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Regular-Season Review

Notre Dame (9-2)

The Rankings:

Notre Dame - 5th AP, 6th *USA Today*, 5th Harris,
TBA BCS

Next Up:

Should Notre Dame be selected for a BCS bowl game,
it will be announced on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 5:00 p.m. ET
on ABC.

2005 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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Two-Minute Drill (what you need to know about the 2005 Notre Dame football season) -

- Notre Dame is 9-2 in 2005 and eligible for selection by a BCS bowl. If selected, the Irish will make their first appearance in a BCS bowl since the 2000 season (Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State).
- The Irish offense is led by junior QB Brady Quinn and junior WR Jeff Samardzija. Quinn leads the nation in touchdown passes with 32, while Samardzija is tied for the national in touchdown receptions with 15.
- Notre Dame has reached nine wins for just the second time since 2000 this season. The Irish finished 10-3 in 2002.
- Brady Quinn's stellar 2005 campaign has pushed him to ownership of all of Notre Dame's significant passing records, including career/single season yardage, career/single season attempts and completions and career/single season touchdown passes.
- Senior WR Maurice Stovall and Jeff Samardzija have combined to become the only pair of teammates in the country with 10 or more touchdown receptions. Samardzija has a school-record 15, while Stovall is close behind with 11 (including 10 in Notre Dame's last five games).
- Notre Dame and Miami (Ohio) are the only schools in the country to boast a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers (as of Dec. 1, 2005).
- Notre Dame is currently averaging 38.18 points per game, on pace to break the school record of 37.6 posted by the 1968 team. The Irish also have scored 55 touchdowns this season, four off the record (59) compiled by the 1991 team. The school record for points in a season (426 in 1991) is in reach as well, as the Irish currently have 420 points - needing just six more to reach the single-season record.
- Notre Dame's offensive improvement in 2005 continues to lead the nation. The Irish have improved 143.6 yards per game this year from their 2004 production, ranking ahead of USC (+122.1) and Iowa (+121.8).
- Sophomore RB Darius Walker became the ninth player to rush for over 1,000 yards in a single season last weekend at Stanford. Walker's career-best 186-yard performance pushed him to eighth on the all-time single-season rushing list with 1,106 yards.
- Notre Dame moved up to eighth in the latest Bowl Championship Series rankings, the highest for the team since Nov. 3 and Nov. 10, 2002, when the Irish were rated seventh. This week's BCS Standings were not available at the time of this release.
- Notre Dame -11 defensive rushing performance against Stanford marks the best effort by an Irish defensive unit in 37 years. The 1968 team held Georgia Tech to -42 yards rushing in a 36-4 victory on Nov. 16, 1968.

2005 IRISH SCHEDULE

times local to site • rankings AP/*USA Today*/Harris • (Notre Dame time, if applicable)

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	TV	Time or Result	Last week
Sept. 3	-/-	at #23/25 Pittsburgh	ABC	W, 42-21	Season Over
Sept. 10	20/23	at #3/3 Michigan	ABC	W, 17-10	Regular Season Over
Sept. 17	10/12	Michigan State	NBC	L, 41-44 (OT)	Season Over
Sept. 24	16/18	at Washington	ABC	W, 36-17	Season Over
Oct. 1	13/14/13	at #22/20/22 Purdue	ESPN	W, 49-28	Season Over
Oct. 15	9/9/8	#1/1/1 USC	NBC	L, 31-34	W, 66-19 vs. UCLA
Oct. 22	9/12/11	BYU	NBC	W, 49-23	Regular Season Over
Nov. 5	8/9/9	Tennessee	NBC	W, 41-21	Season Over
Nov. 12	7/7/7	Navy	NBC	W, 42-21	W, 42-23 vs. Army
Nov. 19	6/7/6	Syracuse	NBC	W, 34-10	L, 17-41 at Louisville
Nov. 26	6/6/5	at Stanford	ABC	W, 38-31	Season Over

2005 Media Information

Interview requests and media access for the 2005 Notre Dame football team are administered by lead football contact Doug Walker and assistant football contact Alan Wasielewski.

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- Post game interviews after Saturday's game will be done in the interview room at Notre Dame Stadium. Contact Walker or Wasielewski for information on Notre Dame player availability. There are no assistant coach interviews on game day.

Notre Dame Football Media Information

A Practice will be held the on Saturday, Dec. 10. Media will be allowed to view the first 20 minutes of this practice. Exact viewing time for the Dec. 10 practice is yet to be determined. These are the only practices scheduled to occur before the team goes through a week of practices from Dec. 19-23. Times and media access to those practices is yet to be determined.

NOTRE DAME PRE-BOWL MEDIA DAY

Also, the Notre Dame football team will participate in a Bowl Media Day on Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Isban Auditorium of the Guglielmino Athletic Complex at a time to be determined. Further details will be released next week.

MEDIA ACCESS FOR PLAYER INTERVIEWS

All interviews with Notre Dame players will be conducted as part of the Pre-Bowl Media Day to be held on Dec. 10.

The Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium can be accessed through "The Gug's" main entrance, which is located on the west side of the building (facing the Rolfs Recreation Center and main campus).

Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup**Offense:**

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
"X"	21	Maurice Stovall	Sr.	Third all-time in TD receptions (18), fifth in receiving yards (2,069)
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Jr.	Enjoying an outstanding season on the left side of the Irish line
LG	50	Dan Santucci	Sr.	Former DL is a key factor in ND's 154.8 rushing yards per game
OL	78	John Sullivan	Jr.	Has started Notre Dame's last seven contests
RG	74	Dan Stevenson	Sr.	Can play both guard spots, and has appeared in 43 career games
RT	73	Mark LeVoi	Sr.	Made his 36th career start vs. Syracuse; the veteran of the OL
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Sr.	Third on the team with 45 catches for 564 yards and two TDs
"Z"	83	Jeff Samardzija	Jr.	Has a Notre Dame record 15 touchdown catches this season
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Jr.	Notre Dame's all-time top passer for yards (8,050) and TDs (58)
FB	16	Asaph Schwapp	Fr.	Made first career start vs. USC, ND's leading rusher vs. BYU
RB	3	Darius Walker	So.	Eighth on the all-time single-season rushing list with 1,106 in '05

Defense:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
LE	95	Victor Abiamiri	Jr.	Career game vs. Stanford - 10 tackles, four sacks
LT	98	Trevor Laws	Jr.	Becoming a force inside, led team with nine tackles vs. BYU
RT	66	Derek Landri	Sr.	37 tackles, 7.0 TFL, three sacks and seven QB hurries in 2005
RE	99	Ronald Talley	So.	Started four games at right DE, 12 tackles, one sack in '05
AP	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	So.	Seeing first action of career this season, 50 tackles, 3.5 TFL
MLB	46	Corey Mays	Sr.	Second on the team with 68 tackles, also has 10.5 TFL and 4 sacks
WLB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Sr.	Leader of the Irish defense with 82 tackles, 15.5 TFL, six sacks
RCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	Jr.	Has been a step-up performer for the Irish - 67 tackles, five PBU
WS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	Jr.	Has 50 tackles this season along with two interceptions and four FR
BS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Jr.	Leads the team with five INT, also has four return TDs this season
LCB	30	Mike Richardson	Sr.	Tied for fourth on the team with 62 tackles along with three INT

Special Teams:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Sr.	11-17 in FGs, 50-51 in PATs (school record PAT total)
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Sr.	Solid 40.0 punt average with a long of 60 and 10 inside the 20
H	83	Jeff Samardzija	Jr.	Has caught 15 TDs and held for 52 PATs and 12 FGs
SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	So.	Sophomore snapper has been perfect thus far in 2005
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Jr.	Has two punt return for TDs with a 14.6 average
KR	11	David Grimes	Fr.	Averaging 22.5 yards on 15 attempts with a long of 40
	1	D.J. Hord	Fr.	Has a long return of 36, averaging 18.3 on six returns

Key Probable Non-Starters:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
WR	82	Matt Shelton	Sr.	Key possession receiver has 23 catches for 277 yards (12.0 avg.)
C	76	Bob Morton	Sr.	Part of a guard/center rotation on the interior OL
OL	79	Brian Mattes	Sr.	Veteran can provide depth at both tackle positions
TE	87	Marcus Freeman	Sr.	Caught five passes in eight games during the '04 season
TE	89	John Carlson	Jr.	Logged first career touchdown reception at Purdue (22 yards)
DT	90	Brian Beidatsch	Sr.	Gives the Irish talented depth on the DL, 14 tackles, one sack
RB	26	Travis Thomas	Jr.	Saw significant time vs. USC with 18 rushes for 52 yards and a TD
DB	15	Leo Ferrine	So.	Nickle back logged first career touchdown and INT vs. Syracuse
K	45	Carl Gioia	Jr.	Hit first career field goal in relief of D.J. Fitzpatrick at Stanford

Note: This is only a projection. Notre Dame has started with a different non-standard personnel package in each game this season.

2005: The Charlie Weis Era Begins

The 117th season of Notre Dame football is the first in the tenure of head coach **Charlie Weis**, who started his career with a 9-2 record, including wins over three ranked opponents.

Weis was named the 28th head football coach in Notre Dame history on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004. A 1978 Notre Dame graduate, Weis takes the reins of the Irish program after a highly-successful career as an assistant coach in the National Football League.

The owner of four Super Bowl champion rings as products of a stellar 15-season career as an NFL assistant, Weis is a widely-respected disciple of professional coaching standouts Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick. He came to Notre Dame after excelling as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, where he played an integral role in New England's victories in three of the last four Super Bowls.

Weis is the first Notre Dame graduate to hold the football head coaching position at his alma mater since Hugh Devore (a '34 graduate) served as interim coach in 1963 and is the first Notre Dame graduate to serve as the Irish football coach on a full-fledged basis since Joe Kuharich (a '38 graduate who coached at Notre Dame from 1959 through '62).

A veteran of 26 seasons in coaching, Weis coached nine seasons with the Patriots, including five as offensive coordinator. He helped produce four Super Bowl championships (New York Giants following the 1990 season, Patriots following '01, '03 and '04 seasons), five conference titles and seven division crowns.

Irish First-Year Head Coaches

As **Charlie Weis** continues his first season at the helm of the Irish, here are a few notes on Notre Dame's head coaches in their inaugural years (see page 27 for a recap of each coaching debut season in ND history).

- The 27 previous head football coaches in Notre Dame history have combined to amass a 168-60-12 (.700) record in their first years at the helm.

- Weis is the first coach to begin his Irish career by beating two ranked opponents in his first two games. The only other attempt was by Terry Brennan in 1954 (won 21-0 vs. #4 Texas, lost 27-14 vs. #19 Purdue).

- Weis is the first coach to begin his Notre Dame tenure with two victories on the road and on an opponent's home field since Knute Rockne in 1918 (at Case Tech, at Wabash). Hunk Anderson faced his first two games away from Notre Dame in '31 (at Indiana, vs. Northwestern at Soldier Field - a win and a tie, respectively) and Dan Devine also started with two games away from South Bend in '75 (vs. Boston College at Foxboro, at Purdue - both wins).

- The two most recent Irish head coaches (Bob Davie, 7-6 in 1997; Tyrone Willingham, 10-3 in 2002) posted winning records in their first seasons. The last Irish coach to turn in a sub-.500 season in his first year is Lou Holtz, whose '86 team finished 5-6. Notre Dame has assured itself of a winning record in Charlie Weis' first season with a 9-2 record entering the bowl season.

- First-year coaching records since 1913 (most wins listed first) - Tyrone Willingham (10-3 in 2002), Ara Parseghian (9-1 in 1964), Terry Brennan (9-1 in 1954), **Charlie Weis** (9-2 in 2005), Frank Leahy (8-0-1 in 1941), Dan Devine (8-3 in 1975), Jesse Harper (7-0 in 1913), Bob Davie (7-6 in 1997), Hunk Anderson (6-2-1 in 1931), Elmer Layden (6-3 in 1934), Lou Holtz (5-6 in 1986), Gerry Faust (5-6 in 1981), Joe Kuharich (5-5 in 1959), Knute Rockne (3-1-2 in 1918).

- Since 1913, four Notre Dame coaches - Layden, Parseghian, Holtz and Willingham - have taken over the program the year after their predecessors were either .500 or below. All but Holtz, who went 5-6 in '86, posted winning records in their first seasons and the quartet had a combined 30-13 record in such seasons. The '04 Irish went 6-6 under Willingham.

2005 Media Information

Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

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Media Access In December:

Player/coach interview schedule, team practice schedule and any updated information will be released as soon as possible once Notre Dame's post-season plans are announced.

Opponent Schedules

(all times local to site)

Bowl Opponent...TBA**2005 opponents...**

Pittsburgh (5-6) vs. - season complete

Michigan (7-4) - regular season complete

Michigan State (5-6) - season complete

Washington (2-9) - season complete

Purdue (5-6) - season complete

USC (12-0) - regular season complete

BYU (6-5) - regular season complete

Tennessee (5-6) - season complete

Navy (7-4) - regular season complete

Syracuse (1-10) - season complete

Stanford (5-6) - season complete

All times listed local to site.

Notre Dame Scoring At An Historic Pace

40 points - Notre Dame has scored over 40 points six times this season, matching the school record set by both the 1991 and 1992 teams.

30 points - The Irish have scored 30 or more points in 10 of 11 games this season (a 17-10 victory at Michigan was the lone exception), setting the school record for 30-point performances. The previous record for 30 point games in a season was nine by the 1991 edition of the Fighting Irish (which included a 30-point performance in a bowl game). Notre Dame also has scored 30 or more points in nine straight games, becoming the first Notre Dame team to accomplish that feat.

From an historic perspective, Notre Dame has only scored over 30 points in eight games or more just five times in the program's history. The 1966, 1992 and 1993 teams all posted eight 30-point performances (the '93 team total includes a bowl game as well).

Notre Dame is currently sixth in the nation in scoring offense, averaging 38.18 points per game. If the 38.18 average holds up, it would set a Notre Dame single-season record.

In addition, the 2005 Irish team has already scored more points this season (420) than any of the previous 13 Notre Dame teams. The school record for points scored (426 in 1991) also is in reach, as the Irish need six points in a bowl game.

With a bowl game remaining on the schedule, Charlie Weis' first Notre Dame team already has piled up 420 points - the most in a debut season for a non-interim Irish head coach. Weis' first squad also is averaging 38.18 points per game, just behind Jesse Harper's debut season average of 38.29 in 1913 (268 points in seven games).

Irish Offense Putting Up Unprecedented Yardage Totals

The 2005 edition of the Fighting Irish has become the first Notre Dame team to have a 3,000-yard passer (Brady Quinn, 3,633 yards), 1,000-yard rusher (Darius Walker, 1,106 yards) and 1,000-yard receiver (Jeff Samardzija, 1,190 yards and Maurice Stovall, 1,023 yards) on the same roster.

Notre Dame's Offensive Improvement the Best in the Nation

Entering this weekend's action, Notre Dame's 143.6 yards-per-game improvement for the Irish offense this season is rated first in the nation, ahead of USC, Iowa and Washington State. Here is a look at this year's top 10 most improved offenses:

Most Improved Teams in Total Offense

Rank	School	2004	2005	Improvement
1.	Notre Dame	345.5	477.4	+143.6
2.	USC	449.1	580.3	+131.2
3.	Iowa	312.7	416.6	+121.8
4.	Washington State	368.6	487.5	+120.7
5.	Penn State	310.7	437.4	+113.6
6.	Central Florida	280.0	388.5	+108.5
7.	New Mexico	298.0	398.2	+99.4
8.	Maryland	298.0	399.4	+97.8
9.	Clemson	295.6	390.3	+90.8
10.	Arizona State	435.4	518.1	+82.7

Offense Piling Up Yardage

The offense has been the highlight of the 2005 Notre Dame football season thus far. The Irish are currently 10th in the country in total offense (489.09) and are on pace for the most prolific offensive season since the team ended the 1996 season ranked 10th in total offense. Currently, the Irish are averaging 334.27 passing yards per game and are on pace to shatter the Notre Dame record of 252.7 set in 1970 (Notre Dame finished that season ranked eighth in the country in passing offense and second overall with a school-record 510.5 total yards per game).

One measuring stick for offensive production is games in which the team compiles over 500 yards of total offense. Notre Dame has accomplished that feat seven times this season (502 at Pittsburgh, 594 vs. Michigan State, 560 at Washington, 621 at Purdue, 511 vs. BYU, 505 vs. Navy, 663 at Stanford) - marking the first time the Irish have posted seven 500-yard performances in a season.

Here is a breakdown of Notre Dame's 500-plus games in two comparable seasons (1970, 1992) -

1970 (six): 633 vs. Purdue, 513 vs. Michigan State, 600 vs. Navy, 574 vs. Army, 606 vs. Pittsburgh, 557 vs. USC

1992 (five): 561 vs. Northwestern, 509 vs. Michigan State, 580 vs. Purdue, 521 vs. Pittsburgh, 576 vs. Boston

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Keep an Eye on Third Down

Notre Dame has been highly effective offensively on third down this season. The Irish are seventh in the nation (81 of 167, .485) on third down and are holding their opponents to a respectable .327 (50 of 153, 19th in the nation) on defense. Notre Dame, Ohio State, Texas and Auburn are the only schools in the country ranked in the top 19 for both offensive and defensive third-down percentage.

663-Yard Effort Ranks Among the Best All-Time

Notre Dame's offensive explosion (663 total yards) against Stanford on Nov. 26 ranks among the best in the program's history. Dating back to 1963, it ranks fourth on the list and is the second 600-yard total offense effort of the season (621 at Purdue).

Top Total Offense Totals Since 1963 -

1.720vs. Navy, 1969
2.680vs. Air Force, 1977
3.673vs. Illinois, 1968
4.667vs. Georgia Tech, 1977
- 5.663vs. Stanford, 2005**
6.650vs. Washington, 1996
-650vs. Michigan State, 1991
8.648vs. Rutgers, 1996
9.636vs. Purdue, 1972
10.633vs. Purdue, 1970
11.630vs. Navy, 1987
- 12.621vs. Purdue, 2005**

Team Records in Jeopardy

Notre Dame is on pace to break several team single-season offensive records this season. Here is an overview of the team records that may fall (or have already fallen) this season -

Record	Number (Year)	Current Team Total
Pass Attempts	411 (2003)	409
Pass Attempts Per Game	31.6 (2003)	37.1
Pass Completions	195 (2003)	265*
Pass Completions Per Game	16.2 (1970)	24.1
Completion Percentage	.638 (1993)	.648
Lowest Interception Percentage	.016 (1996)	.019
Passing Yards	2,858 (1999)	3,677*
Passing Yards Per Game	252.7 (1970)	334.3
Touchdown Passes	21 (1994)	32*
Total Offense Attempts	924 (1970)	872
Total Offense Yards	5,467 (1991)	5,308
Total Offense Yards Per Attempt	6.59 (1991)	6.17
Total Points	426 (1991)	420
Points Per Game	37.6 (1968)	38.2
Touchdowns	59	55
Touchdowns Per Game	5.3 (1949)	5.0
Extra Points	57 (1991)	52

* - indicates record already broken

First-Year Players Seeing Significant Time

Through 11 games of the 2005 season, Notre Dame has seen 28 players make their Irish playing debut. Included in the 28 players are 11 true freshmen from Notre Dame's 15-player class signed last year. The complete list of players that have played for the first time this season: James Bent, Justin Brown, David Bruton*, Craig Cardillo, Dan Chervanick, Maurice Crum, Jr., Casey Cullen, Paul Duncan*, Leo Ferrine, David Fitzgerald, David Grimes*, LaBrose Hedgemon III, Ray Herring*, Joey Hiben*, D.J. Hord*, Pat Kuntz*, Terrail Lambert, Ashley McConnell, Marty Mooney, Steve Quinn * Asaph Schwapp*, Dwight Stephenson, Jr., Scott Smith*, Ronald Talley, Michael Turkovich*, Anthony Vernaglia and Rich Whitney III.

* - indicates true freshman

Milestone Games in 2005

100-Yard Rushing Games

Darius Walker at Stanford	186* (35* att)
Darius Walker at Washington	128 (21 att)
Darius Walker vs. Syracuse	123 (26 att)
Darius Walker vs. Navy	118 (19 att)
Darius Walker vs. Michigan St.	116 (26 att)
Darius Walker at Michigan	104 (26 att)
Darius Walker at Pittsburgh	100 (20 att)

100-Yard Receiving Games

Maurice Stovall vs. BYU	207* (14* rec)
Jeff Samardzija at Stanford	191* (8 rec)
Maurice Stovall vs. Michigan St.	176 (8 rec)
Jeff Samardzija at Washington	164 (8 rec)
Jeff Samardzija at Purdue	153 (7 rec)
Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU	152 (10* rec)
Maurice Stovall at Stanford	136 (7 rec)
Maurice Stovall at Purdue	134 (8 rec)
Maurice Stovall vs. Navy	130 (8 rec)
Jeff Samardzija vs. Tennessee	127 (7 rec)

300-Yard Passing Games

Brady Quinn vs. Michigan St.	487*
Brady Quinn vs. BYU	467
Brady Quinn at Purdue	440
Brady Quinn at Stanford	432
Brady Quinn at Washington	327

Multiple Touchdown Performances

Brady Quinn vs. BYU	*6 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State	5 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Navy	4 (passing)
Maurice Stovall vs. BYU	*4 (rec)
Maurice Stovall vs. Navy	3 (rec)
Brady Quinn at Stanford	3 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Tennessee	3 (passing)
Brady Quinn at Purdue	3 (passing)
Jeff Samardzija vs. Michigan State	*3 (rec)
Rashon Powers-Neal at Pittsburgh	3 (rush)
Jeff Samardzija at Stanford	2 (rec)
Brady Quinn vs. Syracuse	2 (passing)
Tom Zbikowski vs. Tennessee	2 (punt ret., int. ret.)
Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU	2 (rec)
Brady Quinn vs. USC	2 (1 rush, 1 passing)
Jeff Samardzija at Purdue	2 (rec)
Brady Quinn at Michigan	2 (passing)
Darius Walker at Pittsburgh	2 (1 rush, 1 rec)
Brady Quinn at Pittsburgh	2 (passing)

Ten-Tackle (or more) Games

Corey Mays vs. Navy	*14
Brandon Hoyte at Michigan	11
Ambrose Wooden at Pittsburgh	*11
Victor Abiamiri at Stanford	*10
Corey Mays vs. Syracuse	10

* - individual career highs

THE 2005 NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF

Coach	Position	Previous Position, Team
Charlie Weis	Head Coach	Offensive Coordinator, New England Patriots (NFL)
John Latina.....	Assistant Head Coach (offense)/Offensive Line.....	Offensive Coordinator, University of Mississippi
Bill Lewis	Assistant Head Coach (defense)/Defensive Backs.....	Defensive Nickel Package, Miami Dolphins (NFL)
Michael Haywood	Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs.....	Running Backs, University of Texas
Rick Minter	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers.....	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, University of South Carolina
Rob Ianello.....	Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator	Tight Ends, University of Wisconsin
Jappy Oliver	Defensive Line	Defensive Line, University of South Carolina
Bernie Parmalee.....	Tight Ends/Assistant Special Teams.....	Tight Ends, Miami Dolphins (NFL)
Brian Polian	Special Teams/Assistant Defensive Backs	Running Backs, University of Central Florida
Peter Vaas	Quarterbacks.....	Head Coach, Cologne Centurions (NFL Europe)

COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS DURING GAME

Charlie Weis	sidelines
John Latina	sidelines
Bill Lewis	press box
Michael Haywood	sidelines
Rick Minter	sidelines
Rob Ianello	press box
Jappy Oliver	sidelines
Bernie Parmalee	sidelines
Brian Polian	sidelines
Peter Vaas	press box
Grad. Asst. Shane Waldron.....	press box
Grad. Asst. Jeff Burrow.....	press box

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Asaph Schwapp	A-sopp shwapp
Beidatsch	BY-datsch
Bruton	BREW-ton
Derrell Hand.....	du-RELL
Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Hiben.....	HIGH-ben
Kuntz	Koontz
Landri.....	LAN-dree
LeVoi.....	le-VORE (as in fore)
Mattes	MATT-is
Chindeum Ndukwe.....	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Raridon	RARE-i-done
Rashon	ruh-SHON
Rhema	RAY-ma
Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Schiccatano	shick-a-TAWN-O
Turkovich.....	Turk-uh-ritch
Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Wolke	WOLL-key
Zbikowski.....	zib-uh-COW-ski

Four Ranked Teams in Six Games

Including the Oct. 15 matchup with No. 1 USC, Notre Dame faced four ranked teams (according to the AP ranking) in this season's first six games for the fifth time in the program's history this year. Notre Dame won three of the games this year, taking down #23 Pittsburgh, #3 Michigan and #22 Purdue - all on the road.

Notre Dame faced a similar challenge in 2003, 2000, 1979 and 1953. The 1953 team (W, 28-21 at #6 Oklahoma; W, 24-14 vs. #15 Pittsburgh; W, 27-14 vs. #4 Georgia Tech; W, 38-7 vs. Navy) is the only Irish squad to win all four games.

Schedule Transformation

Notre Dame faced a daunting schedule at the start of the 2005 season, but the Irish slate ended up transforming itself during the course of the season. Here is a look at the 2005 campaign game-by-game, with team rankings from when the game was played. (Rankings are AP/USA Today/Harris Interactive)

<u>Date</u>	<u>ND Rank</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Opponent Rank</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sept. 3	NR	Pittsburgh	23/25	Pitt loses first three before finishing 5-3
Sept. 10	20/23	Michigan	3/3	UM starts season 3-3, finishes 4-1
Sept. 17	10/12	Michigan State	NR	MSU begins 4-0, finishes 1-6
Sept. 24	16/18	Washington	NR	Huskies struggle to 2-9 record
Oct. 1	13/14/13	Purdue	22/20/22	Ranked in top 10 after 2-0 start, PU loses six straight before winning last three games
Oct. 15	9/9/8	USC	1/1/1	Irish and Trojans battle to the final whistle
Oct. 22	9/12/11	BYU	NR	BYU wins five of last seven, Las Vegas Bowl bound
Nov. 5	8/9/9	Tennessee	NR	UT fails to go to a bowl game for first time since '88
Nov. 12	7/7/7	Navy	NR	Midshipmen bowl eligible heading into Army-Navy
Nov. 19	6/7/6	Syracuse	NR	Orange struggle to one win under new head coach
Nov. 26	6/6/5	Stanford	NR	Irish 38-31 victory prevents bowl trip for Cardinal

Notre Dame's Solid Start in 2005

Notre Dame's three victories over ranked opponents have all occurred on the road this season - and all on the opponent's home field. That marks the first time Notre Dame has defeated three ranked teams on the road since 2002 (vs. #21 Maryland, at #18 Air Force, at #11 Florida State), but the first time since 1990 that feat has been achieved on the opponents' home fields (at #24 Michigan State, at #9 Tennessee, at #18 USC).

The three ranked victories also occurred in the first five games of the year. The 2005 season marks the 11th time Notre Dame has faced three ranked opponents in its first five games of the season - and the '05 season is the first time since 1980 (vs. #13 Miami, vs. #14 Michigan and vs. #9 Purdue) that the team has won all three such games in five attempts (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003).

Notre Dame Closing Gap In All-Time Winning Percentage

Notre Dame's recent final win/loss records ended up pushing the Irish out of the top spot in college football's all-time winning percentage list. Notre Dame is currently second on the all-time winning percentage and all-time wins list behind Michigan, but the winning percentage gap has narrowed. Michigan, with its regular season complete and waiting for its bowl destination with a 7-4 record, is currently 849-279-36 all-time for a winning percentage of .7448.

The Irish are 9-2 and 811-265-42 all-time for a winning percentage of .7442. The Notre Dame - Michigan bowl game outcomes will determine ownership of the all-time winning percentage mark until the 2005 season.

Notre Dame Winning Time-of-Possession Battle

While Notre Dame's offense has been piling up the yardage this season (averaging 489.09 yards per game), it also has won the time of possession battle in nine of 11 games this season. Only BYU (33:39) and Navy (31:35) have been able to hold the ball for more than 30 minutes against Notre Dame. Overall, Notre Dame averages 33:11 minutes per game with the ball, compared to 26:49 for its opponents. Here is a game-by-game breakdown:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
at Pitt	32:46	27:14
at Mich	30:56	29:04
MSU	35:49	24:11
Wash	36:56	23:04
Purdue	36:03	23:57
USC	38:40	21:20
BYU	26:21	33:39
Tennessee	32:12	27:48
Navy	28:25	31:35
Syracuse	32:13	27:47
Stanford	34:35	25:25

Notre Dame in the Bowl Championship Series

Notre Dame remained in eighth in the Nov. 27 release of the BCS Standings (available on page 26 of this notes package). That marks the highest ranking for the team since it was placed at seventh on Nov. 3 and Nov. 10, 2002. Notre Dame eventually appeared in the Gator Bowl that season.

For Notre Dame to qualify for the pool of potential at-large teams this season, it must win nine games and finish in the top 12 of the BCS Standings.

Notre Dame's Highest BCS Rankings -

Third - Oct. 20 and Oct. 27, 2002

Sixth - Nov. 17, 2002

Seventh - Nov. 3 and Nov. 10, 2002

Eighth - Nov. 21, 2005

Ninth - Dec. 8, 2002 and Nov. 14, 2005

Tenth - Dec. 1, 2002

The Drive

Trailing by a single point 31-30 late in the game at Stanford on Saturday, Nov. 26, Notre Dame put together a text book last-minute drive to rally back and take the lead for good in its 38-31 victory over the Cardinal.

