

# 2002 NOTRE DAME SPRING OUTLOOK

## WILLINGHAM INHERITS 2002 IRISH SQUAD WITH POTENTIAL AND QUESTIONS ABOUNDING

New Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham, fresh off seven seasons as head coach at Stanford, takes over an Irish program in 2002 that has played in bowl games three of the last five seasons, including a Bowl Championship Series appearance in the Fiesta Bowl in 2000.

It's a program that has won nine games two of the last four years – and one that returns 14 starters (seven each on offense and defense, plus a placekicker and punter) and 46 letterwinners overall.

It's a program that in '02 features four returning offensive line starters (including all-star center Jeff Faine), all four returning regulars in the secondary (the Irish ranked 10th nationally in pass defense in '01 at 176.64 yards per game) – plus its top groundgainer in veteran tailback Julius Jones and its incumbent quarterback in Carlyle Holiday. Also around are nine of the top 12 tacklers on a defense that ranked 14th nationally in '01 in total defense and 22nd in scoring defense.

It's a program that has benefited from an outstanding kicking game in recent years, led by a pair of returning all-star candidates in placekicker Nicholas Setta and punter Joey Hildbold.

On the other hand, Willingham hopes to improve a program that has lost six or more games in three of the last five seasons and has not won a bowl game since 1993. He inherits a team that struggled on offense in



Senior offensive lineman Jordan Black has the most experience on the Irish front line, playing over 750 minutes in his career, and is a candidate for postseason honors in 2002.

'01 – based on averages of 101.55 passing yards per game (114th nationally and Notre Dame's lowest figure since 1980) and 19.45 points per game (lowest at Notre Dame since 1982). Those figures compare with Stanford averages of 250.5 passing yards and 37.1 points per game in '01 (the Cardinal ranked ninth nationally in scoring and 10th in total offense at 451.5).

He takes on an Irish roster that must restock its receiving corps following the loss of the only two players who caught more than nine passes in all of '01 (David Givens and Javin Hunter) along with starting tight end John Owens.

In addition, his first Notre Dame team in 2002 faces a schedule that includes five opponents that finished in the final Associated Press poll for '01 – #11 Maryland, #15 Florida State, #16 Stanford, #20 Michigan and #21 Boston College. The first six teams on the '02 Irish agenda (and nine overall) played in bowl games last season.

That's the challenge facing Willingham, who brings 25 years of collegiate and professional coaching experience with him to Notre Dame. With him from Stanford have come six Cardinal assistants – including offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick and defensive coordinator Kent Baer. They'll throw new offensive and defensive packages into the mix as the Irish begin by hoping to improve on their 5-6 mark from 2001. That record came against a schedule

rated 22nd nationally in difficulty – with the '01 Irish agenda including nine regular-season opponents (most in the country) that ultimately played in bowl games.

Notre Dame's new head coach wants to wait until spring workouts commence to pass judgment on the Irish personnel, but he doesn't hesitate to emphasize the importance of the quarterback's role in the offense.

"It's premature to try to evaluate our personnel right now. It's difficult to talk about players until we get out there with them. We need to get into spring practice and be able to see people actually do things on the field," he says.

"But every system around right now hinges on the quarterback. We need to see where our quarterbacks are. It's nice to have seen these individuals on film from last year as we prepared (to play Notre Dame), but it's a whole different ballgame to be working with them up close, working with them in terms of mechanics and fundamentals.



Junior quarterback Carlyle Holiday made things happen with his legs in 2001 as he rushed for 666 yards, second-most on the Irish team.



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### QUARTERBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
* Clark, Jared	6-4	228	Jr.	1:17
Dillingham, Pat	6-1	209	So.	---
* Holiday, Carlyle	6-3	214	Jr.	267:42
Krueger, Matt	5-10	180	Jr.	---
** LoVecchio, Matt	6-4	212	Jr.	48:08
Novakov, Dan	6-1	218	Jr.	---
Revelle, Stan	5-11	182	So.	---

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## TAILBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
* Grant, Ryan	6-1	211	So.	29:27
Jones, Cory	6-0	215	So.	---
*** Jones, Julius	5-10	200	Sr.	172:50
Laux, Cole	5-10	236	Jr.	---
* O'Neill, Tim	5-6	172	Sr.	---
Profeta, Mike	5-11	208	Jr.	---
Wilson, Marcus	5-11	199	So.	---
*** Yura, Chris	6-0	220	Sr.	91 app.

## FULLBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
*** Lopienski, Tom	6-1	245	Sr.	138:04
* McNair, Mike	6-0	230	Sr.	8:58

"I think it's best for us to feel like we're starting from scratch. I say that from a teaching standpoint because it means we will not leave any gaps in our instruction. At some stages we can cover some of these gaps more quickly because of the experience level at certain positions. But we have to start at a level and cover things without assuming anything. We want to feel confident that we've covered everything our young men need to be successful. There will be some carryover, but it's a different system and there are different coaches presenting it."

Willingham's basic philosophy is simple - do what it takes to win:

"From the standpoint of offense, defense, special teams, whatever it is, our one goal and focus is to win. What are the ingredients that will lead us to win in these areas? On offense,



Senior Julius Jones is only 178 yards away from overtaking Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown and becoming Notre Dame's all-time leading kick returner. He has 1,435 return yards in his career.

a balanced attack is the most successful approach we can have and it's the most difficult style to stop. So we want to have a balanced attack - that is number one for us. Miami won the national championship last year with both dimensions, both the run and the passing game, available to them and it made it difficult for opponents to stop them. That's what we want to be. For us to do that, our quarterbacks have to understand the speed of the game. We as coaches make calls - but our quarterbacks have to have the skills and adept-

ness to get us into the right play. Their ability to do that is critical. At that point we factor in their skill level.

"So that's what we are looking for as we start to put this offense into gear. Then you have to have all the other ingredients - an offensive line that understands the adjustments and changes and the full scope of the game. They have to be active mentally to understand the adjustments and changes and to be able to anticipate those. Once we have all the communication down and are able to apply it, then we can examine the players' ability to handle both the mental and physical aspects, then we start to get an understanding of what it takes in our offensive system to be successful."



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Senior flanker Arnaz Battle is ready to have a breakout season after a fractured fibula limited his play in 2001.



Senior Gary Godsey looks to assume the starting tight end position after the graduation of 2001 starter John Owens. Godsey, who switched from quarterback to tight end last season, had two receptions for 50 yards against Navy in '01.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
* Akatu, Bernard	5-9	193	Sr.	---
*** Battle, Arnaz	6-1	213	Sr.	87:22
Campbell, Carlos	6-4	184	So.	14:39
* Crawford, Lorenzo	5-11	194	Jr.	28:14
Gentine, Jonathan	6-2	201	Sr.	---
* Jenkins, Omar	6-1	204	Jr.	77:32
Rodamer, Ronnie	6-4	206	Jr.	14:47
Shelton, Matt	5-11	172	So.	---
Smith, Jonathan	6-4	195	Jr.	---

## TIGHT ENDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
** Godsey, Gary	6-6	259	Sr.	100:23
Hart, Brendan	6-2	240	Jr.	---
Nally, Patrick	6-3	246	Jr.	---
Palmer, Billy	6-4	251	Jr.	2:01
Root, Matt	6-6	258	So.	---

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## CENTERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
** Crowther, John	6-2	239	Sr.	107 app.
** Faine, Jeff	6-3	298	Sr.	314:17
Giles, Zach	6-3	281	So.	---
*** Scarola, Ryan	6-5	310	Sr.	3:28

## OFFENSIVE TACKLES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
** Curtin, Brennan	6-8	305	Sr.	209:57
Kowalski, David	6-2	249	Jr.	---
LeVoir, Mark	6-7	309	So.	---
Molinaro, Jim	6-6	297	Sr.	2:50
Stevenson, Dan	6-5	292	So.	---

## OFFENSIVE GUARDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
*** Black, Jordan	6-6	305	Sr.	277:57
Dunn, Casey	6-4	255	So.	---
* Gillis, Ryan	6-3	305	Jr.	7:57
*** Mahan, Sean	6-3	285	Sr.	302:06
* Milligan, Sean	6-4	300	Jr.	143:41
Mitchell, Darrin	6-3	280	So.	---



Senior center Jeff Faine has already been named to the Lombardi Award preliminary watch list for the 2002 season. Faine, who has started all 22 games he has played in his career, has played over 600 minutes in just two seasons for the Irish.

Willingham has three thoughts when it comes to springtime goals:

"We've got to get our young men comfortable with our language. Second, how do we get our football team to be confident, to walk with that swagger, to feel like we can go out and defeat any opponent at any time, at any place - yet at the same time have the proper respect for our opponents? If we can achieve those first two things, then identify our best players and the best spots for those players, those three things will be great accomplishments coming out of the spring.

"I've seen little signs that tell me we're going in the right direction, but it's still very early."

Most notably missing offensively from a

year ago figure to be tailback Tony Fisher (he finished 17th on Notre Dame's all-time rushing list with 1,849 yards), the top two Irish pass-catchers from '01 (Hunter with 37 grabs for 387 yards and Givens with 33 for 317), plus starters Kurt Vollers (25 career starts) at tackle and Owens at tight end. Major defensive losses include '01 MVP Anthony Weaver (a second-team All-American by ABC Sports Online, 43 career starts, 59 tackles in '01, team-high 7 sacks, team-high 21 tackles for loss) and five-time letterwinner Grant Irons (26 career starts) at end, plus starters Tyreo Harrison (leading Irish tackler in '01 with 97, most by an Irish player since 1998) at inside linebacker and Rocky

Boiman (22 career starts, 41 tackles in '01, 10 for loss) at outside linebacker.

Though Holiday (73 for 144 passing in '01 for 784 yards, with 7 ints., 3 TDs; second-leading rusher with 156 carries for 666 yards, 2 TDs) returns after starting the last nine games for Notre Dame in '01, he and fellow juniors Matt LoVecchio (34 for 69 for 287, 4 ints., 1 TD in '01 after winning his first seven starts as a rookie) and Jared Clark (he played in one game in '01) all figure to compete again for the starting quarterback job. One of the enduring questions for the Irish will be which of the three fits best into the offense philosophy Willingham integrates at Notre Dame.



Senior Nicholas Setta was one of the nation's best placekickers in 2001 as he missed only two field goals all season and was a perfect 23 of 23 in extra points. A Lou Groza Award nominee, Setta has converted 55 straight PATs and has made a field goal in 13 consecutive games.



Punter Joey Hildbold has been a nominee for the Ray Guy Award the past two seasons. The senior currently ranks fourth on the all-time Notre Dame punting list, averaging 40.82 yards a punt during his career.



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Senior defensive end Ryan Roberts needs to have a big season to help make up for the losses of Anthony Weaver and Grant Irons. In his career, Roberts has 50 tackles and 10 sacks.



Junior Cedric Hilliard opened a lot of eyes with his play at the end of the 2001 season. The nose guard recorded 27 tackles, including eight for loss in '01, after assuming the starting role from Andy Wisne before the Boston College game.



