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# NOTRE DAME

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## NOTRE DAME (1-1)

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

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

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

## MICHIGAN STATE (1-1)

Sept. 4	at Rutgers (ABC)	L, 14-19
Sept. 11	CENTRAL MICH. (ESPN+)	W, 24-7
<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME (ESPN)</b>	<b>7:00 EDT</b>
Sept. 25	at Indiana (ESPN+)	Noon EDT
Oct. 2	at Iowa	TBA
Oct. 9	ILLINOIS	TBA
Oct. 16	MINNESOTA	TBA
Oct. 30	at Michigan	TBA
Nov. 6	OHIO STATE	TBA
Nov. 13	WISCONSIN	TBA
Nov. 20	at Penn State	TBA
Dec. 4	at Hawaii	TBA

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Game No. **3**

## Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (1-1)

## vs. Michigan State *Spartans* (1-1)

**The Date and Time:** Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. EDT (6:00 p.m. EST in South Bend).

**The Site:** Spartan Stadium (72,027/Natural Grass) in East Lansing, Mich.

**The Tickets:** They're all sold — with this being the 164th sellout in the last 188 Irish games and the 28th in the last 29 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:** ESPN national telecast with **Mike Tirico** (play-by-play), **Lee Corso** and **Kirk Herbstreit** (analysis), **Jill Arrington** (sideline), **Bill Bonnell** (producer) and **Steve Ackels** (associate producer).

**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](http://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 Michigan State game, via the Notre Dame ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)) and Michigan State ([www.msuspartans.com](http://www.msuspartans.com)) athletics web sites.

**Web Sites:** Notre Dame ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)), Michigan State ([www.msuspartans.com](http://www.msuspartans.com)).

### IRISH TAKE ON MICHIGAN STATE IN EAST LANSING

The 68th renewal of one of college football's most entertaining series resumes Saturday when Notre Dame travels to East Lansing, Mich., to take on Michigan State in a 7:00 p.m. (EDT) contest at Spartan Stadium. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN, marking the 139th consecutive Irish football game to be shown on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN).

Notre Dame (1-1) enters the Michigan State game with renewed momentum following an impressive 28-20 victory over then-No. 7 ranked Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish erased a 12-7 fourth-quarter deficit by reeling off 21 consecutive points to take control of the game. Freshman running back **Darius Walker** sparked the Irish offense in his Notre Dame debut by scoring two touchdowns and rushing for 115 yards on 31 carries.

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** passed for two touchdowns while completing 10 of 20 passes for 178 yards, including a 46-yard touchdown to senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** and an eight-yard scoring toss to senior fullback **Rashon Powers-Neal**. The Notre Dame defense also was outstanding against Michigan, stifling the Wolverines' rushing game (56 yards on 30 attempts) — the 16th time in the past 27 games that a Notre Dame opponent has failed to rush for 100 yards — collecting two sacks and forcing three turnovers. Senior linebacker **Mike Goolsby** had a career-high 14 tackles while senior cornerback **Dwight Ellick** made six tackles, intercepted a pass, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Michigan State (1-1) opened the 2004 season with a 19-14 loss at Rutgers before rebounding with a 24-7 win over Central Michigan last weekend in the Spartans' home opener. Redshirt freshman quarterback **Stephen Reaves** threw for 183 yards and one touchdown in the victory. Junior wide receiver **Kyle Brown** had six catches for 123 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown to start the scoring.

Notre Dame holds a 42-24-1 edge in the series, including a 16-13-1 lead in games played at Michigan State (14-11-1 at Spartan Stadium). The last five games of the series have been decided by 10 points or less, and in each case, the game-winning touchdown came from at least 40 yards out late in the fourth quarter.



**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. 16. 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.espnradio1000.com)). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" welcomes a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

**NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE**

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
WR	21	Maurice Stovall	Made a team-high five catches for 82 yards vs. Michigan
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Freshman All-American in '03 who has made 10 career starts
LG	76	Bob Morton	Slid over from center to guard in '04; has started 13 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 13 times
RT	73	Mark LeVoir	Imposing figure (6-7, 310) who started all 12 games last year
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Mackey Award candidate set career highs with 4 rec., 60 yds. at BYU
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Made three receptions (42 yds.) vs. Michigan, including key 27-yarder
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Passed for two touchdowns and 178 yards against Michigan
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Nabbed a crucial eight-yard touchdown catch vs. Michigan
RB	4	Ryan Grant	Veteran back looking to regain form of 2002 (1,085 yards)

**NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE**

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	44	Justin Tuck	Has three sacks this season; is second in ND history (22 sacks)
DT	77	Greg Pauly	Made three tackles vs. Michigan and five stops at BYU
DT	66	Derek Landri	Knocked down two passes and made one tackle vs. Michigan
RE	92	Kyle Budinscak	Another veteran back for fifth year with 24 starts to his name
ILB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Had nine tackles (one for loss) in the victory over Michigan
ILB	41	Mike Goolsby	Made career-high 14 tackles vs. Michigan; leads team with 25 stops
OLB	49	Derek Curry	Had six tackles, including a 12-yard QB sack, vs. Michigan
LCB	24	Dwight Ellick	Had one INT, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble vs. Michigan
FS	8	Quentin Burrell	Made six tackles in the victory over Michigan
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sophomore made five tackles and broke up a pass vs. Michigan
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 converted his last nine field goals (21-yard FG at BYU)
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Averaging 40.6 yards per punt this year (4 downed inside 20)
KO	45	Carl Gioia	Sophomore showed tremendous consistency in preseason
HLD	82	Matt Shelton	Sure-handed wideout takes over holding duties this season
SNP	64	Casey Dunn	Recovered a Michigan fumble on a punt return
PR	7	Carlyle Holiday	Averaged 10.0 yards per return vs. Michigan (long of 15)
KR	21	Maurice Stovall	Had a 16-yard kickoff return vs. Michigan
	23	Chase Anastasio	Returned three kicks for 48 yards vs. Michigan (long of 23)

**NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN STATE SERIES NOTES**

- Notre Dame leads the series with Michigan State by a 42-24-1 count, including a 16-13-1 edge in East Lansing (the Irish lead 14-11-1 at Spartan Stadium).
- Michigan State has won five of the last six games in the series, including a 22-16 victory at Notre Dame Stadium last season. Notre Dame's only win over that span was a 21-17 victory at East Lansing in 2002.
- Notre Dame has won 11 of the last 18 games in the series and 18 of the last 26.
- The Michigan State rivalry is the fourth-most frequent in Notre Dame history. Only Navy (77 games entering 2004), Purdue (75) and USC (75) have faced the Irish more times than the Spartans.
- Notre Dame's 42 victories in the series against the Spartans, the fourth-highest total against one opponent in school history behind Navy (67), Purdue (49) and Pittsburgh (43).
- The winner of Saturday's game will claim the Megaphone Trophy, sponsored by the Detroit alumni clubs of Notre Dame and Michigan State.

**IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...**

- Notre Dame will record its 43rd series win over Michigan State, tying for the third-most victories against one opponent behind their 66 wins over Navy and 49 wins over Purdue (the Irish also have 43 wins vs. Pittsburgh).



- Notre Dame will improve to 37-17-1 (.682) in its last 55 games against Big Ten Conference opposition and chalk up its second victory of the season against an opponent from that conference.
- Notre Dame will move above .500 for the first time since the first game of the 2003 season, when the Irish opened up with a 29-26 overtime win over Washington State at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame head coach (and 1977 Michigan State graduate) **Tyrone Willingham** will rise to 3-1 all-time against his alma mater as a head coach (2-1 Notre Dame, 1-0 Stanford).

**IF MICHIGAN STATE WINS ...**

- Michigan State will log its 25th series win over the Irish, easing past Purdue (24) for the second-most wins ever by a Notre Dame opponent (USC has 28 career wins over the Irish).
- Notre Dame will drop its sixth game in the last seven meetings with Michigan State.

**NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN STATE SERIES HISTORY**

- Notre Dame and Michigan State first met on the gridiron in 1897, with the Irish earning a 34-6 victory.
- The two schools played nine times through 1910, with Notre Dame winning the first eight of those encounters by a combined score of 222-6. Following a six-year layoff, Notre Dame won five of the next six games with the Spartans from 1916-21.
- The series then went on a 27-year hiatus until it resumed in 1948 when the top-ranked Irish downed Michigan State, 26-7, at Notre Dame Stadium. Since then, the series has been played continuously with the exception of breaks in 1953, '58, '95 and '96.
- Notre Dame and Michigan State will be meeting for the 68th time, making it the fourth-longest series in school history behind Navy (77 games), Purdue (75) and USC (75).
- The last five games in the series all have been decided by 10 points or less, with the game-winning touchdown coming from at least 40 yards out late in the fourth quarter. Here's a breakdown of those nail-biting heroics (\* - indicates game played at Notre Dame Stadium):
  - 1999 - Gari Scott 80-yard TD pass from Bill Burke with 5:11 left (MSU 23-13)\*
  - 2000 - Herb Haygood 68-yard TD pass from Jeff Smoker with 1:48 left (MSU 27-21)
  - 2001 - Charles Rogers 47-yard TD pass from Ryan Van Dyke with 7:51 left (MSU 17-10)\*
  - 2002 - Arnaz Battle 60-yard TD pass from Pat Dillingham with 1:15 left (ND 21-17)
  - 2003 - Greg Taplin 40-yard interception return with 6:55 left (MSU 22-16)\*

**NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN STATE CONNECTIONS**

- Notre Dame head coach **Tyrone Willingham** is a 1977 graduate of Michigan State, where he was a walk-on in both football and baseball and earned three letters in each sport. As a quarterback and flanker in football, he was named the team's most inspirational player in 1976. In 1977, he was awarded the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor as the outstanding scholar-athlete in the league. In baseball, he received the 1975 sportsmanship award and was an all-Big Ten selection in 1977. Willingham spent one season (1977) as a graduate assistant coach at MSU under head coach **Darryl Rogers**, then returned to his alma mater in 1980, serving three seasons from '80-82 as the Spartans' secondary/special teams coach under head coach **Frank "Muddy" Waters**. In his head coaching career, Willingham is 2-1 against his alma mater, leading Notre Dame to a 21-17 win in 2002 and guiding Stanford to a 38-0 win over MSU in the 1996 Sun Bowl.
- Notre Dame defensive line coach **Greg Mattison** and Michigan State running backs coach **Reggie Mitchell** served on the same staff at Western Michigan in 1986.
- Notre Dame running backs/special teams coach **Buzz Preston** worked alongside MSU defensive coordinator/safeties coach **Chris Smeland** at Hawaii from 1991-93. The duo were part of the UH staff that paced the Rainbow Warriors to the 1992 Western Athletic Conference title and a win over Illinois in the Holiday Bowl.
- Irish offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Bill Diedrick** was on the same staff at Idaho with Michigan State linebackers coach **Mike Cox** from 1987-88, helping the Vandals to a pair of Big Sky Conference titles, two NCAA Division I-AA playoff berths and a trip to the national semifinals in '88.
- Longtime MSU and Detroit Pistons broadcaster **George Blaha** is a 1966 graduate of Notre Dame, earning a degree in economics.
- Michigan State assistant athletics director for communications **John Lewandowski** is a 1984 graduate of Notre Dame, earning a degree in business administration.
- Notre Dame director of recreational services and fitness **Sally Derengoski** is a native of East Lansing, Mich.

**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](http://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](mailto:dwalker@nd.edu).

**ATHLETICS WEB SITE ([www.und.com](http://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](http://www.und.com), with extensive offerings including live GameTracker statistics for all home games.



THE MICHIGAN ST. SERIES

Series: Notre Dame leads 42-24-1.  
 Games at Michigan State: Notre Dame leads 16-13-1.  
 Games at Spartan Stadium: Notre Dame leads 14-11-1.  
 Tyrone Willingham vs. Michigan State: 2-1.  
 John L. Smith vs. Notre Dame: 1-0.  
 Willingham vs. Smith: Smith leads 1-0.

Site	Year	ND-MSU Rank	W/L/T	ND	MSU
*	1897		W	34	6
*	1898		W	53	0
*	1899		W	40	0
*	1902		W	33	0
*	1903		W	12	0
*	1905		W	28	0
*	1906		W	5	0
*	1909		W	17	0
	1910		L	0	17
	1916		W	14	0
*	1917		W	23	0
	1918		L	7	13
*	1919		W	13	0
	1920		W	25	0
	1921		W	48	0
*	1948	1-	W	26	7
	1949	1-10	W	34	21
*	1950	-15	L	33	36
	1951	11-5	L	0	35
	1952	6-1	L	3	21
*	1954	8-	W	20	19
	1955	4-13	L	7	21
*	1956	-2	L	14	47
	1957	15-4	L	6	34
	1959		L	0	19
*	1960	-14	L	0	21
	1961	6-1	L	7	17
*	1962		L	7	31
	1963	-4	L	7	12
*	1964	1-	W	34	7
*	1965	4-1	L	3	12
	1966	1-2	T	10	10
*	1967		W	24	12
	1968	5-	L	17	21
*	1969	-14	W	42	28
	1970	4-	W	29	0
*	1971	4-	W	14	2
	1972	7-	W	16	0
*	1973	8-	W	14	10
	1974	7-	W	19	14
*	1975	8-	L	3	10
	1976	18-	W	24	6
*	1977	14-	W	16	6
	1978		W	29	25
*	1979	15-7	W	27	3
	1980	7-	W	26	21
*	1981		W	20	7
	1982	11-	W	11	3
*	1983	4-	L	23	28
	1984		W	24	20
*	1985		W	27	10
	1986	20-	L	15	20
*	1987	9-17	W	31	8
	1988	8-	W	20	3
*	1989	1-	W	21	13
	1990	1-24	W	20	19
*	1991	11-	W	49	10
	1992	7-	W	52	31
*	1993	4-	W	36	14
	1994	8-	W	21	20
*	1997	-17	L	7	23
	1998	10-	L	23	45
*	1999	24-	L	13	23
	2000	16-23	L	21	27
*	2001	23-	L	10	17
	2002	12-	W	21	17
*	2003		L	16	22

\* - home games at Notre Dame Stadium since '30; away games at Spartan Stadium since '49.; rankings are from AP poll at time of game.

FRIEND OR FOE?

- Notre Dame sophomore running back **Jeff Jenkins** is a native of Ann Arbor, Mich., and was the all-time leading rusher in Ann Arbor history (3,970 yards, 60 TD) while attending Huron High School from 1998-2001.
- Four players between the two teams have ties to the Tampa-St. Petersburg (Fla.) area. Notre Dame senior cornerback **Preston Jackson** (Tampa/Hillsborough HS) and senior cornerback **Dwight Ellick** (Tampa/Wharton HS) are from the Tampa Bay region, as are MSU redshirt freshman quarterback **Stephen Reaves** (Tampa/Plant HS) and junior running back **Jason Teague** (St. Petersburg/Osceola HS).
- Irish junior wide receiver **Maurice Stovall** and MSU junior defensive end **Michael Bazemore** both are natives of Philadelphia. Stovall graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School, while Bazemore attended West Catholic High School.

NOTRE DAME VS. THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame has played more than three times as many games against Big Ten Conference opponents (328) 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 210-103-15 (.663) in 328 games against Big Ten schools, with more than 52 percent of those games (173) coming versus Michigan (13-18-1), Michigan State (42-24-1) and Purdue (49-24-2), all of whom are on Notre Dame's 2004 schedule.
- Notre Dame is 36-17-1 (.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 got off on the right foot this season, defeating then-No. 7 ranked Michigan last weekend.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND MICHIGAN STATE MET

Michigan State defensive end **Greg Taplin** returned an interception 40 yards for a backbreaking touchdown with 6:55 remaining, helping the Spartans hold off a late Notre Dame rally and defeat the Irish, 22-16, on Sept. 20, 2003 at Notre Dame Stadium. It was MSU's sixth win in its last seven games against the Irish, and its fourth consecutive victory in South Bend, becoming the first visiting team in nearly 40 years to pull off that feat (Purdue, 1954-62).

The teams were even in virtually every statistical category, a trend that was apparent by the 6-6 halftime score. Notre Dame had a pair of golden opportunities in the Michigan State red zone, but the Spartans' defense stiffened and limited the Irish to just two field goals. MSU then struck the first big blow of the game in the third quarter as running back **Jaren Hayes** raced 71 yards for a touchdown, putting his team ahead, 13-6 with 5:25 remaining in the period. Notre Dame countered with **Nicholas Setta's** third field goal of the day just before the quarter ended, pulling the Irish within four points heading into the final stanza.

After MSU's **Dave Rayner** added his third field goal, Taplin came through with his game-changing play, picking off an intended screen pass by **Carlyle Holiday** and going untouched to the end zone. After an exchange of punts, **Brady Quinn** came on to replace Holiday at quarterback and drove Notre Dame 85 yards in nine plays, capping the march with a 29-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Rhema McKnight at the 2:29 mark. However, **Drew Stanton** recovered the ensuing onside kick by the Irish, sealing the win for Michigan State.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND MICHIGAN STATE MET AT SPARTAN STADIUM

Quarterback **Pat Dillingham**, subbing for an injured **Carlyle Holiday**, tossed a 60-yard touchdown pass to **Arnaz Battle** with 1:15 to play, propelling the 12th-ranked Irish to a 21-17 victory over the Spartans before a stunned crowd of 75,182 at Spartan Stadium on Sept. 21, 2002.

With the win, Notre Dame registered its first 4-0 start since 1993 and snapped a five-game losing streak against MSU. It also provided sweet redemption for a group of Irish veterans who had seen the Spartans knock off Notre Dame with similar fourth-quarter heroics in each of the previous three years.

As it did in its first three games of '02, the Irish defense played a pivotal role in the win over Michigan



State. Notre Dame held the high-powered MSU offense out of the end zone for the first three quarters and came up with some timely stops in the waning seconds to preserve the heart-stopping triumph.

