



Notre Dame vs. Army November 20, 2010 Fighting Irish Post Game Notes



TONIGHT'S VICTORY

- ▶ Gives Notre Dame a record of 6-5 for the third consecutive year.
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 16-6-3 (.700) all-time at Yankee Stadium (first meeting in New Yankee Stadium).
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 177-62-2 (.739) overall, 59-27 (.686) at the FBS level and 39-11 (.780) over the last four seasons.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 38-8-4 (.800) in the all-time series with Army.
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 23-5-3 (.790) in the all-time series with the Black Knights on a neutral field.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 20-5-3 (.768) in the all-time series with Army in the New York Metropolitan area.
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 15-5-3 (.717) in the all-time series with the Black Knights at Yankee Stadium (first meeting in New Yankee Stadium).
- ▶ Improves an unranked Notre Dame squad (post 1936) to 4-0-0 (1.000) all-time against Army.
- ▶ Improves an unranked Irish squad (post 1936) to 3-0-0 (1.000) all-time against the Black Knights on a neutral field.
- ▶ Improves an unranked Notre Dame squad (post 1936) to 3-0-0 (1.000) all-time against an unranked Army squad.
- ▶ Improves an unranked Irish squad (post 1936) to 3-0-0 (1.000) all-time against the Black Knights when also unranked on a neutral field.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 131-26-5 (.824) all-time against the Service Academies (Army, Air Force and Navy).
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 68-12-4 (.833) all-time against the Service Academies on a neutral field.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 87-16-5 (.829) all-time against the Service Academies away from South Bend, Ind.
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 843-295-42 (.732) all-time in school history.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 109-36-6 (.742) all-time in neutral site games.

THE 2010 CAPTAINS

▶ Junior WR **Michael Floyd** leads all Irish players with four selections. Senior S **Harrison Smith** has three selections, while senior RB **Armando Allen Jr.** and senior NG **Ian Williams** have been chosen on two separate occasions. The 2010 captains have been as follows:

Purdue: Michael Floyd, Darrin Walls

Michigan: Armando Allen Jr., Ethan Johnson

Michigan State: Kyle Rudolph, Ian Williams

Stanford: Chris Stewart, Ian Williams

Boston College: Armando Allen Jr., Harrison Smith

Pittsburgh: Kerry Neal, Trevor Robinson

Western Michigan: Dayne Crist, Gary Gray

Navy: Robert Blanton, Zack Martin

Tulsa: Michael Floyd, Manti Te'o

Utah: Michael Floyd, Harrison Smith

Army: Michael Floyd, Harrison Smith

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- ▶ Notre Dame won the coin toss and elected to receive. Army defended the goal to the North end zone.
- ▶ Notre Dame has opened each of its 11 games this season with the football.
- ▶ Captains for the game were junior WR **Michael Floyd** and senior S **Harrison Smith**.
- ▶ Official attendance was 54,251.
- ▶ Notre Dame took the opening kickoff and marched down the field, amounting 74 total yards, including 52 on the ground, but freshman QB **Tommy Rees** was intercepted in the end zone.
- ▶ Army answered with a 17-play, 78-yard drive that took 8:45 off the game clock, but resulted in a field goal. The Black Knights converted a quartet of third downs on the drive.
- ▶ Notre Dame amassed 51 yards rushing in the first quarter. The 51 yards on the ground in the opening quarter were the most by the Irish in a first quarter since Oct. 2 at Boston College when Notre Dame totaled 60 in the opening 15 minutes.
- ▶ Notre Dame totaled 262 yards (169 in the air and 93 on the ground) before halftime. The 262 yards are the most in a first-half this season for the Irish and second-most in any half this year (only bested by the 297 total from the second half against Michigan).
- ▶ Notre Dame's 38 carries were a season-high and most since 48 rushes against Washington State on Oct. 31, 2009.

