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NOTRE DAME

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NOTRE DAME (3-1)

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)	W, 38-3
Oct. 2	PURDUE (15/15) (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.

PURDUE (3-0)

Sept. 5	SYRACUSE (ABC)	W, 51-0
Sept. 11	BALL STATE	W, 58-7
Sept. 25	at Illinois (ESPN+)	W, 38-30
Oct. 2	at Notre Dame (NBC)	1:30 EST
Oct. 9	at Penn State (ESPN)	4:30 EDT
Oct. 16	WISCONSIN (ESPN/ESPN2)	4:30 EST
Oct. 23	MICHIGAN	TBA
Oct. 30	at Northwestern	TBA
Nov. 6	at Iowa	TBA
Nov. 13	OHIO STATE	TBA
Nov. 20	INDIANA	TBA

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish (3-1)

VS. (#15 AP/#15 ESPN/USA Today) **Purdue Boilermakers (3-0)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004 at 1:30 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 176th consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium (the first 130 coming at the old 59,075 capacity). The Purdue game marks the 224th home sellout in the last 225 games (dating back to 1964). It also is the 166th sellout in the last 190 Irish games and the 30th in the last 31 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), **David Gibson** (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 Purdue game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Purdue (www.purduesports.com) athletics web sites.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Purdue (www.purduesports.com).

IRISH CONTINUE THREE-GAME HOMESTAND WITH MATCHUP AGAINST #15 PURDUE

Fresh off its largest victory at home in nearly two years, Notre Dame (3-1) will look to keep its momentum going when it plays host to No. 15 Purdue Saturday at 1:30 p.m. (EST) at Notre Dame Stadium. The contest will be televised nationally by NBC, marking the 141st consecutive Irish football game to be broadcast across the country by one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN).

Behind a potent offense and an opportunistic defense, Notre Dame rolled to a 38-3 win over Washington last Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** etched his name in the Irish record books, tying the school record with four touchdown passes, three of which came in a 21-point first-quarter outburst. Senior wideout **Matt Shelton** also continued his strong play of late, catching a career-high four passes for 74 yards and two touchdowns, while junior tight end **Anthony Fasano** also snared a career-best two scoring passes.

On defense, the Irish turned in an aggressive, yet disciplined performance, forcing five turnovers and limiting the Huskies to a single field goal. In the past three games, the Notre Dame defense has registered 14 takeaways (3.5 per game) and has allowed only two offensive touchdowns, both of which came inside the final three minutes of the game after the outcome had been decided.

Purdue (3-0) has been sharp on both sides of the ball during the first month of the season. Led by quarterback **Kyle Orton**, the Boilermaker offense is ranked third in the nation, churning out more than 561 yards per game. Purdue also leads the country in scoring offense (49.33 ppg.) and Orton himself is second nationally in both pass efficiency (188.10) and total offense (344.33).

The Boilermakers are coming off a 38-30 win at Illinois in their Big Ten Conference opener last weekend. Orton completed 35 of 50 passes for 366 yards and four touchdowns, while rushing for a fifth score. Wide receiver **Taylor Stubblefield** was on the other end of 11 Orton passes, piling up 115 receiving yards and three touchdowns.



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. 28. 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 WDND-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	82	Matt Shelton	Had career-high 4 catches vs. UW; has 4 TDs this season
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Freshman All-American in '03 who has made 12 career starts
LG	76	Bob Morton	Slid over from center to guard in '04; has started 15 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 15 times
RT	73	Mark LeVoir	Imposing figure (6-7, 310) who started all 12 games last year
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Mackey Award candidate caught 2 TD passes vs. Washington
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Leads Notre Dame with 14 receptions; second with 202 yds.
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Averaging 231 yards passing per game; 4 TD passes vs. UW
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Has five receptions for 32 yards (6.4 avg.) this season
RB	3	Darius Walker	Made first start vs. Washington; has 294 yards/3 TDs in '04

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	44	Justin Tuck	Has three sacks this year; is second in ND history (21.5 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	Fifth-year man with 25 career starts; batted down two passes vs. UW
ILB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Had nine tackles (one for loss) in the victory over Michigan
ILB	41	Mike Goolsby	Has team-high 38 tackles in '04, added seven vs. Washington
OLB	49	Derek Curry	Had six tackles and a fumble recovery vs. Washington
LCB	24	Dwight Ellick	Seven tackles, interception and forced fumble vs. Washington
FS	8	Quentin Burrell	Fourth on the team with 21 total tackles
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	National defensive player of the week after big 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	Has made 11 of last 12 attempts; 3-4 on FG in '04
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Averaged 46.0 on seven punts vs. UW; Averaged 41.8 in '04
KO	45	Carl Gioia	Improved length of his kickoffs vs. Washington
HLD	82	Matt Shelton	Sure-handed wideout has taken over holding duties this year
SNP-P	64	Casey Dunn	Recovered a Michigan fumble on a punt return
SNP-K	62	Scott Raridon	Handles all snaps on placements for second consecutive year
PR	7	Carlyle Holiday	Averaging 11.7 per runback including a long of 21 yards
KR	33	Justin Hoskins	Freshman who debuted with 17-yard return vs. Washington
	23	Chase Anastasio	Returned three kicks for 48 yards vs. Michigan (long of 23)

NOTRE DAME-PURDUE SERIES NOTES

- Notre Dame and Purdue will be meeting for the 76th time, with the Irish leading the all-time series by a 49-24-2 count.
- The Irish have won three of the past four games between the two teams.
- Notre Dame also has won the last 13 meetings in Notre Dame Stadium, with Purdue's last series victory in South Bend coming in 1974 (when the Boilermakers upset the second-ranked Irish).
- The Irish hold a 25-10 all-time series advantage in the series at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Including this weekend's game, at least one team has been ranked nationally in 17 of the past 18 meetings, dating back to 1987 — the 2001 game was the only time in that stretch that neither team was ranked.
- Saturday's game will mark just the sixth time in 76 series games that Purdue is ranked higher than Notre Dame. In the previous five such meetings, the Irish have won three times (1952, 1980, 2000).
- Notre Dame has averaged 26.1 points per game in the past 10 matchups against Purdue.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- It will be Notre Dame's 14th consecutive victory over the Boilermakers in Notre Dame Stadium, extending a streak that began in 1976.



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.

- The Irish will have swept three Big Ten opponents for the first time since 2002. Prior to the '02 season, in which the Irish swept Purdue, Michigan and Michigan State, Notre Dame last beat all the Big Ten teams in 1993 when the Irish went 4-0 against Northwestern, Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue.
- Notre Dame will have won four of the last six meetings vs. Purdue.
- Notre Dame will win its 26th game against Purdue at home.
- An unranked Irish squad will earn its first victory over a ranked Purdue squad since 1952 (26-14).

IF PURDUE WINS ...

- It will mark the first victory by the Boilermakers in Notre Dame Stadium since 1974, when Purdue upset second-ranked Notre Dame, 31-20.
- Purdue will have won two consecutive games in the series for the first time since 1984-85.
- The Boilermakers will claim their 11th victory in Notre Dame Stadium.

