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BRIAN KELLY AVAILABILITY

- Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly will conduct a CFP Semifinal press conference at 10:30 a.m. ET on Monday, December 28 via Zoom. The 20-minute press conference will serve as a preview for the Rose Bowl Game. He will also address the media for a 20-minute update Thursday, December 31 via Zoom (Time is TBA). To obtain the links, media members should contact assistant athletic director, football communications Katy Lonergan at klonerg2@nd.edu.

COORDINATOR/STUDENT-ATHLETE INTERVIEWS

- Interviews with coordinators and student-athletes will occur on Monday and Tuesday via Zoom. John and Bobbie Arlotta offensive coordinator Tommy Rees and six offensive players will be available Monday (beginning at 10:30 a.m. ET - following head coach Brian Kelly), while Bob Hinton defensive coordinator Clark Lea and six defensive players will be available Tuesday (beginning at 10:30 a.m. ET). To obtain the links, please contact assistant athletic director, football communications Katy Lonergan at klonerg2@nd.edu. Media are not permitted to directly contact student-athletes or coaches to arrange interviews.

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- Post-game interviews for both head coaches and Notre Dame players will be held over Zoom. Requests for student-athlete interviews should be submitted by the eight-minute mark of the fourth quarter to Katy Lonergan. To obtain the links, please contact assistant athletic director, football communications Katy Lonergan at klonerg2@nd.edu.

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- All media members will be provided with access to game notes via UND.com. Following the game, a complete post-game statistics package will be distributed via email and will contain a scoring summary, final team statistics, final individual statistics, complete play-by-play, drive charts for both halves, halftime statistics, defensive statistics, substitution chart and post-game notes.

COLLEGEPRESSBOX.COM

- CollegePressBox.com has Notre Dame contact information, weekly team and opponent game notes, stats, depth charts and complete final game books along with complete media guide, spring guide, a complete listing of beat reporters, radio broadcasters, television stations and much, much more. Log on with username and password obtained through the Football Writers Association of America.

UND.COM/PRESSBOX

- All Notre Dame football information is available on the official athletics department website of the University of Notre Dame, UND.com. Game notes, depth chart, biographies of players and coaches, transcripts of press conferences, video archives of interview sessions, special features and more can all be found at UND.com.

FOOTBALL STAFF GAME DAY LOCATIONS

Coach	Position	Location
Brian Kelly	Head Coach	Sideline
Clark Lea	Def. Coordinator/Linebackers	Press Box
Tommy Rees	Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Press Box
Mike Elston	Defensive Line	Sideline
Lance Taylor	Running Backs	Sideline
Jeff Quinn	Offensive Line	Sideline
Mike Mickens	Cornerbacks	Sideline
Terry Joseph	Def. Pass Game Coordinator/Safeties	Press Box
Brian Polian	Special Teams Coordinator	Sideline
Del Alexander	Wide Receivers	Sideline
John McNulty	Tight Ends	Press Box

Note: Regular season locations; may be subject to change

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CFP SEMIFINAL AT THE ROSE BOWL GAME MEDIA SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ACCESS
Monday, December 28	10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly John and Bobbie Arlotta Family Offensive Coordinator Tommy Rees And student-athletes (alphabetical list - order of appearance will vary from below, and student-athletes are subject to change): QB Ian Book OL Liam Eichenberg OL Tommy Kraemer TE Michael Mayer WR Ben Skowronek RB Kyren Williams	Via Zoom - links emailed to media. Contact Katy Lonergan with questions.
Tuesday, December 29	10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Bob Hinton Defensive Coordinator Clark Lea And student-athletes (alphabetical list - order of appearance will vary from below, and student-athletes are subject to change): S Shaun Crawford S Kyle Hamilton CB Nick McCloud LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa LB Drew White	Via Zoom - links emailed to media. Contact Katy Lonergan with questions.
Thursday, December 31	Time TBD	Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly Media Zoom	Via Zoom - links emailed to media.
Friday, January 1	4 p.m. ET	Game Kickoff	AT&T Stadium
	Postgame	Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly Postgame Zoom	Via Zoom - links emailed to media.
	Postgame	Student-Athlete Postgame Zoom	Contact Katy Lonergan with questions.

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

- **Location:** Notre Dame, Indiana
- **Founded:** 1842
- **Nickname:** Fighting Irish
- **Colors:** Blue and Gold
- **Enrollment:** 8,530 (undergraduates), 12,393 (total)
- **Stadium:** Notre Dame Stadium (FieldTurf/77,622)
- **President:** Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
- **Provost:** Marie Lynn Miranda
- **NCAA Faculty Representative:** Patricia Bellia
- **University Vice President/James E. Rohr Director of Athletics:** Jack Swarbrick
- **Assistant AD, Football Communications:** Katy Lonergan
- **Athletics Communications Asst. Director:** Claire Kramer
- **Athletics Communications Asst. Director:** Matt Paras
- **Senior Associate AD:** Rob Kelly
- **Assistant AD, Strategic Communications:** Aaron Horvath
- **On the Web:** UND.com/NDFootball

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

- **Offensive Formation:** Spread
- **Defensive Formation:** Multiple
- **2019 Overall Record:** 11-2
- **Final Ranking:** 12 (Associated Press)/11 (Amway Coaches)
- **Offensive/Defensive Starters From 2019 Returning/Lost:** 13/9
- **Offensive Starters From 2019 Returning/Lost:** 7/4
- **Defensive Starters From 2019 Returning/Lost:** 6/5
- **Special Teams Starters From 2019 Returning/Lost:** 3/1
- **Monogram Winners Returning/Lost:** 30/22

COACHING STAFF

NAME (Alma Mater, Year)	TITLE
Brian Kelly (Assumption, '83)	Head Coach
Clark Lea (Vanderbilt, '04)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Tommy Rees (Notre Dame, '13)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Mike Elston (Michigan, '98)	Associate Head Coach/Defensive Line
Brian Polian (John Carroll, '97)	Recruiting Coordinator/Special Teams Coordinator
Lance Taylor (Alabama, '03)	Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator
Jeff Quinn (Elmhurst College, '84)	Offensive Line
Mike Mickens (Cincinnati, '11)	Cornerbacks
Del Alexander (USC, '95)	Wide Receivers
Terry Joseph (Northwestern State, '96)	Defensive Backs/Defensive Pass Game Coordinator
John McNulty (Penn State, '90)	Tight Ends
Kerry Cooks (Iowa, '98)	Defensive Analyst
Pat Kramer (John Carroll, '15)	Senior Offensive Analyst
Nick Lezynski (Notre Dame, '11)	Senior Defensive Analyst
Chris O'Leary (Indiana State, '15)	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
Mike O'Guin (SMU, '14)	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
Dean Petzing (St. Lawrence, '14)	Offensive Analyst
Gus Ragland (Miami, Ohio, '19)	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
Asauni Rufus (Nevada, '19)	Special Teams Analyst
Chris Watt (Notre Dame, '13)	Graduate Assistant (Offense)

IRISH BY CLASS

GRADUATES (12)

QB Ian Book, CB Shaun Crawford, OL Liam Eichenberg, K/P Dawson Goepferich, DL Daelin Hayes, OL Tommy Kraemer, TE Xavier Lezynski, DB Nick McCloud, WR Javon McKinley, DL Adetokunbo Ogundeji, S Isaiah Pryor, WR Ben Skowronek

SENIORS (19)

RB Jafar Armstrong, OL Aaron Banks, QB J.D. Carney, CB Avery Davis, K/P Jonathan Doerer, RB Cameron Ekanayake, OL Dillan Gibbons, LB Reed Gregory, C Colin Grunhard, OL Robert Hainsey, TE Jack Henige, DL Kurt Hinish, OL Josh Lugg, DB John Mahoney, LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, S Patrick Pelini, DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa, LB Drew White, TE Brock Wright

JUNIORS (30)

DL Jayson Ademilola, DL Justin Ademilola, WR Leo Albano, WR Kevin Austin Jr., LB Bo Bauer, CB TaRiq Bracy, DB DJ Brown, QB Cole Capen, OL John Dirksen, RB C'Bo Flemister, CB Houston Griffith, WR Micah Jones, WR Lawrence Keys III, LB Jack Lamb, WR Braden Lenzy, DB Chase Love, WR Greg Mailey, S Paul Moala, DL Ovie Oghoufo, OL Jarrett Patterson, P Jake Rittman, LS Axel Raarup, WR Matt Salerno, OL Max Siegel, LB Shayne Simon, TE George Takacs, DB Marcus Thorne, TE Tommy Tremble, LS Michael Vinson, WR Joe Wilkins

SOPHOMORES (27)

DB Litchfield Ajavon, WR Kendall Abdur-Rahman, LB JD Bertrand, P Jay Bramblett, OL Quinn Carroll, QB Brendon Clark, OL Zeke Correll, DL Howard Cross III, LB Osita Ekwonu, DL Isaiah Foskey, DB Kyle Hamilton, WR Cam Hart, DL Zane Heemsoth, LB Jack Kiser, OL Andrew Kristofic, DL Jacob Lacey, K/P Harrison Leonard, LB Marist Liufau, OL Quinn Murphy, DL Nana Osafo-Mensah, WR Conor Ratigan, DB Isaiah Rutherford, DB Eddie Scheidler, DL Hunter Spears, DB Chris Velotta, DB KJ Wallace, RB Kyren Williams

FRESHMEN (23)

OL Tosh Baker, TE Kevin Bauman, DL Jordan Botehlo, WR Jay Brunelle, OT Michael Carmody, WR Henry Cook, DE Alexander Ehrensberger, WR Griffin Eifert, DL Giovanni Ghilotti, CB Ramon Henderson, WR Jordan Johnson, DT Aidan Keanaaina, QB Chase Ketterer, DB Clarence Lewis, TE Michael Mayer, DE Rylie Mills, CB Caleb Offord, LS Alex Peitsch, QB Drew Pyne, TE Charlie Selna, RB Chris Tyree, WR Xavier Watts, OL Brennan Wicks



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

CFP SEMIFINAL - ROSE BOWL

#4/4/4 NOTRE DAME [10-1] VS. #1/1/1 ALABAMA [11-0]

THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School	Overall	vs. Opponent
ND	Brian Kelly	102-38 (11th year) [^]	273-95-2 (30th year) [^]	0-1 [^]
UA	Nick Saban	168-23 (14th year)	259-65-1 (25th year)	4-0

[^]-Includes 20 regular-season wins and two postseason appearances vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty

BY THE NUMBERS

3	Of the five longest regular-season winning streaks in college football history, Notre Dame has single-handedly ended three of those streaks: Oklahoma's 45 (1953-57), Miami's 36 (1985-88) and Clemson's 36 (2017-20).
4	Since the start of 2018, Notre Dame is 33-4 (.892). That rate ranks fourth among all teams who have made an appearance in the College Football Playoff since its inception in 2014. Notre Dame is one of just five teams who have made playoff appearances in multiple seasons.
4	At No. 4 in all three rankings (CFP, AP, Coaches), the Rose Bowl Game will mark the 10th game this season that the Irish have played ranked as a Top 5 team. It is the most games Notre Dame has played as a Top 5 team in a single season since the Irish reached the same feat in 1993. Through the Brian Kelly era (11 seasons), the Irish have been ranked in the AP Top 10 at least one week in each of the last seven seasons, and eight of the last nine.
7	The Irish have faced the No. 1 team in a bowl game seven times previously in program history, coming away with a 4-3 record (1969, 1970, 1973, 1977, 1980, 1989 and 1990 seasons). Overall, Notre Dame has won six of the last seven games when playing No. 1 as a top-five team. 2020 marks the first season in which the Irish have faced two No. 1 teams in the same season. Notre Dame won its first No. 1 matchup of 2020 in the 47-40 win over then-No. 1 Clemson.
9	Notre Dame's victory over No. 1 Clemson was Notre Dame's ninth win over an AP No. 1 opponent, which ties for second-most all-time (Miami). Only Alabama has more (10).
19	Irish football names took home five ACC individual honors: Kelly was named ACC Coach of the Year, RB Kyren Williams was named ACC Rookie and Offensive Rookie of the Year, LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah was named ACC Defensive Player of the Year and OL Liam Eichenberg won the ACC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy. In total, 18 Irish players received 19 All-ACC honors (Williams was honored both as a running back and an all-purpose player).
33	Notre Dame has held 33-of-37 opponents during Clark Lea's tenure as defensive coordinator to 30 points or less. That includes ranked opponents LSU, Michigan, Stanford, Virginia Tech, Syracuse, Clemson, Georgia, Virginia, Navy and North Carolina.
41	Notre Dame has totaled 41 regular season wins in four years, the most in a four year period in program history.
63.0	Of the Top 10 rushers in the ACC, which includes RB Kyren Williams , the Irish have faced six (facing one twice and two in the same game): North Carolina's Javonte Williams and Michael Carter, Clemson's Travis Etienne, Duke's Mataeo Durant, Florida State's Jordan Travis and Syracuse's Sean Tucker. Notre Dame's defense has limited those six Top-10 running backs to an average of 63.0 yards (441 yards total on 94 carries) and just four total touchdowns among the six. Carter, who leads the ACC with 113.2 rushing yards per game, was held to just 57 vs. Notre Dame. By comparison, in those six games, Williams posted at least 100 rushing yards in five, averaging 121.3 yards (728 yards total on 119 carries), with a total of 10 touchdowns.
100	WR Javon McKinley has totaled four 100-receiving yard performances in 2020, tied for the most among any ACC player.
102	Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly has notched 102 [^] wins in his Notre Dame career. Ranking second all-time in program history in career wins, and with 10 wins this season, he has totaled the most double-digit win seasons in school history (six).
120	Notre Dame is 120-39-7 in neutral site games since 1887. In the Brian Kelly era, the Irish are 17-7.
141	Notre Dame has outscored opponents 141-52 in the second quarter this season.

GAME INFORMATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 | 4 P.M. ET | AT&T STADIUM - ARLINGTON, TX

	ABC	Sean McDonough (play-by-play) Todd Blackledge (analyst) Todd McShay (field analyst) Allison Williams (sideline reporter)
	ESPN Radio	Joe Tessitore (play-by-play) Greg McElroy (analyst) Holly Rowe (sideline reporter)
	Notre Dame Radio Network SiriusXM (Channel 129) 96.1 FM, 101.5 FM & 96.0 AM (South Bend)	Paul Burmeister (play-by-play) Joe Theismann (analyst) Jack Nolan (reporter)

THE SERIES

Notre Dame leads, 5-2-0[^]

Last meeting: Notre Dame 14, Alabama 42[^] (1.7.13)

2020 SCHEDULE (10-1)

Date	ND Rk	Opp Rk	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Sep. 12	10/10	--/RV	Duke	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 27-13
Sep. 19	7/7	RV/RV	South Florida	Notre Dame, IN	USA	W, 52-0
Oct. 10	5/5		Florida State	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 42-26
Oct. 17	4/4		Louisville	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 12-7
Oct. 24	3/3		at Pitt	Pittsburgh, PA	ABC	W, 45-3
Oct. 31	4/4		at Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	ABC	W, 31-13
Nov. 7	4/4	1/1	Clemson	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 47-40
Nov. 14	2/2	--/RV	at Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA	ABC	W, 45-31
Nov. 27	2/2/2	19/25/23	at North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	ABC	W, 31-17
Dec. 5	2/2/2		Syracuse	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 45-21
Dec. 19	2/2/2	3/4/3	ACC Championship	Charlotte, NC	ABC	L, 10-34
Jan. 1	4/4/4	1/1/1	Rose Bowl	Arlington, TX	ABC	4 p.m. ET

Rankings: CFP/AP/Coaches (current for upcoming opponents, at time of game for past opponents) | All times Eastern

THE TRADITION

7	Heisman Trophy Winners – Angelo Bertelli (1943), John Lujack (1947), Leon Hart (1948), John Lattner (1953), Paul Hornung (1956), John Huarte (1964), Tim Brown (1987)
11	Consensus National Championships: 1924, 1929, 1930, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1966, 1973, 1977, 1988
13	NFL Hall of Famers – the most of any college football program
21	Different seasons Notre Dame has been selected as the National Champion by at least one poll listed in the NCAA official record book
23	Undefeated regular seasons
102	Consensus All-Americans – most recent Julian Love (2018)
939[^]	All-time wins – second in college football history.
.733[^]	All-time winning percentage – the best in college football history.



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Elg.	Hometown/High School
22	Kendall Abdur-Rahman	WR	5-11 ½	190	So.	4	Edwardsville, IL/Edwardsville
57	Jayson Ademilola	DL	6-3	279	Jr.	2	Jackson, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
19	Justin Ademilola	DL	6-1 ¾	248	Jr.	3	Jackson, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
23	Litchfield Ajavon	S	6-0 ½	198	So.	4	Baltimore, MD/Episcopal
26	Leo Albano	WR	6-1	219	Jr.	3	Charleston, SC/Bishop England
8	Jafar Armstrong	WR	6-0 ¾	220	Sr.	2	Lee's Summit, MO/Bishop Miege
4	Kevin Austin Jr.	WR	6-2	215	Jr.	3	Ft. Lauderdale, FL/North Broward Prep
79	Tosh Baker	OL	6-8	300	Fr.	4	Scottsdale, AZ/Pinnacle
69	Aaron Banks	OL	6-5 ¾	330	Sr.	2	Alameda, CA/El Cerrito
52	Bo Bauer	LB	6-2 ¾	230	Jr.	2	Harborcreek, PA/Cathedral Prep
84	Kevin Bauman	TE	6-4 ½	240	Fr.	4	Red Bank, NJ/Red Bank Catholic
27	JD Bertrand	LB	6-1	228	So.	4	Alpharetta, GA/Blessed Trinity
12	Ian Book	QB	6-0 ½	206	Gr.	1	El Dorado Hills, CA/Oak Ridge
17	Jordan Botelho	DL	6-2 ½	248	Fr.	4	Honolulu, HI/Saint Louis
28	TaRiq Bracy	CB	5-10 ½	180	Jr.	2	Milpitas, CA/Milpitas
19	Jay Bramblett	P	6-1 ½	193	So.	3	Tuscaloosa, AL/Hillcrest
14	DJ Brown	S	6-0 ¾	194	Jr.	3	Annapolis, MD/St. John's College
81	Jay Brunelle	WR	6-1 ½	199	Fr.	4	Paxton, MA/Saint John's
17	Cole Capen	QB	6-4 ½	227	Jr.	3	Yorba Linda, CA/Orange Lutheran
68	Michael Carmody	OL	6-5 ½	300	Fr.	4	Mars, PA/Mars Area
14	J.D. Carney	QB	5-10	180	Sr.	2	San Diego, CA/Cathedral Catholic
77	Quinn Carroll	OL	6-6 ¾	306	So.	4	Edina, MN/Edina
7	Brendon Clark	QB	6-1 ¾	212	So.	4	Midlothian, VA/Manchester
37	Henry Cook	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	4	Shaker Heights, OH/St. Ignatius
52	Zeke Correll	OL	6-3	295	So.	4	Cincinnati, OH/Anderson
20	Shaun Crawford	S	5-9 ½	180	Gr.	1	Lakewood, OH/St. Edward
56	Howard Cross III	DL	6-0 ¾	275	So.	3	Paramus, NJ/Saint Joseph Regional
3	Avery Davis	WR	5-11	202	Sr.	2	Cedar Hill, TX/Cedar Hill
56	John Dirksen	OL	6-5 ½	306	Jr.	3	Maria Stein, OH/Marion Local
39	Jonathan Doerer	K/P	6-3	197	Sr.	1	Charlotte, NC/South Mecklenburg
98	Alexander Ehrensberger	DL	6-6 ¾	252	Fr.	4	Dusseldorf, Germany/Theodor-Fliedner
74	Liam Eichenberg	OL	6-6 ¾	302	Gr.	1	Cleveland, OH/Saint Ignatius
28	Griffin Eiferer	WR	6-0 ½	195	Fr.	4	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger
16	Cameron Ekanayake	RB	6-0	200	Sr.	2	Niles, MI/Edwardsburg
34	Osita Ekwonu	LB	6-0 ¾	236	So.	4	Charlotte, NC/Providence Day School
20	C'Bo Flemister	RB	5-11 ¼	201	Jr.	3	Williamson, GA/Pike County
7	Isaiah Foskey	DL	6-4 ¾	257	So.	4	Antioch, CA/De La Salle
94	Giovanni Ghilotti	DL	6-2 ¾	229	Fr.	4	Greenbrae, CA/Marin Catholic
76	Dillan Gibbons	OL	6-4	304	Sr.	2	Clearwater, FL/Clearwater Central Catholic
38	Dawson Goepferich	K/P	6-2	200	Gr.	1	Holt, MO/Kearney/Brown
50	Reed Gregory	LB	6-0	210	Sr.	2	Morristown, NJ/Delbarton
3	Houston Griffith	S	5-11 ¾	204	Jr.	2	Chicago, IL/IMG Academy (FL)
61	Colin Grunhard	C	6-0 ½	290	Sr.	1	Mission, KS/Bishop Miege
72	Robert Hainsey	OL	6-4 ¾	290	So.	1	Pittsburgh, PA/IMG Academy (FL)
14	Kyle Hamilton	S	6-4	219	So.	3	Atlanta, GA/Marist School
5	Cam Hart	CB	6-2 ½	207	So.	4	Baltimore, MD/Good Counsel
9	Daelin Hayes	DL	6-3 ¾	258	Gr.	1	Belleville, MI/Skyline
93	Zane Heemsoth	DL	6-5	240	So.	4	Elmhurst, IL/York
11	Ramon Henderson	CB	6-1	189	Fr.	4	Bakersfield, CA/Liberty
49	Jack Henige	TE	6-5	238	Sr.	2	Hinsdale, IL/Fenwick
41	Kurt Hinish	DL	6-1 ¾	296	Sr.	1	Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic
15	Jordan Johnson	WR	6-1 ¾	195	Fr.	4	St. Louis, MO/Desmet Jesuit
80	Micah Jones	WR	6-4 ½	219	Jr.	3	Gurnee, IL/Warren
92	Aidan Keanaaina	DL	6-3	312	Fr.	4	Brighton, CO/J.K. Mullen
27	Chase Ketterer	QB	5-11 ¾	194	Fr.	4	New Carlisle, IN/New Prairie
13	Lawrence Keys III	WR	5-10 ¾	173	Jr.	3	New Orleans, LA/McDonogh 35

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Elg.	Hometown/High School
24	Jack Kiser	LB	6-1 ¾	227	So.	4	Royal Center, IN/Pioneer
78	Tommy Kraemer	OL	6-5 ¾	317	Gr.	1	Cincinnati, OH/Elder
73	Andrew Kristofic	OL	6-5 ¾	292	So.	4	Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland
54	Jacob Lacey	DL	6-1 ¾	293	So.	3	Bowling Green, KY/South Warren
31	Jack Lamb	LB	6-3 ¾	230	Jr.	3	Temecula, CA/Great Oak
0	Braden Lenzy	WR	5-11 ¾	181	Jr.	3	Tigard, OR/Tigard Senior
98	Harrison Leonard	K/P	5-10 ¾	196	So.	4	Jamestown, RI/Avon Old Farms School
26	Clarence Lewis	DB	5-11 ½	192	Fr.	4	Edison, NJ/Mater Dei
48	Xavier Lezynski	TE	6-1 ¾	213	Gr.	2	Newtown, PA/Notre Dame (NJ)
35	Marist Liufau	LB	6-2 ¾	226	So.	4	Kalihi, HI/Punahou
37	Chase Love	S	6-0 ¼	197	Jr.	2	Chicago Heights, IL/Marian Catholic
75	Josh Lugg	OL	6-6 ¾	310	Sr.	2	Wexford, PA/North Allegheny Senior
25	John Mahoney	S	6-0	207	Sr.	2	West Des Moines, IA/Valley
43	Greg Mailey	WR	6-1	206	Jr.	3	Hudson, OH/Hudson
87	Michael Mayer	TE	6-4 ½	249	Fr.	4	Independence, KY/Covington Catholic
4	Nick McCloud	CB	6-0 ½	192	Gr.	1	Rock Hill, SC/South Pointe
88	Javon McKinley	WR	6-2	215	Gr.	1	Cornaca, CA/Centennial
99	Rylie Mills	DL	6-5 ½	273	Fr.	4	Lake Bluff, IL/Lake Forest
13	Paul Moala	LB	5-11 ½	224	Jr.	2	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
53	Quinn Murphy	OL	6-5 ¼	308	So.	4	Duxbury, MA/Duxbury
21	Caleb Offord	CB	6-1	184	Fr.	4	Southaven, MS/Southaven
29	Ovie Oghoufo	DL	6-3	240	Jr.	3	Lathrup Village, MI/Harrison
91	Adetokunbo Ogundeji	DL	6-4 ¾	268	Gr.	1	West Bloomfield, MI/Walled Lake Central
18	Nana Osafo-Mensah	DL	6-3 ½	249	So.	4	Fort Worth, TX/Nolan Catholic
6	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	LB	6-1 ½	215	Sr.	2	Hampton, VA/Bethel
55	Jarrett Patterson	OL	6-4 ½	305	Jr.	3	Laguna Hills, CA/Mission Viejo
44	Alex Peitsch	LS	6-1 ½	208	Fr.	4	Ellicott City, MD/St. John's College
32	Patrick Pelini	S	6-1	190	Sr.	2	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
10	Isaiah Pryor	DB	6-1 ½	204	Gr.	2	Lawrenceville, GA/Archer/Ohio State
10	Drew Pyne	QB	5-11 ½	194	Fr.	4	New Canaan, CT/New Canaan
46	Axel Raarup	LS	6-0 ½	202	Jr.	2	Mendota Heights, MN/St. Thomas Academy
86	Conor Ratigan	WR	5-11 ¾	179	So.	4	Granger, IN/St. Joseph
30	Jake Rittman	P	6-2 ¼	197	Jr.	3	Lawrence, KS/Free State
15	Isaiah Rutherford	CB	6-0 ½	193	So.	4	Sacramento, CA/Jesuit
32	Matt Salerno	WR	6-0 ¾	196	Jr.	3	Valencia, CA/Crespi Carmelite
36	Eddie Scheidler	S	5-9 ½	184	So.	4	Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest
83	Charlie Selna	TE	6-6 ¾	240	Fr.	4	Atherton, CA/Sacred Heart Prep
64	Max Siegel II	OL	6-1 ¾	285	Jr.	3	Fishers, IN/Brebeuf Jesuit
33	Shayne Simon	LB	6-2 ¾	230	Jr.	2	West Orange, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
11	Ben Skowronek	WR	6-2 ¾	220	Gr.	1	Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead/Northwestern
70	Hunter Spears	OL	6-3 ¾	304	So.	4	Garland, TX/Sachse
95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	DL	6-2 ½	282	Sr.	2	Ewa Beach, HI/Kapole
85	George Takacs	TE	6-6	245	Jr.	3	Naples, FL/Gulf Coast
43	Marcus Thorne	CB	6-0 ¾	199	Jr.	3	Washington, IN/Washington
24	Tommy Tremble	TE	6-4	248	Jr.	3	Johns Creek, GA/Wesleyan
25	Chris Tyree	RB	5-9 ½	188	Fr.	4	Chester, VA/Thomas Dale
30	Chris Velotta	S	5-8 ¾	194	So.	4	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius
65	Michael Vinson	LS	6-2	226	Jr.	3	Winnetka, IL/New Trier
16	KJ Wallace	S	5-10 ¼	189	So.	4	Atlanta, GA/The Lovett School
82	Xavier Watts	WR	5-11 ¾	199	Fr.	4	Omaha, NE/Harry A. Burke
40	Drew White	LB	6-0 ¼	227	Sr.	2	Boca Raton, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
62	Brennan Wicks	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	4	Forestville, MD/Bishop McNamara
18	Joe Wilkins Jr.	WR	6-1 ½	190	Jr.	3	North Fort Myers, FL/North Fort Myers
23	Kyren Williams	RB	5-9	195	So.	4	St. Louis, MO/St. John Vianney
89	Brock Wright	TE	6-4 ½	255	Sr.	1	Cypress, TX/Cy-Fair

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Kendall Abdur-Rahman	ab-DUR RAH-men	Jonathan Doerer	DOOR-er
Jayson Ademilola	add-ah-ME-oh-la	Liam Eichenberg	ike-EN-burg
Justin Ademilola	add-ah-ME-oh-la	Alex Ehrensberger	Air-ens-ber-ger
Litchfield Ajavon	adge-AH-von	Cameron Ekanayake	eck-uh-NY-uh-kuh
Leo Albano	al-BAHN-o	Osita Ekwonu	oh-SEE-tuh e-KWAN-ooo
Kevin Bauman	Bow-man	C'Bo Flemister	SEE-bo
TaRiq Bracy	tuh-Ri-que	Dawson Goepferich	Gah-frich
Jay Brunelle	Brew-nell	Daelin Hayes	DAY-lin
Cole Capen	Cape-un	Ramon Henderson	RAH-moan
Zeke Correll	Core-ell	Jack Henige	Hen-uh-gee
Kurt Hinish	HI-nish	Adetokunbo Ogundeji	"ah-DAY"O-gun-day-gee
Isaiah Foskey	Foss key	Nana Osafo-Mensah	nah-nah oh-SAH-fō MEN-suh
Giovanni Ghilotti	Gio-vahnni Juh-lot-ee	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	oh-WOO-sue COR-ah-MO-uh
Aidan Keanaaina	Kay-aw-nah-eye-nah	Alex Peitsch	Pie-tsch
Andrew Kristofic	kris-TAH-fik	George Takacs	tak-ISS
Marist Liufau	lee-UH-fow	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	tounge-uh-vai-LO-uah uh-MOE-suh
Michael Mayer	Mayor		
Javon McKinley	ja-VON		
Paul Moala	mo-ALA		
Ovie Oghoufo	uh-GO-fu		



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NOTRE DAME OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
WR	11	Ben Skowronek	6-3	224	Gr.	1
	18	Joe Wilkins Jr.	6-1 ½	190	Jr.	3
WR	3	Avery Davis	5-11	202	Sr.	2
	18	Joe Wilkins Jr.	6-1 ½	190	Jr.	3
LT	74	Liam Eichenberg	6-6 ½	302	Gr.	1
	73	Andrew Kristofic	6-5 ¼	292	So.	4
LG	69	Aaron Banks	6-5 ¾	330	Sr.	2
	76	Dillan Gibbons	6-4	309	Sr.	2
C	52	Zeke Correll	6-3	295	So.	4
or	75	Josh Lugg	6-6 ¾	310	Sr.	2
RG	78	Tommy Kraemer	6-5 ½	317	Gr.	1
	75	Josh Lugg	6-6 ¾	310	Sr.	2
RT	72	Robert Hainsey	6-4 ½	290	Sr.	1
	77	Quinn Carroll	6-6 ¾	306	So.	4
TE	89	Brock Wright	6-4 ½	255	Sr.	1
or	24	Tommy Tremble	6-4	248	Jr.	3
	85	George Takacs	6-6	245	Jr.	3
or	87	Michael Mayer	6-5	235	Fr.	4
WR	88	Javon McKinley	6-2	215	Gr.	1
	8	Jafar Armstrong	6-0 ¾	220	Sr.	2
QB	12	Ian Book	6-0 ½	206	Gr.	1
	7	Brendon Clark	6-1 ¾	212	So.	4
RB	23	Kyren Williams	5-9	194	So.	4
	25	Chris Tyree	5-9 ½	188	Fr.	4
or	20	C'Bo Flemister	5-11 ¼	201	Jr.	3

NOTRE DAME DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
DE	9	Daelin Hayes	6-3 ¾	270	Gr.	1
	29	Ovie Oghoufo	6-3	240	Jr.	3
or	7	Isaiah Foskey	6-4 ¾	257	So.	4
DT	95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	6-2 ½	282	Sr.	2
	99	Rylie Mills	6-5 ½	273	Fr.	4
NG	41	Kurt Hinish	6-1 ¾	296	Sr.	1
	54	Jacob Lacey	6-1 ¾	293	So.	3
or	56	Howard Cross III	6-0 ¾	275	So.	3
DE	91	Adetokunbo Ogundeji	6-4 ¾	268	Gr.	1
	19	Justin Ademilola	6-1 ¾	248	Jr.	3
or	7	Isaiah Foskey	6-4 ¾	257	So.	4
BUCK	33	Shayne Simon	6-2 ¾	230	Jr.	2
or	35	Marist Liufau	6-2 ¼	226	So.	4
or	24	Jack Kiser	6-1 ¾	227	So.	4
MIKE	40	Drew White	6-0 ¼	227	Sr.	2
	52	Bo Bauer	6-2 ¾	230	Jr.	2
ROV	6	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	6-1 ½	215	Sr.	2
	10	Isaiah Pryor	6-1 ½	204	Gr.	2
CB	4	Nick McCloud	6-0 ½	192	Gr.	1
	5	Cam Hart	6-2 ½	207	So.	4
FS	14	Kyle Hamilton	6-4	219	So.	3
	12	DJ Brown	6-0 ¾	194	Jr.	3
SS	20	Shaun Crawford	5-9 ½	180	Gr.	1
	3	Houston Griffith	5-11 ¾	204	Jr.	2
	16	KJ Wallace	5-10 ¼	189	So.	4
	CB	26	Clarence Lewis	5-11 ½	192	Fr.	4
	28	TaRiq Bracy	5-10 ½	180	Jr.	2

NOTRE DAME SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
KO	39	Jonathan Doerer	6-3	197	Sr.	1
	38	Dawson Goepferich	6-2	200	Gr.	1
PK	39	Jonathan Doerer	6-3	197	Sr.	1
	38	Dawson Goepferich	6-2	200	Gr.	1
P	19	Jay Bramblett	6-1 ½	193	So.	3
	38	Dawson Goepferich	6-2	200	Gr.	1
LS	65	Michael Vinson	6-2	226	Jr.	3
	44	Alex Peitsch	6-1 ½	208	Fr.	4

NOTRE DAME SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
HLD	19	Jay Bramblett	6-1 ½	193	So.	3
	14	J.D. Carney	5-10	180	Sr.	2
PR	32	Matt Salerno	6-0 ¾	196	Jr.	3
or	13	Lawrence Keys III	5-10 ¾	173	Jr.	3
KR	25	Chris Tyree	5-9 ½	188	Fr.	4
	8	Jafar Armstrong	6-0 ¾	220	Sr.	2

*Indicates years of eligibility remaining entering the 2020 season (class indicates academic year)



GOING BOWLING

- The first bowl trip for Notre Dame came at the conclusion of the 1924 season, when Knute Rockne took his 9-0 Irish, led by the Four Horsemen, to the Rose Bowl and defeated Stanford, 27-10. The victory captured the school's first consensus national title.
- The University then declined to participate in bowl games until after the 1969 season. During that span, the Irish captured seven additional consensus national championships.
- Under Ara Parseghian, Notre Dame returned to postseason play on New Year's Day 1970, falling to No. 1 Texas, 21-17, in the Cotton Bowl to cap the 1969 season with an 8-2-1 record. The Irish returned to the Cotton Bowl the next season, downing the top-ranked Longhorns, 24-11, to finish 10-1.
- Parseghian led his teams to three more bowl games, falling in the Orange Bowl after the 1972 campaign before capturing the 1973 national title with a 24-23 win over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. Parseghian's final game as a head coach was a 13-11 win over the Crimson Tide in the Orange Bowl to cap the 1974 season at 10-2.
- Dan Devine took his teams to four New Year's Day games, going 3-1 in bowls. His 1977 team captured the national championship after the fifth-ranked Irish rolled No. 1 Texas, 38-10, in the Cotton Bowl to finish 11-1.
- Gerry Faust's teams split a pair of bowl appearances, defeating Boston College, 19-18, in Notre Dame's only visit to the Liberty Bowl after the 1983 season, while falling to SMU in the Aloha Bowl a year later.
- Lou Holtz took the Irish to nine consecutive January bowl games. The only years Holtz did not have Notre Dame in a bowl game were his first and final seasons. His team went 8-3 in 1996, but with Holtz's retirement already announced, the Irish elected to stay home.
- Holtz posted a 5-4 record in bowl games at Notre Dame, with the Irish playing in three Cotton Bowls, three Orange Bowls and two Fiesta Bowls. His 1988 team secured a 12-0 record and the national title in the Fiesta Bowl, downing West Virginia, 34-21.
- Holtz also saw his teams earn bowl victories over Florida (Sugar) after the 1991 season before back-to-back wins over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl after the 1992 and 1993 campaigns.
- Bob Davie took the Irish to three bowl games in five years, while Tyrone Willingham followed with a pair of games in two seasons. Charlie Weis led Notre Dame to three bowls, including a pair of BCS appearances in the Fiesta and Sugar. His 2008 team won the Hawaii Bowl, the school's first bowl victory since the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day 1994.
- Brian Kelly has taken the Irish to a bowl game in 10 of his 11 seasons, including the BCS National Championship in 2012*, the Fiesta Bowl in 2015 and the Cotton Bowl Classic in 2018. Kelly's teams are 5-4* entering the CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game.

- This is Notre Dame's second-ever appearance in the Rose Bowl, the last of which was the first bowl game in Notre Dame history in 1925 (95 years ago).
- The Irish consistently set attendance and viewership records at bowl games. Attendance records were set when the Irish appeared in the BCS National Championship Game (80,120 at SunLife Stadium in 2012*), Sugar Bowl (85,161 in 1973), Champs Sports Bowl (68,305 in 2011), Sun Bowl (54,021 in 2010), Hawaii Bowl (43,487 in 2008), Insight Bowl (45,971 in 2004), Independence Bowl (50,459 in 1997) and Pinstripe Bowl (47,122 in 2013). Notre Dame set television ratings records at the Sugar Bowl (28.8 in 1973 on NBC), Hawai'i Bowl (3.7 in 2008 on ESPN), Independence Bowl (4.5 in 1997 on ESPN) and Pinstripe Bowl (3.2 in 2013 on ESPN).

TAKING ON NO. 1

- The Irish have faced the No. 1-ranked team in a bowl game seven times previously in program history, coming away with a 4-3 record (1969, 1970, 1973, 1977, 1980, 1989 and 1990 seasons).
- 2020 marks the first season in which the Irish have faced two No. 1 teams in the same season.
- Notre Dame's victory over No. 1 Clemson in November of 2020 was Notre Dame's ninth win over an AP No. 1 opponent, which ties for second-most all-time (Miami). Only Alabama has more (10).
- The matchup with Clemson was the first game for the Irish against the No. 1 team in the Brian Kelly era.
- Notre Dame has won six of the last seven games when playing No. 1 as a top-five team.
- Notre Dame's 47 points vs. Clemson are the most an Irish team has ever scored against a No. 1 opponent.
- Of the five longest regular-season winning streaks in college football history, Notre Dame has single-handedly ended three of those streaks: Oklahoma's 45 (1953-57), Miami's 36 (1985-88) and Clemson's 36 (2017-20).
- Since the start of 2018, Notre Dame is 33-4 (.892). That rate ranks fourth among all teams who have made an appearance in the College Football Playoff since its inception in 2014. Notre Dame is one of just five teams who have made playoff appearances in multiple seasons.
- Among those teams, Notre Dame is one of just four teams that have totaled four or fewer losses since the beginning of 2018.

