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2009 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL NOTES

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IRISH RETURN 46 MONOGRAM WINNERS

◆ Notre Dame opens fall practice with 46 returning monogram winners from 2008 – 22 on offense, 21 on defense and three on special teams.

◆ It is the most returning monogram winners under head coach Charlie Weis.

Number (Breakdown)

46 (22 on offense, 21 on defense, three specialists)
37 (20 on offense, 17 on defense)
36 (15 on offense, 20 on defense, two specialists)

Year

2009
2008
2006

36 (20 on offense, 14 on defense, two specialists) 2005
30 (10 on offense, 18 on defense, two specialists) 2007

18 RETURNING STARTERS HIGHLIGHT 2009 ROSTER

◆ Eighteen starters return from the 2008 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl champions including 10 offensive starters, six defensive starters and two specialists.

◆ The 18 returning starters are the most at Notre Dame since 2001 (also 18 returning starters) and according to Phil Steele, only nine out of the 120 teams in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision return more starters.

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Countdown To Kickoff

- 11** Cornerback **Raeshon McNeil** recorded a team-high 11 pass breakups in 2008. That is tied for third-most in single-season school history and the most by an Irish player since Dave Waymer had 12 in 1978. (SEE PAGE 4)
- 10** Notre Dame returns 10 offensive starters in 2009. The Irish are tied with three other schools for second-most returning offensive starters as only UAB returns its entire offensive unit in '09. (SEE PAGE 2)
- 9** The Irish return 18 starters in 2009, the most by a Notre Dame team since 2001. Only nine teams in the nation feature more returning starters in '09 than the Irish. (SEE PAGE 1)
- 8** Quarterback **Jimmy Clausen** has quickly ascended through Notre Dame's career passing lists and already ranks in the top-five in eight different career passing categories. (SEE PAGE 3)
- 7** Over the last four seasons, the Irish special teams units have tallied seven touchdowns, scoring on three punt returns, one kickoff return, one blocked punt return, one blocked field goal return and one fake field goal. (SEE PAGE 4)
- 6** The Irish feature six offensive linemen on their '09 roster that have started in their Notre Dame careers. The group has combined to register 100 career starts. (SEE PAGE 2)
- 5** Junior tailback **Armando Allen**, who wears the jersey #5, will not play two ways this fall. Rather, freshman linebacker **Manti Te'o** will also don the #5 jersey.
- 4** Notre Dame either held leads or had a possession in the fourth quarter with an opportunity to take the lead in four of its six losses in 2008.
- 3** Notre Dame returns its top three players in rushing yards, receiving yards, scoring, total offense and all-purpose yards from 2008.
- 2** Notre Dame was one of only two schools in 2008 (University of Buffalo, the other) that had both a wide receiver and a running back record at least 50 receptions. (Thanks STATS LLC)
- 1** Wide receivers **Michael Floyd** and **Golden Tate** both set Notre Dame records for receiving in a season by a freshman and sophomore, respectively.
- 0** The Irish have been one of the best teams in the nation at not turning the ball over since **Charlie Weis** became head coach, evidenced by the zero giveaways in five games in 2008 and zero turnovers in 15 games since 2005. (SEE PAGE 2)

Teams With 20 Returning Starters: Indiana, Minnesota and Toledo

Teams with 19 Returning Starters: UAB, Arkansas, Baylor, Central Michigan, Florida and ULM

Teams with 18 Returning Starters: East Carolina, Georgia Tech, Iowa State, Middle Tennessee State, North Texas, **Notre Dame**, Temple, Utah State, Vanderbilt and Wyoming

◆ It is the most returning starters under head coach Charlie Weis and the most at Notre Dame since the 2001 squad also returned 18 starters.

Number (Breakdown)

18 (10 offensive, six defensive, two specialists)	2009
17 (nine offensive, seven defensive, one specialist)	2008
17 (seven offensive, nine defensive, one specialist)	2006
15 (10 offensive, three defensive, two specialists)	2005
10 (three offensive, five defensive, two specialists)	2007

Year

THREE NEW COACHES ADD TO EXPERIENCED STAFF

◆ Head coach Charlie Weis added three experienced assistant coaches to the Irish coaching staff this offseason giving Notre Dame a coaching staff with 189 years of coaching experience.

◆ Running backs coach Tony Alford (14 years), defensive line coach Randy Hart (39 years) and offensive line/running game coordinator Frank Verducci (27 years) combined to add 80 years of coaching experience to Notre Dame's coaching roster.

◆ Head coach Charlie Weis adds the second-most years coaching to the staff (30 years), followed by Jon Tenuta (28 years), Rob Ianello (22 years), Brian Polian (12 years), Corwin Brown (eight years), Bernie Parmalee (seven years) and Ron Powlus (two years).

YOUNG PUPS NOW GROWING UP

◆ Of the 24 players that started the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl (including punter and placekicker), 18 players return in 2009 and 11 of those players have at least two seasons of eligibility remaining.

◆ Freshman DB Robert Blanton picked up his first career start against Navy in 2008. Blanton was the sixth different Irish rookie to start a game last season. Blanton joined WR Michael Floyd, TE Kyle Rudolph, OG Trevor Robinson, DE Ethan Johnson and LB Darius Fleming.

2009 Notre Dame Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 5	NEVADA (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
September 12	at Michigan (ABC)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	3:30 p.m.
September 19	MICHIGAN STATE (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
September 26	at Purdue (ABC/ESPN)	West Lafayette, Ind.	8:00 p.m.
October 3	WASHINGTON (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
October 17	USC (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
October 24	BOSTON COLLEGE (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
October 31	vs. Washington State (NBC)	San Antonio, Texas	6:30 p.m.
November 7	NAVY (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind.	2:30 p.m.
November 14	at Pittsburgh (TBA)	Pittsburgh, Pa.	TBA
November 21	CONNECTICUT (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind.	2:30 p.m.
November 28	at Stanford (ABC)	Palo Alto, Calif.	5:00 p.m.

All Times Local

Starter Sheet

Offense	2008	Streak	Career
Young (RT)	13	38	38
Clausen (QB)	13	16	22
Olsen (C)	13	19	19
Wenger (C)	13	15	18
Kamara (WR)	10	-	15
Rudolph (TE)	13	13	13
Duncan (LT)	-	-	12
Allen (HB)	8	2	12
Floyd (WR)	10	1	10
Stewart (LG)	10	2	10
Tate (WR)	8	2	10
West (WR)	-	-	7
Aldridge (HB)	1	-	6
Parris (WR)	-	-	4
Hughes (HB)	3	1	4
Robinson (RG)	3	-	3
Sharpley (QB)	-	-	2

Defense	2008	Streak	Career
Neal (DE)	11	8	16
Ryan (DE)	5	-	15
McNeil (CB)	13	13	14
McCarthy, K. (SS)	13	13	14
Smith, B. (LB)	9	-	12
Williams (NT)	7	3	9
Smith, H. (FS)	9	-	9
Brown, S. (SS)	6	1	6
Smith, T. (LB)	2	2	4
Johnson (DT)	4	1	4
Blanton (CB)	4	4	4
Fleming (LB)	3	1	3
Herring (SS)	-	-	1

Longest Active Streaks		
Young (RT)		38
Olsen (C)		19
Clausen (QB)		16
Wenger (C)		15
Rudolph (TE)		13
McNeil (CB)		13
McCarthy, K. (SS)		13

Most Career Starts (Active)		
Young (RT)		38
Clausen (QB)		22
Olsen (C)		19
Wenger (C)		18
Neal (DE)		16
Kamara (WR)		15
Ryan (DE)		15
McNeil (CB)		14
McCarthy, K. (SS)		14
Rudolph (TE)		13
Duncan (LT)		12
Smith, B. (LB)		12
Allen (HB)		12
Floyd (WR)		10
Stewart (LG)		10
Tate (WR)		10

◆ Notre Dame's duo of WR Michael Floyd and TE Kyle Rudolph each established school records for receptions and receiving yards by first year players at their respective positions. Floyd's total was also a freshman record for any position.

◆ The Irish scored 40 touchdowns in 2008 and 33 came from either freshmen or sophomores, including six of the seven touchdowns against Hawai'i in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl. The only touchdowns scored last season by upper classmen were RB James Aldridge (3), WR David Grimes (3) and LB Toryan Smith.

◆ The 33 of 40 touchdowns by underclassmen does not include QB Jimmy Clausen, who tossed 25 touchdown passes last season.

IRISH DON'T GIVE IT AWAY FOR FREE

◆ Since Charlie Weis became head coach at Notre Dame, the top priority of every game has been to win the turnover battle. In games the Irish have won the turnover battle, Notre Dame is 20-8.

◆ Last season, the Irish did not commit a turnover in five games. In fact, Notre Dame has not turned the ball over in 15 games since 2005. Here's how that ranks nationally (thanks STATS LLC):

Most Games with 0 Giveaways in 2008

No.	School
6	Ball State
6	Baylor
6	Florida
6	Oklahoma
5	Notre Dame
5	Four other teams

Most Games with 0 Giveaways since 2005

No.	School
19	West Virginia
17	Ball State
17	Florida
16	Memphis
15	Notre Dame
15	Buffalo
15	LSU

IRISH OFFENSE RETURNS 10 STARTERS

◆ Notre Dame's offense will be one of most experienced units in college football in 2009 as 10 starters are slated to return this fall. The Irish only opened two games in 2008 with a fullback on the field, choosing to open most contests with at least three wide receivers on the field. The only offensive starter replaced in '09 will be left tackle following Mike Turkovich's graduation.

◆ The 10 returning starters on offense are the most at Notre Dame since 2005 when the Irish returned 10 starters that year. According to research conducted by Phil Steele, only one school returns more starters on offense than the Irish and just three schools return as many offensive starters as Notre Dame.