NOTRE DAME-PURDUE SERIES HISTORY

- The series started in 1896, with Purdue collecting a 28-22 victory in South Bend. The only current NCAA Division I-A schools that played Notre Dame earlier than Purdue are Michigan (1887 - first game in program history) and Northwestern (1889).
- The teams played seven times from 1899-1907 before a 11-year break (the longest hiatus in the history of the series). The teams resumed play in 1918 and met every year until 1923 before a 10-year break in the series. The teams then met in 1933, '34 and '39 and the series has been continuous since 1946, tying with the USC rivalry for Notre Dame's second-longest continuous series (Notre Dame and Navy have played every year since 1927).
- Notre Dame's 49 series wins against Purdue are the second-most against any opponent — 67 against Navy is the highest.
- Purdue has beaten Notre Dame more times (24) than any other school besides USC (28).
- Notre Dame has registered a defensive touchdown in three of its last four games against the Boilers and has a defensive and special teams TD in two of its last three games with Purdue.
- The Irish have not been shut out by the Boilermakers since 1933 (a 19-0 loss in South Bend).
- The winner of the game is presented the Shillelagh Trophy, a tradition started in 1957. The trophy was donated by the late **Joe McLaughlin** (a merchant seaman and Notre Dame fan who brought the club from Ireland). Notre Dame has taken home the Shillelagh Trophy 30 times in the 47-year history of the award.

NOTRE DAME-PURDUE CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Bill Diedrick** and Irish offensive line coach **John McDonell** worked alongside Purdue head coach **Joe Tiller** when all three were members of **Mike Price's** staff at Washington State from 1989-90. In addition, Boilermaker quarterbacks coach **Blaine Bennett** was a graduate assistant on the WSU staff with the afore-mentioned trio in 1989.
- Purdue assistant head coach/defensive ends coach **Gary Emanuel** worked with Notre Dame offensive line coach **John McDonell** and running backs/special teams coach **Buzz Preston** at Washington State from 1994-96.
- Irish head athletic trainer **Jim Russ** — now in his 19th season at Notre Dame — served as an assistant athletic trainer at Purdue from 1977-82 (when the Boilers went 2-4 against the Irish).
- Fourth-year Notre Dame assistant athletic trainer **Tricia Matasyk** is a 1999 Purdue graduate.

RECENT NOTRE DAME-PURDUE SERIES HAS OFFERED HEARTSTOPPING FINISHES

Five of the past six games in the Notre Dame-Purdue series have been decided by seven points or less, with the Irish winning four of those five nailbiters. In 1998, **Jim Sanson** kicked a 17-yard field goal with 57 seconds left to give the Irish a 31-30 win. A year later, the Boilermakers exacted a measure of revenge, as **Travis Dorsch** booted a pair of fourth-quarter field goals to lead Purdue past Notre Dame, 28-23. In 2000, another Irish kicker took center stage, as **Nicholas Setta** drilled a 38-yard field goal on the game's final play to lift Notre Dame to a 23-21 victory. In 2001, **Vontez Duff** returned a kickoff 96 yards for a score and **Jason Beckstrom** brought an interception back 29 yards for a TD, helping the Irish weather a late Purdue rally for the 24-18 win. In 2002, Duff returned an interception 33 yards for a touchdown with 5:09 remaining to give the Irish a 24-17 victory.



THE PURDUE SERIES

Series: ND leads 49-24-2. Games Played at Notre Dame: ND leads 25-10. Games at Notre Dame Stadium: ND leads 22-9. Tyrone Willingham vs. Purdue: 1-1. Joe Tiller vs. Notre Dame: 3-4. Willingham vs. Tiller: Series tied 1-1.

Site	Year	ND-PUR Rank	W/L/T	ND	PUR
*	1896		L	22	28
	1899		T	10	10
*	1901		W	12	6
	1902		T	6	6
	1904		L	0	36
	1905		L	0	32
	1906		W	2	0
*	1907		W	17	0
	1918		W	26	6
	1919		W	33	13
*	1920		W	28	0
	1921		W	33	0
	1922		W	20	0
*	1923		W	34	7
*	1933		L	0	19
*	1934		W	18	7
*	1939		W	3	0
*	1946	3-	W	49	6
	1947	1-	W	22	7
*	1948		W	28	27
	1949	2-	W	35	12
*	1950	1-	L	14	28
*	1951	15-	W	30	9
	1952	-9	W	26	14
	1953	1-	W	37	7
*	1954	1-19	L	14	27
	1955	11-	W	22	7
*	1956	18-	L	14	28
	1957		W	12	0
*	1958	11-15	L	22	29
	1959	8-	L	7	28
*	1960	12-	L	19	51
	1961		W	22	20
*	1962		L	6	24
	1963		L	6	7
*	1964	9-	W	34	15
	1965	1-6	L	21	25
*	1966	6-8	W	26	14
	1967	1-10	L	21	28
*	1968	2-1	L	22	37
	1969	9-16	L	14	28
*	1970	6-	W	48	0
	1971	2-	W	8	7
*	1972	10-	W	35	14
	1973	7-	W	20	7
*	1974	2-	L	20	31
	1975	9-	W	17	0
*	1976		W	23	0
	1977	11-	W	31	24
*	1978		W	10	6
	1979	5-17	L	22	28
*	1980	11-9	W	31	10
	1981	13-	L	14	15
*	1982	10-	W	28	14
	1983	5-	W	52	6
HD	1984	8-	L	21	23
	1985		L	17	35
*	1986		W	41	9
	1987	8-	W	44	20
*	1988	8-	W	52	7
	1989	1-	W	40	7
*	1990	1-	W	37	11
	1991	8-	W	45	20
*	1992	6-	W	48	0
	1993	4-	W	17	0
*	1994	8-	W	39	21
	1995	25-	W	35	28
*	1996	9-	W	35	0
	1997	12-	L	17	28
*	1998	23-	W	31	30
	1999	16-20	L	23	28
*	2000	21-13	W	23	21
	2001		W	24	18
*	2002	23-	W	24	17
	2003	-22	L	10	23

* - home games at Notre Dame Stadium since '30; away games at Ross-Ade Stadium since '24; HD - Hoosier Dome (Indianapolis, Ind.)

SCORING BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY

In Notre Dame's last three games against Purdue, five of the seven touchdowns scored by the Irish have come from their defense or special teams. In 2001, **Vontez Duff** returned a kickoff 96 yards for a score and **Jason Beckstrom** followed with a 29-yard interception for a touchdown, lifting the Irish to the 24-18 win. In 2002, all three Notre Dame scores were provided by the defense and special teams. **Gerome Sapp** returned a fumble 54 yards for a touchdown and **Lionel Bolen** followed suit with a four-yard fumble return for a score on the ensuing kickoff just 11 seconds later (the fastest two-TD outburst in school history). Then, after Purdue had tied the game at 17, Duff brought an interception back 33 yards for the game-winning score with 5:09 remaining.

THE UPSETS

- The series has produced 48 previous games in which at least one team was ranked in the AP poll, but the higher-ranked team is just 30-18 in those games.
- Purdue has been the beneficiary in 15 of the series' 18 upsets of the higher-ranked teams, including four times in which the Boilermakers knocked off the top-rated Irish: 1950 (28-14) and 1954 (27-14) at Notre Dame Stadium, and 1965 (25-21) and 1967 (28-21) at Ross-Ade Stadium. Purdue was unranked in 1950, No. 19 in '54, No. 6 in '65 and No. 10 in '67.
- Lower-ranked Irish teams have upset a higher-ranked Purdue squad three times, most recently at Notre Dame Stadium in 2000 when Notre Dame's **Nicholas Setta** connected on a 38-yard field goal with no time remaining to give the 23rd-ranked Irish a 23-21 victory over the 13th-ranked Boilermakers. Other Irish upsets include at Ross-Ade Stadium in 1952, when the unranked Irish knocked off No. 9 Purdue (26-14); and at Notre Dame Stadium in 1980, when the No. 11 Irish topped the ninth-ranked Boilermakers (31-10).
- Unranked Purdue teams also have beaten ranked Irish teams in 1956, '59, '60, '74 (31-20, when ND was No. 2), '81, '84 and '97 while lower-ranked Purdue teams also have beaten higher-ranked ND teams in '58, '69, '79 and '99.

