



Post-Game Notes

No. 7 Notre Dame vs. New Mexico

September 14, 2019

- Ian Book, Alohi Gilman and Robert Hainsey represented the Irish as captains for the opening coin toss. The Lobos won the toss and elected to defer. Notre Dame elected to receive the opening kick.
- The victory was Notre Dame's 12th-straight win at home — the third-longest streak in program history.
- The 66 points is the most points scored in a home opener since 1932 (73-0 win over Haskell — now referred to as Haskell Indian Nations University — located in Lawrence, Kansas).
- The win marked the first time since 2015 the Irish scored more than 60 points in a game (62-27 win vs. Massachusetts).
- The pick-six to open the scoring for the Irish marked the first time since 2002 (Gerome Sapp in 24-17 win vs. Purdue) that the first Notre Dame score of the year at home was a defensive touchdown.
- The three interceptions by the Irish defense were the most in a game since they picked off three in a 36-3 win over Syracuse in 2018.
- The Notre Dame defense had not allowed a touchdown in 78:39 of game time (dating back to the Louisville game Sept. 2) until New Mexico found the end zone with 29 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES

- Lawrence Keys III's 45-yard return on the opening kickoff was the longest kickoff return from the Irish since Michael Young Jr. scampered 48 yards against Vanderbilt on September 15, 2018 (Notre Dame victory, 22-17).
- In the first two games of his career, freshman punter Jay Bramblett has already downed four punts inside the 20-yard line (has punted nine times total).
- Freshman Kyle Hamilton's pick-six with 10:09 remaining in the first quarter was the first of its kind for the Irish since 2017 (Julian Love in 35-14 win vs. NC State). It was also the first pick-six by an Irish freshman since 2008 (Robert Blanton in 38-21 win vs. Purdue).
- Hamilton's interception return for a touchdown came on his first snap inside Notre Dame Stadium and marked the first interception and first touchdown of his career.
- Junior Avery Davis' 59-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter was the first score of his Notre Dame career. It was also the longest play of his Irish career.

- Asmar Bilal's eight tackles in the game led the Irish and marks the second-highest output of his career (career high of nine tackles in win at Virginia Tech in 2018).
- Jalen Elliott's interception in the second quarter was his first of the season and fourth of his career.
- Shaun Crawford's interception in the second quarter was his first of the season and fourth of his career. It was also his first interception since Sept. 16, 2017 against Boston College after missing the 2018 season due to injury.
- Javon McKinley's 65-yard touchdown catch was the first of his career.
- After starting 6-of-12 for 51 yards, Ian Book completed nine of his last 12 passes, accounting for 309 yards and five touchdowns (428.8 passer rating over that stretch).
- Book is the first Notre Dame player to account for six touchdowns since DeShone Kizer accomplished that feat at Texas in 2016.
- It is the ninth time in program history a quarterback has completed five or more touchdown passes in a game. Book joins Brady Quinn (six vs. BYU in 2005 and five in two games), Jimmy Clausen (five in two games), DeShone Kizer (five in two games) and Tommy Rees (five in one game) in reaching the mark.
- Book accounted for 406 yards of total offense, becoming the first Irish player with at least 400 yards of total offense since DeShone Kizer versus Syracuse in 2016 (472 yards).
- C'Bo Flemister's 20-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter was the first of his career.
- Braden Lenzy's 22-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter was the first of his career.

GAMEBALL RECIPIENT: WR Avery Davis: 1 catches, 59 yards & a touchdown