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Jones (168 carries for 718 yards, 6 TDs) heads up a tailback corps that also includes sophomore letterwinner Ryan Grant (29 for 110, 1 TD) and senior Chris Yura (a three-time letterwinner, mainly on special teams). If Jones matches his '01 rushing yardage total in '02 he would finish fifth on Notre Dame's all-time groundgaining list (he currently has 1,750).

The fullback roll includes veteran seniors Tom Lopienski (17 career starts, 10 for 63 rushing in '01, with 130 special-team appearances) and Mike McNair (5 for 15). Additional help could come from sophomore tailbacks Cory Jones, Marcus Wilson or Rashon Powers-Neal, none of whom played as freshmen.

The Irish running game should benefit from the return of four first-teamers up front in Faine (23 straight starts, led team in playing time in '01) at center, seniors Jordan Black (32 career starts - switched from left tackle to right guard midway through '01) and Sean Mahan (started all 11 in '01) at guard and Brennan Curtin (started 6 games in '01) at tackle. Additional experience returns in the form of seniors Ryan Scarola (41 special-team appearances in '01) and Sean Milligan (started 5 games at right guard in '01).

Other names at the line spots include senior letterwinner Ryan Gillis (41 special-team appearances) and sophomore Darin Mitchell at guard (DNP in '01), senior Jim Molinaro (5 games in '01) and sophomores Mark LeVoi

(DNP) and Dan Stevenson (DNP) at tackle - plus sophomore Zach Giles (DNP) at center.

The receiving corps must be re-tooled, with experience at a premium at those three slots. The only returning lettermen at the wide receiver spots are veteran senior Arnaz Battle (5 catches for 40 yards), whose broken fibula early in '01 limited his contributions, junior Lorenzo Crawford (2 starts in 8 appearances in '01) and sophomore Omar Jenkins (7 for 111, 1 TD). Senior Gary Godsey (2 for 50) is the most experienced of the tight end candidates.

Also earning long looks in the battle for playing time will be junior Ronnie Rodamer (1 for 7) and sophomores Matt Shelton (DNP) and Carlos Campbell (1 for 32) at wide receiver - to go with junior Billy Palmer (played in one game in '01) and sophomore Matt Root (DNP) at tight end.

The Irish kicking game definitely will be a strong point, thanks to the return of Setta and Hildbold (ranked 35th nationally in '01 at 42.23 yards per punt). Setta connected on 15 of 17 field-goal attempts, led the team

in scoring, was eight for eight on field goals from 40 or more yards, has made 55 straight PAT attempts, holds the Notre Dame record with at least one field goal in 13 straight games and ranked 17th nationally in field goals in '01 at 1.36 per game. They join veteran snapper John Crowther and kick returners Jones (ranked 39th on punt returns on 18 for 192 for 10.7-yard average, 18 kickoff returns for 405 yards and 22.5 average) and Vontez Duff (12 punts for 358, 1 TD, 29.8 average). Jones needs 179 kickoff returns yards to pass former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown and become Notre Dame's career leader in that category.

On the defensive side, look for senior tackle Darrell Campbell (26 tackles, 7 for

## KICKERS/PUNTERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	App.
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	6-1	192	So.	---
Gentine, Josh	6-1	203	Sr.	---
*** Hildbold, Joey	5-10	191	Sr.	66 app.
* Miller, David	5-11	210	Sr.	---
** Setta, Nicholas	5-11	177	Sr.	91 app.

## DEFENSIVE TACKLES/ NOSE GUARDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
* Budinscak, Kyle	6-4	6-4	Jr.	83:13
** Campbell, Darrell	6-4	296	Sr.	191:05
* Hilliard, Cedric	6-2	290	Sr.	164:22
Pauly, Greg	6-6	280	So.	1:09

## DEFENSIVE ENDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
Beidatsch, Brian	6-3	258	So.	---
* Campbell, Jeffrey	6-1	200	Sr.	---
Halvorson, Jason	6-2	240	Sr.	---
*** Roberts, Ryan	6-2	260	Sr.	94:54
Sapp, Jason	6-4	250	Jr.	---

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Senior Donald Dykes is one of four returning starters in the Irish secondary in '02. Last year, Dykes finished fourth on the team in tackles with 48 and recovered two fumbles.



Three-year monogram winner Gerome Sapp leads the Irish roster in career tackles with 90 and special-team appearances with 477, including 209 as a sophomore.



Senior Shane Walton is one of 22 returning players on an Irish defense which ranked 10th in pass defense, 14th in total defense and 22nd nationally in scoring defense in '01.

loss, 3 sacks) and senior nose guard Cedric Hilliard (started last 5 games, 27 tackles, 8 for loss, 2 sacks) to anchor the middle of the line, along with junior Kyle Budinscak (2 starts, 13 tackles). Veteran Ryan Roberts (13 career starts, 20 tackles in '01, 4 for loss, 3 sacks) is the lone returnee with any experience at the end positions.

More assistance could come from juniors Jason Sapp (DNP in '01) and Greg Pauly (played briefly in one game in '01 coming off a rookie season missed due to injury) and sophomores Brian Beidatsch (DNP) and Jeff Thompson (DNP).

Senior Courtney Watson (76 tackles, 13 for loss, 2 sacks) ranks as the leading returning tackler from a year ago after starting all 11 games at inside linebacker. Leading candidates for the slot vacated by the graduated Harrison at the other inside position are senior Carlos Pierre-Antoine (6 tackles) and junior Mike Goolsby (4 tackles, 115 special-team appearances). Junior Derek Curry (2 tackles, 49 special-team appearances) is the most experienced of the outside linebacker candidates.

Other letterwinners on board are special-team standout Chad DeBolt (73 special-team appearances) and senior Pat Ryan (played 3 games in '01). Also on the linebacker roster are senior Justin Thomas (4 games in '01) and sophomores Corey Mays (DNP) and Brandon Hoyte (DNP) inside, as well as junior Jerome Collins (32 special-team appearances) and sophomore Justin Tuck (DNP) outside.

The defensive backfield ranks as the potential strong point of the defense, with all four starters back in cornerbacks Shane Walton (11 starts in '01, 43 tackles, 7 for loss, team-high 8 passes broken up, 2 ints.) and Duff (started last 8 in '01,

25 tackles, team-high 3 ints., 6 passes broken up, 131 special-team appearances) and safeties Donald Dykes (8 starts, 48 tackles, 2 for loss) and Gerome Sapp (36 tackles). They'll have plenty of help from senior Jason Beckstrom (2 starts, 13 tackles), juniors Garron Bible (4 tackles, 105 special-team appearances) and Preston Jackson (3 tackles, 135 special-team appearances) and freshman Dwight Ellick (122 special-team appearances) at corner - along with senior Glenn Earl (3 starts, 33 tackles, 4 for loss, 2 sacks) and junior Abram Elam (29 tackles, 2 ints., 5 passes broken up, 160 special-team appearances) at safety.

Also in the mix in the secondary are second-year men Lionel Bolen (DNP) and Quentin Burrell (48 special-team appearances).

Matthew Sarb (59 special-team appearances) is another letterwinning returnee to

the special-team units.

Among the fifth-year candidates for the Irish in '02 are Mahan, Scarola, Black, Crowther, Battle, Lopienski and McNair on offense - along with Roberts, Pierre-Antoine, DeBolt, Walton, Dykes and Sarb on defense.

Notre Dame's 2002 schedule opens Aug. 31 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., with a first-ever meeting with defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland in Kickoff Classic XX.

New names on the '02 slate compared to a year ago include Michigan (after a two-year series break that allowed the Irish to play Nebraska), Air Force (first trip to Colorado Springs since '95 - last two meetings have gone to overtime), Florida State (Notre Dame's first appearance in Tallahassee) and Rutgers (only other Knights' appearance in South Bend came in final home game of Lou Holtz era).

## INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
DeSplinter, Jesse	6-1	177	Jr.	---
** Goolsby, Mike	6-3	240	Jr.	115 app.
Hoyte, Brandon	6-0	225	So.	---
Mays, Corey	6-1	246	So.	---
O'Connell, Ed	6-3	206	Jr.	---
** Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	6-3	241	Sr.	2:28
* Ryan, Pat	6-3	231	Sr.	4 app.
Thomas, Justin	6-1	245	Sr.	0:29
** Watson, Courtney	6-1	232	Sr.	231:25

## OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
Collins, Jerome	6-4	242	Jr.	32 app.
* Curry, Derek	6-3	228	Jr.	11:16
** DeBolt, Chad	6-0	202	Sr.	73 app.
Tuck, Justin	6-5	219	So.	---

## SAFETIES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
Bemenderfer, David	5-11	195	Jr.	---
*** Dykes, Donald	5-11	194	Sr.	182:40
** Earl, Glenn	6-1	205	Sr.	79:09
* Elam, Abram	6-0	209	Sr.	101:02
*** Sapp, Gerome	6-0	218	Sr.	117:59
** Sarb, Matt	6-0	195	Sr.	59 app.

## CORNERBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'01 Time
*** Beckstrom, Jason	5-10	188	Sr.	75:28
* Bible, Garron	5-10	197	So.	105 app.
Bolen, Lionel	6-0	195	Fr.	---
Burrell, Quentin	6-0	178	Fr.	48 app.
* Ellick, Dwight	5-10	179	So.	122 app.
** Duff, Vontez	5-11	194	Jr.	198:26
* Jackson, Preston	5-9	176	Jr.	135 app.
*** Walton, Shane	5-11	185	Sr.	272:41



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# 2002 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL FACTS

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Tyrone Willingham (Michigan State '77)

**Record at Notre Dame:** First Season

**Career Record:** 44-36-1, .549 (7 seasons)

**Assistant Coaches:** Bill Diedrick (Eastern Washington '70), offensive coordinator/quarterbacks; Kent Baer (Utah State '73), defensive coordinator; Mike Denbrock (Grand Valley State '86), offensive line; Greg Mattison (Wisconsin-LaCrosse '71), defensive line; John McDonnell (Carroll College '81), offensive line; Trent Miles (Indiana State '87), secondary; Buzz Preston (Hawaii '82), receivers; Bob Simmons (Bowling Green '71), linebackers.

