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NOTRE DAME

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NOTRE DAME (5-3)

Sept. 4	at BYU (ESPN)L, 17-20
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN (8/7) (NBC)W, 28-20
Sept. 18	at Michigan State (ESPN)W, 31-24
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON (NBC)	.....W, 38-3
Oct. 2	PURDUE (15/15) (NBC)	.....L, 16-41
Oct. 9	STANFORD (NBC)	.....W, 23-15
Oct. 16	#vs. Navy (CBS)	.....W, 27-9
Oct. 23	(24/25) BOSTON COLL. (NBC)	.....L, 23-24
Nov. 6	at Tennessee (9/11) (CBS)	.....3:34 EST
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH (NBC)	.....2:30 EST
Nov. 27	at USC (ABC)	.....5:00 PST

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

Numbers listed before and after opponent are Notre Dame/opponent rankings in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls.

TENNESSEE (7-1)

Sept. 5	UNLV (ESPN)	.....W, 42-17
Sept. 18	FLORIDA (CBS)	.....W, 30-28
Sept. 25	LOUISIANA TECH	.....W, 42-17
Oct. 2	AUBURN (ESPN)	.....L, 10-34
Oct. 9	at Georgia (CBS)	.....W, 19-14
Oct. 16	at Mississippi (ESPN2)	.....W, 21-17
Oct. 23	ALABAMA (CBS)	.....W, 17-13
Oct. 30	at South Carolina (JP)W, 43-29
Nov. 6	NOTRE DAME (CBS)3:34 EST
Nov. 20	at VanderbiltTBA
Nov. 27	KENTUCKYTBA

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish (5-3)

VS. (#9 AP/#11 ESPN/USA Today) **Tennessee Volunteers (7-1)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 at 3:34 p.m. EST.

The Site: Neyland Stadium (104,079/Natural Grass) in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Tickets: They're all sold — with this being the 169th sellout in the last 194 Irish games and the 33rd in the last 35 games involving Notre Dame, dating back to the end of the 2001 season (only last year's game at Stanford and this year's Navy game were not sellouts).

The TV Plans: CBS national telecast with **Verne Lundquist** (play-by-play), **Todd Blackledge** (analysis), **Tracy Wolfson** (sideline) and **Craig Silver** (producer).

The Radio Plans: For the 37th consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast on more than 300 stations in all 50 states by Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play-by-play), former Irish running back **Allen Pinkett** (analysis), **Larry Michael** (pregame/halftime) and **Al Smith** (producer). A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student station, WVFI, also is available via the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com. All Notre Dame football games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) with pre- and post-game analysis featuring **Sean Stires**, **Shawn Lewallen**, **Jack Nolan**, **Mirko Jurkovic**, **Reggie Brooks** and **Vince DeDario**. All Irish games also are carried live in the Chicago market on ESPN Radio 1000.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, will be made available for the Tennessee game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Tennessee (www.utsports.com) athletics web sites.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Tennessee (www.utsports.com).

IRISH TRAVEL TO KNOXVILLE TO TAKE ON TENNESSEE AT NEYLAND STADIUM

The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame (5-3) resume their 2004 season on Saturday, Nov. 6, when they travel to Knoxville, TN, to take on the No. 9/11 Tennessee Volunteers (7-1) at Neyland Stadium. The contest will be televised nationally by CBS, marking the 145th consecutive Irish football game to be broadcast across the country by one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN).

The Irish enter the road trip to Tennessee trying to regain some momentum after a heartbreaking 24-23 loss to Boston College last Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish led for much of the game against the Eagles, building a 20-7 halftime edge before a BC comeback in the second half was capped by a 30-yard scoring pass from **Paul Peterson** to **Tony Gonzalez** with 54 seconds remaining. A last-second 55-yard field goal attempt by Notre Dame's **D.J. Fitzpatrick** was just short as time expired.

Offensively, sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** passed for 231 yards and one touchdown while completing 20 of 33 attempts. The Irish gained 212 of their 335 total yards in the first half against the Eagles. Junior receiver **Rhema McKnight** led the team with five catches for 78 yards and senior receiver **Matt Shelton** hauled in a 33-yard touchdown pass.

The Irish defense held BC to 62 rushing yards and accumulated eight tackles for losses and caused two interceptions along with two quarterback sacks. Senior defensive end **Justin Tuck** tied the Notre Dame career sacks record of 22.5 against the Eagles. The defensive performance against the rush marked the fifth time this season that the Notre Dame defense has held an opposing team below 100 yards on the ground.

Tennessee (7-1) enters the game off a 43-29 win at Southeastern Conference rival South Carolina in a key SEC Eastern Division last Saturday. Tennessee's clash with the Irish is the Vols' final non-SEC test of the season. UT, which leads the SEC East, closes with conference clashes against Vanderbilt and Kentucky following the clash with the Irish.



MEDIA INFORMATION

THE WILLINGHAM TELECONFERENCES

- **Tyrone Willingham's** weekly teleconference-style press conferences will take place on Tuesday mornings prior to each Notre Dame game, with the next scheduled for Nov. 2 (there is no teleconference scheduled during bye weeks). They are held at the WNDU-TV studios (on US 933/Business 31, west edge of campus) in South Bend. A light meal is served beginning at 10:30 a.m. (EST), and Coach Willingham will address the media from 11:00-11:30 a.m. (EST). At least one Irish player generally is available for interviews following Willingham's remarks.
- Out-of-town media can connect to the Willingham portion of the conference via phone to listen and ask questions — contact the Notre Dame sports information office at (574) 631-7516 for the access number.
- All teleconferences also are available on satellite (Galaxy 3-C, Transponder 6). Video highlights from the previous week's Notre Dame game are included at the end of each 75-minute satellite feed (11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. EST).
- The teleconferences also are carried live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) in South Bend, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS

Transcriptions of **Tyrone Willingham's** Tuesday press conferences are available from the Notre Dame sports information office, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs once again this year on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" welcomes a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
WR	82	Matt Shelton	Fourth on the team with 14 catches for 377 yards and 5 TDs
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Freshman All-American in '03 who has made 16 career starts
LG	76	Bob Morton	Slid over from center to guard in '04; has started 19 times
C	78	John Sullivan	Aggressive force steps in at center after not playing in 2003
RG	74	Dan Stevenson	Has played both guard and tackle for Irish, starting 19 times
RT	73	Mark LeVoir	Imposing figure (6-7, 310) who has started the last 19 games
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Second on the team with 19 catches for 286 yards and 2 TDs
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Leads the team with 31 catches and 466 yards (2 TDs)
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Set ND Stadium record with 432 passing yards vs. Purdue
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Has 7 catches for 48 yds. (6.9 avg.) & 1 rushing TD this year
RB	4	Ryan Grant	Has scored five touchdowns over the span of last 3 games

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	44	Justin Tuck	Has 4 sacks this year; is tied for the ND career mark (22.5)
DT	77	Greg Pauly	Underrated lineman who has 31 tackles, 4.5 TFL this season
DT	66	Derek Landri	Has 28 tackles (4 TFLs) and 4 PBU's this season
RE	92	Kyle Budinscak	5th-year man with 29 career starts; 3 PBU vs. Washington
ILB	39	Brandon Hoyte	3rd on the team with 49 tackles; has forced 3 fumbles
ILB	41	Mike Goolsby	Team's leading tackler with 70; has led in stops in 4 of 8 games
OLB	49	Derek Curry	3rd on team with 43 tackles; has 3 sacks, 5.5 TFL, 2 INTs
LCB	24	Dwight Ellick	6th on team with 33 tackles; has 2 INTs and 5 PBU's
FS	8	Quentin Burrell	2nd on the team with 52 total tackles; 21 stops last 2 games
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	4th on team with 45 tackles; Nat'l def. player of week at MSU
RCB	15	Preston Jackson	Has 23 tackles, 1 INT (38-yd TD at BYU) and 3 PBU's in '04

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Has made 16 of last 19 attempts; 8-of-11 on FG in '04
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Ranks 20th in nation in punting average (42.8 yards per kick)
KO	96	Bobby Renkes	Has given the Irish improved depth on kickoffs last 3 games
HLD	82	Matt Shelton	Sure-handed wideout has taken over holding duties this year
SNP-P	64	Casey Dunn	Recovered a Michigan fumble on a punt return
SNP-K	62	Scott Raridon	Handles all snaps on placements for second consecutive year
PR	7	Carlyle Holiday	Averaging 8.4 per runback including a long of 21 yards
KR	33	Justin Hoskins	Freshman averaging 17 yards per kickoff return
	23	Chase Anastasio	Is averaging 18.1 yards per return in '04 with a long of 40

NOTRE DAME-TENNESSEE SERIES HISTORY

- Notre Dame and Tennessee are meeting for the seventh time on the gridiron, and for the first time since 2001, with the Volunteers holding a 4-2 edge in the series. This will be the fourth time the two teams have played in Knoxville, with Tennessee holding a 2-1 edge at Neyland Stadium.
- Tennessee has won the last three games in the series, the longest winning streak in the rivalry.
- The series features a matchup of two of the nine winningest programs in college football history. Notre Dame ranks second all-time in victories with 801 while Tennessee is ninth with 742.
- Three of the last four series games have been decided by an average margin of 5.3 points per game.
- Tennessee has won four of the last five games in the series by an average margin of 14.3 points per game.
- At least one of the teams has been nationally ranked in all seven games of the series, entering this contest ranked 9th by AP and 11th by the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll after a win at South Carolina. Notre Dame is 2-3 against Tennessee when it is ranked heading into its matchup with the Vols. Conversely, Tennessee is 3-1 when it is ranked entering the Notre Dame game with all three wins coming in the last three series games.



MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

- Outside his regular Tuesday teleconferences, the best time for interviews with head coach Tyrone Willingham is after practice Wednesday-Thursday or by special appointment. Please contact Doug Walker in the Notre Dame sports information office to make arrangements.
- Interviews with Irish players and assistant coaches will only take place on Monday-Wednesday during the week. All interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame sports information office by contacting either Doug Walker, Chris Masters or Alan Wasielewski.
- Selected players will be available each Monday in the Notre Dame sports information office and a schedule of that availability will be produced each Sunday during the football season. Players who are made available in this manner will not be available for interviews at any other time that week.
- ***A reminder: Media members are not permitted to call players in their dormitory rooms at any time or talk to players on Sundays, Thursdays or Fridays.***

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- The first 20 minutes of each practice session are open to the media. Contact the Notre Dame sports information office for exact times.
- Interview requests must be made prior to the end of the 20-minute open practice period on Tuesday and Wednesday. **All player and coach interviews will take place after practice in the media interview room, located at the tunnel entrance (north end) of Notre Dame Stadium.**
- Notre Dame's publicity material on football, including updated game notes, rosters and schedules, is available through www.und.com.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame football releases via e-mail should send requests to Associate Sports Information Director Doug Walker at dwalker@nd.edu.

ATHLETICS WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletics department web site, created in partnership with College Sports Online of Carlsbad, Calif., can be found at www.und.com, with extensive offerings including live GameTracker statistics for all home games.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will improve its series record with Tennessee to 3-4 and earn its first victory over the Volunteers since a 34-29 victory on Nov. 10, 1990 in Knoxville.
- Notre Dame will break a three-game losing streak against Tennessee.
- Notre Dame will snap a three-game losing streak against the Volunteers and will have beaten a team from the Southeastern Conference for the first time since a 39-36 win over LSU in 1998.
- Notre Dame will pick up its first victory over a ranked opponent on the road since a 20-14 win at No. 15 Pittsburgh on Oct. 11, 2003.
- Notre Dame will pick up its sixth victory of the season, thereby becoming bowl eligible for 2004.

IF TENNESSEE WINS ...

- Tennessee will earn its fourth consecutive victory over Notre Dame, the longest winning streak by either team in the series, and its fifth victory in the last six meetings with the Irish.
- The Vols will improve to 5-2 all-time against the Irish and remain one of only five "major" schools to lead their series with the Irish (joining Nebraska, Florida State, Georgia and Michigan).
- The Volunteers will record their third win in a row over Notre Dame at Neyland Stadium.
- Notre Dame will fall to 1-3 all-time at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville.

NOTRE DAME-TENNESSEE SERIES HISTORY

- Tennessee leads the series with Notre Dame, 4-2, including a 2-1 edge in games at Neyland Stadium.
- The series resumes this season after a two-year hiatus.
- Three of the last four games in the series have been decided by 10 points or less.
- In the last meeting between UT and Notre Dame, the Volunteers took a 28-18 victory at Notre Dame Stadium in 2001.
- This game will be Notre Dame's first appearance in Knoxville since a 38-14 loss in 1999.
- Notre Dame's last win over Tennessee came in Knoxville, a 34-29 victory by the top-ranked Irish over the ninth-ranked Volunteers.
- At least one of the two teams has been ranked in the top 15 all seven times the teams have met, but this will mark only the second time in seven meetings that Notre Dame has not been ranked when facing the Volunteers.
- Entering the 2004 season, both Notre Dame and Tennessee ranked in the top 10 on the NCAA Division IA all-time victories list – the Irish were second with 796 wins while the Volunteers checked in at No. 9 with 736 victories.
- Tennessee is one of only five current "major" schools to hold a series advantage over Notre Dame – the others are Nebraska (8-7-1), Florida State (4-2), Georgia (1-0) and Michigan (18-13-1).
- The Tennessee-Notre Dame series has always been played in early November. All seven games (including 2004) have been played within an eight-day range (Nov. 3, twice on Nov. 6, Nov. 9, twice on Nov. 10 and Nov. 11).

NOTRE DAME VS. THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame has won 61 percent of its games (19-12-0) vs. teams that currently make up the Southeastern Conference, with 15 of those games coming vs. LSU (9) and Tennessee (6).
- This is the only meeting Notre Dame will have against an SEC opponent this season and the first contest against an SEC school since the Irish lost to the Volunteers by a 28-13 score on Nov. 3, 2001.
- Notre Dame owns a .500 or better record against five of the eight SEC teams it has faced.
- The Irish are 7-6 (.538) all-time on the road against current SEC teams.
- Tennessee (4-2) and Georgia (1-0) are the only SEC schools to have winning records against Notre Dame.
- Notre Dame has played the following SEC schools: Alabama (5-1), Florida (1-0), Georgia (0-1), LSU (5-4), Mississippi (1-1), South Carolina (3-1), Tennessee (2-4) and Vanderbilt (2-0).



THE TENNESSEE SERIES

Series Record: Tennessee leads 4-2.
Games Played at Tennessee: Tennessee leads 2-1.
Tyrone Willingham vs. Tennessee: 0-0.
Phillip Fulmer vs. Notre Dame: 2-0.
Willingham vs. Fulmer: First meeting.

Site	Year	Rankings			
		ND-UT	W/L	ND	UT
*	1978	14-	W	31	14
	1979	13-	L	18	40
	1990	1-9	W	34	29
*	1991	5-13	L	34	35
	1999	24-4	L	14	38
*	2001	-7	L	18	28

* – home games at Notre Dame Stadium since '30; away games at Neyland Stadium; rankings are from AP poll at time of game.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- AbiamiriAb-ee-uh-MEER-ee
- Anastasio.....ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
- BeidatschBY-datsch
- BudinscakBUD-in-zack
- BurrellBur-RELL
- FerrineFuh-REEN
- Frome.....Fr-ROM
- Incarinatoin-car-NOT-oh
- Kadouskuh-DOOCE
- Landri.....LAN-dree
- LauxLOCKS
- LeitkoLIGHT-ko
- LeVoirle-VORE (as in FORE)
- MattesMATT-is
- Ndukwe, Chinedumen-DUKE-way,
SHIN-uh-doom
- RaridonRARE-don
- Rashon.....ruh-SHON
- RhemaRAY-ma
- RevelleRe-VELL
- Samardzijasuh-MARR-zuh
- Schiccatano.....shick-a-TAWN-o
- Vernagliaver-NAG-lee-uh
- WolkeWOL-key
- Zbikowski.....zib-uh-COW-ski

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND TENNESSEE MET (NOV. 3, 2001)

Seventh-ranked Tennessee used two lengthy third quarter drives and capitalized on a pair of critical Notre Dame turnovers to squeeze past the Irish, 28-18, before a capacity crowd of 80,795 at Notre Dame Stadium on November 3, 2001.

Notre Dame did most of what it set out to do against the Volunteers. The Irish shut down the Vols' leading rusher, Travis Stephens, and held a sizable edge in the time of possession battle. The Notre Dame defense also came up with a timely score. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday kept the Irish withing striking distance throughout the day, completing 13 of 24 passes for 146 yards. Nine of his completions went to David Givens, who piled up 99 receiving yards. Meanwhile, Stephens, who came into the game as the nation's third-leading rusher, was limited to a season-low 63 yards on 24 carries by a tenacious Notre Dame defense.

The Irish had command of the game for much of the first half, owning the ball for more than 19 of the first 30 minutes of play. However, the most promising of these marches was stifled when Arnaz Battle fumbled at the Vols' one-yard line as he tried to score on a reverse. Another Irish fumble produced the first score on the game as freshman running back Ryan Grant lost a fumble that UT's Julian Battle scooped up and returned 81 yards for a touchdown to give the Volunteers a 7-0 lead with 5:12 remaining in the second quarter. Notre Dame marched right back down the field, going 52 yards in 10 plays to pick up a 41-yard field goal by Nicholas Setta with 27 seconds remaining in the half to cut the deficit to 7-3 at halftime.

Notre Dame caught the first break of the second half when Courtney Watson intercepted a Casey Clausen pass and went 31 yards for a touchdown to give the Irish a 10-7 lead just 1:37 into the third quarter. The lead would not last long, however, as Tennessee responded with a 12-play, 80-yard drive, capped off by Stephens' three-yard touchdown run with 8:19 left in the third period for a 14-10 UT lead.

Tennessee extended the lead on their next possession, driving 81 yards for a touchdown as the drive concluded with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Clausen to Donte Stallworth for a 21-10 UT lead with 1:14 remaining in the third quarter. Notre Dame bounced back with a 75-yard march in 17 plays to open the fourth quarter, converting three third down plays and one fourth down. The Irish touchdown came on a one-yard run by Tony Fisher with 8:04 to play. The Irish converted a two-point play when Holiday connected with Fisher on a shovel pass to cut the UT lead to 21-18.

After the Irish forced a Tennessee punt with 3:25 left, Notre Dame's ensuing possession ended on an interception at the Irish 25-yard line. The Vols then marched to a clinching touchdown, scoring on a one-yard scoring run with 35 seconds left for the final 28-18 margin. Notre Dame fell to 3-5 with the loss on the way to a 5-6 final record while UT improved to 6-1 on the way to an 11-2 final record.

THE LAST NOTRE DAME-TENNESSEE MEETING AT NEYLAND STADIUM (NOV. 6, 1999)

Notre Dame entered the contest with the defending national champions riding a four-game winning streak, but the Irish saw that streak come to an end in a 38-14 loss at Neyland Stadium before a crowd of 107,619 and a national television audience.

Fourth-ranked Tennessee broke out to a 3-0 lead early in the game following an interception by linebacker Raynoch Thompson of Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson's pass. Thompson returned the interception 44 yards to the Irish 14-yard line before UT settled for a 24-yard field goal by Alex Waits. UT extended the lead to 10-0 early in the second quarter with an 80-yard drive that culminated in a touchdown when quarterback Tee Martin connected with wide receiver Donte Stallworth for a 21-yard touchdown pass with 11:52 left in the half.