For the second game in a row, the Irish got on the board quickly, scoring on their opening drive. A 30-yard trick pass from Battle to Holiday set up **Ryan Grant's** six-yard TD run just 4:12 into the game.

MSU chipped away at Notre Dame for much of the first half, but could never land a solid blow. The Spartans had to settle for a pair of **Dave Rayner** field goal attempts, one of which he converted from 35 yards out with 55 seconds left in the first quarter.

Clinging to a narrow 7-3 lead late in the first half, the Irish defense provided a window of opportunity. Cornerback **Shane Walton** tipped a **Jeff Smoker** pass into the arms of strong safety **Gerome Sapp**, who returned it to the Michigan State 28-yard line. Notre Dame needed just four plays to cash in on the Spartan miscue. After a key pass interference call on third down kept the drive going, Holiday found wide receiver **Maurice Stovall** on a 15-yard scoring strike with 11 seconds left in the half.

Neither team dented the scoreboard in the third quarter, but Notre Dame still suffered a major loss when Holiday went down with a shoulder injury late in the period. In the fourth quarter, Michigan State finally got on track. Capitalizing on a short Irish punt, the Spartans moved smartly 56 yards in three plays, with Smoker finding **Charles Rogers** on a 38-yard scoring toss to cut the lead to 14-10 with 13:22 remaining.

The teams then traded punts before MSU came up with a crucial turnover, intercepting Dillingham's pass at the Spartan three-yard line. Smoker then marched the hosts down to the Notre Dame 21-yard line, where the drive appeared to stall. Faced with fourth-and-11 and 1:52 to play, Smoker found Rogers in the back of the end zone and the MSU wideout managed to get one foot down, giving the Spartans their first lead of the afternoon.

That set the stage for Dillingham, a former walk-on, and Battle, a converted quarterback, to add their names to Irish lore. Their scoring connection put Notre Dame in front, but not out of difficulty. Michigan State made one last charge, getting to the Irish 42. However, Sapp ended matters by picking off Smoker's desperation toss as time expired, locking up Notre Dame's first win in East Lansing since 1994.

**NIGHT MOVES**

For the second time in the first three weeks of the season, Notre Dame will be playing at night when it visits Michigan State on Saturday. The Irish have won more than 63 percent of their all-time night games (40-23-2), with a large chunk of those contests coming on the road at Miami (Fla.) (6-2-1). Notre Dame's lifetime record under the lights includes a 27-17-2 (.609) mark on opponent fields, following a 20-17 loss at BYU back on Sept. 4. All together, the Irish are 3-2 in night games during head coach Tyrone Willingham's tenure, with all three wins coming on the road (21-14 at Air Force in 2002; 20-14 at Pittsburgh in 2003; 57-7 at Stanford in 2003).

**ESPN'S "COLLEGE GAMEDAY" TO BROADCAST LIVE FROM EAST LANSING**

The popular ESPN show "College GameDay," featuring host **Chris Fowler** and analysts **Lee Corso** and **Kirk Herbstreit**, will be on hand in East Lansing, Mich., this weekend when Notre Dame visits Michigan State. It will mark the 13th time the Irish have played in a game where "College GameDay" was on site, having posted a 5-7 (.417) record to date (3-3 home, 2-4 road). Notre Dame's 13 appearances in "College GameDay" on-site games ties for fourth on the all-time list with Miami (Fla.), Nebraska, Oklahoma and Tennessee — Florida is the current leader with 20 appearances.

Here's a breakdown of the Notre Dame games that "College GameDay" has attended since it began going on the road in 1993:

Date	Opponent	Site	Result
Nov. 13, 1993	#1 Florida State	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 31-24
Sept. 10, 1994	#6 Michigan	Notre Dame, Ind.	L, 24-26
Oct. 21, 1995	#5 USC	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 38-10
Sept. 28, 1996	#4 Ohio State	Notre Dame, Ind.	L, 16-29
Sept. 5, 1998	#5 Michigan	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 36-20
Sept. 4, 1999	#7 Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L, 22-26
Nov. 6, 1999	#4 Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	L, 14-38
Sept. 9, 2000	#1 Nebraska	Notre Dame, Ind.	L, 24-27 (OT)
Sept. 8, 2001	#5 Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L, 10-27
Oct. 19, 2002	#18 Air Force	Colorado Springs, Colo.	W, 21-14
Oct. 26, 2002	#11 Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	W, 34-24
Sept. 13, 2003	#5 Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L, 0-38

**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
<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.634</b>
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>.663</b>

**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 Michigan State is a member:

Conference	Winning %
Western Athletic	.842
Conference USA	.831
Mountain West	.774
Atlantic Coast	.753
BIG EAST	.710
Big 12	.667
<b>Big Ten</b>	<b>.663</b>
Pac-10	.652
SEC	.613



**MEMORABLE NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN STATE GAMES IN EAST LANSING**

The following games are among Notre Dame's more memorable matchups with Michigan State at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Mich. (the site of Saturday's contest):

**Nov. 19, 1966**

**#1 Notre Dame 10, #2 Michigan State 10**

In perhaps the most famous tie game in college football history, No. 1 Notre Dame rallies to forge a 10-10 draw with second-ranked Michigan State. **Bob Gladioux** caught a 34-yard TD pass from **Coley O'Brien** and **Joe Azzaro** kicked a 28-yard field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter to help the Irish erase 10 early Spartan points. Notre Dame had a chance to take the lead, but Azzaro pushed his 41-yard field goal attempt wide right with five minutes to play. The Irish would get the ball back with 1:24 remaining, but chose to run out the clock and preserve their hard-earned comeback. Notre Dame went on to finish 9-0-1 and won the eighth of its 11 national championships.

**Oct. 4, 1980**

**#7 Notre Dame 26, Michigan State 21**

**Phil Carter** leaves his footprints on every square inch of the Spartan Stadium turf, set a Notre Dame record with 40 carries and establishing a (then) school standard with 254 yards as the Irish hold a game challenge by MSU.

**Sept. 15, 1984**

**Notre Dame 24, Michigan State 20**

**Allen Pinkett** scores on a five-yard run with 8:16 left to give the Irish a 24-20 win. Pinkett had also found the end zone on a 40-yard pass from **Steve Beuerlein** as Notre Dame came back after falling behind 17-0 at the end of the first quarter.

**Sept. 22, 1990**

**#1 Notre Dame 20, #24 Michigan State 19**

**Rodney Culver** scores on a one-yard dive with 34 seconds remaining as the top-ranked Irish deny MSU's upset bid, 20-19.

**FIVE O'CLOCK LIGHTNING**

The 21 points scored by Notre Dame in the fourth quarter against Michigan were the most the Irish have tallied in the final period since Oct. 25, 1997, when they erupted for 21 fourth-quarter points in a 52-20 blowout of Boston College. On a related note, in its last two home openers, Notre Dame has scored a combined total of 44 points in the fourth quarter and overtime (20 in regulation/three in OT vs. Washington State last year; 21 vs. Michigan this season).

**THE FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNT**

Notre Dame came up with three turnovers (2 FUM, 1 INT) last weekend vs. Michigan, marking the second 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 28 of its 38 games, including 22 contests where they came up with at least three takeaways.

**STOPPING THE RUN IS JOB ONE FOR IRISH**

The Notre Dame run defense has been exceptionally sturdy during the past three seasons. Since head coach **Tyrone Willingham** and defensive coordinator **Kent Baer** arrived on the scene in 2002, the Irish have held 16 of 27 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 1.2 yards per carry through the first two 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 the first two weeks this season, the Irish are sixth in the country in rushing defense.

**WALKER NAMED NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK BY SEVERAL MEDIA OUTLETS**

After sitting out Notre Dame's opener at BYU, freshman running back **Darius Walker** made a big splash in his home debut vs. Michigan, rushing 31 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-20 Irish win. His 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 also put him in some select company in Notre Dame history:

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

**SPREADING THE WEALTH**

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** has spread his pass completions around through the first two games of the 2004 season. Quinn has completed passes to eight different receivers in Notre Dame's first two contests, a breakdown of three wide receivers, two tight ends and three running backs. Junior wide receiver **Rhema McKnight** has been Quinn's favorite target thus far, grabbing 11 passes for 134 yards and a touchdown. Fellow junior wideout **Maurice Stovall** is next with eight receptions for 105 yards. Quinn also has tossed touchdown passes to three different players this season: McKnight, senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** 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 two games this season, Goolsby has been credited with 25 tackles (12.5 per game) while leading the team in both games thus far. In fact, the Joliet, Ill., native rolled up career-best tackle totals in each contests, tallying 11 stops at BYU and 14 tackles against Michigan.



MEMORABLE NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN STATE GAMES IN EAST LANSING

(cont.)

Sept. 19, 1992  
#7 Notre Dame 52, Michigan State 31

Lee Becton scores twice on a 78-yard kickoff return and a four-yard run as Notre Dame rolls to a 52-31 win and its largest point total ever at Spartan Stadium. Rick Mirer throws for 260 yards, and Lake Dawson catches five passes for 126 yards and a TD in the victory.

