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2009 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL NOTES

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Game #8

#25/25 Notre Dame (5-2) vs. Washington State (1-6)



DATE

Saturday, October 31, 2009

TIME

7:42 p.m. ET

SITE (CAPACITY)

Alamodome (65,000); San Antonio, Texas

TELEVISION

NBC national telecast with Tom Hammond (play-by-play), Pat Haden (analysis), Alex Flanagan (sideline), Rob Hyland (producer) and David Michaels (director).

RADIO

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► All Notre Dame games may be heard in South Bend on Sunny 101.5 FM and NewsTalk 960 WSBT-AM.

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TICKETS

► Saturday's game is not officially sold out. Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 72 of its last 82 games away from home. In fact, the Irish have played in front of sellout crowds in 216 of their previous 249 games, including 91 of their last 101 contests dating back to the 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl (the '01, '03, '05 and '07 games at Stanford, the '04 game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands, the '05 and '08 games at Washington, the '07 game at UCLA, the '08 Hawai'i Bowl and this season's game at Purdue were not sellouts).

WEB SITES

Notre Dame (und.com), Washington State (wsucougars.com)

REAL-TIME STATS

Live in-game statistics will be provided through CBS College Sports Gametracker via each school's respective official athletic website.

POLLS

Notre Dame is ranked 25th in both the AP and coaches polls. Washington State is unranked in both polls.

SERIES INFO

This meeting will be the second all-time meeting between the two schools. Notre Dame captured the only other matchup, 29-26, in overtime in 2003 (more on the series history on pages 25-27).

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

► Junior WR **Golden Tate** has posted three consecutive 100-yard receiving games. He registered 244 yards against Washington, 117 yards versus USC and 128 yards against Boston College. Tate could become the first Irish player to record four straight 100-yard games since Tom Gatewood set the school record with five in 1970.
► Saturday's game is Notre Dame's seventh ever indoors. The Irish lost their last game inside in 2003 (Carrier Dome, Syracuse, 38-12). Notre Dame's other games played inside include: Hoosier Dome, 1984 (L, Purdue, 21-23); Superdome, 1981 (L, Georgia, 10-17); Bank One Ball Park, 2004 (L, Oregon State, 21-38); Superdome, 1992 (W, 39-28, Florida); Superdome, 2007 (L, 14-41, LSU).

Countdown To Kickoff

- 10** Notre Dame is plus-10 in turnovers this year and only four teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision have a larger disparity between turnovers forced and turnovers committed. (SEE PAGE 8)
- 9** Since being inserted as a starter against Washington three games ago, freshman LB **Manti Te'o** is averaging a team-best 9.0 tackles per game. (SEE PAGE 40)
- 8** The Irish defense has made numerous big plays in their end of the field in 2009, including forcing eight turnovers inside the Notre Dame 25-yard line. (SEE PAGE 17)
- 7** When this week's BCS rankings are adjusted according to each team's schedule strength of past and future opposition, only seven teams are slotted ahead of Notre Dame. (SEE PAGE 8)
- 6** The last six Notre Dame games have been decided by seven points or less, setting a single-season school record. The Irish are the only team in the Football Bowl Subdivision to have played in that many games decided by such a small margin. (SEE PAGE 4)
- 5** One of the most electrifying players in the Football Bowl Subdivision, junior WR **Golden Tate** has eclipsed 100 receiving yards in five games this year. No other FBS player has more 100-yard receiving games than Tate. (SEE PAGES 34-35)
- 4** Coined "Captain Comeback" by the *South Bend Tribune*, junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** has already set a school record this year by directing four fourth quarter comebacks for Notre Dame victories. (SEE PAGES 30-31)
- 3** Senior SS **Kyle McCarthy** (aka Mr. Dependable) is tied for third in the Football Bowl Subdivision with a team-high five interceptions. The only time since 1990 an Irish player has topped that figure was seven by Shane Walton in 2002. (SEE PAGE 43)
- 2** The Irish rank second in the Football Bowl Subdivision in fewest turnovers this year (five) and are tied for second in the nation for most games without a giveaway since 2005. (SEE PAGE 13)
- 1** Notre Dame's defense shined on first down against Boston College last week allowing two yards or less on 19 of the Eagles' 25 first-down plays. (SEE PAGE 16)
- 0** The Irish football team has provided more treats than tricks in its history when playing on Halloween. Notre Dame has never lost in 14 previous games played on Oct. 31. (SEE PAGE 6)

2009 Notre Dame Schedule

September 5 September 12	NEVADA (NBC) at Michigan (ABC)	Notre Dame, Ind. Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 35-0 L, 34-38
September 19 September 26	MICHIGAN STATE (NBC) at Purdue (ESPN)	Notre Dame, Ind. West Lafayette, Ind.	W, 33-30 W, 24-21
October 3 October 17	WASHINGTON (NBC) #6/5 USC (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind. Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 37-30 (ot) L, 27-34
October 24 October 31	BOSTON COLLEGE (NBC) vs. Washington State (NBC)	Notre Dame, Ind. San Antonio, Texas	W, 20-16 6:30 p.m.
November 7 November 14	NAVY (NBC) at Pittsburgh (TBA)	Notre Dame, Ind. Pittsburgh, Pa.	2:30 p.m. TBA
November 21 November 28	CONNECTICUT (NBC) at Stanford (ABC)	Notre Dame, Ind. Palo Alto, Calif.	2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
All Times Local to site			

Extended individual notes are available in the player bios that span pages 28-49.

**Notre Dame's
Record When...**

	2009	Weis Era
At Home	4-1	19-12
On The Road	1-1	12-9
Neutral Site Games	0-0	3-2
In Overtime	1-0	1-3
Coming off a loss	2-0	11-11
Coming off a win	2-1	19-7
Coming of an open date	0-1	2-3
Both teams are AP-ranked	0-1	3-6
Neither team is ranked	4-0	13-9
ND is ranked higher	1-1	18-3
Opponent is ranked higher	0-1	3-11
Vs. In-state Opponents	1-0	4-1
In September	3-1	13-9
In October	2-1	11-6
In November	0-0	11-7
In December	0-0	1-0
In January	0-0	0-2
On Television	5-2	34-23
On NBC	4-1	19-12
On ABC	0-1	7-6
On ESPN	1-0	4-4
On ESPN2	0-0	1-0
On CBS	0-0	2-0
On CSTV	0-0	1-0
On Fox	0-0	0-1
Afternoon Games	4-2	27-18
Night Games	1-0	7-5
Decided By 7 or Less	4-2	12-8
Scoring First	3-0	23-7
Opponent Scores First	2-2	11-16
Leading At Halftime	3-1	24-6
Tied At Halftime	0-0	4-0
Trailing At Halftime	2-1	6-17
Leading After 3 Qtrs.	3-0	26-4
Tied After 3 Qtrs.	0-0	1-1
Trailing After 3 Qtrs.	2-2	7-18
Scoring 40+ Points	0-0	10-2
Scoring 30+ Points	3-1	22-5
Scoring 20-29 Points	2-1	18-9
Scoring 0-19 Points	0-0	2-12
Allowing 40+ Points	0-0	0-6
Allowing 30+ Points	2-2	4-17
Allowing 20-29 Points	1-0	13-7
Allowing 0-19 Points	2-0	18-1
Outrushing Opponent	4-0	19-0
Getting Outrushed	1-2	15-23
Passing For More Yds	2-1	24-13
Passing For Fewer Yds	3-1	10-10
Outgaining Opponent	4-1	24-8
Getting Outgained	1-1	10-14
Winning Time of Poss.	4-2	26-8
Losing Time of Poss.	1-0	8-15
Scoring a Def./ST TD	0-0	12-3
Allowing a Def./ST TD	1-1	3-9
Fewer Penalty Yards	3-1	16-14
More Penalty Yards	2-1	18-8
Winning Turnover Battle	4-1	24-9
Losing Turnover Battle	1-0	7-10
Individual 100-yard rusher	1-1	15-5
Individual 100-yard receiver	4-2	21-9
Individual 200-yard passer	4-2	28-12
Opponent 100-yard rusher	2-1	7-16
Opponent 100-yard receiver	3-1	15-8
Opponent 200-yard passer	4-2	17-13

AN IRISH VICTORY THIS WEEK WOULD...

- ▶ Improve Notre Dame to 6-2 for the first time since 2005.
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame to 2-1 (.667) this season away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame to 2-0 (1.000) in the all-time series with Washington State.
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame to 1-0 (1.000) in the all-time series with the Cougars away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame to 82-43-6 (.649) all-time against the Pac-10 Conference.
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame to 10-0 (1.000) all-time against schools from the state of Washington (Washington and Washington State).
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame's all-time record to 16-4 (.800) in games played in the state of Texas.
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame's all-time neutral record against the Pac-10 to 4-2 (.667).
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame's all-time record in night games to 55-27-3 (.665).
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame's all-time record to 837-286-42 (.736).
- ▶ Improve Notre Dame's all-time record on the road to 293-142-22 (.665).
- ▶ Improve Weis' record to 35-23 (.603) overall, 10-4 (.714) against the Pac-10 and 1-0 (1.000) against Washington State.
- ▶ Improve Weis' record to 16-11 (.593) overall and 6-2 (.750) against the Pac-10 away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Improve Weis' record to 12-6 (.667) in October games.
- ▶ Improve Weis' record in night games to 8-5 (.615).

AN IRISH DEFEAT THIS WEEK WOULD...

- ▶ Drop Notre Dame to 5-3 for the second consecutive season.
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame to 1-2 (.333) this season away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame to 1-1 (.500) in the all-time series with Washington State.
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame to 0-1 (.000) in the all-time series with the Cougars away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame to 81-44-6 (.641) all-time against the Pac-10 Conference.
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame to 9-1 (.900) all-time against schools from the state of Washington (Washington and Washington State).
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame's all-time record to 15-5 (.750) in games played in the state of Texas.
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame's all-time neutral record against the Pac-10 to 3-3 (.500).
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame's all-time record in night games to 54-28-3 (.653).
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame's all-time record to 836-287-42 (.736).
- ▶ Drop Notre Dame's all-time record on the road to 292-143-22 (.663).
- ▶ Drop Weis' record to 34-24 (.586) overall, 9-5 (.643) against the Pac-10 and 0-1 (.000) against Washington State.
- ▶ Drop Weis' record to 15-12 (.556) overall and 5-3 (.625) against the Pac-10 away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Drop Weis' record to 11-7 (.611) in October games.
- ▶ Drop Weis' record in night games to 7-6 (.538).

IRISH CONNECTIONS TO THE LONE STAR STATE

- ▶ Notre Dame boasts four players on its current roster from the state of Texas and 93 monogram winners all-time from the Lone Star State.
- ▶ The four current Irish players from Texas include junior WR **Derry Herlihy** (Houston/St. John's H.S.), sophomore DT **Kapron Lewis-Moore** (Weatherford/Weatherford H.S.), senior OG **Chris Stewart** (Spring/Klein H.S.) and freshman PK **Nick Tausch** (Plano/Jesuit H.S.).
- ▶ Notre Dame does not have any current players from the San Antonio area, but former QB/WR Carlyle Holiday (2001-04, Roosevelt H.S.) was a native of San Antonio.
- ▶ Three of Notre Dame's more noteworthy all-time players from Texas include 1987 Heisman Trophy winner and flanker Tim Brown (Dallas, 1984-87) plus two other consensus All-Americans: center Dave Huffman (Dallas, 1975-78) and defensive back Bobby Taylor (Longview, 1992-94).
- ▶ Taylor is one of several noteworthy defensive backs from Texas who joined the Irish program during the 1990s, with that group also including Clifford Jefferson (Dallas, 1998-2001), Gerome Sapp (Houston, 1999-2002), Greg Lane (Austin, 1990-93), Allen Rossum (Dallas, 1994-97); and safeties Jarvis Edison (Bay City, 1994-97) and A'Jani Sanders (Houston, 1996-99).
- ▶ Notre Dame's all-time Texas natives include 21 offensive linemen, 15 defensive backs, 12 receivers, 11 linebackers, seven running backs, seven quarterbacks, six defensive linemen, five tight ends, four kickers, three punters and two fullbacks.
- ▶ Other noteworthy Texas natives who played for the Irish in the 1990s included: linebackers Bert Berry (Humble, 1993-96) and Jimmy Friday (Missouri City, 1995-98), OT Justin Hall (Dallas, 1988-1992), DL Alton Maiden (Dallas, 1993-94, 1996), FL Mike Miller (Missouri City, 1991-94), P Hunter Smith (Sherman, 1995-98) and TE Leon Wallace (Bedford, 1992-95).
- ▶ Noteworthy Texas natives who played for the Irish in the 1980s included: OG Randy Ellis (Pearland, starting LG in 1981), FL Mike Haywood (Houston, started in 1982 before being hampered by injury the rest of his career), OG Tim Huffman (Dallas, starting OG in 1980), DT Wally Kleine (Midland, starting DT from 1984-1986) and P Mike Viracola (Dallas, starting punter in 1984).
- ▶ Those from the 1960s and 1970s included OG John Dampeer (Kermit, starting RT from 1970-72), TE Dennis Grindinger (Dallas, starting TE in 1978), LB Bobby Leopold (Port Arthur, starting LB in 1978 and 1979), OT Rob Martinovich (Houston, starting LT in 1978 and 1979) and TE Robin Weber (Dallas, starting tight end in 1974).
- ▶ Some of the founding members of the Irish football program were Texas natives, including: RE Joe Hepburn (El Paso, starter in second and third varsity season, 1888 and 1889), RT Stafford Campbell (El Paso, starter in 1889), QB Angus McDonald (Houston, starter in 1899), LG Rob Paine (Houston, starter in 1907).

NOTRE DAME HAS A LONG, STORIED HISTORY IN TEXAS

- ▶ Notre Dame's two most recent trips to the state of Texas produced a 27-24 win over Texas in 1996 in Austin -- followed by a 24-3 loss to Texas A&M in College Station in 2003.

► The Irish own a 4-0 record against the Longhorns in Austin. In addition to 1996, Notre Dame was also victorious in 1913 (30-7), 1915 (36-7) and 1952 (14-3).

► The Irish have played in the Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas on seven occasions – following the 1969, 1970, 1977, 1978, 1987, 1992 and 1993 seasons. A victory in the Cotton Bowl facility in 1977 earned a national championship for Notre Dame after the Irish defeated top-ranked and unbeaten Texas. Notre Dame also faced unbeaten and top-ranked Texas teams in Cotton Bowls following both the '69 and '70 seasons (winning in the second of those games to end a 30-game Texas win streak). The Irish are 5-2 in Cotton Bowl appearances, also winning 35-34 over Houston to close out the 1978 season in Joe Montana's final collegiate appearance.

► Notre Dame also has played in Dallas against SMU in 1949 (a 27-20 win for the top-rated Irish), 1954 (a 26-14 Notre Dame victory), 1956 (a 19-13 SMU win), 1957 (a 54-21 Notre Dame win) and 1958 (a 14-6 Irish triumph) – giving the Irish a 9-3 overall mark in Dallas. Other Notre Dame appearances in Texas came in Houston for games against Rice in 1915 (a 55-2 Notre Dame win) and 1973 (a 28-0 Irish victory).

► All those contests combine to give the Irish a 15-4 mark in games played in Texas.

IRISH FEEL AT HOME IN SAN ANTONIO

Notre Dame's Alamodome appearance will be a homecoming of sorts for 35 Irish players who participated in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl prep high school all-star game. The group includes seniors **FB James Aldridge**, **WR Barry Gallup**, **CB Raeshon McNeil**, **OG Chris Stewart**, **CB Darrin Walls**, **OL Dan Wenger** and **OT Sam Young**; juniors **RB Armando Allen**, **QB Jimmy Clausen**, **CB Gary Gray**, **RB Robert Hughes**, **WR Duval Kamara**, **TE Mike Ragone** and **OT Matt Romine**; sophomores **CB Robert Blanton**, **OL Lane Clelland**, **QB Dayne Crist**, **DT Sean Cwynar**, **LB Steve Filer**, **LB Darius Fleming**, **WR Michael Floyd**, **OL Mike Golic**, **WR John Goodman**, **RB Jonas Gray**, **DT Ethan Johnson**, **LB Anthony McDonald**, **DL Brandon Newman**, **OG Trevor Robinson** and **TE Kyle Rudolph**; and freshmen **WR Shaquelle Evans**, **TE Jake Golic**, **S Zeke Motta**, **DT Tyler Stockton**, **OL Chris Watt** and **RB Cierre Wood**.

COULD BE A LONG WALK FROM THE BASILICA

► One of the many iconic traditions surrounding a Notre Dame home game is the walk by the team from the Basilica to Notre Dame Stadium. The team will not walk the 1,091 miles from the Basilica to San Antonio prior to the game despite this weekend's contest being a home game for the Irish.

► This weekend's game marks the first of a series of "off-site" Fighting Irish football games.

► Notre Dame officials expect to play one "home" game per season beginning in '09 at locations in Texas, Florida and New York.

► The Irish and Cougars will be meeting for the first time since 2003, their only previous meeting. Notre Dame won that one 29-26 in overtime to open the season in Notre Dame Stadium. The 2009 game will be played at the 65,000-seat Alamodome, with the Valero Alamo Bowl serving as the host.

► The Alamodome played host to a Texas A&M-Army regular-season matchup in 2006, served as temporary home to the NFL New Orleans Saints for part of the 2005 season in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina – and was the home of the 2007 NFL Dallas Cowboys preseason training camp and the '07 Big 12 Conference Football Championship. The NCAA men's basketball Final Four was played at the Alamodome in 2003 and again in 2008.

► Notre Dame has more than 4,600 alumni in the state of Texas, most as part of alumni clubs in San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Laredo, the Rio Grande Valley and West Texas/Eastern New Mexico.

**Notre Dame
Probable Starting Lineup**

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
X	23	Golden Tate – Jr.	Three straight 100-yd receiving games; fourth in the FBS in receiving yds per game (121.0)
LT	72	Paul Duncan – Sr.	Has started all seven games in 2009; Missed the entire 2008 season with hip surgery
LG	59	Chris Stewart – Sr.	Has started all seven games in 2009; Made 10 starts at RG in 2008
OC	55	Eric Olsen – Sr.	Has started 26 straight games (final six of 2007 at RG, 13 in 2008 at LG, seven in 2009 at C)
RG	78	Trevor Robinson – So.	Has started all seven games in 2009; Became fifth rookie OL to ever start a game at ND
RT	74	Sam Young – Sr.	Has started all 45 games over the past three seasons (35 games at RT, 10 games at LT)
Z	18	Duval Kamara – Jr.	Career-high seven receptions in last week's victory over Boston College
TE	9	Kyle Rudolph – So.	Set career-highs for receptions (six) and receiving yards (95) against Michigan State
QB	7	Jimmy Clausen – Jr.	Has led five 4th quarter comebacks, including four for victory (ND single-season record)
FB	34	James Aldridge – Sr.	Switched from HB; rushed for 977 yards on 254 attempts over career
HB	5	Armando Allen – Jr.	Back-to-back 100-yard rushing games against Michigan and MSU; career-high 139 vs. UM

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LDE	89	Kapron Lewis-Moore – So.	Six tackles, one for loss, and two QB hurries last week against Boston College
DT	9	Ethan Johnson – So.	Made five tackles, two tackles for loss, sack and forced fumble against Washington
NT	95	Ian Williams – Jr.	Season-high seven tackles last week against Boston College
RDE	90	John Ryan – Sr.	Voted by teammates onto leadership committee; has started last five games
SAM	45	Darius Fleming – So.	Ranks 11th in the FBS in TFLs; 2nd among linebackers and 3rd among sophomores
MIKE	58	Brian Smith – Jr.	Ranks second on the team in tackles (40) and tied for second in tackles for loss (5.0)
WILL	5	Manti Te'o – Fr.	Over last three games, ranks first on the Irish defense with 27 tackles
LCB	4	Gary Gray – Jr.	Recorded third career INT and returned 30 yards to setup ND touchdown against USC
FS	22	Harrison Smith – Jr.	Made nine starts at LB in 2008; career-high 11 tackles and 1.5 for loss against Michigan
SS	28	Kyle McCarthy – Sr.	Ranks tied for third in the FBS in interceptions (five); also ranks 4th in tackles in FBS by SS
RCB	2	Darrin Walls – Sr.	Was not enrolled at ND during first semester of 2008 due to personal reasons

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
PK	40	Nick Tausch – Fr.	Rookie kicker has connected on 12 straight field goals (longest such streak since 1984-85)
KO	48	David Ruffer – Jr.	Saw first career action as kickoff specialist against USC; averages 62.2 per kickoff
P	35	Ben Turk – Fr.	Ranked by Scout.com as third-best high school punter in 2008
H	43	Eric Maust – Sr.	Holds for both Nick Tausch and Brandon Walker
LSNP	60	Jordan Cowart – Fr.	Serves as snapper on punts
SSNP	52	Braxton Cave – So.	Serves as snapper on field goals
PR	23	Golden Tate – Jr.	Avg. 7.8 yds/return on five punt returns in 2009
		5 Armando Allen – Jr.	Avg. 9.4 yds/return on seven punt returns in 2008
KR	21	Barry Gallup – Sr.	Made kickoff return debut against Michigan; avg. 38.5 yds, including 52-yard return
		32 Theo Riddick – Fr.	Rookie averages 23.8 yards per kickoff return; 8th-best of any true freshman in FBS

KEY PROBABLE NON-STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
X	11	Shaquelle Evans – Fr.	41st-overall player in ESPN150, 4th-best WR; 44th-best player by <i>Sporting News</i> , 8th-best WR
LT	77	Matt Romine – Jr.	Fully healthy after playing in just five games in 2008
C/G	51	Dan Wenger – Sr.	Started the previous 15 games at center entering 2009; started 18 of 27 games in his career
TE	83	Mike Ragone – Jr.	Returns from a torn ACL that caused him to miss the entire 2008 season
Z	82	Robby Parris – Sr.	Career-high nine catches against USC for 92 yards (second-most) before injuring leg
Z	81	John Goodman – So.	One of 21 Notre Dame players to make his Irish debut against Nevada
QB	10	Dayne Crist – So.	5-for-10 for 45 yards and rushed for another 16 in first major action of career against Purdue
HB	33	Robert Hughes – Jr.	Filled in for injured FB James Aldridge; two career 100-yd rushing games
HB	25	Jonas Gray – So.	Powerful, quick running back rushed for 50 yards on nine carries against Nevada
HB	20	Cierre Wood – Fr.	Named to <i>USA Today</i> All-American team; 10th-best player by <i>Sporting News</i> , 2nd-best RB
HB	32	Theo Riddick – Fr.	Named <i>Superprep</i> All-American, rating him as 23rd-best running back nationally
DE	56	Kerry Neal – Jr.	One of four juniors to have played in every game of his Notre Dame career
SAM	41	Scott Smith – Sr.	One of four captains in '09; played in 42 career games; 350 special-teams appearances
MIKE	49	Toryan Smith – Sr.	Registered five tackles, two for loss and one sack in season opening victory over Nevada
CB	12	Robert Blanton – So.	Three career interceptions, returning one 47 yards for a TD vs. Purdue
CB	8	Raeshon McNeil – Sr.	11th all-time in PBU's (14); third-most PBU's (11) in single-season school history in '08
CB	26	Jamoris Slaughter – So.	Saw most significant playing time on defense last week against Boston College
FS	31	Sergio Brown – Sr.	First career start at FS against Boston College; previously used as extra safety in nickel defense
SS	17	Zeke Motta – Fr.	Participated in '09 U.S. Army All-American Game; Rivals.com ranked 54th-best player overall

National
Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Oct. 25)

Rk	School	Record	Pts
1.	Florida (30)	7-0	1463
2.	Alabama (23)	8-0	1448
3.	Texas (7)	7-0	1407
4.	USC	6-1	1217
5.	Cincinnati	7-0	1211
6.	Boise State	7-0	1177
7.	Iowa	8-0	1148
8.	TCU	7-0	1132
9.	LSU	6-1	1040
10.	Oregon	6-1	933
11.	Georgia Tech	7-1	923
12.	Penn State	7-1	843
13.	Oklahoma State	6-1	768
14.	Virginia Tech	5-2	734
15.	Houston	6-1	601
16.	Pittsburgh	7-1	551
17.	Ohio State	6-2	508
18.	Miami (FL)	5-2	501
19.	Utah	6-1	400
20.	West Virginia	6-1	323
21.	South Carolina	6-2	270
22.	Oklahoma	4-3	210
23.	Arizona	5-2	164
24.	Mississippi	5-2	142
25.	NOTRE DAME	5-2	135

Others Receiving Votes

BYU 80, Central Michigan 76, California 24, Texas Tech 18, Wisconsin 16, Navy 13, Kansas 12, Clemson 11, Rutgers 1.

USA TODAY/COACHES (Oct. 25)

Rk	School	Record	Pts
1.	Florida (46)	7-0	1459
2.	Alabama (9)	8-0	1399
3.	Texas (4)	7-0	1390
4.	USC	6-1	1244
5.	Boise State	7-0	1152
6.	TCU	7-0	1131
7.	Cincinnati	7-0	1126
8.	Iowa	8-0	1086
9.	LSU	6-1	1037
10.	Penn State	7-1	935
11.	Georgia Tech	7-1	865
12.	Oregon	6-1	839
13.	Oklahoma State	6-1	825
14.	Virginia Tech	5-2	691
15.	Ohio State	6-2	569
16.	Houston	6-1	544
17.	Pittsburgh	7-1	542
18.	Miami (FL)	5-2	433
19.	Utah	6-1	403
20.	West Virginia	6-1	365
21.	South Carolina	6-2	279
22.	Mississippi	5-2	223
23.	Oklahoma	4-3	168
24.	Arizona	5-2	149
25.	NOTRE DAME	5-2	82

Others Receiving Votes

Central Michigan 61, BYU 59, Wisconsin 49, California 32, Texas Tech 14, Kansas 11, Georgia 5, Navy 4, Auburn 2, Clemson 2.

2009 opponents in **bold**

► The off-site home game concept, as originated by former Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White, came about once the NCAA opted for a 12-game regular season.

CLOSE SHAVES

► Notre Dame has become quite accustomed to nailbiting finishes. The Irish have played in six consecutive games decided by seven points or less. No team in the FBS had played in more such games this season. In fact, Southern Miss is the only school to have even played in five.

► This streak of six consecutive games decided by a touchdown or less for Notre Dame equals the school record. Notre Dame last played in six consecutive games decided by seven points or less in 1983-84, when they went down to the wire with Pittsburgh (L, 16-21), Penn State (L, 30-34), Air Force (L, 22-23), Boston College (W, 19-18 in 1983 Liberty Bowl), Purdue (L, 21-23) and Michigan State (W, 24-20). No Irish team has ever played seven straight games decided by a touchdown or less.

► Six straight football games in a single season decided by seven or fewer points? It hasn't happened in the 119-year history of Notre Dame football. The previous single-season school record for consecutive games decided seven points or less came during the 1939 season when the Irish started the season with five games in that fashion (W 3-0 vs. Purdue, W 17-14 vs. Georgia Tech, W 20-19 vs. SMU, W 14-7 vs. Navy, W 7-6 vs. Carnegie Tech).

► With its late-game heroics against Washington, Notre Dame captured three consecutive games by seven points or less. The last time the Irish won three straight games by a touchdown or less came in 2002 during Tyrone Willingham's first season: 24-17 vs. Purdue; 25-23 vs. No. 7 Michigan; 21-17 at Michigan State.

► Prior to the 2002 streak, the last time it happened was Nov. 8-22, 1941, when rookie head coach Frank Leahy led the Irish to narrow wins over No. 6 Navy (20-13), No. 8 Northwestern (7-6) and USC (20-18).

► The Notre Dame record for consecutive wins by seven points or less is five, the first five games of the 1939 season (Sept. 30-Oct. 28) under head coach Elmer Layden.

► The recent Irish streak marked just the fifth time Notre Dame has won three straight games by seven points or less. The others are the aforementioned streak in 2002, the last three games of 1941, the first five games of 1939 and the last three games of the 1937 season (Nov. 13-27).

► The Notre Dame record for wins by seven points or less in a season is six, set in 1939 when that club had a 6-1 record in games decided by seven or less. The 1937 team was 5-1-1 and the 2002 club was 5-1-0 in games decided by seven or less, while the 1929 (4-0), 1940 (4-1), 1974 (4-0), 1990 (4-3), 1997 (4-2) and 1998 (4-1) teams all had four wins by seven or less over the course of the season.

► As for winning percentage in games decided by seven points or less, the 1929 and 1974 teams were both 4-0, while the 1926, 1928, 1954 and 1957 teams finished 3-0.

► One item of note on the greatness of Knute Rockne: he was 20-3-5 (.804) in games decided by seven points or less over his Notre Dame career, including 16-0-2 (.944) over his last seven years. Charlie Weis is 12-8 (.600) in games decided by seven points or less.

FOURTH QUARTER MAGIC

► Notre Dame did it again. The Irish rallied from behind in the fourth quarter to upend Boston College last week. Notre Dame trailed 16-13 with 9:16 remaining in the fourth quarter before a pair of junior RB **Armando Allen** runs gained 13 yards and junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** found junior WR **Golden Tate** for a 36-yard touchdown with 8:12 left. The Irish defense did the rest, forcing a three-and-out and two interceptions on the Eagles' final three drives of the game.

► Notre Dame has now registered four come-from-behind, fourth-quarter victories this season – a first in Irish football history. The previous record for fourth-quarter, comeback victories was three (set on numerous occasions).

► The Irish have actually rallied from five fourth quarter deficits this season, but were not able to hold off Michigan on Sept. 12.

► Notre Dame rallied from fourth quarter deficits in four consecutive games (winning three) against Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue and Washington. The Irish had four fourth quarter comebacks during the 1999 season. Notre Dame also had three fourth quarter comebacks in each of the 1990, 1997, 2000, 2002 and 2003 seasons.

► The previous school record for consecutive fourth quarter comebacks was three during the 2000 season. Interestingly enough, those three straight fourth quarter comebacks to open the 2000 season came under the guidance of three different quarterbacks (Arnaz Battle, Gary Godsey and Matt LoVecchio).

► Notre Dame nearly pulled off its fourth consecutive fourth quarter come-from-behind victory against No. 4 USC. The Irish trailed the Trojans, 34-14, with just under 11 minutes remaining in the contest before the Irish caught fire. Notre Dame scored a pair of touchdowns and drove all the way to the Trojans' four-yard line trailing 34-27, but was unable to get the tying touchdown.

► The comeback would have been the greatest fourth quarter rally since the Irish stormed past Houston in the 1979 Cotton Bowl behind Joe Montana, erasing a 22-point fourth-quarter deficit for a 35-34 win.

DOWN TO THE WIRE

► With the victory over Washington, Notre Dame snapped its three-game losing streak in overtime games. The Irish had not won an overtime game since 2003.

► Notre Dame improved to 3-6 in overtime in school history. Eight of the nine Irish overtime contests have come at Notre Dame Stadium.

W	37-30 vs. Washington (2009)	L	33-36 vs. Pittsburgh (2008)
L	44-46 vs. Navy (2007)	L	41-44 vs. Michigan State (2005)
W	29-26 vs. Washington State (2003)	L	24-27 vs. Nebraska (2000)
W	34-31 vs. Air Force (2000)	L	20-27 at USC (1996)
L	17-20 vs. Air Force (1996)		

► Prior to the victory over Washington, Notre Dame had never won a game in overtime the week following a victory in the last minute of regulation in its storied history.

► Notre Dame has now won four games in its storied history by scoring a touchdown in the last 30 seconds of regulation. Here is that list of games:

- Sept. 26, 2009 Notre Dame 24, at Purdue 21 (0:25)
- Oct. 21, 2006 at Notre Dame 20, UCLA 17 (0:27)
- Nov. 14, 1992 at Notre Dame 17, Penn State 16 (0:19)
- Jan. 1, 1979 Notre Dame 35, Houston 34 (1979 Cotton Bowl) (:00)

- Notre Dame has now won 17 games all-time in overtime or with less than 25 seconds remaining in regulation and only five of those have come on the road.
- The Irish have never registered a longer drive (72 yards) to win a game on the road with less than 25 seconds to go in the contest in school history than it did at Purdue.
- Notre Dame scored with just 24.8 seconds remaining on the clock at Purdue. It is the latest the Irish have scored to secure a victory on the road since 1997 when Scott Cengia booted a field goal with five seconds left to secure a 23-22 victory at Hawaii.

Michigan 38, Notre Dame 34

The Wolverines scored a go-ahead touchdown with 11 seconds left to secure a 38-34 victory over the Irish.

Notre Dame 33, Michigan State 30

The Irish regained the lead with 5:18 to go in regulation on junior WR **Golden Tate's** 33-yard touchdown catch, but the Spartans drove to Notre Dame's 18-yard line before senior SS **Kyle McCarthy's** interception at the four-yard line with 57 seconds left secured the victory.

Notre Dame 24, Purdue 21

Junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** completed a two-yard touchdown pass to sophomore TE **Kyle Rudolph** with 24.8 seconds to play, and Notre Dame rallied for a 24-21 win over Purdue. Clausen led the Irish on a 12-play, 72-yard drive. He went 6-for-9 on the drive for 69 yards, including the go-ahead touchdown pass.

► Since the series with Purdue resumed in 1946, there have been just five games where the winning points were scored in the final five minutes. Ironically, three have come on the date of Sept. 26. Here is a list of those five games:

- Sept. 26, 2009 Notre Dame 24, at Purdue 21
- Sept. 16, 2000 at #21 Notre Dame 23, #13 Purdue 21
- Sept. 26, 1998 at #23 Notre Dame 31, Purdue 30
- Sept. 26, 1981 at Purdue 15, #13 Notre Dame 14
- Sept. 25, 1971 #2 Notre Dame 8, at Purdue 7

Notre Dame 37, Washington 30 (ot)

Notre Dame waited even later than the last minute to pull out this finish. Junior RB **Robert Hughes** scored on a 1-yard run in overtime and junior FS **Harrison Smith** and senior SS **Kyle McCarthy** jarred the ball loose from Washington receiver D'Andre Goodwin near the goal line on fourth-and-19 as the Fighting Irish beat the Huskies 37-30.

USC 34, Notre Dame 27

Junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** nearly executed another thrilling fourth-quarter rally, but came up four yards short as No. 6 USC held on for a 34-27 victory against No. 25 Notre Dame. On Clausen's first pass into the end zone, sophomore TE **Kyle Rudolph** made a juggling catch but was out of bounds. The second was knocked down by Josh Pinkard and the Trojans started celebrating thinking the game was over. But the officials ruled there was 1 second left. Clausen fired to junior WR **Duval Kamara**, who slipped and couldn't get a hand on it.

Notre Dame 20, Boston College 16

Junior WR **Golden Tate** caught 11 passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns to lead Notre Dame to a 20-16 victory over Boston College, ending a six-game losing streak to the Eagles. The Irish came up with three interceptions in the second half, the final one with 98 seconds left. The last five games Notre Dame has played were decided in the final minute.

NOTRE DAME IN OCTOBER

- Notre Dame is 366-91-8 (.796) all-time during the month of October.
- The Irish are 226-47-4 (.823) in October home games.
- Notre Dame has an all-time mark of 105-39-3 (.724) in road games during October.
- The Irish are 35-5-1 (.866) in October neutral games.
- The Irish have gone 11-6 (.647) in October under head coach Charlie Weis.

2009 Irish Honors/Awards

James Aldridge

- Irish Leadership Committee
- Phil Steele's #54 RB

Armando Allen

- Doak Walker Award Candidate
- Phil Steele's #17 KR
- Phil Steele's #47 RB

Mike Anello

- Irish Leadership Committee
- Lott Award Watch List

Sergio Brown

- Irish Leadership Committee

Jimmy Clausen

- Irish Offensive Co-Captain
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Award Semifinalist
- Davey O'Brien Award Watch List
- Manning Award Watch List
- Allstate / AFCA Good Works Team® Candidate
- Phil Steele's #10 QB
- Lindy's #23 QB
- AT&T/ESPN All-America Player of the Week (9.7)
- College Football Performance Awards Performer of the Week (9.6)
- Davey O'Brien QB of the Week (10.5)

Michael Floyd

- Irish Leadership Committee
- Lindy's #20 WR
- College Football Performance Awards Performer of the Week (9.6)
- College Football Performance Awards Honorable Mention (9.13)

Gary Gray

- Phil Steele's #59 CB

Duval Kamara

- Phil Steele's #22 WR

Eric Maust

- Phil Steele's #17 P

Kyle McCarthy

- Irish Defensive Captain
- Phil Steele's #21 SS

Raeshon McNeil

- Phil Steele's #47 CB

Kerry Neal

- Irish Leadership Committee

Eric Olsen

- Irish Offensive Co-Captain
- *Sporting News* Preseason Third Team All-American
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- Phil Steele's #25 OG

Mike Ragone

- Phil Steele's #19 TE

Kyle Rudolph

- Irish Leadership Committee
- Mackey Award Midseason Watch List
- College Football Performance Awards Honorable Mention (9.20)
- John Mackey Tight End Of The Week (9.20)

John Ryan

- Irish Leadership Committee

Brian Smith

- Irish Leadership Committee
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- Phil Steele's #14 ILB

Harrison Smith

- Phil Steele's #15 FS
- Lindy's #37 FS

Scott Smith

- Irish Special Teams Captain

Toryan Smith

- Phil Steele's #53 ILB

Chris Stewart

- Phil Steele's #13 OG

Golden Tate

- Phil Steele Preseason First Team All-American
- *Sporting News* Preseason Third Team All-American
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- Phil Steele's #6 WR
- Lindy's #15 WR
- Phil Steele's #19 PR
- College Football Performance Awards Honorable Mention Performer of the Week (9.13)
- AT&T/ESPN All-America Player of the Week (10.8)

Brandon Walker

- Lou Groza Watch List

Darrin Walls

- Phil Steele's #15 CB

Dan Wenger

- Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Phil Steele's #11 OC

Ian Williams

- Phil Steele's #20 DT

Sam Young

- Irish Leadership Committee
- Phil Steele Preseason Second Team All-American
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- Phil Steele's #4 OT
- Lindy's #7 OT

PRESEASON UNIT RANKINGS

- Phil Steele's #1 WR/TE
- Athlon's #2 WR/TE
- Lindy's #4 WR
- Phil Steele's #5 OL
- Phil Steele's #7 DB
- Phil Steele's #12 QB
- Phil Steele's #14 LB
- Phil Steele's #17 RB
- Phil Steele's #19 ST

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

- Phil Steele #7
- *Sporting News* #18
- Athlon #24

Keeping An Eye On Notre Dame Records

PASSING

Attempts - Game

1.	63	Terry Hanratty, at Purdue (Sept. 30, 1967)
2.	60	Brady Quinn, vs. Michigan State (Sept. 17, 2005)
3.	59	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (Sept. 27, 2003)
4.	58	Joe Theismann, at USC (Nov. 28, 1970)
5.	52	Brady Quinn, vs. Florida State (Nov. 1, 2003)
6.	48	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (Oct. 11, 2008)
48		Brady Quinn, vs. Michigan (Sept. 16, 2006)
8.	47	Brady Quinn, at BYU (Sept. 4, 2004)
9.	46	Jimmy Clausen, at Boston College (Nov. 8, 2008)
46		Brady Quinn, vs. Purdue (Oct. 2, 2004)

Attempts - Season

1.	467	Brady Quinn (2006)
2.	450	Brady Quinn (2005)
3.	440	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
4.	353	Brady Quinn (2004)
5.	332	Brady Quinn (2003)
6.	316	Jarious Jackson (1999)
7.	298	Ron Powlus (1997)
8.	268	Joe Theismann (1970)
9.	260	Joe Montana (1978)
10.	259	Steve Beuerlein (1986)

Attempts - Career

1.	1602	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
2.	969	Ron Powlus (1994-97)
3.	915	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)
4.	850	Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)
5.	698	Rick Mirer (1989-92)
6.	609	Blair Kiel (1980-83)
7.	550	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)
8.	536	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)
9.	515	Joe Montana (1975-78)
10.	509	Joe Theismann (1968-70)

Attempts per Game - Season

1.	37.5	Brady Quinn (2005)	450-12
2.	35.9	Brady Quinn (2006)	467-13
3.	33.8	Jimmy Clausen (2008)	440-13
4.	32.9	Jimmy Clausen (2009)	230-7
5.	29.4	Brady Quinn (2004)	353-12
6.	28.1	Terry Hanratty (1968)	197-7
7.	27.6	Brady Quinn (2003)	332-12

Attempts per Game - Career

1.	32.7	Brady Quinn (2003-06)	1602-49
2.	30.5	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)	915-30
3.	22.0	Ron Powlus (1994-97)	964-44
4.	21.2	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	550-26

Completions - Game

1.	33	Joe Theismann, at USC (Nov. 28, 1970)
33		Brady Quinn, vs. Michigan State (Sept. 17, 2005)
3.	32	Brady Quinn, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
4.	31	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (Oct. 11, 2008)
31		Ron Powlus, at Purdue (Sept. 13, 1997)
6.	29	Jimmy Clausen, Stanford (Oct. 4, 2008)
29		Brady Quinn, at Purdue (Oct. 1, 2005)
29		Brady Quinn, at Purdue (Sept. 27, 2003)
29		Terry Hanratty, at Purdue (Sept. 30, 1967)
29		Brady Quinn, vs. Ohio State (Jan. 2, 2006)
29		Brady Quinn, vs. Purdue (Sept. 30, 2006)

Completions - Season

1.	292	Brady Quinn (2005)
2.	289	Brady Quinn (2006)
3.	268	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
4.	191	Brady Quinn (2004)
5.	184	Jarious Jackson (1999)
6.	182	Ron Powlus (1997)
7.	157	Brady Quinn (2003)
8.	155	Joe Theismann (1970)
9.	151	Steve Beuerlein (1986)
10.	150	Jimmy Clausen (2009)

Completions - Career

1.	929	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
2.	558	Ron Powlus (1994-97)
3.	556	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)
4.	473	Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)

ON THIS DATE

Notre Dame has played 14 previous games in its history on Oct. 31. The Irish are a perfect 14-0 all-time on Halloween. The Irish were ranked inside the top 25 on seven occasions, including each of the previous three games and seven of nine (not including this year's meeting).

1998	W	(16) Baylor	27-3	H	1992	W	(10) Navy (East Rutherford, N.J.)	38-7	N
1987	W	(9) Navy	56-13	H	1981	W	Navy	38-0	H
1970	W	(3) Navy (Philadelphia, Pa.)	56-7	N	1964	W	(2) Navy (Philadelphia, Pa.)	40-0	N
1959	W	Navy	25-22	H	1953	W	(1) Navy (20)	38-7	H
1942	W	(4) Navy (R) (Cleveland, Ohio)	9-0	N	1936	W	Ohio State (R)	7-2	H
1931	W	Carnegie Tech	19-0	A	1925	W	Georgia Tech (R)	13-0	A
1914	W	Haskell	20-7	H	1896	W	Albion	24-0	H

Beginning with the 1936 season, the number in front of the opponent name indicates Notre Dame's ranking in the Associated Press poll coming into the game. The number following the opponent name indicates its ranking. The letter R indicates the game was played in rain.

Oct. 31, 1959: Monty Stickles kicks a 43-yard field goal with 32 seconds left to carry the Irish over Navy, 25-22.

Oct. 31, 1964: Eventual Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte completed 10 of 17 passing for 274 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Irish past Navy 40-0 in Philadelphia. The 27.4 yards per completion still ranks as the best in single-game Irish history. Bill Wolski also added 106 yards on 17 carries in the victory.

Oct. 31, 1987: Mark Green rambled for 102 yards on just nine carries, good for a 11.3 yards per rush average, in a 56-13 rout of Navy.

Oct. 31, 1998: Notre Dame's Autry Denson rushed for a career-high 189 yards and one touchdown in a 27-3 victory over Baylor.

NUMBER CHANGE

Junior OT **Matt Romine** changed his uniform number from #70 to #77. Mike Turkovich previously wore #77 before graduating after the 2008 season.

Irish Among National Leaders

Category	Rank	Stat	National Leader	Stat
Rushing Offense	76	132.57	Nevada	320.14
Passing Offense	11	305.86	Texas Tech	418.88
Total Offense	15	438.43	Houston	536.57
Scoring Offense	36	30.00	Texas	41.86
Rushing Defense	50	127.00	Texas	41.29
Pass Efficiency Defense	88	134.89	Florida	86.83
Total Defense	97	409.43	Florida	229.57
Scoring Defense	64	24.14	Penn St.	8.88
Net Punting	87	34.37	Georgia	44.06
Punt Returns	57	9.50	East Carolina	20.00
Kickoff Returns	45	23.14	Stanford	31.77
Turnover Margin	4	1.43	Air Force	2.25
Pass Defense	117	282.43	Eastern Mich.	124.43
Passing Efficiency	8	158.47	Boise St.	168.22
Sacks	75	1.71	Cincinnati	4.14
Tackles For Loss	40	6.43	Cincinnati	10.43
Sacks Allowed	71	2.14	Iowa St.	.50

Rushing		Passing Efficiency	
Armando Allen	40th	85.67	Jimmy Clausen 2nd 161.30
Total Offense		Receptions	
Jimmy Clausen	11th	286.00	Golden Tate 10th 7.43
Receiving Yards		Interceptions	
Golden Tate	4th	121.00	Kyle McCarthy t-3rd 0.71
Kickoff Returns		Field Goals	
Theo Riddick	62nd	23.80	Nick Tausch t-10th 1.71
Scoring		All-Purpose Runners	
Nick Tausch	t-31st	8.00	Golden Tate 17th 150.00
Golden Tate	t-41st	7.71	Armando Allen 91st 105.50
Tackles		Tackles For Loss	
Kyle McCarthy	t-58th	8.43	Darius Fleming 11th 1.58

2009 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

IRISH OFFENSIVE LINE PASSES CENTURY MARK FOR CAREER STARTS

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

► Six players having starting experience for the Irish, led by right tackle **Sam Young's** 45 starts. **Eric Olsen** (26 starts), **Paul Duncan** (19 starts), **Dan Wenger** (18 starts), **Chris Stewart** (17 starts) and **Trevor Robinson** (10 starts) help bring the Irish total to 135 combined career starts. Notre Dame's total of 100, entering this season, was the second most in the past decade at Notre Dame.

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

List above was calculated entering the 2009 season.

2009 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

Below is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995).

Opponent	'09 Record	Oct. 31	Opponent	'09 Record	Oct. 31
Nevada	4-3	Hawai'i	Michigan	5-3	at Illinois
Michigan State	4-4	at Minnesota	Purdue	3-5	at Wisconsin
Washington	3-5	BYE	USC	6-1	at Oregon
Boston College	5-3	Central Michigan	Washington State	1-6	vs. Notre Dame
Navy	6-2	Temple	Pittsburgh	7-1	BYE
UCConn	4-3	Rutgers	Stanford	5-3	BYE

Opponents' combined 2009 record: 53-39 (.576)

► Notre Dame's schedule is now ranked as the 23rd-most difficult schedule in the country based on NCAA numbers (among FBS teams). The Irish previous opposition stands 25-19 (.568), while future foes are 21-15 (.583), for an overall mark 46-34 (.579). Washington State's schedule rates 45th at 39-34 (.534). Notre Dame's remaining opponents are Navy (6-2), Pittsburgh (7-1), Connecticut (4-3) and Stanford (5-3).

► Notre Dame currently ranks 23rd in the most recent BCS standings. The Irish have played No. 5 USC and will play No. 15 Pittsburgh.

	BCS Previous			Harris			USA Today			Computers		
	Average	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	%	Rank	Points	%	Avg. Comp.	Rank	Points
1. Florida (7-0)	.9726	1	1	2765	.9788	1	1459	.9892	2	95	.950	
2. Alabama (8-0)	.9450	2	2	2674	.9465	2	1399	.9485	3	94	.940	
3. Texas (7-0)	.8927	3	3	2672	.9458	3	1390	.9424	5	79	.790	
4. Iowa (8-0)	.8249	6	8	2086	.7384	8	1086	.7363	1	100	1.000	
5. USC (6-1)	.7944	7	4	2316	.8198	4	1244	.8434	9	72	.720	
6. TCU (7-0)	.7890	8	7	2119	.7501	6	1131	.7668	4	85	.850	
7. Boise State (7-0)	.7752	4	5	2273	.8046	5	1152	.7810	8	74	.740	
8. Cincinnati (7-0)	.7735	5	6	2224	.7873	7	1126	.7634	6	77	.770	
9. LSU (6-1)	.7030	9	9	1994	.7058	9	1037	.7031	10	70	.700	
10. Oregon (6-1)	.6456	11	11	1689	.5979	12	839	.5688	6	77	.770	
11. Georgia Tech (7-1)	.5895	12	12	1644	.5819	11	865	.5864	11	60	.600	
12. Penn State (7-1)	.5851	13	10	1699	.6014	10	935	.6339	13	52	.520	
13. Virginia Tech (5-2)	.4921	14	14	1350	.4779	14	691	.4685	12	53	.530	
14. Oklahoma State (6-1)	.4494	15	13	1522	.5388	13	825	.5593	17	25	.250	
15. Pittsburgh (7-1)	.3415	20	17	952	.3370	17	542	.3675	16	32	.320	
16. Utah (6-1)	.3161	18	19	834	.2952	19	403	.2732	15	38	.380	
17. Ohio State (6-2)	.3147	19	15	1125	.3982	15	569	.3858	23	16	.160	
18. Houston (6-1)	.3085	17	16	1064	.3766	16	544	.3688	22	18	.180	
19. Miami, Fla. (5-2)	.2491	10	18	858	.3037	18	433	.2936	24	15	.150	
20. Arizona (5-2)	.2241	22	25	230	.0814	24	149	.1010	14	49	.490	
21. West Virginia (6-1)	.1959	23	20	622	.2202	20	365	.2475	25	12	.120	
22. South Carolina (6-2)	.1891	24	21	475	.1681	21	279	.1892	20	21	.210	
23. Notre Dame (5-2)	.1197	NR	24	236	.0835	25	82	.0556	19	22	.220	
24. California (5-2)	.0916	NR	28	65	.0230	29	32	.0217	18	23	.230	
25. Mississippi (5-2)	.0907	NR	23	342	.1211	22	223	.1512	28	0	.000	

Keeping An Eye On Notre Dame Records

Completions - Career (cont.)

5. 377	Rick Mirer (1989-92)
6. 306	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)
7. 304	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)
8. 297	Blair Kiel (1980-83)
9. 290	Joe Theismann (1968-70)
10. 268	Joe Montana (1975-78)

Consecutive Completions - Year

1. 14	Ron Powllus (1997)
14	Brady Quinn (2005)
3. 12	Jarious Jackson (1998)
12	Brady Quinn (2005)
5. 11	Ron Powllus (1996)
11	Brady Quinn (2005)
11	Brady Quinn (2005)
8. 10	Jimmy Clausen (2009)
10	Tony Rice (1988)
10	Terry Andrysiak (1985)
10	Steve Beuerlein (1984)
10	Joe Montana (1978)
10	Angelo Bertelli (1942)

Completions per Game - Season

1. 24.3	Brady Quinn (2005)	292-12
2. 22.2	Brady Quinn (2006)	289-13
3. 21.4	Jimmy Clausen (2009)	150-7
4. 20.6	Jimmy Clausen (2008)	268-13
5. 16.6	Terry Hanratty (1968)	116-7

Completions per Game - Career

1. 19.0	Brady Quinn (2003-06)	929-49
2. 18.5	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)	556-30
3. 12.6	Ron Powllus (1994-97)	558-44
4. 11.7	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	304-26

Completion Percentage - Game

1. 90.9	Steve Beuerlein, vs. Colorado (Sept. 22, 1984)
2. 85.7	Rick Slager, at Northwestern (Sept. 25, 1976)
85.7	Rick Mirer, at Purdue (Sept. 28, 1991)
85.7	Jarious Jackson, vs. Navy (Nov. 14, 1998)
5. 84.6	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)
6. 83.3	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Nevada (Sept. 5, 2009)
83.3	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Navy (Nov. 15, 2008)
8. 81.3	Bob Williams, at Michigan State (Nov. 5, 1949)
9. 80.5	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (Oct. 1, 2005)

Completion Percentage - Season (min 100 att.)

1. 65.2	Jimmy Clausen (2009)
2. 64.9	Brady Quinn (2005)
3. 61.9	Brady Quinn (2006)
4. 61.6	Kevin McDougal (1993)
5. 61.1	Ron Powllus (1997)
6. 60.9	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
7. 60.3	Steve Beuerlein (1984)
8. 59.2	Jarious Jackson (1999)

Completion Percentage - Career (min 150 att.)

1. 62.2	Kevin McDougal (1990-93)
2. 60.8	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)
3. 58.0	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
4. 57.5	Ron Powllus (1994-97)
5. 57.1	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)
6. 56.9	Joe Theismann (1968-70)
7. 55.6	Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)

Efficiency Rating - Season (min 50 attempts)

1. 161.4	Bob Williams (1949)
2. 161.3	Jimmy Clausen (2009)
3. 158.4	Brady Quinn (2005)
4. 146.7	Brady Quinn (2006)

Efficiency Rating - Season (min 100 attempts)

1. 161.3	Jimmy Clausen (2009)
2. 158.4	Brady Quinn (2005)
3. 155.1	John Huarte (1964)
4. 146.7	Brady Quinn (2006)

Efficiency Rating - Career (min 100 attempts)

1. 154.4	Kevin McDougal (1990-93)
2. 134.4	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
3. 132.1	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)

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Passing Yards - Game

1.	526	Joe Theismann, at USC (Nov. 28, 1970)
2.	487	Brady Quinn, vs. Michigan State (Sept. 17, 2005)
3.	467	Brady Quinn, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
4.	440	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (Oct. 1, 2005)
5.	432	Brady Quinn, vs. Purdue (Oct. 2, 2004)
	432	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (Nov. 26, 2005)
7.	422	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Washington (Oct. 3, 2009)
8.	401	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)
9.	383	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (Oct. 11, 2008)
10.	366	Terry Hanratty, at Purdue (Sept. 30, 1967)

Passing Yards - Season

1.	3919	Brady Quinn (2005)
2.	3426	Brady Quinn (2006)
3.	3172	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
4.	2753	Jarious Jackson (1999)
5.	2586	Brady Quinn (2004)
6.	2529	Joe Theismann (1970)
7.	2211	Steve Beuerlein (1986)
8.	2117	Rick Mirer (1991)
9.	2078	Ron Powlus (1997)
10.	2062	John Huarte (1964)

Passing Yards - Career

1.	11762	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
2.	7602	Ron Powlus (1994-97)
3.	6527	Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)
4.	6476	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)
5.	5997	Rick Mirer (1989-92)
6.	4820	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)
7.	4411	Joe Theismann (1968-70)
8.	4152	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)
9.	4121	Joe Montana (1975-78)
10.	3650	Blair Kiel (1980-83)

Yards per Attempt - Game

1.	17.50	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Nevada (Sept. 5, 2009)	18-315
2.	15.42	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)	26-401
3.	13.61	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Washington (Oct. 3, 2009)	31-422
4.	12.95	Carlyle Holiday, vs. Navy (2002)	21-272

Yards per Attempt - Season (min. 100 attempts)

1.	10.1	John Huarte (1964)	205-2062
2.	9.7	Kevin McDougal (1993)	159-1541
3.	8.9	Jimmy Clausen (2009)	230-2050

Yards per Attempt - Career

1.	9.6	Kevin McDougal (1990-93)	180-1726
2.	9.2	John Huarte (1962-64)	255-2343
3.	9.0	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)	536-4820
4.	8.7	Joe Theismann (1968-70)	509-4411

Yards per Completion - Game

1.	27.4	John Huarte, vs. Navy (Oct. 31, 1964)	10-274
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Yards per Completion - Season (min. 50 comp.)

1.	18.1	John Huarte (1964)
2.	17.8	George Izo (1958)
3.	17.1	Ralph Guglielmi (1954)

Yards per Completion - Career (min. 75 comp.)

1.	17.3	George Izo (1957-59)
2.	17.0	John Huarte (1962-64)
3.	15.8	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)

Yards per Game - Season

1.	326.6	Brady Quinn (2005)
2.	292.9	Jimmy Clausen (2009)
3.	263.5	Brady Quinn (2006)
4.	244.0	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
5.	242.9	Joe Theismann (1970)
6.	229.4	Jarious Jackson (1999)
7.	215.5	Brady Quinn (2004)
8.	209.4	Terry Hanratty (1968)
9.	201.0	Steve Beuerlein (1986)

SOFT SCHEDULE? NOT SO FAST MY FRIEND

- ▶ According to the strength of schedule (both past and future opposition records) tabulated by the NCAA, only seven schools currently ranked by the BCS have a stronger schedule than Notre Dame.
- ▶ Of those seven schools, only two teams are ranked in the top 12 of the BCS.
- ▶ Five of the top 12 teams in the BCS have a schedule strength worse than 60th.
- ▶ Here is the current BCS standings, adjusted to rank the schools in the top 25 by their recognized NCAA strength of schedule. The first number listed is the NCAA's schedule strength ranking, followed by the school and then this week's BCS ranking:

Schedule Strength Team BCS Rank

3	..... Arizona	.....20
7	..... Iowa	.....4
9	..... Oregon	.....10
10	..... Ohio State	.....17
11	..... Pittsburgh	.....15
16	..... Virginia Tech	.....13
17	..... West Virginia	.....21
23	..... Notre Dame	.....23
24	..... Miami	.....19
25	..... South Carolina	.....22
26	..... USC	.....5
28	..... Texas	.....3
33	..... Alabama	.....2
39	..... Oklahoma State	.....14
39	..... Penn State	.....12
41	..... LSU	.....9
56	..... California	.....24
59	..... Mississippi	.....25
61	..... Georgia Tech	.....11
62	..... Florida	.....1
75	..... TCU	.....6
77	..... Cincinnati	.....8
90	..... Utah	.....16
97	..... Boise State	.....7
102	..... Houston	.....18

IRISH DEBUTS

The following players made their Notre Dame debuts in the season opener against Nevada: sophomore LB **Anthony McDonald**, freshman S **Zeke Motta**, freshman RB **Theo Riddick**, senior TE **Bobby Burger**, freshman LB **Manti Te'o**, sophomore LB **David Posluszny**, sophomore CB **Jamoris Slaughter**, sophomore DE **Kapron Lewis-Moore**, sophomore QB **Dayne Crist**, freshman PK **Nick Tausch**, freshman LB **Jordan Cowart**, freshman WR **Shaquille Evans**, sophomore DT **Hafis Williams**, sophomore WR **Deion Walker**, freshman TE **Tyler Eifert**, sophomore OT **Lane Clelland**, sophomore WR **John Goodman**, sophomore DB **Dan McCarthy**, junior WR **Chris Gurries**, sophomore OC **Mike Golic, Jr.** and sophomore DT **Sean Cwynar**.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME GRADUATES

The 2009 Notre Dame roster features eight players who have already earned their undergraduate degree from the University. They all graduated from Notre Dame in May of 2009. Here is a list of the graduates on the 2009 Notre Dame football team.

- ▶ OT **Paul Duncan**: degree in management-entrepreneurship from the Mendoza College of Business.
- ▶ QB **Evan Sharpley**: degree in history from the College of Arts and Letters.
- ▶ CB **Mike Anello**: degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business.
- ▶ S **Ray Herring**: degree in sociology from the College of Arts and Letters.
- ▶ S **Kyle McCarthy**: degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business.
- ▶ LB **Scott Smith**: degrees in management from the Mendoza College of Business and sociology from the College of Arts and Letters.
- ▶ WR **Barry Gallup**: degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business.
- ▶ OG **Chris Stewart**: degree in history from the College of Arts and Letters.
- ▶ Notre Dame's eight graduates is tied with Auburn, Penn State, Texas Tech, UNLV, Miami, Fla. and East Carolina for the fourth-most graduates on a 2009 FBS roster.

ONLY THE BIG BOYS

Notre Dame is one of just four NCAA FBS programs to have not faced a non-FBS opponent since the current setup was established in 1978. The three other remaining schools that have yet to play a non-FBS opponent are USC, UCLA and Washington. The list shrunk from five following Michigan State's contest with Montana State on Sept. 5.

PLAYING STREAKS

- ▶ The following players extended active starting streaks last week against Boston College: senior OT **Sam Young** 45, senior OC **Eric Olsen** 26, junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** 23, sophomore TE **Kyle Rudolph** 20 and senior SS **Kyle McCarthy** 20.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE '09

Junior QB **Jimmy Clausen**, senior SS **Kyle McCarthy**, senior OC **Eric Olsen** and senior LB **Scott Smith** have been selected captains of the 2009 Notre Dame football team.