DEFENSE FINALLY ON THE BOARD

▶ Notre Dame, specifically senior DB **Darrin Walls**, registered the first defensive touchdown by the Irish since Sept. 27, 2008 against Purdue (Robert Blanton had a 47-yard interception return for a TD versus the Boilermakers). Notre Dame had failed to record a defensive touchdown in the last 31 games.

MORE ON THE IRISH DEFENSE

- ▶ Notre Dame has now allowed just a pair of field goals (both on the opposition's opening drive) over the last two weeks against No. 15 Utah and Army. Notre Dame has surrendered just one offensive touchdown over its last three games.
- ▶ The Irish had not gone consecutive games without allowing a touchdown since Nov. 5 (Rice) and Nov. 19 (Penn State) of the 1988 season.
- ▶ Notre Dame has not allowed an offensive touchdown over the last 11 quarters. The last touchdown allowed by the Irish defense was following Tulsa's opening drive on Oct. 30.
- ▶ Notre Dame held Army without a touchdown for the first time in 2010. It was the first time the Black Knights failed to score a touchdown since Dec. 12, 2009 against Navy.
- ▶ Army came into today's game averaging 272.8 yards per game rushing, which ranked eighth in the FBS, and 4.7 yards per carry. The Irish limited the Black Knights to 135 yards rushing and only 3.1 per rush.
- ▶ The 135 yards on the ground for Army tonight was its fewest this season and fewest since the Black Knights managed just 110 against Navy on Dec. 12, 2009. Army's previous low total for rush yards was 233 yards.
- ▶ Army managed just 174 total yards, which was also a season-low for the Black Knights. Army's previous low total for offensive yards was 308 yards against Hawai'i on Sept. 11.
- ▶ The 174 total yards by the Black Knights is the fewest by an Irish opponent since Oct. 25, 2008 when Notre Dame limited the Huskies to 124 total yards.
- ▶ The Irish held Army to just eight first downs, including three after the Black Knights opening drive of the game. The eight first downs by a Notre Dame foe are the fewest since Maryland managed only eight first downs on Aug. 31, 2002. In fact, an Irish defense has not limited an opponent to fewer first downs since Rutgers registered six first downs on Nov. 23, 1996.
- ▶ Army amassed 61 yards rushing (14 carries) on its opening drive of the contest (which resulted in a field goal), but the Irish limited the Black Knights to just 26 yards on the ground the rest of the first half (11 carries). In fact, Army totaled 74 yards (29 carries) on the ground the rest of the game following the opening drive.
- ▶ Army's opening drive gain 88 yards on 17 plays. The Black Knights managed only 26 yards on their final 11 plays of the half. In fact, Army managed just 86 total yards (34 plays) the rest of the game following the opening drive.
- ▶ Army totaled just 39 yards passing. The 39 yards passing is the fewest by an Irish opponent since Oct. 24, 1998 against the Black Knights.

NOTRE DAME'S MASH UNIT

- ▶ The Irish have been beset by injuries in 2010. Notre Dame has undergone season-ending injuries to senior C **Dan Wenger** (before the season), junior QB **Dayne Crist** following the Tulsa game, junior TE **Kyle Rudolph** following the Pittsburgh game, senior RB **Armando Allen Jr.** following the Navy game, senior NG **Ian Williams** following the Navy game and possibly sophomore WR **Theo Riddick** following the Western Michigan game. The Irish also lost the services of junior WR **Michael Floyd** (vs. Navy), freshman WR TJ Jones (vs. Utah), junior RB **Jonas Gray** (vs. Boston College, vs. Pittsburgh, vs. Western Michigan, vs. Navy and vs. Tulsa), sophomore ILB **Carlo Calabrese** (vs. Tulsa, vs. Utah), senior OT **Taylor Dever** (at Boston College and vs. Pittsburgh) and junior S **Jamoris Slaughter** (vs. Michigan and Navy). Notre Dame even lost its starting short snapper for the remainder of the season when senior **Bill Flavin** suffered a broken ankle against Tulsa.
- ▶ On the offensive side of the ball against Army alone, Notre Dame played without Allen Jr., Crist, Riddick, Rudolph and Wenger.
- ▶ Riddick (38 rec., 406 yards, 3 TD), Rudolph (28 rec., 328 yards, 3 TD), and Allen (17 rec., 138 yards) entered this week's game against the Black Knights as three of the top five receivers for the Irish on the year. They have combined for 83 receptions, 872 yards and nine touchdowns. Rudolph has missed five games, Riddick has missed four games and Allen has missed three complete games and the majority of a third.
- ▶ Allen underwent season-ending surgery on a hip flexor. He leads the Irish in rushing with 514 yards on 107 carries and two touchdowns.
- ▶ Crist, who was lost for the season with a torn patella tendon just seven plays into the game against Tulsa, had thrown for 2,033 yards and 15 touchdowns prior to the injury.
- ▶ In all, Notre Dame's starting offense has lost a total of 18 games to injury this season (does not include Wenger).