Receiving the ball with 1:46 remaining and two timeouts - Notre Dame raced down the field to secure its eligibility for a BCS bowl game and deny Stanford its own bowl eligibility and a victory in the last game at Stanford Stadium -

The final drive play-by-play -

1st and 10 at the ND 20 - Brady Quinn 30-yard pass to Jeff Samardzija

1st and 10 at the ND 50 - Quinn 17-yard pass to Samardzija

1st and 10 at the Stanford 33 - Quinn rush for three yards

2nd and 7 at the Stanford 30 - Quinn 21-yard pass to Maurice Stovall, pass interference declined

1st and G at the Stanford 9 - Darius Walker rush for three yards

2nd and G at the Stanford 6 - Walker six-yard rush up the middle for the touchdown

Two-point conversion - Walker takes the direct snap up the middle for two points

Drive Stats: six plays, 80 yards, 0:51 elapsed, four first downs (three passing, one rushing)

2005 IRISH HONORS AND AWARDS**Senior LB Bradon Hoyte -**

Wuerffel Trophy Finalist (Nov. 11)

Lott Trophy Semifinalist (Nov. 9)

Draddy Trophy Semifinalist (Oct. 7)

(Academic Heisman)

Butkus Award Watch List (Preseason)

Senior TE Anthony Fasano -

Mackey Award Finalist

Junior QB Brady Quinn -

The Sporting News Player of the Week (Oct. 2)

Cingular/ABC Sports All-American of the Week

(Oct. 27 - for performance vs. BYU)

Cingular/ABC Sports All-American of the Week

(Oct. 6 - for performance at Purdue)

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (vs. USC)

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (vs. BYU)

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (vs. Syracuse)

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Pitt)

Maxwell Award Finalist (Nov.)

O'Brien Award Finalist (Nov.)

Walter Camp Trophy "Player to Watch" Finalist

Junior WR Jeff Samardzija -

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Wash.)

Sports Illustrated.com Midseason All-American

Master Coaches Survey Offense Game Ball

(at Stanford)

Junior S Tom Zbikowski -

Cingular/ABC Sports All-American of the Week

(Nov. 10 - for performance vs. Tennessee)

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (vs. Tenn.)

Master Coaches Survey Special Teams Game Ball

(vs. Tennessee)

Senior WR Maurice Stovall -

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (vs. Navy)

Sophomore RB Darius Walker -

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Michigan)

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Stanford)

Head Coach Charlie Weis -

Munger Award Finalist (Nov.)

Tony Roberts Honored

The National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame selected Notre Dame play-by-play legend **Tony Roberts** to receive the 2005 Chris Schenkel Award.

The award, named for the legendary college football announcer, is given annually to a college football announcer who has excelled in his field and contributed to his community. The award was presented to Roberts on Friday, Aug. 12, at the Mayor's Breakfast during the College Football Hall of Fame's Enshrinement Festival in South Bend.

After graduating from Columbia College in Chicago with a degree in journalism, Roberts went on to become the voice of Indiana University basketball and football, Navy football, Washington Senators baseball and Washington Bullets basketball.

Now in his 26th year as a member of the Westwood One Radio Network broadcast team, Roberts is currently the voice of Notre Dame football. In addition to his play-by-play duties, he broadcasts three times daily for Westwood One/CBS Radio Sports and has covered the last five Summer Olympics for NBC Radio.

Stovall Making the Most of His Senior Season

Senior WR **Maurice Stovall** is enjoying a career year in his last season with the Fighting Irish. The Philadelphia, Pa., native is second on the team with 60 catches for 1,023 yards and 11 touchdowns. He became the fourth Notre Dame player to reach 1,000 yards receiving in a season at Stanford - the same game in which teammate Jeff Samardzija became the third player to accomplish that feat. With a total of 11 touchdown catches, Stovall is tied with Derrick Mayes (11, 1994) and trails teammate Jeff Samardzija (15, 2005) on the single-season record list at Notre Dame.

Here is a look at Stovall's production game-by-game this season -

Stovall Game-By-Game This Season:

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rec.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>
at Pittsburgh.....	2	27	0
at Michigan	2	17	0
vs. Michigan State	8	176	1
at Washington	3	34	0
at Purdue	8	134	0
USC	3	30	0
BYU	14	207	4
Tennessee.....	2	41	1
Navy	8	130	3
Syracuse.....	3	91	1
Stanford	7	136	1

Stovall Moving Up the Career Charts

Senior WR Maurice Stovall currently sits in the top six for career receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns at Notre Dame. His offensive explosion (605 yards, 10 touchdowns) in the last five games has hastened his climb up the Irish all-time career charts.

Career Receptions

1. Tom Gatewood1571969-71
2. Jim Seymour1381966-68
3. Tim Brown1371984-87
4. Derrick Mayes.....1291992-95
5. Ken MacAfee.....1281974-77
- 6. Maurice Stovall.. 1212002-present**
7. Tony Hunter1201979-82

Career Receiving Yards

1. Derrick Mayes.....2,5121992-95
2. Tim Brown2,4931984-97
3. Tom Gatewood2,2831969-71
4. Jim Seymour2,1131966-68
- 5. Maurice Stovall..2,0692002-present**
6. Tony Hunter1,8971979-82

Career Touchdown Receptions

1. Derrick Mayes.....221992-95
2. Tom Gatewood191969-71
- 3. Maurice Stovall.. 182002-present**
4. Jim Seymour161966-68

Mo (Stovall) and Shark (Samardzija) - A Dynamic Duo

Senior WR Maurie Stovall and junior WR Jeff Samardzija currently are the only two teammates in the country with double-digit touchdown catches and join Miami of Ohio's Ryne Robinson (1,119) and Martin Nance (1,107) as the only teammates in the country with 1,000 receiving yards. Samardzija has a school-record 13 scoring grabs, while Stovall has caught 10 in the last five games and 11 total. They are the first duo in Notre Dame history to post 10 or more touchdown receptions in the same season.

Both players also rank well on the national charts - here is a breakdown of the national leaders for touchdown receptions -

1. Jeff Samardzija, Notre Dame15

- 2. Greg Jennings, W. Michigan14
- Martin Nance, Miami (Ohio)14
- Davone Bess, Hawaii.....14
- Dwayne Jarrett, USC14
- Steve Sanders, Bowling Green.....14
- 7. Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming12
- Sam Hurd, Northern Illinois12
- Sidney Rice, South Carolina12

10. Maurice Stovall, Notre Dame11

- Reggie Lindsey, UAB11
- 12. Demetrius Williams, Oregon.....10
- James Hardy, Indiana10
- Santonio Holmes, Ohio State.....10
- Mercedes Lewis, UCLA.....10

Defensive Rushing Performance At Stanford Best In 37 Years

With two dramatic sacks by Victor Abiamiri to snuff out Stanford's final drive on Nov. 26, the Irish defense ended up holding the Cardinal to -11 yards rushing. The performance marks the best for the Irish since the 1968 team held Georgia Tech to -42 in a 34-6 victory.

Here are some other notable defensive rushing performances, including the school-record -

- 51 by Wisconsin - 1964
- 42 by Georgia Tech - 1968
- 12 by USC - 1966
- 7 by SMU - 1989
- 7 by Navy - 1986
- 6 by Rutgers - 1996
- 6 by Miami (Fla.) - 1976
- 4 by Illinois - 1967

An Eye on Career Records

Most Passes Attempted

- 1. • Brady Quinn1090 .2003-present
- 2. Ron Powlus9691994-97
- 3. Steve Beuerlein8501983-86
- 4. Rick Mirer6981989-92
- 5. Blair Kiel6091980-83

Most Passes Completed

- 1. • Brady Quinn611 .2003-present
- 2. Ron Powlus5581994-97
- 3. Steve Beuerlein4731983-86
- 4. Rick Mirer3771989-92
- 5. Jarious Jackson3061996-99

Most Passing Yards

- 1. • Brady Quinn8050 .2003-present
- 2. Ron Powlus76021994-97
- 3. Steve Beuerlein65271983-86
- 4. Rick Mirer59971989-92
- 5. Jarious Jackson48201996-99

Most Touchdown Passes

- 1. • Brady Quinn58 ...2003-present
- 2. Ron Powlus521994-97
- 3. Rick Mirer411989-92
- 4. Jarious Jackson341996-99
- 5. Joe Theismann311968-70

Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

- 1. • Brady Quinn15 ...2003-present
- Jarious Jackson91996-99
- 3. Steve Beuerlein81983-86
- Ron Powlus81994-97
- 5. Joe Theismann51968-70

Average Rushing Yards Per Game

- 1. Autry Denson89.91995-98
- 2. Allen Pinkett89.81982-85
- 3. • Darius Walker86.0 .2004-present
- 4. Vagas Ferguson73.91976-79
- 5. George Gipp73.11917-20

Most Pass Receptions

- 1. Tom Gatewood1571969-71
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Graduation Rate

The University of Notre Dame **ranks among the top three Division I-A institutions** in five major student-athlete graduation rate categories – overall, football, men, women and African-American – according to statistics released in October 2004 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated '04 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between '94 and '97 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 84 percent.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 87 percent of its student-athletes, second only to Duke University at 90 percent, and tied with Stanford and Northwestern Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

In August '03, 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 '96.

Notre Dame graduated 71 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally, and Irish football players graduated at a 77 percent rate, to rank eighth.

All Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	90%
2.	(tie) Notre Dame	87
	(tie) Northwestern	87
	(tie) Stanford	87

Male Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	88%
2.	Stanford	84
3.	Notre Dame	82

Female Student-Athletes

1.	Northwestern	96%
2.	Duke	95
3.	Notre Dame	94

Quinn and the Notre Dame Record Book

Junior QB **Brady Quinn**, in his third full year as the Irish starter, already has made a lasting mark on the Irish football record book. Here is a quick overview of some of his accomplishments and rankings all-time at Notre Dame (additional records broken are listed on page 26 of this notes package):

Touchdown Passes, Single Game - 6 - vs. BYU, the school record, breaking his previous mark of five posted earlier this season against Michigan State.

Touchdown Passes, Career - 58 - first on the all-time list ahead of Ron Powlus (52).

Touchdown Passes, Season - 32 - the Notre Dame single-season record, breaking Powlus' mark of 19 from 1994.

Completions, Single Game - 33 - vs. Michigan State, matched Joe Theismann's school record from the 1970 game at USC. Quinn completed 32 passes against BYU on Oct. 22.

Consecutive Completions - 12 - vs. BYU, second on the all-time list (matching Jarious Jackson) behind Ron Powlus' 14 straight against Michigan State in 1997. Quinn has posted three consecutive completion streaks over 10 this season (11 at Pittsburgh and at Purdue, 12 vs. BYU).

Consecutive Passes Without an Interception - 130 - compiled vs. USC, BYU, Tennessee and Navy this season, breaking the old record of 127 by Carlyle Holiday during the 2002 season.

Passing Yards, Single Game - 487 - vs. Michigan State, second all-time behind Theismann's 526 at USC in '70.

Passing Yards, First Half - 287 - vs. BYU, breaking his own record of 283 against Purdue earlier this season.

Passing Yards, Single Season - 3,633 - besting Jarious Jackson's school record 2,753 from 1999.

Passing Yards, Career - 8,050 - breaking Powlus' mark of 7,602.

Passing Attempts, Single Season - 405 - breaking his own mark of 332 from 2003.

Passing Attempts, Career - 1,090 - passing Powlus (969).

Pass Completions, Single Season - 263 - breaking his own mark of 195 from 2004.

Pass Completions, Career - 611 - passing Powlus (558).

Games with Four or More Touchdown Passes - 4 - surpassing Powlus' mark of three. Quinn has thrown at least four touchdown passes against Washington (2004), Michigan State (2005), BYU (2005) and Navy (2005).

Games with 250+ Passing Yards - 15 - breaking Jackson's record of nine.

Passes Without An Interception, Game - 41 vs. BYU, breaking Steve Beuerlein's record of 39 against Penn State in 1986.

And here are the records he is currently on pace to break -

Passing Attempts Per Game, Season - 36.8 currently, would break his own record of 29.4 from 2004.

Passing Attempts Per Game, Career - 31.1 currently, would break Powlus' record of 22.0.

Pass Completions Per Game, Season - 23.9 currently, would break Terry Hanratty's 16.6 from 1968.

Pass Completions Per Game, Career - 17.5 currently, would break Powlus' record of 12.6..

Consecutive Games Completing A Pass - 35 - tied for second all-time, behind Powlus' 43 games.

Completion Percentage, Season - 64.9 currently, would break Kevin McDougal's record of 61.6 from 1993.

Completion Percentage, Career - 56.1 currently, behind McDougal's 62.2 from 1990-93.

Pass Efficiency Rating, Season - 162.91 currently, ahead of John Huarte's 155.1 from 1964.

Avg. Passing Yards Per Game, Season - 330.3 - far ahead of Joe Theismann's 242.9 from 1970.

Avg. Passing Yards Per Game, Career - 230.0 - currently first on the all-time list ahead of Powlus (172.7).

Quinn - Notre Dame Yardage King

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** already has surpassed the school records for single-season yardage gained (3,755) and career yardage gained (8,193), surpassing both records against Syracuse on Nov. 19.

Quinn broke Jarious Jackson's total yardage mark from 1999 (3,217) and Ron Powlus' career yardage mark (7,479) from 1994-97.

Quinn 300

Since 1950, a Notre Dame quarterback has thrown for 300 yards or more 16 times. Junior QB **Brady Quinn** is responsible for seven of those performances - the most for any single Notre Dame quarterback. Quinn has thrown for 350 (vs. Boston College, 2003), 432 (vs. Purdue, 2004), 487 (vs. Michigan State, 2005), 327 (at Washington, 2005), 440 (at Purdue, 2005), 467 (vs. BYU, 2005) and 432 (at Stanford, 2005).

Quinn is the only Notre Dame quarterback to throw for over 400 yards five times in a career (in fact, he is the only one to do it twice) - and in Notre Dame's road game at Purdue he became the first Irish signalcaller to throw for more than 300 yards in three consecutive games. He also is the first Irish quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards four times in a season.

Quinn Game-By-Game This Season:

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	%	Int.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Pittsburgh	27	18	.667	1	227	2	51
at Michigan	30	19	.633	0	140	2	26
vs. Michigan State	60	33	.550	1	487	5	50
at Washington	37	25	.675	0	327	1	52
at Purdue	36	29	.805	1	440	3	55
vs. USC	35	19	.542	1	264	1	36
vs. BYU	41	32	.780	0	467	6*	44
vs. Tennessee	33	20	.606	0	295	3	73
vs. Navy	31	22	.710	1	284	4	31
vs. Syracuse	37	21	.567	0	270	2	41
at Stanford	38	25	.658	2	432	3	80
TOTAL	405*	263*	.649	7	3633*	32*	80
Per Game	36.8	23.9		.64	330.3	2.9	
Other	Pass Efficiency: 162.91						

* - Notre Dame record

Quinn On A Streak

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** has thrown at least one touchdown pass in his last 16 games played (and started) for the Irish, breaking John Huarte's record of 10 set in 1964. The Dublin, Ohio, native has totaled 40 scoring tosses during the run (2.5 per game).

Quinn's touchdown passes over the last 16 games:

2005 - 3 at Stanford, 2 vs. Syracuse, 4 vs. Navy 3 vs. Tennessee, 6 vs. BYU, 1 vs. USC, 3 at Purdue, 1 at Washington, 5 vs. Michigan State, 2 at Michigan, 2 at Pittsburgh

2004 - 2 vs. Oregon State (Insight Bowl), 1 at USC, 3 vs. Pittsburgh, 1 at Tennessee, 1 vs. Boston College

Quinn Throws Six

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** became the first Notre Dame quarterback to throw six touchdown passes in a single game against BYU on Oct. 22. Quinn finished the game 32 of 41 for 467 yards, six touchdowns and no interceptions. It ranks as possibly the greatest single-game performance by a Notre Dame quarterback and earned Quinn the ABC Sports/Cingular All-American Player of the Week award for the second time in 2005 (he also earned the award after his stellar performance at Purdue).

Quinn broke his own school record of five touchdown passes set earlier this season against Michigan State.

Quinn's touchdown passes vs. BYU:

10 yards to Maurice Stovall, first quarter, 7:12

14 yards to Jeff Samardzija, second quarter, 10:33

15 yards to Stovall, second quarter, 4:18

21 yards to Samardzija, third quarter, 12:50

36 yards to Stovall, third quarter, 4:47

24 yards to Stovall, third quarter, 2:16

An Eye on Career Records cont. from p. 9

Most Receiving Yards

1. Derrick Mayes2,5121992-95
2. Tim Brown2,4931984-87
3. Tom Gatewood2,2831969-71
4. Jim Seymour2,1131966-68
5. • Maurice Stovall2,069 .2002-present
6. Tony Hunter1,8971979-82
7. Ken MacAfee1,7591974-77
8. Malcolm Johnson1,7371995-98
9. • Jeff Samardzija1,553 ...2003-present
10. Bobby Brown1,5211996-99
11. • Rhema McKnight1,504 ...2002-present

Most Receiving Touchdowns

1. Derrick Mayes221992-95
2. Tom Gatewood191969-71
3. • Maurice Stovall182002-present
4. Jim Seymour161966-68
5. • Jeff Samardzija15 ...2003-present
- Ken MacAfee151974-77
7. Tim Brown121984-87
- Bobby Brown121996-99
9. Malcolm Johnson101995-98
10. Jack Snow91962-64
11. • Anthony Fasano82003-present

Most Receptions by a Tight End

1. Ken MacAfee1281974-77
2. • Anthony Fasano90 ...2003-present
3. Derek Brown621988-91
- Dean Masztak621978-81
5. Mark Bavaro551981-84
- Tony Hunter551979-82

Most Tackles

1. Bob Crable5211978-81
2. Bob Golic4791975-78
3. Steve Heimkreiter3981975-78
4. Bob Olson3691967-69
5. Tony Furjanic3611982-85
8. • Brandon Hoyte287 ..2002-present

Most Points Scored

1. Allen Pinkett3201982-85
2. Craig Hentrich2941989-92
3. Autry Denson2821995-98
4. Louis Salmon2501900-03
5. Nicholas Setta2482000-03
10. • D.J. Fitzpatrick207 ..2002-present

• - indicates current players

Future Schedules

2005

Sept. 2.....at Georgia Tech
 Sept. 9PENN STATE
 Sept. 16MICHIGAN
 Sept. 23at Michigan State
 Sept. 30PURDUE
 Oct. 7STANFORD
 Oct. 21UCLA
 Oct. 28Navy (at Baltimore)
 Nov. 4.....NORTH CAROLINA
 Nov. 11at Air Force
 Nov. 18.....ARMY
 Nov. 25at USC

2006

Sept. 1GEORGIA TECH
 Sept. 8at Penn State
 Sept. 15.....at Michigan
 Sept. 22.....MICHIGAN STATE
 Sept. 29at Purdue
 Oct. 6at UCLA
 Oct. 13BOSTON COLLEGE
 Oct. 20USC
 Nov. 3NAVY
 Nov. 10AIR FORCE
 Nov. 17DUKE
 Nov. 24at Stanford

Notre Dame Special Teams Captains

at Pittsburgh Travis Thomas (Jr., RB)
 at Michigan Casey Cullen (Jr., DL)
 vs. Michigan State..... Tom Zbikowski (Jr., S)
 at Washington John Carlson (Jr., TE)
 at Purdue..... Chase Anastasio (Jr., WR)
 vs. USC Trevor Laws (Jr., DL)
 vs. BYU Tom Zbikowski (Jr., S)
 vs. Tennessee D.J. Fitzpatrick (Sr., K/P)
 vs. Navy Tom Zbikowski (Jr., S)
 vs. Syracuse D.J. Fitzpatrick (Sr., K/P)
 at Stanford..... Chase Anastasio (Jr., WR)

Quinn Throws 21 in Notre Dame Stadium

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** shattered the Notre Dame record for touchdown passes at Notre Dame Stadium this season, exploding for 21 scoring tosses this season - 5 vs. MSU, 1 vs. USC, 6 vs. BYU, 3 vs. Tennessee, 4 vs. Navy, 2 vs. Syracuse.

The previous record for touchdown passes in Notre Dame Stadium in a single-season was 11 by Ron Powlus (1994) and Jarious Jackson (1999). Quinn's performance at home this season has been so dominating that his total home field touchdown passes would have broken the previous single-season record, regardless of venue, of 19 held by Ron Powlus. Quinn has thrown 11 touchdown passes in five road games this season (32 total).

Quinn Now The Best Third-Year Starting Quarterback

In 2005, junior **Brady Quinn** has become just the 13th quarterback in Notre Dame history to start under center for three years. The following is a list of Quinn's predecessors, along with their stats (when available) from their third starting season. In the 12 seasons played by three-year starting Irish quarterbacks, prior to Quinn's '05 season, the group amassed a 90-30-4 combined record.

Quinn has already compiled the greatest season by any third-year starting quarterback in Notre Dame history. He has surpassed his predecessors in every key statistical category this season.

Player	Year	Att.-Comp.	Yards	TD-Int.	Record
Nate Silver	1905				5-4
Gus Dorais	1912				7-0
Jim Phelan	1917				6-1-1
Ralph Guglielmi	1954	127-68	1160	6-7	9-1
Daryl Lamonica	1962	128-64	821	6-7	5-5
Terry Hanratty	1968	197-116	1466	10-9	7-2-1
Tom Clements	1974	215-122	1549	8-11	10-2
Blair Kiel	1982	219-118	1273	3-10	6-4-1
Steve Beuerlein	1985	214-107	1335	3-13	5-6
Tony Rice	1989	138-70	1176	8-7	12-1
Rick Mirer	1992	234-120	1876	15-6	10-1-1
Ron Powlus	1996	232-133	1942	12-4	8-3
<i>Brady Quinn</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>405-263</i>	<i>3633</i>	<i>32-7</i>	<i>9-2</i>

Quinn a Touchdown Machine

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** has accounted for two or more touchdowns in 10 of Notre Dame's 11 games this season (a single touchdown pass at Washington was the lone exception) and currently rides an eight-game streak of multiple touchdown performances - three (passing) at Purdue, two (one run, one pass) vs. USC, six (passing) vs. BYU, three (passing) vs. Tennessee, four (passing) vs. Navy, two (passing) vs. Syracuse and three (passing) at Stanford.

Samardzija the Record Setter

Junior WR **Jeff Samardzija** is enjoying a career season in 2005, leading the team with 71 catches for 1,190 yards and 15 touchdowns. He is ranked fourth in the country in receiving yards per game (108.2) and became Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard receiver since 1970 on an 80-yard touchdown pass against Stanford on Nov. 26. Samardzija eventually broke Tom Gatewood's single-season receiving yardage record against Stanford, pushing his season total to 1,190 yards.

He has already surpassed the single-season touchdown total. His 15 scoring receptions led the nation and have bested Derrick Mayes' previous record of 11 from 1994

Touchdown Receptions in a Season -

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Season</u>
1.....	Jeff Samardzija	15	2005
2.....	Maurice Stovall	11	2005
Derrick Mayes.....	11.....	1994
4.	Jack Snow.....	9.....	1964
5.	Jim Seymour.....	8.....	1966

Receiving Yards in a Season -

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Season</u>
1.....	Jeff Samardzija	1,190	2005
2.	Tom Gatewood	1,123.....	1970
3.	Jack Snow.....	1,114.....	1964
4.	Maurice Stovall.....	1,023.....	2005
5.	Tim Brown	910.....	1985

Samardzija Finishes Eight for First Eight in 2005

Junior WR **Jeff Samardzija** entered the 2005 campaign without a touchdown catch, but exploded this season to catch a touchdown pass in each of Notre Dame's first eight games. The two-sport athlete (who was a top-line starting pitcher for the Irish baseball team last season) became the first Irish receiver to begin the season with eight consecutive games with a touchdown catch - which made him the Notre Dame recordholder for consecutive games with a touchdown reception. He surpassed Malcolm Johnson's six-game run from 1998 against BYU. Johnson caught a scoring toss in six straight midseason contests (Arizona State, Army, Baylor, Boston College, Navy and LSU) from Oct. 10 through Nov. 11, during the '98 season.

Samardzija, who also serves as the team's holder on field-goal attempts, tied a Notre Dame record with three touchdown receptions versus Michigan State (since broken by teammate Maurice Stovall, who posted four touchdown receptions against BYU). Samardzija was the seventh player to catch three touchdown passes in a game and the first since Tom Gatewood versus Purdue in 1970.

Zbikowski Returns

Junior **Tom Zbikowski**, who has seen action in just 22 games for the Irish, has already made a name for himself in the Notre Dame record books. At one point this season in a three-game stretch against USC, BYU and Tennessee, he returned a punt or interception for a touchdown four times - the first Irish defensive player to accomplish such a feat.

Here is a look at Zbikowski's returns this season -

- vs. USC - punt return 60 yards
- vs. BYU - interception return 83 yards
- vs. Tennessee - punt return 78 yards, interception return 33 yards

In addition, Zbikowski returned a fumble 75 yards against Michigan State in 2004.

With his interception and punt return for a touchdown against Tennessee on Nov. 5, Zbikowski became the first Irish player to accomplish that feat since Nick Rassas against Northwestern in 1965. Rassas returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown and a punt 72 yards for a score in Notre Dame's 38-7 victory.

With his five career returns (two interceptions, two punts, one fumble), Zbikowski has already established himself among the best big-play return specialists in Notre Dame history.

Walker Reaches 1,000 Yards In Dramatic Fashion

Sophomore running back Darius Walker became the ninth Irish player to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season against Stanford on Nov. 26. Walker surpassed the 1,000-yard barrier during a career-best 35-carry, 186-yard day during which he scored the winning touchdown and added a two-point conversion for the final scoring outcome. The nine players who previously rushed for 1,000 yards in a season combined to accomplish the feat 14 times.

Walker's outstanding day against Stanford pushed him into the top-10 all-time on the single-season rushing yardage list as well -

Notre Dame Single-Season Rushing Yardage Top 10

1. Vagas Ferguson, 19791,437
2. Allen Pinkett, 1983.....1,394
3. Reggie Brooks, 19921,343
4. Julius Jones, 20031,268
- Autry Denson, 19971,268
6. Vagas Ferguson, 19781,192
7. Autry Denson, 19981,176
- 8. Darius Walker, 20051,106**
9. Allen Pinkett, 1984.....1,105
10. Ryan Grant, 20021,085

Walker's 100-Yard Games

Sophomore RB **Darius Walker** has rushed for 100 yards seven times this season, marking the first time since 1993 that an Irish player has posted six or more 100-yard rushing performances in a season. Lee Becton ended the '93 campaign with seven consecutive 100-yard performances.

100-Yard Rushing Games in a Single Season Since 1950

1. Allen Pinkett101983
2. Phil Carter91980
3. Autry Denson81997
- 4. Darius Walker72005**
- Lee Becton71993

Denson (1998), Denson (1996), Reggie Brooks (1992), Pinkett (1985), Vegas Ferguson (1979), Jerome Heavens (1977) all posted six 100-yard rushing performances.

Jinx?, What Jinx?

Sophomore running back **Darius Walker** set a Notre Dame freshman rushing record in 2004 with 786 yards, eclipsing the mark of 756 Jerome Heavens set in 1975, en route to earning third-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News*. Walker has turned in one of the finest statistical seasons ever by an Irish sophomore. Here's a look at how the top 10 rushers in Notre Dame history, plus a few other notables, fared in their sophomore year.

Player	Year	Carries-Yards	Avg.	TD
Allen Pinkett	1983	252-1394	5.5	16
Autry Denson	1996	202-1179	5.8	8
<i>Darius Walker</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>237-1106</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>6</i>
Ryan Grant	2002	261-1085	4.2	9
Jerome Bettis	1991	168-972	5.8	16
Phil Carter	1980	186-882	4.4	6
Randy Kinder	1994	119-702	5.9	4
Tony Brooks	1988	117-667	5.7	2
Julius Jones	2000	162-657	4.1	7
George Gipp	1918	98-541	5.5	1
Vagas Ferguson	1977	80-493	6.2	6
Emil Sitko	1947	60-426	7.1	5
Jerome Heavens	1976	54-204	3.8	0
Walker's Freshman Totals:				
	2004	185-786	4.3	7

SERIES VS. BOWL OPPONENT

TBA					
Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	Opp

College Graduates

The 2005 Notre Dame roster features seven players who have already earned their undergraduate degree from the University. Fifth-year seniors Brian Beidatsch, D.J. Fitzpatrick, Mark LeVoi, Corey Mays, Rashon Powers-Neal, Matt Shelton and Dan Stevenson all graduated from Notre Dame in May of 2005. Teammate and current fifth-year player Brandon Hoyte would be among the group if he was not busy seeking DUAL degrees in psychology and management.

The fifth-year senior group also proved to be diligent workers in the classroom - especially in their final undergraduate semester at the University. None of the players earned lower than a 2.7 GPA in the spring semester of 2005.

Here is a list of the graduates on the 2005 Notre Dame football team -

- DL Brian Beidatsch - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.417 final semester GPA).
- K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick - degree in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business.
- OL Mark LeVoi - degree in anthropology from the College of Arts and Letters.
- LB Corey Mays - degree in psychology from the College of Arts and Letters (3.25 final semester GPA, 3.04 overall GPA).
- RB Rashon Powers-Neal - degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business (3.000 final semester GPA).
- WR Matt Shelton - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.333 final semester GPA).
- OL Dan Stevenson - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.60 final semester GPA, 3.30 overall GPA).