Most Returning Offensive Starters in NCAA FBS

No.	School
11	UAB
10	Indiana
10	Middle Tennessee State
10	Minnesota
10	Notre Dame

HIGH RETURNS ROLLING IN FOR IRISH OFFENSE

◆ The Irish offense returns an unprecedented high percentage of its 2008 offense. All 3,190 passing yards (including senior Evan Sharpley's 18 yards) return this fall as quarterback Jimmy Clausen guides the Irish attack again.

◆ Almost 99 percent of the rushing yards from 2008 return and over 89 percent of the receiving yards are available this year. In fact, Notre Dame totaled 4,616 total yards of offense in 2008 and only 17 yards of total offense will not suit up for the Irish this fall.

◆ The only skill-position players lost from the '08 squad are wide receiver David Grimes and fullback Asaph Schwapp.

Returning Irish Offense in 2009

Category	Returning Yards/Points	Pct.
Rushing	1,409 of 1,426 yards	98.8
Passing	3,190 of 3,190 yards	100.0
Receiving	2,850 of 3,190 yards	89.3
Scoring	303 of 321 points	94.4
Total Offense	4,599 of 4,616 yards	99.6
All-Purpose	5,730 of 6,205 yards	92.3

IRISH O-LINE HITS CENTURY MARK FOR CAREER STARTS

◆ First-year offensive line coach Frank Verducci is charged with improving the Irish rushing attack in 2009 and will attempt to do so with one of the most experienced offensive line units in Notre Dame's recent history.

◆ Six players having starting experience for the Irish, led by right tackle Sam Young's 38 starts. Eric Olsen (19 starts), Dan Wenger (18 starts), Paul Duncan (12 starts), Chris Stewart (10 starts) and Trevor Robinson (three starts) help bring the Irish total to 100 combined career starts. That total is the second most in the past decade at Notre Dame.

Starts (No. of Players with Starting Experience) Year

102 (Six)	2005
100 (Six)	2009
91 (Four)	2006
79 (Six)	2002
60 (Five)	2008
60 (Six)	2001
49 (Seven)	2000
46 (Two)	2007
46 (Six)	2004
21 (Three)	2003

IRISH '08 UNDERCLASSMEN AMONG NATION'S ELITE

Irish Experience Laden In The Trenches

The *Wall Street Journal* recently published an article entitled "The Count: Using College O-Lines to Handicap This Fall." The research found that eight of the top 10 teams in the final AP poll had at least 65 career starts among their offensive lineman entering the season. The story also listed the amount of career starts in the offensive line of every BCS conference affiliated school. Interestingly enough, no BCS conference school enters the 2009 season with more career starts than Notre Dame's 100.

Team	Career Starts
1. Notre Dame	100
Virginia Tech	100
3. Georgia	99
4. Iowa	98
5. Minnesota	96
6. Wake Forest	95
7. Texas	91
UConn	91
USC	91

◆ Notre Dame's freshmen and sophomores in 2008 proved to be not just the most productive classes in school history but also one of the best in the country. Led by sophomore Golden Tate and freshman Michael Floyd, Irish underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores) combined to record 2,793 receiving yards, third most in the nation.

Most Receiving Yards by Underclassmen in 2008 (according to STATS, LLC)

Yards	School
3,582	Texas Tech
3,524	Houston
2,793	Notre Dame
2,244	USC
2,214	Kansas

CLAUSEN CLIMBING CAREER CHARTS

◆ Despite being just halfway through his college career, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen has moved into the top-10 in almost all Notre Dame passing lists.

◆ He already ranks in the top-five in eight categories including passing yards per game (second – 192.3 yards) completion percentage (second – 59.3 percent), completions (fourth – 406), attempts (fifth – 685) and passing touchdowns (32 TDs). Clausen ranks sixth in school history in career passing yards (4,426 yards) and lowest interception percentage (3.35 percent).

◆ Here is a quick comparison of Clausen's sophomore stats against the previous top sophomore final passing seasons by Notre Dame quarterbacks in school history:

	Jimmy Clausen	Brady Quinn	Ron Powlus
Completions	268	191	124
Attempts	440	353	217
Completion Percentage	60.9%	54.1%	57.1%
Passing Yards	3,172	2,586	1,853
Touchdowns	25	17	12
Interceptions	17	10	7
Passing Yards Per Game	244.0	215.5	185.3
Efficiency Rating	132.5	125.9	140.7

◆ Clausen has now made 22 career starts for Notre Dame. Here is an interesting look at his noticeable improvement:

	First 11 Starts	Last 11 Starts
Completions	165	226
Attempts	294	363
Completion Percentage	56.1%	62.3%
Passing Yards	1,604	2,747
Touchdowns	12	20
Interceptions	10	13
Passing Yards Per Game	145.8	249.7
Efficiency Rating	108.6	136.8

NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT THE BEST IN THE NATION

◆ No offense improved more in 2008 when compared to the production in 2007 as Notre Dame's offensive attack. The Irish 112.83 yards-per-game improvement in 2008 was best in the nation, ahead of a list that included Oklahoma, Georgia and Penn State. Here is a look at last year's top 10 most improved offenses:

Rank	School	2007	2008	Improvement
1.	Notre Dame	242.25	355.08	112.83
2.	Oklahoma	448.42	547.86	99.44
3.	Akron	311.67	369.67	85.00
4.	Eastern Michigan	337.50	417.50	80.00
5.	Rice	404.00	470.92	66.92
6.	Mississippi	345.25	407.62	62.37
7.	Houston	501.92	562.77	60.85
8.	Iowa State	326.92	386.83	59.91
9.	Georgia	375.62	426.00	50.38
10.	Penn State	400.08	448.92	48.84

National Rankings

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Rk	School	Record	Pts
Not yet released			

USA TODAY/COACHES (Preseason)

Rk	School	Record	Pts
1.	Florida (53)	13-1	1,466
2.	Texas (4)	12-1	1,386
3.	Oklahoma (1)	12-2	1,358
4.	USC (1)	12-1	1,321
5.	Alabama	12-2	1,134
6.	Ohio State	10-3	1,126
7.	Virginia Tech	10-4	1,020
8.	Penn State	11-2	988
9.	LSU	8-5	917
10.	Mississippi	9-4	889
11.	Oklahoma State	9-4	861
12.	California	9-4	711
13.	Georgia	10-3	707
14.	Oregon	10-3	694
15.	Georgia Tech	9-4	559
16.	Boise State	12-1	542
17.	TCU	11-2	461
18.	Utah	13-0	404
19.	Florida State	9-4	371
20.	North Carolina	8-5	293
21.	Iowa	9-4	257
22.	Nebraska	9-4	236
23.	Notre Dame	7-6	194
24.	Brigham Young	10-3	178
25.	Oregon State	9-4	165

Others Receiving Votes

Kansas (8-5) 138, **Michigan State (9-4) 136**, Texas Tech (11-2) 114, Cincinnati (11-3) 90, **Pittsburgh (9-4) 64**, West Virginia (9-4) 55, Rutgers (8-5) 51, Miami (Fla.) (7-6) 46, Missouri (10-4) 44, Illinois (5-7) 38, Clemson (7-6) 30, South Carolina (7-6) 18, UCLA (4-8) 14, Auburn (5-7) 12, **Nevada (7-6) 11**, South Florida (8-5) 11, Kentucky (7-6) 9, North Carolina State (6-7) 7, Arkansas (5-7) 6, Wisconsin (7-6) 6, Northwestern (9-4) 5, Southern Mississippi (7-6) 4, Wake Forest (8-5) 4, Arizona (8-5) 3, **Boston College (9-5) 3**, Central Michigan (8-5) 3, East Carolina (9-5) 3, Colorado (5-7) 2, Maryland (8-5) 2, **Navy (8-5) 2**, Tennessee (5-7) 2, Houston (8-5) 1, **Michigan (3-9) 1**, Minnesota (7-6) 1, Troy (8-5) 1.

2009 opponents in bold

NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT ALSO ONE OF BEST IN THE NATION

◆ The vast improvements were not exclusive to the offensive side of the ball. The Notre Dame defense also made major leaps from a season ago. Here is a look at last year's top 25 most improved scoring defenses:

Rank	School	2007	2008	Improvement
1.	Navy	36.4	22.0	14.4
2.	Northern Illinois	30.8	18.0	12.8
3.	Florida	25.5	12.9	12.6
4.	Minnesota	36.7	24.8	11.9
5.	Northwestern	31.0	20.2	10.8
6.	Florida International	39.1	28.3	10.8
7.	Tennessee	27.3	16.8	10.5
8.	Duke	33.2	23.4	9.8
9.	Rice	42.9	33.3	9.6
10.	Mississippi	28.5	19.0	9.5
11.	Nebraska	37.9	28.5	9.4
12.	Boise State	21.6	12.6	9.0
13.	Bowling Green	32.1	23.2	8.9
14.	Kentucky	29.6	21.5	8.1
15.	Ball State	28.3	20.5	7.8
16.	Alabama	22.0	14.3	7.7
17.	Baylor	37.0	29.3	7.7
18.	San Jose State	29.3	21.6	7.7
19.	TCU	18.7	11.3	7.4
20.	USC	16.0	9.0	7.0
21.	California	26.8	19.9	6.9
22.	Central Michigan	36.9	30.2	6.7
23.	Notre Dame	28.8	22.2	6.6
24.	Marshall	34.3	27.7	6.6
25.	Army	30.3	23.7	6.6

◆ Notre Dame was one of two schools (Mississippi the other) that ranked in the top 10 in most improved offense and top 25 in most improved scoring defense.