School	Record Since 2018	Win Pct.
Clemson	39-2	.951
Alabama	36-2	.947
Ohio State	32-2	.941
NOTRE DAME	33-4	.892
Oklahoma	32-6	.842
Georgia	30-7	.811
LSU	30-8	.789
Oregon	25-8	.758
Washington	21-10	.677
Michigan State	16-17	.485
Florida State	14-20	.412

NOTRE DAME STADIUM

- In its 91st season as the home of Fighting Irish Football, Notre Dame boasts a 361-114-5 (.757) record in Notre Dame Stadium.



HOME FIELD WIN STREAK

- Notre Dame has won 24-straight games at home dating back to Sept. 30, 2017, starting with a victory over Miami (Ohio) and extending to the 2020 win over Syracuse.
- It continues the modern-era record for longest home winning streak for the Irish (28-straight from 1942-50). With the 52-0 shutout of South Florida, the Irish topped the previous modern streak of 19-straight from 1987-90.
- Clemson is the only Power 5 program that boasts a home streak of more than 23 games:

School	Home Winning Streak
Clemson	28
NOTRE DAME	24
Ohio State	23

- With the win over Syracuse, the Irish completed an undefeated home slate for the third-consecutive season.
- Notre Dame has not achieved three-straight undefeated home seasons since 1987-89.
- Football student-athletes who are true seniors boast a 25-1 record at Notre Dame Stadium, since beginning their Irish careers in 2017.

BEATING NO. 1 AT HOME

- The last two times the Irish have played at Notre Dame Stadium as a top-five team against a No. 1 program, the Irish are undefeated (1993 vs. Florida State and 2020 vs. Clemson).
- Attendance at Notre Dame Football games in 2020 was limited to 20 percent or less of Notre Dame Stadium's normal capacity. Tickets for the Syracuse game were made available to University of Notre Dame Faculty and Staff.
- All attendees were required to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Tailgating was not permitted, and mobile ticketing was employed.

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ALABAMA - THE LAST TIME

- January 7, 2013* - Notre Dame 14, Alabama 42: Unbeaten and top-rated Notre Dame's first crack at a Bowl Championship Series title game didn't exactly end the way the Irish hoped. Alabama emerged with a 42-14 victory at Sun Life Stadium.
- Alabama (13-1) got up to a 28-0 halftime lead after scoring on its first three possessions in the first half.
- Notre Dame's Everett Golson threw for 270 yards and a score (a six-yard TD to Riddick), but his 21-for-36 effort came as the Irish played from the back all night long. TJ Jones had a career-high seven receptions (90 yards), and DaVaris Daniels contributed six grabs for a career-best 115 yards—while tight end Tyler Eifert had six for 61 yards.
- Senior safety Zeke Motta led both teams with 16 tackles, and all-star senior linebacker Manti Te'o had 10. The Irish lost senior defensive captain Kapron Lewis-Moore to a first-half knee injury—with nose guard Louis Nix III limping much of the second half.
- The Irish had only one turnover (an interception by Alabama on the opening series of the second half).

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ALABAMA (5-2-0)
H: 2-0-0; A: 1-1-0; N: 2-1-0

Home/Away	Year	Score
Sugar Bowl	1973	ND 24, UA 23
Orange Bowl	1974	ND 13, UA 11
Home	1976	ND 21, UA 18
Away	1980	ND 7, UA 0
Away	1986	ND 10, UA 28
Home	1987	ND 37, UA 6
BCS National Championship	2012	ND 14, UA 42

ALABAMA CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame running backs coach/run game coordinator **Lance Taylor** graduated from Alabama in 2003 and was a wide receiver for the Crimson Tide. He hails from Mt. Vernon, AL, and was a graduate assistant at Alabama (2007-08). His father, James, also played for Alabama, under head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.
- One Irish player hails from the state of Alabama: P **Jay Bramblett** (Tuscaloosa, Hillcrest HS).
- Two Alabama players are from Indiana: OL **Emil Okiyor Jr.** (Indianapolis, Cathedral HS), QB **Jayden George** (Indianapolis, Warren Central HS),
- Alabama Director of Sports Performance **David Ballou** was the Notre Dame co-director of football strength & conditioning in 2017.

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB

- Notre Dame competed for a football conference championship for the first time in the program's one-year history of being a conference member.
- For the first time in the 132-year history of the Notre Dame Football Program, the Fighting Irish played the 2020 football season as members of the Atlantic Coast Conference (131 years were spent as an independent. The 132nd season is the first in the ACC).
- In the ACC Preseason Order of Finish, the Irish were ranked second behind Clemson, who entered the season as the top-ranked team in the nation. On Nov. 7, Notre Dame beat Clemson at Notre Dame Stadium (47-40, 20T).
- In a partnership that began in 2014, Notre Dame and the ACC agreed to schedule the Irish to play, on average, five ACC opponents each season. Originally scheduled through the 2025 season, the games have now been scheduled through the 2037 campaign.
- Notre Dame is 32-7 (.821) against ACC opponents since the scheduling agreement began during the 2014 season, and including 2020 regular season play as a conference member.

2020 CAPTAINS

- Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly announced five team captains for Notre Dame's 2020 football campaign this fall. They include returning 2019 captains QB Ian Book and OL Robert Hainsey, as well as first-time captains S Shaun Crawford, DL Daelin Hayes and DL Adetokunbo Ogundeji.
- Book and Hainsey earn the role as rare two-time captains, just the 23rd and 24th Notre Dame players in the program's 131-season history to ever serve multiple seasons as a team captain. More than 200 players have served in the captain role for Irish Football.

IRISH IN THE POLLS

- At No. 4 in all three rankings (CFP, AP, Coaches), the Rose Bowl Game will mark the 10th game this season that the Irish have played ranked as a Top 5 team. It is the most games Notre Dame has played as a Top 5 team in a single season since the Irish reached the same feat in 1993.
- Through the Brian Kelly era (11 seasons), the Irish have been ranked in the AP Top 10 at least one week in each of the last seven seasons, and eight of the last nine.
- The Irish have been ranked in the AP Top 10 for their first game in November in five of the seven seasons of the College Football Playoff's existence, within striking distance of a playoff spot.
- Notre Dame has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 61-consecutive weeks, the longest such streak for the Irish since the 1994 season (124 weeks).

Notre Dame - Consecutive Weeks Appearing in the AP Poll	Seasons
124	1987-1994
97	1969-1975
75	1942-1950
61	2017-2020
46	1952-1956
41	1964-1967

- The 61-week run currently ranks fourth among all FBS active streaks, which do not include teams who were not listed in the initial AP polls at the beginning of the season (Big Ten and Pac-12).

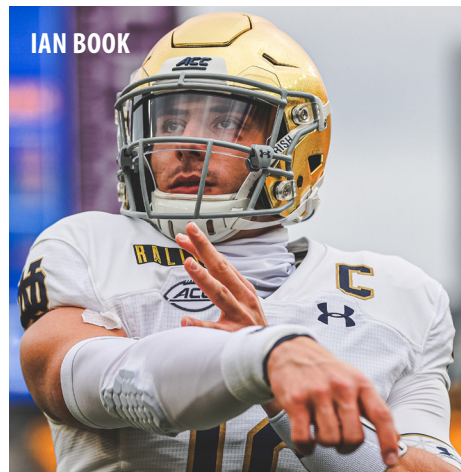
Team	Weeks	Seasons
Alabama	212	2008-20
Clemson	101	2014-20
Georgia	65	2017-20
NOTRE DAME	61	2017-20
Florida	44	2018-20
Cincinnati	27	2019-20

THE BOOK OF IAN

- Graduate student quarterback **Ian Book** is the winningest quarterback in Notre Dame history, going 30-4 (.882) as a starter, which ranks tied for second nationally among all FBS quarterbacks (min. 20 wins), even as Book ranks 11th overall in total QB career starts (34). His 30 wins are tied for third among all FBS quarterbacks. (Figures assessed following conference championships, prior to bowls)

Player	Team	QB Win Pct.
Trevor Lawrence	Clemson	97.1 (34-1)
IAN BOOK	NOTRE DAME	88.2 (30-4)
Desmond Ridder	Cincinnati	88.2 (30-4)
Zac Thomas	Appalachian State	83.8 (31-6)
McKenzie Milton	UCF	81.8 (27-6)
Kellen Mond	Texas A&M	69.8 (30-13)
Brady White	Memphis	69.2 (28-11)
Brock Purdy	Iowa State	68.8 (22-10)

- Book is the only Power 5 quarterback with more than 237 pass attempts and only two interceptions (or fewer). Book owns 314 attempts with just two picks.



- Book's 266-consecutive attempts without an interception (Duke-Syracuse) was the longest such streak in Notre Dame quarterback history, and ended as the longest-active streak in the FBS. The next closest in Irish QB history is Brady Quinn's 226 (Michigan State-Army, 2006).
- Book completed a perfect record as a starting quarterback in Notre Dame Stadium. Book is 15-0 as a starter at home. Tony Rice posted a 15-0 record (1987-89), Joe Theismann went 11-0-1 (1968-70) and John Lujack was 9-0 (1943, 46-47).

THE CHAPTERS

- In the ACC Championship, Book completed 20 passes, moving into second all-time in Notre Dame quarterback career completions with 701, passing Jimmy Clausen's 695. Book trails only Brady Quinn (929). On the day, Book totaled 219 passing yards with a 137.1 rating.
- With the win over Syracuse, Book earned the most wins ever by an Irish starting quarterback (30).
- With eight rushing touchdowns this season, Book ranks tied for third among all Power 5 quarterbacks in season rushing touchdowns. Book moved into fourth all-time in Notre Dame quarterback rushing touchdowns with 14. His eight rushing touchdowns in 2020 tie for fifth all-time among Irish QBs in a single season.
- Book was selected as Manning Award Quarterback of the Week for his performance vs. Syracuse, in which he went 24-of-37 for 285 yards and three touchdowns, adding eight rushes for 53 yards and two touchdowns. His five touchdowns were the most by any Power 5 player (any position) on the weekend. No FBS player accounted for more touchdowns on the week than Book's five, which tied his career-high and was the most by an Irish player since he passed for five touchdowns vs. Navy in 2019.
- Entering the game, Syracuse's defense allowed an average of 251.8 passing yards per game. Book surpassed that mark in the first half alone with 252 passing yards.
- Book was responsible for 19 of Notre Dame's 27 first downs on the day (15 passing, four rushing), and all but one of the Irish's 15 first downs in the first half (the only other Notre Dame first down in the first half was by penalty).
- With his performance at UNC, Book moved into second all-time in career passing yards (now owns 8,500), passing Jimmy Clausen (8,148).
- In the 31-17 win at North Carolina, Book went 23-of-33 for 279 yards and a touchdown (Zero INTs, 53-yard long), adding eight rushes for 48 yards. He posted a season-long 33-yard run against the Tar Heels, the longest run by a starting quarterback in the ACC last week.
- The graduate student quarterbacked the Irish to four touchdown drives of at least 75 yards against the Tar Heels, including a season-long scoring drive of 97 yards.
- Book led the Irish to 478 yards of total offense against a UNC defense that entered the game allowing 413.6 yards of offense per game.
- Book went 20-of-27 for 283 yards and three touchdowns in the 45-31 win over Boston College. Posting zero sacks and zero interceptions, he also added 10 rushes for 85 yards and a touchdown, leading the team in rushing yards.



- With a 74.1 completion PCT., Book led all ACC quarterbacks on the weekend. He was also the only ACC quarterback not to take a sack on the weekend (among eligible QBs).
- His 10.48 yards/attempt were the second-most in the ACC for the week. Book's 198.8 passer rating ranked sixth on the weekend among all FBS quarterbacks.
- Accounting for four touchdowns (three passing, one rushing), Book's game marked the first time a Notre Dame player has been responsible for four or more touchdowns in a single game since he did it at Stanford in 2019.
- Taking down No. 1 Clemson in double-overtime, Book was awarded the game ball for a performance in which he completed 22 passes for 310 yards and a touchdown, also rushing 14 times for 67 yards.
- His 310 passing yards came against the then second-ranked passing defense in the ACC (behind Notre Dame) in Clemson (allowed 174.9 avg./game entering the game), marking the eighth 300-yard game of his career. He now ranks third all-time in 300-yard passing games among all Irish QBs, passing offensive coordinator Tommy Rees (7).
- Book went 5-for-5 to start the game, not throwing his first incompleteness until 13:20 remained in the second quarter.
- His 67 rushing yards alone outpaced the entire Clemson offense, which posted 34 rushing yards.
- Thirteen of Book's 22 completions were for gains of 10 yards or more, and four gained 28 yards or more. Six of Book's completions resulted in successful third-down conversions.
- In the game at Georgia Tech, Book completed 18 passes for 199 yards and a touchdown, while also rushing for 46 yards. Three of his rushes resulted in first downs, and two of those first-down runs were 13 yards or longer.
- Book was named to the Davey O'Brien Great 8 List for his performance in the 45-3 road win over Pitt. Book completed 16 passes for 312 yards and three TDs with zero interceptions. His three passing touchdowns led all ACC quarterbacks that week, along with his TD pct. (10.0, min. 20 attempts). His 312 passing yards were the second-most in the conference that week, and his 173.7 rating was the second-highest in the ACC for the week.
- Book's three TD passes against Pitt ranked second among all Power 5 quarterbacks that week (just four other Power 5 quarterbacks threw three or more TD passes that week).

NATIONAL RANKINGS

*Conference leader

TEAM NATIONAL RANKINGS

OFFENSE

- *Third-down conversion pct.: Ninth (0.493)
- Total first downs: Ninth (267)
- Passes had intercepted: Fifth (2)
- Rushing offense: 20th (217.6/game)

DEFENSE

- *Third-down conversion defense: Sixth (0.294)
- Fumbles recovered: Seventh (10)
- Rushing defense: 15th (110.5)
- Total defense: 20th (335.1)
- Scoring defense: 14th (18.6)
- Team tackles for loss: 14th (7.8)
- Team passing efficiency defense: 20th (119.13)

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Blocked punts: Sixth (2)
- Blocked kicks: 15th (2)
- Punt return defense: 15th (2.18)

TEAM

- *Time of possession: Eighth (33:57)
- *Fewest penalties per game: 14th (4.55)
- Fewest penalty yards: 17th (39.18/game)

INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

*Conference leader

QB Ian Book (Gr.)

- Passing yards: 13th (2,601)
- Points responsible for: 21st (138)

DL Jordan Botelho (Fr.)

- *Punt return TDs: Fourth (1)

K/P Jonathan Doerer (Sr.)

- Total points scored: 18th (91)

DL Isaiah Foskey (So.)

- *Punt return TDs: Fourth (1)

CB Nick McCloud (Gr.)

- Fumbles recovered: 11th (2 total)

LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah (Sr.)

- Fumbles recovered: 11th (2 total)

DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa (Sr.)

- Fumbles recovered: 11th (2 total)

RB Chris Tyree (Fr.)

- Combined kick returns: 15th (448)

RB Kyren Williams (So.)

- Rushing TDs: 11th (12)
- Rushing yards: 12th (1,061)
- Total touchdowns: 12th (13)

THE ACC			
2020 ACC STANDINGS			
	Team	ACC	Overall
1.	NOTRE DAME	9-0	10-1
2.	Clemson	8-1	10-1
3.	Miami	7-2	8-2
4.	North Carolina	7-3	8-3
	NC State	7-3	8-3
6.	Pitt	5-5	6-5
	Boston College	5-5	6-5
	Virginia Tech	5-5	5-6
9.	Virginia	4-5	5-5
10.	Wake Forest	3-4	4-4
11.	Georgia Tech	3-6	3-7
12.	Louisville	3-7	4-7
13.	Florida State	2-6	3-6
14.	Duke	1-9	2-9
	Syracuse	1-9	1-10

INDIVIDUAL ACC RANKINGS

QB Ian Book

- Pass Efficiency: Fifth (148.1)
- Total Offense: Seventh (275.5/game)
- Single-game conference highs:
 - Rushing TDs (3 vs. South Florida)
 - Second in the conference: TD responsibility (5 vs. Syracuse)

DL Jordan Botelho

- Single-game conference high: punt return TDs (1 vs. South Florida)

K/P Jonathan Doerer

- Scoring: Eighth (8.3 pts./game)
- Scoring (Kick): Sixth (8.3 pts./game)
- PAT Kicking Pct: T-First (100.0)
- Single-game conference highs:
 - Kicking points (17 vs. Clemson)
 - Field Goals Made (4 vs. Clemson)
 - Field Goal Attempts (5 vs. Clemson)

LB Osita Ekwonu

- Single-game conference mark: Second-most in conference: punt return yards (54 vs. South Florida)

DL Isaiah Foskey

- Sacks: T-16th (0.41/game)
- Single-game conference high: punt return TDs (1 at Pitt)

CB Nick McCloud

- Passes Defended: T-14th (0.82 avg./game)

WR Javon McKinley

- Single-game ACC high: Receiving TDs (3 vs. Syracuse)

- Book's 73-yard touchdown pass to Ben Skowronek was the third-longest pass in the FBS that week and second-longest among ACC quarterbacks.
- Notre Dame posted 11 rushing first downs against the ACC's top-ranked rushing defense (Pitt), and Book was responsible for three of those first downs, including an 18-yard dash to later set up the 73-yard TD pass to Skowronek.
- In the win over Louisville, Book passed for 106 yards and rushed for 47, also fooling a Louisville defender to gain extra yardage on an impressive go-ahead touchdown run.
- In the 12-7 victory over Louisville, Book and the offense

- held the ball for 36:15, including an impressive 7:55, 57-yard drive to end the fourth quarter and preserve the win.
- Book quarterbacked ND to 554 yards of total offense in the 42-26 win over Florida State, the most for Notre Dame since 2019 vs. Bowling Green (573 yards).
- Book recorded three rushing touchdowns in the first half against South Florida - the second time in his career in which he has rushed for three touchdowns in a game (Wake Forest - 2018). He became the first quarterback in Notre Dame history (modern era) to rush for three touchdowns in a half, and his three rushing TDs are still the ACC's single-game high.
- In the 52-0 win over South Florida, Book completed 12-of-19 passes for 144 yards, also managing an offense that scored five rushing touchdowns, traveled 430 yards, posted zero turnovers and only punted twice.
- In the season opener vs. Duke, Book completed 19-of-31 passes, including a 75-yard long, for 236 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 12 yards. Book quarterbacked the Irish offense to five scoring drives, the first of which went 96 yards in 12 plays, to take the lead in the second quarter. It was the longest drive by the Irish since a 97-yard drive in the 30-27 home win over Southern Cal in 2019. Notre Dame also added an 83-yard touchdown drive later in the game.
- In all, the Irish offense outrushed (178-75), outpassed (263-259) and outgained (441-334) the Blue Devils, and were 3-4 in the redzone.

2020 BOOK RECORD WATCH

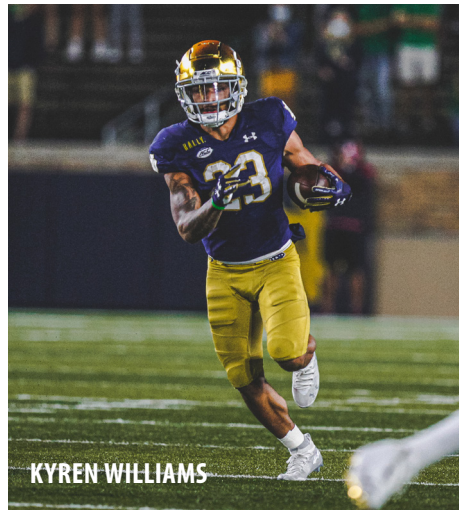
Record	Player	Leaders
300-Yard Passing Games (Career)	Ian Book	1. 11 - Brady Quinn, 2003-06 2. 10 - Jimmy Clausen, 2007-09 3. 8 - Ian Book, 2016-
Touchdown Passes (Career)	Ian Book	1. 95 - Brady Quinn, 2003-06 2. 72 - Ian Book, 2016-
Pass Completions (Career)	Ian Book	1. 929 - Brady Quinn (2003-06) 2. 701 - Ian Book, 2016-
Passing Yards (Career)	Ian Book	1. 11,762 - Brady Quinn, 2003-06 2. 8,719 - Ian Book, 2016-
Consecutive Games Completing a Pass (Career)	Ian Book	1. 49 - Brady Quinn (12, 2003; 12, 2004; 12, 2005; 13, 2006) 2. 43 - Ron Powlus (11, 1994; 10, 1995; 11, 1996; 11, 1997) 3. 38 - Ian Book, (4, 2017; 10, 2018; 13, 2019; 11, 2020)
QB Rushing Yards (Career)	Ian Book	1. 1,921 - Tony Rice (1987-89) 2. 1,463 - Ian Book, 2016-
Victories as a starting QB	Ian Book	1.30 - Ian Book, 2016- 2. 29 - Brady Quinn, 2003-06 29 - Ron Powlus, 1994-97 29 - Tom Clements, 1972-74
Winning Percentage as a Starting QB	Ian Book	1. .932 - John Lujack, 1943, 1946-47 (20-1-1) 2. .903 - Tony Rice, 1987-89 (28-3-0) 3. .882 - Ian Book, 2016-(30-4-0)
Total Offense Yards (Career)	Ian Book	1. 11,944 - Brady Quinn, 2003-06 2. 10,182 - Ian Book, 2016-
Points Responsible For (Career)	Ian Book	1. 606 - Brady Quinn, 2003-06 (6 rush TDs, 95 pass TDs) 2. 528 - Ian Book, 2016-(16 rush TDs, 72 pass TDs)
QB Rushing TDs (Career)	Ian Book	1. 23 - Tony Rice, 1987-89 2. 18 - DeShone Kizer, 2015-16 3. 17 - Rick Mirer, 1989-92 4. 16 - Ian Book, 2016- 16 - Brandon Wimbury, 2015-18 16 - Joe Theismann, 1968-70 16 - Terry Hanratty, 1966-68

HEADED FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

- Against Clemson in the ACC Championship, Book completed 20 passes, moving into second all-time in Irish quarterback career completions with 701, passing Jimmy Clausen's 695. Book trails only Brady Quinn (929).
- With just two interceptions this season, and only 19 total interceptions through the 1,102 pass attempts of his career, Book's 1.72 interception percentage is the best in Notre Dame quarterback history.
- With his 30th-career win vs. Syracuse, Book became the all-time winningest quarterback in Notre Dame history. He passed Brady Quinn, Ron Powlus & Tom Clements.
- Book completed a perfect record as a starting quarterback in Notre Dame Stadium going 15-0 as a starter at home, tying the most wins at home by a Notre Dame starting passer. Tony Rice posted a 15-0 record (1987-89), Joe Theismann went 11-0-1 (1968-70) and John Lujack was 9-0 (1943, 46-47).
- With eight rushing touchdowns this season, and two vs. Syracuse, Book ranks tied for third among all Power 5 quarterbacks in season rushing touchdowns. Book moved into fourth all-time in Notre Dame quarterback rushing touchdowns with 16. His eight rushing touchdowns in 2020 tie for fifth all-time among Irish QBs in a single season.
- With 279 yards against the Tar Heels, Book moved into second all-time in Irish history for career passing yards (now totals 8,719), passing Jimmy Clausen (8,148).
- At Boston College, Book passed John and Bobbie Arlotta

Offensive Coordinator Tommy Rees (627) in career pass completions to move into third all-time among Irish QBs. Book now totals 701.

- Book has now racked up 38-consecutive games completing a pass, which places him third all-time in Notre Dame history.
- With 310 passing yards against Clemson, Book moved into sole possession of third place all-time in career 300-yard passing games among Irish QBs, passing offensive coordinator Tommy Rees.
- At Pitt, Book became just the second quarterback in Notre Dame history to eclipse the 8,000 total offensive yards plateau in his career - joining Brady Quinn '07 (11,944).
- With three TD passes at Pitt, Book moved into second place in Irish QB history for career touchdown passes, passing Rees (61). Book now totals 72.
- At Pitt, Book passed associate athletics director for football Ron Powlus in the all-time rankings among Notre Dame quarterbacks in career pass completions (Book now totals 701-career completions).
- With his 47 yards rushing vs. Louisville, Book passed Brandon Wimbush (1,155) to move into second all-time in Notre Dame QB rushing yards. He now owns 1,463.
- Book is the all-time leader among Irish QBs in career completion percentage, currently boasting a .636 completion rate. The closest Notre Dame quarterback in the category is Jimmy Clausen (2007-09) with .626.
- Book became the first Notre Dame quarterback with 2,500 passing yards, 500 rushing yards and 30 TD passes in a season with his 2019 regular-season. Jalen Hurts was the only other collegiate student-athlete to hit these marks in the 2019 regular season, while Trevor Lawrence and Sam Ehlinger joined the group, but not until the postseason. Since 2017, only Book, Hurts, Kyler Murray, JT Barrett and D'Eriq King have hit these marks in the regular season.
- In 2019, Book was named Notre Dame Offensive Player of the Year and earned spots on the Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 List three times and as the Manning Star of the Week twice. He finished the season 240-for-399 with 3,034 yards and 34 touchdowns, throwing just six INT. He also ran 112 times for 546 yards and four TDs.
- Just five players in the FBS were responsible for more points than Book's 222 (33 passing TDs, four rushing TDs) in the 2019 regular season.



KYREN WILLIAMS



C'BO FLEMISTER



CHRIS TYREE

AND THE BASE KEEP RUNNIN'

THE UNIT

- RBs **Kyren Williams**, **C'Bo Flemister** and **Chris Tyree** have each posted at least one 100-yard rushing game this season. Just two Power 5 teams have had more different student-athletes mark a 100-yard rushing game this season than Notre Dame's three, and just one Power 5 team has more than three different running backs reach 100 rushing yards in games this season.
- Irish running backs have reached the 100-yard mark nine times this season, a figure which ranks second in the ACC.

- With a 127-yard performance by Williams vs. Louisville, it marked Notre Dame's fifth-consecutive game with a 100-yard rusher (beginning with Tony Jones Jr. in the 2019 Camping World Bowl). The last time the Irish strung together five-straight games with a 100-yard rusher was in 2017 (Miami - OH to Wake Forest).

WHEN THERE'S A WILL[IAMS]

- The ACC Rookie of the Year and Offensive Rookie of the Year, and a five-time ACC weekly award winner in 2020, **RB Kyren Williams** has taken the college football scene by storm, totaling six 100-yard rushing performances. Through 10 games, Williams has totaled 1,061 rushing

THE ACC, CONT.

INDIVIDUAL ACC RANKINGS, Cont.

DL Ade Ogundeji

- Sacks: Ninth (0.59/game)

LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah

- Fumbles Forced: T-Fifth (0.27/game)
- Tackles for Loss: 10th (1.00/game)

WR Ben Skowronek

- **Single-game ACC high:** Yards/catch (53.5 at Pitt)
- **Single-game ACC high:** Receiving TDs (3 at Boston College)

DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa

- Fumbles Recovered: T-Seventh (0.20/game)

RB Chris Tyree

- Kick Return Avg.: Third (21.3 avg./game)
- **Single-game conference high:** Longest Rush (94T vs. Syracuse)

RB Kyren Williams

- Rushing: Fourth (96.5 avg./game)
- Scoring (TDs): Fourth (7.1 pts./game)
- All Purpose: Fifth (122.1 avg./game)
- **Single-game conference high:** Rushing TDs (3 vs. Clemson)

TEAM ACC RANKINGS

- Scoring Defense: Second (18.6 avg./game)
- Scoring Offense: Fourth (35.2 avg./game)
- Total Offense: Third (455.2avg./game)
- Total Defense: Second (335.1 avg./game)
- Rushing Offense: Third (217.6 avg./game)
- Rushing Defense: Third (110.5 avg./game)
- Pass Defense: Third (234.5 avg./game)
- Pass Defense Efficiency: Second (119.1)
- Kickoff Coverage: Third (41.6 net/avg.)
- PAT Kicking: T-First (1.000 pct.)
- Sacks Against: T-Fourth (23)
- First Downs: Third (267 total)
- Opponent First Downs: Second (185 total)
- Third Down Conversions: **First** (49.7 pct.)
- Opponent Third-Down Conversions: **First** (29.4 pct.)
- Opponent Fourth-Down Conversions: Fourth (44.4 pct.)
- Penalty yards: **First** (39.2 avg./game)
- Time of possession: **First** (33:56 avg./game)
- Turnover margin: T-Third (+7)
- **Single-game conference highs:**
 - Rushing TDs (6 vs. South Florida)
 - Punt return avg. (31.0 vs. South Florida)
 - Punt return TDs (1 vs. South Florida and at Pitt)
 - Second-highest: First downs by penalty (6 at Pitt)

HONORS & AWARDS

TEAM

- Reveal Suits National Team of the Week by FWAAs vs. Clemson (11/7)

Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly

- ACC Coach of the Year
- Associated Press ACC Coach of the Year
- Bear Bryant ACC Coach of the Year
- Dodd Trophy Finalist
- Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Finalist
- George Munger College Coach of the Year Semifinalist
- Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7)

Bob Hinton DC/Linebackers coach Clark Lea

- Broyles Award Semifinalist

Offensive Line

- Joe Moore Award Finalist

RB Jafar Armstrong (Sr.)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent Second Team

OL Aaron Banks (Sr.)

- ESPN All-America Team
- All-ACC First Team
- Associated Press First Team All-ACC
- ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7)
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Preseason All-ACC Team
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC First Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team

QB Ian Book (Gr.)

- Team Captain
- All-ACC Third Team
- Manning Award Finalist
- Maxwell Award Semifinalist
- Davey O'Brien Award Semifinalist
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Finalist
- Pop Warner National College Football Award Winner
- Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- Walter Camp Player of the Year Semifinalist
- Davey O'Brien Award Class of 2020
- Manning Award Quarterback of the Week - Syracuse
- Manning Award Star of the Week - Syracuse
- Gameball recipient (Syracuse)
- Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 List - North Carolina
- Game ball recipient (Clemson)
- Manning Award Star of the Week - Boston College
- Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 List - Boston College
- Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 List - Clemson
- CFPA National Performer of the Year November Watch List
- ACC Quarterback of the Week at Pitt (10/24)
- Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 List - Pitt
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List
- Maxwell Trophy Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Award Watch List
- Manning Award Watch List
- CFPA National Performer of the Year Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Top 250
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC Honorable Mention

CB Tariq Bracy (Jr.)

- Pro Football Focus Team of the Week (Duke)

yards and 12 touchdowns, adding 27 receptions for 282 yards and a touchdown in the air. He leads the Irish in rushing, and his total receptions rank third on the team.

- Williams leads all FBS freshmen in rushing touchdowns (12), total touchdowns (13), and total rushing yards (1,061). Among all FBS players, he is T-10th in rushing TDs, 12th in total TDs and 11th in rushing yards. In the ACC, Williams ranks fourth in rushing yards per game (96.5), fourth in scoring – TDs (7.1 points/game) and fifth in all-purpose yards per game (122.1).
- Of the Top 10 rushers in the ACC, which includes Williams, the Irish have faced six (facing one twice and two in the same game): North Carolina's Javonte Williams and Michael Carter, Clemson's Travis Etienne, Duke's Mataeo Durant, Florida State's Jordan Travis and Syracuse's Sean Tucker. Notre Dame's defense has limited those six Top-10 running backs to an average of 63.0 yards (441 yards total on 94 carries) and just four total touchdowns among the six. Carter, who leads the ACC with 113.2 rushing yards per game, was held to just 57 vs. Notre Dame. By comparison, in those six games, Williams posted at least 100 rushing yards in five, averaging 121.3 yards (728 yards total on 119 carries), with a total of 10 touchdowns.
- The redshirt freshman was named ACC Running Back of the Week for his 110-yard rushing performance (adding three receptions for 33 yards) vs. Syracuse, in which he reached the 1,000-rushing yard plateau for the season.
- Williams totaled 124 rushing yards on the day at North Carolina, breaking the 100-yard plateau for the fifth time this season. He added three touchdowns, two on the ground and one in the air, earning his first-career receiving touchdown. He finished the day adding on four receptions for 20 yards.
- Williams' three total touchdowns ranked tied for third among all FBS players on the weekend. He was the only FBS player with three or more touchdowns that weekend to have at least one receiving touchdown and one rushing touchdown. His three touchdowns tied for most by a single ACC player (non-quarterback) on the weekend.
- Williams' 144 all-purpose yards were the most among any ACC running back on the weekend, and were the fourth-most among all ACC players.
- Williams rushed for three touchdowns vs. Clemson (two in overtime), marking his first three-touchdown game. He is the second Irish player to rush for three touchdowns in a single game this season (Ian Book vs. South Florida).
- He posted 140 yards against the third-ranked rushing defense in the ACC, as Clemson entered the game allowing just 99.9 rushing yards per game. Prior to the matchup, Clemson's defense had allowed just three rushing touchdowns all season. Williams single-handedly doubled that figure.
- Williams broke through for a 65-yard rush on the first official play of the game's opening drive vs. Clemson, tying his career-long rush (Florida State) and marking the longest scoring rush of his career. Only one player in the ACC this weekend had a longer scoring rush.
- Taking just 0:33 seconds, Williams' one-play scoring drive was the fastest Notre Dame scoring drive since the 2019 Camping World Bowl, when Tony Jones Jr. broke off an 84-yard rush for a one-play, 00:15 second drive.
- Williams' 486 yards in the first four games of a season was the best opening slate for an Irish RB since Dexter Williams in 2018 (512). Kyren Williams reached three 100-rushing yard performances in just four games, as did Dexter Williams, while it took Josh Adams five games to reach that mark in 2017.
- Williams totaled 15 carries for 76 yards and two TDs at Georgia Tech, as well as two receptions for 24 yards. His two touchdowns marked his third multi-TD game of the season (now boasts four: also vs. Duke, vs. Florida State, vs. Clemson). Williams was one of just five ACC players to rush for two or more touchdowns on the weekend, and the only freshman to reach the mark.
- Williams was responsible for seven of Notre Dame's 24 first downs at Georgia Tech, posting three plays of 10 or more yards, and two of 19 or more yards.
- In a grind game vs. Louisville, Williams showcased his power run ability, plowing for 127 rushing yards alone against a defense that had only allowed 156.8 rushing yards per game entering the matchup with the Irish.
- Williams shattered his previous career-high mark of 112 yards set vs. Duke in the season-opener, rushing for 185 yards on 19 carries vs. Florida State. His 185 rushing yards rank as the seventh-highest in a single game by any ACC player this season, and the most by any freshman player this season.
- Entering the game, Florida State allowed just 141.3 rushing yards per game. Williams surpassed that total on his own by more than 40 yards. His 185 yards vs. FSU ranked as the fourth-most in a single game that week in the FBS. His total is also the highest for a Notre Dame player since 2018. Williams was responsible for 10 of Notre Dame's 15 rushing first-downs in that game.
- Williams posted 117 yards on five carries vs. Florida State, including runs of 65 and 46 yards, in the first quarter. The last time a Notre Dame player rushed for more yards on five or fewer carries was Josh Adams vs. Miami - OH in 2017 (151 yards).
- His 65-yard run in the first quarter vs. Florida State was the longest rush of his career, and his performance marked the second time this season (and in his career) he broke the 100-rushing-yard plateau.
- Williams exploded onto the scene in his first-career start vs. Duke, leading all FBS players in all-purpose yards (205) after rushing for 112 yards and tacking on 93 more in the air. His performance marked the first time an Irish player has reached the 90-yard plateau in both rushing and receiving in a single game since at least 1996.
- In the season-opener vs. Duke, the sophomore back averaged 5.9 yards-per-carry (12 carries) and rushed for two touchdowns, also accounting for two receptions that resulted in 91 yards-after-catch, including a career-high 75-yard reception on a screen pass to bring the Irish in the red zone. Williams the first Irish player to record two or more rushing touchdowns since Tony Jones Jr. had three

against Virginia in 2019, and was awarded the game ball vs. Duke for his efforts.

THE JET

- **RB Chris Tyree** scored his fourth touchdown of the season on a 21-yard rush in the ACC Championship.
- Tyree broke loose for a 94-yard touchdown rush vs. Syracuse, the longest by a Notre Dame true freshman since Josh Adams' 98-yard touchdown rush in 2015 vs. Wake Forest. It marked Tyree's third-career touchdown, and the third-longest rush in Notre Dame history (98 from Adams, 97-yard touchdown rush from Dexter Williams, 2018). Tyree's 94-yard rush is the longest rush in the FBS this season.
- With his 109 yards vs. Syracuse, Tyree marked his second-career 100-rushing yard game.
- With his performance vs. Syracuse, Tyree led all ACC freshmen in all-purpose yards on the weekend (188 rushing + receiving + returns) and ranked second among ACC freshmen on the weekend in rushing + receiving yards (115).
- Tyree's 188 all-purpose yards were the fifth-most by a true freshman in the FBS on the weekend.
- He ranked ninth among FBS true freshmen in scrimmage yards (rushing + receiving) for the weekend, and was one of just two players in that Top 10 who also recorded return yards outside of their total scrimmage yards.
- The true freshman surpassed the 100-yard mark for the first time in his young career, with 11 carries for 103 yards and boosted by a 45-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, vs. Florida State. Tyree was responsible for five of Notre Dame's 15 rushing first downs that day.
- His performance was the only 100-rushing yard performance by a true freshman in the ACC that week. On the season, only two ACC true freshmen have recorded multiple 100-rushing yard games, including Tyree.
- Tyree scored his first-career touchdown vs. South Florida. He later would set a then-career mark for longest rush after scampering 31 yards in the second quarter.
- Tyree has also served four games in the kickoff return role for the Irish.

SEEYA, C'BO

- **RB C'Bo Flemister** was awarded the game ball for his performance at Boston College as he rushed for two touchdowns, the most in a single game for Flemister's career. He now totals 10 rushing TDs for his career and five for the season. On the day, he posted 10 rushes for 53 yards.
- Flemister's performance marks the sixth game this season that an Irish player has produced a multi-rushing TD game.
- Flemister posted a career game vs. South Florida, rushing for a career-high 127 yards (13 carries) to go along with a rushing touchdown. His 31-yard run in the fourth quarter was the longest rush of his career, and his performance marked the first time he has broken the 100-rushing-yard plateau in his career.