Notre Dame bounced back with a scoring drive to pull within 10-7. The march was sparked by a four-yard run by receiver Joey Getherall on a fake field goal attempt. The play set up a four-yard rushing touchdown by David Givens with 3:26 left in the first half. Tennessee responded with an 81-yard touchdown drive to build a 17-7 halftime lead. The touchdown came with nine seconds left in the half on a two-yard pass from Martin to Eric Parker.

The Vols extended the lead to 24-7 midway through the third quarter on a 43-yard pass from Martin to Leonard Scott and added a 40-yard touchdown run by Travis Henry to build a 31-7 advantage with 3:30 remaining in the period. Notre Dame responded to pull within 31-14 on an 11-yard run by Getherall on a reverse with 14 seconds left in the third quarter.

A 14-yard run by Martin in the fourth period closed out the scoring, concluding an 18-play, 91-yard march with 2:14 remaining. The loss dropped Notre Dame to 5-4 on the season on the way to a 5-7 final mark. Tennessee improved to 7-1 with the victory on the way to a 9-3 final ledger.

NOTRE DAME-TENNESSEE CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame has four players on the current roster from the state of Tennessee – junior walk-on cornerback **Matt Mitchell** (Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers Academy), senior fullback **Josh Schmidt** (Germantown, Tenn./Briar Crest Christian), senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** (Collierville, Tenn./Collierville HS), and freshman quarterback **David Wolke** (Mount Juliet, Tenn./Smyrna HS).
- Mitchell and Tennessee sophomore offensive guard David Ligon are from the same high school (Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers Academy).
- Five players from Germantown are on the rosters of the two teams. Besides Schmidt, Tennessee freshman tight end Brad Cottam, senior holder/punter John Henderson, sophomore running back/punter Todd Vinson and sophomore defensive back Ian Vinson all hail from Germantown. Henderson attended the same high school as Schmidt (Briar Crest Christian).
- Notre Dame running backs coach **Buzz Preston** served alongside Tennessee defensive backs coach Larry Slade at Southern Illinois in 1984-85.

NOTRE DAME SUCCESS FOLLOWING A BYE WEEK

Since 1984, Notre Dame is 23-2 (.920) in regular season games following a regularly scheduled bye week. Eight victories over ranked teams are included in that success: 20-14 at 15th-ranked Pittsburgh in 2003, 24-10 over #19 Army in 1985, 24-19 over #1 Michigan in '89, 31-23 at #19 USC in '92, 31-24 over #1 Florida State in '93, 54-20 over #16 Washington in '96, 24-6 at #11 LSU in '97 and 34-30 over #23 Oklahoma in '99. Notre Dame has won its last 14 games when coming off a regular-season by week, dating back to a 23-16 loss to #8 Florida State on Nov. 12, 1994, at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando. The current 14-game winning streak is as follows:

- Nov. 18, 1995 #8 Notre Dame 44, Air Force 14
- Oct. 12, 1996 #11 Notre Dame 54, #16 Washington 20
- Nov. 2, 1996 #19 Notre Dame 54, Navy 27
- Nov. 15, 1997 Notre Dame 24, #11 LSU 6
- Sept. 26, 1998 #23 Notre Dame 31, Purdue 30
- Oct. 24, 1998 #18 Notre Dame 20, Army 17
- Oct. 2, 1999 Notre Dame 34, #23 Oklahoma 30
- Oct. 30, 1999 Notre Dame 28, Navy 24
- Oct. 7, 2000 #25 Notre Dame 20, Stanford 14
- Nov. 17, 2001 Notre Dame 34, Navy 16
- Oct. 5, 2002 #9 Notre Dame 31, Stanford 7
- Nov. 23, 2002 #8 Notre Dame 42, Rutgers 0
- Oct. 11, 2003 Notre Dame 20, #15 Pittsburgh 14
- Nov. 29, 2003 Notre Dame 57, Stanford 7

RANK AND FILE

Notre Dame's penchant for playing the best teams in the country is well known. In fact, over the last 18 seasons (1987-2004), the Irish have played 85 games against ranked opponents, an average of nearly five games per season. Notre Dame has posted a record of 45-38-2 (.541) in those games, including a 23-13-1 (.635) mark against ranked teams at home. Here's a breakdown of how the Irish have done against Top 25 teams over the past 18 years:

Season	Home	Road/Ntrl.	Total	Season	Home	Road/Ntrl.	Total
1987	2-0	1-2	3-2	1996	1-1	1-0	2-1
1988	2-0	2-0	4-0	1997	1-1	1-3	2-4
1989	3-0	3-1	6-1	1998	1-0	0-1	1-1
1990	21-	3-1	5-2	1999	1-1	0-3	1-4
1991	1-1	1-2	2-3	2000	2-1	0-2	2-3
1992	2-1-1	2-0	4-1-1	2001	0-1	0-2	0-3
1993	1-1	2-0	3-1	2002	1-0	3-2	4-2
1994	0-1	0-2-1	0-3-1	2003	0-2	2-2	2-4
1995	2-0	1-2	3-2	2004	1-1	0-0	1-1
Totals	23-13-1	22-25-1	45-38-2				



NOTRE DAME vs. THE SEC

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Alabama	5	1	0	.833
Arkansas	0	0	0	-
Auburn	0	0	0	-
Florida	1	0	0	1.000
Georgia	0	1	0	.000
Kentucky	0	0	0	-
LSU	5	4	0	.555
Mississippi	1	1	0	.500
Mississippi State	0	0	0	-
South Carolina	3	1	0	.750
Tennessee	2	4	0	.333
Vanderbilt	2	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	19	12	0	.613

IRISH VERSUS THE SEC

- Notre Dame is 7-5 (.583) all-time playing a current Southeastern Conference school on the opponent's home field.
- Notre Dame is 9-4 (.692) all-time playing a current Southeastern Conference school at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame is 3-3 (.500) all-time playing a current Southeastern Conference school at a neutral site or in a bowl game.

CONFERENCE CALL

This season, Notre Dame faces teams from five different conferences. Here's a look at the conference breakdown for 2004:

- Big Ten (3):** Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue
- Pac-10 (3):** Stanford, USC, Washington
- BIG EAST (2):** Boston College, Pittsburgh
- Mountain West (1):** BYU
- SEC (1):** Tennessee
- Independents (1):** Navy

WELL-ROUNDED SUCCESS

Notre Dame has had great success against the major conferences, including the SEC:

Conference	Winning %
Western Athletic	.842
Conference USA	.831
Mountain West	.774
Atlantic Coast	.753
BIG EAST	.710
Big 12	.667
Big Ten	.662
Pac-10	.658
SEC	.613



SEASON & CAREER STARTS

Player	2004	Career
Victor Abiamiri, DE	0	5
Lionel Bolen, S	0	1
Kyle Budinscak, DE	8	30
Quentin Burrell, S	8	17
Carlos Campbell, CB	0	2
John Carlson, TE	2	2
Jared Clark, TE	0	2
Derek Curry, LB	8	32
Pat Dillingham, QB	0	1
Dwight Ellick, CB	8	14
Anthony Fasano, TE	6	9
D.J. Fitzpatrick, K/P	8	16
Marcus Freeman, TE	6	6
Zach Giles, C	0	1
Mike Goolsby, LB	8	21
Ryan Grant, RB	5	23
Ryan Harris, OT	8	16
Carlyle Holiday, WR	0	24
Brandon Hoyte, LB	3	14
Preston Jackson, CB	8	15
Derek Landri, DT	8	9
Mark LeVoi, OT	8	20
Corey Mays, LB	0	1
Rhema McKnight, WR	8	16
Bob Morton, OG	8	19
Billy Palmer, TE	0	10
Greg Pauly, DT	8	13
R. Powers-Neal, FB	2	10
Brady Quinn, QB	8	17
Jamie Ryan, OG	0	3
Josh Schmidt, FB	0	1
Matt Shelton, WR	2	2
Dan Stevenson, OG	8	19
Maurice Stovall, WR	6	9
John Sullivan, C	8	8
Travis Thomas, RB	1	1
Justin Tuck, DE	8	19
Tom Zbikowski, S	8	8

NOTRE DAME VS. AP RANKED OPPONENTS

Since the advent of the Associated Press national football rankings in 1936, Notre Dame has a 136-110-10 record against opponents ranked in the AP rankings entering the game. The clash with 9th-ranked Tennessee will be Notre Dame's third this season with an AP-ranked opponent. The Irish have split their previous two meetings this season with ranked opponents, a 28-20 win over then-No. 7 Michigan and a 41-16 loss to then-No. 15 Purdue. The Irish are 6-7 against ranked opponents under head coach Tyrone Willingham.

ROAD WARRIORS

Notre Dame has been one of college football's most successful road teams over the course of the last 17 seasons (since 1988). During that span, the Irish have the nation's 10th-best record in games played at opponent home stadiums with a mark of 48-27-2 (.636). Thus far this season, the Irish have a 1-1 mark at opposing stadiums (plus a win over Navy at a neutral site). Here's a listing of the nation's top 10 road teams from 1988 to the present:

School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Miami (Fla.)	68	19	0	.782
2. Florida State	61	19	0	.763
3. Tennessee	57	18	2	.753
4. Michigan	57	22	3	.713
5. Nebraska	54	23	1	.699
6. Ohio State	52	24	2	.679
7. Florida	44	22	1	.664
8. Colorado	53	27	1	.660
9. Alabama	51	27	0	.654
10. NOTRE DAME	48	27	2	.636

RUNNING GAME KEYS IRISH SUCCESS

Success running the football has been a key to success in the win column for Notre Dame this season. In the Irish's five victories, Notre Dame has averaged 161.4 yards per game on the ground and 3.5 yards per rushing attempt (807 yards on 209 carries). In the Irish's three losses, Notre Dame has averaged 63.7 yards per game via the rush and 2.1 yards per attempt (191 yards on 91 carries).

STRONG IN THE RED ZONE

Notre Dame has been solid on both sides of the ball in the red zone (inside the 20-yard line). On offense, the Irish have made 25 trips to the red zone this year, coming away with 16 touchdowns (a .640 TD percentage). Conversely, opponents have visited the red zone 22 times against Notre Dame, but have just eight touchdowns (a .364 TD percentage).

WINNING THE FIELD POSITION BATTLE

One of the key (and sometimes overlooked) aspects of Notre Dame's success this season has been its ability to maintain excellent field position. After starting 11 of 15 drives against BYU at or inside their own 20-yard line, the Irish have started 67 of their last 94 drives in "plus territory" — outside their own 20-yard line — with 23 drives that began in their opponent's half of the field.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Irish have caused 19 turnovers (11 FUM, 8 INT) this season and have made the most of their opportunities. Notre Dame has parlayed those takeaways into 62 points, which accounts for 30.5 percent of the Irish scoring (203 points) thus far in 2004.

THE FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNT

Notre Dame came up with a Willingham-era record six turnovers (3 FUM, 3 INT) on Sept. 18 at Michigan State and followed up with five more turnovers one week later against Washington, marking the fourth consecutive week the Irish had at least two takeaways. That should come as no surprise to many — since the 2001 season, Notre Dame has forced two or more turnovers in 31 of its 43 games, including 24 contests where they came up with at least three takeaways. In this week's NCAA statistical rankings, the Irish are 21st in the country in turnover margin (+0.75 per game, +6 overall).



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IN NOTRE DAME
FOOTBALL HISTORY**

STOPPING THE RUN IS JOB ONE FOR IRISH

The Notre Dame run defense has been exceptionally sturdy since head coach **Tyrone Willingham** and defensive coordinator **Kent Baer** arrived on the scene in 2002. Over the last three seasons, the Irish have held 19 of 33 opponents to less than 100 yards rushing, including five games this year (BYU - 22; Michigan - 56; Purdue - 99; Stanford - 67; Boston College - 62). In fact, Notre Dame opponents are averaging 2.9 yards per carry this season.

In 2002, Notre Dame was ranked 10th in the nation in rushing defense, followed by a No. 29 national ranking last year. Through their first eight games this season, the Irish are 12th in the country in rushing defense, allowing an average of 99.88 yards on the ground.

QUINN AMONG TOP SOPHOMORE QUARTERBACKS IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

A statistical comparison of current sophomore Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn to the sophomore season totals of other notable Notre Dame QBs among ND's career top 10 passers:

Category	R. Powlus (1995)	S. Beuerlein (1984)	R. Mirer (1990)	T. Hanratty (1966)	B. Quinn (2004)
Pass Efficiency	140.67	124.30	138.81	128.67	125.92
Comp-Att-Int	124-217-7	140-232-18	110-200-6	78-147-10	132-246-7
Completion %	57.1	60.3	55.0	53.1	53.7
Yards	1,853	1,920	1,824	1,247	1,890
Touchdowns	12	7	8	8	10
Total Offense	1,819	1,845	2,022	1,371	1,863

THE QUINN-TESSENTIAL QUARTERBACK

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** continues to develop into Notre Dame's leader on offense and is on pace to a record-setting season in his second year with the Irish. Quinn threw for 231 yards and one touchdown against Boston College, completing 20 of 33 attempts with two interceptions. Earlier this season, he turned in a career-best performance in a loss to Purdue, completing 26 of 46 passes for 432 yards and one touchdown, the highest individual passing yardage total in Notre Dame Stadium history, the second-highest in school history (behind **Joe Theismann's** 526 yards at USC in 1970) and the sixth-best total by any quarterback in the country this year. In addition, Quinn's .565 completion percentage was the second-best of his career (minimum 15 attempts), topped only by his .590 mark (23 of 39) last year at Boston College.

Quinn was particularly sharp in outings against Washington and Purdue, completing 43 of 78 passes (.551) for 698 yards and five touchdowns with only one interception — good for a 148.89 pass efficiency rating. In fact, his three-game stretch against Michigan State, Washington and Purdue is the second-best in Notre Dame history for most passing yards in three consecutive games, as noted below:

Player	Season	Three-Game Passing Yardage
1. Joe Theismann	1970	947 (272 - Georgia Tech; 149 - LSU; 526 - USC)
2. Brady Quinn	2004	912 (215 - Michigan St.; 265 - Washington; 432 - Purdue)
3. Steve Beuerlein	1986	828 (248 - Navy; 269 - SMU; 311 - Penn State)
4. Jarious Jackson	1999	814 (302 - Michigan; 267 - Purdue; 245 - Michigan State)
5. John Huarte	1964	783 (209 - UCLA, 300 - Stanford; 274 - Navy)
6. Terry Hanratty	1968	738 (202 - Oklahoma; 294 - Purdue; 242 - Iowa)
7. Ron Powlus	1995	716 (200 - Vanderbilt; 273 - Texas; 243 - Ohio State)
8. Joe Montana	1977	705 (260 - Navy; 273 - Georgia Tech; 172 - Clemson)

For the season, Quinn ranks 34th in the nation in total offense (232.9 yards per game) and 50th in passing efficiency (125.92), while his 1,890 passing yards through eight games put him on pace to challenge **Jarious Jackson's** school record of 2,753 yards in 1999. There have been only six 2,000-yard passing seasons in school history, listed as follows:

Player	Season	Passing Yardage
1. Jarious Jackson	1999	2,753
2. Joe Theismann	1970	2,429
3. Steve Beuerlein	1986	2,211
4. Rick Mirer	1991	2,117
5. Ron Powlus	1997	2,078
6. Joe Montana	1978	2,010
Brady Quinn	2004	2,588 (projected)

November 6, 1909

Notre Dame defeats Michigan, 11-3 in Ann Arbor, the first Irish victory over the Wolverines after opening the series with eight consecutive losses. The stunning victory, before a crowd of 5,000 at Ann Arbor (including Walter Camp), is clinched on a Billy Ryan touchdown following a blocked field goal.

November 6, 1915

Notre Dame defeats Army, 7-0, the Irish's second victory over the Cadets in three years. The winning score comes on a 50-yard pass from Stan Cofall to Dutch Bergman in the final minutes. The Irish outrush the Cadets, 261 to 75, but miss three field goals in the clash against a sub-par Army squad.

November 6, 1943

Top-ranked Notre Dame knocks off third-ranked Army, 26-0, at Yankee Stadium in New York before a crowd of 75,121. Johnny Lujack makes his starting debut for the Irish, throwing one touchdown pass and running for another. Lujack replaced starter Angelo Bertelli, who had left the school as he was called up for duty by the Marines a few days earlier.

November 6, 1982

Tailback Allen Pinkett rushes for 112 yards, getting most of it on a riveting 76-yard touchdown run, to lead the Irish to an upset of No.1-ranked Pittsburgh in a 31-16 win at Pitt Stadium. The Irish pile up 438 yards of total offense, building a 24-13 lead before Pinkett's dash clinches the victory.

November 6, 1999

Fourth-ranked Tennessee takes a 38-14 win over 24th-ranked Notre Dame before a crowd of 107,619 fans at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville.



INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME BESTS

TOTAL CARRIES

Ryan Grant	.....30 at Air Force, '02
Justin Hoskins	.....4 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins	.....5 vs. Washington, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal	.....17 vs. Navy, '02
Travis Thomas	.....6 at BYU, '04
Darius Walker	.....31 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson	.....10 at Air Force, '02

RUSHING YARDS

Ryan Grant	.....190 at Air Force, '02
Justin Hoskins	.....16 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins	.....20 vs. Purdue, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal	.....108 vs. Stanford, '02
Travis Thomas	.....18 vs. Navy, '04
Darius Walker	.....115 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson	.....44 at Air Force, '02

PASS COMPLETIONS

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

PASS ATTEMPTS

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

PASSING YARDS

Pat Dillingham	.....166 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn	.....432 vs. Purdue, '04

RECEPTIONS

John Carlson	.....3 vs. Boston College, '04
Jerome Collins	.....3 vs. Stanford, '04
Anthony Fasano	.....8 vs. Purdue, '04
Marcus Freeman	.....3 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday	.....2 vs. Washington, '04
Rhema McKnight	.....8, three times (last: at BYU, '04)
Billy Palmer	.....2 vs. Boston College, '04
Jeff Samardzija	.....4, twice (last: at Michigan State, '04)
Matt Shelton	.....4 vs. Washington, '04
Maurice Stovall	.....9 at Purdue, '03

RECEIVING YARDS

John Carlson	.....17 vs. Navy, '04
Jerome Collins	.....45 vs. Stanford, '04
Anthony Fasano	.....155 vs. Purdue, '04
Marcus Freeman	.....28 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday	.....30 at Michigan State, '02
Rhema McKnight	.....121 at Boston College, '03
Billy Palmer	.....27 vs. Boston College, '04
Jeff Samardzija	.....65 at Michigan State, '04
Matt Shelton	.....123 at Michigan State, '04
Maurice Stovall	.....171 at Purdue, '03

TACKLES

Victor Abiamiri	.....7 vs. Michigan State, '03
Brian Beidatsch	.....2 at Stanford, '03
Lionel Bolen	.....4 at Boston College, '03
Kyle Budinscak	.....5 at Purdue, '01
Quentin Burrell	.....11 vs. Navy, '04
Carlos Campbell	.....8 at BYU, '04
Derek Curry	.....11 at Boston College, '03
Dwight Ellick	.....9 vs. USC, '03
Mike Goolsby	.....14 vs. Michigan, '04
Brandon Hoyte	.....16 vs. Navy, '04
Preston Jackson	.....8 at Michigan, '03
Derek Landri	.....7 vs. Boston College, '04
Trevor Laws	.....5 at BYU, '04
Travis Leitko	.....5 vs. BYU, '03
Corey Mays	.....5, twice (last: vs. Navy, '04)
Freddie Parish IV	.....7 vs. Washington, '04
Greg Pauly	.....9 vs. Navy, '04
Mike Richardson	.....7 vs. Boston College, '04
Justin Tuck	.....14 vs. Navy, '03
Tom Zbikowski	.....9 at Michigan State, '04

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** has spread his pass completions around this season. Quinn has completed passes to 17 different receivers in those eight contests, a breakdown of seven wide receivers, five running backs, four tight ends and two passes to himself (caught off of deflections vs. Washington and Purdue). Junior wide receiver **Rhema McKnight** has been Quinn's favorite target thus far, grabbing 31 passes for 466 yards and two touchdowns. Junior tight end **Anthony Fasano** is next with 19 catches for 286 yards and two scores. Junior wide receiver Maurice Stovall has 16 catches for 232 yards while senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** has 14 catches for 377 yards and four touchdowns and sophomore wide receiver **Jeff Samardzija** has accounted for 12 catches for 185 yards. Quinn has tossed touchdown passes to four different players this season: McKnight, Shelton (five times), Fasano (twice) and senior fullback **Rashon Powers-Neal**.

