



## **Post-Game Notes**

*Southern Cal at No. 9 Notre Dame*

*October 21, 2019*

- Julian Okwara and Khalid Kareem represented the Irish as captains for the opening coin toss. Southern Cal won the coin toss and elected to receive.
- With the win
  - The Irish have won 15 straight home games, which is the third-longest streak in school history.
  - Notre Dame improves to 49-37-5\* vs. Southern Cal (\*includes two Notre Dame victories vacated by discretionary NCAA penalty).
- Notre Dame posted 196 rushing yards in the first half, the most recorded by the Irish in the opening half this season, and the most by an Irish team since November 4, 2017, against Wake Forest (258 rushing yards in the first half).

## **STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES**

- LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah notched his first career sack on Southern Cal's opening drive, setting up an eventual punt for the Trojans.
- DL Kurt Hinish and DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa shared a sack, with Hinish forcing a fumble on the play, late in the first quarter.
- LB Asmar Bilal recorded five tackles in the first quarter, totaling 11 on the game and leading the Irish defense. His 11 total tackles mark his single game career high, passing his previous total of nine.
- RB Tony Jones posted a career-high 176 rushing yards, marking his fourth 100-yard rushing performance of the season and the fifth of his career. His previous rushing career-high came vs. Virginia (131 yards).
- Jones surpassed 100 rushing yards with fewer than three minutes remaining in the first half, and is now tied for 14th in Notre Dame history with four 100-yard rushing games in a season.
- TE Cole Kmet recorded the first touchdown of the game, his third of the season and of his career, on a 10-yard pass from QB Ian Book. RB Tony Jones recorded a 43-yard rush in the second quarter to set up the Irish touchdown drive.
- Kmet now has posted more career receptions (38) than earned runs allowed (32) as a pitcher on the Notre Dame baseball team.
- With his second catch tonight, Kmet doubled his career total coming into this year (17) in just four games.

- WR Braden Lenzy notched his first career rushing touchdown (second career TD), a 51-yard score, in the second quarter. It was Notre Dame's longest rushing touchdown of the season, as well as the longest rushing play of the season.
- DL Khalid Kareem sacked Southern Cal QB Kedon Slovis for a loss of 12 yards to force a fourth-and-16 late in the first half. Kareem has totaled 3.5 sacks on the season.
- P/K Jonathan Doerer made a career-long 52-yard field goal on the opening drive of the second half, also making a 45-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining in the first half. Doerer added a 43-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. All three surpassed his previous career-long (36 yards).
- Saturday marked the first time an Irish kicker has made three field goals of 40 or more yards in a single game since 1996.
- Doerer's 52-yarder places him in the Irish record books, matching the third-longest field goal made in Notre Dame history. Dave Reeve (1976 vs. Pittsburgh) and Kyle Brindza (2013 vs. Arizona State in Arlington, Texas) both had 53-yard field goals for the Irish.
- ND's last made field goal of 50 yards or longer came in 2015, when Justin Yoon netted a 52-yarder against Navy.

**GAMEBALL RECIPIENT:**

K - Jonathan Doerer