HANDS IN THE AIR
PRIME TIME PASS-CATCHER

- **WR Javon McKinley** has totaled four 100-receiving yard performances in 2020, tied for the most among any ACC player. He has posted 40 receptions for 697 yards.
- The graduate student was named ACC Receiver of the Week for his performance vs. Syracuse, in which he caught seven passes for 111 yards and three touchdown receptions. His three TD catches marked a career-high and his first three touchdowns of the season. In his second-career multi-touchdown game (previously vs. New Mexico), McKinley scored two of his three TDs in the first half, marking the first time he has scored multiple touchdowns in a single half.
- His three touchdown receptions were the most among all ACC players on the weekend. Just one other Power 5 player totaled three touchdown receptions on the weekend, and his 111 yards were the second-most in the ACC that week.
- He is the second Irish player to post a three receiving TD game this season, joining Ben Skowronek (vs. Boston College). No other Notre Dame player has ever recorded more receiving touchdowns in a single game vs. a Power 5 opponent than McKinley's and Skowronek's three.
- At North Carolina, McKinley hauled in a season-long 53-yard reception, also notching a 43-yard catch, on his way to a career-high 135-yard receiving performance.
- McKinley's 135 receiving yards were the fourth-most in the ACC that week, and of the top six players (at least 93 yards each), only two, including McKinley, had just six receptions.
- The graduate student also surpassed the 100-yard receiving mark in the win over Clemson, hauling in five passes for 102 yards. Just five ACC players posted 100 or more receiving yards on the weekend, and only one eligible ACC player posted a higher reception average than McKinley (20.4 yards per catch).
- Of McKinley's five receptions, four resulted in first downs and were for a gain of more than 10 yards. McKinley reeled


JAVON MCKINLEY
HONORS & AWARDS, CONT.
P Jay Bramblett (So.)

- Ray Guy Award Watch List

S Shaun Crawford (Gr.)

- Team Captain
- All-ACC Honorable Mention
- ACC Defensive Back of the Week: Boston College (11/14)
- Gameball recipient: Louisville (10/17)

WR Avery Davis (Sr.)

- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Honorable Mention Player of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7).

K/P Jonathan Doerer (Sr.)

- Lou Groza Award Star of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7)
- Groza Award Watch List
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC Second Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team

OL Liam Eichenberg (Gr.)

- The Athletic All-America First Team
- CBS Sports All-America First Team
- ACC Jacobs Blocking Trophy
- Outland Trophy Finalist
- All-ACC First Team
- Associated Press First Team All-ACC
- ACC co-Offensive Lineman of the Week at North Carolina (11/27)
- ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week at Pitt (10/24)
- Pro Football Focus Team of the Week vs. Louisville (10/17)
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Top 250
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC First Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-America Fourth Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team

RB Cameron Ekanayake (Sr.)

- Rhodes Scholar Finalist

OL Robert Hainsey (Sr.)

- Team Captain
- Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- All-ACC Second Team
- Associated Press Second Team All-ACC
- William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC Third Team
- Reese's Senior Bowl Top 250
- ACC co-Offensive Lineman of the Week (9/19 vs. USF)

S Kyle Hamilton (So.)

- The Athletic All-America Second Team
- All-ACC First Team
- Associated Press First Team All-ACC
- Bednarik Award Semifinalist
- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC First Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team
- USA TODAY Preseason All-America Second Team

DL Daelin Hayes (Gr.)

- Team Captain
- Freddie Solomon Community Spirit Award Winner
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Finalist
- All-ACC Honorable Mention
- Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Semifinalist
- Gameball recipient: Georgia Tech (10/31)
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Top 250

HONORS & AWARDS, CONT.

DL Kurt Hinish (Sr.)

- All-ACC Honorable Mention
- Pro Football Focus Team of the Week: North Carolina (11/27)

DB Clarence Lewis (Fr.)

- ACC Defensive Back of the Week: Syracuse (12/5)

LB Jack Kiser (So.)

- Pro Football Focus "Secret Superstar of the Week" (9/19)
- Gameball recipient: South Florida (9/19)

OL Tommy Kraemer (Gr.)

- All-ACC First Team
- Associated Press First Team All-ACC
- ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week: Boston College (11/14)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Top 250
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC Second Team

TE Michael Mayer (Fr.)

- All-ACC Third Team
- Pro Football Focus Team of the Week at Pitt (10/24)
- FWAA Freshman All-American Watch List

CB Nick McCloud (Gr.)

- All-ACC Third Team
- Associated Press Second Team All-ACC
- Pro Football Focus Team of the Week at Pitt (10/24)
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent Second Team

WR Javon McKinley (Gr.)

- All-ACC Honorable Mention
- ACC Receiver of the Week: Syracuse (12/5)
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team

DL Adetokunbo 'Ade' Ogundeji (Gr.)

- Team Captain
- All-ACC Honorable Mention
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC Third Team
- Reese's Senior Bowl Top 250

LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah (Sr.)

- Butkus Award Winner
- The Athletic All-America First Team
- ESPN All-America Team
- CBS Sports All-America First Team
- ACC Defensive Player of the Year
- Associated Press ACC Defensive Player of the Year
- Associated Press First Team All-ACC
- All-ACC First Team
- Nagurski Trophy Finalist
- Bednarik Award Finalist
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist
- Nagurski Trophy Player of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7)
- Bednarik Award Player of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7)
- ACC Linebacker of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7)
- Pro Football Focus Team of the Week at Pitt (10/24)
- Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Butkus Award Watch List
- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
- Preseason All-ACC Team
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC First Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent Second Team

OL Jarrett Patterson (Jr.)

- All-ACC Third Team
- Associated Press Second Team All-ACC
- Outland Trophy Watch List

in a 45-yard pass from Book in the third quarter for his longest reception of the season thus far.

- McKinley led the Irish in receptions and receiving yards vs. Florida State with five receptions for 107 yards, and was the first Irish receiver to reach the 100-yard plateau since Chase Claypool in the 2019 Camping World Bowl. McKinley surpassed his previous career-high in receiving yards (104) with the 38-yard reception in the third quarter vs. Florida State.
- The Book-McKinley connection was solid vs. FSU, as McKinley was Notre Dame's most successful receiver, while also matched up with Preseason All-ACC selection Florida State CB Asante Samuel for much of the evening.
- McKinley posted his first-career rush, a 15-yard run, in the third quarter vs. Louisville.

THE DAVIS DIFFERENCE

- WR Avery Davis** continued his deep ball dominance at Boston College, posting two receptions for 70 yards, including a 48-yard long. He also tacked on a team-long 29-yard rush in the win.
- Davis made the game-changing play vs. Clemson to keep Irish hopes alive on their final drive of the fourth quarter. With less than two minutes remaining in regulation, Davis sped downfield and reeled in a 53-yard pass from Book, brought down at the Clemson four-yard line. Two plays later, Book hit Davis for the equalizing touchdown to send the game to overtime.
- The 53-yard reception in the fourth quarter was Davis' longest of the season. The touchdown pass to Davis from Book was Davis' second TD reception of the season and fourth of his career.

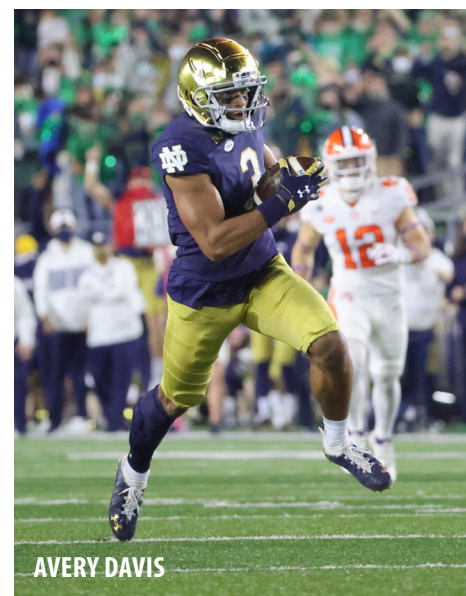
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- WR Joe Wilkins Jr.** caught the first touchdown pass of his career on an eight-yard dart from Book, completing Notre Dame's opening drive at Georgia Tech. Wilkins Jr.'s first-career reception came earlier this season when he hauled in a five-yard pass from Book in the final minute of the second quarter vs. Duke.

BENNY AND THE JETS

- WR Ben Skowronek** has racked up 25 receptions for 398 yards and five TDs (in just nine games, in addition to one 13-yard rushing touchdown).
- The graduate transfer scored his first-career rushing touchdown on his first-career rush at North Carolina, going 13 yards for his sixth touchdown of the season.
- Skowronek reeled in three touchdown receptions in the first half at Boston College, marking his first-career game with three receiving touchdowns. Prior to this performance, the last time a Notre Dame player caught three touchdown passes in a single half was Chase Claypool vs. Navy (2019). It marked Skowronek's second multi-TD game this season (at Pitt), and the third of his career (while playing at Northwestern, scored two touchdowns against Bowling Green in 2017).
- No other Notre Dame player has ever recorded more receiving touchdowns in a single game vs. a Power 5 opponent than Skowronek's three.

- Skowronek now totals five touchdown receptions on the season, which leads the team.
- Skowronek's 18 points at Boston College led all ACC players in scoring for the week. The next closest players totaled 12 points. He was the only ACC player to record three touchdowns of any kind that weekend.
- His three receiving touchdowns tie for the ACC's single-game high. Just four other ACC players have caught three touchdown passes in a single game this season, including teammate McKinley.
- His three receiving touchdowns tied for the national lead among all FBS players that week, and only one other player nationally also noted three touchdown receptions with just five total receptions on the week.
- Skowronek is one of just four ACC players this season with more than one multi-receiving touchdown game, and one of only three ACC players who have multiple multi-receiving TD games and have recorded three touchdown receptions in at least one of those games.



AVERY DAVIS



BEN SKOWRONEK

- Skowronek's other multi-receiving TD game came at Pitt, catching two passes for 107 yards and two touchdowns. Skowronek's two receiving TDs tied for the lead in the ACC that week, and his 107 yards were the third-most among all ACC players that week. His 53.5 yards per catch vs. Pittsburgh is the best mark of the season in the ACC thus far.
- Skowronek's 73-yard touchdown reception was the third-longest among all FBS players on the week, and the second-longest in the ACC.
- His 34-yard touchdown later in the game also ranked as the seventh-longest touchdown reception in the ACC on the week.
- On Notre Dame's opening drive vs. Louisville, WRs **Kevin Austin Jr.** (18-yard catch) and **Skowronek** (16-yard catch) each posted their first receptions of the season.
- Often referenced as "Tight End U," every Notre Dame tight end who has started in the opening game of the season has been drafted, starting with Anthony Fasano in 2003.

HOLD TIGHT

- The Irish have started multiple tight ends in three of the four total games this season, also starting **Brock Wright**, **Tommy Tremble** and **Michael Mayer** all in the game vs. South Florida.
- Five tight ends have caught passes this season: Mayer (35-388, two TDs), Tremble (19-218), Wright (3-21), junior **George Takacs** (2-20) and freshman **Kevin Bauman** (1-5).
- **TE Michael Mayer** ranks second on the Irish offense in receptions with 35, totaling 388 yards and two touchdowns. He has seen action in all 11 games this season, starting two.
- His 35 receptions in 2020 are the most in a single season by a Notre Dame true freshman tight end in Irish history, and rank tenth among all Notre Dame tight ends for single-season receptions.



MICHAEL MAYER

- Among all FBS true freshmen tight ends, Mayer ranks first in total receiving yards (388) and tied for first in receptions (35), also tying for the lead in receiving touchdowns (two). He ranks 12th among all FBS true freshmen in receiving yards and tied for seventh in receptions.
- His 388 yards already rank seventh in Irish records since 1996 among tight ends in a single season.
- Mayer posted his career-long reception vs. Clemson as he powered for a 29-yard reception, keeping a fourth-quarter drive alive that resulted in a field goal.
- The freshman was named to the Pro Football Focus Team of the Week for his performance at Pittsburgh, posting five receptions for 73 yards and a touchdown. Mayer's five receptions vs. Pittsburgh were the most by a true freshman, and tied for the most by a tight end, in the ACC that week.
- All five of Mayer's receptions at Pitt resulted in first downs, and all were for a gain of 10 yards or longer. Notre Dame totaled 11 passing first downs.
- Mayer averaged 14.6 yards per catch, the third-best mark in the ACC that week (min. five receptions). Of the 11 ACC pass-catchers who posted five or more catches that week, just three players also recorded a receiving touchdown, including Mayer.
- Mayer scored his first-career TD vs. Florida State, marking him as the first true freshman tight end to score a touchdown since Kyle Rudolph in 2008 against Purdue.
- Mayer made his first-career start vs. South Florida. He previously notched his first-career reception in the second quarter vs. Duke, hauling in a 17-yard reception from Ian Book for a first down.
- Bauman's first-career catch came vs. USF, also serving as freshman **QB Drew Pyne's** first-career completion.

TRENCH WORK

- Notre Dame's starting offensive line owns 159-career starts between the veterans (Eichenberg, Banks, Patterson, Kraemer, Hainsey), ranking in the Top 5 of the FBS.
- The Notre Dame offensive line has paved the way for a 1,000 yard rusher in redshirt freshman **Kyren Williams**, who has collected 1,061 rushing yards through 11 games. As a unit, the Irish rank third in the ACC and 20th nationally in rushing offense (217.6 ypg).
- Notre Dame ranks T-fourth in the ACC in sacks given up (23).
- On the game's biggest downs, the Notre Dame offensive line shines its brightest, helping move the chains at a high level on third down. The Irish lead the ACC and rank ninth in the FBS in third down conversion percentage with a remarkable 49.7 success rate.
- All five starters from the bulk of the season were named to All-ACC teams.
- Four different Notre Dame offensive linemen have been rewarded for their stellar play by picking up ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors (RT Robert Hainsey, LT Liam Eichenberg, RG Aaron Banks, LG Tommy Kraemer), while left tackle **Liam Eichenberg** has been honored

HONORS & AWARDS, CONT.

OL Jarrett Patterson (Jr.) (CONT.)

- Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC First Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent Second Team

S Isaiah Pryor (Gr.)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent Second Team

WR Ben Skowronek (Gr.)

- Gameball recipient: Pitt (10/24)

DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa (Sr.)

- All-ACC Second Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team

TE Tommy Tremble (Jr.)

- All-ACC Honorable Mention

LS Michael Vinson (Jr.)

- Burlsworth Trophy Nominee

LB Drew White (Sr.)

- Gameball recipient: North Carolina (11/27)
- Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-ACC Third Team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent First Team

RB Kyren Williams (So.)

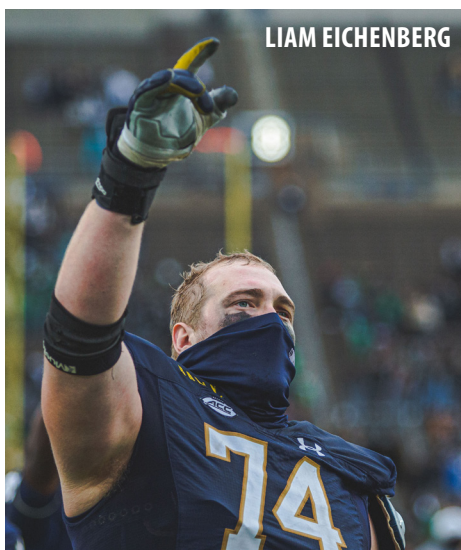
- All-ACC Second Team RB
- All-ACC Honorable Mention (All-purpose)
- Associated Press Second Team All-ACC
- ACC Rookie of the Year
- ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year
- Doak Walker Award Semifinalist
- FWA Freshman of the Year Semifinalist
- ACC Running Back of the Week vs. Syracuse (12/5)
- FWA Freshman All-American Watch List
- FWA "Fresh Four" of the Week at North Carolina (11/27)
- ACC Running Back of the Week at North Carolina (11/27)
- ACC Running Back of the Week vs. Clemson (11/7)
- CFPA National Performer of the Year November Watch List
- ACC Running Back of the Week (Duke)
- Gameball recipient: Duke (9/12)
- ACC Rookie of the Week (Louisville)

TE Brock Wright (Sr.)

- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

twice. Out of 10 games, the Irish offensive line has been honored following five games. In addition to his two ACC weekly honors, Eichenberg has been named a finalist for the Outland Trophy and the winner of the ACC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy, honoring the best blocker in the conference, while right tackle Robert Hainsey is a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award.

- With 31:52 time in the ACC Championship, the Irish continue to lead the ACC and rank eighth in the FBS in time of possession, controlling the ball for 33:57 minutes of game time. Behind its powerful offensive line, Notre Dame won the time of possession battle in 10-of-11 games this season. The 33:57 time of possession average leads the ACC by more than two minutes per game.
- In the regular season finale vs. Syracuse, the O-Line helped to accumulate 568 yards of total offense (283 rushing with three touchdowns, 285 passing with three touchdowns),



LIAM EICHENBERG

racking up 33:50 time of possession

- Notre Dame's 568 yards of total offense were the most in the ACC that week, and ranked fourth among all Power 5 teams on the weekend. It was the fourth time this season Notre Dame's offense has surpassed 500 yards of total offense in a single game, and it marked the most by an Irish team since 2019 vs. Bowling Green (573). It was the most by the Irish against a Power 5 opponent since 2017 vs. Wake Forest (710).
- Notre Dame was one of just two ACC teams with multiple 100-yard rushers on the weekend (Kyren Williams and Chris Tyree), and the only winning team in the ACC to reach the feat. Notre Dame was one of just four FBS teams to boast two players with 109 rushing yards or more on the weekend.
- At North Carolina, the line paved the way for 478 yards of total offense (199 rushing with three touchdowns, 279 passing with one touchdown). Entering the game, Notre Dame was averaging 34:05 time of possession and accumulating 35:04 against the Tar Heels.
- The Irish posted four touchdown drives of at least 75 yards at UNC, including a season-long 97-yard scoring drive.
- Notre Dame's 199 rushing yards tied for second-most in the ACC that weekend.
- Entering the game at Boston College, Notre Dame was averaging 34:01 time of possession, a figure which led the ACC. The Irish posted 34:27 minutes at Boston College. The Eagles entered the weekend averaging 32:05 per game, and were held to just 25:33.
- Boston College entered the game allowing 373.0 yards of offense per game. Through the first half alone, the Irish racked up 327 yards, and ended the day with 561 yards.
- Notre Dame's 561 yards of offense at Boston College were the most at that point in the season for Notre Dame. It was the most Notre Dame had racked up on the road since their 584 against Navy in 2018.
- Led by OL Tommy Kraemer, who was named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week at Boston College, the offensive line allowed zero sacks on the day facing a Boston College defense that entered the day averaging 2.75 sacks per game on opposing QBs.
- The Irish scored 45 or more points in two-consecutive games for the first time since 1996 (vs. Pitt 60-6, vs. Rutgers 62-0). Entering the day, Boston College's scoring defense ranked fourth in the ACC, allowing 24.6 yards per game. Notre Dame surpassed that mark in the first half alone with 31 points in the first 30 minutes.
- The Irish posted 208 rushing yards against Clemson, which, entering the day, had allowed just 99.9 rushing yards per game. Notre Dame's three rushing touchdowns doubled Clemson's season total of rushing touchdowns allowed (was three entering the game, then totaled six).
- In a performance vs. Clemson that earned OL Aaron Banks ACC O-Lineman of the Week honors, the line made it possible for Ian Book to pass for 310 yards against the ACC's then-second-ranked passing defense, as Clemson entered the game allowing 174.9 pass yards/game.
- In the 45-3 road win over Pitt, the line paved the way for 434 yards of total offense. Notre Dame's 115 rushing yards were the second-most Pittsburgh has given up in a game this season. Entering the game, Pitt had allowed just 61.5 yards per game, the ACC's top-ranked rushing defense.
- Notre Dame's two rushing TDs against Pitt marked the first time the Panthers allowed multiple rushing touchdowns in a single game since October 5, 2019 vs. Duke.
- In a performance against Louisville that saw OL Liam Eichenberg receive Pro Football Focus Team of the Week honors, Notre Dame rushed for 232 yards, earning Kyren Williams his third 100-yard performance of the season. Entering that game, Louisville had allowed just 156.8 rushing yards per game.
- In the victory over Florida State, the unit allowed zero sacks on QB Ian Book, while making it possible for the Irish to rush for 353 yards total, with two different players reaching the 100-yard mark. Prior to that contest, Florida State had allowed just 141.3 rushing yards per game.
- Notre Dame averaged 8.4 yards-per-carry vs. Florida State, the third-highest single-game figure in the conference this season.
- OL Robert Hainsey received ACC co-Offensive Lineman of the Week honors for his role in the O-Line's performance vs. South Florida. The line allowed zero sacks on Irish quarterbacks in the 52-0 shutout win and paved the way for six rushing touchdowns, tied for the ACC's most in a single game this season.
- Notre Dame's 281 rushing yards were the most by any ACC team that week, and only one ACC team had posted more rushing yards in a single game prior to that occurrence.
- The 6.2 yards-per-rush by Notre Dame vs. South Florida ranked as the most that week.
- Notre Dame posted 16 rushing first downs, then the most in a single game this season by any ACC team.
- The Irish won Pro Football Focus' Offensive Line of the Week after the season-opener vs. Duke, producing the highest-combined pass-block grade of any line that week.

POISED TO ATTACK

- The Irish rank third in the ACC in total offense (455.2 yards per game) and rushing offense (217.6) and fourth in scoring offense (35.2)
- The Irish maintain their lead in the ACC in third-down percentage this season (49.7 percent).
- The Irish continue to lead the ACC and rank eighth in the FBS in time of possession, controlling the ball for 33:57 minutes of game time. Behind its powerful offensive line, Notre Dame won the time of possession battle in 10-of-11 games this season. The 33:57 time of possession average leads the ACC by more than two minutes per game. The Irish have controlled the ball for at least 36 minutes in three games.
- Notre Dame is one of six Power 5 teams to post three performance of 36:15 or more possession time this season. Just three Power 5 teams have produced more than three games this season with at least 36:15 in possession time.
- Through Syracuse, the Irish have only trailed for 44:47 total minutes this season out of a total 600:00 minutes. Notre Dame has not trailed by more than seven points all season.
- The Irish scored 45 or more points in two-consecutive games for the first time since 1996 (vs. Pitt 60-6, vs. Rutgers 62-0). Entering BC, Boston College's scoring defense ranked fourth in the ACC, allowing 24.6 points per game. Notre Dame surpassed that mark in the first half alone with 31 points in the first 30 minutes.
- Notre Dame has outscored opponents 141-52 in the second quarter this season.
- The Irish have notched five games this season without turning the ball over: South Florida, Louisville, Pitt, North Carolina and Clemson (ACC Championship).
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- Boston College also entered the game allowing 373.0 yards of offense per game. Through the first half alone, the Irish racked up 327 yards, and ended the day with 561 yards.
- Scoring on the first official play of the game's opening drive vs. Clemson, the Irish posted a one-play, 75-yard drive, marking the fewest plays and shortest amount of time in an Irish scoring drive this season. Taking just 0:33 seconds, it is the fastest Notre Dame scoring drive since the

2019 Camping World Bowl, when Tony Jones Jr. broke off an 84-yard rush for a one-play, 00:15 second drive.

- Notre Dame's two rushing touchdowns against Pitt marked the first time the Panthers allowed multiple rushing touchdowns in a single game since October 5, 2019 vs. Duke.
- The Irish held control of the ball for 40:59 minutes of possession time against Pitt, the second-most by an ACC team in a single game this season, and 11th-most in a single game among all FBS teams this season.
- Notre Dame's 115 rushing yards were the second-most Pitt had given up in a game this season. Entering the game, the Panthers were the ACC's top-ranked rushing defense, allowing just 61.5 yards per game.
- In the win over Louisville, the offense held the ball for 36:15, including an impressive 7:55, 57-yard drive to finish out the fourth quarter and preserve the win. In all, the Irish had seven offensive drives on the day, and four of those drives took five minutes or more off the clock.
- In the 42-26 win over Florida State, Notre Dame racked up 554 yards of total offense, the most since 2019 vs. Bowling Green (573 yards). It also marked the first game with two 100-yard rushers (Kyren Williams & Chris Tyree) and a 100-yard receiver (Javon McKinley) since 2015 (Stanford).
- The last time Notre Dame had two players with more than 100 yards rushing in a game was in 2017 vs. Southern Cal (Josh Adams and Brandon Wimbush), and the last time the Irish posted more than 300 yards rushing was in 2019, also against Southern Cal.
- The win over Florida State also marked the first time since 2000 the Irish have scored 42 points in consecutive games.
- Notre Dame marked the 12th time the Irish scored at least 50 points in head coach Brian Kelly's (12-0) 11-year tenure in the 52-0 win over South Florida. The 11 years prior to Kelly's arrival, Notre Dame hit the 50-point mark once.
- The Irish held a 35-0 margin at halftime vs. South Florida, the largest halftime lead since last season's 52-0 win against Bowling Green (also 35-0).
- Notre Dame rushed for six TDs against South Florida, the most in a game since 2018 (six versus Wake Forest) and the most in a single game this season among ACC teams.
- In addition to allowing zero sacks in the victory over USF, the offensive line paved the way for Notre Dame's 281 rushing yards, the most by any ACC team that week.
- The 6.2 yards-per-rush by Notre Dame vs. South Florida ranked as the most that week. Notre Dame posted 16 rushing first downs, the most that week and the highest value at that point in the season. The figure was topped the next week.
- In the season opener vs. Duke, the Irish offense outrushed (178-75), outpassed (263-259) and outgained (441-334) the Blue Devils, and were 3-4 in the redzone.
- Book quarterbacked the Irish offense to five scoring drives vs. Duke, the first of which went 96 yards in 12 plays, to take the lead in the second quarter. It was the longest drive by the Irish since a 97-yard drive in the 30-27 home win over Southern Cal in 2019. Notre Dame also added an 83-yard touchdown drive later in the game.

EXPERIENCED AND EXPLOSIVE

- The Irish boast two long-tenured veterans in the secondary with sixth-year **Shaun Crawford** and graduate transfer **Nick McCloud**. They are coupled with young standouts **Kyle Hamilton**, **TaRiq Bracy**, **Houston Griffith** and **Clarence Lewis**, all of whom have started at least one contest for the Irish this season.

HAMILTON, A STAR

- An All-ACC First Team Selection and Bednarik Award finalist, **S Kyle Hamilton** ties for the lead on the Irish defense with 56 tackles (45 solo) in 2020. Along with a 14-yard interception vs. Clemson in the ACC Championship, he has posted five PBUs, 3.5 TFL and two QB hits.
- Hamilton had a career day in the ACC Championship game, pacing the Irish defense with 10 tackles (a career-high), one interception and an additional pass breakup. Hamilton totaled eight tackles in the first half alone.
- In the Nov. 7 win over Clemson, Hamilton posted eight solo tackles and a TFL. Hamilton's TFL came in the second quarter vs. Clemson when he brought down Travis Etienne. The Clemson drive later ended in a field goal.
- He was called into run defense duties vs. Clemson, and according to Pro Football Focus, posted a 79.2 run-defense grade.
- In the win at Georgia Tech, Hamilton led the defense with six tackles, adding 2.0 TFL (-8 yards) and one PBU.
- Hamilton's 2.0 TFL at Georgia Tech tied for the lead among all ACC defensive backs on the weekend. On the weekend,

only two ACC defensive backs posted 2.0 or more TFLs. One of Hamilton's TFL came on a Georgia Tech fourth-down attempt, as he stopped Georgia Tech for a loss of six yards to give the Irish possession.

- Hamilton started in the win over Louisville, posting a diving pass breakup on third-and-11 on Louisville's opening drive to force a punt. In the fourth quarter, Hamilton posted tackles on consecutive plays, second-and-26 and third-and-17, to force a punt, ending what would be Louisville's final drive of the game to secure the win.
- He accounted for four tackles and a PBU on the opening drive for Duke. His QB hurry came in the second quarter, which forced an incomplete pass on a Duke third-and-seven. On the day, he marked seven tackles, the second-most for the Irish and the 13th-most in the ACC. His five solo tackles ranked 10th in the ACC at that point.

THE VET

- **S Shaun Crawford** returns for his sixth season, due to a medical redshirt year of eligibility granted by the NCAA. After playing corner for five seasons, Crawford won the starting safety job entering 2020.
- Through the regular season, Crawford has totaled 48 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks, one INT (23-yard return), five pass breakups and one fumble recovery.
- Crawford was named ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance against Boston College, in which he posted nine tackles (five solo), 1.0 sack (-8 yards) and 1.5 TFL (-9 yards). Crawford was the only DB in the ACC that weekend to post at least nine tackles and a sack. Just two



KYLE HAMILTON



NICK McCLOUD



SHAUN CRAWFORD



CLARENCE LEWIS

DBs in the conference posted more tackles than Crawford's nine on the weekend.

- Crawford led the team in tackles, also notching a sack on Boston College's opening drive, his second of the season and bringing his career total to 3.5.
- With nine tackles at Boston College, he marked a career high for single-game tackles, and his 1.5 TFL on the day also were a career high. His previous high in tackles was seven (2017 vs. Navy) and in TFL, he had notched 1.0 five times previously.
- The graduate student posted three solo tackles in the win at Georgia Tech, also marking his first sack of the season on a third down in the third quarter to force a field goal attempt, which Georgia Tech missed. The sack brings Crawford's career total to 2.5.
- The graduate student earned the game ball for his performance vs. Louisville, when he tied for the team lead in tackles (six), also executing a crucial pass breakup, punching the ball out of the receiver's hands, to end the third quarter and stall Louisville's drive.
- Crawford was called to start at corner due to team need in the victory over Florida State, and posted the first interception of the season for the Irish in the fourth quarter as he intercepted QB Jordan Travis at the Notre Dame goal line to prevent a score. The interception helped seal the game for the Irish. It was the fifth interception of his career, and his second-career forced or recovered turnover inside the Notre Dame five-yard line.
- Crawford made several impact plays vs. FSU including coverage on a third-down pass from Jordan Travis to Camren McDonald in the first quarter, which fell incomplete and forced a Florida State punt
- He also recovered a fumble in the win over Duke, setting Notre Dame up at its own 41 for a touchdown drive.

MCCLLOUD-Y WITH A CHANCE OF TURNS

- Coming to Notre Dame as a graduate transfer from NC State, CB **Nick McCloud** has totaled a team-leading eight PBUs, as well as 29 tackles (22 solo), 2.0 TFL, one interception and a fumble recovery.
- McCloud recovered two fumbles in the win over No. 1 Clemson, also posting 1.0 TFL and three tackles. His two fumble recoveries marked the first time an Irish player has recovered two fumbles in a single game since Julian Love vs. Vanderbilt (2018). The second FR for McCloud came on the final play of OT, as McCloud gained control of the ball on Clemson's fourth-down attempt to end the game.
- McCloud's first fumble recovery of the season came on a Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah FF, and set up an Irish field goal. The second fumble recovery came on the final play of double overtime, as McCloud gained control of the ball on Clemson's last-chance play to seal the Irish win.
- McCloud was named to the Pro Football Focus Team of the Week for his performance at Pitt, in which he snagged his first interception in an Irish uniform, marking the fourth of his career (three while playing at NC State). McCloud's interception came on the first play of a Pitt third-quarter drive to give the Irish possession at the Panthers' 35-yard line, and the resulting series ended in an Irish rushing TD.

- His four tackles at Pitt tied for second on a defense that held Pitt to just a field goal. According to Pro Football Focus, McCloud's receivers were targeted six times at Pitt, making just three catches. He earned an 80.1 PFF tackle grade and a 76.2 coverage grade, resulting in a 75.6 overall defensive grade.

LEWIS LURKING

- True freshman CB **Clarence Lewis** was named ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance vs. Syracuse, in which he noted 12 tackles (10 solo), one forced fumble and one pass breakup in his fourth-career start. His 12 tackles led the Irish, and were the most by an Irish player in a single game since Julian Love's 12 vs. USC in 2018.
- No ACC defensive back had more tackles on the weekend than Lewis' 12, and of the two DBs who noted 12 tackles, Lewis marked the most solo tackles with 10. He was also the only player in the ACC with 12 or more tackles to note a pass breakup, not to mention a forced fumble, that week. His pass breakup came on third down to force a Syracuse punt.
- Notre Dame limited Syracuse to just 15 first downs on the day, the second-fewest converted by an ACC offense that weekend.
- Lewis made his first-career start vs. South Florida, totaling five solo tackles including 1.0 for loss, and tacked on three pass breakups.

SQUAD ROLLS DEEP

- S **Houston Griffith** made his first-career start vs. South Florida, finishing the game with five solo tackles and 1.0 for loss.
- Junior CB **TaRiq Bracy** was named to the Pro Football Focus Team of the Week for his play against Duke. According to PFF, Bracy forced a contested target and incompletions on two of three targets, and did not allow any yards.

BACK IT UP

CAN I GET A WU-WU-WU?

- Winner of the Butkus Award for the nation's top linebacker, LB **Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah** has been selected as first-team All-ACC, a finalist for the Bednarik Award and a Lott IMPACT Trophy semifinalist.
- "Wu," widely regarded as one of the best defensive players in the nation, has totaled 56 tackles (38 solo), 11.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, one interception, three PBU, two FR and three FF on the season.
- Owusu-Koramoah ranks ninth among all FBS players with two fumble recoveries this season. He ranks tied for fifth among all ACC players in forced fumbles (0.3 per game).
- Against Syracuse, Owusu-Koramoah noted five tackles, 0.5 TFL, one FF, one FR and two pass breakups. He forced a fumble on the opening drive of the first half for his third forced fumble of the season (fifth of his career). He recovered another fumble, forced by the Irish, for his second FR of the season and fourth of his career, which led to a Notre Dame touchdown drive.
- Owusu-Koramoah was the only player in the ACC that weekend to note at least one FF, one FR and a pass breakup.



JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH

- In the victory over No. 1 Clemson, Owusu-Koramoah posted nine tackles (seven solo), 0.5 sack, 2.0 TFL (-6 yards), one forced fumble and one fumble recovery touchdown (23 yards).
- Owusu-Koramoah recovered a Clemson fumble and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, marking the only fumble returned for a touchdown that week in the ACC.
- It was the first touchdown of the senior's career, and the third fumble recovery of his career (first this season, last came in 2019 vs. Iowa State in the Camping World Bowl).
- Owusu-Koramoah's touchdown marked the first true defensive touchdown of the season, as both prior non-offensive touchdowns were on opponent punts.
- Three plays later, Owusu-Koramoah forced a Clemson fumble, which was recovered by cornerback Nick McCloud. It led to an Irish field goal.
- In a performance that saw him named to the Pro Football Focus Team of the Week, Owusu-Koramoah posted his first-career interception at Pitt, giving the Irish possession at the Pitt 49-yard line to set up a Notre Dame TD drive.
- "Wu" led the Irish defense in TFL with 2.0 vs. Louisville, adding two other tackles, one of which resulted in no gain for the offense. Two of his tackles came on third down to force a fourth-down play.
- Owusu-Koramoah forced the first turnover of the season after breaking the ball loose from Duke's Jalon Calhoun in the third quarter. Owusu-Koramoah led the Irish in tackles (nine) and got to Duke QB Chase Brice for the third Irish sack of the day in the fourth quarter, pinning him for a loss of six yards on what would be Duke's final drive.

JUST LIKE HE DREW IT UP

- Senior LB **Drew White** has totaled 48 tackles (T-third on team), 9.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, two pass breakups and two QBH in 2020.
- He notched his first solo sack of the season in the ACC Championship, bringing his career total to 3.5.
- White was awarded the game ball for his performance at North Carolina, in which he posted five tackles, 2.0 TFL (-8 yards), 0.5 sacks (-4 yards) and one pass breakup. White combined for a sack, his first of the season and pushing his career total to 2.5.
- In addition to 2.0 TFL, White allowed zero yards on his other tackles. White was one of just two ACC linebackers

on the weekend with 2.0 or more tackles for loss. The only other ACC linebacker to reach that mark that weekend allowed nine yards on his other tackle outside of the TFL, while White allowed zero yards on all of his other tackles beyond the TFL.

- The senior tied for the team lead in tackles in the win over No. 1 Clemson with nine, also posting 1.0 TFL (-1) and a pass breakup.
- Overall, White ranks third on the Irish defense in total tackles with 43 on the season.

BE A DOG

- Junior **LB Bo Bauer** snagged his first-career interception, returning it 16 yards, in the second quarter at Pitt. The turnover gave the Irish possession at the Pitt 46 to set up a touchdown drive.

MR. INDIANA

- **LB Jack Kiser** posted his first-career interception at Boston College in the third quarter, giving Notre Dame possession at the Boston College 44-yard line. It was Notre Dame's fifth interception of the season.
- Kiser made a statement in his first-career start against South Florida, leading the team in tackles (eight) in his first game action on defense. Kiser's 2.0 tackles-for-loss led the team (tied), and he also posted a QB hurry. After not being listed on the depth chart leading up to the game, Kiser was called up to start at the BUCK position, and his efforts earned him the game ball. Pro Football Focus named Kiser its "Secret Superstar of the Week," giving him a 90.0 PFF grade in the first half.

MARIST MENTION

- **LB Marist Liufau** recorded his first-career fumble recovery, returning the ball 12 yards, in the regular season finale vs. Syracuse
- Liufau combined for a sack, the first of his career, at North Carolina. He ended the day with five tackles (three solo).

PUT THE PRESSURE ON

- Notre Dame's defensive line has combined for the third-ranked rushing defense in the ACC, allowing just 110.5 yards/game. Notre Dame's rushing defense ranks 15th nationally.
- Notre Dame has held its opponents to less than 100 yards rushing in all but four games in 2020. Of the Top 10 rushers in the ACC, which includes Notre Dame's Kyren Williams, the Irish have faced six (facing one twice and two in the same game): North Carolina's Javonte Williams and Michael Carter, Clemson's Travis Etienne, Duke's Mataeo Durant, Florida State's Jordan Travis and Syracuse's Sean Tucker. Notre Dame's defense has limited those six Top-10 running backs to an average of 63.0 yards (441 yards total on 94 carries) and just four total touchdowns among the six. Carter, who leads the ACC with 113.2 rushing yards per game, was held to just 57 vs. Notre Dame. By comparison, in those six games, Williams posted at least 100 rushing yards in five, averaging 121.3 yards (728 yards total on 119 carries), with a total of 10 touchdowns.

- In the ACC Championship, **DL Ade Ogundeji** notched a sack, bringing his season total to 6.5 and career total to 12.5.
- In the regular season finale vs. Syracuse, Notre Dame's defense forced four turnovers (three FR and one INT) vs. Syracuse, and **DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa** had a hand in two of them. It was the most by the Irish defense this season. With four forced fumbles by the Irish, it marked the most by a Notre Dame defense since 2019 vs. Navy (four).
- The four forced fumbles by Notre Dame's defense tied for the most by any FBS team on the weekend, and the three recoveries were the second-most among all FBS teams this weekend.
- Tagovailoa-Amosa was one of just two players in the ACC to total at least one sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery on the weekend.
- **DL Daelin Hayes** was responsible for the interception vs. Syracuse, returning the turnover 13 yards for his first-career pick.
- At North Carolina, the defensive line held the Tar Heels, who entered the day averaging 233.5 rushing yards per game, to just 87 rushing yards. It marked the sixth-straight opponent that the Irish have held to 100 or fewer rushing yards. It was fewest rushing yards for the Tar Heels since 2017 against NC State (83 yards).
- UNC entered the game averaging 563 yards per game. Notre Dame held Carolina to 298 yards of total offense, the first time they have been limited to 400 yards or less this season.
- The Irish shut out the Tar Heels in the second half, the

first time North Carolina has been shut out in any half this season.