Voting was conducted Friday, Aug. 14, with the results announced to the team by head coach Charlie Weis. Clausen and Olsen will captain the offense, McCarthy will serve as the defensive captain and Smith will represent the special teams. The results from the vote also helped form the leadership committee. Joining the four captains on the leadership committee are: senior FB **James Aldridge**, senior CB **Mike Anello**, senior S **Sergio Brown**, sophomore WR **Michael Floyd**, junior DE **Kerry Neal**, sophomore TE **Kyle Rudolph**, senior DE **John Ryan**, junior LB **Brian Smith** and senior OT **Sam Young**.

Player, Pos.	Cl.	Hometown	Player, Pos.	Cl.	Hometown
James Aldridge, FB	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Mike Anello, DB	Sr.	Orland Park, Ill.
Sergio Brown, DB	Sr.	Maywood, Ill.	Jimmy Clausen, QB	Jr.	Westlake Village, Calif.
Michael Floyd, WR	So.	St. Paul, Minn.	Kyle McCarthy, SS	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio
Kerry Neal, DE	Jr.	Bunn, N.C.	Eric Olsen, OC	Sr.	Staten Island, N.Y.
Kyle Rudolph, TE	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio	John Ryan, DE	Sr.	Westlake, Ohio
Brian Smith, LB	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan.	Scott Smith, LB	Sr.	Highland Park, Ill.
Sam Young, OT	Sr.	Coral Springs, Fla.			

YOUNG PUPS NOW GROWING UP

► Notre Dame had 20 scholarship players make their respective Irish debuts in the season opener against Nevada. That group included seven freshmen and 12 more sophomores for a total of 19 first-year players.

► The Irish have already had 15 different players start on defense. Of those 15 players, 10 have at least one year of eligibility remaining and six have at least two years remaining.

► Notre Dame has a tremendous amount of experience on its offensive line. The Irish have a total of 135 combined starts amongst six different players. As experienced as Notre Dame's front line is on the offensive side of the ball, the defensive line is equally inexperienced. Sophomore DE **Kapron Lewis-Moore** made his first career start against Michigan State and sophomore DT **Ethan Johnson** made just his seventh career start.

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

► Entering the game at Purdue, Notre Dame was the only offense among all 120 FBS schools that had a running back rank among the top 20 in rushing yards per game (Armando Allen), two wide receivers rank among the top 20 in receiving yards per game (**Michael Floyd**, **Golden Tate**) and a quarterback rank among the top 20 in passing yards per game (**Jimmy Clausen**). All four of those players, as well as sophomore TE **Kyle Rudolph**, who leads all FBS tight ends in yards per reception among qualifying receivers, are eligible to return in 2010 and both Floyd and Rudolph have two more years.

► The Irish still managed to come away with a victory on the road against the Boilermakers despite the absence of both Floyd and Allen (each missed the game completely) and a limited Clausen. Notre Dame's depth was on display. The Irish got quality performances from sophomore QB **Dayne Crist** (5-for-10 for 45 yards in the air and four carries for 16 yards on the ground), freshman RB **Theo Riddick** (24-yard rush), sophomore RB **Jonas Gray** (18 yards rushing and 42 yards receiving) and freshman WR **Shaquelle Evans** (one catch for 12 yards). Crist guided the Irish on both of their first half touchdown drives.

HOW DO THEY STACK UP?

Average weight of the offensive and defensive lines:

Notre Dame OL 315.0 lbs. vs. Washington State DL 266.0 lbs.
 Notre Dame DL 275.0 lbs. vs. Washington State OL 299.4 lbs.

Average height of the receivers and the secondaries:

Notre Dame WR/TE 6' 3 1/3" vs. Washington State DB 5' 11 1/4"
 Notre Dame DB 6' 1" vs. Washington State WR/TE 6' 1 1/4"

Notre Dame Coaching Staff Locations



Charlie Weis
Sidelines



Frank Verducci
Sidelines



Jon Tenuta
Press Box



Tony Alford
Sidelines



Corwin Brown
Sidelines



Rob Ianello
Press Box



Randy Hart
Sidelines



Bernie Parmalee
Press Box



Brian Polian
Sidelines



Ron Powlus
Sidelines



Brian White
Press Box



Bryant Young
Sidelines

Keeping An Eye On Notre Dame Records

Yards per Game - Career

- 240.0 Brady Quinn (2003-06)
- 215.9 Jimmy Clausen (2007-)**
- 172.7 Ron Powlus (1994-97)
- 159.7 Terry Hanratty (1966-68)
- 155.4 Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)
- 152.6 Joe Montana (1975-78)
- 152.1 Joe Theismann (1968-70)

Touchdown Passes - Game

- 6 Brady Quinn, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
- 5 Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)**
- 5 Brady Quinn, vs. Michigan State (Sept. 17, 2005)
- 5 Brady Quinn, at Michigan State (Sept. 23, 2006)
- 5 Jimmy Clausen, vs. Nevada (Sept. 5, 2009)**
- 4 Brady Quinn, at Air Force (Nov. 11, 2006)
- 4 Brady Quinn, vs. North Carolina (Nov. 4, 2006)
- 4 Brady Quinn, vs. Washington (Sept. 25, 2004)
- 4 Brady Quinn, vs. Navy (Nov. 12, 2005)
- 4 Angelo Bertelli, vs. Stanford (Oct. 10, 1942)
- 4 Daryle Lamonica, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 10, 1962)
- 4 Steve Beuerlein, at USC (Nov. 24, 1986)
- 4 Ron Powlus, vs. Northwestern (Sept. 3, 1994)
- 4 Ron Powlus, at Purdue (Sept. 9, 1995)
- 4 Ron Powlus, vs. Rutgers (Nov. 23, 1996)
- 4 Jarious Jackson, vs. Arizona State (Oct. 9, 1999)
- 4 Carlyle Holiday, vs. Rutgers (Nov. 23, 2002)

Touchdown Passes - Season

- 37 Brady Quinn (2006)
- 32 Brady Quinn (2005)
- 25 Jimmy Clausen (2008)**
- 19 Ron Powlus (1994)
- 18 Rick Mirer (1991)
- 17 Jarious Jackson (1999)
- 17 Brady Quinn (2004)
- 16 Jimmy Clausen (2009)**
- 16 Bob Williams (1949)
- 16 John Huarte (1964)
- 16 Joe Theismann (1970)

Touchdown Passes - Career

- 95 Brady Quinn (2003-06)
- 52 Ron Powlus (1994-97)
- 48 Jimmy Clausen (2007-)**
- 41 Rick Mirer (1989-92)
- 34 Jarious Jackson (1996-99)
- 31 Joe Theismann (1968-70)
- 28 Angelo Bertelli (1941-43)
- 27 Terry Hanratty (1966-68)
- 27 Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)
- 26 Bob Williams (1948-50)

Consecutive Passes Without INT - Game

- 47 Brady Quinn, vs. BYU (Sept. 4, 2004)
- 45 Brady Quinn, vs. USC (Nov. 25, 2006)
- 45 Brady Quinn, vs. Ohio State (Jan. 2, 2006)
- 45 Brady Quinn, vs. UCLA (Oct. 21, 2006)
- 43 Jimmy Clausen, vs. USC (Oct. 17, 2009)**
- 43 Jimmy Clausen, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 1, 2008)**
- 42 Jimmy Clausen, at Michigan (Sept. 12, 2009)**
- 41 Brady Quinn, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
- 40 Jimmy Clausen, vs. Air Force (Nov. 10, 2007)**
- 40 Jimmy Clausen, vs. Stanford (Oct. 4, 2008)**

Passes Without INT - Multiple Games (Same Season)

- 226 Brady Quinn (MSU 2006 - Army 2006)
- 132 Jimmy Clausen (MSU 2008 - North Carolina 2008)**
- 130 Brady Quinn (USC 2005 - Navy 2005)
- 126 Carlyle Holiday (Pittsburgh 2002 - Rutgers 2002)

Passes Without INT - Multiple Games (Multiple Seasons)

- 147 Jimmy Clausen (USC 2008 - Purdue 2009)**
- 143 Brady Quinn (Stanford 2005 - Michigan 2006)

Lowest INT Percentage - Season

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|----|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | 0.80 | Matt LoVecchio (2000) | 1 of 125 |
| 2. | 0.87 | Jimmy Clausen (2009) | 2 of 230 |
| 3. | 1.50 | Brady Quinn (2006) | 7 of 467 |
| 4. | 1.55 | Brady Quinn (2005) | 7 of 450 |
| 5. | 1.72 | Ron Powlus (1996) | 4 of 232 |
| 6. | 1.94 | Carlyle Holiday (2002) | 5 of 257 |

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Lowest INT Percentage - Season (cont.)

7.	2.16	Rick Slager (1975)	3 of 139
8.	2.34	Ron Powlus (1997)	7 of 298

Lowest INT Percentage - Career

1.	2.43	Brady Quinn (2003-06)	39 of 1602
2.	2.73	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)	25 of 915
3.	2.78	Ron Powlus (1994-97)	27 of 969
4.	2.99	Carlyle Holiday (2001-04)	12 of 401
5.	3.29	Rick Mirer (1989-92)	23 of 698
6.	3.33	Kevin McDougal (1990-93)	6 of 180
7.	3.91	Jarius Jackson (1996-99)	21 of 536

Receptions - Game

1.	14	Maurice Stovall, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
2.	13	Jim Seymour, vs. Purdue (Sept. 24, 1966)
3.	12	Tom Gatewood, vs. Purdue (Sept. 26, 1970)
	12	Bobby Brown, at Pittsburgh (Nov. 13, 1999)
5.	11	Golden Tate, vs. Boston College (Oct. 24, 2009)
	11	Jim Kelly, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 10, 1962)
7.	10	Michael Floyd, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 1, 2008)
	10	Amaz Battle, vs. Pittsburgh (Oct. 12, 2002)
	10	Amaz Battle, vs. NC State (Jan. 1, 2003)
	10	Tom Gatewood, at USC (Nov. 28, 1970)
	10	Tom Gatewood, vs. Michigan State (Oct. 4, 1969)
	10	Jim Seymour, at Michigan State (Oct. 26, 1968)
	10	Rhema McKnight, vs. Purdue (Sept. 30, 2006)

Receptions - Season

1.	78	Jeff Samardzija (2006)
2.	77	Tom Gatewood (1970)
	77	Jeff Samardzija (2005)
4.	69	Maurice Stovall (2005)
5.	67	Rhema McKnight (2006)
6.	60	Jack Snow (1964)
7.	58	Golden Tate (2008)
	58	Amaz Battle (2002)
9.	56	Darius Walker (2006)
10.	54	Ken MacAfee (1977)

Receptions - Career

1.	179	Jeff Samardzija (2003-06)
2.	170	Rhema McKnight (2002-06)
3.	157	Tom Gatewood (1969-71)
4.	138	Jim Seymour (1966-68)
5.	137	Tim Brown (1984-87)
6.	130	Maurice Stovall (2002-05)
7.	129	Derrick Mayes (1992-95)
8.	128	Ken MacAfee (1974-77)
9.	120	Tony Hunter (1979-82)
10.	116	Golden Tate (2007-)

Receptions - Season (Tight End)

1.	54	Ken MacAfee (1977)
2.	47	John Carlson (2006)
	47	Anthony Fasano (2005)
4.	42	Tony Hunter (1982)
5.	40	John Carlson (2007)
6.	34	Ken MacAfee (1976)
7.	32	Mark Bavaro (1984)
8.	29	Kyle Rudolph (2008)
9.	28	Tony Hunter (1981)
10.	27	Pete Chryplewicz (1996)
	27	Anthony Fasano (2004)

Receptions - Season (Running Back)

1.	56	Darius Walker (2006)
2.	50	Armando Allen (2008)
3.	43	Darius Walker (2005)
4.	37	Bob Gladieux (1968)
5.	30	Autry Denson (1997)
6.	29	Joseph Heap (1952)
7.	28	Allen Pinkett (1983)
8.	25	Marc Edwards (1995)
	25	Mark Green (1986)
10.	24	Armando Allen (2007)

Receptions - Career (Running Back)

1.	109	Darius Walker (2004-06)
2.	87	Armando Allen (2007-)
3.	73	Allen Pinkett (1982-85)
	72	Bob Gladieux (1966-68)

Notre Dame Offensive Notes

LEAVE NO DOUBT

Notre Dame dominated Nevada in every facet of the game, including, and most importantly, the scoreboard. The 35-point margin of victory was the largest under head coach Charlie Weis and the largest since Sept. 25, 2004 when the Irish defeated Washington 38-3.

NOTRE DAME AIRS IT OUT AGAINST BOSTON COLLEGE

▶ Notre Dame completed 19 passes and attempted 27 in the first half against Boston College. The 19 completions are the most in a single half by the Irish this season. The 27 pass attempts are the second-most in any half this season. Notre Dame registered 29 passes in the second half against USC.

▶ The 19 completions were the most for the Irish in any half since the 2006 Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State when Notre Dame completed 22 in the second half.

▶ The 19 completions also went to seven different receivers, including freshman WR Roby Toma, who made his first appearance in an Irish uniform. Toma finished the game with two catches for 13 yards.

IRISH GIVE STOUT USC DEFENSE ITS TOUGHEST TEST

▶ No. 4 USC entered the game with Notre Dame ranked among the top 10 in the FBS in the following categories. Here is an interesting look at how the Irish fared against the Trojans in those specific categories:

Category	National Rank	Actual	Notre Dame
Rushing Defense	5th	64.80	82
Pass Efficiency Defense	8th	90.01	122.0
Total Defense	6th	238.60	367
Scoring Defense	4th	8.60	27

▶ The Trojans had allowed 73 first downs over their first five games, good for an average of 14.6 per game. Notre Dame racked up 27 first downs -- the most for an Irish team against USC since 2005. In fact, the Trojans had not allowed that many first downs to an opponent since that same game.

▶ USC had not allowed a single passing touchdown over its first five games, but junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** tossed a pair.

▶ The Trojans' red zone defense had been almost impenetrable heading into the contest. USC had surrendered just three touchdowns over its opponents 13 red zone chances. The Irish equalled that output and nearly surpassed it on the game's final drive.

▶ Notre Dame totaled 27 points against USC. No team had scored more against the Trojans since Nebraska totaled 31 on Sept. 15, 2007.

▶ The Irish also passed for 285 yards against the Trojans, the most USC had yielded in a game since Illinois totaled 301 on January 1, 2008 in the Rose Bowl.

▶ The Notre Dame offense only had a pair of three-and-outs against USC. No opponent had fewer three-and-outs against the Trojans since Oregon State had just one in last year's meeting.

CHARLIE AND THE IRISH OFFENSIVE FACTORY

▶ Fifth year head coach Charlie Weis came to Notre Dame with a tremendous reputation as one of the premier offensive minds in all of the NFL. The Irish saw immediate results in 2005, setting 11 school records, including passing yards (3,963), touchdown passes (32, bested in 2006 and equalled in 2008), total offense yards (5,728) and total points (440). Notre Dame has surpassed the 40-point barrier on 12 different occasions in Weis' 56 games as head coach. Prior to his arrival, Notre Dame had eclipsed 40 points just nine times in its previous 97 contests. In addition, the Irish had 83 separate 100-yard receiving games over its first 116 seasons of football, but Notre Dame has had 36 under Weis. To put those numbers in perspective, Notre Dame averaged a 100-yard receiving effort every 13 games before Weis. Under Weis, the Irish are recording a 100-yard receiving effort a little better than every other game.

▶ Junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** recently passed for at least 300 yards in four consecutive games, a first in Notre Dame history. It began with 401 at Hawaii last December, followed by efforts of 315 (Nevada), 336 (Michigan) and 300 (Michigan State) this season. Former All-American QB Brady Quinn, another Weis protege, had three consecutive 300 yard passing games during his record setting 2005 season.

▶ Clausen threw for a career-high 422 yards and junior WR **Golden Tate** added a career-high 244 yards receiving in Notre Dame's overtime victory over Washington. Clausen and Quinn, both under Weis, are the only two Irish quarterbacks to eclipse 400 yards passing more than once in a career. Clausen and Tate's efforts rank seventh and second, respectively, on the all-time passing yards and receiving yards list in Notre Dame single-game history.

▶ In fact, eight of the top 10 single-game passing efforts and four of the top 10 single-game receiving efforts have come under Weis.

▶ Notre Dame racked up a season-high 530 yards of total offense against Washington. The 530 yards are the most for the Irish since they rolled up 663 yards at Stanford to close the 2005 regular season. Notre Dame has registered 500 or more yards of total offense in nine different games under Weis (a span of 57 games). The Irish managed 500 yards or more of total offense nine times over the previous 109 games before his arrival.

▶ Notre Dame has had 10 players register 54 or more receptions in a single season. Six of those 10 players have come during the Weis era, including former All-American WR Jeff Samardzija's school record of 78 in 2006.

▶ Five of the top eight best individual receiving yard seasons have come under Weis.

▶ Notre Dame had eclipsed 5,000 total yards in a season just seven times over its 119 years of football entering 2009. The Irish have registered 5,000 yard seasons twice under Weis. The 2009 edition is well on its way to giving Weis a third season with 5,000 or more total yards.

MORE ON WEIS' OFFENSE

- ▶ Notre Dame has registered three of its top four passing seasons in school history under Weis. The Irish averaged 330.3 yards (1st) in the air in 2005, 264.7 (2nd) in 2006 and 245.4 (4th) in 2008. Notre Dame has averaged 315.8 yards per game passing so far in 2009.
- ▶ The Irish have eclipsed 475 or more total yards in 12 games under Weis, including four of Notre Dame's last eight games (Notre Dame still managed 437 yards in one of those contests). Weis has served as offensive coordinator and play caller for each of those games.
- ▶ Notre Dame racked up 27 first downs against Michigan and USC - the most by an Irish squad since Oct. 7, 2006 against Stanford.
- ▶ The Irish followed up the offensive outburst against Michigan with an equally impressive output against Michigan State. Notre Dame registered 25 more first downs.
- ▶ The Irish have recorded 147 first downs over their last six games (Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Washington, USC and Boston College). Notre Dame has not produced more first downs in six consecutive games since Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11 of 2006 against Purdue, Stanford, UCLA, Navy, North Carolina and Air Force (149).
- ▶ Notre Dame has totaled at least 20 first downs in each of its first seven games this season. The Irish have not opened a season with seven consecutive games of 20 or more first downs since 1992 when Notre Dame totaled 20+ first downs in its first nine games.

POINTS A PLENTY

- ▶ Notre Dame scored 33 or more points in four consecutive games and each of its first three games in 2009 (streak ended against Purdue). The last time a Notre Dame team scored at least 33 points in three games to open the season was the 1943 national championship season that began with victories of 41-0 over Pittsburgh, 55-13 over Georgia Tech and 35-12 over #2 Michigan.
- ▶ The Irish have not had a longer streak of consecutive 30+ point games since setting the school record of eight straight games during the 2005 season.
- ▶ Notre Dame set a school record in 2005 under Weis with 10 games of 30 or more points. The previous school record was nine such games by the 1991 Irish.
- ▶ Notre Dame is averaging 30.0 points per game in 2009. It is a major improvement when you consider the Irish averaged just 16.4 in 2007 and 24.7 in 2008.

IRISH OFFENSE TAKING FORM

- ▶ Notre Dame piled up 510 and 490 yards, respectively, over its first two games of this season. The 1,000 total yards were the most for the Irish in consecutive weeks since they compiled 1,083 yards on Nov. 19 (Syracuse, 420) and Nov. 26 (at Stanford, 663) of 2005. In fact, it is the most total yards over the first two weeks of a season since the Irish registered 1,051 yards of total offense to open the 1974 campaign.
- ▶ Notre Dame's offense has gotten out to fast starts this year as well, scoring on 22 of 40 first half possessions (13 touchdowns, nine field goals).
- ▶ Notre Dame ranks eighth in the nation in passing efficiency. The Irish have a 158.47 quarterback rating. Notre Dame also ranks 16th in time of possession (32:14), tied for seventh in total first downs (167), 11th in passing offense (305.86) and 15th in total offense (440.13).
- ▶ Prior to sophomore WR **Michael Floyd** and junior RB **Armando Allen's** injuries that caused each to miss the Purdue game (Floyd could also miss the rest of the regular season), Notre Dame was the only offense among all 120 FBS schools that had a running back rank among the top 20 in rushing yards per game, two wide receivers rank among the top 20 in receiving yards per game and a quarterback rank among the top 20 in passing yards per game. Floyd ranked seventh (119.33 ypg), junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** ranked eighth (317.0 ypg), Allen ranked tied for 15th (108.67 ypg) and junior WR **Golden Tate** ranked 20th (100.33 ypg).
- ▶ The quartet has also made its fair share of big plays already in 2009. Clausen has 25 completions over 20 yards, Tate has nine 20+ yard receptions, Floyd has collected six passes over 20 yards and Allen has ripped off 12 runs of at least 10 yards. Sophomore **Kyle Rudolph** has even added four receptions over 20 yards from the tight end position.
- ▶ Notre Dame did not have a single three-and-out in the victory over Michigan State. In fact, the Irish had just four three-and-outs over their first three games and three came against Michigan.

THE LONG MARCHES

The Irish have produced numerous long scoring drives during 2009. Throw out Notre Dame's one touchdown drive after senior SS **Kyle McCarthy's** interception in Michigan territory and its other touchdown drive after junior DB **Gary Gray's** interception in USC territory, Notre Dame has traversed an average of 72.0 yards on its 22 conventional touchdown drives. Those drives have averaged 7.1 plays and include 14 drives of 70 or more yards and four of 80 yards or longer. Here's the breakdown:

Nevada: 67 yards on 12 plays, 78 yards on nine plays, 79 yards on two plays, 80 yards on eight plays and 99 yards on four plays.

Michigan: 76 yards on seven plays, 69 yards on seven plays and 80 yards on 14 plays.

Michigan State: 84 yards on four plays, 55 yards on five plays, 70 yards on six plays and 73 yards on eight plays.

Purdue: 73 yards on nine plays, 62 yards on seven plays and 72 yards on 12 plays.

Washington: 78 yards on three plays, 63 yards on five plays.

USC: 56 yards on nine plays, 78 yards on four plays and 68 yards on seven plays

Boston College: 74 yards on 12 plays and 49 yards on three plays.

IRISH OFFENSE QUICK OUT OF THE BLOCKS

- ▶ Over Notre Dame's first four games, the Irish averaged 264.3 net offensive yards in the first half (1,057 total), compared to 190.8 in the second half (763 total), but that trend changed in the two games against Washington and USC.
- ▶ Notre Dame averaged 186.0 net offensive yards in the first half (372 total), compared to 262.5 in the second half (525 total) against the Huskies and Trojans.

Keeping An Eye On Notre Dame Records

Receptions - Career (Running Back) (cont.)

5. 71 Joseph Heap (1951-54)
6. 61 Mark Green (1985-88)
7. 53 Atry Denson (1995-98)
8. 52 Jim Morse (1954-56)
9. 46 Marc Edwards (1993-96)
10. 44 Nick Eddy (1964-66)

Receiving Yards - Game

1. 276 Jim Seymour, vs. Purdue (Sept. 24, 1966)
2. **244 Golden Tate, vs. Washington (Oct. 3, 2009)**
3. 217 Jack Snow, at Wisconsin (Sept. 26, 1964)
4. 208 Bobby Brown, at Pittsburgh (Nov. 13, 1999)
- 208 Jim Morse, at USC (Nov. 26, 1955)
6. 207 Maurice Stovall, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
7. 192 Tom Gatewood, vs. Purdue (Sept. 26, 1970)
8. 191 Jeff Samardzija, at Stanford (Nov. 26, 2005)
9. **189 Michael Floyd, vs. Nevada (Sept. 5, 2009)**
10. 184 Tim Brown, vs. Navy (Nov. 1, 1986)

Receiving Yards - Season

1. 1249 Jeff Samardzija (2005)
2. 1149 Maurice Stovall (2005)
3. 1123 Tom Gatewood (1970)
4. 1114 Jack Snow (1964)
5. **1080 Golden Tate (2008)**
6. 1017 Jeff Samardzija (2006)
7. 910 Tim Brown (1986)
8. 907 Rhema McKnight (2006)
9. 881 Derrick Mayes (1995)
10. 862 Jim Seymour (1966)

Receiving Yards - Career

1. 2593 Jeff Samardzija (2003-06)
2. 2512 Derrick Mayes (1992-95)
3. 2493 Tim Brown (1984-87)
4. 2283 Tom Gatewood (1969-71)
5. 2277 Rhema McKnight (2002-06)
6. 2195 Maurice Stovall (2002-05)
7. 2113 Jim Seymour (1966-68)
8. **2058 Golden Tate (2007-)**
9. 1897 Tony Hunter (1979-82)
10. 1759 Ken MacAfee (1974-77)

Receiving Yards - Season (Running Back)

1. 442 Jim Morse (1956)
- 442 Bob Gladieux (1968)
3. 424 Jim Morse (1955)
4. 407 Joseph Heap (1952)
5. 391 Darius Walker (2006)
6. 369 Joseph Heap (1954)
7. 361 Marc Edwards (1995)
8. **355 Armando Allen (2008)**
9. 352 Nick Eddy (1964)
10. 351 Darius Walker (2005)

Yards per Reception - Game (min. 4 rec.)

1. **47.3 Michael Floyd, vs. Nevada (Sept. 5, 2009)** 4 for 189
2. 41.6 Jim Morse, at USC (Nov. 26, 1955) 5 for 208
3. **31.8 Golden Tate, vs. Michigan (Sept. 13, 2008)** 4 for 127
4. 30.3 John Carlson, at Michigan State (Sept. 23, 2006) 4 for 121
- 30.3 Rhema McKnight, at Boston College (Oct. 25, 2003) 4 for 121
6. **29.5 Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)** 6 for 177
- 29.5 Jeff Samardzija, vs. North Carolina (Nov. 4, 2006) 6 for 177
8. **27.1 Golden Tate, vs. Washington (Oct. 3, 2009)** 9 for 244
9. 26.3 Tim Brown, vs. Navy (Nov. 1, 1986) 7 for 184
10. 26.2 Tony Hunter, vs. USC (Oct. 20, 1979) 5 for 131

Receiving Yards per Game - Season

1. 123.1 Jim Seymour (1966)
2. **121.0 Golden Tate (2009)**
3. 112.3 Tom Gatewood (1970)
4. 104.1 Jeff Samardzija (2005)

Receiving Yards per Game - Career

1. 81.3 Jim Seymour (1966-68)
2. **76.9 Michael Floyd (2008-)**
3. 76.1 Tom Gatewood (1969-71)

Games with 100 Yards - Season

1. 8 Tom Gatewood (1970)
2. 6 Maurice Stovall (2005)

Keeping An Eye On Notre Dame Records

Games with 100 Yards - Season (cont.)

3.	5	Golden Tate (2009)
	5	Golden Tate (2008)
	5	Jeff Samardzija (2005)
6.	4	Michael Floyd (2008)
	4	Jeff Samardzija (2006)
	4	Tom Gatewood (1969)
9.	3	Amaz Battle (2002)
	3	Derrick Mayes (1994)
	3	Derrick Mayes (1995)
	3	Rhema McKnight (2006)

Games with 100 Yards - Career

1.	13	Tom Gatewood (1969-71)
2.	11	Golden Tate (2007-)
3.	9	Derrick Mayes (1992-95)
	9	Jeff Samardzija (2003-06)
5.	7	Maurice Stovall (2002-05)
6.	6	Michael Floyd (2008-)
	6	Jim Seymour (1966-68)
	6	Tim Brown (1984-87)
9.	5	Rhema McKnight (2002-06)
10.	4	Jack Snow (1962-64)
	4	Tony Smith (1989-91)
	4	Malcolm Johnson (1995-98)

Touchdown Receptions - Game

1.	4	Maurice Stovall, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
2.	3	Michael Floyd, vs. Nevada (Sept. 5, 2009)
	3	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)
	3	Eddie Anderson, at Northwestern (Nov. 20, 1920)
	3	Bill Barrett, vs. North Carolina (Nov. 12, 1949)
	3	Jim Mutscheller, vs. Michigan State (Oct. 28, 1950)
	3	Jim Kelly, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 10, 1962)
	3	Jim Seymour, vs. Purdue (Sept. 24, 1966)
	3	Tom Gatewood, vs. Purdue (Sept. 26, 1970)
	3	Jeff Samardzija, vs. Michigan State (Sept. 17, 2005)
	3	Maurice Stovall, vs. Navy (Nov. 12, 2005)

Touchdown Receptions - Season

1.	15	Rhema McKnight (2006)
	15	Jeff Samardzija (2005)
3.	12	Jeff Samardzija (2006)
4.	11	Derrick Mayes (1994)
	11	Maurice Stovall (2005)
6.	10	Golden Tate (2008)
7.	9	Jack Snow (1964)
8.	8	Golden Tate (2009)
	8	Jim Seymour (1966)
	8	Tom Gatewood (1969)

Touchdown Receptions - Career

1.	27	Jeff Samardzija (2003-06)
2.	22	Derrick Mayes (1992-95)
	22	Rhema McKnight (2002-06)
4.	19	Golden Tate (2007-)
	19	Tom Gatewood (1969-71)
6.	18	Maurice Stovall (2002-05)
7.	16	Jim Seymour (1966-68)
8.	15	Ken MacAfee (1974-77)
9.	12	Michael Floyd (2008-)
	12	Tim Brown (1984-87)
	12	Bobby Brown (1996-99)

Total Plays - Season

1.	549	Brady Quinn (2006)
2.	520	Brady Quinn (2005)
3.	494	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
4.	456	Jarrius Jackson (1999)
5.	407	Brady Quinn (2004)
6.	391	Joe Theismann (1970)
7.	380	Brady Quinn (2003)
8.	350	Carlyle Holiday (2002)
9.	344	Ron Powlus (1997)
10.	332	Joe Montana (1978)

Total Plays - Career

1.	1856	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
2.	1201	Ron Powlus (1994-97)
3.	1069	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)
4.	1027	Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)
5.	951	Rick Mirer (1989-92)

Game	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	Difference
Nevada	300	210	510	-90
at Michigan	302	188	490	-114
Michigan State	218	219	437	+1
at Purdue	237	146	383	-91
Total	1,057	763	1,820	-294

Game	1st Half	2nd Half	Total	Difference
Washington	251	*279	*530	+28
USC	121	246	367	+125
Total	372	*525	*897	+153

* includes stats from overtime period against Washington

► The Irish trend changed again in the victory over Boston College. Notre Dame racked up 229 total yards in the first half and 123 yards in the second half.

► Notre Dame has averaged 236.9 net offensive yards in the first half (1,658 total), compared to 201.6 in the second half (1,411 total).

► The Irish were even more impressive in the opening 15 minutes of their first three games. Notre Dame totaled 131, 142 and 152 yards of total offense in the opening quarter of its first three games this season against Nevada, Michigan and Michigan State.

► Notre Dame outgained Purdue, 169-64, in total yards in the second quarter and 134 yards to two yards on the ground.

► Notre Dame also outgained USC, 133-55, in the fourth quarter.

► The Irish outgained Boston College, 111-46, in the opening quarter, but led by just a single point.

NOTRE DAME GROUND GAME TAKES OFF IN "LEPRECAT" FORMATION

► The Irish have broken out their version of the wildcat formation in 2009. Notre Dame lined up in the "leprecat" formation (direct snap to junior WR **Golden Tate**) five times in the second quarter against Purdue. The Irish rambled for 46 yards out of the formation, including Tate's 14-yard touchdown run to grab a 17-7 second quarter lead. Notre Dame averaged 9.2 yards per carry out of the formation against the Boilermakers, registering three rushes of 13 yards or longer, including freshman HB **Theo Riddick's** 24-yard rush.

► Notre Dame used the formation to supreme efficiency in the victory over Michigan State as well. Junior HB **Armando Allen** not only raced 13 yards up the middle for a touchdown on a direct snap in the first quarter, but he added a touchdown pass to senior WR **Robby Parris** out of the formation in the third quarter.

NOTRE DAME WINNING TIME-OF-POSSESSION BATTLE

While Notre Dame's offense has been piling up the yardage this season (averaging 438.4 yards per game), it also has won the time of possession battle in six of seven games this season (only Washington had the ball longer than the Irish). Overall, Notre Dame averages 32:14 minutes per game with the ball, compared to 27:46 for its opponents. Here is a game-by-game breakdown:

Game	Notre Dame	Opponent	Margin
Nevada	33:40	26:20	+7:20
at Michigan	31:25	28:35	+2:50
Michigan State	34:30	25:30	+9:00
at Purdue	34:25	25:35	+8:50
Washington	27:31	32:29	-4:58
USC	31:11	28:49	+2:22
Boston College	32:48	27:12	+5:36
Total	225:30	194:30	+31:00

► Notre Dame had the ball for 11:40 and ran 21 plays in the third quarter against Purdue. The Boilermakers, on the other hand, had the ball for just 3:20 and ran nine plays. The previous high the Irish had in ball possession during a quarter this season was 10:03 in the second quarter against Nevada in the opener.

► Washington ran 19 plays and used up 9:19 of the fourth quarter before settling for a field goal to grab a 27-22 lead, but the Irish needed just 1:44 to go 63 yards on five plays to grab a 30-27 lead. The Huskies had 10:39 time of possession in the fourth quarter compared to Notre Dame's 4:21, but the Irish outscored Washington, 11-6, in the period to force overtime.

► Notre Dame is 3-2 this season and 25-8 under Weis when the Irish win the time of possession battle.

► The Irish won the time of possession battle with USC, but dominated it in the second half. Notre Dame rolled up 17:10 time of possession compared to 12:50 by the Trojans after halftime.

► Notre Dame racked up 10:22 in time of possession in the first quarter this afternoon. It was the third most time of possession in any quarter for the Irish this season. Notre Dame totaled 10:36 in the opening quarter against Nevada and 11:40 in the third quarter at Purdue.

IRISH DON'T GIVE IT AWAY FOR FREE

► Since Charlie Weis became head coach at Notre Dame, the top priority of every game has been to win the turnover battle. In games the Irish have won the turnover battle, Notre Dame is 24-9.

► Notre Dame held a plus-five margin in turnovers in the victory over Boston College. The Irish failed to commit a turnover, while the Eagles had five. Dating back to last year's game against Purdue, it was the seventh time in Notre Dame's last nine home games the Irish did not commit a turnover.

► Last season, the Irish did not commit a turnover in five games and have already posted three turnover-less games. In fact, Notre Dame has not turned the ball over in 18 games since 2005. Here's how each ranks nationally (thanks STATS, LLC):

Most Games with 0 Giveaways in 2009

No.	School
4	Air Force
3	Notre Dame
3	Cincinnati
3	Oregon State
3	California
3	Central Michigan
3	Rutgers

*2009 list only includes teams ranked in the top 10 in fewest turnovers

Most Games with 0 Giveaways in 2008

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

Most Games with 0 Giveaways since 2005

No.	School
20	West Virginia
18	Notre Dame
18	Florida
17	Ball State
17	Buffalo
16	Memphis

► Quite often in a season opener a team is sloppy in terms of penalties and turnovers, but the Irish committed just three penalties and did not commit a single turnover. Notre Dame was one of two schools in the country among FBS teams that had fewer than three penalties and no turnovers on opening day. In addition, only seven FBS schools had fewer penalties in its season opener than the Irish.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

► The Irish are t-4th in the nation with a +1.43 turnover ratio. Just one FBS squad has fewer turnovers than Notre Dame's five: Cincinnati 4. Two of those Irish turnovers were long desperation tosses near the end of the first half and the other interception was a perfect pass that slipped through the hands of junior RB **Armando Allen** and into the hands of a Washington defender.

School	Turnovers
Cincinnati	4
Notre Dame	5
Air Force	5
Oregon State	5
California	6
LSU	6
Northern Illinois	6
Wyoming	6

► Notre Dame has two fumbles lost all season. The only three schools in the FBS with fewer fumbles lost are Cincinnati 0, Colorado State and Oregon State 1. The school record for fewest fumbles lost in a season is four by the 2000 Irish. The 1993 Irish lost just five fumbles.

► The NCAA record for fewest season turnovers is eight, held by Clemson in 1940, Miami (Ohio) in 1966 and Notre Dame in 2000. Prior to that record setting 2000 campaign, Notre Dame's record for fewest turnovers in a season was 10 in 1993 with the 1997 team third-best (13).

RED-ZONE REPORT

► Notre Dame and its 2009 opponents could not have less similar red-zone success, with the Irish totaling 140 red-zone points (converting 25-of-29 chances, 86.2%) while its opponents have combined for a lower red-zone point total (109) and conversion rate (18-of-25, 72.0%). The Notre Dame defense has allowed 14 red zone touchdowns (in 25 opponent chances) while the Irish offense has cashed in 16 touchdowns after crossing the opponent's 20-yard line (in 29 chances).

► The only four drives in which Notre Dame failed to produce points when entering the red zone came against Michigan, Purdue, USC and Boston College. The Irish took the opening kick and marched 69 yards, but missed a 28-yard field goal against the Wolverines. Against the Boilermakers, Notre Dame's final drive came when the Irish recovered a Purdue fumble at the nine-yard line with three seconds left in regulation. Notre Dame took a knee to secure the victory. The Irish marched 17 plays and 74 yards to the USC four-yard line in the final seconds of the game, but were unable to score the game-tying touchdown. Notre Dame moved 56 yards on 11 plays, but junior RB **Robert Hughes** was stopped on fourth and goal from the one-yard line by Boston College.

► The Eagles also denied the Irish touchdowns on two other red zone chances. Notre Dame did manage two field goals.

► Over Notre Dame's first three games, the Irish recorded seven touchdowns in 10 red zone chances, but Notre Dame has managed just six touchdowns in its last 14 opportunities. On the other hand, Irish opponents registered touchdowns on seven of their first eight chances, but have scored touchdowns just seven of their last 13 red zone opportunities.

► Notre Dame entered the Washington contest with 10 touchdowns in its previous 15 drives into the red zone, but the Irish managed only field goals on their first four red zone chances against the Huskies. On the other hand, Washington registered touchdowns on its first two red zone chances.

Keeping An Eye On Notre Dame Records

Total Plays - Career (cont.)

6.	892	Allen Pinkett (1982-85)
7.	807	Joe Theismann (1968-70)
8.	787	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)
9.	774	Blair Kiel (1980-83)
10.	760	Tom Clements (1972-74)

Total Offense Yards - Season

1.	4009	Brady Quinn (2005)
2.	3497	Brady Quinn (2006)
3.	3217	Jarious Jackson (1999)
4.	3099	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
5.	2813	Joe Theismann (1970)
6.	2582	Brady Quinn (2004)
7.	2423	Rick Mirer (1991)
8.	2246	Steve Beuerlein (1986)
9.	2114	Joe Montana (1978)
10.	2069	John Huarte (1964)

Total Offense Yards - Career

1.	11944	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
2.	7479	Ron Powllus (1994-97)
3.	6691	Rick Mirer (1989-92)
4.	6459	Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)
5.	6168	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)
6.	5777	Jarious Jackson (1996-99)
7.	5432	Joe Theismann (1968-70)
8.	4882	Tony Rice (1986-89)
9.	4738	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)
10.	4664	Tom Clements (1972-74)

Total Offense Yards per Attempt - Game

1.	15.8	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Nevada (Sept. 5, 2009)	20 for 316
2.	14.1	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)	28 for 395
3.	13.7	John Huarte, vs. Navy (1964)	20 for 273

Total Offense Yards per Game - Season

1.	334.1	Brady Quinn (2005)
2.	286.0	Jimmy Clausen (2009)
3.	281.3	Joe Theismann (1970)
4.	269.0	Brady Quinn (2006)
5.	268.1	Jarious Jackson (1999)
6.	249.3	Terry Hanratty (1968)
7.	238.4	Jimmy Clausen (2008)
8.	215.3	Brady Quinn (2004)
9.	204.2	Steve Beuerlein (1986)

Total Offense Yards per Game - Career

1.	243.8	Brady Quinn (2003-06)
2.	205.6	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)
3.	187.3	Joe Theismann (1968-70)
4.	182.2	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)
5.	159.3	Rick Mirer (1989-92)
6.	153.8	Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)

Points Responsibility - Season

1.	234	Brady Quinn (2006); 2 rush TDs, 37 pass TDs
2.	198	Brady Quinn (2005); 1 rush TD, 32 pass TDs
3.	162	Rick Mirer (1991); 9 rush TDs, 18 pass TDs
4.	150	Jimmy Clausen (2008); 25 pass TDs
5.	146	Jarious Jackson (1999); 7 rush TDs, 17 pass TDs, 1 two-point
6.	130	Ron Powllus (1994); 2 rush TDs, 19 pass TDs, 2 two-point
7.	126	Ron Mohardt (1921); 12 rush TDs, 9 pass TDs
8.	124	Joe Theismann (1970); 4 rush TDs, 16 pass TDs, 2 two-point
120		Brady Quinn (2004); 3 rush TDs, 17 pass TDs

Points Responsibility - Career

1.	606	Brady Quinn (2003-06); 6 rush TDs, 95 pass TDs
2.	350	Rick Mirer (1989-92); 17 rush TDs, 41 pass TDs, 1 two-point
3.	338	Ron Powllus (1994-97); 3 rush TDs, 52 pass TDs, 3 two-point
4.	326	Allen Pinkett (1982-85); 53 rush TDs, 1 pass TD, 1 two-point
5.	306	Jimmy Clausen (2007-); 3 rush TDs, 48 pass TDs
6.	290	Jarious Jackson (1996-99); 15 rush TDs, 34 pass TDs, 2 two-point, 1 KR TD

Points Responsibility per Game - Season

1.	18.0	Brady Quinn (2006)	234 in 13
2.	16.5	Brady Quinn (2005)	198 in 12
3.	14.6	Jimmy Clausen (2009)	102 in 7
4.	13.5	Rick Mirer (1992)	162 in 12
5.	12.4	Joe Theismann (1970)	124 in 10
6.	12.1	Jarious Jackson (1999)	146 in 12

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Points Responsibility per Game - Season (cont.)

7.	11.82	Ron Powlus (1994)	130 in 11
8.	11.8	John Huarte (1964)	118 in 10

Points Responsibility per Game - Career

1.	12.4	Brady Quinn (2003-06)	606 in 49
2.	10.20	Jimmy Clausen (2007-)	306 in 30
3.	10.15	Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	264 in 26

Tackles - Season - Defensive Back

1.	110	Kyle McCarthy (2008)
2.	98	Chinedum Ndukwe (2006)
3.	97	David Bruton (2008)
4.	92	Steve Lawrence (1985)
5.	91	A'Jani Sanders (1999)
6.	85	David Bruton (2007)
7.	81	Brian Magee (1994)
	81	Glenn Earl (2002)
9.	80	Jim Browner (1976)
	80	Tom Zbikowski (2007)

Tackles - Career - Defensive Back

1.	300	Tom Zbikowski (2004-07)
2.	228	Jim Browner (1976-78)
3.	225	A'Jani Sanders (1996-99)
4.	214	David Bruton (2005-08)
5.	206	Brian Magee (1992-95)
6.	203	Deke Cooper (1997-99)
7.	198	Kyle McCarthy (2005-)
8.	189	Jeff Burris (1991-93)
9.	184	Stacey Toran (1980-83)
	184	John Covington (1990-93)

Passes Broken Up - Career

1.	32	Clarence Ellis (1969-71)
2.	27	Luther Bradley (1973-77)
3.	25	Shane Walton (1999-02)
4.	22	Dave Waymer (1976-79)
5.	20.5	Todd Lyght (1987-90)
6.	20	Ralph Stepaniak (1969-71)
7.	19	Thomas O'Leary (1965-67)
8.	18	Vontez Duff (2000-03)
9.	16	Dave Duerson (1979-82)
10.	15	Mike Richardson (2002-06)
11.	14	Raeshon McNeil (2006-)

Field Goals - Game

1.	5	Nick Tausch, vs. Washington (Oct. 3, 2009)
	5	Nicholas Setta, vs. Washington State (Sept. 6, 2003)
	5	Nicholas Setta, vs. Maryland (Aug. 31, 2002)
	5	Craig Hentrich, vs. Miami (Oct. 20, 1990)
5.	4	Brandon Walker, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 1, 2008)
	4	D.J. Fitzpatrick, vs. BYU (Nov. 15, 2003)
	4	Reggie Ho, vs. Michigan (Sept. 10, 1988)
	4	John Carney, vs. SMU (Nov. 8, 1986)
	4	John Carney, at Michigan (Sept. 14, 1985)
	4	Harry Oliver, vs. Miami (Oct. 11, 1980)
	4	Harry Oliver, at Michigan State (Oct. 4, 1980)
	4	Chuck Male, at Michigan (Sept. 15, 1979)

Most Consecutive Field Goals - Season

1.	13	Mike Johnston (1982)
2.	12	Nick Tausch (2009)

Most Consecutive Field Goals - Career

1.	13	Mike Johnston (Michigan 1982 – Oregon 1982)
2.	12	Nick Tausch (Michigan 2009 – Present)
3.	10	John Carney (Navy 1984 – Michigan 1985)
4.	9	Nicholas Setta (USC 2000 – USC 2001)
	9	Nicholas Setta (Washington State 2003 – Purdue 2003)
	9	D.J. Fitzpatrick (Navy 2003 – BYU 2004)
7.	8	Chuck Male (Miami 1978 – Georgia Tech 1978)
	8	Chuck Male (Michigan 1979 – Michigan State 1979)
	8	John Carney (Air Force 1986 – Penn State 1986)

Points by Kicking - Game

1.	17	Nick Tausch, vs. Washington (2009)	5 FGs, 2 PATs
	17	Nicholas Setta, vs. Washington State (2003)	5 FGs, 2 PATs
	17	Craig Hentrich, vs. Miami (1990)	5 FGs, 2 PATs
4.	16	Nicholas Setta, vs. Maryland (2002)	5 FGs, 1 PAT
5.	15	Brandon Walker, vs. Pittsburgh (2008)	4 FGs, 3 PATs

► In fact, Notre Dame had first-and-goal on three separate occasions against Washington and failed to register a touchdown on any of those opportunities.

► The Huskies were denied on their third red zone attempt of the game when Notre Dame stuffed Washington on consecutive quarterback sneaks on third and fourth down and goal from the one-yard line late in the third quarter. The Huskies were held to a field goal late in the fourth quarter due to an Irish goal-line stand. The Huskies ran six offensive plays from inside the Irish six-yard line, including five inside the two-yard line, but were not able to score a touchdown.

► The other drives for Notre Dame that entered the red zone and did not result in a touchdown came against Michigan and Michigan State. The Irish drove to the Wolverine 17-yard line before settling for a field goal (Notre Dame did have a touchdown overturned on the drive). Notre Dame also kicked a field goal against the Spartans after driving down to the MSU one-yard line before a fumble on third down forced the field goal.

► Despite scoring five touchdowns in the 2009 opening win over Nevada, Notre Dame ventured into the "red zone" just twice (other three touchdowns, all by sophomore WR **Michael Floyd**, came from 24, 70 and 88 yards out). The Irish scored two touchdowns in red zone chances against the Wolf Pack, which marched inside the Irish 20 three times and failed to score a single point.

► Michigan and Michigan State each scored three touchdowns on four red zone attempts.

► Purdue made just one trip into the red zone, but walked away with a touchdown.

► Notre Dame in 2008 came away with points in 31 of 44 red-zone chances (70.5 percent) – including touchdowns on 52.2 percent – while opponents posted points on 81.8 percent of their chances, but barely half of the opposing chances, 22 of 44, produced touchdowns.

Notre Dame in 2009

Notre Dame in 2009	Category	2009 Opponents
29	Red-Zone Chances	25
8	Passing TDs	7
8	Rushing TDs	7
16	Total TDs	14
.552 (16/29)	TD Pct.	.560 (14/25)
9	FGs Made	4
1/0	FGs Missed/Blocked	2/0
1/0/0	Downs/Interceptions/Fumbles	2/1/2
140	Total Points (TD-6, FG-3)	109
.862 (25/29)	Scoring Pct.	.720 (18/25)

IRISH EFFICIENT ON FIRST & SECOND DOWN

► Notre Dame has a 71.9% completion percentage (82-for-114) on first down. Junior QB **Jimmy Clausen** is 78-for-108 (72.2%) for 35 first downs and six touchdowns on first down. The Irish (51-for-79, 64.6%) and Clausen (48-for-73, 65.8%) are nearly as good on second down.

► Junior RB **Armando Allen** is averaging 4.9 yards per carry, including 6.5 yards per carry on second down. He has recorded 16 first downs and one touchdown on 37 carries on second down. Junior RB Robert Hughes is averaging 6.4 yards per carry on second down. He has registered three first downs on 10 such carries. The Irish, which average 4.4 yards per carry as a team excluding sacks, are ripping off 6.2 yards per rush on second down.

► Allen has also proven he is able to advance the chains on third down. He is averaging 3.4 yards per carry for 10 first downs on third down. He is 8-for-10 on third down and short (two yards or less) on the season. In fact, Allen is averaging 4.0 yards per carry on third and short. As a team, Notre Dame has converted 13 of its 19 third down and short rushing plays.

► Junior RB **Robert Hughes** and junior WR **Golden Tate** are averaging 4.2 and 6.6 yards per rush on first down.

WHO TO LOOK TO ON THIRD DOWN?

Notre Dame has converted 24 of its 49 (49.0%) third down passing attempts this season. Junior WR **Golden Tate** and senior WR **Robby Parris** have registered six and four first down receptions, respectively, on third down passing plays. In fact, of Parris' 17 catches this season, eight have produced an Irish first down and six have come on either third or fourth down, including a trio of third and fourth or 10+ plays.

AGAINST THE WOLVERINES

► Michigan scored the winning touchdown with 11 seconds remaining in the game. It marked the third meeting between the two rivals where the deciding points were scored with less than 12 seconds to go in the contest. The Wolverines last captured a meeting decided so late into the contest in 1994 when Remy Hamilton kicked a field goal with two seconds left to secure a 26-24 victory in Notre Dame Stadium.

► Junior QB **Jimmy Clausen's** 336 yards were the most ever by an Irish signal caller against Michigan.

► Notre Dame racked up 27 first downs and 490 yards on the afternoon, the most ever by an Irish squad in the all-time series with the Wolverines.

► Sophomore WR **Michael Floyd's** 131 yards against Michigan set a school record for receiving yards by an Irish player in the series with the Wolverines. The previous record was 127 set last season by junior WR **Golden Tate**.

► Tate's nine receptions are the most by an Irish player in the all-time series with the Wolverines, besting the previous high of seven set by three different players (most recently Darius Walker in 2006).

► Tate also tied five other Irish players (most recently junior RB **Robert Hughes** in 2008) with the most touchdowns against the Wolverines in the series.

► Notre Dame managed just 10 first downs and 79 total yards on 55 plays in the 2007 meeting with Michigan, the last trip to Ann Arbor for the Irish. Notre Dame registered 15 first downs and piled up 302 yards on 37 plays, good for an average of 8.2 per play in the first half.

► The Irish were also held to minus-seven yards on 33 carries in that meeting. Notre Dame rushed for 112 yards on 19 carries, good for a 5.9 average, in the first half.

IRISH OFFENSE ROLLS IN SEASON OPENER AGAINST NEVADA

- ▶ Notre Dame finished with 510 yards of total offense, the most since recording 663 yards at Stanford on Nov. 26, 2005.
- ▶ The Irish recorded those 510 yards on just 61 plays, good for an average of 8.36 yards per play (best in the Charlie Weis era).
- ▶ Notre Dame set new highs for the Weis era in most passing yards per attempt (16.6), yards per completion (19.5), highest passing efficiency (290.44) and yards per play (8.4).
- ▶ The Irish have now eclipsed 500 yards of total offense in nine games under Weis.
- ▶ Notre Dame not only converted both of its third downs of nine or more yards (nine and 16 yards) in the first half, but did so each time with touchdown passes. **Jimmy Clausen's** touchdown pass to **Kyle Rudolph** in the first quarter came on a third and 16, while Clausen's second quarter touchdown pass to **Michael Floyd** came on a third and nine.
- ▶ The Irish totaled exactly 300 yards on 34 plays in the opening half, good for an average of 8.8 yards per play.
- ▶ Notre Dame averaged just 3.3 yards per rush in 2008. Weis and the Irish coaching staff have established 4.5 yards per carry as a standard for the season. Notre Dame equaled that mark prior to its final drive of the game (158 yards on 35 carries). The Irish also accomplished the feat against a defense that ranked sixth in the nation against the run in 2008 (88.62 yards per game). Notre Dame finished the afternoon with 178 yards on the ground.
- ▶ The Irish offensive line did not allow a single sack. Nevada ranked 10th in the nation in sacks a season ago, averaging 2.85 per game.
- ▶ Notre Dame registered touchdowns on four of its first five drives. The Irish marched 67, 78, 79 and 80 yards. In fact, Notre Dame added a school record-tying 99-yard drive for its final touchdown of the game. The average scoring drive by the Irish went for 80.6 yards.
- ▶ Notre Dame was limited to just one three and out over the course of the entire game.
- ▶ The Irish quarterbacks completed passes to seven different receivers.

**Notre Dame
Defensive Notes**

IRISH DERAILED BOSTON COLLEGE RUSHING ATTACK

- ▶ Boston College entered the game against Notre Dame averaging 155.3 yards per game on the ground. The Irish allowed just 70 yards on the ground on 29 carries (just 2.4 yards per rush).
- ▶ Eagles running back Montel Harris rushed for 264 yards and five touchdowns (both school records) in the previous week's victory over NC State. Harris' day was the best rushing performance in the FBS this year as he topped UTEP's Donald Buckram who rushed for 262 yards on October 3. He also tied Jahvid Best of California and Mike Bell of Nevada for the most points in a single game this season with 30. Harris ranked second in the ACC and 13th in the nation in rushing with 108 yards per game prior to the contest, but he managed just 38 yards on 22 carries against the Irish. In fact, Notre Dame forced Harris into 15 carries of two yards or less, including five behind the line of scrimmage.
- ▶ The Irish outgained BC, 111-46, in the opening quarter. Notre Dame limited the Eagles and Harris to seven yards on four carries.
- ▶ The Irish continued to control the Eagles running game in the second quarter. Notre Dame limited BC to just eight yards on the ground on 11 carries in the opening 30 minutes.
- ▶ Boston College halfback Montel Harris entered the game against Notre Dame without a fumble lost in a span of 362 touches, but Notre Dame forced him into a pair of fumble in the victory. In fact, Harris had a third fumble that Boston College managed to recover.

NOTRE DAME DOMINATES FIRST DOWN AGAINST EAGLES

- ▶ 19 of Boston College's 25 first down plays gained two yards or less.
- ▶ 11 of Boston College's 25 first down plays either failed to gain or lost yardage.
- ▶ Three of Boston College's 25 first down plays gained more than four yards.

HURRY AND LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES

- ▶ While Notre Dame officially was not credited with a sack, the Irish did apply pressure on Boston College quarterback Dave Shinskie. The Irish registered an astounding 10 quarterback hurries in the game.
- ▶ The Irish were not credited with any quarterback hurries in games against Nevada and Washington, but Notre Dame has 16 in its last two games (USC and Boston College).
- ▶ Quarterback hurries are tracked at Irish home games, but FBS schools are not required so few actually do.

IRISH IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

- ▶ Notre Dame's defense has registered 15 takeaways this season and 13 have come inside Irish territory, including five inside the red zone and four inside the 10-yard line. Here is a list of the eight Notre Dame takeaways inside its 25-yard line:

Turnover (Forced By)	Takeaway	Yardline	Return
Interception	Robert Blanton vs. Nevada	ND 0	0
Fumble (dropped pitch)	Kapron Lewis-Moore vs. Nevada	ND 7	0
Interception	Kyle McCarthy vs. Michigan State	ND 4	20
Interception	Darrin Walls at Purdue	ND 20	2
Fumble (Sergio Brown)	Brian Smith vs. Boston College	ND 6	0
Interception	Kyle McCarthy vs. Boston College	ND 23	20
Interception	Kyle McCarthy vs. Boston College	ND 25	7
Interception	Brian Smith vs. Boston College	ND 22	10

- ▶ The only two takeaways not inside Notre Dame territory were sophomore DT **Ethan Johnson's** fumble recovery at the Purdue nine-yard line with seconds remaining in the game and junior CB **Gary Gray's** interception at the USC 43-yard line.

**Keeping An Eye On
Notre Dame Records**

Kickoff Returns - Game			
1.	8-157	George Gipp, vs. Army (1920)	
2.	7-163	Julius Jones, vs. Pittsburgh (1999)	
3.	6-117	Armando Allen, vs. Air Force (2007)	
	6-95	Mark McLane, vs. USC (1974)	
	6-112	Lack Landry, vs. Michigan State (1951)	
Kickoff Returns - Season			
1.	33-704	Armando Allen (2007)	
2.	26-521	Golden Tate (2008)	
	26-603	Julius Jones (1999)	
4.	25-698	Tim Brown (1986)	
5.	23-512	Tony Driver (1998)	
	23-456	Tim Brown (1987)	
7.	21-543	Armando Allen (2008)	
8.	20-476	Theo Riddick (2009)	
9.	20-570	Allen Rossum (1997)	
	20-502	Raghib Ismail (1989)	
Kickoff Returns - Career			
1.	72-1678	Julius Jones (1999-2001, '03)	
2.	69-1613	Tim Brown (1984-87)	
3.	54-1247	Armando Allen (2007-)	
4.	49-1079	Jim Stone (1977-80)	
5.	47-1230	Vontez Duff (2000-03)	
	47-1083	Tony Driver (1997-2000)	
7.	46-1271	Raghib Ismail (1988-90)	
8.	44-909	Golden Tate (2007-)	
9.	32-739	Terry Eurick (1974-77)	
Kickoff Return Yards - Season			
1.	704-33	Armando Allen (2007)	
2.	698-25	Tim Brown (1986)	
3.	603-26	Julius Jones (1999)	
4.	570-20	Allen Rossum (1997)	
5.	543-21	Armando Allen (2008)	
6.	526-19	Vontez Duff (2002)	
7.	521-26	Golden Tate (2008)	
8.	512-23	Tony Driver (1998)	
9.	502-20	Raghib Ismail (1989)	
10.	496-16	Paul Hornung (1956)	
Kickoff Return Yards - Career			
1.	1678-72	Julius Jones (1999-2001, '03)	
2.	1613-69	Tim Brown (1984-87)	
3.	1271-46	Raghib Ismail (1988-90)	
4.	1247-54	Armando Allen (2007-)	
5.	1230-47	Vontez Duff (2000-03)	
6.	1083-47	Tony Driver (1997-2000)	
7.	1079-49	Jim Stone (1977-80)	
8.	909-44	Golden Tate (2007-)	
9.	891-29	Allen Rossum (1994-97)	
10.	778-30	Emmett Mosley (1993-96)	
	778-27	Clint Johnson (1990-93)	
Total Kick/Punt Return Yards - Season			
1.	911	Vontez Duff (2002)	526 KR, 385 PR
2.	857	Tim Brown (1987)	456 KR, 401 PR
3.	798	Julius Jones (1999)	603 KR, 195 PR
4.	773	Tim Brown (1986)	698 KR, 75 PR
5.	704	Armando Allen (2007)	704 KR, 0 PR
6.	653	Allen Rossum (1997)	570 KR, 83 PR
7.	637	Golden Tate (2008)	521 KR, 116 PR
8.	615	Raghib Ismail (1989)	502 KR, 113 PR
9.	609	Armando Allen (2008)	543 KR, 66 PR
10.	597	Julius Jones (2001)	405 KR, 192 PR
Total Kick/Punt Return Yards - Career			
1.	2104	Julius Jones (1999-2003)	1678 KR, 426 PR
2.	2089	Tim Brown (1984-87)	1613 KR, 476 PR
3.	1955	Vontez Duff (2000-03)	1230 KR, 725 PR
4.	1607	Raghib Ismail (1988-90)	1271 KR, 336 PR
5.	1318	Allen Rossum (1994-97)	891 KR, 427 PR
6.	1313	Armando Allen (2007-)	1247 KR, 66 PR
7.	1083	Tony Driver (1997-00)	1083 KR, 0 PR
8.	1079	Jim Stone (1977-80)	1079 KR, 0 PR
9.	1072	Golden Tate (2007-)	909 KR, 163 PR

Milestone Games In 2009

100-Yards Rushing

*Armando Allen	139 (at Michigan)
Armando Allen	115 (Michigan State)

100-Yards Receiving

*Golden Tate	244 (Washington)
*Michael Floyd	189 (Nevada)
Michael Floyd	131 (at Michigan)
Golden Tate	128 (Boston College)
Golden Tate	127 (Michigan State)
Golden Tate	117 (USC)
Golden Tate	115 (at Michigan)

400-Yards Passing

*Jimmy Clausen	422 (Washington)
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300-Yards Passing

Jimmy Clausen	336 (at Michigan)
Jimmy Clausen	315 (Nevada)
Jimmy Clausen	300 (Michigan State)

Multiple Touchdowns

Jimmy Clausen vs. Nevada	4 (passing)
Jimmy Clausen at Michigan	3 (passing)
*Michael Floyd vs. Nevada	3 (receiving)
Jimmy Clausen vs. USC	3 (2 passing, 1 rushing)
Golden Tate vs. Boston College	2 (receiving)
Golden Tate vs. USC	2 (receiving)
Jimmy Clausen vs. Boston College	2 (passing)
Jimmy Clausen vs. Washington	2 (passing)
Jimmy Clausen vs. Michigan State	2 (passing)
Armando Allen vs. Michigan State	2 (passing, rushing)
Golden Tate at Michigan	2 (receiving)

10+ Tackles

Kyle McCarthy vs. Washington	12
*Harrison Smith at Michigan	11
Kyle McCarthy at Purdue	10
*Manti Te'o vs. Washington	10

* - individual career highs (or tying)

IRISH BALL HAWKING DEFENSE

- ▶ Notre Dame forced turnovers on four of final six possessions of game. The other two Boston College possessions in the stretch were both three-and-outs.
- ▶ The Irish forced five turnovers in the game, the most since the 2008 Michigan contest when Notre Dame forced six.
- ▶ The Irish either forced a turnover or held Boston College to a three-and-out in eight of its last 12 possessions of the game.