SHELTON GETS IT DONE

Senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** made another big play against Boston College, hauling in a 33-yard touchdown pass from **Brady Quinn**. For the season, Shelton ranks fourth on the team with 14 catches for 377 yards (26.9 yards per catch) and five touchdowns. Shelton enjoyed a career day (of sorts) against Washington when he nabbed a career-best four catches for 74 yards and two touchdowns, including scoring catches of 27 and 24 yards. One week earlier at Michigan State, Shelton snared three passes for 123 yards and a touchdown, including gains of 53, 35 and 35 yards. A big-play specialist at Notre Dame, Shelton has averaged 39.4 yards on his five career touchdown grabs (27 and 24 vs. Washington, 35 at MSU, 46 vs. Michigan, 65 at Stanford in '03).

WALKER POSTS UNPRECEDENTED FRESHMAN PRODUCTION

After sitting out Notre Dame's opener at BYU, freshman running back **Darius Walker** has provided a consistent threat in the Irish running game by averaging 71.0 yards rushing per game the past seven contests (497 yards on 136 carries). Walker made a big splash in his home debut vs. Michigan, rushing 31 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-20 Irish win. He followed up with another solid effort at Michigan State, rushing for 98 yards on 26 carries, before running for 81 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries versus Washington. His Michigan performance was good enough for *The Sporting News* and *Sporting News Radio* to name the Lawrenceville, Ga., native as its National Player of the Week, and for *Rivals.com* to tab him as the National Freshman of the Week for Sept. 11.

Walker's numbers in his debut game vs. Michigan also put him among some select company in Notre Dame history:

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

WALKER AMONG TOP FRESHMAN RUSHERS IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

Freshman running back **Darius Walker** is on the way to posting one of the top rushing totals by a freshman in Notre Dame history. Here's a rundown of the top freshman rushers in Irish football history:

Player	Year	Yards
1. Jerome Heavens	1975	756
2. Autry Denson	1995	695
3. Randy Kinder	1993	537
4. Allen Pinkett	1982	532
5. Darius Walker	2004	497

BE LIKE MIKE

Senior linebacker **Mike Goolsby** has made a resounding return to the Notre Dame lineup this season after missing the entire 2003 slate with an injury. Goolsby has been credited with a team-high 70 tackles (8.8 per game) while leading the team in four of eight games thus far. In fact, the Joliet, Ill., native rolled up career-best tackle totals his first two games of the year, tallying 11 stops at BYU and 14 tackles against Michigan. Goolsby also had 12 tackles Oct. 16 vs. Navy.

HOYTE MAKING BIG PLAYS

Senior linebacker **Brandon Hoyte** has been a catalyst for Notre Dame's physical play on defense thus far this season, making several big hits and tackles for losses. Hoyte enters the Tennessee game with 49 tackles to rank third on the team, but his knack for making big hits has been a hallmark of his play thus far in 2004. Hoyte has forced three fumbles this season, collected three quarterback sacks and has seven tackles for loss (30 yards). Hoyte posted a career-best 16 stops vs. Navy, the most by an Irish player since **Courtney Watson** had 18 tackles at Nebraska in 2001.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

With 22.5 career sacks, senior defensive end and All-America candidate **Justin Tuck** tied the Notre Dame career quarterback sacks record with an assist on a sack Oct. 23 against Boston College. His next sack will make Tuck Notre Dame's all-time leader in that category. The Kellyton, Ala., native set a school record with 13.5 sacks last year and has added four sacks so far this season. With one sack vs. Michigan, he passed **Mike Gann** (1982-84) for second place on the Irish career list behind **Kory Minor's** 22.5 sacks from 1995-98. Here's a look at the Irish career sack leaders since 1982 (when Notre Dame began recognizing sacks as a separate statistic — prior to that, they were labeled "tackles for loss"):

Player	Seasons	Sacks
1. Justin Tuck	2002-04	22.5
Kory Minor	1995-98	22.5
3. Mike Gann	1982-84	21
4. Bryant Young	1990-93	18
5. Anthony Weaver	1998-01	17
6. Bert Berry	1993-96	16.5

FITZPATRICK SHARP IN THE PUNTING GAME

Senior punter **D.J. Fitzpatrick** has shown considerable improvement this season. Fitzpatrick currently ranks 24th in the nation with a 42.8-yard punting average, a jump of six yards per kick from last year's average (36.84), and he also has 12 punts of at least 50 yards, including a career-long 67-yarder vs. Boston College. In addition, the Granger, Ind., product has dropped 21 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line and is helping Notre Dame to hold its opponents to only 6.9 yards per punt return. Earlier this season, he had career-best outings in consecutive games, averaging 46.0 yards on seven attempts against Washington (including four punts of at least 50 yards and four punts downed inside the UW 20) and an impressive 49.3 yards on three punts against Purdue. His totals through eight games are on pace to rank among the 10 best punting seasons in Notre Dame history:

Player, Year	No.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Craig Hentrich, 1990	34	1526	44.9
2. Craig Hentrich, 1989	26	1159	44.6
3. Craig Hentrich, 1992	35	1534	43.8
4. Joe Restic, 1975	40	1739	43.5
5. Hunter Smith, 1996	44	1906	43.3
6. Craig Hentrich, 1991	23	986	42.9
7. Brian Doherty, 1973	39	1664	42.7
8. D.J. Fitzpatrick, 2004	38	2054	42.8
9. Hunter Smith, 1997	50	2132	42.6
10. Blair Kiel, 1982	77	3267	42.4



TEAM SINGLE-GAME BESTS

NOTRE DAME BESTS (2004)

Rushing Yards	204 vs. Navy
Passing Yards	266 vs. Washington
Total Yards	412 vs. Washington
First Downs	22 vs. Washington
Low Rush Yards Allowed	22 at BYU
Low Pass Yards Allowed	44 vs. Navy
Low Total Yards Allowed	260 vs. Navy
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	13 at BYU
Sacks By	6 vs. Navy
Turnovers Forced	6 at Michigan State
Points (Game)	38 vs. Washington
Points (Half)	28 (2nd) vs. Michigan
Points (Quarter)	21, twice (last: 1st vs. Washington)
Victory Margin	35 (38-3) vs. Washington

NOTRE DAME BESTS (Willingham era)

Rushing Yards	352 at Pittsburgh, '03
Passing Yards	350 at Boston College, '03
Total Yards	512 vs. Stanford, '03
First Downs	24 vs. Navy, '03
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	8 at Pittsburgh, '03
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	44 vs. Navy, '04
Low Total Yds. Allowed	133 vs. Maryland, '02
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	8 vs. Maryland, '02
Sacks By	8, twice (last: at Pittsburgh, '03)
Turnovers Forced	6 at Michigan State, '04
Points (Game)	57 vs. Stanford, '03
Points (Half)	34 (1st) vs. Stanford, '03
Points (Quarter)	28 (3rd) vs. Rutgers, '02
Victory Margin	50 (57-7) vs. Stanford, '03

NOTRE DAME BESTS (1990-present)

Rushing Yards	458 vs. Purdue, '92
Passing Yards	350 at Boston College, '03
Total Yards	650, twice (MR: vs. Washington, '96)
First Downs	34 vs. Michigan State, '91
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	(-6) vs. Rutgers, '96
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. Allowed	43 vs. Rutgers, '96
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	5 in two games
Sacks By	9 vs. Rutgers, '96
Turnovers Forced	6, twice (MR: at Michigan St., '04)
Points (Game)	62 vs. Rutgers, '96
Points (Half)	42 (2nd) vs. Navy, '90
Points (Qtr)	40 (2nd) vs. Pittsburgh, '96
Victory Margin	62 (62-0) vs. Rutgers, '96



THE COACHES' CLASS OF '02

Tyrone Willingham was one of 13 head coaches to take over their current jobs in 2002 and is tied for second for the most victories of that group to date. A summary of head coaches who took over their programs in 2002 and their records:

Coach	School	Record
Jeff Tedford	California	21-12
Tyrone Willingham	Notre Dame	20-13
Ron Zook	Florida	20-14
Chan Gailey	Georgia Tech	18-15
Paul Johnson	Navy	17-16
Steve Roberts	Arkansas St.	13-20
Mark Mangino	Kansas	11-22
Rickey Bustle	La.-Lafayette	11-21
Buddy Teevens	Stanford	10-20
Tom Craft	San Diego St.	9-23
Gerry DiNardo	Indiana	8-24
Bobby Johnson	Vanderbilt	6-26
Phil Bennett	SMU	4-28
Totals		168-254

PAST PERFORMANCES BY CURRENT IRISH PLAYERS vs. TENNESSEE

- DE Kyle Budinscak - 2001:** made two tackles.
- CB Preston Jackson - 2001:** made one tackle.
- LB Mike Goolsby - 2001:** made one tackle.
- RB Ryan Grant - 2001:** rushed six times for 18 yards.
- WR Carlyle Holiday - 2001:** at QB, he completed 13 of 24 passes for 146 yards with one interception and rushed 12 times for minus-8 yards.

CLOSE SHAVES

Including five close games this season, Notre Dame is 12-5 (.706) in "one-possession games" (decided by eight points or less) since **Tyrone Willingham** took over as the Irish head coach in 2002. The only times the Irish have not won a close ball game under Willingham's guidance were against Boston College in 2002 (14-7), 2003 (27-25) and 2004 (24-23), Michigan State in 2003 (22-16) and BYU in 2004 (20-17). The one-possession games in 2004 have been as follows: BYU (17-20 loss), Michigan (28-20 win), Michigan State (31-24 win), Stanford (23-15 win) and Boston College (23-24 loss).

RETURN TO SENDER

The return game has been a source of strength for Notre Dame in recent years. The Irish have logged 28 returns (punts, kickoffs, fumbles, interceptions) for touchdowns during the past six seasons (1999-2004), a figure that is tied for ninth in the country during that stretch. Here's a look at the national leaders in touchdown returns since '99 (research courtesy University of Colorado):

Team	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami (Fla.)	3	13	11	5	9	6	1	48
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	5	1	44
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	1	38
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	3	0	37
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	3	33
Colorado	5	4	7	7	1	4	4	32
USC	9	4	8	1	8	2	0	32
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	1	30
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	1	29
NOTRE DAME	4	6	4	9	3	2	0	28
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	0	3	28
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	28
San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	2	0	27

NOTRE DAME REGISTERS 800TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

The Notre Dame football program reached a historic milestone with its Oct. 9 victory vs. Stanford, becoming just the second current NCAA Division I-A program to amass 800 all-time wins. The Irish currently rank second in NCAA history with 801 wins, trailing only Michigan's 840 victories, although the Wolverines have played nine more seasons than Notre Dame.

THEY SHALL RETURN

- During the past 18-plus seasons ('86-'04), Notre Dame has produced 82 TDs via kickoff, punt, interception and fumble returns — with the most recent TD runback coming earlier this season on sophomore safety **Tom Zbikowski's** 75-yard fumble return at Michigan State.
- In contrast, opponents in the past 18 seasons have combined for 25 total TD returns vs. the Irish.
- Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM	Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM
1986	0	2	0	0	1997	0	2	1	0
1987	3	0	1	0	1998	0	0	2	3
1988	2	2	3	0	1999	1	0	2	1
1989	2	2	3	0	2000	2	1	1	2
1990	0	2	0	0	2001	0	1	2	1
1991	1	1	2	0	2002	2	1	4	2
1992	0	1	0	0	2003	1	0	0	2
1993	2	1	2	1	2004	0	0	1	1
1994	0	0	1	1	ND (82)	21	17	27	17
1995	1	0	2	1	Opp. (25)	7	4	9	5
1996	4	1	0	2					



**NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL
SHOWS ON RADIO/TV**

INSIDE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

"Inside Notre Dame Football," featuring head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, is a half-hour, weekly television show syndicated nationally by Notre Dame Sports Properties and hosted by **Jeff Jeffers**. The show is carried by WNDU-TV in South Bend on Saturdays (one hour before kickoff), and also is offered to cable systems nationwide, including the new Comcast SportsNet Chicago (first showing on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. CT; replays shown three times the rest of the week). In addition, the show will be archived on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL COACHES RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Coaches Radio Show," presented by Boling Laser Center, is a half-hour, weekly radio program which is broadcast Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (EST) on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend. The show, which is hosted by U93 sports director **Sean Stires** and former Irish wide receiver **Bobby Brown**, originates from Logan's Roadhouse in Mishawaka (4225 N. Main Street) and will feature a live or taped segment with Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, a live appearance by a Notre Dame player, plus other features involving the Irish staff and program.

This program is a cooperative venture of Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners. The show is slated to air for 10 weeks during the football season (remaining date is Nov. 8), and it will be broadcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL POSTGAME RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Postgame Radio Show" airs on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend and the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com) immediately following the conclusion of Westwood One's broadcasts of Notre Dame football games. The 90-minute show is co-hosted by **Jack Nolan**, and former Irish football players **Mirko Jurkovic** and **Reggie Brooks**. After home games, the show originates outside Gate 3 of the Joyce Center (directly across Juniper Road from Notre Dame Stadium). The home broadcasts feature live feeds from the postgame interview room, as well as an on-site visit from an Irish assistant coach.

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IRISH HEAD COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM

A veteran with 27 years of coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels, **Tyrone Willingham** is in the midst of his third season as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame in 2004. Willingham has a record of 20-13 (.606) in two-plus seasons with the Irish, leading Notre Dame to a 10-3 record and a trip to the Gator Bowl in 2002 before a 5-7 campaign in 2003 and a 5-3 start in 2004.

In 2002, Willingham became the first Irish head coach ever to win 10 games in his first season, was named the ESPN/Home Depot College Coach of the Year, the Scripps College Coach of the Year, the Black Coaches Association Male Coach of the Year and received the George Munger Award College Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia. In addition, he made history in 2002 as the first college football coach ever to earn *The Sporting News* Sportsman of the Year award. In nine-plus years as a college head coach, Willingham has compiled a solid 64-49-1 (.566) record and has guided his teams to bowl games on five occasions.

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

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

CURRY NAMED TO AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

Senior linebacker **Derek Curry** has been named to the 2004 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team, the AFCA announced Sept. 15. Curry was one of only 11 football student-athletes chosen for the NCAA Division I-A Team. Another 11 student-athletes were named to the team representing schools from NCAA Divisions I-AA, II, III and NAIA.

Nominations for the Good Works Team are submitted to the AFCA by college sports information departments. Nominees must be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or involved in other community service activities and must display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved. Athletic ability is not a criterion.

Curry is currently in his third season as a starting linebacker for the Irish. A three-time monogram winner at Notre Dame, Curry has distinguished himself as one of the team's undisputed leaders. In addition to his prowess on the football field, Curry has been a three-year volunteer for the Student-Athlete Advisory Council Pediatric Oncology Christmas Party; has volunteered at the Boy's and Girl's Club of downtown South Bend and the Robinson Community Learning Center; is in his third year of "Iron Sharpens Iron", an interdenominational Christian group at Notre Dame that brings students together in worship, prayer and bible studies; has volunteered for two years at "There Are Children Here"; and is a huddle leader for the Notre Dame chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Curry is the third Notre Dame football player named to the squad over the past six seasons. Grant Irons received the award as a junior in 1999 and went on to be a rare five-year monogram winner and two-time captain with the Irish while playing at linebacker and defensive end. He served as president of Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Advisory Council and was involved in numerous community service programs at Notre Dame and in the surrounding South Bend community.



COACHES ON GAME DAY

A summary of the locations of members of the Notre Dame coaching staff during games:

- Tyrone Willingham (f) ...Head Coach
 - Kent Baer (f)Defensive Coordinator
 - Bill Diedrick (p)Offensive Coordinator/QB
 - Mike Denbrock (f)Offensive Line (T)/TE
 - Greg Mattison (f)Defensive Line
 - John McDonnell (p)Offensive (C/G)
 - Trent Miles (f)Receivers
 - Buzz Preston (f)Running Backs/Special Teams
 - Bob Simmons (f)Linebackers
 - Steven Wilks (p)Defensive Backs
 - D.J. Durkin (p)Graduate Assistant
 - Chad Klunder (p)Graduate Assistant
- Game day location: p - Press Box, f - Field

TICKET UPDATE

The Notre Dame ticket office received 52,179 ticket requests for the Oct. 2 game vs. Purdue, making it the fifth-highest requested Irish home game in history. The Notre Dame Stadium record of 59,368 ticket requests was set in '01 when the Irish took on West Virginia. Demand for that game was based on parents of current Notre Dame students being guaranteed four tickets for that contest — plus contributing alumni having the opportunity to apply for four tickets instead of the usual two, based on its designation as an alumni family game. Heading into the Nov. 13 game vs. Pittsburgh, the Irish have posted 178 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 226 in their last 227 home games.

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

1. West Virginia	2001	59,368
2. USC	1997	57,048
3. Boston College	2002	55,482
4. USC	2003	54,244
5. Purdue	2004	52,179
6. Florida State	2003	51,051
7. Michigan	2002	50,883
8. Michigan State	2001	48,404
9. Nebraska	2000	47,865
10. Michigan State	1997	47,681

IRISH'S REMAINING SLATE FOR 2004 SEASON RATES AS SECOND-MOST DIFFICULT

The three games remaining on Notre Dame's 2004 football schedule comprise the second-most difficult slate in the country, according to NCAA figures released Sunday. Notre Dame's four opponents yet to be played have compiled a 19-3 record (.864) against other Division I-A opponents. The Irish trail only Minnesota (14-2, .875) in that category, ranking ahead of Texas A&M (third at 20-4, .833).