Notre Dame's seven college graduates is tied for the sixth-best in the nation. The full list (minimum of six) -

Miami (Fla.)	11
Auburn, Boston College	9
LSU, Virginia Tech	8
Notre Dame	7
Alabama, Arizona State, Kentucky	7
Arkansas, Michigan State	6

Walker's Great Start

Sophomore RB **Darius Walker** started the 2005 season with four consecutive 100-yard performances. He ran for an even 100 yards at #23/25 Pittsburgh (42-21 Irish victory), posted 104 yards in a 17-10 victory at #3/3 Michigan, rushed for 116 yards against Michigan State (44-41 OT loss) and had a career-high 128 yards at Washington on Sept. 24. Purdue ended Walker's streak of 100-yard games at four by holding him to 80 yards on 23 carries.

The effort against Washington made Walker the first Irish running back to start the season with four consecutive 100-yard rushing performances. The last Notre Dame running back to rush for over 100 yards in four straight games was Randy Kinder, who rushed for 100 yards against Purdue (142), Vanderbilt (110), Texas (129) and Ohio State (143) in 1995.

Walker Game-By-Game in 2005:

Opponent	Carries	Yards	Lng	TD	Receptions	Yards	Lng	TD
at Pittsburgh	20	100	11	1	3	52	51	1
at Michigan	26	104	17	0	5	22	9	0
vs. Michigan St.	26	116	16	0	5	24	7	1
at Washington	21	128	18	1	3	20	10	0
at Purdue	23	80	19	1	1	-2	0	0
vs. USC	19	74	20	0	4	43	26	0
vs. BYU	7	17	9	0	1	37	37	0
vs. Tennessee	15	62	12	0	4	34	15	0
vs. Navy	19	124	15	1	2	15	11	0
vs. Syracuse	26	128	37	1	3	14	7	0
at Stanford	35	194	38	1	5	55	18	0
TOTALS	237	1106	38	6	36	314	51	2

Walker Expanding His Game

While sophomore **Darius Walker** set the Notre Dame freshman rushing record last season (786 yards in '04), he was limited in his role in the Irish passing game (10 catches, 74 yards). He has already eclipsed those numbers in 2005, posting 36 catches (fourth on the team) for 314 yards and two touchdowns.

He is currently second on the all-time single season receptions by a back list at Notre Dame. He trails record holder Bob Gladieux (37 in 1968) by one reception entering the bowl season.

Receptions by a Running Back - Season

Rank, Name	Number	Season
1. Bob Gladieux	37	1968
2. Darius Walker	36	2005
3. Autry Denson	30	1997
4. Joe Heap	29	1952
Allen Pinkett	28	1983
6. Marc Edwards	25	1995
Mark Green	25	1986

Travis Thomas Steps Up

Looking for a change-of-pace back against No. 1 USC on Oct. 15, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis turned to junior RB **Travis Thomas**. Thomas, who has shined in reserve duty this season, stepped up to rush for 52 yards, including a 16-yard run to record Notre Dame's first touchdown of the day against the Trojans. Thomas also posted a career-best 58 yards rushing against Navy.

Thomas' production this season already surpasses his totals from 2004, his first season of action for the Irish:

Year	Games	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11	25	25	1.0	0	12
2005	11	63	248	3.9	5	16

Notre Dame Stadium Greatest Wins

As part of Notre Dame Stadium’s 75th Anniversary in 2005, www.und.com, the official athletics website of the Fighting Irish, asked fans to vote for the most memorable victory in Notre Dame Stadium.

Voting was done over the summer on www.und.com and tabulated on Aug. 1. Here are some trends from the voting:

- According to voters, the greatest era in Notre Dame Stadium history was 1988 through 1993. Seven of the top 10 games fall into this time frame, including the top three choices by fans (1988 vs. #1 Miami, 1993 vs. #1 Florida State and 1990 vs. #2 Miami).

- Wins over longtime rivals (USC, Michigan) resonate among the Irish faithful. Twelve of the top 20 games selected were wins over USC (six) and Michigan (six).

- Signature moments cause a game to stand out in Notre Dame fans’ memories. “The Snow Bowl” (Notre Dame vs. Penn State in 1992) was ranked fifth. “The Green Jersey Game” (Notre Dame vs. USC in 1977) was ranked fourth. “The Reggie Ho Game” (Notre Dame vs. Michigan in 1988) was ranked sixth. “The Harry ‘O’ Kick” (Notre Dame vs. Michigan in 1980) was ranked 10th.

- The new configuration of Notre Dame Stadium (rededicated in 1997) has yet to see its share of greatest victories. Notre Dame’s recent upset wins over Michigan (2002 and 2004) were 11th and 12th on the list, but a win over Purdue (1998) was only able to break into the top 30.

- Notre Dame fans remember recent games more fondly than those played in the past. Of the top 20 games selected, only six were played before 1977.

Here is a list of the final top 10 as voted on by Irish fans on www.und.com (see the web page for short recaps on each victory).

1. #4 Notre Dame 31, #1 Miami 30, Oct. 15, 1988
2. #2 Notre Dame 31, #1 Fla. St. 24, Nov. 13, 1993
3. #6 Notre Dame 29, #2 Miami 20, Oct. 20, 1990
4. #11 Notre Dame 49, #5 USC 19, Oct. 22, 1977
5. #8 Notre Dame 17, #22 Penn St. 16, Nov. 14, 1992
6. #13 Notre Dame 19, #9 Michigan 17, Sept. 10, 1988
7. #1 Notre Dame 28, #4 Michigan 24, Sept. 15, 1990
8. #1 Notre Dame 28, #9 USC 24, Oct. 21, 1989
9. #8 Notre Dame 23, #6 USC 14, Oct. 27, 1973
10. #8 Notre Dame 29, #14 Michigan 27, Sept. 20, 1980

www.und.com also will have a complete list of the top 20 games as voted on by the fans.

Fitzpatrick Puts His Name in the Irish Record Book

Senior PK/P **D.J. Fitzpatrick** is 50 of 51 on his PAT attempts this season, surpassing Craig Hentrich’s school-record for PATs in a season (48 in 1991). Fitzpatrick missed his first PAT of the season at Stanford on Nov. 26.

Older and Wiser

The 2005 Notre Dame offensive line is one of the **most experienced** units in school history. With the entire starting group from a year ago still in the fold, the Irish offense boasts almost 100 combined career starts on the line. Entering the ‘05 campaign, senior tackle Mark LeVair started the last 24 Notre Dame games and led the veteran group in starting assignments. Seniors Bob Morton and Dan Stevenson were a close second with 22 starts each, while junior Ryan Harris had 19 starts to his credit and junior John Sullivan was the junior man of the group with 12. Here is a look at the 10 most experienced offensive line units to wear the blue and gold since ‘85, with the ‘05 group added in for comparison.

Year Starts Heading Into Season

2005	99
1997	84
2002	76
1985	56
1996	56
1998	52
1987	50
1995	49
1993	46
1989	45
1990	43

On the ‘Fas’ Track to Success

Senior tight end **Anthony Fasano** turned in a breakout 2004 season for the Irish, catching 27 balls for 367 yards and four touchdowns. Against Purdue in ‘04, the 6-4, 257-pound Fasano hauled in a career-high eight passes for a Notre Dame tight end-record 155 yards and was named John Mackey National Tight End of the Week. His 27 catches in ‘04 tied him with former Irish standout Pete Chryplewicz for the fifth-highest single-season total by a tight end and he has far surpassed that total this season with 40 catches.

Barring injury Fasano has moved onto Notre Dame’s top five all-time tight end receiving list. Here’s a look at where he stands heading into the weekend:

Player Receptions Years

Ken MacAfee	128	1974-77
Anthony Fasano	90	2003-present
Derek Brown.....	62	1988-91
Dean Masztak.....	62	1978-81
Tony Hunter	55	1979-82
Mark Bavaro.....	55	1981-84

Fasano’s signature game – the eight-reception, 155-yard outburst versus Purdue in ‘04 – placed him at the top of the record books in terms of yards for a single game. The following is a list of how he stacks up against Notre Dame’s top five tight end in terms of career yards.

Player Yards Years

Ken MacAfee	1759	1974-77
Anthony Fasano	1100	2003-present
Dean Masztak	924	1978-81
Derek Brown	899	1988-91
Mike Creaney	890	1970-72
Mark Bavaro	771	1981-84

Notre Dame Players in the NFL

As of Nov. 17 and according to official team web sites, 31 Notre Dame football alumni have landed on a roster in the National Football League.

Here is the complete list of Irish players who were named to final rosters in the NFL this season (years in the league):

- Arnaz Battle, WR, San Francisco (3)
- Bertrand Berry, DL, Arizona (8)
- Jerome Bettis, RB, Pittsburgh (13)
- Jordan Black, OL, Kansas City (3)
- Rocky Boiman, LB, Tennessee (4)
- John Carney, K, New Orleans (16)
- Deke Cooper, DB, Jacksonville (4)
- Glenn Earl, DB, Houston (2)
- Jeff Faine, OL, Cleveland (3)
- Tony Fisher, RB, Green Bay (4)
- Mike Gandy, OL, Buffalo (4)
- David Givens, WR, New England (4)
- Paul Grasmanis, DL, Philadelphia (10)
- Craig Hentrich, K/P, Tennessee (12)
- Grant Irons, DL, Oakland (4)
- Julius Jones, RB, Dallas (1)
- Lance Legree, DL, NY Jets (5)
- Sean Mahan, OL, Tampa Bay (3)
- Jim Molinaro, OL, Washington (1)
- Luke Petitgout, OL, NY Giants (7)
- Mike Rosenthal, OL, Minnesota (6)
- Allen Rossum, DB, Atlanta (8)
- Gerome Sapp, DB, Indianapolis (3)
- Hunter Smith, P/K, Indianapolis (7)
- Justin Tuck, DL, NY Giants (R)
- Courtney Watson, LB, New Orleans (2)
- Anthony Weaver, DL, Baltimore (4)
- Renaldo Wynn, DL, Washington (8)
- Bryant Young, DL, San Francisco (12)

Practice Squad Players

- Carlyle Holiday, WR, Arizona
- Jim Jones, OL, Pittsburgh (2)

Others Signed Since Start of '05 Season

- Darrell Campbell, DT, Chicago
- Kurt Vollers, OL, Indianapolis

What makes Fasano's totals even more impressive is the fact that he has tallied them in a little more than two years of action, after not playing his freshman year in 2002. Here's a breakdown of what Notre Dame's other prolific pass-catching tight ends did in their third seasons in the blue and gold.

Player	Receptions-Yards	Touchdowns
Anthony Fasano	45-564	2
Ken MacAfee	34-483	3
Mike Creaney	17-321	2
Derek Brown	15-220	1
Mark Bavaro	23-376	3

Fasano also is in reach of the single-season mark for catches by a tight end, needing just nine more this season to reach Ken MacAfee's record of 54 from 1977.

Player	Receptions	Year
Ken MacAfee	54	1977
Anthony Fasano	45	2005
Tony Hunter.....	42	1982
Ken MacAfee	34	1976
Mark Bavaro	32	1984

Don't Forget the Anniversary

The 2005 football season marks the **75th anniversary of the opening of fabled Notre Dame Stadium**. The Irish have played 386 games in the facility to date and own a 291-90-5 (.760) record in the "House that Rockne Built."

The Irish were 3-3 in Notre Dame Stadium in '04, but rebounded to finish 4-2 at home this season and push the team's record at home to 95-32 (.748) over the last 21 years.

The most wins in a season by the Irish at home is seven by the '88 national championship team and the longest home winning streak in Notre Dame football history is 28 games (from 11/21/42 through 9/30/50).

In '55, the Stadium's 25th anniversary, Notre Dame went 8-2 on the season for coach Terry Brennan, including a 4-0 home record; the Irish turned in a 9-2-1 overall record and a 5-0 home mark to commemorate Notre Dame Stadium's 50th anniversary in '80.

Irish Have Faced Another Loaded Schedule

With the updates of the AP and *USA Today*/Coaches Poll, Notre Dame will continue to face one of the toughest schedules in the nation (rankings are AP/*USA Today* and Harris Interactive):

- Notre Dame is the only team that played three games against top four teams from the preseason polls - #1/1 USC (L, 31-34), #5/4 Tennessee (W, 41-21) and #3/3 Michigan (W, 17-10).
- Notre Dame is the only school that will face three teams that were in the top 10 of both preseason polls this season.
- Notre Dame will play games against six teams ranked in the top 25 this season at least once this season. The Irish have already defeated #23/25 Pittsburgh 42-21, #3/3 Michigan 17-10 and #22/20/22 Purdue.

The Irish also faced #1/1/1 USC, Tennessee (who was ranked as high as third this season) and Michigan State (who have been in and out of the top 25 this year).

In Front of the Nation

In 2004, the Notre Dame football team once again received more network television exposure and played in more highly-rated games than any other program in college football.

The Irish played in the highest-rated network game of the '04 regular season (and the highest-rated regular-season game overall in two seasons) in its '04 regular-season finale at USC. That game, televised by ABC Sports, received a 6.3 Nielsen rating and was seen in 6.898 million households.

Overall, Notre Dame played in six games that ranked among the top 25 highest-rated network telecasts and no other school played in more than five (Tennessee and Georgia each played in five).

Including Notre Dame's last game at Stanford, the Irish have a remarkable streak of 159 consecutive games (more than 12 full seasons) that have been carried by either NBC (87), ABC (45), CBS (14) or ESPN (13). You have to go all the way back to the '92 season to find a Notre Dame game that wasn't on one of those four networks.

In Front of a Full House

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 180 of its previous 206 games, including 55 of its last 60 contests dating back to the end of the Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2000 season (the '01, '03 and '05 games at Stanford, last year's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands and this season's game at Washington were not sellouts).

At Michigan in '03, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the seventh time in the last four seasons that Notre Dame has been part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in '01; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in '02, vs. Oregon State in the Insight Bowl in '04 - the game set a Bank One Ballpark record for football configuration). Notre Dame and Michigan played before an over-capacity 111,386 at Michigan Stadium in September of this season. This season's Washington was played before less than a capacity crowd as 71,473 witnessed the Irish defeat the Huskies, 36-17, at Husky Stadium (capacity: 72,500) in Seattle.

At Purdue, the Irish and Boilermakers played before 60,491 football fans, a Ross-Ade Stadium record (since the renovation of the facility in 2003).

Making the Grade

The last four seasons of Notre Dame football have produced some impressive semesters in the classroom for the Notre Dame football team. In fact, the Irish had 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 were all posted in the seven semesters prior to the fall of '04, including the three semesters from fall of '02 to fall of '03 (2.84 in fall of '02, 2.79 in spring of '03 and 2.82 in fall of '03). The football program's second-best semester GPA of the past 12 years came in the spring of '02 (2.90), followed by a 2.80 in the spring of '01 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 - former DE Kyle Businscak and senior LB Brandon Hoyte - received Academic All-District V honors in '03, marking Budinscak's third selection and Hoyte's second to the prestigious squad. Budinscak followed up with another All-District V honor in '04.

Taking Care of Business Off the Field, Too

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 '96 earned their degrees within five years). The '01 award followed Notre Dame's previous honors in '82, '83, '84, '88 and '91. Notre Dame also holds the distinction of producing the first 100-percent rate in a single year when 24 of 24 student-athletes from the entering class of '82 earned their degrees within a five-year period (and 16 of those 24 did so within four years). Only eight other times has a school registered a 100-percent graduation rate. The '88 award had special meaning, as it was the first time a school won the national championship on the football field - as Notre Dame did, finishing 12-0 after a Fiesta Bowl win over unbeaten West Virginia - and in the classroom. Including the special mention category, the Irish have received some sort of recognition in 23 of the 24 years the award has been presented, with Duke next at 21.

Notre Dame Athletics Continues Relationship with SIRIUS Satellite Radio

After a successful debut season in 2004, SIRIUS Satellite Radio will continue to offer Notre Dame football, and selected men's/women's basketball, games on its nationwide service.

Go to www.sirius.com for more information on the service. The Notre Dame bowl game channel assignment is TBA.

Notre Dame Football By The Numbers

.744 - Notre Dame's winning percentage, the second-highest in the history of college football.

5 - College Football Hall of Fame Coaches - Jesse Harper, Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine.

7 - Heisman Trophy Winners - Angelo Bertelli (1943), Johnny Lujack (1947), Leon Hart (1949), John Lattner (1953), Paul Hornung (1956), John Huarte (1964) and Tim Brown (1987).

10 - Alumni named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

11 - National Championships - since the Associated Press poll began in 1936 (1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88), the most of any other school. The Irish also earned consensus national titles in 1924, 1929 and 1930 prior to the organization of the AP rankings, giving them 11 total consensus crowns.

12 - Unbeaten and untied seasons

21 - Seasons in which the team has been voted the national champion by at least one selector.

26 - Bowl games in which the Irish have taken part, compiling a 13-13 record.

41 - College Football Hall of Fame Players

98 - Percent graduation rate among football players who enter on scholarship and remain at least four years.

100 - Out of 117 years in which Notre Dame has finished with a winning record (including this season).

117 - Years of college football (including 2005)

810 - All-time victories, second all-time in college football.

Inside the Irish Huddle DVD

Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks, a project dedicated to the lore and history of University of Notre Dame football and its rich quarterbacking tradition, is beginning its existence with the release of a DVD, *Inside the Irish Huddle, Stories from the Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks*.

The DVD is now available and can be ordered on NDQB1.com, the official website of the Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks.

Inside the Irish Huddle, made in association with Indianapolis and Chicago based Pathway Productions, includes interviews with and collegiate highlights of some of the most high-profile players and coaches in Notre Dame and college football history. Joe Montana, Joe Theismann, Paul Hornung, Johnny Lujack, Tom Clements and Terry Hanratty are just a few of former players featured on *Inside the Irish Huddle*.

The project is spearheaded by former Irish quarterback Blair Kiel (1980-83).

Notre Dame Stadium Update

Thanks to funding by the Notre Dame Monogram Club, Notre Dame Stadium features a new look for its 75th anniversary this season.

- Positioned in the 195 portals of the original Stadium walls (now visible in the lower bowl concourse), there now are individual, four-by-10-foot, mesh banners with old-school, black-and-white photos highlighting Notre Dame's 11 consensus national-championship seasons, its 139 first-team football All-Americans, its seven Heisman Trophy winners, its five national-championship coaches and its eight representatives in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

- Hanging from the ceiling around the lower concourse are 15 full-color, 12-by-15-foot banners – 10 of them featuring action shots of members of the 2005 Irish squad, and five featuring the 75th anniversary logo for Notre Dame Stadium. In addition, there will be four other five-by-eight-foot representations of the logo within the Stadium.

- One addition visible from inside the Stadium is a sign on the facing of the wall just above the tunnel – it reads "Irish" and includes the Monogram Club logo.

- Attached to light polls on Moose Krause Circle surrounding the Stadium and in the Stadium and Joyce North and South parking lots are 100 two-by-four foot pole banners, all of them featuring various Notre Dame marks and phrases – including combinations of Irish, We Are ND, a shamrock, the leprechaun, University of Notre Dame, Here Come the Irish, Fighting Irish, a gold helmet and the 75th anniversary Stadium logo.

- In addition, there are plans over the next few years to theme the entry gates at the Stadium – with the intention of creating specific recognition of Notre Dame's national championships, its All-Americans, its Heisman Trophy winners and its national championship coaches. The gate completed was Gate B. It recognizes the Irish Heisman winners with three-foot by eight-foot replicas of the Heisman Trophy. The displays were designed by Rockwell Group of New York and fabricated by Show Motion Inc. of Connecticut. The work was accomplished with the cooperation of the Downtown Athletic Club and the Heisman Trophy Trust.

Most of the signage and design work is being handled by Sport Graphics, Inc., in Indianapolis, Ind. Additional work for the gate designs is by the Rockwell Group in New York, N.Y.

Football Banquet Tickets Sold Out

Former University of Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will serve as the guest speaker for the sold-out 84th University of Notre Dame Football Banquet.

The banquet, sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, will be held Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, in the north dome of the Joyce Center on the Notre Dame campus. A reception on the concourse and a silent auction in the Monogram Room both begin at 5:45 p.m. EST and the dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.

The program will include a special tribute to senior members of the 2005 Irish squad – as well as a series of awards honoring members of the Notre Dame team.

Proceeds benefit the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Scholarship Fund.

Holtz coached 132 games in 11 seasons at Notre Dame (1986-96) and guided his teams to a 100-30-2 record. He coached more games than any other Irish head coach and finished second to Knute Rockne in victories. Holtz led the Irish to the 1988 national championship and remains 11th on the NCAA all-time win list for Division I-A coaches. He took his Notre Dame teams to nine straight New Year's Day bowl games from 1987 through '95 and coached the Irish to finishes of sixth or better in the final Associated Press poll in five seasons. Holtz was named the national coach of the year in 1988 by several organizations and saw his team play the most difficult schedule in the country in three seasons.

Before coming to Notre Dame Holtz served as head coach at William & Mary (1969-71), North Carolina State (1972-75), Arkansas (1977-83) and Minnesota (1984-85). He served as a college football analyst for CBS Sports in '97 and '98, was head football coach at South Carolina from 1999 through 2004 and currently is an analyst for ESPN.

Guglielmino Athletics Complex Officially Dedicated

The Guglielmino Athletics Complex, new home to the University of Notre Dame football program, was dedicated Friday, Oct. 14, 2005. The dedication program included a blessing of the building, an afternoon Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and a dedication dinner in the rotunda of the Main Building. A special, 18-by-24-inch, commemorative poster (printed by Mossberg & Company in South Bend and designed by recent Notre Dame graduate Tim O'Connor) created for the dedication was available free of charge Friday night as fans left the pep rally at Notre Dame Stadium.

Opened in August and located on the east side of campus, the 96,000-square-foot building commonly referred to as "The Gug" is a spacious, state-of-the-art facility that houses the football program's locker rooms, offices and meeting rooms, in addition to giving the 800 student-athletes in Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports enhanced space for all training, strength and conditioning, and medical needs. The Guglielmino Athletics Complex has been made possible through the generous gift of the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife Flora. A longtime supporter of Notre Dame, Guglielmino attended the University in the 1939-40 academic year.

Irish Football on the Printed Page

This fall, three new books about Fighting Irish football have debuted. *The Spirit of Notre Dame*, by Jim Langford and Jeremy Langford, officially went on sale during the last week of August. Detailing both athletic and student/alumni stories from the University, the book is said to be "the absolute essential title for the millions of people who have a place in their heart for the Fighting Irish." The book is a production of The Doubleday Broadway Publishing Group and can be bought on www.randomhouse.com.

South Bend Tribune and Notre Dame football beat writer Eric Hansen has seen the release of his new book, *Notre Dame, Where Have You Gone?*. Hansen catches up with former Fighting Irish football players, from the All-Americans to the walk-ons to the one-play wonders to the once-tragic figures. The book is available for order at www.sport-publishinginc.com.

The third offering comes from Senior Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations at Notre Dame - John Heisler. *Echoes of Notre Dame Football, The Greatest Stories Ever Told*, was edited by the former long-time sports information director. A member of the CoSIDA Hall of Fame, Heisler's book stitches together the best columns from the best columnists. It not only recounts the greatest moments in Notre Dame lore, it also tracks the chronological progression sportswriting styles from the esoteric to the ultra-modern. The book is available by calling 800-335-5323 or by sending an e-mail to WebOrders@triumphbooks.com. The book also features a foreword by Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis.

Kevin White Radio Show

Look for the Kevin White Show for the next 30 weeks on ESPN 1000 AM radio in Chicago.

The hour-long program debuted Sept. 4 in its sixth season - with first-night guests including former Irish football-walk-on Dan "Rudy" Ruettinger (subject of the 1993 movie "Rudy"), former Irish placekicker Harry Oliver (he kicked a 51-yard field goal 25 years ago this week to help Notre Dame beat Michigan 29-27 in 1980), and current Irish hockey coach Jeff Jackson.

Guests regularly will include familiar names from all facets of college athletics.

The show features White, Notre Dame's director of athletics, and ESPN 1000's Dave Juday. It can be heard regularly at 11:00 p.m. Central time on Sunday.

Sponsors of the show include Gatorade, Xerox, adidas, Comcast, McDonald's, Chase, Coca-Cola, Sirius Satellite Radio, Jordan Industries and Sayers Computer Source.

The show can be heard in more than 30 states around the country on ESPN 1000 in Chicago.

Katrina Collection Update

Collections taken up throughout the University of Notre Dame community in recent weeks—in the student residence hall chapels and dining halls and even the football stadium—have raised over \$240,000 for the relief of victims of the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe.

A collection in the Notre Dame Stadium during the football game with Michigan State raised \$195,871. Collections also have been taken up at Masses in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore but have not yet been tabulated.

Funds raised in the University's Katrina collections are being distributed among Catholic Charities USA; Catholic parishes in the Gulf region which are administered by Notre Dame's founding religious order, the Congregation of Holy Cross; and regional parochial schools participating in Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) volunteer teacher program.

The University will continue to accept donations throughout the semester. Contributions may be sent to: Notre Dame Katrina Collection, P.O. Box 198, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556-019.

Instant Replay

Notre Dame will utilize the Big Ten Conference instant replay system during all other home games this season. The opposing team is given the option of agreeing to use the system as well, and it will only be implemented if both teams decide to utilize the system.

- The Big Ten instant replay model and the NFL instant replay system are different. In the Big Ten model, only the Big Ten Technical Advisor, working in the press box, can stop a game to review a play. Unlike the NFL model, in the Big Ten neither the coaches nor the game officials on the field may ask for a review.
- In order for a play to be changed the Technical Advisor must have indisputable video evidence that an error occurred. Television broadcast of the game will be the sole source of whether there is indisputable video evidence.
- The replay system will not guarantee that all officiating mistakes are identified and corrected.
- The types of plays that are reviewable include plays that are governed by the sideline, goal line, end zone and end line, passing plays, and other detectable infractions, such as forward progress with respect to first down.

USC Television Rating Highest In 11 Seasons

The USC-Notre Dame football game earned the best overnight television rating for a Notre Dame home game in more than a decade. The 7.9 overnight rating and 17 share was the highest since Notre Dame-Michigan earned a 8.4/21 overnight on Sept. 10, 1994.

The rating peaked at a 14.2/27 from 7:30-7:45 as USC QB Matt Leinert scored with three seconds remaining leading the Trojans to a dramatic 34-31 victory. Notre Dame had taken the lead with 2:02 left. No. 9 Notre Dame had been bidding to end No. 1 USC's 27-game winning streak.

NBC's college football analyst Pat Haden called the contest, "as entertaining a last three minutes of a college football game as I've ever seen."

The top-rated markets were:

1. Indianapolis, 14.7/30
2. Los Angeles, 13.4/31
3. Knoxville, 12.6/25
4. Oklahoma City, 11.9/25
5. Portland, 11.0/25
6. Chicago, 10.7/24
7. Birmingham, 10.4/19
8. Boston, 10.3/21.

Notre Dame - NBC Sports Television Ratings

Here is a look at the top 10 all-time rated games since Notre Dame and NBC began their partnership in 1991. This season's ND - USC game checks in at fifth place on the list.