NOTRE DAME RUN DEFENSE GAINING STEAM

- ▶ The Purdue ground attack entered the game with the Irish ranked 22nd in the country averaging 210.7 yards per game. The Boilermakers were led by Ralph Bolden, who ranked second in the country at 140.3 yards per game.
- ▶ The Irish limited Purdue to only 74 yards (136.7 below its average) on the ground on 26 attempts, good for a 2.8 yard per carry average. The Boilermakers were running for just over 6.0 yards per carry coming into the contest. Notre Dame allowed just three rushes of 10 yards or more.
- ▶ Bolden totaled just 67 yards on 17 carries, only 3.9 per rush (well below his average of 6.8 yards per carry entering the game). The Irish really kept him intact after halftime when Bolden managed 22 yards on eight rushes. He did register three carries for 56 yards (26, 15 and 15), but was limited to 11 yards on his 14 other carries.
- ▶ After Notre Dame's first two games, the Irish were surrendering 171.5 yards rushing per game. The Irish defensive coaching staff made a couple schematic changes along the defensive line and the results are noticeable. Here is a comparison of Notre Dame's rush defense over its first two games versus its next five games:

Games 1-2	Category	Games 3-7
343	Rush Yards Allowed	546
67	Rush Attempts	152
5.1	Average Per Rush	3.6
171.5	Average Per Game	109.2
16	10+ Yard Rushes	17

- ▶ Notre Dame allowed just three rushing plays of 10 yards or more in the victory over Boston College and one was a quarterback scramble. The Irish allowed the same amount the week prior against No. 4 USC. Notre Dame has made significant strides in preventing explosive running plays since the opening two weeks of the season.

Runs of 10 or more yards

Nevada	9	Michigan	7	Michigan State	2
Purdue	3	Washington	6	USC	3
Boston College	3				

NOTRE DAME'S FRONT SEVEN STEPPING UP

- ▶ Entering the USC contest, Notre Dame was led in tackles by a pair of safeties, senior SS **Kyle McCarthy** (49) and junior FS **Harrison Smith** (32). The fourth leading tackler for the Irish at that point of the season was sophomore CB **Robert Blanton** (22).
- ▶ However, the defensive line and linebackers have become much more active the last two weeks.
- ▶ The Irish defensive backs totaled 51.6% (141 of 273) of the tackles on the opposition's offensive plays over the first five games of the season. Over the last two games, Notre Dame's front seven has totaled 62.0% (67 of 108) of the tackles, while the secondary has totaled 38.0% (41 of 108).
- ▶ In the matchup with the Trojans, the Irish defensive line totaled 18 tackles, 3.0 sacks, 5.0 TFL, three quarterback hurries and one pass breakup. The linebackers collected 16 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL, and two QB hurries.
- ▶ Against Boston College, the Irish defensive line totaled 20 tackles, 1.5 TFL, eight quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery. The linebackers collected 19 tackles, 3.5 TFL, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, one interception, one pass breakup and two QB hurries.
- ▶ In the victory over the Eagles, Notre Dame's top four tacklers —all linebackers and linemen, not safeties — registered 28 tackles. Freshman LB **Manti Te'o** led the charge with nine, junior NT **Ian Williams** had seven, and sophomore DE **Kapron Lewis-Moore** and junior LB **Brian Smith** made six apiece.

DEFENSIVE LINE INCREASING PRODUCTION

Notre Dame's defensive line struggled mightily over the first four games of the season. The group managed just 52 tackles (13.0 per game) and three sacks against Nevada, Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue. In their last three outings against Washington, USC and Boston College, the group has amassed 61 tackles (20.3 per game) and seven sacks.

NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE HOLDS OWN AGAINST USC FRONT

- ▶ Notre Dame totaled three sacks (for 18 yards) and eight tackles for loss (for 26 yards) against the Trojans, their outstanding offensive line and the tandem of Joe McKnight and Allen Bradford. The three sacks, 18 yards lost in sacks and eight tackles for loss were the most against USC this season. In fact, Notre Dame was the first team this season to record more tackles for loss against the Trojans than they registered in the game.
- ▶ The eight tackles for loss by Notre Dame are the most by a USC opponent since UCLA had 14 on Dec. 1, 2007 and no team has registered more sacks (three) against the Trojans since Stanford had four on Oct. 6, 2007.
- ▶ USC entered the contest with the Irish ranked 17th in the FBS in rushing offense (208.00). The Trojans also averaged 5.5 yards per rush over their first five games, but Notre Dame held USC well below its average in each category.

Category	Actual	vs. Notre Dame
Rushing Offense	208.0	121
Average per Rush	5.5	3.7

► The Irish allowed only three explosive rushing plays of 10 or more yards (25 and 17 to Joe McKnight and 23 to Allen Bradford). Notre Dame limited USC to just 56 yards on its 30 other carries in the game.

GOAL-LINE STAND ONE FOR THE AGES

Washington was denied on their third red zone attempt of the game. The Huskies had first and goal from the Notre Dame eight-yard line, but after two rushes pushed the ball to the Irish one-yard line, Notre Dame stuffed Washington on consecutive quarterback sneaks on third and fourth down and goal from the one-yard line late in the third quarter.

► Washington was again held to a field goal late in the fourth quarter due to an Irish goal-line stand. The Huskies ran six offensive plays from inside the Irish six-yard line, including five inside the two-yard line, but were not able to score a touchdown.

► In all, Washington ran nine plays from inside the five-yard line over two different drives and failed to score a touchdown (the Huskies managed just a field goal).

► Has there ever been a more impressive goal-line stand in Notre Dame football annals than the one made in the fourth quarter of the victory over Washington? Four criteria were used: Did it have a bearing on a victorious outcome? How close was the opponent to the goal line on first down? At one point of the game did the stand occur? How good was the opponent on short-yardage offense?

Notre Dame historian Lou Somogyi recently released a top 10.

10) Oct. 21, 1995: A Key(shawn) Stop

No. 5 USC had a prolific passing attack led by WR Keyshawn Johnson, the No. 1 pick in the 1996 NFL Draft. No. 17 Notre Dame held a 21-7 lead when USC faced first and goal at the two with 15 seconds left in the first half. Three straight passes into the end zone intended for Johnson fell incomplete or out of bounds — and on fourth DE Renaldo Wynn and LB Kinnon Tatum stopped a short pass by QB Kyle Wachholtz to RB Rodney Sermons as time expired. The Irish went on to post a 38-10 drubbing of that year's Rose Bowl champs.

9) Sept. 9, 1974: Pepper Spray

Defending national champion Notre Dame opened at Georgia Tech under new coach Pepper Rodgers, a veer specialist. The Ramblin' Wreck trailed 10-7 when it had a first down at the Irish three midway through the second quarter. Two yards were gained on first down, but DT Steve Niehaus and LB Greg Collins stuffed Tech for no gain on the next two plays. On fourth down, the Irish swarmed RB Charles Myers for a two-yard loss, with the first hit made by S John Dubenetzky. Notre Dame rolled thereafter to a 31-7 victory.

8) Oct. 3, 2009: Part I

Leading 24-19 late in the third quarter, Washington had first and goal at the Irish 8. RB Chris Polk gained four yards on first down, and QB Jake Locker rushed for three to the one on second down. On two straight sneak attempts, though, the 6-3, 226-pound Locker was unable to break the goal line. Notre Dame's offense responded by driving 93 yards to convert a field goal and cut its deficit to 24-22.

7) Nov. 10, 1928: By George, They Did It!

Against an Army team that boasted an 11-game winning streak, including an 18-0 victory versus Notre Dame a year earlier, head coach Knute Rockne implored his Irish to "win one for the Gipper." The Irish scored the go-ahead TD with 2:30 left to make it 12-6, but Army had first and goal at the Notre Dame 10 in the closing seconds. A five-yard penalty and two incomplete passes made it 3rd and goal at the 15. On third down, Dick Hutchinson completed an 11-yard pass to the Irish four. On fourth down, Hutchinson plunged to within a foot of the goal line — just as time elapsed.

6) Nov. 14, 1992: Notre Dame 17, Penn State 16

With just over 10 minutes left in the contest and Penn State trailing 9-6 in "The Snow Bowl," the Nittany Lions had first and goal at the one. On first down, Penn State TB Richie Anderson leapt high toward the goal line but was met head on by S Jeff Burris for no gain. A two-yard loss on second down and a Kerry Collins incomplete pass on third down forced a game-tying field goal. It would prove crucial in the 17-16 victory where the Irish had to score a touchdown and a two-point conversion in the final 20 seconds to win.

5) Nov. 29, 1958: A Parting Gift

In the season finale at the L.A. Coliseum, Notre Dame led USC, 20-13, early in the fourth quarter when the Trojans drove 77 yards to a first down at the Irish one-foot line. On first down, USC fumbled but recovered the ball at the one. On second down, Bob Williams and Bob Scholtz threw USC QB Tom Maudlin for a one-yard loss on a sweep, and on third down Maudlin was stopped by Frank Reynolds for no gain. On fourth down, Myron Pottios stopped Trojans' HB Don Buford short of the goal line. The Irish held on in the fourth quarter for the 20-13 victory.

4) Dec. 3, 1949: By Rote Or Tote

In the season finale at the Cotton Bowl, the national title was on the line in the final five minutes when Kyle Rote drove SMU, trailing 27-20, from its 21 to a first down at Notre Dame's five. Rusty Russell lost a yard on first down, and Fred Benners threw an incomplete pass on second down. Rote picked up two yards on third down, and on fourth Rote's pass was intercepted at the goal line by Jerry Groom and Bob Lally with 3:52 left. Frank Leahy stated he had never experienced so much excitement in a game than in this 27-20 triumph.

3) Jan. 1, 1990: Bowled Over

Late in the first half of a scoreless game in the Orange Bowl, No. 1 and 11-0 Colorado drove to a first down at the Irish one. On first down, Eric Bieniemy tried to dive over the top, but D'Juan Francisco met him head on and the officiating crew ruled the running back didn't break the goal line plane — much to the protest of CU. QB Darian Hagan was stopped cold for no gain on a second-down sneak, and DL Troy Ridgley

**Notre Dame
"Money" Plays**

MONEY RUSHERS

	1st	TD	No.	Att.
Armando Allen	36	3	38	104
Jimmy Clausen	9	1	10	24
Robert Hughes	7	3	10	40
Golden Tate	5	1	5	15
Dayne Crist	2	0	2	3
James Aldridge	2	0	2	5
Theo Riddick	2	0	2	7
Jonas Gray	2	0	2	26
Duval Kamara	1	0	1	1
John Goodman	1	0	1	1
Totals	67	8	73	233

MONEY RECEPTIONS

	1st	TD	No.	Rec.
Golden Tate	31	8	32	52
Kyle Rudolph	12	3	13	25
Michael Floyd	12	5	12	13
Robby Parris	8	1	9	17
Duval Kamara	7	0	7	16
Armando Allen	6	0	6	13
Shaquille Evans	4	0	4	7
Jonas Gray	2	0	2	4
Robert Hughes	1	0	1	5
Roby Toma	1	0	1	2
Deion Walker	1	0	1	1
Bobby Burger	1	0	1	1
Totals	86	17	89	160

3RD DOWN MONEY RUSHERS

	1st	TD	No.	Att.
Armando Allen	10	0	10	17
Jimmy Clausen	3	0	3	9
Golden Tate	2	0	2	3
Robert Hughes	2	0	2	5
Dayne Crist	1	0	1	1
James Aldridge	1	0	1	1
Totals	19	0	19	39

3RD DOWN MONEY RECEPTIONS

	1st	TD	No.	Rec.
Golden Tate	6	1	6	6
Robby Parris	4	0	4	4
Kyle Rudolph	2	1	2	3
Michael Floyd	2	1	2	2
Bobby Burger	1	0	1	1
Armando Allen	1	0	1	2
Totals	16	3	16	24

4TH DOWN MONEY RUSHERS

	1st	TD	No.	Att.
Jimmy Clausen	1	0	1	1
James Aldridge	1	0	1	2
Armando Allen	1	0	1	1
Totals	3	0	3	7

4TH DOWN MONEY RECEPTIONS

	1st	TD	No.	Rec.
Robby Parris	2	0	2	2
Kyle Rudolph	0	1	1	1
Totals	2	1	3	3

Money plays result in either a first down, touchdown or both.

Starter Sheet

Offense	2009	Streak	Career
Young (RT)	7	45	45
Clausen (QB)	7	23	29
Olsen (C)	7	26	26
Rudolph (TE)	7	20	20
Kamara (WR)	4	1	19
Duncan (LT)	7	7	19
Wenger (C)	-	-	18
Allen (HB)	5	3	17
Stewart (LG)	7	9	17
Tate (WR)	7	9	17
Floyd (WR)	3	-	13
Robinson (RG)	7	7	10
Parris (WR)	4	3	8
West (WR)	-	-	7
Aldridge (FB)	-	-	6
Hughes (HB)	-	-	4
Ragone (TE)	3	-	3
Sharpley (QB)	-	-	2
Gray (HB)	1	-	1
Goodman (WR)	1	-	1
Defense	2009	Streak	Career
McCarthy (SS)	7	20	21
Ryan (DE)	5	5	20
Neal (DE)	3	-	19
Smith, B. (LB)	7	7	19
Walls (DB)	5	-	18
Smith, H. (FS/LB)	7	7	16
McNeil (CB)	1	-	15
Williams (NT)	5	2	14
Brown (SS)	5	1	11
Johnson (DT)	7	8	11
Blanton (CB)	6	1	10
Fleming (LB)	5	-	8
Smith, T. (LB)	2	-	6
Lewis-Moore (DE)	5	5	5
Te'o (LB)	5	4	5
Gray (DB)	2	2	2
Herring (FS)	-	-	1
Longest Active Streaks			
Young (RT)			45
Olsen (C)			26
Clausen (QB)			23
Rudolph (TE)			20
McCarthy (SS)			20
Most Career Starts (Active)			
Young (RT)			45
Clausen (QB)			29
Olsen (C)			26
McCarthy (SS)			21
Ryan (DE)			20
Rudolph (TE)			20
Neal (DE)			19
Kamara (WR)			19
Duncan (LT)			19
Smith, B. (LB)			19
Wenger (C)			18
Allen (HB)			17
Stewart (LG)			17
Tate (WR)			17
Smith, H. (FS)			16
McNeil (CB)			15

forced an errant option pitch to Bieniemy that bounced out of bounds at the three. On fourth down, Colorado set up for a field goal, but holder Jeff Campbell rolled to his right on a fake. The intended receiver got jammed at line of scrimmage, so Campbell was forced to tuck it and was stopped short of the goal line by Ridgley. In the second half, Notre Dame took control in its 21-6 victory.

2) Nov. 7, 1998: A "Cloud" Of Dust

Trailing 31-26, Boston College QB Scott Mutryn drove the Eagles from his 23 to a first and goal at the four with 1:07 left and no timeouts remaining for Notre Dame. BC featured RB Mike Cloud, No. 2 nationally in rushing yards per game (153.4), and a line that featured future NFL standouts Damien Woody and Doug Brzezinski. On first down, Cloud found an opening but LB Bobbie Howard stopped him at the two. On second down, Howard stopped Cloud for a yard. On third down, it appeared Cloud might have broken the plane, but LB Jimmy Friday pushed him back. On fourth down and inches from the goal line, S Deke Cooper, instructed to pursue the run and disregard the pass or anything to the outside, shot through the middle unblocked and nailed Cloud for a two-yard loss.

1) Oct. 3, 2009: Double Time!

This is the standard against which all future Notre Dame goal-line stands will be measured for several reasons. One, the Irish already made a stand minutes earlier (see No. 8). Two, a TD might have put the game out of reach. Three, the Irish had to do it not once but twice against a team ranked in the top five in third-down conversions. On first down from the one with 7:07 left and the Huskies leading 24-22, HB Chris Polk lost one yard on a stop by DT Ethan Johnson. A second-down pass by Locker fell incomplete, and on third down Locker was engulfed for no gain on a scramble. When Notre Dame was called for a rare roughing-the-snapper call on the field-goal attempt, it had to start all over again from the one. The defense stopped Polk for no gain on first down, benefited from a false start on the Huskies, stopped a five-yard completion to Paul Horner at the one, and did not permit Locker to get the final yard on a sneak, thereby forcing a field goal to make it 27-22 with 3:04 left. Down only one score, the Irish moved ahead briefly and then won it in overtime, 37-30.

MORE ON THE DEFENSE

- ▶ After allowing Purdue to score a touchdown on its opening drive, the Irish forced four punts and a turnover on downs on the Boilermakers' final five drives of the opening half.
- ▶ Notre Dame limited Purdue to just 1-for-7 on third down over the second and third quarters. In fact, the Boilermakers netted 113 yards on 32 plays (3.5 yards per play) with five punts, a turnover on downs and the end of half possession on seven drives between the first and fourth quarter scoring drives.
- ▶ Washington totaled 56 and 53 yards on its first and last drives of the first half, but Notre Dame limited the Huskies to 59 total yards on their other five drives of the half (17 plays). The Irish forced four punts and a turnover on those five drives.

IRISH PITCH SHUTOUT AGAINST NEVADA

- ▶ Notre Dame posted its first shutout since blanking Rutgers 42-0 on Nov. 23, 2002 -- a span of 76 games.
- ▶ Notre Dame posted its first shutout in a season opener since blanking Maryland, 22-0, on Aug. 31, 2002.
- ▶ Notre Dame posted its first shutout in a season opener inside Notre Dame Stadium since Sept. 22, 1973 when the Irish beat Northwestern, 44-0.
- ▶ Nevada was shut out for the first time since Dec. 12, 2007 versus New Mexico. The shutout was also just the third in Hall of Fame coach Chris Ault's 25-year coaching career at Nevada. This comes after Nevada averaged 37.6 points, 509 total yards and 278 rushing yards per game (school record) last season.
- ▶ Notre Dame limited the Wolf Pack to 307 total yards and 153 yards rushing, well below their explosive output from a year ago, and, obviously, no points.
- ▶ Notre Dame was one of two FBS schools, Kentucky being the other, to shut out another FBS school in its season opener.

TENUTA AND BROWN'S BOYS MAKE QUITE AN OPENING IMPRESSION

- ▶ Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick not only threw two interceptions in the game after throwing just seven all of last year, but he also averaged only 3.9 yards per rush compared to his near 7.0 yards per carry average in 2008.
- ▶ Notre Dame forced three Wolf Pack turnovers, including two in the red zone, and denied another possible scoring opportunity for Nevada on a 4th and short stop.
- ▶ Notre Dame ranked 20th in the country in 2008 in third down defense (32.76%). The Irish continued their success on third down against Nevada. Notre Dame limited the Wolf Pack to just 2-for-11.
- ▶ The Irish red zone defense was equally impressive. Notre Dame did not allow any Nevada points despite the Wolf Pack's three trips in the red zone. The Irish were the only team in FBS to deny their season-opening opponent points on three drives that crossed the 20-yard line.

TENUTA DEFENSES AWFULLY TOUGH IN SEASON OPENING GAMES

Notre Dame co-defensive coordinator and play-caller Jon Tenuta has had his way over his career in season-opening games. A Tenuta defense has limited its opponents to 14 points or less in 11 of his 16 years as a defensive coordinator.

IRISH DEFENSE STINGY OUT OF THE GATE

- ▶ Notre Dame was quite impressive defensively coming out of the locker room in 2008. The Irish allowed only three touchdowns in the first quarter over the entire 2008 campaign and just one over their last nine games of the year. Notre Dame continued that trend, blanking Nevada over the first 15 minutes.
- ▶ The Irish surrendered 14 points in the first quarter at Michigan. Notre Dame had allowed just 19 points in the first quarter over their previous 10 games.
- ▶ The Irish allowed just three points in the first quarter against Michigan State. Purdue and Washington took the opening kickoff and marched down the field for opening drive touchdowns. Notre Dame has still allowed three points or less in the opening quarter in 11 of its last 16 games.

**Notre Dame
Special Teams Notes**

KICKOFF RETURN DEFENSE UNIT HOPES TO PICK UP WHERE LEFT OFF IN '08

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

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

► The Irish did not miss a beat in the opening-season victory over Nevada. Notre Dame limited the Wolf Pack to just 17.6 yards per return.

KICKOFF RETURN DEFENSE REBOUNDS FROM 94-YARD TD RETURN

► Michigan's Darryl Stonum returned a kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown to give the Wolverines a 14-3 lead with 34 seconds to go in the opening quarter. Stonum was the first Irish opponent to return a kick for touchdown since Brian Cushing returned an onside kick for a touchdown in 2006 (42 yards).

► Since that kickoff return, Notre Dame has regained its form from a season ago. The Irish have allowed just 19.1 yards per kickoff return on the 36 kickoffs following Stonum's touchdown return. In fact, Purdue never started a drive outside its own 20-yard line following a kickoff and Washington was forced to start three drives inside its own 15-yard line.

► C.J. Gable of USC entered the game with Notre Dame ranked 71st in the FBS averaging 23.17 yards per kickoff return. The Irish limited Cable to an average of just 13.6. In fact, Notre Dame pinned Cable and the Trojans inside their own 15-yard line on two of those five kickoffs.

KICKOFF RETURN DEFENSE REBOUNDS FROM 94-YARD TD RETURN

► Freshman PK **Nick Tausch** averaged 61.5 yards per kickoff over the first three games, but the rookie averaged 67.4 yards per kick against Purdue. He even had three separate kicks carry into the end zone.

► Junior PK **David Ruffer** has taken over kickoff duties in Notre Dame's last two games (USC and Boston College). He has averaged 62.2 yards per kick on his nine attempts.

	Avg. Drive Start	Drives Started At/Inside 20
vs. Nevada	Own 26-yard line	Four
at Michigan	Own 37-yard line	Three
vs. Michigan State	Own 26-yard line	Five
at Purdue	Own 28-yard line	Six
vs. Washington	Own 32-yard line	Four
vs. USC	Own 22-yard line	Four
vs. Boston College	Own 31-yard line	Zero

IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS HAVE SHINED OVER PAST FOUR SEASONS

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

► Irish special teams have scored seven TDs, forced seven turnovers and deflected or blocked 22 kicks in the last five years.

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

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

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLE LEADERS

	Total	Kickoff	Punt
Steve Filer	8	7	1
Scott Smith	7	6	1
Zeke Motta	6	6	0
Sergio Brown	6	6	0
Leonard Gordon	5	5	0
Mike Anello	5	5	0
Anthony McDonald	4	4	0
Jamoris Slaughter	3	3	0
Harrison Smith	2	2	0
Ray Herring	2	2	0
Bobby Burger	1	1	0
David Posluszny	1	1	0
Eric Maust	1	0	1
Darius Fleming	1	1	0
Totals	52	49	3

**Irish Big
Play Offense**

10+ Yard Rushes

37	Robert Hughes (Washington)
31	Golden Tate (Washington)
24	Armando Allen (Michigan)
24	Theo Riddick (Purdue)
21	Armando Allen (Washington)
20	Robert Hughes (Purdue)
19	Jonas Gray (Nevada)
16	Armando Allen (Boston College)
16	Dayne Crist (Purdue)
15	Robert Hughes (Washington)
15	Armando Allen (Michigan)
15	Jonas Gray (Michigan State)
15	Golden Tate (Purdue)
15	Jonas Gray (Nevada)
*14	Golden Tate (Purdue)
14	Armando Allen (Nevada)
14	Armando Allen (Michigan)
13	John Goodman (USC)
*13	Armando Allen (Michigan State)
13	Golden Tate (Purdue)
13	Armando Allen (Michigan)
12	Armando Allen (Boston College)
12	Armando Allen (USC)
12	Robert Hughes (Washington)
12	Armando Allen (Michigan State)
11	Armando Allen (Boston College)
11	Jimmy Clausen (USC)
11	Armando Allen (Michigan State)
11	Armando Allen (Michigan)
10	Duval Kamara (Michigan)
10	Armando Allen (Nevada)

20+ Yard Receptions

*88	Michael Floyd (Nevada)
77	Golden Tate (Washington)
*70	Michael Floyd (Nevada)
*67	Golden Tate (Washington)
54	Golden Tate (Michigan State)
52	Kyle Rudolph (Michigan State)
*45	Golden Tate (USC)
37	Michael Floyd (Michigan)
*36	Golden Tate (Boston College)
36	Golden Tate (Nevada)
33	Michael Floyd (Michigan)
*33	Golden Tate (Michigan State)
30	Kyle Rudolph (Washington)
27	Golden Tate (Michigan)
26	Robby Parris (Washington)
26	Armando Allen (Nevada)
25	Robby Parris (USC)
25	Robert Hughes (Washington)
*24	Michael Floyd (Nevada)
24	Kyle Rudolph (Michigan)
23	Jonas Gray (Purdue)
22	Golden Tate (Boston College)
22	Golden Tate (Washington)
22	Kyle Rudolph (Purdue)
*22	Michael Floyd (Michigan State)
21	Armando Allen (USC)
*21	Golden Tate (Michigan)
20	Robby Parris (Washington)

20+ Yard Completions

*88	Jimmy Clausen (Nevada)
77	Jimmy Clausen (Washington)
*70	Jimmy Clausen (Nevada)
*67	Jimmy Clausen (Washington)
54	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan State)
52	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan State)
*45	Jimmy Clausen (USC)
37	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan)
*36	Jimmy Clausen (Boston College)
36	Jimmy Clausen (Nevada)
33	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan)
*33	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan State)
30	Jimmy Clausen (Washington)
27	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan)
26	Jimmy Clausen (Washington)
26	Jimmy Clausen (Nevada)
25	Eric Maust (USC)
25	Jimmy Clausen (Washington)
*24	Jimmy Clausen (Nevada)
24	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan)
23	Jimmy Clausen (Purdue)
22	Jimmy Clausen (Boston College)
22	Jimmy Clausen (Washington)
22	Jimmy Clausen (Purdue)
*22	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan State)
21	Jimmy Clausen (USC)
*21	Jimmy Clausen (Michigan)
20	Jimmy Clausen (Washington)

25+ Yard Returns

52	Barry Gallup (Michigan)
38	Theo Riddick (Michigan State)
35	Theo Riddick (Purdue)
31	Theo Riddick (USC)
27	Theo Riddick (Washington)
27	Theo Riddick (Washington)
26	Theo Riddick (Boston College)
26	Theo Riddick (Michigan State)
26	Theo Riddick (Purdue)
25	Barry Gallup (Michigan)
25	Theo Riddick (Michigan State)
25	Theo Riddick (Washington)

** play resulted in touchdown*

**Fighting Irish
In The NFL**

AFC	NFC
Baltimore Ravens SS Tom Zbikowski	Arizona Cardinals DE Bertrand Berry G/T Mike Gandy
Cincinnati Bengals FS Chinedum Ndukwe OC Dan Santucci^	Carolina Panthers LS J. J. Jansen
Cleveland Browns QB Brady Quinn	Dallas Cowboys CB Allen Rossum
Denver Broncos FS David Bruton OT Ryan Harris RB Darius Walker*	Green Bay Packers RB Ryan Grant
Jacksonville Jaguars OL Jordan Black DT Derek Landri	Minnesota Vikings OC John Sullivan
Kansas City Chiefs LB Corey Mays	New Orleans Saints PK John Carney
Miami Dolphins TE Anthony Fasano	New York Giants DE Justin Tuck
New England Patriots OL Mark LeVoiir#	Philadelphia Eagles DE Victor Abiamiri DT Trevor Laws
Tennessee Titans P/K Criag Hentrich	San Francisco 49ers WR Arnaz Battle
	Seattle Seahawks TE John Carlson RB Julius Jones TE John Owens
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers OC Jeff Faine WR Maurice Stovall
	Washington Redskins P Hunter Smith

^ - injured reserve list
* - practice squad
- physically unable to perform list

**Notre Dame vs. Washington State
Schedule of Events**

Friday, October 30, 2009

Anthony Travel/ Alumni Association Information Desk Follett ND Bookstore Open	Lobby – Marriott River Center Lobby 2nd Floor – Marriott River Center	
7:00 – 7:45pm	Notre Dame Pep Rally *Free and open to the public* Band of the Fighting Irish Leprechaun and Cheerleaders Special guests	Alamo
8:00pm	ND Alumni Headquarters Following pep rally	Pat O'Briens

Saturday, October 31, 2009

8:30 – 11:30am	ND Alumni Association Community Service Project Meet at Mariott RiverCenter lobby	Healy Murphy Center
10:00 – 11:00am	ND Saturday Scholar Series "Latinos and the remapping of American Catholicism" Fr. Virgil Elizondo Fr. Dan Groody, C.S.C. Prof. Tim Matovina *Free and open to the public*	Marriott River Center Ballroom – 2nd Floor
10:30-12:00pm	Notre Dame Band Practice *Free and open to the public* Please note this is not at the AlamoDome	SAISD Alamo Stadium 110 Tuleta San Antonio, TX 78212
2:00pm	Mass *Free and open to the public*	San Fernando Cathedral
3:00 – 3:45pm	Notre Dame Band Pre-game Concert *Free and open to the public*	San Fernando Cathedral
3:45 – 4:15pm	ND Band Marches towards the AlamoDome	
1:30 – 5:30pm	ND Alumni Association Tailgater Tickets available for purchase at the door	Sunset Station
6:30pm	Kick-off ND vs. Washington State	Alamo Dome

**Career Starts
By Position**

—OFFENSE—

WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	HB
Kamara (19) Floyd (13) Parris (8)	Young (10) Duncan (9)	Olsen (13) Stewart (7)	Wenger (15) Olsen (7)	Stewart (10) Robinson (10) Olsen (6) Wenger (3)	Young (35) Duncan (10)	Rudolph (20) Ragone (3)	Tate (22) West (7) Goodman (1)	Clausen (29) Sharpley (2)		Allen (17) Aldridge (6) Hughes (4) Gray (1)

—DEFENSE—

DE	DT	NT	DE	SAM	MIKE	WILL	CB	SS	FS	CB
Lewis-Moore (3)	Johnson (9) Lewis-Moore (2)	Williams (14) Johnson (2)	Ryan (10) Neal (5) Fleming (6)	Neal (14) Ryan (10) Smith, H. (8) Fleming (2)	Smith, B. (10) Smith, T. (6)	Smith, B. (9) Te'o (5)	Walls (17) McNeil (15)	McCarthy (20) Smith, H. (2) Herring (1)	Brown (10) Smith, H. (6) McCarthy (1)	Blanton (10) Gray (2)

**2009 Notre Dame
Football Media Information**

Interview requests and media access for the 2009 Notre Dame football team are administered by lead football contact Brian Hardin and assistant football contact Michael Bertsch.

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NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL WEEKLY MEDIA INFORMATION

Charlie Weis Teleconferences: Coach Weis will be available for two teleconferences each week of the season (Media looking for the teleconference number should contact Brian Hardin).

SUNDAY - 12:45-1:15 p.m.

- ▶ Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- ▶ This teleconference will function as a look back at the previous Saturday's game.

TUESDAY - 12:00 noon-12:45 p.m.

- ▶ Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- ▶ This teleconference will function as a look ahead at the upcoming weekend's opponent and other football-related issues.
- ▶ Satellite coordinates: AMC 3C, Transponder 22, Downlink Freq: 4140 MHz(V) (Available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. ET)

THURSDAY - 5:00 p.m.

- ▶ Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium

For accredited members of the media who want to attend the weekly press conference, contact Brian Hardin or Michael Bertsch for more information. The Guglielmino Athletics Complex is located on the east side of campus, behind the Joyce Center and the Rolfs Recreation Center and just north of the LaBar Practice Fields.

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).

Both teleconferences will be broadcast live (audio & video) and archived for future use on www.und.com each week. A full transcript from each teleconference will be posted as well on the website as soon as possible.

Irish Captains Teleconferences: The four Irish captains will be available over two teleconferences each week of the season. (Media looking for the teleconference number should contact Brian Hardin.)

WEDNESDAY - 1:00 p.m.

- ▶ Kyle McCarthy, Scott Smith

WEDNESDAY - 1:30 p.m.

- ▶ Jimmy Clausen, Eric Olsen

PLAYER/ASSISTANT COACH POST-PRACTICE INTERVIEWS

Notre Dame player interviews are available on a rotating schedule during the week. Here is this week's altered schedule.

Tuesday (7:00 p.m.): Available by request-Offensive players, Offensive Coaches; **Wednesday** (7:00 p.m.): Available by request-Defensive players, Defensive Coaches; **Thursday** (6:15 p.m.): Available by request-Special Teams players, Brian Polian. Coach Weis will also address the media following Thursday's practice.

There is no availability for players or coaches on Monday and Friday of each game week.

NOTE - All interview requests should be sent to Brian Hardin. A detailed description of the subject matter for the interview must be included. Requests are due at 10:00 a.m. each day of practice. Freshmen are not available with the exception of the bye week.

PRACTICE ACCESS & POST-PRACTICE INTERVIEW LOCATION

The first 40 minutes of Tuesday's practice during the season are open to the media. This is generally from 4:55-5:40 p.m.

Post-practice interviews will take place in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium.

OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

The weekly show will broadcast live from Legends of Notre Dame, just 100 yards South of Notre Dame Stadium. The show will air on NewsTalk 960 WSBT-AM Mondays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Jack Nolan will host the show along with former Irish All-American Reggie Brooks. Air dates: Aug. 31; Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct. 5, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 17 (Tuesday), 23. The show is a cooperative venture between Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletic department and WSBT. The show can also be heard on www.und.com.

INSIDE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL WITH CHARLIE WEIS (TELEVISION SHOW)

Taped on Sunday nights, Inside Notre Dame Football will feature a recap of the week's contest, Notre Dame player features and more. The show can be seen locally Sunday evenings on WNDU-TV following the late local news. It will also re-air on WNDU-TV the following Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. as well as 90 minutes prior to kickoff of Notre Dame home games. All shows can also be viewed on www.und.com beginning on Monday of each week.

THE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL REPLAY

Airs each Sunday morning at 11 am on CW 25 in South Bend. It also airs on Comcast SportsNet Chicago at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday leading into Inside Notre Dame Football at 5:30 p.m. The Chicago times occasionally float due to live programming.

All Times Eastern

**Notre Dame Football
By The Numbers**

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

1 - Notre Dame is the only team, college or professional, to have all of its games broadcast nationally on the radio and is the only team to have all of its home games televised nationally (NBC).

6 - College Football Hall of Fame Coaches - Jesse Harper, Lou Holtz, 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 in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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

12 - Unbeaten and untied seasons.

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

29 - Bowl games in which the Irish have taken part.

31 - Unanimous first-team All-Americans -- more than any other school.

43 - College Football Hall of Fame Players.

79 - Different consensus All-Americans -- more than any other school.

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

102 - Out of 120 years in which Notre Dame has finished with a winning record.

121 - Years of college football (including '09).

205 - Consecutive games streak televised nationally or regionally.

181 - Selections on All-America first teams.

210 - Consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium.

323 - Appearances by the Irish on network television -- more than any other school and more than the next two combined.

836 - All-time victories, third all-time in college football.

2009 Notre Dame
Football Roster Information

ALPHABETICAL (CONT.)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
42	Lezynski, Nick+	CB	5-8	157	Jr.	Newton, PA/Notre Dame High School
71	Mahoney, Dennis+	OL	6-6	290	So.	Baltimore, MD/Boys Latin High School
70	Martin, Zach	OT	6-5	285	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN/Bishop Chatard
43	Maust, Eric	P	6-2	190	Sr.	Atlanta, GA/Blessed Trinity
15	McCarthy, Dan	S	6-2	205	So.	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
28	McCarthy, Kyle	S	6-0	210	Sr.	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
54	McDonald, Anthony	LB	6-2	230	So.	Burbank, CA/Notre Dame
8	McNeil, Raeshon	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Cooleemee, NC/Davie
17	Motta, Zeke	S	6-2	215	Fr.	Vero Beach, FL/Vero Beach
93	Mullen, Paddy	NT	6-3	295	Sr.	St. Louis, MO/De Smet Jesuit
17	Mulvey, Matthew+	QB	6-3	197	So.	Del Mar, CA/LaJolla
47	Narvaez, Mike+	FB	5-11	238	Sr.	Ridgewood, NJ/Ridgewood
56	Neal, Kerry	DE	6-2	250	Jr.	Bunn, NC/Bunn
99	Newman, Brandon	NT	6-1	295	So.	Louisville, KY/Pleasure Ridge Park
76	Nuss, Andrew	OG	6-5	300	Jr.	Ashburn, VA/Stone Bridge
91	Nwankwo, Emeka	DE	6-4	274	Jr.	N. Miami Beach, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep
55	Olsen, Eric	C	6-4	305	Sr.	Staten Island, NY/Poly Prep Ctry.
50	Oxley, Sean+	LB	6-2	220	So.	Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake
82	Parris, Robby	WR	6-3	205	Sr.	Olmsted Falls, OH/Saint Ignatius
30	Paskorz, Steve	FB	6-2	245	Jr.	Allison Park, PA/Hampton
35	Plaska, Andrew+	CB	5-11	181	So.	Zeeland, MI/Zeeland West
36	Posluszny, David	LB	6-0	225	So.	Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell
61	Quintana, Martin+	DL	6-1	250	Sr.	Berwyn, IL/St. Joseph
83	Ragone, Mike	TE	6-5	251	Jr.	Cherry Hill, NJ/Camden Catholic
30	Redshaw, James+	CB	5-9	170	Jr.	North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin
53	Richardson, Morrice	DE	6-2	255	Sr.	College Park, GA/Westlake
32	Riddick, Theo	HB	5-10	195	Fr.	Manville, NJ/Immaculata
78	Robinson, Trevor	OG	6-5	305	So.	Elkhorn, NE/Elkhorn
77	Romine, Matt	OT	6-5	295	Jr.	Tulsa, OK/Union
9	Rudolph, Kyle	TE	6-6	260	So.	Cincinnati, OH/Elder
48	Ruffer, David+	K	6-1	180	Jr.	Oakton, VA/Gonzaga
90	Ryan, John	DE	6-5	255	Sr.	Westlake, OH/Saint Ignatius
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	215	Sr.	Marshall, MI/Marshall
39	Sheehan, Ryan+	CB	5-10	169	Jr.	Purcellville, VA/Loudown Valley
62	Skubis, Christopher+	DE	6-2	223	Jr.	Clarence, NY/Clarence
26	Slaughter, Jamaris	CB	6-0	185	So.	Stone Mountain, GA/Tucker
58	Smith, Brian	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Olathe, KS/Saint Thomas Aquinas
22	Smith, Harrison	S	6-2	207	Jr.	Knoxville, TN/Knoxville Catholic
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	245	Sr.	Highland Park, IL/Highland Park
40	Smith, Thomas+	S	6-1	201	Jr.	Manchester, CT/East Catholic
49	Smith, Toryan	LB	6-1	244	Sr.	Rome, GA/Rome
59	Stewart, Chris	OG	6-5	330	Sr.	Spring, TX/Klein
92	Stockton, Tyler	NT	6-1	290	Fr.	Linwood, NJ/Hun School
43	Stull, Joshua+	CB	5-8	189	Sr.	Brownsville, IN/Brownsville
23	Tate, Golden	WR	5-11	195	Jr.	Hendersonville, TN/Pope John Paul II
40	Tausch, Nick	K	6-0	180	Fr.	Plano, TX/Jesuit
5	Te'o, Manti	LB	6-2	244	Fr.	Laie, HI/Punahou
84	Toma, Roby	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Laie, HI/Punahou
35	Turk, Ben	P	5-11	193	Fr.	Davie, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
85	Vos, Sam+	WR	5-10	199	Sr.	Burlington, WI/Catholic Central
97	Wade, Kallen	DE	6-5	245	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH/Withrow
14	Walker, Brandon	K	6-3	213	Jr.	Findlay, OH/Findlay
1	Walker, Deion	WR	6-2	193	So.	Christchurch, VA/Christchurch
2	Walls, Darrin	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills
66	Watt, Chris	OG	6-3	295	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, IL/Glenbard West
51	Wenger, Dan	C	6-4	302	Sr.	Coral Springs, FL/Saint Thomas Aquinas
19	West Jr., George	WR	5-8	196	Sr.	Spencer, OK/Northeast
79	Williams, Hafis	DT	6-2	295	So.	Elizabeth, NJ/Elizabeth
95	Williams, Ian	NT	6-2	295	Jr.	Altamonte Springs, FL/Lyman
20	Wood, Cierre	HB	6-0	218	Fr.	Oxnard, CA/Santa Clara
74	Young, Sam	OT	6-8	320	Sr.	Coral Springs, FL/Saint Thomas Aquinas

+ Walk-on Player

NUMERICAL (CONT.)

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

**2009 Notre Dame
Two-Deep Depth Chart**

Notre Dame Offense

X	23	GOLDEN TATE	5-11	195	Jr.
	1	Deion Walker	6-2	193	So.
	or 11	Shaquelle Evans	6-1	203	Fr.
LT	72	Paul Duncan@	6-7	315	Sr.
	77	Matt Romine	6-5	295	Jr.
LG	59	CHRIS STEWART!	6-5	330	Sr.
	51	DAN WENGER*	6-4	302	Sr.
C	55	ERIC OLSEN^	6-4	305	Sr.
	51	DAN WENGER	6-4	302	Sr.
RG	78	Trevor Robinson	6-5	305	So.
	76	Andrew Nuss	6-5	300	Jr.
RT	74	SAM YOUNG	6-8	320	Sr.
	75	Taylor Dever	6-5	301	Jr.
TE	9	KYLE RUDOLPH	6-6	260	So.
	83	Mike Ragone	6-5	251	Jr.
Z	18	DUVAL KAMARA	6-5	219	Jr.
	81	John Goodman	6-3	203	So.
QB	7	JIMMY CLAUSEN	6-3	223	Jr.
	10	Dayne Crist	6-4	235	So.
FB	34	James Aldridge	6-0	225	Sr.
	86	Bobby Burger	6-3	248	Sr.
HB	5	ARMANDO ALLEN	5-10	200	Jr.
	33	Robert Hughes	5-11	234	Jr.

Notre Dame Special Teams

PK	40	Nick Tausch	6-0	190	Fr.
	48	David Ruffer	6-1	180	Jr.
P	35	Ben Turk	5-11	193	Fr.
	or 43	ERIC MAUST	6-2	190	Sr.
LS	60	Jordan Cowart	6-2	215	Fr.
	50	Ryan Kavanagh	6-3	190	So.
SS	52	Braxton Cave	6-3	310	So.
	60	Jordan Cowart	6-2	215	Fr.
HLD	43	ERIC MAUST	6-2	190	Sr.
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	215	Sr.

Notre Dame Defense

LDE	89	Kapron Lewis-Moore	6-4	270	So.
	53	Morrice Richardson	6-2	255	Sr.
DT	9	Ethan Johnson	6-4	280	So.
	79	Hafis Williams	6-2	295	So.
NT	95	IAN WILLIAMS	6-2	295	Jr.
	98	Sean Cwynar	6-4	283	So.
RDE	90	John Ryan	6-5	255	Sr.
	56	KERRY NEAL	6-2	250	Jr.
SAM	45	Darius Fleming	6-1	240	So.
	or 22	HARRISON SMITH%	6-2	207	Jr.
MIKE	58	BRIAN SMITH	6-3	240	Jr.
	49	Toryan Smith	6-1	244	Sr.
	54	Anthony McDonald	6-2	230	So.
WILL	5	Manti Te'o	6-2	244	Fr.
	58	BRIAN SMITH	6-3	240	Jr.
	36	David Posluszny	6-0	225	So.
LCB	4	Gary Gray	5-11	190	Jr.
	8	RAESHON McNEIL	6-0	190	Sr.
FS	28	KYLE McCARTHY	6-1	210	Sr.
	15	Dan McCarthy	6-2	205	So.
SS	31	Sergio Brown	6-2	205	Sr.
	26	Jamoris Slaughter	6-0	185	So.
RCB	12	Robert Blanton	6-1	185	So.
	2	Darrin Walls#	6-0	190	Sr.

Notre Dame Special Teams

PR	23	GOLDEN TATE	5-11	195	Jr.
	5	Armando Allen	5-10	200	Jr.
KR	21	Barry Gallup, Jr.	5-11	190	Sr.
	32	Theo Riddick	5-10	195	Fr.
	5	Armando Allen	5-10	200	Jr.
	23	GOLDEN TATE	5-11	195	Jr.
KO	48	David Ruffer	6-1	180	Jr.
	40	Nick Tausch	6-0	190	Fr.

ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2008

@ - indicates player started 12 games in 2007

- indicates player started 11 games in 2007

% - indicates player started at linebacker in 2008

^ - indicates player started at left guard in 2008

* - indicates player started at center in 2008

! - indicates player started at right guard in 2008

Notre Dame vs. Washington State Series History

Notre Dame leads 1-0

In Notre Dame: Notre Dame leads 1-0

In Pullman: n/a

Neutral: n/a

Longest Notre Dame Win Streak: 1 (2003)

Longest Washington State Win Streak: --

Largest Victory: 3, (29-26, ot), 2003 in South Bend

Largest Defeat: --

Site	Year	Rank	W/L/T	ND	WSU
*	2003	19-	W	29	26

Notre Dame vs. Washington State Statistics (2009 Statistics)

ND	Category	WSU
30.0	Points Per Game	15.1
167	First Downs	108
928	Rushing Yards	508
3.7	Average Per Rush	2.2
132.6	Average Per Game	72.6
8	TDs Rushing	4
2141	Passing Yards	1548
160-246-3	Comp-Att-Int	133-244-10
8.7	Average Per Pass	6.3
13.4	Average Per Catch	11.6
305.9	Average Per Game	221.1
17	TDs Passing	7
3069	Total Offense	2056
6.2	Average Per Play	4.4
438.4	Average Per Game	293.7
23.1	Kick Return Average	18.8
9.5	Punt Return Average	6.9
14.7	INT Return Average	22.5
7-2	Fumbles-Lost	20-10
47-413	Penalties-Yards	52-432
59.0	Average Per Game	61.7
27-1021	Punts-Yards	49-2145
37.8	Average Per Punt	43.8
34.4	Net punt average	36.5
32:14	Time of Possession/Game	28:47
35/91	3rd-Down Conversions	28/107
6/11	4th-Down Conversions	6/11
12-88	Sacks By-Yards	7-34
12-13	Field Goals-Attempts	6-10
25-29	Red-Zone Scores	12-17
16-29	Red-Zone Touchdowns	8-17
20-22	PAT-Attempts	10-12

WASHINGTON STATE HEAD COACH PAUL WULFF

Washington State University Director of Athletics Jim Sterk Tuesday named Paul Wulff as the Cougars' new head football coach. Wulff becomes WSU's 31st head coach and the first WSU football letter-winner and graduate to lead the Cougars since Phil Sarboe served as head coach from 1945-49.

A 1990 graduate of WSU and a four-year letterwinner, Wulff has spent the previous 15 seasons at Eastern Washington University, the final eight as head coach. There he amassed a record of 53-40. During his eight-year head coaching tenure Wulff was named Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year three times (2001, 2004, 2005) and led the Eagles into the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs three times in the last four years.

This past season he guided the Eagles to a 9-4 mark, including a quarterfinal appearance at the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs, falling to two-time defending champion Appalachian State. It marked the seventh time in his eight years at Eastern that his team posted a winning record.

In 2004 EWU reached the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs, falling 35-34 to Sam Houston State. It was the first appearance by the Eagles in the postseason since a semifinal showing in 1997. The Eagles reached the playoffs the following season, dropping a narrow 41-38 decision at Northern Iowa in the first round.

Offense has been a hallmark of Wulff's teams as the Eagles led the FCS in total offense in 2001, finished fourth in 2004 and 2005, and was sixth in the category this season. Eastern also led the nation in total offense in 1997 when Wulff served as the offensive line coach.

Wulff began his coaching career at EWU in 1993 as a volunteer assistant working with the offensive line. He was named offensive line/strength coach the following season and spent four years in the position before being promoted to offensive coordinator/offensive line/strength coach in 1998.

Wulff coached 21 players to 54 Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) All-America honors in his first seven years at the helm of the EWU program, and two more of his players were recently named to the Sports Network's 2007 FCS All-America team. Of the 21 players to earn All-America recognition, 15 have been offensive linemen.

Additionally, Wulff has mentored 15 players who have earned 18 total CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII honors and a total of 131 All-Big Sky Conference Academic team members.

As a student-athlete and four-year starter at center for the Cougars from 1986-89, Wulff was an All-America honoree himself as a senior, earning honorable mention accolades from The Sporting News. Wulff started at center under three different coaches after redshirting in 1985. He played for Jim Walden in 1986, Dennis Erickson from 1987-88 and Mike Price in 1989. He was also a member of WSU's 1988 Aloha Bowl championship team.

After a successful collegiate career Wulff went on to play football professionally. He signed with the National Football League's New York Jets as a free agent and also played for the World League's Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks and New York-New Jersey Knights.

He and his wife Sherry have a 12-year-old daughter, Katie, and two sons, four-year-old Max and one-year-old Sam.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE COUGARS LAST WEEK

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) -- Kevin Riley threw for touchdowns on his only three passes of the first quarter, Jahvid Best scored three touchdowns and California routed Washington State 49-17 Saturday.

Riley connected with Best, Marvin Jones and Shane Vereen as the Golden Bears (5-2, 2-2 Pac-10) scored 28 points on their first 11 offensive plays to break out to the early lead and cruise to the win.

Jeremy Ross scored on a 76-yard punt return, and Best ran for 159 yards and two scores on 13 carries to help Cal win for the second

straight week following two blowout losses to Oregon and Southern California. The Bears are averaging 48 points in their victories but failed to score a single touchdown in the two losses.

The Cougars (1-6, 0-5) gained 299 yards in the first half and finished with a season-high 440. The Cal defense allowed at least 400 yards for the fourth straight game despite facing a freshman quarterback in Jeff Tuel.

Tuel had his best game yet in his third straight start, getting much more time than he did the previous game when the Cougars allowed 12 sacks against Arizona State. He completed 28 of 42 passes for 354 yards and two touchdowns.

Cal picked up where it left off last year against Washington State when the Bears won 66-3 in Pullman, Wash. Ross returned the opening kickoff 54 yards. Two plays later, Best went in motion and ran past cornerback Brandon Jones to catch a 27-yard TD pass from Riley.

Riley added a 37-yard TD pass to Jones on the next possession, the third TD in the past two weeks for that duo, and a 21-yard screen pass to Vereen for a touchdown late in the quarter that made it 28-3. Best also scored on a 61-yard run early in the second quarter to make it 35-3.

But instead of another blowout, Cal's porous defense allowed the Cougars back into the game. Tuel threw a 68-yard touchdown pass to Johnny Forzani, who beat backup cornerback Bryant Nnabuife, and then a 19-yarder to Gino Simone in the final minute of the half to make it 35-17.

Riley's 61-yard pass to Ross in the third quarter set up Best's third touchdown, a 2-yard run. Vereen added a 7-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

Riley finished 12 for 18 for 229 yards, three touchdowns and his second interception of the season.

2009 WASHINGTON STATE RESULTS (1-6 OVERALL, 0-5 PAC-10)

Sept. 5	vs. Stanford *	L, 39-13
Sept. 12	vs. Hawai'i	L, 38-20
Sept. 19	vs. Southern Methodist	W, 30-27 (OT)
Sept. 26	at USC *	L, 27-6
Oct. 3	at Oregon *	L, 52-6
Oct. 10	vs. Arizona State *	L, 27-14
Oct. 24	at California *	L, 49-17
Oct. 31	vs. Notre Dame	4:30 p.m. PT
Nov. 7	at Arizona *	12:30 p.m. PT
Nov. 14	vs. UCLA *	TBA
Nov. 21	vs. Oregon State *	TBA
Nov. 28	at Washington *	TBA

*Pac-10 conference games

Notre Dame vs. Pac-10 Schools

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Arizona	2	1	0	.667
Arizona State	2	0	0	1.000
California	4	0	0	1.000
Oregon	1	0	1	.750
Oregon State	0	2	0	.000
Stanford	17	6	0	.739
UCLA	4	0	0	1.000
USC	42	34	5	.549
Washington	8	0	0	1.000
Washington State	1	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	81	43	6	.646

Individual Statistical Leaders

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Armando Allen	104	514	4.9	3
Robert Hughes	40	180	4.5	3

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD/Int.
Jimmy Clausen	150	230	2050	16/2

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Golden Tate	52	847	16.3	8
Kyle Rudolph	25	287	11.5	3
Robby Parris	17	182	10.7	1

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Eric Maust	14	557	39.8	49

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Golden Tate	6	47	7.8	23

KO Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Theo Riddick	20	476	23.8	38
Barry Gallup	5	110	22.0	52

Scoring	TD	FG	PAT	Total
Nick Tausch	0	12	20	56
Golden Tate	9	0	0	54
Michael Floyd	5	0	0	30

Tackles	UT-AT	TT	TFL	Other
Kyle McCarthy	37-22	59	1.0-1	5int, 3pbu
Brian Smith	21-19	40	5.0-24	2.0sk, 5.0tfl
Harrison Smith	21-19	40	2.5-3	pbu, qbh, ff
Manti Te'o	12-21	33	4.5-24	sk, 4.5tfl, pbu

WASHINGTON STATE

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Dwight Tardy	134	756	5.6	10
James Montgomery	58	213	3.7	1

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD/Int.
Jeff Tuel	62	115	815	9/4

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jared Karstetter	22	260	11.8	3
Gino Simone	17	368	21.6	4
Daniel Blackledge	12	92	7.7	1

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Reid Forrest	45	1842	40.9	58

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Jeffrey Solomon	10	146	14.6	56

KO Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Marcus Richmond	19	411	21.6	42
James Montgomery	5	102	20.4	26

Scoring	TD	FG	PAT	Total
Nico Grasu	0	6	10	28
Jared Karstetter	3	0	0	18
Johnny Forzani	2	0	0	12

Tackles	UT-AT	TT	TFL	Other
Luke Kuechly	44-25	69	6.0-12	pbu, fr
Marcellus Bowman	25-8	33	1.5-8	sk, pbu, ff
Isaac Johnson	20-6	26	2.0-5	sk, int, ff
Alexander DiSanzo	12-13	25	3.0-7	pbu, sfty

NOTRE DAME VS. PAC-10

▶ Notre Dame is 81-43-6 (.646) all-time against teams from the Pac-10 Conference. Washington State represents the third of four Pac-10 opponents for the Irish this season. Notre Dame already defeated Washington, 37-30, in overtime on Oct. 3, lost to USC 34-27 on Oct. 17 and faces Stanford on Nov. 28.

▶ The 130 games against Pac-10 teams is the second-most for the Irish against any conference. The Big Ten Conference (348) represents the most games played against Notre Dame and the ACC ranks third (109).

▶ Notre Dame has a winning series record against nine of the Pac-10 teams. Most of those games (81) have come versus USC (42-34-5), while 23 other matchups have come against Stanford (17-6).

▶ Notre Dame has played a handful of games versus California (4-0), Washington (8-0), UCLA (4-0), Arizona (2-1), Arizona State (2-0), Oregon (1-0-1) and Oregon State (0-2). Notre Dame played its first-ever game against Washington State in 2003, downing the Cougars, 29-26, in overtime.

NOTRE DAME AND THE EVERGREEN STATE

▶ Notre Dame owns an 9-0 all-time record against schools from the Evergreen State, last playing a Washington school (hosted the Huskies on Oct. 3) earlier this season (a 37-30 overtime victory). Irish series records vs. teams from Washington include a 8-0 mark vs. Washington and 1-0 record vs. Washington State.

▶ Notre Dame's all-time varsity football roster includes just over 2,700 players who have appeared in at least one career game, with 47 of those hailing from the state of Washington.

▶ Notre Dame's all-time Washington natives include two ends, two offensive centers, eight halfbacks, four fullbacks, three flankers, three split ends, five linebackers, two quarterbacks, three offensive tackles, two defensive tackles, three free safeties, three defensive ends, four offensive guards, two wide receivers and one defensive back.

▶ Those players include 10 from Seattle, two from Tacoma, two from Olympia, eight from Spokane, two from Federal Way, three from Bellevue, two from Yakima and one each from 19 other cities.

▶ The 2009 Notre Dame roster does not include a Washington native.

▶ Five of Notre Dame's more noteworthy all-time players from Washington include the following consensus All-Americans: offensive guard Frank (Nordy) Hoffman (Seattle, 1930-31) and offensive center Tommy Yarr (Dabob, 1929-31).

▶ The other All-American from the state of Washington was linebacker Demetrius DuBose (Seattle, 1989-92).

NOTRE DAME - WASHINGTON STATE CONNECTIONS

▶ The 2009 Notre Dame roster does not include a Washington native. The 2009 Washington State roster does not include an Indiana native.

▶ Longtime Washington State play-by-play voice Bob Robertson worked on the Irish football broadcasts for two years (1955-56)

▶ A couple of players from Washington State and Notre Dame either attended the same high school or hail from the same hometown.

ND	High School/Hometown	WSU
Michael Garcia, CB	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Daniel Blackledge, WR
Ethan Johnson, DT	Portland, Ore.	Dan Wagner, QB

Head-to-Head Statistical Comparison

NOTRE DAME				WASHINGTON STATE		
#	NCAA	Category		Category	NCAA	#
30.00	36th	Scoring Offense	vs.	Scoring Defense	115th	37.00
438.43	15th	Total Offense	vs.	Total Defense	119th	499.57
132.57	76th	Rushing Offense	vs.	Rushing Defense	116th	215.43
305.86	11th	Passing Offense	vs.	Passing Defense	118th	284.14
158.47	8th	Passing Efficiency Off.	vs.	Passing Efficiency Def.	113th	155.17
24.14	64th	Scoring Defense	vs.	Scoring Offense	116th	15.14
409.43	97th	Total Defense	vs.	Total Offense	111th	293.71
127.00	50th	Rushing Defense	vs.	Rushing Offense	116th	72.57
282.43	117th	Passing Defense	vs.	Passing Offense	55th	221.14
134.89	88th	Passing Efficiency Def.	vs.	Passing Efficiency Off.	103rd	109.06
34.37	87th	Net Punting	vs.	Net Punting	50th	36.51
9.50	57th	Punt Returns	vs.	Punt Returns	85th	6.89
23.14	45th	Kickoff Returns	vs.	Kickoff Returns	106th	18.83
1.43	4th	Turnover Margin	vs.	Turnover Margin	69th	-0.14
1.71	75th	Sacks	vs.	Sacks Allowed	120th	5.00
2.14	71st	Sacks Allowed	vs.	Sacks	112th	1.00

Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
Washington State	12	7	0	7	0	26 Record: (1-1)
Notre Dame	0	3	3	20	3	29 Record: (1-0)

First Quarter

7:52 WSU Moore 15 yd pass from Kegel (Dunning kick failed), 9-64 5:30
 4:56 WSU Dunning 20 yd field goal, 4-18 1:21
 0:31 WSU Dunning 29 yd field goal, 7-24 3:07

Second Quarter

2:37 WSU Brown 16 yd fumble recovery (Dunning kick)
 0:10 ND Setta 37 yd field goal, 9-26 2:27

Third Quarter

10:10 ND Setta 32 yd field goal, 15-58 4:50

Fourth Quarter

12:09 ND Setta 39 yd field goal, 8-75 2:38
 10:32 ND McKnight 11 yd pass from Holiday (Setta kick), 3-25 0:55
 5:03 ND Jones 19 yd run (Setta kick), 6-80 2:41
 3:03 ND Setta 47 yd field goal, 4-5 1:48
 0:53 WSU Moore 34 yd pass from Kegel (Dunning kick), 9-80 2:10

Overtime

15:00 ND Setta 40 yd field goal, 3-3 0:00

	WSU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	15	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-55	45-167
PASSING YDS (NET)	274	149
Passes Att-Comp-Int	39-22-1	34-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-329	79-316
Fumble Returns-Yards	3-31	1-4
Punt Returns-Yards	2-9	2-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-44	6-111
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-42.1	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-Yards	13-118	10-81
Possession Time	30:47	29:13
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 16	4 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	7-40	3-25

RUSHING: Washington State-Smith 14-43; Green 9-23; Team 1-minus 1; Kegel 7-minus 10. Notre Dame-Grant 17-98; Jones 11-72; Powers-Neal 1-2; Wilson 1-0; Team 1-minus 1; Holiday 14-minus 4.