Here's the top 10 listing for teams based on remaining games (team records in parentheses):

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opp. Record</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>This Week</u>
1.	Minnesota (6-3)	14-2	.875	at Indiana (2-5)
2.	Notre Dame (5-3)	17-3	.850	at Tennessee (7-1)
3.	Texas A&M (6-2)	20-4	.833	Oklahoma (8-0)
4.	Baylor (3-5)	19-5	.792	at Texas Tech (5-3)
5.	Iowa (6-2)	18-6	.750	Purdue (5-3)
6.	Alabama (5-3)	17-6	.739	Mississippi State (3-5)
7.	Auburn (9-0)	10-4	.714	Idle
8.	Oregon State (4-4)	17-7	.708	USC (8-0)
9.	Stanford (4-4)	16-7	.696	at Arizona State (6-2)
10.	Rutgers (4-4)	13-6	.684	at Boston College (4-2)

IRISH HAVE NATION'S TOUGHEST CUMULATIVE SCHEDULE

Notre Dame's 11 opponents for 2004 have combined to form the nation's toughest schedule overall based on a combined 51-24 mark (.680) by Irish opponents in games played to date, according to NCAA figures released this week. Baylor stands second on that list with a 47-23 mark (.671).

Here's the top 10 listing for teams based on their cumulative schedules (team records in parentheses):

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opp. Record</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>This Week</u>
1.	Notre Dame (5-3)	51-24	.680	at Tennessee (7-1)
2.	Baylor (3-5)	47-23	.671	at Texas Tech (5-3)
3.	Texas A&M (6-2)	51-25	.671	Oklahoma (8-0)
4.	Arizona (1-7)	47-25	.653	at Washington (1-7)
5.	North Carolina (4-4)	41-22	.651	Virginia Tech (6-2)
6.	Temple (1-7)	40-24	.625	at West Virginia (7-1)
7.	Arizona State (6-2)	48-29	.623	Stanford (4-4)
8.	Oklahoma (8-0)	47-29	.618	at Texas A&M (6-2)
9.	Ohio State (5-3)	49-31	.612	at Michigan State (4-4)
10.	Georgia (7-1)	42-27	.609	at Kentucky (1-7)



2004 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

The following is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995) and has appeared in the top 30 a total of 22 times in the last 27 years. The 2004 Irish ledger currently is the toughest in the nation, based on cumulative opposition.

Opponent (Ranking*)	'04 Record	'03 Record	Nov. 6	Nov. 13
BYU	4-4	4-8	San Diego State	New Mexico
Michigan (10/9)	8-1	10-3	Idle	Northwestern
Michigan State	4-4	8-5	Ohio State	Wisconsin
Washington	1-7	6-6	Arizona	California
Purdue	5-3	9-4	at Iowa	Ohio State
Stanford	4-4	4-7	at Arizona State	Oregon State
Navy	7-1	8-5	at Tulane	Idle
Boston College	5-2	8-5	Rutgers	West Virginia
Tennessee (9/11)	7-1	10-3	Notre Dame	Idle
Pittsburgh	5-2	8-5	at Syracuse	at Notre Dame
USC (1/1)	8-0	12-1	at Oregon State	Arizona

* - current Associated Press poll ranking listed first, followed by ESPN/USA Today poll ranking

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in 2003: 89-49 (.645); **Record in 2004:** 58-29 (.667)

BIG CROWDS

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 168 of its previous 193 games, including 32 of its last 34 games dating back to the end of the 2001 season (the '03 game at Stanford and this year's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands were not sellouts). At Michigan in 2003, the Irish and Wolverines helped bring in the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of that series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the sixth time in the last three seasons that Notre Dame has been a part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002).

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

With the Boston College game televised nationally by NBC, the Irish extended their streak of appearances on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) to 144 straight games, a stretch that spans nearly 11 full seasons (1993-2004). The last time the Irish didn't appear on one of those four networks was 12 years ago (Oct. 31, 1992), when Notre Dame downed Navy, 38-7, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That game was shown locally in South Bend on WNDU-TV. Here's a breakdown of the networks on which the Irish have played during this impressive streak:

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
2002	13	7	4	1	1
2003	12	6	5	—	1
2004	8	5	—	1	2
Totals	144	79	41	13	11

GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top 10 Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduate rate categories — overall, football, men, women and African-American — according to statistics released in September 2003 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated 2003 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 13th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1993 and 1996 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Among student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, 99 percent earned their degrees. The national average was 83 percent.

In August 2003, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in 1996.

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

1.	(tie) Duke	89%
	(tie) Northwestern	89
3.	(tie) Notre Dame	87
	(tie) Stanford	87

FOOTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

1.	Vanderbilt	84%
2.	(tie) Duke	83
	(tie) Northwestern	83
	(tie) Syracuse	83
7.	Notre Dame	81

MALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

1.	Duke	88%
2.	Notre Dame	85
3.	Stanford	83
4.	Northwestern	82

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

1.	Northwestern	98%
2.	(tie) Notre Dame	92
	(tie) Duke	92
	(tie) Stanford	92

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

1.	Rice	87%
2.	(tie) Stanford	85
	(tie) Vanderbilt	85
4.	Northwestern	83
5.	Duke	82
6.	Notre Dame	78



**NOTRE DAME ALUMS
IN RARE NFL COMPANY**

Notre Dame is the only school to boast three former players who have totaled 10,000-plus rushing or receiving yards in NFL history. Entering games of Oct. 31, **Jerome Bettis** ranks sixth on the NFL's all-time rushing yards list and second among active rushers with 12,417 yards, while **Ricky Watters** retired with 10,643 yards (currently in 15th place). At the same time, **Tim Brown** ranks second on the NFL's all-time receiving yards list (14,895), trailing Seattle Seahawks wideout, **Jerry Rice**.

Only one other Division I-A school — Syracuse (**Jim Brown** and **Art Monk**) — has produced both an NFL 10,000-yard rusher and receiver. Three others — Oklahoma State (**Barry Sanders** and **Thurman Thomas**), Pittsburgh (**Tony Dorsett** and **Curtis Martin**) and USC (**Marcus Allen** and **O.J. Simpson**) — have produced two 10,000-yard NFL rushers.

**THE NOTRE DAME
FOOTBALL REVIEW**

Notre Dame Sports Properties offers a condensed two-hour delayed replay of the NBC broadcast of each Notre Dame home football game. These replays are available in many major markets via over-the-air syndication, including WAAT-TV, Channel 69 in South Bend (Sundays at 10 a.m. EST; Fridays at 7 p.m. EST).

Notre Dame road games also are now available in a three-hour replay format on Comcast Sports Net/Comcast local outlets in South Bend and Chicago (Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. EST/CDT), as well as Detroit and Flint, Mich. (Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. EDT).

WHEN THE EYES OF THE NATION ARE UPON THEM

Notre Dame is 171-86-3 (.663) all-time when it is playing in front of a national television audience. The 2003 game at Michigan was another milestone for the Irish program — it was the 300th time a Notre Dame football game appeared on national or regional television.

During their 115-year history, the Irish have posted a combined 199-114-4 (.634) record in these national or regional TV games, beginning with a 27-21 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma on Nov. 8, 1952 in a game that was shown nationwide on ABC. Here's a breakdown of Notre Dame's success over the years when appearing on each of the various networks on both a national and regional basis (the current Irish win/loss streak on the four major networks is listed in parentheses):

NATIONAL TELEVISION

NBC (lost 1)	66-26-1 (.715)
ABC (lost 3)	44-35-2 (.556)
CBS (won 7).....	23-11-0 (.676)
ESPN/ESPN2 (won 1).....	20-11-0 (.645)
WGN	10-2-0 (.833)
SportsChannel	4-1-0 (.800)
Raycom	2-0-0 (1.000)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Katz	1-0-0 (1.000)
Totals	171-86-3 (.663)

REGIONAL TELEVISION

ABC (lost 2)	24-25-1 (.490)
CBS (won 1)	4-2-0 (.667)
Big Ten Syndication	1-0-0 (1.000)
TBS	0-1-0 (.000)
Totals	29-28-1 (.509)

NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN GARNERS NBC'S HIGHEST SEASON-OPENING RATING SINCE 1998

NBC's coverage of Notre Dame's 28-20 win over No.8 Michigan on Sept. 11 delivered a 4.0 national rating/10 share, making it the highest-rated season opener since a 5.1/14 on Sept. 5, 1998 for a 36-20 Irish win over fifth-ranked Michigan, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The 4.0/10 represents a 29 percent hike over last year's opener — a 29-26 overtime win over Washington State that produced a 3.1/8. It's the best rating for any Notre Dame telecast on NBC since a 4.4/11 vs. Boston College on Nov. 2, 2002.

Notre Dame is now in the 14th season of its unique relationship with NBC. All Irish home football games since 1991 have been televised on the network, with the current agreement slated to continue through 2010. **Tom Hammond** (play-by-play) and **Pat Haden** (analysis) are in their fourth full season broadcasting the action for NBC in '04.

NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS DEBUT ON SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO

In addition to its unparalleled television coverage, Notre Dame also has increased its radio footprint, announcing an agreement on Aug. 31 with SIRIUS Satellite Radio to become the official satellite radio partner for Notre Dame athletics. SIRIUS will broadcast every Irish football game this season, and also will air selected men's and women's basketball games, as well as other sporting events. In addition, SIRIUS will aid in the development of marketing initiatives with the University's athletic department as a member of "Team Notre Dame."

Notre Dame's agreement with SIRIUS is one of the cornerstones in the formation of SIRIUS College Sports Radio, a partnership between SIRIUS and College Sports Television (CSTV) that includes 23 major universities around the country. SIRIUS radios for the car and home start at \$149 and are available at major retailers nationwide. For more information, visit www.sirius.com.



NOTRE DAME IS AMERICA'S FAVORITE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

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

KEVIN WHITE NAMED PRESIDENT OF DIVISION I-A ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** is the new president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association for 2004-05. His appointment became effective Sept. 27 at the Association's annual meeting in Dallas. White, who is now in his fifth year at Notre Dame, served as first vice president in 2003-04 under **Gene DeFilippo**, director of athletics at Boston College. In addition to his new leadership role with the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association, White also is the third vice president of NACDA, the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, for 2004-05.

MAKING THE GRADE

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

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

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

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

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

TAKING ACADEMIC SUCCESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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

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

38 FORMER IRISH ON '04 NFL OPENING-DAY ROSTERS

Notre Dame had 38 of its former football players, including three rookies, listed on the opening-day rosters for National Football League teams in 2004. Miami (43) and Florida State (39) were the only schools with more NFL opening-day representatives, and Tennessee tied Notre Dame with 38.

The Irish have produced either the first-, second- or third-highest total in that category for 10 consecutive years (1995-2004). Notre Dame led all Division I schools for five years in a row from 1995-99. Here are the former Notre Dame players now active in the pros (*R* - indicates rookie):

- Arizona:** DE Bertrand Berry
- Atlanta:** DB/KR Allen Rossum
- Baltimore:** SS Gerome Sapp (now with Indianapolis), DE Anthony Weaver
- Chicago:** OT Mike Gandy
- Cleveland:** C Jeff Faine
- Dallas:** RB Julius Jones (R), OT Kurt Vollers
- Detroit:** QB Rick Mirer, TE John Owens
- Green Bay:** RB Tony Fisher
- Houston:** SS Glenn Earl (R)
- Indianapolis:** FB Tom Lopienski, P Hunter Smith
- Jacksonville:** S Deke Cooper, FB Marc Edwards
- Kansas City:** OL Jordan Black
- Minnesota:** OG Mike Rosenthal
- New England:** WR David Givens
- New Orleans:** K John Carney, DB Deveron Harper, LB Courtney Watson (R)
- New York Giants:** DT Lance Legree, OT Luke Petitgout
- Oakland:** DT Grant Irons
- Philadelphia:** DT Paul Grasmanis
- Pittsburgh:** RB Jerome Bettis, OG Jim Jones
- San Francisco:** WR Amaz Battle, DT Bryant Young
- St. Louis:** FB Joey Goodspeed
- Seattle:** CB Bobby Taylor
- Tampa Bay:** WR Tim Brown, OG Sean Mahan
- Tennessee:** LB Rocky Boiman, P Craig Hentrich
- Washington:** OT Jim Molinaro, DL Renaldo Wynn

Other former Fighting Irish players affiliated with NFL teams include DT **Darrell Campbell** (rookie - Chicago Bears reserve/non-football injury list), OT **Brennan Curtin** (Green Bay Packers injured reserve), CB **Vontez Duff** (signed by Pittsburgh Steelers since start of the season) and S **Shawn Wooden** (Miami Dolphins injured reserve).



**NEXT WEEK:
PITTSBURGH**

The Fighting Irish return to Notre Dame Stadium for their final home contest of the 2004 season when the Pittsburgh Panthers invade South Bend. Kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. EST and the game will be nationally televised by NBC.

This clash will be the 62nd renewal of one of Notre Dame's oldest rivalries with the Irish leading the series, 43-17-1. Notre Dame has won the last six home meetings against the Panthers dating back to 1989 and has won 11 of the last 12 overall against Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh carries a 5-2 record into this weekend's matchup at Syracuse and has its BIG EAST Conference fate in its own hands following three consecutive league victories of late, including a 20-17 win over Boston College.

Notre Dame won the most recent meeting at Notre Dame Stadium, a 14-6 verdict in 2002, in a game that featured the lowest combined point total in a game at the stadium since a 10-9 Pittsburgh victory on Oct. 11, 1986. Pittsburgh's last victory in the series was a 37-27 decision over the Irish in 1999.

BY THE NUMBERS

The NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame and Tennessee in 2004 (top 50 only):

<u>Team Rankings</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>
Rushing Offense	124.8	28th (181.4)
Passing Offense	36th (239.8)	201.6
Total Offense	364.5	49th (383.0)
Scoring Offense	25.4	41st (28.0)
Rushing Defense	12th (99.9)	39th (123.6)
Pass Defense	251.1	226.0
Pass Efficiency Def.	122.05	120.9
Total Defense	49th (351.0)	47th (349.6)
Scoring Defense	30th (19.5)	42nd (21.1)
Net Punting	17th (38.7)	12th (39.9)
Punt Returns	8.8	6.8
Kickoff Returns	17.4	19.8
Turnover Margin	21st (+0.8)	(-0.13)
	(+6 overall)	(-1 overall)

<u>Individual Ranks</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>
Passing Efficiency	Brady Quinn	Eric Ainge
	50th (125.92)	32nd (134.58)
Total Offense	Brady Quinn	
	34th (232.9)	
Punting	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Dustin Colquitt
	24th (42.8)	42nd (41.9)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 2004 FOOTBALL KICKOFF LUNCHEONS

Tickets are now on sale for the 2004 Notre Dame Kickoff Luncheons held the Friday prior to each Irish home football game. The luncheons feature Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham, Irish players and assistant coaches, plus special guests and other attractions.

Tickets are \$18 each, with a handling fee of \$3 (payment may be made with one check for more than one luncheon). There are 10 seats per table — and if you wish to sit as a group at the same table with other guests, please return all reservations in one envelope. Checks should be made payable to "University of Notre Dame" and mailed to: Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Telephone and credit card reservations are not accepted. A printed reservation form also is available on Notre Dame's athletics web site at www.und.com.

The luncheons are held in the Joyce Center fieldhouse (north dome) on the Notre Dame campus, with a noon (EST) start. Be aware that advance reservations are required for tickets, and tickets are not routinely available at the door. This year's remaining luncheon date is Nov. 12 (Pittsburgh).

PEP RALLIES

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

"NOTRE DAME EXPERIENCE" RETURNS FOR 2004 SEASON

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

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TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
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SCORING.....	203	156
Points Per Game.....	25.4	19.5
FIRST DOWNS.....	153	143
Rushing.....	59	50
Passing.....	84	81
Penalty.....	10	12
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	998	799
Yards gained rushing.....	1160	1037
Yards lost rushing.....	162	238
Rushing Attempts.....	320	276
Average Per Rush.....	3.1	2.9
Average Per Game.....	124.8	99.9
TDs Rushing.....	14	5
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1918	2009
Att-Comp-Int.....	250-135-7	268-148-8
Average Per Pass.....	7.7	7.5
Average Per Catch.....	14.2	13.6
Average Per Game.....	239.8	251.1
TDs Passing.....	10	8
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	2916	2808
Total Plays.....	570	544
Average Per Play.....	5.1	5.2
Average Per Game.....	364.5	351.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	23-401	34-727
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	25-221	20-138
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	8-175	7-33
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	17.4	21.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	8.8	6.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	21.9	4.7
FUMBLES-LOST.....	13-6	21-11
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	49-374	49-381
Average Per Game.....	46.8	47.6
PUNTS-YARDS.....	51-2113	46-1927
Average Per Punt.....	41.4	41.9
Net punt average.....	38.7	37.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	31:19	28:41
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	48/124	41/120
3rd-Down Pct.....	39%	34%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	6/13	2/8
4th-Down Pct.....	46%	25%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	18-112	16-94
MISC YARDS.....	79	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	26	16
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	8-11	15-18
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	23-24	13-13
ATTENDANCE.....	403975	140213
Games/Avg Per Game.....	5/80795	2/70106
Neutral Site Games.....		1/76166

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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Notre Dame.....	59	39	48	57	- 203
Opponents.....	46	19	57	34	- 156

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Walker, D.	7	136	526	29	497	3.7	4	19	71.0
Grant, R.	5	71	315	11	304	4.3	5	19	60.8
Wilson, M.	8	30	122	7	115	3.8	1	33	14.4
Jenkins, J.	4	9	45	2	43	4.8	0	14	10.8
Powers-Neal, R.	8	12	27	0	27	2.2	1	7	3.4
Thomas, T.	7	23	43	18	25	1.1	0	12	3.6
Hoskins, J.	5	4	16	0	16	4.0	0	6	3.2
Shelton, M.	8	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Quinn, B.	8	33	66	93	-27	-0.8	3	11	-3.4
Total.....	8	320	1160	162	998	3.1	14	33	124.8
Opponents.....	8	276	1037	238	799	2.9	5	25	99.9

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	8	125.92	246-132-7	53.7	1890	10	54	236.2
Dillingham, P.	4	178.40	3-3-0	100.0	28	0	13	7.0
Wilson, M.	8	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	8	126.04	250-135-7	54.0	1918	10	54	239.8
Opponents.....	8	122.07	268-148-8	55.2	2009	8	97	251.1

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
McKnight, R.	8	31	466	15.0	2	54	58.2
Fasano, A.	7	19	286	15.1	2	42	40.9
Stovall, M.	6	16	232	14.5	0	49	38.7
Shelton, M.	8	14	377	26.9	5	53	47.1
Samardzija, J.	8	12	185	15.4	0	41	23.1
Powers-Neal, R.	8	7	48	6.9	1	10	6.0
Freeman, M.	6	5	50	10.0	0	16	8.3
Grant, R.	5	5	42	8.4	0	16	8.4
Carlson, J.	8	5	28	5.6	0	12	3.5
Collins, J.	8	4	58	14.5	0	21	7.2
Walker, D.	7	4	24	6.0	0	14	3.4
Thomas, T.	7	2	28	14.0	0	15	4.0
Palmer, B.	8	2	27	13.5	0	14	3.4
Holiday, C.	8	2	21	10.5	0	14	2.6
Jenkins, J.	4	2	10	5.0	0	7	2.5
Quinn, B.	8	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Anastasio, C.	8	1	15	15.0	0	15	1.9
Schmidt, J.	6	1	14	14.0	0	14	2.3
Vaughn, C.	5	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.4
Total.....	8	135	1918	14.2	10	54	239.8
Opponents.....	8	148	2009	13.6	8	97	251.1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Holiday, C.	21	177	8.4	0	21
McKnight, R.	3	16	5.3	0	8
Collins, J.	1	28	28.0	0	0
Total.....	25	221	8.8	0	21
Opponents.....	20	138	6.9	1	25