Sept. 17, 1994  
#8 Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 20

Robert Farmer catches a 15-yard touchdown pass from Ron Powlus with 12:12 left in the fourth quarter and the eighth-ranked Irish make it stand up for a narrow 21-20 win. MSU had taken a 20-7 halftime lead, but Powlus engineered a pair of long second-half drives (both covering more than 80 yards) to highlight the comeback.

Sept. 23, 2000  
#23 Michigan State 27, #16 Notre Dame 21

Staring at fourth-and 10 from his own 32-yard line, Jeff Smoker tosses a 68-yard touchdown pass to Herb Haygood as Michigan State stuns Notre Dame, 27-21. Julius Jones rushed for 126 yards and scored twice from two yards out in the fourth quarter to help the Irish overcome a 20-7 deficit before the Spartans' heroics. Michigan State's T.J. Duckett ran for 141 yards and a touchdown in the contest.

Sept. 21, 2002  
#12 Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 17

Current senior quarterback Pat Dillingham carves his niche in Notre Dame history, coming off the bench to throw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Arnaz Battle with 1:15 to play, lifting the Irish to a dramatic 21-17 victory. MSU wideout Charles Rogers had given the Spartans the lead 37 seconds earlier with a spectacular leaping TD catch in the back of the end zone on fourth-and-11.

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 Michigan State game with 15 tackles to rank second on the team, but his knack for making big hits has been a hallmark of his play thus far in 2004. Hoyte has forced two fumbles this season, collected one sack and has three tackles for loss (16 yards).

HOLIDAY IN THE OPEN FIELD

Senior wide receiver Carlyle Holiday continues to show his exceptional ability and versatility for the Irish. The fifth-year man, a former starting quarterback who has become an integral part of Notre Dame receiving corps, assumed the punt return duties for the Irish vs. Michigan and provided an instant spark. Holiday averaged 10 yards per punt runback against the Wolverines, including a long of 15 yards. In addition, he had an impressive 40-yard return wiped out by a penalty.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Irish have caused five turnovers (3 FUM, 2 INT) this season and have made the most of their opportunities. Notre Dame has parlayed those takeaways into 21 points, which accounts for 46.7 percent of the Irish scoring (45 points) thus far in 2004.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

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

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

FITZPATRICK SHARP IN THE PUNTING GAME

Senior punter D.J. Fitzpatrick has shown considerable improvement through his first two games this season. Fitzpatrick currently ranks 44th in the country with a 40.65 punting average, a jump of nearly four yards per kick from last year's average (36.84), and he also has three punts of at least 50 yards, including a career-long 56-yard boot at BYU. In addition, the Granger, Ind., product has dropped four punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line and he has helped Notre Dame rank 43rd in the country in net punting (37.72) with opponents averaging just 8.2 yards per runback.

RETURN TO SENDER

The return game has been a source of strength for Notre Dame in recent years. The Irish have logged 27 returns (punts, kickoffs, fumbles, interceptions) for touchdowns during the past six seasons (1999-2004), a figure that is tied for eighth 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	0	1	42
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
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	3	0	4	28
<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	3	2	27
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	0	1	27



**INDIVIDUAL  
SINGLE-GAME BESTS**

**TOTAL CARRIES**

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

**RUSHING YARDS**

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

**PASS COMPLETIONS**

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

**PASS ATTEMPTS**

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

**PASSING YARDS**

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

**RECEPTIONS**

Jared Clark .....	4, twice (last: vs. WSU, '03)
Anthony Fasano .....	4, three times (last: at BYU, '04)
Marcus Freeman .....	3 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday .....	1, four times (last: at Syracuse, '03)
Rhema McKnight .....	8, three times (last: at BYU, '04)
Billy Palmer .....	1, twice (last: vs. Michigan State, '03)
Jeff Samardzija .....	4 at Purdue, '03
Matt Shelton .....	1, five times (last: vs. Michigan, '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 .....	19 vs. Michigan State, '03
Matt Shelton .....	65 at Stanford, '03
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 .....	4 at Syracuse, '03
Trevor Laws .....	5 at BYU, '04
Travis Leitko .....	5 vs. BYU, '03
Corey Mays .....	5 at Stanford, '03
Freddie Parish IV .....	3 at Stanford, '03
Greg Pauly .....	5, twice (last: at BYU, '04)
Mike Richardson .....	5 at Stanford, '03
Justin Tuck .....	14 vs. Navy, '03
Tom Zbikowski .....	5 at BYU, '04

**THEY SHALL RETURN**

- During the past 18-plus seasons ('86-'04), Notre Dame has produced 81 TDs via kickoff, punt, interception and fumble returns — with the most recent TD runback coming on senior CB **Preston Jackson's** 38-yard interception return last weekend at BYU.
- In contrast, Irish opponents in the past 18 seasons have combined for just 22 total returns for scores.
- Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

<u>Year</u>	<u>PU</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>FUM</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>PU</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>FUM</u>
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	0
1994	0	0	1	1	<b>ND (81)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>
1995	1	0	2	1	<b>Opp. (22)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
1996	4	1	0	2					

**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:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Road/Neutral</u>	<u>Total</u>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-12-1</b>	<b>21-25-1</b>	<b>44-37-2</b>

**FITZPATRICK, GIOIA AND SCHMIDT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS**

Senior placekicker/punter **D.J. Fitzpatrick**, sophomore placekicker/punter **Carl Gioia**, and senior full-back **Josh Schmidt** all have been awarded scholarships for the 2004-05 school year at Notre Dame after serving the team as non-scholarship players, Irish head football coach **Tyrone Willingham** announced Aug. 26.

Fitzpatrick (Granger, Ind.) enters the 2004 season holding the starting position at both placekicker and punter after serving in both roles in 2003. The senior played in all 11 games last season, starting eight as the placekicker and punter, and made 12 of 17 field-goal attempts (70.6 percent), including a long of 50 yards against Syracuse. Against Navy, Fitzpatrick kicked the winning field goal on the game's final play in a 27-24 Notre Dame victory. Fitzpatrick also averaged 36.8 yards per punt on 44 attempts, downing seven punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line and posting a season-long punt of 50 yards.





**TEAM  
SINGLE-GAME BESTS**

**NOTRE DAME BESTS (2004)**

Rushing Yards ..... 135 vs. Michigan  
 Passing Yards ..... 265 at BYU  
 Total Yards ..... 313 vs. Michigan  
 First Downs ..... 15 at BYU  
 Low Rush Yds. Allowed ..... 22 at BYU  
 Low Pass Yds. Allowed ..... 240 vs. Michigan  
 Low Total Yds. Allowed ..... 285 at BYU  
 Fewest 1st Downs Allowed ..... 13 at BYU  
 Sacks By ..... 4 at BYU  
 Turnovers Forced ..... 3 vs. Michigan  
 Points (Game) ..... 28 vs. Michigan  
 Points (Half) ..... 28 (2nd) vs. Michigan  
 Points (Quarter) ..... 21 (4th) vs. Michigan  
 Victory Margin ..... 8 (28-20) vs. Michigan

**NOTRE DAME BESTS (Willingham era)**

Rushing Yards ..... 352 at Pittsburgh, '03  
 Passing Yards ..... 350 at Boston College, '03  
 Total Yards ..... 512 vs. Stanford, '03  
 First Downs ..... 24 vs. Navy, '03  
 Low Rush Yds. Allowed ..... 8 at Pittsburgh, '03  
 Low Pass Yds. Allowed ..... 46 vs. Navy, '03  
 Low Total Yds. Allowed ..... 133 vs. Maryland, '02  
 Fewest 1st Downs Allowed ..... 8 vs. Maryland, '02  
 Sacks By ..... 8, twice (last: at Pittsburgh, '03)  
 Turnovers Forced .... 4, five times (last: at Syr., '03)  
 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 vs. Arizona State, '99  
 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

Gioia (Valparaiso, Ind.) is Notre Dame's designated kickoff specialist this season. He did not see game action as a freshman in 2003 after choosing to attend Notre Dame following an outstanding prep career in which he was a three-time all-state selection by the Indiana Football Coaches Association at Valparaiso High School.

Schmidt (Germantown, Tenn.) is a veteran fullback who emerged as a receiving threat out of the backfield in 2003. The recipient of the 2003 Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award as the team's top academic performer, Schmidt caught 13 passes for 125 yards last season while playing in all 12 games, including a starting assignment against Brigham Young. In addition to his duties at fullback, Schmidt has been a special-teams stalwart the last two seasons.

**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 16-11 (.593) in two-plus seasons with the Irish, leading Notre Dame to a 10-3 record and a trip to the Gator Bowl in 2002 before a 5-7 campaign in 2003.

In 2002, Willingham became the first Irish head coach ever to win 10 games in his first season, was named the ESPN/Home Depot College Coach of the Year, the Scripps College Coach of the Year, the Black Coaches Association Male Coach of the Year and received the George Munger Award College Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia. In addition, he made history in 2002 as the first college football coach ever to earn *The Sporting News* Sportsman of the Year award. In nine years as a college head coach, Willingham has compiled a solid 60-47-1 (.560) record and has guided his teams to bowl games on five occasions.