PASSING: Washington State-Kegel 22-39-1-274. Notre Dame-Holiday 21-34-1-149.

RECEIVING: Washington State-Darling 4-68; Moore 4-66; Bienemann 4-30; Green 3-26; Boyd 2-38; Jordan 2-27; Lunde 2-13; Smith 1-6. Notre Dame-Jenkins 5-46; McKnight 5-33; Clark 4-28; Stovall 3-24; Schmidt 1-7; Samardzija 1-5; Powers-Neal 1-4; Grant 1-2.

INTERCEPTIONS: Washington State-Turner 1-0. Notre Dame-Curry 1-0.

FUMBLES: Washington State-Bienemann 1-1; Kegel 1-1. Notre Dame-Holiday 4-2; Jones 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Washington State-Derting 3-0; Williams 2-0; Shavies 1-0; D. Acholonu 0-1; Tupai 0-1. Notre Dame-Budinscak 2-0; Tuck 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Washington State-Derting 8-4; Paymah 7-3; Genatone 4-6; Williams 5-4; Jackson 1-8; Coleman 3-3; D. Acholonu 1-3; David 1-3; Teems 2-1; Cook 1-2; Abdullah 2-0; Davis 2-0; Shavies 1-1; Bohannon 1-1; Williams 1-1; Tupai 0-2; Crawford 1-0; Brown 1-0; Turner 1-0; Wagner 0-1; Braidwood 0-1; Dildine 0-1. Notre Dame-Hoyte 5-6; Bible 3-4; Curry 3-4; Jackson 5-1; Duff 2-2; Budinscak 2-2; Hilliard 2-2; Campbell 1-3; Tuck 1-3; Earl 1-2; Burrell 2-0; Beckstrom 1-1; Mays 1-1; Pauly 0-2; Ellick 1-0; Bolen 1-0; Collins 1-0; Palmer 1-0; Leitko 1-0; Schmidt 1-0; Holiday 1-0; Milligan 1-0; Parish 0-1.

Stadium: Notre Dame Stadium **Attendance:** 80795
Kickoff time: 1:38 **End of Game:** 5:38 **Total elapsed time:** 4:00
Officials: Referee: Gordon Riese; Umpire: Dennis Angel; Linesman: Cleo Robinson; Line judge: Chuck Czubin; Back judge: Gary Lefors; Field judge: Mack Gilchrist; Side judge: Colin McDermott.
Temperature: 73 **Wind:** SW 5-10 **Weather:** Sunny

**The Only Meeting
 Notre Dame 29, Washington State 26 (ot)
 Sept. 6, 2003**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) -- The West Coast offense finally showed a spark just in time for No. 19 Notre Dame.

Trailing 19-6 and in danger of losing for the fourth time in six games dating back to last season, the Irish offense amassed 181 yards of total offense and 20 points in the fourth quarter en route to a 29-26 overtime win over Washington State on Saturday.

Nicholas Setta kicked a 40-yard field goal in the extra period as the sea of green cheered wildly at the narrow escape. Setta had five field goals in the game.

"We're lucky," coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We're fortunate."

The game had the blueprint of some of the games the Irish won in getting off to a surprising 8-0 start last year: some luck and some big turnovers forced by the defense. The difference Saturday: the Irish offense came through in the clutch.

"We struggled. They came in with a plan, which was to pressure, pressure, pressure, pressure and they benefited from it for a long time," Notre Dame offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "But it cost them a couple of times for some big runs and a couple of other plays."

Washington State (1-1) jumped out to a 19-0 lead, but Notre Dame (1-0) chipped away at the deficit. The two fourth-quarter touchdowns ended a streak of 12 quarters without an offensive touchdown for the Irish.

The showing still was not the complete performance Notre Dame's coaching staff had been hoping for since ditching the option last season for the more open West Coast offense. But it was good enough to provide the Irish with their biggest come-from-behind win since beating Southern California 25-24 in 1999 after trailing 21-3 at halftime.

"We accomplished our goal, which is to win," Diedrick said.

The Irish were helped in their comeback by several Washington State mistakes. The Cougars had 14 penalties for 118 yards, including numerous miscues that kept Irish scoring drives alive.

"All through the second half all they had to do was go about 30 yards, so the penalties really hurt us," said defensive end Isaac Brown.

On the opening drive of the fourth quarter, a 32-yard run by Ryan Grant turned into a 47-yard gain when tackle Josh Shavies was called for a late hit. But even after the Irish finished the 78-yard drive with a 39-yard field goal by Setta to make it 19-9, the Irish appeared to have little chance.

The momentum changed abruptly when Troy Bienemann caught a short pass from Matt Kegel and was hit hard by Vontez Duff, knocking the ball free. Glenn Earl recovered the ball on the Washington State 25-yard line.

"We needed some things to happen all afternoon," Willingham said.

It appeared that Washington State wouldn't be harmed by the mistake when Holiday mishandled a snap and it bounced loose. Washington State defensive end D.D. Acholonu fell on the ball but couldn't wrap it up, and Holiday reached under him and pulled it in. That set up an 11-yard TD pass from Holiday to Rhema McKnight to make it 19-16.

"That one hurt because that changed the attitude at that point," Washington State defensive coordinator Robb Akey said. "But the thing was we survived that and had the opportunity to go to overtime."

Julius Jones, who missed last year's surprising turnaround season because he was academically ineligible, scored on a 19-yard TD run to give the Irish a 23-19 lead. Jones ran for 72 yards on 11 carries, while Holiday was 21-of-34 passing for 149 yards.

The Irish used another turnover to score. Under heavy pressure from Darrell Campbell, Kegel threw a wobbly pass that Derek Curry intercepted at the Washington State 35-yard line. The Irish couldn't mount a drive, though, and settled for a 47-yard field goal by Setta with 3:03 left.

Washington State drove 80 yards to score with 53 seconds left, though, to force the overtime. Sammy Moore made a diving catch into the end zone despite being interfered with on the 34-yard play.

The mostly costly error for the Cougars, though, is they were not able to capitalize on Notre Dame mistakes. Three Notre Dame turnovers led to a touchdown and two field goals.

"Our defense took the ball away and gave us opportunities early in the ball game and we got field goals instead of touchdowns," Washington State coach Bill Doba said.

They were also hurt by kicker Drew Dunning, who hit the left crossbar on a point-after in the first quarter and a 34-yard field goal in overtime.

Doba, though, said the Irish deserved to win.

"Notre Dame didn't quit," he said. "They had an opportunity to go down when we had a good lead on them and they just kept coming back."

3 MICHAEL FLOYD



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Floyd's Career Highs

Receptions – 10, Pittsburgh (11.1.08) **Receiving Yards** – 189, Nevada (9.5.09)
Longest Reception – 88, Nevada (9.5.09) **Receiving TDs** – 3, Nevada (9.5.09)

Floyd's Season Highs

Receptions – 7, at Michigan (9.12) **Receiving Yards** – 189, Nevada (9.5)
Longest Reception – 88, Nevada (9.5) **Receiving TDs** – 3, Nevada (9.5)

Floyd's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	11-10	48	719	7	51	4.4	15.0	65.4
2009	3-3	13	358	5	88	4.3	27.5	119.3
Total	14-13	61	1077	12	88	4.4	17.7	76.9

Floyd's Game-by-Game

2009	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
*NEV (9.5)	4	189	47.3	3	88
*at UM (9.12)	7	131	18.7	1	37
*MSU (9.19)	2	38	19.0	1	22
at PUR (9.26)			DNP - injury		
WASH (10.3)			DNP - injury		
USC (10.17)			DNP - injury		
BC (10.24)			DNP - injury		
vs. WSU (10.31)					
NAVY (11.7)					
at PITT (11.14)					
UCONN (11.21)					
at STAN (11.28)					

* - games started

Awards & Honors

- Irish Leadership Committee
- College Football Performance Awards Performer of the Week (9.6)
- Lindy's #20 WR
- College Football Performance Awards Honorable Mention (9.13)

Tidbits

- Floyd led all FBS wideouts in the nation with a 29.09 yards per catch average and was tied for the nation's lead in receiving touchdowns with four (among NCAA qualifying receivers) before suffering a broken collarbone in the second quarter of Notre Dame's 33-30 victory over Michigan State.
- Floyd also ranked among the top FBS receivers in the nation in receiving yards per game (160.0, 2nd), total receiving yards (320, 2nd) and receptions per game (5.5, 40th) prior to the injury.
- Floyd had already registered six receptions of at least 20 yards over Notre Dame's first 10 quarters of the season.
- Floyd hauled in a 22-yard touchdown pass from Clausen with 4:59 to go in the opening quarter to give Notre Dame a 13-3 lead against the Spartans. The touchdown reception was Floyd's fifth of the season.
- Floyd, who has played just 14 games in his career, already has hauled in 12 career touchdown passes.
- Floyd moved into a tie with Tim Brown (1984-87) and Bobby Brown (1996-99) for ninth place on the Notre Dame all-time touchdown receptions list.

Career Touchdown Receptions

1. Jeff Samardzija	27 (2003-06)
2. Derrick Mayes	22 (1992-95)
Rhema McKnight.....	22 (2002-06)
4. Golden Tate	19 (2007-)
Tom Gatewood.....	19 (1969-71)
6. Maurice Stovall	18 (2002-05)
7. Jim Seymour.....	16 (1966-68)
8. Ken MacAfee	15 (1974-77)
9. Michael Floyd.....	12 (2008-)
Tim Brown.....	12 (1984-87)
Bobby Brown.....	12 (1996-99)

- Floyd had two catches for 38 yards, including the 22-yard touchdown catch, before the injury.
- Floyd's 131 yards against Michigan set a school record for receiving yards by an Irish player in the series with the Wolverines. The previous record was 127 set last season by junior WR Golden Tate.
- The 100-yard receiving mark against the Wolverines for Floyd was his second of the season and sixth of his career. He is now tied for sixth all-time in the Irish annals for 100-yard receiving games.

Games with 100 Yards - Career

1. Tom Gatewood	13 (1969-71)	5. Maurice Stovall	7 (2002-05)
2. Golden Tate	11 (2007-)	6. Michael Floyd	6 (2008-)
3. Derrick Mayes	9 (1992-95)	Jim Seymour	6 (1966-68)
Jeff Samardzija	9 (2003-06)	Tim Brown	6 (1984-87)

- Floyd's 320 yards were the second-most for an Irish receiver in the first two games of a season in school history. The school record is 417 held by Jim Seymour, who had games of 276 against Purdue (single-game school record) and 141 against Northwestern to open the 1966 season.
- Floyd's 320 yards are the most over any two-game span by an Irish wide receiver since Tim Brown registered 360 yards in consecutive games during the 1986 season.
- Floyd hooked up with Clausen for his 11th career touchdown reception to give the Irish a 17-14 advantage over Michigan with 7:05 remaining in the first half.
- Floyd recorded four catches for 189 yards and three touchdowns in the 35-0 rout of Nevada. He averaged 47.3 yards per reception, which broke the previous school record of 41.6 yards per catch by Jim Morse against USC on Nov. 26, 1955. Floyd was named College Football Performance Awards Performer of the Week.
- Not only were Floyd's 189 yards receiving the most by any wideout in the NCAA FBS that week, but his three receiving touchdowns were also tops on the weekend.
- The 189 yards receiving marked the second-best single-game total by an Irish sophomore wideout in school history. Jim Seymour was a sophomore in 1966 when he set the school record with 276 yards against Purdue.
- Floyd became the fourth Irish wideout to ever post two career receptions of over 70 yards and the first to ever accomplish the feat in the same game. Nick Eddy had 74 and 91 yard catches during the 1964 season, Tim Brown had 84 and 77 yard receptions in 1986 and Jeff Samardzija had 73 and 80 yard grabs during 2005.

Yards per Reception - Game (min. 4 rec.)

1. Michael Floyd	47.3 (4 for 189)	vs. Nevada, Sept. 5, 2009
2. Jim Morse	41.6 (5 for 208)	at USC, Nov. 26, 1955
3. Golden Tate	31.8 (4 for 127)	vs. Michigan, Sept. 13, 2008
4. John Carlson	30.3 (4 for 121)	at Michigan State, Sept. 23, 2006
Rhema McKnight	30.3 (4 for 121)	at Boston College, Oct. 25, 2003

- His 189 yards receiving are the most for an Irish player since Jeff Samardzija totaled 191 against Stanford on Nov. 26, 2005 and ninth most in single-game school history.

Receiving Yards - Game

1. Jim Seymour	276	vs. Purdue, Sept. 24, 1966
2. Golden Tate	244	vs. Washington, Oct. 3, 2009
3. Jack Snow	217	at Wisconsin, Sept. 26, 1964
4. Bobby Brown	208	at Pittsburgh, Nov. 13, 1999
Jim Morse	208	at USC, Nov. 26, 1955
6. Maurice Stovall	207	vs. Brigham Young, Oct. 22, 2005
7. Tom Gatewood	192	vs. Purdue, Sept. 26, 1970
8. Jeff Samardzija	191	at Stanford, Nov. 26, 2005
9. Michael Floyd	189	vs. Nevada, Sept. 5, 2009
10. Tim Brown	184	vs. Navy, Nov. 1, 1986

- Floyd set a new career-high for longest reception when he raced 88 yards for a touchdown with 10:12 left in the third quarter against Nevada. The 88-yard reception was the third longest in Notre Dame football history and longest since Nov. 7, 1981 when Blair Kiel found Joe Howard for a school record 96 yards.

Longest Reception in ND History

1. Joe Howard	96	vs. Georgia Tech, Nov. 7, 1981
2. Nick Eddy	91	at Pittsburgh, Nov. 7, 1964
3. Michael Floyd	88	vs. Nevada, Sept. 5, 2009
4. Tim Brown	84	vs. SMU, Nov. 8, 1986
Jim Seymour	84	vs. Purdue, Sept. 24, 1966

- Floyd registered his second career multi-touchdown game against Nevada (he recorded a pair of touchdown receptions against Pittsburgh on Nov. 1, 2008).
- Floyd not only became the first Irish freshman to register a touchdown catch in a season opener (San Diego State in 2008), but also became the first freshman to register Notre Dame's first points of a season by touchdown. Floyd had 48 receptions for 719 yards on the season. He established new school records for receptions (48), receiving yards (719) and receiving touchdowns (7) by an Irish freshman. He also set a freshman record with 10 receptions against Pittsburgh on Nov. 1, 2008.
- Floyd put up record setting rookie numbers despite missing nearly three full games with an injury.
- Floyd still ranked 38th in the nation in receiving touchdowns, 61st in receiving yards per game and 91st in receptions per game in 2008.
- With seven touchdown receptions last season, Floyd (who holds the record for most TD receptions by a freshman) was tied for ninth place on the Irish single-season list (Tom Gatewood, 1970).
- Floyd finished the game against Pittsburgh in 2008 with 10 receptions for 100 yards, which was the most catches by an Irish player since Rhema McKnight had 10 receptions against Army in 2006.
- Floyd was the fourth different freshman in the last 20 years whose first career catch was a touchdown. The others were Raghib "Rocket" Ismail and Derek Brown in 1988, and Derrick Mayes in 1992 – mighty impressive company for Floyd to join.
- Here is a look at how Floyd's freshman season rated against the rookie campaigns of Notre Dame's top five all-time leaders in career receptions (does not include Tom Gatewood [1968] or Jim Seymour [1965], who were not eligible to play as freshmen).

Player (Year)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
*Michael Floyd (2008)	48	719	15.0	7
Jeff Samardzija (2003)	7	53	7.6	0
Rhema McKnight (2002)	9	91	10.1	0
Tim Brown (1984)	28	340	12.1	1
Maurice Stovall (2002)	18	312	17.3	3
Derrick Mayes (1992)	10	272	27.2	3

- Floyd is one of two sophomores on Irish leadership committee and also ranked by Lindy's as the 20th-best wide receiver in the country in 2009.
- A key factor in Notre Dame's wide receiver group being ranked as best in the nation by Phil Steele, number-two by Athlon and fourth best by Lindy's in 2009.

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ARMANDO ALLEN JR.



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Allen's Career Highs

Carries – 23, Michigan State (9.19.09)	Rushing Yards – 139, at Michigan (9.12.09)
Longest Rush – 24, at Michigan (9.12.09)	Rushing TDs – 1, six times
Pass Attempts – 1, twice	Pass Completions – 1, twice
Passing Yards – 10, at UCLA (10.6.07)	Longest Completion – 10, at UCLA (10.6.07)
Passing TDs – 1, Michigan State (9.19.09)	Receptions – 9, at Boston College (11.8.08)
Receiving Yds – 66, Stanford (10.4.08)	Longest Reception – 41, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
Receiving TDs – 1, three times	Kickoff Returns – 6, Air Force (11.10.07)
Kickoff Return Yds – 147, at Michigan State (9.20.08)	Longest Kickoff Return – 96, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
Kickoff Return TDs – 1, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)	Punt Returns – 3, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
Punt Return Yds – 35, San Diego State (9.6.08)	Longest Punt Return – 22, San Diego State (9.6.08)
Most All-Purpose Yds – 247, Purdue (9.27.08)	

Allen's Season Highs

Carries – 23, Michigan State (9.19)	Rushing Yards – 139, at Michigan (9.12)
Longest Rush – 24, at Michigan (9.12)	Rushing TDs – 1, three times
Pass Attempts – 1, Michigan State (9.19)	Pass Completions – 1, Michigan State (9.19)
Passing Yards – 5, Michigan State (9.19)	Longest Completion – 5, Michigan State (9.19)
Passing TDs – 1, Michigan State (9.19)	Receptions – 3, twice
Receiving Yds – 35, USC (10.17)	Longest Reception – 26, Nevada (9.5)
Most All-Purpose Yds – 163, at Michigan (9.12)	

Allen's Career Rushing Stats

Year	G-S	Att	Yds	TD	LG	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	12-4	86	348	0	15	4.0	29.0
2008	13-8	134	585	3	21	4.4	45.0
2009	6-5	104	514	3	24	4.9	85.7
Total	31-17	324	1447	6	24	4.5	46.7

Allen's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	12-4	24	124	1	16	2.0	5.2	10.3
2008	13-8	50	355	2	41	3.8	7.1	27.3
2009	6-5	13	119	0	26	2.2	9.2	19.8
Total	31-17	87	598	3	41	2.9	6.9	19.3

Allen's Career All-Purpose Stats

Year	G-S	Rush	RVC	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G
2007	12-4	348	124	0	704	0	1176	98.0
2008	13-8	585	355	66	543	0	1549	119.2
2009	6-5	514	119	0	0	0	633	105.5
Total	31-17	1447	598	66	1247	0	3358	108.3

Allen's Game-by-Game

2009	Rushing					Receiving				
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
*NEV (9.5)	15	72	4.8	14	1	3	25	8.3	0	26
*at UM (9.12)	21	139	6.6	24	1	2	24	12.0	0	19
MSU (9.19)	23	115	5.0	13	1	2	6	3.0	0	5
at PUR (9.26)						DNP - injury				
*WASH (10.3)	12	39	3.2	21	0	3	20	6.7	0	13
*USC (10.17)	12	51	4.2	12	0	2	35	17.5	0	21
*BC (10.24)	21	98	4.7	16	0	1	9	9.0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)										
NAVY (11.7)										
at PITT (11.14)										
UCONN (11.21)										
at STAN (11.28)										

* - games started

- Awards & Honors**
- ▶ Doak Walker Award Candidate
 - ▶ Phil Steele's #17 KR
 - ▶ Phil Steele's #47 RB

Tidbits

- ▶ Despite missing the entire game against Purdue and not being 100-percent against Washington due to an ankle injury, Allen still ranks among the top FBS running backs in the nation in rushing yards per game (85.7, 40th), total rushing yards (514, 62nd), rushes (104, 1-62nd) and yards per rush (4.94, 1-64th). He is also 91st in the nation in all-purpose yards per game (105.5).
- ▶ Allen had 50 receptions in 2008 which ranked second-most by an Irish running back in single-season history. Allen's 87 career receptions also rank second-best in career history for Notre Dame running backs. He trails Darius Walker (109, 2004-06) for the school record.
- ▶ Allen is averaging 4.9 yards per carry, including 6.5 yards per carry on second down. He has recorded 16 first downs and one touchdown on 37 carries on second down.
- ▶ Allen has also proven he is able to advance the chains on third down. He is averaging 3.4 yards per carry for 10 first downs on third down. He is 8-for-10 on third down and short (two yards or less) on the season. In fact, Allen is averaging 4.0 yards per carry on third and short.
- ▶ Allen ripped off three runs of 10+ yards (16, 12, 11) against Boston College and finished the game with 98 yards on 21 carries. He also had one catch to extend his streak to 12 consecutive games (in which he has appeared) with a catch.
- ▶ That touchdown gave Allen a rushing score in three consecutive games. He was the first Irish running back to rush for a touchdown in three straight games since Darius Walker did so during the 2006 season.
- ▶ Allen tossed his first career touchdown pass to Robby Parris with 11:49 to go in the third quarter to give the Irish a 23-17 lead against the Spartans. Allen is 2-for-2 passing in his career.
- ▶ Allen was the first Notre Dame non-quarterback to throw a touchdown pass since Nick Setta on Nov. 18, 2000 at Rutgers. Setta hit Tom Lopienski on a fake field goal for a 25-yard touchdown pass.
- ▶ Allen was the first Irish running back to register a touchdown pass and touchdown run in the same game since Oct. 20, 1984, when Allen Pinkett found quarterback Steve Beuerlein on a six-yard score in a 36-32 loss to South Carolina.
- ▶ Allen eclipsed 100 yards rushing against Michigan State for the second consecutive week and the third time in his career. Allen was the first Irish running back to post back-to-back 100 yard rushing games since Robert Hughes closed the 2007 season against both Duke and Stanford with 100+ yards.
- ▶ Allen also finished with a career-high 23 carries against the Spartans.
- ▶ Allen was the 11th player in Irish history to ever record 3,000 career all-purpose yards. Thanks to his 86 all-purpose yards against USC, Allen (3,358) now stands alone in eighth place on the Notre Dame career list.

Most Career All-Purpose Yards

	Total	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Year (Opponent)
1. Julius Jones	5462	3108	250	426	1678	1999-2003
2. Austry Denson	5327	4318	432	273	304	1995-98
3. Allen Pinkett	5259	4131	774	-	354	1982-85
4. Tim Brown	5024	442	2493	476	1613	1984-87
5. Raghib Ismail	4187	1015	1565	336	1271	1988-90
6. Darius Walker	4065	3249	816	-	-	2004-06
7. Vagas Ferguson	3838	3742	366	-	-	1976-79
8. Armando Allen	3358	1447	598	66	1247	2007-
9. Golden Tate	3265	135	2058	163	909	2007-
10. Johnny Lattner	3116	1724	581	307	376	1951-53


- ▶ Allen not only rushed for a career-best 139 yards against Michigan, but he also registered his longest career rush of 24 yards.
- ▶ Allen eclipsed 100 rushing yards for the second time in his career.
- ▶ Allen added his second rushing touchdown of the season and fifth of his career with 5:13 to go in the game to give the Irish a 32-31 lead.
- ▶ Allen followed with a two-point conversion rush to make the score 34-31.
- ▶ Allen finished the game against Michigan with 163 all-purpose yards marking the eighth time in his career with 150+ all-purpose yards in a single game.
- ▶ Allen scored a touchdown and eclipsed 1,000 career rushing yards in the victory over Nevada.
- ▶ Allen had 1,549 all-purpose yards in 2008, which ranked second on the team and 10th in single-season Irish history.
- ▶ Allen's nine receptions at Boston College on Nov. 8, 2008 were not only a career-best, but were also the most ever by an Irish running back in a single game.
- ▶ Allen registered his second career multi-touchdown game in the 49-21 rout of Hawai'i in the 2008 Hawai'i Bowl.
- ▶ Allen rushed for a then career-best 134 yards in the 38-21 victory over Purdue on Sept. 27, 2008. He averaged 7.9 yards per carry (the 7.9 per carry average was the highest for a Notre Dame player since Darius Walker averaged 10.2 against Air Force on Nov. 11, 2006).
- ▶ Allen totaled a career-high 247 all-purpose yards against the Boilermakers (-1 on punt returns, 105 on kick returns, 134 in rushing and nine in receiving).
- ▶ Eclipsed 100 yards against the Boilermakers for the first time in his career (previous career-high was 91 yards against Navy on Nov. 3, 2008).
- ▶ The 247 all-purpose yards against Purdue were the most by an Irish player since Julius Jones had 255 against Pittsburgh in 2003 (rushed for 262 yards).

Most All-Purpose Yards in Single-Game History

	Total	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Year (Opponent)
1. Willie Maher	361	107	-	80	174	1923 (Kalamazoo)
2. George Gipp	357	150	-	50	157	1920 (Army)
3. Tim Brown	294	15	126	21	132	1987 (Boston College)
4. Tim Brown	284	19	184	-	81	1986 (Navy)
5. Jim Seymour	276	-	276	-	-	1966 (Purdue)
6. Golden Tate	275	31	244	-	-	2009 (Washington)
7. Tim Brown	275	-4	72	150	57	1987 (Michigan State)
8. Raghib Ismail	268	100	24	-	144	1990 (Miami, Fla.)
9. Vagas Ferguson	263	255	8	-	-	1978 (Georgia Tech)
10. Phil Carter	257	254	3	-	-	1980 (Michigan State)
11. Julius Jones	255	262	-7	-	-	2003 (Pittsburgh)
Armando Allen	247	134	9	-1	105	2008 (Purdue)

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JIMMY CLAUSEN



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Clausen's Career Highs

Carries – 11, at North Carolina (10.11.08)	Rushing Yards – 19, at Boston College (11.8.08)
Longest Rush – 11, twice	Pass Attempts – 48, at North Carolina (10.11.08)
Pass Completions – 31, at North Carolina (10.11.08)	Passing Yards – 422, Washington (10.3.09)
Longest Completion – 88, Nevada (9.5.09)	Passing TDs – 5, vs. Hawaii (12.24.08)
Rushing TDs – 1, three times	Interceptions – 4, Boston College (11.8.08)
Completion % – 84.6 (22-for-26), vs. Hawaii (12.24.08)	Passing YPA – 17.5, Nevada (9.5.09)
Passing YPC – 21.0, Nevada (9.5.09)	Passing Efficiency – 303.7, Nevada (9.5.09)

Clausen's Season Highs

Carries – 9, USC (10.17)	Rushing Yards – 1, Nevada (9.5)
Longest Rush – 11, USC (10.17)	Pass Attempts – 43, USC (10.17)
Pass Completions – 26, Boston College (10.24)	Passing Yards – 422, Washington (10.3)
Longest Completion – 88, Nevada (9.5)	Passing TDs – 4, Nevada (9.5)
Rushing TDs – 1, USC (10.17)	Interceptions – 1, twice
Completion % – 83.3 (15-for-18), Nevada (9.5)	Passing YPA – 17.5, Nevada (9.5)
Passing YPC – 21.0, Nevada (9.5)	Passing Efficiency – 303.7, Nevada (9.5)

Clausen's Career Passing Stats

Year	G-S	Comp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	LG	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effic
2007	10-9	138	245	6	1254	7	44	56.3	5.1	125.4	103.9
2008	13-13	268	440	17	3172	25	54	60.9	7.2	244.0	132.5
2009	7-7	150	230	2	2050	16	88	65.2	8.9	292.9	161.3
Total	30-29	556	915	25	6476	48	88	60.8	7.1	215.9	132.1

Clausen's Game-by-Game

2009	Comp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	LG	Pct	Avg/P	Effic
*NEV (9.5)	15	18	0	315	4	88	83.3	17.5	303.7
*at UM (9.12)	25	42	0	336	3	37	59.5	8.0	150.3
*MSU (9.19)	22	31	0	300	2	54	71.0	9.7	173.5
*at PUR (9.26)	15	26	1	171	1	23	57.7	6.6	117.9
*WASH (10.3)	23	31	1	422	2	77	74.2	13.6	203.4
*USC (10.17)	24	43	0	260	2	45	55.8	6.0	122.0
*BC (10.24)	26	39	0	246	2	36	66.7	6.3	136.6
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UConn (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Awards & Honors

- ▶ Irish Offensive Co-Captain
- ▶ Davey O'Brien Award Semifinalist
- ▶ Manning Award Watch List
- ▶ Phil Steele's #10 QB
- ▶ College Football Performance Awards Performer of the Week (9.6)
- ▶ Davey O'Brien QB of the Week (10.5)
- ▶ Maxwell Award Watch List
- ▶ Davey O'Brien Award Watch List
- ▶ Allstate / AFCA Good Works Team® Candidate
- ▶ Lindy's #23 QB
- ▶ AT&T/ESPN All-America Player of the Week (9.7)

Tidbits

- ▶ Only three quarterbacks in the FBS (among qualifiers on the NCAA passing report) have fewer interceptions than Clausen's two and only Christian Ponder of Florida State (257) in that group has more pass attempts than Clausen.
- ▶ Despite missing over half of the game against Purdue and playing with a turf toe injury the last five games, Clausen still ranks among the top FBS quarterbacks in the nation in passing efficiency (161.3, 2nd), fewest interceptions (two, t-4th), passing yards per attempt (8.9, 7th), passing yards per completion (13.7, 7th), passing touchdowns (16, t-7th), passing yards per game (292.9, 9th), total offense per game (286.0, 11th), total passing yards (2050, 12th), points responsible for per game (14.57, t-14th), completion percentage (65.2, 15th), completions per game (21.4, 16th), total points responsible for (102, t-16th), total offense yards (2002, t-19th), total completions (150, 22nd) and total attempts (230, 32nd).
- ▶ Clausen has moved into the top-10 in almost all Notre Dame career passing lists.
- ▶ Clausen already ranks in the top-five in 12 categories including passing yards per game (215.9, 2nd), pass attempts per game (30.5, 2nd), completion percentage (60.8, 2nd), pass completions per game (18.5, 2nd), total offense per game (205.6, 2nd), points responsibility per game (10.2, 2nd), passing efficiency (132.1, 3rd), completions (556, 3rd), attempts (915, 3rd), passing touchdowns (48, 3rd) and points responsibility (306, 5th). He also ranks third in lowest interception percentage (2.73), third in total plays (1069), fourth in passing yards (6,476) and fifth in total yards (6,168).
- ▶ Clausen finished 26-for-39 for 246 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions against Boston College. He has now thrown 97 consecutive passes without an interception entering this weekend's game against Washington State.

- ▶ Clausen set a season-high with 26 completions against Boston College. His previous high was 25 against Michigan.
- ▶ Clausen is the first Notre Dame quarterback to ever register four fourth quarter come-from-behind victories in a single season. He is also the first Irish quarterback to register five fourth quarter comebacks in a single season.

Player	Fourth Quarter Comebacks	Fourth Quarter Comeback Victories
Jimmy Clausen (2009)	5	4
Jarious Jackson (1999)	4	3
Joe Montana (1978)	3	2
Brady Quinn (2004)	3	2
Ron Powllus (1997)	3	3
Rick Mirer (1990)	3	3

▶ Here is where Clausen ranks all-time in fourth quarter comebacks among Notre Dame quarterbacks:

Player	4th Quarter Comebacks	4th Quarter Comeback Victories
Brady Quinn (2003-06)	9	6
Ron Powllus (1994-97)	8	7
Joe Montana (1975, 1977-78)	7	6
Jimmy Clausen (2007-)	6	5
Jarious Jackson (1996-99)	6	5
Rick Mirer (1990-92)	6	5

- ▶ Clausen has been tremendous in the clutch for the Irish this season. He has recorded 13 touchdowns and no turnovers when Notre Dame has been tied or trailing (12 passing TDs, one rushing TD).
- ▶ Clausen was 3-for-6 for 48 yards and one touchdown passing in the fourth quarter against the Eagles. He has been at the top of his game in the fourth quarter and overtime all season. Clausen is 43-for-72 for 561 yards with seven touchdowns (one on the ground) and no interceptions in the final quarter and overtime this season. Here is Clausen's breakdown in the fourth quarter and overtime:

Game	Comp.	Att.	Comp. %	INT	Yds	TDs
Nevada	1	1	100.0	0	15	0
Michigan	9	17	52.9	0	77	1
Michigan State	5	8	62.5	0	113	1
Purdue	7	10	70.0	0	72	1
Washington	7	9	77.8	0	119	1
USC	11	21	52.4	0	117	2*
Boston College	3	6	50.0	0	48	1
Totals	43	72	59.7	0	561	7*

*includes a two-yard touchdown rush

- ▶ Clausen guided the Irish on a 12-play, 74-yard touchdown drive to regain the lead, 13-9, with 36 seconds to go before halftime. He went 8-for-9 for 64 yards on the drive, including an 11-yard touchdown pass to junior WR Golden Tate.
- ▶ Clausen has now thrown a touchdown pass in seven consecutive games.
- ▶ Clausen completed 19 passes to seven different receivers in the first half against Boston College. The 19 completions were the most for Clausen in any half in his career. In fact, no Irish quarterback has had more completions in a half since Brady Quinn had 22 in the second half of the 2006 Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State.
- ▶ Clausen hooked up with Tate with 8:12 remaining in the fourth quarter on a 36-yard touchdown pass to give the Irish a 20-16 lead.
- ▶ Clausen has registered multiple touchdown passes in three straight games.
- ▶ Clausen has now registered six multi-touchdown games in 2009 and 16 in his career.
- ▶ Clausen has registered four touchdown passes this season of over 45 yards.
- ▶ Clausen has already registered 27 passes of at least 20 yards this season.
- ▶ Here is an interesting comparison between Clausen and the last six Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks over their first seven games of the season:

Jimmy Clausen (Notre Dame) - 2009

Team	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Efficiency
Totals	150-230	2	65.2	2050	16	292.9	161.30

Sam Bradford (Oklahoma) - 2008

Team	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Efficiency
Totals	170-238	5	71.4	2520	26	360.0	192.22

Tim Tebow (Florida) - 2007

Team	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Efficiency
Totals	115-174	3	66.1	1711	17	244.4	177.49

Troy Smith (Ohio State) - 2006

Team	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Efficiency
Totals	116-170	2	68.2	1495	17	213.6	172.75

Matt Leinart (USC) - 2004

Team	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Efficiency
Totals	137-215	3	63.7	1652	16	236.0	150.03

Jason White (Oklahoma) - 2003

Team	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Efficiency
Totals	149-221	4	67.4	2040	22	291.4	174.19

Carson Palmer (USC) - 2002

Team	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Efficiency
Totals	164-272	7	60.3	1981	13	283.0	132.10

- Clausen was attempting to lead Notre Dame to its fourth consecutive fourth quarter come-from-behind victory. With the Irish trailing 34-14 with 13:33 remaining in the game against USC, the Irish signal caller guided a seven-play, 68-yard touchdown drive to bring Notre Dame within 14 at 34-20. He completed 3-of-4 passes for 39 yards on the drive and capped it off with a two-yard touchdown run.
- Clausen and Notre Dame regained the ball following an interception. He went 2-for-2 for 18 yards on the drive and tossed a touchdown pass to junior WR Golden Tate with 7:28 to go in the game.
- After the Irish defense stopped USC, Clausen and the Irish got the ball on their own 22-yard line. He proceeded to move Notre Dame all the way to the Trojans' four-yard line. Clausen led a 17-play march for 74 yards. Either through the air or on the ground, Clausen totaled 67 yards (60 in the air and seven on the ground) on the drive, including first down completions on a key third and fourth down play. Clausen found senior WR Robby Parris for 13 yards on a fourth and 10 to keep the drive alive.
- The comeback would have been the greatest fourth quarter rally since the Irish stormed past Houston in the 1979 Cotton Bowl behind Joe Montana, erasing a 22-point fourth-quarter deficit for a 35-34 win.
- Clausen hooked up with Tate for a 45-yard touchdown pass with 5:18 to go in the third quarter to cut the USC lead to 20-14. The touchdown was the first allowed by USC all season through the air.
- Clausen registered his first rushing touchdown of the season and the third of his career. It was his first rushing touchdown since Nov. 25, 2007 against Stanford. He also scampered 11 yards for a first down in the third quarter, tying for the longest rush of his career.
- Clausen is the 14th signal caller in Notre Dame history to start under center for three years. The following is a list of Clausen's predecessors, along with their stats (when available) from their third season. In the 13 seasons played by three-year starting Irish quarterbacks, the group amassed a 99-33-4 (.743) combined record.

Player	Year	Att	Comp	Yds	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
Brady Quinn	2005	450	292	3919	32	7	9-3

- Clausen finished with a career-high 422 yards passing against Washington.
- It marks the second time he has surpassed 400 yards passing in his career. His previous career-high was 401 yards against Hawaii in the 2008 Hawai'i Bowl.
- Clausen was the third Irish quarterback to ever eclipse 400 yards passing in a game, joining Joe Theismann and Brady Quinn. He is the second Notre Dame signal caller to accomplish the feat more than once in a career (Quinn).
- The 422 yards passing ranked seventh-best in single-game Irish history.
- Clausen has registered three touchdown passes this season of over 60 yards.
- Clausen and Tate connected on the first play of the second half. The play went for 77 yards to set up another Irish field goal. It was Clausen's sixth completion of 50 yards or longer this season.
- Clausen has seven career 300-yard passing games and four this season.
- Clausen's 13.61 yards per attempt ranked as the second-best in single-game school history. He already holds the school record for yards per attempt (15.42), set against Hawai'i in last season's Hawai'i Bowl.
- Clausen guided the Irish on a go-ahead touchdown drive in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter for the second straight week. On the drive, Clausen went 4-for-4 for 57 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Rudolph with 1:20 left in regulation.
- Clausen continued his stellar play in the first quarter against Washington. He completed 4-of-5 passes for 41 yards over the first 15 minutes. To that point of the season, Clausen was completing 73.8% (31-for-42) of his passes for 397 yards and two touchdowns in the first quarter of Notre Dame's first five games this season.
- Clausen hooked up with Golden Tate for a 67-yard touchdown pass with 3:27 remaining in the first half to give Notre Dame a 16-14 lead.
- Clausen was limited to just 24 plays against Purdue due to a turf toe injury before returning to action with 7:34 remaining in the fourth quarter.
- Clausen led the Irish on a 12-play, 72-yard drive capped off with a touchdown pass to sophomore TE Kyle Rudolph on fourth down with 24.8 seconds left in regulation to give Notre Dame a 24-21 victory.
- Clausen went 6-for-9 on the drive for 69 yards, including the go-ahead touchdown pass.
- The Irish scored with just 24.8 seconds remaining on the clock. It was the latest Notre Dame has scored to secure a victory on the road since 1997 when Scott Cengia booted a field goal with five seconds left to secure a 23-22 victory at Hawaii.
- Notre Dame has never registered a longer drive (72 yards) to win a game on the road with less than 25 seconds to go in the contest in school history.
- With his touchdown pass to Rudolph, Clausen moved past Rick Mirer (1989-92) into sole possession of third place on the Irish all-time passing touchdowns list.
- Clausen threw his first interception of the season with 18.1 seconds to go before halftime against Purdue. It was his first interception since the USC game of 2008. In fact, Clausen had gone 147 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.
- The 147 passes without an interception was second-longest streak by an Irish quarterback in school history. Former All-American Brady Quinn registered a streak of 226 passes without an interception during the 2006 season.

Consecutive Passes Without INT - Multiple Games

1. Brady Quinn	226
Michigan State 2006 - Army 2006	
2. Jimmy Clausen	147
USC 2008 - Purdue 2009	
3. Brady Quinn	143
Stanford 2005 - Michigan 2006	
4. Jimmy Clausen	132
Michigan State 2008 - North Carolina 2008	
5. Brady Quinn	130
USC 2005 - Navy 2005	
6. Carlyle Holiday	126
Pittsburgh 2002 - Rutgers 2002	

- Clausen was the first Irish quarterback to eclipse 300 yards passing in three straight games to open a season and four consecutive games overall (including last season's Hawai'i Bowl).
- Clausen connected on all nine pass attempts in the opening quarter for 128 yards and one touchdown against Michigan State.
- In fact, Clausen completed his first 10 passes of the game before Mike Ragone dropped his 11th pass attempt of the afternoon against the Spartans.
- Clausen's 10 straight completions to open the game against Michigan State is the no worse than the second-most consecutive completions to open a game in Notre Dame school history. Jarious Jackson opened the game with Navy on Nov. 14, 1998 with 12 straight completions.
- Clausen went 4-for-5 for 59 yards, including a 33-yard touchdown pass to Golden Tate, on Notre Dame's drive to grab a 33-30 lead over Michigan State with 5:18 remaining in the fourth quarter.
- Over the four games against Hawaii, Nevada, Michigan and Michigan State, Clausen completed 84-of-117 passes (71.8 %) for 1,352 yards with 14 touchdowns and no interceptions. That equates to a 208.3 quarterback efficiency rating.
- Clausen surpassed 5,000 career passing yards against Michigan. He became the fifth Notre Dame quarterback to ever accomplish the feat.
- Clausen reached 5,000 career passing yards faster than any other Irish signal caller in school history. He reached 5,000 career passing yards in his 25th game in a Notre Dame uniform, while former All-American Brady Quinn did not reach the mark until his 27th career game.
- Here is an interesting comparison between Clausen and Quinn's statistics over their first 25 career games:

	Brady Quinn	Jimmy Clausen
Completions	366	446
Attempts	712	745
Completion Percentage	51.4%	59.9%
Passing Yards	4,644	5,077
Touchdowns	28	39
Interceptions	26	23
Passing Yards Per Game	185.8	203.1
Efficiency Rating	111.9	128.2


- Clausen has thrown three or more touchdown passes nine times over his Irish career - all over Notre Dame's last 22 games.
 - Clausen's 336 yards are the most ever by an Irish signal caller against Michigan.
 - Clausen completed 9-of-17 passes for 113 yards and one touchdown in the fourth quarter against the Wolverines.
 - On the drive following Michigan's kickoff return for touchdown (giving the Wolverines a 14-3 lead), Clausen guided a seven play, 76-yard drive to bring Notre Dame within a score of 14-10. He went 3-for-3 on the drive for 56 yards, including a 37-yard strike to Floyd.
 - After the Irish defense then forced the Wolverines into a three and out following the touchdown, Clausen guided another scoring drive. Notre Dame went 69 yards on seven plays before Clausen found Floyd in the corner of the end zone to give the Irish a 17-14 lead. He completed 3-of-4 passes for 55 yards and a touchdown.
 - On Notre Dame's three scoring drives following Michigan's kickoff return for touchdown (two touchdowns and a field goal), Clausen completed 7-for-8 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns.
 - Clausen attempted 42 passes against Michigan without an interception. The 42 pass attempts were the sixth-most in single-game school history without a pick. Interestingly, Clausen has five of the top 10 best games in terms of most passes in a single game without an interception.
 - Clausen finished the afternoon against Nevada 15-of-18 for 315 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions. He completed 83.3% of his passes, which ranked tied for sixth-best in Irish single-game history (equaling his effort against Navy on Nov. 15, 2008). Clausen earned AT&T Player of the Week.
 - Clausen has now posted completion percentages of over 80% in three separate games over his career, making him the only Notre Dame quarterback to post three such games. His trio of games all rank among the top 10 completion percentages in single-game Irish history.
- Completion Percentage - Game**
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| 1. Steve Beuerlein | 90.9 | vs. Colorado, Sept. 22, 1984 |
| 2. Rick Slager | 85.7 | at Northwestern, Sept. 25, 1976 |
| Rick Mirer | 85.7 | at Purdue, Sept. 28, 1991 |
| Jarious Jackson | 85.7 | vs. Navy, Nov. 14, 1998 |
| 5. Jimmy Clausen | 84.6 | vs. Hawai'i, Dec. 24, 2008 |
| 6. Jimmy Clausen | 83.3 | vs. Nevada, Sept. 5, 2009 |
| Jimmy Clausen | 83.3 | vs. Navy, Nov. 15, 2008 |
| 8. Bob Williams | 81.3 | at Michigan State, Nov. 5, 1949 |
| 9. Brady Quinn | 80.5 | at Purdue, Oct. 1, 2005 |

- Clausen set a school record for average passing yards per attempt against Nevada. His average of 17.50 yards per attempt bested his own previous school record of 15.42 set in the 2008 Hawai'i Bowl. Clausen established school records for single-game yards passing per attempt in consecutive outings.
- Clausen recorded a pass efficiency rating of 303.67 in the Nevada game, surpassing his career best of 277.63 set in the 2008 Hawai'i Bowl. The rating was the best by an Irish quarterback in a single game in the Charlie Weis era.
- Clausen posted the highest completion percentage, efficiency rating, yards per attempt, yards per completion and touchdown to interception ratio of any quarterback in all of the FBS that week. He also threw the second-most touchdowns overall.
- Clausen tossed touchdown passes of 19 and 24 yards to Rudolph and Floyd, respectively, in the first half. The signal caller was nearly perfect in the opening 15 minutes. Clausen completed 8-of-9 passes for 90 yards and one touchdown in the opening 15 minutes.
- Clausen set new a career-high for his longest completion when he hooked up with Floyd for 88 yards. The 88-yard completion was the third longest in Notre Dame football history and longest since Nov. 7, 1981 when Blair Kiel found Joe Howard for a school record 96 yards.
- His four touchdown passes against Nevada rank tied for fifth-best in single-game Irish history.
- Clausen is the second Irish quarterback to ever have multiple games with at least four touchdown passes.
- Clausen started all 13 games at quarterback for the Irish in 2008 and recorded the third-most prolific passing season in Notre Dame history. He completed 268 of his 440 pass attempts (60.9 pct) for 3,172 passing yards (244.0 yards per game) on the year and tossed 25 touchdowns. Clausen established records for every major passing category by a sophomore Notre Dame quarterback. The only better statistical seasons were Brady Quinn in 2005 and 2006. He ranked 43rd in passing efficiency nationally at 132.49 and ranked 40th in total offense at 238.38.

- Clausen completed 22 of 26 passes for 401 yards and five TDs with no interceptions vs. Hawai'i in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl. He set individual career bests in completion percentage (84.6 percent), passing yards (401) and TD passes (five). Clausen's statistics also helped set Notre Dame team bowl records in points (49), passing yards (413), passing touchdowns (five) and total yards (478). His passing yards, passing touchdowns and completion percentage were individual bowl records for the Irish. Clausen's completion percentage was the second best by any quarterback at any school in bowl game history.
- Clausen is only the second Notre Dame quarterback to throw for at least 20 touchdowns in a season (Brady Quinn in 2005 and 2006).
- Clausen closed the 2008 season with 268 completions, 440 pass attempts, 3,172 yards and 25 touchdowns. He ranked third in single-season Notre Dame history in all three categories. He ranked in the top-five in eight single-season categories including attempts (third), attempts per game (third – 33.8), completions (third), completions per game (third – 20.6), completion percentage (fifth – 60.9 percent), passing yards (third), passing yards per game (third – 244.0) and touchdown passes (third).
- Clausen had 43 completions of over 20 yards in 2008 after connecting on just 13 in 10 games as a freshman in 2007.

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KYLE RUDOLPH



Cincinnati, Ohio (Elder)
Birthdate: 11-9-89

Tight End	50	6-6	260
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Rudolph's Career Highs

Receptions – 6, Michigan State (9.19.09) **Receiving Yards** – 95, Michigan State (9.19.09)
Longest Reception – 52, Michigan State (9.19.09) **Receiving TDs** – 1, five times

Rudolph's Season Highs

Receptions – 6, Michigan State (9.19) **Receiving Yards** – 95, Michigan State (9.19)
Longest Reception – 52, Michigan State (9.19) **Receiving TDs** – 1, three times

Rudolph's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	13-13	29	340	2	29	2.2	11.7	26.2
2009	7-7	25	287	3	52	3.6	11.5	41.0
Total	20-20	54	627	5	52	2.7	11.6	31.4

Rudolph's Game-by-Game

2009	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
*NEV (9.5)	4	29	7.3	1	19
*at UM (9.12)	3	38	12.7	0	24
*MSU (9.19)	6	95	15.8	0	52
*at PUR (9.26)	4	52	13.0	1	22
**WASH (10.3)	4	53	13.3	1	30
*USC (10.17)	3	9	3.0	0	5
*BC (10.24)	1	11	11.0	0	11
vs. WSU (10.31)					
NAVY (11.7)					
at PITT (11.14)					
UCONN (11.21)					
at STAN (11.28)					

* – games started

Awards & Honors

- Irish Leadership Committee
- College Football Performance Awards Honorable Mention (9.20)
- Mackey Award Midseason Watch List
- John Mackey Tight End Of The Week (9.20)

Tidbits

- Rudolph is a member Irish Leadership Committee despite being just a sophomore. He also is the only sophomore on the 2009 Mackey Award Midseason Watch List.
- Rudolph hooked up with Jimmy Clausen with 1:20 left in the fourth quarter to give the Irish a 31-30 lead over Washington. The touchdown was his third of the season and the fifth of his career.
- Rudolph has scored a touchdown to give Notre Dame a lead with less than two minutes remaining in regulation in two games (at Purdue, vs. Washington).
- Rudolph registered a 30-yard reception against the Huskies. He has four receptions this season for 20 or more yards.
- Of Rudolph's 24 receptions this season, 11 have resulted in first downs and three others went for touchdowns.
- Rudolph hooked up with Clausen with 24.8 seconds left in regulation on a fourth down play to give the Notre Dame a 24-21 victory over Purdue. Of his four receptions against the Boilermakers, the first three gave the Irish a first down and his fourth gave Notre Dame the victory.
- Rudolph hauled in a career-best 52-yard reception on Notre Dame's opening drive of the first quarter against Michigan State and added an eight-yard reception on the touchdown drive as well. Rudolph totaled 60 of the 84 yards on the drive.
- The 52-yard catch is the longest by an Irish tight end since John Carlson had a 62-yard grab against Michigan State on Sept. 23, 2006.
- Rudolph nearly bested his career-high in both receptions and receiving yards in the first half alone. He had four receptions for 74 yards before halftime. Rudolph's single-game high for receptions was five against Stanford on Oct. 4, 2008 and receiving yards was 78 against Hawaii on Dec. 24, 2008.

- Rudolph did set a career-high with six receptions and 95 yards receiving against the Spartans.
- Rudolph was named the John Mackey Tight End Of The Week for his efforts against Michigan State.
- Rudolph had three receptions for 38 yards against Michigan. He did have a 76-yard grab nullified due to a holding penalty.
- Rudolph had four receptions for 29 yards and one touchdown in the 35-0 victory over Nevada. The touchdown was the third of his career. Two of Rudolph's grabs gave the Irish first downs, including his 19-yard TD snag on 3rd and 16.
- Rudolph exploded onto the scene in 2008. A USA Today first-team All-American and considered by most recruiting sites as the top tight end in the nation, Rudolph started all 13 games last season and became the first Notre Dame rookie tight end to ever start a season opener.
- Rudolph owns the school record for rookie tight ends in both receptions (29) and receiving yards (340).
- Here is how Rudolph's freshman season compared to four other outstanding Notre Dame rookie tight ends (Brown and McAfee each were named first team All-Americans later in their career).


Player (Year)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Kyle Rudolph (2008)	*29	*340	11.7	2
Ken McAfee (1974)	14	146	10.4	1
Dean Maszta (1978)	13	236	18.2	0
Derek Brown (1988)	12	150	12.5	*3
Jabari Holloway (1997)	8	144	18.0	1

* Notre Dame rookie single-season TE records

- Rudolph became the first Irish freshman tight end to record a touchdown reception in 11 years in the victory over Purdue. Jabari Holloway was the last Notre Dame tight end to do so in a 33-15 loss at Stanford in 1997. He broke the drought with his five-yard grab of a Jimmy Clausen pass in the third quarter as the Irish extended their lead to 28-14 over the Boilermakers.
- Rudolph is the first Notre Dame rookie tight end to haul in touchdown passes in consecutive weeks (Purdue and Stanford) since Derek Brown did during the 1988 season. Ironically enough, Brown also did it in victories over both Purdue and Stanford.

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DAYNE CRIST



Canoga Park, Calif. (Notre Dame)
Birthdate: 10-9-89

Quarterback	50	6-4	235
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Crist's Season/Career Highs

Carries – 4, at Purdue (9.26) **Rushing Yards** – 16, at Purdue (9.26)
Longest Rush – 16, at Purdue (9.26) **Pass Attempts** – 10, at Purdue (9.26)
Pass Completions – 5, at Purdue (9.26) **Passing Yards** – 45, at Purdue (9.26)
Longest Completion – 15, Nevada (9.5) **Completion %** – 100.0 (2-for-2), Nevada (9.5)
Passing YPA – 8.5, Nevada (9.5) **Passing YPC** – 9.0, at Purdue (9.26)
Passing Efficiency – 171.4, Nevada (9.5) **Interceptions** – 1, Michigan State (9.19)

Crist's Career Passing Stats

Year	G-S	Comp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	LG	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effic
2009	3-0	8	14	1	61	0	15	57.1	4.4	20.3	79.5

Crist's Game-by-Game

2009	Comp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	LG	Pct	Avg/P	Effic
NEV (9.5)	2	2	0	17	0	15	100.0	8.5	171.4
at UM (9.12)									
MSU (9.19)	1	2	1	-1	0	0	50.0	-0.5	-54.2
at PUR (9.26)	5	10	0	45	0	12	50.0	4.5	87.8
WASH (10.3)									
USC (10.17)									
BC (10.24)									
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* – games started

Tidbits

- Crist opened the second quarter at quarterback for the Irish against Purdue and promptly rushed for 16 yards on his first career rush.
- Despite attempting just one pass, Crist led the Irish to a pair of touchdown drives in the second quarter to help give Notre Dame a 17-7 halftime lead against the Boilermakers.

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EVAN SHARPLEY




Marshall, Mich. (Marshall)
Birthdate: 11-4-86

Quarterback	SR	6-2	217
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DUVAL KAMARA



Jersey City, N.J. (Hoboken)
Birthdate: 3-1-89

Wide Receiver	JR	6-5	219
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Sharpley's Career Highs

Carries – 10, twice
Longest Rush – 13, vs. Navy (11.3.07)
Pass Completions – 17, twice
Longest Completion – 43, at Purdue (9.29.07)
Interceptions – 1, three times
Passing YPA – 8.0, at Purdue (9.29.07)
Passing Efficiency – 146.43, at Purdue (9.29.07)

Rushing Yards – 3, vs. Navy (11.3.07)
Pass Attempts – 33, vs. USC (10.20.07)
Passing Yards – 208, at Purdue (9.29.07)
Passing TDs – 2, twice
Completion % – 76.9 (10-for-13), vs. Georgia Tech (9.1.07)
Passing YPC – 13.0, at Purdue (9.29.07)

Sharpley's Career Passing Stats

Year	G-S	Comp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	LG	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effic
2005					DNP						
2006	8-0	1	2	0	7	0	7	50.0	3.5	0.9	79.4
2007	8-2	77	140	3	736	5	43	55.0	5.3	92.0	106.7
2008	3-0	3	5	0	18	0	6	60.0	3.6	6.0	90.2
2009	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	19-2	81	147	3	761	5	43	55.1	5.2	40.1	105.7

Tidbits

- ▶ Sharpley returned to campus for his fifth year of eligibility following an outstanding summer with the Seattle Mariners' Arizona League rookie ball club.
- ▶ Led the team in games played (37), runs scored (31), hits (44), doubles (12), home runs (seven), RBI (29), total bases (81), walks (21), slugging percentage (.614) and batting average (.333). He also ranked among the top 10 in the entire league in games played (t-1st), home runs (t-3rd), total bases (t-3rd), hits (4th), walks (t-3rd), slugging percentage (4th), OPS (4th), doubles (t-4th), on-base percentage (t-4th), runs (6th), RBI (7th) and batting (10th).
- ▶ Sharpley was selected in the 50th round of the 2009 MLB First-Year Player draft by the Mariners.
- ▶ In addition to his football responsibilities, Sharpley, who teaches five classes of geography and history at South Bend Adams High School, is spending his entire final semester at Notre Dame student-teaching.

Kamara's Career Highs

Receptions – 7, Boston College (10.24.09)
Longest Reception – 35, at Stanford (11.24.07)
Carries – 1, at Michigan (9.12.09)
Longest Rush – 10, at Michigan (9.12.09)

Receiving Yards – 93, at Stanford (11.24.07)
Receiving TDs – 2, Navy (11.3.07)
Rushing Yards – 10, at Michigan (9.12.09)

Kamara's Season Highs

Receptions – 7, Boston College (10.24)
Longest Reception – 15, at Purdue (9.26)
Rushing Yards – 10, at Michigan (9.12)

Receiving Yards – 60, Boston College (10.24)
Carries – 1, at Michigan (9.12)
Longest Rush – 10, at Michigan (9.12)

Kamara's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	11-5	32	357	4	35	2.9	11.2	32.5
2008	13-9	20	206	1	28	1.5	10.3	15.8
2009	7-4	16	132	0	15	2.3	8.3	18.9
Total	31-18	68	695	5	35	2.2	10.2	22.4

Kamara's Game-by-Game

2009	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
NEV (9.5)	0	0	0.0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	1	6	6.0	0	6
*MSU (9.19)	3	23	7.7	0	10
*at PUR (9.26)	3	20	6.7	0	15
WASH (10.3)	0	0	0.0	0	0
USC (10.17)	2	23	11.5	0	12
*BC (10.24)	7	60	8.6	0	12
vs. WSU (10.31)					
NAVY (11.7)					
at PITT (11.14)					
UCONN (11.21)					
at STAN (11.28)					

* – games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Notre Dame's biggest wide receiver.
- ▶ Kamara moves into the starting spot on the depth chart at the Z receiver spot following the injury to Michael Floyd.
- ▶ Kamara recorded his career high in receptions (7) in a single game against Boston College on Oct. 24, 2009, posting his season high in yardage (60) as well.
- ▶ Kamara took a swing pass and raced 10 yards for a first down against Michigan, but was credited with his first career rush as the pass was caught behind the line of scrimmage. He also added a six-yard reception.
- ▶ Had arthroscopic surgery on right knee on Tuesday, Aug. 11 to repair cartilage and returned to full-go on Tuesday, Sept. 1.
- ▶ Set school records for receptions and receiving yards by an Irish rookie in 2007 (both marks broken in 2008 by Michael Floyd).
- ▶ Has one career multi-touchdown game.
- ▶ Key member of talented group of receivers on Irish roster that are ranked as the best in the nation by Phil Steele, second-best by Athlon and fourth by Lindy's.
- ▶ Ranked as the 22nd-best receiver in the nation by Phil Steele.