MCNEIL BREAKS INTO PASSES BROKEN UP LIST

◆ Cornerback Raeshon McNeil established himself as a solid defensive player in 2008 as he recorded the most pass breakups by an Irish defender in 30 years. His 11 pass breakups were the most since Dave Waymer registered 12 PBUs in 1978 and are tied for the third most in a single season in school history. ◆ McNeil's top game came at Boston College as he recorded three PBUs in the loss. The three PBUs were the most in a game for the Irish in the Weis era. In fact, it is the most by an Irish player since Shane Walton and Jerome Sapp each had three against Florida State on Oct. 26, 2002.

Passes Broken Up - Season

1.	Clarence Ellis	13 (1969)
2.	Dave Waymer	12 (1978)
3.	Raeshon McNeil	11 (2008)
	Tom Schoen	11 (1967)
	Luther Bradley	11 (1973)
6.	Dennis Phillips	10 (1963)
	Tony Carey	10 (1964)
	Tom Longo	10 (1964)
	David Martin	10 (1966)
	Thomas O'Leary	10 (1966)
	Ralph Stepaniak	10 (1969)

KYLE USHERS IN MCCARTHYISM ERA IN SECONDARY

◆ Strong safety Kyle McCarthy proved to be more than adequate replacement for Tom Zbikowski in 2008. The senior from Youngstown, Ohio recorded more tackles in a season than any other Irish defensive back becoming the first Notre Dame DB to reach the 100-tackle plateau. McCarthy finished the season with 110 tackles and tied for 54th in the nation in tackles per game.

Tackles - Season - Defensive Backs

1.	Kyle McCarthy (2008)	110
2.	Chinedum Ndukwe (2006)	98

3.	David Bruton (2008)	97
4.	Steve Lawrence (1985)	92
5.	A'Jani Sanders (1999)	91
6.	David Bruton (2007)	85
7.	Brian Magee (1994)	81
	Glenn Earl (2002)	81
9.	Jim Browner (1976)	80
	Tom Zbikowski (2007)	80

IRISH DEFENSE STINGY OUT OF THE GATE IN '08

◆ USC's first quarter touchdown on Nov. 29 was the first allowed by the Notre Dame defense in the opening quarter since Sept. 27 against Purdue -- a span of eight games.

◆ In fact, Notre Dame allowed just 16 points in the first quarter over its last eight games.

◆ Hawaii's second quarter touchdown was the sixth offensive score allowed by the Notre Dame defense in the opening half over its final nine contests. The Irish defense surrendered just 61 total first half points over the last seven games.

KICKOFF RETURN DEFENSE UNIT SHOWED MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN '08

◆ Notre Dame led the NCAA FBS in kickoff return defense last season allowing only 16.5 yards per return and became the first Irish special teams unit to lead the nation in this category. It was also the first time Notre Dame led the NCAA in a statistical category since 1988. What made the feat even more impressive was the fact that the Irish registered just one touchback during the season. The 16.5 yards allowed on kickoffs was the best by a Notre Dame squad since 1975 when that team permitted only 14.9 yards per kick return.

	2007	2008	Improvement
Kickoff Return Defense	22.75 (89th)	16.38 (1st)	6.37 yards (28.5%)

IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS HAVE SHINED OVER PAST FOUR SEASONS

◆ Notre Dame's special teams have been solid over the past four seasons and have made critical plays to help turn games several times since 2005.

◆ Irish special teams have scored seven touchdowns, forced seven turnovers and deflected or blocked 22 kicks in the past four years.

◆ Notre Dame has scored three TDs on punt returns, one on a kickoff return, one on a blocked punt return, one on a blocked field goal return and one on a fake field goal.

◆ The Irish have tallied 10 blocked punts, nine blocked field goals and three blocked PATs since 2005.

◆ Over the past four years, Notre Dame has averaged 10.0 yards per punt return, allowed 7.6 yards on punt returns and permitted 19.9 yards on kickoff returns.

ANELLO NAMED TO LOTT AWARD WATCH LIST

University of Notre Dame senior Mike Anello has been named to the 2009 Lott Trophy Watch List, it was announced April 7 by Ronnie Lott at a luncheon in Newport Beach, Calif.

The Watch List is made up of 42 of the nation's top defensive players who have had the biggest IMPACT on their teams on and off the field. IMPACT stands for Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity.

Anello, a 5-10, 170-pound cornerback, has been a standout special teams player for the Irish and graduated with a finance degree in three and a half years. The former walk-on player from Orland Park, Ill. was rewarded with a scholarship prior to the start of the 2008 season. Anello has totaled 29 tackles, including 19 solo stops, with two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery as a member of the punt and kickoff coverage units.

In 2008, Anello was named to the ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America second team and was recipient of the Nick Pietrosante Award and the Rockne Student-Athlete Award at the 2008 football banquet.

Named after Hall of Famer Lott, The Lott Trophy is awarded to college football's Defensive IMPACT Player of the Year. Now in its sixth year, The Lott Trophy is the only college football award to equally recognize athletic performance and the personal character attributes of the player.

Sponsored by The Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation, the award is given to a player who exhibits the same characteristics Lott embodied during his distinguished career: Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity.

Voters for the award include selected members of the national media, previous finalists, the Board of Directors of the Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation, The IMPACT Foundation Board of Advisers comprised of many retired NFL players and Master Coaches, a distinguished group of former head college coaches.

The winner will be announced at a gala black-tie banquet at The Pacific Club in Newport Beach, Calif. on December 13th, 2009.

JIMMY CLAUSEN NAMED TO O'BRIEN AWARD WATCH LIST

University of Notre Dame junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen has been named to the 2009 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award® Watch List by the Davey O'Brien Foundation. The O'Brien Selection Committee is asked to evaluate each candidate on the criteria of quarterback skills and athletic ability, academics, reputation as a team player, character, leadership and sportsmanship.

Clausen has started 22 of the 23 games he has played over his Irish career. He already ranks among the top 10 all-time in the following career passing categories: second in passing yards per game (192.4), second in completion percentage (59.3), fourth in completions (406), fifth in attempts (685), fifth in TD passes (32) and sixth in passing yards (4,426).

As a sophomore in 2008, Clausen started all 13 games at quarterback and recorded the third-most prolific passing season in Irish history. He completed 268 of his 440 pass attempts (60.9 pct) for 3,172 passing yards (244.0 yards per game). Clausen tossed 25 touchdowns and established records in every major passing category by a Notre Dame sophomore quarterback. The only better statistical seasons by an Irish signal caller were Brady Quinn in 2005 and 2006. Clausen ranked 43rd in passing efficiency nationally at 132.49 and ranked 40th in total offense at 238.38 yards per game.

Clausen closed last season with his best performance in a Notre Dame uniform. He completed 22 of 26 passes for 401 yards and five TDs without an interception against Hawai'i in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl. Clausen set individual career bests in completion percentage (84.6 percent), passing yards (401) and TD passes (five). His statistics also helped set Notre Dame team bowl records in points (49), passing yards (413), passing touchdowns (five) and total yards (478). Clausen's passing yards, passing touchdowns and completion percentage were also Notre Dame individual bowl records. In fact, his completion percentage was the second best by any quarterback at any school in bowl game history.

The 2009 O'Brien Award Watch List highlights 33 quarterbacks who will compete for the award honoring the nation's best quarterback; however, all 120 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) starting quarterbacks are equal candidates at this time. Watch List candidates were selected by a subset of The O'Brien Selection Committee. The list focuses on a select group of quarterbacks who have demonstrated what members of the Selection Committee have recognized as tremendous preseason talent. The award focuses on accomplishments both on and off the field.

KYLE RUDOLPH NAMED TO MACKEY AWARD WATCH LIST

University of Notre Dame sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph has been named to the 2009 John Mackey Award watch list by the Nassau County Sports Commission. Given annually to the best collegiate tight end, Rudolph is one of 30 players - and the only sophomore - placed on the watch list.

Rudolph burst onto the scene in 2008 becoming the first Notre Dame tight end in school history to start every game in his freshman season. He set school records for a freshman by tallying 29 receptions for 340 yards and also scored two touchdowns.

The 6-6, 260-pounder recorded a career-high five receptions versus Purdue for 70 yards and a TD. His season-long reception of 29 yards came in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl against Hawaii and helped Rudolph establish a season-best 78 receiving yards on four catches.

The Mackey Award is named after NFL Hall of Fame member John Mackey and has been presented since 2000. The award recipient is selected by vote of the John Mackey Award Selection Committee and the 2009 award winner will be announced on Dec. 10, 2009.

DAN WENGER NAMED TO 2009 RIMINGTON TROPHY SPRING WATCH LIST

University of Notre Dame senior center Dan Wenger was named to the 2009 Rimington Trophy Spring Watch List, the Rimington Trophy committee announced. Wenger was one of 44 players selected to the watch list for the trophy awarded to the nation's top center.

An intelligent and gritty center that has started the last 15 games, Wenger is one of four returning starters on Notre Dame's offensive line. He has started 18 of the 21 games he has appeared in his career and anchored the offensive line unit in 2008 that cut the number of sacks allowed from 58 to 22.

The Rimington Trophy is awarded to the center with the most first team All-America votes. The winner will be honored at a banquet at the Rococo Theater in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 16, 2010. The 10-year old trophy is presented by the Boomer Esiason Foundation and since its inception has helped raise over \$1.3 million for the award's benefactor.

EVAN SHARPLEY TEARS UP ARIZONA ROOKIE LEAGUE

University of Notre Dame senior quarterback Evan Sharpley returns to campus for his fifth year of eligibility following an outstanding summer with the Seattle Mariners' Arizona League rookie ball club.