**Graduate Assistant Coaches:** John DeFilippo (James Madison '00), Dennis Moynihan (Connecticut '93)

## 2002 OUTLOOK

**Offense:** Multiple **Defense:** 4-3

**2001 Record:** Won 5, Lost 6 (Home 4-2, Away 1-4)

**Lettermen Lost:** 21 overall: 12 offense, 12 defense

**Lettermen Returning:** 46: 21 offense, 21 defense, 4 specialist

**Starters Lost:** 8; **OFFENSE (4):** SE Javin Hunter, RT Kurt Vollers, TE John Owens, FL David Givens **DEFENSE (4):** DE Anthony Weaver, DE Grant Irons, OLB Rocky Boiman, ILB Tyreo Harrison

**Starters Returning:** 16; **OFFENSE (7):** OG Jordan Black, OG Sean Mahan, OT Brennan Curtin, C Jeff Faine, TB Julius Jones, FB Tom Lopienski, QB Carlyle Holiday, **DEFENSE (7):** DT Darrell Campbell, NG Cedric Hilliard, ILB Courtney Watson, CB Shane Walton, CB Vontez Duff, FS Donald Dykes, SS Gerome Sapp  
**SPECIALISTS (2):** P Joey Hildbold, PK Nicholas Setta

## TOP LOSSES

\* **SE Javin Hunter** (Leading receiver in '01; 41 career games; 60 career rec. for 867 yds.; 4 TDs)

\* **OT Kurt Vollers** (Named to collegefootballnews.com all-independent team; played over 630 mins. and 35 games, starting 25)

\* **TE John Owens** (Started all 11 games at TE after switching from DE after 2000 season; 6 rec. for 79 yds in '01)

\* **FL David Givens** (Team captain; multipurpose player; 72 career rec. for 814 yds., 3 TDs; also had 4 rushing TDs; avg. 20.9 yds per KR in career)

\* **DE Anthony Weaver** (Team captain, 2001 Most Valuable Player, ABC Sports On-Line second-team All-American; *Football News* honorable mention All-American; *Football News* and collegefootballnews.com all-independent team; started 41 of 44 games in career; 154 career tackles - 91 solo, 63 asst.; 42 tackles for loss for 121 yards; 17 sacks)

\* **DE Grant Irons** (Two-time team captain and five-time monogram winner, played 43 games; 142 career tackles - 79 solo, 63 asst.; 10 tackles for loss for 31 yds.; 6.5 sacks)

\* **OLB Rocky Boiman** (Team captain; collegefootballnews.com all-independent team; 43 career games; 144 tackles - 75 solo, 69 asst.; 21 tackles for loss for 65 yards; 9.5 sacks)

\* **ILB Tyreo Harrison** (Nick Pietrosante Award winner; *Football News* honorable mention All-American; collegefootballnews.com all-independent team; team leader in tackles in '01 with 91; 40 career games; 185 career tackles - 102 solo, 83 asst.; 20 tackles for loss for 41 yards)

## TOP RETURNERS

\* **LT Brennan Curtin** (16 career games, 6 as starter; 209:57 minutes in '01)

\* **LG Sean Mahan** (28 career games, 12 as starter; over 450 minutes played in career, including 302:66 in '01 which was second on the team)



Junior Vontez Duff is a playmaker in the truest sense of the word for the Irish as he recorded 25 tackles in '01, and ran back a kickoff return 96 yards against Purdue last season.

\* **RG Jordan Black** (Named to collegefootballnews.com and *Football News* all-independent team; started all 31 games in career; played over 650 minutes in career)

\* **C Jeff Faine** (*Football News* honorable mention All-American; collegefootballnews.com all-independent team; started all 22 games played in career; played over 600 minutes in two seasons)

\* **QB Carlyle Holiday** (Started last 9 games at QB in '01; became first ND QB to post 3 100-yd. rushing games in career; 156 carries for 666 yds. and 2 TDs; 73-144 passing for 784 yds., 3 TDs)

\* **FB Tom Lopienski** (Played 38 games, starting 18; 44 carries for 157 yds; 10 rec. for 109 yds.)

\* **TB/KR Julius Jones** (First-team CNN/SI.com All-America KR in 2000; named to *Athlon's* All-Decade Team for 2000-10; collegefootballnews.com all-independent team in '01; 33 career games; 1,750 yds. on 405 carries, 19 TDs; ranks second in ND history with 1,435 KR yards, 24.3 avg.; 11.4 PR avg)

\* **P Joey Hildbold** (Ray Guy Award candidate; 39.1 career punt avg, including 42.2 in '01)

\* **K Nicholas Setta** (15-17 FGs, 23-23 PATs in '01; was 8 for 8 on FG att. of 40 yds. or longer in '01; has made 55 consecutive PATs - fourth longest streak in ND history; made a FG in 13 consecutive regular-season games)

\* **DT Darrell Campbell** (Played in 19 games, starting nine; 26 tackles in '01 - 12 solo, 14 asst.; 7 tackles for loss, 3 sacks)

\* **NG Cedric Hilliard** (Played in 11 games, starting five; 27 tackles in '01 - 13 solo, 14 asst., 8 tackles for loss, 2 sacks)

\* **ILB Courtney Watson** (Second on Irish in tackles with 76 in '01 - 35 solo, 41 asst; 13 tackles for loss; returned INT for TD vs. Tennessee)

\* **CB Shane Walton** (Played in 30 games, starting 21; 87 career tackles - 43 solo, 44 asst.; 7 tackles for loss; 4 career INT)

\* **CB Vontez Duff** (Played in 22 games, starting 8; 25 tackles in '01 - 14 solo, 11 asst.; 4 career INT; returned kick 96 yds for TD vs. Purdue in '01)

\* **SS Gerome Sapp** (Thrope Award candidate; 31 career games; 90 career tackles - 55 solo, 35 asst; 2 career fumble recoveries, one for TD vs. Navy)

\* **FS Donald Dykes** (32 career games; 79 career tackles - 28 solo, 20 asst.)

\* **FS Abram Elam** (11 games; 29 tackles - 18 solo, 11 asst.; 2 INT, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery)

\* **FS Glenn Earl** (19 career games; 53 tackles - 35 solo, 12 asst.; 4 tackles for loss; 2 fumble recoveries)



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# 2002 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL NOTES

## SPRING FLING

The University of Notre Dame will open spring football drills for 2002 on Saturday, April 6. All practices will begin at 4:30 p.m. and last approximately two hours, except where noted. The first 20 minutes of practice each day will be open for the media. Also, all interview requests for players and coaches must be made in advance by calling Lisa Nelson at (574) 631-9471. *Only requests made in advance will be granted at the end of practice each day.*

First-year Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham announced the complete schedule of 15 workout dates as follows with spring practice concluding April 27 with the annual Blue-Gold contest in Notre Dame Stadium.



Head coach Tyrone Willingham and the Irish open spring practice on April 6 at 3:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 6 (3:15)  
 Monday, April 8  
 Tuesday, April 9  
 Thursday, April 11  
 Friday, April 12  
 Saturday, April 13 (3:15)  
 Monday, April 15  
 Tuesday, April 16  
 Thursday, April 18  
 Friday, April 19 (4:30)  
 Saturday, April 20 (1:30)  
 Monday, April 22  
 Tuesday, April 23  
 Thursday, April 25  
 Saturday, April 27

## NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL COACHING CLINIC

The University of Notre Dame football staff will conduct its annual spring coaching clinic April 19 and 20, 2002.

Registration at the Joyce Center on campus begins at 8:00 a.m. EST, April 19 – with clinic sessions running from April 19 through April 20.

The clinic fee is \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. For a brochure, e-mail or phone USA Coaches Clinics Inc. at usacoaches@aol.com or 1-800-262-2413, respectively.

## TIMES, PLACES AND SPACES

Kickoff for the Nov. 2, 2002, football game between Notre Dame and Boston College at Notre Dame Stadium has been changed to 2:30 p.m. EST. The game originally had been listed for a 1:30 p.m. EST start.

Here's the complete 2002 Irish schedule:

Date	Opponent	Time	Television
Aug. 31	Maryland *	8:00 p.m. EDT	ABC
Sept. 7	PURDUE	Noon EST	NBC
Sept. 14	MICHIGAN	1:30 p.m. EST	NBC
Sept. 21	at Michigan State	TBA	TBA
Oct. 5	STANFORD	1:30 p.m. EST	NBC
Oct. 12	PITTSBURGH	1:30 p.m. EST	NBC
Oct. 19	at Air Force	TBA	TBA
Oct. 26	at Florida State	TBA	TBA
Nov. 2	BOSTON COLLEGE	2:30 p.m. EST	NBC
Nov. 9	Navy **	Noon EST	CBS
Nov. 23	RUTGERS	1:00 p.m. EST	NBC
Nov. 30	at USC	TBA	TBA

\* Kickoff Classic XX at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ

\*\* at PSINet Stadium in Baltimore, MD

## ABOUT THE KICKOFF CLASSIC AND THE MEADOWLANDS

Notre Dame will face defending Atlantic Coast Conference football champion Maryland in the Kickoff Classic XX at 8:00 p.m. EDT (7:00 p.m. EST in South Bend) on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. ABC Sports will televise the game on a national basis.

This marks Notre Dame's second appearance in the Kickoff Classic.

The defending national champion Irish defeated Virginia 36-13 in that event to start the 1989 season.

This marks the first-ever meeting between Notre Dame and Maryland on the football field - and it also marks the debut of new Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham.

This will be Notre Dame's first appearance at Giants Stadium since a 1995 victory there over Army - and its 10th overall at the East Rutherford, N.J., facility that also is home to the NFL New York Giants and Jets (capacity 80,242). The Irish have never lost at the Meadowlands, thanks to five wins over Navy (1980, 1982, 1984, 1990 and 1992), three over Army (1977, 1983 and 1995) and one over Virginia (1989).

## LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2002 AND 2004 NOTRE DAME-NAVY GAMES

The Naval Academy announced that PSINet Stadium in Baltimore will play host to the 2002 Notre Dame-Navy game, and Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., will play host to the 2004 Notre Dame-Navy contest. It will be the first time the series will be played at PSINet Stadium, home of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. Notre Dame and Navy have played five times at Giants Stadium, with the Irish winning all five encounters, including a 38-7 win in their most recent visit in 1992. The Notre Dame-Navy matchup is the longest continuous intersectional rivalry in the country - the two teams squared off for the 75th time on Nov. 17, 2001, at Notre Dame Stadium.



Fullback Tom Lopienski (above) and the Irish travel to the Meadowlands for Kickoff Classic XX on Aug. 31. The Irish will face defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland in the first meeting between the two schools.



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Safety Glenn Earl (above) and the Irish will once again face one of the nation's toughest schedules as Notre Dame plays nine teams who appeared in bowl games in 2001 and five that finished in the top 25.

## 2002 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

Notre Dame once again played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2001 as it faced nine teams that appeared in bowl games. (Nebraska, Michigan State, Texas A&M, Pittsburgh, USC, Boston College, Tennessee, Stanford and Purdue). *The Irish were the only team in the nation to play nine bowl-bound teams in the regular season.*

This season could prove to be just as tough as the Irish once again face nine teams that appeared in postseason bowl games and five teams that finished in the top 25 including Maryland (#11), Florida State (#15), Stanford (#16), Michigan (#20) and Boston College (#21).