23 GOLDEN TATE



Hendersonville, Tenn. (Hendersonville)

Birthdate: 8-2-88

Wide Receiver

JR

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Tate's Career Highs

Receptions – 11, vs. Boston College (10.24)
Longest Reception – 77, Washington (10.3.09)
Carries – 9, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Longest Rush – 31, Washington (10.3.09)
Longest Kick Return – 40, at Michigan (9.15.07)
Kick Returns – 5, twice
Punt Return Yards – 50, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
Most All-Purpose Yards – 275, Washington (10.3.09)

Receiving Yards – 244, Washington (10.3.09)
Receiving TDs – 3, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
Rushing Yards – 55, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Rushing TDs – 1, twice
Kick Return Yards – 133, at Michigan (9.15.07)
Longest Punt Return – 42, at Boston College (11.8.08)
Punt Returns – 6, vs. Navy (11.15.08)

Tate's Season Highs

Receptions – 11, vs. Boston College (10.24)
Longest Reception – 77, Washington (10.3)
Carries – 9, at Purdue (9.26)
Longest Rush – 31, Washington (10.3)
Longest Kick Return – 24, USC (10.17)
Kick Returns – 3, twice
Punt Return Yards – 23, Michigan State (9.19)
Most All-Purpose Yards – 275, Washington (10.3)

Receiving Yards – 244, Washington (10.3)
Receiving TDs – 2, three times
Rushing Yards – 55, at Purdue (9.26)
Rushing TDs – 1, at Purdue (9.26)
Kick Return Yards – 62, USC (10.17)
Longest Punt Return – 23, Michigan State (9.19)
Punt Returns – 2, Michigan State (9.19)

Tate's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	12-2	6	131	1	43	0.5	21.8	10.9
2008	13-8	58	1080	10	69	4.5	18.6	83.1
2009	7-7	52	847	8	77	7.4	16.3	121.0
Total	32-17	116	2058	19	77	3.6	17.7	64.3

Tate's Career All-Purpose Stats

Year	Rush	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G
2007	4	131	0	326	0	461	38.4
2008	37	1080	116	521	0	1754	134.9
2009	94	847	47	62	0	1050	150.0
Total	135	2058	163	909	0	3265	102.0

Tate's Game-by-Game

2009	Receiving					Rushing				
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
*NEV (9.5)	3	59	19.7	0	36	1	3	3.0	3	0
*at UM (9.12)	9	115	12.8	2	27	1	5	5.0	5	0
*MSU (9.19)	7	127	18.1	1	54	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	5	57	11.4	0	17	9	55	6.1	15	1
*WASH (10.3)	9	244	27.1	1	77	1	31	31.0	31	0
*USC (10.17)	8	117	14.6	2	45	1	3	3.0	3	0
*BC (10.24)	11	128	11.6	2	36	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)										
NAVY (11.7)										
at PITT (11.14)										
UCONN (11.21)										
at STAN (11.28)										

* - games started

Awards & Honors

- Phil Steele Preseason First Team All-American
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- Lindy's #15 WR
- AT&T/ESPN All-America Player of the Week (10.8)
- College Football Performance Awards Honorable Mention Performer of the Week (9.13)
- *Sporting News* Preseason Third Team All-American
- Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist
- Phil Steele's #6 WR
- Phil Steele's #19 PR

Tidbits

- Tate has registered five 100-yard receiving games in Notre Dame's first seven contests and three consecutive outings. Tate could become the first Irish player to record four straight 100-yard games since Tom Gatewood set the school record with five consecutive 100-yard receiving games in 1970.
- Tate ranks among the top FBS receivers in the nation in touchdown receptions (8, t-2nd), total receiving yards (847, 3rd), receiving yards per game (121.0, 4th), receptions per game (7.43, 10th), yards per catch (16.29, 11th), total receptions (52, 12th) and all-purpose yards (150.0, 17th).

► Here is where Tate ranks among the other top FBS wideouts.

	Rec.	Yds	TDs	Rec/Gm	Yds/Catch	Yds/Gm
1. Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	99	1054	9	12.38	10.65	131.75
2. Greg Salas, Hawaii	51	881	5	7.29	17.27	125.86
3. Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas	45	731	4	7.50	16.24	121.83
4. Golden Tate, Notre Dame	52	847	8	7.43	16.29	121.00
5. Mike Williams, Syracuse	45	712	6	7.50	15.82	118.67

► Tate has already registered 31 catches that have resulted in first downs and 15 have come on a first down play. He also has 11 receptions of over 20 yards, including seven over 30 yards. Tate has now recorded 34 receptions of at least 20 yards and 24 catches have gained at least 30 yards over his career.

► Finished the afternoon against Boston College with a career-high 11 receptions for 128 yards. His previous high was nine receptions set twice earlier this season against Michigan and Washington. The 11 receptions were the most by an Irish receiver in the series against Boston College and the fifth-most ever by an Irish receiver in a single game.

Receptions - Game

1. 14 Maurice Stovall, vs. BYU (Oct. 22, 2005)
2. 13 Jim Seymour, vs. Purdue (Sept. 24, 1966)
3. 12 Tom Gatewood, vs. Purdue (Sept. 26, 1970)
- 12 Bobby Brown, at Pittsburgh (Nov. 13, 1999)
5. **11 Golden Tate, vs. Boston College (Oct. 24, 2009)**
- 11 Jim Kelly, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 10, 1962)
7. **10 Michael Floyd, vs. Pittsburgh (Nov. 1, 2008)**
- 10 Amaz Battle, vs. Pittsburgh (Oct. 12, 2002)
- 10 Amaz Battle, vs. NC State (Jan. 1, 2003)
- 10 Tom Gatewood, at USC (Nov. 28, 1970)
- 10 Tom Gatewood, vs. Michigan State (Oct. 4, 1969)
- 10 Jim Seymour, at Michigan State (Oct. 26, 1968)
- 10 Rhema McKnight, vs. Purdue (Sept. 30, 2006)

► Tate is the first Irish wideout to surpass 100 yards receiving in three consecutive games since Derrick Mayes in 1995.

► He has eclipsed 120 all-purpose yards six times in 2009 and 14 times over his Irish career.

► The 100-yard receiving game is Tate's fifth of the season and the 11th of his career. He is alone in second place on Notre Dame's all-time 100-yard receiving games list.

Games with 100 Yards - Season

1. Tom Gatewood, Jr.	8 (1970)	1. Tom Gatewood	13 (1969-71)
2. Maurice Stovall, Sr.	6 (2005)	2. Golden Tate	11 (2007-)
3. Golden Tate, Jr.	5 (2009)	3. Derrick Mayes	9 (1992-95)
Golden Tate, So.	5 (2008)	Jeff Samardzija	9 (2003-06)
Jeff Samardzija, Jr.	5 (2005)	5. Maurice Stovall	7 (2002-05)
6. Michael Floyd, Fr.	4 (2008)	6. Jim Seymour	6 (1966-68)
Jeff Samardzija, Sr.	4 (2006)	Tim Brown	6 (1984-87)
Tom Gatewood, So.	4 (1969)		

Games with 100 Yards - Career

► No other FBS player has more 100-yard receiving games than Tate.

► Hauled in a 11-yard touchdown pass from junior QB Jimmy Clausen with 36 seconds remaining in the first half to give the Irish a 13-9 lead at halftime.

► Tate hooked up with Clausen with 8:12 remaining in the fourth quarter on a 36-yard touchdown reception to give the Irish a 20-16 lead.

► Tate now has three games this season with multiple touchdown receptions.

► The touchdown receptions were Tate's seventh and eighth of the season and the 18th and 19th of his career. He has now registered a touchdown catch in three consecutive games. Tate now stands tied with Tom Gatewood (1969-71) for fourth on the Irish all-time receiving touchdowns list.

Touchdown Receptions

1. Jeff Samardzija	27 (2003-06)	7. Jim Seymour	16 (1966-68)
2. Derrick Mayes	22 (1992-95)	8. Ken MacAfee	15 (1974-77)
Rhema McKnight	22 (2002-06)	9. Michael Floyd	12 (2008-)
4. Golden Tate	19 (2007-)	Tim Brown	12 (1984-87)
Tom Gatewood	19 (1969-71)	Bobby Brown	12 (1996-99)
6. Maurice Stovall	18 (2002-05)		

► Tate collected six passes in the opening half. He moved past Malcolm Johnson (1995-98) into 10th on the Notre Dame all-time receptions list. Tate also ranks eighth on the Irish all-time receiving yards list.

Receiving Yards - Career

1. 2593 Jeff Samardzija (2003-06)	1. 179 Jeff Samardzija (2003-06)
2. 2512 Derrick Mayes (1992-95)	2. 170 Rhema McKnight (2002-06)
3. 2493 Tim Brown (1984-87)	3. 157 Tom Gatewood (1969-71)
4. 2283 Tom Gatewood (1969-71)	4. 138 Jim Seymour (1966-68)
5. 2277 Rhema McKnight (2002-06)	5. 137 Tim Brown (1984-87)
6. 2195 Maurice Stovall (2002-05)	6. 130 Maurice Stovall (2002-05)
7. 2113 Jim Seymour (1966-68)	7. 129 Derrick Mayes (1992-95)
8. 2058 Golden Tate (2007-)	8. 128 Ken MacAfee (1974-77)
9. 1897 Tony Hunter (1979-82)	9. 120 Tony Hunter (1979-82)
10. 1759 Ken MacAfee (1974-77)	10. 116 Golden Tate (2007-)

► Tate's season is even more impressive when you consider his production increased following the injury to Notre Dame's other all-star receiver Michael Floyd against Michigan State. He has lined up at six different positions this year (X, Y, Z, RB, FB and QB) to help elude double teams. Here is a graph that compares Tate's numbers over the first two games and the first half of Michigan State (with Floyd) versus the second half of the contest with the Spartans and the last four games (without Floyd).

	Rec	Yds	TD	Rec/Gm	Yds/Catch	Yds/Gm
With Floyd	14	184	2	5.6	13.1	73.6
Without Floyd	38	663	6	8.4	17.4	147.3

► Tate recorded his first kickoff return of the season on the opening kick of the second half against USC. He returned it 24 yards. Tate totaled 62 yards on three kick returns on the day, moving him past Allen Rossum (1994-97) into eighth place on the Notre Dame career list for kickoff return yards with 909.

Kickoff Return Yards - Career		Total Kick/Punt Return Yards - Career	
1. Julius Jones	72-1678 (1999-2001, '03)	1. Julius Jones	2104 (1678, 426); 1999-03
2. Tim Brown	69-1613 (1984-87)	2. Tim Brown	2089 (1613, 476); 1984-87
3. Raghieb Ismail	46-1271 (1988-90)	3. Vontez Duff	1955 (1230, 725); 2000-03
4. Armando Allen	54-1247 (2007-)	4. Raghieb Ismail	1607 (1271, 336); 1988-90
5. Vontez Duff	47-1230 (2000-03)	5. Allen Rossum	1318 (891, 427); 1994-97
6. Tony Driver	47-1083 (1997-2000)	6. Armando Allen	1313 (1247, 66); 2007-2007-
7. Jim Stone	49-1079 (1977-80)	7. Tony Driver	1083 (1083, 0); 1997-00
8. Golden Tate	44-909 (2007-)	8. Jim Stone	1079 (1079, 0); 1977-80
9. Allen Rossum	29-891 (1994-97)	9. Golden Tate	1072 (909, 163); 2007-
10. Emmett Mosley	30-778 (1993-96)		
Clint Johnson	27-778 (1990-93)		

► Tate hooked up with junior QB Jimmy Clausen for a 45-yard touchdown pass with 5:18 to go in the third quarter to cut the USC lead to 20-14.
 ► Tate added his second touchdown reception of the game, sixth of the season and 17th of his career with 7:28 left in regulation to cut the Trojans lead to 34-27.
 ► Tate was the 12th player in Irish history to ever record 3,000 career all-purpose yards. Thanks to his 134 all-purpose yards against Boston College, Tate (3,265) now stands alone in ninth place on the Notre Dame career list. He most recently passed George Gipp (1917-20) and Johnny Lattner (1951-53).

Most Career All-Purpose Yards						
	Total	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Year (Opponent)
1. Julius Jones	5462	3108	250	426	1678	1999-2003
2. Autry Denson	5327	4318	432	273	304	1995-98
3. Allen Pinkett	5259	4131	774	-	354	1982-85
4. Tim Brown	5024	442	2493	476	1613	1984-87
5. Raghieb Ismail	4187	1015	1565	336	1271	1988-90
6. Darius Walker	4065	3249	816	-	-	2004-06
7. Vagas Ferguson	3838	3742	366	-	-	1976-79
8. Armando Allen	3358	1447	598	66	1247	2007-
9. Golden Tate	3265	135	2058	163	909	2007-
10. Johnny Lattner	3116	1724	581	307	376	1951-53

► Tate registered a career-best 275 all-purpose yards against Washington. It was the most all-purpose yards by an Irish player since Tim Brown had 294 against Boston College in 1987.

Most All-Purpose Yards In Single-Game History						
	Total	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Year (Opponent)
1. Willie Maher	361	107	-	80	174	1923 (Kalamazoo)
2. George Gipp	357	150	-	50	157	1920 (Army)
3. Tim Brown	294	15	126	21	132	1987 (Boston College)
4. Tim Brown	284	19	184	-	81	1986 (Navy)
5. Jim Seymour	276	-	276	-	-	1966 (Purdue)
6. Golden Tate	275	31	244	-	-	2009 (Washington)
Tim Brown	275	-4	72	150	57	1987 (Michigan State)
8. Raghieb Ismail	268	100	24	-	144	1990 (Miami, Fla.)
9. Vagas Ferguson	263	255	8	-	-	1978 (Georgia Tech)
10. Phil Carter	257	254	3	-	-	1980 (Michigan St.)

► Tate finished the game against Washington with a career-best 244 yards receiving on a career-high tying nine receptions. The 244 yards are the third most by an FBS receiver this season.

FBS Receiving Yards - Game				
Name, School	Opponent	Rec.	Yards	TDs
1. Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	vs. Kent State	22	278	3
2. DeMarco Sampson, San Diego State	vs. Colorado State	15	257	3
3. Golden Tate, Notre Dame	vs. Washington	9	244	1
4. Stephen Williams, Toledo	vs. Ball State	10	231	2
5. Jeremy Williams, Tulane	vs. McNeese State	10	222	2

► Tate eclipsed 200 yards receiving midway through the third quarter. He became the sixth Irish wideout to ever surpass 200 yards receiving and first since Maurice Stovall against BYU in 2005.
 ► The 244 yards receiving are the second most in single-game Irish school history and the most since Jim Seymour set the school record with 276 yards receiving against Purdue in 1966.

Receiving Yards - Game		
1. Jim Seymour	276	vs. Purdue, Sept. 24, 1966
2. Golden Tate	244	vs. Washington, Oct. 3, 2009
3. Jack Snow	217	at Wisconsin, Sept. 26, 1964
4. Bobby Brown	208	at Pittsburgh, Nov. 13, 1999
Jim Morse	208	at USC, Nov. 26, 1955
6. Maurice Stovall	207	vs. Brigham Young, Oct. 22, 2005
7. Tom Gatewood	192	vs. Purdue, Sept. 26, 1970
8. Jeff Samardzija	191	at Stanford, Nov. 26, 2005
9. Michael Floyd	189	vs. Nevada, Sept. 5, 2009
10. Tim Brown	184	vs. Navy, Nov. 1, 1986

► Tate's 27.1 yards per catch average ranked as the eighth-best in single-game Irish school history. Tate now has three of the top eight games in school history in that category.

Yards per Reception - Game (min. 4 rec.)		
1. Michael Floyd	(4 for 189) 47.3	vs. Nevada, Sept. 5, 2009
2. Jim Morse	(5 for 208) 41.6	at USC, Nov. 26, 1955 (NCAA record)
3. Golden Tate	(4 for 127) 31.8	vs. Michigan, Sept. 13, 2008
4. John Carlson	(4 for 121) 30.3	at Michigan State, Sept. 23, 2006
Rhema McKnight	(4 for 121) 30.3	at Boston College, Oct. 25, 2003
6. Golden Tate	(6 for 177) 29.5	vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), Dec. 24, 2008
Jeff Samardzija	(6 for 177) 29.5	vs. North Carolina, Nov. 4, 2006
8. Golden Tate	(9 for 244) 27.1	vs. Washington, Oct. 3, 2009
9. Tim Brown	(7 for 184) 26.3	vs. Navy, Nov. 1, 1986
10. Tony Hunter	(5 for 131) 26.2	vs. USC, Oct. 20, 1979

► Tate ripped off a 31-yard rush on a reverse on Notre Dame's first offensive play from scrimmage against Washington. The carry was the longest of his career (besting a 24-yard reverse against Michigan State in 2008).
 ► Hauled in the 67-yard touchdown catch from Clausen with 3:27 remaining in the first half to give Notre Dame a 16-14 lead over the Huskies. The 67-yard catch was the third longest of his career.
 ► Tate and Clausen connected on the first play of the second half. The play went for 77 yards to set up another Irish field goal. It marked Tate's longest career reception.
 ► Tate was used exclusively in the leprechaun formation, in place of injured Irish running back Armando Allen, against Purdue.
 ► Tate recorded a career-high nine rushes and career-high 55 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown run with 4:43 remaining before halftime to give the Irish a 17-7 lead.
 ► The touchdown run was his first of the season and the second of his career.
 ► Tate bested his previous career-highs for carries (two at Washington in 2008) and rushing yards (24 at Michigan State in 2008) in the second quarter alone against the Boilermakers. He totaled 50 yards on six carries in the quarter.
 ► Tate also made his first career appearance in the backfield as a running back and promptly raced 15 yards on Notre Dame's touchdown drive to open the second quarter.
 ► Tate totaled 128 all-purpose yards against Purdue.
 ► Tate collected a 54-yard reception on Notre Dame's touchdown drive to open the third quarter against Michigan State. The reception for Tate was the fifth longest of his Irish career.
 ► Tate eclipsed 100 yards receiving against Michigan State for the second consecutive game.
 ► Tate hauled in a 33-yard touchdown pass from Clausen to give the Irish a 33-30 lead with 5:18 to go in the fourth quarter. The touchdown grab was Tate's third of the season and the 14th of his career.
 ► Tate hauled in nine catches for 115 yards against Michigan.
 ► Tate's nine receptions are the most by an Irish player in the all-time series with the Wolverines, besting the previous high of seven set by three different players (most recently Darius Walker in 2006).
 ► Tate also tied five other Irish players (most recently junior RB Robert Hughes in 2008) with the most touchdowns in a single game against the Wolverines in the series.
 ► Tate hooked up with Clausen for his 12th career touchdown reception to bring Notre Dame within four, 14-10, early in the second quarter.
 ► Tate added his second touchdown catch of the afternoon and 13th of his career with 9:46 to go in the fourth quarter to bring the Irish within five points at 31-26.
 ► Tate totaled 203 all-purpose yards (177 receiving, 17 kick, nine punt) and three touchdowns in the 49-21 rout of Hawai'i in the 2008 Hawai'i Bowl. His 177 receiving yards and three TDs were then career-bests. One of his touchdowns went for 69 yards, which was the longest play from scrimmage on the year for the Irish and then longest of Tate's career. Tate set school bowl game records for receiving yards and receiving touchdowns.
 ► Tate ranked 28th in the NCAA FBS in receiving yards per game (83.08) and tied for 83rd in receptions per game (4.46) in 2008.
 ► Tate also tied for 16th in the nation with 10 receiving touchdowns last season.
 ► Among players with at least 4.46 receptions per game last year, Tate ranked second in the NCAA FBS with a 18.62 yards per reception average.
 ► Tate became the sixth Notre Dame wideout to ever surpass 1,000 receiving yards in a single season.
 ► Registered 223 all-purpose yards in the home finale against Syracuse on Nov. 22, 2008. He eclipsed 185 all-purpose yards in six games in 2008.

Most All-Purpose Yards In Single-Season History						
	Total	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Year
1. Tim Brown*	1937	254	910	75	698	1986
2. Tim Brown	1847	144	846	401	456	1987
3. Golden Tate	1754	37	1080	116	521	2008
4. Raghieb Ismail	1723	537	699	151	336	1990
5. Allen Pinkett	1682	1394	288	-	-	1983
6. Darius Walker	1658	1267	391	-	-	2006
7. Raghieb Ismail	1628	478	535	502	113	1989
8. Autry Denson	1627	1179	111	196	141	1996
9. Autry Denson	1604	1268	175	68	93	1997
10. Armando Allen	1549	585	355	66	543	2008

*Brown also holds season per game record at 176.1 (1937 in 11)

25 JONAS GRAY



Pontiac, Mich. (Detroit Country Day School)
 Birthdate: 6-27-90

Halfback

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Gray's Career Highs

Carries – 9, three times
Longest Rush – 19, twice
Receiving Yards – 42, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Kickoff Returns – 1, twice
Longest Kickoff Return – 5, at UNC (10.11.08)

Rushing Yards – 61, at Washington (10.25.08)
Receptions – 2, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Longest Reception – 23, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Kickoff Return Yards – 5, at UNC (10.11.08)

Gray's Season Highs

Carries – 9, twice
Longest Rush – 19, Nevada (9.5)
Receiving Yards – 42, at Purdue (9.26)

Rushing Yards – 50, Nevada (9.5)
Receptions – 2, at Purdue (9.26)
Longest Reception – 23, at Purdue (9.26)

Gray's Career Rushing Stats

Year	G-S	Att	Yds	TD	LG	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	7-0	21	90	0	19	4.3	12.9
2009	7-1	26	98	0	19	3.8	14.0
Total	14-1	47	188	0	19	4.0	13.4

Gray's Game-by-Game

2009	Rushing						Receiving					
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG		
NEV (9.5)	9	50	5.6	19	0	1	5	5.0	0	5		
at UM (9.12)	3	0	0.0	4	0	1	7	7.0	0	7		
MSU (9.19)	4	24	6.0	15	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
*at PUR (9.26)	9	18	2.0	0	0	2	42	21.0	0	23		
WASH (10.3)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
USC (10.17)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
BC (10.24)	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
vs. WSU (10.31)												
NAVY (11.7)												
at PITT (11.14)												
UCONN (11.21)												
at STAN (11.28)												

* - games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Gray registered his first career start against Purdue replacing the injured Armando Allen.
- ▶ Gray entered the contest against the Boilermakers with only two career receptions for 12 yards, but he hauled in a then career-long 19-yard reception on Notre Dame's initial drive of the game and added a 23-yard reception on the second drive of the evening for the Irish.

32 THEO RIDDICK



Manville, N.J. (Immaculata)
 Birthdate: 5-4-91

Halfback

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Riddick's Season/Career Highs

Carries – 5, Nevada (9.5)
Longest Rush – 24, at Purdue (9.26)
Kickoff Return Yards – 129, Washington (10.3)

Rushing Yards – 24, at Purdue (9.26)
Kickoff Returns – 6, Washington (10.3)
Longest Kick Return – 38, Michigan State (9.19)

Riddick's Career Rushing Stats

Year	G-S	Att	Yds	TD	LG	Avg/C	Avg/G
2009	7-0	7	43	0	24	6.1	6.1

Riddick's Career Kickoff Return Stats

Year	G-S	No	Yds	TD	LG	Avg/R	Avg/G
2009	7-0	20	476	0	38	23.8	68.0

Riddick's Career All-Purpose Stats

Year	G-S	Rush	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G
2009	7-0	43	0	0	476	0	519	74.1

Riddick's Game-by-Game

2009	Rushing						Receiving					
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG		
NEV (9.5)	5	19	3.8	9	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
at UM (9.12)	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
MSU (9.19)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
at PUR (9.26)	1	24	24.0	24	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
WASH (10.3)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
USC (10.17)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
BC (10.24)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0		
vs. WSU (10.31)												
NAVY (11.7)												
at PITT (11.14)												
UCONN (11.21)												
at STAN (11.28)												

* - games started

Riddick's Game-by-Game

2009	Kick Returns					
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
NEV (9.5)	1	23	23.0	23	0	
at UM (9.12)	1	23	23.0	23	0	
MSU (9.19)	4	107	26.8	38	0	
at PUR (9.26)	4	96	24.0	35	0	
WASH (10.3)	6	129	21.5	27	0	
USC (10.17)	2	48	24.0	31	0	
BC (10.24)	2	50	25.0	26	0	
vs. WSU (10.31)						
NAVY (11.7)						
at PITT (11.14)						
UCONN (11.21)						
at STAN (11.28)						

Tidbits

- ▶ Riddick's 23.80 yards per kickoff return ranks 62nd-best in the FBS. It also ranks as the eighth-best total of any true freshman kick returner in the nation.

Player	KR	KR Yds	TDs	Avg	Ret/Gm
Jesse Grandy, Mississippi	11	331	1	30.09	1.57
Warren Norman, Vanderbilt	23	668	2	29.04	2.88
Eric Stephens, Texas Tech	19	502	0	26.42	2.38
Eric Williams, Ball State	21	535	0	25.48	2.63
Onterio McCalebb, Auburn	11	272	0	24.73	1.38
Conner Vernon, Duke	10	246	0	24.6	1.67
Quincy McDuffie, UCF	19	458	1	24.11	2.71
Theo Riddick, Notre Dame	20	476	0	23.80	2.86

33 ROBERT HUGHES



Chicago, Ill. (Hubbard)
 Birthdate: 6-21-89

Halfback

JR

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Hughes' Career Highs

Carries – 19, Michigan (9.13.08)
Longest Rush – 45, at Stanford (11.24.07)
Kickoff Returns – 2, twice
Longest Kick Return – 15, Michigan State (9.22.07)
Receiving Yards – 32, San Diego State (9.6.08)

Rushing Yards – 136, at Stanford (11.24.07)
Rushing TDs – 2, Michigan (9.13.08)
Kickoff Return Yards – 18, at Purdue (9.29.07)
Receptions – 3, three times
Longest Reception – 25, Washington (10.3.09)

Hughes' Season Highs

Carries – 15, at Purdue (9.26)
Longest Rush – 37, Washington (10.3)
Receiving Yards – 25, Washington (10.3)

Rushing Yards – 70, Washington (10.3)
Receptions – 3, at Purdue (9.26)
Longest Reception – 25, Washington (10.3)

Hughes' Career Rushing Stats

Year	G-S	Att	Yds	TD	LG	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	11-1	53	294	4	45	5.5	26.7
2008	12-3	112	382	4	18	3.4	31.8
2009	7-0	40	180	3	37	4.5	25.7
Total	30-4	205	856	11	45	4.2	28.5

Hughes' Career Receiving Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	11-1	3	17	0	13	0.3	5.7	1.5
2008	12-3	14	93	0	15	1.2	6.6	7.8
2009	7-0	5	33	0	25	0.7	6.6	4.7
Total	30-4	22	143	0	25	0.7	6.5	4.8

Hughes' Game-by-Game

2009	Rushing					Receiving				
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
NEV (9.5)	6	20	3.3	8	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1
at PUR (9.26)	15	68	4.5	20	1	3	9	3.0	0	5
WASH (10.3)	8	70	8.8	37	1	1	25	25.0	0	25
USC (10.17)	6	17	2.8	7	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BC (10.24)	4	5	1.2	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)										
NAVY (11.7)										
at PITT (11.14)										
UCONN (11.21)										
at STAN (11.28)										

* - games started


Tidbits

- ▶ Hughes plunged ahead from two-yards out with 1:04 remaining in the first quarter to tie the score with USC, 7-7.
- ▶ It was his third rushing touchdown of the season and the 11th of his career.
- ▶ Hughes has now registered a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games.
- ▶ Hughes recorded a career-long 25-yard reception with 14:51 remaining in the fourth quarter. He added a 37-yard rush on the same drive (the second longest carry of his career). Hughes totaled 53 yards on the 93-yard drive (which resulted in just a field goal).
- ▶ Hughes scored Notre Dame's eventual gamewinning touchdown in overtime and also added the two-point conversion late in the fourth quarter to give the Irish a 33-30 lead.
- ▶ The touchdown was Hughes' second of the season and the 10th of his career.
- ▶ Hughes capped off a 73-yard scoring drive against Purdue with a two-yard touchdown plunge with 10:43 to go before halftime to give the Irish a 10-7 lead. He had just 20 yards on seven carries entering the game, but Hughes had four carries for 37 yards on the scoring drive.
- ▶ Hughes has recorded a pair of 100-yard career rushing games and one multi-touchdown game.
- ▶ Hughes took over the starting fullback duties for the injured James Aldridge.

34 JAMES ALDRIDGE

St. Louis, Mo. (Merrillville, Ind.)

Birthdate: 7-6-87



Fullback

SR

6-0

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Aldridge's Career Highs

- Carries** – 32, Navy (11.3.07)
- Longest Rush** – 43, Michigan State (9.22.07)
- Receptions** – 3, at UCLA (10.6.07)
- Longest Reception** – 11, at UCLA (10.6.07)
- Kickoff Return Yards** – 15, Syracuse (11.22.08)
- Rushing Yards** – 125, Navy (11.3.07)
- Rushing TDs** – 2, at Washington (10.25.08)
- Receiving Yards** – 18, at UCLA (10.6.07)
- Kickoff Returns** – 1, Syracuse (11.22.08)
- Longest Kickoff Return** – 15, Syracuse (11.22.08)

Aldridge's Season Highs

- Carries** – 3, Nevada (9.5)
- Longest Rush** – 9, Nevada (9.5)
- Rushing Yards** – 13, Nevada (9.5)

Aldridge's Career Rushing Stats

Year	G-S	Att	Yds	TD	LG	Avg/C	Avg/G
2006	7-0	37	142	0	13	3.8	20.3
2007	11-5	121	463	0	43	3.8	42.1
2008	12-1	91	357	3	19	3.9	29.8
2009	2-0	5	15	0	9	3.0	7.5
Total	32-6	254	977	3	43	3.8	30.5

Aldridge's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2006	7-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2007	11-5	5	30	0	11	0.5	6.0	2.7
2008	12-1	3	1	0	6	0.2	0.3	0.1
2009	2-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	32-6	8	31	0	11	0.2	3.9	1.0

Aldridge's Game-by-Game

2009	Rushing					Receiving				
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
NEV (9.5)	3	13	4.3	9	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UM (9.12)										
MSU (9.19)										
at PUR (9.26)										
WASH (10.3)										
USC (10.17)	2	2	1.0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
BC (10.24)										
vs. WSU (10.31)										
NAVY (11.7)										
at PITT (11.14)										
UCONN (11.21)										
at STAN (11.28)										

* - games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Aldridge missed the Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue and Washington games due to an injured shoulder.
- ▶ Aldridge returned from injury against USC.
- ▶ Aldridge has eclipsed 100 rushing yards in a game twice in his career and has averaged at least 5.0 yards per carry in eight contests.
- ▶ Aldridge moved to fullback in spring drills and opens training camp as the starter.

55 ERIC OLSEN

Staten Island, N.Y. (Brooklyn Poly Prep)

Birthdate: 6-16-88



Center/Guard

SR

6-5

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Olsen's Career Stats

Year	G-GS	Time
2006	8-0	20:45
2007	11-6	171:45
2008	13-13	348:12
2009	7-7	95:27
Total	39-26	636:09

Awards & Honors

- ▶ Irish Offensive Co-Captain
- ▶ Lombardi Award Watch List
- ▶ *Sporting News* Preseason Third Team All-American
- ▶ Phil Steele's #25 OG

Tidbits

- ▶ Olsen is one of four Irish captains.
- ▶ Fiesty and aggressive lineman has the second-longest consecutive games started streak on the roster and has started the third-most games of any Irish player on the roster.
- ▶ Started 26 consecutive contests (19 at left guard, seven at center) and played in 39 games in his career.
- ▶ One of the leaders of the offensive line and moves to center from left guard for his senior year.
- ▶ One of four returning starters on the offensive line and one of six linemen with starting experience.

59 CHRIS STEWART

Spring, Texas (Klein)
 Birthdate: 9-12-87

Offensive Guard SR 6-5 330

Stewart's Career Stats

Year	G-GS	Time
2006	DNP	
2007	6-0	46:44
2008	10-10	242:53
2009	7-7	75:11
Total	23-17	363:48

Tidbits

- ▶ Settled in nicely at offensive guard for the Irish in 2008 after bouncing around in different positions for his first two seasons.
- ▶ Began Notre Dame career as an offensive lineman but tried playing defensive line during spring of 2007 before returning to off-defensive line during '07 training camp.
- ▶ Played in 23 games over the past three seasons and started 17 games (10 in 2008).
- ▶ Moves from right guard to left guard in 2009 and opens the season as the starter.

72 PAUL DUNCAN

Dallas, Ga. (East Paulding)
 Birthdate: 6-18-87

Offensive Tackle SR 6-7 315

Duncan's Career Stats

Year	G-GS	Time
2005	5-0	23:45
2006	12-0	52:09
2007	12-12	301:44
2008	DNP	
2009	7-7	87:10
Total	36-19	463:48

Tidbits

- ▶ Veteran member of the offensive line and one of two players who returns for a fifth year on the offensive side of the ball.
- ▶ Enjoyed a solid spring practice and enters 2009 as the starter at left tackle.
- ▶ Started 19 of 36 career games played for the Irish including nine starts at left tackle and 10 starts at right tackle (started 12 games in 2007).
- ▶ One of six members of the Irish offensive line in 2009 with starting experience.

74 SAM YOUNG

Coral Springs, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
 Birthdate: 6-24-87

Offensive Tackle SR 6-8 320

Young's Career Stats

Year	G-GS	Time
2006	13-13	289:17
2007	12-12	310:08
2008	13-13	380:41
2009	7-7	93:21
Total	45-45	1073:27

Awards & Honors

- ▶ Irish Leadership Committee
- ▶ Outland Trophy Watch List
- ▶ Phil Steele's #4 OT
- ▶ Phil Steele Preseason Second Team All-American
- ▶ Lombardi Award Watch List
- ▶ Lindy's #7 OT

Tidbits

- ▶ Serves on the Irish Leadership Committee.
- ▶ Notre Dame's top returning offensive lineman enters his final season with the possibility of setting the school record for most starts in a career.
- ▶ Has started all 45 games of his career and is the only Notre Dame offensive lineman to have started every game since his freshman year.
- ▶ His 45 career starts are tied for fourth on the all-time list for career starts at Notre Dame. Former SS Tom Zbikowski (2004-07) and Maurice Crum, Jr. (2005-09) head the list with 48 career starts.

Name	Career Starts	Career
Tom Zbikowski	48	2004-07
Maurice Crum, Jr.	48	2005-08
Brady Quinn	46	2003-06
Ryan Harris	45	2003-06
Sam Young	45	2006-present

- ▶ Became the first Irish offensive lineman to make his debut as a freshman in the season opener since freshmen regained eligibility in 1972.
- ▶ Veteran leader of the offense has more starts under his belt than any other player on the roster.
- ▶ Started 35 games at right tackle and 10 games at left tackle in his career.
- ▶ Started his first 25 games at Notre Dame, all 13 games in 2008 and the first seven games of 2009 at right tackle.
- ▶ One of four returning starters on the offensive line in 2009.

78 TREVOR ROBINSON

Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn)
 Birthdate: 5-16-90

Offensive Guard SO 6-5 305

Robinson's Career Stats


Year	G-GS	Time
2008	11-3	190:07
2009	7-7	88:10
Total	18-10	278:17

Tidbits

- ▶ Strong, versatile offensive lineman has already appeared in 18 games early on in his Notre Dame career.
- ▶ Registered three starts as a freshman, logging 190:07 of playing time and making 23 appearances on special teams.
- ▶ Missed spring practice while recovering from an injury but opens 2009 as the starter at right guard.

82 ROBBY PARRIS

Olmstead Falls, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
Birthdate: 12-3-87



Wide Receiver


SR

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83 MIKE RAGONE

Camden, N.J. (Camden Catholic)
Birthdate: 2-18-88



Tight End

JR

6-5

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Parris' Career Highs
Receptions – 9, USC (10.17.09) **Receiving Yards** – 94, Boston College (10.13.07)
Longest Reception – 35, at Penn State (9.8.07) **Receiving TDs** – 1, twice

Parris' Season Highs
Receptions – 9, USC (10.17) **Receiving Yards** – 92, USC (10.17)
Longest Reception – 26, Washington (10.3) **Receiving TDs** – 1, Michigan State (9.19)

Parris' Career Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2006	6-0	1	7	0	7	0.2	7.0	1.2
2007	12-4	29	361	1	35	2.4	12.4	30.1
2008	7-0	9	50	0	12	1.3	5.6	7.1
2009	7-4	17	182	1	26	2.4	10.7	26.0
Total	32-8	56	600	2	35	1.8	10.7	18.8

Parris' Game-by-Game

2009	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
NEV (9.5)	1	10	10.0	0	10
at UM (9.12)	0	0	0.0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	3	16	5.3	1	6
at PUR (9.26)	1	15	15.0	0	15
*WASH (10.3)	2	46	23.0	0	26
*USC (10.17)	9	92	10.2	0	25
*BC (10.24)	1	3	3.0	0	3
vs. WSU (10.31)					
NAVY (11.7)					
at PITT (11.14)					
UCONN (11.21)					
at STAN (11.28)					

* – games started

- Tidbits**
- ▶ Parris hauled in a career-high nine receptions against USC. He also registered 92 yards receiving, which is the second-most in his career. Parris has registered four first down receptions on third down plays. In fact, of his 16 catches this season, six have produced an Irish first down on third or fourth down, including a trio of third or fourth or 10+ plays.
 - ▶ Parris had two receptions for 46 yards in the victory over Washington. He had a pair of 20+ yard catches, including a 26-yard grab.
 - ▶ Recorded his first touchdown reception of 2009 and the second of his career against Michigan State. His touchdown gave the Irish a 23-17 lead with 11:49 to go in the third quarter.
 - ▶ Parris had just one catch against Purdue, but it could not have come at a better time. He hauled in a 15-yard reception on third down and 14 to give the Irish a critical first down on their gamewinning drive in the waning minutes.

Ragone's Career Highs
Receptions – 1, Navy (11.3.07) **Receiving Yards** – 7, Navy (11.3.07)
Longest Reception – 7, Navy (11.3.07)

Ragone's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	11-0	1	7	0	7	0.1	7.0	0.6
2008	DNP							
2009	7-2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	18-2	1	7	0	7	0.1	7.0	0.4

Ragone's Game-by-Game

2009	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
*NEV (9.5)	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	0	0	0.0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	0	0	0.0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	0	0	0.0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	0	0	0.0	0	0
USC (10.17)	0	0	0.0	0	0
BC (10.24)	0	0	0.0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)					
NAVY (11.7)					
at PITT (11.14)					
UCONN (11.21)					
at STAN (11.28)					

* – games started

- Tidbits**
- ▶ Made first career start against Nevada in the season opener.
 - ▶ Has made 24 special teams appearances in 2009.

2 DARRIN WALLS



Pittsburgh, Pa. (Woodland Hills)
 Birthdate: 6-20-88

Cornerback SR 6-2 190

Walls' Career Highs

Total Tackles – 7, at Michigan (9.12.09)
Assisted Tackles – 4, Duke (11.17.07)
Interceptions – 1, twice
INT Return TD – 73, at Penn State (9.8.07)
Pass Breakups – 2, twice

Solo Tackles – 4, twice
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Navy (11.3.07)
Longest INT Return – 73, at Penn State (9.8.07)
Forced Fumbles – 1, twice

Walls' Season Highs

Total Tackles – 7, at Michigan (9.12)
Assisted Tackles – 3, at Michigan (9.12)
Pass Breakups – 1, four times
Longest INT Return – 2, at Purdue (9.26)

Solo Tackles – 4, at Michigan (9.12)
Tackles For Loss – 1.0, at Michigan (9.12)
Interceptions – 1, at Purdue (9.26)

Walls' Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2006	8-2	4	4	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1	0-0
2007	12-11	32	23	9	2.5-17	0.0-0	2	0-0	9	1-73
2008					DNP					
2009	7-5	17	11	6	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	4	1-2
Total	27-18	53	38	15	3.5-18	0.0-0	2	0-0	14	2-75

Year	No.	Kickoff			Punt			TD	LG
		Yards	Avg.	TD	LG	No.	Yards			Avg.
2006	5	84	16.8	0	28	0	0	0.0	0

Walls' Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	7	4	3	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
*MSU (9.19)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
*at PUR (9.26)	2	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1-2
*WASH (10.3)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*USC (10.17)	4	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
BC (10.24)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* – games started

Tidbits

- ▶ One of the top defensive players on the Irish roster looks to continue his growth from his first two years of action.
- ▶ Started at left cornerback as a sophomore (2007) and was used in nickel situations during freshman season (2006) before leaving school for personal reasons in 2008.
- ▶ Walls registered his first interception of 2009 and the second of his career on a key fourth down stop against Purdue.
- ▶ Set a career-high with seven tackles against Michigan. Walls also equaled his career-best total for solo stops with four.

5 MANTI TE'O



Laie, Hawai'i (Punahou)
 Birthdate: 1-26-91

Linebacker FR 6-2 244

Te'o's Career/Season Highs

Total Tackles – 10, Washington (10.3)
Assisted Tackles – 8, Washington (10.3)
Sacks – 1.0, at Purdue (9.26)

Solo Tackles – 4, USC (10.17)
Tackles For Loss – 2.5, Boston College (10.24)

Te'o's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2009	7-5	33	12	21	4.5-24	1.0-12	0	0-0	1	0-0

Te'o's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	2	1	1	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	1	1	0	1.0-12	1.0-12	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	10	2	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*USC (10.17)	8	4	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*BC (10.24)	9	2	7	2.5-10	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									


* – games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Te'o has recorded 27 tackles since becoming a full-time starter against Washington, leading the team over the three-game span.
- ▶ Te'o registered eight tackles, four solo, in the loss to USC. He has totaled 27 tackles, 9.0 per game, over his last three outings.
- ▶ Te'o recorded a career-best 10 tackles in the victory over Washington. He became the first Irish freshman to record 10 or more tackles since Ian Williams had 11 against Navy in 2007.
- ▶ Te'o registered a solo tackle on his first career defensive play against Nevada.
- ▶ Te'o collected his first career start in an Irish uniform against Michigan. He became the first Notre Dame freshman to start at linebacker since Brian Smith in 2007. Te'o picked up his first tackle for loss against the Wolverines.
- ▶ Te'o recorded his first career sack with 16 seconds left deep in Purdue territory to help secure Notre Dame's 24-21 victory over the Boilermakers.

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RAESHON MCNEIL



Cooleemee, N.C. (Davie County)
Birthdate: 12-25-87

Cornerback
SR
6-0
190

McNeil's Career Highs
Total Tackles – 6, twice
Assisted Tackles – 4, Syracuse (11.22.08)
Sacks – 1.0, at Stanford (11.24.07)
INT Return Yards – 47, Pittsburgh (11.8.08)
Pass Breakups – 3, at Boston College (11.8.08)

Solo Tackles – 5, at North Carolina (10.11.08)
Tackles For Loss – 1.0, at Stanford (11.24.07)
Interceptions – 2, Pittsburgh (11.8.08)
Longest INT Return – 43, Pittsburgh (11.8.08)

McNeil's Season Highs
Total Tackles – 5, at Michigan (9.12)
Assisted Tackles – 1, twice

Solo Tackles – 4, at Michigan (9.12)

McNeil's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				PBU	INT
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	FR		
2006	11-0	4	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0
2007	11-1	9	6	3	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	3	0-0	
2008	13-13	41	28	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	11	2-47	
2009	7-1	7	5	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0	
Total	42-15	61	41	20	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	14	2-47	

McNeil's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	5	4	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits
 ► McNeil saw his starting streak of 14 consecutive games come to an end against Michigan. He had started every game for the Irish since the season opener of 2008.
 ► Ranks 11th all-time in passes broken up following stellar 2008 campaign where he recorded the third-most breakups in a season in school history.
 ► McNeil registered the most PBU's by an Irish player since Dave Waymer had 12 in 1978.

Passes Broken Up - Season

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

► Quality special teams player for the Irish who has made 205 special-teams appearances.
 ► McNeil led Notre Dame in '08 with 11 pass breakups, including two in the victory over Michigan, and 13 passes defended (11 PBU's and two INT).
 ► McNeil recorded three pass breakups in the loss at Boston College on Nov. 8, 2008. The three PBU's were the most in a game for the Irish in the Weis era. In fact, it is the most by an Irish player since Shane Walton and Jerome Sapp each had three against Florida State on Oct. 26, 2002.

► Among returning defensive backs heading into the 2009 season, McNeil registered the 12th most passes broken up in 2008. Here is that list:

Rank	Player, School	Pos.	Cl.	GP	PBU
1.	Alterraun Verner, UCLA	DB	JR	12	18
2.	Brandon Brinkley, Houston	DB	JR	13	15
	Darian Hagan, California	DB	SO	13	15
4.	Jairus Byrd, Oregon	DB	JR	13	14
	Syd'Quan Thompson, California	DB	JR	13	14
	Traye Simmons, Minnesota	DB	JR	13	14
7.	Devin Ross, Arizona	DB	JR	13	13
8.	Joshua Moore, Kansas St.	DB	SO	12	12
	David Pender, Purdue	DB	JR	12	12
	Nick Sanders, TCU	DB	JR	13	12
	Joe Haden, Florida	DB	SO	14	12
12.	Raeshon McNeil, Notre Dame	DB	JR	13	11

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ETHAN JOHNSON



Portland, Ore. (Lincoln)
Birthdate: 12-18-89

Defensive Tackle
SO
6-4
280

Johnson's Career Highs
Total Tackles – 5, twice
Assisted Tackles – 3, Michigan State (9.19.09)
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, twice
Pass Breakups – 2, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
Forced Fumbles – 1, Washington (10.3.09)

Solo Tackles – 5, at USC (11.29.08)
QB Hurries – 2, twice
Sacks – 2.0, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
Blocked Kicks – 1, Michigan State (9.19.09)
Fumble Recovery – 1, twice

Johnson's Season Highs
Total Tackles – 5, Washington (10.3)
Assisted Tackles – 3, Michigan State (9.19)
Sacks – 1.0, Washington (10.3)
Pass Breakups – 1, USC (10.17)
Fumble Recovery – 1, twice

Solo Tackles – 3, twice
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Washington (10.3)
Blocked Kicks – 1, Michigan State (9.19)
Forced Fumbles – 1, Washington (10.3)
QB Hurries – 2, twice

Johnson's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				PBU	INT
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	FR		
2008	13-4	18	9	9	5.0-21	3.5-17	0	0-0	2	0-0	
2009	7-7	19	9	10	3.5-13	1.5-8	1	2-0	1	0-0	
Total	20-11	37	18	19	8.5-34	5.0-25	1	2-0	3	0-0	

Johnson's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	2	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	4	3	1	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	5	3	2	2.0-7	1.0-6	1	0	0	0
*USC (10.17)	2	0	2	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0	1	0
*BC (10.24)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits
 ► Johnson picked up another sack, this time assisted, in the loss to USC. He registered a sack against Washington and USC.
 ► Johnson recorded a season-high five tackles, including three solo and two for loss, in the victory over Washington. He also added his first sack of the season. Johnson even chipped in with his first career forced fumble.
 ► Johnson registered his first fumble recovery on Purdue's final drive to secure the 24-21 Irish victory.
 ► Johnson recorded his first career blocked kick on Michigan State's extra-point attempt with 1:24 remaining in the third quarter. It was the first blocked kick for the Irish since Trevor Laws blocked a Stanford field goal on Nov. 24, 2007.
 ► Came into his own toward the end of the 2008 campaign tallying seven tackles and three sacks in the final two games.
 ► Slides to defensive tackle in 2009 and opens atop the depth chart.
 ► Johnson was very active against Michigan. He registered four tackles, three solo, and one for loss.

12 ROBERT BLANTON



Matthews, N.C. (Butler)
 Birthdate: 9-7-89

Cornerback 50 6-1 185

Blanton's Career Highs

Total Tackles – 8, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Assisted Tackles – 4, Boston College (10.24.09)
Interceptions – 1, three times
INT Return TD – 47, Purdue (9.27.08)
Solo Tackles – 7, at USC (11.29.08)
Tackles For Loss – 1.0, three times
Longest INT Return – 47, Purdue (9.27.08)
Pass Breakups – 1, four times

Blanton's Season Highs

Total Tackles – 8, at Purdue (9.26)
Assisted Tackles – 4, Boston College (10.24)
Longest INT Return – 0, Nevada (9.5)
Solo Tackles – 5, at Purdue (9.26)
Interceptions – 1, Nevada (9.5)
Pass Breakups – 1, USC (10.17)

Blanton's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles					INT
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU		
2008	12-4	33	26	7	3.0-14	0.0-0	0	0-0	3	2-47	
2009	7-6	30	16	14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1	1-0	
Totals	19-10	63	42	21	3.0-14	0.0-0	0	0-0	4	3-47	

Blanton's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1-0
*at UM (9.12)	3	2	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	5	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	8	5	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	4	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	4	3	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
*BC (10.24)	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Blanton's streak of nine consecutive starts came to an end against USC, but he still recorded four tackles, three solo, and a pass-breakup in the defeat.
- ▶ Blanton returned a Curtis Painter throw 47 yards for a touchdown against Purdue on Sept. 27, 2008.
- ▶ Blanton registered a career-high eight tackles in the victory over Purdue. The eight tackles bested his previous career high of seven set last season against USC.
- ▶ Has appeared on special-teams units 63 times.

17 ZEKE MOTTA



Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
 Birthdate: 5-14-90

Safety FR 6-2 215

Motta's Season/Career Highs

Total Tackles – 3, Michigan State (9.19)
Assisted Tackles – 1, Michigan State (9.19)
Solo Tackles – 2, Michigan State (9.19)

Motta's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2009	7-0	6	5	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0

Motta's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	3	2	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Motta serves on all four Irish special teams units.
- ▶ Motta is tied with Sergio Brown for third on the Irish with six total special teams tackles.
- ▶ Motta is tied with three other players for second on Notre Dame with six kickoff return tackles.

22 HARRISON SMITH



Knoxville, Tenn. (Knoxville Catholic)
 Birthdate: 1-2-89

Safety JR 6-2 207

Harrison Smith's Career Highs

Total Tackles – 11, at Michigan (9.12.09)
Assisted Tackles – 7, at Michigan (9.12.09)
Sacks – 2.0, at Washington (10.25.08)
Forced Fumbles – 1, Boston College (10.24.09)
Rushing Yards – 35, at Washington (10.25.08)
Solo Tackles – 7, at Boston College (11.8.08)
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, at Washington (10.25.08)
Pass Breakups – 2, twice
Carries – 1, twice
Longest Rush – 35, at Washington (10.25.08)

Harrison Smith's Season Highs

Total Tackles – 11, at Michigan (9.12)
Assisted Tackles – 7, at Michigan (9.12)
Pass Breakups – 1, USC (10.17)
Solo Tackles – 5, twice
Tackles For Loss – 1.5, at Michigan (9.12)
Forced Fumbles – 1, Boston College (10.24)

Harrison Smith's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2007					DNP					
2008	13-9	57	39	18	8.5-39	3.5-26	0	0-0	7	0-0
2009	7-7	40	21	19	2.5-3	0.0-0	1	0-0	1	0-0
Total	20-16	97	60	37	11.0-42	3.5-26	1	0-0	8	0-0

Harrison Smith's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	6	5	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	11	4	7	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	7	5	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	6	4	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*USC (10.17)	4	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
*BC (10.24)	4	2	2	1.0-1	0.0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started


Tidbits

- ▶ Outstanding athlete who played in 13 games in 2008 and registered nine starts at LB.
- ▶ Opens 2009 at free safety, where he originally started his Irish career.
- ▶ Smith recorded a career-best 11 tackles against Michigan. He also chipped in with 1.5 tackles for loss.

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JAMORIS SLAUGHTER

Stone Mountain, Ga. (Tucker)
Birthdate: 12-22-89



Cornerback	50	6-0	185
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Slaughter's Season/Career Highs
Total Tackles – 3, Boston College (10.24) **Solo Tackles** – 2, twice
Assisted Tackles – 1, Boston College (10.24)

Slaughter's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles			Fumbles					
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2009	7-0	8	7	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0

Slaughter's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	3	2	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									


* - games started

Tidbits
 ▶ Slaughter is tied for sixth on the Irish in total special teams tackles (three) and kickoff return tackles (three).

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KYLE MCCARTHY

Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)
Birthdate: 9-30-86



Safety	SR	6-1	210
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Kyle McCarthy's Career Highs
Total Tackles – 15, Pittsburgh (11.1.08) **Solo Tackles** – 10, San Diego State (9.6.08)
Assisted Tackles – 8, twice **Tackles For Loss** – 2.0, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
Forced Fumbles – 1, twice **Pass Breakups** – 2, Michigan State (9.19.09)
Interceptions – 2, Boston College (10.24.09) **Longest INT Return** – 23, Nevada (9.5.09)

Kyle McCarthy's Season Highs
Total Tackles – 12, Washington (10.3) **Solo Tackles** – 7, three times
Assisted Tackles – 5, Washington (10.3) **Tackles For Loss** – 1.0, at Michigan (9.12)
Interceptions – 2, Boston College (10.24) **Longest INT Return** – 23, Nevada (9.5)
Pass Breakups – 2, Michigan State (9.19)

Kyle McCarthy's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles			Fumbles					
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2005					DNP					
2006	13-0	9	6	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2007	12-1	20	11	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	1	1-0
2008	13-13	110	64	46	3.5-12	0.0-0	1	0-0	1	2-18
2009	7-7	59	37	22	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	3	5-90
Total	45-21	198	118	80	4.5-13	0.0-0	2	0-0	5	8-108

Kyle McCarthy's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	9	7	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1-23
*at UM (9.12)	9	5	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	1-20
*MSU (9.19)	9	7	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	2	1-20
*at PUR (9.26)	10	6	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	12	7	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
*USC (10.17)	5	3	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*BC (10.24)	5	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	2-27
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits
 ▶ McCarthy is one of four Irish captains.
 ▶ McCarthy ranks tied for 12th in the FBS in tackles per game (8.43) by a defensive back. He also ranks tied for seventh in the FBS in solo tackles per game (5.29) by a defensive back.
 ▶ McCarthy also ranks tied for third among all strong safeties in the FBS in total tackles and tied for third in solo tackles per game in 2009. Here are those lists:

Total Tackles Per Game (Strong Safeties)

Name, School	Solo	Asst.	Total	TPG
Chinonso Echebelem, Tulane	42	28	70	10.00
Shamiel Gary, Wyoming	27	34	61	8.71
James Brindley, Utah St.	36	23	59	8.43
Kyle McCarthy, Notre Dame	37	22	59	8.43

Solo Tackles Per Game (Strong Safeties)

Name, School	Solo	TPG
Chinonso Echebelem, Tulane	42	6.00
Max Suter, Syracuse	38	5.43
Eric Berry, Tennessee	37	5.29
Kyle McCarthy, Notre Dame	37	5.29

▶ McCarthy moved past Jeff Burris (1991-93) into seventh place on the Notre Dame career list for tackles by a defensive back.

Tackles - Career - Defensive Back

1. Tom Zbikowski	300 (2004-07)
2. Jim Browner	228 (1976-78)
3. A'Jani Sanders	225 (1996-99)
4. David Bruton	214 (2005-08)
5. Brian Magee	206 (1992-95)
6. Deke Cooper	203 (1997-99)
7. Kyle McCarthy	198 (2005-)
8. Jeff Burris	189 (1991-93)
9. Stacey Toran	184 (1980-83)
John Covington	184 (1990-93)

▶ McCarthy recorded his first multi-interception day when he picked off two Boston College passes on Oct. 24, 2009.
 ▶ McCarthy has picked off a pass in five of Notre Dame's last nine games.
 ▶ McCarthy registered a game and team-high 12 tackles in the victory over Washington. It marked the eighth time over his career in which he has led the Irish in tackles. McCarthy has now registered 10 or more tackles in a game six different times over his career.
 ▶ McCarthy added a critical pass break-up on the game's final play of overtime. He dislodged the ball from a Washington wideout at the Irish one-yard line on fourth down.
 ▶ McCarthy recorded a team-high and game-high tying 10 tackles against Purdue.
 ▶ McCarthy still ranks tied for 15th in the nation in interceptions.
 ▶ McCarthy recorded an interception in each of the first three games this year and was the first Notre Dame player to register an interception in each of the first three games to open a season since Tom Schoen in 1966. Nationally, McCarthy was one of five players to record an interception in each of the first three games this year.
 ▶ McCarthy became the first Irish player to register interceptions in three straight games since Mike Richardson did so against Army, USC and LSU during the 2006 season.
 ▶ McCarthy recorded nine tackles and a interception for the third consecutive game against Michigan State.
 ▶ McCarthy has registered a team-best 500 special teams appearances at Notre Dame.
 ▶ McCarthy became the first Notre Dame defensive back to ever reach 100 tackles in a single season in 2008. The previous school record for tackles by an Irish defensive back was 98 by Chinedum Ndukwe (2006).

Total Tackles (Strong Safeties)

Rank	Name	Tackles
1.	Kyle McCarthy (2008)	110
2.	Chinedum Ndukwe (2006)	98
3.	David Bruton (2008)	93
4.	Steve Lawrence (1985)	92
5.	A'Jani Sanders (1999)	91
6.	David Bruton (2007)	85
7.	Brian Magee (1994)	81
	Glenn Earl (2002)	81
9.	Jim Browner (1976)	80
	Tom Zbikowski (2007)	80

▶ McCarthy ranked tied for 42nd in the NCAA FBS in solo tackles and 54th in total tackles last season.

31 SERGIO BROWN



Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
Birthdate: 5-22-88

Safety

SR

6-2

205

Brown's Career Highs

Total Tackles – 6, twice

Assisted Tackles – 2, twice

Sacks – 1.0, Stanford (10.4.08)

QB Hurries – 1, three times

Forced Fumbles – 1, Boston College (10.24.09)

Solo Tackles – 6, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)

Tackles For Loss – 1.0, three times

Pass Breakups – 2, twice

Blocked Punt – 1, twice

Fumble Recovery – 1, Michigan (9.13.08)

Brown's Season Highs

Total Tackles – 5, at Purdue (9.26)

Assisted Tackles – 2, at Purdue (9.26)

Pass Breakups – 1, twice

QB Hurries – 1, USC (10.17)

Solo Tackles – 4, Boston College (10.24)

Tackles For Loss – 1.0, USC (10.17)

Forced Fumbles – 1, Boston College (10.24)

Brown's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2006	11-0	4	3	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2007	9-0	7	4	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2008	13-6	28	21	7	2.0-15	1.0-12	0	1-0	6	0-0
2009	7-5	21	17	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	1	0-0	2	0-0
Total	40-11	60	45	15	3.0-16	1.0-12	1	1-0	8	0-0

Brown's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	2	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	5	3	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	3	2	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	3	3	0	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
*BC (10.24)	4	4	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	1	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- Exciting defensive back that burst on to the scene in 2008 after primarily playing special teams his first two years.
- Can play near the line of scrimmage and blitz effectively or drop back into pass coverage.
- Brown ranks tied for second on the team in total special teams tackles (six) and tied for first in kickoff return tackles (six).

37 MIKE ANELLO



Orland Park, Ill. (Sandburg)
Birthdate: 1-20-87

Cornerback

SR

5-10

180

Anello's Career Highs

Total Tackles – 4, San Diego State (9.6.08)

Assisted Tackles – 2, twice

Fumble Recovery – 1, Michigan (9.13.08)

Punt Block – 1, vs. Navy (11.15.08)

Solo Tackles – 4, San Diego State (9.6.08)

Forced Fumble – 1, twice

Pass Breakups – 1, at Washington (10.25.08)

Anello's Season Highs

Total Tackles – 1, five times

Assisted Tackles – 1, twice

Solo Tackles – 1, three times

Anello's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2006					DNP					
2007	8-0	6	4	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2008	12-0	23	15	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	2	1-0	1	0-0
2009	7-0	5	3	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
Total	27-0	34	22	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	2	1-0	1	0-0

Anello's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- Anello has become a fan favorite due to his innate play making ability on kickoff and punt coverage.
- Anello was named to 2009 Lott Award preseason watch list.
- Anello ranks tied for fifth on Notre Dame in both total special teams tackles (four) and kickoff return tackles (four).
- Anello joined the squad as a walk-on in 2007 and spent the entire fall camp as well as the first two weeks of the season on the scout team. After making one play after another against the Irish first team special teams unit, head coach Charlie Weis moved Anello into the starting lineup against Michigan in 2007 as a gunner.
- In that first career game, Anello proceeded to make a solo tackle on his second ever play in an Irish uniform.
- In 2008, Anello was named to the *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-District Team for District 5. He later added *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-America second team honors.
- Anello registered his team-best 23rd special teams tackle on Notre Dame's first punt against USC on Nov. 29, 2008, but was lost for the remainder of the season after breaking his leg.
- Prior to the injury, Notre Dame's opponents had a total of 72 punt (22) or kickoff (50) returns in 2008 and Anello has registered a tackle on 23 of those 72 opportunities.
- Anello recorded eight multi-tackle games in 2008.
- The special teams stalwart forced his second fumble of the season and career early in the first quarter to set up Notre Dame's first score of the afternoon against Syracuse on Nov. 22, 2008.
- Anello also got a piece of Rob Long's 25-yard punt in the third quarter to set up another scoring opportunity.
- Anello registered a pair of tackles on special teams, including one on a kickoff inside the Navy 20-yard line. Anello also blocked his first career punt that Torjan Smith scooped up and raced 14 yards for a touchdown.
- Anello continued his tear against Michigan on Sept. 13, 2008. He registered three tackles, two solo, as well as a forced fumble and fumble recovery. Anello also nearly recovered a second Wolverine fumble on a punt.
- The fumble recovery set up another Irish score to make it 14-0 early in the first quarter.
- Anello was incredible in the 2008 season opener against San Diego State. He registered four solo tackles on special teams (two on punt return coverage and two on kickoff return coverage).