Notre Dame on NBC Top 10 Games

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Share</u>
Nov. 13, 1993	Florida State	W	31-24	16.0	39
Sept. 10, 1994	Michigan	L	24-26	8.4	21
Nov. 20, 1993	Boston College	L	39-41	7.7	21
Oct. 15, 2005	USC	L	31-34	6.7	17
Sept. 28, 1996	Ohio State	L	16-29	6.7	19
Oct. 21, 1995	USC	W	38-10	6.4	17
Nov. 14, 1992	Penn State	W	17-16	6.3	18
Oct. 26, 1991	USC	W	24-20	6.1	18
Sept. 12, 1992	Michigan	T	17-17	5.9	19
Sept. 5, 1998	Michigan	W	36-20	5.9	15

NOTRE DAME: BY THE NUMBERS

The NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame in 2005 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame
Rushing Offense	49th at 154.82
Passing Offense	4th at 334.27
Total Offense	10th at 489.09
Scoring Offense	7th at 38.18
Rushing Defense	25th at 119.36
Pass Defense	257.55
Pass Efficiency Defense	121.41
Total Defense	376.91
Scoring Defense	46th at 23.64
Net Punting	47th at 34.76
Punt Returns	10th at 14.67
Kickoff Returns	19.47
Turnover Margin	21st at .73

Individual Rankings	Notre Dame
Rushing	Darius Walker 33rd at 100.55
Passing Efficiency	Brady Quinn 4th at 162.91
Total Offense	Brady Quinn 3rd at 341.36
Receptions Per Game	Jeff Samardzija 20th at 6.55 Maurice Stovall 43rd at 5.45
Receiving Yards Per Game	Jeff Samardzija 3rd at 108.20 Maurice Stovall 21st at 93.00
Interceptions	Tom Zbikowski 7th at .45
Punt Returns	Tom Zbikowski 12th at 14.58
Scoring	Jeff Samardzija 31st at 8.18
All-Purpose Runners	Darius Walker 70th at 111.64

How the Irish Were Built (* - indicates monograms won, CAPS indicates returning starters)**OFFENSE (33)****Freshmen (7)**

OL Paul Duncan
 WR David Grimes
 TE Joey Hiben
 WR D.J. Hord
 FB Asaph Schwapp
 QB Evan Sharpley
 OL Mike Turkovich

Sophomores (5)

WR Darrin Bragg
 RB Justin Hoskins
 RB Junior Jabbie
 *RB Darius Walker
 QB David Wolke

Juniors (8)

*WR Chase Anastasio
 *TE John Carlson
 **OT RYAN HARRIS
 FB Ashley McConnell
 **QB BRADY QUINN
 **WR Jeff Samardzija
 *C JOHN SULLIVAN
 *RB Travis Thomas

Seniors (9)

OL James Bonelli
 **TE ANTHONY FASANO
 **TE Marcus Freeman
 RB Jeff Jenkins
 ***WR RHEMA MCKNIGHT
 *OL Brian Mattes
 **OG BOBBY MORTON
 **OG Dan Santucci
 ***WR MAURICE STOVALL

5th Year Seniors (4)

***OT MARK LEVOIR
 ***FB RASHON POWERS-NEAL
 ***WR Matt Shelton
 ***OG DAN STEVENSON

DEFENSE (34)**Freshmen (8)**

DB David Bruton
 DL Derrell Hand
 DB Ray Herring
 DL Pat Kuntz
 DB Kyle McCarthy
 LB Steve Quinn
 LB Scott Smith
 LB Kevin Washington

Sophomores (7)

LB Abdel Banda
 DE Justin Brown
 LB Maurice Crum, Jr.
 DB Leo Ferrine
 DB Terrail Lambert
 DE Ronald Talley
 DB Anthony Vernaglia

Juniors (10)

**DE Victor Abiamiri
 *LB Nick Borseti
 *LB Joe Brockington
 CB LaBrose Hedgemon II
 *DL Trevor Laws
 **S/LB Chinedum Ndukwe
 LB Mitchell Thomas
 LB Dwight Stephenson
 CB Ambrose Wooden
 *S TOM ZBIKOWSKI

Seniors (6)

FS Jake Carney
 DE Chris Frome
 **NG DEREK LANDRI
 **CB Mike Richardson
 *LB Anthony Salvador
 DE Nate Schiccatano

5th Year Seniors (3)

***DE Brian Beidatsch
 ***LB BRANDON HOYTE
 ***LB Corey Mays

SPECIALISTS (5)**Freshmen (0)****Sophomores (0)****Juniors (2)**

K Carl Gioia
 P Geoff Price

Seniors (2)

**LS Scott Raridon
 K Bobby Renkes

5th Year Seniors (1)

**K/P D.J. FITZPATRICK

Irish in the Top 10 - Here's where Notre Dame stands in the top of various NCAA statistical rankings, both as a team and individually.

PASSING OFFENSE (yards per game)

1. Texas Tech403.6
2. Hawaii389.5
3. Arizona State364.9
- 4. NOTRE DAME334.3**

SCORING OFFENSE (points per game)

1. Texas49.18
2. USC48.55
3. Louisville46.70
4. Texas Tech42.09
5. UCLA40.00
6. Fresno State39.91
- 7. NOTRE DAME.....38.18**

TOTAL OFFENSE (yards per game)

1. USC.....571.27
2. Texas Tech.....511.00
3. Texas510.45
4. Arizona State504.55
5. Minnesota.....497.82
6. Michigan State497.27
7. Louisville.....497.10
8. Northwestern492.73
9. Washington State489.27
- 10. NOTRE DAME489.09**

PUNT RETURNS (yards per return)

1. UCLA25.28
2. Fresno State21.89
3. Northwestern19.38
4. Kentucky17.17
5. Texas16.49
6. California15.64
7. Arizona State15.46
8. Wisconsin15.45
9. West Virginia.....15.41
- 10. NOTRE DAME.....14.67**

PASSING EFFICIENCY (rating points)

1. UCLA.....169.47
2. Louisville166.92
- 3. NOTRE DAME162.22**

THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY (offense)

1. USC54.0
2. Minnesota53.3
3. Louisville51.3
4. Fresno State51.0
5. Tulsa50.0
6. Texas49.3
- 7. NOTRE DAME48.5**

INDIVIDUAL PASSING EFFICIENCY (rating points)

1. Drew Olson, UCLA.....172.5
2. Brian Brohm, Louisville.....166.7
3. Vince Young, Texas165.0
- 4. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame.....162.9**

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL OFFENSE (yards per game)

1. Cody Hodges, Texas Tech378.8
2. Colt Brennan, Hawaii371.0
- 3. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame341.4**

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

1. Mike Hass, Oregon State.....139.27
2. Greg Jennings, Western Michigan114.45
3. Jason Hill, Washington State.....109.70
- 4. Jeff Samardzija, Notre Dame 108.20**

INTERCEPTIONS

1. Aaron Gipson, Oregon64
2. Anthony Smith, Syracuse..... .55
Jelani Jordan, Bowling Green55
Dion Byrum, Ohio55
5. Chaz Williams, La.-Monroe50
Caleb Campbell, Army50
- 7. Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame45**
13 others tied with45

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

- 1. Jeff Samardzija, Notre Dame 15**
2. Greg Jennings, W. Michigan.....14
Martin Nance, Miami (Ohio)14
Davone Bess, Hawaii14
Dwayne Jarrett, USC14
6. Jason Hill, Washington State13

PASSING (Completions per game)

1. Cody Hodges, Texas Tech30.73
2. Colt Brennan, Hawaii29.55
3. John Beck, BYU.....26.91
4. Brett Basanez, Northwestern.....25.09
5. Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt24.82
- 6. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame.....23.91**

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

- 1. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame32**
2. Drew Olson, UCLA30
Colt Brennan, Hawaii.....30
Cody Hodges, Texas Tech30
5. Jordan Palmer, UTEP28

POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR

1. Drew Olson, UCLA.....18.60
2. Omar Jacobs, Bowling Green18.44
3. Cody Hodges, Texas Tech.....18.36
4. Colt Brennan, Hawaii.....18.18
- 5. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame.....18.00**

Profile: First Year Irish Coaches**Jesse Harper (7-0-0 in 1913)**

Debut, first win, first home winvs. Ohio Northern, 87-0
 First road game, first road winat Army, 35-13 (fourth game overall)
 First loss, first road loss.....at Yale, 28-0 in 1914
 Never lost at home16-0

Knute Rockne (3-1-2 in 1918)

Debut, first win, first road winat Case Tech, 26-6
 First non-win, first home gamevs. Great Lakes, 7-7 (third game overall)
 First home winvs. Kalamazoo, 14-0 in 1919 (seventh game overall)
 First road lossat Michigan State, 13-7 (fourth game overall)
 First home lossvs. Carnegie Tech, 27-7 (102nd game overall)
 First 42 home games41-0-1

Hunk Anderson (6-2-1 in 1931)

Debut, first win, first road winat Indiana, 25-0
 First non-win.....vs. NW. at Soldier Field (second game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. USC, 16-14 (seventh game overall)

Elmer Layden (6-3-0 in 1934)

Debut, first loss, first home lossvs. Texas, 7-6
 First win, first home winvs. Purdue, 18-7 (second game overall)
 First road lossat Pittsburgh, 19-0 (fifth game overall)
 First road winat Northwestern, 20-7 (seventh game overall)

Frank Leahy (8-0-1 in 1941)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. Arizona, 38-7
 First non-winvs. Army, 0-0, Yankee Stadium (sixth game overall)
 First road winat Georgia Tech, 20-0 (third game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. GT, 13-6 in 1942 (11th game overall)
 First road loss.....at Great Lakes, 19-14 in '43 (30th game overall)
 First 16 road games.....14-0-2

Terry Brennan (9-1-0 in 1954)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. #4 Texas, 21-0
 First loss, first home lossvs. #19 Purdue, 27-14 (second game overall)
 First road lossat #13 Mich. State, 21-7 in 1955 (14th game overall)
 Entered year ranked #2finished year ranked #4

Joe Kuharich (5-5-0 in 1959)

Debut, first win, first home win.....vs. North Carolina, 28-8
 First loss, first road lossat Purdue, 28-7 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. #2 Northwestern, 30-24 (fifth game overall)
 Debuted at #8 in second game.....finished season unranked

Ara Parseghian (9-1-0 in 1964)

Debut, first win, first road win.....at Wisconsin, 31-7
 First home winvs. Purdue, 34-15
 First loss, first road lossat USC, 20-17 (10th game overall)
 Unranked to start year#1 for four weeks during season

Dan Devine (8-3-0 in 1975)

Debut, first winvs. Boston College, 17-13 in Foxboro
 First home winvs. Northwestern, 31-7 (third game overall)
 First road winat Purdue, 17-0 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. Michigan State, 10-3 (fourth game overall)
 First road lossat Pittsburgh, 34-20 (10th game overall)
 Ranked as high as #7finished year unranked

Gerry Faust (5-6-0 in 1981)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. LSU, 27-9
 First loss, first road loss.....at #11 Michigan (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. #20 Florida State, 19-13 (fifth game overall)
 Ranked as high as #1finished season unranked

Lou Holtz (5-6-0 in 1986)

Debut, first loss, first home lossvs. #3 Michigan, 24-23
 First win, first home win.....vs. Purdue, 41-9 (third game overall)
 First road lossat Michigan State, 20-15 (second game overall)
 First road win.....at #17 USC, 38-37 (11th game overall)
 Spent one week at #20finished season unranked

Bob Davie (7-6 in 1997)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. GT, 17-13 (ND Stadium rededication)
 First loss, first road lossat Purdue, 28-17 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. #17 Michigan State, 23-7 (third game overall)
 Entered year ranked 11th.....finished season unranked

Tyrone Willingham (10-3 in 2002)

Debut, first winvs. Maryland, 22-0 in Giants Stadium
 First home winvs. Purdue, 24-17 (second game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. Boston College, 14-7 (ninth game overall)
 First road lossat USC, 44-13 (12th game overall)
 Ranked as high as #4.....finished season ranked 17th

Charlie Weis (9-2 in 2005)

Debut, first winat #23/25 Pittsburgh, 42-21
 First road win.....at #3/3 Michigan, 17-10 (second game overall)
 First home winvs. BYU, 49-23 (seventh game overall)
 First loss, first home loss.....vs. Michigan State, 44-41 (OT) (third game overall)
 First road lossTBD
 Ranking ..currently ranked 7 (AP), 7 (USA Today), 7 (Harris Interactive), 8 (BCS)

Assault On The Notre Dame Record Book

Notre Dame individual records that have fallen this season...

Single-game touchdown passes - 6

Brady Quinn vs. BYU

Single-game touchdown receptions - 4

Maurice Stovall vs. BYU

Single-game receptions - 14

Maurice Stovall vs. BYU

Single-game, two players with 10 or more receptions -

Maurice Stovall (14) and Jeff Samardzija (10) vs. BYU

Pass completions in a game - 33 (tied)

Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State

Passes without and interception, game - 41

Brady Quinn vs. BYU

Passing yards in a first half - 287

Brady Quinn vs. BYU

Consecutive games with a touchdown pass - 16

Brady Quinn (current)

Consecutive games with a touchdown reception - 8

Jeff Samardzija (first eight games of the season, ended vs. Navy)

Consecutive games with a touchdown reception to begin a season - 8

Jeff Samardzija

Consecutive 100-yard rushing games to begin season - 4

Darius Walker - at Pitt, at Mich., vs. MSU, at Wash.

Consecutive games throwing for over 300 yards - 3

Brady Quinn - vs. MSU, at Wash., at Purdue

Consecutive passes without an interception - 130

Brady Quinn

Single-season touchdown passes - 32

Brady Quinn

Single-season pass completions - 263

Brady Quinn

Single-season pass attempts - 405

Brady Quinn

Single-season touchdown receptions - 15

Jeff Samardzija

Single-season 300-plus passing games - 5

Brady Quinn - vs. MSU, at Wash.,
at Purdue, vs. BYU, at Stanford

Single-season 400-plus passing games - 4

Brady Quinn - vs. MSU, at Purdue, vs. BYU, at Stanford

Single-season passing yardage - 3,633

Brady Quinn

Single-season total yards gained - 3,755

Brady Quinn

Single-season receiving yards - 1,190

Jeff Samardzija

Single-season PATs - 50

D.J. Fitzpatrick

Career passing yardage - 8,050

Brady Quinn

Career total yards gained - 8,193

Brady Quinn

Career 400-plus passing games - 5

Brady Quinn - vs. Purdue (2004), vs. MSU, at Purdue, vs. BYU - 2005,
at Stanford (2005)

Career four-touchdown passing games - 4

Brady Quinn - vs. Washington (2004), vs. Michigan State (2005), vs.
BYU (2005), vs. Navy (2005)

Career games passing for 250-plus - 15

Brady Quinn

Career passing attempts - 1,090

Brady Quinn

Career pass completions - 611

Brady Quinn

Career touchdown passes - 58

Brady Quinn

Career Total Plays - 1,252

Brady Quinn

And the records within reach

- Single-season completion percentage - 61.6 by Kevin McDougal in 1993
Brady Quinn (64.9)
- Single-season passing yards per game - 242.9 by Joe Theismann in 1970
Brady Quinn (330.3)
- Consecutive games completing a pass - 43 by Ron Powlus
Brady Quinn (34)
- Single-season receptions - 77 by Tom Gatewood in 1970
Jeff Samardzija (71) and Maurice Stovall (60)
- Single-season catches by a tight end - 54 by Ken MacAfee in 1977
Anthony Fasano (45)
- Single-season catches by a back -

37 by Bob Gladieux in 1968

Darius Walker (36)

- Career receptions - 157 by Tom Gatewood (1969-71)
Maurice Stovall (121)
- Single-season touchdown receptions - 15 by Jeff Samardzija (current)
Maurice Stovall (11)
- Single-season receiving yards - 1,190 by Jeff Samardzija (current)
Maurice Stovall (1,023)
- Career touchdown receptions - 22 by Derrick Mayes from 1992-95
Maurice Stovall (18)
Jeff Samardzija (15)

Notre Dame Player Career Game-Highs

Abiamiri, Victor		Passing Yards	487, vs. MSU ('05)
Tackles	10, at Stanford ('05)	Passing TDs	6, vs. BYU ('05)
TFL	4, at Stanford ('05)	Rushing TDs	1, four times
Sacks	4, at Stanford ('05)	Rushing Yards	49, at Pitt ('05)
Beidatsch, Brian		Richardson, Mike	
Tackles	4, vs. Navy ('05)	Tackles	9, twice
TFL	1, at Michigan ('05)	TFL	2, at Stanford ('05)
Sacks	1, at Michigan	Sacks	1, vs. MSU ('05) and at Stanford ('05)
Carlson, John		Samardzija, Jeff	
Receptions	2, twice	Receptions	10, vs. BYU ('05)
Receiving Yards	22, at Purdue ('05)	Receiving Yards	191, at Stanford ('05)
Receiving TDs	1, at Purdue ('05)	Receiving TDs	3, vs. MSU ('05)
Crum, Jr., Maurice		Schwapp, Asaph	
Tackles	7, three times	Carries	8, vs. BYU ('05)
Fasano, Anthony		Rushing Yards	27, vs. BYU ('05)
Receptions	8, vs. Purdue ('04)	Receptions	2, vs. Navy ('05)
Receiving Yards	93, vs. MSU ('05)	Receiving Yards	21, vs. Navy ('05)
Receiving TDs	2, vs. Washington ('04)	Stovall, Maurice	
Fitzpatrick, D.J.		Receptions	14, vs. BYU ('05)
Punts	9, at Michigan ('05)	Receiving Yards	207, vs. BYU ('05)
Punt Avg.	45.7 (three), at Pitt ('05)	Receiving TDs	4, vs. BYU ('05)
Field Goals	3, at Wash. ('05)	Talley, Ronald	
Field Goals Att.	4, vs. Syracuse ('05)	Tackles	7, vs. BYU ('05)
Touchbacks	3, at Purdue ('05)	TFL	1, vs. BYU ('05)
Grimes, David		Sacks	1, vs. BYU ('05)
Receptions	1, twice	Thomas, Travis	
Receiving Yards	11, vs. MSU ('05)	Carries	18, vs. USC ('05)
Carries	2, vs. USC ('05)	Rushing Yards	58, vs. Navy ('05)
Rushing Yards	8, vs. USC ('05)	Rushing TDs	1, five times
Hoyte, Brandon		Walker, Darius	
Tackles	16, vs. Navy ('04)	Carries	35, at Stanford ('05)
TFL	4.5, at Pittsburgh ('05)	Rushing Yards	186, at Stanford ('05)
Sacks	2, at Pittsburgh ('05) and at Stanford ('05)	Rushing TDs	2, vs. Michigan ('04)
Landri, Derek		Receptions	5, three times
Tackles	7, three times	Receiving Yards	55, at Stanford ('05)
TFL	2, vs. Pitt ('04)	Receiving TDs	1, twice
Sacks	1, at Wash. ('05)	Wooden, Ambrose	
Laws, Trevor		Tackles	12, vs. Pittsburgh ('05)
Tackles	9, vs. BYU ('05)	Interceptions	1, at Washington ('05)
TFL	1, twice	Zbikowski, Tom	
Sacks	1, vs. USC ('05)	Tackles	9, three times
Mays, Corey		TFL	1.5, at BYU ('04)
Tackles	14 vs. Navy ('05)	Interceptions	1, four times
TFL	3.5 vs. Syracuse ('05)	Sacks	1, vs. Tennessee ('05)
Sacks	2 vs. Syracuse ('05)		
Ndukwe, Chinedum			
Tackles	8, vs. BYU ('05)		
TFL	1, at Wash. ('05)		
Quinn, Brady			
Completions	33, vs. MSU ('05)		
Attempts	60, vs. MSU ('05)		

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PITTSBURGH — Perhaps the most anticipated season-opening matchup in recent Notre Dame football history produced an outcome and a performance that surpassed what even the most optimistic observer of Irish football could have hoped for as the Irish opened the Charlie Weis era in style with a 42-21 pasting of 23rd-ranked Pittsburgh in front of a sellout crowd at Heinz Field.

The retooled Notre Dame offense hummed via the power of the precision passing of quarterback Brady Quinn, big-play performances by running backs Darius Walker and Rashon Powers-Neal, and a punishing offensive line. The Irish produced six touchdowns, 502 yards of total offense (275 rushing, 227 passing) and a staggering 33 first downs in a methodically dominant performance reminiscent of the performances of Weis's offenses from his previous tenure with the NFL's New England Patriots.

In a game in which few had the Irish pegged as pre-game favorites, Notre Dame overcame an early deficit and had salted away the verdict by halftime with a 28-point second-period explosion that created a 35-13 lead. So dominant was the Irish offensive effort that the unit had produced more total yardage in the first half (319 yards) that it had in five entire games last season.

Complementing the offensive prowess was an impressive performance by the Irish defense and special teams. A maligned unit much of the last two seasons, the Notre Dame defense held to 323 total yards (153 in the first half) a Pittsburgh offense that had produced 432 yards and 41 points just nine months earlier in an Irish loss. In addition, Notre Dame defenders caused two turnovers (one fumble on a kickoff return and one interception) and limited the Panthers to a 4-of-14 night on third downs.

How effective was the Irish offense? The unit converted 10-of-15 third down opportunities into first downs, including 10 of its first 11 chances in those situations. Quarterback Brady Quinn passed with startling accuracy much of the night, completing 11 consecutive passes over one span covering the second and third periods. For the game, Quinn passed for 227 yards and two touchdowns while completing 18-of-27 attempts with one interception. He averaged 12.5 yards per completion and 8.4 yards per attempt.

Running back Darius Walker rushed for 100 yards on 20 carries and caught three passes for 52 yards while backfield mate Rashon Powers-Neal scored three rushing touchdowns while averaging 5.1 yards per carry (eight rushes, 41 yards). Defensively, the Irish were led in tackles by cornerback Ambrose Wooden with 12 tackles (10 solos) in his first start. The Irish sacked Palko five times; including two sacks by linebacker Brandon Hoyte (nine tackles) and solo sacks by ends Victor Abiamiri (five tackles) and Chris Frome, and linebacker Corey Mays (three tackles).

After the Panthers opened the game with a 39-yard scoring pass from Palko to wideout Greg Lee, the Irish responded quickly. Walker keyed a 78-yard, six-play march to tie it at 7-7 by rushing four times for 17 yards before making a difficult catch on a delayed screen pass from Quinn and following a convoy of Irish blockers 51 yards for the first touchdown.

After the Panthers moved to a 10-7 lead later in the first period, the Irish took the lead for good on a 65-yard march capped by a two-yard run around left end by Walker for a 14-10 lead. That drive became the first of five consecutive drives that ended in Notre Dame touchdowns as the Irish reached paydirt on six of their first seven possessions of the game.

Following a Panther punt, the Irish again marched 65 yards to a score. Two passes from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano, spanning 12 and 18 yards, keyed the drive that was capped by a two-yard run by Powers-Neal for a 21-10 Notre Dame lead. The Irish upped their lead to 28-10 just 45 seconds later. Chinedum Ndukwe recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff forced by Casey Cullen. Jeff Samardzija made a spectacular leaping catch of a Quinn pass for a 19-yard scoring play.

After Pitt responded with a drive to a field goal, the Irish moved back for another touchdown for a 35-13 halftime lead. The 70-yard drive was keyed by Quinn's passing as he connected with Stovall for 11 yards, Powers-Neal for 18 and McKnight for 16 before Powers-Neal blasted through the middle for nine yards and the score with 1:39 left in the half.

The Irish salted away the verdict by opening the second half with an impressive 20-play, 80-yard drive that consumed 7:01 of game time. The Irish converted five third-down plays into first downs on the march that ended with Powers-Neal's third scoring run of the night, this one from four yards out.

"I'm relieved to have this first game under our belt," Weis said. "I'm happy for Notre Dame, I'm happy for our players and I'm happy for our fans. I thought our team played aggressive. We won the battles out there on the field tonight. This game was so much talk about Weis vs. (Dave) Wannstedt, and I was afraid it would be a distraction to our team."

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	28	7	0	—	42
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	8	—	21

First Quarter
 PITT: Greg Lee 39-yard pass from Greg Lee (Josh Cummings kick), 10:58 left. Drive: 73 yards, eight plays, 4:02 elapsed since opening kickoff. Key play: Palko rushed for two yards and a first down on 3rd-and-1 to the ND 39. Score: Pitt 7, Notre Dame 0.
 ND: Darius Walker 51-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 2:39 left. Drive: 78 yards, six plays, 1:21 elapsed since Brandon Harris returns kickoff to ND 22. Key play: Darius Walker rushed for one yard and a first down on 3rd-and-1 to the ND 32. Score: Pitt 7, Notre Dame 7.
 PITT: Josh Cummings 49-yard field goal, 1:40 left. Drive: 22 yards, seven plays, 3:43 elapsed since Darrelle Revis returns interception three yards to ND 42. Key play: Joe Delsardo nine-yard pass from Palko on 3rd-and-2 to the ND 46. Score: Pitt 10, Notre Dame 7.

Second Quarter
 ND: Darius Walker 2-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:07 left. Drive: 65 yards, nine plays, 3:33 elapsed since kickoff by Adam Graessle landed out of bounds. Key play: Rhema McKnight eight-yard pass from Quinn to Pitt 2 on 3rd-and-6. Score: ND 14, Pitt 10.
 ND: Rashon Powers-Neal 2-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:59 left. Drive: 65 yards, nine plays, 4:20 elapsed since Tom Zbikowski returned punt 23 yards to ND 35. Key play: Anthony Fasano 18-yard pass from Quinn to the Pitt 24. Score: ND 21, Pitt 10.
 ND: Jeff Samardzija 19-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:03 left. Drive: 19 yards, two plays, 0:45 elapsed since Chinedum Ndukwe recovered fumble by Pitt's Marcus Furman at Pitt 19. Score: ND 28, Pitt 10.
 PITT: Josh Cummings 23-yard field goal, 4:20 left. Drive: 55 yards, five plays, 1:43 elapsed since Marcus Furman returned kickoff 33 yards to Pitt 39. Key play: Joe Delsardo 18-yard pass from Palko to the ND 28, plus personal foul penalty moved ball to ND 14. Score: ND 28, Pitt 13.
 ND: Powers-Neal 9-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:39 left. Drive: 70 yards, eight plays, 2:41 elapsed since Justin Hoskins returned kickoff 24 yards to ND 30. Key play: McKnight 16-yard pass from Quinn on 1st-and-15 to the Pitt 30. Score: ND 35, Pitt 13.

Third Quarter
 ND: Powers-Neal 4-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 7:59 left. Drive: 80 yards, 20 plays, 7:01 elapsed since second half kickoff. Key play: Personal foul penalty by Pitt on late hit following eight-yard run by Quinn on 3rd-and-25 to the Pitt 26. Score: ND 42, Pitt 13.

Fourth Quarter
 PITT: Tyler Palko 4-yard run (Cummings kick), 12:55 left. Drive: 72 yards, seven plays, 1:49 elapsed since ND punt downed at the Pitt 28. Key play: Raymond Kirkley runs 55 yards on 1st-and-10 to the ND 17. Score: Notre Dame 42, Pitt 21.

STATISTICS

		ND		PITT
First Downs		33		20
Rushing		20		8
Passing		11		9
Penalty		2		3
Rushing Attempts		50		31
Yards Gained Rushing		279		147
Yards Lost Rushing		4		44
Net Yards Rushing		275		103
Net Yards Passing		227		220
Passes Attempted		27		35
Passes Completed		18		20
Had Intercepted		1		1
Total Offensive Plays		77		66
Total Net Yards		502		323
Average Gain Per Play		6.5		4.9
Fumbles: Number — Lost		1-0		2-1
Penalties: Number — Yards		10-94		6-55
Number of Punts — Yards		3-137		4-195
Average Yards Per Punt		45.7		48.8
Punt Returns: Number — Yards		1-23		0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards		2-35		5-80
Interceptions: Number — Yards		1-0		1-3
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards		0-0		0-0
Time of Possession		32:46		27:14
Third Down Conversions		10-15		4-14
Fourth Down Conversions		0-0		1-3
Sacks By: Number — Yards		5-38		0-0

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Darius Walker	20	100	0	100	1	11
Brady Quinn	5	49	0	49	0	16
Rashon Powers-Neal	8	41	0	41	3	9
Travis Thomas	8	40	0	40	0	16
David Wolke	1	22	0	22	0	22
Jeff Jenkins	6	21	4	17	0	9
Asaph Schwapp	2	6	0	6	0	4

PASSING

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	27	18	1	227	2	51

RECEIVING

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Anthony Fasano	4	42	0	18

Darius Walker	3	52	1	51
Rhema McKnight	3	51	0	27
Jeff Samardzija	3	34	1	19
Maurice Stovall	2	27	0	16
John Carlson	2	3	0	3
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	18	0	18

PUNTING

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	I20
D.J. Fitzpatrick	3	137	45.7	54	1

RETURNS

	PR	KO	INT
Tom Zbikowski	1-23	—	1-0
Justin Hoskins	—	1-24	—
Brandon Harris	1-23	2-35	—

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RUSHING

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Raymond Kirkley	5	67	3	64	0	55
Rashad Jennings	7	29	0	29	0	9
LaRod Stephens	2	17	0	17	0	12
Tim Murphy	5	4	2	2	0	3
Tyler Palko	12	30	39	(-9)	1	10

PASSING

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Tyler Palko	35	20	1	220	1	39

RECEIVING

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Greg Lee	4	63	1	39
Joe Delsardo	4	45	0	18
Sieve Buches	4	39	0	18
Erik Gill	3	26	0	9
Derek Kinder	2	29	0	22
Tim Murphy	2	19	0	15
Rashad Jennings	1	(-1)	0	—

PUNTING

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	I20
Adam Graessle	4	195	48.8	51	0

RETURNS

	PR	KO	INT
Marcus Furman	—	4-80	—
Jemeel Brady	—	1-0	—
Darrell Revis	—	—	1-3

**(No. 20) NOTRE DAME 17, (No. 3) MICHIGAN 10
SEPTEMBER 10, 2005 • MICHIGAN STADIUM**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - A mere two games into his Notre Dame tenure, Charlie Weis joined Knute Rockne in the record books as the 20th-ranked Fighting Irish pulled off a 17-10 upset victory at No. 3 Michigan that gave the Irish a 2-0 start.

Brady Quinn threw two touchdown passes in the first half and the Irish held on to beat the Wolverines, making Weis the first Notre Dame coach to win his first two games on the road since Rockne in 1918.

"If I answered by dignifying that, (Bill) Parcells and (Bill) Belichick would humiliate me," Weis said about his coaching mentors when asked about his connection to Rockne. "I've just coached two games and they've played two games. Let's come back and revisit that in about 10 years."

Notre Dame (2-0), snapped the Wolverines' 16-game winning streak at Michigan Stadium and handed them their first loss against a nonconference team at home since 1998. The Irish - two years removed from losing 38-0 in Ann Arbor - also won at Michigan for the first time since 1993.

Against Michigan, the Irish offense began with a shotgun formation and an empty backfield. The Irish didn't use a huddle but for the last play during the opening 12-play drive and didn't face a third down situation.

"I think that sent a message to start the game like that," said Quinn, who ended the impressive possession with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Rhema McKnight.

The Wolverines (1-1) slowed down Notre Dame's offense, but they squandered several chances in the fourth quarter to pull within a touchdown before finally capitalizing on their third opportunity.

On a fourth-and-three, Chad Henne lofted a 25-yard pass to Mario Manningham with 3:47 left to make it 17-10.