Opponent	'01 Record	Bowl Game
Maryland	10-2	Orange
Purdue	6-6	Sun
Michigan	8-4	Citrus
Michigan State	7-5	Silicon Valley
Stanford	9-3	Seattle
Pittsburgh	7-5	Tangerine
Air Force	6-6	—
Florida State	8-4	Gator
Boston College	8-4	Music City
Navy	1-10	—
Rutgers	2-9	—
USC	6-6	Las Vegas

**Notre Dame 2002 Opponents' Combined Record in 2001: 71-64 (.526)**

## NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

With all 11 of Notre Dame's 2001 games shown on television, the Irish have been on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) in 111 straight games. That's a streak that includes nine full seasons (1993-2001). The last time the Irish didn't appear on one of those four networks was Oct. 31, 1992, when Notre Dame downed Navy, 38-7, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That game was only shown locally in the South Bend area on WNDU-TV. Here's a breakdown of the networks on which the Irish have played during this impressive streak:

YEAR	GAMES	NBC	ABC	CBS	ESPN
1992	4	3	1	—	—
1993	12	7	4	—	1
1994	12	7	5	—	—
1995	12	6	4	1	1
1996	11	6	2	2	1
1997	13	6	3	2	2
1998	12	7	3	2	—
1999	12	7	3	1	1
2000	12	6	3	3	—
2001	11	6	4	—	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>

## BIG CROWDS

Notre Dame has played in front of capacity crowds in 137 of its previous 160 games. Besides 10 of the games being sellouts in 2001 (only Stanford was not), eight of Notre Dame's 11 games came in front of stadium record crowds. The Irish played in front of 78,118 fans at Nebraska, welcomed Notre Dame Stadium-record crowds of 80,795 for the Michigan State, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, USC, Tennessee and Navy games, and took the field before 87,206 at Texas A&M, setting a Kyle Field, Big XII Conference and state of Texas record in the process.

The first five games of 2000 were played before capacity crowds and nine of 12 overall, while the first 11 contests in 1999 and the first 10 in '98 were played in front of sellout crowds.



Junior linebacker Mike Goolsby and the Irish played in front of eight stadium-record crowds in 2001.

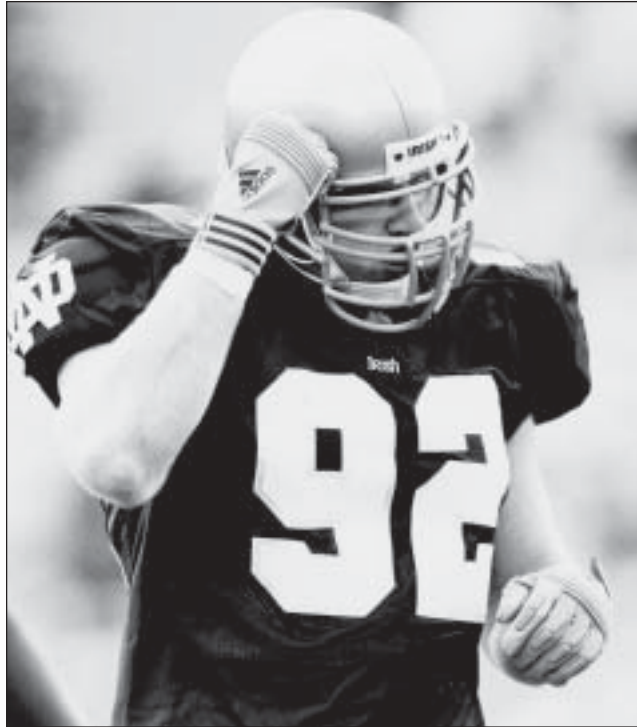




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Junior Abram Elam and the Irish were once again voted the nation's favorite college football team in 2001 in ESPN's "College Sports Fan Favorite Football Team" Poll.



Junior Kyle Budinscak was named to the Verizon/CoSIDA District V Academic All-District team in 2001 after posting a 3.273 grade-point average in the Mendoza College of Business. He was also a candidate for Academic All-America honors.

## NOTRE DAME ONCE AGAIN A FAN FAVORITE

Notre Dame ranked first and Florida State second in ESPN's "College Sports Fan Favorite Football Team" poll. The Irish pulled in top billing with 7.1 percent, followed by Florida State at 5.4 percent. Michigan (4.7), Penn State (4.3) and Ohio State (3.8) rounded out the top five. Notre Dame and Florida State also were the only two schools named in all four regions listed in the poll.

## NOTRE DAME PRODUCES GREAT GRADUATION RATES

Notre Dame ranks among the top NCAA Division I-A institutions in five major graduation rate categories - all student-athletes, football players, male student-athletes, female student-athletes and African-American student-athletes - according to the latest statistics released by the NCAA.

The 2001 NCAA Graduation-Rates Report, the 11th-such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1991 and 1994 at 321 Division I institutions, including 114 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered nongraduates.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 85 percent of its student-athletes, fourth only to Northwestern (92), Duke (91) and Stanford (88 percent), respectively. (Among student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, i.e., not considering those who leave or transfer, 99 percent earn their degrees.) The national average for Division I-A schools is 58 percent.

Notre Dame football players graduated at a 74 percent rate. Among all Division I-A institutions, the football graduation rate for Notre Dame is eighth nationally. Duke was first at 89 percent. Notre Dame graduated 90 percent of all women compet-

ing in varsity athletics, fifth nationally. Among men, Notre Dame's 82 percent rate is fourth behind Duke (90), Northwestern (88) and Stanford at 85 percent. Notre Dame graduated 73 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking behind only Duke, Vanderbilt, Stanford, Northwestern and Rice.

In this year's U.S. News & World Report "Best Colleges" issue, Notre Dame is ranked 19th in the nation for the third consecutive year. Notre Dame was also ranked 21st in the "Best Value" category, rising three spots over last year's rating. In addition, two of Notre Dame's undergraduate academic programs were ranked in the Top 50 nationwide - the business program placed 23rd and the engineering program ranked 43rd.

## CH-CH-CHANGES - NUMBER CHANGES FOR 2002

Four current Irish players will be changing their numbers for the 2002 season. Sophomore tailback Ryan Grant will now wear No. 4 (he previously wore No. 25). Sophomore receiver Carlos Campbell will don No. 6 this season rather than No. 88. Junior cornerback Preston Jackson will wear No. 15 in 2002 (he wore 38 the past two seasons) and sophomore linebacker Justin Tuck will wear No. 44 after sporting No. 48 in 2001.

## FRESHMAN NUMBERS FOR 2002

The following numbers have been assigned for the 2002 incoming freshmen as well: James Bonelli (No. 71), Jake Carney (No. 31), Anthony Fasano (No. 88), Marcus Freeman (No. 87), Chris Frome (No. 75), Jeff Jenkins (No. 32), Derek Landri (No. 66), Travis Leitko (No. 97), Brian Mattes (No. 94), Rhema McKnight (No. 5), Bob Morton (No. 76), Chris Olsen (No. 12), Scott Raridon (No. 62), Mike Richardson (No. 30), Jamie Ryan (No. 51), Dan Santucci (No. 93), Nate Schiccatano (No. 25), Maurice Stovall (No. 21).



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## IRISH WELCOME BACK 22 PLAYERS FROM DEFENSE THAT GOT ITS POINT ACROSS IN 2001

One of the strengths of the 2001 Notre Dame squad was its play on the defensive side of the ball as the Irish ranked in the top 40 in the country in all five defensive statistical categories, according to the final NCAA rankings. Notre Dame returns seven starters from the defense in 2002, including everyone in the secondary. The Irish also welcome back 22 monogram winners on defense for the '02 season, including all-star candidates Shane Walton, Gerome Sapp and Vontez Duff.

For the record, Notre Dame was 10th in pass defense (172.64 yards per game), 14th in total defense (304.91), 22nd in scoring defense (19.55 points per game), 38th in pass efficiency defense (113.66) and 39th in rush defense (132.27). The Irish posted their best numbers in all categories since the 1996 season, when Notre Dame finished the season 11th in total defense, 14th in scoring defense, 24th in rushing defense and 10th in passing efficiency defense.

## JONES CHASING DOWN TIM BROWN

With three full seasons under his belt, Julius Jones is on pace to surpass Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown as the Notre Dame leader in career kickoff return yards. Jones has 1,435 yards on 59 runbacks, putting him within 178 yards of Brown for the top spot. Here's a look at the top five kickoff returners in Irish history:

Name	Yds.	Ret.	Avg.	Yrs.
1. Tim Brown	1613	69	23.38	'84-'87
<b>2. Julius Jones</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>24.32</b>	<b>'99-'01</b>
3. Raghil Ismail	1271	46	27.63	'88-'90
4. Tony Driver	1083	47	23.04	'97-'00

## SENIOR NICHOLAS SETTA LOOKS TO BUILD ON STELLAR 2001 SEASON

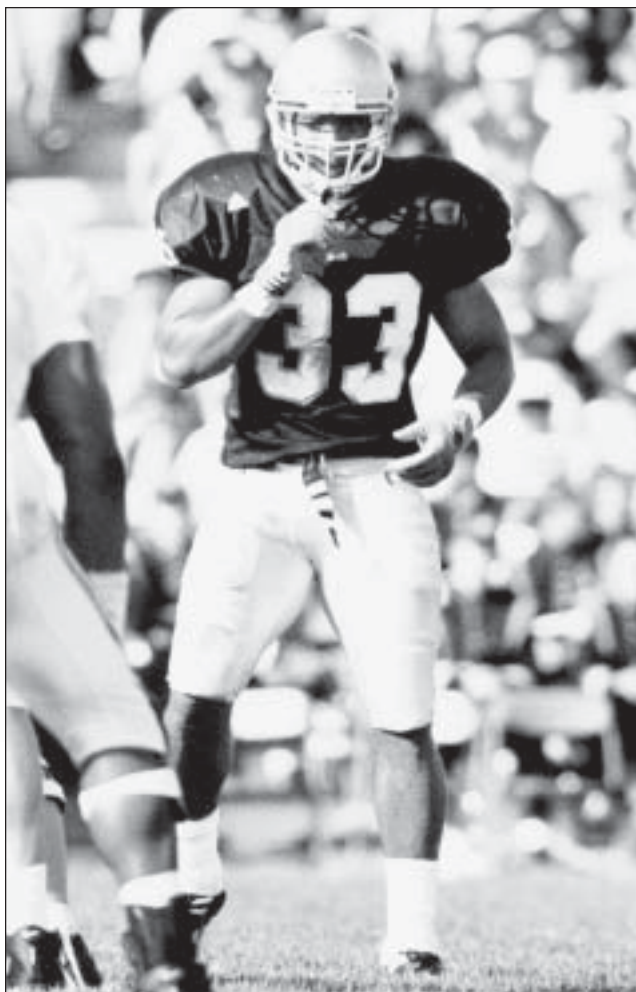
Senior PK Nicholas Setta achieved one of the most successful years for a placekicker in Notre Dame history in 2001, as he was named one of 20 semifinalists for the 2001 Lou Groza Collegiate Placekicker Award. Setta went 38 of 40 on placement kicks (23 PATs, 15 field goals) in '01, including a perfect eight of eight on field-goal attempts from 40 yards or more.

In addition, Setta has made 55 consecutive extra points dating back to a win over Stanford in 2000, the third-longest PAT streak in school history. In 2001, Setta joined a select group of Irish kickers who did not miss an extra point during the season (1.000 percentage) including: Craig Hentrich (48-of-48, 1991 and 41-of-41, 1990); Bob Thomas (34-of-34, 1972); Ted Gradel (33-of-33, 1987); Stefan Schreffner (30-of-30, 1994); John Carney (25-of-25, 1984) and Setta (23-of-23, 2001).

And, with his 47-yard boot against Purdue in the final game of 2001, Setta now has a field goal in Notre Dame's last 13 regular-season games, breaking John Carney's record for the longest streak in school history. Carney kicked a field goal in 11 straight games during the '86 season.