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SCOTT SMITH

Highland Park, Ill. (Highland Park)
Birthdate: 7-16-86

Linebacker

SR

6-3

245

Scott Smith's Career Highs
Total Tackles – 6, Navy (11.3.07) **Solo Tackles** – 2, five times
Assisted Tackles – 5, Navy (11.3.07) **Tackles For Loss** – 1.0, twice
Sacks – 1.0, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08) **Forced Fumbles** – 1, Syracuse (11.22.08)
Fumble Recoveries – 1, USC (10.20.07)

Scott Smith's Season Highs
Total Tackles – 5, Washington (10.3) **Solo Tackles** – 2, three times
Assisted Tackles – 3, Washington (10.3) **Tackles For Loss** – 1.0, USC (10.17)

Scott Smith's Career Stats

Year	Tackles					Fumbles				
	G-S	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2005	8-0	3	3	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2006	2-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2007	12-0	18	7	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0	0-0
2008	13-0	12	9	3	1.0-3	1.0-3	1	0-0	0	0-0
2009	6-0	14	8	6	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
Total	41-0	47	27	20	2.0-4	1.0-3	1	1-0	0	0-0

Scott Smith's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	3	2	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	4	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	5	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	1	0	1	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits
 ▶ Serves as Irish special-teams captain.
 ▶ Has made team-high 45 special teams appearances in 2009.
 ▶ Logged 350 special-teams appearances at Notre Dame.
 ▶ Smith leads the Irish in total special teams tackles (seven) and kickoff return stops (six).

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DARIUS FLEMING

Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita)
Birthdate: 7-19-89

Linebacker

SO

6-1

240

Fleming's Career Highs
Total Tackles – 4, three times **Solo Tackles** – 4, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Assisted Tackles – 3, Michigan (9.13.08) **Tackles For Loss** – 3.0, at Purdue (9.26.09)
Sacks – 1.0, four times **QB Hurries** – 1, twice
Forced Fumble – 1, at Michigan (9.12.09)

Fleming's Season Highs
Total Tackles – 4, twice **Solo Tackles** – 4, at Purdue (9.26)
Assisted Tackles – 1, twice **Tackles For Loss** – 3.0, at Purdue (9.26)
Sacks – 1.0, twice **QB Hurries** – 1, Michigan State (9.19)
Forced Fumble – 1, at Michigan (9.12)

Fleming's Career Stats

Year	Tackles				Fumbles					
	G-S	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2008	13-3	24	13	11	2.5-20	2.5-20	0	0-0	0	0-0
2009	6-5	16	13	3	9.5-23	2.0-10	1	0-0	0	0-0
Total	19-8	40	26	14	12.0-43	4.5-30	1	0-0	0	0-0

Fleming's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	4	3	1	2.0-5	1.0-4	1	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	2	2	0	2.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	4	4	0	3.0-12	1.0-6	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)				DNP-injury					
*USC (10.17)	2	1	1	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	3	3	0	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits
 ▶ Fleming is 11th in the FBS in tackles for loss with 1.50 per game (9.5 total). He ranks second in the country among linebackers and is second among sophomores. Here are those lists:

Tackles For Loss (Sophomores)

Player	Pos	Cl	Gm	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	PG
Johnathan Rainey, New Mexico	DL	SO	7	11	1	92	11.5	1.64
Darius Fleming, Notre Dame	LB	SO	6	9	1	23	9.5	1.58
Robert Quinn, North Carolina	DL	SO	7	10	2	69	11.0	1.57
Jack Crawford, Penn State	DL	SO	8	9	6	60	12.0	1.50
Tom Keiser, Stanford	DL	SO	8	9	4	67	11.0	1.38

Tackles For Loss (Linebackers)

Player	Pos	Cl	Gm	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	PG
Jason Werner, Purdue	LB	SR	8	13	2	28	14.0	1.75
Darius Fleming, Notre Dame	LB	SO	6	9	1	23	9.5	1.58
Michael Morgan, Southern California	LB	JR	7	9	3	39	10.5	1.50
Navorro Bowman, Penn State	LB	SR	6	8	2	26	9.0	1.50
Derrell Smith, Syracuse	LB	SR	7	9	1	45	9.5	1.36

▶ Fleming had two tackles, including 1.5 for loss, in the defeat to USC. He had at least 1.5 TFLs in four straight games (ended vs. Boston College).
 ▶ Fleming has already totaled 9.5 tackles for loss this season, which surpassed Harrison Smith's team-leading total of 8.5 in 2008.
 ▶ Fleming missed the Washington game with a hamstring injury.
 ▶ Fleming set new career highs in solo tackles (four) and tackles for loss (3.0) as well as equalled career highs in total tackles (four) and sacks (1.0) against Purdue.
 ▶ Fleming's 3.0 tackles for loss were the most by an Irish defender since Trevor Laws had 3.0 against Purdue in 2007.
 ▶ Fleming equalled his career-high for tackles and solo tackles in a game against Michigan. He finished the day with four stops and three were solo tackles. He also added a career-best tying 2.0 tackles for loss and one sack. Interestingly enough, Fleming also had four tackles against the Wolverines in 2008.
 ▶ Fleming has the flexibility to play both outside linebacker and defensive end.
 ▶ Key special teams performer recorded second-most special teams appearances in 2008.

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STEVE FILER

Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
Birthdate: 6-4-90

Linebacker

SO

6-4

236

Filer's Season/Career Highs
Total Tackles – 4, Washington (10.3) **Solo Tackles** – 2, twice
Assisted Tackles – 2, Washington (10.3) **Tackles For Loss** – 0.5, USC (10.17)
Sacks – 0.5, USC (10.17)

Filer's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles			Fumbles					
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2008	11-0	1	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0
2009	7-0	11	5	6	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0	0
Total	18-0	12	6	6	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0	0

Filer's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	2	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	4	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	3	2	1	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0

vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Has made the second-most special teams appearances (44) for the Irish in 2009.
- ▶ Filer is tied for first in both total special teams tackles (seven) and kickoff return stops (six).

49 TORYAN SMITH

Rome, Ga. (Rome)
Birthdate: 9-14-87

Linebacker

SR

6-1

244

Toryan Smith's Career Highs

Total Tackles – 10, vs. Navy (11.15.08)	Solo Tackles – 7, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
Assisted Tackles – 3, three times	Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Nevada (9.5.09)
Sacks – 1.0, Nevada (9.5.09)	Fumble Recoveries – 1, twice
Blocked Punt Return – 1, vs. Navy (11.15.08)	Longest Blocked Punt Return – 14, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
Blocked Punt Return TD – 1, vs. Navy (11.15.08)	

Toryan Smith's Season Highs

Total Tackles – 5, Nevada (9.5)	Solo Tackles – 4, Nevada (9.5)
Assisted Tackles – 2, Washington (10.3)	Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Nevada (9.5)
Sacks – 1.0, Nevada (9.5)	Fumble Recoveries – 1, Michigan State (9.19)

Toryan Smith's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles			Fumbles					
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2006	9-0	9	6	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2007	11-2	14	6	8	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2008	10-2	18	11	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-8	1	0-0
2009	7-2	14	9	5	3.5-13	1.0-10	0	1-5	0	0-0
Total	37-6	55	32	23	4.0-14	1.0-10	0	2-13	1	0-0

Toryan Smith's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	5	4	1	2.0-11	1.0-10	0	0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	4	3	1	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-5	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
WASH (10.3)	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0

vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Recorded only career touchdown after returning a blocked punt for a score vs. Navy in 2009.

56 KERRY NEAL

Bunn, N.C. (Bunn)
Birthdate: 8-30-88

Defensive End

JR

6-2

250

Neal's Career Highs

Total Tackles – 7, Washington (10.3.09)	Solo Tackles – 5, Washington (10.3.09)
Assisted Tackles – 5, Syracuse (11.22.08)	QB Hurries – 1, six times
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Washington (10.3.09)	Sacks – 1.0, five times
Fumble Recovery – 1, twice	Pass Breakups – 1, three times
Longest Fumble Return – 11, at UCLA (10.6.07)	Interceptions – 1, San Diego State (9.6.08)
Longest INT Return – 2, San Diego State (9.6.08)	

Neal's Season Highs

Total Tackles – 7, Washington (10.3)	Solo Tackles – 5, Washington (10.3)
Assisted Tackles – 2, Washington (10.3)	QB Hurries – 1, Michigan State (9.19)
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Washington (10.3)	Sacks – 1.0, Washington (10.3)

Neal's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles			Fumbles					
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2007	12-5	20	8	12	2.0-9	2.0-9	0	2-11	3	0-0
2008	13-11	25	11	14	4.0-19	2.0-15	0	0-0	0	1-2
2009	7-3	10	7	3	3.0-14	1.0-9	0	0-0	0	0-0
Total	32-19	55	26	29	9.0-42	5.0-33	0	2-11	3	1-2

Neal's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
MSU (9.19)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
at PUR (9.26)	2	2	0	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	7	5	2	2.0-13	1.0-9	0	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
BC (10.24)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0

vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- ▶ Serves on the Irish Leadership Committee.
- ▶ One of four players from his class to have played in every game in his first two seasons (Armando Allen, Golden Tate and Ian Williams).
- ▶ Moves to defensive end in 2009.
- ▶ Entered the Washington game with only two tackles the entire season, but made a career-high seven stops, including five solo tackles, in the victory. Neal also added two tackles for loss and one sack.

58 BRIAN SMITH

Olathe, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Birthdate: 1-8-89



Linebacker

JR

6-3

240

Brian Smith's Career Highs
Total Tackles – 10, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
Assisted Tackles – 6, twice
QB Hurries – 2, USC (10.17)
Interceptions – 1, twice
INT Return TD – 25, Boston College (10.13.07)
Fumble Recoveries – 2, Michigan (9.13.08)
Longest Fumble Return – 35, Michigan (9.13.08)

Solo Tackles – 8, at Boston College (11.8.08)
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Nevada (9.5.09)
Sacks – 1.0, four times
Longest INT Return – 25, Boston College (10.13.07)
Forced Fumbles – 1, twice
Pass Breakups – 1, twice
Fumble Return TD – 1, Michigan (9.13.08)

Brian Smith's Season Highs
Total Tackles – 8, USC (10.17)
Assisted Tackles – 6, Boston College (10.24)
Sacks – 1.0, Nevada (9.5)
Longest INT Return – 10, Boston College (10.24)
QB Hurries – 2, USC (10.17)

Solo Tackles – 5, at Michigan (9.12)
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Nevada (9.5)
Interceptions – 1, Boston College (10.24)
Fumble Recoveries – 1, Boston College (10.24)

Brian Smith's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles			AT	TFL	Fumbles			INT
		TT	UT	AT			Scks	FF	FR		PBU
2007	11-3	25	11	14	4.0-16	1.5-7	1	0-0	0	1-25
2008	11-9	54	33	21	4.0-33	2.0-23	1	2-35	2	0-0
2009	7-7	40	21	19	5.0-24	1.5-14	0	1-0	0	1-10
Total	29-19	119	65	54	13.0-73	5.0-44	2	3-25	2	2-35

Brian Smith's Game-by-Game


2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	3	2	1	2.0-18	1.0-11	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	7	5	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	5	3	2	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	4	4	0	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	7	4	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*USC (10.17)	8	3	5	1.0-4	0.5-3	0	0	0	0
*BC (10.24)	6	0	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	1
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

- Tidbits**
- Fiery leader of the Irish defense plays with as much emotion as anyone on the roster.
 - Serves on the Irish Leadership Committee.
 - Smith notched both his first interception and fumble recovery of the 2009 season against Boston College. Both career interceptions have come against the Eagles.
 - Smith registered a season-high eight tackles, including 1.0 for loss and 0.5 sack. He also added a pair of quarterback hurries.
 - Smith tallied two touchdowns in Irish career, returning an interception against Boston College's Matt Ryan 25 yards for a score as a freshman and rumbling 35 yards for a score against Michigan in 2008 following a fumble recovery.
 - Smith ranked tied for 53rd in the nation in fumble recoveries in 2008.

89 KAPRON LEWIS-MOORE

Weatherford, Texas (Weatherford)
Birthdate: 1-24-90



Defensive End

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Lewis-Moore's Season/Career Highs
Total Tackles – 7, Washington (10.3)
Assisted Tackles – 4, Boston College (10.24)
QB Hurries – 2, Boston College (10.24)
Forced Fumble – 1, Michigan State (9.19)

Solo Tackles – 4, twice
Tackles For Loss – 2.0, Washington (10.3)
Sacks – 1.0, Washington (10.3)
Fumble Recovery – 1, Nevada (9.5)

Lewis-Moore's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles			AT	TFL	Fumbles			
		TT	UT	AT			Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2009	7-5	28	16	12	5.0-16	1.5-9	1	1-0	0	0

Lewis-Moore's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0	0
at UM (9.12)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	4	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	4	4	0	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	7	4	3	2.0-9	1.0-7	0	0	0	0
*USC (10.17)	5	3	2	1.5-4	0.5-2	0	0	0	0
*BC (10.24)	6	2	4	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

- Tidbits**
- Lewis-Moore made a career-best seven tackles, including four solo, and two for loss in the victory over Washington. He also added his first career sack.
 - Lewis-Moore recorded five tackles, three solo stops, 1.5 TFLs and 0.5 sack.
 - Lewis-Moore has registered at least four tackles in each of the last five games.
 - Lewis-Moore picked up his first career forced fumble midway through the second quarter against Michigan State. He stripped Spartans running back Caulton Ray.
 - Lewis-Moore also recorded a fumble recovery in the 35-0 shutout victory over Nevada in the season opener.
 - Lewis-Moore registered his first career start against Michigan State.

90 JOHN RYAN



Westlake, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
 Birthdate: 5-7-88

Defensive End SR 6-5 255

Ryan's Career Highs

Total Tackles – 7, at Michigan (9.15.07) **Solo Tackles** – 6, twice
Assisted Tackles – 4, at Penn State (9.8.07) **Tackles For Loss** – 2.0, at Purdue (9.29.07)
Pass Breakups – 2, San Diego State (9.6.08) **Sacks** – 1.0, four times
QB Hurries – 1, five times **Forced Fumble** – 1, at UCLA (10.6.07)
Fumble Recovery – 1, three times

Ryan's Season Highs

Total Tackles – 4, USC (10.17) **Solo Tackles** – 2, twice
Assisted Tackles – 3, USC (10.17) **Tackles For Loss** – 1.0, twice
Sacks – 1.0, twice **Pass Breakups** – 1, Nevada (9.5)
Fumble Recovery – 1, Washington (10.3)

Ryan's Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2006	10-0	4	2	2	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2007	12-10	39	20	19	5.0-30	2.5-23	1	0-0	0	0-0
2008	12-5	7	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	2-0	2	0-0
2009	7-4	16	7	9	2.0-13	2.0-13	0	1-0	1	0-0
Total	41-20	66	31	35	8.0-45	4.5-36	1	3-0	3	0-0

Ryan's Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
NEV (9.5)	3	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
at UM (9.12)	3	2	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	2	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1	0	0
*USC (10.17)	4	1	3	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	0	0
*BC (10.24)	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

Tidbits

- Serves on the Irish Leadership Committee.
- Ryan collected four tackles, including a sack for eight yards, in the loss to USC.
- Ryan made three tackles, including two solo stops, and added a sack against Michigan. His career-high for tackles in a game (seven) came against the Wolverines during the 2007 season.
- Veteran defensive player has played with his hand on the ground at defensive end as well as in a two-point stance as an outside linebacker in Irish career.
- Key member of several special teams units and has logged 216 special-teams appearances at Notre Dame
- Returns to defensive end in 2009.

95 IAN WILLIAMS



Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Lyman)
 Birthdate: 8-31-89

Nose Tackle JR 6-2 295

Williams' Career Highs

Total Tackles – 11, Navy (11.3.07) **Solo Tackles** – 5, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
Assisted Tackles – 9, Navy (11.3.07) **Tackles For Loss** – 2.0, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
Pass Breakups – 1, at USC (11.29.08)

Williams' Season Highs

Total Tackles – 7, Boston College (10.24) **Solo Tackles** – 2, three times
Assisted Tackles – 7, Boston College (10.24) **Tackles For Loss** – 1.0, twice

Williams' Career Stats

Year	G-S	Tackles				Fumbles				
		TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
2007	12-2	45	19	26	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2008	12-7	40	18	22	2.0-5	0.0-0	0	0-0	1	0-0
2009	7-7	21	7	14	2.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
Total	31-16	106	44	62	5.5-11	0.0-0	0	0-0	1	0-0


Williams' Game-by-Game

2009	TT	UT	AT	TFL	Scks	FF	FR	PBU	INT
*NEV (9.5)	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at UM (9.12)	3	2	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*MSU (9.19)	3	2	1	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*at PUR (9.26)	2	1	1	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*WASH (10.3)	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*USC (10.17)	2	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
*BC (10.24)	7	0	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

* - games started

35 BEN TURK

Davie, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Birthdate: 6-5-90



Punter	FR	5-11	193
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Turk's Season/Career Highs
Punts – 6, Boston College (10.24)
Long Punt – 48, USC (10.17)
Fair Catches – 5, Boston College (10.24)
Punt Yards – 196, Boston College (10.24)
Touchback – 1, Washington (10.3)
Inside 20 – 3, USC (10.17)

Turk's Career Stats

Year	Punting									
	G-S	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
2009	3-0	13	464	35.7	48	1	7	4	0	0
Total	3-0	13	464	35.7	48	1	7	4	0	0

Year	Kicking									
	G-S	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
2009	3-0	1	39	39.0	39	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3-0	1	39	39.0	39	0	0	0	0	0


Turk's Game-by-Game

2009	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
NEV (9.5)					DNP				
at UM (9.12)					DNP				
MSU (9.19)					DNP				
at PUR (9.26)					DNP				
WASH (10.3)	2	79	39.5	40	1	1	0	0	0
USC (10.17)	5	189	37.8	48	0	1	3	0	0
BC (10.24)	6	196	32.7	38	0	5	1	0	0
vs. WSU (10.31)									
NAVY (11.7)									
at PITT (11.14)									
UCONN (11.21)									
at STAN (11.28)									

- Tidbits**
- ▶ Ranked by Scout.com as third-best high school punter in 2008.
 - ▶ Turk landed three of five punts inside the 20-yard line and booted a career-long kick of 48 yards against USC.
 - ▶ Has bench pressed 405 pounds.

40 NICK TAUSCH

Plano, Texas (Jesuit)
Birthdate: 4-30-91



Kicker	FR	6-0	190
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Tausch's Career Highs
Extra Points Attempted – 5, Nevada (9.5)
Field Goals Attempted – 5, Washington (10.3)
Longest FG – 46, Michigan State (9.19)
Extra Points Converted – 5, Nevada (9.5)
Field Goals Converted – 5, Washington (10.3)
Points Scored – 17, Washington (10.3)

Tausch's Career Stats

Year	Field Goals				XP		Kickoffs			
	G-S	M-A	Pct	LG	M-A	Pct	Att	Yds	Avg	TB
2009	7-0	12-13	.923	46	20-22	.909	34	2102	61.8	0

Field Goal Breakdown

Year	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	Blkd
2009	0-0	3-4	6-6	3-3	0-0	46	--

Tausch's Game-by-Game

2009	FGA	FGM	LG	XPA	XPM	Points
NEV (9.5)	0	0	0	5	5	5
at UM (9.12)	3	2	42	2	2	8
MSU (9.19)	2	2	46	4	3	9
at PUR (9.26)	1	1	34	3	3	6
WASH (10.3)	5	5	40	2	2	17
USC (10.17)	0	0	0	3	4	3
BC (10.24)	2	2	37	2	2	8
vs. WSU (10.31)						
NAVY (11.7)						
at PITT (11.14)						
UCONN (11.21)						
at STAN (11.28)						

- Tidbits**
- ▶ Tausch equaled the school record with his fifth field goal of the game with 12:23 to go in the fourth quarter to make the score 24-22 in favor of Washington.
 - ▶ After missing the first field goal attempt of his career at Michigan, Tausch has connected on 12 consecutive field goals. It is the longest such streak by an Irish kicker since Mike Johnston made 13 straight during the 1982 season.
 - ▶ Tausch is the first Irish place kicker to register five field goals in a single game without a miss.

Most Consecutive Field Goals – Career

1. Mike Johnston	Michigan 1982 – Oregon 1982	13	
2. Nick Tausch	Michigan 2009 – Present	12	
3. John Carney	Navy 1984 – Michigan 1985	10	
4. Nicholas Setta	USC 2000 – USC 2001	9	
	Nicholas Setta	Washington State 2003 – Purdue 2003	9
	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Navy 2003 – BYU 2004	9
7. Chuck Male	Miami 1978 – Georgia Tech 1978	8	
	Chuck Male	Michigan 1979 – Michigan State 1979	8
	John Carney	Air Force 1986 – Penn State 1986	8

- ▶ Tausch connected on a pair of field goals against Michigan State for the second consecutive week. The rookie nailed a career-long 46-yard field goal with 5:34 left in the third quarter to give Notre Dame a 26-17 lead.



#23 Notre Dame 35 • Nevada 0

Sept. 5, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind. • Notre Dame Stadium



NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) - Jimmy Clausen must have felt as if he was still in paradise.

Clausen, last seen playing nearly flawless in a Hawaii Bowl victory, completed 15 of 18 passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns to lead No. 23 Notre Dame to a 35-0 victory over Nevada on Saturday.

The Irish ended a disappointing 2008 season with a 49-21 victory over Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl that provided at least some hope for the future.

A much needed one, too, with a trip to Michigan, coming off its own impressive opening victory, up next week.

Clausen started the game by completing 10 of 11 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns, highlighted by a career-long 70-yard pass for a touchdown to Michael Floyd. He bettered that in the third quarter with an 88-yard scoring pass to Floyd.

It was the third longest pass completion in Notre Dame history.

Floyd also had a 24-yard TD catch and tight end Kyle Rudolph opened the scoring with a 19-yard TD catch. The other touchdown by the Irish (1-0) came on a 1-yard run by Armando Allen Jr.

It was the first shutout for Notre Dame during the Weis era. The last shutout for the Irish was a 42-0 win over Rutgers in 2002. It was just the third time in Nevada coach Chris Ault's 25 years as coach that the Wolf Pack was shut out.

The Irish couldn't have gotten off to a much better start. The defense stopped Nevada on its first three third-down attempts and linebacker Toryan Smith stuffed Wolf Pack running back Vai Tauga for a 1-yard loss on fourth-and-1. Even highly touted freshman linebacker Manti Te'o got in on the act for Notre Dame on his first play early in the second quarter.

The Irish held the Wolf Pack to 153 yards rushing and 307 total yards.

The play of the defense against a Nevada offense that was third in the country in rushing last year had to inspire Notre Dame fans.

The play of Clausen must of had them giddy—even if it was more against a pass defense that ranked behind Hawaii's last season.

Clausen was 22 of 26 passing for 401 yards with five touchdowns in the Christmas Eve bowl victory. Nevada, which ranked last in the nation in pass defense, was just as helpless to stop him.

Kaepernick was 12 of 23 passing for 149 yards with two interceptions. He also ran for 39 yards on 10 carries. Tauga ran for 114 yards on 18 carries.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	7	21	7	0	35

Record: (0-1)
Record: (1-0)

First Quarter

8:42 ND RUDOLPH 19 yd pass from CLAUSEN (TAUSCH kick), 12-67 6:18

Second Quarter

14:54 ND FLOYD 24 yd pass from CLAUSEN (TAUSCH kick), 9-78 4:24

11:42 ND FLOYD 70 yd pass from CLAUSEN (TAUSCH kick), 2-79 0:46

1:48 ND ALLEN 1 yd run (TAUSCH kick), 8-80 3:45

Third Quarter

10:12 ND FLOYD 88 yd pass from CLAUSEN (TAUSCH kick), 4-99 1:58

TEAM STATS

	NEV	ND
FIRST DOWNS	15	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-153	41-178
PASSING YDS (NET)	154	332
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-13-2	20-17-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	56-307	61-510
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-88	1-23
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-23
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-46.6	3-40.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-49	3-35
Possession Time	26:20	33:40
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 11	6 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-21

RUSHING:

Nevada-Tauga 18-114; Kaepernick 10-39; Ball 1-0. Notre Dame-ALLEN 15-72; GRAY, J. 9-50; HUGHES 6-20; RIDDICK 5-19; ALDRIDGE 3-13; TATE 1-3; CLAUSEN 2-1.

PASSING: Nevada-Kaepernick 12-23-2-149; Lantrip 1-4-0-5. Notre Dame-CLAUSEN 15-18-0-315; CRIST 2-2-0-17.

RECEIVING: Nevada-Session 5-51; Tauga 3-38; Wimberly 2-36; Wellington 2-27; Green 1-2. Notre Dame-FLOYD 4-189; RUDOLPH 4-29; TATE 3-59; ALLEN 3-25; WALKER, D. 1-15; PARRIS 1-10; GRAY, J. 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS: Nevada-None. Notre Dame-McCARTHY, K. 1-23; BLANTON 1-0.

FUMBLES: Nevada-Tauga 1-1. Notre Dame-None.

SACKS (UA-A): Nevada-None. Notre Dame-SMITH, B. 1-0; SMITH, Toryan 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Nevada-Johnson 5-5; Amaya 7-2; Bethea 3-6; Harvey 5-3; Moch 3-3; Marshall 2-4; Frey 4-1; Agaiva 0-4; Thompson 2-1; Roy 1-2; Coulson 2-0; Madonick 1-1; Liranzo 1-0; Grimes 1-0; Silva-Purcell 1-0; Miller 0-1; Slack 0-1; Tauga 0-1; Barker 0-1. Notre Dame-McCARTHY, K. 7-2; SMITH, H. 5-1; SMITH, Toryan 4-1; SMITH, S. 2-1; GRAY, G. 2-1; SMITH, B. 2-1; RYAN 1-2; BLANTON 2-0; TE'O 2-0; SLAUGHTER 2-0; McDONALD 1-1; FILER 1-1; JOHNSON 1-1; BROWN 1-1; WILLIAMS, I. 0-2; HERRING 1-0; ANELLO 0-1; CWYNAR 0-1; FLEMING 0-1.



Michigan 38 • #18 Notre Dame 34

Sept. 12, 2009 • Ann Arbor, Mich. • Michigan Stadium



ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - Tate Forcier threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Greg Mathews with 11 seconds left, lifting Michigan to a 38-34 win over No. 18 Notre Dame on Saturday.

Armando Allen ran for a touchdown and got the 2-point conversion on a nifty Statue of Liberty play with 5:13 left after Jimmy Clausen threw his third touchdown pass to give the Fighting Irish (1-1) the lead, but their defense could not deny Forcier and the Wolverines (2-0).

He was 23 of 33 for 240 yards, two TDs and an interception. He ran for 70 yards and a score -- squirting up the middle on fourth-and-3 to put Michigan up 31-20. In the opener, Forcier threw three TDs before halftime against Western Michigan.

Forcier's 31-yard TD run on a fourth down gave the Wolverines an 11-point lead early in the fourth quarter. He threw an interception on his next drive to aid Notre Dame's comeback, but he bounced back by converting a third down with a pass before his clutch connection with Mathews in the front corner of the end zone.

Jimmy Clausen completed 25 of 42 passes for 336 yards and three TDs, but missed some throws throughout the game that proved to be costly. Tate and Michael Floyd combined for 16 catches, 246 yards and three TDs, and Michigan cornerbacks Donovan Warren and Boubacar Cissoko struggled to contain the duo all day.

After Weis spoke to his team, Clausen did.

"I told them the same thing that Coach said," Clausen said. "We have to decide how we're going to go from here."

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Notre Dame	3	17	0	14	34
Michigan	14	3	7	14	38

Record: (1-1)
Record: (2-0)

First Quarter

4:12 UM Minor 2 yd run (Olesnavage kick), 9-79 3:46

0:46 ND TAUSCH 34 yd field goal, 8-56 3:26

0:34 UM Stonum 94 yd kickoff return (Olesnavage kick)

Second Quarter

12:34 ND TATE 4 yd pass from CLAUSEN (TAUSCH kick), 7-76 3:00

7:05 ND FLOYD 11 yd pass from CLAUSEN (TAUSCH kick), 7-69 3:47

2:41 ND TAUSCH 42 yd field goal, 5-17 3:07

0:00 UM Olesnavage 39 yd field goal, 9-48 2:41

TEAM STATS

	ND	UM
FIRST DOWNS	27	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-154	38-190
PASSING YDS (NET)	336	240
Passes Att-Comp-Int	42-25-0	33-23-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-490	71-430
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-5	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-100	7-202
Interception Returns-Yards	1-20	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-40.0	5-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	9-75	6-59
Possession Time	31:25	28:35
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	5 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-9	0-0

Third Quarter

7:55 UM Koger 3 yd pass from Forcier (Olesnavage kick), 5-26 1:48

Fourth Quarter

14:16 UM Forcier 31 yd run (Olesnavage kick), 6-64 3:07

9:46 ND TATE 21 yd pass from CLAUSEN (CLAUSEN pass failed), 14-80 4:30

5:13 ND ALLEN 8 yd run (ALLEN rush), 7-36 2:29

0:11 UM Mathews 5 yd pass from Forcier (Olesnavage kick), 9-57 2:02

RUSHING: Notre Dame-ALLEN 21-139; KAMARA 1-10; TATE 1-5; CLAUSEN 2-0; GRAY, J. 3-0; HUGHES 1-0; RIDDICK 1-0. Michigan-Minor 16-106; Forcier 13-70; Robinson 4-21; Brown 4-minus 3; Odoms 1-minus 4.

PASSING: Notre Dame-CLAUSEN 25-42-0-336. Michigan-Forcier 23-33-1-240.

RECEIVING: Notre Dame-TATE 9-115; FLOYD 7-131; RUDOLPH 3-38; ALLEN 2-24; EVANS 2-15; GRAY, J. 1-7; KAMARA 1-6. Michigan-Mathews 5-68; Stonum 4-54; Koger 4-38; Brown 4-36; Odoms 3-18; Savoy 2-23; Grady 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Notre Dame-McCARTHY, K. 1-20. Michigan-None.

FUMBLES: Notre Dame-GRAY, J. 1-1. Michigan-Minor 1-0; Forcier 1-0; Brown 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A): Notre Dame-FLEMING 1-0; RYAN 1-0. Michigan-None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Notre Dame-SMITH, H. 4-7; McCARTHY, K. 5-4; SMITH, B. 5-2; WALLS 4-3; McNEIL 4-1; JOHNSON 3-1; Smith, Toryan 3-1; FLEMING 3-1; BLANTON 2-1; RYAN 2-1; WILLIAMS, I. 2-1; GORDON 2-0; BROWN 2-0; LEWIS-MOORE 2-0; TE'O 1-1; SLAUGHTER 1-0; ANELLO 1-0; MOTTA 1-0. Michigan-Woolfolk 5-3; Williams 4-4; Ezech 2-5; Warren 3-3; Brown 3-3; Cissoko 4-1; Mouton 4-1; Graham 3-0; Kovacs 2-1; Martin 1-2; Roh 2-0; Van Bergen 1-1; Floyd 1-0; North 1-0; Smith 1-0; Mathews 1-0; Sagesse 0-1; Heineinger 0-1.



Notre Dame 33 • Michigan State 30

Sept. 19, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind. • Notre Dame Stadium



NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) - Kyle McCarthy saved Notre Dame from another last-minute loss, one play after Michigan State cut the Fighting Irish a break.

McCarthy's interception at the 4-yard line with 57 seconds left sealed Notre Dame's 33-30 win after Jimmy Clausen threw for 300 yards, including the game-winning score on a 33-yard TD pass to Golden Tate with 5:18 left.

"I think this is a huge step for our guys. Not necessarily for the program, but for the guys in the locker room," said McCarthy, who has an interception in each game this season. "We deserve this win."

It was the second straight week the Spartans gave an opponent a second chance and paid for it.

Michigan State's Larry Caper slipped through the Irish defense and was all alone in the back of the end zone. Caper got his hands on it, but it was high and he couldn't pull it down.

The play was reminiscent of Tate Forcier's game-winning TD pass with 11 seconds left the week before for Michigan against Notre Dame.

"After last week, how bad everybody felt in a very similar situation in the ending of the game, to make a play to change the outcome in favor of us, I'm really, really happy for those kids in there," said coach Charlie Weis. "It's nice to see how genuinely excited they are. They feel great."

Instead, the unforced error evoked memories of Michigan State's offside penalty against Central Michigan that gave the Chippewas a second chance at the winning field goal.

"It was a little tougher than Central Michigan because it was such a big win for us," said, Michigan State receiver Keshawn Martin, who threw a 30-yard TD pass to Blair White.

The Irish held on to beat the Spartans in Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since 1993, but lost star wide receiver Michael Floyd to what may be a broken collarbone.

Floyd was hurt in the first half and Weis said the training staff told him "clavicle" and he assumes they meant that it's broken. Second in the nation with 160 yards receiving per game, Floyd finished with two catches for 38 yards.

Cousins was 23 of 35 passing for 302 yards for MSU, which was held to 105 yards rushing.

"He played well with the exception of the last throw," Dantonio said.

Cousins was under pressure from linebacker Darius Fleming when he threw the interception.

"I needed to throw the ball away or take a sack, anything to throw the ball away," he said.

Armando Allen ran for 115 yards and a touchdown and threw for another out of a wildcat formation, and Nick Tausch kicked field goals of 22 and 46 yards for the Irish (2-1), though he missed an early extra point. It was the third 100-yard game of Allen's career and his second straight.

White caught a pair of touchdown passes and Caper ran for two more as the Spartans (1-2) lost for the second straight week. It was the second time in the past nine meetings that the home team won.

Clausen was 22 of 31 and injured his right foot when he was sacked in the second quarter, but only missed two plays in the game.

Tate finished with 127 yards on seven catches.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Michigan State	3	14	6	7	30 Record: (1-2)
Notre Dame	13	3	10	7	33 Record: (2-1)

First Quarter	Fourth Quarter
12:21 ND Allen 13 yd run (Tausch kick), 4-84 1:40	9:33 MSU White 17 yd pass from Cousins (Swenson kick), 5-86 2:27
7:11 MSU Swenson 43 yd field goal, 12-43 5:10	5:18 ND Tate 33 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick), 8-73 4:15
4:59 ND Floyd 22 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick failed)	

Second Quarter	Third Quarter
9:30 MSU White 30 yd pass from Martin (Swenson kick), 4-80 1:12	11:49 ND Paris 5 yd pass from Allen (Tausch kick), 6-70 3:11
3:14 ND Tausch 22 yd field goal, 11-50 4:44	5:34 ND Tausch 46 yd field goal, 10-18 4:11
1:01 MSU Caper 1 yd run (Swenson kick), 7-81 2:13	1:24 MSU Caper 7 yd run (Swenson kick blocked), 8-70 4:10

TEAM STATS	MSU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	27	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	25-105	37-133
PASSING YDS (NET)	354	304
Passes Att-Comp-Int	40-26-1	34-24-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-459	71-437
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-0	1-5
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-23
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-154	5-125
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-20
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-45.0	3-41.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	11-99
Possession Time	25:30	34:30
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 10	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-16	0-0

RUSHING: Michigan State-Caper 12-51; Ray 3-23; Nichol 2-14; Winston 6-14; Cousins 2-3. Notre Dame-Allen 23-115; Gray 4-24; Clausen 7-minus 1; Tate 1-minus 1; Team 2-minus 4.

PASSING: Michigan State-Cousins 23-35-1-302; Nichol 2-4-0-22; Martin 1-1-0-30. Notre Dame-Clausen 22-31-0-300; Crist 1-2-1-minus 1; Allen 1-1-0-5.

RECEIVING: Michigan State-Cunningham 7-74; Dell 6-121; White 6-75; Linthicum 3-34; Ganitt 2-31; Ray 1-14; Sims 1-5. Notre Dame-Tate 7-127; Rudolph 6-95; Kamara 3-23; Parris 3-16; Floyd 2-38; Allen 2-6; Hughes 1-minus 1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Michigan State-Robinson 1-0. Notre Dame-McCarthy 1-20.

FUMBLES: Michigan State-Ray 1-1. Notre Dame-Clausen 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A): Michigan State-Pickelman 0-1; Worthy 1-0; Gordon 0-1. Notre Dame-None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Michigan State-Jones 3-6; Gordon 2-6; Ware 7-0; Hyde 4-2; Pickelman 2-4; Jenrette 2-4; Robinson 2-4; Denson 2-3; Rucker, Chris L. 2-3; Misch 0-4; Anderson 1-2; Strayhorn 2-0; Worthy 1-1; Davis-Clark 1-1; Neely 1-1; Rolf 1-0; Fortener 1-0; Cousins 1-0; Norman 0-1; Anderson 0-1; Wilson 0-1. Notre Dame-McCarthy, K. 7-2; Smith, H. 5-2; Smith, B. 3-2; Blanton 2-3; Herring 4-0; Smith, S. 2-2; Lewis-Moore 1-3; Williams, I. 2-1; Motta 2-1; Johnson 0-3; Fleming 2-0; Walls 2-0; Brown 2-0; Slaughter 1-0; McDonald 1-0; Te'o 0-1; Cave 0-1; Ryan 0-1; Cwynar 0-1; Smith, Toryan 0-1.



Notre Dame 24 • Purdue 21

Sept. 26, 2009 • West Lafayette, Ind. • Ross-Ade Stadium



WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) - With the game on the line, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis put the game in the hands of his hobbled star.

Gimpy Jimmy Clausen completed a 2-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Rudolph with 24.8 seconds to play, and Notre Dame rallied for a 24-21 win over Purdue on Saturday night.

Clausen, slowed by a turf toe injury on his right foot, split time with Dayne Crist. Though Crist directed two touchdown drives with the Wildcat offense in the first half, Clausen returned to the game when it got tight in the fourth quarter.

The Fighting Irish (3-1) took over trailing 21-17 with 3:41 to go. Clausen completed a 22-yard pass to Rudolph to move the ball to the Purdue 32, but a sack forced Notre Dame into a third-and-14. Clausen completed a 15-yard pass to Robby Parris for a first down. A 17-yarder to Golden Tate set up a first-and-goal at the 4. After three plays netted two yards, Clausen found Rudolph in the end zone on fourth down for the winner.

Clausen, the nation's No. 2 passer, wasn't himself. He completed 15 of 26 for 171 yards, and he threw his first interception of the season.

He found his rhythm in the final minutes.

It was the third straight Notre Dame game decided in the final minute. Kyle McCarthy had an interception at the 4-yard line with 57 seconds left to seal Notre Dame's 33-30 win over Michigan State last week. A week earlier, Michigan's Tate Forcier threw a 5-yard touchdown pass with 11 seconds remaining to beat the Irish 38-34.

Notre Dame played without its leading rusher and receiver. Running back Armando Allen sat out with an injured right ankle and receiver Michael Floyd was knocked out for the season last week with a broken collarbone.

Joey Elliott passed for 289 yards and three touchdowns in his best game of the season for Purdue (1-3). Keith Smith caught 11 passes and tied a career high with 136 yards.

Purdue's three losses are by a combined 11 points.

The Boilermakers (1-3) drove deep into Notre Dame territory late in the third quarter and began the fourth quarter trailing by 10 with the ball at the Notre Dame 15. Elliott completed a slant pass to Smith for a 3-yard touchdown, and the Boilermakers cut Notre Dame's lead to 17-14.

Purdue got another chance with just under six minutes to play. Jaycen Taylor took a play-action fake out of the backfield, caught a pass in the flat from Elliott and raced untouched for a 38-yard touchdown that gave Purdue a 21-17 lead with just under four minutes to play.

Purdue didn't deny the importance of the game, saying all week that the rivalry had special meaning. The Boilermakers wore all-black uniforms for the first time since Oct. 21, 2006 against Wisconsin and the "Purdue" in the end zones were painted black with a gold outline instead of gold with a black outline.

But Clausen sent the Purdue home fans disappointed.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Notre Dame	3	14	0	7	24 Record: (3-1)
Purdue	7	0	0	14	21 Record: (1-3)

First Quarter	Second Quarter
11:53 PUR Valentin 36 yd pass from Elliott (Wiggs kick), 8-80 3:07	10:43 ND Hughes 2 yd run (Tausch kick), 9-73 4:07
2:23 ND Tausch 34 yd field goal, 10-60 3:57	4:43 ND Tate 14 yd run (Tausch kick), 7-62 3:49

Fourth Quarter
13:41 PUR Smith 3 yd pass from Elliott (Wiggs kick), 10-59 3:21
3:41 PUR Taylor 38 yd pass from Elliott (Wiggs kick), 5-69 2:15
0:25 ND Rudolph 2 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick), 12-72 3:16

TEAM STATS	ND	PUR
FIRST DOWNS	23	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	43-167	26-74
PASSING YDS (NET)	216	289
Passes Att-Comp-Int	36-20-1	38-22-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	79-383	64-363
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-16	2-49
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-96	5-86
Interception Returns-Yards	1-2	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-37.8	5-37.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-41	13-103
Possession Time	34:25	25:35
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 15	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-18	4-21

RUSHING: Notre Dame-Hughes 15-68; Tate 9-55; Riddick 1-24; Gray, Jonas 9-18; Crist 4-16; TEAM 1-minus 1; Clausen 4-minus 13. Purdue-Bolden 17-67; Taylor 2-6; Smith 1-6; Valentin 1-1; Elliott 5-minus 6.

PASSING: Notre Dame-Clausen 15-26-1-171; Crist 5-10-0-45. Purdue-Elliott 22-38-1-289.

RECEIVING: Notre Dame-Tate 5-57; Rudolph 4-52; Kamara 3-20; Hughes 3-9; Gray, Jonas 2-42; Parris 1-15; Evans 1-12; Burger 1-9. Purdue-Smith 11-136; Adams 4-26; Carlos 2-27; Taylor 1-38; Valentin 1-36; Adams 1-11; Smith 1-9; Bolden 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Notre Dame-Walls 1-2. Purdue-Pender 1-0.

FUMBLES: Notre Dame-None. Purdue-Valentin 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Notre Dame-Fleming 1-0; Te'o 1-0. Purdue-Werner 2-0; Gooden 1-0; Kerrigan 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Notre Dame-McCarthy 6-4; Blanton 5-3; Brown 3-2; Lewis-Moore 4-0; Smith, B. 4-0; Fleming 4-0; Smith, T. 2-0; Neal 2-0; Ryan 2-0; Williams, I. 1-1; Walls 1-1; Smith, H. 0-2; Rudolph 1-0; Gray, G. 1-0; Anello 1-0; Te'o 1-0; Smith, S. 1-0; Posluszny 1-0; Maust 1-0; Johnson 1-0; Filer 0-1. Purdue-McLean 7-3; Holland 4-6; Kerrigan 5-3; Werner 6-1; Williams 4-3; Carlino 3-3; King 4-0; Evans 3-1; Pender 2-1; Short 1-2; Beckford 2-0; Maci 2-0; Gooden 1-1; Higgs 0-2; Wolf 1-0; Brown 1-0; Wiggs 1-0; Mondek 1-0.



Notre Dame 37 • Washington 30 (ot)

Oct. 3, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind. • Notre Dame Stadium



NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) - Notre Dame waited even later than the last minute to pull out this finish.

Robert Hughes scored on a 1-yard run in overtime and safeties Harrison Smith and Kyle McCarthy jarred the ball loose from Washington receiver D'Andre Goodwin near the goal line on fourth-and-19 as the Fighting Irish beat the Huskies 37-30 Saturday.

It was the fourth straight game decided in the final 60 seconds for the Irish, the last three of which were wins.

The Irish (4-1) stayed in it with a pair of goal-line stands in the second half.

The first was late in the third quarter when the Irish held the Huskies (2-3) for no points on two plays from the 1-yard line on a pair of keepers by Jake Locker. Locker gained a half yard on the first play, but was stopped by Brian Smith and McCarthy. On fourth-and-goal from the 1, Locker lost a half yard when Kerry Neal and Harrison Smith stopped him.

Chris Polk appeared to give the Huskies a 30-22 lead with a 6-yard TD run with 7:07 left, but after a review he was ruled down on the half-yard line.

The Huskies couldn't advance the ball on three tries, but got a fresh set of downs when Notre Dame nose tackle Ian Williams was called for roughing the snapper on the field goal attempt. The Huskies couldn't get it in on the next three plays either, with Locker being stuffed for no gain from the 1. Erik Folk kicked a 24-yard field goal to cap the 19-play drive that ate up 9 minutes and 19 seconds on the clock.

Jimmy Clausen was 23 of 31 passing for a career-high 422 yards, the fifth highest passing yardage in five seasons under coach Charlie Weis. He had a 67-yard TD pass to Golden Tate, a 77-yard pass to Tate that set up a field goal and a 12-yard TD pass to Kyle Rudolph with 80 seconds left to give Notre Dame a 30-27 lead.

Folk kicked a 37-yard field goal with 6 seconds left to tie the game at 30.

Golden Tate caught nine passes for a career-high 244 yards and a touchdown. He set up Hughes' TD run with a 22-yard catch on the first play in overtime.

Locker was 22 of 40 passing for 281 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for a touchdown, but couldn't come up with the big play in overtime as he had three incomplete passes and was sacked for a 9-yard loss.

Nick Tausch tied a Notre Dame record with five field goals as Washington's defense repeatedly held the Irish out of the end zone.

Linebacker Manti Te'o, a highly rated recruit playing extensively for the first time, finished with 10 tackles.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score	
Washington	7	10	7	6	0	30	Record: (2-3)
Notre Dame	3	13	3	11	7	37	Record: (4-1)

First Quarter

10:10 UW Locker 5 yd run (Folk kick), 9-56 4:50
7:11 ND Tausch 34 yd field goal, 7-49 2:59

Second Quarter

14:08 ND Tausch 40 yd field goal, 10-58 5:27
7:20 ND Tausch 34 yd field goal, 10-72 4:42
4:39 UW Trufant 17 yd fumble recovery (Folk kick)
3:27 ND Tate 67 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick), 3-78 1:12
0:00 UW Folk 40 yd field goal, 5-53 0:51

Third Quarter

12:51 ND Tausch 21 yd field goal, 5-76 2:09
8:57 UW Kearse 8 yd pass from Locker (Folk kick), 9-64 3:54

Fourth Quarter

12:23 ND Tausch 24 yd field goal, 9-93 3:14
3:04 UW Folk 24 yd field goal, 19-69 9:19
1:20 ND Rudolph 12 yd pass from Clausen (Hughes rush), 5-63 1:44
0:06 UW Folk 37 yd field goal, 9-70 1:14

Overtime

15:00 ND Hughes 1 yd run (Tausch kick), 2-25 0:00

TEAM STATS

	UW	ND
FIRST DOWNS	25	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	39-176	29-108
PASSING YDS (NET)	281	422
Passes Att-Comp-Int	40-22-0	31-23-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	79-457	60-530
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-17	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-147	6-129
Interception Returns-Yards	1-10	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-40.5	2-39.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	13-82	6-43
Possession Time	32:23	27:37
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 17	2 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-19	3-22

RUSHING: Washington-Polk 22-136; Locker 16-33; Fogerson 1-7. Notre Dame-Hughes 8-70; Allen 12-39; Tate 1-31; Clausen 8-minus 32.

PASSING: Washington-Locker 22-40-0-281. Notre Dame-Clausen 23-31-1-422.

RECEIVING: Washington-Kearse 8-94; Middleton 4-33; Goodwin 3-65; Johnson 2-59; Fogerson 2-16; Polk 2-9; Homer 1-5. Notre Dame-Tate 9-244; Rudolph 4-53; Evans 4-34; Allen 3-20; Parris 2-46; Hughes 1-25.

INTERCEPTIONS: Washington-Butler 1-10. Notre Dame-None.

FUMBLES: Washington-Locker 1-1. Notre Dame-Clausen 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Washington-Dennison 1-0. Notre Dame-Johnson 1-0; Lewis-Moore 1-0; Neal 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Washington-Williams 5-3; Dennison 5-3; Trufant 5-1; Richardson 4-1; Foster 2-3; Gage 2-2; Walker 2-2; Butler 2-1; Glenn 1-2; Folk 0-3; Ta'amu 1-1; Te'o-Nesheim 1-1; Fellner 1-1; Wiggs 0-2; Matthews 1-0; Long 0-1; Elisara 0-1. Notre Dame-McCarthy 7-5; Te'o 2-8; Neal 5-2; Smith, B. 4-3; Lewis-Moore 4-3; Smith, H. 4-2; Johnson 3-2; Smith, S. 2-3; Filer 2-2; Blanton 2-2; Brown 2-1; Ryan 1-1; Williams, I. 0-2; Smith, T. 0-2; Motta 1-0; Allen 1-0; Anello 1-0; Walls 1-0; Slaughter 1-0; Herring 1-0; Mullen 0-1; Burger 0-1; McNeil 0-1; Gordon 0-1.



#6/5 USC 34 • #25/25 Notre Dame 27

Oct. 17, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind. • Notre Dame Stadium



NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) - Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen nearly executed another thrilling fourth-quarter rally, but came up four yards short as No. 6 Southern California held on for a 34-27 victory against No. 25 Notre Dame.

Notre Dame's streak of last-minute victories ended at three, but the Fighting Irish (4-2) at least showed they could compete with their longtime rivals this season.

USC had dominated Notre Dame and coach Charlie Weis the past three seasons and led 34-14 in the fourth quarter Saturday. The Fighting Irish seemed on their way to the type of lopsided loss that would have their supporters grumbling about Weis again.

Instead, Clausen and the Irish rallied back, but couldn't score into the same end zone where the Trojans (5-1) famously scored four years ago on the Bush Push, which gave Reggie Bush, Matt Leinart and USC a 34-31 victory in Weis' first season.

On Clausen's first pass into the end zone, Kyle Rudolph made juggling catch but was out of bounds. The second was knocked down by Josh Pinkard and the Trojans started celebrating thinking the game was over.

Clausen and USC quarterback Matt Barkley, pals from southern California, even exchanged what they thought was a post-game handshake.

But the officials ruled there was 1 second left. Clausen fired to Duval Kamara, who slipped and couldn't get a hand on it.

Barkley was 19 for 29 for 380 yards and two touchdowns to Damian Williams, who had four catches for 108 yards. Anthony McCoy had five catches for 153 yards.

The Trojans appeared to be on the verge of blowing the game open when Joe McKnight dove in for a TD early in the fourth quarter.

The Irish closed to 34-27 midway through the fourth quarter on a 2-yard TD run by Clausen and a 15-yard TD pass from Clausen to Golden Tate after an interception by Irish cornerback Gary Gray.

Clausen was 24-of-43 passes for 260 yards and two touchdown passes while facing a strong USC pass rush. He threw the ball away five times and was sacked five times. And in the end, he gave Notre Dame a chance, which is far more than the Irish have had in recent years against Carroll's mighty Trojans. In the previous three meetings, USC outscored Notre Dame 120-27.

Tate had eight catches for 117 yards. The Irish also got a 25-yard completion on a fake field goal attempt by holder Eric Maust that set up another touchdown.

The Irish were aided in their final drive by a couple of penalties by USC. Robby Parris caught a 13-yard pass on fourth down to the USC 16, but All-American Taylor Mays was called for a personal foul on the hit to Parris. That got the ball to the 8. Then Malik Jackson was called two plays later for roughing the passer, placing the ball on the 4.

But the Irish couldn't get the game to overtime and USC celebrated its 10th straight win against a ranked opponent.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
USC	7	6	14	7	34	Record: (5-1)
Notre Dame	7	0	7	13	27	Record: (4-2)

First Quarter

8:47 USC Williams 20 yd pass from Barkley (Congdon kick), 5-88 2:09
1:04 ND Hughes 2 yd run (Tausch kick), 9-56 3:45

Second Quarter

12:44 USC Congdon 24 yd field goal, 11-80 3:20
7:10 USC Congdon 37 yd field goal, 10-53 4:31

Third Quarter

7:29 USC Williams 41 yd pass from Barkley (Congdon kick), 6-73 2:37
5:18 ND Tate 45 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick), 4-78 2:11
2:35 USC Bradford 3 yd run (Congdon kick), 5-73 2:43

Fourth Quarter

13:33 USC McKnight 1 yd run (Congdon kick), 6-66 2:02
11:13 ND Clausen 2 yd run (Tausch kick blocked), 7-68 2:20
7:28 ND Tate 15 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick), 3-13 1:27

TEAM STATS

	USC	ND
FIRST DOWNS	21	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-121	31-82
PASSING YDS (NET)	380	285
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-19-1	44-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-501	75-367
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	1-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-68	6-124
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-30
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-38.2	5-37.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	4-38
Possession Time	28:49	31:11
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 13	5 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-24	3-18

RUSHING: USC-McKnight 19-79; Bradford 8-45; Williams 1-9; Havili 1-5; Barkley 4-minus 17. Notre Dame-Allen 12-51; Hughes 6-17; Goodman 1-13; Tate 1-3; Aldridge 2-2; Clausen 9-minus 4.

PASSING: USC-Barkley 19-29-1-380. Notre Dame-Clausen 24-43-0-260; Maust 1-1-0-25.

RECEIVING: USC-McCoy 5-153; Williams 4-108; Butler 2-32; Ellison 2-23; Ausberry 2-14; Havili 1-19; Johnson 1-13; Ayles 1-10; McKnight 1-8. Notre Dame-Parris 9-92; Tate 8-117; Rudolph 3-9; Allen 2-35; Kamara 2-23; Goodman 1-9.

INTERCEPTIONS: USC-None. Notre Dame-Gray 1-30.

FUMBLES: USC-Gable 1-0. Notre Dame-Tate 1-0; Goodman 1-0; Rudolph 1-0; Parris 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A): USC-Griffin 2-0; Perry 2-0; Horton 1-0. Notre Dame-Ryan 1-0; Filer 0-1; Lewis-Moore 0-1; Smith, B. 0-1; Johnson 0-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): USC-Casey 3-7; Mays 1-9; Galippo 1-8; Morgan 3-3; Thomas 3-2; Smith 1-4; Perry 3-1; Pinkard 2-2; Griffen 2-2; Horton 1-2; Harris 1-2; Bryant 2-0; McAllister 2-0; Armstead 1-1; Jones 1-1; Horton 0-2; Cumming 1-0; Byers 1-0; McDonald 0-1; Ellison 0-1; Harris 0-1; Jackson 0-1; Kennard 0-1; Green 0-1; Shoemate 0-1; Harfman 0-1. Notre Dame-Te'o 4-4; Smith, B. 3-5; Gray, G. 2-4; McCarthy, K. 3-2; Lewis-Moore 3-2; Blanton 3-1; Walls 2-2; Ryan 1-3; Smith, H. 1-3; Brown 3-0; Filer 2-1; Williams, I. 2-0; Fleming 1-1; Johnson 0-2; Smith, S. 1-0; Motta 1-0.



Notre Dame 20 • Boston College 16
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NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) - Golden Tate caught 11 passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns to lead Notre Dame to a 20-16 victory over Boston College on Saturday, ending a six-game losing streak to the Eagles.

Notre Dame (5-2) came up with three interceptions in the second half, the final one with 98 seconds left. The last five games the Fighting Irish had played were decided in the final minute.

The Eagles (5-3) repeatedly beat the Notre Dame defense as Dave Shinskie threw for a season-high 279 yards and a touchdown, but the Irish came up with big plays, including two interceptions by Kyle McCarthy. BC had five turnovers, while the Irish had none.

Jimmy Clausen was 26 of 39 passing for 246 yards for Notre Dame.

It appeared for a while the 25-year-old Shinskie would become the third freshman quarterback to beat the Irish this season, joining Michigan's Tate Forcier and USC's Matt Barkley. While the BC running game struggled again on the road, finishing with 70 yards on 29 carries, Shinskie repeatedly found open receivers. BC looked much better than the team that came into the game with the nation's 106th ranked passing offense, averaging 171 yards a game.

Notre Dame coaches talked during the week about the need for the Irish to cutdown on the number of big plays they had been giving up, especially against the pass. Shinskie threw 10 passes of 20 or more yards and had a 15-yard run.

BC had a chance to take control after scoring on its first possession of the first half to take a 16-13 lead, but the Irish defense came up big at key times. First the Irish forced a fumble by Montel Harris at their 1 on BC's second possession of the second half. It was the second lost fumble by Harris, who came into the game with a streak of 356 touches without a fumble.

Then on BC's next possession, McCarthy intercepted a pass by Shinskie at the Notre Dame 23.

McCarthy came up with another interception at the Notre Dame 26 with 4:23 left, that could have sealed the win. But the Irish offense went three-and-out and BC got the ball back at its own 32. On fourth-and-16, Shinskie completed a 28-yard pass to Rich Gunnell, who had 10 catches for 179 yards. On the next play, McCarthy was called for pass interference on a pass to Justin Jarvis.

Two plays later, Irish linebacker Brian Smith made the final interception.

The BC defense contributed as well, tallying a safety in the first quarter and stopping the Irish on a fourth-and-goal from the one-yard line early in the fourth quarter.

Boston College took the lead when Shinskie threw a 7-yard TD pass to Gunnell with 4:40 left in the second quarter. The Eagles had been outscored 53-0 at Clemson and at Virginia Tech in the first three quarters.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Boston College	2	7	7	0	16
Notre Dame	3	10	0	7	20

First Quarter

10:08 ND Tausch 37 yd field goal, 10-53 4:52

7:42 BC Ramella safety

Second Quarter

8:44 ND Tausch 34 yd field goal, 10-36 2:31

4:40 BC Gunnell 7 yd pass from Shinskie (Aponavicius kick), 9-68 4:04

0:36 ND Tate 11 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick), 12-74 4:04

Third Quarter

12:14 BC Harris 2 yd run (Aponavicius kick), 6-56 2:46

Fourth Quarter

8:12 ND Tate 36 yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick), 3-49 1:04

TEAM STATS

	BC	ND
FIRST DOWNS	16	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-70	37-106
PASSING YDS (NET)	279	246
Passes Att.-Comp-Int	35-17-3	39-26-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	64-349	76-352
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-117	3-51
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-37
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-42.0	6-32.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	8-82
Possession Time	27:12	32:48
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 13	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-15	0-0

RUSHING: Boston College-Harris 22-38; Shinskie 3-19; McCluskey 3-15; Team 1-minus 2. Notre Dame-Allen 21-98; Gray 1-6; Hughes 4-5; Maust 1-4; Clausen 6-1; Tate 1-minus 2; Team 3-minus 6.

PASSING: Boston College-Shinskie 17-35-3-279. Notre Dame-Clausen 26-39-0-246.

RECEIVING: Boston College-Gunnell 10-179; Larmond, Jr. 3-61; Pantale 1-22; Jarvis 1-21; Anderson 1-2; Harris 1-minus 6. Notre Dame-Tate 11-128; Kamara 7-60; Goodman 3-22; Toma 2-13; Rudolph 1-11; Allen 1-9; Parris 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Boston College-None. Notre Dame-McCarthy 2-27; Smith, B. 1-10.

FUMBLES: Boston College-Harris 3-2. Notre Dame-None.

SACKS (UA-A): Boston College-Ramella 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Boston College-Kuechly 7-7; Fletcher 3-6; Gause 5-3; Morrissey 3-5; Bowman 3-5; Albright 2-5; Rollins 5-1; McLaughlin 1-4; Davis 1-4; Ramsey 0-4; Ramella 1-2; Jarvis 2-0; Rossi 1-1; Thompson 0-1; Newman 0-1; Finch 0-1. Notre Dame-Te'o 2-7; Williams, I. 0-7; Lewis-Moore 2-4; Smith, B. 0-6; McCarthy, K. 2-3; Brown 4-0; Smith, H. 2-2; Blanton 0-4; Fleming 3-0; Slaughter 2-1; Gordon 1-1; Gray, G. 1-1; Walls 1-0; McNeil 1-0; Cwynar 0-1; Neal 0-1; Filer 0-1; Herring 0-1; Ryan 0-1; Anello 0-1; McDonald 0-1; Johnson 0-1.