COMMONPLACE

- Purdue stands as the second-most common opponent in Notre Dame football history. The Irish and Boilermakers are playing for the 76th time this season, having met continuously since 1946.
- Notre Dame plays six of its nine most common opponents this season (Navy, Purdue, USC, Michigan State, Pittsburgh and Michigan).
- The Irish have played 134 different teams in 115 seasons of varsity football, with the most common opponents in Irish football history as follows (number of games are updated to include all 2004 games):

Opponent	Games	ND series record
Navy	78	67-9-1
Purdue	76	49-24-2
USC	76	42-28-5
Michigan State	68	43-24-1
Pittsburgh	62	43-17-1
Army	48	36-8-4
Northwestern	47	37-8-2
Michigan	32	13-18-1
Georgia Tech	32	26-5-1

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND PURDUE MET

Purdue converted four interceptions by quarterback **Brady Quinn** into 10 points and that proved to be crucial as Purdue held on for a 23-10 win over the Irish on Sept. 27, 2003, at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette. It was the third time in the past 18 series meetings that the Boilers had come away victorious, despite the fact the hosts were outgained by more than 100 yards in the contest.

Quinn was the seventh freshman quarterback since 1951 to start for the Irish, completing 29-of-59 passes for 297 yards with one touchdown and those four interceptions. His 29 completions were the most by Notre Dame signal-caller since 1997 and his 297 yards were the most yards a Notre Dame freshman QB has thrown for in his debut since '51.

Purdue wasted little time in getting on the scoreboard, driving 56 yards in four plays on its initial possession before Kyle Orton found Ray Williams on a 36-yard scoring strike. Less than four minutes



into the game, the Boilermakers had a 7-0 lead and the Irish were once again forced to play from behind. The lead ballooned to 10 points later in the first quarter when Ben Jones kicked the first of his three field goals, a 46-yarder, after an Irish turnover.

Notre Dame came back in the second period, as Quinn directed his charges on a nine-play, 61-yard drive that lasted nearly four minutes. However, the drive stalled at the Purdue two-yard line and **Nicholas Setta** trotted in to boot a 19-yard field goal, his ninth consecutive converted trey.

After Jones added a 31-yard field goal with just over two minutes to go before halftime, it appeared Notre Dame was going to be burdened with a double-digit halftime deficit for the third time in 2003. That's when Quinn and wideout **Maurice Stovall** hooked up to quickly shift the momentum in favor of the Irish. The youthful tandem combined for an 85-yard scoring play, the third-longest touchdown pass in school history, and it brought Notre Dame within 13-10 at the intermission.

The game then developed into a field position battle, with Purdue getting the better of the struggle throughout the third quarter, tacking on Jones' third field goal for a six-point edge. On the second play of the final period, Quinn added to the Boiler advantage when his pass was intercepted at the Irish 12-yard line. Four plays later, Orton tossed a two-yard TD pass to Shaun Phillips for the clinching score.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND PURDUE MET AT NOTRE DAME STADIUM

Notre Dame cornerback **Vontez Duff** intercepted a tipped pass and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown with 5:09 to play, lifting the 23rd-ranked Irish to a 24-17 victory over Purdue on Sept. 7, 2002, at Notre Dame Stadium.

Running back **Ryan Grant** added a solid effort, rushing 21 times for a (then) career-high 96 yards in the victory. However, it was once again the Notre Dame defense that was the story. The Irish forced four Purdue turnovers on the afternoon and kept the high-powered Boiler passing game largely in check, as Purdue quarterback **Kyle Orton** completed only 14 of 30 passes for 171 yards with one interception.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Notre Dame seized the momentum in the blink of an eye. **Gerome Sapp** scooped up a Purdue fumble, danced past two tacklers and raced 54 yards for a touchdown to put the Irish in front. Then, on the ensuing kickoff, the Boilermakers fumbled again. **Lionel Bolen** found himself in the right spot, plucking the ball out of midair and waltzing four yards into the end zone for a quick 14-0 lead. The two Notre Dame scores came just 11 seconds apart, breaking the school record for the fastest two TDs by one second. It also rocked Purdue back on its collective heels, a feeling which would be magnified later in the quarter, when **Nicholas Setta** banged home a 19-yard field goal to hike the Irish lead to 17-0 at the 6:25 mark.

The Boilermakers regained their balance as **Anthony Chambers** returned an Irish punt 76 yards for a touchdown just before halftime. Then, late in the third quarter, Orton drove the visitors on a 10-play, 71-yard drive, which was capped by **Jerod Void's** three-yard TD run. **Berin Lacevic** completed the Purdue comeback by kicking a 35-yard field goal on the second play of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 17-17 and set the stage for Duff's late-game heroics.

NOTRE DAME VS. THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame has played more than three times as many games against Big Ten Conference opponents (329) as any other league. The Pac-10 (112) is the only other conference against whom the Irish have played at least 100 games.
- Notre Dame has won more than 66 percent of its games versus Big Ten Conference opponents, with a record of .500 or better against 10 of the 11 Big Ten teams (Michigan is the lone exception). The Irish have an overall mark of 211-103-15 (.664) in 329 games against Big Ten schools, with more than 52 percent of those games (174) coming versus Michigan (13-18-1), Michigan State (43-24-1) and Purdue (49-24-2), all of whom are on Notre Dame's 2004 schedule.
- Notre Dame is 37-17-1 (.676) in its last 54 games against Big Ten opponents, highlighted by a 14-game winning streak from 1986-91.
- For the third consecutive season, Notre Dame is playing three Big Ten schools (Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue). In 2002, the Irish swept those same three Big Ten opponents, winning each game in the fourth quarter. In 2003, Notre Dame went 0-3 against that trio, but the Irish have gotten off on the right foot this season, defeating then-No. 8 ranked Michigan on Sept. 11 and Michigan State in East Lansing on Sept. 18.

NOTRE DAME LOOKING TO REGISTER 800TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

The Notre Dame football program is nearing a historic milestone, needing one more victory to become just the second NCAA Division I-A program to amass 800 all-time wins. The Irish currently rank second

NOTRE DAME vs. BIG TEN TEAMS

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Illinois	11	0	1	.958
Indiana	23	5	1	.810
Iowa	13	8	3	.604
Michigan	13	18	1	.422
Michigan State	43	24	1	.640
Minnesota	4	0	1	.900
Northwestern	37	8	2	.809
Ohio State	2	2	0	.500
Penn State	8	8	1	.500
Purdue	49	24	2	.667
Wisconsin	8	6	2	.563
TOTALS	211	103	15	.664

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 Big Ten, of which Purdue 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	.655
SEC	.613



MEMORABLE GAMES IN THE NOTRE DAME-PURDUE SERIES

The following games are among Notre Dame's more memorable matchups with Purdue since the series began back in 1896:

**Sept. 25, 1965
at #6 Purdue 25, #1 Notre Dame 21**

The Boilermakers upset the Irish in West Lafayette by overcoming 294 yards passing and two passing touchdowns from **Terry Hanratty** ... the Irish rushed for 147 yards in the contest, led by **Bob Gladioux's** 68 yards ... Purdue jumped out to a 3-0 lead, followed by both teams combining to put up 34 points in the second quarter ... the Boilers held a 23-14 lead at halftime and held on for the win.