Sharpley led the team in games played (37), runs scored (31), hits (44), doubles (12), home runs (seven), RBI (29), total bases (81), walks (21), slugging percentage (.614) and batting average (.333). He also ranked among the top 10 in the entire league in games played (t-1st), home runs (t-3rd), total bases (t-3rd), hits (4th), walks (t-3rd), slugging percentage (4th), OPS (4th), doubles (t-4th), on-base percentage (t-4th), runs (6th), RBI (7th) and batting (10th).

Sharpley was selected in the 50th round of the 2009 MLB First-Year Player draft by the Mariners.

ARMANDO ALLEN NAMED DOAK WALKER AWARD CANDIDATE

The Guaranty Bank SMU Athletic Forum announced that University of Notre Dame junior halfback Armando Allen has been named a candidate for the 2009 Doak Walker Award. The award is presented annually to the nation's top college running back.

Allen has been used in a variety of ways during his first two seasons with the Irish, including as a rusher, receiver and punt/kickoff returner. He has recorded a team-high 2,725 combined all-purpose yards (109.0 yards per game) over his first two years. Allen has registered career totals of 933 rushing yards on 220 carries and has three rushing touchdowns. He already ranks second all-time among Notre Dame running backs with 74 career receptions (25 catches behind Darius Walker's record). Allen has tallied career totals of 479 receiving yards and three touchdowns. He also ranks third at Notre Dame with 54 career kickoff returns and is fourth in kickoff return yards with 1,247.

In 2008, Allen led the Irish in rushing with 585 yards on 134 carries (4.4 avg.) and added three touchdowns. He ranked second on the team with 50 receptions and tallied 355 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Allen's 50 receptions were the second most by an Irish running back in single-season school history. He also recorded 1,549 all-purpose yards, averaging 119.2 yards per game, second on the squad.

Allen capped off his sophomore campaign in style with a stellar effort in the 49-21 rout of Hawai'i in the 2008 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl. The running back totaled 184 all-purpose yards, including a 18-yard touchdown reception and a 96-yard touchdown kickoff return. Allen was the first Irish player to return a kickoff for a score since 2002.

The Guaranty Bank SMU Athletic Forum Board of Directors will select the semifinalists on November 11, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will cast votes to determine the finalists, who will be announced on November 23. The committee will cast a second vote beginning on November 30 to determine the recipient. The National Selection Committee consists of former NFL All-Pro and college All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives.

The recipient of the 2009 Doak Walker Award will be announced live on ESPN on The Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards on Thursday, December 10. The Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas, on Friday, February 19, 2010.

The award, in its 20th year, is named for SMU's three-time All-America running back Doak Walker. It is the only major collegiate award that requires all candidates to be in good academic standing and on schedule to graduate within one year of other students of the same classification.

IRISH FOOTBALL FAN DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Fans looking to get a sneak peek of the 2009 Notre Dame football team are invited to attend Fighting Irish Football Fan Day on Saturday, Aug. 15 inside Notre Dame Stadium. The practice starts at 9:00 a.m. and lasts until 11:30 a.m. and is free to everyone in attendance.

Led by head coach Charlie Weis, the Irish coaching staff will run the football team through its only public practice for two and a half hours, weather permitting. The '09 Irish are the most experienced team to play for Weis and feature 18 returning starters and 46 returning monogram winners.

All fans must enter through Gate D at Notre Dame Stadium. Gate D will open at 8:30 a.m. and seating is on a first come, first served basis in the lower bowl on the west side of the Stadium.

Stadium concession stands will not be open but fans will be allowed to enter with non-alcoholic beverages in plastic containers. Notre Dame ushers will be present at the gates and throughout the Stadium and will remove any patrons who bring in alcoholic beverages or glass containers. Restrooms will be open in the lower bowl of Notre Dame Stadium.

Autographs and/or photos with the players or coaches will not be available prior to, during or following practice. Fans are encouraged to park in the lots located just south of the Stadium and Joyce Center or in the Library parking lots. Tailgating prior to and following practice will not be permitted. If weather forces the team to practice inside, the event will not be rescheduled.

NOTRE DAME-ARMY RIVALRY RENEWS IN 2010 AT YANKEE STADIUM

Notre Dame and Army - two staples of the national sports scene when they met 21 times between 1925 and 1946 at the original Yankee Stadium, the home of the New York Yankees - will renew that historic collegiate rivalry for the 50th time on Nov. 20, 2010, when the Fighting Irish and Cadets meet in the first football game to be played at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y.

The game will be the second of a series of "off-site" home football games for Notre Dame in which the Irish are taking games that could be played at Notre Dame Stadium and moving them to venues around the country. The first of those will take place Oct. 31, 2009, when Notre Dame and Washington State meet at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. Notre Dame and Arizona State are slated to meet in 2013 at the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"As a longtime Yankee fan, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity for Notre Dame to be a part of this event. I think this will be the kind of game that our players will remember long after it's over."

Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis.

NBC Sports is expected to televise the Notre Dame-Army game on a national basis in prime time.

"Any student of Notre Dame football history knows the meaning of the Notre Dame-Army rivalry and, in particular, the history of that rivalry at Yankee Stadium," said Notre Dame athletics director Jack

Swarbrick.

"It's fitting that a Notre Dame-Army game will be the first football event in this fabulous facility - and it's also fitting that the 50th meeting in this great rivalry will take place in a venue with such great tradition for both programs."

"As a longtime Yankee fan, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity for Notre Dame to be a part of this event. I think this will be the kind of game that our players will remember long after it's over," said Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis.

"We are very excited about the prospect of airing the 50th all-time game of one of the great rivalries in college football history," NBC Sports president Ken Schanzer said. "The fact that next year's game will be played in one of the greatest venues only adds to what should be an unforgettable evening."

Notre Dame expects to make tickets available to its contributing alumni and fans through its alumni lottery as it does with all other football games. Army will receive an allotment of tickets as the visiting team. Approximately 47,000 seats are expected to be available for football at Yankee Stadium.

While Notre Dame and Army have met on 49 previous occasions, the heyday of the rivalry came in the mid-1940s. Over four straight seasons from 1943 through 1946, both Notre Dame and Army came into their Yankee Stadium match up ranked fifth or higher in that week's Associated Press poll. The Irish came into the '43 game ranked number one, then Army brought the top ranking into the contest in '44, '45 and '46. Top-ranked Notre Dame defeated #3 Army 26-0 in '43. Top-rated Army vanquished #5 Notre Dame 59-0 in '44 and #2 Notre Dame 48-0 in '45. Then, in '46, came the famous 0-0 tie between #1 Army and #2 Notre Dame - made legendary by John Lujack's well-chronicled saving tackle of Cadet star running back Doc Blanchard late in the game.

In the 1940s alone, Notre Dame claimed consensus national titles in '43, '46, '47 and '49 - while Army won national titles in '44 and '45. In that same decade of the '40s, Notre Dame produced three Heisman Trophy winners in Angelo Bertelli ('43), Lujack ('47) and Leon Hart ('49), while Army produced two in Blanchard ('45) and Glenn Davis ('46). The Notre Dame-Army match ups at New York's Yankee Stadium had much to do with creating the term "subway alumni" for Notre Dame alumni and fans that utilized that mode of transportation to attend the games.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Army 37-8-4 - including a 14-5-3 record at the original Yankee Stadium. Previous Yankee Stadium games between the Irish and Cadets came in 1925-29, 1931-46, and 1969 (the 100th anniversary of college football). The teams first met in a historic 35-13 Irish victory in 1913 at West Point. Notre Dame holds an 8-1 edge in meetings at Notre Dame Stadium, the most recent in 2006. The rivalry also has featured one game each at Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn (1923), the Polo Grounds (a 13-7 Irish victory in '24 at which Grantland Rice coined the Four Horsemen nickname), Soldier Field in Chicago ('30), in Philadelphia ('57), Shea Stadium in New York ('65) -- and three at Giants Stadium in the New Jersey Meadowlands ('77, '83 and '95).

Notre Dame also played at the original Yankee Stadium in 1949 against North Carolina (a 42-6 Irish victory) and in 1963 versus Syracuse (a 14-7 Orange win). Those contests, combined with the match ups against Army, give the Irish an overall 15-6-3 mark in previous Yankee Stadium games.

Other New York-area Notre Dame football appearances came at the Polo Grounds in 1921 (versus Rutgers) -- and at Giants Stadium in 1980, '82, '84, '90, '92 and 2004 (all against Navy), in '89 against Virginia and in 2002 against Maryland (both in the Kickoff Classic). The Irish also played at Rutgers in 2000.

IRISH LEGENDS FOOTBALL TEAM RUN OVER JAPAN NATIONAL TEAM, 19-3

Notre Dame won a football game today halfway across the world in typical Lou Holtz fashion. The Irish dominated the line of scrimmage, ran for nearly 300 yards, needed only one pass completion -- and got all kinds of help from an opportunistic defense.

All that translated into a 19-3 Irish Legends victory over the Japan National team in front of 21,080 at the Tokyo Dome.

Japan claimed an early 3-0 lead, but it was all Irish from there.

Jay Vickers earned the Notre Dame MVP award after running for 139 yards, 77 of them on one run to the Japan two that set up the first Irish touchdown and gave Notre Dame a lead it never gave up.

Meanwhile, Ambrose Wooden earned some sort of iron man award, playing the second half at quarterback and most of the final two periods on defense as well. He ran for 22 yards, completed the only pass of the night for Notre Dame and made a solo tackle.

Linebacker-turned-fullback Brandon Hoyte added another 46 yards on the ground, while Tony Rice ran for 34, all in the opening half. Japan had more first downs (17-13), but Notre Dame held the home team to 236 total yards, 57 net rushing yards and 179 through the air on 20-of-45 passing with two interceptions (Ron Israel, Mike Goolsby). The Irish knocked down another four passes at the line of scrimmage.