- At North Carolina, **DL Ade Ogundeji** posted 2.0 sacks, tying a career-high, bringing his season total to 5.5. Just three other ACC players posted 2.0 sacks on the weekend, and only one of those players, in addition to Ogundeji, was part of a team that won that weekend.
- Ogundeji and the Irish defense combined for 6.0 sacks at North Carolina, an offense that entered the day allowing just 2.75 sacks per game. The last time Notre Dame recorded 6.0 or more sacks was in 2019 vs. Virginia (8.0). Adding to the sack total were **DL Isaiah Foskey** (1.0), **LB Drew White** (0.5), **DL Rylie Mills** (0.5), **DL Justin Ademilola** (1.0), **DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa** (0.5) and **LB Marist Liufau** (0.5). The sacks for Mills, Ademilola and Liufau were the first of their careers.
- At Boston College, the defensive line held the Eagles to just 85 rushing yards, marking the sixth time (of eight games) this season that the Irish have held an opponent to fewer than 100 rushing yards. The Irish now total seven games (of nine) allowing fewer than 100 rushing yards.
- **DL Daelin Hayes** recovered a Boston College errant snap for his first FR of the season and fifth of his career.
- In the win over No. 1 Clemson, the defensive line led the way. Through the first seven games of the season, Clemson averaged 167 rushing yards per game. In the first half, Notre Dame limited Clemson to just five rushing yards. The Tigers finished with 34 yards rushing on 33 carries. It marked the second time this season that Notre Dame has held an opponent to single-digit rushing yards in a half (First half at Pitt). The last time Clemson was held to less than 34 yards of rushing was January 1, 2009 vs. Nebraska (four yards).
- Travis Etienne, the ACC's all-time leading rusher, averaged 86.6 yards per game this season entering Saturday. The Irish defense held him to 28 yards on 18 rushes.
- That game was the only game of Travis Etienne's career in which he had 10 or more carries (18) and was held to 30 yards or less (28). This was also the fewest yards per carry of Etienne's career (1.6).
- On Clemson's final possession of double overtime, Notre Dame's defense sacked the quarterback on back-to-back plays, as Ade Ogundeji and Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah combined for the first sack, and Daelin Hayes produced the second sack immediately following. It set Clemson up for third-and-24, and they were unable to convert.
- Hayes totaled 2.0 sacks and two forced fumbles at Georgia Tech, both career-high single-game marks for the graduate student. Both forced fumbles came on the sacks. Hayes' two forced fumbles tied for the most in a single game among all FBS players this season, and he was the only player in the Power 5 to reach the mark on the weekend. Hayes' game at Georgia Tech earned him the game ball.
- The Irish D-Line held Georgia Tech to just 88 rushing yards, while entering the game, Georgia Tech had averaged 180.7 rushing yards per game (sixth in the ACC).
- With the help of Hayes' 2.0 sacks, the Irish sacked Georgia Tech a total of 5.0 times. Entering the game, Georgia Tech



DAELIN HAYES



OVIE OGHUFO

had allowed just 1.67 sacks per game (10 total). Other Notre Dame players to post a sack on Georgia Tech were **Foskey**, **Ogundeji** and **S Shaun Crawford**. **Tagovailoa-Amosa** posted a fumble recovery on one of Hayes' FFs.

- In the 45-3 win over Pitt, Notre Dame sacked Panther QBs three times. **Tagovailoa-Amosa** posted a sack for a loss of six yards, **S Isaiah Pryor** dropped the QB for a loss of seven yards and **Foskey** and **DL Ovie Oghufo** combined for a sack (-6 yards).
- **DL Jayson Ademilola** made his first-career start at defensive tackle in place of Tagovailoa-Amosa vs. Florida State. He also started against Louisville.
- **Hayes** made an impact play with his TFL vs. Louisville, reading the screen pass and pinning Louisville's Javian Hawkins for a loss of six in the fourth quarter, helping to stall a Louisville drive on first-and-20 and preserve the win.
- **Ogundeji** posted 2.0 sacks against Florida State for a total loss of nine yards, the leading sack figure on Notre Dame's defense. In total, he posted four tackles and a QBH.
- Sophomore **Foskey** tallied his first-career sack vs. Duke to force a Blue Devil field goal. The sophomore made noise in a reserve role against Duke, responsible for the sack (loss of 10 yards) and a QB hurry earlier in the game at the 11-yard line also forced a Duke field goal. Foskey broke up a pass on the next drive to help lead to a punt. His final TFL came in the fourth quarter, when he combined with **DL Jacob Lacey** to bring down Duke's Deon Jackson on second-and-13, setting up a Duke punt.
- Foskey also blocked a Pitt punt with 0:11 remaining in the first half, returning it for a touchdown. It was Foskey's first-career score, and the second touchdown on a blocked punt for the Irish this season (vs. USF). It also marked his second-career blocked punt.
- Freshman **DL Alexander Ehrensberger** notched his first-career sack in the third quarter vs. South Florida, while sophomore **LB JD Bertrand** posted his first-career tackle.

DEFEND THE GRIDIRON

- The Notre Dame defense ranks in the top 20 in the FBS in third down defense (6), rushing defense (15), total defense (20) and scoring defense (14).
- Notre Dame's defense is ranked second in the ACC in scoring defense (18.6/game) and third in rushing defense (110.5 avg./game).
- The Irish rank second in the ACC in total defense (335.1 avg./game) and third in passing defense (234.5 avg./game).
- The Irish lead the ACC in opponent third-down conversions, allowing just a 29.4 percent success rate. It is the ninth-best rate among all FBS teams.
- Notre Dame is second in the ACC in opponent first downs, allowing just 185 on the season thus far.
- Allowing just 110.5 rushing yards per game, which ranks 15th in the nation in rushing defense, the Irish have allowed opposing teams to rush for more than 100 yards in just four games this season.
- Notre Dame held the ACC's top rushing offense, North Carolina (averaged 249.1 yards per game on the season), to just 87 yards.

- The defense has yielded just 18.6 points per game through the ten games of the regular season. That figure ranks fifth among all Power 5 teams:

Team [Power 5]	No. of Games	Pts. allowed/game
Northwestern	8	15.5
Wisconsin	6	15.7
Cincinnati	9	16.0
Iowa	8	16.0
Clemson	11	17.5
NOTRE DAME	10	17.1
Indiana	7	19.4

- In 2019, the Notre Dame defense ranked No. 12 among FBS teams in scoring defense, allowing just 17.9 points per game (26 touchdowns and 17 field goals).
- Of the Top 10 rushers in the ACC, which includes Notre Dame's Kyren Williams, the Irish have faced six (facing one twice and two in the same game): North Carolina's Javonte Williams and Michael Carter, Clemson's Travis Etienne, Duke's Mataeo Durant, Florida State's Jordan Travis and Syracuse's Sean Tucker. Notre Dame's defense has limited those six Top-10 running backs to an average of 63.0 yards (441 yards total on 94 carries) and just four total touchdowns among the six. Carter, who leads the ACC with 113.2 rushing yards per game, was held to just 57 vs. Notre Dame. By comparison, in those six games, Williams posted at least 100 rushing yards in five, averaging 121.3 yards (728 yards total on 119 carries), with a total of 10 touchdowns.
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- The game at UNC marked North Carolina's first loss of more than seven points in the past two seasons under Mack Brown.
- Through the first seven games of the season, Clemson averaged 167 rushing yards/game. In the first half, Notre Dame limited Clemson to just five rushing yards. The Tigers finished with 34 yards rushing on 33 carries. It marked the second time this season that the Irish have held an opponent to single-digit rushing yds. in a half (First half at Pitt). The last time Clemson was held to less than 34 yards of rushing was January 1, 2009 vs. Nebraska (four yards).
- The Irish defense went eight total quarters without giving up a TD, beginning with the fourth quarter vs. Louisville, and ending in the fourth quarter at Georgia Tech.



CLARK LEA

- Notre Dame held Georgia Tech to just 88 rushing yards, while entering the game, Georgia Tech had averaged 180.7 rushing yards per game (sixth in the ACC).
- At Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets only entered the red zone twice, and were only successful in scoring once. In the win at Pittsburgh, not only did the Irish limit Pitt to just a field goal, they also kept the Panthers out of the red zone entirely. Prior to the game, Pitt had totaled 27 appearances in the red zone through six games.
- The Irish held back-to-back opponents (Pitt and Louisville) to fewer than 10 points for the first time since 2012 (Boston College - 6, Wake Forest - 0).
- The Irish held Pitt to just a field goal; the last time Notre Dame held a team without a TD on the road or at a neutral site was Iowa State in the 2019 Camping World Bowl.
- Notre Dame limited Pittsburgh to just 44 rushing yards, sacking Panthers QBs a total of three times. Pittsburgh's longest drive of the day was just 43 yards, and with just 19:01 of total possession time for the Panthers, none of their 13 drives lasted longer than 2:31.
- The Irish held Pitt to -3 rushing yards in the first quarter, the fewest in a single quarter by an opposing team since Notre Dame held Iowa State to -13 rushing yards in the fourth quarter of the 2019 Camping World Bowl.
- Notre Dame held Pitt to two rushing yards in the first half, the fewest in a half since the Irish held Iowa State to 1 rushing yard in the second half of the 2019 Camping World Bowl. Pitt entered the game averaging 107.0 rushing yards per game.
- In the win over Louisville, the defense limited Louisville to just 96 rushing yards. Entering the game, the Cardinals averaged 177.8 rushing yards per game.
- On the day, Louisville posted just 14 first downs and held the ball for only 23:45 minutes of possession time. Entering the game, the Cardinals ranked second in the ACC in time of possession, averaging 32:59 per game.
- Notre Dame marked the second shutout in as many seasons with a 52-0 victory over RV South Florida in Week Two. The Irish allowed the Bulls in the red zone just one time on the day, and the attempt was unsuccessful for South Florida. In all, the Bulls were held to 11 first downs, including just one first down in the first half.

FOLLOW HIS LEA-D

- Notre Dame has held 33-of-37 opponents during Broyles Award nominee **Clark Lea's** tenure as defensive coordinator to 30 points or less. That includes ranked opponents LSU, Michigan, Stanford, Virginia Tech, Syracuse, Clemson, Georgia, Virginia, Navy and North Carolina.

SATURDAY SPECIALISTS

- The Irish rank third in the ACC in kick-return defense, allowing an average of just 18.2 yards per return, and third in kickoff coverage (41.6 net/avg.)
- True freshman **RB Chris Tyree** owns the third-best kick return average in the ACC, bringing back kicks at a rate of 21.3 yards per return.
- The Irish have blocked two punts, returning both for touchdowns, thus far this season.
- Notre Dame is the only Power 5 team to boast two different players with punt return touchdowns this season. No other Power 5 team has more total punt return touchdowns this season than Notre Dame's two. Only three other FBS teams have at least two different players with punt return touchdowns this season (Georgia Southern - 3, Liberty - 2 and Boise State - 2).
- **DL Isaiah Foskey** blocked a Pitt punt with 0:11 remaining in the first half, returning it for a touchdown. It was Foskey's first-career score, and the second touchdown on a blocked

punt for the Irish this season (vs. USF). It also marked his second-career blocked punt.

- Foskey was the only player in the ACC to record a punt return TD that week. There have been just 35 this season in the FBS, and only two FBS players boast two.
- True freshman **DL Jordan Botelho** recovered a blocked South Florida punt for a touchdown in the 52-0 shutout win, marking the only punt return TD in the ACC that week and just the second at that point in the season. **DL Osita Ekwonu** was responsible for the block. It was the first blocked punt returned for a TD by the Irish since 2015 vs. Southern Cal.
- Botelho was the only player in the FBS that week to post a punt return touchdown.
- Botelho also provided pressure on another South Florida punt, forcing a rushed punt that traveled just one yard and gave the Irish possession at the South Florida 25-yard line.
- **P Jay Bramblett** notched a 59-yard punt, his longest of the season, in the ACC Championship game.
- Bramblett made his mark vs. Duke, bombing six punts in the season-opener, including punts of 53, 52 and 45 yards. His play of the day came in the second quarter on a fake punt play, when he rushed for 14 yards, cutting to get the Irish the first down and keeping Notre Dame's drive alive to end in a touchdown. On the day, Bramblett marked a 43.8-yard average punt.
- **K/P Dawson Goepferich** scored his first points for the Irish on a PAT vs. South Florida. He also made an extra point vs. Syracuse.

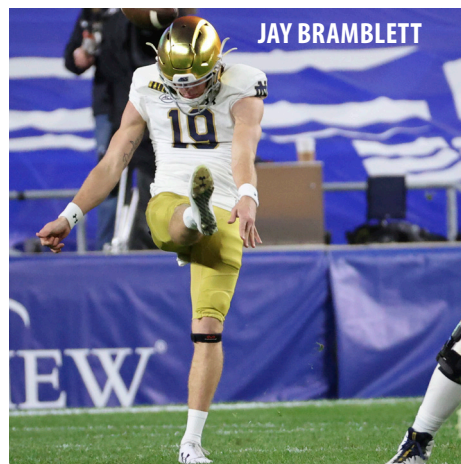
- **LS Michael Vinson** made his debut as the first-string player in the season-opener after the graduation of **LS John Shannon**, recipient of the inaugural Patrick Mannelly Award in 2019, honoring the nation's top long snapper.

OPEN DOERER

- **K/P Jonathan Doerer** is 15-22 on field-goal attempts through the season, connecting on all 46 PAT attempts. He has now connected on 109-consecutive PATs, a streak which extends to 2018 vs. Navy and ranks eighth among all FBS active streaks. The streak is the fourth-longest current streak in the ACC.
- Doerer ranks eighth overall in scoring in the ACC (8.3 pts./game) and ranks sixth among kickers in scoring.
- In the ACC Championship game, Doerer's 51-yard field goal set an ACC Championship record as the longest made field goal in the conference title game's history, and the kick was also Doerer's longest make of the season. The previous ACC Championship record was 50 yards, set by Virginia Tech's Dustin Keys in 2008.
- In the win vs. No. 1 Clemson, Doerer matched the Notre Dame record for kicking points in a game, accounting for 17 kicking points vs. Clemson. His 17 points tie for the most kicking points in a single game by any FBS player this season.
- He made four field goals on the day, matching his previous career high in the 2019 Camping World Bowl vs. Iowa State. His previous single-game point high was 15 in the 2019 Camping World Bowl.
- Doerer's five field goal attempts match a single-game high in the ACC this season.
- In the win vs. Louisville, Doerer made both field goal attempts, giving the Irish an early lead in the 12-7 contest on a day that experienced wind gusts upwards of 30 MPH.
- On the season, Doerer owns an 77.8 FG percentage in conference games, tying for fifth in the ACC.
- In 2019, Doerer compiled a 85.0 FG-make percentage (17-20), the fifth-best by an Irish kicker in a single season since 1996. In 2019, Doerer was perfect on PAT attempts (57-of-57), totaling 108 points between field goals and PAT.
- In 2019, Doerer scored 108 points for the Irish, the most in a single season by any Notre Dame kicker. He topped Kyle Brindza's 2013 mark of 98 with his performance in the Camping World Bowl vs. Iowa State, in which Doerer netted 15 points on four field goals and three PATs.
- In 2019, Doerer inscribed his name in Notre Dame record books vs. Southern Cal, becoming the first Irish kicker since Dave Reeve (1977) to make three field goals of 40 or more yards in a single game. Doerer made a career-long 52-yard field goal on the opening drive of the second half vs. Southern Cal, 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).


CHRIS TYREE

JONATHAN DOERER

ISAIAH FOSKEY

JAY BRAMBLETT

NOTRE DAME ACC SCHEDULING AGREEMENT

- In a partnership that began in 2014, the University of Notre Dame and the Atlantic Coast Conference agreed to schedule the Irish to play, on average, five ACC opponents each season. Originally scheduled through the 2025 season, the games have now been scheduled through the 2037 campaign.
- Notre Dame is 32-7 (.821) against ACC opponents since the scheduling agreement began during the 2014 season:

Year	Opponent	H/A/N	W/L	Score
2014	Syracuse	N	W	31-15
2014	North Carolina	H	W	50-43
2014	Florida State	A	L	27-31
2014	Louisville	H	L	28-31
2015	Virginia	A	W	34-27
2015	Georgia Tech	H	W	30-22
2015	Clemson	A	L	22-24
2015	Pittsburgh	A	W	42-30
2015	Wake Forest	H	W	28-7
2015	Boston College	N	W	16-13
2016	Duke	H	L	35-38
2016	Syracuse	N	W	50-33
2016	NC State	A	L	3-10
2016	Miami	H	W	30-27
2016	Virginia Tech	H	L	31-34
2017	Boston College	A	W	49-20
2017	North Carolina	A	W	33-10
2017	NC State	H	W	35-14
2017	Wake Forest	H	W	48-37
2017	Miami	A	L	8-41
2018	Wake Forest	A	W	56-27
2018	Virginia Tech	A	W	45-23
2018	Pittsburgh	H	W	19-14
2018	Florida State	H	W	42-13
2018	Syracuse	N	W	36-3
2019	Louisville	A	W	35-17
2019	Virginia	H	W	35-20
2019	Virginia Tech	H	W	21-20
2019	Duke	A	W	38-7
2019	Boston College	H	W	40-7
2020~	Duke	H	W	27-13
2020~	Florida State	H	W	42-26
2020~	Louisville	H	W	12-7
2020~	Pittsburgh	A	W	45-3
2020~	Georgia Tech	A	W	31-13
2020~	Clemson	H	W	47-40 (2OT)
2020~	Boston College	A	W	45-31
2020~	North Carolina	A	W	31-17
2020~	Syracuse	H	W	45-21

- In the 2020 regular season, the Irish were undefeated (9-0) in ACC play, with wins over Duke, Florida State, Louisville, Pitt, Georgia Tech, Clemson, Boston College, North Carolina and Syracuse.
- In 2019, the Irish went undefeated against the ACC, beating Louisville, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Duke and Boston College as part of the scheduling agreement.
- The Irish improved to 23-1 in regular-season games against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents over the last four seasons (2017-20).

NOTRE DAME ACC FUTURE SCHEDULES

Year	Opponent	H/A/N	2029	Syracuse	A
2021	*Florida State	A	2029	Wake Forest	H
2021	Virginia Tech	A	2030	Boston College	A
2021	North Carolina	H	2030	Duke	H
2021	Virginia	H	2030	Florida State	H
2021	Georgia Tech	H	2030	Louisville	A
2022	North Carolina	A	2030	North Carolina	H
2022	Syracuse	A	2031	*Clemson	A
2022	Boston College	H	2031	Miami	H
2022	Clemson	H	2031	North Carolina	A
2023	NC State	A	2031	NC State	H
2023	Duke	A	2031	Virginia	A
2023	Louisville	A	2032	Florida State	H
2023	Wake Forest	H	2032	Georgia Tech	A
2023	Clemson	A	2032	Louisville	H
2023	Pittsburgh	H	2032	Miami	A
2024	Miami	H	2032	Wake Forest	H
2024	Georgia Tech	A	2033	Boston College	A
2024	Florida State	H	2033	Duke	A
2024	Virginia	H	2033	Louisville	A
2025	Miami	A	2033	Pittsburgh	H
2025	NC State	H	2033	Virginia Tech	H
2025	Boston College	A	2034	Clemson	H
2025	Pittsburgh	A	2034	Miami	A
2025	Syracuse	H	2034	Pittsburgh	A
2026	Florida State	A	2034	Syracuse	H
2026	Louisville	H	2034	Virginia	H
2026	North Carolina	A	2035	Boston College	H
2026	Syracuse	H	2035	Duke	H
2026	Virginia	H	2035	Louisville	A
2027	Clemson	A	2035	NC State	A
2027	Duke	A	2035	Virginia	A
2027	Georgia Tech	H	2036	Florida State	H
2027	Virginia Tech	H	2036	Georgia Tech	A
2027	Wake Forest	A	2036	North Carolina	A
2028	Boston College	H	2036	Pittsburgh	H
2028	Clemson	H	2036	*Virginia Tech	A
2028	Miami	H	2037	Clemson	A
2028	Pittsburgh	A	2037	Miami	H
2028	Virginia Tech	A	2037	NC State	H
2029	Florida State	A	2037	Syracuse	A
2029	Georgia Tech	H	2037	Wake Forest	A
2029	NC State	A			

* - Labor Day Monday

~- Irish received new schedule as part of 2020 ACC membership

- Notre Dame has won eight-straight ACC road games and 12-consecutive ACC home games.
- There have been, and in the future there will be, seasons when the Irish face just four ACC opponents but will eventually even out the agreement by facing six ACC teams in another year (this occurred in 2014 and 2015 and is set to occur in 2021-22 and 2022-23).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF
[December 20, 2020]

Rk	Team	Record	Trend
1	Alabama	11-0	—
2	Clemson	10-1	+1
3	Ohio State	6-0	+1
4	NOTRE DAME	10-1	-2
5	Texas A&M	8-1	—
6	Oklahoma	8-2	+4
7	Florida	8-3	—
8	Cincinnati	9-0	+1
9	Georgia	7-2	-1
10	Iowa State	8-3	-4
11	Indiana	6-1	—
12	Coastal Carolina	11-0	—
13	North Carolina	8-3	+2
14	Northwestern	6-2	—
15	Iowa	6-2	+1
16	BYU	10-1	+1
17	Southern Cal	5-1	-4
18	Miami	8-2	—
19	Louisiana	9-1	—
20	Texas	6-3	—
21	Oklahoma State	7-3	—
22	San Jose State	7-0	+2
23	NC State	8-3	-1
24	Tulsa	6-2	-1
25	Oregon	4-2	NR

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 -
December 20, 2020

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Rec.	Points	Trend
1	Alabama (62)	11-0	1550	—
2	Clemson	10-1	1482	+2
3	Ohio State	6-0	1424	—
4	NOTRE DAME	10-1	1338	-2
5	Texas A&M	8-1	1297	—
6	Cincinnati	9-0	1262	—
7	Indiana	6-1	1123	—
8	Oklahoma	8-2	1088	+4
9	Coastal Carolina	11-0	1024	—
10	Florida	8-3	1001	+1
11	Georgia	7-2	959	-1
12	Iowa State	8-3	854	-4
13	BYU	10-1	779	+1
14	North Carolina	8-3	685	+2
15	Northwestern	6-2	666	—
16	Louisiana	9-1	642	+1
17	Iowa	6-2	556	+1
18	Miami	8-2	475	+1
19	San Jose State	7-0	372	+6
20	Texas	6-3	291	+1
21	Southern Cal	5-1	276	-8
22	Tulsa	6-2	274	-2
23	Liberty	9-1	207	-1
24	NC State	8-3	181	—
25	Oregon	4-2	126	NR

COACHES POLL TOP 25-
December 20, 2020

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Rec.	Points	Trend
1	Alabama (61)	11-0	1525	—
2	Clemson	10-1	1456	+1
3	Ohio State	6-0	1379	+1
4	NOTRE DAME	10-1	1317	-2
5	Texas A&M	8-1	1297	—
6	Cincinnati	9-0	1204	—
7	Oklahoma	8-2	1104	+3
8	Indiana	6-1	1056	-1
9	Georgia	7-2	1021	—
10	Florida	8-3	981	+1
11	Coastal Carolina	11-0	911	+1
12	Iowa State	8-3	838	-4
13	Northwestern	6-2	724	+1
14	North Carolina	8-3	699	+1
15	BYU	10-1	657	+1
16	Iowa	6-2	583	+1
17	Louisiana	9-1	556	+1
18	Miami	8-2	471	+1
19	Southern Cal	5-1	388	-6
20	San Jose State	7-0	360	+5
21	Oklahoma State	7-3	211	+1
22	NC State	8-3	207	+1
23	Liberty	9-1	206	-2
24	Texas	6-3	198	—
25	Tulsa	6-2	191	-5

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma State 115, Army 36, Buffalo 15, UCF 14, Marshall 13, Ball State 11, Washington 7, UAB 5, North Dakota State 4, TCU 4, Memphis 2, Colorado 1

Others receiving votes: Oregon 115, Army 61, Auburn 27, Colorado 16, Ball State 13, Washington 11, Wisconsin 10, SMU 10, Buffalo 9, UAB 5, Boise State 4, Utah 2, Nevada 2

2020 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT
UPDATE

Rk	Team	Record	Last Week	Bowl
		2-9 1-9 in ACC	Open	None
		1-8 0-7 in AAC	Open	None
		3-6 2-6 in ACC	Open	None
		4-7 3-7 in ACC	Open	None
		6-5 5-5 in ACC	Open	None
		3-7 3-6 in ACC	Open	None

2020 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT
UPDATE

Rk	Team	Record	Last Week	Bowl
2/2/2		10-1 8-1 in ACC	W, 34-10 vs. Notre Dame	CFP Semifinal Sugar Bowl - No. 3 Ohio State January 1, 8 p.m. ET
		6-5 5-5 in ACC	Open	None
13/14/14		8-3 7-3 in ACC	Open	Orange Bowl - No. 5 Texas A&M January 2, 8 p.m. ET
		1-10 1-9 in ACC	Open	None

2020 ACC STANDINGS

Team	ACC Record	Overall Record	Streak
NOTRE DAME	9-0	10-1	L1
Clemson	8-1	10-1	W3
Miami	7-2	8-2	L1
North Carolina	7-3	8-3	W2
NC State	7-3	8-3	W4
Pitt	5-5	6-5	W1
Boston College	5-5	6-5	L1
Virginia Tech	5-5	5-6	W1
Virginia	4-5	5-5	L1
Wake Forest	3-4	4-4	L2
Georgia Tech	3-6	3-7	L2
Louisville	3-7	4-7	W1
Florida State	2-6	3-6	W1
Duke	1-9	2-9	L4
Syracuse	1-9	1-10	L8

IRISH IN THE NFL (As of December 22)

Player	Team	Pos.	Notes
Josh Adams	NY Jets	RB	Third season
Alex Bars	Chicago	OL	Second season
Asmar Bilal	LA Chargers	LB	First season (injured reserve)
Miles Boykin	Baltimore	WR	Second season
Chase Claypool	Pittsburgh	WR	First season
Tyler Eifert	Jacksonville	TE	Eighth season
Jalen Elliott	Detroit	S	First season (practice squad)
Matthias Farley	NY Jets	S	Fifth season
Will Fuller V	Houston	WR	Fifth season (reserve/commissioner)
Alohi Gilman	LA Chargers	S	First season
Bennett Jackson	NY Jets	S	Seventh season (injured reserve)
J.J. Jansen	Carolina	LS	13th season
Jarron Jones	Pittsburgh	OL	Fourth season (practice squad)
Tony Jones, Jr.	New Orleans	RB	First season (practice squad)
Khalid Kareem	Cincinnati	DL	First season
Deshone Kizer	Tennessee	QB	Fourth season (practice squad)
Cole Kmet	Chicago	TE	First season
Julian Love	NY Giants	CB	Second season
Cole Luke	Washington	CB	Fourth season
Nick Martin	Houston	C	Fifth season
Zack Martin	Dallas	OG	Seventh season (injured reserve)
Mike McGlinchey	San Francisco	OT	Third season
Sam Mustipher	Chicago	OL	Second season

CAPTAIN WATCH

- So far in the 2020 season, five former Notre Dame players have been selected to captain their NFL squads: Matthias Farley (Jets), Harrison Smith (Vikings), Kyle Rudolph (Vikings), Nick Martin (Texans) and Mike McGlinchey (49ers).

SUNDAY STANDOUTS (WEEK 14)

- Cowboys LB **Jaylon Smith** posted 10 tackles in the win over the 49ers.
- Lions DE **Romeo Okwara** posted a sack, four tackles, 2.0 TFL and one QB hit.
- Ravens WR **Miles Boykin** scored a touchdown in the win over the Jaguars.
- Bears OL **Alex Bars** and **Sam Mustipher** helped QB Mitchell Tribusky complete 15 passes for 202 yards and a touchdowns, and the Bears rush for 199 yards, including 146 yards from RB David Montgomery, in the win at the Vikings.

ROSTER MOVES

- Packers removed the injury designation from RB **Dexter Williams**.
- Lions DL **Julian Okwara** was activated from injured reserve.

IRISH IN THE NFL (As of December 22)

Player	Team	Pos.	Notes
Quenton Nelson	Indianapolis	OG	Third season
Julian Okwara	Detroit	DL	First season
Romeo Okwara	Detroit	DE	Fifth season
James Onwualu	Las Vegas	LB	Third season (practice squad)
Troy Pride, Jr.	Carolina	CB	First season
C.J. Prosise	Houston	RB	Fifth season
Theo Riddick	Las Vegas	RB	Eighth season
Isaac Rochell	LA Chargers	DT	Fourth season
Kyle Rudolph	Minnesota	TE	10th season
KeiVarae Russell	Green Bay	CB	Fourth season (practice squad)
Harrison Smith	Minnesota	FS	Ninth season
Jaylon Smith	Dallas	ILB	Fifth season
Durham Smythe	Miami	TE	Third season
Eq. St. Brown	Green Bay	WR	Third season
Ronnie Stanley	Baltimore	OT	Fifth season (injured reserve)
Golden Tate	NY Giants	WR	11th season
Manti Te'o	Chicago	LB	Seventh season (practice squad)
Jerry Tillery	LA Chargers	DT	Second season
Drue Tranquill	LA Chargers	LB	Second season (injured reserve)
Stephon Tuitt	Pittsburgh	DE	Seventh season
Donte Vaughn	LA Chargers	CB	First season (practice squad)
Dexter Williams	Green Bay	RB	Second season (practice squad)
Sam Young	Las Vegas	T	11th season

NFL DRAFT

- With six players selected in the 2020 NFL Draft, Notre Dame Football has totaled 511 draft picks over the tenure of the program. No other college football program has totaled more than the Irish.
- TE Cole Kmet (second round, Chicago Bears), WR Chase Claypool (third round, Pittsburgh Steelers), DL Julian Okwara (third round, Detroit Lions), CB Troy Pride Jr. (fourth round, Carolina Panthers), DL Khalid Kareem (fifth round, Cincinnati Bengals) and S Alohi Gilman (sixth round, Los Angeles Chargers) represented the Irish in the 2020 NFL Draft.

PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

- Four Irish players were named to the 2020 Pro Bowl: G Zack Martin (Dallas), G Quenton Nelson (Indianapolis), S Harrison Smith (Minnesota) and T Ronnie Stanley (Baltimore)
- Brian Kelly placed six former players in the 2020 Pro Bowl, the second-highest total by any college coach (Nick Saban - 7, Urban Meyer - 6), including the four Irish representatives, Jason Kelce (Philadelphia) and Travis Kelce (Kansas City), who both played for Kelly at Cincinnati.

ALL-TIMERS

- Throughout the history of the Notre Dame Football Program, 571 total players have spent time on an active NFL roster. In 2020 thus far, eight former Irish players have made their debut appearance on a 53-man roster: Asmar Bilal, Chase Claypool, Alohi Gilman, Khalid Kareem, Cole Kmet, Sam Mustipher, Julian Okwara and Troy Pride Jr.

THE BRIAN KELLY FILE

38th year in coaching // 30th year as head coach // 11th year at Notre Dame

Alma Mater: Assumption College (1983)

School	Seasons	Record			Pct.
Grand Valley State	13	118	35	2	0.768
Central Michigan	3	19	16	0	0.543
Cincinnati	3	34	6	0	0.850
Notre Dame	11	102 [*]	38	0	0.729
TOTALS	30	273[*]	95	2	0.741

HONORS AND ACCOLADES

Year	Award
2018	Home Depot National Coach of the Year
2018	Stallings National Coach of the Year
2012	AP National Coach of the Year
2012	Walter Camp National Coach of the Year
2012	Sporting News National Coach of the Year
2012	Home Depot National Coach of the Year
2012	Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year
2012	AFCA National Coach of the Year
2009	Home Depot National Coach of the Year

^{*} - Includes 20 regular-season wins and two postseason appearances vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty.

WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES (By wins)

Rk.	Coach	School	Years	Record			Pct.
1.	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME	30	273 [*]	95	2	.741
2.	Mack Brown	North Carolina	32	259	131	1	.664
3.	Nick Saban	Alabama	25	254	65	1	.795
4.	Willie Fritz	Tulane	24	183	102	0	.642
5.	Kirk Ferentz	Iowa	25	180	127	0	.586
6.	Gary Patterson	TCU	21	178	74	0	.706

**WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES
(By percentage, min. 5 years)**

Rk.	Coach	School	Years	Record			Pct.
1.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	13	140	32	0	.814
2.	Nick Saban	Alabama	25	254	65	1	.795
3.	Lance Leipold	Buffalo	14	145	39	0	.788
4.	Kirby Smart	Georgia	5	51	14	0	.785
5.	Jimbo Fisher	Texas A&M	11	108	33	0	.766
6.	Brian Harsin	Boise State	8	76	24	0	.760
7.	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME	30	273 [*]	95	2	.741
8.	David Shaw	Stanford	10	90	36	0	.714
9.	Tom Herman	Texas	6	53	22	0	.707
10.	Gary Patterson	TCU	21	178	74	0	.706

All charts include coaches with five-plus seasons of FBS head coaching experience

BRIAN KELLY - THE DICK CORBETT HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

- Winningest active coach in FBS (273^{*} wins)
- One of only four active FBS coaches with more than 300 games as a head coach (Iowa's Kirk Ferentz joined the group in the first week of Big Ten play in 2020).
- With the win over North Carolina, Kelly passed Lou Holtz to claim sole possession of second all-time in program history in career wins (now owns 102^{*}) at Notre Dame. He trails only Knute Rockne's 105.
- Joins Knute Rockne (13), Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz (11) as the only Notre Dame coaches to spend 10 or more seasons on the Irish sidelines.
- Only three-time winner of the Home Depot Coach of the Year Award ('09, '12, '18)
- With 10 or more wins in 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, Kelly joined Lou Holtz as the only Notre Dame coaches to hit the double-digit mark in wins five times.
- With 10-win seasons in five of the last six years, Kelly is the first Irish coach to do since Holtz registered five 10-win seasons from 1988-93.
- Notched his first win over an AP No. 1 team with the 47-40 win over Clemson (Nov. 8, 2020)
- Ranks second in winning percentage among active FBS coaches (.741^{*}) who have coached in 300 or more career games (Nick Saban - .795)
- Second-youngest coach to reach 200 career victories at a major school
- Has finished .500 or better in 27 of 29 seasons as a head coach
- Boasts a 16-9 record in postseason as a head coach
- Kelly is the first coach to post four or more shutouts in an Irish career since Lou Holtz.
- With the 52-20 win over Navy in 2019, 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.