**Sept. 28, 1968
#1 Purdue 37, at #2 Notre Dame 22**

The highest-ranked meeting between the two teams occurred in Notre Dame Stadium ... Bob Griese posted one of the greatest statistical games in Purdue history, setting team individual records for pass completions (19), passing yards (283) and highest percentage completed (19 of 23, .826) ... Griese also set the record for combined yardage in a game with 322.

**Sept. 6, 1980
at #11 Notre Dame 31, #9 Purdue 10**

Notre Dame rushed for 262 yards in Notre Dame Stadium for a big victory over the Boilermakers ... **Phil Carter** rushed for 142 of the team's rushing yards and scored a touchdown ... **Mike Courey** had 59 yards rushing, a rushing touchdown, 151 yards passing and one passing touchdown for Notre Dame ... **Tony Hunter** caught three passes for 75 yards and a touchdown ... Notre Dame held the Boilermakers to 215 total yards in the contest.

in NCAA history with 799 wins, trailing only Michigan's 836 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.

SHELTON GETS IT DONE

Senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** enjoyed a career day (of sorts) for the second consecutive week against Washington when he nabbed a career-best four catches for 74 yards and two touchdowns. Against the Huskies, Shelton caught scoring passes of 27 and 24 yards, while also adding grabs of 11 and 12 yards. One week earlier at Michigan State, Shelton snared three passes for 123 yards and a touchdown, including gains of 53, 35 and 35 yards. A big-play specialist at Notre Dame, Shelton has averaged 39.4 yards on his five career touchdown grabs (27 and 24 vs. Washington, 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 36 of their last 47 drives in "plus territory" — outside their own 20-yard line — with 14 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 39-yard line in the past three games (all wins) against Michigan, Michigan State and Washington.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Irish have caused 16 turnovers (10 FUM, 6 INT) this season and have made the most of their opportunities. Notre Dame has parlayed those takeaways into 52 points, which accounts for 45.6 percent of the Irish scoring (114 points) thus far in 2004.

THE FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNT

Notre Dame came up with a Willingham-era record six turnovers (3 FUM, 3 INT) on Sept. 18 at Michigan State and followed up with five more turnovers last Saturday against Washington, marking the fourth 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 30 of its 40 games, including 24 contests where they came up with at least three takeaways. Heading into this weekend's game with Purdue, the Irish are ninth in the country in turnover margin (+1.75 per game, +7 overall).

STOPPING THE RUN IS JOB ONE FOR IRISH

The Notre Dame run defense has been exceptionally sturdy since head coach **Tyrone Willingham** and defensive coordinator **Kent Baer** arrived on the scene in 2002. Over the last three seasons, the Irish have held 16 of 29 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 2.6 yards per carry through the first four 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 four games this season, the Irish are 17th in the country in rushing defense, allowing an average of just 88.75 yards on the ground.

WALKER POSTS UNPRECEDENTED FRESHMAN PRODUCTION

After sitting out Notre Dame's opener at BYU, freshman running back **Darius Walker** has provided a consistent threat in the Irish running game by averaging 98 yards rushing per game the last three contests. 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, before running for 81 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries versus Washington. 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 debut game vs. Michigan also put him among some select company in Notre Dame history:



MEMORABLE GAMES IN
THE NOTRE DAME-
PURDUE SERIES

(cont.)

Sept. 8, 1984

Purdue 23, #8 Notre Dame 21 (at Indianapolis)

Jim Everett led Purdue to a stunning upset of Notre Dame in the dedication game of the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis ... Everett ended up 20 of 28 for 255 yards and two touchdowns ... Notre Dame held a 14-3 advantage after the first quarter (touchdown runs by **Allen Pinkett** and **Mark Brooks**), but Purdue answered with 20 straight points before Pinkett closed out the scoring with a six-yard run at 4:21 in the fourth quarter ... **Steve Beuerlein** was 13 of 20 for 233 yards in the contest for Notre Dame ... Notre Dame had the ball on its own 44-yard line with 32 seconds remaining, but Purdue defensive end Don Baldwin intercepted a Beuerlein pass to seal the win for Purdue.

Sept. 27, 1986

at Notre Dame 41, Purdue 9

Irish head coach **Lou Holtz** nabbed his first victory at Notre Dame in this contest ... the Irish piled up 478 yards of total offense in the game, led by a bevy of rushing performers ... **Mark Green** had a team-high 73 yards and a touchdown as the Irish ran for 276 yards in the game ... Jeff George was the quarterback for Purdue in the contest, throwing for 241 yards and a touchdown ... **Steve Beuerlein** was an efficient 10 of 14 for 174 yards and a touchdown to **Milt Jackson**.

Sept. 16, 2000

at #21 Notre Dame 23, #13 Purdue 12

Nicholas Setta drilled a 38-yard field goal as time expired to provide Notre Dame with the upset of eventual Big Ten champion Purdue ... **Gary Godsey** quarterbacked the Irish for the upset, going 14 of 25 for 158 yards, topping Purdue Heisman Trophy candidate Drew Brees in all three categories ... Godsey also rushed for a touchdown to cap his first collegiate offensive series ... Godsey also converted three times on third down during the game-winning drive ... Brees ended up 13 of 22 for 221 yards and two touchdowns ... **Shane Walton** returned a Brees interception 60 yards to put Notre Dame up 14-0 in the contest ... the game marked the third straight contest in which the Notre Dame - Purdue game was decided on the final play of the game.

- 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).

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** has spread his pass completions around through Notre Dame's first four games of the 2004 season. Quinn has completed passes to 14 different receivers in those four contests, a breakdown of six wide receivers, five running backs, two tight ends and one pass to himself (caught off a deflection vs. Washington). Junior wide receiver **Rhema McKnight** has been Quinn's favorite target thus far, grabbing 14 passes for 202 yards and a touchdown. Fellow junior wideout **Maurice Stovall** is next with 10 receptions for 122 yards. Quinn also has tossed touchdown passes to four different players this season: McKnight, senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** (four times), junior tight end **Anthony Fasano** (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 four games this season, Goolsby has been credited with 38 tackles (9.5 per game) while leading the team in two of four 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 Purdue game with 25 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 three fumbles this season, collected one sack and has four tackles for loss (17 yards).

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

With 21.5 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 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	21.5
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 four games this season. Fitzpatrick currently owns a 41.8 punting average, a jump of five yards per kick from last year's average (36.84), and he also has eight punts of at least 50 yards, including a career-long 56-yard boot at BYU. In addition, the Granger, Ind., product has dropped 10 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line and is helping Notre Dame to hold its opponents to only 6.8 yards per punt return. His performance against Washington last Saturday was his best as a punter at Notre Dame, as he averaged 46.0 yards on seven attempts, including four punts of at least 50 yards and four punts downed inside the UW 20.



**INDIVIDUAL
SINGLE-GAME BESTS**

TOTAL CARRIES

Ryan Grant	30 at Air Force, '02
Justin Hoskins	4 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins	5 vs. Washington, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal	17 vs. Navy, '02
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
Justin Hoskins	16 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins	17 vs. Washington, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal	108 vs. Stanford, '02
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	2 vs. Washington, '04
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	4 vs. Washington, '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	7 vs. Washington, '04
Greg Pauly	5, three times (last: vs. Washington, '04)
Mike Richardson	5 at Stanford, '03
Justin Tuck	14 vs. Navy, '03
Tom Zbikowski	9 at Michigan State, '04

CLOSE SHAVES

Including its first 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 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	4	1	46
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 earlier this season on sophomore safety **Tom Zbikowski's** 75-yard fumble return 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



TEAM
SINGLE-GAME BESTS

NOTRE DAME BESTS (2004)

Rushing Yards 173 at Michigan State
 Passing Yards 266 vs. Washington
 Total Yards 412 vs. Washington
 First Downs 22 vs. Washington
 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) 38 vs. Washington
 Points (Half) 28 (2nd) vs. Michigan
 Points (Quarter) 21, twice (last: 1st vs. Wash.)
 Victory Margin 35 (38-3) vs. Washington

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

"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 18-11 (.621) 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 and a 3-1 start in 2004.