Ivory Covington led the defense with six tackles, while Goolsby had three and five other players had a pair. Anthony Brannan, Greg Pauly, Melvin Dansby had tackles for losses, and Matt Hasbrook recorded a safety by tackling the Japanese quarterback in the end zone after a Geoff Price punt had been downed at the Japan one.

Japan took the opening kickoff deep into Irish territory, but on fourth and one on the Notre Dame 19 at 9:34, Brian Magee made the stop to give the Irish the football.

The Irish couldn't move the ball behind quarterback starter Ambrose Wooden, and Japan started over from its 48 with 7:10 on the clock. After the home team missed a potential completion on third down, Japan's Daisuke Aoki converted on a 30-yard field goal for a 3-0 Japan lead at the 3:56 mark.

An interception by Israel on the first play of the second period set up the Irish on the Japan 41. Rice gained 16 yards on first down - and after Hoyte was stopped at the Japan 20 on third down, Scott Cengia knocked through a 37-yard field goal to tie the game at 3-3 with 12:32 left in the second.

Notre Dame's defense came up with two consecutive stops that forced punts -- and the Irish took over at their own 21 with 6:53 remaining in the second period. On first down Vickers headed hard around the right side and 77 yards later was pushed out of bounds. On second down, Rice ran it in to make it 10-3 at the 5:49 mark. And that's how the half ended.

The Irish gained only 24 yards on their opening second-half possession to the Japan 44. But Geoff Price's punt was downed at the one and on second down Matt Hasbrook nailed the Japan quarterback in the end zone for a safety.

Notre Dame's Cengia missed a 44-yard field goal and Japan's Aoki did the same from 44. Then on Japan's first down, Goolsby grabbed off Shun Suguwara's pass at the Japan 40 and returned it to the eight. An offside penalty advanced the Irish cause, and Vickers took it in from the two on second and goal on a pitch from Wooden to complete the scoring.

Notre Dame simply ran out the clock in the final period. One possession featured 13 straight rushing plays -- as the Irish went from their own 12 to the Japan 19 before surrendering the football after a fourth-down miss - but not before holding the ball for 8:19.

Notre Dame finished with a possession time edge of 36:18 to 23:42, including holding the ball for more than 21 minutes of the second half (11:46 in the third period alone).

Once the game ended, both coaches were interviewed live and shown on the video board at the Tokyo Dome.

Said Holtz, "Our team played great defense, great pass defense. Our quarterbacks could not throw. So we feel grateful to win. We got some continuity in the second half. I can't say enough good things about Jay Vickers and all our backs. We were bigger, they were quicker. But our offensive line did a great job. (Ambrose)Wooden hadn't played quarterback since high school and took about half the snaps on Thursday.

"It was great to be back out here. We won this game like we won a lot of games when I was at Notre Dame - we just beat the heck out of them."

Holtz talked to the entire Japan squad after the game, with dozens of cameras recording the action. There were formal presentations of trophies to the winning teams and the MVPs.

Gary Godsey was not in uniform after an early-week leg injury sidelined him. Tony Rice, despite leg and calf issues, looked good in warm-ups after not being able to practice on Thursday. Fullback Ray Zellars struggled during warm-ups, also with leg problems. Then, on the first play from scrimmage, defensive end Chris Frome came off with a left leg injury and never returned (by halftime he wore a brace). Jason Beckstrom tore an Achilles tendon on the first series and will require surgery and Marcus Thorne suffered an apparent concussion.

The weather outside was hot, sunny and steamy. The neighboring amusement park did a big business, and the Notre Dame tailgating party just outside the dome was more than a little warm.

About 35 Japanese team cheerleaders in white go-go boots led the home fans, with GO JAPAN on the scoreboard.

One scoreboard shot showed five Japanese businessmen holding a sign that said "Ambrose #22." Five signs in Japanese hung over the right-field wall behind the Japan bench.

**Training Camp
Practice & Media Schedule**

Day	Date	Practice Time	Media Viewing	Player/Coach Availability
Fri.	Aug. 7	None – Final Day of Summer School		Weis 12–12:45; Coordinators & Assistants 12:45–1:30
•Sat.	Aug. 8	2:30-5:00 pm	First 20 Minutes	Selected Players at 11:45 am
Sun.	Aug. 9	2:30-5:30 pm	First 20 Minutes	All Other Players (except freshmen) at 11:45 am
Mon.	Aug. 10	2:30-5:30 pm	First 20 Minutes	Weis at 11:45 am
Tues.	Aug. 11	2:30-5:30 pm	First 20 Minutes	Offensive Players/Coaches at 11:15 am
Wed.	Aug. 12	2:30-5:30 pm	First 20 Minutes	Defensive Players/Coaches at 11:45 am
@Thurs.	Aug. 13	9:00-11:00 am	Closed	Polian & Specialists at Noon
		5:30-8:00 pm	First 20 Minutes	
Fri.	Aug. 14	2:30-5:30 pm	First 20 Minutes	Weis at 11:45 am
*Sat.	Aug. 15	9:00-11:30 am	Open to Media	None
		5:30-8:00 pm	Closed	
Sun.	Aug. 16	2:30-5:30 pm	Closed	None
Mon.	Aug. 17	9:00-11:30 am	First 20 Minutes	Weis & Offensive Players at Noon
		5:30-8:00 pm	First 20 Minutes	
Tues.	Aug. 18	2:30-5:30 pm	First 20 Minutes	Defensive Players & Specialists at 11:45 am
Wed.	Aug. 19	2:30-5:30 pm	First 20 Minutes	Coordinators & Assistants at 11:45 am
Thurs.	Aug. 20	9:00-11:30 am	First 20 Minutes	Weis, Captains & Leadership Committee at Noon
		5:30-8:00 pm	First 20 Minutes	
Fri.	Aug. 21	2:30-5:00 pm	First 20 Minutes	Freshmen Media Day at 11:45 am
Sat.	Aug. 22	Off	Closed	
#Sun.	Aug. 23	8:00-10:00 pm	Closed	None
Mon.	Aug. 24	4:45-6:45 pm	First 20 Minutes	Weis after practice
Tues.	Aug. 25	4:45-6:45 pm	First 20 Minutes	Offensive Players/Coaches (except study hall guys) after practice
Wed.	Aug. 26	4:45-6:45 pm	First 20 Minutes	Defensive Players/Coaches after practice
Thurs.	Aug. 27	4:45-6:15 pm	First 20 Minutes	Polian, Specialists & Offensive Study Hall guys after practice
Fri.	Aug. 28	4:30 pm	Closed	
Sat.	Aug. 29	1:30 pm	Closed	
Sun.	Aug. 30	Off		Weis only at 4:00 pm

* Fan Appreciation Day: Practice inside Notre Dame Stadium (weather permitting) will be open to all fans.

@ Professor Appreciation Day with cookout to follow practice.

Student Appreciation Night: Practice inside Notre Dame Stadium (weather permitting) will be open to all students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

• Players at media day include: Armando Allen, Jimmy Clausen, Michael Floyd, Kyle McCarthy, Kerry Neal, Eric Olsen, Kyle Rudolph, Brian Smith, Harrison Smith, Scott Smith, Golden Tate, Darrin Walls, Ian Williams, Sam Young

All times and availability are subject to change

**Career Starts
By Position**

—OFFENSE—										
WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	HB
Floyd (10)	Young (10)	Olsen (13)	Wenger (15)	Stewart (10)	Young (28)	Rudolph (13)	Kamara (15)	Clausen (22)		Allen (12)
Tate (10)	Duncan (2)			Olsen (6)	Duncan (10)		West (7)	Sharpley (2)		Aldridge (6)
				Wenger (3)			Parris (4)			Hughes (4)
				Robinson (3)						
—DEFENSE—										
DE	NT/DT	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Neal (2)	Williams (9)	Ryan (5)	Neal (14)		Smith, B. (5)	Smith, B. (7)	McNeil (14)	McCarthy (13)	Brown, S. (5)	Blanton (4)
Fleming (2)		Johnson (4)	Ryan (11)		Smith, T. (4)	Smith, H. (7)		Smith, H. (2)	McCarthy (1)	
			Fleming (1)					Herring (1)		

**Notre Dame Football
At-A-Glance**

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Notre Dame, Ind.
Founded: 1842
Nickname: Fighting Irish
Colors: Gold and Blue
Enrollment: 8,332 (undergraduates), 11,479 (total)
Stadium: Notre Dame Stadium (Natural Grass/80,795)
President: Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
Provost: Thomas Burish
NCAA Faculty Representative: Patricia Bellia
Athletic Director: Jack Swarbrick
Sr. Associate Athletic Director/Media Relations and Broadcast Properties: John Heislser
Director of Football Media Relations: Brian Hardin
Athletic Department Website: www.und.com

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Offensive Formation: Pro Set
Defensive Formation: Multiple
2008 Overall Record: 7-6
Final Ranking: Unranked/Unranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 18/6
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 46/18

COACHING STAFF

Name (Alma Mater, Year)	Title
Charlie Weis (Notre Dame '78)	Head Coach
Corwin Brown (Michigan '94)	Associate Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
Rob Ianello (Catholic '87)	Assistant Head Coach (Offense)/Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
Jon Tenuta (Virginia '82)	Assistant Head Coach (Defense)/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Tony Alford (Colorado State, '92)	Running Backs
Randy Hart (Ohio State, '70)	Defensive Line
Bernie Parmalee (Ball State '91)	Tight Ends
Brian Polian (John Carroll '97)	Special Teams Coordinator
Ron Powilus (Notre Dame '94)	Quarterbacks
Frank Verducci (Seton Hall, '80)	Offensive Line/Running Game Coordinator
Brian White (Juniata, '04)	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
Bryant Young (Notre Dame, '94)	Graduate Assistant (Defense)

