



Post-Game Notes

No. 15 Notre Dame vs. Iowa State

Camping World Bowl

December 28, 2019

- Alohi Gilman, Jalen Elliott, Khalid Kareem and Chris Finke represented the Irish as captains for the opening coin toss. Notre Dame won the toss and elected to receive.
- With the win:
 - Notre Dame improved to 11-2 on the season, notching the second-consecutive 11-win season, the first time the Irish have accomplished the feat since 1988-1989
 - Notre Dame tied the program record for most wins in a three-season run (33, also posted from 1988-90).
 - It was Notre Dame's biggest bowl win margin (24 points) under head coach Brian Kelly, and the biggest since the Irish topped Hawaii by 28 in 2008 and 28 vs. Texas in Cotton Bowl following 1977 season.
- The Cyclones become the 148th different opponent in school history, with the Irish owning a 122-22-3 (.840)* record against first-time opponents, including today's result.
- Under Brian Kelly, Notre Dame is 33-0 entering today when the Irish hold a halftime lead of 14 or more points.
- Today's matchup also marked the first time Notre Dame has faced a Big 12 opponent in a bowl game.
- Iowa State entered the game as one of just three schools (Washington and Oklahoma) with one or fewer losses of 14 points or more since the start of 2017. The Irish took the Cyclones off the list with the 24-point margin of victory.

**Includes one win vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty*

TEAM NOTES

- The Irish recovered two Iowa State fumbles in the first quarter. The last time the Irish recovered multiple fumbles in a single stanza came in the second quarter vs. Navy this season. Entering this game, the Cyclones gave up five fumbles, all coming in the first four matchups of the season. In the eight games leading up to the Camping World Bowl, Iowa State did not lose any fumbles.
- On the season, Notre Dame has recorded 19 total fumble recoveries, including the two today, which leads the FBS in 2019.
- With the seventh first-quarter shutout this season against the Cyclones, the Irish have held opponents to just 3.38 points per first quarter this season.

- In the opening five-and-a-half minutes in the second half, the Irish traveled 116 yards on just five plays.
- The Irish were 4-for-4 in the red zone on the day, On the season, Notre Dame was 51-of-55 in the red zone.

STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES

- S Alohi Gilman forced a fumble on Iowa State's first punt return of the day, and WR Chase Claypool recovered the loose ball, returning possession to the Irish and marking Claypool's second fumble recovery of the season. Both came on special teams.
- On Iowa State's first offensive drive of the game, LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah strip-sacked Cyclone QB Brock Purdy, recovering the fumble to return the ball to Notre Dame.
- WR Chase Claypool caught the first touchdown of the game, a 24-yard Ian Book pass on third down. The score marked Claypool's 13th TD reception of the season. It moves him into sixth for TD receptions in a season in program history. He also is tied for sixth place in the nation for touchdown receptions this season.
 - With his performance, Claypool passed the 1,000-yard receiving mark on the season. In the first half, he posted 112 receiving yards on four catches (28.0 yard average), also marking his third game of the season totaling 100 or more receiving yards.
 - Claypool's 146-yard, seven-catch, one-touchdown performance earned him Camping World Bowl MVP honors.
- K Jonathan Doerer netted a 51-yard field goal in the second quarter to put the Irish up, 13-3. Doerer is now two-for-two on attempts of 50-plus yards this season, connecting from 52 yards against Southern Cal before today's 51-yard make. Those are the third- and fourth-longest field goals in program history, respectively.
- With his third field goal of the day, Doerer moved into a tie for ninth all-time in program history for field goals made in a season (16 of 19 attempts).
- RB Tony Jones Jr. broke out on an 84-yard touchdown run on Notre Dame's first offensive play of the first half, marking the longest rushing play in Camping World Bowl history (the previous long came in 2015 with Baylor's Johnny Jefferson 80-yard rush). It was also Jones' career-long rush, and the longest in program history since Dexter Williams' 97-yard rush at Virginia Tech in 2018. The 84-yarder also marks the longest rush ever by a Notre Dame player in a bowl game.
- RB Jafar Armstrong scored Notre Dame's second touchdown of the day on a one-yard rush with less than three minutes remaining in the first half. It marked Armstrong's first touchdown of the season and eighth of his career.

GAMEBALL RECIPIENT: Alohi Gilman