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-plus years as a college head coach, Willingham has compiled a solid 62-47-1 (.574) record and has guided his teams to bowl games on five occasions.



**PAST PERFORMANCES BY
CURRENT IRISH PLAYERS
vs. PURDUE**

DE Kyle Budinscak - 2001: made career-high five tackles. **2002:** had one tackle. **2003:** made three stops.

SS Lionel Bolen - 2002: had a four-yard fumble return for a TD on a kickoff. **2003:** made one tackle.

FS Quentin Burrell - 2003: made five tackles, including two for losses (one-half sack).

CB Carlos Campbell - 2002: caught one pass for nine yards as a wide receiver.

TE Jared Clark - 2003: had three catches for 23 yards.

LB Derek Curry - 2002: had two tackles, including one for a two-yard loss; also recovered a fumble. **2003:** had four stops, including two sacks.

CB Dwight Elick - 2003: had two tackles.

LB Mike Goolsby - 2002: had a (then) career-high 11 tackles (eight solo), including three for losses (11 yards); also had two pass breakups and forced a fumble.

RB Ryan Grant - 2001: rushed 19 times for 77 yards and one touchdown. **2002:** carried 21 times for 96 yards. **2003:** ran nine times for 19 yards.

WR/QB Carlyle Holiday - 2001: rushed 19 times for 51 yards; also completed seven of 15 passes for 31 yards. **2002:** ran 11 times for 25 yards; also connected on seven of 22 passes for 50 yards.

LB Brandon Hoyte - 2002: made nine tackles, including seven solos. **2003:** had six tackles, including four for losses (one sack).

CB Preston Jackson - 2002: made one tackle. **2003:** had one tackle.

RB Jeff Jenkins - 2003: had one catch for seven yards.

NG Derek Landri - 2003: had two tackles, including one for loss.

WR Rhema McKnight - 2003: had four catches for 32 yards.

FB Rashon Powers-Neal - 2002: rushed seven times for 43 yards.

QB Brady Quinn - 2003: completed 29 of 59 passes for 297 yards with one TD and four INT; also rushed eight times for 25 yards.

WR Jeff Samardzija - 2003: made career-high four catches for 18 yards.

FB Josh Schmidt - 2003: caught one pass for nine yards.

WR Matt Shelton - 2003: made one catch for nine yards.

WR Maurice Stovall - 2003: set new career highs with nine receptions for 171 yards, including 85-yard TD (third-longest in school history).

DE Justin Tuck - 2003: made seven tackles, including two for losses (1.5 sacks).

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 165 of its previous 189 games, including 29 of its last 30 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: PURDUE GAME IS FIFTH-MOST REQUESTED IRISH HOME GAME EVER

The Notre Dame ticket office received 52,179 ticket requests for this week's 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. Purdue, the Irish have posted 175 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 223 in their last 224 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).

The strength of the 2004 Notre Dame docket is already evident. Through the first month of the season, Notre Dame's schedule is tied for the second-toughest in the nation, according to NCAA statis-



**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. 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.

tics 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 tied for the second-toughest in the nation, based on cumulative opposition.

Opponent (Ranking*)	'04 Record	'03 Record	Oct. 2	Oct. 9
BYU	1-3	4-8	at Colorado State	UNLV (10/8)
Michigan (19/18)	3-1	10-3	at Indiana	Minnesota
Michigan State	2-2	8-5	at Iowa	Illinois
Washington	0-3	6-6	at Stanford	San Jose State
Purdue (15/15)	3-0	9-4	at Notre Dame	at Penn State
Stanford	2-1	4-7	Washington	at Notre Dame
Navy	4-0	8-5	at Air Force (9/30)	Idle
Boston College	3-1	8-5	Massachusetts	Idle
Tennessee (10/8)	3-0	10-3	Auburn	at Georgia
Pittsburgh	2-1	8-5	Idle	at Temple
USC (1/1)	4-0	12-1	Idle	California

* - 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: 27-12 (.692)

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

With the Purdue 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 141 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	5	3	—	—	2
Totals	141	77	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:



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**

- 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 is 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 169-85-3 (.663) 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 197-112-4 (.636) 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 4)	65-24-1 (.728)
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	169-85-3 (.663)

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.



IN OTHER IRISH SPORTS ACTION THIS WEEK ...

MEN'S SOCCER

The ninth-ranked Notre Dame men's soccer team (5-2-1) is back inside the friendly surroundings of Alumni Field for a pair of matches. The Irish will play host to BIG EAST Conference rival Boston College Friday at 7:30 p.m. (EST) before welcoming non-conference foe Loyola-Chicago to town Sunday at 3:30 p.m. (EST).

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The No. 1 Notre Dame women's soccer team (10-0-0) has two important BIG EAST matches this week. The Irish visit 11th-ranked West Virginia Friday at 7 p.m. (EDT) before coming home to meet Providence Sunday at 1 p.m. (EST) at Alumni Field.

VOLLEYBALL

The Irish volleyball team (5-4) continues its month-long road trip this week, opening Tuesday with a non-conference match at Michigan (7 p.m. EDT first serve). Notre Dame then heads to Syracuse for a BIG EAST Conference battle Saturday at 2 p.m. (EDT).

MEN'S/WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Notre Dame cross country teams will be at home Friday, playing host to the Notre Dame Invitational at Burke Memorial Golf Course. The women's race, highlighted by the fourth-ranked Irish, begins at 4:15 p.m. (EST), followed by the mens' race at 5 p.m. (EST).

MEN'S/WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Both Notre Dame swimming & diving teams make their 2004-05 debuts Friday at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish will face Evansville in a dual meet at 4 p.m. (EST) before conducting the Dennis Stark Relays at 6:30 p.m. (EST).

HOCKEY

The Notre Dame hockey team will conduct its annual Blue-Gold Intrasquad Scrimmage Sunday at 4:05 p.m. (EST) inside the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The Irish are coming off a 20-win campaign and their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 2003-04.

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



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. Entering games of Sept. 26, **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).