2008 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attendance	TV
Sept. 6	San Diego State	W	21-13	80,795	NBC
Sept. 13	Michigan	W	35-17	80,795	NBC
Sept. 20	at Michigan State	L	7-23	76,366	ABC
Sept. 27	Purdue	W	38-21	80,795	NBC
Oct. 4	Stanford	W	28-21	80,795	NBC
Oct. 11	at North Carolina	L	24-29	60,500	ABC
Oct. 25	at Washington	W	33-7	70,437	ESPN2
Nov. 1	Pittsburgh	L (4ot)	33-36	80,795	NBC
Nov. 8	at Boston College	L	0-17	44,500	ESPN
Nov. 15	vs. Navy	W	27-21	70,932	CBS
Nov. 22	Syracuse	L	23-24	80,795	NBC
Nov. 29	at USC	L	3-38	90,689	ESPN
Dec. 24	vs. Hawaii	W	49-21	45,718	ESPN

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Pct.	TD	INT	Eff.
Jimmy Clausen	268	440	3,172	60.9	25	17	132.5

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yards/Game	Long
Armando Allen	134	585	4.4	3	45.0	21
Robert Hughes	112	382	3.4	4	31.8	18

Receiving	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yards/Game	Long
Golden Tate	58	1,080	18.6	10	83.1	69
Michael Floyd	48	719	15.0	7	65.4	51

Tackles	TT	UT	AT	Sacks	TFL	INT	PBU	FF	FR
Kyle McCarthy	110	64	46	0-0	3.5-12	2-18	1	1	0
Harrison Smith	57	39	18	3.5-26	8.5-39	0-0	7	0	0

RETURNING IN 2009

Offensive Lettermen Returning (22)

FB James Aldridge, HB Armando Allen, QB Jimmy Clausen, OT Taylor Dever, OT Paul Duncan, WR Michael Floyd, WR Barry Gallup Jr., HB Jonas Gray, HB Robert Hughes, WR Duval Kamara, C Eric Olsen, WR Robby Parris, FB Steve Paskorz, TE Mike Ragone, OG Trevor Robinson, TE Kyle Rudolph, QB Evan Sharpley, OG Chris Stewart, WR Golden Tate, C Dan Wenger, WR George West, OT Sam Young

Defensive Lettermen Returning (21)

CB Mike Anello, CB Robert Blanton, S Sergio Brown, LB Steve Filer, LB Darius Fleming, S Leonard Gordon, CB Gary Gray, S Ray Herring, DT Ethan Johnson, S Kyle McCarthy, CB Raeshon McNeil, DT Paddy Mullen, LB Kerry Neal, DE Morrice Richardson, DE John Ryan, LB Brian Smith, S Harrison Smith, LB Scott Smith, LB Toryan Smith, CB Darrin Walls, NT Ian Williams

Special Teams Lettermen Returning (3)

K Ryan Burkhart, P Eric Maust, K Brandon Walker

Lettermen Lost (18)

C Thomas Bemenderfer, LS Kevin Brooks, DE Justin Brown, S David Bruton, ILB Maurice Crum Jr., WR David Grimes, DE Pat Kuntz, TE/LS Paul Kuppich, CB Terrail Lambert, CB John Leonis, WR Kristopher Patterson, LB Steve Quinn, HB Nikolas Rodriguez, FB Asaph Schwapp, LB Kevin Smith, NT Jeff Tisak, OT Michael Turkovich, LB Kevin Washington

IRISH BY CLASS

5th Year Seniors (6)

CB Mike Anello, OT Paul Duncan, S Ray Herring, S Kyle McCarthy, QB Evan Sharpley, LB Scott Smith

Seniors (28)

FB James Aldridge, S Chris Bathon, S Sergio Brown, TE Bobby Burger, LB Tom Burke, K Ryan Burkhart, WR Brian Coughlin, WR Dan Franco, WR Barry Gallup Jr., S Leonard Gordon, P Eric Maust, CB Raeshon McNeil, NT Paddy Mullen, FB Mike Narvaez, C Eric Olsen, WR Robby Parris, DL Martin Quintana, DE Morrice Richardson, DE John Ryan, LB Toryan Smith, OG Chris Stewart, CB Joshua Stull, WR Sam Vos, DE Kallen Wade, CB Darrin Walls, C Dan Wenger, WR George West, OT Sam Young

Juniors (30)

HB Armando Allen, LB Steve Botsford, QB Brian Castello, QB Jimmy Clausen, WR Patrick Coughlin, OT Taylor Dever, C Bill Flavin, CB Michael Garcia, CB Gary Gray, WR Chris Gurries, WR Derry Herlihy, HB Robert Hughes, WR Duval Kamara, CB Nick Lezynski, LB Kerry Neal, OG Andrew Nuss, DE Emeka Nwankwo, FB Steve Paskorz, TE Mike Ragone, CB James Redshaw, OT Matt Romine, K David Ruffer, CB Ryan Sheehan, DE Christopher Skubis, LB Brian Smith, S Harrison Smith, S Thomas Smith, WR Golden Tate, K Brandon Walker, NT Ian Williams

Sophomores (28)

CB Robert Blanton, C Braxton Cave, OT Lane Clelland, QB Dayne Crist, DT Sean Cwynar, LB Steve Filer, LB Darius Fleming, WR Michael Floyd, C Mike Golic Jr., WR John Goodman, HB Jonas Gray, OG Mike Hernandez, DT Ethan Johnson, LS Ryan Kavanagh, DE Kapron Lewis-Moore, OL Dennis Mahoney, S Dan McCarthy, LB Anthony McDonald, QB Matthew Mulvey, NT Brandon Newman, LB Sean Oxley, CB Andrew Plaska, LB David Posluszny, OG Trevor Robinson, TE Kyle Rudolph, CB Jamoris Slaughter, WR Deion Walker, DT Hafis Williams

Freshmen (20)

CB Kael Anderson, CB E.J. Banks, OG Alex Bullard, LB Carlo Calabrese, LS Jordan Cowart, TE Tyler Eifert, WR Shaquelle Evans, C Tom Freeman, LB Dan Fox, TE Jake Golic, OT Zach Martin, S Zeke Motta, HB Theo Riddick, NT Tyler Stockton, K Nick Tausch, LB Manti Te'o, WR Roby Toma, P Ben Turk, OG Chris Watt, HB Cierre Wood

How The Irish Were Built

OFFENSE (39)

Freshmen (9)		Sophomores (10)		Juniors (10)		Seniors (8)		5th Year Seniors (2)	
OG	Alex Bullard	OG	Braxton Cave	**HB	ARMANDO ALLEN	**FB	James Aldridge	**OT	Paul Duncan
TE	Tyler Eifert	OT	Lane Clelland	**QB	JIMMY CLAUSEN	*WR	Barry Gallup	**QB	Evan Sharpley
WR	Shaquelle Evans	QB	Dayne Crist	*OT	Taylor Dever	**C	ERIC OLSEN		
TE	Jake Golic	*WR	MICHAEL FLOYD	**HB	Robert Hughes	**WR	Robby Parris		
OT	Zach Martin	C	Mike Golic Jr.	**WR	DUVAL KAMARA	**OG	CHRIS STEWART		
HB	Theo Riddick	WR	John Goodman	OG	Andrew Nuss	**C	DAN WENGER		
WR	Roby Toma	*HB	Jonas Gray	*FB	Steve Paskorz	**WR	George West		
OG	Chris Watt	*OG	Trevor Robinson	*TE	Mike Ragone	***OT	SAM YOUNG		
HB	Cierre Wood	*TE	KYLE RUDOLPH	OT	Matt Romine				
		WR	Deion Walker	**WR	GOLDEN TATE				

DEFENSE (36)

Freshmen (6)		Sophomores (12)		Juniors (6)		Seniors (9)		5th Year Seniors (4)	
CB	E.J. Banks	*CB	Robert Blanton	*CB	Gary Gray	***S	Sergio Brown	**CB	Mike Anello
LB	Carlo Calabrese	DE	Sean Cwynar	**DE	KERRY NEAL	*S	Leonard Gordon	***S	Ray Herring
LB	Dan Fox	*LB	Steve Filer	DT	Emeka Nwankwo	***CB	RAESHON McNEIL	***S	KYLE McCARTHY
S	Zeke Motta	*LB	Darius Fleming	**LB	BRIAN SMITH	*DT	Paddy Mullen	**LB	Scott Smith
NT	Tyler Stockton	*DT	Ethan Johnson	*S	HARRISON SMITH	**DE	Morrice Richardson		
LB	Manti Te'o	DE	Kapron Lewis-Moore	**NT	IAN WILLIAMS	***DE	John Ryan		
		S	Dan McCarthy			***LB	Toryan Smith		
		LB	Anthony McDonald			DE	Kallen Wade		
		NT	Brandon Newman			**CB	Darrin Walls		
		LB	David Posluszny						
		CB	Jamoris Slaughter						
		NT	Hafis Williams						

SPECIALISTS (5)

Freshmen (3)		Sophomores (0)		Juniors (1)		Seniors (1)		5th Year Seniors (0)	
LS	Jordan Cowart			*K	Brandon Walker	*K	Ryan Burkhart		
K	Nick Tausch					*P	ERIC MAUST		
P	Ben Turk								

BOLD CAPS indicates returning starters

* indicates monograms earned

THE '09 IRISH BY CLASS

Class	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total
Freshman	9	6	3	18
Sophomore	10 (4 lettermen)	12 (4 lettermen)	0 (0 lettermen)	22 (8 lettermen)
Junior	10 (8 lettermen)	6 (5 lettermen)	1 (1 lettermen)	17 (14 lettermen)
Senior	8 (8 lettermen)	9 (8 lettermen)	2 (2 lettermen)	19 (18 lettermen)
5th Year Senior	2 (2 lettermen)	4 (4 lettermen)	0 (0 lettermen)	6 (6 lettermen)
Total	39 (22 lettermen)	37 (21 lettermen)	6 (3 lettermen)	82 (46 lettermen)