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. Navy, 2007 (63)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:vs. Navy, 2008 (51)
 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:vs. Navy, 2007 (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 400-499 yards:vs. Washington, 2009 (422)
 Had 300-399 yards:vs. Michigan State, 2009 (304)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. USC, 2009 (43)
 Had 30-39 pass attempts:vs. Boston College, 2009 (39)
 Had 25-29 pass completions:vs. Boston College, 2009 (26)
 Had 20-24 pass completions:vs. USC, 2009 (24)
 Had six or more passing TDs:vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had five or more passing TDs:vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (5)
 Had four or more passing TDs:vs. Nevada, 2009 (4)
 Had three or more passing TDs:at Michigan, 2009 (3)
 Had five or more passes intercepted:vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four or more passes intercepted:at Boston College, 2008 (4)
 Had three or more passes intercepted:at Boston College, 2008 (4)

Receiving

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:
at Michigan, 2009 (Golden Tate - 115, Michael Floyd - 131)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:
vs. Washington, 2009 (Golden Tate - 244)
 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:
vs. Michigan State, 2009 (Jimmy Clausen - 300, Armando Allen - 115)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:
vs. Michigan State, 2009 (Golden Tate - 127 receiving; Armando Allen - 115 rush)

Total Offense

Had 600 or more yards total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (663)
 Had 500-599 yards total offense:vs. Washington, 2009 (530)
 Had 400-499 yards total offense:vs. Michigan State, 2009 (437)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:vs. Navy, 2007 (90)
 Had 75-84 plays total offense:vs. Boston College, 2009 (76)

Scoring

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50-59 points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40-49 points:vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (49)
 Scored 30-39 points:vs. Washington, 2009 (37 - ot)
 Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50-59 points:at Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40-49 points:vs. Air Force, 2007 (41)
 Allowed 30-39 points:vs. USC, 2009 (34)
 Was held scoreless:at Boston College, 2008 (17-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:USC, 2007 (38-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Boston College, 2008 (17-0)
 Was held without offensive touchdown:at USC, 2008 (38-3)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Nevada, 2009 (35-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Nevada, 2009 (35-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)

Held opponent without offensive touchdown:
vs. Nevada, 2009 (35-0)

Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:
vs. Maryland (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)

Held two or more opponents scoreless in a season:
2002 vs. Maryland (22-0) vs. Rutgers (42-0)

Held three or more opponents scoreless in a season:
1976 vs. Purdue (23-0) at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)

Held four or more 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 or more 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 or more 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. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (Golden Tate - 3, Armando Allen - 2)

Turnovers

Did not commit a turnover:vs. Boston College, 2009
 Committed six or more turnovers:vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
 Committed five turnovers:at Boston College, 2008 (5)
 Lost four or more fumbles:vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
 Lost three fumbles:at North Carolina, 2008 (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways:vs. Michigan, 2008 (6)
 Recorded five takeaways:vs. Boston College, 2009 (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. Purdue, 2008 (1)
(Robert Blanton - 47 yards)

Returned a fumble for a TD:vs. Michigan, 2008 (1)
(Brian Smith - 35 yards)

Defense

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (32)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:at Boston College, 2008 (79)
 Held opponent to 201-300 yards total offense:
vs. Navy, 2008 (242)
 Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense:at Washington, 2008 (124)
 Intercepted five or more passes:vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
 Intercepted four passes:at UCLA, 2007 (4)
 Intercepted three passes:vs. Boston College, 2009 (3)
 Scored a safety:at Stanford, 2003
 Recorded nine or more sacks:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
 Recorded eight sacks:vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (8)
 Recorded seven sacks:at Stanford, 2005 (7)
 Recorded six sacks:vs. Navy, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five sacks:vs. Stanford, 2008 (5)
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:
at Washington, 2008 (8)

Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD:vs. North Carolina, 2006
(Tom Zbikowski, 52 yards)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:vs. Navy, 2008
(Toryan Smith, 14 yards)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008
(Armando Allen, 96 yards)

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Returned a blocked FG for a TD.....at Air Force, 2006
(Terrail Lambert, 76 yards)
 Blocked a punt:vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008
(Sergio Brown)
 Punted 10 or more times:USC, 2007 (10)
 Did not punt:at Washington, 2008
 Blocked a field goal:vs. Boston College, 2007
 Had a field goal blocked:at Purdue, 2007
 Blocked a PAT kick:vs. Michigan State, 2009
 Scored on a blocked PAT attempt:vs. Texas, 1995
 Missed a kicking PAT:vs. Michigan State, 2009
 Had a kicking PAT blocked:vs. USC, 2009
 Had a punt blocked:at Boston College, 2008

Miscellaneous

Had 30 or more first downs:vs. Purdue, 2006 (33)
 Had 20-29 first downs:vs. Boston College, 2009 (22)
 Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
 Had 10 or more penalties:vs. Michigan State, 2009 (11)
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:vs. Navy, 2008 (35:33)
 Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
 Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Washington, 2009 (W, 37-30)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER

Rushing

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Never
 Rushed for 250-299 yards:Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)
 Rushed for 200-249 yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
 Rushed for 175-199 yards:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (186)
 Rushed for 150-174 yards:Darius Walker vs. Army, 2006 (162)
 Rushed for 125-149 yards:Armando Allen at Michigan, 2009 (139)
 Rushed for 100-124 yards:Armando Allen vs. Michigan State, 2009 (115)
 Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards:Carlyle Holiday
at Boston College, 2001 (109)
 Rushed 40 or more times:Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)
 Rushed 35-39 times:Julius Jones vs. BYU, 2003 (35)
 Rushed 30-34 times:James Aldridge vs. Navy, 2007 (32)
 Rushed 25-29 times:Darius Walker vs. Stanford, 2006 (25)
 Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
 Rushed for three TDs:Travis Thomas vs. Navy, 2007 (3)
 Rushed for two TDs:Robert Hughes vs. Michigan, 2008 (2)
 Had a run of 80 yards or more:
Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
 Had a run of 70-79 yards:Arnaz Battle vs. Kansas, 1999 (74)
 Had a run of 60-69 yards:Brady Quinn at USC, 2006 (60)
 Had a run of 50-59 yards:Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

Passing

Passed for 500 or more yards:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
 Passed for 400-499 yards:Jimmy Clausen vs. Washington, 2009 (422)
 Passed for 300-399 yards:Jimmy Clausen vs. Michigan State, 2009 (300)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Attempted 40-49 passes:Jimmy Clausen vs. USC, 2009 (43)
 Attempted 30-39 passes:Jimmy Clausen vs. Boston College, 2009 (39)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Jimmy Clausen at North Carolina, 2008 (31)
 Completed 20-29 passes:Jimmy Clausen vs. Boston College, 2009 (26)
 Threw six TDs:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Threw five or more TDs:Jimmy Clausen vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (5)
 Threw four or more TDs:Jimmy Clausen vs. Nevada, 2009 (4)
 Threw three or more TDs:Jimmy Clausen at Michigan, 2009 (3)
 Threw five or more interceptions:Before 1975
 Threw four interceptions:Jimmy Clausen at Boston College, 2008 (4)
 Threw three interceptions:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:
Jimmy Clausen vs. Nevada, 2009 (88)
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards:Jimmy Clausen vs. Washington, 2009 (77)
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards:
Jimmy Clausen vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (69)
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards:Jimmy Clausen vs. Michigan State, 2009 (54)

Receiving

Caught 15 or more passes:Never
 Caught 10-14 passes:Golden Tate vs. Boston College, 2009 (11)
 Caught seven to nine passes:Duval Kamara vs. Boston College, 2009 (7)
 Had 200 or more yards receiving:Golden Tate vs. Washington, 2009 (244)
 Had 175-199 yards receiving:Michael Floyd vs. Nevada, 2009 (189)
 Had 150-174 yards receiving:Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU, 2005 (152)
 Had 100-149 yards receiving:Golden Tate vs. Boston College, 2009 (128)
 Caught four or more TDs:Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (4)
 Caught three TDs:Michael Floyd vs. Nevada, 2009 (3)
 Caught two TDs:Golden Tate vs. Boston College, 2009 (2)

Total Offense

Had 500 or more yards total offense:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
 Had 400-499 yards total offense:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (457)
 Had 100 yards both passing and rushing:
Jarrior Jackson vs. Oklahoma, 1999 (276 passing, 107 rushing)

Scoring

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:
Jimmy Clausen vs. Nevada, 2009 (4 passing)
 Accounted for three touchdowns:
Jimmy Clausen at Michigan, 2009 (3 passing)

Defense

Intercepted three or more passes:Shane Walton vs. Maryland, 2002 (3)
 Intercepted two passes:Kyle McCarthy vs. Boston College, 2009 (2)
 Recovered three or more fumbles:Never
 Forced two fumbles:Maurice Crum, Jr. at UCLA, 2007 (2)
 Recovered two fumbles:Brian Smith vs. Michigan, 2008 (2)
 Recorded 15 or more tackles:David Bruton vs. Pittsburgh, 2008 (16)
Kyle McCarthy vs. Pittsburgh, 2008 (15)
 Recorded 10-14 tackles:Kyle McCarthy vs. Washington, 2009 (12)

Special Teams

Scored 15 or more points kicking:Nick Tausch vs. Washington, 2009 (17)
 Scored 10-14 points kicking:Brandon Walker vs. Syracuse, 2008 (11)
 Kicked five or more field goals:Nick Tausch vs. Washington, 2009 (5)
 Kicked four field goals:Brandon Walker vs. Pittsburgh, 2008 (4)
 Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards:Never
 Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards:Nicholas Setta
vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)
 Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 (71)
 Kicked a punt 60-69 yards:Geoff Price vs. PSU, 2006 (62)
 Punted 10 or more times:Geoff Price vs. USC, 2007 (10)
 Totaled 175 or more kickoff return yards:
Raghib Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)
 Totaled 100 or more punt return yards:
Tom Zbikowski vs. Tennessee, 2005 (118)

AN OPPOSING TEAM

Rushing

Had 400 or more yards:Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)
 Had 300-399 yards:Stanford, 1997 (322)
 Had 200-299 yards:Michigan State, 2008 (203)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:Air Force, 2007 (63)
 Had five or more rush TDs:USC, 2005 (5)
 Had four rush TDs:Navy, 2007 (4)
 Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game:Stanford, 1997
(Anthony Bookman - 142, Mike Mitchell - 135)

Passing

Had 400 or more yards:Washington, 2005 (408)
 Had 300-399 yards:USC, 2009 (380)
 Had 60 or more pass attempts:Tennessee, 1990 (60)
 Had 50-59 pass attempts:Purdue, 2008 (55)
 Had 40-49 pass attempts:Washington, 2009 (40)
 Had 30 or more pass completions:Boston College, 2007 (32)
 Had five or more passing TDs:USC, 2004 (5)

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Had four passing TDs: USC, 2007 (4)
Had three passing TDs: Purdue, 2009 (3)

Receiving

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game: USC, 2009
..... (Anthony McCoy 153, Damien Williams 108)

Total Offense

Had 600 or more yards total offense: Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (617)
Had 500-599 yards total offense: USC, 2009 (501)
Had 400-499 yards total offense: Washington, 2009 (457)
Had 80 or more plays: Boston College, 2007 (83)
Had 75-79 plays: Washington, 2009 (79)

Scoring

Scored 60 or more points: Never
Scored 50-59 points: Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
Scored 40-49 points: Air Force, 2007 (41)
Scored 30-39 points: USC, 2009 (34)
Scored a two-point conversion: Navy, 2007

Turnovers

Did not commit a turnover: Boston College, 2008
Had three or more fumbles lost: Michigan, 2008 (4)
Intercepted five or more passes: USC, 1967 (7)
Intercepted four passes: Purdue, 2003 (4)
Intercepted three passes: Michigan, 2006 (3)
Returned an interception for a TD: Boston College, 2008
..... (P. Anderson - 76 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD: Air Force, 2007
..... (John Rabold - 19 yards)

Defense

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs: USC, 2007 (10)
Scored a safety: LSU, 1998
Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards: Syracuse, 2008 (41)
Held ND to 101-200 passing yards: Navy, 2008 (110)
Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards: UCLA, 2007 (94)
Held ND to 201-300 yards total offense: Boston College, 2008 (292)
Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense: USC, 2007 (165)

Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD: Penn State, 2007 (Derrick Williams - 78 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD: Michigan State, 2004
..... (Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD: Michigan, 2009 (Darryl Stonum - 94 yards)
Punted 10 or more times: Rutgers, 2002 (10)
Did not punt: Miami (Fla.), 1985
Missed a kicking PAT: Michigan State, 2009

Miscellaneous

Had 30 or more first downs: LSU, 2007 Sugar Bowl (31)
Had 20-29 first downs: USC, 2009 (21)
Had 10 or more penalties: Washington, 2009 (13)
Had 100 or more yards in penalties: Purdue, 2009 (103)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time: Boston College, 2007 (39:03)
Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher: USC, 2006
..... (C.J. Cable, 107 rushing, Dwayne Jarrett, 132 receiving)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER

Rushing

Rushed for 300 or more yards: Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)
Rushed for 200-299 yards: Javon Ringer, Michigan State, 2008 (201)
Rushed for 150-199 yards: LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh, 2008 (169)
Rushed for 100-149 yards: Chris Polk, Washington, 2009 (143)
Rushed 40 or more times: Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)
Rushed 30-39 times: LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh, 2008 (32)
Rushed 25-29 times: Sam McGuffie, Michigan, 2008 (25)
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: Larry Caper, Michigan State, 2009 (2)
Had a run of 80 yards or more: Sherman Lewis, Michigan State, 1963 (85)
Had a run of 70-79 yards: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
Had a run of 60-69 yards: Javon Ringer, Michigan State, 2008 (63)
Had a run of 50-59 yards: Joe McKnight, USC, 2007 (51)

Passing

Passed for 500 or more yards: Never
Passed for 400-499 yards: Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)
Passed for 300-399 yards: Matt Barkley, USC, 2009 (380)
Attempted 60 or more passes: Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Attempted 50-59 passes: Curtis Painter, Purdue, 2008 (55)
Attempted 40-49 passes: Jake Locker, Washington, 2009 (40)
Completed 30 or more passes: Matt Ryan, Boston College, 2007 (32)
Completed 20-29 passes: Jake Locker, Washington, 2009 (22)
Threw five or more TDs: Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
Threw four TDs: Mark Sanchez, USC, 2007 (4)
Threw three TDs: Joey Elliott, Purdue, 2009 (3)
Completed a pass of 90 yards or more: Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 80-89 yards: Curtis Painter, Purdue, 2006 (88)
Completed a pass of 70-79 yards: Joe Dailey, North Carolina, 2006 (72)
Completed a pass of 60-69 yards: Matt Barkley, USC, 2009 (60)
Completed a pass of 50-59 yards: Kirk Cousins, Michigan State, 2009 (57)

Receiving

Caught 10 or more passes: Rich Gunnell, Boston College, 2009 (10)
Caught seven to nine passes: Jermaine Kearse, Washington, 2009 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving: Selwyn Lymon, Purdue, 2006 (238)
Had 150-199 yards receiving: Rich Gunnell, Boston College, 2009 (179)
Had 100-149 yards receiving: Damien Williams, USC, 2009 (108)
Caught three or more TD passes: Dwayne Jarrett, USC, 2006 (3)
Caught two TD passes: Damien Williams, USC, 2009 (2)

Scoring

Accounted for five or more touchdowns: Matt Leinart, USC, 2004
..... (5 passing)
Accounted for four touchdowns: Matt Trannon, Michigan State, 2005
..... (3 receiving, 1 rushing)
Accounted for three touchdowns: Joey Elliott, Purdue, 2009 (3 passing)

Defense

Intercepted three or more passes: Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
Intercepted two passes: Ketric Buffin, Navy, 2008 (2)
Recorded three or more sacks: Bruce Davis, UCLA, 2007 (3.0)
Recorded two sacks: Nick Perry and Everson Griffen, USC, 2009 (2.0)

Special Teams

Kicked four or more field goals: Conor Lee, Pittsburgh, 2004 (5)
Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards: Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards: Jared Armstrong, Purdue, 2006 (69)
Totaled 100 or more kick return yards: Quinton Richardson, Washington, 2009 (147)

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TEAM RECORDS - OFFENSE

most points in a game

49	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
49	BYU	10.22.05
49	at Purdue	10.1.05
45	North Carolina	11.4.06
44	Navy	11.3.07
42	Navy	11.12.05
42	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
41	Penn State	9.9.06
41	Tennessee	11.5.05
41	Michigan State	9.17.05
41	Army	11.18.06

most points in a quarter

28 (2nd)	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
21 (2nd)	Nevada	9.5.09
21 (2nd)	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
21 (3rd)	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
21 (3rd)	Purdue	9.27.08
21 (1st)	Michigan	9.13.08
21 (2nd)	Navy	11.12.05
21 (3rd)	BYU	10.22.05
21 (2nd)	at Purdue	10.1.05
20 (2nd)	Army	11.18.06
20 (4th)	Tennessee	11.5.05
20 (1st)	at Air Force	11.11.06

most points in a half

35 (1st)	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
31 (1st)	North Carolina	11.4.06
28 (1st)	Nevada	9.5.09
28 (1st)	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
28 (1st)	Michigan	9.13.08
28 (1st)	at Purdue	10.1.05
28 (2nd)	BYU	10.22.05
28 (1st)	Navy	11.12.05
28 (1st)	Purdue	9.30.06
27 (1st)	at Air Force	11.11.06

margin of victory

35	Nevada	9.5.09
32	Army	11.18.06
28	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
26	at Washington	10.25.08
26	BYU	10.22.05
24	Syracuse	11.19.05
24	Penn State	9.9.06
24	vs. Navy	10.28.06
22	at Air Force	11.11.06
21	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
21	at Purdue	10.1.05
21	Navy	11.12.05
21	Stanford	10.7.06
21	Duke	11.17.07

fewest points in a game

0	at Boston College	11.8.08
0	at Michigan	9.15.07
0	USC	10.20.07
3	at USC	11.29.08
3	Georgia Tech	9.1.07
7	at Michigan State	9.20.08
10	at Penn State	9.8.07
14	Boston College	10.13.07
14	Michigan State	9.22.07
14	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06
14	vs. LSU	1.3.07

fewest points in a half

0 (1st)	at USC	11.29.08
0 (1st)	at Boston College	11.8.08

0 (2nd)	at Boston College	11.8.08
0 (1st)	at Michigan State	9.20.08
0 (1st)	USC	10.20.07
0 (2nd)	USC	10.20.07
0 (1st)	Boston College	10.13.07
0 (1st)	at Purdue	9.29.07
0 (2nd)	Michigan State	9.22.07
0 (1st)	at Michigan	9.15.07
0 (2nd)	at Michigan	9.15.07
0 (1st)	Georgia Tech	9.1.07
0 (2nd)	vs. LSU	1.3.07

most rushing yards in a game

275	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
252	at Washington	10.25.08
235	Navy	11.3.07
233	at Washington	9.24.05
231	at Stanford	11.26.05
230	vs. Navy	11.15.08
221	Army	11.18.06
221	Navy	11.12.05
220	Duke	11.17.07
204	Stanford	10.7.06

fewest rushing yards in a game

-8	Georgia Tech	9.1.07
-6	at Michigan	9.15.07
0	at Penn State	9.8.07
4	Michigan	9.16.06
16	at Michigan State	9.20.08
27	Boston College	10.13.07
41	UCLA	10.21.06
41	Syracuse	11.22.08
44	BYU	10.22.05
46	at UCLA	10.6.07

most carries

63	Navy	11.3.07
52	USC	11.15.05
51	vs. Navy	11.15.08
50	at Stanford	11.26.05
50	at Purdue	10.1.05
50	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
49	at Washington	10.25.08
48	Duke	11.17.07
47	at Washington	9.24.05
44	at Michigan	9.10.05

highest average gain per rush (min. 20)

6.52	at Air Force (27-176)	11.11.06
6.31	Army (35-221)	11.18.06
5.67	Navy (39-221)	11.12.05
5.50	at Pittsburgh (50-275)	9.3.05
5.23	Stanford (39-204)	10.7.06
5.14	at Washington (49-252)	10.25.08
5.10	at Michigan (30-154)	9.12.09
5.03	Purdue (40-201)	9.27.08
4.96	at Washington (47-233)	9.24.05
4.76	vs. Navy (37-176)	10.28.06

most rushing TDs scored

4	Navy	11.3.07
4	at Purdue	10.1.05
4	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
3	at Washington	10.25.08
3	at Stanford	11.24.07
3	vs Ohio State	1.2.06
3	at Washington	9.24.05
3	Purdue	9.30.06
3	Army	11.18.06
2	at Purdue	9.26.09
2	vs. Navy	11.15.08

2	Michigan	9.13.08
2	Michigan State	9.22.07
2	Navy	11.12.05
2	at Stanford	11.26.05
2	USC	11.15.05
2	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06
2	vs. Navy	10.28.06

most passes attempted

60	Michigan State	9.17.05
52	at Purdue	9.29.07
49	Boston College	10.13.07
49	Michigan	9.16.06
48	at North Carolina	10.11.08
46	at Boston College	11.8.08
45	UCLA	10.21.06
45	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06
45	at USC	11.25.06
44	Pittsburgh	11.1.08

most passes completed

34	at Purdue	9.29.07
33	Michigan State	9.17.05
32	BYU	10.22.05
31	at North Carolina	10.11.08
30	at Purdue	10.1.05
29	Stanford	10.4.08
29	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06
29	Purdue	9.30.06
27	UCLA	10.21.06
27	Stanford	10.7.06

highest completion % (min. 10 att.)

85.7	vs. Hawai'i (24-28)	12.24.08
85.0	Nevada (17-20)	9.5.09
78.9	vs. Navy (15-19)	11.15.08
78.0	BYU (32-41)	10.22.05
76.9	at Purdue (30-39)	10.1.05
76.3	Purdue (29-38)	9.30.06
74.2	Washington (23-31)	10.3.09
73.7	at Air Force (14-19)	11.11.06
73.3	Army (22-30)	11.18.06
72.5	Stanford (29-40)	10.4.08

most passing yards

487	Michigan State	9.17.05
468	at Purdue	10.1.05
467	BYU	10.22.05
432	at Stanford	11.26.05
422	Washington	10.3.09
413	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
383	at North Carolina	10.11.08
377	at Purdue	9.29.07
347	Stanford	10.4.08
346	North Carolina	11.4.06

most passing ypa (min. 10 att.)

16.6	Nevada (20-332)	9.5.09
14.8	vs. Hawai'i (28-413)	12.24.08
13.6	Washington (31-422)	10.3.09
12.0	at Purdue (39-468)	10.1.05
11.8	vs. Navy (25-295)	10.28.06
11.4	BYU (41-467)	10.22.05
11.4	at Stanford (38-432)	11.26.05
10.9	at Air Force (19-207)	11.11.06
9.4	North Carolina (37-346)	11.4.06
9.2	Navy (31-284)	11.12.05

most passing ypc (min. 5 comp.)

19.5	Nevada (17-332)	9.5.09
18.3	Washington (23-422)	10.3.09
17.3	at Stanford (25-432)	11.26.05

17.2	vs. Hawai'i (24-413)	12.24.08
16.4	vs. Navy (18-295)	10.28.06
15.9	at Michigan State (20-319)	9.23.06
15.6	at Purdue (30-468)	10.1.05
15.0	North Carolina (23-346)	11.4.06
14.79	at Air Force (14-207)	11.11.06
14.76	Michigan State (33-487)	9.17.05

most touchdown passes

6	BYU	10.22.05
5	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
5	Michigan State	9.17.05
5	at Michigan State	9.23.06
4	Nevada	9.5.09
4	at Air Force	11.11.06
4	North Carolina	11.4.06
4	Navy	11.12.05
3	Michigan State	9.19.09
3	at Michigan	9.12.09
3	Pittsburgh	11.1.08
3	Stanford	10.4.08
3	Purdue	9.27.08
3	San Diego State	9.6.08
3	Duke	11.17.07
3	Air Force	11.10.07
3	Army	11.18.06
3	Tennessee	11.5.05
3	at Stanford	11.26.05
3	at Purdue	10.1.05
3	Stanford	10.7.06
3	Penn State	9.9.06
3	Michigan	9.16.06
3	vs. Navy	10.28.06
3	at USC	11.25.06
3	at Purdue	9.29.07

most passes had intercepted

4	at Boston College	11.8.08
3	Michigan	9.16.06
2	at USC	11.29.08
2	vs. Navy	11.15.08
2	at North Carolina	10.11.08
2	at Michigan State	9.20.08
2	Michigan	9.13.08
2	San Diego State	9.6.08
2	Boston College	10.13.07
2	at Stanford	11.26.05
2	at Purdue	10.1.05
2	vs. LSU	1.3.07
2	at Michigan	9.15.07
2	at Purdue	9.29.07

highest passing efficiency (min. 11 att.)

290.4	Nevada	9.5.09
268.5	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
234.7	at Air Force	11.11.06
222.0	BYU	10.22.05
210.7	vs. Navy	10.28.06
203.1	Washington	10.3.09
192.9	at Purdue	10.1.05
184.1	Navy	11.12.05
176.8	at Stanford	11.26.05
176.4	North Carolina	11.4.06

most total offense plays

98	Michigan State (38r,60p)	9.17.05
90	Navy (63r,27p)	11.3.07
89	at Purdue (50r,39p)	10.1.05
88	at Stanford (50r,38p)	11.26.05
87	USC (52r,35p)	11.15.05
84	at Washington (47r,37p)	9.24.05
83	Pittsburgh (39r,44p)	11.1.08

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81	Purdue (43r,38p)	9.30.06
80	Duke (48r,32p)	11.17.07
80	UCLA (35r,45p)	10.21.06

most total offense yards gained

663	at Stanford (231r,432p)	11.26.05
621	at Purdue (153r,468p)	10.1.05
594	Michigan State (107r,487p)	9.17.05
560	at Washington (233r,327p)	9.24.05
530	Washington (108r,422p)	10.3.09
511	BYU (44r,467p)	10.22.05
510	Nevada (178r,332p)	9.5.09
505	Navy (221r,284p)	11.12.05
502	at Pittsburgh (275r,227p)	9.3.05
490	at Michigan (154r,336p)	9.12.09

highest average gain per play

8.8	Washington (60-530)	10.3.09
8.4	Nevada (61-510)	9.5.09
8.3	at Air Force (46-383)	11.11.06
8.0	BYU (64-511)	10.22.05
7.7	vs. Hawai'i (62-478)	12.24.08
7.6	vs. Navy (62-471)	10.28.06
7.5	at Stanford (88-663)	11.26.05
7.2	Navy (70-505)	11.12.05
7.0	at Purdue (89-621)	10.1.05
6.9	at Michigan State (53-366)	9.23.06

most all-purpose yards gained

794	at Stanford	11.26.05
716	Michigan State	9.17.05
698	BYU	10.22.05
683	at Purdue	10.1.05
659	Washington	10.3.09
646	North Carolina	11.4.06
642	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
627	Purdue	9.27.08
622	at Washington	9.24.05
615	at Michigan	9.12.09

most all-purpose attempts

87	Navy	11.3.07
85	at Stanford	11.26.05
84	at Purdue	10.1.05
81	USC	11.15.05
78	Michigan State	9.17.05
76	vs. Navy	11.15.08
76	at Washington	9.24.05
76	Purdue	9.30.06
72	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
71	Pittsburgh	11.1.08
71	Stanford	10.7.06
71	at Purdue	9.29.07

most touchdowns scored

7	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
7	at Purdue	10.1.05
7	BYU	10.22.05
6	Navy	11.3.07
6	Army	11.18.06
6	at Air Force	11.11.06
6	North Carolina	11.4.06
6	Navy	11.12.05
6	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
6	at Michigan State	9.23.06

most first downs in a game

33	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
33	Purdue	9.30.06
32	at Purdue	10.1.05
31	Michigan State	9.17.05
31	at Washington	9.24.05

30	at Stanford	11.26.05
29	Navy	11.12.05
29	Stanford	10.7.06
28	USC	11.15.05
27	USC	10.17.09
27	at Michigan	9.12.09
27	at North Carolina	10.11.08
27	BYU	10.22.05
27	Navy	11.3.07

fewest first downs in a game

4	at USC	11.29.08
9	Michigan State	9.22.07
9	at Penn State	9.8.07
10	USC	10.20.07
10	at Michigan	9.15.07
12	at UCLA	10.6.07
13	Georgia Tech	9.1.07
13	at Michigan State	9.23.06
14	Michigan	9.13.08
14	Boston College	10.13.07
14	Michigan	9.16.06
14	Tennessee	11.5.05

most time of possession

38:40	USC	11.15.05
38:01	Purdue	9.30.06
37:28	at Washington	10.25.08
36:56	at Washington	9.24.05
36:03	at Purdue	10.1.05
35:49	Michigan State	9.17.05
35:35	Duke	11.17.07
35:25	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06
35:26	Purdue	9.27.08
35:33	vs. Navy	11.15.08

least time of possession

20:57	Boston College	10.13.07
21:25	at Air Force	11.11.06
24:21	at Michigan State	9.23.06
25:45	at Stanford	11.24.07
25:54	Air Force	11.10.07
25:59	at USC	11.28.08
26:00	at Penn State	9.8.07
26:04	Michigan	9.16.06
26:15	at Michigan State	9.20.08
26:16	at Michigan	9.15.07

most third down conversions

10	at North Carolina	10.11.08
10	at Purdue	10.1.05
10	USC	11.15.05
10	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
10	Duke	11.17.07
9	Navy	11.3.07
9	Navy	11.12.05
9	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06
8	vs. LSU	1.3.07
8	North Carolina	11.4.06
8	BYU	11.12.05
8	at Stanford	11.26.05
8	Purdue	9.30.06

fewest third down conversions

1	at Michigan State	9.23.06
2	Washington	10.3.09
2	at USC	11.29.08
2	at Penn State	9.8.07
2	Michigan	9.16.06
3	vs. Navy	11.15.08
3	Michigan	9.13.08
3	San Diego State	9.6.08

3	at UCLA	10.6.07
3	at Air Force	11.11.06

most fourth down conversions

6	Navy	11.3.07
4	at Purdue	9.29.07
4	UCLA	10.21.06
4	Penn State	9.9.06
3	Purdue	9.27.08
3	vs. Navy	10.28.06
3	Michigan State	9.17.05
2	USC	10.17.09
2	Syracuse	11.22.08
2	at Washington	10.25.08
2	Stanford	10.4.08
2	Air Force	11.10.07
2	at USC	11.25.06
2	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06
2	Syracuse	11.19.05
2	at Michigan State	9.23.06
2	Purdue	9.30.06
2	Georgia Tech	9.1.07

TEAM RECORDS - SPECIAL TEAMS**most punts**

10	USC	10.20.07
10	at Penn State	9.8.07
9	at UCLA	10.6.07
9	at Michigan	9.10.05
9	Michigan State	9.22.07
8	at USC	11.29.08
7	at Boston College	11.8.08
7	at Michigan	9.15.07
7	Georgia Tech	9.1.07
7	UCLA	10.21.06
7	Michigan	9.16.06
7	at Michigan State	9.23.06

most punt returns

7	vs. Navy	11.15.08
6	at Stanford	11.26.05
5	North Carolina	11.4.06
4	at Stanford	11.24.07
4	USC	11.15.05
4	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06
3	at Washington	10.25.08
3	at Boston College	11.8.08
3	at Michigan State	9.20.08
3	San Diego State	9.6.08
3	USC	10.20.07
3	Boston College	10.13.07
3	at Michigan	9.15.07
3	Army	11.18.06
3	Tennessee	11.5.05
3	Syracuse	11.19.05
3	Duke	11.17.07

most punt return yards

118	Tennessee	11.5.05
92	vs. Navy	11.15.08
87	USC	11.15.05
84	North Carolina	11.4.06
64	at Stanford	11.24.07
47	at Penn State	9.8.07
44	at Boston College	11.8.08
41	San Diego State	9.6.08
37	Navy	11.3.07
34	Boston College	10.13.07
34	at Stanford	11.26.05

highest avg. per punt return (min. 2 ret.)

39.3	Tennessee (3-118)	11.5.05
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23.5	at Penn State (2-47)	9.8.07
21.8	USC (4-87)	11.15.05
18.5	Navy (2-37)	11.3.07
16.8	North Carolina (5-84)	11.4.06
16.0	at Stanford (4-64)	11.24.07
15.5	at Washington (2-31)	9.24.05
14.7	at Boston College (3-44)	11.8.08
13.7	San Diego State (3-41)	9.6.08
13.1	vs. Navy (7-92)	11.15.08

most kick returns

8	Georgia Tech	9.1.07
8	at Purdue	9.29.07
7	at North Carolina	10.11.08
7	Michigan	9.16.06
7	at USC	11.25.06
6	USC	10.17.09
6	Washington	10.3.09
6	Air Force	11.10.07
6	vs. LSU	1.3.07
5	Michigan State	9.19.09
5	Syracuse	11.22.08
5	Pittsburgh	11.1.08
5	at Michigan State	9.20.08
5	Navy	11.3.07
5	USC	10.20.07
5	Michigan State	9.22.07
5	at Michigan	9.15.07
5	BYU	10.22.05

most kick return yards

158	Michigan	9.16.06
147	at Michigan State	9.20.08
142	at USC	11.25.06
133	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
133	at Michigan	9.15.07
132	at Purdue	9.29.07
131	Navy	11.3.07
129	Washington	10.3.09
128	vs. LSU	1.3.07
125	Michigan State	9.19.09

highest avg. per kick return (min. 2 ret.)

44.3	vs. Hawai'i (3-133)	12.24.08
39.5	at Georgia Tech (2-79)	9.2.06
33.3	at Michigan (3-100)	9.12.09
31.0	at Purdue (2-62)	10.1.05
29.4	at Michigan State (5-147)	9.20.08
27.5	North Carolina (4-110)	11.4.06
26.6	at Michigan (5-133)	9.15.07
26.3	Purdue (4-105)	9.27.08
26.2	Navy (5-131)	11.3.07
25.3	at Penn State (4-101)	9.8.07

TEAM RECORDS - DEFENSE**most points allowed**

47	Michigan	9.16.06
46	Navy	11.3.07
44	Michigan State	9.17.05
44	at USC	11.25.06
41	vs. LSU	1.3.07
41	Air Force	11.10.07
38	at Michigan	9.12.09
38	at USC	11.29.08
38	at Michigan	9.15.07
38	USC	10.20.07

most points allowed (quarter)

21 (2nd)	at Michigan	9.15.07
20 (1st)	Michigan	9.16.06
17 (2nd)	at USC	11.29.08
17 (1st)	Michigan State	9.23.06

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17 (4th) Stanford	11.26.05	0 (3rd) Syracuse	11.22.08	3 (1st) Syracuse	11.19.05	3	vs. Navy	11.15.08
16 (4th) USC	11.25.06	0 (1st) vs. Navy	11.15.08	3 (1st) Stanford	10.7.06	3	vs. LSU	1.3.07
14 (3rd) USC	10.17.09	0 (3rd) vs. Navy	11.15.08	3 (2nd) UCLA	10.21.06	3	Georgia Tech	9.1.07
14 (4th) at Purdue	9.26.09	0 (4th) at Boston College	11.8.08	3 (1st) at Air Force	11.11.06	2	USC	10.17.09
14 (2nd) Michigan State	9.19.09	0 (2nd) Pittsburgh	11.1.08	3 (1st) Army	11.18.06	2	Michigan State	9.19.09
14 (4th) at Michigan	9.12.09	0 (3rd) at Washington	10.25.08			2	at Michigan	9.12.09
14 (1st) at Michigan	9.12.09	0 (2nd) at Washington	10.25.08	margin of defeat		2	at USC	11.29.08
14 (4th) Syracuse	11.22.08	0 (3rd) at Washington	10.25.08	38 at Michigan	9.15.07	2	Pittsburgh	11.1.08
14 (3rd) Pittsburgh	11.1.08	0 (1st) Stanford	10.4.08	38 USC	10.20.07	2	at North Carolina	10.11.08
14 (4th) Stanford	10.4.08	0 (3rd) Stanford	10.4.08	35 at USC	11.29.08	2	at Michigan State	9.20.08
14 (4th) Georgia Tech	9.1.07	0 (4th) Purdue	9.27.08	30 Georgia Tech	9.1.07	2	Michigan State	9.17.05
14 (1st) Michigan State	9.22.07	0 (3rd) Michigan	9.13.08	27 vs. LSU	1.3.07	2	at Purdue	10.1.05
14 (3rd) Michigan State	9.22.07	0 (4th) Michigan	9.13.08	26 Michigan	9.16.06	2	Navy	11.12.05
14 (3rd) Boston College	10.13.07	0 (1st) San Diego State	9.6.08	21 at Penn State	9.8.07	2	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06
14 (3rd) USC	10.20.07	0 (4th) San Diego State	9.6.08	20 at USC	11.25.06	2	at Penn State	9.8.07
14 (2nd) Navy	11.3.07	0 (3rd) at Pittsburgh	9.3.05	17 at Boston College	11.8.08	2	at Michigan	9.15.07
14 (3rd) Air Force	11.10.07	0 (1st) at Michigan	9.10.05	17 Michigan State	9.22.07	2	Boston College	10.13.07
14 (1st) Michigan State	9.17.05	0 (3rd) at Michigan	9.10.05	17 Air Force	11.10.07	2	Air Force	11.10.07
14 (3rd) Michigan State	9.17.05	0 (4th) Michigan State	9.17.05			2	at Stanford	11.24.07
14 (4th) Washington	9.24.05	0 (1st) at Washington	9.24.05	most rushing yards allowed		2	at USC	11.25.06
14 (3rd) Purdue	10.1.05	0 (3rd) at Washington	9.24.05	289 at Michigan (61)	9.15.07	2	vs. Navy	10.28.06
14 (4th) Purdue	10.1.05	0 (1st) at Purdue	10.1.05	285 Air Force (63)	11.10.07			
14 (1st) USC	10.15.05	0 (2nd) at Purdue	10.1.05	275 vs. Ohio State (36)	1.2.06		fewest rushing TDs allowed	
14 (2nd) Ohio State	1.2.06	0 (2nd) USC	10.8.05	271 vs. Navy (56)	10.28.06	0	at Purdue	9.26.09
14 (4th) Penn State	9.9.06	0 (2nd) BYU	10.22.05	259 Georgia Tech (43)	9.1.07	0	Nevada	9.5.09
14 (2nd) Michigan	9.16.06	0 (4th) BYU	10.22.05	257 Navy (66)	11.3.07	0	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
14 (2nd) Michigan State	9.23.06	0 (4th) Tennessee	11.5.05	248 at Michigan State (43)	9.23.06	0	at Boston College	11.8.08
14 (2nd) UCLA	10.21.06	0 (2nd) Navy	11.12.05	245 vs. LSU (37)	1.3.07	0	at Washington	10.25.08
14 (2nd) Navy	10.28.06	0 (2nd) Syracuse	11.19.05	239 Navy (58)	11.12.05	0	at Michigan	9.10.05
14 (1st) USC	11.25.06	0 (3rd) Syracuse	11.19.05	227 USC (36)	10.20.07	0	Syracuse	11.19.05
14 (1st) LSU	1.3.07	0 (3rd) Stanford	11.26.05			0	Stanford	11.26.05
		0 (3rd) at Georgia Tech	9.2.06	fewest rushing yards allowed		0	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06
most points allowed (half)		0 (4th) at Georgia Tech	9.2.06	-11 at Stanford (25)	11.26.05	0	Stanford	10.7.06
34 (1st) Michigan	9.16.06	0 (1st) Penn State	9.9.06	26 at Washington (23)	10.25.08	0	UCLA	10.21.06
31 (1st) at Michigan State	9.23.06	0 (2nd) Penn State	9.9.06	26 UCLA (28)	10.21.06	0	North Carolina	11.4.06
31 (1st) at Michigan	9.15.07	0 (4th) at Michigan State	9.23.06	31 North Carolina (25)	11.4.06	0	at Air Force	11.11.06
28 (2nd) at Purdue	10.1.05	0 (3rd) Purdue	9.30.06	32 vs. Hawai'i (19)	12.24.08	0	Army	11.18.06
24 (1st) at USC	11.29.08	0 (2nd) Stanford	10.7.06	41 at Washington (22)	9.24.05	0	Michigan State	9.22.07
24 (1st) Michigan State	9.17.05	0 (3rd) Stanford	10.7.06	58 Army (36)	11.18.06	0	at UCLA	10.6.07
24 (2nd) Air Force	11.10.07	0 (1st) UCLA	10.21.06	70 Boston College (29)	10.24.09			
23 (2nd) USC	11.25.06	0 (3rd) UCLA	10.21.06	71 San Diego State	9.6.08		highest completion % allowed (min. 10 att.)	
23 (1st) Purdue	9.29.07	0 (1st) vs. Navy	10.28.06	72 Stanford (31)	10.7.06	73.7	at Air Force (14-19)	11.11.06
21 (2nd) USC	10.17.09	0 (3rd) vs. Navy	10.28.06	74 at Purdue (26)	9.26.09	69.7	at Michigan (23-33)	9.12.09
21 (2nd) at Michigan	9.12.09	0 (4th) vs. Navy	10.28.06			69.7	at USC (23-33)	11.29.08
21 (2nd) Pittsburgh	11.1.08	0 (4th) North Carolina	11.4.06	highest avg. per rush allowed (min. 20)		69.6	Michigan (16-23)	9.13.08
21 (1st) Ohio State	1.2.06	0 (2nd) at Air Force	11.11.06	7.64 vs. Ohio State (36-275)	1.2.06	67.9	vs. Ohio State (19-28)	1.2.06
21 (1st) USC	11.25.06	0 (2nd) Army	11.18.06	6.83 at Purdue (24-164)	10.1.05	65.5	USC (19-29)	10.17.09
21 (1st) LSU	1.3.07	0 (3rd) Army	11.18.06	6.62 vs. LSU (37-245)	1.3.07	65.3	Boston College (32-49)	10.13.07
21 (2nd) USC	10.20.07	0 (4th) at Michigan	9.15.07	6.31 USC (36-227)	10.20.07	65.0	Michigan State (26-40)	9.19.09
		0 (4th) Michigan State	9.22.07	6.02 Georgia Tech (43-259)	9.1.07	64.3	Stanford (29-40)	10.4.08
fewest points allowed		0 (3rd) at UCLA	10.6.07	5.76 at Michigan State (43-248)	9.23.06	63.9	at Stanford (23-36)	11.26.05
0 Nevada	9.5.09	0 (4th) at UCLA	10.6.07	5.65 USC (31-175)	10.15.05	63.6	vs. Hawai'i (28-44)	12.24.08
6 at UCLA	10.6.07	0 (4th) Boston College	10.13.07	5.30 at USC (33-175)	11.29.08			
7 at Washington	10.25.08	0 (1st) Navy	11.3.07	5.28 Nevada (29-153)	9.5.09		lowest completion % allowed (min. 10 att.)	
7 Duke	11.17.07	0 (1st) Duke	11.17.07	5.00 at Michigan (38-190)	9.12.09	21.4	vs. Navy (3-14)	11.15.08
9 Army	11.18.06	0 (2nd) Duke	11.17.07			38.1	Army (8-21)	11.18.06
10 Syracuse	11.19.05	0 (3rd) Duke	11.17.07	lowest avg. per rush allowed (min. 20)		40.0	Navy (4-10)	11.12.05
10 at Michigan	9.10.05	0 (3rd) at Stanford	11.24.07	-0.44 at Stanford (25-(-11))	11.26.05	40.6	Tennessee (13-32)	11.5.05
10 at Georgia Tech	9.2.06	0 (4th) at Stanford	11.24.07	0.93 UCLA (28-26)	10.21.06	40.9	Syracuse (9-22)	11.19.05
13 San Diego State	9.6.08			1.13 at Washington (23-26)	10.25.08	42.1	at UCLA (16-38)	10.6.07
14 vs. Navy	10.28.06	fewest points allowed (half)		1.24 North Carolina (25-31)	11.4.06	43.2	at Michigan (19-44)	9.10.05
14 at Stanford	11.24.07	0 (1st) Nevada	9.5.09	1.61 Army (36-58)	11.18.06	43.8	at Michigan (7-16)	9.15.07
		0 (2nd) Nevada	9.5.09	1.68 vs. Hawai'i (19-32)	12.24.08	44.0	at Washington (11-25)	10.25.08
fewest points allowed (quarter)		0 (1st) at Washington	10.25.08	1.86 at Washington (22-41)	9.24.05	45.5	at Stanford (15-33)	11.24.07
0 (4th) Boston College	10.24.09	0 (2nd) Michigan	9.13.08	2.21 BYU (34-75)	10.22.05			
0 (2nd) at Purdue	9.26.09	0 (1st) at Purdue	10.1.05	2.32 Stanford (31-72)	10.7.06		most pass yards allowed	
0 (3rd) at Purdue	9.26.09	0 (2nd) at Georgia Tech	9.2.06	2.41 Boston College (29-70)	10.24.09	408	at Washington	9.24.05
0 (1st) Nevada	9.5.09	0 (1st) Penn State	9.2.06	2.41 at UCLA (37-89)	10.6.07	380	USC	10.17.09
0 (2nd) Nevada	9.5.09	0 (2nd) vs. Navy	10.28.06			359	Purdue	9.27.08
0 (3rd) Nevada	9.5.09	3 (1st) Pittsburgh	11.1.08	most rushing TDs allowed		354	Michigan State	9.19.09
0 (4th) Nevada	9.5.09	3 (1st) at Michigan	9.10.05	5 USC	10.15.05	350	at Purdue	10.1.05
0 (1st) vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08	3 (1st) at Washington	9.24.05	4 Navy	11.3.07	347	at Stanford	11.26.05

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346	North Carolina	11.4.06	226	Stanford	10.7.06	most fumble return yards		most quarterback sacks			
342	vs. Ohio State	1.2.05	232	Duke	11.17.07	45	at UCLA	10.6.07	8.0	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
327	Michigan State	9.17.05	243	UCLA	10.21.06	35	Michigan	9.13.08	7.0	at Stanford	11.26.05
326	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08	244	North Carolina	11.4.06	28	Syracuse	11.22.08	5.0	Stanford	10.4.08
319	at Michigan State	9.23.06	259	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06	25	Penn State	9.9.06	5.0	at Stanford	11.24.07
fewest pass yards allowed			282	at UCLA	10.6.07	5	Michigan State	9.19.09	5.0	at UCLA	10.6.07
43	vs. Navy	10.28.06	292	at Boston College	11.8.08	2	Stanford	10.4.08	5.0	Stanford	10.7.06
64	vs. Navy	11.15.08	most plays allowed			most interception returns for TD			5.0	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
75	Navy	11.12.05	83	Boston College	10.13.07	1	Michigan State	9.23.06	4.0	at Washington	10.25.08
78	Syracuse	11.19.05	82	at Purdue	10.1.05	1	at Penn State	9.8.07	4.0	North Carolina	11.4.06
79	at Boston College	11.8.08	79	Washington	10.3.09	1	Boston College	10.13.07	4.0	vs. Navy	10.28.06
81	Navy	11.3.07	79	Air Force	11.10.07	most punt block returns for TD			most tackles for loss		
90	at Michigan	9.15.07	79	at Air Force	11.11.06	1	vs. Navy	11.15.08	12.0	Syracuse	11.19.05
92	Army	11.18.06	79	at Purdue	9.29.07	most interception returns			11.0	Tennessee	11.5.05
98	at Washington	10.25.08	79	BYU	10.22.05	4	at UCLA	10.6.07	10.0	at Stanford	11.26.05
120	Air Force	11.10.07	77	Pittsburgh	11.1.08	3	Boston College	10.24.09	10.0	at Michigan	9.12.09
			77	at Michigan	9.15.07	3	Pittsburgh	11.1.08	9.0	at UCLA	10.6.07
most interceptions			fewest plays allowed			3	at USC	11.29.08	9.0	Michigan State	9.17.05
4	at UCLA	10.6.07	48	at Washington	10.25.08	3	Stanford	11.29.08	8.0	USC	10.17.09
3	Boston College	10.24.09	49	North Carolina	11.4.06	3	Stanford	10.4.08	8.0	at Purdue	9.26.09
3	at USC	11.29.08	49	Stanford	10.7.06	2	Nevada	9.5.09	8.0	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
3	Pittsburgh	11.1.08	52	at Georgia Tech	9.1.06	2	Michigan	9.13.08	8.0	Pittsburgh	11.1.08
3	Stanford	10.4.08	56	Nevada	9.5.09	2	at Stanford	11.24.07	8.0	Army	11.18.06
2	Nevada	9.5.09	57	Army	11.18.06	2	at Purdue	9.29.07	8.0	North Carolina	11.4.06
2	Michigan	9.13.08	60	USC	11.25.06	2	at USC	11.25.06	8.0	UCLA	10.21.06
2	Tennessee	10.5.05	60	Syracuse	11.19.05	2	at Michigan State	9.23.06	8.0	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
2	BYU	10.22.05	61	Stanford	10.7.06	2	Army	11.18.06	8.0	Michigan	9.13.08
2	USC	10.15.05	62	USC	10.17.09	2	Tennessee	11.5.05	8.0	Michigan	9.16.06
2	at Michigan State	9.23.06	62	Syracuse	11.22.08	2	USC	11.15.05	most fumbles forced		
2	Army	11.18.06	62	at Washington	9.24.05	2	BYU	10.22.05	4	at UCLA	10.6.07
2	at USC	11.25.06	most first downs allowed			2	at Michigan State	9.23.06	3	Penn State	9.9.06
2	at Purdue	9.29.07	31	vs. LSU	1.3.07	most interception return yards			3	Michigan State	9.17.05
2	at Stanford	11.24.07	29	at Purdue	10.1.05	86	BYU	10.22.05	2	Boston College	10.24.09
fewest interceptions			27	Michigan State	9.19.09	80	Michigan	9.13.08	2	vs. LSU	1.3.07
0	Syracuse	11.22.08	27	at Purdue	9.29.07	74	Tennessee	11.5.05	2	Syracuse	11.22.08
0	vs. Navy	11.15.08	27	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06	73	at Penn State	9.8.07	2	at Boston College	11.8.08
0	at Boston College	11.8.08	26	BYU	10.22.05	64	at UCLA	10.6.07	2	Michigan	9.13.08
0	at Washington	10.25.08	25	Washington	10.3.09	51	Michigan	9.16.06	2	Navy	11.3.07
0	at North Carolina	10.11.08	25	at Michigan	9.15.07	47	Pittsburgh	11.1.08	2	at Penn State	9.8.07
0	at Michigan State	9.20.08	25	Penn State	9.9.06	47	Purdue	9.27.08	2	Tennessee	11.5.05
0	Georgia Tech	9.1.07	24	vs. Navy	11.15.08	46	at Stanford	11.24.07	2	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
0	at Michigan	9.15.07	24	Purdue	9.30.06	37	Boston College	10.24.09	2	at Michigan State	9.23.06
0	USC	10.20.07	24	at Air Force	11.11.06	32	at USC	11.29.08	2	at Washington	9.24.05
0	Navy	11.3.07	fewest first downs allowed			highest average per int return (min. 2 ret.)			most fumbles recovered		
0	Air Force	11.10.07	9	at Washington	10.25.08	43.0	BYU (2-86)	10.22.05	4	Michigan	9.13.08
0	Duke	11.17.07	10	North Carolina	11.4.06	40.0	Michigan (2-80)	9.13.08	3	at UCLA	10.6.07
0	at Stanford	11.25.05	11	Syracuse	11.19.05	37.0	Tennessee (2-74)	11.5.05	2	Boston College	10.24.09
0	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06	12	UCLA	10.21.07	23.0	at Stanford (2-46)	11.24.07	2	Syracuse	11.22.08
0	at Georgia Tech	9.2.06	12	Army	11.18.06	16.0	at UCLA (4-64)	10.6.07	2	Duke	11.17.07
0	Purdue	9.30.06	14	at Stanford	11.26.05	15.7	Pittsburgh (3-47)	11.1.08	2	Air Force	11.10.07
0	vs. Navy	10.28.06	14	Stanford	10.7.06	13.5	at Michigan State (2-27)	9.23.06	2	at Michigan	9.15.07
0	North Carolina	11.4.06	14	at Georgia Tech	9.1.06	12.3	Boston College (3-37)	10.24.09	2	at Penn State	9.8.07
0	at Air Force	11.11.06	15	Nevada	9.5.09	11.5	Nevada (2-23)	9.5.09	2	vs Ohio State	1.2.06
most total offense yards allowed			15	at Michigan	9.10.05	10.7	at USC (3-32)	11.29.08	2	Penn State	9.9.06
617	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06	most fumble returns for TD			6.5	USC (2-13)	11.15.05	2	Michigan State	9.17.05
577	vs. LSU	1.3.07	1	Michigan	9.13.08	most tackles			2	at Washington	9.24.05
514	at Purdue	10.1.05	1	Penn State	9.9.06	109	at Air Force (45-64)	11.11.06	most pass breakups		
501	USC	10.17.09	1	at UCLA	10.6.07	109	Navy (35-74)	11.3.07	9	at Michigan	9.10.05
490	Purdue	9.30.06	most fumble returns			97	Air Force (39-58)	11.10.07	8	San Diego State	9.6.08
488	Michigan State	9.17.05	2	Boston College	10.24.09	97	Navy (29-68)	11.12.05	7	USC	10.20.07
476	USC	10.15.05	2	at UCLA	10.6.07	87	Michigan State (35-52)	9.22.07	7	at UCLA	10.6.07
462	Purdue	9.27.08	1	Michigan State	9.19.09	87	BYU (42-45)	10.22.05	6	Syracuse	11.22.08
462	USC	10.20.07	1	Syracuse	11.22.08	86	Washington (44-42)	10.3.09	6	at Boston College	11.8.08
459	Michigan State	9.19.09	1	Stanford	10.4.08	85	at Michigan (51-34)	9.15.07	6	Duke	11.17.07
459	Boston College	10.13.07	1	Penn State	9.9.06	85	Michigan (31-54)	9.16.06	6	at Purdue	10.1.05
fewest total offense yards allowed			1	Michigan	9.13.08	83	USC (35-48)	10.20.07	5	USC	10.17.09
124	at Washington	10.25.08	most fumble return yards			83	at Stanford (45-38)	11.24.07	5	vs. Hawai'i	12.24.08
150	Army	11.18.06	45	at UCLA	10.6.07	most interception returns for TD			5	Tennessee	11.5.05
221	Syracuse	11.19.05	35	Michigan	9.13.08	1	Michigan State	9.23.06			
			28	Syracuse	11.22.08	1	at Penn State	9.8.07			
			25	Penn State	9.9.06	1	Boston College	10.13.07			
			5	Michigan State	9.19.09	1	Purdue	9.27.08			
			2	Stanford	10.4.08						
			most interception returns for TD								
			1	Michigan State	9.23.06						
			1	at Penn State	9.8.07						
			1	Boston College	10.13.07						
			1	Purdue	9.27.08						
			most punt block returns for TD								
			1	vs. Navy	11.15.08						
			most interception returns								
			4	at UCLA	10.6.07						
			3	Boston College	10.24.09						
			3	Pittsburgh	11.1.08						
			3	at USC	11.29.08						
			3	Stanford	10.4.08						
			2	Nevada	9.5.09						
			2	Michigan	9.13.08						
			2	at Stanford	11.24.07						
			2	at Purdue	9.29.07						
			2	at USC	11.25.06						
			2	at Michigan State	9.23.06						
			2	Army	11.18.06						
			2	Tennessee	11.5.05						
			2	USC	11.15.05						
			2	BYU	10.22.05						
			2	at Michigan State	9.23.06						
			most interception return yards								
			86	BYU	10.22.05						
			80	Michigan	9.13.08						
			74	Tennessee	11.5.05						
			73	at Penn State	9.8.07						
			64	at UCLA	10.6.07						
			51	Michigan	9.16.06						
			47	Pittsburgh	11.1.08						
			47	Purdue	9.27.08						
			46	at Stanford	11.24.07						
			37	Boston College	10.24.09						
			32	at USC	11.29.08						
			highest average per int return (min. 2 ret.)								
			43.0	BYU (2-86)	10.22.05						
			40.0	Michigan (2-80)	9.13.08						
			37.0	Tennessee (2-74)	11.5.05						
			23.0	at Stanford (2-46)	11.24.07						
			16.0	at UCLA (4-64)	10.6.07						
			15.7	Pittsburgh (3-47)	11.1.08						
			13.5	at Michigan State (2-27)	9.23.06						
			12.3	Boston College (3-37)	10.24.09						
			11.5	Nevada (2-23)	9.5.09						
			10.7	at USC (3-32)	11.29.08						
			6.5	USC (2-13)	11.15.05						
			most tackles								
			109	at Air Force (45-64)	11.11.06						
			109	Navy (35-74)	11.3.07						
			97	Air Force (39-58)	11.10.07						
			97	Navy (29-68)	11.12.05						
			87	Michigan State (35-52)	9.22.07						
			87	BYU (42-45)	10.22.05						
			86	Washington (44-42)	10.3.09						
			85	at Michigan (51-34)	9.15.07						
			85	Michigan (31-54)	9.16.06						
			83	USC (35-48)	10.20.07						
			83	at Stanford (45-38)	11.24.07						

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5	at Pittsburgh	9.3.05
5	Penn State	9.9.06
5	at Washington	9.24.05
5	Purdue	9.30.06
5	Purdue	9.27.08

most blocked kicks

2	North Carolina	11.4.06
2	vs. Ohio State	1.2.06
2	Syracuse	11.19.05

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most rushing attempts

35	Darius Walker, at Stanford (11.26.05)
32	James Aldridge, Navy (11.3.07)
31	Darius Walker, Purdue (9.30.06)
26	Darius Walker, Syracuse (11.19.05)
26	Darius Walker, at Michigan (9.10.05)
26	Darius Walker, Michigan State (9.17.05)
25	Darius Walker, Stanford (10.7.06)
24	Darius Walker, Army (11.18.06)
23	Armando Allen, Michigan State (9.19.09)
23	Darius Walker, at Purdue (10.1.05)

most rushing yards

186	Darius Walker, at Stanford (11.26.05)
162	Darius Walker, Army (11.18.06)
153	Darius Walker, Stanford (10.7.06)
153	Darius Walker, at Air Force (11.11.06)
146	Darius Walker, Purdue (9.30.06)
139	Armando Allen, at Michigan (9.12.09)
136	Robert Hughes, at Stanford (11.24.07)
134	Armando Allen, Purdue (9.27.08)
128	Darius Walker, at Washington (9.24.05)
128	Darius Walker, vs. LSU (1.3.07)

highest average gain per rush (min. 10)

10.2	Darius Walker, at Air Force (11.11.06)	15-153
7.9	Armando Allen, Purdue (9.27.08)	17-134
7.6	Robert Hughes, at Stanford (11.24.07)	18-136
6.8	Darius Walker, Army (11.18.06)	24-162
6.7	Brady Quinn, at USC (11.25.06)	11-74
6.6	Armando Allen, at Michigan (9.12.09)	21-139
6.47	Robert Hughes, vs. Duke (11.17.07)	17-110
6.46	James Aldridge, at Washington (10.25.08)	13-84
6.2	Darius Walker, Navy (11.12.05)	19-118
6.1	Darius Walker, Stanford (10.7.06)	25-153

most rushing touchdowns

3	Travis Thomas, Navy (11.3.07)
3	Rashon Powers-Neal, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)
3	Darius Walker, vs. Ohio State (1.2.06)
2	James Aldridge, at Washington (10.25.08)
2	Robert Hughes, vs. Michigan (9.13.08)
2	Darius Walker, Army (11.18.06)
2	Rashon Powers-Neal, at Purdue (10.1.05)

longest rush from scrimmage

60	Brady Quinn, at USC (11.25.06)
45	Robert Hughes, at Stanford (11.24.07)
43	James Aldridge, Michigan State (9.22.07)
43	Travis Thomas, Penn State (9.9.06)
39	Darius Walker, at Air Force (11.11.06)
38	Darius Walker, at Stanford (11.26.05)
37	Darius Walker, Syracuse (11.19.05)
37	Robert Hughes, Washington (10.3.09)
35	Darius Walker, vs. LSU (1.3.07)
35	Harrison Smith, at Washington (10.25.08)

most passing attempts

60	Brady Quinn, Michigan State (9.17.05)
48	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (10.11.08)

48	Brady Quinn, Michigan (9.16.06)
46	Jimmy Clausen, at Boston College (11.8.08)
45	Brady Quinn, at USC (11.25.06)
45	Brady Quinn, UCLA (10.21.06)
45	Brady Quinn, vs. Ohio State (1.2.06)
44	Jimmy Clausen, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
43	Jimmy Clausen, USC (10.17.09)
42	Jimmy Clausen, at Michigan (9.12.09)
41	Jimmy Clausen, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
41	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)

most passing completions

33	Brady Quinn, Michigan State (9.17.05)
32	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)
31	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (10.11.08)
29	Jimmy Clausen, Stanford (10.4.08)
29	Brady Quinn, vs. Ohio State (1.2.06)
29	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)
29	Brady Quinn, Purdue (9.30.06)
27	Brady Quinn, UCLA (10.21.06)
27	Brady Quinn, Stanford (10.7.06)
26	Jimmy Clausen, Boston College (10.24.09)
26	Jimmy Clausen, Boston College (11.8.08)

highest completion percentage (min. 10 att.)

84.6	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)	22-26
83.3	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)	15-18
83.3	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Navy (11.15.08)	15-18
80.6	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)	29-36
78.0	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)	32-41
76.9	Evan Sharpley, Georgia Tech (9.1.07)	10-13
76.3	Brady Quinn, Purdue (9.30.06)	29-38
74.2	Jimmy Clausen, Washington (10.3.09)	23-31
73.7	Brady Quinn, at Air Force (11.11.06)	14-19
73.3	Brady Quinn, Army (11.18.06)	22-30

most passing yards

487	Brady Quinn, Michigan State (9.17.05)
467	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)
440	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)
432	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)
422	Jimmy Clausen, Washington (10.3.09)
401	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
383	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (10.11.08)
347	Jimmy Clausen, Stanford (10.4.08)
346	Brady Quinn, North Carolina (11.4.06)
336	Jimmy Clausen, at Michigan (9.12.09)

most passing yards per attempt (min. 10 att.)