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: 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 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 Purdue in 2004 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	Purdue
Rushing Offense	116.25	25th at 205.67
Passing Offense	40th at 231.00	2nd at 356.00
Total Offense	347.25	3rd at 561.67
Scoring Offense	49th at 28.50	1st at 49.33
Rushing Defense	17th at 88.75	25th at 95.33
Pass Defense	225.50	29th at 166.00
Pass Efficiency Defense	18th at 98.90	125.40
Total Defense	40th at 314.25	13th at 261.33
Scoring Defense	34th at 16.75	10th at 12.33
Net Punting	42nd at 37.19	30.63
Punt Returns	32nd at 11.93	8.80
Kickoff Returns	18.00	16th at 24.88
Turnover Margin	9th at +1.75 (+7 overall)	11th at +1.67 (+5 overall)

Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	Purdue
Rushing	Darius Walker 29th at 98.00	
Passing Efficiency	Brady Quinn 46th at 128.47	Kyle Orton 2nd at 188.10
Total Offense	Brady Quinn 33rd at 229.75	Kyle Orton 2nd at 344.33
Receptions Per Game		Taylor Stubblefield 13th at 7.00
Receiving Yards Per Game		Taylor Stubblefield 10th at 108.00
Interceptions	Dwight Ellick 40th at 0.50	
Punting	D.J. Fitzpatrick 37th at 41.83	
Punt Returns	Carlyle Holiday 31st at 11.67	
Field Goals		Ben Jones 30th at 1.00
Scoring		Taylor Stubblefield 2nd at 16.00 Ben Jones 39th at 9.33

NEXT WEEK: STANFORD

Notre Dame completes its three-game home stand next Saturday, Oct. 9, when it plays host to Pac-10 foe Stanford at 1:30 p.m. (EST) at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish hold a 12-6-0 edge in the all-time series with the Cardinal, including a 7-2 record in South Bend. Since 1988, the two schools have met every season except 1995 and 1996, with the Irish winning nine of those 14 contests, including the last four at home versus the Cardinal. The winner of the Notre Dame-Stanford game receives the Legends Trophy.

Stanford (2-1) has been impressive so far this season, winning its opening two games (vs. San Jose State and BYU) in convincing fashion before giving No. 1 USC a scare in a 31-28 loss last Saturday. Stanford hosts Washington this Saturday in Palo Alto before making the trip to Notre Dame.

**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).

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TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP

SCORING.....	114	67
Points Per Game.....	28.5	16.8
FIRST DOWNS.....	69	66
Rushing.....	29	22
Passing.....	35	38
Penalty.....	5	6
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	465	355
Yards gained rushing.....	539	473
Yards lost rushing.....	74	118
Rushing Attempts.....	155	134
Average Per Rush.....	3.0	2.6
Average Per Game.....	116.2	88.8
TDs Rushing.....	5	2
PASSING YARDAGE.....	924	902
Att-Comp-Int.....	124-64-5	151-79-6
Average Per Pass.....	7.5	6.0
Average Per Catch.....	14.4	11.4
Average Per Game.....	231.0	225.5
TDs Passing.....	8	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1389	1257
Total Plays.....	279	285
Average Per Play.....	5.0	4.4
Average Per Game.....	347.2	314.2
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	8-144	20-422
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	15-179	12-82
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	6-147	5-9
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	18.0	21.1
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	11.9	6.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	24.5	1.8
FUMBLES-LOST.....	7-4	15-10
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	26-227	24-199
Average Per Game.....	56.8	49.8
PUNTS-YARDS.....	32-1272	29-1236
Average Per Punt.....	39.8	42.6
Net punt average.....	37.2	36.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	29:57	30:03
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	18/60	20/66
3rd-Down Pct.....	30%	30%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	2/5	0/2
4th-Down Pct.....	40%	0%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	8-58	5-33
MISC YARDS.....	79	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	15	6
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	3-4	8-10
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	15-15	5-5
ATTENDANCE.....	161590	140213
Games/Avg Per Game.....	2/80795	2/70106
Neutral Site Games.....		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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Notre Dame.....	35	20	21	38	- 114
Opponents.....	23	9	17	18	- 67

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Walker, D.	3	80	309	15	294	3.7	3	19	98.0
Grant, R.	2	15	79	4	75	5.0	1	19	37.5
Wilson, M.	4	17	52	6	46	2.7	0	12	11.5
Jenkins, J.	2	5	19	2	17	3.4	0	13	8.5
Powers-Neal, R.	4	5	17	0	17	3.4	0	7	4.2
Hoskins, J.	1	4	16	0	16	4.0	0	6	16.0
Thomas, T.	3	16	19	12	7	0.4	0	7	2.3
Shelton, M.	4	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Quinn, B.	4	11	28	33	-5	-0.5	1	11	-1.2
Total.....	4	155	539	74	465	3.0	5	19	116.2
Opponents.....	4	134	473	118	355	2.6	2	18	88.8

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	4	128.47	123-64-5	52.0	924	8	54	231.0
Wilson, M.	4	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	4	127.43	124-64-5	51.6	924	8	54	231.0
Opponents.....	4	98.92	151-79-6	52.3	902	2	50	225.5

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
McKnight, R.	4	14	202	14.4	1	54	50.5
Stovall, M.	3	10	122	12.2	0	49	40.7
Shelton, M.	4	8	243	30.4	4	53	60.8
Samardzija, J.	4	7	113	16.1	0	31	28.2
Fasano, A.	4	7	101	14.4	2	27	25.2
Powers-Neal, R.	4	5	32	6.4	1	9	8.0
Freeman, M.	4	3	28	9.3	0	15	7.0
Thomas, T.	3	2	28	14.0	0	15	9.3
Holiday, C.	4	2	21	10.5	0	14	5.2
Jenkins, J.	2	2	10	5.0	0	7	5.0
Schmidt, J.	4	1	14	14.0	0	14	3.5
Vaughn, C.	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Walker, D.	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Quinn, B.	4	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	4	64	924	14.4	8	54	231.0
Opponents.....	4	79	902	11.4	2	50	225.5

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Holiday, C.	12	140	11.7	0	21
McKnight, R.	2	11	5.5	0	8
Collins, J.	1	28	28.0	0	0
Total.....	15	179	11.9	0	21
Opponents.....	12	82	6.8	1	14

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ellick, D.	2	20	10.0	0	18
Jackson, P.	1	38	38.0	1	38
Zbikowski, T.	1	22	22.0	0	22
Richardson, M.	1	32	32.0	0	32
Curry, D.	1	35	35.0	0	35
Total.....	6	147	24.5	1	38
Opponents.....	5	9	1.8	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
Hoskins, J.	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total.....	8	144	18.0	0	40
Opponents.....	20	422	21.1	1	89

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Zbikowski, T.	1	75	75.0	1	75
Curry, D.	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total.....	2	79	39.5	1	75
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

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|----- PATs -----|

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Shelton, M.	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Fitzpatrick, D.	0	3-4	15-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Walker, D.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Fasano, A.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Quinn, B.	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
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
Zbikowski, T.	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
Total.....	15	3-4	15-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	114
Opponents.....	6	8-10	5-5	0-0	1	1-1	0	0	67

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	4	134	-5	924	919	229.8
Walker, D.	3	80	294	0	294	98.0
Grant, R.	2	15	75	0	75	37.5
Wilson, M.	4	18	46	0	46	11.5
Powers-Neal, R.	4	5	17	0	17	4.2
Jenkins, J.	2	5	17	0	17	8.5
Hoskins, J.	1	4	16	0	16	16.0
Thomas, T.	3	16	7	0	7	2.3
TEAM	3	1	-2	0	-2	-0.7
Total.....	4	279	465	924	1389	347.2
Opponents.....	4	285	355	902	1257	314.2

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Fitzpatrick, D.	3-4	75.0	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-1	0-0	45	0

FG SEQUENCE	Notre Dame	OPPONENTS
Brigham Young	(21)	(44), (53)
Michigan	-	(38), (33), (22), (47)
Michigan State	37, (23)	42, (46)
Washington	(45)	(26), 47

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Fitzpatrick, D.	29	1213	41.8	56	3	3	10	0
TEAM	2	21	10.5	21	0	0	0	2
Price, G.	1	38	38.0	38	0	1	1	0
Total.....	32	1272	39.8	56	3	4	11	2
Opponents.....	29	1236	42.6	63	1	0	8	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Gioia, C.	20	1143	57.2	0	2
Fitzpatrick, D.	1	49	49.0	0	0
Total.....	21	1192	56.8	0	2
Opponents.....	15	933	62.2	6	2