NOTRE DAME IN NOVEMBER

- ▶ The Irish are 311-121-27 (.707) all-time in November.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 52-12-4 (.794) in November neutral games.
- ▶ The Irish are 20-6-4 (.733) against Army all-time in the month of November.

Michael Floyd, Jr., WR

- ▶ Floyd finished the game with 63 yards on three catches.
- ▶ Floyd hauled in a 33-yard reception in the first quarter. It moved him into sole possession of fifth place on the all-time Notre Dame receiving yards list. He passed Tom Gatewood (1969-71).

Receiving Yards - Career

1.	Golden Tate	2707 (2007-09)
2.	Jeff Samardzija	2593 (2003-06)
3.	Derrick Mayes	2512 (1992-95)
4.	Tim Brown	2493 (1984-87)
5.	Michael Floyd	2344 (2008-)
6.	Tom Gatewood	2283 (1969-71)
7.	Rhema McKnight	2277 (2002-06)
8.	Maurice Stovall	2195 (2002-05)
9.	Jim Seymour	2113 (1966-68)
10.	Tony Hunter	1897 (1979-82)

Receptions - Career

1.	Jeff Samardzija	179 (2003-06)
2.	Rhema McKnight	170 (2002-06)
3.	Golden Tate	157 (2007-09)
4.	Tom Gatewood	157 (1969-71)
5.	Michael Floyd	154 (2008-)
6.	Jim Seymour	138 (1966-68)
7.	Tim Brown	137 (1984-87)
8.	Maurice Stovall	130 (2002-05)
9.	Derrick Mayes	129 (1992-95)
10.	Ken MacAfee	128 (1974-77)

Tyler Eifert, So., TE

- ▶ Eifert recorded four catches for a career-best 78 yards and one touchdown.
- ▶ Eifert hauled in a 31-yard touchdown pass from freshman QB **Tommy Rees** to give the Irish a 17-3 lead with 8:01 remaining before halftime.
- ▶ The touchdown reception was his second of the season and career.
- ▶ Eifert also had a 35-yard grab to setup Hughes' one-yard touchdown that gave the Irish a 10-3 advantage.

Robert Hughes, Sr., RB

- ▶ Hughes scored a touchdown from one-yard out with 11:55 remaining in the second quarter to give the Irish a 10-3 advantage.
- ▶ The touchdown rush was Hughes' first of the season and 14th of his career. It was his first rushing touchdown since Nov. 7, 2009 against Navy.

Tommy Rees, Fr., QB

- ▶ Rees finished the game 13 of 20 for 214 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He has completed 13 of 20 passes each of the last two games. The 65.0% completion percentage is tied for the fourth-best ever by a Notre Dame freshman quarterback.