17.5	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)	18-315
15.4	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)	26-401
13.6	Jimmy Clausen, Washington (10.3.09)	31-422
12.2	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)	36-440
11.8	Brady Quinn, vs. Navy (10.28.06)	25-295
11.4	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)	41-467
11.4	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)	38-432
10.9	Brady Quinn, at Air Force (11.11.06)	19-207
9.9	Brady Quinn, North Carolina (11.4.06)	35-346
9.7	Jimmy Clausen, Michigan State (9.19.09)	31-300

most passing yards per comp. (min. 5 comp.)

21.0	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)	15-315
18.3	Jimmy Clausen, Washington (10.3.09)	23-422
18.2	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)	22-401
17.3	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)	25-432
16.4	Brady Quinn, vs. Navy (10.28.06)	18-295
15.9	Brady Quinn, at Michigan State (9.23.06)	20-319
15.2	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)	29-440
15.0	Brady Quinn, North Carolina (11.4.06)	23-346
14.8	Brady Quinn, at Air Force (11.11.06)	14-207
14.8	Brady Quinn, Michigan State (9.17.05)	33-487

14.8	Brady Quinn, Tennessee (11.5.05)	20-295
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most passing touchdowns

6	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)
5	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
5	Brady Quinn, Michigan State (9.17.05)
5	Brady Quinn, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
4	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)
4	Brady Quinn, at Air Force (11.11.06)
4	Brady Quinn, North Carolina (11.4.06)
4	Brady Quinn, Navy (11.12.05)
3	Jimmy Clausen, at Michigan (9.12.09)
3	Jimmy Clausen, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
3	Jimmy Clausen, Stanford (10.4.08)
3	Jimmy Clausen, Purdue (9.27.08)
3	Jimmy Clausen, San Diego State (9.6.08)
3	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (11.17.07)
3	Jimmy Clausen, Air Force (11.10.07)
3	Brady Quinn, at USC (11.25.06)
3	Brady Quinn, Army (11.18.06)
3	Brady Quinn, Tennessee (11.5.05)
3	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)
3	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)
3	Brady Quinn, Stanford (10.7.06)
3	Brady Quinn, Penn State (9.9.06)
3	Brady Quinn, Michigan (9.16.06)
3	Brady Quinn, vs. Navy (10.28.06)

most passing interceptions

4	Jimmy Clausen, at Boston College (11.8.08)
3	Brady Quinn, Michigan (9.16.06)
2	Jimmy Clausen, at USC (11.29.08)
2	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
2	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (10.11.08)
2	Jimmy Clausen, Michigan (9.13.08)
2	Jimmy Clausen, San Diego State (9.6.08)
2	Jimmy Clausen, Boston College (10.13.07)
2	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)
2	Brady Quinn, vs. LSU (1.3.07)
2	Jimmy Clausen, at Michigan State (9.20.08)

highest passing efficiency rating (min. 10 att.)

303.7	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)
277.6	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
234.7	Brady Quinn, at Air Force (11.11.06)
222.0	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)
210.7	Brady Quinn, vs. Navy (10.28.06)
205.2	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)
203.4	Jimmy Clausen, Washington (10.3.09)
186.5	Brady Quinn, North Carolina (11.4.06)
184.1	Brady Quinn, Navy (11.12.05)
176.8	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)

longest pass completion

88	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)
80	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)
77	Jimmy Clausen, Washington (10.3.09)
73	Brady Quinn, Tennessee (11.5.05)
70	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)
69	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
67	Jimmy Clausen, Washington (10.3.09)
62	Brady Quinn, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
60	Jimmy Clausen, Michigan (9.5.08)
55	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)

most receptions

14	Maurice Stovall, BYU (10.22.05)
11	Golden Tate, Boston College (10.24.09)
10	Michael Floyd, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
10	Rhema McKnight, Purdue (9.30.06)
10	Jeff Samardzija, BYU (10.22.05)
9	Robby Parris, USC (10.17.09)

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9	Golden State, Washington (10.3.09)
9	Golden Tate, at Michigan (9.12.09)
9	Armando Allen, at Boston College (11.8.08)
9	Jeff Samardzija, Army (11.18.06)
9	Maurice Stovall, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)
9	Darius Walker, Purdue (9.30.06)

most receiving yards

244	Golden State, Washington (10.3.09)
207	Maurice Stovall, BYU (10.22.05)
191	Jeff Samardzija, at Stanford (11.26.05)
189	Michael Floyd, Nevada (9.5.09)
177	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
177	Jeff Samardzija, North Carolina (11.4.06)
176	Maurice Stovall, Michigan State (9.17.05)
164	Jeff Samardzija, at Washington (9.24.05)
153	Jeff Samardzija, at Purdue (10.1.05)
152	Jeff Samardzija, BYU (10.22.05)

highest avg. gain per reception (min. 3 rec.)

47.3	Michael Floyd, Nevada (9.5.09)	4-189
34.7	Golden Tate, at Purdue (9.29.07)	3-104
31.8	Golden Tate, Michigan (9.13.08)	4-127
30.3	Maurice Stovall, Syracuse (11.19.05)	3-91
30.2	John Carlson, at Michigan State (9.23.06)	4-121
29.5	Jeff Samardzija, North Carolina (11.4.06)	6-177
29.5	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)	6-177
27.1	Golden State, Washington (10.3.09)	9-244
26.8	Michael Floyd, at Washington (10.25.08)	4-107
24.2	Golden Tate, at North Carolina (10.11.08)	5-121

most receiving touchdowns

4	Maurice Stovall, BYU (10.22.05)
3	Michael Floyd, Nevada (9.5.09)
3	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
3	Jeff Samardzija, Michigan State (9.17.05)
3	Jeff Samardzija, Navy (11.12.05)
2	Golden Tate, Boston College (10.24.09)
2	Golden Tate, at Michigan (9.12.09)
2	Golden Tate, Syracuse (11.22.08)
2	Michael Floyd, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
2	Duval Kamara, Navy (11.3.07)
2	Rhema McKnight, Army (11.18.06)
2	Rhema McKnight, North Carolina (11.4.06)
2	Rhema McKnight, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
2	Rhema McKnight, Purdue (9.30.06)
2	Jeff Samardzija, Purdue (9.30.06)
2	Jeff Samardzija, at Stanford (11.26.05)
2	Jeff Samardzija, at Purdue (10.1.05)
2	Jeff Samardzija, BYU (10.22.05)
2	Jeff Samardzija, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
2	Rhema McKnight, vs. Navy (10.28.06)

longest pass reception

88	Michael Floyd, Nevada (9.5.09)
80	Jeff Samardzija, at Stanford (11.26.05)
77	Golden State, Washington (10.3.09)
73	Jeff Samardzija, Tennessee (11.5.05)
70	Michael Floyd, Nevada (9.5.09)
69	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
67	Golden State, Washington (10.3.09)
62	John Carlson, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
60	Golden Tate, Michigan (9.13.08)
55	Jeff Samardzija, at Purdue (10.1.05)

most total offense plays

67	Brady Quinn, Michigan State (9.17.05)	7r,60p
59	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (10.11.08)	11r,48p
59	Brady Quinn, UCLA (10.21.06)	14r,45p
56	Brady Quinn, at USC (11.25.06)	11r,45p
55	Brady Quinn, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)	10r,45p
52	Jimmy Clausen, USC (10.17.09)	9r,43p

52	Jimmy Clausen, at Boston College (11.8.08)	6r,46p
52	Brady Quinn, Michigan (9.16.06)	4r,48p
50	Jimmy Clausen, Air Force (11.10.07)	10r,40p
48	Brady Quinn, USC (11.15.05)	13r,35p
47	Jimmy Clausen, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)	3r,44p

most total offense yards gained

479	Brady Quinn, Michigan State (9.17.05)	-8r,487p
463	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)	23r,440p
457	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)	-10r,467p
453	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)	21r,432p
395	Jimmy Clausen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)	-6r,401p
377	Jimmy Clausen, at North Carolina (10.11.08)	-6r,383p
356	Brady Quinn, at Washington (9.24.05)	29r,327p
351	Jimmy Clausen, Stanford (10.4.08)	4r,347p
348	Brady Quinn, at USC (11.25.06)	74r,274p
336	Jimmy Clausen, at Michigan (9.12.09)	0r,336p

highest average gain per play (min. 20 plays)

15.8	Jimmy Clausen, Nevada (9.5.09)	20-316
14.1	Jimmy Clausen, at Hawai'i (12.24.08)	28-395
11.6	Brady Quinn, at Purdue (10.1.05)	40-463
11.1	Brady Quinn, vs. Navy (10.28.06)	29-323
10.3	Brady Quinn, at Stanford (11.26.05)	44-453
10.2	Brady Quinn, BYU (10.22.05)	45-457
9.1	Brady Quinn, Navy (11.12.05)	34-311
8.8	Brady Quinn, at Air Force (11.11.06)	23-203
8.7	Brady Quinn, at Washington (9.24.05)	41-356
8.6	Brady Quinn, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)	32-276

most all-purpose yards gained

275	Golden State, Washington (10.3.09)
247	Armando Allen, Purdue (9.27.08)
241	Darius Walker, at Stanford (11.26.05)
226	Armando Allen, Navy (11.3.07)
223	Golden Tate, Syracuse (11.22.08)
219	Darius Walker, Purdue (9.30.06)
213	Golden Tate, at North Carolina (10.11.08)
208	Maurice Stovall, BYU (10.22.05)
203	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
201	Golden Tate, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)

most all-purpose attempts

40	Darius Walker, at Stanford (11.26.05)
40	Darius Walker, Purdue (9.30.06)
32	James Aldridge, Navy (11.3.07)
31	Darius Walker, Stanford (10.7.06)
31	Darius Walker, at Michigan (9.10.05)
31	Darius Walker, Michigan State (9.17.05)
29	Darius Walker, Syracuse (11.19.05)
29	Darius Walker, Army (11.18.06)
27	Darius Walker, Penn State (9.9.06)
26	Darius Walker, at Georgia Tech (9.2.06)

most points scored

24	Maurice Stovall, BYU (10.22.05)
18	Michael Floyd, Nevada (9.5.09)
18	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
18	Travis Thomas, Navy (11.3.07)
18	Rashon Powers-Neal, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)
18	Jeff Samardzija, Michigan State (9.17.05)
18	Maurice Stovall, Navy (11.12.05)
18	Darius Walker, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)
15	Brandon Walker, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)

most touchdowns scored

4	Maurice Stovall, BYU (10.22.05)
3	Michael Floyd, Nevada (9.5.09)
3	Golden Tate, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
3	Travis Thomas, Navy (11.3.07)
3	Rashon Powers-Neal, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)
3	Jeff Samardzija, Michigan State (9.17.05)
3	Maurice Stovall, Navy (11.12.05)

3	Darius Walker, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)
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INDIVIDUAL RECORDS - DEFENSE

most fumble returns TD

1	Brian Smith, Michigan (9.13.08)
1	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
1	Tom Zbikowski, Penn State (9.9.06)

most fumble returns

1	Brian Smith, Boston College (10.24.09)
1	Ethan Johnson, Boston College (10.24.09)
1	Toryan Smith, Michigan State (9.19.09)
1	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
1	Pat Kuntz, Stanford (10.4.08)
1	Kerry Neal, at UCLA (10.6.07)
1	Brian Smith, Michigan (9.13.08)
1	Toryan Smith, Syracuse (11.22.08)
1	Tom Zbikowski, Penn State (9.9.06)

most fumble return yards

35	Brian Smith, Michigan (9.13.08)
34	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
25	Tom Zbikowski, Penn State (9.9.06)
20	Gary Gray, Syracuse (11.22.08)
11	Kerry Neal, at UCLA (10.6.07)
8	Toryan Smith, Syracuse (11.22.08)
5	Toryan Smith, Michigan State (9.19.09)
2	Pat Kuntz, Stanford (10.4.08)

most interception returns TD

1	Terrail Lambert, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
1	Darrin Walls, at Penn State (9.8.07)
1	Brian Smith, Boston College (10.13.07)
1	Robert Blanton, Purdue (9.27.08)

most punt block returns TD

1	Toryan Smith, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
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most interceptions

2	Kyle McCarthy, Boston College (10.24.09)
2	Raeshon McNeil, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
2	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	Mike Richardson, Army (11.18.06)
2	Terrail Lambert, at Michigan State (9.23.06)

most interception return yards

83	Tom Zbikowski, BYU (10.22.05)	1
73	Darrin Walls, at Penn State (9.8.07)	1
51	Chinedum Ndukwe, Michigan (9.16.06)	1
47	Robert Blanton, Purdue (9.27.08)	1
47	Raeshon McNeil, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)	2
46	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)	2
43	Tom Zbikowski, Stanford (11.24.07)	2
41	Ambrose Wooden, Tennessee (11.5.05)	1
41	Gary Gray, Michigan (9.13.08)	1
39	David Bruton, Michigan (9.13.08)	1

highest avg. per INT return (min. 2 ret.)

23.5	Raeshon McNeil, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)	2-47
23.0	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)	2-46
13.5	Kyle McCarthy, Boston College (10.24.09)	2-27
13.5	Terrail Lambert, at Michigan State (9.23.06)	2-27
0.5	Mike Richardson, Army (11.18.06)	2-1

most tackles

22	Chinedum Ndukwe, at Air Force (11.11.06)	15-7
17	Trevor Laws, Air Force (11.10.07)	6-11
16	David Bruton, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)	9-7
16	Joe Brockington, Navy (11.3.07)	4-12
16	Maurice Crum, Michigan State (9.22.07)	6-10
15	Kyle McCarthy, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)	8-7
15	David Bruton, Michigan (9.13.08)	10-5

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15	Trevor Laws, Navy (11.3.07)	8-7
15	David Bruton, Michigan State (9.22.07)	8-7
15	Joe Brockington, at Air Force (11.11.06)	5-10

most quarterback sacks

4.0	Victor Abiamiri, at Stanford (11.26.05)
3.0	Victor Abiamiri, Stanford (10.7.06)
2.0	Steve Quinn, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
2.0	Ethan Johnson, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
2.0	Harrison Smith, at Washington (10.25.08)
2.0	Pat Kuntz, Stanford (10.4.08)
2.0	Derek Landri, Army (11.18.06)
2.0	Victor Abiamiri, North Carolina (11.4.06)
2.0	Brandon Hoyte, at Stanford (11.26.05)
2.0	Brandon Hoyte, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)
2.0	Corey Mays, Syracuse (11.19.05)
2.0	Victor Abiamiri, vs. Navy (10.28.06)

most tackles for loss

4.5	Derek Landri, Army (11.18.06)
4.5	Brandon Hoyte, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)
4.0	Victor Abiamiri, at Stanford (11.26.05)
3.5	Derek Landri, North Carolina (11.4.06)
3.5	Victor Abiamiri, Stanford (10.7.06)
3.5	Corey Mays, Syracuse (11.19.05)
3.0	Darius Fleming, at Purdue (9.26.09)
3.0	Victor Abiamiri, Michigan State (9.17.05)
3.0	Maurice Crum, Tennessee (11.5.05)
3.0	Maurice Crum, Penn State (9.9.06)
3.0	Brandon Hoyte, at Washington (9.24.05)
3.0	Corey Mays, Tennessee (11.5.05)
3.0	Trevor Laws, at Purdue (9.29.07)

most fumbles forced

2	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	Mike Richardson, Tennessee (11.5.05)
2	Tom Zbikowski, at Penn State (9.8.07)

most fumbles recovered

2	Brian Smith, Michigan (9.13.08)
2	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	Ray Herring, at Michigan (9.15.07)

most pass breakups

3	Raeshon McNeil, at Boston College (11.8.08)
2	Kyle McCarthy, Michigan State (9.19.09)
2	Harrison Smith, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
2	Harrison Smith, Syracuse (11.22.08)
2	Raeshon McNeil, Syracuse (11.22.08)
2	David Bruton, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
2	Ethan Johnson, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
2	Raeshon McNeil, Michigan (9.13.08)
2	Terrail Lambert, San Diego State (9.6.08)
2	Sergio Brown, San Diego State (9.6.08)
2	John Ryan, San Diego State (9.6.08)
2	Darrin Walls, at Stanford (11.24.07)
2	Pat Kuntz, USC (10.20.07)
2	Dwight Stephenson, USC (10.20.07)
2	Darrin Walls, Boston College (10.13.07)
2	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	Pat Kuntz, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	Trevor Laws, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	Pat Kuntz, Georgia Tech (9.1.07)
2	Chris Frome, Purdue (9.30.06)
2	Chris Frome, at USC (11.25.06)
2	Corey Mays, at Michigan (9.10.05)
2	Chinedum Ndukwe, Tennessee (11.5.05)
2	Chinedum Ndukwe, at Stanford (11.26.05)
2	Mike Richardson, Syracuse (11.19.05)
2	Mike Richardson, at Purdue (10.1.05)
2	Ambrose Wooden, Michigan State (9.17.05)
2	Tom Zbikowski, at Washington (9.24.05)

longest interception return

83	Tom Zbikowski, BYU (10.22.05)
73	Darrin Walls, at Penn State (9.8.07)
51	Chinedum Ndukwe, Michigan (9.16.06)
47	Robert Blanton, Purdue (9.27.08)
43	Raeshon McNeil, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
41	Ambrose Wooden, Tennessee (11.5.05)
41	Gary Gray, Michigan (9.13.08)
39	David Bruton, Michigan (9.13.08)
33	Tom Zbikowski, Tennessee (11.5.05)
33	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)

longest fumble return

35	Brian Smith, Michigan (9.13.08)
34	Maurice Crum, at UCLA (10.6.07)
25	Tom Zbikowski, Penn State (9.9.06)
20	Gary Gray, Syracuse (11.22.08)
11	Kerry Neal, at UCLA (10.6.07)
8	Toryan Smith, Syracuse (11.22.08)
5	Toryan Smith, Michigan State (9.19.09)
2	Pat Kuntz, Stanford (10.4.08)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS - SPECIAL TEAMS**most extra points made by kicking**

7	Brandon Walker, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
7	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Purdue (10.1.05)
7	D.J. Fitzpatrick, BYU (10.22.05)
6	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Navy (11.12.05)
6	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)
6	Carl Gioia, North Carolina (11.4.06)
5	Nick Tausch, Nevada (9.5.09)
5	Brandon Walker, Purdue (9.27.08)
5	Brandon Walker, Michigan (9.13.08)
5	Brandon Walker, Navy (11.3.07)
5	Carl Gioia, Army (11.18.06)
5	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Tennessee (11.5.05)
5	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Michigan State (9.17.05)
5	Carl Gioia, Penn State (9.9.06)
5	Carl Gioia, Purdue (9.30.06)
5	Carl Gioia, vs. Navy (10.28.06)

most extra points attempted by kicking

7	Brandon Walker, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
7	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Purdue (10.1.05)
7	D.J. Fitzpatrick, BYU (10.22.05)
6	Carl Gioia, Army (11.18.06)
6	Carl Gioia, at Air Force (11.11.06)
6	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Navy (11.12.05)
6	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05)
6	Carl Gioia, North Carolina (11.4.06)
5	Nick Tausch, Nevada (9.5.09)
5	Brandon Walker, Purdue (9.27.08)
5	Brandon Walker, Michigan (9.13.08)
5	Brandon Walker, Navy (11.3.07)
5	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Tennessee (11.5.05)
5	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Michigan State (9.17.05)
5	Carl Gioia, Penn State (9.9.06)
5	Carl Gioia, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
5	Carl Gioia, Purdue (9.30.06)
5	Carl Gioia, vs. Navy (10.28.06)

most points scored by kicking

15	Brandon Walker, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
12	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Washington (9.24.05)
11	Brandon Walker, Syracuse (11.22.08)
11	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Tennessee (11.5.05)
11	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Michigan State (9.17.05)
11	Carl Gioia, Penn State (9.9.06)
10	Nick Tausch, at Michigan (9.12.09)
9	Nick Tausch, Michigan State (9.19.09)
9	Brandon Walker, at Washington (10.25.08)

9	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Syracuse (11.19.05)
9	Carl Gioia, North Carolina (11.4.06)

most field goals attempted

6	Brandon Walker, Syracuse (11.22.08)
5	Nick Tausch, Washington (10.3.09)
5	Brandon Walker, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
4	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Syracuse (11.19.05)
3	Nick Tausch, at Michigan (9.12.09)
3	Carl Gioia, UCLA (10.21.06)
3	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Michigan State (9.17.05)
3	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Washington (9.24.05)
2	Nick Tausch, Boston College (10.24.09)
2	Nick Tausch, Michigan State (9.19.09)
2	Brandon Walker, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
2	Brandon Walker, at Washington (10.25.08)
2	Brandon Walker, Stanford (10.4.08)
2	Brandon Walker, Purdue (9.27.08)
2	Brandon Walker, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
2	Brandon Walker, Navy (11.3.07)
2	Brandon Walker, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Tennessee (11.5.05)
2	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Stanford (11.26.05)
2	D.J. Fitzpatrick, USC (11.15.05)
2	Carl Gioia, at Georgia Tech (9.2.06)
2	Carl Gioia, Penn State (9.9.06)

most field goals made

5	Nick Tausch, Washington (10.3.09)
4	Brandon Walker, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
3	Brandon Walker, Syracuse (11.22.08)
3	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Washington (9.24.05)
2	Nick Tausch, Boston College (10.24.09)
2	Nick Tausch, Michigan State (9.19.09)
2	Nick Tausch, at Michigan (9.12.09)
2	Brandon Walker, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
2	Brandon Walker, at Washington (10.25.08)
2	Brandon Walker, at UCLA (10.6.07)
2	Carl Gioia, UCLA (10.21.06)
2	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Tennessee (11.5.05)
2	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Syracuse (11.19.05)
2	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Michigan State (9.17.05)
2	Carl Gioia, Penn State (9.9.06)

longest field goal made

48	Brandon Walker, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
48	Brandon Walker, at UCLA (10.6.07)
48	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Michigan State (9.17.05)
46	Nick Tausch, Michigan State (9.19.09)
45	Brandon Walker, Syracuse (11.22.08)
44	D.J. Fitzpatrick, Syracuse (11.19.05)
43	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Michigan (9.10.05)
42	Nick Tausch, at Michigan (9.12.09)
42	Brandon Walker, at Washington (10.25.08)
42	Brandon Walker, at North Carolina (10.11.08)

most punts

10	Geoff Price, USC (10.20.07)
9	Geoff Price, at UCLA (10.6.07)
9	Geoff Price, at Penn State (9.8.07)
9	D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Michigan (9.10.05)
8	Eric Maust, at USC (11.29.08)
7	Geoff Price, at Michigan (9.15.07)
7	Geoff Price, Georgia Tech (9.1.07)
7	Geoff Price, Michigan (9.16.06)
7	Geoff Price, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
6	Ben Turk, Boston College (10.24.09)
6	Eric Maust, at Boston College (11.8.08)
6	Eric Maust, Michigan (9.13.08)
6	Geoff Price, Boston College (10.13.07)
6	Geoff Price, Michigan State (9.22.07)
6	Geoff Price, UCLA (10.21.06)

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6 D.J. Fitzpatrick, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)

most yards punting

450 Geoff Price, USC (10.20.07)
403 Geoff Price, at Penn State (9.8.07)
371 D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Michigan (9.10.05)
363 Geoff Price, Michigan (9.16.06)
363 Geoff Price, at UCLA (10.6.07)
323 Eric Maust, at USC (11.29.08)
303 Geoff Price, at Michigan (9.15.07)
303 Geoff Price, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
268 Geoff Price, Georgia Tech (9.1.07)
263 Eric Maust, Michigan (9.13.08)

highest average yards per punt (min. 3 punts)

51.9 Geoff Price, Michigan (9.16.06) 7-363
50.4 Geoff Price, at Georgia Tech (9.2.06) 5-252
47.4 Geoff Price, vs. LSU (1.3.07) 5-237
45.8 Geoff Price, North Carolina (11.4.06) 5-229
45.7 D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Pittsburgh (9.3.05) 3-137
45.7 Geoff Price, Purdue (9.30.06) 3-137
45.0 Geoff Price, USC (10.20.07) 10-450
44.8 Geoff Price, at Penn State (9.8.07) 9-403
44.2 D.J. Fitzpatrick, BYU (10.22.05) 5-221
44.0 Geoff Price, Penn State (9.9.06) 3-132
44.0 Eric Maust, at Purdue (9.29.07) 3-132
44.0 Eric Maust, vs. Navy (11.15.08) 3-132

most punts downed inside 20

3 Ben Turk, USC (10.17.09)
3 Eric Maust, at Stanford (11.24.07)
3 Geoff Price, Boston College (10.13.07)
3 Geoff Price, at UCLA (10.6.07)
3 Geoff Price, Purdue (9.30.06)
2 Eric Maust, Nevada (9.5.09)
2 Eric Maust, Syracuse (11.22.08)
2 Eric Maust, Stanford (10.4.08)
2 Eric Maust, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
2 Eric Maust, Michigan (9.13.08)
2 Eric Maust, San Diego State (9.6.08)
2 Eric Maust, Duke (11.17.07)
2 Eric Maust, Air Force (11.10.07)
2 Geoff Price, at Michigan (9.15.07)
2 Geoff Price, North Carolina (11.4.06)
2 D.J. Fitzpatrick, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)
2 D.J. Fitzpatrick, Syracuse (11.19.05)
2 D.J. Fitzpatrick, USC (11.15.05)
2 D.J. Fitzpatrick, Michigan State (9.17.05)
2 Geoff Price, Penn State (9.9.06)
2 Geoff Price, Michigan (9.16.06)
2 Eric Maust, at Purdue (9.29.07)

longest punt

62 Geoff Price, Penn State (9.9.06)
61 Geoff Price, at Georgia Tech (9.2.06)
60 D.J. Fitzpatrick, at Michigan (9.10.05)
59 Geoff Price, Michigan (9.16.06)
57 Geoff Price, at Penn State (9.8.07)
56 Geoff Price, Michigan State (9.22.07)
56 Geoff Price, Boston College (10.13.07)
55 Geoff Price, at Michigan (9.16.07)
55 Geoff Price, Georgia Tech (9.1.07)
55 Geoff Price, Army (11.18.06)
55 Geoff Price, vs. LSU (1.3.07)

longest punt return

78 Tom Zbikowski, Tennessee (11.5.05)
60 Tom Zbikowski, at Stanford (11.24.07)
60 Tom Zbikowski, USC (11.15.05)
52 Tom Zbikowski, North Carolina (11.4.06)
47 Tom Zbikowski, at Penn State (9.8.07)
42 Golden Tate, at Boston College (11.8.08)

32 Tom Zbikowski, Navy (11.3.07)
25 Tom Zbikowski, at Michigan State (9.23.06)
25 Tom Zbikowski, at Washington (9.24.05)
24 Golden Tate, vs. Navy (11.15.08)

longest kick return

96 Armando Allen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
53 Armando Allen, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
52 Barry Gallup, at Michigan (9.12.09)
50 David Grimes, North Carolina (11.4.06)
46 David Grimes, at Georgia Tech (9.2.06)
40 Golden Tate, at Michigan (9.15.07)
40 David Grimes, at Purdue (10.1.05)
38 Theo Riddick, Michigan State (9.19.09)
38 Armando Allen, Navy (11.3.07)
36 D.J. Hord, Tennessee (11.5.05)
36 Armando Allen, Purdue (9.27.08)

most punt returns

6 Golden Tate, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
6 Tom Zbikowski, at Stanford (11.26.05)
4 Tom Zbikowski, at Stanford (11.24.07)
4 Tom Zbikowski, USC (11.15.05)
4 Tom Zbikowski, at Georgia Tech (9.2.06)
3 Golden Tate, at Boston College (11.8.08)
3 Golden Tate, at Washington (10.25.08)
3 Armando Allen, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
3 Tom Zbikowski, Duke (11.17.07)
3 Tom Zbikowski, Boston College (10.13.07)
3 Tom Zbikowski, Army (11.18.06)
3 Tom Zbikowski, North Carolina (11.4.06)
3 Tom Zbikowski, Tennessee (11.5.05)
3 Tom Zbikowski, Syracuse (11.19.05)
3 Tom Zbikowski, at Michigan (9.15.07)

most punt return yards

118 Tom Zbikowski, Tennessee (11.5.05) 3
87 Tom Zbikowski, USC (11.15.05) 4
69 Tom Zbikowski, North Carolina (11.4.06) 3
64 Tom Zbikowski, at Stanford (11.24.07) 4
50 Golden Tate, vs. Navy (11.15.08) 6
47 Tom Zbikowski, at Penn State (9.8.07) 1
44 Golden Tate, at Boston College (11.8.08) 3
37 Tom Zbikowski, Navy (11.3.07) 2
35 Armando Allen, San Diego State (9.6.08) 2
34 Tom Zbikowski, Boston College (10.13.07) 3
34 Tom Zbikowski, at Stanford (11.26.05) 6

highest avg. gain per punt return (min. 2 ret.)

39.3 Tom Zbikowski, Tennessee (11.5.05) 3-118
23.0 Tom Zbikowski, North Carolina (11.4.06) 3-69
21.8 Tom Zbikowski, USC (11.15.05) 4-87
18.5 Tom Zbikowski, Navy (11.3.07) 2-37
17.5 Armando Allen, San Diego State (9.6.08) 2-35
16.0 Tom Zbikowski, at Stanford (11.24.07) 4-64
15.5 Tom Zbikowski, at Washington (9.24.05) 2-31
14.7 Golden Tate, at Boston College (11.8.08) 3-44
11.5 Golden Tate, Michigan State (9.19.09) 2-23
11.3 Tom Zbikowski, Boston College (10.13.07) 3-34

most kick returns

6 Theo Riddick (Washington, 10.3.09)
6 Armando Allen, Air Force (11.10.07)
6 David Grimes, Michigan (9.16.06)
5 Golden Tate, Pittsburgh (11.1.08)
5 Armando Allen, at Michigan State (9.20.08)
5 Golden Tate, at Michigan (9.15.07)
5 Tom Zbikowski, at USC (11.25.06)
5 Armando Allen, Georgia Tech (9.1.07)
4 Theo Riddick, at Purdue (9.26.09)
4 Theo Riddick, Michigan State (9.19.09)
4 Golden Tate, Syracuse (11.22.08)

4 Golden Tate, Boston College (11.8.08)
4 Golden Tate, at North Carolina (10.11.08)
4 Armando Allen, at Purdue (9.29.07)
4 Armando Allen, Purdue (9.27.08)
4 Armando Allen, Navy (11.3.07)
4 David Grimes, vs. LSU (1.3.07)
4 David Grimes, at Stanford (11.26.05)

most kick return yards

147 Armando Allen, at Michigan State (9.20.08) 5
145 David Grimes, Michigan (9.16.06) 6
133 Golden Tate, at Michigan (9.15.07) 5
129 Theo Riddick (Washington, 10.3.09) 6
117 Armando Allen, Air Force (11.10.07) 6
116 Armando Allen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08) 2
115 Armando Allen, Navy (11.3.07) 4
107 Theo Riddick, Michigan State (9.19.09) 4
107 Tom Zbikowski, at USC (11.25.06) 5
105 Armando Allen, Purdue (9.27.08) 4

highest avg. gain per kick return (min. 2 ret.)

58.0 Armando Allen, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08) 2-116
38.5 Barry Gallup, at Michigan (9.12.09) 2-77
33.7 David Grimes, North Carolina (11.4.06) 3-101
31.0 David Grimes, at Purdue (10.1.05) 2-62
29.4 Armando Allen, at Michigan State (9.20.08) 5-147
28.8 Armando Allen, Navy (11.3.07) 4-115
26.8 Theo Riddick, Michigan State (9.19.09) 4-107
26.6 Golden Tate, at Michigan (9.15.07) 5-133
26.2 Armando Allen, Purdue (9.27.08) 4-105
26.0 Armando Allen, at USC (11.29.08) 2-52

most blocked kicks

2 Chase Anastasio, Syracuse (11.19.05)
2 Derek Landri, North Carolina (11.4.06)
1 Ethan Johnson, Michigan State (9.19.09)
1 Sergio Brown, vs. Hawai'i (12.24.08)
1 Mike Anello, vs. Navy (11.15.08)
1 David Bruton, USC (10.20.07)
1 Trevor Laws, at Stanford (11.24.07)
1 Trevor Laws, Georgia Tech (9.1.07)
1 Steve Quinn, at USC (11.25.06)
1 Derek Landri, Army (11.18.06)
1 Trevor Laws, North Carolina (11.4.06)
1 Chase Anastasio, at Washington (9.24.05)
1 Derek Landri, Michigan (9.16.06)
1 Trevor Laws, at Air Force (11.11.06)
1 Trevor Laws, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)
1 Trevor Laws, at Purdue (10.1.05)
1 Chinedum Ndukwe, vs Ohio State (1.2.06)

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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Sep 05, 2009	NEVADA	W	35-0	1-0	0-0	2:53	80795
Sep 12, 2009	at Michigan	L	34-38	1-1	0-0	3:45	110278
Sep 19, 2009	MICHIGAN STATE	W	33-30	2-1	0-0	3:30	80795
Sep 26, 2009	at Purdue	W	24-21	3-1	0-0	3:21	59082
Oct 03, 2009	WASHINGTON	Wo	37-30	4-1	0-0	3:49	80795
Oct 17, 2009	#6 USC	L	27-34	4-2	0-0	3:39	80795
Oct 24, 2009	BOSTON COLLEGE	W	20-16	5-2	0-0	3:30	80795

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Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct 26, 2009)
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Team Statistics	ND	OPP
SCORING	210	169
Points Per Game	30.0	24.1
FIRST DOWNS	167	141
Rushing	67	44
Passing	86	86
Penalty	14	11
RUSHING YARDAGE	928	889
Yards gained rushing	1119	1051
Yards lost rushing	191	162
Rushing Attempts	248	219
Average Per Rush	3.7	4.1
Average Per Game	132.6	127.0
TDs Rushing	8	8
PASSING YARDAGE	2141	1977
Comp-Att-Int	160-246-3	142-242-9
Average Per Pass	8.7	8.2
Average Per Catch	13.4	13.9
Average Per Game	305.9	282.4
TDs Passing	17	11
TOTAL OFFENSE	3069	2866
Total Plays	494	461
Average Per Play	6.2	6.2
Average Per Game	438.4	409.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	28-648	42-862
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-76	3-53
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-132	3-10
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.1	20.5
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.5	17.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	14.7	3.3
FUMBLES-LOST	7-2	11-6
PENALTIES-Yards	47-413	56-448
Average Per Game	59.0	64.0
PUNTS-Yards	27-1021	31-1260
Average Per Punt	37.8	40.6
Net punt average	34.4	38.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:14	27:46
3RD-DOWN Conversions	35/91	38/93
3rd-Down Pct	38%	41%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/11	4/9
4th-Down Pct	55%	44%
SACKS BY-Yards	12-88	15-95
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	25	21
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	12-13	7-10
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(25-29) 86%	(18-25) 72%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(16-29) 55%	(14-25) 56%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(20-22) 91%	(20-21) 95%
ATTENDANCE	403975	169360
Games/Avg Per Game	5/80795	2/84680
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Notre Dame	39	78	27	59	7	210
Opponents	40	40	41	48	0	169

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
ALLEN, Armando	6	104	542	28	514	4.9	3	24	85.7
HUGHES, Robert	7	40	182	2	180	4.5	3	37	25.7
GRAY, Jonas	7	26	113	15	98	3.8	0	19	14.0
TATE, Golden	7	15	99	5	94	6.3	1	31	13.4
RIDDICK, Theo	7	7	44	1	43	6.1	0	24	6.1
CRIST, Dayne	3	4	23	7	16	4.0	0	16	5.3
ALDRIDGE, James	2	5	15	0	15	3.0	0	9	7.5
GOODMAN, John	5	1	13	0	13	13.0	0	13	2.6
KAMARA, Duval	7	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	1.4
MAUST, Eric	7	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.6
TEAM	4	6	0	11	-11	-1.8	0	0	-2.8
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	7	38	74	122	-48	-1.3	1	11	-6.9
Total	7	248	1119	191	928	3.7	8	37	132.6
Opponents	7	219	1051	162	889	4.1	8	41	127.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	7	161.30	150-230-2	65.2	2050	16	88	292.9
CRIST, Dayne	3	79.46	8-14-1	57.1	61	0	15	20.3
MAUST, Eric	7	310.00	1-1-0	100.0	25	0	25	3.6
ALLEN, Armando	6	472.00	1-1-0	100.0	5	1	5	0.8
Total	7	158.51	160-246-3	65.0	2141	17	88	305.9
Opponents	7	134.86	142-242-9	58.7	1977	11	60	282.4

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
TATE, Golden	7	52	847	16.3	8	77	121.0
RUDOLPH, Kyle	7	25	287	11.5	3	52	41.0
PARRIS, Robby	7	17	182	10.7	1	26	26.0
KAMARA, Duval	7	16	132	8.2	0	15	18.9
FLOYD, Michael	3	13	358	27.5	5	88	119.3
ALLEN, Armando	6	13	119	9.2	0	26	19.8
EVANS, Shaquelle	5	7	61	8.7	0	15	12.2
HUGHES, Robert	7	5	33	6.6	0	25	4.7
GRAY, Jonas	7	4	54	13.5	0	23	7.7
GOODMAN, John	5	4	31	7.8	0	9	6.2
TOMA, Roby	1	2	13	6.5	0	8	13.0
WALKER, Deion	4	1	15	15.0	0	15	3.8
BURGER, Bobby	7	1	9	9.0	0	9	1.3
Total	7	160	2141	13.4	17	88	305.9
Opponents	7	142	1977	13.9	11	60	282.4

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
TATE, Golden	6	47	7.8	0	23
HERRING, Ray	1	5	5.0	0	5
GOODMAN, John	1	24	24.0	0	24
Total	8	76	9.5	0	24
Opponents	3	53	17.7	0	31

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
McCARTHY, Kyle	5	90	18.0	0	23
WALLS, Darrin	1	2	2.0	0	2
BLANTON, Robert	1	0	0.0	0	0
SMITH, Brian	1	10	10.0	0	10
GRAY, Gary	1	30	30.0	0	30
Total	9	132	14.7	0	30
Opponents	3	10	3.3	0	10

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
RIDDICK, Theo	20	476	23.8	0	38
GALLUP, Barry	5	110	22.0	0	52
TATE, Golden	3	62	20.7	0	24
Total	28	648	23.1	0	52
Opponents	42	862	20.5	1	94

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SMITH, Toryan	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	1	5	5.0	0	5
Opponents	1	17	17.0	1	17

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
TAUSCH, Nick	-	12-13	20-22	-	-	-	-	-	56
TATE, Golden	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
FLOYD, Michael	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
ALLEN, Armando	3	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	20
HUGHES, Robert	3	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	20
RUDOLPH, Kyle	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	1	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	6
PARRIS, Robby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	25	12-13	20-22	2-2	-	0-1	-	-	210
Opponents	21	7-10	20-21	-	-	-	-	1	169

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	7	268	-48	2050	2002	286.0
ALLEN, Armando	6	105	514	5	519	86.5
HUGHES, Robert	7	40	180	0	180	25.7
GRAY, Jonas	7	26	98	0	98	14.0
TATE, Golden	7	15	94	0	94	13.4
CRIST, Dayne	3	18	16	61	77	25.7
RIDDICK, Theo	7	7	43	0	43	6.1
MAUST, Eric	7	2	4	25	29	4.1
ALDRIDGE, James	2	5	15	0	15	7.5
GOODMAN, John	5	1	13	0	13	2.6
KAMARA, Duval	7	1	10	0	10	1.4
TEAM	4	6	-11	0	-11	-2.8
Total	7	494	928	2141	3069	438.4
Opponents	7	461	889	1977	2866	409.4

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
TAUSCH, Nick	12-13	92.3	0-0	3-4	6-6	3-3	0-0	46	0

FG Sequence	Notre Dame	Opponents
Nevada	-	38
Michigan	28,(34),(42)	(39),26
Michigan State	(22),(46)	(43),51
Purdue	(34)	-
Washington	(34),(40),(34),(21),(24)	(40),(24),(37)
USC	-	(24),(37)
Boston College	(37),(34)	-

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
MAUST, Eric	14	557	39.8	49	1	7	3	0	0
TURK, Ben	13	464	35.7	48	1	9	4	0	0
Total	27	1021	37.8	49	2	16	7	0	0
Opponents	31	1260	40.6	59	0	14	13	8	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
TAUSCH, Nick	34	2102	61.8	0	0			
RUFFER, David	9	560	62.2	0	0			
TURK, Ben	1	39	39.0	0	0			
Total	44	2701	61.4	0	0	20.5	41.8	28
Opponents	32	2033	63.5	3	1	23.1	41.4	28

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
TATE, Golden	7	94	847	47	62	0	1050	150.0
ALLEN, Armand	6	514	119	0	0	0	633	105.5
RIDDICK, Theo	7	43	0	0	476	0	519	74.1
FLOYD, Michael	3	0	358	0	0	0	358	119.3
RUDOLPH, Kyle	7	0	287	0	0	0	287	41.0
HUGHES, Rober	7	180	33	0	0	0	213	30.4
PARRIS, Robby	7	0	182	0	0	0	182	26.0
GRAY, Jonas	7	98	54	0	0	0	152	21.7
KAMARA, Duval	7	10	132	0	0	0	142	20.3
GALLUP, Barry	6	0	0	0	110	0	110	18.3
McCARTHY, Kyl	7	0	0	0	0	90	90	12.9
GOODMAN, Joh	5	13	31	24	0	0	68	13.6
EVANS, Shaque	5	0	61	0	0	0	61	12.2
GRAY, Gary	6	0	0	0	0	30	30	5.0
CRIST, Dayne	3	16	0	0	0	0	16	5.3
ALDRIDGE, Jam	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
WALKER, Deion	4	0	15	0	0	0	15	3.8
TOMA, Roby	1	0	13	0	0	0	13	13.0
SMITH, Brian	7	0	0	0	0	10	10	1.4
BURGER, Bobb	7	0	9	0	0	0	9	1.3
HERRING, Ray	7	0	0	5	0	0	5	0.7
MAUST, Eric	7	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.6
WALLS, Darrin	7	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.3
TEAM	4	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-2.8
CLAUSEN, Jim	7	-48	0	0	0	0	-48	-6.9
Total	7	928	2141	76	648	132	3925	560.7
Opponents	7	889	1977	53	862	10	3791	541.6

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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick
28	McCARTHY, Kyle	7	37	22	59	1.0-1	.	5-90	3	.	.	.	.
58	SMITH, Brian	7	21	19	40	5.0-24	2-14	1-10	.	3	1-0	.	.	
22	SMITH, Harrison	7	21	19	40	2.5-3	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	
5A	TE'O, Manti	7	12	21	33	4.5-24	1-12	.	1	1	.	.	.	
12	BLANTON, Robert	7	16	14	30	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
89	LEWIS-MOORE, Kapron	7	16	12	28	5.0-16	2-9	.	.	4	1-0	1	.	
31	BROWN, Sergio	7	17	4	21	1.0-1	.	.	2	1	.	1	.	
95	WILLIAMS, Ian	7	7	14	21	2.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9A	JOHNSON, Ethan	7	9	10	19	3.5-13	2-8	.	1	4	2-0	1	1	
2	WALLS, Darrin	7	11	6	17	1.0-1	.	1-2	3	.	.	.	.
90	RYAN, John	7	7	9	16	2.0-13	2-13	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	
45	FLEMING, Darius	6	13	3	16	9.5-23	2-10	.	.	3	.	1	.	
49	SMITH, Toryan	7	9	5	14	3.5-13	1-10	.	.	.	1-5	.	.	
41	SMITH, Scott	7	8	6	14	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	GRAY, Gary	6	6	6	12	.	.	1-30	.	.	.	.	.
46	FILER, Steve	7	5	6	11	0.5-3	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	
56	NEAL, Kerry	7	7	3	10	3.0-14	1-9	.	.	3	.	.	.	
26	SLAUGHTER, Jamaris	7	7	1	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	HERRING, Ray	7	6	1	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
8	McNEIL, Raeshon	7	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	MOTTA, Zeke	7	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	ANELLO, Mike	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	GORDON, Leonard	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	McDONALD, Anthony	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	CWYNAR, Sean	7	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	CAVE, Braxston	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	POSLUSZNY, David	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	MAUST, Eric	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	MULLEN, Paddy	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
86	BURGER, Bobby	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	ALLEN, Armando	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		7	256	196	452	45-153	12-88	9-132	14	21	6-5	5	1	
Opponents		7	255	264	519	40-151	15-95	3-10	18	13	2-17	5	1 1	

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	23	ALLEN, Armando vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Rushing	139	ALLEN, Armando at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
TD Rushes	1	ALLEN, Armando vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
	1	ALLEN, Armando at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
	1	ALLEN, Armando vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
	1	TATE, Golden at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	1	HUGHES, Robert at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	1	HUGHES, Robert vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
	1	CLAUSEN, Jimmy vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
	1	HUGHES, Robert vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Long Rush	37	HUGHES, Robert vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Pass attempts	43	CLAUSEN, Jimmy vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Pass completions	26	CLAUSEN, Jimmy vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Yards Passing	422	CLAUSEN, Jimmy vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
TD Passes	4	CLAUSEN, Jimmy vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
Long Pass	88	CLAUSEN, Jimmy vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
Receptions	11	TATE, Golden vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Yards Receiving	244	TATE, Golden vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
TD Receptions	3	FLOYD, Michael vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
Long Reception	88	FLOYD, Michael vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
Field Goals	5	TAUSCH, Nick vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Long Field Goal	46	TAUSCH, Nick vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Punts	6	TURK, Ben vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Punting Avg	41.3	MAUST, Eric vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Long Punt	49	MAUST, Eric vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Long Punt Return	24	GOODMAN, John vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
Long Kickoff Return	52	GALLUP, Barry at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
Tackles	12	McCARTHY, Kyle vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Sacks	1.0	SMITH, Toryan vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
	1.0	SMITH, Brian vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
	1.0	FLEMING, Darius at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
	1.0	RYAN, John at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
	1.0	TE'O, Manti at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	1.0	FLEMING, Darius at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	1.0	JOHNSON, Ethan vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
	1.0	NEAL, Kerry vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
	1.0	LEWIS-MOORE, Kapron vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
	1.0	JOHNSON, Ethan vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
	1.0	FILER, Steve vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
	1.0	SMITH, Brian vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
	1.0	LEWIS-MOORE, Kapron vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
	1.0	RYAN, John vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	FLEMING, Darius at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Interceptions	2	McCARTHY, Kyle vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Yards Rushing	178	vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
Yards Per Rush	5.1	at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
TD Rushes	2	at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	2	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Pass attempts	44	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Pass completions	26	vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Yards Passing	422	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Yards Per Pass	16.6	vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
TD Passes	4	vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
Total Plays	79	at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Total Offense	530	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Yards Per Play	8.8	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Points	37	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Sacks By	3	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
	3	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
First Downs	27	at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
	27	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Penalties	11	vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Penalty Yards	99	vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Turnovers	2	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Interceptions By	3	vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	22	Polk, Chris, vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
	22	Harris, M, vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Yards Rushing	136	Polk, Chris, vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
TD Rushes	2	Caper, Larry, vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Long Rush	41	Polk, Chris, vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Pass attempts	40	Locker, Jake, vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Pass completions	23	Forcier, Tate, at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
	23	Cousins, Kirk, vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Passing	380	Barkley, Matt, vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
TD Passes	3	Elliott, Joey, at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Long Pass	60	Barkley, Matt, vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Receptions	11	Smith, Keith, at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Yards Receiving	179	Gunnell, R, vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
TD Receptions	2	White, Blair, vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
	2	Williams, D., vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Long Reception	60	McCoy, Anthony, vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Field Goals	3	Folk, Erik, vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Long Field Goal	43	Swenson, Brett, vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Punts	5	Langley, Brad, vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
	5	Summers, Chris, at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	5	Quigley, R, vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Punting Avg	50.0	Forcier, Tate, at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
Long Punt	59	Harfman, Jacob, vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Long Punt Return	31	Valentin, Aaron, at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Long Kickoff Return	94	Stonum, Darryl, at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
Tackles	14	Kuechly, L, vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Sacks	3.0	Griffen, E., vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Griffen, E., vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Interceptions	1	Robinson, T., vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
	1	Pender, David, at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	1	Butler, Donald, vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	39	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Yards Rushing	190	at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
Yards Per Rush	5.3	vs Nevada (Sep 05, 2009)
TD Rushes	2	at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
	2	vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
	2	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Pass attempts	40	vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
	40	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Pass completions	26	vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Yards Passing	380	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Yards Per Pass	13.1	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
TD Passes	3	at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Total Plays	79	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Total Offense	501	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Yards Per Play	8.1	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
Points	38	at Michigan (Sep 12, 2009)
Sacks By	5	vs USC (Oct 17, 2009)
First Downs	27	vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
Penalties	13	at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	13	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)
Penalty Yards	103	at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
Turnovers	5	vs Boston College (Oct 24, 2009)
Interceptions By	1	vs Michigan State (Sep 19, 2009)
	1	at Purdue (Sep 26, 2009)
	1	vs Washington (Oct 03, 2009)

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Notre Dame Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Oct 26, 2009)
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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 05	NEVADA	29	153	0	18	13	154	0	24	13-27-2	154	0	24	5	88	0	25	0	0	0	0	307
Sep 12	at Michigan	38	190	2	32	23	240	2	40	23-33-1	240	2	40	7	202	1	94	0	0	0	0	430
Sep 19	MICHIGAN STATE	25	105	2	18	26	354	2	57	26-40-1	354	2	57	7	154	0	34	0	0	0	0	459
Sep 26	at Purdue	26	74	0	26	22	289	3	38	22-38-1	289	3	38	5	86	0	20	2	49	0	31	363
Oct 03	WASHINGTON	39	176	1	41	22	281	1	37	22-40-0	281	1	37	8	147	0	34	0	0	0	0	457
Oct 17	USC	33	121	2	25	19	380	2	60	19-29-1	380	2	60	5	68	0	22	1	4	0	4	501
Oct 24	BOSTON COLLEGE	29	70	1	15	17	279	1	33	17-35-3	279	1	33	5	117	0	39	0	0	0	0	349
Notre Dame		219	889	8	41	142	1977	11	60	142-242-9	1977	11	60	42	862	1	94	3	53	0	31	2866
Notre Dame		248	928	8	37	160	2141	17	88	160-246-3	2141	17	88	28	648	0	52	8	76	0	24	3069

Games played: 7
 Avg per rush: 4.1
 Avg per catch: 13.9
 Pass efficiency: 134.86
 Kick ret avg: 20.5
 Punt ret avg: 17.7
 All purpose avg/game: 541.6
 Total offense avg/gm: 409.4

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd kick	PAT Attempts				saf	pts			
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv						
Sep 05	NEVADA	38	36	74	7.0-21	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 12	at Michigan	38	26	64	4.0-8	0-0	1	1-0	0-0	0	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Sep 19	MICHIGAN STATE	35	44	79	4.0-18	2-16	0	0-0	1-0	1	3	0	3-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Sep 26	at Purdue	49	26	75	7.0-32	4-21	0	0-0	1-0	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Oct 03	WASHINGTON	32	28	60	7.0-23	3-10	0	1-17	1-10	3	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Oct 17	USC	29	54	83	7.0-28	5-24	4	0-0	0-0	5	2	1	4-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Oct 24	BOSTON COLLEGE	34	50	84	4.0-21	1-15	0	0-0	0-0	3	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	1	16	1	16	
Notre Dame		255	264	519	40.0-151	14-86	5	2-17	3-10	13	18	1	20-21	0	0	0	1	169	0	0	
Notre Dame		256	196	452	45.0-153	14-88	5	6-5	9-132	21	14	1	20-22	2	0	0	0	210	0	0	

Date	Opponent	Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 05	NEVADA	5	233	46.6	54	0	0	1	1	2	0-1	0	0	1	60	60.0	0	0
Sep 12	at Michigan	5	180	36.0	50	0	0	2	1	2	1-2	39	0	6	414	69.0	3	0
Sep 19	MICHIGAN STATE	3	135	45.0	52	0	0	1	1	2	1-2	43	0	5	322	64.4	0	0
Sep 26	at Purdue	5	187	37.4	53	0	0	4	1	2	0-0	0	0	4	252	63.0	0	0
Oct 03	WASHINGTON	4	162	40.5	57	0	0	4	1	1	3-3	40	0	6	365	60.8	0	0
Oct 17	USC	4	153	38.2	59	0	0	1	1	1	2-2	37	0	7	450	64.3	0	1
Oct 24	BOSTON COLLEGE	5	210	42.0	56	0	0	1	2	3	0-0	0	0	3	170	56.7	0	0
Notre Dame		31	1260	40.6	59	0	0	14	8	13	7-10	43	0	32	2033	63.5	3	1
Notre Dame		27	1021	37.8	49	0	2	16	0	7	12-13	46	0	44	2701	61.4	0	0

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 05	NEVADA	41	178	1	19	17	332	4	88	17-20-0	332	4	88	1	23	0	23	2	22	0	24	510
Sep 12	at Michigan	30	154	1	24	25	336	3	37	25-42-0	336	3	37	3	100	0	52	1	5	0	5	490
Sep 19	MICHIGAN STATE	37	133	1	15	24	304	3	54	24-34-1	304	3	54	5	125	0	38	2	23	0	23	437
Sep 26	at Purdue	43	167	2	24	20	216	1	23	20-36-1	216	1	23	4	96	0	35	1	16	0	16	383
Oct 03	WASHINGTON	29	108	1	37	23	422	2	77	23-31-1	422	2	77	6	129	0	27	0	0	0	0	530
Oct 17	USC	31	82	2	13	25	285	2	45	25-44-0	285	2	45	6	124	0	31	1	2	0	2	367
Oct 24	BOSTON COLLEGE	37	106	0	16	26	246	2	36	26-39-0	246	2	36	3	51	0	26	1	8	0	8	352
Opponents		248	928	8	37	160	2141	17	88	160-246-3	2141	17	88	28	648	0	52	8	76	0	24	3069
		219	889	8	41	142	1977	11	60	142-242-9	1977	11	60	42	862	1	94	3	53	0	31	2866

Games played: 7
 Avg per rush: 3.7
 Avg per catch: 13.4
 Pass efficiency: 158.51
 Kick ret avg: 23.1
 Punt ret avg: 9.5
 All purpose avg/game: 560.7
 Total offense avg/gm: 438.4

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd kick	PAT Attempts				pts	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf		
Sep 05	NEVADA	34	18	52	4.0-29	2-21	0	1-0	2-23	0	2	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	35
Sep 12	at Michigan	47	24	71	10.0-22	2-9	1	0-0	1-20	0	1	0	2-2	1	0	0	0	34
Sep 19	MICHIGAN STATE	36	24	60	4.0-4	0-0	1	1-5	1-20	3	3	1	3-4	0	0	0	0	33
Sep 26	at Purdue	42	14	56	8.0-29	2-18	0	1-0	1-2	0	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Oct 03	WASHINGTON	44	42	86	6.0-29	3-22	1	1-0	0-0	2	1	0	2-2	1	0	0	0	37
Oct 17	USC	32	30	62	8.0-26	3-18	0	0-0	1-30	6	5	0	3-4	0	0	0	0	27
Oct 24	BOSTON COLLEGE	21	44	65	5.0-14	0-0	2	2-0	3-37	10	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
Opponents		256	196	452	45.0-153	14-88	5	6-5	9-132	21	14	1	20-22	2	0	0	0	210
		255	264	519	40.0-151	14-86	5	2-17	3-10	13	18	1	20-21	0	0	1	169	

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 05	NEVADA	3	122	40.7	43	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	6	351	58.5	0	0	
Sep 12	at Michigan	4	160	40.0	46	0	1	2	0	0	2-3	42	0	7	435	62.1	0	0	
Sep 19	MICHIGAN STATE	3	124	41.3	49	0	0	2	0	1	2-2	46	0	7	444	63.4	0	0	
Sep 26	at Purdue	4	151	37.8	46	0	0	2	0	0	1-1	34	0	5	337	67.4	0	0	
Oct 03	WASHINGTON	2	79	39.5	40	0	1	1	0	0	5-5	40	0	8	491	61.4	0	0	
Oct 17	USC	5	189	37.8	48	0	0	3	0	3	0-0	0	0	5	293	58.6	0	0	
Oct 24	BOSTON COLLEGE	6	196	32.7	38	0	0	5	0	1	2-2	37	0	6	350	58.3	0	0	
Opponents		27	1021	37.8	49	0	2	16	0	7	12-13	46	0	44	2701	61.4	0	0	
		31	1260	40.6	59	0	0	14	8	13	7-10	43	0	32	2033	63.5	3	1	

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 05, 2009	NEVADA	W 35-0	6-12 50.0	2-3 66.7	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	2-5 40.0	
Sep 12, 2009	at Michigan	L 34-38	6-14 42.9	1-4 25.0	1-2 50.0	0-2 0.0	4-6 66.7	
Sep 19, 2009	MICHIGAN STATE	W 33-30	5-11 45.5	0-0 0.0	1-4 25.0	3-4 75.0	1-3 33.3	
Sep 26, 2009	at Purdue	W 24-21	6-15 40.0	0-3 0.0	2-3 66.7	3-5 60.0	1-4 25.0	
Oct 03, 2009	WASHINGTON	W 37-30	2-10 20.0	1-2 50.0	1-5 20.0	0-2 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Oct 17, 2009	USC	L 27-34	5-14 35.7	2-5 40.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	3-5 60.0	
Oct 24, 2009	BOSTON COLLEGE	W 20-16	5-15 33.3	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	1-3 33.3	1-5 20.0	
Notre Dame			35-91 38.5	7-20 35.0	8-22 36.4	8-20 40.0	12-29 41.4	0-0 0.0
Opponents			38-93 40.9	11-23 47.8	6-24 25.0	10-18 55.6	11-27 40.7	0-1 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 05, 2009	NEVADA	W 35-0	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 12, 2009	at Michigan	L 34-38	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Sep 19, 2009	MICHIGAN STATE	W 33-30	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 26, 2009	at Purdue	W 24-21	1-3 33.3	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Oct 03, 2009	WASHINGTON	W 37-30	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Oct 17, 2009	USC	L 27-34	2-3 66.7	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Oct 24, 2009	BOSTON COLLEGE	W 20-16	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Notre Dame			6-11 54.5	2-3 66.7	1-1 100.0	0-3 0.0	3-4 75.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			4-9 44.4	0-0 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-1 0.0	3-4 75.0	0-1 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 05, 2009	NEVADA	W 35-0	33:40	10:36	6:50	6:16	9:58	
Sep 12, 2009	at Michigan	L 34-38	31:25	9:21	9:20	4:40	8:04	
Sep 19, 2009	MICHIGAN STATE	W 33-30	34:30	5:39	10:03	8:46	10:02	
Sep 26, 2009	at Purdue	W 24-21	34:25	7:17	9:20	11:40	6:08	
Oct 03, 2009	WASHINGTON	W 37-30	27:37	7:34	9:18	6:18	4:27	0:00
Oct 17, 2009	USC	L 27-34	31:11	8:37	5:24	9:05	8:05	
Oct 24, 2009	BOSTON COLLEGE	W 20-16	32:48	10:22	7:59	6:07	8:20	
Notre Dame			Total	59:26	58:14	52:52	55:04	0:00
			Avg.	8:29	8:19	7:33	7:52	0:00
Opponents			Total	45:34	46:46	52:08	49:56	0:00
			Avg.	6:30	6:40	7:26	7:08	0:00

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Notre Dame Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
Sep 05, 2009	NEVADA	W 35-0	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 12, 2009	at Michigan	L 34-38	5	4	25	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 19, 2009	MICHIGAN STATE	W 33-30	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 26, 2009	at Purdue	W 24-21	5	4	24	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oct 03, 2009	WASHINGTON	W 37-30	6	6	27	2	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 17, 2009	USC	L 27-34	4	3	20	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oct 24, 2009	BOSTON COLLEGE	W 20-16	4	3	13	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals			29	25	140	16	8	8	9	1	1	0	0	2	0

25 of 29 (86.2%)

Opponents Inside Notre Dame Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
Sep 05, 2009	NEVADA	W 35-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Sep 12, 2009	at Michigan	L 34-38	4	3	21	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 19, 2009	MICHIGAN STATE	W 33-30	4	3	20	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 26, 2009	at Purdue	W 24-21	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 03, 2009	WASHINGTON	W 37-30	5	4	20	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct 17, 2009	USC	L 27-34	5	5	27	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 24, 2009	BOSTON COLLEGE	W 20-16	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals			25	18	109	14	7	7	4	2	2	1	2	0	0

18 of 25 (72.0%)