Setta's only two misses in '01 were a 32-yard field-goal attempt in the first quarter at Boston College, a kick that came into a stiff 15-25 mph wind, and a 36-yard attempt against Purdue that was just outside of the upright. With that miss at Purdue, Setta just missed Carney's record for field-goal percentage in a season (.895), by finishing the year at .882.

Setta also finished '01 ranked 17th in the final NCAA rankings with 1.36 field goals made per game.



Senior Courtney Watson is one of 22 returning players on an Irish defense which ranked 10th in pass defense, 14th in total defense and 22nd nationally in scoring defense in '01.

## HILDBOLD HOPES TO KICK UP A STORM AGAIN IN 2002

Senior Joey Hildbold, a 2001 Ray Guy Award candidate, truly came into his own during the 2001 season. Against Michigan State and Texas A&M, Hildbold averaged better than 50 yards per punt, including a career-high 50.5 yards on six punts at Texas A&M. In both cases, Hildbold narrowly missed the school record of 51.6 by Joe Restic against Air Force in 1975. Hildbold's season average of 42.23 (64 punts, 2,703 yards) was good for 35th in the nation in the final NCAA rankings.

In addition, Hildbold's three-year average of 40.82 yards per punt (7,266 yards on 178 punts) puts him in fourth place on the Notre Dame career list, just behind Vince Phelan, who averaged 40.90 yards per punt in 1987. Here's a look at where Hildbold stands on the Irish season and career average lists (asterisks denote category leaders):

Career	No.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Craig Hentrich, 1989-92	118	5204	44.1*
2. Hunter Smith, 1995-98	174	7170	41.20
3. Vince Phelan, 1987	50	2044	40.90
<b>4. Joey Hildbold, 1999-01</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>7266</b>	<b>40.82</b>
5. Bill Shakespeare, 1933-35	91	3705	40.71



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## IT'S NO HOLIDAY STOPPING HOLIDAY

Junior QB Carlyle Holiday has made only nine starts in his Notre Dame career, but already he is taking on the look of a grizzled veteran after directing a Notre Dame attack which averaged more than 300 yards of total offense during the games he started in '01.

Holiday did much of his damage in '01 with his legs, reeling off four runs of 30 yards or more, including a 67-yard touchdown scamper against Pittsburgh, the longest scoring run by an Irish quarterback since Arnaz Battle raced 74 yards late in a 48-13 win over Kansas on Aug. 28, 1999.

Holiday also posted three 100-yard games in 2001, including back-to-back 100-yard outings against Pittsburgh (122 yards) and West Virginia (130 yards), becoming the first Irish quarterback since 1980 to top the century mark in consecutive games. He later added 109 yards in a loss to Boston College. By contrast, Notre Dame's top two career rushing leaders among quarterbacks - Tony Rice and Jarius Jackson - each ran for over 100 yards only twice in their careers. Holiday nearly made it four straight 100-yard games against USC, finishing with 98 yards on 18 carries against the Trojans.

For the season, Holiday finished second on the team with 666 yards rushing on 156 carries, good for third on the school's single-season QB rushing chart.

He also ranked among the top 10 rushing quarterbacks in the country in '01. Here's a look at the other players on that list (sorted by yards per game):

Player, School	Att.	Yds.	YPG
1. Brian Madden, Navy	217	905	113.1
2. Keith Boyea, Air Force	230	1216	101.3
3. Eric Crouch, Nebraska	203	1115	92.9
4. Josh Cribbs, Kent State	164	1019	92.6
5. Woodrow Dantzler, Clemson	206	1004	91.3
6. Antwaan Randle El, Indiana	188	964	87.6
7. Kyle Herm, Rice	205	897	74.8
8. Ell Roberson, Kansas State	142	643	64.3
9. Tyler Watts, Alabama	111	564	62.7
<b>10. Carlyle Holiday, Notre Dame</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>60.55</b>

Holiday also posted the third-best running season ever by a Notre Dame quarterback. Here's a look at the top single-season rushing totals ever by a Notre Dame quarterback:

Player, Season	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Tony Rice, 1989	174	884	5.1
2. Tony Rice, 1988	121	700	5.8
<b>3. Carlyle Holiday, 2001</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>4.3</b>
4. Jarius Jackson, 1999	140	464	3.3
5. Jarius Jackson, 1998	113	441	3.9
6. Paul Hornung, 1956	94	420	4.5

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS FOR NOTRE DAME

Not only did the Irish have success with their kicking game in '01, but they also did well returning kicks. Notre Dame ranked 13th in the nation in kickoff returns, averaging a solid 24.28 yards per return, and 49th in the land in punt returns with a healthy 10.07 yards per runback. Julius Jones, a CNN.com first-team All-American in 2000, was the primary return specialist for the Irish in '01, ranking in the top 40 in the country in punt returns. Junior Vontez Duff also stepped in on kick returns during the second half of the season, averaging 29.8 yards per runback, with seven of his 12 returns for at least 30 yards, including a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown versus Purdue.

## JONES AN ALL-PURPOSE THREAT FOR THE IRISH

Senior Julius Jones was one of Notre Dame's top all-around threats in '01, whether it be in the backfield or returning punt and kickoffs. Despite suffering from an Achilles' injury the second half of the season, the native of Big Stone Gap, Va., led the Irish in all-purpose yardage at 124.73 yards per game, good for 32nd in the nation according to the final NCAA statistical reports.

Jones also was a major threat as a kick returner, ranking 39th in the country in punt returns (10.67 yards per game) and 55th in kickoff returns (22.50), highlighted by his 53-yard punt return against Michigan State and 58-yard kickoff return against West Virginia, both of which led to Notre Dame scores.

Jones also was solid in the Irish backfield, ranking first on the team with 718 rushing yards on a team-high 168 carries. He was especially strong in Notre Dame's last seven games, before being limited to punt returns against Purdue in the final game of the year, recording his first 100-yard game of the 2001 season vs. Navy (117 yards) and following that effort with 106 yards in the first half against Stanford before having to leave the game with a sprained ankle. During those seven games, Jones averaged 78.85 yards rushing and scored seven touchdowns (six rushing, one receiving), leading the Irish to four wins. For the season, Jones finished second on the team with 42 points scored.



Receiver Omar Jenkins recorded his first career touchdown on a 47-yard strike from quarterback Carlyle Holiday against Stanford in '01.



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## OTHER IRISH NOTES

### DAVE CASPER VOTED INTO PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Former Notre Dame All-American Dave Casper — a tight end for four National Football League teams, notably the Oakland Raiders, from 1974-1984 — was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame's Class of 2002 also includes: Dan Hampton, a defensive lineman for the Chicago Bears from 1979-1990; John Stallworth, a wide receiver with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1974-1987; and former Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins coach George Allen.

Their induction into the Hall of Fame on Aug. 3 in Canton, Ohio, will bring the number of enshrinees in the Hall to 216.

2002 will mark the third straight year a former Notre Dame player is inducted, following Joe Montana in 2000 and Nick Buoniconti in 2001. Other Notre Dame representatives in the Pro Football Hall of Fame include Curly Lambeau, George Trafton, Wayne Millner, George Connor, Paul Hornung and Alan Page.

### JEROME BETTIS WINS NFL MAN OF THE YEAR

Former Notre Dame All-American and current Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis was named the winner of the 2002 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award in recognition of his playing excellence and off-the-field community service.

It marked the second straight year a former Notre Dame player won the award, following Jim Flanigan in 2001. Previous winners from Notre Dame are Dave Duerson (1987) and Joe Theismann (1982).

## 2001 FINAL NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Team Rankings	Notre Dame
Rushing Offense	30th at 188.18
Passing Offense	101.50
Total Offense	289.73
Scoring Offense	19.45
Rushing Defense	39th at 132.27
Passing Defense	10th at 172.64
Pass Efficiency Defense	38th at 113.66
Total Defense	14th at 304.91
Scoring Defense	22nd at 19.55
Net Punting	39th at 36.40
Punt Returns	49th at 10.07
Kickoff Returns	13th at 24.28
Turnover Margin	36th at .27 (+3 overall)
Fumbles Lost	12
Passes Had Intercepted	11
Turnovers Lost	23
<b>Individual Rankings</b>	
Punting	Joey Hildbold 35th at 42.23
Field Goals	Nicholas Setta 17th at 1.36
Punt Returns	Julius Jones 39th at 10.67
All-Purpose Runners	Julius Jones 32nd at 124.73