The Wolverines then forced Notre Dame to punt, but four incomplete passes later, the Irish were celebrating on the sideline. As the final seconds ticked off the dock, players ran into the end zone to celebrate with their fans. "Coming into the Big House and getting a win can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience," defensive end Victor Abiamiri said. "You want to do everything you can to let it sink in."

Notre Dame didn't need much help to beat the Wolverines for the third time in four years, but instant replay overturned two calls in its favor in the fourth quarter.

On a sneak from inside Notre Dame's one-yard line, Henne was ruled down, but a review showed that he fumbled and that the Irish's Chinedum Ndukwe recovered the ball in the end zone. On the ensuing possession, officials ruled that Quinn fumbled, but a review showed that his knee was down, allowing the Irish to keep the ball deep in their territory.

Quinn was 19-for-30 for 140 yards and Darius Walker ran for 104 yards for the Irish.

D.J. Fitzpatrick's 43-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter gave Notre Dame a 17-3 lead. On its next possession, Walker fumbled, giving Michigan some hope.

The Wolverines drove to Notre Dame's 5, but were turned away after being stuffed on two runs and two passes that fell incomplete. They got inside Notre Dame's 1 on their next possession, before Henne's fumble.

Henne was 19-of-44 for 223 yards with a touchdown. He was intercepted at Notre Dame's one in the third quarter by Tom Zbikowski and had the key fumble in the fourth. Kevin Grady, replacing the injured Mike Hart, ran for 79 yards. Jason Avant caught five passes for 90 yards.

The game was a defensive struggle as the Wolverines were held to their lowest point total since Iowa beat them 34-9 in 2002. That game started a home-winning streak that Notre Dame snapped in front of 111,386 fans.

Both teams lost a key player in the first half. Michigan running back Michael Hart left after being hit hard by linebacker Corey Mays in the first quarter. Notre Dame's McKnight twisted his right knee after being tackled by Brandt Englemon on an incomplete pass in the second quarter.

Steve Breaston's 30-yard reverse on the last play of the first quarter gave Michigan the ball in Irish territory for the first time. Garrett Rivas' 38-yard field goal made it 7-3. Notre Dame responded with its second 12-play drive for a touchdown, capped by Quinn's five-yard pass to Jeff Samardzija for a 14-3 lead with 4:24 left in the second quarter. After the Irish's strong start offensively, Michigan's defense held them in check for the most part, limiting them to 244 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	7	0	3	-	17
Michigan	0	3	0	7	-	10

1st Quarter

ND - Rhema McKnight 5-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 12:02 left. Drive: 12 plays, 76 yards, 2:58 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Michigan 0.

2nd Quarter

UM - Garrett Rivas 38-yard field goal, 14:04 left. Drive: 5 plays, 35 yards, 1:15 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Michigan 3.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 5-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:24 left. Drive: 12 plays, 72 yards, 4:25 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Michigan 3.

3rd Quarter

No Scoring

4th Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 43-yard field goal, 14:11 left. Drive: 4 plays, 8 yards, 1:21 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan 3.

UM - Mario Manningham 25 yd pass from Chad Henne (Garrett Rivas kick), 3:47 left. Drive: 5 plays, 50 yards, 0:37 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan 10.

Attendance - 111,386 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	UM
First Downs	17	15
Rushing	9	6
Passing	8	9
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	44	29
Yards Gained Rushing	150	123
Yards Lost Rushing	46	9
Net Yards Rushing	104	114
Net Yards Passing	140	223
Passes Attempted	30	44
Passes Completed	19	19
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	74	73
Total Net Yards	244	337
Average Gain Per Play	3.3	4.6
Fumbles: Number - Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties: Number - Yards	4-21	4-28
Number of Punts - Yards	9-371	8-330
Average Yards Per Punt	41.2	41.3
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	1-19	6-31
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	1-24	4-72
Interceptions: Number - Yards	1-27	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	30:56	29:04
Third Down Conversions	4-15	5-18
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	2-4
Sacks By: Number - Yards	2-5	3-16

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	26	114	10	104	0	17
Rashon Powers-Neal	8	41	0	41	3	9
Asaph Schwapp	2	6	0	6	0	4
Team	2	0	4	-4	0	-
Rhema McKnight	1	0	7	-7	0	-
Brady Quinn	7	9	25	-16	0	8
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	30	19	0	140	2	26
RECEIVING						
Darius Walker	5	22	0	9		

Jeff Samardzija	4	52	1	26
Anthony Fasano	4	18	0	9
Rhema McKnight	2	18	1	13
Maurice Stovall	2	17	0	11
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	9	0	9
Matt Shelton	1	4	0	4

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
D.J. Fitzpatrick	9	371	41.2	60	1

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Tom Zbikowski	1-19	-	1-27
Justin Hoskins	-	1-24	-

MICHIGAN

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Kevin Grady	18	79	0	79	0	23
Steve Breaston	2	34	0	34	0	30
Mike Hart	3	4	0	4	0	2
Jerome Jackson	1	4	0	4	0	4
Chad Henne	4	2	5	-3	0	1
Max Martin	1	0	4	-4	0	0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Chad Henne	44	19	1	223	1	54

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Tyler Ecker	7	74	0	21
Jason Avant	5	990	0	54
Doug Dutch	2	16	0	13
Mike Massey	2	3	0	2
Mario Manningham	1	25	1	25
Steve Breaston	1	9	0	9
Brian Thompson	1	6	0	6

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
Ross Ryan	8	330	41.3	56	2

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Steve Breaston	6-31	2-30	-
Grant Mason	-	2-42	-

**(No. 10) NOTRE DAME 41, MICHIGAN STATE 44
SEPTEMBER 17, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – The home debut of Irish head coach Charlie Weis was spoiled by an old nemesis as Michigan State (3-0) weathered a dramatic Notre Dame (2-1) comeback to pull out a dramatic victory in overtime at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Spartans overcame a 21-point comeback by the 10th-ranked Fighting Irish and pulled out a 44-41 decision. Spartans running back Jason Teague dashed 19 yards with an option pitch for the game-winning touchdown, handing Weis his first loss as Irish coach after starting the season 2-0 on the road.

"I told (the Notre Dame players) you don't get any medals for trying," Weis said. "I'm never content when you end up losing."

Even in defeat, the Irish showed grit and determination in erasing a 21-point, third-quarter deficit. Quarterback Drew Stanton led the Spartans offensively, throwing for three touchdowns and running for another. Michigan State amassed 488 yards total offense against the Irish. Stanton was 16-of-27 for 327 yards. The Spartans joined Purdue (1954-62) as the only opponent to win five straight at Notre Dame Stadium. Michigan State's 12 wins at Notre Dame are the most by an Irish opponent.

The Fighting Irish rallied from 21 points down in the third quarter to tie the score, then took the lead in overtime on a 44-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick on the opening possession of the extra period, but couldn't make it stand up.

"When you come back like that, you've got a lot of emotion and you feel pretty good about yourself," Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn said. "And then when you can't come through with the victory, I think there's the ability to be a big letdown."

Quinn passed for a school-record five touchdowns and a career-high 487 yards, the second highest total in Notre Dame history. But it wasn't enough. It was Notre Dame's first loss of the year following wins over Pittsburgh and Michigan to start the season. Those victories had propelled Notre Dame into the top 10 for the first time since 2002.

It appeared for a while Michigan State would win easily when they went ahead 38-17 in the third quarter on a 65-yard screen pass from Stanton to Matt Trannon, who had 126 yards on five catches. The Spartan defense, while it gave up some big plays and a 594 yards, came up big when it had to. On the second play of the second half, Sir Darean Adams picked off a pass from Quinn and returned it 30 yards for a score to give the Spartans a 31-17 lead.

The Irish appeared ready to close to within a touchdown on first-and-goal from the MSU one. Notre Dame fullback Asaph Schwapp attempted to lunge across the middle with the ball ahead of him, but Domata Peko knocked the ball out and Scott Smith recovered for the Spartans on the 7. Soon after Trannon scored on the screen pass to spread the lead to 21 points.

The Irish managed to close to 38-31 when Darius Walker scored on a six-yard pass and Maurice Stovall, who had eight catches for 176 yards, scored on a seven-yard pass. The Irish had a chance to tie it earlier in the fourth quarter, but on fourth-and-one from the Michigan State 20, Schwapp was stopped on a run up the middle. The Irish tied the score at 38 with 2:31 left on a catch by Jeff Samardzija, his third of the game. Quinn became the first Irish quarterback to have two 400-yard passing games. Joe Theismann holds the school record with 576 yards at Southern California in 1970.

Weis became just the third Notre Dame coach since 1913 to lose his home opener, joining Elmer Layden in 1934 and Lou Holtz in 1986.

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan State	14	10	14	0	6	-	44
Notre Dame	7	10	7	14	3	-	41

1st Quarter

MSU - Matt Trannon 20-yard pass from Drew Stanton (John Goss kick), 11:38 left. Drive: 4 plays, 70 yards, 1:55 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 7, Notre Dame 0.
ND - Jeff Samardzija 18-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 5:14 left. Drive: 13 plays, 70 yards, 6:24 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 7.

MSU - Kellen Davis 11-yard pass from Drew Stanton (Goss kick), 2:01 left. Drive: 7 plays, 67 yards, 3:13 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 14, Notre Dame 7.

2nd Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 48-yard field goal, 9:49 left. Drive: 10 plays, 37 yards, 3:09 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 14, Notre Dame 10.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 31-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:43 left. Drive: 3 plays, 34 yards, 1:06 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan State 14.
MSU - John Goss 21-yard field goal, 5:26 left. Drive: 8 plays, 76 yards, 3:17 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan State 17.

MSU - Drew Stanton 3-yard run (Goss kick), 0:27 left. Drive: 6 plays, 71 yards, 0:46 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 24, Notre Dame 17.

3rd Quarter

MSU - SirDarean Adams 30-yard interception return (Goss kick), 14:42 left. Score: Michigan State 31, Notre Dame 17.

MSU - Matt Trannon 65-yard pass from Drew Stanton (Goss kick), 5:07 left. Drive: 4 plays, 90 yards, 1:27 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 38, Notre Dame 17.
ND - Darius Walker 6-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:23 left. Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 3:44 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 38, Notre Dame 24.

4th Quarter

ND - Maurice Stovall 7-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:29 left. Drive: 5 plays, 64 yards, 1:17 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 38, Notre Dame 31.
ND - Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:31 left. Drive: 8 plays, 57 yards, 2:35 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 38, Michigan State 38.

Overtime

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 44-yard field goal. Drive: 4 plays, 0 yards. Score: Notre Dame 41, Michigan State 38.

MSU - Jason Teague 19-yard run (no kick). Drive: 2 plays, 25 yards. Score: Michigan State 44, Notre Dame 41.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	MSU
First Downs	31	18
Rushing	10	7
Passing	19	10
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Attempts	38	36
Yards Gained Rushing	141	186
Yards Lost Rushing	34	25
Net Yards Rushing	107	161
Net Yards Passing	487	327
Passes Attempted	60	27
Passes Completed	33	16
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	98	63
Total Net Yards	594	488
Average Gain Per Play	6.1	7.7
Fumbles: Number - Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties: Number - Yards	12-92	9-85
Number of Punts - Yards	5-170	5-213
Average Yards Per Punt	34.0	42.6
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	2-22	3-6
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	4-86	6-125
Interceptions: Number - Yards	1-14	1-30
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	35:49	24:11
Third Down Conversions	6-18	3-12
Fourth Down Conversions	3-4	0-1
Sacks By: Number - Yards	1-12	3-21

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	26	123	7	116	0	16
Asaph Schwapp	5	5	6	-1	0	3
Brady Quinn	7	13	21	-8	0	6

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	60	33	1	487	5	50

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Maurice Stovall	8	176	1	50
Anthony Fasano	7	93	0	24
Jeff Samardzija	6	96	3	31
Matt Shelton	6	87	0	33

Darius Walker	5	24	1	7
David Grimes	1	11	0	11

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
PUNTING					
D.J. Fitzpatrick	4	160	40.0	50	2
Team	1	10	10.0	10	0

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Tom Zbikowski	2-22	-	-
Chinedum Ndukwue	-	-	1-14
Justin Hoskins	-	2-44	-
Brandon Harris	-	2-42	-

MICHIGAN STATE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Jason Teague	10	79	7	72	1	29
Drew Stanton	14	61	13	48	1	11
Javon Ringer	4	28	4	24	0	25
Jahuu Caulcrick	6	11	1	10	0	4
Jerramy Scott	2	7	0	7	0	5

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Drew Stanton	27	16	1	327	3	65

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Matt Trannon	5	136	2	65
Terry Love	3	69	0	45
Kyle Brown	3	39	0	28
Jerramy Scott	2	29	0	23
Jason Teague	1	34	0	34
Kellen Davis	1	11	1	11
Kerry Reed	1	9	0	9

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
PUNTING					
Brandon Fields	5	213	42.6	50	0

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Kyle Brown	2-6	5-107	-
Otis Wiley	1-0	-	-
SirDarean Adams	-	-	1-30
Rob Tabatchnick	-	1-18	-

**(No. 16) NOTRE DAME 36, WASHINGTON 17
SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 • HUSKY STADIUM**

SEATTLE – Notre Dame’s offense controlled the tempo of the game as the Irish racked up more than 500 yards of offense in a 36-17 win over the Washington Huskies on a beautiful, sun-drenched day at Husky Stadium in Seattle.

The 16th-ranked Irish, clicking in the air and on the ground after a slow start, rolled past the Huskies in a game that had little to do with coaches matching wits and everything to do with slick execution by Notre Dame (3-1) and untimely mistakes by Washington (1-3).

While much of the pre-game hype centered on the two coaches, the game itself was decided by Notre Dame’s explosive offense and an opportunistic Irish defense that forced turnovers in several key situations. First-year Irish head coach Charlie Weis and former Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham shook hands before the game, and then got down to business. At the end, Notre Dame players swarmed around Willingham to shake his hand and wish him well.

A year after Notre Dame won 38-3 in South Bend against Washington; the Irish took their show on the road to do virtually the same thing against the Huskies before 71,473 fans in Husky Stadium. The win made Notre Dame 6-0 against Washington.

Quarterback Brady Quinn compiled 327 yards passing in a balanced attack that saw sophomore halfback Darius Walker rush for a career-high 128 yards on 21 carries. Walker became the first running back in Notre Dame history to rush for more than 100 yards in each of his first four games.

Quinn, who also ran for 29 yards, spread the wealth of passes around to his targets, with wide receiver Jeff Samardzija leading them all and gaining a career-high 164 yards. Notre Dame’s dominating offense controlled the game, and the Irish never punted until 11 seconds were left. They held possession of the ball for 36:56, breaking open the game with 24 points in the second half. Rashon Powers-Neal had a 2-yard touchdown run, Samardzija scored on a 52-yard pass and Travis Thomas scored on an 11-yard run.

Washington, down 29-3 in the fourth quarter, made the final score slightly more respectable with two late touchdowns, the first on a 1-yard run by Mark Palaita, and the second with 2:26 left on a 41-yard pass from reserve quarterback Johnny Durocher. Starting Husky quarterback Isaiah Stanback finished with 353 yards on 17-of-34 passing.

A fumble near the goal line on Washington’s game-opening, length-of-the-field drive cost the Huskies one touchdown, and an interception in the end zone, after Stanback’s career-high 69-yard pass to Marion Wood, cost them another in the second quarter. Notre Dame’s only costly turnover came on a botched field goal snap after driving to the Huskies’ 24 on its first possession.

Notre Dame led 12-3 at halftime, scoring on Walker’s 17-yard touchdown run, blowing an extra point, making field goals from the 25 in the first quarter, the 39 in the second quarter and holding Washington to a 27-yard field goal early in the second quarter. Washington gained all but five of its 243 yards in the first half on passes, while Notre Dame had the more balanced attack - 146 yards in the air, 102 on the ground.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	9	7	17	-	36
Washington	0	3	0	14	-	17

1st Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 25-yard field goal, 0:02 left. Drive: 11 plays, 47 yards, 4:34 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 3, Washington 0.

2nd Quarter

UW - Evan Knudson 27-yard field goal, 9:52 left. Drive: 10 plays, 70 yards, 5:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 3, Washington 3.

ND - Darius Walker 17-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 4:47 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 5:05 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 10, Washington 3.

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 39-yard field goal, 1:01 left. Drive: 9 plays, 59 yards, 2:34 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 12, Washington 3.

3rd Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 2-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:48 left. Drive: 7 plays, 68 yards, 2:35 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 19, Washington 3.

4th Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 25-yard field goal, 10:46. Drive: 12 plays, 58 yards, 5:04 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 22, Washington 3.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 52-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:48 left. Drive: 3 plays, 60 yards, 1:22 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 29, Washington 3.

UW - Mark Palaita 1-yard run (Evan Knudson kick), 6:01 left. Drive: 10 plays, 77 yards, 2:47 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 29, Washington 10.

ND - Travis Thomas 11-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 3:26 left. Drive: 5 plays, 44 yards, 2:35 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 36, Washington 10.

UW - Craig Chambers 41-yard pass from Johnny DuRocher (Knudson kick), 2:26 left. Drive: 5 plays, 70 yards, 1:00 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 36, Washington 17.

Attendance – 71,473

STATISTICS

	ND	UW
First Downs	31	20
Rushing	13	2
Passing	16	16
Penalty	2	2
Rushing Attempts	47	22
Yards Gained Rushing	262	65
Yards Lost Rushing	29	24
Net Yards Rushing	233	41
Net Yards Passing	327	408
Passes Attempted	37	40
Passes Completed	25	19
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	84	62
Total Net Yards	560	442
Average Gain Per Play	6.7	7.2
Fumbles: Number – Lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties: Number – Yards	6-60	3-25
Number of Punts – Yards	1-33	3-112
Average Yards Per Punt	33.0	37.3
Punt Returns: Number – Yards	2-31	1-10
Kickoff Returns: Number – Yards	8-415	4-202
Interceptions: Number – Yards	1-0	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number – Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	36:56	23:04
Third Down Conversions	6-13	2-10
Fourth Down Conversions	0-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number – Yards	3-16	1-2

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Darius Walker	21	142	14	128	1	18
Travis Thomas	7	52	0	52	1	16
Rashon Powers-Neal	9	30	0	30	1	10
Brady Quinn	4	29	0	29	0	13
Jeff Jenkins	3	4	0	4	0	3
Jeff Samardzija	2	5	2	3	0	5
Team	1	0	13	-13	0	-
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	37	25	0	327	1	52
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Jeff Samardzija	8	164	1	52		
Anthony Fasano	6	66	0	21		

Rashon Powers-Neal	4	28	0	11
Maurice Stovall	3	34	0	15
Darius Walker	3	20	0	10
John Carlson	1	15	0	15

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
PUNTING					
D.J. Fitzpatrick	1	33	33.0	33	0
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT		
Ambrose Wooden	-	-	1-0		
Tom Zbikowski	2-31	-	-		
David Grimes	-	1-31	-		

WASHINGTON

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Louis Rankin	8	30	3	27	0	18
Isaiah Stanback	7	24	16	8	0	15
Kenny James	4	8	3	5	0	4
Mark Palaita	1	1	0	1	1	1
James Sims	2	2	2	0	0	2

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Isaiah Stanback	34	17	1	353	0	69
Johnny DuRocher	5	2	0	55	1	41
Sonny Shackelford	1	0	0	0	0	-

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Craig Chambers	5	127	1	49
Sonny Shackelford	4	50	0	19
Anthony Russo	3	61	0	39
Marlon Wood	1	69	0	69
Louis Rankin	1	29	0	29
Kenny James	1	17	0	17
Cody Ellis	1	15	0	15
James Sims	1	14	0	14
Johnie Kirton	1	13	0	13
Corey Williams	1	13	0	13

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
PUNTING					
Sean Douglas	2	100	50.0	60	0
Team	1	12	12.0	12	0

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Marlon Wood	1-10	1-20	-
Shelton Sampson	-	1-16	-
Matt Fountaine	-	1-17	-
Greyson Gunheim	-	1-11	-

(No. 13) NOTRE DAME 49, (No. 22) PURDUE 28
OCTOBER 1, 2005 • ROSS-ADE STADIUM

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Brady Quinn passed for 440 yards and three touchdowns against 22nd-ranked Purdue, leading No. 13 Notre Dame to a 49-28 victory before a national television audience (ESPN) and 65,491 fans at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Quinn looked a lot like another student of current Irish head coach Charlie Weis, Tom Brady of the New England Patriots, in the way he beat the Purdue secondary, mixing mostly short passes with just enough deep throws to keep the Boilermakers off balance.

Quinn was 20-for-23 for 283 yards in the first half to lead Notre Dame (4-1) to a 28-0 intermission lead. He finished the game 29-of-36 - a career-high 80.5 percent - and threw a TD pass for a 10th straight game, tying a school record set by Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte in 1964.

Quinn had lost his first two games against the Boilermakers despite passing for a combined 729 yards. The problem in 2003, his first collegiate start, was he was intercepted four times and didn't have a touchdown pass. Last year he was sacked seven times in a 41-16 loss.

On Saturday night, Quinn didn't throw an interception until Notre Dame was up 35-14 - and the Irish intercepted the ball back on the next play - and he was hardly pressured, as he cut up the Purdue secondary. Quinn passed for at least 300 yards for a third straight game. Previously, no Irish quarterback had passed for 300 yards twice in a season. He now has five games in his career of over 300 yards passing. In three of those he has surpassed 400 yards, but before Saturday night the two 400-yard efforts had ended in defeat.

Quinn completed eight straight passes at one point and 11 straight at another. Quinn's primary targets were Maurice Stovall and Samardzija. Stovall finished with eight catches for 134 yards, including four catches for 71 yards on Notre Dame's second scoring drive. Samardzija had a diving one-handed catch for 41 yards to the one-yard line to set up Notre Dame's first score. He also had a 55-yard scoring catch and a four-yard catch for a score, becoming the first Irish receiver to have touchdown catches in the team's first five games.

Notre Dame tight end John Carlson had his first career touchdown catch in the fourth quarter, a 22-yard pass from Quinn, who left the game with 11:31 left in the fourth quarter. Dorien Bryant had a career-high 14 catches for Purdue, two of them for touchdowns, for 127 yards. Brandon Kirsch was 29-of-44 passing for 274 yards with one interception. Kory Sheets ran for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Quinn's performance Saturday night gave him 6,038 career yards passing, third on the school's career list behind Steve Beuerlein with 6,527 in 1983-86 and Ron Powlus with 7,602 in 1994-97.

The Irish defense continued its stingy ways at the goal line, forcing two Purdue turnovers to squelch scoring threats. The first turnover, a fumble recovery by Mike Richardson at the Irish two-yard line, came after linebacker Brandon Hoyte forced Purdue's Jerod Void to fumble. The miscue set up a 98-yard Irish scoring drive that gave Notre Dame a 14-0 lead and control of the game.

The second turnover ended Purdue's fading hopes of a comeback in the third quarter. After Quinn's interception was returned by Rob Ninkovich to the Irish 26, Boilermaker quarterback Brandon Kirsch threw a pass to the corner of the end zone that Richardson picked off with a sliding catch to protect Notre Dame's 35-14 edge with 4:27 left in the period.

Notre Dame's offense racked up 621 yards of total offense on the night, including 468 through the air and 153 on the ground as the Irish controlled the ball for 36:03 of game time. The Irish punted only twice in the game and did not allow Quinn to be sacked.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	21	7	14	-	49
Purdue	0	0	14	14	-	28

1st Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:54 left. Drive: 7 plays, 90 yards, 2:26 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Purdue 0.

2nd Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 14:16 left. Drive: 15 plays, 98 yards, 5:36 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Purdue 0.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:24 left. Drive: 13 plays, 73 yards, 5:29 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, Purdue 0.

ND - Darius Walker 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:57 left. Drive: 5 plays, 63 yards, 2:23 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, Purdue 0.

3rd Quarter

PUR - Dorien Bryant 18-yard pass from Brandon Kirsch (Ben Jones kick), 11:31 left. Drive: 12 plays, 85 yards, 3:29 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, Purdue 7.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 55-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:48 left. Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, 2:43 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 35, Purdue 7.

PUR - Dorien Bryant 3-yard pass from Brandon Kirsch (Jones kick), 6:37 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 2:11 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 35, Purdue 14.

4th Quarter

ND - John Carlson 22-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:31 left. Drive: 9 plays, 74 yards, 3:30 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, Purdue 14.

PUR - Kory Sheets 5-yard run (Jones kick), 8:58 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 2:33 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, Purdue 21.

ND - Travis Thomas 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:17 left. Drive: 6 plays, 45 yards, 2:41 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 49, Purdue 21.

PUR - Kory Sheets 8-yard run (Jones kick), 1:52 left. Drive: 7 plays, 54 yards, 0:55 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 49, Purdue 28.

Attendance - 65,491 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	PUR
First Downs	32	29
Rushing	8	7
Passing	24	20
Penalty	0	2
Rushing Attempts	50	24
Yards Gained Rushing	176	165
Yards Lost Rushing	23	1
Net Yards Rushing	153	164
Net Yards Passing	468	350
Passes Attempted	39	58
Passes Completed	30	33
Had Intercepted	2	1
Total Offensive Plays	89	82
Total Net Yards	621	514
Average Gain Per Play	7.0	6.3
Fumbles: Number - Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number - Yards	5-40	4-35
Number of Punts - Yards	2-73	3-132
Average Yards Per Punt	36.5	44.0
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	1-0	2-18
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	2-62	5-126
Interceptions: Number - Yards	1-0	2-32
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	36:03	23:57
Third Down Conversions	10-16	6-13
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	1-3
Sacks By: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	23	92	12	80	1	19
Jeff Jenkins	6	30	0	30	0	9
Brady Quinn	4	23	0	23	0	11
Travis Thomas	4	17	0	17	1	10
Rashon Powers-Neal	8	11	1	10	2	4
Jeff Samardzija	1	3	0	3	0	3
Team	4	0	10	-10	0	-
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	36	29	1	440	3	55
David Wolke	3	1	1	28	0	28
RECEIVING						
Maurice Stovall	8	134	0	24		

Jeff Samardzija	7	153	2	55		
Matt Shelton	7	68	0	17		
Rashon Powers-Neal	3	35	0	15		
Anthony Fasano	2	30	0	19		
Rob Woods	1	28	0	28		
John Carlson	1	22	1	22		
Darius Walker	1	-2	0	-		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
D.J. Fitzpatrick	2	73	36.5	41	0	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Mike Richardson	-	-	1-0			
Tom Zbikowski	1-0	-	-			
David Grimes	-	2-62	-			

PURDUE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Kory Sheets	6	66	0	66	2	38
Brandon Kirsch	6	47	0	47	0	16
Brandon Jones	4	26	0	26	0	13
Jerod Void	6	24	1	23	0	14
Ray Williams	1	1	0	1	0	1
Dorien Bryant	1	1	0	1	0	1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brandon Kirsch	44	29	1	274	2	31
Curtis Painter	14	4	0	76	0	23
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Dorien Bryant	14	127	2	31		
Kyle Ingraham	7	91	0	22		
Kevin Noel	3	41	0	28		
Andre Chattams	3	22	0	11		
Kory Sheets	2	36	0	23		
Greg Orton	2	17	0	9		
Ray Williams	1	11	0	11		
Brandon Jones	1	5	0	5		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
Dave Brytus	3	132	44.0	54	2	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Dorien Bryant	-	3-102	-			
Ray Williams	-	2-24	-			
Josh Ferguson	-	-	1-3			
Lance Melvin	2-18	-	-			
Rob Ninkovich	-	-	1-29			

(No. 9) NOTRE DAME 31, (No. 1) USC 34
OCTOBER 15, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – With help from a push by a teammate, University of Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart spun his way into the end zone with three seconds left to cap a chaotic finish as top-ranked USC escaped with its 28th straight victory, a dramatic 34-31 win over ninth-ranked Notre Dame in a game that lived up to the hype.

For a moment the Irish, dressed in kelly green jerseys, appeared to have added another stunning upset to their illustrious history. One play before the climactic quarterback sneak, Leinart scrambled inside the Irish five-yard line, launched himself toward the end zone but was stopped short and the ball was sent flying out of bounds on a hit by linebacker Corey Mays.

The clock kept ticking down to 0:00. Notre Dame's fans rushed the field and Irish head coach Charlie Weis raised his hands in victory, but after the officials huddled, seven seconds was put back on the clock and the ball was spotted inside the one-yard line. Leinart, the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner, took it in himself on the next play, going over the left side for the score. His first push appeared stopped but he bounced off of the pile and received a nudge from Trojans tailback Reggie Bush that sent him past two Irish defenders and into the end zone.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn had given Notre Dame a 31-28 lead with 2:04 left, dashing around right end for a five-yard touchdown, extending his right arm across the goal line with the ball to complete a flawless 87-yard march in eight plays to re-take the lead. But Leinart wasn't done. He completed a 61-yard pass to Dwayne Jarrett on a fourth-and-nine at his own 26, Jarrett making the catch despite excellent coverage by Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden. A few plays later, Leinart called his own number for the deciding score.

Bush ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns for the two-time defending champions, making a huge statement for his own bid for the 2005 Heisman.

Weis tapped into the Fighting Irish's storied past and even in defeat etched a spot in it for himself and his team. He used every motivational play at his disposal, bringing in Dan "Rudy" Ruettiger and Joe Montana to fire up his team and the fans in Friday night's pep rally, then putting the Irish in their green jerseys after pre-game warm-ups.