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Walker, D.	3	294	3	0	0	0	297	99.0
Shelton, M.	4	0	243	0	0	0	243	60.8
McKnight, R.	4	0	202	11	0	0	213	53.2
Holiday, C.	4	0	21	140	0	0	161	40.2
Stovall, M.	3	0	122	0	29	0	151	50.3
Samardzija, J.	4	0	113	0	0	0	113	28.2
Fasano, A.	4	0	101	0	0	0	101	25.2
Anastasio, C.	4	0	0	0	98	0	98	24.5
Grant, R.	2	75	0	0	0	0	75	37.5
Powers-Neal, R.	4	17	32	0	0	0	49	12.2
Wilson, M.	4	46	0	0	0	0	46	11.5
Jackson, P.	4	0	0	0	0	38	38	9.5
Thomas, T.	3	7	28	0	0	0	35	11.7
Curry, D.	4	0	0	0	0	35	35	8.8
Hoskins, J.	1	16	0	0	17	0	33	33.0
Richardson, M.	4	0	0	0	0	32	32	8.0
Collins, J.	4	0	0	28	0	0	28	7.0
Freeman, M.	4	0	28	0	0	0	28	7.0
Jenkins, J.	2	17	10	0	0	0	27	13.5
Zbikowski, T.	4	0	0	0	0	22	22	5.5
Ellick, D.	4	0	0	0	0	20	20	5.0
Schmidt, J.	4	0	14	0	0	0	14	3.5
Vaughn, C.	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
TEAM	3	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.7
Quinn, B.	4	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-1.2
Total.....	4	465	924	179	144	147	1859	464.8
Opponents.....	4	355	902	82	422	9	1770	442.5

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	-Sacks-	---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick
41 Goolsby, M.	4	16	22	38	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
39 Hoyte, B.	4	17	8	25	4.0-17	1.0-8	.	1	.	.	3	.	.
49 Curry, D.	4	11	11	22	3.5-23	2.0-20	1-35	1	.	2-4	.	.	.
8 Burrell, Q.	4	10	11	21	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
24 Ellick, D.	4	16	4	20	1.0-4	.	2-20	1	.	1-0	2	.	.
9 Zbikowski, T.	4	12	8	20	1.5-4	.	1-22	1	.	1-75	2	.	.
15 Jackson, P.	4	10	5	15	.	.	1-38	2	1	.	.	.	.
6 Campbell, C.	3	10	4	14	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77 Pauly, G.	4	7	7	14	2.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98 Laws, T.	4	7	4	11	2.0-11	1.0-8	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
44 Tuck, J.	4	5	6	11	4.5-22	3.0-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 Landri, D.	4	5	4	9	0.5-1	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
92 Budinscak, K.	4	6	3	9	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
2 Parish IV, F.	4	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Richardson, M.	4	5	2	7	.	.	1-32	1	.	.	1	.	.
46 Mays, C.	4	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 Carlson, J.	4	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Anastasio, C.	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Carney, J.	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Wooden, A.	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 Frome, C.	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97 Leitko, T.	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
56 Borseti, N.	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Abiamiri, V.	4	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Vaughn, C.	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
18 Ndukwe, C.	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
88 Fasano, A.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Shelton, M.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Stovall, M.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Dunn, C.	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Bolen, L.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 Freeman, M.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Collins, J.	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
83 Samardzija, J.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	4	168	122	290	23-95	8-58	6-147	19	1	10-79	12	1	.
Opponents.....	4	157	128	285	19-71	5-33	5-9	7	7	4-0	5	2	.

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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.....	266	Quinn, B. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	Quinn, B. vs Washington (Sep 25, 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.....	2	Shelton, M. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004) Fasano, A. vs Washington (Sep 25, 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) Fitzpatrick, D. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Long Field Goal.....	45	Fitzpatrick, D. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Punts.....	10	Fitzpatrick, D. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punting Avg.....	46.0	Fitzpatrick, D. vs Washington (Sep 25, 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) Ellick, D. vs Washington (Sep 25, 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.....	266	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Yards Per Pass.....	9.0	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Total Plays.....	78	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Total Offense.....	412	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Yards Per Play.....	5.4	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Points.....	38	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Sacks By.....	5	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
First Downs.....	22	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Penalties.....	10	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Penalty Yards.....	101	vs Washington (Sep 25, 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) Fountaine, Matt, vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)

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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.....	44	vs Washington (Sep 25, 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.....	78	vs Washington (Sep 25, 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.....	20	vs Washington (Sep 25, 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)

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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
Sep 25, 2004	WASHINGTON	W 38-3		3- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:39	80795

* indicates conference game

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

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	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Shelton	Quinn	Freeman*	Walker

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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	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson

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	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR												
STAN												
vs. NAVY												
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	13	10	62	8	5	3	2	3	1	1	0	0

Notre Dame Red Zone Efficiency: 10 of 13 (.769) / Touchdown Efficiency: 8 of 13 (.615)

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	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
PUR												
STAN												
vs. NAVY												
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	8	6	26	2	2	0	4	4	0	0	2	0

Opponent Red Zone Efficiency: 6 of 8 (.750) / Touchdown Efficiency: 2 of 8 (.250)

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	5	5
Matt Shelton	0	2	2
Maurice Stovall	0	2	2
Darius Walker	4	0	4
Totals	6	12	18

ND on 3rd down: 18-60 (.300)

Fourth-Down Conversions

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

ND on 4th down: 2-5 (.400)

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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	46-146-1	32-17-1-266-4	78-412	22-8-12-2	1-0	31:57
Washington	34-112-0	44-17-1-223-0	78-335	20-4-12-4	5-4	28:03
@ 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	4	1	5	0	1	1	+4	W, 38-3
PUR								
STAN								
vs. NAVY								
BC								
@TENN								
PITT								
@USC								
Totals	10	6	16	4	5	9	+7	3-1

Turnover Analysis

16 opponent turnovers led to 52 of 114 (.456) Notre Dame points (7 TD/7 PAT/1 FG)
 9 Notre Dame turnovers led to 9 of 67 (.134) opponent points (0 TD/0 PAT/3 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Drives Started	62	64
Cumulative Starting Yardline	2,146	1,840
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 35	own 29
Drives Started in Plus Territory	40	41
Scores (TD/FG)	15 (13/2)	10 (3/7)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	13/3/1	19/0/2
Turnovers/End of Half	7/1	8/2
Drives Started at/inside own 20	22	23
Scores (TD/FG)	1 (0/1)	2 (1/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	19/0/0	10/1/0
Turnovers/End of Half	2/0	8/2

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Anthony Fasano	0	5	5
Marcus Freeman	0	2	2
Ryan Grant	5	0	5
Justin Hoskins	1	0	1
Jeff Jenkins	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	5	5
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	0	1
Brady Quinn	2	0	2
Jeff Samardzija	0	7	7
Josh Schmidt	0	1	1
Matt Shelton	0	8	8
Maurice Stovall	0	6	6
Travis Thomas	0	1	1
Darius Walker	16	0	16
Marcus Wilson	3	0	3
Penalty			5
Team Totals	29	35	69

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

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	DNP	3-17-0	0-0-0	5-(-5)-0	23-81-1	5-20-0	46-146-1
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	0-0-0-0-0	32-17-1-266-4	32-17-1-266-4
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	3-41-2	0-0-0	2-21-0	3-68-0	0-0-0	3-48-0	4-74-2	DNP	17-266-4
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	45							