ACTIVE FBS LONGEVITY

Rk.	Coach	School	Games
1.	Mack Brown	North Carolina	391
2.	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME	370 [*]
3.	Nick Saban	Alabama	320
4.	Kirk Ferentz	Iowa	307
5.	Dave Clawson	Wake Forest	254

MOST YEARS COACHING (ACTIVE FBS)

Rk.	Coach	School	Years
1.	Mack Brown	North Carolina	32
2.	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME	30
3.	Nick Saban	Alabama	25
4.	Kirk Ferentz	Iowa	25
5.	Dave Clawson	Wake Forest	21

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	Kelly's Career			Kelly at ND		2020	
	Record (W-L-T)			Record (W-L)		Record (W-L)	
Home (Includes Shamrock Series)	153	34	1	60	13	6	0
Away	106	54	1	31	20	4	0
Neutral	12	8	0	9	6	0	1
In overtime	7	5	0	3	3	1	0
Coming off a loss	50	27	0	16	11	0	0
Coming off a win	187	53	1	63	23	7	0
Coming off an open date	20	3	0	9	2	2	1
vs. AP Top 25	30	25	0	21	21	2	1
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	22	20	0	18	18	2	1
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	54	30	0	22	14	0	0
Team is ranked higher	92	14	0	70	11	9	1
Opponent is ranked higher	11	17	0	8	13	1	0
vs. In-State Opponents	76	22	2	6	0	0	0
In August	5	2	0	2	0	0	0
In September	83	35	0	31	12	2	0
In October	91	26	2	32	8	4	0
In November	79	26	0	31	13	3	0
In December	13	4	0	5	3	1	1
In January	1	4	0	1	3	0	0
On TV (except GVSU regular season)	131	46	0	101	38	10	1
On NBC	59	13	0	59	13	5	0
On NBCSN	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
On ABC	24	13	0	22	13	4	1
On ACCN	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
On ESPN	15	8	0	7	6	0	0
On ESPN2	8	2	0	1	0	0	0
On CBS	4	3	0	4	3	0	0
On CBS Sports Network	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
On FOX	2	3	0	2	3	0	0
On USA Network	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Morning Games (kicks off before noon)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Afternoon Games	182	61	2	64	17	8	1
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	90	33	0	37	20	2	0
Decided by three points or fewer	45	23	2	12	13	0	0
Decided by seven points or fewer	85	44	2	30	21	2	0
Scoring first	189	39	0	75	21	7	1
Opponent scores first	81	56	2	26	17	3	0
Leading at halftime	215	21	0	82	11	9	0
Tied at halftime	19	6	0	8	1	1	0
Trailing at halftime	35	68	2	10	26	0	1

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	Kelly's Career			Kelly at ND		2020	
	Record (W-L-T)			Record (W-L)		Record (W-L)	
Leading after three quarters	229	17	0	83	9	9	0
Tied after three quarters	13	6	0	5	5	1	0
Trailing after three quarters	28	72	0	11	24	0	1
Scoring 40+ points	104	3	0	36	2	6	0
Scoring 30-39 points	77	11	0	30	7	2	0
Scoring 20-29 points	68	36	1	25	14	1	0
Scoring 0-19 points	23	45	1	10	14	1	1
Allowing 40+ points	8	24	0	2	10	1	0
Allowing 30-39 points	20	36	0	9	14	1	1
Allowing 20-29 points	71	27	1	23	9	2	0
Allowing 0-19 Points	173	8	1	67	3	6	0
Outrushing opponent	213	29	1	76	8	10	0
Getting outrushed	54	65	2	23	30	0	1
Passing for more yards	177	61	1	64	28	7	0
Passing for fewer yards	94	31	1	37	10	3	1
Outgaining opponent	229	31	1	84	14	10	0
Outgained by opponent	41	61	1	17	24	0	1
Winning time of possession battle	145	29	0	56	7	9	1
Losing time of possession battle	125	64	2	45	31	1	0
Scoring a defensive or special teams TD	79	9	0	20	5	3	0
Allowing a defensive or special teams TD	25	31	0	11	12	1	0
Fewer penalty yards	87	45	1	49	20	6	1
More penalty yards	175	48	1	50	18	3	0
Winning turnover battle	156	17	0	53	6	3	1
Losing turnover battle	65	56	1	24	28	2	0
Having an individual 100-yard rusher	129	26	1	46	9	7	0
Having an individual 100-yard receiver	106	33	0	36	16	5	0
Having an individual 200-yard passer	180	50	1	66	24	7	1
Having a QB rush for 100 yards	9	1	0	7	1	0	0
Allowing an individual 100-yard rusher	48	53	1	16	25	1	1
Allowing an individual 100-yard receiver	77	39	0	21	14	3	1
Allowing an individual 200-yard passer	109	46	1	42	24	5	1

STARTER SHEET

OFFENSE	Pos.	2020	Streak	Career	DEFENSE	Pos.	2020	Streak	Career
Tommy Kraemer	LG/RG/RT	9	1	38	Daelin Hayes	DL	11	11	24
Liam Eichenberg	LT	11	37	37	Kurt Hinish	NG	11	24	24
Ian Book	QB	11	27	34	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	LB	11	24	24
Robert Hainsey	RT/RG	11	11	33	Drew White	LB	11	18	23
Aaron Banks	LG	11	30	30	Shaun Crawford	CB/S	11	15	22
Jarrett Patterson	C	8	0	21	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	DT	9	7	21
Tommy Tremble	TE	10	1	17	Ade Ogundeji	DE	11	11	12
Javon McKinley	WR	11	11	13	Kyle Hamilton	S	10	9	11
Brock Wright	TE	8	1	12	Nick McCloud	CB	10	8	10
Kyren Williams	RB	11	11	11	TaRiq Bracy	CB	6	0	8
Ben Skowronek	WR	9	8	9	Shayne Simon	LB	8	0	8
Josh Lugg	RT	3	3	8	Clarence Lewis	S/CB	5	3	5
Jafar Armstrong	RB	0	0	4	Jayson Ademilola	DL	2	0	2
Avery Davis	WR	3	0	3	Houston Griffith	CB	2	0	2
Lawrence Keys III	WR	0	0	3	Marist Liufau	LB	2	1	2
Braden Lenzy	WR	1	0	3	Jack Kiser	LB	1	0	1
Michael Mayer	TE	2	0	2					
Zeke Correll	C	1	0	1					
Dillan Gibbons	RG	1	0	1					

CAREER STARTS BY POSITION

WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	WR	RB
McKinley (12)	Eichenberg (37)	Kraemer (17)	Patterson (21)	Banks (14)	Hainsey (32)	Tremble (17)	Davis (3)	Book (34)	Skowronek (9)	Williams (11)
Keys III (3)		Banks (16)	Correll (1)	Hainsey (1)	Kraemer (13)	Wright (12)			Lenzy (1)	Armstrong (4)
Lenzy (2)			Lugg (2)	Kraemer (9)	Lugg (5)	Mayer (2)				
				Lugg (1)						
				Gibbons (1)						
DL	DL	DL	DL	ROV	MIKE	BUCK	CB	S	S	CB
Ogundeji (11)	Tagovailoa-Amosa (21)	Hinish (24)	Hayes (24)	Owusu-Koramoah (23)	White (23)	Simon (8)	McCloud (10)	Hamilton (11)	Crawford (10)	Crawford (12)
	Ademilola, Jayson (2)					Liufau (2)	Griffith (1)	Lewis (1)	Owusu-Koramoah (1)	Bracy (8)
	Ogundeji (1)					Kiser (1)				Lewis (4)
										Griffith (1)

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YARDS	TYPE	PLAYER(S)	OPPONENT
94*	Rush	Chris Tyree	Syracuse
75	Pass	Ian Book to Kyren Williams	Duke
73*	Pass	Ian Book to Ben Skowronek	Pittsburgh
65*	Rush	Kyren Williams	Clemson
65	Rush	Kyren Williams	Florida State
53	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	North Carolina
53	Pass	Ian Book to Avery Davis	Clemson
48	Pass	Ian Book to Avery Davis	Boston College
47	Rush	Kyren Williams	North Carolina
46*	Rush	Kyren Williams	Florida State
45	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Clemson
45*	Rush	Chris Tyree	Florida State
43	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	North Carolina
41	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Pittsburgh
38	KOR	Chris Tyree	Duke
38	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Florida State
36	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Florida State
36	KOR	Jafar Armstrong	Florida State
34	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Georgia Tech
34*	Pass	Ian Book to Ben Skowronek	Pittsburgh
33	KOR	Chris Tyree	Syracuse
33	Rush	Ian Book	North Carolina
31	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Georgia Tech
31	Rush	Chris Tyree	South Florida
31	Rush	C'Bo Flemister	South Florida
30	Pass	Ian Book to Tommy Tremble	Clemson - ACC Championship
29	Pass	Ian Book to Ben Skowronek	Syracuse
29	Rush	Avery Davis	Boston College
29	Pass	Ian Book to Michael Mayer	Clemson
28*	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Syracuse
28*	Rush	Ian Book	Syracuse
28	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Clemson
28	KOR	Chris Tyree	Florida State
27	Pass	Ian Book to C'Bo Flemister	Boston College
27	Pass	Ian Book to Tommy Tremble	South Florida
26	Pass	Ian Book to Ben Skowronek	Clemson - ACC Championship
26*	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Syracuse
26	Pass	Ian Book to Ben Skowronek	Boston College
26*	Rush	Kyren Williams	Duke
26*	Rush	C'Bo Flemister	South Florida
26	KOR	Chris Tyree	Florida State
25	Rush	Chris Tyree	Duke
25	Pass	Ian Book to Tommy Tremble	South Florida

YARDS	TYPE	PLAYER(S)	OPPONENT
24	Rush	Kyren Williams	Clemson - ACC Championship
24	Rush	Kyren Williams	Louisville
23	Rush	Kyren Williams	Syracuse
23*	FR	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	Clemson
23	Pass	Ian Book to Michael Mayer	Pittsburgh
23	INT	Shaun Crawford (return)	Florida State
22	KOR	Chris Tyree	Boston College
22	Pass	Ian Book to Avery Davis	Boston College
22	KOR	Chris Tyree	Boston College
22	KOR	Chris Tyree	Louisville
22	Pass	Ian Book to Braden Lenzy	South Florida
21*	Rush	Chris Tyree	Clemson - ACC Championship
21	Pass	Ian Book to Ben Skowronek	Syracuse
21*	Pass	Ian Book to Javon McKinley	Syracuse
21	Pass	Ian Book to Ben Skowronek	North Carolina
21	KOR	Chris Tyree	Boston College
21	Rush	C'Bo Flemister	Georgia Tech
21	Rush	Chris Tyree	Georgia Tech
21	Pass	Ian Book to Avery Davis	Pittsburgh
20	KOR	Chris Tyree	Clemson - ACC Championship
20	KOR	Chris Tyree	Syracuse
20	Pass	Ian Book to Michael Mayer	Syracuse
20	KOR	Chris Tyree	Syracuse
20	Rush	Ian Book	Boston College
20	Pass	Ian Book to Kyren Williams	Boston College
20	Pass	Ian Book to Kyren Williams	Georgia Tech
20	KOR	Chris Tyree	Georgia Tech
20	Pass	Ian Book to Kyren Williams	Pittsburgh
20	Rush	Ian Book	Louisville
20	Pass	Ian Book to Jafar Armstrong	Duke
20	Pass	Ian Book to Joe Wilkins Jr.	Duke

* Touchdown play

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YARDS	TYPE	PLAYER(S)	ND OPPONENT
93*	FR	Zamari Walton	Georgia Tech
80*	Rush	Cooper Lutz	Syracuse
67*	Pass	Trevor Lawrence to Amari Rodgers	Clemson - ACC Championship
55	Pass	Chase Brice to Eli Pancol	Duke
53*	Pass	D.J. Uiagalelei to Cornell Powell	Clemson
51	Pass	Sam Howell to Dyami Brown	North Carolina
51	Pass	D.J. Uiagalelei to Cornell Powell	Clemson
48	Pass	Jordan Travis to Tamorrion Terry	Florida State
44*	Rush	Travis Etienne	Clemson - ACC Championship
42	Rush	Johnny Ford	South Florida
40*	Rush	Sean Tucker	Syracuse
40	Pass	Phil Jurkovec to Jaelen Gill	Boston College
39	Pass	Jeff Sims to Jalen Camp	Georgia Tech
37	KOR	Travis Etienne	Clemson - ACC Championship
37	Pass	Rex Culpepper to Sean Tucker	Syracuse
37	KOR	Travis Etienne	Clemson
36	Pass	Noah Johnson to Latrell Williams	South Florida
35	Pass	D.J. Uiagalelei to Amari Rodgers	Clemson
34*	Rush	Trevor Lawrence	Clemson - ACC Championship
34	Pass	Phil Jurkovec to Jaelen Gill	Boston College
34	Pass	Jeff Sims to Jahmyr Gibbs	Georgia Tech
33*	Pass	Trevor Lawrence to E.J. Williams	Clemson - ACC Championship
33	Pass	Joey Yellen to Jordan Addison	Pittsburgh
33	Rush	Jordan Travis	Florida State
32	KOR	DJ Turner	Pittsburgh
31	Pass	Jordan Travis to Lawrance Toafli	Florida State
30	Pass	Jordan Travis to Tamorrion Terry	Florida State
29	Pass	Malik Cunningham to Javian Hawkins	Louisville
28	Pass	Phil Jurkovec to CJ Lewis	Boston College
28	KOR	Hassan Hall	Louisville
28	Pass	Malik Cunningham to Tutu Atwell	Louisville
28	Rush	Javian Hawkins	Louisville
27	Pass	D.J. Uiagalelei to Braden Galloway	Clemson
27	Pass	D.J. Uiagalelei to Amari Rodgers	Clemson
26	Pass	Trevor Lawrence to Cornell Powell	Clemson - ACC Championship
26	Rush	Michael Carter	North Carolina
26	KOR	Brian Battie	South Florida
25	KOR	Travis Levy	Boston College
25	Pass	Chase Brice to Jalon Calhoun	Duke
25	KOR	Damond Philyaw-Johnson	Duke
25	Pass	Jordan Travis to Tamorrion Terry	Florida State
24	Pass	Trevor Lawrence to Amari Rodgers	Clemson - ACC Championship
24	Pass	D.J. Uiagalelei to Cornell Powell	Clemson

YARDS	TYPE	PLAYER(S)	ND OPPONENT
24	KOR	Travis Etienne	Clemson
24	KOR	DJ Turner	Pittsburgh
23	Pass	Trevor Lawrence to Chez Mellusi	Clemson - ACC Championship
23	Pass	Sam Howell to Michael Carter	North Carolina
23	KOR	Hassan Hall	Louisville
23	Rush	Chase Brice	Duke
23	Pass	Chase Brice to Noah Gray	Duke
22	Pass	Trevor Lawrence to E.J. Williams	Clemson - ACC Championship
22	Rush	Travis Levy	Boston College
22	Pass	D.J. Uiagalelei to Travis Etienne	Clemson
22	Pass	Joey Yellen to Shockey Jacques-Louis	Pittsburgh
22	Rush	Johnny Ford	South Florida
22	Pass	Chase Brice to Noah Gray	Duke
22	KOR	Corey Wren	Florida State
21	Pass	Trevor Lawrence to Cornell Powell	Clemson - ACC Championship
21	Pass	Phil Jurkovec to Hunter Long	Boston College
21	KOR	Travis Levy	Boston College
21	KOR	Jashaun Corbin	Florida State
20	Pass	Sam Howell to Dazz Newsome	North Carolina
20	KOR	Peter Stehr	Boston College
20	Pass	Phil Jurkovec to CJ Lewis	Boston College
20	KOR	Terrence Horne	South Florida
20	KOR	Johnny Ford	South Florida

* Touchdown play



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Date	Opponent	Qtr	Scoring Play	Plays-Yds	Time	Score (ND-Opp.)
9.12.20	Duke	2nd - 10:39	#23 K.Williams 1 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick)	12-96	04:37	7-3
		2nd - 00:00	#39 J.Doerer 48 yd FG	9-54	01:13	10-6
		3rd - 07:57	#23 K.Williams 26 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick)	7-59	03:32	17-6
		4th - 10:58	#3 A.Davis 17 yd pass from #12 I.Book (#39 J.Doerer kick)	15-83	06:14	24-13
		4th - 05:21	#39 J.Doerer 34 yd FG	6-40	03:45	27-13
9.19.20	South Florida	1st - 12:05	Ian Book 4 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	7-55	2:50	7-0
		1st - 07:06	Chris Tyree 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	7-43	3:24	14-0
		2nd - 14:25	Ian Book 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	11-58	5:07	21-0
		2nd - 11:15	Flemister, C'Bo 26 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	5-53	1:57	28-0
		2nd - 01:55	Ian Book 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	4-25	0:54	35-0
		3rd - 06:34	Jonathan Doerer 22 yd field goal	10-60	3:21	38-0
		3rd - 03:23	Botelho, Jordan 1 yd blocked punt return (Jonathan Doerer kick)			45-0
		4th - 02:15	Jafar Armstrong 5 yd run (Goepferich, Dawson kick)	10-66	7:00	52-0
10.10.20	Florida State	1st - 10:43	Mayer,Michael 8 yd pass from Book,Ian (Doerer,Jonathan kick)	3-75	1:20	7-3
		1st - 06:10	Williams,Kyren 46 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick)	5-76	2:19	14-3
		2nd - 12:27	Williams,Kyren 1 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick)	8-75	3:11	21-17
		2nd - 05:25	Tyree,Chris 45 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick)	4-81	1:50	28-17
		2nd - 00:11	Lenzy,Braden 6 yd pass from Book,Ian (Doerer,Jonathan kick)	8-57	0:58	35-20
10.17.20	Louisville	3rd - 08:40	Book,Ian 3 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick)	8-73	3:39	42-26
		1st - 09:26	Jonathan Doerer 32 yd field goal	12-61	5:34	3-0
		1st - 00:30	Jonathan Doerer 30 yd field goal	15-76	7:09	6-0
10.24.20	Pittsburgh	3rd - 03:43	Ian Book 13 yd run (Javon McKinley pass failed)	8-66	3:49	12-7
		1st - 10:08	Ben Skowronek 34 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	11-75	4:52	7-0
		2nd - 10:37	Ben Skowronek 73 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	4-87	1:29	14-3
		2nd - 01:29	Kyren Williams 2 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	8-46	3:42	21-3
		2nd - 00:11	Isaiah Foskey 0 yd blocked punt return (Jonathan Doerer kick)			28-3
		3rd - 07:34	Jonathan Doerer 21 yd field goal	14-72	6:10	31-3
10.31.20	Georgia Tech	3rd - 04:22	Michael Mayer 14 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	4-49	2:01	38-3
		3rd - 02:42	C'Bo Flemister 2 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	4-35	1:33	45-3
		1st - 06:16	Joe Wilkins, Jr. 8 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	15-81	8:38	7-0
		2nd - 10:47	Kyren Williams 2 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	7-75	3:48	14-7
		2nd - 01:49	Jonathan Doerer 32 yd field goal	8-35	2:10	17-7
		3rd - 10:43	Kyren Williams 4 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	6-65	2:56	24-7
11.7.20	Clemson	4th - 12:59	C'Bo Flemister 3 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	9-74	4:32	31-7
		1st - 14:27	Kyren Williams 65 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	1-75	0:33	7-0
		1st - 05:55	Jonathan Doerer 24 yd field goal	10-49	6:24	10-0
		2nd - 13:09	Jonathan Doerer 27 yd field goal	13-66	6:02	13-7
		2nd - 05:53	Jer., Owusu-Koramoah 23 yd fumble recovery (Jonathan Doerer kick)			20-10
		2nd - 02:41	Jonathan Doerer 45 yd field goal	4- -2	2:25	23-10
		4th - 11:37	Jonathan Doerer 44 yd field goal	7-31	3:12	26-23
		4th - 00:22	Avery Davis 4 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	8-91	1:26	33-33
11.14.20	Boston College	OT - 15:00	Kyren Williams 3 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	4-25	0:00	40-40
		OT - 15:00	Kyren Williams 3 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	6-25	0:00	47-40
		1st - 09:39	Doerer, J 23 yd field goal	13-70	5:21	3-0
		1st - 00:11	Skowronek, B 10 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick)	8-77	3:39	10-10
		2nd - 10:24	Flemister, C 2 yd run (Doerer, J kick)	6-75	2:13	17-13
		2nd - 05:43	Skowronek, B 13 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick)	7-50	3:32	24-13
		2nd - 00:04	Skowronek, B 7 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick)	10-49	2:05	31-16
		3rd - 06:34	Flemister, C 1 yd run (Doerer, J kick)	4-43	1:57	38-16
4th - 12:19	Book, I 6 yd run (Doerer, J kick)	7-70	3:10	45-23		



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Date	Opponent	Qtr	Scoring Play	Plays-Yds	Time	Score (ND-Opp.)
11.27.20	North Carolina	1st - 05:19	Williams, K 2 yd run (Doerer, J kick)	9-75	4:37	7-7
		1st - 01:05	Williams, K 4 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick)	4-82	1:50	14-14
		2nd - 00:00	Doerer, J 32 yd field goal	7-61	1:10	17-17
		3rd - 07:05	Skowronek, B 13 yd run (Doerer, J kick)	13-97	5:22	24-17
		4th - 01:20	Williams, K 1 yd run (Doerer, J kick)	8-89	4:32	31-17
12.5.20	Syracuse	1st - 09:32	Jonathan Doerer 25 yd field goal	12-73	5:28	3-0
		2nd - 03:18	Ian Book 28 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	5-72	2:18	10-7
		2nd - 01:30	Javon McKinley 21 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	1-21	0:08	17-7
		2nd - 00:06	Javon McKinley 28 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	6-68	0:32	24-7
		3rd - 06:32	Ian Book 17 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	8-53	3:23	31-14
		3rd - 01:07	Javon McKinley 26 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick)	3-68	1:03	38-14
		4th - 06:25	Chris Tyree 94 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick)	2-87	0:52	45-14
12.19.20	Clemson	1st - 08:16	Doerer, J 51 yd field goal	11-46	6:44	3-0
	ACC Championship	4th - 08:09	Tyree, C 21 yd run (Doerer, J kick)	7-75	2:22	10-34



OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES

Date	Opponent	Qtr	Scoring Play	Plays-Yds	Time	Score (ND-Opp.)
9.12.20	Duke	1st - 07:01	#44 C.Ham 29 yd FG	10-79	03:53	0-3
		2nd - 03:20	#44 C.Ham 30 yd FG	11-80	04:12	7-6
		3rd - 02:19	#8 C.Brice 2 yd rush (#44 C.Ham kick)	6-39	02:24	17-13
9.19.20	South Florida		NONE			
10.10.20	Florida State	1st - 12:03	Fitzgerald,Ryan 42 yd field goal	4-8	2:07	0-3
		1st - 02:51	Travis,Jordan 4 yd run (Fitzgerald,Ryan kick)	3-19	1:13	14-10
		1st - 00:38	Terry,Tamorriorin 48 yd pass from Travis,Jordan (Fitzgerald,Ryan kick)	4-71	1:13	14-17
		2nd - 01:17	Fitzgerald,Ryan 26 yd field goal	13-67	4:08	28-20
		3rd - 12:25	Webb,La'Damian 7 yd run (Terry,Tamorriorin pass failed)	7-75	2:35	35-26
10.17.20	Louisville	3rd - 07:37	Ford,Marshon 1 yd pass from Cunningham,Mali (Turner,Jason kick)	13-83	7:16	6-7
10.24.20	Pittsburgh	1st - 07:38	Alex Kessman 45 yd field goal	10-37	2:30	7-3
10.31.20	Georgia Tech	2nd - 14:42	Zamari Walton 93 yd fumble recovery (Jude Kelley kick)			7-7
		4th - 07:15	Jordan Mason 1 yd run (Adonicas Sanders rush failed)	8-69	2:42	31-13
11.7.20	Clemson	1st - 04:11	Powell,Cornell 53 yd pass from Uiagalelei,D.J. (Potter,B.T. kick)	4-75	1:44	10-7
		2nd - 08:32	Potter,B.T. 25 yd field goal	11-80	4:32	13-10
		2nd - 01:09	Potter,B.T. 45 yd field goal	6-47	1:32	23-13
		3rd - 12:15	Potter,B.T. 46 yd field goal	9-36	2:45	23-16
		3rd - 04:12	Allen,Davis 10 yd pass from Uiagalelei,D.J. (Potter,B.T. kick)	13-60	6:29	23-23
		4th - 09:42	Potter,B.T. 30 yd field goal	5-58	1:49	26-26
		4th - 03:33	Etienne,Travis 3 yd run (Potter,B.T. kick)	12-74	5:41	26-33
11.14.20	Boston College	0T - 15:00	Uiagalelei,D.J. 1 yd run (Potter,B.T. kick)	2-25	0:00	33-40
		1st - 05:03	Zay Flowers 4 yd pass from Phil Jurkovec (Aaron Boumerhi kick)	10-80	4:30	3-7
		1st - 03:56	Aaron Boumerhi 41 yd field goal	4--6	0:56	3-10
		2nd - 12:41	Aaron Boumerhi 31 yd field goal	9-44	2:25	10-13
		2nd - 03:12	Aaron Boumerhi 35 yd field goal	6-57	2:31	24-16
		3rd - 00:35	David Bailey 3 yd run (Aaron Boumerhi kick)	12-80	5:59	38-23
11.27.20	North Carolina	4th - 04:09	Hunter Long 8 yd pass from Phil Jurkovec (Travis Levy rush)	6-70	1:28	45-31
		1st - 09:56	Simmons, E 6 yd pass from Howell, S (Atkins, G kick)	7-50	2:54	0-7
		1st - 02:59	Howell, S 1 yd run (Atkins, G kick)	7-75	2:20	7-14
		2nd - 01:10	Atkins, G 42 yd field goal	12-72	4:40	14-17
12.5.20	Syracuse	2nd - 09:55	Queeley, A. 18 yd pass from Culpepper, R. (Szmyt, A. kick)	10-62	4:07	3-7
		3rd - 11:20	Tucker, S. 40 yd run (Szmyt, A. kick)	5-57	2:14	24-14
		4th - 05:33	Lutz, C. 80 yd run (Szmyt, A. kick)	2-81	0:52	45-21
12.19.20	Clemson	1st - 00:41	Amari Rodgers 67 yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter kick)	3-80	1:01	3-7
	ACC Championship	2nd - 09:24	E.J. Williams 33 yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter kick)	6-72	2:44	3-14
		2nd - 04:28	B.T. Potter 27 yd field goal	8-63	2:37	3-17
		2nd - 00:21	Travis Etienne 44 yd run (B.T. Potter kick)	10-88	1:49	3-24
		3rd - 03:43	Trevor Lawrence 34 yd run (B.T. Potter kick)	8-83	2:35	3-31
		4th - 10:31	B.T. Potter 37 yd field goal	12-66	6:22	3-34

NOTRE DAME
Rushing

Had 500 or more yards:	at Boston College, 2017 (515)
Had 450 or more yards:	at Boston College, 2017 (515)
Had 400 or more yards:	at Boston College, 2017 (515)
Had 300 or more yards:	vs. Florida State, 2020 (353)
Had 70 or more rushing attempts:	vs. Michigan State, 1991 (76)
Had 60 or more rushing attempts:	vs. Navy, 2007 (63)
Had 50 or more rushing attempts:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (50)
Had eight or more rush TDs:	vs. Pittsburgh, 1965 (9)
Had seven or more rush TDs:	at Boston College, 2017 (7)
Had six or more rush TDs:	vs. South Florida, 2020 (6)
Had five or more rush TDs:	vs. South Florida, 2020 (6)
Had four or more rush TDs:	vs. Florida State, 2020 (4)
Had two or more players with 200 rush yards in a game:	at Boston College, 2017 (Josh Adams 229, Brandon Wimbush 207)
Had three players with 100 rush yards in a game:	vs. Temple, 2017 (Josh Adams 161, DeShone Kizer 124, Brandon Wimbush 106)
Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (Kyren Williams 110, Chris Tyree 109)
Had a quarterback rush for 100 yards in a game:	vs. Duke, 2019 (Ian Book, 139)

Passing

Had 500 or more yards:	at USC, 1970 (526)
Had 400 or more yards:	vs. New Mexico, 2019 (434)
Had 300 or more yards:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (310)
Had 50 or more pass attempts:	vs. Virginia Tech, 2019 (53)
Had 40 or more pass attempts:	vs. Boston College, 2019 (40)
Had 30 or more pass attempts:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (37)
Had 35 or more pass completions:	at Clemson, 2015 (35)
Had 30 or more pass completions:	at Clemson, 2015 (35)
Had 25 or more pass completions:	vs. Boston College, 2019 (26)
Had six or more passing TDs:	vs. Bowling Green, 2019 (6)
Had five or more passing TDs:	vs. Navy, 2019 (5)
Had four or more passing TDs:	at Stanford, 2019 (4)
Had three or more passing TDs:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (3)
Had three or more passing TDs in a half:	at Boston College, 2020 (3)
Had five or more passes intercepted:	vs. USC, 1967 (7)
Had four or more passes intercepted:	at Arizona State, 2014 (4)
Had three or more passes intercepted:	vs. Ball State, 2018 (3)

Receiving

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:	at Stanford, 2017 (Kevin Stepherson - 112, Equanimeous St. Brown - 111)
Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:	vs. Wake Forest, 2017 (Chase Claypool - 180)
Had two players with 10 catches in a game:	vs. BYU, 2005 (Maurice Stovall - 14, Jeff Samardzija - 10)

Combination Offense

Had a 400-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2016 (DeShone Kizer - 471, Josh Adams - 102)
Had a 300-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (Ian Book - 310, Kyren Williams - 140)
Had a 400-yard passer and 100-yard receiver in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2016 (DeShone Kizer - 471, Equanimeous St. Brown - 182)
Had a 300-yard passer and 100-yard receiver in a game:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (Ian Book - 310, Javon McKinley - 102)
Had a 400-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2016 (DeShone Kizer - 471, Josh Adams - 102, Equanimeous St. Brown - 182)
Had a 300-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in a game:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (Ian Book - 310, Kyren Williams - 140 rushing, Javon McKinley - 102 receiving)
Had a 200-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (Ian Book - 285, Kyren Williams - 110 rushing, Chris Tyree - 109 rushing, Javon McKinley - 111 receiving)
Had a 400-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2016 (DeShone Kizer - 471, Josh Adams - 102)
Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (Ian Book - 285, Kyren Williams - 110 rushing, Chris Tyree - 109 rushing)
Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (Kyren Williams - 110 rushing, Chris Tyree - 109 rushing, Javon McKinley - 111 receiving)

Total Offense

Had 700 or more yards total offense:	vs. Wake Forest, 2017 (710)
Had 650 or more yards total offense:	vs. Wake Forest, 2017 (710)
Had 600 or more yards total offense:	vs. Wake Forest, 2017 (710)
Had 500 or more yards total offense:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (568)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (568)
Had 100 or more plays total offense:	vs. Pittsburgh, 2012 (104)
Had 85 or more plays total offense:	vs. Boston College, 2019 (85)
Had 75 or more plays total offense:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (77)

Scoring

Scored 60 or more points:	vs. New Mexico, 2019 (66)
Scored 50 or more points:	vs. South Florida, 2020 (52)
Scored 40 or more points:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (45)
Scored 30 or more points:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (45)
Scored a two-point conversion:	vs. LSU (Citrus Bowl), 2017
Allowed 60 or more points:	Never
Allowed 50 or more points:	at Texas, 2016 (50)
Allowed 40 or more points:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (40)
Allowed 30 or more points:	vs. Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (34)
Was held scoreless:	at Boston College, 2008 (17-0)
Was held scoreless at home:	USC, 2007 (38-0)
Was held scoreless on the road:	at Boston College, 2008 (17-0)
Was held without offensive touchdown:	vs. Clemson, 2019 Cotton Bowl (30-3)
Was held without offensive touchdown on the road:	at NC State, 2016 (10-3)
Was held without offensive touchdown at home:	vs. USC, 2007 (38-0)
Held opponent scoreless:	vs. South Florida, 2020 (52-0)
Held opponent scoreless at home:	vs. South Florida, 2020 (52-0)
Held opponent scoreless on the road:	at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
Held opponent without offensive touchdown:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (45-3)
Held opponent without offensive touchdown on the road/neutral:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (45-3)
Held opponent without offensive touchdown at home:	vs. South Florida, 2020 (52-0)
Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:	vs. Maryland (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
Held two or more opponents scoreless in a season:	2002 vs. Maryland (22-0) vs. Rutgers (42-0)
Held three or more opponents scoreless in a season:	1976 vs. Purdue (23-0) at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
Held four or more 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 or more 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 or more 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. Syracuse, 2020 (Javon McKinley - 3, Ian Book - 2)

Turnovers

Did not commit a turnover:	vs. Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020
Committed six or more turnovers:	vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
Committed five or more turnovers:	vs. Boston College, 2015 (5)
Lost four or more fumbles:	vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
Lost three or more fumbles:	at Boston College, 2020 (3)
Recorded six or more takeaways:	vs. Michigan, 2012 (6)
Recorded five or more takeaways:	vs. Virginia, 2019 (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:	vs. New Mexico (2019) (Kyle Hamilton - 54 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (1) (Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah - 23 yards)

Defense

Held opponent to 50 or fewer rushing yards:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (34)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:	vs. Boston College, 2019 (63)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer passing yards:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (185)
Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense:	at North Carolina, 2020 (298)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (162)
Intercepted five or more passes:	vs. Michigan, 2012 (5)
Intercepted four or more passes:	vs. Rutgers (Pinstripe Bowl), 2013 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (3)
Forced five or more fumbles:	at Louisville, 2019 (5)
Forced four or more fumbles:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (4)
Forced three or more fumbles:	vs. Navy, 2019 (4)
Scored a safety:	at North Carolina, 2017
Recorded nine or more sacks:	vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
Recorded eight or more sacks:	vs. Virginia, 2019 (8)
Recorded seven or more sacks:	vs. Virginia, 2019 (8)
Recorded six or more sacks:	at North Carolina, 2020 (6)
Recorded five or more sacks:	at North Carolina, 2020 (6)
Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:	at Duke, 2019 (10)

Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD:	vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (C.J. Sanders, 50 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (Isaiah Foskey, 0 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD:	vs. Syracuse, 2016 (C.J. Sanders, 93 yards)
Returned a blocked FG for a TD:	at Air Force, 2006 (Terrail Lambert, 76 yards)
Blocked a punt:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (Isaiah Foskey)
Punted 10 or more times:	at Michigan, 2019 (10)
Did not punt:	at Boston College, 2020
Blocked a field goal:	vs. Bowling Green, 2019 (Julian Okwara)
Had a field goal blocked:	at Texas, 2016
Blocked a PAT kick:	vs. Florida State, 2018 (Jerry Tillery)
Scored on a blocked PAT attempt:	vs. Florida State, 2018 (Julian Love)
Missed a kicking PAT:	vs. Syracuse, 2018
Had a kicking PAT blocked:	vs. Florida State, 2018
Opponent scored on a blocked PAT attempt:	vs. Northwestern, 2014
Had a punt blocked:	at Northwestern, 2018

Miscellaneous

Had 30 or more first downs:	vs. Wake Forest, 2017 (30)
Had 25 or more first downs:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (26)
Had 20 or more first downs:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (26)
Was not penalized:	at LSU, 1997
Had 10 or more penalties:	at Stanford, 2019 (11)
Had 120 or more yards in penalties:	at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
Had 40 minutes or more of possession time:	at Pittsburgh, 2020 (40:59)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:	at North Carolina, 2020 (35:04)
Was involved in a tie game:	at USC, 1994 (17-17)
Was involved in an overtime game:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (47-40)
Was involved in a double overtime game:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (47-40)
Was involved in a triple overtime game:	vs. Pittsburgh, 2012 (29-26)
Was involved in a quadruple overtime game:	vs. Pittsburgh, 2008 (33-36)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER

Rushing

Rushed for 250 or more yards:	Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)
Rushed for 200 or more yards:	Dexter Williams vs. Florida State, 2018 (202)
Rushed for 175 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. Florida State, 2020 (185)
Rushed for 150 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. Florida State, 2020 (185)
Rushed for 125 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. Clemson, 2020 (140)
Rushed for 100 or more yards:	Kyren Williams (110) and Chris Tyree (109) vs. Syracuse, 2020
Quarterback rushed for 200 or more yards:	Brandon Wimbush at Boston College, 2017 (207)
Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards:	Ian Book at Duke, 2019 (139)
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:	James Aldridge vs. Navy, 2007 (32)
Rushed 25 or more times:	Kyren Williams vs. Louisville, 2020 (25)
Rushed for four or more TDs:	Brandon Wimbush at Boston College, 2017 (4)
Rushed for three or more TDs:	Kyren Williams vs. Clemson, 2020 (3)
Rushed for two or more TDs:	Ian Book vs. Syracuse, 2020 (2)
Had a run of 90 yards or more:	Chris Tyree vs. Syracuse, 2020 (94)
Had a run of 80 or more yards:	Chris Tyree vs. Syracuse, 2020 (94)
Had a run of 70 or more yards:	Chris Tyree vs. Syracuse, 2020 (94)
Had a run of 60 or more yards:	Chris Tyree vs. Syracuse, 2020 (94)
Had a run of 50 or more yards:	Chris Tyree vs. Syracuse, 2020 (94)

Passing

Passed for 500 or more yards:	Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
Passed for 400 or more yards:	DeShone Kizer vs. Syracuse, 2016 (471)
Passed for 300 or more yards:	Ian Book vs. Clemson, 2020 (310)
Attempted 50 or more passes:	Ian Book vs. Virginia Tech, 2019 (53)
Attempted 40 or more passes:	Ian Book vs. Boston College, 2019 (40)
Attempted 30 or more passes:	Ian Book vs. Syracuse, 2020 (37)
Completed 30 or more passes:	Everett Golson at Florida State, 2014 (31)
Completed 20 or more passes:	Ian Book vs. Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (20)
Threw six TDs:	Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
Threw five or more TDs:	Ian Book vs. Navy, 2019 (5)
Threw four or more TDs:	Ian Book at Stanford, 2019 (4)
Threw three or more TDs:	Ian Book vs. Syracuse, 2020 (3)
Threw three or more TDs in a half:	Ian Book at Boston College, 2020 (3)
Threw five or more interceptions:	Terry Hanratty vs. USC, 1967 (5)
Threw four or more interceptions:	Everett Golson at Arizona State, 2014 (4)
Threw three or more interceptions:	Brandon Wimbush vs. Ball State, 2018 (3)
Completed a pass of 90 yards or more:	Dayne Crist vs. Michigan, 2010 (95)
Completed a pass of 80 or more yards:	Brandon Wimbush at Stanford, 2017 (83)
Completed a pass of 70 or more yards:	Ian Book at Pittsburgh, 2020 (73)
Completed a pass of 60 or more yards:	Ian Book at Pittsburgh, 2020 (73)
Completed a pass of 50 or more yards:	Ian Book at North Carolina, 2020 (53)

Receiving

Caught 15 or more passes:	Never
Caught 10 or more passes:	Miles Boykin vs. Stanford, 2018 (11)
Caught seven or more passes:	Javon McKinley vs. Syracuse, 2020 (7)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:	Golden Tate at Stanford, 2009 (201)
Had 175 or more yards receiving:	Chase Claypool vs. Wake Forest, 2017 (180)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:	Chase Claypool vs. Wake Forest, 2017 (180)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:	Javon McKinley vs. Syracuse, 2020 (111)
Caught four or more TDs:	Chase Claypool vs. Navy, 2019 (4)
Caught three or more TDs:	Javon McKinley vs. Syracuse, 2020 (3)
Caught two or more TDs:	Javon McKinley vs. Syracuse, 2020 (3)
Caught three or more TDs in one half:	Ben Skowronek at Boston College, 2020 (3)

Total Offense

Had 500 or more yards total offense:	Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:	Ian Book vs. New Mexico, 2019 (406)
Had 100 yards both passing and rushing:	Ian Book at Duke, 2019 (181 passing, 139 rushing)

Scoring

Accounted for six or more touchdowns:	Ian Book vs. New Mexico, 2019 (1 rushing, 5 passing)
Accounted for five or more touchdowns:	Ian Book vs. Syracuse, 2020 (3 passing, 2 rushing)
Accounted for four or more touchdowns:	Ian Book vs. Syracuse, 2020 (3 passing, 2 rushing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:	Ian Book (3 passing, 2 rushing) and Javon McKinley (3 receiving) vs. Syracuse, 2020

Defense

Intercepted three or more passes:	Harrison Smith vs. Miami (Fla.), 2010 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes:	Alohi Gilman vs. Syracuse, 2018 (2)
Recovered three or more fumbles:	Never
Forced two fumbles:	Daelin Hayes at Georgia Tech, 2020 (2)
Recovered two fumbles:	Nick McCloud vs. Clemson, 2020 (2)
Recorded 20 or more tackles:	Manti Te'o vs. Stanford, 2010 (21)
Recorded 15 or more tackles:	Te'von Coney vs. LSU (Citrus Bowl), 2017 (17)
Recorded 10 or more tackles:	Kyle Hamilton vs. Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (10)
Recorded 4.0 or more sacks:	Jerry Tillery vs. Stanford, 2018 (4.0)
Recorded 3.0 or more sacks:	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah vs. Iowa State - Camping World Bowl, 2019 (3)
Recorded 2.0 or more sacks:	Ade Ogundeji at North Carolina, 2020 (2.0)

Special Teams

Scored 17 or more points kicking:	Jonathan Doerer vs. Clemson, 2020 (17)
Scored 15 or more points kicking:	Jonathan Doerer vs. Clemson, 2020 (17)
Scored 10 or more points kicking:	Jonathan Doerer vs. Clemson, 2020 (17)
Kicked five or more field goals:	Kyle Brindza vs. Rutgers (Pinstripe Bowl), 2013 (5)
Kicked four or more field goals:	Jonathan Doerer vs. Clemson, 2020 (4)
Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards:	Never
Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards:	Jonathan Doerer vs. Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (51)
Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:	Tyler Newsome vs. Michigan State, 2016 (71)
Kicked a punt 60 or more yards:	Jay Bramblett at Michigan, 2019 (61)
Punted 10 or more times:	Jay Bramblett at Michigan, 2019 (10)
Totaled 175 or more kickoff return yards:	C.J. Sanders at Stanford, 2015 (182)
Totaled 100 or more punt return yards:	C.J. Sanders at Stanford, 2015 (182)

AN OPPOSING TEAM

Rushing

Had 400 or more yards:	Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)
Had 300 or more yards:	Michigan, 2019 (303)
Had 200 or more yards:	Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (219)
Had 50 or more rushing attempts:	Navy, 2019 (64)
Had five or more rush TDs:	Texas, 2016 (5)
Had four or more rush TDs:	Texas, 2016 (5)
Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game:	Syracuse, 2020 (Cooper Lutz, 114, Sean Tucker, 101)

Passing

Had 400 or more yards:	Clemson, 2020 (439)
Had 300 or more yards:	Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (322)
Had 60 or more pass attempts:	Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Had 50 or more pass attempts:	USC, 2018 (51)
Had 40 or more pass attempts:	Boston College, 2020 (40)
Had 30 or more pass completions:	Virginia, 2019 (30)
Had five or more passing TDs:	USC, 2014 (6)
Had four or more passing TDs:	Stanford, 2017 (4)
Had three or more passing TDs:	Michigan, 2019 (3)

Receiving

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game: Clemson, 2020
(Cornell Powell - 161, Amari Rodgers - 134)