Completion Percentage (min. 15 attempts)

1.	Steve Beuerlein	.700 (14-20) at Penn State, Nov. 12, 1983
2.	Jimmy Clausen	.692 (18-26) at Purdue, Sept. 29, 2007
3.	Matt LoVecchio	.684 (13-19) vs. Rutgers, Nov. 18, 2000
4.	Tommy Rees	.650 (13-20) vs. Army, Nov. 20, 2010
	Tommy Rees	.650 (13-20) vs. Utah, Nov. 13, 2010
	Matt LoVecchio	.650 (13-20) vs. Navy, Oct. 14, 2000

- ▶ Rees connected with sophomore tight end **Tyler Eifert** on a 31-yard touchdown pass to give the Irish a 17-3 lead with 8:01 remaining before halftime.
- ▶ The touchdown pass was Rees' first of the game, eighth of the season and eighth of his career.
- ▶ Rees went 8-of-13 for 170 yards and one touchdown in the opening half.

David Ruffer, Sr., PK

- ▶ Ruffer connected on a 47-yard field goal with 2:10 remaining in the first quarter to tie the score, 3-3.
- ▶ Ruffer connected on a 39-yard field goal with 5:23 remaining in the third quarter to push the Irish lead to, 27-3.
- ▶ Ruffer has converted 20 consecutive field goals. The 20 straight field goals is the longest streak in school history, but even more amazing is the fact that the streak has opened Ruffer's collegiate kicking career. He is a perfect 20 of 20 on field goals since attempting his first career field goal against Pittsburgh last season.
- ▶ The 20 consecutive field goals to open a career is also a school record. Mike Johnston made the first 13 field goal attempts in his career (was the school record for consecutive field goals until sophomore PK **Nick Tausch** broke in 2009) during the 1982 season.

- ▶ Ruffer's 20 straight field goals is the longest active streak in the FBS. The NCAA record for consecutive field goals converted is 30 by Chuck Nelson of Washington in 1981-82. He also holds the NCAA record for consecutive field goals made in a single season (25, 1982).
- ▶ Ruffer's 15 straight field goals in one season is also an Irish school record.

Most Consecutive Field Goals - Season

1.	David Ruffer	15 (2010)
2.	Nick Tausch	14 (2009)
3.	Mike Johnston	13 (1982)

Most Consecutive Field Goals - Career

1.	David Ruffer (Pittsburgh 2009 - Current)	20
2.	Nick Tausch (Michigan 2009 - Washington State 2009)	14
3.	Mike Johnston (Michigan 1982 - Oregon 1982)	13
4.	John Carney (Navy 1984 - Michigan 1985)	10
5.	Nicholas Setta (USC 2000 - USC 2001)	9
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	D.J. Fitzpatrick (Navy 2003 - BYU 2004)	9

- ▶ Ruffer is the only kicker in the FBS still perfect through at least nine field goal attempts.
- ▶ Ruffer's 15 field goals this season rank fifth in single-season school history.

Field Goals - Season

1.	John Carney	21-28 (1986)
2.	Mike Johnson	19-22 (1982)
3.	Harry Oliver	18-23 (1980)
	John Carney	18-22 (1985)
5.	David Ruffer	15-15 (2010)
6.	Nick Tausch	14-17 (2009)
	Brandon Walker	14-24 (2008)
	Nicholas Setta	14-25 (2002)
9.	Mike Johnson	12-21 (1983)

Brian Smith, Sr., LB

- ▶ Smith recorded his first interception of the season and fourth of his career.

Darrin Walls, Sr., DB

- ▶ Walls picked off a pass and raced 42 yards for a touchdown with 14:00 remaining in the third quarter to extend the Irish lead to 24-3.
- ▶ The interception return for touchdown was Walls' second of his career. He recorded a 73-yard interception return for a touchdown at Penn State on Sept. 8, 2007.

Cierre Wood, So., RB

- ▶ Wood finished the evening with 88 yards rushing on 14 carries, good for 6.3 per rush.
- ▶ Wood registered 50 yards rushing on five carries during Notre Dame's opening drive of the game.