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ellick, D.	2	20	10.0	0	18
Curry, D.	2	39	19.5	0	35
Zbikowski, T.	1	22	22.0	0	22
Goolsby, M.	1	24	24.0	0	24
Richardson, M.	1	32	32.0	0	32
Jackson, P.	1	38	38.0	1	38
Total.....	8	175	21.9	1	38
Opponents.....	7	33	4.7	0	24

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anastasio, C.	14	254	18.1	0	40
Hoskins, J.	6	102	17.0	0	22
Stovall, M.	2	29	14.5	0	16
Holiday, C.	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total.....	23	401	17.4	0	40
Opponents.....	34	727	21.4	2	100

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Zbikowski, T.	1	75	75.0	1	75
Curry, D.	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total.....	2	79	39.5	1	75
Opponents.....	1	0	0.0	0	0

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

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Fitzpatrick, D.	0	8-11	23-24	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	47
Grant, R.	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Shelton, M.	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Walker, D.	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Quinn, B.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	18
Powers-Neal, R.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McKnight, R.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Fasano, A.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Zbikowski, T.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Wilson, M.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jackson, P.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ellick, D.	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	26	8-11	23-24	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	203
Opponents.....	16	15-18	13-13	0-0	1	1-3	0	0	156

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Quinn, B.	8	279	-27	1890	1863	232.9
Walker, D.	7	136	497	0	497	71.0
Grant, R.	5	71	304	0	304	60.8
Wilson, M.	8	31	115	0	115	14.4
Jenkins, J.	4	9	43	0	43	10.8
Dillingham, P.	4	3	0	28	28	7.0
Powers-Neal, R.	8	12	27	0	27	3.4
Thomas, T.	7	23	25	0	25	3.6
Hoskins, J.	5	4	16	0	16	3.2
TEAM	3	1	-2	0	-2	-0.7
Total.....	8	570	998	1918	2916	364.5
Opponents.....	8	544	799	2009	2808	351.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Fitzpatrick, D.	8-11	72.7	0-0	4-4	1-2	3-4	0-1	47	0

FG SEQUENCE	Notre Dame	OPPONENTS
Brigham Young	(21)	(44), (53)
Michigan	-	(38), (33), (22), (47)
Michigan State	37, (23)	42, (46)
Washington	(45)	(26), 47
Purdue	(26), 44	(31), (39)
Stanford	(38)	(27), (20), (38)
Navy	(47), (20)	(29)
Boston College	(43), 55	22, (21)

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Fitzpatrick, D.	48	2054	42.8	67	5	5	21	0
TEAM	2	21	10.5	21	0	0	0	2
Price, G.	1	38	38.0	38	0	1	1	0
Total.....	51	2113	41.4	67	5	6	22	2
Opponents.....	46	1927	41.9	63	1	2	11	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Gioia, C.	24	1329	55.4	0	2
Renkes, B.	14	837	59.8	3	1
Fitzpatrick, D.	3	151	50.3	0	0
Total.....	41	2317	56.5	3	3
Opponents.....	35	2134	61.0	10	2

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Walker, D.	7	497	24	0	0	0	521	74.4
McKnight, R.	8	0	466	16	0	0	482	60.2
Shelton, M.	8	0	377	0	0	0	377	47.1
Grant, R.	5	304	42	0	0	0	346	69.2
Fasano, A.	7	0	286	0	0	0	286	40.9
Anastasio, C.	8	0	15	0	254	0	269	33.6
Stovall, M.	6	0	232	0	29	0	261	43.5
Holiday, C.	8	0	21	177	16	0	214	26.8
Samardzija, J.	8	0	185	0	0	0	185	23.1
Hoskins, J.	5	16	0	0	102	0	118	23.6
Wilson, M.	8	115	0	0	0	0	115	14.4
Collins, J.	8	0	58	28	0	0	86	10.8
Powers-Neal, R.	8	27	48	0	0	0	75	9.4
Jenkins, J.	4	43	10	0	0	0	53	13.2
Thomas, T.	7	25	28	0	0	0	53	7.6
Freeman, M.	6	0	50	0	0	0	50	8.3
Curry, D.	8	0	0	0	0	39	39	4.9
Jackson, P.	8	0	0	0	0	38	38	4.8
Richardson, M.	8	0	0	0	0	32	32	4.0
Carlson, J.	8	0	28	0	0	0	28	3.5
Palmer, B.	8	0	27	0	0	0	27	3.4
Goolsby, M.	8	0	0	0	0	24	24	3.0
Zbikowski, T.	8	0	0	0	0	22	22	2.8
Ellick, D.	8	0	0	0	0	20	20	2.5
Schmidt, J.	6	0	14	0	0	0	14	2.3
Vaughn, C.	5	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.4
TEAM	3	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.7
Quinn, B.	8	-27	0	0	0	0	-27	-3.4
Total.....	8	998	1918	221	401	175	3713	464.1
Opponents.....	8	799	2009	138	727	33	3706	463.2

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	-Sacks-	---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick
41 Goolsby, M.	8	29	41	70	3.5-10	1.0-6	1-24	3	.	.	.	.	.
8 Burrell, Q.	8	28	24	52	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
39 Hoyte, B.	8	26	23	49	7.0-30	3.0-18	.	1	.	.	3	.	.
9 Zbikowski, T.	8	26	19	45	2.5-5	.	1-22	1	.	1-75	2	.	.
49 Curry, D.	8	24	19	43	6.0-35	3.5-30	2-39	2	.	2-4	.	.	.
24 Ellick, D.	8	25	8	33	1.0-4	.	2-20	5	.	1-0	2	.	.
77 Pauly, G.	8	13	18	31	4.5-12	1.0-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44 Tuck, J.	8	14	16	30	10.0-40	4.0-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 Landri, D.	8	14	14	28	4.0-13	0.5-1	.	4	.	1-0	1	.	.
15 Jackson, P.	8	16	7	23	.	.	1-38	3	1	.	.	.	.
30 Richardson, M.	8	16	7	23	.	.	1-32	1	.	.	2	.	.
6 Campbell, C.	8	12	5	17	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Budinscak, K.	8	10	6	16	2.5-7	1.0-4	.	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
98 Laws, T.	8	8	7	15	2.0-11	1.0-8	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
46 Mays, C.	8	5	7	12	2.0-7	2.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Parish IV, F.	8	8	4	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Abiamiri, V.	8	5	4	9	4.0-15	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Borseti, N.	7	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 Frome, C.	6	3	3	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
89 Carlson, J.	8	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Leitko, T.	8	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
18 Ndukwe, C.	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
23 Anastasio, C.	8	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Vaughn, C.	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Collins, J.	8	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
22 Wooden, A.	8	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Carney, J.	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Thomas, T.	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Dunn, C.	8	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Stovall, M.	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
87 Freeman, M.	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Fitzpatrick, D.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Thomas, M.	8	1	.	1	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Beidatsch, B.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81 Harris, B.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Shelton, M.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 Samardzija, J.	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 McKnight, R.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 Fasano, A.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Bolen, L.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	8	315	254	569	52-197	18-112	8-175	28	1	11-79	14	1	.
Opponents.....	8	336	250	586	41-153	16-94	7-33	20	7	6-0	8	2	.

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	31	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	115	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	2	Walker, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Grant, R. vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004) Grant, R. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Long Rush.....	33	Wilson, M. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	47	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Pass completions....	26	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Quinn, B. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	432	Quinn, B. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	Quinn, B. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Long Pass.....	54	Quinn, B. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Receptions.....	8	McKnight, R. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Fasano, A. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Receiving.....	155	Fasano, A. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Receptions.....	2	Shelton, M. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004) Fasano, A. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Long Reception.....	54	McKnight, R. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Field Goals.....	2	Fitzpatrick, D. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Long Field Goal.....	47	Fitzpatrick, D. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Punts.....	10	Fitzpatrick, D. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punting Avg.....	49.3	Fitzpatrick, D. vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Long Punt.....	67	Fitzpatrick, D. vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Long Punt Return....	21	Holiday, C. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Long Kickoff Return.	40	Anastasio, C. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Tackles.....	16	Hoyte, B. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Sacks.....	2.0	Tuck, J. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Mays, C. at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Tackles For Loss....	3.5	Tuck, J. vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Interceptions.....	1	Jackson, P. at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Ellick, D. vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Zbikowski, T. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Richardson, M. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Curry, D. at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Ellick, D. vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004) Goalsby, M. vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004) Curry, D. vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	51	vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	204	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.6	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	3	vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004) at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	49	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Pass completions....	29	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	460	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Pass.....	9.4	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Total Plays.....	85	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Total Offense.....	536	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Play.....	6.3	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Points.....	38	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Sacks By.....	5	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
First Downs.....	28	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Penalties.....	10	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Penalty Yards.....	101	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Turnovers.....	4	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Interceptions By....	3	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	24	Polanco, Aaron, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	102	Eckel, Kyle, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	1	TAHI, Naufahu, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) Stanton, Drew, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Lemon, J.R., vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004) Divis, Frank, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004) WHITWORTH, L.V., vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Long Rush.....	25	PETERSON, Paul, vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	41	PETERSON, Paul, vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Pass completions....	27	PETERSON, Paul, vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	385	Kyle Orton, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	Kyle Orton, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Long Pass.....	97	Kyle Orton, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Receptions.....	12	Edwards, B., vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Yards Receiving.....	181	T. Stubblefield, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Receptions.....	2	T. Stubblefield, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Long Reception.....	97	T. Stubblefield, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Field Goals.....	4	Rivas, Garrett, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)
Long Field Goal.....	53	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punts.....	9	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Punting Avg.....	46.8	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Long Punt.....	63	PAYNE, Matt, at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004) AYERS, Johnny, vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Long Punt Return....	25	Tomlinson, Jaso, at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Long Kickoff Return.	100	Jerome Brooks, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Tackles.....	13	George Hall, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004) Bergeron, David, vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004)
Sacks.....	2.5	Ray Edwards, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Tackles For Loss....	2.5	Ray Edwards, vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Interceptions.....	1	Mundy, Ryan, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Curry, Markus, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Reid, Lawrence, vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004) Dortch, Tyrell, at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004) Fountaine, Matt, vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004) TRIBBLE, DeJuan, vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004) WILLIAMS, Jazzm, vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	61	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Rushing.....	216	at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.7	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
TD Rushes.....	1	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
		at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
		vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004)
		at Navy (Oct 16, 2004)
		vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Pass attempts.....	44	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Pass completions....	27	vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Yards Passing.....	413	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Pass.....	12.9	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
TD Passes.....	4	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Total Plays.....	78	vs Washington (Sep 25, 2004)
Total Offense.....	512	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Yards Per Play.....	8.5	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Points.....	41	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
Sacks By.....	7	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
First Downs.....	22	vs Purdue (Oct 02, 2004)
		vs Boston College (Oct 23, 2004)
Penalties.....	9	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
		vs Stanford (Oct 09, 2004)
Penalty Yards.....	74	at Brigham Young (Sep 4, 2004)
Turnovers.....	6	at Michigan State (Sep 18, 2004)
Interceptions By....	3	vs Michigan (Sep 11, 2004)

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2004 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	RB
@BYU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	T. Thomas
Michigan	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant
@MSU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant
Washington	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Shelton	Quinn	Freeman*	Walker
Purdue	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Freeman	Shelton	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Walker
Stanford	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Freeman	Stovall	Quinn	Carlson*	Grant
vs. Navy	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Carlson*	Grant
BC	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Grant

@ Tenn.
Pittsburgh
@ USC

* - opened in two tight end formation

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	CB	FS	SS	CB
@BYU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Michigan	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
@MSU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Washington	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Purdue	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Stanford	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
vs. Navy	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
BC	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson

@ Tenn.
Pittsburgh
@ USC

* - opened in nickel defense

Red Zone Statistics

ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
@BYU	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MICH	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
@MSU	5	3	17	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
WASH	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	4	2	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
STAN	3	3	20	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NAVY	3	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BC	2	2	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	25	20	121	16	13	3	4	5	2	1	0	0

Notre Dame Red Zone Efficiency: 20 of 25 (.800) / Touchdown Efficiency: 16 of 25 (.640)

Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
@BYU	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICH	3	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
@MSU	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
WASH	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
PUR	4	4	24	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
STAN	4	4	15	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
vs. NAVY	3	2	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
BC	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
@TENN												
PITT												
@USC												
Totals	22	18	84	8	5	3	10	11	1	0	2	0

Opponent Red Zone Efficiency: 18 of 22 (.818) / Touchdown Efficiency: 8 of 22 (.364)

Third-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
John Carlson	0	1	1
Jerome Collins	0	2	2
Anthony Fasano	0	8	8
Ryan Grant	6	1	7
Jeff Jenkins	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	7	7
Brady Quinn	5	0	5
Jeff Samardzija	0	6	6
Matt Shelton	0	3	3
Maurice Stovall	0	3	3
Travis Thomas	1	0	1
Darius Walker	4	0	4
Totals	17	31	48

ND on 3rd down: 48-124 (.387)

Fourth-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Ryan Grant	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	1	1
Brady Quinn	3	0	3
Matt Shelton	0	1	1
Totals	4	2	6

ND on 4th down: 6-13 (.462)

NOTRE DAME VS. TENNESSEE

2004 Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Notre Dame	21-11-0	47-26-0-265-1	68-276	15-3-9-3	2-1	26:28
@ BYU	35-22-1	33-22-1-263-1	68-285	13-2-10-1	3-1	33:32
@ Notre Dame	40-135-2	21-10-3-178-2	61-313	13-7-6-0	2-1	27:22
Michigan	30-56-0	40-25-1-240-1	70-296	15-6-8-1	2-2	32:38
Notre Dame	48-173-2	24-11-1-215-1	72-388	19-11-8-0	2-2	34:01
@ Michigan State	35-165-1	34-15-3-176-0	69-341	18-10-8-0	5-3	25:59
@ Notre Dame	46-146-1	32-17-1-266-4	78-412	22-8-12-2	1-0	31:57
Washington	34-112-0	44-17-1-223-0	78-335	20-4-12-4	5-4	28:03
@ Notre Dame	36-76-1	49-29-0-460-1	85-536	28-4-21-3	2-1	33:12
Purdue	28-99-0	32-22-0-413-4	60-512	22-6-15-1	0-0	26:48
@ Notre Dame	51-149-3	24-11-0-173-0	75-322	19-9-9-1	3-1	36:20
Stanford	25-67-1	38-17-0-267-0	63-334	16-3-11-2	4-0	23:40
Notre Dame	44-204-3	20-11-0-130-0	64-334	20-13-6-1	1-0	29:59
vs. Navy	61-216-1	6-3-0-44-0	67-260	17-15-2-0	2-1	30:01
@ Notre Dame	34-104-2	33-20-2-231-1	67-335	17-4-13-0	0-0	31:12
Boston College	28-62-1	41-27-2-383-2	69-445	22-4-15-3	0-0	28:48
Notre Dame						
@ Tennessee						
@ Notre Dame						
Pittsburgh						
Notre Dame						
@ USC						

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
@BYU	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	L, 17-20
Michigan	2	1	3	1	3	4	-1	W, 28-20
@Mich. St.	3	3	6	2	1	3	+3	W, 31-24
Washington	4	1	5	0	1	1	+4	W, 38-3
Purdue	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	L, 16-41
Stanford	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	W, 23-15
vs. Navy	1	0	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 27-9
BC	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	L, 23-24
@Tennessee								
Pittsburgh								
@USC								
Totals	11	8	19	6	7	13	+6	5-3

Turnover Analysis

19 opponent turnovers led to 62 of 203 (.305) Notre Dame points (8 TD/8 PAT/2 FG)
 13 Notre Dame turnovers led to 16 of 156 (.103) opponent points (1 TD/1 PAT/3 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Drives Started	107	108
Cumulative Starting Yardline	3,643	2,764
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 34	own 26
Drives Started in Plus Territory	70	59
Scores (TD/FG)	29 (22/7)	19 (7/12)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	23/4/2	23/2/2
Turnovers/End of Half	10/2	9/4
Drives Started at/inside own 20	37	49
Scores (TD/FG)	3 (2/1)	9 (6/3)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	28/1/1	23/2/1
Turnovers/End of Half	3/1	10/4

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Chase Anastasio	0	1	1
John Carlson	0	2	2
Jerome Collins	0	4	4
Anthony Fasano	0	14	14
Marcus Freeman	0	3	3
Ryan Grant	18	2	20
Justin Hoskins	1	0	1
Jeff Jenkins	3	0	3
Rhema McKnight	0	19	19
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	1	2
Brady Quinn	7	0	7
Billy Palmer	0	2	2
Jeff Samardzija	0	10	10
Josh Schmidt	0	1	1
Matt Shelton	0	14	14
Maurice Stovall	0	10	10
Travis Thomas	1	1	2
Darius Walker	23	0	23
Marcus Wilson	5	0	5
Penalty			10
Team Totals	59	84	153

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2004 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Grant	Powers-Neal	Quinn	T. Thomas	Walker	Wilson	TOTAL
@BYU	DNP	1-0-0	5-(-13)-0	6-2-0	DNP	9-22-0	21-11-0
Michigan	4-9-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	DNP	31-115-2	3-4-0	40-135-2
@Michigan State	11-66-1	1-0-0	4-1-1	5-10-0	26-98-0	0-0-0	48-173-2
Washington	DNP	3-17-0	0-0-0	5-(-5)-0	23-81-1	5-20-0	46-146-1
Purdue	DNP	2-1-1	12-(-7)-0	0-0-0	19-60-0	1-2-0	36-76-1
Stanford	19-67-2	4-4-0	7-(-12)-0	0-0-0	20-82-0	1-8-0	51-149-3
vs. Navy	20-114-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	9-26-0	6-40-1	44-204-3
Boston College	17-48-0	1-5-0	3-(-3)-1	0-0-0	8-35-1	5-19-0	34-104-2
@Tennessee							
Pittsburgh							
@USC							

PASSING

(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD)	Dillingham	Quinn	TOTAL
@BYU	DNP	47-26-0-265-1	47-26-0-265-1
Michigan	DNP	20-10-3-178-2	21-10-3-178-2
@Michigan State	DNP	24-11-1-215-1	24-11-1-215-1
Washington	0-0-0-0-0	32-17-1-266-4	32-17-1-266-4
Purdue	3-3-0-38-0	46-26-0-432-1	49-29-0-460-1
Stanford	0-0-0-0-0	24-11-0-173-0	24-11-0-173-0
vs. Navy	0-0-0-0-0	20-11-0-130-0	20-11-0-130-0
Boston College	DNP	33-20-2-231-1	33-20-2-231-1
@Tennessee			
Pittsburgh			
@USC			