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

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

**TICKET UPDATE**

The Notre Dame ticket office received 52,179 ticket requests for the Oct. 2 game vs. Purdue, making it the fifth-highest requested Irish home game in history. The Notre Dame Stadium record of 59,368 ticket requests was set in '01 when the Irish took on West Virginia. Demand for that game was based on parents of current Notre Dame students being guaranteed four tickets for that contest — plus contributing alumni having the opportunity to apply for four tickets instead of the usual two, based on its designation as an alumni family game. Following their Sept. 11 game vs. Michigan, the Irish now have posted 174 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 222 in their last 223 home games.

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

1. West Virginia	2001	59,368
2. USC	1997	57,048
3. Boston College	2002	55,482
4. USC	2003	54,244
<b>5. Purdue</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>52,179</b>
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



**PAST PERFORMANCES BY CURRENT IRISH PLAYERS vs. MICHIGAN STATE**

**DE Victor Abiamiri - 2003:** had seven tackles.  
**DE Kyle Budinscak - 2001:** made two tackles. **2003:** had a fumble recovery.  
**FS Quentin Burrell - 2003:** had four tackles and an interception (18-yard return).  
**CB Carlos Campbell - 2003:** made three tackles.  
**LB Derek Curry - 2002:** had five tackles, including one for a one-yard loss. **2003:** had four stops.  
**QB Pat Dillingham - 2002:** completed three of six passes for 84 yards and one touchdown.  
**CB Dwight Ellick - 2002:** had two tackles.  
**TE Anthony Fasano - 2003:** caught one pass for 15 yards.  
**LB Mike Goolsby - 2002:** had five tackles.  
**RB Ryan Grant - 2002:** rushed 17 times for 90 yards and one touchdown. **2003:** rushed 10 times for 21 yards; also had one catch for seven yards.  
**WR/QB Carlyle Holiday - 2001:** rushed four times for seven yards; also completed his only pass attempt for five yards. **2002:** completed five of 17 passes for 84 yards with one touchdown; also caught one pass for 30 yards. **2003:** completed 10 of 25 passes for 99 yards with two interceptions; also rushed eight times for 29 yards.  
**LB Brandon Hoyte - 2003:** made two tackles, including one for a two-yard loss.  
**CB Preston Jackson - 2002:** made one tackle. **2003:** had one tackle.  
**NG Derek Landri - 2003:** had one tackle.  
**LB Corey Mays - 2003:** had two tackles.  
**WR Rhema McKnight - 2003:** had career-high eight catches for 104 yards and one touchdown.  
**TE Billy Palmer - 2003:** had one reception for 13 yards.  
**DB Freddie Parish IV - 2003:** had one tackle.  
**DT Greg Pauly - 2003:** logged two tackles.  
**FB Rashon Powers-Neal - 2002:** rushed 12 times for 41 yards.  
**QB Brady Quinn - 2003:** completed seven of 17 passes for 103 yards and one touchdown.  
**CB Mike Richardson - 2003:** had one tackle.  
**WR Jeff Samardzija - 2003:** had one catch for 19 yards.  
**FB Josh Schmidt - 2003:** caught one pass for 10 yards.  
**WR Maurice Stovall - 2002:** made two catches for 59 yards and one touchdown.  
**DE Justin Tuck - 2002:** had one sack for a three-yard loss. **2003:** had two tackles.  
**RB Marcus Wilson - 2003:** rushed three times for 11 yards.

**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, including a No. 3 ranking last season.

Opponent (Ranking*)	'04 Record	'03 Record	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
BYU	1-1	4-8	USC	at Boise State
Michigan (17/17)	1-1	10-3	San Diego State	Iowa
Michigan State	1-1	8-5	<b>Notre Dame</b>	at Indiana
Washington	0-1	6-6	UCLA	<b>at Notre Dame</b>
Purdue (18/18)	2-0	9-4	Idle	at Illinois
Stanford	2-0	4-7	Idle	USC
Navy	2-0	8-5	at Tulsa	Vanderbilt
Boston College	2-0	8-5	Connecticut (9/17)	at Wake Forest
Tennessee (13/13)	1-0	10-3	Florida	Louisiana Tech
Pittsburgh	1-0	8-5	Nebraska	Furman
USC (1/1)	2-0	12-1	at BYU	at Stanford

\* - 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:** 15-4 (.789)

**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 two weeks of September, Notre Dame's schedule is ranked as the toughest schedule in the nation, according to NCAA statistics that compute the ranking based on the cumulative record of all Irish opponents this season (past and future).

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

**BIG CROWDS**

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 163 of its previous 187 games, including 27 of its last 28 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).

**NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN**

With the Michigan State game slated to be televised nationally by ESPN, the Irish will extend their streak of appearances on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) to 139 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:



**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](http://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. 13, 20 and 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25; and Nov. 8), and it will be broadcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site ([www.und.com](http://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](http://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.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>ABC</u>	<u>CBS</u>	<u>ESPN</u>
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	3	1	—	—	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>

**WHEN THE EYES OF THE NATION ARE UPON THEM**

Notre Dame is 167-85-3 (.661) 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 195-112-4 (.633) record in these national or regional TV games, beginning with a 27-21 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma on Nov. 8, 1952 in a game that was shown nationwide on ABC. Here's a breakdown of Notre Dame's success over the years when appearing on each of the various networks on both a national and regional basis (the current Irish win/loss streak on the four major networks is listed in parentheses):

**NATIONAL TELEVISION**

NBC (won 3) .....	64-24-1 (.725)
ABC (lost 3) .....	44-36-2 (.549)
CBS (won 6) .....	22-11-0 (.667)
ESPN/ESPN2 (lost 1) .....	19-11-0 (.633)
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)
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>167-85-3 (.661)</b>

**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)
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>28-27-1 (.509)</b>

**NOTRE DAME FEATURED PROMINENTLY ON TELEVISION THIS YEAR**

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

- ESPN's "College GameDay" is celebrating its 11th season of live remotes from college football's top games. "College GameDay" will be on site live this weekend in East Lansing, Mich., for the Notre Dame-Michigan State game.
- College Sports Television (CSTV), the 24-hour cable channel devoted exclusively to college sports, once again highlights Irish athletics during a two-hour block on Sunday nights called "Notre Dame Primetime." The show, which will be co-hosted by former Irish split end **Derrick Mayes**, focuses on all 26 Notre Dame sports and the continuing growth of Irish athletics.



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

- 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.

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](http://www.sirius.com).

TRIO FOR FORMER IRISH GRIDDERS JOIN ND SPORTS PROPERTIES' RADIO BROADCASTS

Three former Notre Dame football players have joined the broadcast team this season for a pair of radio shows produced by Notre Dame Sports Properties (NDSP) in cooperation with the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners.

**Mirko Jurkovic** and **Reggie Brooks** provide analysis during the Official Notre Dame Football Post-game Radio Show, which is broadcast on U93 immediately following Westwood One's coverage of every Irish football game. The 90-minute show, which is presented by Boling Laser Center and hosted by Jack Nolan, also originates live from Gate 3 at the Joyce Center (across from Notre Dame Stadium) after each Irish home game.

Meanwhile, **Bobby Brown** serves as a co-host on the weekly Official Notre Dame Football Coaches' Show, which airs live on U93 Mondays at 7 p.m. (EST) from Logan's Roadhouse in Mishawaka (4225 N. Main Street). Brown is joined by Artistic Media Partners sports director Sean Stires each week for the half-hour show, which includes a weekly segment with Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham, a live appearance by a Notre Dame player or coach, and other features involving the Irish football program.

In addition to airing in the South Bend area, both NDSP shows can be heard live worldwide through the official Notre Dame athletics web site ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)).

Jurkovic, who currently works as an account manager for Stryker Endoscopy in South Bend, was a four-year monogram winner as an offensive lineman at Notre Dame from 1988-91 and was a member of the 1988 Irish national championship squad. A native of Calumet City, Ill., Jurkovic started at right guard during his final two seasons and helped Notre Dame post a combined record of 43-7 over the course of his career, including three bowl victories ('89 Fiesta Bowl, '90 Orange Bowl and '92 Sugar Bowl).

Brooks, who now is an administrator of production systems in Notre Dame's Office of Information Technologies, also earned four monograms with the Irish as a tailback from 1989-92, rushing behind Jurkovic in his final three seasons. Brooks was a starter in '92, helping Notre Dame to a 10-1-1 record and a victory over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl, a win that saw Brooks rush 22 times for 115 yards. The Tulsa, Okla., product finished his senior year with 1,343 yards on the ground, the third-highest single-season rushing total in school history, and he still holds the Notre Dame career record for the most rushing yards per attempt (7.6).

Brown, who is beginning his second year of studies at the Notre Dame Law School, garnered four monograms and started for three years as a flanker for the Irish from 1996-99. His best campaign came in 1997, when he caught 45 passes for 543 yards, tying for the 10th-highest single-season reception total in school history. Brown, a Lauderhill, Fla., native, also ranks second on Notre Dame's single-game pass receptions list, catching 12 balls for 208 yards in a 1999 game at Pittsburgh.

THE 2004 NFL DRAFT

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



when Houston tapped him in the sixth round (170th overall). Offensive tackle **Jim Molinaro** was the final Irish player taken, selected by the Washington Redskins in the seventh round (180th overall).