The Trojans (6-0) trailed at the half for the third time this season, this time by 21-14 after Tom Zbikowski's 60-yard punt return early in the second quarter gave the Irish (4-2) their first lead. After Bush gave USC an early 7-0 lead with a 36-yard touchdown run, the Irish responded with a 16-yard score by running back Travis Thomas to cap a 13-play, 80-yard drive to tie it at 7-7.

USC ended the first period with a 14-7 lead after LenDale White scored on a three-yard run with 2:02 left in the quarter, but the Irish responded early in the second period with a 72-yard drive capped by a 32-yard pass from Quinn to Samardzija on a third down play. After Zbikowski's punt return gave the Irish the lead at the half, Bush tied the game with a 45-yard scoring gallop early in the third.

Notre Dame got the lead back with a 32-yard D.J. Fitzpatrick field goal early in the fourth quarter, but Bush struck again, going around the corner from nine yards out with 5:09 left to make it 28-24 to set up a chance for Quinn and the Irish to create a new Notre Dame legend.

The junior quarterback responded flawlessly as he guided the Irish on an 87-yard drive, completing all three of his passes and putting Notre Dame up, 31-28, with 2:04 left on a five-yard quarterback keeper around the right side. Quinn finished 19-for-35 passing for 264 yards and rushed for 21 yards and a score.

USC came in averaging 51 points per game, but the Irish put pressure on Leinart and intercepted him twice, the first time since the final game of the 2003 regular season he tossed two picks. The dynamic backfield of White and Bush was turned into a solo act, as Bush kept USC in it until Leinart made the plays of the game. His completion to Jarrett on the huge fourth-down conversion allowed him to finish with 301 yards passing.

Notre Dame's bid to reshape the national title race fell painfully short, but the Irish had established themselves as a force to be reckoned with nationally in a game many were calling one of the best ever played.

SCORING SUMMARY

USC	14	0	7	13	-	34
Notre Dame	7	14	0	10	-	31

1st Quarter

USC – Reggie Bush 36-yard run (Mario Danelo kick), 8:53 left. Drive: 2 plays, 50 yards, 0:34 elapsed. Score: USC 7, Notre Dame 0.

ND – Travis Thomas 16-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 3:06 left. Drive: 13 plays, 80 yards, 5:47 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, USC 7.

USC – LenDale White 3-yard run (Danelo kick), 2:02 left. Drive: 3 plays, 61 yards, 1:04 elapsed. Score: USC 14, Notre Dame 7.

2nd Quarter

ND – Jeff Samardzija 32-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:27 left. Drive: 10 plays, 72 yards, 2:25 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, USC 14.

ND – Tom Zbikowski 60-yard punt return (Fitzpatrick kick), 10:23 left. Score: Notre Dame 21, USC 14.

3rd Quarter

USC – Reggie Bush 45-yard run (Danelo kick), 9:28 left. Drive: 2 plays, 50 yards, 0:53 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, USC 21.

4th Quarter

ND – D.J. Fitzpatrick 32-yard field goal, 14:50 left. Drive: 8 plays, 40 yards, 3:21 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 24, USC 21.

USC – Reggie Bush 9-yard run (Danelo kick), 5:09 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 2:19 elapsed. Score: USC 28, Notre Dame 24.

ND – Brady Quinn 5-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:04 left. Drive: 8 plays, 87 yards, 3:05 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 31, USC 28.

USC – Matt Leinart 1-yard run (kick failed), 0:03 left. Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, 2:01 elapsed. Score: USC 34, Notre Dame 31.

Attendance – 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	USC
First Downs	28	20
Rushing	12	6
Passing	12	11
Penalty	4	3
Rushing Attempts	52	31
Yards Gained Rushing	181	197
Yards Lost Rushing	28	22
Net Yards Rushing	153	175
Net Yards Passing	264	301
Passes Attempted	35	33
Passes Completed	19	17
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	87	64
Total Net Yards	417	476
Average Gain Per Play	4.8	7.4
Fumbles: Number – Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: Number – Yards	6-62	9-98
Number of Punts – Yards	5-199	6-275
Average Yards Per Punt	39.8	45.8
Punt Returns: Number – Yards	4-87	3-13
Kickoff Returns: Number – Yards	4-39	5-88
Interceptions: Number – Yards	2-13	1-14
Fumble Returns: Number – Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	38:40	21:20
Third Down Conversions	10-19	5-13
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	2-2
Sacks By: Number – Yards	2-16	3-20

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	19	74	2	72	0	20
Travis Thomas	18	58	6	52	1	16
Brady Quinn	13	41	20	21	1	6
David Grimes	2	8	0	8	0	8
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	35	19	1	264	1	36
RECEIVING						
Jeff Samardzija	6	99	1	32		
Anthony Fasano	4	86	0	36		
Darius Walker	4	43	0	26		

Maurice Stovall	3	30	0	15		
Matt Shelton	1	5	0	5		
Asaph Schwapp	1	1	0	1		
PUNTING						
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	199	39.8	45	2	
RETURNS						
Chinedum Ndukwe	–	–	–	1-0		
Mike Richardson	–	–	–	1-13		
Tom Zbikowski	4-87	1-10	–	–		
Ambrose Wooden	–	1-13	–	–		
David Grimes	–	2-36	–	–		
USC						
RUSHING						
Reggie Bush	15	163	3	160	3	45
LenDale White	10	29	3	26	1	8
Matt Leinart	6	5	16	-11	1	2
PASSING						
Matt Leinart	32	17	2	301	0	61
RECEIVING						
Dwayne Jarrett	4	101	0	61		
Steve Smith	4	990	0	40		
Reggie Bush	4	35	0	13		
Chris McFoy	3	19	0	12		
Dominique Byrd	2	56	0	52		
PUNTING						
Tom Malone	6	275	45.8	62	1	
RETURNS						
Reggie Bush	3-13	4-57	–	–		
Keith Rivers	–	–	–	1-14		
Desmond Reed	–	1-31	–	–		

**(No. 9) NOTRE DAME 49, BYU 23
OCTOBER 22, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Notre Dame (5-2) won at home for the first time in 2005 while embarking on a record-setting passing day as the Irish made sure there would be no last-minute dramatics, beating Brigham Young (3-4) 49-23 behind Brady Quinn's school-record six touchdown passes. It was the first home win for Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis, the first Irish coach in 109 years to lose his first two home games - an overtime loss to Michigan State and in the final seconds to No. 1 USC.

Quinn was 32-of-41 for 467 yards, his third 400-yard passing game of the season. He broke the single-game school mark of five touchdown passes he set against Michigan State earlier this season by completing 25-of-30 in the first half for a school-record 287 yards. Senior Maurice Stovall became the first Irish receiver every to grab four touchdown catches in a game, catching a career-high and Irish record 14 passes for 207 yards. Jeff Samardzija had 10 catches for 152 yards and two touchdowns.

Stovall and Samardzija, who are both 6-foot-5, became the first Irish receivers to each have more than 10 catches in the same game, repeatedly going over smaller BYU defenders to catch passes. "Notre Dame's passing game was better than our coverage in every instance today," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said.

The Fighting Irish, who were beaten by BYU last season when they were held to 11 yards rushing, didn't try to run much against the Cougars until the reserves were playing in the fourth quarter, instead depending on Quinn's passing to open up the BYU defense.

BYU, which saw its two-game winning streak come to an end, lost its 12th straight to a ranked opponent. After falling behind 28-10 early in the third quarter when Quinn threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Samardzija, the Cougars rallied briefly to make the game interesting. John Beck threw a 24-yard pass to Jonny Harline to set up a 10-yard scoring run by Beck.

After forcing an Irish punt, Nathan Meikle returned the punt 22 yards to the Notre Dame 33 to set up BYU's next score. Beck threw a 10-yard scoring pass to Todd Watkins to cut the lead to 28-23. BYU went for the two-point conversion, but Beck's pass was intercepted by Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski.

Quinn quickly regained control, throwing a 42-yard touchdown pass to Samardzija and a 24-yard scoring pass to Stovall to give the Irish a 42-23 lead. Quinn's big day also included breaking the school record for touchdown passes in a season as he ran his total to 20, surpassing the 19 thrown by Ron Powlus in 1994.

For BYU, Beck was 26-of-45 passing for 317 yards with two interceptions. Harline finished with eight catches for 100 yards.

Quinn, who extended his record of consecutive games with touchdown passes to 12, also moved ahead of Steve Beuerlein into second place on Notre Dame's career passing yards. Quinn has thrown for 6,769 yards. Powlus is the school career leader with 7,602.

Samardzija, who had scoring catches of 14 and 21 yards, became the first Irish receiver to have touchdown catches in seven straight games, breaking the mark set by Malcolm Johnson in 1998. He also tied the school record of 11 touchdown catches in a season set by Derrick Mayes in 1994.

SCORING SUMMARY

BYU	10	0	13	0	-	23
Notre Dame	7	14	21	7	-	49

1st Quarter

BYU – Jared McLaughlin 44-yard field goal, 9:51 left. Drive: 9 plays, 42 yards, 5:09 elapsed. Score: BYU 3, Notre Dame 0.

ND – Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 7:12 left. Drive: 8 plays, 62 yards, 2:39 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, BYU 3.

BYU – Jonny Harline 12-yard pass from John Beck (Jared McLaughlin kick), 2:48 left. Drive: 4 plays, 51 yards, 1:54 elapsed. Score: BYU 10, Notre Dame 7.

2nd Quarter

ND – Jeff Samardzija 14-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 10:33 left. Drive: 7 plays, 52 yards, 2:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, BYU 10.

ND – Stovall 15-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:18 left. Drive: 8 plays, 76 yards, 3:41 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, BYU 10.

3rd Quarter

ND – Samardzija 21-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:50 left. Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, BYU 10.

BYU – John Beck 10-yard run (McLaughlin kick), 9:11 left. Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, 3:39 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, BYU 17.

BYU – Todd Watkins 10-yard pass from Beck (pass intercepted by Tom Zbikowski), 5:38 left. Drive: 7 plays, 33 yards, 2:58 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, BYU 23.

ND – Stovall 36-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:47 left. Drive: 2 plays, 75 yards, 0:51 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 35, BYU 23.

ND – Stovall 24-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:16 left. Drive: 3 plays, 55 yards, 1:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, BYU 23.

4th Quarter

ND – Tom Zbikowski 83-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:24 left. Score: Notre Dame 49, BYU 23

Attendance – 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	BYU
First Downs	27	26
Rushing	3	7
Passing	20	17
Penalty	4	2
Rushing Attempts	23	34
Yards Gained Rushing	64	110
Yards Lost Rushing	20	35
Net Yards Rushing	44	75
Net Yards Passing	467	317
Passes Attempted	41	45
Passes Completed	32	26
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	64	79
Total Net Yards	511	392
Average Gain Per Play	8.0	5.0
Fumbles: Number – Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties: Number – Yards	11-77	9-80
Number of Punts – Yards	5-221	6-258
Average Yards Per Punt	44.2	43.0
Punt Returns: Number – Yards	2-15	4-47
Kickoff Returns: Number – Yards	5-86	7-152
Interceptions: Number – Yards	2-86	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number – Yards	0-0	1-4
Time of Possession	26:21	33:39
Third Down Conversions	6-11	4-15
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	2-3
Sacks By: Number – Yards	4-27	1-4

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Asaph Schwapp	8	27	0	27	0	6
Darius Walker	7	19	2	17	0	9
Jeff Samardzija	1	9	0	9	0	9
Ashley McConnell	1	3	0	3	0	3
Maurice Stovall	1	1	0	1	0	1
Travis Thomas	1	0	3	-3	0	-
Brady Quinn	4	5	15	-10	0	5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	41	32	0	467	6	44

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Maurice Stovall	14	207	4	44
Jeff Samardzija	10	152	2	34
Anthony Fasano	5	55	0	24
Darius Walker	1	37	0	37
David Grimes	1	8	0	8
Matt Shelton	1	8	0	8

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	221	44.2	51	0

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
David Grimes	-	3-62	-
Tom Zbikowski	2-15	-	1-83
Mike Richardson	-	-	1-3
D.J. Hord	-	2-24	-

BYU

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Naufahu Tahi	14	63	0	63	0	13
Curtis Brown	12	31	8	23	0	6
Manase Tonga	1	1	0	1	0	1
John Beck	7	15	27	-12	1	10

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
John Beck	45	26	2	317	2	27

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Jonny Harline	8	100	1	27
Naufahu Tahi	5	73	0	24
Curtis Brown	5	52	0	25
Todd Watkins	4	63	1	24
Zac Collie	1	11	0	11
Nathan Meikle	1	8	0	8
Daniel Coats	1	7	0	7
Manase Tonga	1	3	0	3

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
Derek McLaughlin	6	258	43.0	53	2

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Nathan Meikle	4-47	-	-
Breyon Jones	-	7-152	-

**(No. 8) NOTRE DAME 41, TENNESSEE 21
NOVEMBER 5, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Once again, Notre Dame (6-2) found a way to win when the game tightened in the late going. In a game that reflected the story of the season for the two teams, the Irish continued to move closer to being an elite team while Tennessee (3-5) continued to struggle.

The Volunteers looked as though they might be able to rally for a victory after coming back from 18 points down to tie the score at 21 late in the third quarter. But Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed a 73-yard pass to Jeff Samardzija to set up the go-ahead touchdown and spark the eighth-ranked Irish to a 41-21 victory.

“All the momentum swung back our way on that one play,” Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said.

The play was an eight-yard pass to the left, but Samardzija eluded a couple of tacklers and raced down the sideline before being caught from behind by Antwan Stewart at the UT two-yard line.

“I was looking back trying to give a stiff arm, when I really didn't need to,” Samardzija said. “(Maurice) Stovall put on a great block for me up on the 50 and it just kind of opened up the whole seam for me down the sideline.”

Two plays later, Samardzija capped the drive with four-yard touchdown catch for Quinn's third scoring pass of the game. Quinn was 20-of-33 for 295 yards and threw two touchdown passes in the span of a minute during the first quarter to give the Irish a 14-0 lead. The Vols managed to slow him until late in the third quarter, when Quinn finished the game by completing 5-of-8 passes for 93 yards, setting up the go-ahead score and a pair of field goals by D.J. Fitzpatrick.

Samardzija's touchdown catch was his 12th of the season, breaking the mark of 11 set by Derrick Mayes in 1994. Tom Zbikowski iced the victory with an interception return of 33 yards for a touchdown. He also had a 78-yard punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter. The two returns for touchdowns give Zbikowski four touchdowns in the last three games. He also had a 60-yard punt return against USC and an 83-yard interception return against Brigham Young.

Weis was pleased to see his defense and special teams contribute, even if it was Zbikowski on both plays. The victory made Notre Dame bowl eligible in consecutive years for the first time since 1997-98. The Volunteers lost their fourth straight for the first time since 1988, which also is the last time they failed to go to a bowl game.

The 41 points were the most allowed this season by Tennessee, which gave up 27 points at LSU and against Georgia. The three touchdown passes surrendered by the Volunteers also equaled the amount they gave up in their first seven games combined.

SCORING SUMMARY

Tennessee	3	7	11	0	-	21
Notre Dame	14	7	0	20	-	41

1st Quarter

ND – Anthony Fasano 43-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 6:51 left. Drive: 11 plays, 94 yards, 4:23 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Tennessee 0.

ND – Maurice Stovall 35-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:51 left. Drive: 3 plays, 27 yards, 0:54 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 0.

UT – James Wilhoit 25-yard field goal, 3:46 left. Drive: 8 plays, 67 yards, 2:05 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 3.

2nd Quarter

ND – Tom Zbikowski 78-yard punt return (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:49 left. Score: Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 3.

UT – Bret Smith 7-yard pass from Erik Ainge (James Wilhoit kick), 3:19 left. Drive: 8 plays, 37 yards, 3:20 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 10.

3rd Quarter

UT – James Wilhoit 30-yard field goal, 5:06 left. Drive: 6 plays, 46 yards, 2:24 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 13.

UT – Arian Foster 3-yard run (Bret Smith pass from Erik Ainge), 1:49 left. Drive: 6 plays, 55 yards, 1:37 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 21.

4th Quarter

ND – Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:57 left. Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:52 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, Tennessee 21.

ND – D.J. Fitzpatrick 36-yard field goal, 7:47 left. Drive: 6 plays, 17 yards, 3:27 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 31, Tennessee 21.

ND – Fitzpatrick 28-yard field goal, 4:01 left. Drive: 6 plays, 10 yards, 2:49 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 34, Tennessee 21.

ND – Tom Zbikowski 33-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 3:17 left. Score: Notre Dame 41, Tennessee 21.

Attendance – 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	UT
First Downs	14	18
Rushing	6	5
Passing	8	10
Penalty	0	3
Rushing Attempts	34	39
Yards Gained Rushing	94	166
Yards Lost Rushing	46	57
Net Yards Rushing	48	109
Net Yards Passing	295	187
Passes Attempted	33	32
Passes Completed	20	13
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	67	71
Total Net Yards	343	296
Average Gain Per Play	5.1	4.2
Fumbles: Number – Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties: Number – Yards	8-78	9-37
Number of Punts – Yards	5-173	8-346
Average Yards Per Punt	34.6	43.2
Punt Returns: Number – Yards	3-118	3-14
Kickoff Returns: Number – Yards	3-70	8-171
Interceptions: Number – Yards	2-74	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number – Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	32:12	27:48
Third Down Conversions	7-16	8-18
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	0-0
Sacks By: Number – Yards	3-18	3-14

NOTRE DAME						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Darius Walker	15	71	9	62	0	12
Travis Thomas	8	22	7	15	0	8
Asaph Schwapp	3	1	1	0	0	1
Jeff Samardzija	2	0	10	-10	0	-
Brady Quinn	4	0	16	-16	0	-
Team	2	0	3	-3	0	-

PASSING						
	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	33	20	0	295	3	73

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Jeff Samardzija	7	127	1	73
Anthony Fasano	4	78	1	43
Darius Walker	4	34	0	15
Maurice Stovall	2	41	1	35
John Carlson	1	8	0	8
Matt Shelton	1	6	0	6
Travis Thomas	1	1	0	1

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	173	34.6	44	1

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Tom Zbikowski	3-118	-	1-33
D.J. Hord	-	3-70	-
Ambrose Wooden	-	-	1-41

TENNESSEE						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Arian Foster	28	138	13	125	1	43
Erik Ainge	11	28	44	-16	0	13

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Erik Ainge	32	13	2	187	1	23

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
JRobert Meachem	3	46	0	18
C.J. Fayton	2	44	0	23
Jayson Swain	2	41	0	23
Chris Brown	2	21	0	16
Bret Smith	2	21	1	14
Chris Hannon	2	14	0	9

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
Brandon Colquitt	8	346	43.2	64	4

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Robert Meachem	-	1-26	-
Chris Hannon	-	1-17	-
Lucas Taylor	1-1	2-43	-
Demetrice Morley	-	2-45	-
Jonathan Hefney	2-13	-	-
David Yancey	-	2-40	-

**(No. 7) NOTRE DAME 42, NAVY 21
NOVEMBER 12, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – An efficient Notre Dame offense proved too much for Navy to handle as the seventh-ranked Fighting Irish took a methodical 42-21 victory over the Midshipmen at Notre Dame Stadium, extending its NCAA-record winning streak over Navy to 42.

Notre Dame scored on all three of its second quarter possessions, including two touchdowns 88 seconds apart to build a 28-7 halftime lead.

Brady Quinn passed for four touchdowns, three to Maurice Stovall, and continued to rewrite the Notre Dame record book, finishing 22-of-31 passing for 284 yards. Darius Walker rushed for 118 yards on 19 carries, his first 100-yard game since opening the season with four straight.

The Irish (7-2) turned to their running game more against Navy (5-4) to keep the Midshipmen from controlling the clock themselves.

"We knew whenever they got the ball they were going to eat up a lot of the clock," Quinn said. "So we knew our defense was going to be out there for a good amount of time. So not only when we get out there do we need to score and be efficient, (but) we also had some long drives and to give our defense some breaks so they're not on the field so long."

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said he was hard on the Irish all week in practice to make sure they wouldn't let up against Navy.

"You never let them think you're happy because if they think you are happy then they start to loosen up," Weis said. "You just keep your foot on their throat the whole time. It was not a good week for them."

The plan worked as the Irish kept their hopes for a Bowl Championship Series berth alive. They must beat Syracuse and Stanford to be eligible. Navy still needs a win over either Temple or Army to become bowl eligible.

Quinn set the single-season school passing mark with 2,931 yards, breaking the record of 2,753 yards set by Jarious Jackson in 1999. Quinn needs 254 yards passing in Notre Dame's final two games to pass the school career mark of 7,602 set by Ron Powlus from 1994-97. Despite that, Quinn wasn't pleased.

"I should have done better, whether it be mental mistakes or physical things, there's still lots of room for improvement," he said. "I was unhappy with the way I performed."

Navy coach Paul Johnson was disappointed Quinn had so much time to pass.

"Our big deal is we couldn't get any pressure on the passer," Navy coach Paul Johnson said. "They broke off some runs, but basically they were doing about what they wanted."

Quinn's four touchdown passes give him 53 for his career, breaking the school mark set by Powlus. Quinn extended his school record of games with touchdown passes to 14 straight. He also set a school record by throwing 130 passes without an interception before safety DuJuan Price intercepted his pass at the 12-yard line in the fourth quarter. The old mark was 126 straight set by Carlyle Holiday in 2001 and 2002. It was Quinn's fifth interception this season.

The main target for Quinn on Saturday was Stovall, who had scoring catches of 31, 16 and 10 yards to give him eight touchdown catches in the past three games. Stovall finished with eight catches for 130 yards. Jeff Samardzija saw his school record streak of games with at least one scoring catch end at eight.

Navy linebacker Rob Caldwell, who led Navy with 14 tackles, said the Irish are the best offense he's seen.

"They've got playmakers everywhere," he said. "They did a great job making plays, I mean you see those guys catching it with one hand, they'll be playing on Sundays."

Navy, which entered the game second in the nation in rushing at 282.6 yards a game, finished with 239 yards running on 58 attempts. The Midshipmen played most of the game without Matt Hall, their second leading rusher, because he sprained his left knee on his first carry. Quarterback Lamar Owens led Navy with 62 yards on 26 carries.

Defensively, linebacker Corey Mays' 14 tackles and a fumble recovery led the Irish.

SCORING SUMMARY

Navy	7	0	7	7	-	21
Notre Dame	7	21	7	7	-	42

1st Quarter

ND – Maurice Stovall 31-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 10:31 left. Drive: 8 plays, 73 yards, 4:29 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Navy 0.
NAVY – Adam Ballard 9-yard run (Joey Bullen kick), 2:46 left. Drive: 16 plays, 68 yards, 7:45 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Navy 7.

2nd Quarter

ND – Travis Thomas 12-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:29 left. Drive: 10 plays, 71 yards, 3:08 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Navy 7.
ND – Darius Walker 13-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:08 left. Drive: 3 plays, 49 yards, 0:21 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, Navy 7.
ND – Anthony Fasano 8-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:40 left. Drive: 6 plays, 48 yards, 0:55 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, Navy 7.

3rd Quarter

NAVY – Lamar Owens 1-yard run (Bullen kick), 8:48 left. Drive: 12 plays, 80 yards, 6:12 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, Navy 14.
ND – Stovall 16-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 3:33 left. Drive: 11 plays, 82 yards, 5:15 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 35, Navy 14.

4th Quarter

ND – Stovall 10-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:48 left. Drive: 11 plays, 57 yards, 4:44 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, Navy 14.
NAVY – Tyree Barnes 17-yard pass from Brian Hampton (Bullen kick), 1:17 left. Drive: 13 plays, 78 yards, 5:31 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, Navy 21.

Attendance – 80,795 (c)
Time of Game – 3:10

STATISTICS

	ND	NAVY
First Downs	29	21
Rushing	13	16
Passing	15	4
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	39	58
Yards Gained Rushing	230	249
Yards Lost Rushing	9	10
Net Yards Rushing	221	239
Net Yards Passing	284	75
Passes Attempted	31	10
Passes Completed	22	4
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	70	68
Total Net Yards	505	314
Average Gain Per Play	7.2	4.6
Fumbles: Number – Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties: Number – Yards	4-35	1-4
Number of Punts – Yards	0-0	2-77
Average Yards Per Punt	-	38.5
Punt Returns: Number – Yards	2-25	0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number – Yards	4-54	6-159
Interceptions: Number – Yards	1(-7)	1-16
Fumble Returns: Number – Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	28:25	31:35
Third Down Conversions	8-12	9-14
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2	2-3
Sacks By: Number – Yards	0-0	0-0

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	19	124	6	118	1	15
Travis Thomas	11	60	2	58	1	13
Brady Quinn	3	27	0	27	0	12
Asaph Schwapp	3	13	0	13	0	7
Jeff Samardzija	1	6	0	6	0	6
Justin Hoskins	2	0	1	-1	0	-
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	31	22	1	284	4	31
RECEIVING						
Maurice Stovall	8	130	3	31		
Jeff Samardzija	5	42	0	11		

Anthony Fasano	4	70	1	30		
Asaph Schwapp	2	21	0	12		
Darius Walker	2	15	0	11		
Matt Shelton	1	6	0	6		
PUNTING						
D.J. Fitzpatrick	0	0	-	-	-	-
RETURNS						
Tom Zbikowski	1-8	-	1(-7)			
David Grimes	1-17	2-27	-			
John Carlson	-	1-14	-			
Justin Hoskins	-	1-13	-			
NAVY						
RUSHING						
Lamar Owens	26	72	10	62	1	9
Karl Whittaker	7	50	0	50	0	12
Adam Ballard	9	45	0	45	1	9
Brian Hampton	5	26	0	26	0	9
Marco Nelson	4	26	0	26	0	10
Trey Hines	4	14	0	14	0	5
Matt Hall	1	10	0	10	0	10
Reggie Campbell	2	6	0	6	0	3
PASSING						
Lamar Owens	7	3	0	58	0	34
Brian Hampton	2	1	0	17	1	17
Eddie Martin	1	0	1	0	0	-
RECEIVING						
Reggie Campbell	1	34	0	34		
Tyree Barnes	1	17	1	17		
Mick Yokitis	1	14	0	14		
Jason Tomlinson	1	10	0	10		
PUNTING						
Eric Shuey	2	77	38.5	41	0	
RETURNS						
DuJuan Price	-	-	1-16			
Karl Whittaker	-	6-159	-			
Demetria Morley	-	2-45	-			
Jonathan Hefney	2-13	-	-			
David Yancey	-	2-40	-			

**(No. 6) NOTRE DAME 34, SYRACUSE 10
NOVEMBER 19, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Brady Quinn broke the Notre Dame career passing yards mark while throwing two touchdowns and the Irish defense held Syracuse to 221 total yards in a 34-10 victory on Senior Day at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish overcame a sluggish start with another big second period outburst before putting the game away with a strong second half.

Trailing by three points late in first quarter, Notre Dame began taking control of the game. The Irish offense struck for two quick touchdown passes by Quinn, scoring on drives of three and two plays to gain control. The victory left Notre Dame (8-2) needing only a win over Stanford to remain eligible for its first Bowl Championship Series berth since 2000. Students threw tortillas back and forth throughout the game in anticipation of a possible Fiesta Bowl invitation. Someone also threw an orange on the field after an Irish touchdown.

Meanwhile, Syracuse (1-9) lost its eighth straight - its longest losing streak since losing its final game of 1972 and the first eight games of 1973 - and needed a win over nationally-ranked Louisville in the season finale to avoid the first 10-loss season in school history.

"It's frustrating because you want it to happen. You want to see it start to go," Syracuse coach Greg Robinson said. "We got a little something going there in the first quarter and then we went dormant."

Quinn thought the Irish started slow because they wanted to play well for the seniors playing their last home game.

"We weren't as loose as we usually are," he said.

The Irish offense finally kicked into gear in the second quarter after Chase Anastasio partially blocked a punt by Brendan Carney, giving them the ball on Syracuse's 36. Notre Dame scored just three plays later, a 25-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to Maurice Stovall.

After Notre Dame held Syracuse to a three-and-out, the Irish struck quickly again. Tom Zbikowski returned the punt eight yards to the Syracuse 40. After an 11-yard run by Darius Walker, Quinn threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Samardzija.

On Syracuse's first possession of the second half, Leo Ferrine returned an interception 16 yards for a touchdown.

Walker, who rushed for 123 yards on 26 carries, added a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Walker had his sixth 100-yard game, the first Notre Dame player to do that since Atry Denson in 1998.

Syracuse managed 105 yards and a field goal in the first quarter, but managed just 47 yards of total offense the rest of the way until Weis took out the defensive starters with seven minutes to play and put in seniors, some of who had not played this season. Weis was most pleased with a 16-yard pass from Marty Mooney to Michael O'Hara, both senior walk-ons.

"My favorite play of the game," he said.

Syracuse scored its only touchdown, on an 18-yard pass from Perry Patterson to Joe Kowalewski, after the Irish emptied their bench. Much of Syracuse's offense against Notre Dame's starters came on three plays: runs of 30 and 23 yards by Patterson and a 51-yard run by Damien Rhodes, who finished with 112 yards rushing. Patterson was 9-of-22 passing for 78 yards.

Quinn was 21-of-37 passing for 270 yards, becoming Notre Dame's all-time leading passer. Quinn has 7,618 yards passing, moving past Ron Powlus, who threw for 7,602 yards from 1994-97. He has 3,201 yards passing this season, becoming the first Irish quarterback to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a season.

Still, it wasn't a good performance by Quinn's standards.

"I would probably have to stretch back to maybe the Michigan game to feel as bad as I do now as how I played today," Quinn said.