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Collins	Fasano	Freeman	Holiday	McKnight	Powers-Neal	Samardzija	Shelton	Stovall	TOTAL
@BYU	0-0-0	4-60-0	3-28-0	0-0-0	8-92-1	4-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-23-0	26-265-1
Michigan	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-42-0	1-8-1	0-0-0	1-46-1	5-82-0	10-178-2
@Michigan State	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-65-0	3-123-1	2-17-0	11-215-1
Washington	0-0-0	3-41-2	0-0-0	2-21-0	3-68-0	0-0-0	3-48-0	4-74-2	DNP	17-266-4
Purdue	1-13-0	8-155-0	2-22-0	0-0-0	7-113-1	1-6-0	3-59-0	3-61-0	DNP	29-460-0
Stanford	3-45-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-51-0	1-10-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	3-59-0	11-173-0
vs. Navy	0-0-0	1-18-0	DNP	0-0-0	2-22-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	2-40-0	1-14-0	11-130-0
Boston College	0-0-0	3-12-0	DNP	0-0-0	5-78-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-33-1	2-37-0	20-231-1
@Tennessee										
Pittsburgh										
@USC										

FIELD GOALS

(* - missed FG)	@BYU	UM	@MSU	WASH	PUR	STAN	vs. NAVY	BC	@TENN	PITT	USC
Fitzpatrick	21	None	37*, 23	45	26, 44*	38	47, 20	43, 55*			

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2004 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

TACKLES

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

	@BYU	Michigan	@Michigan State	Washington	Purdue	Stanford
Abiamiri	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0.5-0-0-0	2-0-2-2-0-0-0-1	1-1-2-1.5-0-0-0-0
Budinscak	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-1-1-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-2-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Burrell	4-2-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-1-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0
Campbell	7-1-8-1-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-1-0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Curry	2-4-6-2-1-0-0-1	2-4-6-1-0-0-0-1	4-0-4-1-0-1-0-0	3-3-6-0-1-0-1-0	5-2-7-1-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-1-0-0-1-1
Ellick	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-1-1-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0	5-2-7-0-0-1-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-1-0	4-2-6-0-0-0-1-0
Frome	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Goolsby	2-9-11-1-0-0-1-0	7-7-14-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-0-0-2-0	3-4-7-0-0-0-0-0	5-2-7-0.5-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0.5-0-0-0-0
Hoyte	5-1-6-2-0-0-0-1	3-6-9-1-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-0-0-0-0	5-1-6-0-0-0-1-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Jackson	0-3-3-0-1-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Landri	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-2-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-1-0	1-3-4-0.5-0-0-0-0
Laws	3-2-5-1-0-0-0-1	2-2-4-1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-1-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Leitko	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-1-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Mays	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Parish	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Pauly	2-3-5-2-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-0-0.5	4-1-5-1-0-0-0-0
Richardson	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-1-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0
Tuck	1-4-5-2-0-0-0-2	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-1	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-1.5-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0.5-0-0-0-0.5	1-1-2-1.5-0-0-0-0
Zbikowski	3-2-5-2-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	6-3-9-0-1-1-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-1-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0

TACKLES

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

	vs. Navy	Boston College	@Tennessee	Pittsburgh	USC
Abiamiri	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0			
Budinscak	2-1-3-1-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-0-0			
Burrell	3-8-11-0.5-0-0-1-0	8-2-10-0-0-0-0-0			
Campbell	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0			
Curry	3-3-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0.5-0-1-0-0.5			
Ellick	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-2-0			
Frome	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	DNP			
Goolsby	3-9-12-1.5-0-0-0-1	3-4-7-0-0-1-0-0			
Hoyte	5-11-16-1-0-0-0-1	3-1-4-2-0-0-0-1			
Jackson	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0			
Landri	2-4-6-1-1-0-0-1	6-1-7-1.5-0-0-0-0			
Laws	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0			
Leitko	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0			
Mays	4-1-5-2-0-0-0-2	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0			
Parish	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0			
Pauly	1-8-9-1-0-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0			
Richardson	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0			
Tuck	2-5-7-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-3.5-0-0-0-0.5			
Zbikowski	3-5-8-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-0-0-0-0			

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2004 Notre Dame Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
@ BYU	2	0:00/D.J. Fitzpatrick 21 field goal	10p, 77yd, 1:34
	3	4:24/Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 54yd, 0:13
	4	8:19/Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
Michigan	3	11:02/Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 61yd, 1:14
	4	13:48/Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 29yd, 1:42
	4	11:23/Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 5yd, 0:06
	4	5:49/Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 40yd, 2:13
@ Michigan State	1	4:42/Brady Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 13yd, 3:37
	1	0:07/Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	2	8:52/Matt Shelton 35 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 59yd, 1:10
	3	5:39/Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 75yd, 2:56
Washington	4	0:57/D.J. Fitzpatrick 23 field goal	7p, 40yd, 2:32
	1	8:59/Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 45yd, 1:37
	1	0:20/Matt Shelton 27 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	11p, 79yd, 3:40
	1	0:00/Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 18yd, 0:03
Purdue	2	9:14/Anthony Fasano 15 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 65yd, 2:39
	2	0:34/D.J. Fitzpatrick 45 field goal	9p, 34yd, 1:33
	4	12:19/Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 75yd, 1:18
	1	6:30/D.J. Fitzpatrick 26 field goal	11p, 69yd, 4:19
Stanford	3	8:54/Rhema McKnight 40 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 63yd, 2:57
	3	4:17/Rashon Powers-Neal 1 run (Brady Quinn pass failed)	7p, 76yd, 2:23
	2	12:14/D.J. Fitzpatrick 38 field goal	7p, 48yd, 2:29
vs. Navy	3	5:56/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	13p, 73yd, 6:27
	4	11:59/Ryan Grant 3 run (Brady Quinn pass failed)	7p, 27yd, 3:40
	4	4:10/Brady Quinn 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 47yd, 2:17
	1	12:54/Marcus Wilson 33 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 81yd, 2:06
Boston College	1	6:48/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 68yd, 2:30
	2	0:53/D.J. Fitzpatrick 47 field goal	9p, 38yd, 3:50
	3	1:16/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	13p, 73yd, 6:36
	4	12:55/D.J. Fitzpatrick 20 field goal	6p, 11yd, 3:14
Boston College	1	2:54/Matt Shelton 33 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	4p, 63yd, 1:45
	2	11:09/Brady Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	2p, 2yd, 1:22
	2	3:56/Darius Walker 9 run (Fitzpatrick kick failed)	13p, 91yd, 6:17
	4	2:51/D.J. Fitzpatrick 43 field goal	7p, 19yd, 4:19

Goin' The Distance

ND plays covering 25+ yards this season

Opp	Player	dist	play
@BYU	Chase Anastasio	40	KR
	Rhema McKnight	54*	rec
	Anthony Fasano	27	rec
	Preston Jackson	38*	INT
UM	Maurice Stovall	49	rec
	Matt Shelton	46*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	27	rec
@MSU	Tom Zbikowski	75*	FR
	Matt Shelton	53	rec
	Matt Shelton	35*	rec
	Derek Curry	35	INT
	Mike Richardson	32	INT
	Matt Shelton	35	rec
	Jeff Samardzija	31	rec
WASH	Matt Shelton	27*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	53	rec
PUR	Anthony Fasano	42	rec
	Anthony Fasano	26	rec
	Anthony Fasano	25	rec
	Chase Anastasio	30	KR
	Rhema McKnight	40*	rec
	Jeff Samardzija	41	rec
	Matt Shelton	34	rec
STAN	Chase Anastasio	27	KR
	Maurice Stovall	43	rec
	Rhema McKnight	34	rec
v. NAVY	Marcus Wilson	33*	rush
	Matt Shelton	30	rec
BC	Matt Shelton	33*	rec
	Maurice Stovall	30	rec
	Rhema McKnight	25	rec

* - scoring play / KR - kickoff return / PR - punt return / BPR - blocked punt return / INT - interception return / FR - fumble return

NOTRE DAME VS. TENNESSEE

2004 Opponent Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
@ BYU	1	9:47/Naufahu Tahu 5 run (Payne kick)	6p, 75yd, 1:58
	1	1:31/Matt Payne 44 field goal	8p, 29yd, 3:24
	2	1:34/Matt Payne 53 field goal	4p, (-4)yd, 2:04
	3	7:47/Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick)	4p, 62yd, 1:27
Michigan	1	8:29/Garrett Rivas 38 field goal	7p, 17yd, 2:37
	1	0:11/Garrett Rivas 33 field goal	13p, 41yd, 5:58
	2	0:00/Garrett Rivas 22 field goal	9p, 75yd, 3:52
	3	5:57/Garrett Rivas 47 field goal	7p, 14yd, 2:38
@Michigan State	1	12:18/Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	3	5:28/DeAndra Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	4	14:55/Dave Rayner 46 field goal	8p, 31yd, 3:38
	4	0:09/Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick)	8p, 63yd, 0:41
Washington	2	11:53/Michael Braunstein 26 field goal	10p, 58yd, 3:07
Purdue	1	10:49/Ben Jones 31 field goal	10p, 63yd, 4:11
	1	6:16/Jerome Brooks 100 kickoff return (Jones kick)	no drive
	2	11:24/Ben Jones 24 field goal	7p, 52yd, 1:52
	2	1:03/Rob Ninkovich 2 pass from Kyle Orton (Jones kick)	11p, 97yd, 3:36
	3	11:51/Taylor Stubblefield 97 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	3p, 97yd, 0:19
Stanford	3	6:40/Kyle Ingraham 9 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	5p, 56yd, 2:14
	3	0:45/Stubblefield 12 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	8p, 75yd, 3:32
	1	9:45/Michael Sgroi 27 field goal	9p, 42yd, 2:04
	1	5:22/Michael Sgroi 20 field goal	8p, 75yd, 2:26
vs. Navy	3	12:23/Michael Sgroi 38 field goal	7p, 60yd, 2:37
	3	3:28/J.R. Lemon 1 run (Trent Edwards pass intercepted)	9p, 80yd, 2:28
	3	7:52/Geoff Blumenfeld 29 field goal	15p, 81yd, 7:08
Boston College	4	4:19/Frank Divis 5 run (Aaron Polanco pass failed)	5p, 31yd, 2:01
	1	7:54/L.V. Whitworth 2 run (Ohliger kick)	11p, 86yd, 4:55
	3	3:53/Joel Hazard 21 pass from Paul Peterson (Ohliger kick)	7p, 92yd, 3:16
	4	12:14/Ryan Ohliger 21 field goal	9p, 72yd, 3:44
	4	0:54/Tony Gonzalez 30 pass from Paul Peterson (Ohliger kick)	8p, 78yd, 1:57

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Rushing Yards

8. Randy Kinder (1993-96)	2,295
9. Tony Brooks (1987-88, '90-91)	2,274
10. Emil Sitko (1946-49)	2,226
11. Neil Worden (1951-53)	2,039
12. Lee Becton (1991-94)	2,029
13. Ryan Grant (2001-present)	2,009

Pass Completions

4. Jarius Jackson (1996-99)	306
5. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	304
6. Blair Kiel (1980-83)	297
7. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	290
8. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	289

Pass Attempts

1. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	969
2. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	850
3. Rick Mirer (1989-92)	698
4. Blair Kiel (1980-83)	609
5. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	558

Passing Yardage

4. Jarius Jackson (1996-99)	4,820
5. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	4,411
6. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	4,152
7. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	4,121
8. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	3,721

Passing Yards Per Game

1. Brady Quinn (2003-pres.)	186.1 (3,721/20)
2. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	172.7 (7,602/44)
3. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	159.7 (4,152/26)
4. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	155.4 (6,527/42)
5. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	152.6 (4,121/27)

Pass Receptions

3. Tim Brown (1984-87)	137
4. Derrick Mayes (1992-95)	129
5. Ken MacAfee (1974-77)	128
6. Tony Hunter (1979-82)	120
--. Rhema McKnight (2002-present)	87
--. Maurice Stovall (2002-present)	56

Field Goals Made

3. (tie) Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	39
(tie) Dave Reeve (1974-77)	39
5. Mike Johnston (1982-83)	31
6. Jim Sanson (1996-99)	28
7. Harry Oliver (1980-81)	24
--. D.J. Fitzpatrick (2002-present)	20

The Last Time It Happened ...

NOTRE DAME ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:at Boston College, 1996 (426)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Stanford, 2003 (320)
 Had 70 or more rushing attempts:vs. Michigan State, 1991 (76)
 Had 60 or more rushing attempts:vs. West Virginia, 2001 (69)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:vs. Stanford, 2004 (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:at Stanford, 2003 (4)
 Had two players with 100 rush yards in a game:vs. Stanford, 2002
 (Rashon Powers-Neal 108, Ryan Grant 103)

PASSING

Had 500 or more yards:at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 400 or more yards:vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
 Had 300 or more yards:vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. Purdue, 2004 (49)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:vs. Boston College, 2004 (33)
 Had 25 or more pass completions:vs. Purdue, 2004 (29)
 Had 20 or more pass completions:vs. Boston College, 2004 (20)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
 Had five passes intercepted:vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four passes intercepted:at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted:vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:vs. Purdue, 2004
 (Anthony Fasano 155, Rhema McKnight 113)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:vs. Purdue, 2004
 (Anthony Fasano - 155)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

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

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:vs. Washington, 1996 (650)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (536)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (536)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (85)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense:vs. Stanford, 2004 (75)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 30 or more points:vs. Washington, 2004 (38)
 Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50 or more points:at Miami (FL), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40 or more points:vs. Purdue, 2004 (41)
 Allowed 30 or more points:vs. Purdue, 2004 (41)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
 (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0),
 vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1976 vs. Purdue (23-0), at
 Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs. North
 Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0), vs.
 Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:vs. Washington, 2004
 (Matt Shelton - 2, Anthony Fasano - 2)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:vs. Navy, 2004
 Committed six or more turnovers:vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
 Committed five or more turnovers:vs. Boston College, 2002 (5)
 Committed four or more fumbles lost:vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
 Committed three or more fumbles lost:vs. Washington State, 2003 (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways:at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five or more takeaways:vs. Washington, 2004 (5)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs:vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
 (Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD:at BYU, 2004 (1)
 (Preston Jackson - 38 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:at Michigan State, 2004 (1)
 (Tom Zbikowski - 75 yards)

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DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:at BYU, 2004 (22)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:vs. Navy, 2004 (44)
Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense:.....vs. Navy, 2004 (260)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense: ..at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)
Intercepted five or more passes:vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
Intercepted four or more passes:vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes:at Michigan State, 2004 (3)
Scored a safety:at Stanford, 2003
Recorded nine or more sacks:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
Recorded eight or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded seven or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded six or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded five or more sacks:vs. Navy, 2004 (5)
Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:vs. Washington, 1996 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs:vs. Navy, 2004 (20)
Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
Had 10 or more penalties:vs. Washington, 2004 (10)
Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:vs. Stanford, 2004 (36:20)
Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Washington State, 2003 (W, 29-26)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER ...

RUSHING

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

Rushed for 200 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 175 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 150 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 125 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 100 or more yards:Ryan Grant vs. Navy, 2004 (114)
Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards:Carlyle Holiday
. at Boston College, 2001 (109)
Rushed 40 or more times:Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)
Rushed 35 or more times:Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (35)
Rushed 30 or more times:Darius Walker vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)
Rushed 25 or more times:Darius Walker at Michigan State, 2004 (26)
Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
Rushed for three or more TDs:Julius Jones vs. BYU, 2003 (3)
Rushed for two or more TDs:Ryan Grant vs. Navy, 2004 (2)
Had a run of 80 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 70 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 60 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (67)
Had a run of 50 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
Passed for 400 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
Passed for 300 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
Attempted 50 or more passes:.....Brady Quinn vs. Florida State, 2003 (52)
Attempted 40 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (46)
Attempted 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Boston College, 2004 (33)
Completed 20 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Boston College, 2004 (20)
Threw five or more TDs:Never
Threw four or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
Threw five or more interceptions:Before 1975
Threw four or more interceptions:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)
Threw three or more interceptions:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more: ..Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2003 (65)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Brady Quinn vs. Wash., 2004 (53)

RECEIVING

Caught 15 or more passes:Never
Caught 10 or more passes:Amaz Battle vs. North Carolina St., 2003 (10)
Caught seven or more passes:.....Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 175 or more yards receiving:Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (155)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (155)
Caught three or more TDs:Tom Gatewood vs. Purdue, 1970 (3)
Caught two or more TDs:Matt Shelton vs. Washington, 2004 (2)
Anthony Fasano vs. Washington, 2004 (2)

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TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500 or more yards total offense:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (425)
Had 100 yards both passing and rushing:Jarious Jackson
vs. Oklahoma, 1999 (276 passing, 107 rushing)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:.....Brady Quinn
vs. Washington, 2004 (4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Brady Quinn
vs. Washington, 2004 (4 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Shane Walton vs. Maryland, 2002 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes:Gerome Sapp at Michigan State, 2002 (2)
Recovered three or more fumbles:Never
Recovered two or more fumbles:Gerome Sapp vs. Navy, 2001 (2)
Recorded 15 or more tackles:Brandon Hoyte vs. Navy, 2004 (16)
Recorded 10 or more tackles:Brandon Hoyte vs. Navy, 2004 (16)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
Scored 10 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
Kicked five or more field goals:Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State (5)
Kicked four or more field goals:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (4)
Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards:Never
Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards:Nicholas Setta
vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)
Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 (71)
Kicked a punt 60 or more yards: ..D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. Boston Coll., 2004 (67)
Punted 10 or more times:D.J. Fitzpatrick at BYU, 2004 (10)
Totaled 175 or more kick return yards: Raghieb Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)
Totaled 100 or more punt return yards:Joey Getherall
at West Virginia, 2000 (122)

AN OPPOSING TEAM ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)
Had 300 or more yards:Stanford, 1997 (322)
Had 50 or more rushing attempts:Navy, 2004 (61)
Had five or more rush TDs:Stanford, 1990 (5)
Had four or more rush TDs:Michigan, 2003 (4)
Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game:Stanford, 1997
(Anthony Bookman - 142, Mike Mitchell - 135)

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards:Purdue, 2004 (413)
Had 300 or more yards:Purdue, 2004 (413)
Had 60 or more pass attempts:Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Had 50 or more pass attempts:Purdue, 2001 (52)
Had 40 or more pass attempts:Boston College, 2004 (41)
Had 30 or more pass completions:USC, 2002 (32)
Had five or more passing TDs:Never
Had four or more passing TDs:Purdue, 2004 (4)
Had three or more passing TDs:Purdue, 2004 (4)

RECEIVING

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

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:USC, 2002 (610)
Had 500 or more yards total offense:Purdue, 2004 (512)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:Boston College, 2004 (445)
Had 80 or more plays:USC, 2003 (81)
Had 70 or more plays:Washington, 2004 (78)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:Never
Scored 50 or more points:Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
Scored 40 or more points:Purdue, 2004 (41)
Scored 30 or more points:Purdue, 2004 (41)
Scored a two-point conversion:Michigan, 2004

TURNOVERS

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

DEFENSE

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs:Michigan, 2003 (7)
Scored a safety:LSU, 1998
Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards:BYU, 2004 (11)
Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards:Navy, 2004 (130)
Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)

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Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense:BYU, 2004 (276)
Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2003 (140)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:Purdue, 2002 (Anthony Chambers - 76 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD:Michigan State, 2004
(Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD:Michigan St., 2004 (DeAndra Cobb - 89 yards)
Punted 10 or more times:Rutgers, 2002 (10)
Did not punt:Miami (Fla.), 1985
Missed a kicking PAT: Washington State, 2003

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs:Boston College, 2004 (22)
Had 10 or more penalties:Washington State, 2003 (13)
Had 100 or more yards in penalties:Washington State, 2003 (118)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:Michigan, 2003 (37:47)
Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher:Syracuse, 2003
(Johnnie Morant, 103 receiving, Walter Reyes, 189 rushing)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER ...