Total Offense

Had 600 or more yards total offense: Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (617)
Had 500 or more yards total offense: Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (541)
Had 400 or more yards total offense: Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (541)
Had 90 or more plays: Wake Forest, 2018 (92)
Had 80 or more plays: Virginia Tech, 2018 (85)
Had 75 or more plays: Clemson, 2020 (77)

Scoring

Scored 60 or more points: Never
Scored 50 or more points: Texas, 2016 (50)
Scored 40 or more points: Clemson, 2020 (40)
Scored 30 or more points: Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (34)
Scored a two-point conversion: Boston College, 2020

Turnovers

Did not commit a turnover: North Carolina, 2020
Had three or more fumbles lost: Syracuse, 2020 (3)
Intercepted five or more passes: USC, 1967 (7)
Intercepted four or more passes: Arizona State, 2014 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes: Ball State, 2018 (3)
Returned an interception for a TD: at Miami, Fla., 2017
(Trajan Bandy - 65 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD: at Georgia Tech, 2020
(Zamari Walton - 93 yards)

Defense

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs: at NC State, 2016 (10)
Scored a safety: vs. Stanford, 2016
Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards: Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (44)
Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards: at Georgia Tech, 2020 (199)
Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards: at Boston College, 2017 (96)
Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense: Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (263)
Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense: at Michigan, 2019 (180)

Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD: at USC, 2016 (Adore Jackson - 55 yards)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD: NC State, 2017
(Germaine Pratt - 0 yards)
Returned a kickoff for a TD: Pittsburgh, 2018 (Maurice French - 99 yards)
Returned a punt for TD and kickoff for TD in same game: at USC, 2016
(Adore Jackson - 55 yd PR; 97 yd KO)
Punted 10 or more times: Boston College, 2010 (11)
Did not punt: Miami (Fla.), 1985
Missed a kicking PAT: Massachusetts, 2015

Miscellaneous

Had 30 or more first downs: Wake Forest, 2017 (34)
Had 20 or more first downs: Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (23)
Had 10 or more penalties: Pittsburgh, 2020 (12)
Had 100 or more yards in penalties: Georgia, 2017 (127)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time: Navy, 2019 (36:00)
Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher: Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020
(Travis Etienne, 124 rushing; Amari Rodgers, 121 receiving)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER**Rushing**

Rushed for 300 or more yards: Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)
Rushed for 200 or more yards: Alexander Teich, Navy, 2010 (210)
Rushed for 150 or more yards: Tyler Gaffney, Stanford, 2013 (189)
Rushed for 100 or more yards: Travis Etienne, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (124)
Rushed 40 or more times: Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)
Rushed 30 or more times: Tyler Gaffney, Stanford, 2013 (33)
Rushed 25 or more times: Malcolm Perry, Navy, 2019 (25)
Rushed for five or more TDs: Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
Rushed for four or more TDs: Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State (Fiesta Bowl), 2015 (4)
Rushed for three or more TDs: Tyrone Swoopes, Texas, 2016 (3)
Rushed for two or more TDs: Zach Charbonnet, at Michigan, 2019 (2)
Had a run of 80 or more yards: Cooper Lutz, Syracuse, 2020 (80)
Had a run of 70 or more yards: Cooper Lutz, Syracuse, 2020 (80)
Had a run of 60 or more yards: Cooper Lutz, Syracuse, 2020 (80)
Had a run of 50 or more yards: Cooper Lutz, Syracuse, 2020 (80)

Passing

Passed for 500 or more yards: Never
Passed for 400 or more yards: D.J. Uiagalelei, Clemson, 2020 (439)
Passed for 300 or more yards: Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (322)
Attempted 60 or more passes: Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Attempted 50 or more passes: JT Daniels, USC, 2018 (51)
Attempted 40 or more passes: Phil Jurkovec, Boston College, 2020 (40)
Completed 30 or more passes: Bryce Perkins, Virginia, 2019 (30)
Completed 20 or more passes: Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (25)
Threw six or more TDs: Cody Kessler, USC, 2014 (6)
Threw five or more TDs: Cody Kessler, USC, 2014 (6)
Threw four or more TDs: KJ Costello, Stanford, 2017 (4)
Threw three or more TDs: KJ Costello, Stanford, 2017 (4)
Completed a pass of 90 or more yards: Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 80 or more yards: Cody Kessler, USC, 2015 (83)
Completed a pass of 70 or more yards: Eric Dungey, Syracuse, 2016 (72)
Completed a pass of 60 or more yards: Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (67)
Completed a pass of 50 or more yards: Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (67)

Receiving

Caught 15 or more passes: Jalen Saunders, Oklahoma, 2012 (15)
Caught 10 or more passes: Michael Wilson, Stanford, 2019 (10)
Caught seven or more passes: Amari Rodgers, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving: Selwyn Lymon, Purdue, 2006 (238)
Had 150 or more yards receiving: Cornell Powell, Clemson, 2020 (161)
Had 100 or more yards receiving: Amari Rodgers, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020 (121)
Caught three or more TD passes: Jeremy Gallon, Michigan, 2013 (3)
Caught two or more TD passes: James Gardner, Miami (Ohio), 2017 (2)

Scoring

Accounted for six or more touchdowns: Cody Kessler, USC, 2014 (6 passing, 0 rushing)
Accounted for five or more touchdowns: Eric Dungey, Syracuse, 2016 (2 passing, 3 rushing)
Accounted for four or more touchdowns: KJ Costello, Stanford, 2017 (4 passing, 0 rushing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns: Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, ACC Championship, 2020
(2 passing, 1 rushing)

Defense

Intercepted three or more passes: Rod Johnson, North Carolina State, 2003 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes: Justin Simmons, Boston College, 2015 (2)
Recorded three or more sacks: Bradley Chubb, NC State, 2016 (3.0)
Recorded two or more sacks: Geoff Cantin-Arku, Syracuse, 2020 (2.0)

Special Teams

Kicked four or more field goals: B.T. Potter, Clemson, 2020 (4)
Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards: Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards: Jake Bailey, Stanford, 2017 (65)
Totalled 100 or more kick return yards: Damond Philyaw-Johnson, Duke, 2019 (122)



Team Statistics	ND	OPP
SCORING	387	205
Points Per Game	35.2	18.6
Points Off Turnovers	73	27
FIRST DOWNS	267	185
Rushing	122	65
Passing	118	102
Penalty	27	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	2394	1216
Yards gained rushing	2644	1532
Yards lost rushing	250	316
Rushing Attempts	467	329
Average Per Rush	5.1	3.7
Average Per Game	217.6	110.5
TDs Rushing	31	12
PASSING YARDAGE	2613	2470
Comp-Att-Int	203-320-2	200-358-7
Average Per Pass	8.2	6.9
Average Per Catch	12.9	12.4
Average Per Game	237.5	224.5
TDs Passing	15	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	5007	3686
Total Plays	787	687
Average Per Play	6.4	5.4
Average Per Game	455.2	335.1
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	22-484	34-619
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-128	11-24
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-68	2-11
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.0	18.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.1	2.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.7	5.5
FUMBLES-LOST	15-8	16-10
PENALTIES-Yards	50-431	71-660
Average Per Game	39.2	60.0
PUNTS-Yards	39-1650	57-2287
Average Per Punt	42.3	40.1
Net punt average	41.2	37.5
KICKOFFS-Yards	71-4022	46-2846
Average Per Kick	56.6	61.9
Net kick average	41.6	39.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:57	26:03
3RD-DOWN Conversions	74/149	42/143
3rd-Down Pct	50%	29%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	8/13	8/18
4th-Down Pct	62%	44%
SACKS BY-Yards	30-164	23-122
MISC YARDS	0	37
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	49	23
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	15-22	15-17
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(44-56) 79%	(24-28) 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(33-56) 59%	(14-28) 50%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(48-48) 100%	(20-20) 100%
ATTENDANCE	58615	19986
Games/Avg Per Game	6/9769	4/4996
Neutral Site Games		1/5240

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Notre Dame	88	141	82	62	14	387
Opponents	61	52	51	34	7	205

Rushing	gp-gs	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kyren Williams	11-11	195	1098	37	1061	5.4	12	65	96.5
Chris Tyree	11-0	68	509	29	480	7.1	4	94	43.6
Ian Book	11-11	101	560	130	430	4.3	8	33	39.1
C'Bo Flemister	8-0	57	307	8	299	5.2	5	31	37.4
Avery Davis	11-3	3	57	0	57	19.0	0	29	5.2
Jay Bramblett	11-0	2	21	0	21	10.5	0	14	1.9
Smith, J	1-0	5	15	0	15	3.0	0	7	15.0
Javon McKinley	11-11	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	1.4
Ben Skowronek	9-9	1	13	0	13	13.0	1	13	1.4
Braden Lenzy	6-1	3	8	0	8	2.7	0	3	1.3
Jafar Armstrong	11-0	17	30	22	8	0.5	1	9	0.7
Drew Pyne	3-0	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Tommy Tremble	11-10	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
Cameron Ekanaya	1-0	3	3	2	1	0.3	0	2	1.0
Brendon Clark	1-0	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-4.0
,TEAM	7-0	8	0	18	-18	-2.2	0	0	-2.6
Total	11	467	2644	250	2394	5.1	31	94	217.6
Opponents	11	329	1532	316	1216	3.7	12	80	110.5

Passing	gp-gs	effic	comp	att	in	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Ian Book	11-11	148.08	201	314	2	64.0	2601	15	75	236.5
Brendon Clark	1-0	52.93	1	3	0	33.3	7	0	7	7.0
Drew Pyne	3-0	71.00	1	2	0	50.0	5	0	5	1.7
,TEAM	7-0	0.00	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	11	146.25	203	320	2	63.4	2613	15	75	237.5
Opponents	11	119.13	200	358	7	55.9	2470	10	67	224.5

Receiving	gp-gs	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Javon McKinley	11-11	40	697	17.4	3	53	63.4
Michael Mayer	11-2	35	388	11.1	2	29	35.3
Kyren Williams	11-11	27	282	10.4	1	75	25.6
Ben Skowronek	9-9	25	398	15.9	5	73	44.2
Avery Davis	11-3	23	307	13.3	2	53	27.9
Tommy Tremble	11-10	19	218	11.5	0	30	19.8
Braden Lenzy	6-1	7	63	9.0	1	22	10.5
Joe Wilkins, Jr.	10-0	7	63	9.0	1	15	6.3
Lawrence Keys III	7-0	4	31	7.8	0	16	4.4
Chris Tyree	11-0	4	28	7.0	0	12	2.5
Jafar Armstrong	11-0	3	38	12.7	0	20	3.5
Brock Wright	11-8	3	21	7.0	0	11	1.9
C'Bo Flemister	8-0	2	36	18.0	0	27	4.5
George Takacs	9-0	2	20	10.0	0	13	2.2
Kevin Austin	2-0	1	18	18.0	0	18	9.0
Kevin Bauman	3-0	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Total	11	203	2613	12.9	15	75	237.5
Opponents	11	200	2470	12.4	10	67	224.5

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Matt Salerno	10	45	4.5	0	13
Lawrence Keys III	2	-3	-1.5	0	3
Isaiah Foskey	1	31	31.0	1	0
Osita Ekwonu	1	54	54.0	0	0
Jordan Botelho	0	1	0.0	1	1
Total	14	128	9.1	2	13
Opponents	11	24	2.2	0	13

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Daelin Hayes	1	13	13.0	0	13
Jack Kiser	1	2	2.0	0	2
Shaun Crawford	1	23	23.0	0	23
Kyle Hamilton	1	14	14.0	0	14
Nick McCloud	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bo Bauer	1	16	16.0	0	16
Jer., Owusu-Koram	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	68	9.7	0	23
Opponents	2	11	5.5	0	11

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chris Tyree	21	448	21.3	0	38
Jafar Armstrong	1	36	36.0	0	36
Total	22	484	22.0	0	38
Opponents	34	619	18.2	0	37

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Marist Liufau	1	12	12.0	0	12
Nick McCloud	1	3	3.0	0	3
Jer., Owusu-Koram	1	23	23.0	1	23
Total	3	38	12.7	1	23
Opponents	1	93	93.0	1	93



Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Jonathan Doerer	-	15-22	46-46	-	-	-	-	-	91
Kyren Williams	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Ian Book	8	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	48
Ben Skowronek	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
C'Bo Flemister	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Chris Tyree	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Javon McKinley	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Michael Mayer	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Avery Davis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jer., Owusu-Koram	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordan Botelho	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Braden Lenzy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Isaiah Foskey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Joe Wilkins, Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jafar Armstrong	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dawson Goepferic	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	49	15-22	48-48	-	-	0-1	-	-	387
Opponents	23	15-17	20-20	1-2	-	0-1	-	-	205

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Ian Book	11	415	430	2601	3031	275.5
Kyren Williams	11	195	1061	0	1061	96.5
Chris Tyree	11	68	480	0	480	43.6
C'Bo Flemister	8	57	299	0	299	37.4
Avery Davis	11	3	57	0	57	5.2
Jay Bramblett	11	2	21	0	21	1.9
Smith, J	1	5	15	0	15	15.0
Javon McKinley	11	1	15	0	15	1.4
Ben Skowronek	9	1	13	0	13	1.4
Drew Pyne	3	3	4	5	9	3.0
Jafar Armstrong	11	17	8	0	8	0.7
Braden Lenzy	6	3	8	0	8	1.3
Tommy Tremble	11	1	4	0	4	0.4
Brendon Clark	1	4	-4	7	3	3.0
Cameron Ekanaya	1	3	1	0	1	1.0
,TEAM	7	9	-18	0	-18	-2.6
Total	11	787	2394	2613	5007	455.2
Opponents	11	687	1216	2470	3686	335.1

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Jonathan Doerer	15-22	68.2	0-0	6-7	5-7	3-5	1-3	51	0

FG Sequence	Notre Dame	Opponents
Duke	(48),(34)	(29),(30)
South Fla.	38,(22)	-
Florida St.	45	(42),(26)
Louisville	(32),(30)	52
Pitt	(21)	(45)
Georgia Tech	(32)	44
Clemson	(24),(27),(45),57,(44)	(25),(45),(46),(30)
Boston College	(23),48	(41),(31),(35)
North Carolina	(32),32	(42)
Syracuse	(25),50	-
Clemson	(51),24	(27),(37)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jay Bramblett	39	1654	2.3	59	1	14	11	7	0
Total	39	1654	2.3	59	1	14	11	7	0
Opponents	57	2284	0.1	62	1	24	25	11	2

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln	
Jonathan Doerer	68	3865	56.9	18	1				
Dawson Goepferic	3	1565	2.0	0	0				
Total	71	4025	56.6	18	1	118	241.6	23	
Opponents	46	2846	1.9	21	0	22	0.39	9	25

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Kyren William	11	1061	282	0	0	0	1343	122.1
Chris Tyree	11	480	28	0	448	0	956	86.9
Javon McKinl	11	15	697	0	0	0	712	64.7
Ian Book	11	430	0	0	0	0	430	39.1
Ben Skowron	9	13	398	0	0	0	411	45.7
Michael Maye	11	0	388	0	0	0	388	35.3
Avery Davis	11	57	307	0	0	0	364	33.1
C'Bo Flemist	8	299	36	0	0	0	335	41.9
Tommy Trem	11	4	218	0	0	0	222	20.2
Jafar Armstro	11	8	38	0	36	0	82	7.5
Braden Lenzy	6	8	63	0	0	0	71	11.8
Joe Wilkins, J	10	0	63	0	0	0	63	6.3
Osita Ekwonu	9	0	0	54	0	0	54	6.0
Matt Salerno	10	0	0	45	0	0	45	4.5
Isaiah Foskey	11	0	0	31	0	0	31	2.8
Lawrence Ke	7	0	31	-3	0	0	28	4.0
Shaun Crawf	11	0	0	0	0	23	23	2.1
Jay Bramblett	11	21	0	0	0	0	21	1.9
Brock Wright	11	0	21	0	0	0	21	1.9
George Taka	9	0	20	0	0	0	20	2.2
Kevin Austin	2	0	18	0	0	0	18	9.0
Bo Bauer	11	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.5
Smith, J	1	15	0	0	0	0	15	15.0
Kyle Hamilton	10	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.4
Daelin Hayes	11	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.2
Kevin Bauma	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Drew Pyne	3	4	0	0	0	0	4	1.3
Jack Kiser	10	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
Jordan Botelh	10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.1
Cameron Eka	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
Brendon Clar	1	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-4.0
.TEAM	7	-18	0	0	0	0	-18	-2.6
Total	11	2394	2613	128	484	68	5687	517.0
Opponents	11	1216	2470	24	619	11	4377	397.9



##	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
6	Jer., Owusu-Koramoah	11-11	38	18	56	11.0-40	1.5-11	1-0	3	2	2-23	3	.	.	
1H	Kyle Hamilton	10-10	45	11	56	3.5-11	.	1-14	5	2	.	.	.	.
2C	Shaun Crawford	11-11	35	13	48	4.5-25	2.0-16	1-23	5	.	1-0	.	.	.	
40	Drew White	11-11	26	22	48	9.0-27	1.5-9	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
2L	Clarence Lewis	11-5	27	4	31	1.0-3	.	.	7	.	.	1	.	.	
4M	Nick McCloud	11-10	22	7	29	2.0-3	.	1-0	8	.	2-3	.	.	.	
5B	Bo Bauer	11-0	16	9	25	4.5-17	1.0-7	1-16	1	3	.	.	.	.
2T	TaRiq Bracy	8-6	22	2	24	2.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
91	Adetokunbo Ogundeji	11-11	15	7	22	6.5-24	6.5-24	.	.	7	1-0	1	.	.	
7F	Isaiah Foskey	11-0	12	8	20	5.0-34	4.5-33	.	1	5	.	.	1	.	
2K	Jack Kiser	10-1	16	4	20	3.0-5	.	1-2	.	1	.	.	.	.
95	M. Tagovailoa-Amosa	10-9	11	6	17	6.0-21	2.5-10	.	.	2	2-0	1	.	.	
41	Kurt Hinish	11-11	13	4	17	7.5-22	2.0-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9	Daelin Hayes	11-11	12	5	17	6.0-32	3.0-19	1-13	1	3	1-0	2	.	.	
35	Marist Liufau	9-2	6	10	16	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	1	1-12	.	.	.	
1A	Justin Ademilola	11-0	10	6	16	2.5-5	1.0-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3G	Houston Griffith	11-2	13	1	14	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Jack Lamb	11-0	11	2	13	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
33	Shayne Simon	10-8	9	4	13	1.0-1	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
5C	Howard Cross III	11-0	8	3	11	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
29	Ovie Oghoufo	10-0	6	3	9	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
1P	Isaiah Pryor	11-0	8	.	8	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
1B	DJ Brown	11-0	7	1	8	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
2B	JD Bertrand	10-0	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1M	Paul Moala	3-0	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Jayson Ademilola	7-2	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.
99	Rylie Mills	8-0	2	4	6	2.0-8	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1J	Jordan Botelho	10-0	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Jacob Lacey	10-0	1	3	4	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1W	KJ Wallace	4-0	2	1	3	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Cam Hart	8-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
3E	Osita Ekwonu	9-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
11	Ben Skowronek	9-9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9E	Ehrensberger,Al	1-0	2	.	2	2.0-7	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	,TEAM	7-0	2	.	2	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	C'Bo Flemister	8-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Jay Bramblett	11-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Jonathan Doerer	11-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kevin Austin	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65	Michael Vinson	11-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		11	421	171	592	86-322	30-164	7-68	47	40	10-38	9	2	.	
Opponents		11	507	216	723	62-229	23-122	2-11	24	32	8-93	9	.	.	



TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
Sep 12	DUKE	42	178	2	26	19	263	1	75	19	31	1	263	1	75	4	90	0	38	1	3	0	3	441
Sep 19	SOUTH FLA.	45	281	6	31	13	149	0	27	13	21	0	149	0	27	1	14	0	14	2	62	1	7	430
Oct 10	FLORIDA ST.	42	353	4	65	16	201	2	38	16	25	0	201	2	38	3	90	0	36	1	-6	0	0	554
Oct 17	LOUISVILLE	49	232	1	24	11	106	0	18	11	19	0	106	0	18	1	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	338
10/24/20	at Pitt	50	115	2	18	17	319	3	73	17	33	0	319	3	73	1	17	0	17	3	32	1	1	434
Oct 31	at Georgia Tech	44	227	3	21	18	199	1	34	18	26	0	199	1	34	2	39	0	20	0	0	0	0	426
Nov 07	CLEMSON	40	208	3	65	22	310	1	53	22	39	0	310	1	53	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	518
Nov 14	at Boston College	49	274	3	29	20	283	3	48	20	28	0	283	3	48	4	84	0	22	2	12	0	12	557
Nov 27	at North Carolina	36	199	3	47	23	279	1	53	23	33	0	279	1	53	1	18	0	18	1	8	0	8	478
Dec 05	SYRACUSE	40	283	3	94	24	285	3	29	24	37	1	285	3	29	3	73	0	33	2	12	0	13	568
Dec 19	vs Clemson	30	44	1	24	20	219	0	30	20	28	0	219	0	30	2	37	0	20	1	0	0	0	263
		467	2394	31	94	203	2613	15	75	203	320	2	2613	15	75	22	484	0	38	14	128	2	13	5007
Opponents		329	1216	12	80	200	2470	10	67	200	358	7	2470	10	67	34	619	0	37	11	24	0	13	3686

Games: 11 • Avg/rush: 5.1 • Avg/catch: 12.9 • Pass effic: 146.25 • KR avg: 22.0 • PR avg: 9.1 • All purpose avg/game: 517.0 • Total offense

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh		brup	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Sep 1	DUKE	38	26	64	7.0-33	3.0-21	1	2-0	0-0	9	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
Sep 1	SOUTH FLA.	44	10	54	11.0-36	2.0-15	0	0-0	0-0	8	6	1	7-7	0	0	0	0	52
Oct 10	FLORIDA ST.	53	6	59	9.0-43	4.0-22	0	0-0	1-23	6	6	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	42
Oct 17	LOUISVILLE	35	8	43	8.0-21	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	12
10/24/	at Pitt	24	16	40	6.0-27	3.0-19	1	0-0	3-16	6	2	1	6-6	0	0	0	21	45
Oct 31	at Georgia Tech	35	19	54	9.0-48	5.0-34	2	1-0	0-0	2	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	31
Nov 0	CLEMSON	52	12	64	10.0-30	2.0-14	1	3-26	0-0	4	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	10	47
Nov 1	at Boston College	24	20	44	7.0-25	2.0-9	0	1-0	1-2	1	6	0	6-6	0	0	0	14	45
Nov 2	at North Carolina	30	26	56	8.0-26	6.0-21	0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
Dec 0	SYRACUSE	46	8	54	6.0-18	1.0-3	4	3-12	1-13	1	5	0	6-6	0	0	0	14	45
Dec 1	vs Clemson	40	20	60	5.0-15	2.0-6	0	0-0	1-14	2	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
		421	171	592	86.0-322	30.0-164	9	10-38	7-68	40	47	2	48-48	0	0	0	73	387
Opponents		507	216	723	62.0-229	23.0-122	9	8-93	2-11	32	24	0	20-20	1	0	0	27	205

Date	Opponent	Punting								Field Goals			Kickoffs					
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 1	DUKE	6	263	43.8	53	0	0	1	2	3	2-2	48	0	5	322	64.4	3	0
Sep 1	SOUTH FLA.	2	74	37.0	40	0	0	1	0	1	1-2	22	0	9	535	59.4	1	0
Oct 10	FLORIDA ST.	3	119	39.7	44	0	0	2	0	0	0-1	0	0	7	445	63.6	3	0
Oct 17	LOUISVILLE	2	83	41.5	42	0	0	2	0	0	2-2	32	0	4	254	63.5	1	0
10/24/	at Pitt	5	212	42.4	49	0	1	1	0	0	1-1	21	0	8	415	51.9	0	0
Oct 31	at Georgia Tech	3	119	39.7	45	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	32	0	6	313	52.2	2	0
Nov 0	CLEMSON	3	123	41.0	54	0	0	2	1	0	4-5	45	0	8	480	60.0	1	1
Nov 1	at Boston College	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	23	0	8	400	50.0	0	0
Nov 2	at North Carolina	5	215	43.0	57	0	0	1	2	2	1-2	32	0	5	250	50.0	2	0
Dec 0	SYRACUSE	4	153	38.2	42	0	0	2	0	1	1-2	25	0	8	420	52.5	4	0
Dec 1	vs Clemson	6	289	48.2	59	0	0	2	2	4	1-2	51	0	3	188	62.7	1	0
		39	1650	42.3	59	0	1	14	7	11	15-22	51	0	71	4022	56.6	18	1
Opponents		57	2287	40.1	62	2	1	24	11	25	15-17	46	0	46	2846	61.9	21	0



OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
Sep 12	DUKE	30	75	1	23	20	259	0	55	20	37	0	259	0	55	2	41	0	25	4	27	0	13	334
Sep 19	SOUTH FLA.	33	106	0	42	12	125	0	36	12	29	0	125	0	36	8	129	0	26	0	0	0	0	231
Oct 10	FLORIDA ST.	40	153	2	33	17	252	1	48	17	31	1	252	1	48	4	66	0	22	0	0	0	0	405
Oct 17	LOUISVILLE	23	96	0	28	17	137	1	29	17	22	0	137	1	29	3	68	0	28	0	0	0	0	233
10/24/20	at Pitt	20	44	0	19	12	118	0	33	12	33	3	118	0	33	4	81	0	32	2	-8	0	0	162
Oct 31	at Georgia Tech	33	88	1	14	15	150	0	39	15	26	0	150	0	39	1	10	0	10	3	3	0	4	238
Nov 07	CLEMSON	33	34	2	13	29	439	2	53	29	44	0	439	2	53	5	81	0	24	0	0	0	0	473
Nov 14	at Boston College	25	85	1	22	18	272	2	40	18	40	1	272	2	40	5	90	0	25	0	0	0	0	357
Nov 27	at North Carolina	30	87	1	26	17	211	1	51	17	27	0	211	1	51	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	298
Dec 05	SYRACUSE	35	229	2	80	18	185	1	37	18	30	1	185	1	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	414
Dec 19	vs Clemson	27	219	2	44	25	322	2	67	25	39	1	322	2	67	2	53	0	37	1	2	0	2	541
Notre Dame		329	1216	12	80	200	2470	10	67	200	358	7	2470	10	67	34	619	0	37	11	24	0	13	3686
Notre Dame		467	2394	31	94	203	2613	15	75	203	320	2	2613	15	75	22	484	0	38	14	128	2	13	5007

Games: 11 • Avg/rush: 3.7 • Avg/catch: 12.4 • Pass effic: 119.13 • KR avg: 18.2 • PR avg: 2.2 • All purpose avg/game: 397.9 • Total offense

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off			
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts	
Sep 1	DUKE	48	18	66	5.0-18	3.0-14	0	0-0	1-0	2	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	13
Sep 1	SOUTH FLA.	45	18	63	3.0-11	0.0-0	2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 10	FLORIDA ST.	45	14	59	1.0-1	0.0-0	1	2-0	0-0	3	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	26	
Oct 17	LOUISVILLE	49	16	65	6.0-24	4.0-21	0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7	
10/24/	at Pitt	50	28	78	12.0-37	2.0-5	1	0-0	0-0	11	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	
Oct 31	at Georgia Tech	40	30	70	7.0-23	2.0-10	1	1-93	0-0	1	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	13	
Nov 0	CLEMSON	51	8	59	8.0-24	2.0-8	1	1-0	0-0	4	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	40	
Nov 1	at Boston College	45	34	79	1.0-1	0.0-0	2	3-0	0-0	1	2	0	2-2	1	0	0	3	31	
Nov 2	at North Carolina	42	14	56	2.0-15	2.0-15	0	0-0	0-0	6	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17	
Dec 0	SYRACUSE	61	4	65	7.0-25	2.0-10	0	1-0	1-11	0	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21	
Dec 1	vs Clemson	31	32	63	10.0-50	6.0-39	1	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	34	
Notre Dame		507	216	723	62.0-229	23.0-122	9	8-93	2-11	32	24	0	20-20	1	0	0	27	205	
Notre Dame		421	171	592	86.0-322	30.0-164	9	10-38	7-68	40	47	2	48-48	0	0	0	73	387	

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 1	DUKE	6	274	45.7	60	0	0	3	2	4	2-2	30	0	4	258	64.5	0	0	
Sep 1	SOUTH FLA.	6	144	24.0	53	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	1	49	49.0	0	0	
Oct 10	FLORIDA ST.	6	264	44.0	51	0	0	3	1	2	2-2	42	0	6	382	63.7	3	0	
Oct 17	LOUISVILLE	5	202	40.4	51	0	0	2	1	3	0-1	0	0	2	118	59.0	1	0	
10/24/	at Pitt	8	267	33.4	43	1	0	4	0	4	1-1	45	0	2	129	64.5	1	0	
Oct 31	at Georgia Tech	4	165	41.2	58	0	1	3	1	0	0-1	0	0	2	125	62.5	0	0	
Nov 0	CLEMSON	3	125	41.7	45	0	0	2	0	1	4-4	46	0	8	520	65.0	8	0	
Nov 1	at Boston College	2	82	41.0	41	0	0	0	0	0	3-3	41	0	6	347	57.8	1	0	
Nov 2	at North Carolina	7	354	50.6	62	0	0	1	3	5	1-1	42	0	4	260	65.0	3	0	
Dec 0	SYRACUSE	7	298	42.6	50	0	0	4	2	3	0-0	0	0	4	254	63.5	1	0	
Dec 1	vs Clemson	3	112	37.3	39	0	0	2	0	3	2-2	37	0	7	404	57.7	3	0	
Notre Dame		57	2287	40.1	62	2	1	24	11	25	15-17	46	0	46	2846	61.9	21	0	
Notre Dame		39	1650	42.3	59	0	1	14	7	11	15-22	51	0	71	4022	56.6	18	1	



Notre Dame Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Score	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Dow	Int	Fum	Half	Gam	
Sep 12, 202	DUKE	27-13	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 19, 202	SOUTH FLA.	52-0	7	6	38	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 10, 202	FLORIDA ST.	42-26	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct 17, 202	LOUISVILLE	12-7	5	3	12	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
10/24/20	at Pitt	45-3	5	4	24	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oct 31, 202	at Georgia Tech	31-13	7	5	31	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Nov 07, 202	CLEMSON	47-40	6	5	27	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Nov 14, 202	at Boston College	45-31	8	7	45	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nov 27, 202	at North Carolina	31-17	6	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 05, 202	SYRACUSE	45-21	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 19, 202	vs Clemson	L 10-34	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			56	44	263	33	23	10	11	3	2	1	2	4	0

44 of 56 (78.6%)

Opponents Inside Notre Dame Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Score	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Dow	Int	Fum	Half	Gam	
Sep 12, 202	DUKE	27-13	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 19, 202	SOUTH FLA.	52-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct 10, 202	FLORIDA ST.	42-26	4	3	16	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 17, 202	LOUISVILLE	12-7	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/24/20	at Pitt	45-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 31, 202	at Georgia Tech	31-13	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 07, 202	CLEMSON	47-40	5	5	27	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 14, 202	at Boston College	45-31	7	6	31	3	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 27, 202	at North Carolina	31-17	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 05, 202	SYRACUSE	45-21	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 19, 202	vs Clemson	L 10-34	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			28	24	127	14	8	6	10	1	2	1	0	0	0

24 of 28 (85.7%)



3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 12, 202	DUKE	27-13	7-16 43.8	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	4-5 80.0	
Sep 19, 202	SOUTH FLA.	52-0	8-14 57.1	5-5 100.0	2-3 66.7	0-3 0.0	1-3 33.3	
Oct 10, 202	FLORIDA ST.	42-26	2-7 28.6	0-1 0.0	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-1 0.0	
Oct 17, 202	LOUISVILLE	12-7	8-14 57.1	2-4 50.0	1-3 33.3	2-2 100.0	3-5 60.0	
10/24/20	at Pitt	45-3	11-18 61.1	3-4 75.0	3-5 60.0	3-4 75.0	2-5 40.0	
Oct 31, 202	at Georgia Tech	31-13	10-15 66.7	5-5 100.0	1-3 33.3	2-3 66.7	2-4 50.0	
Nov 07, 202	CLEMSON	47-40	10-19 52.6	4-5 80.0	1-4 25.0	1-3 33.3	3-6 50.0	1-1 100.0
Nov 14, 202	at Boston College	45-31	4-8 50.0	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0	2-4 50.0	
Nov 27, 202	at North Carolina	31-17	4-11 36.4	0-1 0.0	1-3 33.3	1-4 25.0	2-3 66.7	
Dec 05, 202	SYRACUSE	45-21	7-15 46.7	3-5 60.0	1-3 33.3	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	
Dec 19, 202	vs Clemson	L 10-34	3-12 25.0	2-4 50.0	0-3 0.0	0-3 0.0	1-2 50.0	
	Notre Dame		74-14 49.7	24-38 63.2	15-36 41.7	12-32 37.5	22-42 52.4	1-1 100.0
	Opponents		42-14 29.4	11-28 39.3	14-45 31.1	10-36 27.8	7-33 21.2	0-1 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 12, 202	DUKE	27-13	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 19, 202	SOUTH FLA.	52-0	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	
Oct 10, 202	FLORIDA ST.	42-26	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Oct 17, 202	LOUISVILLE	12-7	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
10/24/20	at Pitt	45-3	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Oct 31, 202	at Georgia Tech	31-13	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Nov 07, 202	CLEMSON	47-40	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Nov 14, 202	at Boston College	45-31	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Nov 27, 202	at North Carolina	31-17	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Dec 05, 202	SYRACUSE	45-21	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	
Dec 19, 202	vs Clemson	L 10-34	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
	Notre Dame		8-13 61.5	0-0 0.0	2-5 40.0	3-3 100.0	3-5 60.0	0-0 0.0
	Opponents		8-18 44.4	0-2 0.0	1-2 50.0	4-6 66.7	3-7 42.9	0-1 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 12, 202	DUKE	27-13	33:24	4:43	8:43	9:59	9:59	
Sep 19, 202	SOUTH FLA.	52-0	32:27	10:51	7:48	5:30	8:18	
Oct 10, 202	FLORIDA ST.	42-26	27:52	6:07	6:54	8:15	6:36	
Oct 17, 202	LOUISVILLE	12-7	36:15	12:43	9:14	3:54	10:24	
10/24/20	at Pitt	45-3	40:59	10:31	8:36	10:22	11:30	
Oct 31, 202	at Georgia Tech	31-13	36:54	12:19	8:14	6:55	9:26	
Nov 07, 202	CLEMSON	47-40	30:22	11:08	7:59	4:46	6:29	0:00
Nov 14, 202	at Boston College	45-31	34:27	9:17	8:08	4:13	12:49	
Nov 27, 202	at North Carolina	31-17	35:04	8:41	7:57	9:12	9:14	
Dec 05, 202	SYRACUSE	45-21	33:50	9:57	7:16	7:17	9:20	
Dec 19, 202	vs Clemson	L 10-34	31:52	11:03	7:50	6:40	6:19	
	Notre Dame	Total	373:26	107:20	88:39	77:03	100:24	0:00
		Avg.	33:56	9:45	8:03	7:00	9:07	0:00
	Opponents	Total	286:34	57:40	76:21	87:57	64:36	0:00
		Avg.	26:03	5:14	6:56	7:59	5:52	0:00



NOTRE DAME INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	25	Kyren Williams vs Louisville (Oct 17, 2020)
Yards Rushing	185	Kyren Williams vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
TD Rushes	3	Ian Book vs South Fla. (Sep 19, 2020)
	3	Kyren Williams vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Long Rush	94	Chris Tyree vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Pass attempts	39	Ian Book vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Pass completions	24	Ian Book vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Yards Passing	312	Ian Book at Pitt (10/24/20)
TD Passes	3	Ian Book at Pitt (10/24/20)
	3	Ian Book at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	3	Ian Book vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Long Pass	75	Ian Book vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
Receptions	7	Javon McKinley vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Yards Receiving	135	Javon McKinley at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
TD Receptions	3	Ben Skowronek at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	3	Javon McKinley vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Long Reception	75	Kyren Williams vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
Field Goals	4	Jonathan Doerer vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Long Field Goal	51	Jonathan Doerer vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Punts	6	Jay Bramblett vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
	6	Jay Bramblett vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Punting Avg	48.2	Jay Bramblett vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Long Punt	59	Jay Bramblett vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Punts inside 20	4	Jay Bramblett vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Long Punt Return	13	Matt Salerno vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Long Kickoff Return	38	Chris Tyree vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
Tackles	12	Clarence Lewis vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Sacks	2.0	Adetokunbo Ogundeji vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
	2.0	Daelin Hayes at Georgia Tech (Oct 31, 2020)
	2.0	Adetokunbo Ogundeji at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
Tackles For Loss	2.5	Jer., Owusu-Koramoah vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Interceptions	1	Shaun Crawford vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
	1	Nick McCloud at Pitt (10/24/20)
	1	Bo Bauer at Pitt (10/24/20)
	1	Jer., Owusu-Koramoah at Pitt (10/24/20)
	1	Jack Kiser at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	1	Daelin Hayes vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
	1	Kyle Hamilton vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	23	Tucker, S., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Yards Rushing	124	Etienne, Travis, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
TD Rushes	1	Brice, C., vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
	1	Webb, La'Damian, vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
	1	Travis, Jordan, vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
	1	Mason, J., at Georgia Tech (Oct 31, 2020)
	1	Etienne, Travis, vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
	1	Uigalelei, D.J., vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
	1	Bailey, D., at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	1	Howell, S., at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
	1	Tucker, S., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
	1	Lutz, C., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
	1	Etienne, Travis, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
	1	LAWRENCE, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Long Rush	80	Lutz, C., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Pass attempts	44	Uigalelei, D.J., vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Pass completions	29	Uigalelei, D.J., vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Yards Passing	439	Uigalelei, D.J., vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
TD Passes	2	Uigalelei, D.J., vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
	2	Jurkovec, P., at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	2	LAWRENCE, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Long Pass	67	LAWRENCE, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Receptions	9	Terry, Tamorrion, vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
Yards Receiving	161	Powell, Cornell, vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
TD Receptions	1	Terry, Tamorrion, vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
	1	Ford, Marshon, vs Louisville (Oct 17, 2020)
	1	Powell, Cornell, vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
	1	Allen, Davis, vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
	1	Long, H., at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	1	Flowers, Z., at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	1	Simmons, E., at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
	1	Queeley, A., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
	1	Rodgers, Amari, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
	1	Williams, E.J., vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Long Reception	67	Rodgers, Amari, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Field Goals	4	Potter, B.T., vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Long Field Goal	46	Potter, B.T., vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Punts	7	Christodoulou, at Pitt (10/24/20)
	7	Kiernan, B., at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
	7	Cooney, N., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Punting Avg	50.6	Kiernan, B., at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
Long Punt	62	Kiernan, B., at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
Punts inside 20	5	Kiernan, B., at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
Long Punt Return	13	Blackwell, J., vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
Long Kickoff Return	37	Etienne, Travis, vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Tackles	16	McDuffie, I., at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
Sacks	2.0	Montgomery, Mont, vs Louisville (Oct 17, 2020)
	2.0	Cantiri-Arku, G., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Tackles For Loss	4.0	Dennis, S., at Pitt (10/24/20)
Interceptions	1	Young Iv, L., vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
	1	Carter, J., vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)