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
1	Clark, Jared	QB	6-4	228	Jr.	10-31-81	Sarasota, FL	Cardinal Mooney	Mike Dowling
2	** Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	ILB	6-3	245	Sr.	3-29-80	Everett, WA	Bishop O'Dea	Monte Kohler
2	+ Novakov, Dan	QB	6-1	218	Sr.	7-16-81	Dallas, TX	St. Mark's	Jay McAuley
3	**** Battle, Arnaz	FL	6-1	213	Sr.	2-22-80	Shreveport, LA	C.E. Byrd	Alan Carter
7	* Holiday, Carlyle	QB	6-3	214	Jr.	10-4-81	San Antonio, TX	Roosevelt	Glenn Hill
8	* Crawford, Lorenzo	FL	5-10	195	Jr.	7-17-82	Prospect Park, NJ	Paterson Catholic	Benjie Wimberly
8	+ Krueger, Matt	QB	5-10	180	Jr.	5-23-82	South Bend, IN	Marian	Reggie Glon
9	*** Beckstrom, Jason	CB	5-10	188	Sr.	4-10-81	Tulsa, OK	Jenks	Allan Trimble
9	+ Dillingham, Pat	QB	6-1	209	So.	8-16-83	Portola Valley, CA	St. Francis	Mike Mitchell
10	** LoVecchio, Matt	QB	6-4	212	Jr.	2-2-82	Franklin Lakes, NJ	Bergen Catholic	Fred Stengel
11	Wilson, Marcus	RB	5-11	199	So.	9-25-83	Staten Island, NY	Poly Prep	Deno Mangiero
13	** Setta, Nicholas	K/P	5-11	177	So.	5-6-81	Lockport, IL	Lockport Township	Brad Kooi
14	** Godsey, Gary	TE	6-6	259	Jr.	3-16-81	Tampa, FL	Jesuit	Dominick Ciao
16	* Elam, Abram	SS	6-0	209	Jr.	10-15-81	Riviera Beach, FL	Cardinal Newman	Sam Budnyk
16	+ Revelle, Stan	QB	5-11	182	So.	9-9-82	Poplar Bluff, Mo.	Poplar Bluff	Mark Barrouse
17	*** Hildbold, Joey	P	5-10	191	Sr.	5-29-81	Centreville, VA	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
18	Rodamer, Ronnie	SE	6-4	206	Jr.	7-24-82	Morgantown, WV	Morgantown	Glen McNew
19	** Earl, Glenn	FS	6-1	205	Sr.	6-10-81	Lisle, IL	Naperville North	Larry McKeon
19	+ Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-1	192	So.	11-15-82	Granger, IN	Marion	Reggie Glon
20	*** Sapp, Jerome	SS	6-0	218	Sr.	2-8-81	Houston, TX	Lamar	Tom Nolan
22	*** Jones, Julius	TB	5-10	200	Sr.	8-14-81	Big Stone Gap, VA	Powell Valley	Phil Robbins
23	*** Yura, Chris	TB	6-0	220	Sr.	11-18-80	Morgantown, WV	Morgantown	Glen McNew
24	Jones, Cory	TB	6-0	215	So.	10-23-82	Seattle, WA	Kennedy	Bob Bourgette
4	* Grant, Ryan	RB	6-1	211	So.	12-9-82	Nyack, NY	Don Bosco Prep	Grege Tool
26	* Bible, Garron	CB	5-10	197	Jr.	12-22-81	Kingwood, TX	Kingwood	Ken Herring
27	Bolen, Lionel	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	7-18-83	Westhampton, NJ	Rancocas Valley	Jim DiCiccio
27	+ Profeta, Mike	TB	5-11	208	So.	12-2-81	Cranberry Township, PA	Seneca Valley	Mike Buchert
28	*** Dykes, Donald	FS	5-11	194	Sr.	3-10-80	Hammond, LA	Hammond	Carmon Moore
28	+ Laux, Cole	TB	5-10	236	Jr.	4-11-82	Mishawaka, IN	Marian	Reggie Glon
29	Burrell, Quentin	CB	6-0	178	So.	11-26-82	Decatur, GA	Southwest DeKalb	Bob Smith
33	** Watson, Courtney	ILB	6-1	232	Sr.	9-18-80	Sarasota, FL	Riverview	John Sprague
34	** Duff, Vontez	CB	5-11	194	Jr.	3-8-82	Copperas Cove, TX	Copperas Cove	Jack Welch
35	* Miller, David	K	5-11	210	Sr.	5-29-80	Granger, IN	Penn	Chris Geesman
35	* O'Neill, Tim	TB	5-6	172	Sr.	9-28-79	Troy, MI	Athens	John Walker
36	*** Lopienski, Tom	FB	6-1	245	Sr.	6-12-79	Hudson, OH	Walsh Jesuit	Gerry Rardin
37	* Ellick, Dwight	CB	5-10	179	So.	9-30-82	Tampa, FL	Wharton	Richard Wood
15	* Jackson, Preston	CB	5-9	176	Jr.	9-7-81	Brandon, FL	Tampa Hillsborough	Earl Garcia
39	Hoyte, Brandon	ILB	6-0	226	So.	9-26-83	Parlin, NJ	Sayreville War Memorial	George Najjar
39	+ Bemenderfer, David	SS	5-11	195	Jr.	6-26-81	Mishawaka, IN	Penn	Chris Geesman
41	** Goolsby, Mike	ILB	6-3	243	Jr.	9-10-82	Joliet, IL	Catholic	Dan Sharp
42	*** Walton, Shane	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	10-9-79	San Diego, CA	Bishops School	Bill Lekvold
43	Powers-Neal, Rashon	TB	6-2	224	So.	4-3-83	St. Paul, MN	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
45	*** Sarb, Matthew	SS	6-0	195	Sr.	6-15-80	Lisle, IL	Lisle Senior	Dan Sanko
46	Mays, Corey	ILB	6-1	235	So.	11-27-83	Chicago, IL	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
47	* McNair, Mike	FB	6-0	230	Sr.	3-24-80	Irvine, CA	Mater Dei	Bruce Rollinson
44	Tuck, Justin	OLB	6-5	238	So.	3-29-83	Kellyton, AL	Central Coosa County	Keith Bullard
48	+ Gentine, Jonathan	WR	6-2	201	Sr.	8-1-80	Plymouth, WI	Plymouth	Pat Brunet
49	* Curry, Derek	ILB	6-3	233	Jr.	9-5-81	Sealy, TX	Sealy	T.J. Mills
50	* Hilliard, Cedric	NG	6-2	290	Sr.	11-19-80	Arlington, TX	Lamar	Eddy Peach
52	** Faine, Jeff	C	6-3	298	Sr.	4-6-81	Sanford, FL	Seminole	Jim Worthington
53	*** Crowther, John	C	6-2	239	Sr.	1-17-80	Edina, MN	Edina	Todd Olson
53	+ Halvorson, Jason	DL	6-1	246	Sr.	2-19-81	Burnsville, MN	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
55	Giles, Zachary	C	6-3	281	So.	8-27-82	Marshfield, MA	Marshfield	Lou Silva
56	* Ryan, Pat	ILB	6-3	231	Sr.	1-22-81	Billings, MT	West	Paul Klaboe
57	Thomas, Justin	OLB	6-1	243	Sr.	7-13-81	Spencer, OK	Star Spencer	Rickey Oliver
58	*** DeBolt, Chad	ILB	6-0	202	Sr.	3-9-80	Waterloo, NY	Waterloo	Ralph Ellison
60	** Campbell, Darrell	DT	6-4	288	Sr.	7-6-81	South Holland, IL	Thronwood	Terry Kennedy
61	+ Desplinter, Jesse	LB	5-10	189	Jr.	3-4-81	Annawan, IL	Annawan	Jim Frankienrieder
63	** Curtin, Brennan	OT	6-8	305	Sr.	6-30-80	Palm Beach, FL	Benjamin	Ron Ream
64	+ Dunn, Casey	OG/SN	6-4	255	So.	7-10-83	Miami, FL	Gulliver Prep	Steve Howey
64	* Campbell, Jeffrey	DE	6-0	237	Sr.	5-28-80	Kalamazoo, MI	Parchment	Russ Ivni
65	* Milligan, Sean	OG	6-4	300	Sr.	2-18-81	Norcross, GA	Norcross	Ron Green
67	* Gillis, Ryan	OG	6-3	305	Sr.	4-18-81	Fawn Lake, VA	DeMatha	Bill McGregor
68	+ O'Connell, Ed	LB	6-3	212	Jr.	7-26-81	Oak Lawn, IL	Marist	Werner Emmerich
69	Mitchell, Darin	OG	6-3	280	So.	1-20-83	Jonesboro, GA	Lovejoy	C.W. Campbell
70	Molinaro, Jim	OT	6-6	297	Sr.	4-27-81	Bethlehem, PA	Catholic	Bob Stem
71	+ Kowalski, David	OL	6-2	249	Jr.	9-5-82	Chicago, IL	DeLa Salle	Jim Granan
72	*** Scarola, Ryan	OG	6-5	310	Sr.	12-3-79	Export, PA	Franklin Regional	Greg Botta
73	LeVoir, Mark	OT	6-7	309	So.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, MN	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant



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74	Stevenson, Dan	OT	6-5	292	So.	10-4-82	Barrington, IL	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
77	Pauly, Greg	DT	6-6	280	Jr.	3-23-82	Waukesha, WI	South	Dave Rusch
78	*** Black, Jordan	OT	6-6	305	Sr.	1-28-80	Rowlett, TX	Dallas Christian	Mike Wheeler
79	*** Mahan, Sean	OG	6-3	285	Sr.	5-28-80	Tulsa, OK	Jenks	Allan Trimble
80	* Jenkins, Omar	FL	6-1	204	Jr.	5-8-81	Dallas, TX	Jesuit	Bob Wonderlick
81	Collins, Jerome	OLB	6-4	256	Jr.	8-18-82	Warrenville, IL	Wheaton-Warrenville South	John Thorne
82	Shelton, Matt	WR	5-11	172	So.	4-1-82	Collierville, TN	Collierville	Paul Cox
82	*+ Akatu, Bernard	SE	5-9	193	Sr.	1-10-81	Lagos, Nigeria	Betheda Chevy Chase (MD)	Pete White
83	Root, Matt	TE	6-6	258	So.	9-29-82	Tallahassee, FL	North Florida Christian	Rob Ralph
83	+ Gentine, Josh	K-P	6-1	203	Sr.	8-1-80	Plymouth, WI	Plymouth	Pat Bannet
85	Palmer, Billy	TE	6-4	251	Jr.	1-27-81	Wynntree Heathrow, FL	Lake Highland Prep	Tim Borcky
86	+ Hart, Brendan	TE	6-2	240	Jr.	8-1-81	Birmingham, MI	Brother Rice	Albert Fracass
87	+ Nally, Patrick	TE	6-3	246	So.	9-17-81	Tulsa, OK	Bishop Kelley	Greg Mason
87	+ Smith, Jonathan	WR	6-4	195	Jr.	12-7-80	Haymarket, VA	Paul VI	Wade Kiel
6	Campbell, Carlos	WR	5-11	194	So.	11-18-82	Hampton, VA	Hampton	Mike Smith
90	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-4	269	So.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, WI	Marquette	Dick Basham
91	Thompson, Jeff	DL	6-4	273	So.	9-18-82	Granger, IN	Penn	Chris Geesman
92	* Budinscak, Kyle	DT	6-4	269	Jr.	8-20-82	Bridgewater, NJ	Raritan	Kirk Hamrah
95	*** Roberts, Ryan	DE	6-2	258	Sr.	8-11-80	Lawnside, NJ	Haddonfield Memorial	Jim Horner
99	Sapp, Jason	DE	6-3	249	Jr.	6-11-82	Bridgeport, CT	Notre Dame	Jeff Bevino

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## IRISH BY STATE AND COUNTRY

**Alabama (1):** Tuck  
**California (3):** Dillingham, McNair, Walton  
**Connecticut (1):** J. Sapp  
**Florida (11):** Clark, Curtin, Dunn, Elam, Ellick, Faine, Godsey, Jackson, Palmer, Root, Watson  
**Georgia (3):** Burrell, Milligan, D. Mitchell  
**Illinois (11):** D. Campbell, Collins, DeSplinter, Earl, Goolsby, Kowalski, Mays, O'Connell, Sarb, Setta, Stevenson  
**Indiana (6):** Bemenderfer, Fitzpatrick, M. Krueger, Laux, Miller, Thompson  
**Louisiana (2):** Battle, Dykes  
**Massachusetts (1):** Giles  
**Michigan (2):** Hart, O'Neill  
**Minnesota (4):** Crowther, Halvorson, LeVoir, Powers-Neal  
**Missouri (1):** Revelle  
**Montana (1):** Ryan  
**New Jersey (6):** Bolen, Budinscak, Crawford, Hoyte, LoVecchio, Roberts

**New York (3):** DeBolt, Grant, Wilson  
**Oklahoma (4):** Beckstrom, Mahan, Nally, Thomas  
**Ohio (2):** Amato, Lopienski  
**Pennsylvania (3):** Molinaro, Profeta, Scarola  
**Tennessee (1):** Shelton  
**Texas (9):** Bible, Black, Curry, Duff, Hilliard, Holiday, Jenkins, Novakov, G. Sapp  
**Virginia (5):** C. Campbell, Gillis, Hildbold, J. Jones, Jon. Smith,  
**Washington (2):** C. Jones, Pierre-Antoine  
**West Virginia (2):** Rodamer, Yura  
**Wisconsin (4):** Beidatsch, Jon. Gentile, Josh Gentine, Pauly