RUSHING

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

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Never
Passed for 400 or more yards:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (425)
Passed for 300 or more yards:Paul Peterson, Boston College, 2004 (383)
Attempted 60 or more passes:Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Attempted 50 or more passes:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2001 (52)

Attempted 40 or more passes:Paul Peterson, Boston College, 2004 (41)
Completed 30 or more passes:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
Completed 20 or more passes:Paul Peterson, Boston College, 2004 (27)
Threw four or more TDs:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (4)
Threw three or more TDs:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (4)
Completed a pass of 90 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Paul Peterson, BC, 2004 (50)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:Braylon Edwards, Michigan, 2004 (12)
Caught seven or more passes:Larry Lester, Boston College, 2004 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:Craphonso Thorpe
Florida State, 2003 (217)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:Larry Lester, Boston College, 2004 (111)
Caught three or more TD passes:Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 1995 (3)
Caught two or more TD passes:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004
(4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004
(4 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
Recorded three or more sacks:Ennis Davis, USC, 1999 (3)
Recorded two or more sacks:Julian Jenkins, Stanford, 2004 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan St., 2004 (79)
Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Jerome Brooks, Purdue, 2004 (118)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 1

Notre Dame	17
BYU	20

LaVell Edwards Stadium
Sept. 4, 2004

PROVO, Utah — Brigham Young held off a late push by Notre Dame for a 20-17 victory in the season opener for both teams. Matt Berry passed for 167 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown pass and a clutch 37-yard completion in the final minutes to Todd Watkins, after relieving BYU starter John Beck in the second quarter.

The Fighting Irish were about to get a final chance with BYU facing a third-and-8 play from its own 25. But Berry, who replaced injured starter John Beck in the second quarter, threw a long pass toward the Notre Dame sideline that Watkins leaped to pull in and give BYU a first down with 1:34 remaining. Watkins, a junior college transfer making his BYU debut, also caught a 50-yard pass from Beck to set up the Cougars' opening touchdown.

Notre Dame's Brady Quinn completed 26 of 47 passes for 265 yards, including a screen pass that Rhema McKnight took 54 yards for a touchdown. Preston Jackson returned an interception 38 yards in the fourth quarter to get the Irish within a field goal, but they had to punt on their last possession and the Cougars didn't give up the ball again.

McKnight had a career-high eight catches for 92 yards in the game as Quinn distributed completions to seven different receivers. Tight end Anthony Fasano added four catches for 60 yards for the Irish while fullback Rashon Powers-Neal caught four passes for 24 yards.

Berry, BYU's starter until breaking a bone in his hand early last season, completed 15 of 23 passes yards and an interception. He was shaky early in relief of Beck, who left in the second quarter after being leveled on an option play by Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte. X-rays on Beck were negative for any breaks, but he did not return.

The Cougars prevailed on a night when the most effective ways to move the ball were do anything but run with it. Only 22 of BYU's 285 yards came on the ground. The Fighting Irish had 21 carries for 11 yards on the ground. Matt Payne had field goals of 44 and 53 yards for BYU and his punting was clutch, pinning the Irish inside their own 15 all night and handcuffing the already struggling offense. Payne averaged 46.8 yards per kick even with a few short ones he tried to place in the corner.

BYU was the first to score when Fahu Tahī ran in from 5 yards out. The score was set up by Watkins, who was double covered and had his legs wrapped up but pulled in a 50-yard pass from Beck anyway. The Irish didn't score until late in the second quarter when Quinn ran the hurry-up offense to get within range for D.J. Fitzpatrick's 21-yard field goal for Notre Dame's first points of the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	3	7	7	—	17
BYU	10	3	7	0	—	20

First Quarter

BYU - Naufahu Tahī 5 run (Matt Payne kick), 9:47

ND - FG Payne 44, 1:31

Second Quarter

BYU - FG Payne 53, 1:34

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 21, 0:00

Third Quarter

BYU - Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick), 7:47

ND - Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:24

Fourth Quarter

ND - Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:19

Team Statistics

	ND	BYU
First downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	21-11	35-22
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	47-26-0	33-22-1
Passing yards	265	263
Total plays-yards	68-276	68-285
Kick returns-yards	3-51	6-63
Sacks by	5-36	3-22
Punts-average	11-40.8	9-46.8
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-yards	7-55	9-74
Third-down conversions	3-16	7-19
Fourth-down conversions	1-2	0-0
Time of possession	26:28	33:32

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Marcus Wilson 9-22; Travis Thomas 6-2; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; Brady Quinn 5-(-13).

BYU: Naufahu Tahī 12-31; Curtis Brown 12-15; John Beck 3-12; TEAM 2-(-2); Austin Collie 1-(-3); Matt Berry 5-(-31).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 47-26-0-265-1.

BYU: Matt Berry 23-15-1-167-1; John Beck 10-7-0-96-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Rhema McKnight 8-92; Anthony Fasano 4-60; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-24; Marcus Freeman 3-28; Maurice Stovall 3-23; Travis Thomas 2-28; Jeff Jenkins 2-10.

BYU: Todd Watkins 5-115; Curtis Brown 5-15; Austin Collie 3-54; Naufahu Tahī 3-31; David Coats 2-32; Jason Kukahiko 2-14; Dennis Pitta 1-4; Chris Hale 1-(-2).

Attendance - 65,251 (c)

Game 2

#8/7 Michigan	20
Notre Dame	28

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 11, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Freshman running back Darius Walker ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns as Notre Dame pulled off a 28-20 upset of No. 8/7 Michigan, which self-destructed in the second half.

Walker's first score from six yards out gave the Irish (1-1) their first lead, 14-12, just over a minute into the fourth quarter. After a blocked punt on Michigan's next possession, Walker scampered five yards around left end to extend the lead to 21-12.

"This was a big win. Any time you knock off a top 10 team, it's a big win," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said. "This was just one game, though. I can't get ahead of myself; I won't let my team get ahead of itself. Today was fantastic; tomorrow we start over again."

Walker finished with 115 yards on 31 carries, becoming the first Notre Dame freshman to top the 100-yard mark since Julius Jones in 1999. He also was the first Irish rookie running back to score twice since Jerome Heavens in 1975.

"(Running backs coach) Buzz Preston and I talked during the week. We wanted to get him in the first quarter, but we didn't know how many carries he would get," Willingham said. "He gave us a spark. The right person at the right time can give you that spark that everyone feeds off of."

Michigan (1-1) was undone by miscues in the second half, turning the ball over three times in addition to the blocked punt. The Wolverines also were unable to establish their running game, gaining just 55 yards on 28 carries.

The Wolverines held a 9-0 lead at the half as Garrett Rivas connected on field goals of 38, 33 and 22 yards. Notre Dame got on the board in the third period when Brady Quinn, who completed 10-of-20 passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns, hit Matt Shelton with a 46-yard scoring strike. Rivas' fourth field goal from 47 yards gave Michigan a 12-7 lead heading into the final period.

Michigan freshman Chad Henne was 25-of-40 for 240 yards and a touchdown to Steve Breaston with 2:27 to play. Henne found Breaston for the two-point conversion to provide the final margin.

The loss was Michigan's third straight at Notre Dame Stadium. The Wolverines have not won at Notre Dame Stadium since 1994. The Wolverines hold an 18-13-1 all-time lead in the series but are just 4-8-1 since 1987, including 1-5-1 at Notre Dame.

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan	6	3	3	8	—	20
Notre Dame	0	0	7	21	—	28

First Quarter

UM - FG Garrett Rivas 38, 8:29

UM - FG Rivas 33, 0:11

Second Quarter

UM - FG Rivas 22, 0:00

Third Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 11:02

UM - FG Rivas 47, 5:57

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:48

ND - Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:23

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:49

UM - Steve Breaston 25 pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick), 2:27

Team Statistics

	UM	ND
First downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	30-56	40-135
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-25-1	21-10-3
Passing yards	240	178
Total plays-yards	70-296	61-313
Kick returns-yards	5-94	12-162
Sacks by	0-0	2-18
Punts-average	8-38.4	7-37.6
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-50	5-49
Third-down conversions	6-18	3-12
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-1
Time of possession	32:38	27:22

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

UM: Jerome Jackson 15-32; Pierre Rembert 4-23; Michael Hart 5-17; Kevin Dudley 1-4; David Underwood 1-0; Steve Breaston 1-(-4); Chad Henne 3-(-16).

ND: Darius Walker 31-115; Ryan Grant 4-9; Brady Quinn 2-7; Marcus Wilson 3-4.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

UM: Chad Henne 40-25-1-240-1.

ND: Brady Quinn 20-10-3-178-2; Marcus Wilson 1-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

UM: Braylon Edwards 12-129; Steve Breaston 5-42; Jason Avant 3-30; Tim Massaquoi 1-11; Tyler Ecker 1-9; Kevin Dudley 1-9; Michael Hart 1-8; Pierre Rembert 1-2.

ND: Maurice Stovall 5-82; Rhema McKnight 3-42; Matt Shelton 1-46; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 3

Notre Dame 31
Michigan State 24

Spartan Stadium
Sept. 18, 2004

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Irish safety Tom Zbikowski returned a fumble 75 yards for a touchdown and had an interception that set up another score for Notre Dame, which forced six turnovers and beat Michigan State 31-24. The Fighting Irish (2-1) got three interceptions and recovered three fumbles in the victory.

Zbikowski's interception of Stephen Reaves' pass led to a 13-yard scoring drive for the Irish that was capped by a fourth-down, 1-yard bootleg by quarterback Brady Quinn to tie the game at 7. Zbikowski struck again on the next possession. He read a Michigan State option play and stripped running back Jason Teague of the ball, then raced the length of the field for a 14-7 lead.

Michigan State scored early in the first quarter on a blocked punt by Marshall Campbell. The punt was recovered in the end zone by Jerramy Scott to give Michigan State a 7-0 lead. But the Spartans couldn't keep the momentum, committing four first-half turnovers. Reaves, a freshman, was benched at halftime after throwing three interceptions. He was 7-for-20 for 66 yards.

The Irish had several scoring opportunities in the first half and extended their lead to 21-7 midway through the second period on a 59-yard, three-play drive capped by a 35-yard pass from Quinn to wide receiver Matt Shelton. Shelton finished with three catches for 123 yards and a touchdown.

An impressive 75-yard drive in the third period extended the Irish lead to 28-7. Notre Dame used seven consecutive running plays to reach the end zone. Grant started the drive with a 16-yard run before Walker carried four consecutive times for a total of 45 yards, including runs of 16 and 19 yards. Grant then returned to finish off the march with runs of nine and six yards, scoring from the six with 5:39 left in the third period.

That 21-point lead was short-lived as DeAndra Cobb returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for a Spartan touchdown. MSU followed with a 31-yard march to a field goal on its next possession to cut the lead to 28-17 and threatened to make another charge in the fourth period by marching 85 yards to the Irish one-yard line before Notre Dame's Corey Mays forced a fumble by MSU tailback Jahuu Caulcrick that Quentin Burrell recovered in the end zone.

An exchange of fumbles preceded Notre Dame's clinching score, a 23-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick with 57 seconds remaining for a 31-17 Irish lead. Reaves' replacement, sophomore Drew Stanton, led the Spartans to their only offensive TD with 9 seconds left in the game. Stanton ran in from 4 yards out.

The Irish had enough on offense to secure the victory, running for 173 yards. Ryan Grant had 66 yards on 11 carries, including a 6-yard touchdown. Quinn was 11-of-24 passing for 215 yards, including the scoring pass to Shelton.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame 14 7 7 3 — 31
Michigan St. 7 0 7 10 — 24

First Quarter

MSU - Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Dave Rayner kick), 12:18

ND - Brady Quinn 1 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 4:42

ND - Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:07

Second Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 35 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:52

Third Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:39

MSU - DeAndra Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick), 5:28

Fourth Quarter

MSU - FG Rayner 46, 14:55

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 23, 0:57

MSU - Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick), 0:09

Team Statistics

	ND	MSU
First downs	19	18
Rushes-yards	48-173	35-165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-11-1	34-15-3
Passing yards	215	176
Total plays-yards	72-388	69-341
Kick returns-yards	5-73	10-212
Sacks by	1-4	2-11
Punts-average	6-33.3	5-44.8
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-yards	4-22	3-20
Third-down conversions	7-16	4-14
Fourth-down conversions	1-1	0-0
Time of possession	34:01	25:59

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Darius Walker 26-98; Ryan Grant 11-66; Travis Thomas 5-10; Brady Quinn 4-1; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; TEAM 1-(-2).

MSU: Jahuu Caulcrick 15-85; Drew Stanton 8-49; Jason Teague 6-21; Matt Trannon 1-12; DeAndra Cobb 3-3; Stephen Reaves 1-(-1); TEAM 1-(-4).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 24-11-1-215-1.

MSU: Stephen Reaves 20-7-3-66-0; Drew Stanton 12-8-0-110-0; TEAM 2-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Jeff Samardzija 4-65; Matt Shelton 3-123; Maurice Stovall 2-17; Chris Vaughn 1-7; Darius Walker 1-3.

MSU: Jason Teague 4-14; Jerramy Scott 3-71; Kyle Brown 3-43; Matt Trannon 2-27; Agim Shabaj 2-14; Eric Knott 1-7.

Attendance - 74,962 (c)

Game 4

Washington 3
Notre Dame 38

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 25, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Finally, Notre Dame had room to relax.

Brady Quinn tied a school record with four touchdown passes to lead the Fighting Irish to a 38-3 victory over Washington, improving the Irish's record to 3-1. Quinn was 15-of-23 passing for 196 yards with two touchdowns each to Matt Shelton and Anthony Fasano in the first half, leading Notre Dame to its first easy victory of the season.

Quinn completed only two passes in the second half, one for 53 yards that set up the Fighting Irish's final score, but it hardly mattered. Quinn, a sophomore, finished 17 of 32 for 266 yards with one interception. Quinn spread his completions around to seven different receivers, including one play in which he caught his own deflected pass, and has completed passes for 14 different receivers this season. Quinn's fourth touchdown pass tied a school record done eight times, the last by Carlyle Holiday in 2002.

About the only disappointment for Notre Dame on Saturday was that after playing their best half offensively, the Irish could not move the ball in the second half. But the Huskies — who were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 16-3 loss to Arizona in 1992 — never got back in the game. The three points were the fewest allowed by the Irish since a 42-0 victory over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 2002.

Quinn guided Notre Dame to scores on five of its eight first-half possessions. He started the run on Notre Dame's second possession, pump faking a screen pass, then throwing 24 yards into the end zone to Shelton, who was wide open. Two possessions later, Quinn capped a 79-yard drive, Notre Dame's longest scoring drive of the season, with a 27-yard pass to a leaping Shelton. Making his first starting appearance for the Irish, Shelton finished with a career-high four catches for 74 yards.

The Notre Dame defense, which had set up or scored half of the Irish touchdowns entering the game, set the offense up again on Washington's next play. Nose guard Trevor Laws jarred the ball loose from tailback Kenny James, then fell on the ball at the Washington 18. The Irish scored on the next play when Quinn threw an 18-yard TD pass to Fasano, giving Notre Dame a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Washington made it 21-3 on a 26-yard field goal by Michael Braunstein. But the Irish went ahead, 28-3, on a 15-yard scoring pass from Quinn to Fasano in the second quarter. Notre Dame moved ahead 31-3 when D. J. Fitzpatrick kicked a 45-yard field goal with 34

seconds left in the half. The Irish went ahead, 38-3, on a 17-yard run by the freshman Darius Walker, who finished with 81 yards on 23 carries. Walker made his first start in place on injured senior Ryan Grant.

SCORING SUMMARY

Washington 0 3 0 0 — 3
Notre Dame 21 10 0 7 — 38

First Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:59

ND - Shelton 27 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:20

ND - Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:00

Second Quarter

WASH - FG Michael Braunstein 26, 11:53

ND - Fasano 15 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:14

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 45, 0:34

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:19

Team Statistics

	WASH	ND
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	34-112	46-146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-17-1	32-17-1
Passing yards	223	266
Total plays-yards	78-335	78-412
Kick returns-yards	11-135	3-37
Sacks by	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	7-40.6	8-45.0
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-101
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	28:03	31:57

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

WASH: Kenny James 11-33; James Sims 4-30; Louis Rankin 5-25; Carl Bonnell 6-16; Zach Tuiaosopo 2-8; Anthony Russo 1-7; Shelton Sampson 3-6; Casey Paus 2-(-13).

ND: Darius Walker 23-81; Marcus Wilson 5-20; Rashon Powers-Neal 3-17; Jeff Jenkins 5-17; Justin Hoskins 4-16; Matt Shelton 1-0; Travis Thomas 5-(-5).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

WASH: Casey Paus 26-10-0-130-0; Carl Bonnell 18-7-1-93-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 32-17-1-266-4.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

WASH: Corey Williams 5-72; Sonny Shackelford 3-38; Bobby Whitome 2-36; Joe Toledo 2-27; Kenny James 2-15; Anthony Russo 1-13; Charles Frederick 1-11; Quintin Daniels 1-11.

ND: Matt Shelton 4-74; Rhema McKnight 3-68; Jeff Samardzija 3-48; Anthony Fasano 3-41; Carlyle Holiday 2-21; Josh Schmidt 1-14; Brady Quinn 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 5

#15/15 Purdue 41
Notre Dame 16

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 2, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — It was an offensive showcase that has seldom been matched at Notre Dame Stadium.

An amazing performance by Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn was overshadowed by an incredible performance by Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton, whose pinpoint passing and poise in the pocket helped No. 15 Purdue end 30 years of frustration at Notre Dame. Off to a phenomenal start to the season, Orton passed for 385 yards — including a 97-yard touchdown to Taylor Stubblefield — and four scores as the Boilermakers defeated the Fighting Irish, 41-16.

Jerome Brooks ran back a kickoff 100 yards for a score for Purdue (4-0), which snapped a 13-game road losing streak in Notre Dame Stadium and became the first Big Ten team in three tries to beat Notre Dame this season. The Irish had defeated Michigan and Michigan State.

Orton completed 21-of-31 passes, including a pair of scores to Stubblefield, his favorite target. Through four games, Orton has 17 touchdowns without an interception this season. Just as impressive was Quinn, who went 26-of-46 for 432 yards — a record by a quarterback at Notre Dame Stadium — and one touchdown without an interception for the Irish (3-2). It was the second-most passing yards ever produced by a Notre Dame quarterback.

After Notre Dame tied the game at 3-3 on D.J. Fitzpatrick's 26-yard field goal with just over six minutes left in the first quarter, Brooks took the ensuing kickoff on the goal line, broke a pair of tackles and raced diagonally to his left for the score.

It was 13-3 when Notre Dame freshman Darius Walker lost a fumble at the Purdue 3 and Orton marched the Boilermakers on a 97-yard drive, which he capped with a two-yard pass to Rob Ninkovich to make it 20-3 with 1:03 left in the half.