NOTRE DAME TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	50	at Pitt (10/24/20)
Yards Rushing	353	vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
Yards Per Rush	8.4	vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
TD Rushes	6	vs South Fla. (Sep 19, 2020)
Pass attempts	39	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Pass completions	24	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Yards Passing	319	at Pitt (10/24/20)
Yards Per Pass	10.1	at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
TD Passes	3	at Pitt (10/24/20)
	3	at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	3	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Total Plays	83	at Pitt (10/24/20)
Total Offense	568	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Yards Per Play	8.3	vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
Points	52	vs South Fla. (Sep 19, 2020)
Sacks By	6	at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
First Downs	29	at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
Penalties	8	at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
Penalty Yards	69	at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
Turnovers	3	at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
Interceptions By	3	at Pitt (10/24/20)
Punts	6	vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
	6	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Punting Avg	48.2	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Long Punt	59	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Punts inside 20	4	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Long Punt Return	13	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	40	vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
Yards Rushing	229	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Yards Per Rush	8.1	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
TD Rushes	2	vs Florida St. (Oct 10, 2020)
	2	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
	2	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
	2	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Pass attempts	44	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Pass completions	29	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Yards Passing	439	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Yards Per Pass	10.0	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
TD Passes	2	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
	2	at Boston College (Nov 14, 2020)
	2	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Total Plays	77	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Total Offense	541	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Yards Per Play	8.2	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Points	40	vs Clemson (Nov 07, 2020)
Sacks By	6	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
First Downs	23	vs Clemson (Dec 19, 2020)
Penalties	12	at Pitt (10/24/20)
Penalty Yards	93	at Pitt (10/24/20)
Turnovers	4	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Interceptions By	1	vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)
	1	vs Syracuse (Dec 05, 2020)
Punts	8	at Pitt (10/24/20)
Punting Avg	50.6	at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
Long Punt	62	at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
Punts inside 20	5	at North Carolina (Nov 27, 2020)
Long Punt Return	13	vs Duke (Sep 12, 2020)



##	PLAYER	GP-GS	DU	USF	FSU	UL	UP	GT	CU	BC	NC	SU	CU
22	Abdur-Rahman, K	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5A	Ademilola, Ja	7/2	XXX	...	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX
1A	Ademilola, Ju	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
2A	Ajavon, L	4/-	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...
26	Albano, L	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Armstrong, J	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
4	Austin, K	2/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	Baker, T	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
69	Banks, A	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
5B	Bauer, B	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
84	Bauman, K	3/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
2B	Bertrand, J	10/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
12	Book, I	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
1J	Botelho, J	10/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
2T	Bracy, T	8/6	START	...	START	START	...	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	...
19	Bramblett, J	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1B	Brown, D	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
68	Carmody, M	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Carney, J	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
77	Carroll, Q	3/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
7	Clark, B	1/-	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
52	Correll, Z	3/1	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	START	...	...
2C	Crawford, S	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
5C	Cross III, H	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
3	Davis, A	11/3	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX
56	Dirksen, J	10/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
39	Doerer, J	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
9E	Ehrensberger, Al	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
74	Eichenburg, L	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
16	Ekanayake, C	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
3E	Ekwonu, O	9/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
20	Flemister, C	8/-	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
7F	Foskey, I	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
5F	Franklin, J	2/-	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
76	Gibbons, D	10/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX
38	Goepferich, D	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
50	Gregory, R	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3G	Griffith, H	11/2	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
61	Grunhard, C	3/-	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
72	Hainsey, R	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
1H	Hamilton, K	10/10	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
5	Hart, C	8/-	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX
9H	Hayes, D	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
49	Heinge, J	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
1R	Henderson, R	5/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
41	Hinish, K	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
15	Johnson, J	2/-	...	XXX	XXX

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#	PLAYER	GP-GS	DU	USF	FSU	UL	UP	GT	CU	BC	NC	SU	CU
80	Jones, M	1/-	XXX	...
92	Keanaaina, A	1/-	...	XXX
13	Keys III, L	7/-	XXX	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
2K	Kiser, J	10/1	XXX	START	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
78	Kraemer, T	10/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	XXX	START
73	Kristofic, A	4/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	...
5L	Lacey, J	10/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
3L	Lamb, J	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
0	Lenzy, B	6/1	...	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...
2L	Lewis, C	11/5	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	START
48	Lezynski, X	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
35	Liufau, M	9/2	START	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
75	Lugg, J	10/3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START
2M	Mahoney, J	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
43	Mailey, G	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
87	Mayer, M	11/2	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX
4M	McCloud, N	11/10	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
88	McKinley, J	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
99	Mills, R	8/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1M	Moala, P	3/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
53	Murphy, Q	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Offord, C	2/-	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Oghoufo, O	10/-	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
91	Ogundej, A	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
60	Owusu-Koramoah	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
55	Patterson, J	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	...
44	Peitsch, A	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3P	Pelini, P	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
1P	Pryor, I	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
10	Pyne, D	3/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
30	Rittman, J	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Rutherford, I	3/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
32	Salerno, M	10/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
33	Simon, S	10/8	XXX	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX
11	Skowronek, B	9/9	START	...	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
34	Smith, J	1/-	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
95	Tagovailoa, M	10/9	START	START	...	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
85	Takacs, G	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
24	Tremble, T	11/10	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START
25	Tyree, C	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
3V	Velotta, C	1/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65	Vinson, M	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1W	Wallace, K	4/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...
82	Watts, X	2/-	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	White, D	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
18	Wilkins, J	10/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
23	Williams, K	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
89	Wright, B	11/8	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	XXX	START



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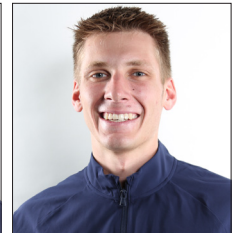
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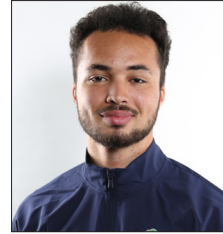
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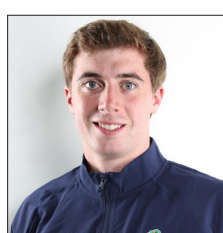
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JAYSON ADEMIOLA #57

Defensive Line | 6-3 | 279 | Junior

Jackson, NJ | St. Peter's Prep

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	12	11	8	19	1.5-5	0	0	0	0	1
2019	11	9	16	25	4.0-12	1	0	0	0	2
2020	7	3	3	6	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	30	23	27	50	5.5-17	1	0	0	0	7

ADEMIOLA'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Tackles-for-Loss: N/A
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, at Duke (2019)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 (3x), MR vs. Navy (2019)
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A



JUSTIN ADEMIOLA #19

Defensive Line | 6-1 3/4 | 248 | Junior

Jackson, NJ | St. Peter's Prep

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	4	6	3	9	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	8	6	3	9	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0
2020	11	10	6	16	2.5-5	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	23	22	12	34	3.5-7	1	0	0	0	0

SACKS

	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	4	0	0	0.0	0
2019	8	0	0	0.0	0
2020	11	1	0	1.0	2
TOTAL	23	1	0	1.0	2

ADEMIOLA'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Pitt
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5, at North Carolina
Sacks: 1.0, at North Carolina
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 (2x), MR at Pitt (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5, at North Carolina (2020)
Sacks: 1.0, at North Carolina (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A



JAFAR ARMSTRONG #8

Running Back | 6-0 3/4 | 220 | Senior

Lee's Summit, MO | Bishop Miege

ARMSTRONG'S CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2018	10	72	383	7	42	5.3	38.3
2019	9	46	122	1	28	2.7	13.6
2020	11	17	8	1	9	0.5	0.7
TOTAL	30	135	513	9	42	3.8	17.1

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2018	10	383	0	383	38.3
2019	9	122	0	122	13.6
2020	11	8	0	8	0.7
TOTAL	30	513	0	513	17.1

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	10	14	159	0	27	1.4	11.4	15.9
2019	9	13	97	0	26	1.4	7.5	10.8
2020	11	3	38	0	20	0.3	12.7	3.5
TOTAL	30	30	294	0	27	1.0	9.8	9.8

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ARMSTRONG'S SEASON HIGHS

Rushes: 8, at Pitt
Rushing Yards: 7, vs. USF
Longest Rush: 9, at Pitt
Rushing TDs: 1, vs. USF
Receptions: 2, vs. Duke
Receiving Yards: 20, vs. Duke
Longest Reception: 20, vs. Duke

ARMSTRONG'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: 19, vs. Virginia Tech (2019)
Rushing Yards: 98, at Wake Forest (2018)
Longest Rush: 42, vs. Ball State (2018)
Rushing TDs: 2, vs. Michigan (2018)
Receptions: 5, at Navy (2018)
Receiving Yards: 64, at Navy (2018)
Longest Reception: 27 (2x), MR at Navy (2018)



KEVIN AUSTIN JR. #4

Wide Receiver | 6-2 | 215 | Junior

Ft. Lauderdale, FL | North Broward Prep

AUSTIN JR'S CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	11	5	90	0	38	0.5	18.0	8.2
2020	2	1	18	0	18	0.5	18.0	9.0
TOTAL	13	6	108	0	38	0.5	18.0	8.3

AUSTIN JR'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. Louisville
Receiving Yards: 18, vs. Louisville
Longest Reception: 18, vs. Louisville
Receiving TDs: N/A

AUSTIN JR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Wake Forest (2018)
Receiving Yards: 38, at Navy (2018)
Longest Reception: 38, at Navy (2018)
Receiving TDs: N/A



BO BAUER #52

Linebacker | 6-2 | 297 | Junior

Harborcreek, PA | Cathedral Prep

BAUER'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	13	7	3	10	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13	18	10	28	2.0-4	0	0	0	1	0
2020	11	16	9	25	4.5-17	2	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	37	41	22	63	6.5-21	2	0	0	1	3

SACKS

	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	13	0	0	0.0	0
2019	13	0	0	0.0	0
2020	11	1	0	1.0	7
TOTAL	37	1	0	1.0	7

INTERCEPTIONS

	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2018	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	1	16	0	16	16.0	1.5
TOTAL	37	1	16	0	16	16.0	0.4

BAUER'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs. Syracuse
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, (2x) vs. Syracuse
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Florida State
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1, at Pitt
INT Return Yards: 16, at Pitt

BAUER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0 (2x), vs. Syracuse (2020)
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Florida State (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1, at Pitt (2020)
INT Return Yards: 16, at Pitt (2020)



IAN BOOK

#12

Quarterback | 6-0 1/8 | 206 | Graduate Student

El Dorado Hills, CA | Oak Ridge

BOOK'S CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2017	10	37	207	0	43	5.6	20.7
2018	12	95	280	4	23	2.9	23.3
2019	13	112	546	4	53	4.9	42.0
2020	11	101	430	8	33	4.3	39.1
TOTAL	46	345	1463	16	53	4.2	31.8

PASSING	g	cmp-att-int	yards	td	long	pct	avg/p	avg/g	effic
2017	10	46-75-4	456	4	55	61.3	6.1	45.6	119.3
2018	12	214-314-7	2628	19	66	68.2	8.4	219.0	154.0
2019	13	240-399-6	3034	34	70	60.2	7.6	233.4	149.1
2020	11	201-314-2	2601	15	75	64.0	8.3	236.5	148.1
TOTAL	46	701-1102-19	8719	72	75	63.6	7.9	189.5	148.2

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2017	10	207	456	663	66.3
2018	12	280	2628	2908	242.3
2019	13	546	3034	3580	275.4
2020	11	430	2601	3031	275.5
TOTAL	46	1463	8719	10182	221.3

BOOK'S SEASON HIGHS

Completions: 24, vs. Syracuse
Attempts: 39, vs. Clemson
Passing Yards: 312, at Pitt
Longest Pass: 75, vs. Duke
Passing TDs: 3 (3x), MR vs. Syracuse
Rushes: 14, vs. Clemson
Rushing Yards: 85, at Boston College
Longest Rush: 33, at North Carolina
Rushing TDs: 3, vs. USF

BOOK'S CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 29 (2x), MR vs. Virginia Tech (2019)
Attempts: 53, vs. Virginia Tech (2019)
Passing Yards: 360, vs. New Mexico (2019)
Longest Pass: 75, vs. Duke (2020)
Passing TDs: 5 (3x), MR vs. Navy (2019)
Rushes: 17, vs. Clemson (2018)
Rushing Yards: 139, at Duke (2019)
Longest Rush: 53, at Duke (2019)
Rushing TDs: 3 (2x), MR vs. USF



TARIQ BRACY

#28

Cornerback | 5-10 1/8 | 180 | Junior

Milpitas, CA | Milpitas

BRACY'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	12	14	4	18	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2019	12	25	9	34	0.0-0	7	1	2	0	0
2020	8	22	2	24	2.0-7	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	61	15	76	2.0-7	10	2	2	0	0

BRACY'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Florida State
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Duke

BRACY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Florida State (2020)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x), MR vs. Bowling Green (2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x), MR at Duke (2019)
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 2 (3x), MR vs. Duke (2020)



JAY BRAMBLETT

#19

Punter | 6-1 1/2 | 193 | Sophomore

Tuscaloosa, AL | Hillcrest

BRAMBLETT'S CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	2	21	0	14	10.5	1.9
TOTAL	24	2	21	0	14	10.5	0.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2019	13	0	0	0	0.0
2020	11	21	0	21	1.9
TOTAL	24	21	0	21	0.9

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2020	11	21	0	0	0	0	21	1.9
TOTAL	24	21	0	0	0	0	21	0.9

PUNTING	g	no.	yards	long	avg
2019	13	63	2485	61	39.4
2020	11	39	1650	59	42.3
TOTAL	24	102	4135	61	40.5

BRAMBLETT'S SEASON HIGHS

Punts: 6 (2x), MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Punt Yards: 268, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Long Punt: 59, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Rushes: 1 (2x), MR vs. Louisville
Rushing Yards: 14, vs. Duke

BRAMBLETT'S CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 10, at Michigan (2019)
Punt Yards: 423, at Michigan (2019)
Long Punt: 61, at Michigan (2019)
Rushes: 1 (2x), MR vs. Louisville (2020)
Rushing Yards: 14, vs. Duke (2020)



DJ BROWN

#12

Safety | 6-0 3/8 | 194 | Junior

Annapolis, MD | St. John's College

BROWN'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	9	3	4	7	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	11	7	1	8	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	21	10	5	15	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	1

BROWN'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 2 (2x), MR at Georgia Tech
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 1 (2x), MR vs. Florida State

BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs. New Mexico (2019)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 1 (2x), MR vs. Florida State (2020)



SHAUN CRAWFORD

#20

Safety | 5-9 1/8 | 180 | Graduate Student

Lakewood, OH | St. Edward

CRAWFORD'S CAREER STATS

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2016	2	1	22	0	22	22.0	11.0
2017	12	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	1	23	0	23	23.0	2.1
TOTAL	36	5	45	0	23	9.0	1.2

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2016	2	0	0	0	0	22	22	11.0
2017	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2019	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2020	11	0	0	0	0	23	23	2.1
TOTAL	36	0	0	0	0	45	45	1.2

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qhb
2016	2	5	1	6	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0
2017	12	20	12	32	1.5-10	7	1	2	0	0
2019	11	19	9	28	1.0-9	3	0	0	0	1
2020	11	35	13	48	4.5-25	6	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	36	79	35	114	7.0-44	17	1	3	0	1

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2016	2	0	0	0.0	0
2017	12	1	1	1.5	10
2019	11	0	0	0.0	0
2020	11	2	0	2.0	16
TOTAL	36	3	1	3.5	26

CRAWFORD'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 9, at Boston College
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Duke
Interceptions: 1, vs. Florida State
INT Return Yards: 23, vs. Florida State
Pass Breakups: 2 (2x), MR vs. Florida State
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5, at Boston College
Sacks: 1.0 (2x), MR at Boston College
Quarterback Hurries: N/A

CRAWFORD'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9, at Boston College (2020)
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Michigan State (2017)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (3x), MR vs. Duke (2020)
Interceptions: 2, vs. Boston College (2017)
INT Return Yards: 23, vs. Florida State (2020)
Pass Breakups: 2 (2x), MR vs. Florida State (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5, at Boston College (2020)
Sacks: 1.0 (3x), MR at Boston College (2020)
Quarterback Hurries: 1, vs. Iowa State (2019)



AVERY DAVIS

#3

Wide Receiver | 5-11 | 202 | Senior

Cedar Hill, TX | Cedar Hill

DAVIS' CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2018	9	22	70	0	12	3.2	7.8
2019	11	6	10	0	7	1.7	0.9
2020	11	3	57	0	29	19.0	5.2
TOTAL	31	31	137	0	29	4.4	4.4

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2018	9	70	0	70	7.8
2019	11	10	0	10	0.9
2020	11	57	0	57	5.2
TOTAL	31	137	0	137	4.4

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	9	5	30	0	9	0.6	6.0	3.3
2019	11	10	124	2	59	0.9	12.4	11.3
2020	11	23	307	2	53	2.1	13.3	27.9
TOTAL	31	38	461	4	59	1.2	12.1	14.9

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DAVIS' SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 4 (2x), MR vs. Clemson
Receiving Yards: 78, vs. Clemson
Long Reception: 53, vs. Clemson
Receiving TDs: 1 (2x), MR vs. Clemson
Rushes: 1 (3x), MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Rushing Yards: 29, at Boston College
Longest Rush: 29, at Boston College
Rushing TDs: N/A

DAVIS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4 (2x), MR vs. Clemson (2020)
Receiving Yards: 78, vs. Clemson (2020)
Long Reception: 59, vs. New Mexico (2019)
Receiving TDs: 1 (4x), MR vs. Clemson (2020)
Rushes: 9, at Wake Forest (2018)
Rushing Yards: 43, at Wake Forest (2018)
Longest Rush: 12, at Wake Forest (2018)
Rushing TDs: N/A



JONATHAN DOERER

#39

Kicker/Punter | 6-3 | 197 | Senior

Charlotte, NC | South Mecklenburg

DOERER'S CAREER STATS

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2017	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2018	10	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	8	0.8
2019	13	0	0	0	0	57	0	17	108	8.3
2020	11	0	0	0	0	46	0	15	91	8.3
TOTAL	41	0	0	0	0	108	0	33	207	5.0

FIELD GOALS	g	made	att	long	pct
2017	7	0	0	0	0.0
2018	10	1	1	30	100.0
2019	13	17	20	52	85.0
2020	11	15	22	51	68.2
TOTAL	41	33	43	52	76.7

DOERER'S SEASON HIGHS

Field Goals Made: 4, vs. Clemson
Field Goal Attempts: 5, vs. Clemson
Longest FG Made: 51, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
PAT Made: 6 (3x), at Boston College
PAT Attempts: 6 (3x), at Boston College
Points: 17, vs. Clemson

DOERER'S CAREER HIGHS

Made Field Goals: 4 (3x), MR vs. Clemson (2020)
Field Goal Attempts: 5, vs. Clemson (2020)
Longest FG Made: 52, vs. Southern Cal (2019)
PAT Made: 7 (2x), MR vs. Navy (2019)
PAT Attempts: 7 (2x), MR vs. Navy (2019)
Points: 17, vs. Clemson (2020)



C'BO FLEMISTER #20

Running Back | 5-11 1/4 | 201 | Junior

Williamson, GA | Pike County

FLEMISTER'S CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2018	2	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	9	48	162	5	14	3.4	18.0
2020	8	57	299	5	31	5.2	37.4
TOTAL	19	106	461	10	31	4.3	24.3

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2018	2	0	0	0	0.0
2019	9	162	0	162	18.0
2020	8	299	0	299	37.4
TOTAL	19	461	0	461	24.3

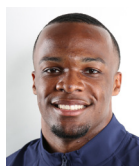
RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	9	1	13	0	13	0.1	13.0	1.4
2020	8	2	36	0	27	0.2	18.0	4.5
TOTAL	19	3	49	0	27	0.2	16.3	2.6

FLEMISTER'S SEASON HIGHS

Rushes: 15, at Georgia Tech
Rushing Yards: 127, vs. USF
Longest Rush: 31, vs. USF
Rushing TDs: 2, at Boston College
Receptions: 1 (2x), MR at Boston College
Receiving Yards: 27, at Boston College
Long Reception: 27, at Boston College
Receiving TDs: N/A

FLEMISTER'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: 15, at Georgia Tech (2020)
Rushing Yards: 127, vs. USF (2020)
Longest Rush: 31, vs. USF (2020)
Rushing TDs: 2, at Boston College (2020)
Receptions: 1 (3x), MR at Boston College (2020)
Receiving Yards: 27, at Boston College (2020)
Long Reception: 27, at Boston College (2020)
Receiving TDs: N/A



ISAIAH FOSKEY #7

Defensive Line | 6-4 7/8 | 257 | Sophomore

Antioch, CA | De La Salle

FOSKEY'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	4	1	4	5	0.0-0	0	0	0	1	1
2020	11	12	8	20	5.0-34	1	0	0	1	5
TOTAL	15	13	12	25	5.0-34	1	0	0	2	6

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2019	4	0	0	0.0	0
2020	11	4	1	4.5	33
TOTAL	15	4	1	4.5	33

FOSKEY'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 4 (2x), MR at North Carolina
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5, vs. Duke
Sacks: 1.0 (4x), MR at North Carolina
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

FOSKEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 (2x), MR at North Carolina (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5, vs. Duke (2020)
Sacks: 1.0 (4x), MR at North Carolina (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A



HOUSTON GRIFFITH #3

Safety | 5-11 3/4 | 204 | Junior

Chicago, IL | IMG Academy

GRIFFITH'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	11	10	4	14	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	1
2019	13	3	2	5	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0
2020	11	13	1	14	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	35	26	7	33	1.0-4	3	0	0	0	1

GRIFFITH'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. USF
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. USF
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: N/A
Quarterback Hurries: N/A

GRIFFITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. USF (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. USF (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 1, (3x), MR at Duke (2019)
Quarterback Hurries: 1, vs. Syracuse (2018)



KYLE HAMILTON #14

Safety | 6-4 | 219 | Sophomore

Atlanta, GA | Marist School

HAMILTON'S CAREER STATS

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2019	13	4	66	1	34	16.5	5.1
2020	10	1	14	0	14	14.0	1.4
TOTAL	23	5	80	1	34	16.0	3.5

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2019	13	0	0	0	0	66	66	5.1
2020	10	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.4
TOTAL	23	0	0	0	0	80	80	3.5

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	13	27	14	41	1.0-1	10	0	0	0	0
2020	10	45	11	56	3.5-11	6	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	23	72	25	97	4.5-12	16	0	0	0	2

HAMILTON'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 10, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, at Georgia Tech
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
INT Return Yards: 14, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Pass Breakups: 1 (5x), MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG) (ACCCG)
Quarterback Hurries: 1 (2x), MR vs. Florida State

HAMILTON'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10, vs. Clemson (ACCCG) (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, at Georgia Tech (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1 (5x), MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG) (2020)
INT Return Yards: 34, vs. New Mexico (2019)
Pass Breakups: 2, at Louisville (2019)
Quarterback Hurries: 1 (2x), MR vs. Florida State (2020)



CAM HART

#5

Cornerback | 6-2 1/2 | 207 | Sophomore

Baltimore, MD | Good Counsel

HART'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	3	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	8	2	1	3	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	2	1	3	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	0

HART'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 1 (3x), MR at Georgia Tech**Forced Fumbles:** N/A**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A**Interceptions:** N/A**INT Return Yards:** N/A**Pass Breakups:** 2, vs. USF

HART'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 (3x), MR at Georgia Tech (2020)**Forced Fumbles:** N/A**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A**Interceptions:** N/A**INT Return Yards:** N/A**Pass Breakups:** 2, vs. USF (2020)

KURT HINISH

#41

Defensive Line | 6-1 3/4 | 296 | Senior

Pittsburgh, PA | Central Catholic

HINISH'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2017	12	1	7	8	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	1
2018	13	6	7	13	2.0-14	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13	7	8	15	4.5-12	0	1	0	0	1
2020	11	13	4	17	7.5-22	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	49	27	26	53	14.5-49	0	1	0	0	3

SACKS

	g	ua	a	total	yards
2017	12	0	0	0.0	0
2018	13	1	1	1.5	12
2019	13	1	2	2.0	9
2020	11	2	0	2.0	6
TOTAL	49	4	3	5.5	27

HINISH'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 3 (2x), MR at North Carolina**Tackles-for-Loss:** 2.0 (2x), MR at Boston College**Sacks:** 1.0 (2x), MR at Boston College**Forced Fumbles:** N/A**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A

HINISH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 (6x), MR vs. North Carolina (2020)**Tackles-for-Loss:** 2.0 (2x), MR at Boston College (2020)**Sacks:** 1.5, vs. Syracuse (2018)**Forced Fumbles:** 1, vs. Southern Cal (2019)**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A

DAELIN HAYES

#9

Defensive Line | 6-3 3/4 | 258 | Graduate Student

Belleville, MI | Skyline

HAYES' CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2016	12	5	6	11	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	0
2017	13	17	13	30	6.5-27	1	0	2	0	4
2018	12	15	16	31	5.0-21	1	0	1	0	6
2019	4	5	1	6	3.0-11	0	0	1	0	0
2020	11	12	5	17	6.0-32	2	2	1	0	3
TOTAL	52	54	41	95	20.5-91	5	3	5	0	13

SACKS

	g	ua	a	total	yards
2016	12	0	0	0.0	0
2017	13	3	0	3.0	18
2018	12	1	2	2.0	15
2019	4	1	0	1.0	7
2020	11	3	0	3.0	19
TOTAL	52	8	2	9.0	59

HAYES' SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 5, at Georgia Tech**Tackles-for-Loss:** 2.0 (2x), MR vs. Clemson**Sacks:** 2.0, at Georgia Tech**Forced Fumbles:** 2, at Georgia Tech**Fumble Recoveries:** 1, at Boston College**Quarterback Hurries:** 1 (3x), MR at Georgia Tech**Interceptions:** 1, vs. Syracuse**INT Return Yards:** 13, vs. Syracuse

HAYES' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, at Wake Forest (2018)**Tackles-for-Loss:** 2.0 (4x), MR vs. Clemson (2020)**Sacks:** 2.0, at Georgia Tech (2020)**Forced Fumbles:** 2, at Georgia Tech (2020)**Fumble Recoveries:** 1 (5x), MR at Boston College (2020)**Quarterback Hurries:** 2, vs. Vanderbilt (2018)**Interceptions:** 1, vs. Syracuse (2020)**INT Return Yards:** 13, vs. Syracuse (2020)

LAWRENCE KEYS III

#13

Wide Receiver | 5-10 3/8 | 173 | Junior

New Orleans, LA | McDonogh 35

KEYS' CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2019	12	6	45	0	15	7.5	3.8
2020	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	19	6	45	0	15	7.5	2.4

RECEIVING

	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2019	12	13	134	0	28	1.1	10.3	11.2
2020	7	4	31	0	16	0.6	7.8	4.4
TOTAL	19	17	165	0	28	0.9	9.7	8.7

PUNT RETURNS

	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2019	12	1	6	0	6	6.0	0.5
2020	7	2	-3	0	3	-1.5	-0.4
TOTAL	19	3	3	0	6	1.0	0.2

KEYS' SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 2, at Boston College**Receiving Yards:** 26, at Boston College**Long Reception:** 16, at Boston College**Receiving TDs:** N/A**Rushes:** N/A**Rushing Yards:** N/A**Long Rush:** N/A**Rushing TDs:** N/A**Punt Returns:** 1 (2x), MR vs. Florida State**Punt Return Yards:** 3, vs. Duke**Punt Return TDs:** N/A

KEYS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3, at Georgia (2019)**Receiving Yards:** 35, at Georgia (2019)**Long Reception:** 28, at Georgia (2019)**Receiving TDs:** N/A**Rushes:** 2 (2x), MR at Duke (2019)**Rushing Yards:** 20, at Duke (2019)**Long Rush:** 15, at Duke (2019)**Rushing TDs:** N/A**Punt Returns:** 1 (3x), MR vs. Florida State (2020)**Punt Return Yards:** 6, vs. Boston College (2019)**Punt Return TDs:** N/A



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JACK KISER

#24

Linebacker | 6-1 5/8 | 2227 | Sophomore

Royal Center, IN | Pioneer

KISER'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	4	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	10	16	4	20	3.0-5	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	14	16	4	20	3.0-5	1	0	0	0	1

KISER'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. USF
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, vs. USF
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1, at Boston College
INT Return Yards: 2, at Boston College

KISER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. USF [2020]
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, vs. USF [2020]
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1, at Boston College [2020]
INT Return Yards: 2, at Boston College [2020]

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CLARENCE LEWIS

#26

Corner Back | 6-1 | 180 | Freshman

Edison, NJ | Mater Dei

LEWIS' CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	11	27	4	31	1.0-3	7	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	27	4	31	1.0-3	7	1	0	0	0

LEWIS' SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 12, vs. Syracuse
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. USF
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Syracuse
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 3, vs. USF

LEWIS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12, vs. Syracuse [2020]
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. USF [2020]
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Syracuse [2020]
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 3, vs. USF [2020]



JACOB LACEY

#54

Defensive Line | 6-1 5/8 | 293 | Sophomore

Bowling Green, KY | South Warren

LACEY'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	11	7	7	14	1.5-3	0	0	0	0	1
2020	10	1	3	4	1.0-2	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	8	10	18	2.5-5	1	0	0	0	1

SACKS

	g	ua	a	total	yards
2019	11	0	1	0.5	2
2020	10	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	21	0	1	0.5	2

LACEY'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 1 [4x], MR at Pitt
Tackles-for-Loss: 0.5 [2x], MR vs. USF
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

LACEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Navy [2019]
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5, vs. Virginia [2019]
Sacks: 0.5, vs. Virginia [2019]
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A



JACK LAMB

#31

Linebacker | 6-3 3/4 | 230 | Junior

Temecula, CA | Great Oak

LAMB'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	8	4	3	7	2.0-11	0	1	1	0	0
2020	11	11	2	13	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	19	15	5	20	2.0-11	0	1	1	0	2

SACKS

	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	0	0	0	0.0	0
2019	8	1	0	1.0	7
2020	11	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	19	1	0	1.0	7

LAMB'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Clemson
Tackles-for-Loss: N/A
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

LAMB'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Clemson [2020]
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 [2x], MR at Michigan [2019]
Sacks: 1.0, at Michigan [2019]
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Michigan [2019]
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Louisville [2019]



BRADEN LENZY

#0

Wide Receiver | 5-11 3/8 | 181 | Junior

Tigard, OR | Tigard Senior

LENZY'S CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	9	13	200	2	61	15.4	22.2
2020	6	3	8	0	3	2.7	1.3
TOTAL	15	16	208	2	61	13.0	13.9

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2018	0	0	0	0	0.0
2019	9	200	0	200	22.2
2020	6	8	0	8	1.3
TOTAL	15	208	0	208	13.9

RECEIVING

	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	9	11	254	2	70	1.2	23.1	28.2
2020	6	7	63	1	22	1.2	9.0	10.5
TOTAL	15	18	317	3	70	1.2	17.6	21.1

LENZY'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 3 [2x], MR vs. Florida State
Receiving Yards: 34, vs. USF
Long Reception: 22, vs. USF
Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Florida State
Rushes: 2, vs. Florida State
Rushing Yards: 5, vs. Florida State
Long Rush: 3 [2x], MR vs. Florida State
Rushing TDs: N/A

LENZY'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3 [2x], MR vs. Florida State [2020]
Receiving Yards: 87, vs. Navy [2019]
Long Reception: 70, vs. Navy [2019]
Receiving TDs: 2 [2x], MR vs. Navy [2019]
Rushes: 4, at Stanford [2019]
Rushing Yards: 61, vs. Boston College [2019]
Long Rush: 61, vs. Boston College [2019]
Rushing TDs: 1 [2x], MR vs. Boston College [2019]



MARIST LIUFAU

#35

Linebacker | 6-2 1/4 | 226 | Sophomore
Kalhi, HI | Punahou

LIUFAU'S CAREER STATS

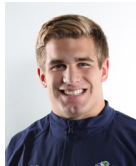
TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	4	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	9	6	10	16	0.5-1	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	13	6	10	16	0.5-1	0	0	1	0	1

LIUFAU'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Tackles-for-Loss: 0.5, at North Carolina
Sacks: 0.5, at North Carolina
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Syracuse

LIUFAU'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs. Clemson (ACCCG) (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 0.5, at North Carolina (2020)
Sacks: 0.5, at North Carolina (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Syracuse (2020)



MICHAEL MAYER

#87

Tight End | 6-5 | 235 | Freshman
Independence, KY | Covington Catholic

MAYER'S CAREER STATS

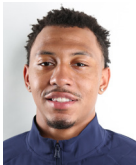
RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2020	11	35	388	2	29	3.2	11.1	35.3
TOTAL	11	35	388	2	29	3.2	11.1	35.3

MAYER'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 5 (4x), MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Receiving Yards: 73, at Pitt
Long Reception: 29, vs. Clemson
Receiving TDs: 1 (2x), MR at Pitt
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Long Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A

MAYER'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 (4x), MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG) (2020)
Receiving Yards: 73, at Pitt (2020)
Long Reception: 29, vs. Clemson (2020)
Receiving TDs: 1 (2x), MR at Pitt (2020)
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Long Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A



NICK MC CLOUD

#4

Corner Back | 6-0 1/2 | 192 | Graduate Student
Rock Hill, SC | South Point//NC State

MC CLOUD'S NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	11	22	7	29	2.0-3	9	0	2	0	0
TOTAL	11	22	7	29	2.0-3	9	0	2	0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2020	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

MC CLOUD'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Duke
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 (2x), MR vs. Clemson
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 2, vs. Clemson
Interceptions: 1, at Pitt
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 2 (2x), MR at Boston College

MC CLOUD'S ND CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Duke (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 (2x), MR vs. Clemson (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 2, vs. Clemson (2020)
Interceptions: 1, at Pitt
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 2 (2x), MR at Boston College (2020)



JAVON MCKINLEY

#88

Wide Receiver | 6-2 | 215 | Graduate Student
Corona, CA | Centennial

MCKINLEY'S CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	9	11	268	4	65	1.2	24.4	29.8
2020	11	40	697	3	53	3.6	17.4	63.4
TOTAL	24	51	965	7	65	2.1	18.9	40.2

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2018	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	9	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	1	15	0	15	15.0	1.4
TOTAL	24	1	15	0	15	15.0	0.6

MCKINLEY'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs. Syracuse
Receiving Yards: 135, at North Carolina
Long Reception: 53, at North Carolina
Receiving TDs: 3, vs. Syracuse
Rushes: 1, vs. Louisville
Rushing Yards: 15, vs. Louisville
Long Rush: 15, vs. Louisville
Rushing TDs: N/A

MCKINLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs. Syracuse (2020)
Receiving Yards: 135, at North Carolina (2020)
Long Reception: 65, vs. New Mexico (2019)
Receiving TDs: 3, vs. Syracuse (2020)
Rushes: 1, vs. Louisville (2020)
Rushing Yards: 15, vs. Louisville (2020)
Long Rush: 15, vs. Louisville (2020)
Rushing TDs: N/A



RYLIE MILLS

#99

Defensive Line | 6-5 1/8 | 259 | Freshman
Lake Bluff, IL | Lake Forest

MILLS' CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	8	2	4	6	2.0-8	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	2	4	6	2.0-8	0	0	0	0	0

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2020	8	0	1	0.5	4
TOTAL	8	0	1	0.5	4

MILLS' SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 2 (2x), MR at North Carolina
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. Syracuse
Sacks: 0.5, at North Carolina
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

MILLS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 (2x), MR at North Carolina (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. Syracuse (2020)
Sacks: 0.5, at North Carolina (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

**OVIE
OGHOUFO**

#29

Defensive Line | 6-3 | 240 | Junior

Lathrup Village, MI | Harrison

OGHOUFO'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	9	1	11	12	1.0-4	1	0	0	0	3
2020	10	6	3	9	1.5-9	2	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	19	7	14	21	2.5-13	3	0	0	0	4

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	0	0	0	0.0	0
2019	9	0	2	1.0	4
2020	10	1	1	1.5	9
TOTAL	19	1	3	2.5	13

OGHOUFO'S SEASON HIGHS**Tackles:** 3, at Pitt**Tackles-for-Loss:** 1.0, vs. Florida State**Sacks:** 1.0, vs. Florida State**Forced Fumbles:** N/A**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A**OGHOUFO'S CAREER HIGHS****Tackles:** 3 (3x), MR at Pitt (2020)**Tackles-for-Loss:** 1.0, vs. Florida State (2020)**Sacks:** 1.0, vs. Florida State (2020)**Forced Fumbles:** N/A**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A**JEREMIAH
OWUSU-KORAMOAH**

#6

Linebacker | 6-1 1/2 | 215 | Senior

Hampton, VA | Bethel

OWUSU-KORAMOAH'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2017	0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	2	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13	54	26	80	13.5-59	4	2	2	0	3
2020	11	38	18	56	11.0-40	4	3	2	0	2
TOTAL	26	92	44	136	24.5-99	8	5	4	0	5

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2017	0	0	0	0.0	0
2018	2	0	0	0.0	0
2019	13	5	1	5.5	34
2020	11	1	1	1.5	11
TOTAL	26	6	2	7.0	45

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2018	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	26	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

OWUSU-KORAMOAH'S SEASON HIGHS**Tackles:** 9 (3x), MR at North Carolina**Tackles-for-Loss:** 2.5, vs. Clemson**Sacks:** 1.0, vs. Duke**Forced Fumbles:** 1 (3x), MR vs. Syracuse**Fumble Recoveries:** 1 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse**Quarterback Hurries:** 1 (2x), MR at Pitt**Interceptions:** 1, at Pitt**INT Return Yards:** N/A**OWUSU-KORAMOAH'S CAREER HIGHS****Tackles:** 9 (6x), MR at North Carolina (2020)**Tackles-for-Loss:** 4.0, vs. Iowa State (2019)**Sacks:** 3.0, vs. Iowa State (2019)**Forced Fumbles:** 1 (5x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)**Fumble Recoveries:** 1 (4x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)**Quarterback Hurries:** 1 (5x), MR at Pitt (2020)**Interceptions:** 1, at Pitt**INT Return Yards:** N/A**ADE TOKUNBO
OGUNDEJI**

#91

Defensive Line | 6-3 3/8 | 268 | Graduate Student

West Bloomfield, MI | Walled Lake Central

OGUNDEJI'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2017	5	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	13	12	11	23	3.0-14	1	2	0	0	2
2019	13	17	17	34	7.0-31	0	3	1	0	5
2020	11	15	7	22	6.5-24	0	1	1	0	7
TOTAL	42	44	35	79	16.5-69	1	6	2	0	14

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2017	5	0	0	0.0	0
2018	13	1	1	1.5	8
2019	13	4	1	4.5	24
2020	11	6	1	6.5	24
TOTAL	42	11	3	12.5	56

