for a 31-17 Irish lead. Reaves' replacement, sophomore Drew Stanton, led the Spartans to their only offensive TD with 9 seconds left in the game. Stanton ran in from 4 yards out.

The Irish had enough on offense to secure the victory, running for 173 yards. Ryan Grant had 66 yards on 11 carries, including a 6-yard touchdown. Quinn was 11-of-24

passing for 215 yards, including the 35-yard scoring pass to Shelton.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham, a 1977 Michigan State graduate, improved to 2-1 against his alma mater as Irish coach. He is 3-1 all-time against the Spartans, including a win while at Stanford. Michigan State had dominated the recent series against the Irish, winning six of the previous seven.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	14	7	7	3	—	31
Michigan State	7	0	7	10	—	24

First Quarter

MSU - Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Dave Rayner kick), 12:18

ND - Brady Quinn 1 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 4:42

ND - Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:07

Second Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 35 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:52

Third Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:39

MSU - DeAndra Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick), 5:28

Fourth Quarter

MSU - FG Rayner 46, 14:55

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 23, 0:57

MSU - Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick), 0:09

Team Statistics

	ND	MSU
First downs	19	18
Rushes-yards	48-173	35-165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-11-1	34-15-3
Passing yards	215	176
Total plays-yards	72-388	69-341
Kick returns-yards	5-73	10-212
Sacks by	1-4	2-11
Punts-average	6-33.3	5-44.8
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-yards	4-22	3-20
Third-down conversions	7-16	4-14
Fourth-down conversions	1-1	0-0
Time of possession	34:01	25:59

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Darius Walker 26-98; Ryan Grant 11-66; Travis Thomas 5-10; Brady Quinn 4-1; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; TEAM 1-(-2).

MSU: Jahuu Caulcrick 15-85; Drew Stanton 8-49; Jason Teague 6-21; Matt Trannon 1-12; DeAndra Cobb 3-3; Stephen Reaves 1-(-1); TEAM 1-(-4).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 24-11-1-215-1.
MSU: Stephen Reaves 20-7-3-66-0; Drew Stanton 12-8-0-110-0; TEAM 2-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Jeff Samardzija 4-65; Matt Shelton 3-123; Maurice Stovall 2-17; Chris Vaughn 1-7; Darius Walker 1-3.

MSU: Jason Teague 4-14; Jerramy Scott 3-71; Kyle Brown 3-43; Matt Trannon 2-27; Agim Shabaj 2-14; Eric Knott 1-7.

Attendance - 74,962 (c)