Orton added three TD passes in the third quarter, including his bomb down the right sideline to Stubblefield just over three minutes into the half. It was the second-longest TD pass in Purdue history and the longest ever allowed by Notre Dame.

Stubblefield had seven catches for 181 yards and moved into second place on the school's career receiving yards and receptions lists. Despite both teams being held to double figures in rushing yards, the game featured more than 1,000 yards of total offense (Notre Dame - 536; Purdue - 512).

The Irish produced a pair of 100-yard receiving efforts in the game as tight end Anthony Fasano caught eight passes for 155 yards and receiver Rhema McKnight grabbed

seven for 113 yards and a touchdown. Fasano's total yardage set a new Notre Dame record for receiving yards by a tight end in a single game.

SCORING SUMMARY

Purdue	10	10	21	0	—	41
Notre Dame	3	0	13	0	—	16

First Quarter

PUR - FG Ben Jones 31, 10:49

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 26, 6:30

PUR - Jerome Brooks 100 kickoff return (Jones kick), 6:16

Second Quarter

PUR - FG Jones 39, 11:24

PUR - Rob Ninkovich 2 pass from Kyle Orton (Jones kick), 1:03

Third Quarter

PUR - Taylor Stubblefield 97 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 11:51

ND - Rhema McKnight 40 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:54

PUR - Kyle Ingraham 9 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 6:40

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1 run (Quinn pass failed), 4:17

PUR - Stubblefield 12 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 0:45

Team Statistics

	PUR	ND
First downs	22	28
Rushes-yards	28-99	36-75
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	32-22-0	49-29-0
Passing yards	413	460
Total plays-yards	60-512	85-536
Kick returns-yards	2-118	6-100
Sacks by	7-31	2-17
Punts-average	3-35.7	3-49.3
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	8-70	7-40
Third-down conversions	5-10	8-18
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	2-4
Time of possession	26:48	33:12

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

PUR: Jerod Void 11-53; Brandon Jones 9-44; Kyle Orton 6-3; Ray Williams 1-1; TEAM 1(-2).

ND: Darius Walker 19-60; Jeff Jenkins 2-20; Marcus Wilson 1-2; Rashon Powers-Neal 2-1; Brady Quinn 12(-7).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

PUR: Kyle Orton 31-21-0-385-4; Brandon Jones 1-1-0-28-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 46-26-0-432-1; Pat Dillingham 3-3-0-28-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

PUR: Taylor Stubblefield 7-181; Ray Williams 5-59; Kyle Ingraham 4-29; Dorien Bryant 2-78; Brian Hare 1-36; Jerod Void 1-15; Charles Davis 1-13; Rob Ninkovich 1-2.

ND: Anthony Fasano 8-155; Rhema McKnight 7-113; Matt Shelton 3-61; Jeff Samardzija 3-59; Marcus Freeman 2-22; Darius Walker 1-16; Chase Anastasio 1-15; Jerome Collins 1-13; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; Brady Quinn 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

Game 6

Stanford 15
Notre Dame 23

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 9, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham found a way to beat his former Stanford team for a third straight time as the Irish claimed a 23-15 win. This one, though, was nowhere near as easy as the previous two. With the victory, Notre Dame became just the second Division I-A team to win 800 games (Michigan won its 838th vs. Minnesota on Saturday).

Notre Dame looked as if it was in trouble until a muffed punt snap by Stanford set up a go-ahead touchdown by Ryan Grant from 3 yards out early in the fourth quarter. The Irish added an insurance score on quarterback Brady Quinn's two-yard run with 4:10 left and turned back Stanford's last-gasp drive for a tying score. Quinn was 11-of-24 passing for 173 yards, but didn't play the last series after being shaken up on the TD run.

"It was a barnburner," Willingham said. "We weren't trying to burn down the barn. It was hard for me because I didn't think we were playing the way I know we can."

Stanford (3-2), which lost to the Irish (4-2) by 24 and 50 points the past two seasons, looked as though it might finally beat its former coach. The Cardinal were leading 15-10 until punter Jay Ottovegio dropped the snap late in the third quarter despite no pressure by the Irish. Ottovegio picked the ball up and tried to get the punt off, but was tackled by Corey Mays just as he released the ball and fanned on the kick. Stanford's David Bergeron recovered the ball on the 27 for Stanford, but the Irish took over on downs.

Grant, who missed the past two games and the season-opener against Brigham Young because of an injured left hamstring, also had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter. Grant finished with 67 yards on 19 carries for Notre Dame. Willingham said having Grant back was a key for the Irish.

"We said all along that Ryan is not only an excellent player, he's an excellent leader," Willingham said. "When you have him in there, it just multiplies your experience."

Darius Walker ran for 82 yards on 20 carries. Notre Dame, held to 76 yards rushing in its loss to Purdue and 11 yards in its loss to Brigham Young, rushed for 149 yards and improved to 4-0 in games when it rushes for at least 100 yards.

"I hope we can get out of this week-to-week situation and we can get consistent with our running game because that is critical to our success," Willingham said. "Having a run game allows us to be a better football team. That's the bottom line."

The Cardinal couldn't finish their drives, setting for three field goals by Michael Sgroi,

including two on their first two possessions when they drove inside the Notre Dame 10. Despite all their troubles, Stanford had a chance to tie it from the 39-yard line on the last play of the game. But Notre Dame knocked down the pass by Trent Edwards into the end zone to preserve the victory. Edwards was 17-of-38 passing for 267 yards for the Cardinal.

SCORING SUMMARY

Stanford	6	0	9	0	—	15
Notre Dame	0	3	7	13	—	23

First Quarter

STAN - FG Michael Sgroi 27, 9:45

STAN - FG Sgroi 20, 5:22

Second Quarter

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 38, 12:14

Third Quarter

STAN - FG Sgroi 38, 12:23

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:56

STAN - J.R. Lemon 1 run (Trent Edwards pass intercepted), 3:28

Fourth Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 3 run (Brady Quinn pass failed), 11:59

Team Statistics

	STAN	ND
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	34-112	46-146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-17-1	32-17-1
Passing yards	223	266
Total plays-yards	78-335	78-412
Kick returns-yards	11-135	3-37
Sacks by	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	7-40.6	8-45.0
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-101
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	28:03	31:57

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

STAN: J.R. Lemon 13-41; Mark Bradford 1-16; Kenneth Tolon 4-8; Trent Edwards 6-8; Jay Ottovegio 1(-6).

ND: Darius Walker 20-82; Ryan Grant 19-67; Marcus Wilson 1-8; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-4; Brady Quinn 7(-12).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

STAN: Trent Edwards 38-17-0-267-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 24-11-0-173-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

STAN: Alex Smith 5-73; Evan Moore 5-72; Greg Camarillo 2-50; Matt Traverso 1-30; Justin McCullum 1-24; Mark Bradford 1-9; Kenneth Tolon 1-7; J.R. Lemon 1-2.

ND: Maurice Stovall 3-59; Rhema McKnight 3-51; Jerome Collins 3-45; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-10; Jeff Samardzija 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 7

Notre Dame 27
Navy 9

Giants Stadium
Oct. 16, 2004

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Ryan Grant ran for 114 yards and two touchdowns, and Notre Dame (5-2) had little trouble extending its NCAA-record winning streak against Navy (5-1) with a 27-9 victory. Navy came in unbeaten with hopes of finally ending four decades of futility against the Irish. Adding to the optimism for the Midshipmen were their performances against Notre Dame the past two seasons when the Irish needed late-game heroics in both to extend the streak.

"We remember how close this game has been the last two years," Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby. "That was the thing coach (Greg) Mattison tried to get across to us this week. It doesn't have to be close."

The defensive line coach was right. Grant and Notre Dame's dominant lines wrapped this one up early for the Irish. Notre Dame needed two possessions to take a 14-0 lead.

"It kind of set the tone for the game and gave us confidence," said quarterback Brady Quinn, who was 11-for-20 for 130 yards.

The Irish went into halftime up 17-0, having allowed Navy's triple-option attack to break midfield at Giants Stadium just once. The Midshipmen got their ground game going on the first drive of the second half, marching 81 yards without throwing a pass. But Navy stalled and settled for a field goal to make it 17-3.

Kyle Eckel finished with 102 yards on 22 rushes for Navy, but playing from behind just doesn't suit the Midshipmen. Navy completed 3 of 6 passes for 44 yards.

Navy came in averaging 267 yards rushing, but led by defensive tackles Greg Pauly and Derek Landri, Notre Dame had five sacks and limited the Midshipmen to 216 yards rushing.

Navy's only touchdown came on a late 5-yard run by Frank Divis. Notre Dame showed off its version of power football on its first drive of the second half. The Irish went 73 yards on 13 plays throwing just two short passes. Grant, from nearby Nyack, N.Y., accounted for 64 yards on the drive -- 55 on nine rushes. He skipped into the end zone from a yard out to make it 24-3 late in the third quarter.

Grant carried the ball 20 times for his first 100-yard game in two years. Notre Dame opened the game with an 81-yard drive that couldn't have gone more smoothly. Quinn completed his first two throws for 37 yards and Marcus Wilson, a third-stringer from New York City, scored his first career touchdown on a 33-yard run through a huge opening.

Notre Dame's second possession went much like the first, with Quinn hooking up

with Matt Shelton for 30 yards to the Navy 20 and Grant handling the rest on the ground. The senior tailback went 19 yards off tackle, then bounced to the outside for a 1-yard run that made it 14-0.

Navy managed only 95 yards in the first half, all on the ground. Notre Dame balanced its attack with 110 on the ground and 116 through the air.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	14	3	7	3	—	27
Navy	0	0	3	6	—	9

First Quarter

ND - Marcus Wilson 33 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 12:54

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:48

Second Quarter

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 47, 0:53

Third Quarter

NAVY - FG Geoff Blumenfeld 29, 7:52

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:16

Fourth Quarter

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 20, 12:55

NAVY - Frank Divis 5 run (Aaron Polanco pass failed), 4:19

Team Statistics

	ND	NAVY
First downs	20	17
Rushes-yards	44-204	61-216
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	20-11-0	6-3-0
Passing yards	130	44
Total plays-yards	64-334	67-260
Kick returns-yards	5-39	7-90
Sacks by	5-21	0-0
Punts-average	4-41.0	4-35.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-31	2-10
Third-down conversions	5-12	8-15
Fourth-down conversions	0-1	0-2
Time of possession	29:59	30:01

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 20-114; Marcus Wilson 6-40; Darius Walker 9-26; Travis Thomas 7-18; Jeff Jenkins 2-6.

NAVY: Kyle Eckel 22-102; Eric Roberts 5-51; Frank Divis 5-32; Aaron Polanco 24-19; Marco Nelson 3-13; Trey Hines 1-6; Lloyd Regas 1(-)-7.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Brady Quinn 20-11-0-130-0.

NAVY: Aaron Polanco 5-3-0-44-0; Frank Divis 1-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Matt Shelton 2-40; Rhema McKnight 2-22; John Carlson 2-17; Anthony Fasano 1-18; Maurice Stovall 1-14; Ryan Grant 1-9; Jeff Samardzija 1-5; Darius Walker 1-5.

NAVY: Eric Roberts 1-21; Frank Divis 1-14; Amir Jenkins 1-9.

Attendance - 76,166

Game 8

Boston College 24
#24/25 Notre Dame 23

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 23, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez with 54 seconds left to give the Eagles a 24-23 come-from-behind victory over No. 24 Notre Dame, the Eagles' fourth straight win over the Irish. Gonzalez made a great catch on the game-winning touchdown, going up over Irish cornerback Mike Richardson and coming down with the ball in the end zone.

The Eagles dominated the second half after trailing 20-7 at halftime, outgaining the Irish 319 yards to 122 yards. The Irish were held to just 24 yards rushing in the second half. Peterson engineered the comeback, going 27-of-41 for 383 yards, including 19-of-23 for 297 yards in the second half. He had a 21-yard scoring pass to Joel Hazard in the third quarter and set up a 21-yard field goal by Ryan Ohliger early in the fourth that cut the lead to 20-17.

Two key defensive plays in the first half kept the Eagles within range of Notre Dame. Jazzmen Williams intercepted Brady Quinn's pass at BC's 1 and DeJuan Tribble picked off Quinn at the Eagles 11. Both plays came in the second quarter with Notre Dame trying to extend their lead. The Irish also struggled in the second half with a number of missed tackles, allowing BC to keep some drives alive. Notre Dame also missed what turned out to be a game-deciding extra point wide right on its third touchdown.

"I thought we missed a great number of opportunities to make plays," Willingham said. "We just did not take advantage of what we thought were opportunities to get ourselves off the field or keep ourselves off the field."

Quinn was 20-of-33 for 231 yards with a TD pass and a touchdown run, but couldn't get the Irish going in the second half. Receiver Rhema McKnight led the Irish in receiving with five catches for 78 yards. The Irish rushed for 104 yards in the game, led by Ryan Grant's 48 yards on 17 carries. Darius Walker rushed eight times for 35 yards and scored a touchdown. Grant also caught four passes for 33 yards as Quinn completed passes to seven different receivers in the game.

The Eagles didn't let up when their first drive of the second half (an 87-yard march) stalled at the Notre Dame and Derek Landri blocked 22-yard field goal attempt by Ohliger. The Eagles came right back on their next possession with a touchdown when Joel Hazard scored on a 21-yard pass from Peterson. Hazard caught the ball at the 14 and just got into the end zone before Quentin Burrell knocked him out of bounds.

D.J. Fitzpatrick's 43-yard field goal upped

the lead to 23-17 with 2:51 left, more than enough time for Peterson to direct the game-winning drive. A 55-yard field goal attempt by Fitzpatrick fell well short as time expired. Fitzpatrick's punting was a Notre Dame asset for most of the game as he averaged 44.5 yards on six attempts, downing four kicks inside the BC 20-yard line.

SCORING SUMMARY

Boston Coll.	7	0	7	10	—	24
Notre Dame	7	13	0	3	—	23

First Quarter

BC - L.V. Whitworth 2 run (Ryan Ohliger kick), 7:54

ND - Matt Shelton 33 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 2:54

Second Quarter

ND - Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:09

ND - Darius Walker 9 run (Fitzpatrick kick failed), 3:56

Third Quarter

BC - Joel Hazard 21 pass from Paul Peterson (Ohliger kick), 3:53

Fourth Quarter

BC - FG Ohliger 21, 12:14

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 43, 2:51

BC - Tony Gonzalez 30 pass from Peterson (Ohliger kick), 0:54

Team Statistics

	BC	ND
First downs	22	17
Rushes-yards	28-62	34-104
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	41-27-2	33-20-2
Passing yards	383	231
Total plays-yards	69-445	67-335
Kick returns-yards	5-70	9-96
Sacks by	1-9	2-7
Punts-average	5-42.6	6-44.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-43	6-43
Third-down conversions	5-15	7-15
Fourth-down conversions	2-2	1-1
Time of possession	28:48	31:12

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

BC: Paul Peterson 7-26; L.V. Whitworth 14-19; Andre Callender 7-17.

ND: Ryan Grant 17-48; Darius Walker 8-35; Marcus Wilson 5-19; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-5; Brady Quinn 3(-)-3.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

BC: Paul Peterson 41-27-2-383-2.

ND: Brady Quinn 33-20-2-231-1.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

BC: Larry Lester 8-111; Grant Adams 4-87; Joel Hazard 3-45; L.V. Whitworth 3-37; Tony Gonzalez 2-32; Andre Callender 2-32; Jason Lilly 2-22; Everett Lee 2-15; David Kshetta 1-2.

ND: Rhema McKnight 5-78; Ryan Grant 4-33; Anthony Fasano 3-12; John Carlson 3-11; Maurice Stovall 2-37; Billy Palmer 2-27; Matt Shelton 1-33.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

NOTRE DAME DEPTH CHART (as of Nov. 1, 2004)

Irish Offense

WR	21	MAURICE STOVALL	6-5	227	Jr.
	82	Matt Shelton	6-0	175	Sr.
	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	215	So.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	289	So.
	62	Scott Raridon	6-6	310	Jr.
LG	76	BOB MORTON	6-4	300	Jr.
	50	Dan Santucci	6-4	292	Jr.
C	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-3	295	So.
	55	Zachary Giles	6-3	285	Sr.
RG	74	DAN STEVENSON	6-5	293	Sr.
	51	Jamie Ryan	6-5	310	Jr.
	72	Jeff Thompson	6-4	285	Sr.
RT	73	MARK LeVOIR	6-7	310	Sr.
	51	Jamie Ryan	6-5	310	Jr.
TE	88	ANTHONY FASANO	6-4	256	Jr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-2	248	Jr.
	48	Jerome Collins	6-4	258	Sr.
	89	John Carlson	6-5	248	So.
WR	5	RHEMA McKNIGHT	6-1	215	Jr.
	7	Carlyle Holiday	6-3	215	Sr.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	224	So.
	9	Pat Dillingham	6-2	205	Sr.
	13	David Wolke	6-4	205	Fr.
FB	16	RASHON POWERS-NEAL	6-2	243	Sr.
	12	Josh Schmidt	6-1	232	Sr.
RB	4	RYAN GRANT	6-1	218	Sr.
	11	Marcus Wilson	5-11	202	Sr.
	or 3	Darius Walker	5-11	200	Fr.

Irish Defense

LE	44	JUSTIN TUCK	6-5	261	Sr.
	75	Chris Frome	6-5	271	Jr.
DT	77	GREG PAULY	6-6	295	Sr.
	90	Brian Beidatsch	6-2	295	Sr.
NG	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-2	278	Jr.
	98	Trevor Laws	6-0	285	So.
RE	92	KYLE BUDINSCAK	6-4	275	Sr.
	95	Victor Abiamiri	6-4	269	So.
ILB	39	BRANDON HOYTE	5-11	231	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-1	225	So.
ILB	41	MIKE GOOLSBY	6-4	242	Sr.
	46	Corey Mays	6-1	243	Sr.
OLB	49	DEREK CURRY	6-3	235	Sr.
	47	Mitchell Thomas	6-3	230	So.
LCB	24	DWIGHT ELLICK	5-10	185	Sr.
	6	Carlos Campbell	5-11	195	Sr.
FS	8	QUENTIN BURRELL	6-0	195	Sr.
	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	6-2	223	So.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	5-11	203	So.
	2	Freddie Parish IV	6-0	202	So.
RCB	15	PRESTON JACKSON	5-9	180	Sr.
	30	Mike Richardson	5-11	190	Jr.

Irish Special Teams

PK	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-1	200	Sr.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-10	185	So.
P	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-1	200	Sr.
	17	Geoffrey Price	6-3	190	So.
KO	96	BOBBY RENKES	6-0	190	So.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-10	185	So.
	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	6-1	200	Sr.
HLD	82	MATT SHELTON	6-0	175	Sr.
	17	Geoffrey Price	6-3	190	So.
SNP	64	CASEY DUNN (Punt)	6-4	256	Sr.
	62	SCOTT RARIDON (FG/PAT)	6-6	310	Jr.
	72	Jeff Thompson	6-4	285	Sr.
PR	7	CARLYLE HOLIDAY	6-3	215	Sr.
	5	Rhema McKnight	6-1	215	Jr.
KR	33	JUSTIN HOSKINS	6-0	195	Fr.
	23	CHASE ANASTASIO	6-1	202	So.