**By Country:**  
**Nigeria (1):** Akatu

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
82	*+ Akatu, Bernard	SE	5-9	193	Sr.	1-10-81	Lagos, Nigeria	Betheda Chevy Chase (MD)	Pete White
3	**** Battle, Arnaz	FL	6-1	213	Sr.	2-22-80	Shreveport, LA	C.E. Byrd	Alan Carter
9	*** Beckstrom, Jason	CB	5-10	188	Sr.	4-10-81	Tulsa, OK	Jenks	Allan Trimble
90	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-4	269	So.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, WI	Marquette	Dick Basham
39	+ Bemenderfer, David	SS	5-11	195	Jr.	6-26-81	Mishawaka, IN	Penn	Chris Geesman
26	* Bible, Garron	CB	5-10	197	Jr.	12-22-81	Kingwood, TX	Kingwood	Ken Herring
78	*** Black, Jordan	OT	6-6	305	Sr.	1-28-80	Rowlett, TX	Dallas Christian	Mike Wheeler
27	Bolen, Lionel	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	7-18-83	Westhampton, NJ	Rancocas Valley	Jim DiCicco
92	* Budinscak, Kyle	DT	6-4	269	Jr.	8-20-82	Bridgewater, NJ	Raritan	Kirk Hamrah
29	Burrell, Quentin	CB	6-0	178	So.	11-26-82	Decatur, GA	Southwest DeKalb	Bob Smith
6	Campbell, Carlos	WR	5-11	194	So.	11-18-82	Hampton, VA	Hampton	Mike Smith
60	** Campbell, Darrell	DT	6-4	288	Sr.	7-6-81	South Holland, IL	Thronwood	Terry Kennedy
64	* Campbell, Jeffrey	DE	6-0	237	Sr.	5-28-80	Kalamazoo, MI	Parchment	Russ Ivni
1	Clark, Jared	QB	6-4	228	Jr.	10-31-81	Sarasota, FL	Cardinal Mooney	Mike Dowling
81	Collins, Jerome	OLB	6-4	256	Jr.	8-18-82	Warrenville, IL	Wheaton-Warrenville South	John Thorne
8	* Crawford, Lorenzo	FL	5-10	195	Jr.	7-17-82	Prospect Park, NJ	Paterson Catholic	Benjie Wimberly
53	**+ Crowther, John	C	6-2	239	Sr.	1-17-80	Edina, MN	Edina	Todd Olson
49	* Curry, Derek	ILB	6-3	233	Jr.	9-5-81	Sealy, TX	Sealy	T.J. Mills
63	** Curtin, Brennan	OT	6-8	305	Sr.	6-30-80	Palm Beach, FL	Benjamin	Ron Ream
58	**+ DeBolt, Chad	ILB	6-0	202	Sr.	3-9-80	Waterloo, NY	Waterloo	Ralph Ellison
61	+ DeSplinter, Jesse	LB	5-10	189	Jr.	3-4-81	Annawan, IL	Annawan	Jim Frankenrieder
9	+ Dillingham, Pat	QB	6-1	209	So.	8-16-83	Portola Valley, CA	St. Francis	Mike Mitchell
34	** Duff, Vontez	CB	5-11	194	Jr.	3-8-82	Copperas Cove, TX	Copperas Cove	Jack Welch
64	+ Dunn, Casey	OG/SN	6-4	255	So.	7-10-83	Miami, FL	Gulliver Prep	Steve Howey
28	*** Dykes, Donald	FS	5-11	194	Sr.	3-10-80	Hammond, LA	Hammond	Carmon Moore
19	** Earl, Glenn	FS	6-1	205	Sr.	6-10-81	Lisle, IL	Naperville North	Larry McKeon
16	* Elam, Abram	SS	6-0	209	Jr.	10-15-81	Riviera Beach, FL	Cardinal Newman	Sam Budnyk
37	* Ellick, Dwight	CB	5-10	179	So.	9-30-82	Tampa, FL	Wharton	Richard Wood
52	** Faine, Jeff	C	6-3	298	Sr.	4-6-81	Sanford, FL	Seminole	Jim Worthington
19	+ Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-1	192	So.	11-15-82	Granger, IN	Marion	Reggie Glon
48	+ Gentine, Jonathan	WR	6-2	201	Sr.	8-1-80	Plymouth, WI	Plymouth	Pat Brunet
83	+ Gentine, Josh	K-P	6-1	203	Sr.	8-1-80	Plymouth, WI	Plymouth	Pat Bannet
55	Giles, Zachary	C	6-3	281	So.	8-27-82	Marshfield, MA	Marshfield	Lou Silva
67	* Gillis, Ryan	OG	6-3	305	Sr.	4-18-81	Fawn Lake, VA	DeMatha	Bill McGregor
14	** Godsey, Gary	TE	6-6	259	Sr.	3-16-81	Tampa, FL	Jesuit	Dominick Ciao
41	** Goolsby, Mike	ILB	6-3	243	Jr.	9-10-82	Joliet, IL	Catholic	Dan Sharp
4	* Grant, Ryan	RB	6-1	211	So.	12-9-82	Nyack, NY	Don Bosco Prep	Grege Tool
53	+ Halvorson, Jason	DL	6-1	246	Sr.	2-19-81	Burnsville, MN	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
86	+ Hart, Brendan	TE	6-2	240	Jr.	8-1-81	Birmingham, MI	Brother Rice	Albert Fracass
17	*** Hildbold, Joey	P	5-10	191	Sr.	5-29-81	Centreville, VA	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
50	* Hilliard, Cedric	NG	6-2	290	Sr.	11-19-80	Arlington, TX	Lamar	Eddy Peach
7	* Holiday, Carlyle	QB	6-3	214	Jr.	10-4-81	San Antonio, TX	Roosevelt	Glenn Hill
39	Hoyte, Brandon	ILB	6-0	226	So.	9-26-83	Parlin, NJ	Sayreville War Memorial	George Najjar
15	* Jackson, Preston	CB	5-9	176	Jr.	9-7-81	Brandon, FL	Tampa Hillsborough	Earl Garcia
80	* Jenkins, Omar	FL	6-1	204	Jr.	5-8-81	Dallas, TX	Jesuit	Bob Wonderlick
24	Jones, Cory	TB	6-0	215	So.	10-23-82	Seattle, WA	Kennedy	Bob Bourgette
22	*** Jones, Julius	TB	5-10	200	Sr.	8-14-81	Big Stone Gap, VA	Powell Valley	Phil Robbins
8	+ Krueger, Matt	QB	5-10	180	Jr.	5-23-82	South Bend, IN	Marian	Reggie Glon
71	+ Kowalski, David	OL	6-2	249	Jr.	9-5-82	Chicago, IL	DeLa Salle	Jim Granan
28	+ Laux, Cole	TB	5-10	236	Jr.	4-11-82	Mishawaka, IN	Marian	Reggie Glon
73	LeVair, Mark	OT	6-7	309	So.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, MN	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant
36	*** Lopienski, Tom	FB	6-1	245	Sr.	6-12-79	Hudson, OH	Walsh Jesuit	Gerry Rardin
10	** LoVecchio, Matt	QB	6-4	212	Jr.	2-2-82	Franklin Lakes, NJ	Bergen Catholic	Fred Stengel
79	*** Mahan, Sean	OG	6-3	285	Sr.	5-28-80	Tulsa, OK	Jenks	Allan Trimble
46	Mays, Corey	ILB	6-1	235	So.	11-27-83	Chicago, IL	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
47	* McNair, Mike	FB	6-0	230	Sr.	3-24-80	Irvine, CA	Mater Dei	Bruce Rollinson
35	* Miller, David	K	5-11	210	Sr.	5-29-80	Granger, IN	Penn	Chris Geesman
65	* Milligan, Sean	OG	6-4	300	Sr.	2-18-81	Norcross, GA	Norcross	Ron Green
69	Mitchell, Darin	OG	6-3	280	So.	1-20-83	Jonesboro, GA	Lovejoy	C.W. Campbell



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70	Molinaro, Jim	OT	6-6	297	Sr.	4-27-81	Bethlehem, PA	Catholic	Bob Stem
87 +	Nally, Patrick	TE	6-3	246	So.	9-17-81	Tulsa, OK	Bishop Kelley	Greg Mason
2 +	Novakov, Dan	QB	6-1	218	Sr.	7-16-81	Dallas, TX	St. Mark's	Jay McAuley
68 +	O'Connell, Ed	LB	6-3	212	Jr.	7-26-81	Oak Lawn, IL	Marist	Werner Emmerich
35 *	O'Neill, Tim	TB	5-6	172	Sr.	9-28-79	Troy, MI	Athens	John Walker
85	Palmer, Billy	TE	6-4	251	Jr.	1-27-81	Wyntree Heathrow, FL	Lake Highland Prep	Tim Borcky
77	Pauly, Greg	DT	6-6	280	Jr.	3-23-82	Waukesha, WI	South	Dave Rusch
2 **	Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	ILB	6-3	245	Sr.	3-29-80	Everett, WA	Bishop O'Dea	Monte Kohler
43	Powers-Neal, Rashon	TB	6-2	224	So.	4-3-83	St. Paul, MN	Crefin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
27 +	Profeta, Mike	TB	5-11	208	So.	12-2-81	Cranberry Township, PA	Seneca Valley	Mike Buchert
16 +	Revelle, Stan	QB	5-11	182	So.	9-9-82	Poplar Bluff, Mo.	Poplar Bluff	Mark Barrouse
95 ***	Roberts, Ryan	DE	6-2	258	Sr.	8-11-80	Lawnside, NJ	Haddonfield Memorial	Jim Horner
18	Rodamer, Ronnie	SE	6-4	206	Jr.	7-24-82	Morgantown, WV	Morgantown	Glen McNew
83	Ryan, Matt	TE	6-6	258	So.	9-29-82	Tallahassee, FL	North Florida Christian	Rob Ralph
56 *	Ryan, Pat	ILB	6-3	231	Sr.	1-22-81	Billings, MT	West	Paul Klaboe
20 ***	Sapp, Gerome	SS	6-0	218	Sr.	2-8-81	Houston, TX	Lamar	Tom Nolan
99	Sapp, Jason	DE	6-3	249	Jr.	6-11-82	Bridgeport, CT	Notre Dame	Jeff Bevino
45 **+	Sarb, Matthew	SS	6-0	195	Sr.	6-15-80	Lisle, IL	Lisle Senior	Dan Sanko
72 ***	Scarola, Ryan	OG	6-5	310	Sr.	12-3-79	Export, PA	Franklin Regional	Greg Botta
13 **	Setta, Nicholas	K/P	5-11	177	So.	5-6-81	Lockport, IL	Lockport Township	Brad Kooi
82	Shelton, Matt	WR	5-11	172	So.	4-1-82	Collierville, TN	Collierville	Paul Cox
87 +	Smith, Jonathan	WR	6-4	195	Jr.	12-7-80	Haymarket, VA	Paul VI	Wade Kiel
74	Stevenson, Dan	OT	6-5	292	So.	10-4-82	Barrington, IL	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
57	Thomas, Justin	OLB	6-1	243	Sr.	7-13-81	Spencer, OK	Star Spencer	Rickey Oliver
91	Thompson, Jeff	DL	6-4	273	So.	9-18-82	Granger, IN	Penn	Chris Geesman
44	Tuck, Justin	OLB	6-5	238	So.	3-29-83	Kellyton, AL	Central Coosa County	Keith Bullard
42 ***	Walton, Shane	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	10-9-79	San Diego, CA	Bishops School	Bill Lekvold
33 **	Watson, Courtney	ILB	6-1	232	Sr.	9-18-80	Sarasota, FL	Riverview	John Sprague
11	Wilson, Marcus	RB	5-11	199	So.	9-25-83	Staten Island, NY	Poly Prep	Deno Mangiero
23 ***	Yura, Chris	TB	6-0	220	Sr.	11-18-80	Morgantown, WV	Morgantown	Glen McNew