(* indicates monograms won; scholarship players only on the spring)

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Football Roster Information**

NUMERICAL			ALPHABETICAL						
No.	Name	Pos	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Walker, Deion	WR	34	Aldridge, James	FB	6-0	225	Sr.	St. Louis, MO/Merrillville (Ind.)
2	Walls, Darrin	CB	5	Allen, Armando	HB	5-10	200	Jr.	Opa Locka, FL/Hialeah-Miami Lakes
3	Floyd, Michael	WR	47	Anderson, Kael+	CB	5-9	175	Fr.	West Des Moines, IA/Dowling Catholic
4	Gray, Gary	CB	37	Anello, Mike	CB	5-10	170	Sr.	Orland Park, IL/Carl Sandburg
5	Allen, Armando	HB	27	Banks, E.J.	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Montour
5	Te'o, Manti	LB	38	Bathon, Chris+	S	5-10	192	Sr.	Pleasantville, NY/Pleasantville
6	Herring, Ray	S	12	Blanton, Robert	CB	6-1	185	So.	Matthews, NC/Butler
7	Clausen, Jimmy	QB	31	Brown, Sergio	S	6-2	205	Sr.	Maywood, IL/Proviso East
8	McNeil, Raeshon	CB	68	Bullard, Alex	OG	6-3	290	Fr.	Franklin, TN/Brentwood Academy
9	Johnson, Ethan	DT	86	Burger, Bobby+	FB/TE	6-3	248	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle
9	Rudolph, Kyle	TE	64	Burke, Tom+	LB	5-10	242	Sr.	New City, NY/Clarkstown South
10	Crist, Dayne	QB	39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	5-11	195	Sr.	Wakarusa, IN/Northwood
11	Evans, Shaquelle	WR	44	Calabrese, Carlo	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	Verona, NJ/Verona
12	Blanton, Robert	CB	15	Castello, Brian+	QB	6-2	191	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	52	Cave, Braxston	OG	6-3	310	So.	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
14	Walker, Brandon	K	7	Clausen, Jimmy	QB	6-3	223	Jr.	Westlake Village, CA/Oaks Christian
15	Castello, Brian	QB	73	Clelland, Lane	OT	6-5	290	So.	Owings Mills, MD/McDonogh School
15	McCarthy, Dan	S	24	Coughlin, Brian+	WR	6-0	172	Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL/Brother Rice
17	Motta, Zeke	S	60	Cowart, Jordan	LS	6-2	215	Fr.	Plantation, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
17	Mulvey, Matthew	QB	10	Crist, Dayne	QB	6-4	235	So.	Canoga Park, CA/Notre Dame
18	Kamara, Duval	WR	98	Cwynar, Sean	DT	6-4	283	So.	McHenry, IL/Marian Central Catholic
19	West, George	WR	75	Dever, Taylor	OT	6-5	301	Jr.	Nevada City, CA/Nevada Union
20	Wood, Cierre	HB	72	Duncan, Paul	OT	6-7	315	Sr.	Dallas, GA/East Paulding
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR	80	Eifert, Tyler	TE	6-5	237	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger
22	Smith, Harrison	S	11	Evans, Shaquelle	WR	6-1	203	Fr.	Inglewood, CA/Inglewood
23	Tate, Golden	WR	46	Filer, Steve	LB	6-3	236	So.	Chicago, IL/Mount Carmel
24	Coughlin, Brian	WR	62	Flavin, Bill+	OC/LS	6-3	252	Jr.	Darien, IL/Benet Academy
24	Gordon, Leonard	S	45	Fleming, Darius	LB	6-1	240	So.	Chicago, IL/St. Rita
25	Gray, Jonas	HB	3	Floyd, Michael	WR	6-3	220	So.	St. Paul, MN/Cretin-Derham Hall
26	Slaughter, Jamoris	CB	48	Fox, Dan	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	Rocky River, OH/St. Ignatius
27	Banks, E.J.	CB	42	Franco, Dan+	WR	5-10	188	Sr.	Granger, IN/Clay
28	McCarthy, Kyle	S	21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR	5-11	190	Sr.	Wellesley, MA/Belmont Hill
29	Garcia, Michael	CB	29	Garcia, Michael+	CB	6-1	178	Jr.	Colorado Springs, Co/St. Mary's
30	Paskorz, Steve	FB	88	Golic, Jake	TE	6-4	232	Fr.	West Hartford, CT/Northwest Catholic
31	Brown, Sergio	S	57	Golic Jr., Mike	C	6-3	293	So.	West Hartford, CT/Northwest Catholic
32	Riddick, Theo	HB	81	Goodman, John	WR	6-3	203	So.	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger
33	Hughes, Robert	HB	24	Gordon, Leonard	S	5-11	187	So.	Clarksville, TN/Fort Campbell
34	Aldridge, James	FB	4	Gray, Gary	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	Columbia, SC/Richland Northeast
35	Turk, Ben	P	25	Gray, Jonas	HB	5-10	220	So.	Pontiac, MI/Detroit Country Day
36	Posluszny, David	LB	38	Gurries, Christopher+	WR	5-10	181	Jr.	Reno, NV/Bishop Manogue
37	Anello, Mike	CB	65	Hernandez, Mike+	OG	6-2	280	So.	Pasadena, Calif./Loyola
38	Bathon, Chris	S	6	Herring, Ray	S	5-10	200	Sr.	Melbourne, FL/Holy Trinity Episcopal
38	Gurries, Chris	WR	33	Hughes, Robert	HB	5-11	234	Jr.	Chicago, IL/Hubbard
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	9	Johnson, Ethan	DT	6-4	280	So.	Portland, OR/Lincoln
39	Sheehan, Ryan	CB	18	Kamara, Duval	WR	6-5	219	Jr.	Jersey City, NJ/Hoboken
40	Smith, Thomas	S	50	Kavanagh, Ryan+	LS	6-3	180	So.	West Chester, PA/Salesianum (Del.)
40	Tausch, Nick	K	89	Lewis-Moore, Kapron	DE	6-4	270	So.	Weatherford, TX/Weatherford
41	Smith, Scott	LB	42	Lezynski, Nick+	CB	5-8	157	Jr.	Newton, PA/Notre Dame High School
42	Franco, Dan	WR	71	Mahoney, Dennis+	OL	6-6	290	So.	Baltimore, MD/Boys Latin High School
42	Lezynski, Nick	CB	70	Martin, Zach	OT	6-5	285	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN/Bishop Chatard
43	Maust, Eric	P	43	Maust, Eric	P	6-2	190	Sr.	Atlanta, GA/Blessed Trinity
44	Calabrese, Carlo	LB	15	McCarthy, Dan	S	6-2	205	So.	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
45	Fleming, Darius	LB	28	McCarthy, Kyle	S	6-0	210	Sr.	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
54	McDonald, Anthony	LB	6-2	230	So.	Burbank, CA/Notre Dame
8	McNeil, Raeshon	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Cooleemee, NC/Davie
17	Motta, Zeke	S	6-2	215	Fr.	Vero Beach, FL/Vero Beach
93	Mullen, Paddy	NT	6-3	295	Sr.	St. Louis, MO/De Smet Jesuit
17	Mulvey, Matthew+	QB	6-3	197	So.	Del Mar, CA/LaJolla
47	Narvaez, Mike+	FB	5-11	238	Sr.	Ridgewood, NJ/Ridgewood
56	Neal, Kerry	LB	6-2	250	Jr.	Bunn, NC/Bunn
99	Newman, Brandon	NT	6-1	295	So.	Louisville, KY/Pleasure Ridge Park
76	Nuss, Andrew	OG	6-5	300	Jr.	Ashburn, VA/Stone Bridge
91	Nwankwo, Emeka	DE	6-4	274	Jr.	N. Miami Beach, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep
55	Olsen, Eric	C	6-4	305	Sr.	Staten Island, NY/Poly Prep Ctry.
50	Oxley, Sean+	LB	6-2	220	So.	Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake
30	Paskorz, Steve	FB	6-2	245	Jr.	Allison Park, PA/Hampton
82	Parris, Robby	WR	6-3	205	Sr.	Olmsted Falls, OH/Saint Ignatius
36	Posluszny, David	LB	6-0	225	So.	Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell
61	Quintana, Martin+	DL	6-1	250	Sr.	Berwyn, IL/St. Joseph
83	Ragone, Mike	TE	6-5	251	Jr.	Cherry Hill, NJ/Camden Catholic
53	Richardson, Morrice	DE	6-2	255	Sr.	College Park, GA/Westlake
32	Riddick, Theo	HB	5-10	195	Fr.	Manville, NJ/Immaculata
78	Robinson, Trevor	OG	6-5	305	So.	Elkhorn, NE/Elkhorn
77	Romine, Matt	OT	6-5	295	Jr.	Tulsa, OK/Union
9	Rudolph, Kyle	TE	6-6	260	So.	Cincinnati, OH/Elder
48	Ruffer, David+	K	6-1	180	Jr.	Oakton, VA/Gonzaga
90	Ryan, John	DE	6-5	255	Sr.	Westlake, OH/Saint Ignatius
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	215	Sr.	Marshall, MI/Marshall
39	Sheehan, Ryan+	CB	5-10	169	Jr.	Purcellville, VA/Loudown Valley
62	Skubis, Christopher+	DE	6-2	223	Jr.	Clarence, NY/Clarence
26	Slaughter, Jamoris	CB	6-0	185	So.	Stone Mountain, GA/Tucker
56	Smith, Brian	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Overland Park, KS/Saint Thomas Aquinas
22	Smith, Harrison	S	6-2	207	Jr.	Knoxville, TN/Knoxville Catholic
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	245	Sr.	Highland Park, IL/Highland Park
40	Smith, Thomas+	S	6-1	201	Jr.	Manchester, CT/East Catholic
49	Smith, Toryan	LB	6-1	244	Sr.	Rome, GA/Rome
59	Stewart, Chris	OG	6-5	330	Sr.	Spring, TX/Klein
92	Stockton, Tyler	NT	6-1	290	Fr.	Linwood, NJ/Hun School
23	Tate, Golden	WR	5-11	195	Jr.	Hendersonville, TN/Pope John Paul II
40	Tausch, Nick	K	6-0	180	Fr.	Plano, TX/Jesuit
5	Te'o, Manti	LB	6-2	244	Fr.	Laie, HI/Punahou
84	Toma, Roby	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Laie, HI/Punahou
35	Turk, Ben	P	5-11	193	Fr.	Davie, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
85	Vos, Sam+	WR	5-10	199	Sr.	Burlington, WI/Catholic Central
97	Wade, Kallen	DE	6-5	245	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH/Withrow
14	Walker, Brandon	K	6-3	213	Jr.	Findlay, OH/Findlay
1	Walker, Deion	WR	6-2	193	So.	Christchurch, VA/Christchurch
2	Walls, Darrin	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills
66	Watt, Chris	OG	6-3	295	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, IL/Glenbard West
51	Wenger, Dan	C	6-4	302	Sr.	Coral Springs, FL/Saint Thomas Aquinas
19	West Jr., George	WR	5-8	196	Sr.	Spencer, OK/Northeast
79	Williams, Hafis	DT	6-2	295	So.	Elizabeth, NJ/Elizabeth
95	Williams, Ian	NT	6-2	295	Jr.	Altamonte Springs, FL/Lyman
20	Wood, Cierre	HB	6-0	218	Fr.	Oxnard, CA/Santa Clara
74	Young, Sam	OT	6-8	320	Sr.	Coral Springs, FL/Saint Thomas Aquinas