**NOTRE DAME IS AMERICA'S FAVORITE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

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

**MAKING THE GRADE**

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

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

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

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

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

**TAKING ACADEMIC SUCCESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

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

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

**"THE SHIRT" NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2004 SEASON**

For the 15th consecutive year, Notre Dame Student Activities and Government are sponsoring a T-shirt that benefits scholarship funds, student groups and service projects. In each of the past two years, the

**IN OTHER IRISH SPORTS ACTION THIS WEEK ...**

**MEN'S SOCCER**

The fourth-ranked Irish men's soccer team (3-0-1) will visit No. 1 Indiana Wednesday at 7 p.m. (EST). Notre Dame then returns home to kick off BIG EAST play vs. Georgetown Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (EST) at Alumni Field.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

The No. 2 Notre Dame women's soccer team (6-0-0) opens its BIG EAST season on the road, traveling to last year's NCAA runner-up, Connecticut on Friday at 7 p.m. (EDT). The Irish then move on to play at Syracuse Sunday at 1 p.m. (EDT).

**VOLLEYBALL**

The Notre Dame volleyball team (4-3) heads to Columbia, S.C., for the Gamecock Invitational this weekend. The Irish will face Michigan State Friday at 5 p.m. (EDT) before taking on top-ranked and two-time defending NCAA champion USC Saturday at 3 p.m. (EDT). Notre Dame closes out the tournament Sunday at 2 p.m. (EDT) vs. the host school, South Carolina, in a match that will be broadcast on College Sports Television (CSTV).

**MEN'S GOLF**

The Irish men's golf team will play host to the inaugural Notre Dame Invitational & Central Regional Preview this weekend. The first round will take place Friday at Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Mich., while the final two rounds (Saturday and Sunday) will be held at the Warren Golf Course on the Notre Dame campus.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The Irish men's and women's cross country teams will play host to the National Catholic Championship Friday at 4:15 p.m. (EST) at Burke Memorial Golf Course on the Notre Dame campus.

**MEN'S TENNIS**

The Notre Dame men's tennis team opens its fall schedule at home with the Tom Fallon Invitational Thursday-Sunday at the Courtney Tennis Center and Eck Tennis Pavilion.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

The Irish women's tennis also begins its fall ledger, heading to Boulder, Colo., for the Colorado Invitational Friday-Sunday.



**NOTRE DAME ALUMS IN RARE NFL COMPANY**

Notre Dame is the only school to boast three former players who have totaled 10,000-plus rushing or receiving yards in NFL history. Through games of Sept. 12, **Jerome Bettis** ranked 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). Meanwhile, **Tim Brown** ranks second on the NFL's all-time receiving yards list (14,757), 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 10:00 a.m. EST).

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](http://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](http://www.und.com).

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

**PEP RALLIES**

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

**"NOTRE DAME EXPERIENCE" RETURNS FOR 2004 SEASON**

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

**ORDER THE 2004 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL PREVIEW MAGAZINE TODAY**

This season marks the 11th edition of the Notre Dame Football Preview Magazine — an official publication by the University of Notre Dame athletic department. The 1994, '95, '96, '97 and '98 and 2000 editions were voted best in the nation in the special publications competition sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The preview magazine, published by Ave Maria Press, numbers nearly 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 Michigan State in 2004 (top 50 only):

<b>Team Rankings</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>
Rushing Offense	73.00	151.50
Passing Offense	221.50	47th at 231.00
Total Offense	294.50	382.50
Scoring Offense	22.50	19.00
Rushing Defense	6th at 39.00	205.00
Pass Defense	251.50	29th at 167.00
Pass Efficiency Defense	125.84	11th at 87.61
Total Defense	32nd at 290.50	372.00
Scoring Defense	50th at 20.00	21st at 13.00
Net Punting	43rd at 37.72	5th at 44.64
Punt Returns	36th at 10.90	6.88
Kickoff Returns	45th at 20.80	21st at 26.00
Turnover Margin	+0.00 (+0 overall)	-1.00 (-2 overall)

<b>Individual Rankings</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>
Total Offense	Brady Quinn 49th at 218.50	
Receptions Per Game	Rhema McKnight 43rd at 5.50	
Interceptions	Preston Jackson 50th at 0.50 Dwight Ellick 50th at 0.50	Jason Harmon 50th at 0.50
Punting	D.J. Fitzpatrick 44th at 40.65	Brandon Fields 1st at 50.31
Punt Returns		Kyle Brown 48th at 7.75
Kickoff Returns	Chase Anastasio 35th at 22.00	DeAndra Cobb 17th at 26.00

**NEXT WEEK: WASHINGTON**

Notre Dame kicks off a three-game homestand on Saturday, Sept. 25, when it welcomes Washington to Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish and Huskies will be meeting for the fifth time ever, with Notre Dame having won each of the four previous encounters. UW also will be coming to South Bend for the third time, having bowed to the Irish in 1948 (46-0) and 1996 (54-20) — the latter game was the most recent matchup in the series.

Washington (0-1) was idle last weekend, following a 35-16 loss to Fresno State in its season opener on Sept. 4 in Seattle. The Huskies trailed by just four points entering the fourth quarter, but FSU scored three touchdowns (two defensive) in the final 15 minutes to pull away for the win. UW will try to even its record this weekend when it plays host to UCLA in the Pac-10 Conference opener for both teams.



**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 Amaz 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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 Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 11, 2004)  
 All games

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
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SCORING.....	45	40
Points Per Game.....	22.5	20.0
FIRST DOWNS.....	28	28
Rushing.....	10	8
Passing.....	15	18
Penalty.....	3	2
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	146	78
Yards gained rushing.....	181	157
Yards lost rushing.....	35	79
Rushing Attempts.....	61	65
Average Per Rush.....	2.4	1.2
Average Per Game.....	73.0	39.0
TDs Rushing.....	2	1
PASSING YARDAGE.....	443	503
Att-Comp-Int.....	68-36-3	73-47-2
Average Per Pass.....	6.5	6.9
Average Per Catch.....	12.3	10.7
Average Per Game.....	221.5	251.5
TDs Passing.....	3	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	589	581
Total Plays.....	129	138
Average Per Play.....	4.6	4.2
Average Per Game.....	294.5	290.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	5-104	7-124
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	10-109	4-33
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	2-40	3-9
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	20.8	17.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	10.9	8.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	20.0	3.0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	4-2	5-3
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	12-104	15-124
Average Per Game.....	52.0	62.0
PUNTS-YARDS.....	18-712	17-728
Average Per Punt.....	39.6	42.8
Net punt average.....	37.7	36.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	26:55	33:05
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	6/28	13/37
3rd-Down Pct.....	21%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	1/3	0/0
4th-Down Pct.....	33%	0%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	7-54	3-22
MISC YARDS.....	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	6	3
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	1-1	6-6
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	6-6	2-2
ATTENDANCE.....	80795	65251
Games/Avg Per Game.....	1/80795	1/65251
Neutral Site Games.....		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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Notre Dame.....	0	3	14	28	- 45
Opponents.....	16	6	10	8	- 40



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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Walker, D.	1	31	121	6	115	3.7	2	13	115.0
Wilson, M.	2	12	32	6	26	2.2	0	12	13.0
Grant, R.	1	4	9	0	9	2.2	0	4	9.0
Thomas, T.	1	6	3	1	2	0.3	0	3	2.0
Powers-Neal, R.	2	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Quinn, B.	2	7	16	22	-6	-0.9	0	8	-3.0
Total.....	2	61	181	35	146	2.4	2	13	73.0
Opponents.....	2	65	157	79	78	1.2	1	13	39.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	2	115.09	67-36-3	53.7	443	3	54	221.5
Wilson, M.	2	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	2	113.40	68-36-3	52.9	443	3	54	221.5
Opponents.....	2	125.82	73-47-2	64.4	503	2	50	251.5

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
McKnight, R.	2	11	134	12.2	1	54	67.0
Stovall, M.	2	8	105	13.1	0	49	52.5
Powers-Neal, R.	2	5	32	6.4	1	9	16.0
Fasano, A.	2	4	60	15.0	0	27	30.0
Freeman, M.	2	3	28	9.3	0	15	14.0
Thomas, T.	1	2	28	14.0	0	15	28.0
Jenkins, J.	1	2	10	5.0	0	7	10.0
Shelton, M.	2	1	46	46.0	1	46	23.0
Total.....	2	36	443	12.3	3	54	221.5
Opponents.....	2	47	503	10.7	2	50	251.5

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Holiday, C.	7	70	10.0	0	15
McKnight, R.	2	11	5.5	0	8
Collins, J.	1	28	28.0	0	0
Total.....	10	109	10.9	0	15
Opponents.....	4	33	8.2	0	14

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ellick, D.	1	2	2.0	0	2
Jackson, P.	1	38	38.0	1	38
Total.....	2	40	20.0	1	38
Opponents.....	3	9	3.0	0	5

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anastasio, C.	4	88	22.0	0	40
Stovall, M.	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total.....	5	104	20.8	0	40
Opponents.....	7	124	17.7	0	31