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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	0-1-1-0.5-0-0-0-0			
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	1-0-1-0-0-0-2-0			
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	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0			
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	DNP			
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	3-3-6-0-1-0-1-0			
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	5-2-7-0-0-1-1-0			
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	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0			
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	3-4-7-0-0-0-0-0			
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	5-1-6-0-0-0-1-0			
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	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0			
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	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0			
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	2-0-2-0-1-0-0-0			
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	1-0-1-0-1-0-0-0			
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	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0			
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	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0			
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	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0			
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	2-1-3-1.5-0-0-0-0			
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	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0			

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				

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

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
Washington	1	8:59/Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 45yd, 1:37
	1	0:20/Matt Shelton 27 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	11p, 79yd, 3:40
	1	0:00/Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 18yd, 0:03
	2	9:14/Anthony Fasano 15 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 65yd, 2:39
	2	0:34/D.J. Fitzpatrick 45 field goal	9p, 34yd, 1:33
4	12:19/Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 75yd, 1:18	

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
WASH	Jeff Samardzija	31	rec
	Matt Shelton	27*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	53	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
Washington	4	0:09/Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick)	8p, 63yd, 0:41
	2	11:53/Michael Braunstein 26 field goal	10p, 58yd, 3:07

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

6. Blair Kiel (1980-83)	297
7. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	290
8. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	268
9. Tom Clements (1972-74)	265
10. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	221

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)	455

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)	2,755

Passing Yards Per Game

1. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	172.7 (7,602/44)
2. Brady Quinn (2003-pres.)	172.2 (2,755/16)
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)	70
-- 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)	15

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: vs. Washington, 2004 (32)
 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. Washington, 2004 (4)
 Had three passing TDs: vs. Washington, 2004 (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: vs. Washington, 2004 (412)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense: at Purdue, 2003 (87)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense: vs. Washington, 2004 (78)

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: vs. Washington, 2004 (38)
 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)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game: vs. Washington, 2004
 (Matt Shelton - 2, Anthony Fasano - 2)

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: vs. Washington, 2004 (5)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs: vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
 (Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD: at 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 Michigan State, 2004

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs: vs. Washington, 1996 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs: vs. Washington, 2004 (22)
Was not penalized: at LSU, 1997
Had 10 or more penalties: vs. Washington, 2004 (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 vs. Washington, 2004 (32)
Completed 20 or more passes: Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (26)
Threw five or more TDs: Never
Threw four or more TDs: Brady Quinn vs. Washington, 2004 (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 vs. Wash., 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: Matt Shelton vs. Washington, 2004 (2)
Anthony Fasano vs. Washington, 2004 (2)

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

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: Brady Quinn
vs. Washington, 2004 (4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns: Brady Quinn
vs. Washington, 2004 (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: Washington, 2004 (44)
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: Washington, 2004 (78)

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: Washington, 2004 (4)
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: Washington, 2004 (20)
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	15	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	1-2	0-0
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	3-3
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)

Game 4

Washington 3
Notre Dame 38

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 25, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Finally, Notre Dame had room to relax.

Brady Quinn tied a school record with four touchdown passes to lead the Fighting Irish to a 38-3 victory over Washington, improving the Irish's record to 3-1. Quinn was 15-of-23 passing for 196 yards with two touchdowns each to Matt Shelton and Anthony Fasano in the first half, leading Notre Dame to its first easy victory of the season.

Quinn completed only two passes in the second half, one for 53 yards that set up the Fighting Irish's final score, but it hardly mattered. Quinn, a sophomore, finished 17 of 32 for 266 yards with one interception. Quinn spread his completions around to seven different receivers, including one play in which he caught his own deflected pass, and has completed passes for 14 different receivers this season. Quinn's fourth touchdown pass tied a school record done eight times, the last time by Carlyle Holiday in 2002.

About the only disappointment for Notre Dame on Saturday was that after playing their best half offensively, the Irish could not move the ball in the second half. But the Huskies — who were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 16-3 loss to Arizona in 1992 — never got back in the game. The three points were the fewest allowed by the Irish since a 42-0 victory over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 2002.

Quinn guided Notre Dame to scores on five of its eight first-half possessions. He started the run on Notre Dame's second possession, pump faking a screen pass, then throwing 24 yards into the end zone to Shelton, who was wide open. Two possessions later, Quinn capped a 79-yard drive, Notre Dame's longest scoring drive of the season, with a 27-yard pass to a leaping Shelton. Making his first starting appearance for the Irish, Shelton finished the day with a career-high four catches for 74 yards.

The Notre Dame defense, which had set up or scored half of the Irish touchdowns entering the game, set the offense up again on Washington's next play. Nose guard Trevor Laws jarred the ball loose from tailback Kenny James, then fell on the ball at the Washington 18. The Irish scored on the next play when Quinn threw an 18-yard TD pass to Fasano, giving Notre Dame a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Washington made it 21-3 on a 26-yard field goal by Michael Braunstein. But the Irish went ahead, 28-3, on a 15-yard scoring pass from Quinn to Fasano in the second quarter. Notre Dame moved ahead 31-3 when D. J. Fitzpatrick kicked a 45-yard field goal with 34 seconds left in the half. The Irish went ahead, 38-3, on a 17-yard run by the freshman Darius Walker, who finished with 81 yards on 23 carries. Walker made his first start in place on injured senior Ryan Grant.

It was Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham's first victory over the Huskies. Willingham's Stanford teams were 0-5 against Washington. The Huskies are now 0-5 against the Irish, losing by combined scores of 194-51. The victory was Notre Dame's sixth in its last eight games and marked the first time the Fighting Irish had held an opponent without a touchdown since a 42-0 win over Rutgers in 2002. The Irish have averaged 35.7 points per game in their last six victories.

SCORING SUMMARY

Washington	0	3	0	0	—	3
Notre Dame	21	10	0	7	—	38

First Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:59

ND - Shelton 27 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:20

ND - Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:00

Second Quarter

WASH - FG Michael Braunstein 26, 11:53

ND - Fasano 15 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:14

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 45, 0:34

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:19

Team Statistics

	WASH	ND
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	34-112	46-146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-17-1	32-17-1
Passing yards	223	266
Total plays-yards	78-335	78-412
Kick returns-yards	11-135	3-37
Sacks by	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	7-40.6	8-45.0
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-101
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	28:03	31:57

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

WASH: Kenny James 11-33; James Sims 4-30; Louis Rankin 5-25; Carl Bonnell 6-16; Zach Tuiaosopo 2-8; Anthony Russo 1-7; Shelton Sampson 3-6; Casey Paus 2-(-13).

ND: Darius Walker 23-81; Marcus Wilson 5-20; Rashon Powers-Neal 3-17; Jeff Jenkins 5-17; Justin Hoskins 4-16; Matt Shelton 1-0; Travis Thomas 5-(-5).

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

WASH: Casey Paus 26-10-0-130-0; Carl Bonnell 18-7-1-93-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 32-17-1-266-4.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

WASH: Corey Williams 5-72; Sonny Shackelford 3-38; Bobby Whithorne 2-36; Joe Toledo 2-27; Kenny James 2-15; Anthony Russo 1-13; Charles Frederick 1-11; Quintin Daniels 1-11.

ND: Matt Shelton 4-74; Rhema McKnight 3-68; Jeff Samardzija 3-48; Anthony Fasano 3-41; Carlyle Holiday 2-21; Josh Schmidt 1-14; Brady Quinn 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)