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Arnaz (Battle) .....	Ar-NEZ
Beidatsch .....	BUY-dash
Bemenderfer .....	BEE-men-derf-er
Budinscak .....	BUD-in-zack
Elam .....	EE-lum
Garron (Bible) .....	GARE-un
Laux .....	LOCKS
LeVoir .....	le-VORE (as is FORE)
Lopienski .....	Low-PIN-ski
LoVecchio .....	lo-VECK-ee-o
Mahan .....	MAY-han
Molinaro .....	Maul-in-AIR-o
Rashon .....	ruh-SHON
Rodamer .....	ROD-a-mer

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## OFFENSE

### Freshmen (11)

OL James Bonelli  
TE Anthony Fasano  
TE Marcus Freeman  
RB Jeff Jenkins  
WB Rhema McKnight  
OL Bob Morton  
QB Chris Olsen  
OL Scott Raridon  
OL Jamie Ryan  
RB Nate Schiccitano  
WR Maurice Stovall

### Sophomores (11)

SE Carlos Campbell  
C Zachary Giles  
\*TB Ryan Grant  
TB Cory Jones  
OT Mark LeVoi  
OG Darin Mitchell  
TB Rashon Powers-Neal  
TE Matt Root  
SE Matt Shelton  
OT Dan Stevenson  
TB Marcus Wilson

### Juniors (7)

QB Jared Clark  
\*FL Lorenzo Crawford  
\*QB **CARLYLE HOLIDAY**  
\*FL Omar Jenkins  
\*\*QB Matt LoVecchio  
TE Billy Palmer  
SE Ronnie Rodamer

### Seniors (20)

\*SE Bernard Akatu  
\*\*\*\*FL Arnaz Battle  
\*\*\*OT **JORDAN BLACK**  
\*\*SN/C John Crowther  
\*\*OT **BRENNAN CURTIN**  
\*\*C **JEFF FAINE**  
\*OG Ryan Gillis  
\*TE Gary Godsey  
\*\*\*P **JOEY HILDBOLD**  
\*\*\*TB **JULIUS JONES**  
\*\*\*FB **TOM LOPIENSKI**  
\*\*\*OG **SEAN MAHAN**  
\*FB Mike McNair  
\*K David Miller  
\*OG Sean Milligan  
\*TB Tim O'Neill  
OT Jim Molinaro  
\*\*\*OG Ryan Scarola  
\*\*K/P **NICHOLAS SETTA**  
\*\*\*TB Chris Yura

## DEFENSE

### Freshmen (7)

DB Jake Carney  
DL Chris Frome  
DL Derek Landri  
DL Travis Leitko  
DL Brian Mattes  
DL Mike Richardson  
DL Dan Santucci

### Sophomores (8)

DE Brian Beidatsch  
CB Lionel Bolen  
CB Quentin Burrell  
\*CB Dwight Ellick  
ILB Brandon Hoyte  
ILB Corey Mays  
DL Jeff Thompson  
OLB Justin Tuck

### Juniors (10)

\*CB Garron Bible  
\*OT Kyle Budinscak  
OLB Jerome Collins  
\*OLB Derek Curry  
\*\*CB **VONTEZ DUFF**  
\*FS Abram Elam  
\*\*ILB Mike Goolsby  
\*CB Preston Jackson  
DT Greg Pauly  
DE Jason Sapp

### Seniors (15)

\*\*\*CB Jason Beckstrom  
\*\*DT **DARRELL CAMPBELL**  
\*DE Jeffrey Campbell  
\*\*ILB Chad DeBolt  
\*\*\*FS **DONALD DYKES**  
\*\*FS Glenn Earl  
\*NG **CEDRIC HILLIARD**  
\*\*ILB Carlos Pierre-Antoine  
\*\*\*DE Ryan Roberts  
\*ILB Pat Ryan  
\*\*\*SS **GEROME SAPP**  
\*\*SS Matthew Sarb  
ILB Justin Thomas  
\*\*\*CB **SHANE WALTON**  
\*\*ILB **COURTNEY WATSON**

\* indicates monograms won **BOLDFACE CAPS INDICATE RETURNING STARTERS**

## THE '02 IRISH BY CLASS

Class	Offense	Defense	Total
Freshman	11	7	18
Sophomore	11 (1 letterman)	8 (1 letterman)	19 (2 lettermen)
Junior	7 (4 lettermen)	10 (7 lettermen)	17 (11 lettermen)
Senior	20 (19 lettermen)	15 (14 lettermen)	35 (33 lettermen)
Total	49 (24 lettermen)	40 (22 lettermen)	89 (46 lettermen)



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# 2002 BREAKDOWN

Lettermen Lost (25) – Lettermen Returning (46)

## OFFENSE

Lost	(14 lost, 24 returning)	Returning
*** JAVIN HUNTER	SE	* <i>Bernard Akatu</i>
*** Casey Robin	LT	** <b>BRENNAN CURTIN</b> * Ryan Gillis
	LG	*** <b>SEAN MAHAN (5)</b>
	C	** <b>JEFF FAINE</b> *** Ryan Scarola (5) ** <i>John Crowther (long snapper) (5)</i>
** JW Jordan	RG	*** <b>JORDAN BLACK (5)</b> * Sean Milligan
*** KURT VOLLERS	RT	
*** John Teasdale		
**** JOHN OWENS	TE	** Gary Godsey
* Gerald Morgan		
* <i>Chris Mahoney</i>		
**** DAVID GIVENS	FL	**** Arnaz Battle (5) * Omar Jenkins * Lorenzo Crawford
	QB	* <b>CARLYLE HOLIDAY</b> ** Matt LoVecchio
** Jason Murray	FB	*** <b>TOM LOPIENSKI (5)</b> * Mike McNair (5)
*** Tony Fisher	TB	*** <b>JULIUS JONES</b> *** Chris Yura * Ryan Grant * Tim O'Neill (5)
*** Terrance Howard		
** Adam Tibble (Holder)	K/P	*** <b>JOEY HILDBOLD (P)</b> ** <b>NICHOLAS SETTA (FG/PATs)</b> * David Miller (5)

## DEFENSE

Lost	(11 lost, 22 returning)	Returning
**** ANTHONY WEAVER	LE	* <i>Jeffrey Campbell (5)</i>
	DT	** <b>DARRELL CAMPBELL</b> * Kyle Budinscak
*** Andy Wisne	NG	* <b>CEDRIC HILLIARD</b>
**** GRANT IRONS	RE	*** Ryan Roberts (5)
**** ROCKY BOIMAN	OLB	* Derek Curry * <i>Brian Dierckman</i>
*** TYREO HARRISON	ILB	** Carlos Pierre-Antoine (5) ** Chad DeBolt (5) * Patrick Ryan
	ILB	** <b>COURTNEY WATSON</b> ** Mike Goolsby
* Mike Klockner	LCB	*** <b>SHANE WALTON (5)</b> *** Jason Beckstrom * Preston Jackson * Dwight Ellick
*** Clifford Jefferson	RCB	** <b>VONTEZ DUFF</b> * Garron Bible
**** Ron Israel	SS	*** <b>GEROME SAPP</b> ** <i>Matthew Sarb (5)</i>
** Justin Smith	FS	*** <b>DONALD DYKES (5)</b> ** Glenn Earl * Abram Elam
* Dwayne Francis		

**2001 STARTERS IN ALL CAPS; RETURNING STARTERS IN BOLD CAPS; walkons in italics.**

(5) – eligible for fifth year



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# FINAL DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

<b>Left Tackle</b> ** BRENNAN CURTIN *** Casey Robin JIM MOLINARO	<b>Left Guard</b> *** SEAN MAHAN * RYAN GILLIS	<b>Center</b> ** JEFF FAINE *** RYAN SCAROLA ** <i>JOHN CROWTHER</i> (long snapper)	<b>Right Guard</b> *** JORDAN BLACK * SEAN MILLIGAN ** JW Jordan	<b>Right Tackle</b> *** Kurt Vollers
<b>Split End</b> *** Javin Hunter RONNIE RODAMER CARLOS CAMPBELL	<b>Quarterback</b> * CARLYLE HOLIDAY ** MATT LOVECCHIO JARED CLARK	<b>Tight End</b> **** John Owens *** GARY GODSEY BILLY PALMER		
<b>Fullback</b> *** TOM LOPIENSKI ** Jason Murray * MIKE McNAIR	<b>Tailback</b> *** JULIUS JONES **** Tony Fisher *** Terrance Howard * RYAN GRANT *** <i>CHRIS YURA</i>	<b>Flanker</b> **** David Givens **** ARNAZ BATTLE * OMAR JENKINS * LORENZO CRAWFORD		
<b>Kicker</b> ** NICHOLAS SETTA	<b>Holder</b> ** Adam Tibble	<b>Punter</b> *** JOEY HILDBOLD		

## DEFENSE

<b>Left End</b> **** Anthony Weaver	<b>Defensive Tackle</b> ** DARRELL CAMPBELL * KYLE BUDINCAK GREG PAULY	<b>Nose Guard</b> * CEDRIC HILLIARD *** Andy Wisne	<b>Right End</b> **** Grant Irons *** RYAN ROBERTS
<b>Outside Linebacker</b> **** Rocky Boiman * DEREK CURRY JEROME COLLINS	<b>Inside Linebacker</b> ** COURTNEY WATSON ** MIKE GOOLSBY JUSTIN THOMAS	<b>Inside Linebacker</b> *** Tyreo Harrison ** CARLOS PIERRE-ANTOINE * PATRICK RYAN ** <i>CHAD DEBOLT</i>	
<b>Left Cornerback</b> *** SHANE WALTON *** JASON BECKSTROM * PRESTON JACKSON * DWIGHT ELLICK	<b>Free Safety</b> *** DONALD DYKES ** GLENN EARL * ABRAM ELAM ** Justin Smith * Dwayne Francis	<b>Strong Safety</b> *** GEROME SAPP **** Ron Israel ** <i>MATTHEW SARB</i>	<b>Right Cornerback</b> ** VONTEZ DUFF *** Clifford Jefferson * GARRON BIBLE QUENTIN BURRELL

Includes every player who played one second or more in 2001. Returnees in all caps. Italics indicate walk-on members of squad.

### MONOGRAM MEN LOST AND RETURNING

Offense	Defense
First Team Lost .....	First Team Lost .....
Second Team Lost .....	Second Team Lost .....
Total Lost (includes kickers) .....	Total Lost .....
First Team Returning .....	First Team Returning .....
Second Team Returning .....	Second Team Returning .....
Total Returning .....	Total Returning .....

**Total Lost \*25 — Total Returning \*46**



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