



## **Post-Game Notes**

*No. 16 Notre Dame vs. No. 23 Navy*

*November 16, 2019*

- #10 WR Chris Finke and #11 S Alohi Gilman represented the Irish as captains for the opening coin toss. Navy won the toss and elected to defer the opening kickoff. Notre Dame received the opening kickoff.
- With the win:
  - Notre Dame improves to 8-2 on the season, and 79-13-1<sup>^</sup> all-time vs. Navy.
- Notre Dame's defense held Navy to three points in the first half.
- With another scoreless first quarter from the Notre Dame defense (fifth of the season), the Irish are allowing just 3.40 points/game in the opening stanza this season.
- Entering this matchup, Navy had allowed just eight touchdown receptions on the season. Saturday, the Irish scored five passing touchdowns.
- Navy did not attempt their first pass until 1:24 remained in the first half.
- The 52 points scored marked the most Notre Dame has ever scored against a ranked Navy team. The previous high came on Nov. 1, 1958, when the Irish defeated the Mids, 40-20, at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium.
- It was Notre Dame's 24th victory over a ranked team by a margin of 25 points or more, and it marked the third time the Irish have secured such a win against the Mids.
- Brian Kelly became just the third coach in Notre Dame history with three or more wins of at least 25 points over ranked teams. Lou Holtz and Frank Leahy each secured eight such victories. Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine had two such victories apiece.
- The Irish defense forced four Navy fumbles, the most since Notre Dame did it at Michigan in 2008.
- Notre Dame did not punt until 5:27 remained in the third quarter.

(<sup>^</sup>-Includes 20 regular-season wins and two postseason appearances vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty)

## **STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES**

### **WR Chase Claypool**

- WR Chase Claypool recorded four touchdown receptions (career-high for a single game) which ties him for most receiving touchdowns in a single game in Irish history (Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, Oct. 22, 2005).
- Three of those receptions came in the first half, marking the first time an Irish player has scored three receiving touchdowns in a single half since at least 1950.
- The four scoring catches brought Claypool's career total to 15.

- In November this season, Claypool has 20 catches for 332 yards (averaging 110.7 per game) and 5 TDs.
- Claypool recorded the first touchdown of the game, a seven-yard reception from QB Ian Book, to cap Notre Dame's first drive (11 plays, 75 yards). It marked the first time that Navy trailed since the first quarter of its game against Tulsa (Oct. 12).
- Claypool later recorded a career-long 47-yard TD reception in the final minutes of the first quarter (also serving as his overall career-long reception, topping his 44-yard reception vs. Wake Forest in 2017) to put the Irish up, 14-0.
- Claypool recorded his third touchdown on a three-yard toss from Book in the second quarter, and his fourth on an impressive 20-yard catch in the corner of the endzone in the third quarter.

#### **QB Ian Book**

- QB Ian Book now has three games with five TD passes this year, the most in a season by an Irish QB. With his five touchdown passes vs. Navy, Book joined Brady Quinn as the only quarterbacks in Irish history to throw four or more touchdown passes in a game on five occasions in their career (Quinn accomplished this feat seven times).
- With his fourth TD pass of the game in the second quarter, Ian Book passed DeShone Kizer (47) for fifth all-time in program history for touchdown passes in a career. Book now has totaled 49 TD passes.
- It was Book's fourth game of the season with at least four passing TDs, making him the first QB in school history to record four games with at least four passing TDs in the same season.
- Book's fifth TD pass made him the first QB in school history to record three games with at least five passing TDs in the same season.
- In the first half, Book was 11-of-14 for 209 yards and four TDs.

#### **Additional Student-Athletes**

- DE Khalid Kareem recorded two forced fumbles in the first half vs. Navy, his first two of the season and third of his career. The first was recovered by LB Asmar Bilal on Navy's opening drive to give Notre Dame possession at the Irish 27-yard line, It was Bilal's first fumble recovery of the season and the second of his career (vs. Clemson, 2018). The second was recovered by DE Jamir Jones, his first of the season and the second of his career (vs. Navy, 2018).
- WR Braden Lenzy scored on a 70-yard spiral from Book, the longest pass/reception for both Book and Lenzy in their careers.
- LB Drew White recovered a fumble, the first of his career, near the four-minute mark of the second quarter. He led the Irish in tackles, totaling 10 on the day.
- RB Tony Jones Jr. scored the first rushing touchdown of the matchup on a two-yard run with 1:30 remaining in the first half.
- LB Paul Moala recorded a fumble recovery and returned it for a touchdown, marking his first-career recovery and score.

**GAMEBALL RECIPIENT: #83 WR Chase Claypool**