+ Walk-on Player

NUMERICAL (CONT.)

No.	Name	Pos
46	Filer, Steve	LB
47	Anderson, Kael	CB
47	Narvaez, Mike	FB
48	Fox, Dan	LB
48	Ruffer, David	K
49	Smith, Toryan	LB
50	Kavanagh, Ryan	LS
50	Oxley, Sean	LB
51	Wenger, Dan	C
52	Cave, Braxston	OG
53	Richardson, Morrice	DE
54	McDonald, Anthony	LB
55	Olsen, Eric	C
56	Neal, Kerry	DE
57	Golic Jr., Mike	C
58	Smith, Brian	LB
59	Stewart, Chris	OG
60	Cowart, Jordan	LS
61	Quintana, Martin	DL
62	Flavin, Bill	C
62	Skubis, Christopher	DE
64	Burke, Tom	LB
65	Hernandez, Mike	OG
66	Watt, Chris	OG
68	Bullard, Alex	OG
70	Martin, Zach	OT
71	Mahoney, Dennis	OL
72	Duncan, Paul	OT
73	Clelland, Lane	OT
74	Young, Sam	OT
75	Dever, Taylor	OT
76	Nuss, Andrew	OG
77	Romine, Matt	OT
78	Robinson, Trevor	OG
79	Williams, Hafis	DT
80	Eifert, Tyler	TE
81	Goodman, John	WR
82	Parris, Robby	WR
83	Ragone, Mike	TE
84	Toma, Roby	WR
85	Vos, Sam	WR
86	Burger, Bobby	FB/TE
88	Golic, Jake	TE
89	Lewis-Moore, Kapron	DE
90	Ryan, John	DE
91	Nwankwo, Emeka	DE
92	Stockton, Tyler	NT
93	Mullen, Paddy	NT
95	Williams, Ian	NT
97	Wade, Kallen	DE
98	Cwynar, Sean	DT
99	Newman, Brandon	NT

Notre Dame Football
Depth Chart (as of Aug. 7)

Notre Dame Offense

X	23	GOLDEN TATE	5-11	195	Jr.
	18	DUVAL KAMARA	6-5	219	Jr.
	1	Deion Walker	6-2	193	So.
	19	George West	5-10	196	Sr.
	11	Shaquelle Evans	6-1	203	Fr.
LT	72	Paul Duncan@	6-7	315	Sr.
	77	Matt Romine	6-5	295	Jr.
	73	Lane Clelland	6-5	290	So.
LG	59	CHRIS STEWART	6-5	330	Sr.
	52	Braxton Cave	6-3	310	So.
	68	Alex Bullard	6-3	290	Fr.
C	55	ERIC OLSEN^	6-4	305	Sr.
	51	DAN WENGER	6-4	302	Sr.
	57	Mike Golic Jr.	6-3	293	So.
RG	78	Trevor Robinson	6-5	305	So.
	76	Andrew Nuss	6-5	300	Jr.
	66	Chris Watt	6-3	295	Fr.
	or 65	Mike Hernandez	6-2	280	So.
RT	74	SAM YOUNG	6-8	320	Sr.
	75	Taylor Dever	6-5	301	Jr.
	70	Zach Martin	6-5	285	Fr.
TE	9	KYLE RUDOLPH	6-6	260	So.
	83	Mike Ragone	6-5	251	Jr.
	86	Bobby Burger	6-3	248	Sr.
	80	Tyler Eifert	6-5	237	Fr.
	or 88	Jake Golic	6-4	232	Fr.
Z	3	MICHAEL FLOYD	6-3	220	So.
	82	Robby Parris	6-3	205	Sr.
	81	John Goodman	6-3	203	So.
	21	Barry Gallup Jr.	5-11	190	Sr.
	84	Roby Toma	5-9	175	Fr.
QB	7	JIMMY CLAUSEN	6-3	223	Jr.
	10	Dayne Crist	6-4	235	So.
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	215	Sr.
FB	34	James Aldridge	6-0	225	Sr.
	30	Steve Paskorz	6-2	245	Jr.
	47	Mike Narvaez	5-11	238	Sr.
HB	5	ARMANDO ALLEN	5-10	200	Jr.
	33	Robert Hughes	5-11	234	Jr.
	25	Jonas Gray	5-10	220	So.
	20	Cierre Wood	6-0	218	Fr.
	or 32	Theo Riddick	5-10	195	Fr.

Notre Dame Special Teams

PK	14	BRANDON WALKER	6-3	213	Jr.
	or 40	Nick Tausch	6-0	190	Fr.
P	43	ERIC MAUST	6-2	190	Sr.
	or 35	Ben Turk	5-11	193	Fr.
	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	195	Sr.
LS	60	Jordan Cowart	6-2	215	Fr.
	50	Ryan Kavanagh	6-3	190	So.
SS	52	Braxton Cave	6-3	310	So.
	60	Jordan Cowart	6-2	215	Fr.
HLD	43	ERIC MAUST	6-2	190	Sr.

Notre Dame Defense

LDE	89	Kapron Lewis-Moore	6-4	270	So.
	53	Morrice Richardson	6-2	255	Sr.
	91	Emeka Nwankwo	6-4	274	Jr.
DT	9	Ethan Johnson	6-4	280	So.
	79	Hafis Williams	6-2	295	So.
	98	Sean Cwynar	6-4	283	So.
NT	95	IAN WILLIAMS	6-2	295	Jr.
	99	Brandon Newman	6-0	295	So.
	92	Tyler Stockton	6-1	290	Fr.
RDE	93	Paddy Mullen	6-3	295	Sr.
	56	KERRY NEAL	6-2	250	Jr.
	90	John Ryan	6-5	255	Sr.
SAM	97	Kallen Wade	6-5	245	Sr.
	41	Scott Smith	6-4	245	Sr.
	or 45	Darius Fleming	6-1	240	So.
MIKE	or 46	Steve Filer	6-3	236	So.
	48	Dan Fox	6-3	230	Fr.
	49	Toryan Smith	6-1	244	Sr.
WILL	36	David Posluszny	6-0	225	So.
	44	Carlo Calabrese	6-1	235	Fr.
	58	BRIAN SMITH	6-3	240	Jr.
LCB	5	Manti Te'o	6-2	244	Fr.
	54	Anthony McDonald	6-2	230	So.
	12	Robert Blanton	6-1	185	So.
FS	8	RAESHON McNEIL	6-0	190	Sr.
	4	Gary Gray	5-11	190	Jr.
	22	HARRISON SMITH%	6-2	207	Jr.
SS	15	Dan McCarthy	6-2	203	So.
	6	Ray Herring	5-10	200	Sr.
	24	Leonard Gordon	5-11	187	Sr.
RCB	28	KYLE MCCARTHY	6-1	210	Sr.
	31	Sergio Brown	6-2	205	Sr.
	17	Zeke Motta	6-2	215	Fr.
RCB	2	Darrin Walls#	6-0	190	Sr.
	26	Jamoris Slaughter	6-0	185	So.
	37	Mike Anello	5-10	180	Sr.
	27	E.J. Banks	5-11	185	Fr.

Notre Dame Special Teams

PR	TBD				
KR	TBD				
KO	39	RYAN BURKHART	5-11	195	Sr.
	or 40	Nick Tausch	6-0	190	Fr.
	or 48	David Ruffer	6-1	180	Jr.

ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2008

@ - indicates player started 12 games in 2007

- indicates player started 11 games in 2007

% - indicates player started at linebacker in 2008

^ - indicates player started at left guard in 2008