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

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

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Walker, D.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Fitzpatrick, D.	0	1-1	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	9
Shelton, M.	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
McKnight, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	6	1-1	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	45
Opponents.....	3	6-6	2-2	0-0	1	1-1	0	0	40

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	2	74	-6	443	437	218.5
Walker, D.	1	31	115	0	115	115.0
Wilson, M.	2	13	26	0	26	13.0
Grant, R.	1	4	9	0	9	9.0
Thomas, T.	1	6	2	0	2	2.0
Total.....	2	129	146	443	589	294.5
Opponents.....	2	138	78	503	581	290.5

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Fitzpatrick, D.	1-1	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	21	0

FG SEQUENCE	Notre Dame	OPPONENTS
Brigham Young	(21)	(44), (53)
Michigan	-	(38), (33), (22), (47)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Fitzpatrick, D.	17	691	40.6	56	3	2	4	0
TEAM	1	21	21.0	21	0	0	0	1
Total.....	18	712	39.6	56	3	2	4	1
Opponents.....	17	728	42.8	63	0	0	6	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Gioia, C.	8	469	58.6	0	1
Total.....	8	469	58.6	0	1
Opponents.....	9	562	62.4	4	0

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
McKnight, R.	2	0	134	11	0	0	145	72.5
Stovall, M.	2	0	105	0	16	0	121	60.5
Walker, D.	1	115	0	0	0	0	115	115.0
Anastasio, C.	2	0	0	0	88	0	88	44.0
Holiday, C.	2	0	0	70	0	0	70	35.0
Fasano, A.	2	0	60	0	0	0	60	30.0
Shelton, M.	2	0	46	0	0	0	46	23.0
Jackson, P.	2	0	0	0	0	38	38	19.0
Powers-Neal, R.	2	0	32	0	0	0	32	16.0
Thomas, T.	1	2	28	0	0	0	30	30.0
Freeman, M.	2	0	28	0	0	0	28	14.0
Collins, J.	2	0	0	28	0	0	28	14.0
Wilson, M.	2	26	0	0	0	0	26	13.0
Jenkins, J.	1	0	10	0	0	0	10	10.0
Grant, R.	1	9	0	0	0	0	9	9.0
Ellick, D.	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	1.0
Quinn, B.	2	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-3.0
Total.....	2	146	443	109	104	40	842	421.0
Opponents.....	2	78	503	33	124	9	747	373.5

2004 Notre Dame Football  
 Notre Dame Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 11, 2004)  
 All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
41 Goolsby, M.	2	9	16	25	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
39 Hoyte, B.	2	8	7	15	3.0-16	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
6 Campbell, C.	2	9	3	12	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Burrell, Q.	2	6	6	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 Curry, D.	2	4	8	12	2.5-22	2.0-20	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
98 Laws, T.	2	5	4	9	2.0-11	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Ellick, D.	2	7	2	9	1.0-4	.	1-2	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
9 Zbikowski, T.	2	6	3	9	1.5-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44 Tuck, J.	2	3	5	8	3.0-18	3.0-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77 Pauly, G.	2	3	5	8	2.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15 Jackson, P.	2	5	3	8	.	.	1-38	1	1	.	.	.	.
46 Mays, C.	2	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Budinscak, K.	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 Landri, D.	2	1	3	4	0.5-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
89 Carlson, J.	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Borseti, N.	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Anastasio, C.	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 Frome, C.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Collins, J.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
2 Parish IV, F.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Wooden, A.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 Fasano, A.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 Freeman, M.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Leitko, T.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
Total.....	2	76	78	154	17-82	7-54	2-40	6	1	3-0	3	1	.
Opponents.....	2	67	68	135	10-35	3-22	3-9	4	7	2-0	3	1	.

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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

\* indicates conference game

# NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

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

\* - opened in two tight end formation

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

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

\* - opened in nickel defense

## Red Zone Statistics

ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
@BYU	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
UM	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
@MSU												
WASH												
PUR												
STAN												
vs. NAVY												
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Notre Dame Red Zone Efficiency: 4 of 5 (.800) / Touchdown Efficiency: 3 of 5 (.600)

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												
WASH												
PUR												
STAN												
vs. NAVY												
BC												
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Opponent Red Zone Efficiency: 4 of 4 (1.000) / Touchdown Efficiency: 1 of 4 (.250)

## Third-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Anthony Fasano	0	2	2
Ryan Grant	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	1	1
Maurice Stovall	0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

ND on 3rd down: 6-28 (.214)

## Fourth-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Brady Quinn	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

ND on 4th down: 1-3 (.333)

**SPARTAN STADIUM • EAST LANSING, MICH.**

**2004 Team Game-by-Game Statistics**

	<b>RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)</b>	<b>PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)</b>	<b>TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)</b>	<b>FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)</b>	<b>FUMBLES (No.-Lost)</b>	<b>TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)</b>
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						
@ Michigan State						
@ Notre Dame						
Washington						
@ Notre Dame						
Purdue						
@ Notre Dame						
Stanford						
Notre Dame						
vs. Navy						
@ Notre Dame						
Boston College						
Notre Dame						
@ Tennessee						
@ Notre Dame						
Pittsburgh						
Notre Dame						
@ USC						

**Turnovers**

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

**Turnover Analysis**

5 opponent turnovers led to 21 of 45 (.467) Notre Dame points (3 TD/3 PAT/0 FG)  
 5 Notre Dame turnovers led to 9 of 40 (.225) opponent points (0 TD/0 PAT/3 FG)

**Field Position**

	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Drives Started	31	33
Cumulative Starting Yardline	1,053	1,011
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 34	own 31
Drives Started in Plus Territory	18	23
Scores (TD/FG)	5 (5/0)	7(2/5)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	7/2/0	12/0/0
Turnovers/End of Half	4/0	3/1
Drives Started at/inside own 20	13	10
Scores (TD/FG)	1 (0/1)	2 (1/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	11/0/0	5/0/0
Turnovers/End of Half	1/0	2/1

**First Downs Earned**

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Anthony Fasano	0	3	3
Marcus Freeman	0	2	2
Ryan Grant	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	3	3
Brady Quinn	1	0	1
Matt Shelton	0	1	1
Maurice Stovall	0	5	5
Travis Thomas	0	1	1
Darius Walker	6	0	6
Marcus Wilson	2	0	2
Penalty			3
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>

# NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

## 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							
Washington							
Purdue							
Stanford							
vs. Navy							
Boston College							
@Tennessee							
Pittsburgh							
@USC							

### PASSING

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

### RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Clark	Fasano	Freeman	Holiday	McKnight	Powers-Neal	Samardzija	Shelton	Stovall	TOTAL
@BYU	0-0-0	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	0-0-0	3-42-0	1-8-1	0-0-0	1-46-1	5-82-0	10-178-2
@Michigan State										
Washington										
Purdue										
Stanford										
vs. Navy										
Boston College										
@Tennessee										
Pittsburgh										
@USC										

### FIELD GOALS

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



**2004 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics**

**TACKLES**

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

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

**TACKLES**

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

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

# NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

## 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

## 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

*\* - 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
	4	2:27/Steve Breaston 25 pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick)	7p, 80yd, 1:13

### 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
-- <b>Ryan Grant (2001-present)</b>	<b>1,714</b>

#### Pass Completions

7. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	290
8. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	268
9. Tom Clements (1972-74)	265
10. Ralph Guglielmi (1951-54)	209
-- <b>Brady Quinn (2003-present)</b>	<b>193</b>

#### 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
-- <b>Brady Quinn (2003-present)</b>	<b>399</b>

#### 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
-- <b>Brady Quinn (2003-present)</b>	<b>2,274</b>

#### Passing Yards Per Game

1. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	172.7 (7,602/44)
<b>2. Brady Quinn (2003-pres.)</b>	<b>162.4 (2,274/14)</b>
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
-- <b>Rhema McKnight (2002-present)</b>	<b>67</b>
-- <b>Maurice Stovall (2002-present)</b>	<b>48</b>

#### 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
-- <b>D.J. Fitzpatrick (2002-present)</b>	<b>13</b>

**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 200 or more yards: ..... at BYU, 2004 (265)  
 Had 40 or more pass attempts: ..... at BYU, 2004 (47)  
 Had 30 or more pass attempts: ..... at BYU, 2004 (47)  
 Had 25 or more pass completions: ..... at BYU, 2004 (26)  
 Had 20 or more pass completions: ..... at BYU, 2004 (26)  
 Had five passing TDs: ..... vs. Rutgers, 1996 (5)  
 Had four passing TDs: ..... vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4)  
 Had three passing TDs: ..... vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4)  
 Had five passes intercepted: ..... vs. USC, 1967 (7)  
 Had four passes intercepted: ..... at Purdue, 2003 (4)  
 Had three passes intercepted: ..... vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)