SCORING SUMMARY

Syracuse	3	0	0	7	-	10
Notre Dame	0	14	10	10	-	34

1st Quarter

SU - John Barker 31-yard field goal, 1:55 left. Drive: 7 plays, 66 yards, 2:39 elapsed. Score: Syracuse 3, Notre Dame 0.

2nd Quarter

ND - Maurice Stovall 25-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 9:09 left. Drive: 3 plays, 36 yards, 1:01 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Syracuse 3.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 29-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:21 left. Drive: 2 plays, 40 yards, 0:34 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Syracuse 3.

3rd Quarter

ND - Leo Ferrine 16-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 14:47 left. Score: Notre Dame 21, Syracuse 3.

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 44-yard field goal, 7:37 left. Drive: 4 plays, 1 yard, 1:42 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 24, Syracuse 3.

4th Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 29-yard field goal, 5:34 left. Drive: 14 plays, 75 yards, 5:34 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 27, Syracuse 3.

ND - Darius Walker 3-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 7:42 left. Drive: 11 plays, 51 yards, 4:43 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 34, Syracuse 3.

SU - Joe Kowalewski 18-yard pass from Perry Patterson (Ricky Krautman kick), 3:18 left. Drive: 12 plays, 69 yards, 4:24 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 34, Syracuse 10.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

Time of Game - 3:31

STATISTICS

	ND	SYRACUSE
First Downs	20	11
Rushing	9	4
Passing	10	5
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	36	38
Yards Gained Rushing	145	182
Yards Lost Rushing	11	39
Net Yards Rushing	134	143
Net Yards Passing	286	78
Passes Attempted	38	22
Passes Completed	22	9
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	74	60
Total Net Yards	420	221
Average Gain Per Play	5.7	3.7
Fumbles: Number - Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number - Yards	4-50	8-46
Number of Punts - Yards	3-124	8-245
Average Yards Per Punt	41.3	30.6
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	3-22	3-15
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	2-39	6-111
Interceptions: Number - Yards	1-16	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	32:13	27:47
Third Down Conversions	6-17	3-15
Fourth Down Conversions	2-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number - Yards	3-21	1-6

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	26	128	5	123	1	37
Jeff Jenkins	4	5	0	5	0	3
Travis Thomas	3	4	0	4	0	3
Brady Quinn	3	8	6	2	0	5
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	37	21	0	270	2	41
Marty Mooney	1	1	0	16	0	16
RECEIVING						
Jeff Samardzija	7	80	1	29		
Maurice Stovall	3	91	1	41		

Matt Shelton	3	62	0	32		
John Carlson	2	8	0	5		
Anthony Fasano	2	7	0	6		
Mike O'Hara	1	16	0	16		
Travis Thomas	1	8	0	8		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
D.J. Fitzpatrick	3	124	41.3	48	2	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Tom Zbikowski	3-22	-	-			
David Grimes	-	1-23	-			
D.J. Hord	-	1-16	-			
Leo Ferrine	-	-	1-16			
SYRACUSE						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Damien Rhodes	22	117	5	112	0	51
Perry Patterson	11	55	30	25	0	30
Paul Chiara	1	4	0	4	0	4
Kareem Jones	4	6	4	2	0	3
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Perry Patterson	22	9	1	78	1	18
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Joe Kowalewski	3	34	1	18		
Bruce Williams	2	20	0	12		
Alex Shor	1	11	0	11		
Rice Moss	1	9	0	9		
Tim Lane	1	5	0	5		
Damien Rhodes	1	-1	0	-		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
Brendan Carney	6	198	33.0	41	1	
Team	2	47	23.5	27	0	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Bruce Williams	3-15	-	-			
Curtis Brinkley	-	4-66	-			
Kareem Jones	-	2-45	-			

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STANFORD, Calif. - If Notre Dame hadn't already shown it, the Fighting Irish believe they drove the point home that they are deserving of a spot in the Bowl Championship Series. The Irish needed every last yard from Brady Quinn and Darius Walker to become eligible for their first BCS appearance in five years.

Walker ran six yards for the winning touchdown with 55 seconds remaining, then took a direct snap in for the two-point conversion, and the sixth-ranked Fighting Irish all but assured themselves of playing in one the four marquee bowl games with a 38-31 victory over Stanford.

"We play for 60 minutes, that's just all there is to it. We've got the talent on this team, but it's more than that," said Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija, who caught two touchdown passes as part of a career day.

Quinn passed for 432 yards and three touchdowns, and Notre Dame survived a wild final few minutes for its fifth straight victory. Walker ran for a career-high 186 yards on 35 carries, surpassing the 1,000-yard rushing barrier. The Irish (9-2) won seven of their final eight games under first-year coach Charlie Weis, who made a key decision to switch kickers in the fourth quarter then gave his team a major scare when he switched back to starter D.J. Fitzpatrick.

After missing an extra point and a 42-yard field goal attempt earlier in the game, Fitzpatrick missed a 29-yard field goal wide left with 2:15 to play that could have provided Notre Dame a two-score lead. Stanford took advantage.

The Cardinal, who will miss a postseason trip in coach Walt Harris' first year, went ahead 31-30 with 1:46 left after backup quarterback T.C. Ostrander's four-yard touchdown pass to Matt Traverso. Ostrander set up the score with a 76-yard completion to Mark Bradford.

"We went back and forth the whole game," Weis said. "But I think the great thing about this football team is, earlier this year, before I got here, I didn't know if they understood how to win games like this. I've had a lot of games with this kind of pressure, it's just that they haven't had it."

Travis Thomas ran eight yards for a score with 9:44 left for the Irish, who played in front of three representatives from the Fiesta Bowl and beat Stanford for the fourth straight.

Samardzija increased his school-record single-season touchdown receptions mark to 15 and finished with eight catches for a career-high 191 yards to become Notre Dame's third career 1,000-yard single-season receiver. Maurice Stovall had seven catches for 136 yards and a touchdown, becoming the Irish's fourth all-time 1,000-yard single-season receiver later in the game.

Stanford made a game of it in the final event at 84-year-old Stanford Stadium, which will undergo a \$90 million facelift for 2006. The Cardinal finished 5-6 and missed a chance at the school's first trip to the postseason since 2001.

Quinn's 10-yard touchdown pass to Stovall with 8:43 left in the third quarter gave the Irish the lead, but Fitzpatrick missed the extra point. Quinn completed 25 of 38 passes, overcoming his early mistakes to calmly lead the Irish on the winning drive.

Ostrander replaced starter Trent Edwards, who had been forced out of the previous two games with injuries and apparently re-aggravated a problem in his throwing arm. Ostrander came in to begin Stanford's second series of the third quarter and finished 11-for-15 for 197 yards and a touchdown.

The Irish led 7-0 just 15 seconds into the game after Quinn hit Samardzija for an 80-yard touchdown pass.

On Notre Dame's next possession, Kevin Schimmelmann intercepted a pass by Quinn - just the sixth pick of the year by Quinn - to set up Edwards' 27-yard scoring pass to Bradford that tied the game at 7-7 with 11:38 left in the first quarter. Quinn connected with Samardzija again on Notre Dame's next series with a seven-yard scoring pass. The Cardinal tied it on a 38-yard touchdown pass from Edwards to Justin McCullum 8:14 before halftime.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	14	0	6	18	-	38
Stanford	7	7	0	17	-	31

1st Quarter

ND - Jeff Samardzija 80-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 14:45 left. Drive: 2 plays, 80 yards, 0:15 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Stanford 0.

SU - Mark Bradford 27-yard pass from Trent Edwards (Michael Sgroi kick), 11:38 left. Drive: 4 plays, 41 yards, 1:21 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Stanford 7.

ND - Samardzija 7-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 7:38 left. Notre Dame 14, Stanford 7.

2nd Quarter

SU - Justin McCullum 38-yard pass from Trent Edwards (Sgroi kick), 8:14 left. Drive: 3 plays, 51 yards, 1:17 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Stanford 14.

3rd Quarter

ND - Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Quinn (kick failed), 8:43 left. Drive: 10 plays, 62 yards, 4:15 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 20, Stanford 14.

4th Quarter

ND - Carl Gioia 29-yard field goal, 13:29 left. Drive: 11 plays, 76 yards, 4:12 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 23, Stanford 14.

SU - T.J. Rushing 87-yard kickoff return (Sgroi kick), 13:18 left. Score: Notre Dame 23, Stanford 21.

ND - Travis Thomas 8-yard run (Gioia kick), 9:44 left. Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 3:34 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 30, Stanford 21.

SU - Michael Sgroi 31-yard field goal, 5:21 left. Drive: 9 plays, 66 yards, 4:23 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 30, Stanford 24.

SU - Matt Traverso 4-yard pass from T.C. Ostrander (Sgroi kick), 1:46 left. Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards, 0:29 elapsed. Score: Stanford 31, Notre Dame 30.

ND - Darius Walker 6-yard run (Walker run), 0:55 left. Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, 0:51 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 38, Stanford 31.

Attendance - 56,057
 Time of Game - 3:16

STATISTICS

	ND	SU
First Downs	30	14
Rushing	15	2
Passing	14	12
Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	50	25
Yards Gained Rushing	251	48
Yards Lost Rushing	20	59
Net Yards Rushing	231	-11
Net Yards Passing	432	347
Passes Attempted	38	36
Passes Completed	25	23
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	88	61
Total Net Yards	663	336
Average Gain Per Play	7.5	5.5
Fumbles: Number - Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number - Yards	1-10	2-8
Number of Punts - Yards	3-118	7-280
Average Yards Per Punt	39.3	40.0
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	6-34	0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	4-97	6-180
Interceptions: Number - Yards	0-0	2-8
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	34:35	25:25
Third Down Conversions	8-15	1-11
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	0-2
Sacks By: Number - Yards	7-55	1-11

NOTRE DAME						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Darius Walker	35	194	8	186	1	38
Brady Quinn	6	32	11	21	0	16
Travis Thomas	3	13	0	13	1	8
Asaph Schwapp	2	10	0	10	0	5
Jeff Samardzija	2	2	0	2	0	2
Maurice Stovall	1	0	0	0	0	-
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	-

PASSING						
ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	
Brady Quinn	38	25	2	432	3	80

RECEIVING				
NO	YARDS	TD	LG	
Jeff Samardzija	8	191	2	80
Maurice Stovall	7	136	1	42
Darius Walker	5	55	0	18
Anthony Fasano	3	19	0	11
Matt Shelton	2	31	0	25

PUNTING					
NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD	
D.J. Fitzpatrick	2	70	35.0	36	1
Brady Quinn	1	48	48.0	48	0

RETURNS					
PR	KO	INT			
Tom Zbikowski	6-34	-	-		
David Grimes	-	4-97	-		

STANFORD						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
J.R. Lemon	12	44	4	40	0	9
Anthony Kimble	1	1	0	1	0	1
Nick Frank	2	0	0	0	0	-
Trent Edwards	5	3	17	-14	0	3
T.C. Ostrander	5	0	38	-38	0	0

PASSING						
ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	
Trent Edwards	20	12	0	150	2	38
T.C. Ostrander	15	11	0	197	1	76
Team	1	0	0	0	0	-

RECEIVING				
NO	YARDS	TD	LG	
Matt Traverso	7	85	1	23
Justin McCullum	6	101	1	38
Mark Bradford	5	124	1	76
J.R. Lemon	3	27	0	20
Anthony Kimble	1	6	0	6
Michael Horgan	1	4	0	4

PUNTING					
NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Jay Ottovegio	7	280	40.0	45	1

RETURNS					
PR	KO	INT			
Brandon Harrison	-	-	1-0		
Marcus McCutcheon	-	4-72	-		
T.J. Rushing	-	2-108	-		
Kevin Schimmelmann	-	-	1-8		

2005 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	X	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	Y	Z	QB	FB	HB
at Pittsburgh	Samardzija	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	*Carlson	Quinn	*Freeman	Walker
at Michigan	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	McKnight	Quinn	*Samardzija	Walker
Michigan State	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker
at Washington	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker
at Purdue	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Walker
USC	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	Schwapp	Walker
BYU	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Shelton	*Grimes
Tennessee	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*T. Thomas	Walker
Navy	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker
Syracuse	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Shelton	Walker
at Stanford	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	*Carlson	Walker

*Started game with 3 TEs vs. Pitt; extra WR at Michigan, Mich. State & Syracuse; 2 TEs vs. Washington, Navy & Stanford; 5 receivers vs. BYU; no FB vs. Tennessee & Syracuse

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	Apache	MLB	OLB	CB	FS	SS	CB
at Pittsburgh	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Michigan	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Michigan State	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Washington	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Purdue	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	**Ferrine	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
USC	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
BYU	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Tennessee	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Navy	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Syracuse	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Stanford	Brown	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden

**Started game in a nickel defense at Purdue

Redzone Statistics												
ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	Scored	Pts.	Total	Run	Pass	G	NG	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
Pittsburgh	6	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Michigan	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSU	5	4	28	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Washington	5	5	26	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	5	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
USC	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BYU	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tennessee	3	3	13	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Navy	5	5	35	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syracuse	5	2	10	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Stanford	7	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	51	42	265	35	18	17	7	4	1	0	2	2
Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
#	Scored	Pts.	Total	Run	Pass	G	NG	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half	
Pittsburgh	2	2	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
MSU	5	5	30	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	4	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Purdue	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
USC	4	3	20	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BYU	4	3	20	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tennessee	4	4	21	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Navy	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syracuse	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stanford	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	30	181	23	13	10	7	0	1	4	3	0

Third-Down Conversions			
Player	Rush	Rec.	Total
Samardzija	1	15	16
Stovall	-	15	15
Walker	12	2	14
Fasano	-	7	7
Quinn	5	-	5
Powers-Neal	4	-	4
T. Thomas	4	-	4
Schwapp	3	-	3
Shelton	-	3	3
Carlson	-	1	1
Grimes	-	1	1
McKnight	-	1	1
O'Hara	-	1	1
Wolke	1	-	1
Woods	-	1	1
Penalty	-	-	4
Totals	30	47	81

ND on third down: 81-167 (.485)

Fourth-Down Conversions			
Player	Rush	Rec.	Total
Quinn	3	-	3
Powers-Neal	1	-	1
Samardzija	-	1	1
Schwapp	1	-	1
Stovall	-	1	1
Walker	1	-	1
Totals	6	2	8

ND on fourth down: 8-16 (.500)

2005 Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	Rushing (No.-Yards-TD)	Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yards-TD)	Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	First Downs (Total-Run-Pass-Penalty)	Fumbles (No.-Lost)	Time of Possession (Min.:Sec.)
Notre Dame	50-275-4	27-18-1-227-2	77-502	33-20-11-2	1-0	32:46
at Pittsburgh	31-103-1	35-20-1-220-1	66-323	20-8-9-3	2-1	27:14
Notre Dame	44-104-0	30-19-0-140-2	74-244	17-9-8-0	3-1	30:56
at Michigan	29-114-0	44-19-1-223-1	73-337	15-6-9-0	3-1	29:04
Notre Dame	38-107-0	60-33-1-487-5	98-594	31-10-19-2	1-1	35:49
Michigan State	36-161-2	27-16-1-327-3	63-488	18-7-10-1	4-2	24:11
Notre Dame	47-233-3	37-25-0-327-1	84-560	31-13-16-2	2-0	36:56
at Washington	22-41-1	40-19-1-408-1	62-449	20-2-16-2	2-2	23:04
Notre Dame	50-153-4	39-30-2-468-3	89-621	32-3-24-0	0-0	36:03
at Purdue	24-164-2	58-33-1-350-2	82-514	29-7-20-2	1-1	23:57
Notre Dame	52-153-2	35-19-1-264-1	87-417	28-12-12-4	2-1	38:40
USC	31-175-5	33-17-2-301-0	64-476	20-6-11-3	1-0	21:20
Notre Dame	23-44-0	41-32-0-467-6	64-511	27-3-20-4	3-2	26:21
BYU	34-75-1	45-26-2-317-2	79-392	26-7-17-2	0-0	33:39
Notre Dame	34-48-0	33-20-0-295-3	67-343	14-6-8-0	2-1	32:12
Tennessee	39-109-1	32-13-2-187-1	71-296	18-5-10-3	2-1	27:48
Notre Dame	39-221-2	31-22-1-284-4	70-505	29-13-15-1	0-0	28:25
Navy	58-239-2	10-4-1-75-1	68-314	21-16-4-1	2-1	31:35
Notre Dame	36-134-1	38-22-0-286-2	74-420	20-9-10-1	1-0	32:13
Syracuse	38-143-0	22-9-1-78-1	60-221	11-4-5-2	1-0	27:47
Notre Dame	50-231-2	38-25-2-432-3	88-663	30-15-14-1	1-0	34:35
at Stanford	25-(11)-0	36-23-0-347-3	61-336	14-2-12-0	0-0	25:25

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
at Pittsburgh	1	1	2	0	1	1	+1	W, 42-21
at Michigan	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	W, 17-10
Michigan State	2	1	3	1	1	2	+1	L, 41-44
at Washington	2	1	3	0	0	0	+3	W, 36-17
at Purdue	1	1	2	0	2	2	-0-	W, 49-28
USC	0	2	2	1	1	2	-0-	L, 31-34
BYU	0	2	2	2	0	2	-0-	W, 49-23
Tennessee	1	2	3	1	0	1	+2	W, 41-21
Navy	1	1	2	0	1	1	+1	W, 42-21
Syracuse	0	1	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 34-10
at Stanford	0	0	0	0	2	2	-2	W, 38-31
Totals	8	12	22	6	7	13	+9	9-2

Turnover Analysis

22 opponent turnovers have led to 72 of 420 (.171) Notre Dame points (9 TD/9 PAT/3 FG)

14 Notre Dame turnovers have led to 45 of 260 (.173) opponent points (6 TD/6 PAT/1 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponents
Drives Started	137	143
Cumulative Starting Yardline	4175	4181
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 30	own 29
Drives started in plus territory	95	92
Scores (TD/FG)	44 (37/7)	30 (23/7)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	21/8/5	35/7/2
Turnovers/End of Half	11/6	14/4
Drives started at/inside own 20	42	51
Scores (TD/FG)	12 (9/3)	10 (7/3)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	20/1/1	25/4/1
Turnovers/End of Half	3/5	8/3

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Total
Walker	64	15	79
Stovall	-	49	49
Samardzija	4	42	46
Fasano	1	24	25
T. Thomas	15	-	15
Quinn	14	-	14
Shelton	-	13	13
Powers-Neal	8	4	12
Schwapp	8	1	9
McKnight	-	4	4
Jenkins	3	-	3
Carlson	-	2	2
Grimes	-	2	2
Wolke	1	-	1
Woods	-	1	1
Penalty			17
Team Totals	118	157	292

005 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics**Rushing**

(No.-Yards-TD)	Walker	T.Thomas	Powers-Neal	Hoskins	Quinn	Jenkins	Schwapp
at Pittsburgh	20-100-2	8-40-0	8-41-3	0-0-0	5-49-0	6-17-0	2-6-0
at Michigan	26-104-0	0-0-0	6-19-0	0-0-0	7-(-16)-0	0-0-0	2-8-0
Michigan State	26-116-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-(-8)-0	0-0-0	5-(-1)-0
at Washington	21-128-1	7-52-1	9-30-1	DNP	4-29-0	3-4-0	0-0-0
at Purdue	23-80-1	4-17-1	8-10-2	0-0-0	4-23-0	6-30-0	0-0-0
USC	19-72-0	18-52-1	DNP	DNP	13-21-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
BYU	7-17-0	1-(-3)-0	DNP	DNP	4-(-10)-0	0-0-0	8-27-0
Tennessee	15-62-0	8-15-0	DNP	DNP	4-(-16)-0	0-0-0	3-0-0
Navy	19-118-1	11-58-1	DNP	2-(-1)-0	3-27-0	0-0-0	3-13-0
Syracuse	26-123-1	3-4-0	DNP	DNP	3-2-0	4-5-0	0-0-0
at Stanford	35-186-1	3-13-1	DNP	DNP	6-21-0	DNP	2-10-0

Passing

(Attempts-Completions-Interceptions-Yards-TD)	Quinn	Wolke	Sharpley	Mooney
at Pittsburgh	27-18-1-227-2	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
at Michigan	30-19-0-140-2	DNP	DNP	DNP
Michigan State	60-33-1-487-5	DNP	DNP	DNP
at Washington	37-25-0-327-1	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
at Purdue	36-29-1-440-3	3-1-1-28-0	DNP	0-0-0
USC	35-19-1-264-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
BYU	41-32-0-467-6	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Tennessee	33-20-0-295-3	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Navy	31-22-1-284-4	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Syracuse	37-21-0-270-2	DNP	DNP	1-1-0-16-0
at Stanford	38-25-2-432-3	DNP	DNP	DNP

Receiving

(No.-Yds-TD)	Fasano	Stovall	Shelton	Samardzija	Carlson	Walker	T.Thomas	Powers-Neal	Freeman	McKnight
at Pittsburgh	4-42-0	2-27-0	0-0-0	3-34-1	2-3-0	3-52-1	0-0-0	1-18-0	0-0-0	3-51-0
at Michigan	4-18-0	2-17-0	1-4-0	4-52-1	0-0-0	5-22-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	0-0-0	2-18-1
Michigan State	7-93-0	8-176-1	6-87-0	6-96-3	0-0-0	5-24-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP
at Washington	6-66-0	3-34-0	0-0-0	8-164-1	1-15-0	3-20-0	0-0-0	0-4-28-0	0-0-0	DNP
at Purdue	2-30-0	8-134-0	7-68-0	7-153-2	1-22-1	1-(-2)-0	0-0-0	3-35-0	0-0-0	DNP
USC	4-86-0	3-30-0	1-5-0	6-99-1	0-0-0	4-43-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
BYU	5-55-0	14-207-4	1-8-0	10-152-2	0-0-0	1-37-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
Tennessee	4-78-1	2-41-1	1-6-0	7-127-1	1-8-0	4-34-0	1-1-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
Navy	4-70-1	8-130-3	1-6-0	5-42-0	0-0-0	2-15-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
Syracuse	2-7-0	3-91-1	3-62-0	7-80-1	2-8-0	3-14-0	1-8-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
at Stanford	3-19-0	7-136-1	2-31-0	8-191-2	0-0-0	5-55-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP

Field Goals

(*-missed FG)	at Pitt	at Michigan	MSU	at Wash.	at Purdue	USC	BYU	Tenn	Navy	Syracuse	Stanford
Fitzpatrick	0-0	1-1	2-3	3-3	0-0	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-4	0-2

2005 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics**Tackles**

(Unassisted-Assisted-Total Tackles-Tackles for Loss-Fumble Recovery-Interception-Pass Broken Up-Sack)

	at Pitt	at Michigan	Michigan State	at Washington	at Purdue	USC
Abiamiri	4-2-6-1-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	3-4-7-2-0-1-0-0	2-0-2-1-0-0-0-1	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-1-0-0-0-1
Anastasio	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0
Beidatsch	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Borsetti	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Brockington	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-5-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Brown	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Bruton	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	DNP
Carney	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Crum	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-4-4-0-0-0-0-0
Cullen	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Ferrine	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0
Frome	1-0-1-1-0-0-1-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Hoyte	6-3-9-5-0-0-2	10-2-12-1-0-0-1-1	3-5-8-2-5-0-0-0-0	5-3-8-3-0-0-1-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	2-5-7-0-0-0-0-0
Kuntz	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Lambert	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Landri	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-6-7-0-5-0-0-0-0
Laws	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-1
Mays	2-1-3-2-0-0-1	5-3-8-0-0-0-2-0	0-6-6-1-5-1-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-1-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0
Ndukwe	2-1-3-0-1-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-1-0-0-0	3-2-5-0-1-1-0-0	7-0-7-1-1-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-0-0-1-0-0
Richardson	3-0-3-0-0-0-1-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-1-0-0-1-1	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	9-0-9-0-1-1-2-0	6-0-6-1-0-1-0-0
Salvador	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Talley	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-4-4-0-5-0-0-0
M. Thomas	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Wooden	10-2-12-0-0-0-1-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-5-0-0-2-0	9-0-9-0-0-1-1-0	7-0-7-0-0-0-1-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0
Zbikowski	3-5-8-0-0-1-1-0	8-1-9-0-0-1-1-0	5-2-7-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-0-0-0-0-0

(Unassisted-Assisted-Total Tackles-Tackles for Loss-Fumble Recovery-Interception-Pass Broken Up-Sack)

	BYU	Tennessee	Navy	Syracuse	at Stanford
Abiamiri	3-1-4-1.5-0-0-0-1.5	1-1-2-1-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-1-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-2.5-0-0-0-0.5	6-4-10-4-0-0-0-4
Anastasio	DNP	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Beidatsch	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-3-4-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-0
Borsetti	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Brockington	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Brown	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0
Bruton	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Carney	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Crum	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-3-0-0-1-0	2-5-7-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-5-0-0-0-0	6-1-7-0-0-0-0-0
Cullen	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Ferrine	5-1-6-1-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-1-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Frome	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Hoyte	1-6-7-0-5-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-0-0-1-0	2-7-9-0-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-2-5-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-2-0-0-0-2
Kuntz	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Lambert	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Landri	1-6-7-1.5-0-0-0-1.5	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	2-5-7-1-0-0-0-0	0-5-5-1-0-0-0-0.5	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Laws	1-8-9-1-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-6-6-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-1-0-0-0-0.5	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0
Mays	0-2-2-0-5-0-0-0-0	3-3-6-2-5-0-0-0-1	4-10-14-1-0-0-0	4-6-10-3-5-0-0-0-2	5-1-6-1-0-0-0-0
Ndukwe	4-4-8-0-0-0-0-0	3-4-7-1-0-0-1-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-5-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-2-0
Richardson	3-2-5-0-0-0-1-0	6-3-9-1-5-0-1-0-1	3-3-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-2-0	7-0-7-2-0-0-0-1
Salvador	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Talley	2-5-7-1-0-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
M. Thomas	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Wooden	6-0-6-0-0-0-0-0	5-1-6-0-0-1-2-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0
Zbikowski	4-4-8-0-0-0-1-0	6-3-9-1-0-1-0-1	2-3-5-0-0-1-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0