**RECEIVING**

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

**COMBINATION OFFENSE**

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

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

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

**SCORING**

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

**TURNOVERS**

Did not commit a turnover: ..... vs. Navy, 2003  
 Committed six or more turnovers: ..... vs. Navy, 1984 (6)  
 Committed five or more turnovers: ..... vs. Boston College, 2002 (5)  
 Committed four or more fumbles lost: ..... vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)  
 Committed three or more fumbles lost: ..... vs. Washington State (3)  
 Recorded six or more takeaways: ..... vs. Arizona State, 1999 (6)  
 Recorded five or more takeaways: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (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 Stanford, 2003 (2)  
 (Quentin Burrell - 65 yards, Garron Bible - 48 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 Syracuse, 2003 (3)  
Scored a safety: ..... at Stanford, 2003  
Recorded nine or more sacks: ..... vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)  
Recorded eight or more sacks: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)  
Recorded seven or more sacks: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)  
Recorded six or more sacks: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)  
Recorded five or more sacks: ..... at BYU, 2004 (5)  
Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs: ..... at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

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

### A NOTRE DAME PLAYER ...

#### RUSHING

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

Rushed for 200 or more yards: ..... Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)  
Rushed for 175 or more yards: ..... Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)  
Rushed for 150 or more yards: ..... Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)  
Rushed for 125 or more yards: ..... Julius Jones, at Stanford, 2003 (218)  
Rushed for 100 or more yards: ..... Darius Walker, vs. Michigan, 2004 (115)  
Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards: ..... Carlyle Holiday  
. at Boston College, 2001 (109)  
Rushed 40 or more times: ..... Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)  
Rushed 35 or more times: ..... Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (35)  
Rushed 30 or more times: ..... Darius Walker, vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)  
Rushed 25 or more times: ..... Darius Walker, vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)  
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)  
Passed for 200 or more yards: ..... Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (265)  
Attempted 50 or more passes: ..... Brady Quinn vs. Florida State, 2003 (52)  
Attempted 40 or more passes: ..... Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (47)  
Attempted 30 or more passes: ..... Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (47)  
Completed 20 or more passes: ..... Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (26)  
Threw five or more TDs: ..... Never  
Threw four or more TDs: ..... Carlyle Holiday vs. Rutgers, 2002 (4)  
Threw five or more interceptions: ..... Before 1975  
Threw four or more interceptions: ..... Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)  
Threw three or more interceptions: ..... Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)  
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more: .... Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)  
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more: .... Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)  
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more: .. Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2003 (65)  
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more: ..... Brady Quinn at BYU, 2004 (54)

#### 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: ..... Rhema McKnight  
at Boston College, 2003 (121)

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Caught three or more TDs: ..... Tom Gatewood vs. Purdue, 1970 (3)  
Caught two or more TDs: ..... Amaz Battle vs. Rutgers, 2002 (2)

## **TOTAL OFFENSE**

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

## **SCORING**

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

## **DEFENSE**

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

## **SPECIAL TEAMS**

Scored 15 or more points kicking: ..... D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)  
Scored 10 or more points kicking: ..... D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)  
Kicked five or more field goals: ..... Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State (5)  
Kicked four or more field goals: ..... D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (4)  
Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards: ..... Never  
Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards: ..... Nicholas Setta  
vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)  
Kicked a punt 70 or more yards: Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 Cotton Bowl (71)  
Kicked a punt 60 or more yards: ..... Joey Hildbold vs. Purdue, 2000 (63)  
Punted nine or more times: ..... D.J. Fitzpatrick at BYU, 2004 (10)  
Totalled 175 or more kick return yards: Raghil Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)  
Totalled 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 200 or more yards: ..... Michigan, 2004 (240)  
Had 60 or more pass attempts: ..... Tennessee, 1990 (60)  
Had 50 or more pass attempts: ..... Purdue, 2001 (52)  
Had 40 or more pass attempts: ..... Michigan, 2004 (40)  
Had 30 or more pass completions: ..... USC, 2002 (32)  
Had five or more passing TDs: ..... Never  
Had four or more passing TDs: ..... USC, 2003 (4)  
Had three or more passing TDs: ..... Florida State, 2003 (3)

### **RECEIVING**

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

## **TOTAL OFFENSE**

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

## **SCORING**

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

## **TURNOVERS**

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

## **DEFENSE**

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

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### SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD: ..... Purdue, 2002 (Anthony Chambers - 76 yards)  
Returned a blocked punt for a TD: ..... Navy, 1999 (Chris Oliver - 0 yards)  
Returned a kickoff for a TD: .... Oklahoma, 1999 (Daniel Brandon - 89 yards)  
Punted 10 or more times: ..... Rutgers, 2002 (10)  
Did not punt: ..... Miami (Fla.), 1985  
Missed a kicking PAT: ..... Washington State, 2003

### MISCELLANEOUS

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

### AN OPPOSING PLAYER ...

#### RUSHING

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

#### PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards: ..... Never  
Passed for 400 or more yards: ..... Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (425)  
Passed for 300 or more yards: ..... Chris Rix, Florida State, 2003 (327)  
Passed for 200 or more yards: ..... Chad Henne, Michigan, 2004 (240)  
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: . Jason Dailey, Michigan State, 2002 (66)  
Totaled 100 or more kick return yards: ..... Brett Cooper, BYU, 2003 (139)

# 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 fullback 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)



# Notre Dame Depth Chart

*Irish vs. Michigan State (as of Sept. 13, 2004)*

## Notre Dame Offense

WR	21	<b>MAURICE STOVALL</b>	6-5	227	Jr.
	or 83	<b>JEFF SAMARDZIJA</b>	6-5	215	So.
	7	Carlyle Holiday	6-3	215	Sr.
LT	68	<b>RYAN HARRIS</b>	6-5	289	So.
	62	Scott Raridon	6-6	310	Jr.
LG	76	<b>BOB MORTON</b>	6-4	300	Jr.
	50	Dan Santucci	6-4	292	Jr.
C	78	<b>JOHN SULLIVAN</b>	6-3	295	So.
	55	Zachary Giles	6-3	285	Sr.
RG	74	<b>DAN STEVENSON</b>	6-5	293	Sr.
	72	Jeff Thompson	6-4	285	Sr.
RT	73	<b>MARK LeVOIR</b>	6-7	310	Sr.
	51	Jamie Ryan	6-5	310	Jr.
TE	88	<b>ANTHONY FASANO</b>	6-4	256	Jr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-2	248	Jr.
WR	5	<b>RHEMA McKNIGHT</b>	6-1	215	Jr.
	23	Chase Anastasio	6-1	202	So.
	or 82	Matt Shelton	6-0	175	Sr.
QB	10	<b>BRADY QUINN</b>	6-4	224	So.
	9	Pat Dillingham	6-2	205	Sr.
FB	16	<b>RASHON POWERS-NEAL</b>	6-2	243	Sr.
	12	Josh Schmidt	6-1	232	Sr.
RB	4	<b>RYAN GRANT</b>	6-1	218	Sr.
	3	Darius Walker	5-11	200	Fr.

## Notre Dame Defense

LE	44	<b>JUSTIN TUCK</b>	6-5	261	Sr.
	75	Chris Frome	6-5	271	Jr.
DT	77	<b>GREG PAULY</b>	6-6	295	Sr.
	90	Brian Beidatsch	6-2	295	Sr.
NG	66	<b>DEREK LANDRI</b>	6-2	278	Jr.
	98	Trevor Laws	6-0	285	So.
RE	92	<b>KYLE BUDINSCAK</b>	6-4	275	Sr.
	95	Victor Abiamiri	6-4	269	So.
ILB	39	<b>BRANDON HOYTE</b>	5-11	231	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-1	225	So.
ILB	41	<b>MIKE GOOLSBY</b>	6-4	242	Sr.
	46	Corey Mays	6-1	243	Sr.
OLB	49	<b>DEREK CURRY</b>	6-3	235	Sr.
	47	Mitchell Thomas	6-3	230	So.
LCB	24	<b>DWIGHT ELLICK</b>	5-10	185	Sr.
	6	Carlos Campbell	5-11	195	Sr.
FS	8	<b>QUENTIN BURRELL</b>	6-0	195	Sr.
	9	Tom Zbikowski	5-11	203	So.
SS	9	<b>TOM ZBIKOWSKI</b>	5-11	203	So.
	2	Freddie Parish IV	6-0	202	So.
RCB	15	<b>PRESTON JACKSON</b>	5-9	180	Sr.
	30	Mike Richardson	5-11	190	Jr.

## Notre Dame Specialists

PK	19	<b>D.J. FITZPATRICK</b>	6-1	200	Sr.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-10	185	So.
P	19	<b>D.J. FITZPATRICK</b>	6-1	200	Sr.
	17	Geoffrey Price	6-3	190	So.
KO	45	<b>CARL GIOIA</b>	5-10	185	So.
	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	6-1	200	Sr.
HLD	82	<b>MATT SHELTON</b>	6-0	175	Sr.
	17	Geoffrey Price	6-3	190	So.
SNP	64	<b>CASEY DUNN</b>	6-4	256	Sr.
	62	Scott Raridon	6-6	310	Jr.
PR	7	<b>CARLYLE HOLIDAY</b>	6-3	215	Sr.
	5	Rhema McKnight	6-1	215	Jr.
KR	21	<b>MAURICE STOVALL</b>	6-5	227	Jr.
	23	<b>CHASE ANASTASIO</b>	6-1	202	So.