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2005 Notre Dame Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr	Time/Scoring Play/Key Play	Drive
at Pittsburgh	1	8:19/Darius Walker 51-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/51-yard pass from Quinn to Walker on 2nd and 6	6p, 78yd, 2:39
	2	13:07/Walker 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/27-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight to Pitt 27 on 1st and 10	9p, 65yd, 3:33
	2	6:58/Rashon Powers-Neal 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/18-yards pass from Quinn to Fasano to Pitt 24 on 1st and 10	9p, 65yd, 4:20
	2	6:03/Jeff Samardzija 19 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Chinedum Ndukwe fumble recovery on kickoff at Pitt 19	2p, 19yd, 0:45
	2	1:39/Powers-Neal 9 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Powers-Neal 18-yard pass from Quinn to Pitt 41 on 1st and 10	8p, 70yd, 2:41
3	7:59/Powers-Neal 4 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Late hit personal foul on Pitt after Quinn run on 3rd and 25 moves ND to Pitt 34	20p, 80yd, 7:01	
at Michigan	1	12:02/Rhema McKnight 5-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/13-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight to UM 38	12p, 76 yd, 2:58
	2	4:24/Jeff Samardzija 5-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Darius Walker 17-yard run on 2nd and 10 to UM 5	12p, 72yd, 4:25
	4	14:11/D.J. Fitzpatrick 43-yard FG/Tom Zbikowski 19-yard punt return to UM33	4p,8 yd, 1:21
Michigan State	1	5:14/Jeff Samardzija 18-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/17-yard pass from Quinn to M. Stovall to MSU 20	13p, 70yd, 6:24
	2	9:49/D.J. Fitzpatrick 48-yard FG/Stovall 23-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd and 12 to MSU 33	10p, 37yd, 3:09
	2	8:43/Samardzija 31-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Chinedum Ndukwe fumble recovery on kickoff at MSU 34	3p, 34yd, 1:06
	3	1:23/Darius Walker 6-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 26-yard pass from Quinn to MSU 6	9p, 80yd, 3:44
	4	12:29/Maurice Stovall 7-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 50-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 10 to MSU 14	5p, 64yd, 1:17
	4	2:31/Samardzija 4-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Matt Shelton 20-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 10 to MSU 37	8p, 57yd, 2:35
	OT	--/Fitzpatrick 44-yard FG	4p, 0yd, --
at Washington	1	0:02/D.J. Fitzpatrick 25-yard FG/Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn on 3rd & 4 to ND 43	11p, 47yd, 4:34
	2	4:47/Darius Walker 17-yard run (kick failed)/Walker 17-yard run on 1st & 10 to 50	10p, 80yd, 5:05
	2	1:01/Fitzpatrick 39-yard FG/Jeff Samardzija 16-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to UW 39	9p, 59yd, 2:39
	3	2:48/Rashon Powers-Neal 2-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 43-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to UW 25	7p, 68yd, 2:35
	4	10:46/Fitzpatrick 25-yard FG/Anthony Fasano 21-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 8 to UW42	12p, 58yd, 5:04
	4	8:48/Jeff Samardzija 52-yard pass (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 52-yard pass on 3rd & 2 for touchdown	3p, 60yd, 1:22
	4	3:26/Travis Thomas 11-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Travis Thomas 16-yard run on 2nd & 6 to UW 13	5p, 44yd, 2:35
at Purdue	1	8:54/Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Jeff Samardzija 41-yard pass from Brady Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 1	7p, 90yd, 2:26
	2	14:16/Powers-Neal 1-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 19-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 8 to the ND 23	15p, 98yd, 5:36
	2	6:24/Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Anthony Fasano 19-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 12 to ND 44	13p, 73yd, 5:29
	2	2:57/Darius Walker 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 27-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 45	5p, 63yd, 2:23
	3	8:48/Samardzija 55-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Quinn 3-yard run on 3rd & 1 to ND 42	6p, 80yd, 2:43
	4	11:31/John Carlson 22-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Matt Shelton 17-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 43	9p, 74yd, 3:30
	4	6:17/Travis Thomas 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Rob Woods 28-yard pass from David Wolke on 3rd & 3 to PU 10	6p, 45yd, 2:41
USC	1	3:06/Travis Thomas 16-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Pass interference on USC on 3rd & 11 to USC 32	13p, 80yd, 5:47
	2	12:27/Jeff Samardzija 32-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 13-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 10 to USC 33	10p, 72yd, 2:25
	2	10:23/Tom Zbikowski 60-yard punt return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	4	14:50/D.J. Fitzpatrick 32-yard FG/Anthony Fasano 22-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to USC 21	8p, 40yd, 3:21
4	2:04/Brady Quinn 5-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Darius Walker 20-yard run on 1st & 10 to USC 9	8p, 87yd, 3:05	
BYU	1	7:12/Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 16-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to BYU 14	8p, 62yd, 2:39
	2	10:33/Jeff Samardzija 14-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Anthony Fasano 17-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 21 to BYU 19	7p, 52yd, 2:10
	2	4:18/Stovall 15-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 26-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 9 to BYU 30	8p, 76yd, 3:41
	3	12:50/Samardzija 21-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 15-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to ND 40	6p, 75yd, 2:10
	3	4:47/Stovall 36-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Darius Walker 37-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 15 to BYU 36	2p, 75yd, 0:51
	3	2:16/Stovall 24-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 34-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 13 to BYU 24	3p, 55yd, 1:10
	4	9:24/Tom Zbikowski 83-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
Tennessee	1	6:51/Anthony Fasano 43-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Jeff Samardzija 9-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 6 to ND 19	11p, 94yd, 4:23
	1	5:51/Maurice Stovall 35-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/fumble on UT kickoff recovered by ND at UT 27	3p, 27yd, 0:54
	2	9:49/Tom Zbikowski 78-yard punt return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	4	13:57/Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 73-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 10 to UT 2	6p, 75yd, 2:52
	4	7:47/D.J. Fitzpatrick 36-yard FG/Ambrose Wooden intercepted Erik Ainge pass and returned 41 yards to UT 34	6p, 17yd, 3:27
	4	4:01/D.J. Fitzpatrick 28-yard FG/Tom Zbikowski returned UT punt 27 yards to UT 20	6p, 10yd, 2:49
	4	3:17/Zbikowski 33-yard interception return	no drive
Navy	1	10:31/Maurice Stovall 31-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Travis Thomas 13-yard run on 1st & 15 to Navy 40	8p, 73yd, 4:29
	2	5:29/Travis Thomas 12-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 16-yard pass from Brady Quinn on 3rd & 11 to ND 44	10p, 71yd, 3:08
	2	2:08/Darius Walker 13-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Anthony Fasano 26-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to Navy 23	3p, 49yd, 0:21
	2	0:40/Anthony Fasano 8-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Fasano 30-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to Navy 8	6p, 48yd, 0:55
	3	3:33/Stovall 16-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Walker 15-yard run on 2nd & 3 to ND 40	11p, 82yd, 5:15
4	6:48/Stovall 10-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 10-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 4 to Navy 31	11p, 57yd, 4:44	
Syracuse	2	9:09/Maurice Stovall 25-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Chase Anastasio deflected punt out of bounds at SU 36	3p, 36yd, 1:01
	2	5:21/Jeff Samardzija 29-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 29-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 for touchdown	2p, 40yd, 0:34
	3	14:47/Leo Ferrine 16-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	3	7:37/D.J. Fitzpatrick 44-yard FG	4p, 1yd, 1:42
	4	13:45/Fitzpatrick 29-yard FG/Darius Walker 13-yard run on 2nd & 10 to ND 27	14p, 75yd, 5:34
4	7:42/Darius Walker 3-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 12-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 8 to SU 37	11p, 51yd, 4:43	
at Stanford	1	14:45/Jeff Samardzija 80-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)	2p, 80yd, 0:15
	1	7:38/Samardzija 7-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Maurice Stovall 42-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to Stanford 30	8p, 72yd, 4:00
	3	8:43/Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Anthony Fasano 11-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 4 to Stanford 24	10p, 62yd, 4:15
	4	13:29/Carl Gioia 29-yard FG/Darius Walker 38-yard run on 1st & 10 to Stanford 11	11p, 76yd, 4:12
	4	9:44/Travis Thomas 8-yard run (Carl Gioia kick)/Matt Shelton 25-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 4 to Stanford 25	8p, 80yd, 3:34
	4	0:55/Darius Walker 6-yard run (Darius Walker run)/Samardzija 30-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to 50	6p, 80yd, 0:51

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2005 Opponent Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr	Time/Scoring Play/Key Play	Drive
at Pittsburgh	1	10:58/Greg Lee 39-yard pass from Tyler Palko (Josh Cummings kick)/2-yard sneak by Palko on 3rd and 1 to ND 39	8p, 73yd, 4:02
	1	1:40/Josh Cummings 49-yard FG/Joe Delsardo 9-yard pass from Palko on 3rd and 2 to ND 37	7p, 22yd, 3:43
	4	12:55/Tyler Palko 4-yard run (Cummings kick)/Raymond Kirkley 55-yard run on 1st and 10 to ND 17	7p, 72yd, 1:49
at Michigan	2	14:04/Garrett Rivas 38-yard FG/Steve Breaston 30-yard run on reverse to ND 26	5p, 35yd, 1:15
	4	3:47/Mario Manningham 25-yard pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick)/Jason Avant 18-yard pass from Henne to ND 32	5p, 50yd, 0:37
Michigan State	1	11:38/Matt Trannon 20-yard pass from Drew Stanton (John Goss kick)/Kyle Brown 28-yard pass from Stanton to ND 15	4p, 70yd, 1:55
	1	2:01/Kellen Davis 11-yard pass from Stanton (Goss kick)/Javon Ringer 25-yard pass from Stanton to ND 23	7p, 67yd, 3:13
	2	5:26/Goss 21-yard FG/Jason Teague 34-yard pass from Stanton to ND 11	8p, 76yd, 3:17
	2	0:27/Stanton 3-yard run (Goss kick)/Terry Love 45-yard pass from Stanton to ND 2	6p, 71yd, 0:46
	3	5:07/Trannon 65-yard pass from Stanton (Goss kick)/Trannon 27-yard pass from Stanton on 3rd & 12 to MSU 35	4p, 90yd, 1:27
	OT	—/Jason Teague 19-yard run (no kick)	2 p, 25yd, —
at Washington	2	9:52/Evan Knudson 27-yard FG/Sonny Shackelford 19-yard pass from Isaiah Stanback on 2nd & 8 to ND 39	10p, 70yd, 5:10
	4	6:01/Mark Palaita 1-yard run (Evan Knudson kick)/Louis Rankin 29-yard pass from Stanback on 1st & 10 to ND 48	10p, 77yd, 2:47
	4	2:26/Craig Chambers 41-yard pass from Johnny DuRocher (Knudson kick)/15-yard roughing pass penalty on ND to ND 41	5p, 70yd, 1:00
at Purdue	3	11:31/Darien Bryant 18-yard pass from Brandon Kirsch (Ben Jones kick)/Ray Williams 11-yard pass from Kirsch on 2nd & 6 to ND 48	12p, 85yd, 3:29
	3	6:37/Bryant 3-yard pass from Kirsch (Jones kick)/Bryant 31-yard pass from Kirsch on 1st & 10 to ND 49	10p, 80yd, 2:11
	4	8:58/Kory Sheets 5-yard run (Jones kick)/Bryant 17-yard pass from Kirsch on 1st & 10 to PU 47	10p, 80yd, 2:33
	4	1:52/Sheets 8-yard run (Jones kick)/Sheets 23-yard pass from Curtis Painter on 1st & 10 to ND 21	7p, 54yd, 0:55
USC	1	8:53/Reggie Bush 36-yard run (Mario Danelo kick)/Dwayne Jarrett 14-yard pass from Matt Leinart on 1st & 10 to ND 36	2p, 50yd, 0:34
	1	2:02/LenDale 3-yard run (Danelo kick)/Dominique Byrd 52-yard pass from Leinart on 1st & 10 to ND 9	3p, 61yd, 1:04
	3	9:28/Bush 45-yard run (Danelo kick)	2p, 50yd, 0:53
	4	5:09/Bush 9-yard run (Danelo kick)/Bush 22-yard run on reverse on 1st & 10 to ND 34	10p, 80yd, 2:19
	4	0:03/Matt Leinart 1-yard run (kick failed)/Jarrett 61-yard pass from Leinart on 4th & 9 to ND 13	9p, 75yd, 2:01
BYU	1	9:51/Jared McLaughlin 44-yard FG/Naufahu Tahi 24-yard pass from John Beck on 1st & 10 to ND 45	9p, 42yd, 5:09
	1	2:48/Jonny Harline 12-yard pass from John Beck (Jared McLaughlin kick)/Harline 27-yard pass from Beck on 2nd & 8 to ND 22	4p, 51yd, 1:54
	3	9:11/John Beck 10-yard run (McLaughlin kick)/Harline 24-yard pass from Beck on 3rd & 10 to ND 16	10p, 75yd, 3:39
	3	5:38/Todd Watkins 10-yard pass from Beck (pass failed - intercepted by Zbikowski)/Tahi 15-yard pass from Beck on 3rd & 5 to ND 13	7p, 33yd, 2:58
Tennessee	1	3:46/James Wilhoit 25-yard FG/Arian Foster 43-yard run on 1st & 10 to ND 11	8p, 67yd, 2:05
	2	3:19/Bret Smith 7-yard pass from Erik Ainge (James Wilhoit kick)/C.J. Fayton 21-yard pass from Ainge on 3rd & 12 to ND 4	8p, 37yd, 3:20
	3	5:06/Wilhoit 30-yard FG/Foster 25-yard run on 1st & 10 to ND 34	6p, 46yd, 2:24
	3	1:49/Arian Foster 3-yard run (Bret Smith pass from Ainge)/Fayton 23-yard pass from Ainge on 3rd & 10 to ND 3	6p, 55yd, 1:37
Navy	1	2:46/Adam Ballard 9-yard run (Joey Bullen kick)/Marco Nelson 10-yard run on 4th & 3 to ND 25	16p, 68yd, 7:45
	3	8:48/Lamar Owens 1-yard run (Bullen kick)/Reggie Campbell 34-yard pass from Lamar Owens on 1st & 10 to ND 4	12p, 80yd, 6:12
	4	1:17/Tyree Barnes 17-yard pass from Brian Hampton (Bullen kick)/Karl Whittaker 12-yard run on 2nd & 10 to ND 32	13p, 78yd, 5:31
Syracuse	1	1:55/John Barker 31-yard FG/Damien Rhodes 51-yard run on 1st & 10 to ND 14	7p, 66yd, 2:39
	4	3:18/Joe Kowalewski 18-yard pass from Perry Patterson (Ricky Krautman kick)/Bruce Williams 12-yard pass from Perry Patterson on 4th & 5 to ND 38	12p, 69yd, 4:24
at Stanford	1	11:38/Mark Bradford 27-yard pass from Trent Edwards (Michael Sgroi kick)/J.R. Lemon 20-yard pass from Trent Edwards on 2nd & 16 to ND 27	4p, 41yd, 1:21
	2	8:14/Justin McCullum 38-yard pass from Edwards (Sgroi kick)/Matt Traverso 16-yard pass from Edwards on 2nd & 13 to ND 38	3p, 51yd, 1:17
	2	13:18/T.J. Rushing 87-yard kickoff return (Sgroi kick)	no drive
	4	5:21/Michael Sgroi 31-yard FG/Traverso 23-yard pass from T.C. Ostrander on 2nd & 9 to ND 21	9p, 66yd, 4:23
	4	1:46/Matt Traverso 4-yard pass from T.C. Ostrander/Mark Bradford 76-yard pass from Ostrander on 2nd & 10 to ND 4	4p, 80yd, 0:29

THE LAST TIME...

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, 2005 (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 Purdue, 2005 (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 Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. BYU, 2005 (41)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:at Stanford, 2005 (38)
 Had 25 or more pass completions:at Stanford, 2005 (25)
 Had 20 or more pass completions:at Stanford, 2005 (25)
 Had six passing TDs:vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. Navy, 2005 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:at Stanford, 2005 (3)
 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 Stanford, 2005
(Jeff Samardzija - 191, Maurice Stovall - 136)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:.....at Stanford, 2005
(Jeff Samardzija - 191)
 Had two players with 10 catches in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
(Maurice Stovall - 14, Jeff Samardzija - 10)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:at Stanford, 2005
(Brady Quinn - 432 passing, Darius Walker - 186 rushing)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:at Stanford, 2005
(Jeff Samardzija - 191 receiving, Maurice Stovall - 136 receiving, Darius Walker - 186 rushing)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (663)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (663)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (663)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (88)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (88)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40 or more points:vs. Navy, 2005 (42)
 Scored 30 or more points:at Stanford, 2005 (38)

Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50 or more points:at Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40 or more points:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (44)
 Allowed 30 or more points:at Stanford, 2005 (31)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
(Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0)
vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1976 vs. Purdue (23-0)
at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
(Maurice Stovall - 4, Jeff Samardzija - 2)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:vs. Syracuse, 2005
 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, 2003 (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways:at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five or more takeaways:vs. Washington, 2004 (5)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs:vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
(Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (1)
(Leo Ferrine - 16 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:at Michigan State, 2004 (1)
(Tom Zbikowski - 75 yards)

DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:at Stanford, 2005 (minus-11)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (78)
 Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (221)
 Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)
 Intercepted five or more passes:vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
 Intercepted four or more passes:vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)
 Intercepted three or more passes:at Michigan State, 2004 (3)
 Scored a safety:at Stanford, 2003
 Recorded nine or more sacks:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
 Recorded eight or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
 Recorded seven or more sacks:at Stanford, 2005 (7)
 Recorded six or more sacks:vat Stanford, 2005 (7)
 Recorded five or more sacks:at Stanford, 2005 (7)
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:vs. Tennessee, 2005
 (Tom Zbikowski, 78 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. Syracuse, 2005 (2)
 Punted 10 or more times:at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
 Did not punt:vs. Navy, 2005
 Blocked a field goal:at Purdue, 2005
 Had a field goal blocked:vs. Syracuse, 2005
 Blocked a PAT kick:vs. LSU, 1998
 Scored on a blocked PAT attempt:vs. Texas, 1995
 Missed a kicking PAT:at Stanford, 2005
 Had a kicking PAT blocked:at Stanford, 2003
 Had a punt blocked:vs. Michigan State, 2005

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:at Stanford, 2005 (30)
 Had 20 or more first downs:at Stanford, 2005 (30)
 Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
 Had 10 or more penalties:vs. BYU, 2005 (11)
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:vs. USC, 2005 (38:40)
 Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
 Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (L, 41-44)

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:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (186)
 Rushed for 150 or more yards:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (186)
 Rushed for 125 or more yards:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (186)
 Rushed for 100 or more yards:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (186)
 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:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (35)
 Rushed 30 or more times:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (35)
 Rushed 25 or more times:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (35)
 Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
 Rushed for three or more TDs:Rashon Powers-Neal at Pitt, 2005 (3)
 Rushed for two or more TDs:Rashon Powers-Neal at Purdue, 2005 (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:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Passed for 300 or more yards:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Attempted 40 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (41)
 Attempted 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (38)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Completed 20 or more passes:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (25)
 Threw five or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Threw four or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Navy, 2005 (4)
 Threw three or more TDs:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (3)
 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 Stanford, 2005 (80)
 Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (80)
 Completed a pass of 60 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (80)
 Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (80)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:Stanford, 2005
 Had three or more fumbles lost:Washington, 2004 (4)
 Intercepted five or more passes:USC, 1967 (7)
 Intercepted four or more passes:Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Intercepted three or more passes:Michigan, 2004 (3)
 Returned an interception for a TD:Michigan State, 2005
 (Sir Darean Adams - 30 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:Tennessee, 2005 (48)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards:Michigan, 2005 (140)
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)
 Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2005 (244)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2003 (140)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:Purdue, 2002 (Anthony Chambers - 76 yards)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:Michigan State, 2004
 (Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:Stanford, 2005 (T.J. Rushing - 87 yards)
 Punted 10 or more times:Rutgers, 2002 (10)
 Did not punt:Miami (Fla.), 1985
 Missed a kicking PAT:USC, 2005

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
 Had 20 or more first downs:Navy, 2005 (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 a 100-yard receiver and a 100-yard rusher:USC, 2005
 (Reggie Bush, 160 rushing, Dwayne Jarrett, 101 receiving)

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 (222)
 Rushed for 150 or more yards:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (160)
 Rushed for 100 or more yards:Damien Rhodes, Syracuse, 2005 (112)
 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:Lamar Owens, Navy, 2005 (26)
 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:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (3)
 Rushed for two or more TDs:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (3)
 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:Damien Rhodes, Syracuse, 2005 (51)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Never

Passed for 400 or more yards:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)
 Passed for 300 or more yards:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (317)
 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:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (45)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
 Completed 20 or more passes:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (26)
 Threw five or more TDs:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
 Threw four or more TDs:Derek Anderson, Oregon State, 2004 (4)
 Threw three or more TDs:Drew Stanton, Michigan State, 2005 (3)
 Completed a pass of 90 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
 Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
 Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:T.C. Ostrander, Stanford, 2005 (76)
 Completed a pass of 60 yards or more:T.C. Ostrander, Stanford, 2005 (76)
 Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:T.C. Ostrander, Stanford, 2005 (76)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (14)
 Caught seven or more passes:Matt Traverso, Stanford, 2005 (7)
 Had 200 or more yards receiving:Craphonso Thorpe, Florida State, 2003 (217)
 Had 150 or more yards receiving:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)
 Had 100 or more yards receiving:Mark Bradford, Stanford, 2005 (124)
and Justin McCullum, Stanford, 2005 (101)
 Caught three or more TD passes:Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 1995 (3)
 Caught two or more TD passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for five or more touchdowns:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5 passing)
 Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Matt Trannon, Michigan State, 2005
 (3 receiving, 1 rushing)
 Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Jonny Harline, BYU, 2005
 (2 receiving, 1 rushing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
 Intercepted two or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
 Recorded three or more sacks:Ennis Davis, USC, 1999 (3)
 Recorded two or more sacks:Leon Hall, Michigan, 2005 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
 Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
 Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan State, 2004 (79)
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Karl Whittaker, Navy, 2005 (159)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	198	Fr.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
3	* Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	208	So.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
4	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6-3	221	So.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
5	*** McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	207	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy	Mitch Olson
6	Herring, Ray	DB	6-0	199	Fr.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity	John Thomas
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	So.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmine Prep	Mike Janda
8	Jabbie, Junior	RB	6-0	188	So.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School	Dave Dudeck
9	* Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	208	Jr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts
10	** Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	231	Jr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
11	Grimes, David	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres	Greg Carter
12	+ Mooney, Marty	QB	6-2	207	Sr.	10-8-83	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier	Steve Rasso
13	Sharples, Evan	QB	6-2	207	Fr.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall	Rich Hulkow
14	Wolke, David	QB	6-2	196	So.	4-16-85	Mount Juliet, Tenn.	Smyrna	Philip Shadowens
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	186	So.	9-22-86	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
16	*** Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB	6-3	238	Sr.	4-3-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
17	Price, Geoff	P	6-3	186	Jr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage	Chris Cunningham
17	+ Gorski, Dan	QB	6-3	196	Fr.	5-13-86	Omaha, Neb.	Creighton Prep	Tom Jaworski
18	** Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	219	Jr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
19	** Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-2	206	Sr.	11-15-82	Granger, Ind.	Marian	Reggie Glon
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	188	So.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
21	*** Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	222	Sr.	2-21-85	Philadelphia, Pa.	Archbishop Carroll	Dan Bielli
22	Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	197	Jr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
23	* Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	203	Jr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
23	+ Williams, William David	DB	5-9	174	So.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
24	+ Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	178	So.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
25	Schiccatano, Nate	DL	6-2	237	Sr.	9-3-82	Coal Township, Pa.	Southern Columbia	Jim Roth
26	+ Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	182	So.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	Cory Yeoman
26	* Thomas, Travis	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington	Guy Montecalvo
27	Bruton, David	DB	6-2	187	Fr.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg	Tim Lewis
27	+ Lyons, John	RB	6-1	205	Jr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman	Steve Kueter
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	189	Fr.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney	P.J. Fecko
29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	5-9	190	Jr.	1-8-85	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover	Rush Propst
30	** Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	193	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins	Richard Fendley
31	Carney, Jake	DB	6-0	187	Sr.	4-28-83	Lexington, Ky.	Catholic	Bob Spire
32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6-0	232	So.	2-22-84	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Huron	Paul Verska
32	+ Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	9-12-85	Terre Haute, Ind.	Country Day	Bob Whitman
33	Hoskins, Justin	RB	5-10	186	So.	2-27-85	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Creston	Sparky McEwen
34	+ Lee, Tommie	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	5-20-85	Milwaukee, Wis.	Pius XI	Rob Webb
35	+ Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere	Mike Hearn
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	247	Jr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville	Johnny Gulledge
36	+ Harris, Brandon	DB	6-0	198	Sr.	4-5-84	New Orleans, La.	Benjamin Franklin	Chris Fernino
37	+ Mitchell, Matt	DB	5-8	187	Sr.	4-23-84	Memphis, Tenn.	Christian Brothers	Pete Crodelli
38	+ Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	183	So.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South	Ron Muhitch
39	*** Hoyte, Brandon	LB	6-0	236	Sr.	9-26-83	Parlin, N.J.	War Memorial	George Najjar
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	220	So.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	John Colbert
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	234	Fr.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park	Kurt Weinberg
42	Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	231	Fr.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
43	** Salvador, Anthony	LB	6-2	233	Sr.	5-4-84	Brentwood, Calif.	Concord De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	250	Fr.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver	Rob Fleeting
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	179	Jr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
45	+ Whitney III, Rich	DB	6-2	203	Sr.	6-22-84	Warminster, Pa.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
46	*** Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	234	Sr.	11-27-83	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station	Trey Holladay
48	Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	St. Joseph's	Gil Brooks
49	+ Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	220	Jr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy

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50	**	Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's	Dan Galante
52	*	Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	212	Jr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
53	+	Boland, Joe	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	10-21-83	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Monsignor Bonner	Mike Coyne
54	+	Fitzgerald, David	OL	6-4	293	Sr.	1-27-84	Godfrey, Ill.	Marquette Catholic	Maki Slaughter
56	*	Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	238	Jr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
57		Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	252	Jr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II	Dave Dunn
58		Banda, Abdel	LB	6-1	220	So.	11-14-86	Orange, N.J.	Delbarton	Brian Bowers
59	+	Bent, James	OL	6-1	264	Sr.	9-6-83	Mishawaka, Ind.	Mishawaka	Jim Aldrich
60	+	Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	238	Jr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph	John Mares
61	+	Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	So.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
62	**	Raridon, Scott	OL	6-7	304	Sr.	6-2-84	Mason City, Iowa	Mason City	John Lee
63	+	Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)	Joe Heitala
66	**	Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	263	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
68	**	Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	288	Jr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
69	+	Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	260	So.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
71		Bonelli, James	OL	6-5	280	Sr.	5-6-84	Camarillo, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
72		Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	Fr.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding	Tim Glanton
73	**	LeVoir, Mark	OL	6-7	311	Sr.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant
74	***	Stevenson, Dan	OL	6-6	292	Sr.	10-4-82	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
75		Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	268	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart	Mike Herrington
76	**	Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	292	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney	Ron Poe
77		Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge M.A.	Jim Burner
78	*	Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	298	Jr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich	Rich Albonizio
79	*	Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	285	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West	Ed Michaels
81	+	Woods, Rob	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	12-15-83	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic	Gaylord Schelling
82	***	Shelton, Matt	WR	6-0	172	Sr.	4-1-82	Collierville, Tenn.	Collierville	Paul Cox
83	**	Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Jr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
84	+	O'Hara, Michael	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	3-17-83	Bellevue, Wash.	Newport	Gary Taller
85		Hiben, Joey	TE	6-4	253	Fr.	12-9-86	Chaska, Minn.	Waconia	Pat Foley
86	+	Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	245	So.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University	Gary Kornfeld
87	**	Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
88	**	Fasano, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	4-20-84	Verona, N.J.	Verona	Lou Racioppe
89	*	Carlson, John	TE	6-6	254	Jr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield	Jon Johnson
90	***	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	Dick Basham
91	+	Cardillo, Craig	K	6-0	175	Sr.	11-1-83	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Happauge	Steve Atkinson
92		Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	301	Fr.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic	Brian Fluck
93	+	Chervanick, Dan	DL	6-1	259	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
94		Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	247	So.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
95	**	Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School	Biff Poggi
96		Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	267	Fr.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli	Bruce Scifres
96	+	Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	190	Jr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands	Jerry Gayden
98	*	Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	293	Jr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
99		Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	261	So.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance	William Hill

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23	Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	203	Jr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
49	Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	220	Jr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	O.L. of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy
58	Banda, Abdel	LB	6-1	220	So.	11-14-86	Orange, N.J.	Delbarton	Brian Bowers
90	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	Dick Basham
59	Bent, James	OL	6-1	264	Sr.	9-6-83	Mishawaka, Ind.	Mishawaka	Jim Aldrich
53	Boland, Joe	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	10-21-83	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Monsignor Bonner	Mike Coyne
71	Bonelli, James	OL	6-5	280	Sr.	5-6-84	Camarillo, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
56	Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	238	Jr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	So.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmino Prep	Mike Janda
52	Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	212	Jr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
94	Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	247	So.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
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93	Chervanick, Dan	DL	6-1	259	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
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24	Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	178	So.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
88	Fasano, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	4-20-84	Verona, N.J.	Verona	Lou Racioppe
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	186	So.	9-22-86	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
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19	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-2	206	Sr.	11-15-82	Granger, Ind.	Marian	Reggie Glon
87	Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
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77		Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge M.A.	Jim Burner
4		Vernaglia, Anthony	DB	6-3	221	So.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
3	*	Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	208	So.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
42		Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	231	Fr.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
45	+	Whitney III, Rich	DB	6-2	203	Sr.	6-22-84	Warminster, Pa.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
23	+	Williams, William David	DB	5-9	174	So.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
22		Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	197	Jr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
81		Woods, Rob	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	12-15-83	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic	Gaylord Schelling
14		Wolke, David	QB	6-2	196	So.	4-16-85	Mount Juliet, Tenn.	Smyrna	Philip Shadowens
9	*	Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	208	Jr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts

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Irish Offense

X	21	MAURICE STOVALL	6-5	222	Sr.
	11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	288	Jr.
	77	Michael Turkovich	6-6	290	Fr.
LG	50	Dan Santucci	6-4	290	Sr.
	79	Brian Mattes	6-6	285	Sr.
C	76	Bob Morton**	6-4	292	Sr.
	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-4	298	Jr.
RG	74	DAN STEVENSON	6-6	292	Sr.
	62	Scott Raridon	6-7	304	Sr.
RT	73	MARK LeVOIR	6-7	311	Sr.
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	Fr.
Y	88	ANTHONY FASANO	6-5	255	Sr.
	89	John Carlson	6-6	254	Jr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-3	245	Sr.
Z	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	216	Jr.
	82	Matt Shelton	6-0	172	Sr.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	231	Jr.
	14	David Wolke	6-2	196	So.
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	6-0	250	Fr.
	35	Ashley McConnell	6-0	247	Jr.
HB	3	DARIUS WALKER	5-10	208	So.
	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	215	Jr.

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LE	95	Victor Abiamiri	6-4	260	Jr.
	94	Justin Brown	6-3	247	So.
LT	98	Trevor Laws	6-1	293	Jr.
	90	Brian Beidatsch	6-3	294	Sr.
RT	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-3	263	Sr.
	57	Dwight Stephenson, Jr.	6-2	252	Jr.
	or 96	Pat Kuntz	6-2	267	Fr.
RE	99	Ronald Talley	6-4	261	So.
	94	Justin Brown	6-3	247	So.
WLB	39	BRANDON HOYTE	6-0	236	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-1	212	Jr.
MLB	46	Corey Mays	6-1	234	Sr.
	41	Scott Smith	6-3	235	Fr.
Apache	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	6-0	220	So.
	48	Steve Quinn	6-2	215	Fr.
LCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	5-11	197	Jr.
	15	Leo Ferrine	6-0	186	So.
WS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	6-2	219	Jr.
	27	David Bruton	6-2	187	Fr.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	208	Jr.
	28	Kyle McCarthy	6-0	189	Fr.
RCB	30	Mike Richardson	5-11	193	Sr.
	20	Terrail Lambert	5-11	188	So.

Irish Special Teams

PK	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.	SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	6-3	242	So.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	179	Jr.		62	Scott Raridon	6-7	304	Sr.
P	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.	PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	6-0	208	Jr.
	17	Geoff Price	6-3	186	Jr.		11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
KO	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.	KR	11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	179	Jr.		1	D.J. Hord	6-2	185	Fr.
HLD	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	216	Jr.	ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2004 (min. six regular season starts) ** - indicates was a starter at another position in 2004					
	82	MATT SHELTON	6-0	172	Sr.						