OGUNDEJI'S SEASON HIGHS**Tackles:** 4 (2x), MR at Georgia Tech**Tackles-for-Loss:** 2.0 (2x), MR at North Carolina**Sacks:** 2.0 (2x), MR at North Carolina**Forced Fumbles:** 1, vs. Syracuse**Fumble Recoveries:** 1, vs. Duke**OGUNDEJI'S CAREER HIGHS****Tackles:** 6 (2x), MR at Stanford (2019)**Tackles-for-Loss:** 3.0 vs. Boston College (2019)**Sacks:** 2.0 (3x), MR at North Carolina (2020)**Forced Fumbles:** 1 (6x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)**Fumble Recoveries:** 1 (2x), MR vs. Duke (2020)**ISAIAH
PRYOR**

#10

Safety | 6-1 1/2 | 199 | Graduate Student

Lawrenceville, GA | Archer//Ohio State

PRYOR'S NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	11	8	0	8	1.0-7	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	11	8	0	8	1.0-7	0	1	0	0	1

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2020	11	1	0	1.0	7
TOTAL	11	1	0	1.0	7

PRYOR'S SEASON HIGHS**Tackles:** 3, at Boston College**Tackles-for-Loss:** 1.0, at Pitt**Forced Fumbles:** 1, at Pitt**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A**Interceptions:** N/A**INT Return Yards:** N/A**Pass Breakups:** N/A**PRYOR'S ND CAREER HIGHS****Tackles:** 3, at Boston College (2020)**Tackles-for-Loss:** 1.0, at Pitt (2020)**Forced Fumbles:** 1, at Pitt (2020)**Fumble Recoveries:** N/A**Interceptions:** N/A**INT Return Yards:** N/A**Pass Breakups:** N/A



MATT SALERNO

#32

Wide Receiver | 6-0 5/8 | 196 | Junior
Valencia, CA | Crespi Carmelite

SALERNO'S NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS

PUNT RETURNS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	10	10	45	0	13	4.5	4.5
TOTAL	11	10	45	0	13	4.5	4.1

SALERNO'S SEASON HIGHS

Punt Returns: 2 (3x), MR vs. Syracuse
Punt Return Yards: 12 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse
Punt Return TDs: N/A
Long Return: 13, vs. Syracuse

SALERNO'S CAREER HIGHS

Punt Returns: 2 (3x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)
Punt Return Yards: 12 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)
Punt Return TDs: N/A
Long Return: 13, vs. Syracuse (2020)



SHAYNE SIMON

#33

Linebacker | 6-2 3/4 | 230 | Junior
West Orange, NJ | St. Peter's Prep

SIMON'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	9	2	2	4	0.5-2	1	0	0	0	0
2019	11	2	7	9	1.5-2	0	0	0	0	1
2020	10	9	4	13	1.0-1	3	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	30	13	13	26	3.0-5	4	0	0	0	2

SIMON'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Clemson
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. Clemson
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Quarterback Hurries: 1, at Pitt

SIMON'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 (2x), MR vs. Clemson (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5 vs. Bowling Green (2019)
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Quarterback Hurries: 1 (2x), MR at Pitt (2020)



BEN SKOWRONEK

#11

Wide Receiver | 6-2 7/8 | 220 | Graduate Student
Ft. Wayne, IN | Homestead//Northwestern

SKOWRONEK'S NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2020	9	25	398	5	73	2.8	15.9	44.2
TOTAL	9	25	398	5	73	2.8	15.9	44.2

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2020	9	1	13	1	13	13.0	1.4
TOTAL	9	1	13	1	13	13.0	1.4

SKOWRONEK'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 5, at Boston College
Receiving Yards: 107, at Pitt
Long Reception: 73, at Pitt
Receiving TDs: 3, at Boston College
Rushes: 1, at North Carolina
Rushing Yards: 13, at North Carolina
Long Rush: 13, at North Carolina
Rushing TDs: 1, at North Carolina

SKOWRONEK'S ND CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5, at Boston College (2020)
Receiving Yards: 107, at Pitt (2020)
Long Reception: 73, at Pitt (2020)
Receiving TDs: 3, at Boston College (2020)
Rushes: 1, at North Carolina (2020)
Rushing Yards: 13, at North Carolina (2020)
Long Rush: 13, at North Carolina (2020)
Rushing TDs: 1, at North Carolina (2020)



MYRON TAGOVAILOA-AMOSA

#95

Defensive Line | 6-2 1/2 | 282 | Senior
Ewa Beach, HI | Kapole

TAGOVAILOA-AMOSA'S CAREER STATS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2017	13	7	5	12	1.5-6	0	0	0	0	0
2018	2	0	2	2	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
2019	12	13	9	22	2.5-5	1	0	1	0	6
2020	10	11	6	17	6.0-21	0	1	2	0	2
TOTAL	37	31	22	53	10.5-33	1	1	3	0	8

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2017	13	0	0	0.0	0
2018	2	0	0	0.0	0
2019	12	0	1	0.5	1
2020	10	2	1	2.5	10
TOTAL	37	2	2	3.0	11

TAGOVAILOA-AMOSA'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Duke
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 (5x), MR vs. Syracuse
Sacks: 1.0 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Syracuse
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse

TAGOVAILOA-AMOSA'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 (2x), MR vs. Duke (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 (8x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)
Sacks: 1.0 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Syracuse (2020)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (3x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)



GEORGE TAKACS

#85

Tight End | 6-6 | 245 | Junior
Naples, FL | Gulf Coast

TAKACS' CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2019	6	2	12	1	10	0.3	6.0	2.0
2020	9	2	20	0	13	0.2	10.0	2.2
TOTAL	15	4	32	1	13	0.3	8.0	2.1

TAKACS' SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 1 (2x), MR at North Carolina
Receiving Yards: 13, at North Carolina
Long Reception: 13, at North Carolina
Receiving TDs: N/A
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Long Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A

TAKACS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1 (4x), MR at North Carolina (2020)
Receiving Yards: 13, at North Carolina (2020)
Long Reception: 13, at North Carolina (2020)
Receiving TDs: 1, at Duke (2019)
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Long Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A

**TOMMY TREMBLE**

#24

Tight End | 6-4 | 248 | Junior
Johns Creek, GA | Wesleyan**TREMBLE'S CAREER STATS**

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	13	16	183	4	29	1.2	11.4	14.1
2020	11	19	218	0	30	1.7	11.5	19.8
TOTAL	24	35	401	4	30	1.5	11.5	16.7

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	1	4	0	4	4.0	0.4
TOTAL	24	1	4	0	4	4.0	0.2

TREMBLE'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 5, vs. Duke
Receiving Yards: 61, vs. USF
Long Reception: 30, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Receiving TDs: N/A
Rushes: 1, vs. USF
Rushing Yards: 4, vs. USF
Longest Rush: 4, vs. USF
Rushing TDs: N/A

TREMBLE'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5, vs. Duke [2020]
Receiving Yards: 61, at USF [2020]
Long Reception: 30, vs. Clemson (ACCCG) [2020]
Receiving TDs: 1 [4x], MR at Stanford [2019]
Rushes: 1, vs. USF [2020]
Rushing Yards: 4, vs. USF [2020]
Longest Rush: 4, vs. USF [2020]
Rushing TDs: N/A

**DREW WHITE**

#40

Linebacker | 6-0 1/4 | 227 | Senior
Boca Raton, FL | St. Thomas Aquinas**WHITE'S CAREER STATS**

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2018	4	2	6	8	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13	48	32	80	8.0-17	1	0	2	0	2
2020	11	26	22	48	9.0-27	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	28	76	60	136	17.0-44	3	0	2	0	4

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	4	0	0	0.0	0
2019	13	2	0	2.0	3
2020	11	1	1	1.5	9
TOTAL	28	3	1	3.5	12

WHITE'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 9, vs. Clemson
Tackle-for-Loss: 2.0, at North Carolina
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

WHITE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs. Michigan [2019]
Tackle-for-Loss: 2.0 [3x], MR at North Carolina [2020]
Sacks: 1.0 [3x], MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG) [2020]
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 1 [2x], MR vs. Boston College [2019]

**CHRIS TYREE**

#25

Running Back | 5-9 1/2 | 179 | Freshman
Chester, VA | Thomas Dale**TYREE'S CAREER STATS**

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2020	11	68	480	4	94	7.1	43.6
TOTAL	11	68	480	4	94	7.1	43.6

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c
2020	11	4	28	0	12	0.4	7.0
TOTAL	11	4	28	0	12	0.4	7.0

KICK RETURNS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2020	11	21	448	0	38	21.3	40.7
TOTAL	11	21	448	0	38	21.3	40.7

TYREE'S SEASON HIGHS

Rushes: 17, at Boston College
Rushing Yards: 109, vs. Syracuse
Longest Rush: 94, vs. Syracuse
Rushing TDs: 1 [4x], MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG)
Receptions: 2, vs. Louisville
Receiving Yards: 15, vs. Louisville
Long Reception: 12, vs. Louisville
Receiving TDs: N/A
Kickoff Returns: 4 [2x], MR at Boston College
Kickoff Return Yards: 90, vs. Duke
Kickoff Return TDs: N/A

TYREE'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: 17, at Boston College [2020]
Rushing Yards: 109, vs. Syracuse [2020]
Longest Rush: 94, vs. Syracuse [2020]
Rushing TDs: 1 [4x], MR vs. Clemson (ACCCG) [2020]
Receptions: 2, vs. Louisville [2020]
Receiving Yards: 15, vs. Louisville [2020]
Long Reception: 12, vs. Louisville [2020]
Receiving TDs: N/A
Kickoff Returns: 4 [2x], MR at Boston College [2020]
Kickoff Return Yards: 90, vs. Duke [2020]
Kickoff Return TDs: N/A

**JOE WILKINS JR.**

#18

Wide Receiver | 6-1 1/2 | 190 | Junior
North Fort Myers, FL | North Fort Myers**WILKINS JR'S CAREER STATS**

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2018	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2020	10	7	63	1	15	0.7	9.0	6.3
TOTAL	17	7	63	1	15	0.4	9.0	3.7

WILKINS JR'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. Duke
Receiving Yards: 39, vs. Duke
Long Reception: 15, vs. Duke
Receiving TDs: 1, at Georgia Tech
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Longest Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A

WILKINS JR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. Duke [2020]
Receiving Yards: 39, vs. Duke [2020]
Long Reception: 15, vs. Duke [2020]
Receiving TDs: 1, at Georgia Tech [2020]
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Longest Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A



KYREN WILLIAMS

#23

Running Back | 5-9 1/2 | 179 | Sophomore

Chester, VA | Thomas Dale

WILLIAMS' CAREER STATS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2019	4	4	26	0	14	6.5	6.5
2020	11	195	1061	12	65	5.4	96.5
TOTAL	15	199	1087	12	65	5.5	72.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2019	4	26	0	26	6.5
2020	11	1061	0	1061	96.5
TOTAL	15	1087	0	1087	72.5

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2019	4	1	3	0	3	0.2	3.0	0.8
2020	11	27	282	1	75	2.5	10.4	25.6
TOTAL	15	28	285	1	75	1.9	10.2	19.0

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2019	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2020	11	13	12	1	0	0	0	0	78	7.1
TOTAL	15	13	12	1	0	0	0	0	78	5.2

WILLIAMS' SEASON HIGHS

Rushes: 25, vs. Louisville
Rushing Yards: 185, vs. Florida State
Longest Rush: 65, vs. Florida State
Rushing TDs: 3, vs. Clemson
Receptions: 4 (2x), MR at North Carolina
Receiving Yards: 93, vs. Duke
Long Reception: 75, vs. Duke
Receiving TDs: 1, at North Carolina

WILLIAMS' CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: 25, vs. Louisville (2020)
Rushing Yards: 185, vs. Florida State (2020)
Longest Rush: 65, vs. Florida State (2020)
Rushing TDs: 3, vs. Clemson (2020)
Receptions: 4 (2x), MR at North Carolina (2020)
Receiving Yards: 93, vs. Duke (2020)
Long Reception: 75, vs. Duke (2020)
Receiving TDs: 1, at North Carolina (2020)



BROCK WRIGHT

#89

Tight End | 6-4 1/2 | 255 | Senior

Cypress, TX | Cy-Fair

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2017	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2018	12	2	12	1	9	0.2	6.0	1.0
2019	13	2	45	0	40	0.2	22.5	3.5
2020	11	3	21	0	11	0.3	7.0	1.9
TOTAL	47	7	78	1	40	0.1	11.1	1.7

WRIGHT'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Florida State
Receiving Yards: 11, at Georgia Tech
Long Reception: 11, at Georgia Tech
Receiving TDs: N/A
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Longest Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A

WRIGHT'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Florida State (2020)
Receiving Yards: 40, vs. Bowling Green (2019)
Long Reception: 40, vs. Bowling Green (2019)
Receiving TDs: 1, at Wake Forest (2018)
Rushes: N/A
Rushing Yards: N/A
Longest Rush: N/A
Rushing TDs: N/A



BRIAN KELLY

38th Year Coaching, 30th Year as a Head Coach,
11th Year At Notre Dame

NOTABLE HONORS

- 2018 Home Depot National Coach of the Year
- 2018 Stallings National Coach of the Year
- 2018 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year
- 2018 AP National National Coach of the Year
- 2012 AP National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Walter Camp National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Sporting News National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Home Depot National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year
- 2012 AFCA National Coach of the Year
- 2009 Home Depot National Coach of the Year

Entering his 30th season as a collegiate head coach in 2020 and 11th year at the University of Notre Dame, Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly brings a championship tradition as the school's 29th head football coach.

Kelly is the winningest active coach in NCAA Football (all divisions)*. He is the only coach to win The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award (2009, 2012 and 2018) on more than one occasion. Kelly is the second-winningest coach in school history*.

His .741 winning percentage trails only Nick Saban among active FBS coaches with at least 15 years of head coaching experience*.

KELLY'S HEAD COACHING RESUME

- Twenty-third college coach to reach 200 career victories with at least five years of service or 50 victories at a school that was classified as a major college at the time
- Second-youngest and fifth-fastest coach to ever reach 200 career victories with at least five years of service or 50 victories at a school that was classified as a major college at the time
- With 10-plus wins in 2012*, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, Kelly surpasses Lou Holtz as the only Notre Dame coach to hit the double-digit mark in wins six times
- With 10-win seasons in five of the last six years, Kelly is the first ever Irish coach have five seasons of double-digit wins in a six-year stretch
- Ranks first among active FBS coaches with 273 wins*, as well as sixth among active FBS coaches in winning percentage (.741)*
- Captured four coach of the year awards in 2018 — Home Depot, Associated Press, Bobby Dodd and Stallings
- Swept just about every possible coach of the year award in 2012 — Home Depot, Associated Press, Walter Camp Football Foundation, Sporting News, Liberty Mutual and American Football Coaches Association
- Continued focus on academics as Notre Dame won the 2014 American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award with a 100 percent graduation rate for the freshman football student-athlete class of 2007
- Kelly is one of five active FBS coaches that have guided their respective schools to multiple undefeated regular seasons since 2009 (2009, 212, 2018)

KELLY ERA AT NOTRE DAME

With 10 wins in six seasons at Notre Dame (2012*, 2015, 2017-20), Kelly has surpassed Lou Holtz for the most 10-plus win seasons in school history.

In an unprecedented season in 2020, Kelly led the Irish to the 14th unbeaten, untied regular season (10-0) and a berth in the ACC Championship game. It is the second unbeaten regular season in the past three years and Notre Dame clinched its second trip to the College Football Playoff under Kelly's leadership.

Following the win over North Carolina, Kelly moved into second place all-time for most wins in school history, passing Lou Holtz (100). Kelly was named AP and Conference Coach of the Year and is also a finalist for the Bear Bryant Coach of the Year award and the Dodd Trophy. The Irish garnered 12 All-ACC honors in 2020, tied for the most in the conference with Clemson.

Notre Dame posted double-digit wins in five-of-six seasons for the first time in school history. The 2020 season marked the 15th time in school history the Irish have won 10 or more games during the regular season (also 10-1 in 1921, 10-0 in 1930, 10-0 in 1949, 10-0 in 1973, 10-1 in 1977, 11-0 in 1988, 11-1 in 1989, 10-1 in 1993, 10-2 in 2002, 10-2 in 2006, 12-0* in 2012, 10-3 in 2015, 12-0 in 2018, 11-2 in 2019 and 10-0 in 2020).

With a 43-7 mark over the past four seasons, only three Power 5 programs have recorded fewer losses than Notre Dame during that stretch (Clemson, Ohio State & Alabama).

The 2018 season marked Notre Dame's 13th unbeaten, untied regular season in school history and first berth into the College Football Playoff.

The Irish led the nation in FBS victories (12), ranked second in AP top-25 wins (four), ranked second in final CFP top-25 wins (three) and ranked tied for third in Power-5 wins (10).

Notre Dame's six-game win improvement in 2017 from the year prior was the largest improvement from one year to the next in school history since the Irish improved by seven victories under first-year head coach Ara Parseghian in 1964 (9-1 after going 2-7 in 1963).

Notre Dame defeated four teams in 2018 that finished the season ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 — a feat unsurpassed by another team in college football. The four victories over teams that finished the season ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 were the most by an Irish squad since 1990 — when Notre Dame registered five.

Among the 26 FBS teams that finished the 2017 season with at least 10 wins, Notre Dame played four different Power 5 teams with 10 or more wins (second-most in the nation) and defeated two different Power 5 teams with 10 or more wins (fourth-most in the nation). In fact, among the 36 FBS teams that finished the season with at least nine wins in 2017, Notre Dame played seven different nine-or-more win teams (the most) and defeated four different nine-or-more win teams (fourth-most).

The Irish used a dominant running game led by the All-American tandem of guard Quenton Nelson and tackle Mike McGlinchey.

McGlinchey and Quenton Nelson were the 17th set of FBS teammates in the same position group to be named consensus All-Americans in the same season since the adoption of two-platoon football (1964). They were the first FBS teammates in the same position group to be named consensus All-Americans in the same season since Barrett Jones (C) and Chance Warmack (OG) of Alabama in 2012.

Nelson was the 34th unanimous All-American in Notre Dame history, the first since Manti Te'o in 2012, and first offensive lineman to earn such an honor since OT Aaron Taylor in 1993.

McGlinchey and Nelson were the first pair of Notre Dame offensive linemen to garner first-team honors in the same season by the Associated Press since 1931.

The duo spearheaded an offensive line that paved the way for the third-best FBS rushing attack in yards/carry (6.3), seventh-best in rushing offense (269.3 rush yards/game), eighth-best in total rushing yards (3,503) and 15th-best in rushing touchdowns (35). The 3,503 rush yards and 6.3 yards/carry were both single-season school records.

They also helped Notre Dame's offensive line capture the Joe Moore Award. Presented by the Foundation for Teamwork, the award is given annually the "toughest, most physical offensive line in the country."

Notre Dame rushed for over 300 yards seven times in 2017 (the Irish eclipsed 300 yards rushing seven times over the previous 17 years combined). The Irish had seven different players that registered a run of at least 30 yards, four different players that rushed for at least 100 yards in a game, 13 separate 100-yard rushing games and 22 carries that netted at least 35 yards.

Notre Dame ranked in the top three nationally in runs of at least 20

yards (3rd, 42), 30 yards (1st, 28), 40 yards (3rd, 15), 50 yards (3rd, 11), 60 yards (1st, nine) and 70 yards (2nd, four).

Josh Adams ranked among the top 20 nationally in rushing yards per game (16th at 115.5), total rushing yards (13th at 1,386) and yards per rush (17th at 7.26). He led the nation with a 5.20 yards per carry after contact (total 994).

No FBS player since 1996 other than Adams in 2017 broke a TD run of at least 70 yards in four consecutive games. He passed four players since '96 who had TD runs of 70-plus in three straight games, including Heisman trophy winner Ricky Williams.

Brandon Wimbush set the quarterback school record for single-game rushing yards (207) and single-season rushing touchdowns (14). He was the third QB in school history to eclipse both 500 rushing yards and 1,000 passing yards in the same season. He joined Tony Rice (1988 and '89) and DeShone Kizer (2015).

Notre Dame set the modern single-game record for rush yards per carry vs. Boston College on Sept. 16, 2017. The Irish averaged 10.1 yards per rush and totaled 515 yards against the Eagles. The previous record of 10.0 yards per rush had stood for 75 years.

The Boston College game was the first time in school history that the Irish had a pair of runners eclipse 200 yards rushing in the same game. Adams went for 229 yards on 18 carries, while Wimbush picked-up 207 yards and ran for four scores.

Notre Dame set the single-season record for rush yards per carry in 2017. The Irish averaged 6.3 yards per rush, which not only bested the previous modern-day mark of 5.63 — set just two years prior in 2015 — but also topped the previous school record of 6.2, which was set in 1921 (96 years ago).

Notre Dame rushed for 35 touchdowns in 2017, which is the most by the Irish since 1993.

Notre Dame ranked 27th in the FBS in total offense. The Irish have not ranked higher in the FBS since 2009, when they ranked ninth.

Notre Dame ranked seventh in the FBS in rushing offense (269.3 yards per game). The Irish have not ranked higher in the FBS since 1995 (sixth) and have not registered a higher per game average since 1996 (269.5).

Notre Dame ranked 24th in the FBS in scoring offense (34.2 points per game). The Irish have not ranked higher in the FBS since 2006 (16th) and have not registered a higher scoring average since 2005 (36.7).

With nine runs of at least 60 yards in 2017, the Irish were tied for the national lead in that category. Six of those runs came against Power 5 teams, making Notre Dame one of just four teams in FBS to have broken six runs of 60 yards or more against power conference teams this year.

The Irish also experienced a resurgence on the defensive side of the ball.

Notre Dame improved by at least 20 spots in the FBS rankings in third down conversion percentage, interceptions, rushing defense, scoring defense, passing efficiency defense, sacks, tackles for loss and turnovers gained.

The Irish were the last team in the FBS to surrender more than 20 points in a game in 2017. Notre Dame allowed 20 points or less over each of their first eight games.

The Irish allowed only four plays of 40 yards or longer in 2017 — the second-fewest of any team in the FBS. By comparison, Notre Dame yielded 12 in 2016 and 15 in 2015.

The Irish allowed only one play of 50 yards or longer in 2017 — the second-fewest of any team in the FBS. By comparison, Notre Dame yielded 10 in 2016 and nine in 2015.

The Irish ranked first or second in the FBS in fewest completions allowed of at least 30 yards (second, nine), 40 yards (first, one) and 50 yards (first, zero).

Notre Dame was the only FBS school to yield one or fewer pass plays of 40 yards or longer in 2017. By comparison, Notre Dame allowed eight completions of 40 yards or longer and seven of 50 yards or longer in 2016.

Notre Dame's defensive line combined for 16.5 sacks in 2017. The Irish defensive line in 2016 accounted for a total of 3.0 sacks (and both of the players that combined for those 3.0 sacks graduated).

Notre Dame's linebacker unit (which included Te'von Coney, Drue Tranquill, Nyles Morgan and Greer Martini) all registered at least 75 tackles — a first in school history.

Despite starting just seven games in 2017, Coney led Notre Dame in tackles (116), tackles for loss (13.5) and finished second on the Irish in sacks (3.0). Coney recorded a career-best 17 tackles in the 21-17 victory over LSU in the 2018 Overton Citrus Bowl. The 17 stops were the most by any player in a bowl game last season.

Tranquill, in his first season at linebacker after converting from safety, totaled 85 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, three fumble recoveries, four passes defended, one interception and one forced fumble. Morgan and Martini registered 92 and 75 stops, respectively, and Morgan collected 7.0 tackles for loss.

Julian Love became the eighth Irish player in school history to return two interceptions for touchdowns in a season. He finished second in the FBS in pass breakups (20), passes defended (23) and passes defended/gm (1.77). Love is the first FBS underclassman (freshman or sophomore) to average more than 1.77 passes defended/game since Aqib Talib, Kansas, 2006 (2.8).

The 2015 regular season did not exactly start as many within the program might have hoped. The Irish lost projected defensive front-line standout Jarron Jones and likely freshman secondary contributor Shaun Crawford in preseason camp.

Then take a look at the depth chart for the Notre Dame opener against Texas: It included starting quarterback Malik Zaire, starting running back Tarean Folston, backup running back C.J. Prosise, starting tight end Durham Smythe, rookie wide receiver Equanimeous St. Brown, starting linebacker James Onwualu, starting cornerback KeiVarae Russell, experienced safeties Drue Tranquill and Avery Sebastian, none of whom would be in uniform for the finale at Stanford.

Along the way, the Irish were forced to use 38 different players in the starting lineup, yet still won 10 games (10-3) against a schedule that featured five teams ranked in the final College Football Playoff rankings. The three losses all came against teams that were ranked in the top five of the final AP poll — vs. No. 4 Ohio State, at No. 2 Clemson and at No. 3 Stanford — and two came by two points and, for all intents and purposes, decided on the game's final play.

In 2015 Notre Dame featured one of the most explosive offenses in college football. The Irish averaged 34.2 points per game, not far off of the school record for points per game of 37.6 set in 1968 and its best average since 2005 when Notre Dame posted 36.7 points per game. Notre Dame averaged 466.4 yards of total offense per game, including three outings with over 500 yards of total offense (Texas, UMass and Stanford). The Irish have averaged more yards of total offense per game just once (2005) since setting the school record of 510.5 yards of total offense per game.

Following the season-ending injury to Zaire in just the second game, Kelly turned the offense over to sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer. Despite having minimal playing experience, Kizer proved to be one of the better first-year signal callers in school history. He threw for 2,884 yards and 21 touchdowns (in 13 games and 11 starts). Kizer added 520 yards rushing and a then quarterback school record 10 TDs on the ground. He registered 3,404 yards of total offense. In single-season school history, Kizer ranked fourth in completion percentage (63.0), seventh in passing efficiency (150.0), seventh in TD passes, seventh in passing yards, tied for seventh in 300-yard passing games (two), eighth in completions (211), ninth in pass attempts (335) and 10th in passing yards per game (221.8).

Kizer benefited from a dominant offensive line, punishing running game and dynamic passing attack. Senior LT Ronnie Stanley became the first Irish offensive lineman to earn consensus All-America honors since Aaron Taylor in 1993. Senior RB C.J. Prosise ran for 1,032 yards and 11 touchdowns in his first year at the position. Prosise eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing barrier faster than all but one previous player in Notre Dame history (Reggie Brooks, 1992). While Prosise and freshman Josh Adams (835 yards on 117 carries) did the damage on the ground, junior Will Fuller took advantage through the air. The All-American and



Biletnikoff Award semifinalist backed up a record-setting sophomore campaign in 2014 with another incredible season in 2015. Fuller caught 62 passes for 1,258 yards and 14 TDs. His 29 TDs and 2,352 receiving yards over the 2014-15 seasons combined rank first and second, respectively, among Irish wideouts over any two-year span in school history.

Junior LB Jaylon Smith and senior DL Sheldon Day led the Irish defense with All-America caliber campaigns.

Smith, the Butkus Award recipient as well as a consensus All-American, led Notre Dame in total tackles (114), solo tackles (69), assisted tackles (45), pass breakups (five) and fumble recoveries (two). He ranked third on the team with his nine tackles for loss. Smith was the first Notre Dame player with at least 113 tackles, nine tackles for loss and five passes defended since Courtney Watson in 2003. He was one of just three players at a contract bowl eligible school in 2015 with at least 113 tackles, nine TFLs and five passes defended.

Smith turned in some of his best individual performances late in the season, recording at least 10 tackles in five of Notre Dame's last seven games, including a career-high 15 at No. 9 Stanford on Nov. 28. In that game, the Irish held Heisman Trophy finalist Christian McCaffrey to just 94 yards rushing and 113 offensive yards, both his lowest totals over the Cardinal's final 12 games of the season.

Day registered 45 tackles, 33 solo stops, 15.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, 13 quarterback hurries, four passes defended, four pass breakups and two forced fumbles. He led the Irish in tackles for loss and quarterback hurries. His 15.5 tackles for loss were the most by an Irish player since 2006. He had at least one TFL in 11 different games and recorded multiple TFLs in four games.

The Irish saw an offensive renaissance in 2014, with Notre Dame averaging 32.8 points per game, its best mark since 2005. The Irish improved by an average of over 39 yards per game from their 2013 total offense mark, running an average of 6.1 more snaps per contest. Notre Dame's 444.9 yards per game of total offense are also the highest average of Kelly's tenure.

Notre Dame scored at least 27 points a school-record 11 times in 2014. In fact, the Irish accomplished the feat in 10 of their first 11 games, which had not happened since 2005 and has never been eclipsed in school history. The Irish were particularly hot at the start of the 2014 season. Notre Dame scored at least 30 points in each of its first four games for the first time since 1943. Meanwhile, the Irish defense allowed just 46 points over those first four games, all victories by at least 16 points. It marked the first time since 1972 that Notre Dame started a season 4-0 with each win coming by 16 points or more.

The highlight of the dominant early season run came under the lights at Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 6, when Notre Dame shut out Michigan, 31-0. The Wolverines saw an NCAA-record streak of 365 games without being shut out snapped that night. In addition to being Michigan's first time being shut out since 1984, it was the school's most lopsided shutout loss since 1967 and its first non-conference shutout loss since 1926.

Notre Dame started 20 different players on defense in 2014 with only three (CB Cole Luke, DL Isaac Rochell and LB Jaylon Smith) starting all 13 games. Of the 20 defensive starters, 12 were making their first career start on defense and three others had just a single start prior to last year.

A Butkus Award finalist, Smith led the unit with 112 tackles in 2014, the most by a Notre Dame player since Heisman Trophy runner-up Manti Te'o stopped 113 ball-carriers in 2012. The Irish proved potent in the secondary, recording 16 interceptions on the season, ranking tied for 15th in the nation. Notre Dame intercepted a pass in each of its first 11 games and held a national-best active streak of 14 consecutive games with an interception before seeing it halted at USC.

Kelly's ideal of well-rounded student-athlete values were on display when sophomore Corey Robinson became the first sophomore since 2008, and just the fourth since 2002, to earn first-team Capital One Academic All-America honors. The wide receiver caught 40 passes on the year for 539 yards and five touchdowns. Robinson boasts a 3.83 cumulative grade-point average and has an extensive record of

community service work, including holding leadership positions on the University's Student Government Executive Cabinet and the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

The 2013 defense saw an unusually high number of players gain valuable experience. Twenty-six different Notre Dame players made at least 10 tackles. The Irish last had at least 26 different players reach double digits when 29 different Irish tacklers reached that milestone in 1962. Over that 51-year span, Notre Dame has seen no more than 23 double-digit tacklers, a sum reached four other times (1977, 1991, 2003 and 2011). Eleven different Notre Dame defensive players that opened 2013 in the two-deep depth chart missed at least three games due to injury, and 19 different Notre Dame defensive players started a game in 2013.

The 2012 defense led the nation in two different categories and ranked among the top 10 in 10 more, including total rushing touchdowns allowed (four, 1st), red-zone rushing touchdowns allowed (four, t-1st), scoring defense (12.77, 2nd), points allowed per red-zone trip (3.4, 2nd), passing yards/completion (9.95, 2nd), red-zone touchdowns allowed percentage (34.21%, 3rd), total red-zone touchdowns allowed (13, t-3rd), red-zone points allowed (130, 4th), total passing touchdowns (10, t-6th), total defense (305.46, 7th), red-zone defense (68.4%, t-7th) and first downs allowed (17.00, t-8th).

Notre Dame allowed just 12.77 points per game in '12 and was one of only three FBS top-10 scoring defenses to exclusively face FBS competition. The Irish allowed only 16 touchdowns (15 offensive) — four touchdowns fewer than any other FBS school — and allowed just 166 points over their 13 games, the fewest points surrendered over such a stretch in school history. In fact, they allowed just 12 offensive touchdowns over their last 11 games, holding six opponents without an offensive touchdown and nine to one or fewer offensive touchdowns.

The 2012 offense averaged 189.4 yards rushing (2,462 yards in 13 games) and 222.8 yards passing (2,896). Notre Dame nearly became the third team in school history to average 200-yards in both categories. The two teams to accomplish the feat were the 1977 national champions (231.9 rushing and 208.1 passing), and the 1970 squad that finished No. 2 (257.8 rushing and 252.7 passing). Notre Dame was one of 26 teams in the FBS to average at least 189 yards on the ground and 200 yards in the air. The Irish averaged 4.9 yards/rush, their highest per carry average over the previous 16 years. The 189.4 rushing yards/game was the third-highest per game average over the previous 15 years. Only the 2000 (213.5) and 1998 (212.5) Irish squads averaged more per game. Notre Dame ran for at least 200 yards seven times, including six of the year's last nine contests. The Irish had not posted more 200+ yard rushing games in a single season since 1996.

In 2012, Te'o became the 32nd unanimous All-American in Notre Dame history, and the first Irish defensive player to earn such an honor since cornerback Shane Walton in 2002. Te'o was named a first-team All-American as the Football Writers Association of America, American Football Coaches Association, Sporting News, the Walter Camp Football Foundation and the Associated Press selected him to their respective All-America squads.

Te'o qualified as Notre Dame's fourth unanimous All-America linebacker and first since Michael Stonebreaker in 1990 — also joining the likes of Jim Lynch (1966) and Bob Golic (1978).

Te'o became Notre Dame's first Heisman Trophy finalist since quarterback Brady Quinn in 2006. He finished second with 321 first-place votes and 1,706 points — the most by a defensive player in college football history. Te'o nearly became the third player to be named a first-team Academic All-American and win the Heisman Trophy in the same year, joining Pete Dawkins (Army) in 1958 and Danny Wuerffel (Florida) in 1996.

Te'o captured the Lott Trophy, Nagurski Trophy, Butkus Award, Lombardi Award, Bednarik Award, Maxwell Award and Walter Camp Award. He became the first player in college football history to sweep those seven awards. In fact, no other player in college football history had ever captured more than five major awards in one season.

Tyler Eifert finished his career as the most prolific tight end in Notre

Dame history. The 2012 John Mackey Award winner, Eifert holds the school record for career receptions (140) and career receiving yards (1,840) by an Irish tight end. He bested Ken MacAfee's school records in both career categories that had stood since 1977. Eifert also holds single-season school records for receptions (63) and receiving yards (803) by a Notre Dame tight end.

Eifert was named a first-team All-American by Pro Football Weekly and second-team All-American by the Associated Press, Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, the Walter Camp Football Foundation and CBSSports.com.

Te'o and Mike Golic Jr. were selected as first-team members on the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® Football Team which is selected annually by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). The last time Notre Dame had two football players earn first-team academic honors in the same year was in 1987 (Ted Gradel and Vince Phelan).

The 2011 defense ranked 30th in the nation in yards allowed per game, a vast improvement from the defense Kelly inherited that ranked 86th in that category in 2009. The Irish ranked in the top 50 nationally in total defense, scoring defense, rushing defense and passing defense in 2011, marking just the second time in the last nine seasons Notre Dame had ranked that high in all four categories.

Notre Dame was one of 24 schools that opened 2011 with a 0-2 record, but was one of only three teams (Georgia and Western Kentucky being the others) to rebound and have a winning season. In the 11 years from 2001-11, 275 FBS teams started 0-2 and Notre Dame became one of only 27 schools that won at least eight of its next 10 games. The Irish offense that Kelly directed eclipsed 500 yards of offense in five games, equal to the combined number of 500-yard games Notre Dame tallied in the previous five seasons. Notre Dame scored at least 45 points in three games in 2011, the most by an Irish offense since 1996.

The Irish were led on offense by wide receiver Michael Floyd's school-record 100 receptions and the running back duo of Cierre Wood and Jonas Gray, who combined for 1,893 yards and 21 touchdowns. Floyd capped his career by breaking former teammate Golden Tate's two-year-old school record of single-season receptions. Wood and Gray formed a potent one-two punch out of the backfield. The tandem was one of only three running back duos in the FBS that featured each player having at least nine rushing TDs in the 2011 regular season. The other two running back teammates played on the high-octane offenses at Oregon and Oklahoma State.

Defensively, Notre Dame held 12 of 13 teams below their season scoring average and held 11 of 13 schools below their season rushing average. When Kelly arrived at Notre Dame, the Irish were coming off a season where the defense ranked 86th in the nation in total defense at 397.8 yards per game. Two years later, Notre Dame's defense ranked 30th in yards allowed per game at 344.7 and was 25th in scoring defense.

Te'o was named a finalist for the 2011 Butkus Award and Lott Trophy after leading Notre Dame with 128 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss and five sacks. Safety and team captain Harrison Smith paced the secondary with 90 tackles and 10 pass breakups.

Following the season, Floyd and Smith both were selected in the first round of the NFL Draft. Floyd was chosen 13th overall by Arizona, while Minnesota tabbed Smith with the 29th selection. It marked the first time since 1994 that Notre Dame had multiple first-round NFL draft picks. Combined with Kyle Rudolph being drafted 43rd overall in the 2011 NFL Draft, Kelly became the first Notre Dame coach in 17 seasons to produce three players selected in the first 43 picks of consecutive NFL drafts.

Despite enduring a slew of injuries at key positions, Kelly's first Irish squad in 2010 came on strong to play perfectly in November. In addition to a convincing 28-3 victory over once-beaten and 15th-ranked Utah (Notre Dame's widest margin over an Associated Press Top 20 opponent in 14 years), the Irish defeated Army in the first football game played at the new Yankee Stadium — then ended an eight-game losing streak to arch-rival USC with a come-from-behind win at the Los Angeles

Coliseum. Then, in the convincing 33-17 Hyundai Sun Bowl triumph against Miami, the Irish charged to a 30-3 lead after three periods, as Kelly became the first Notre Dame football coach to record a bowl victory in his first season on the Notre Dame sidelines.

The Irish success down the stretch came mainly because of their defense, as Notre Dame went 13 consecutive periods over one late four-game stretch without allowing an offensive touchdown (the best sequence in that category in 30 years). In those final four wins Notre Dame's defense limited the Utes, Black Knights, Trojans and Hurricanes to combined averages of 9.8 points (best stretch for an Irish team since 1989), 91.8 yards on the ground and 276.5 total yards. In the last four contests, the Irish defense faced teams that were averaging 38 (Tulsa), 41 (Utah), 31 (Army) and 32 (USC) points per game, yet yielded only two offensive touchdowns, combined, to that quartet. Among individual defensive leaders was Te'o, Notre Dame's top tackler in 2010 with 133 and a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award and Butkus Award. Each of those four victories came in the first four career starts by Tommy Rees, following a season-ending injury to Dayne Crist. Among the pacesetters for Kelly's spread offense was Floyd who caught 79 balls in 2010 for 1,025 yards and 12 touchdowns and was named the MVP of the Hyundai Sun Bowl (six catches for 109 yards and two TDs in that contest).

Meanwhile, the Irish kicking game also sparkled in 2010, thanks to placekicker David Ruffer, who successfully converted his first 18 field-goal attempts (18-of-19 overall in 2010 and 23-of-24 in his career). Ruffer became one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award as the top placekicker in the nation.

Kelly's debut season in South Bend saw the 2010 Irish play arguably the most difficult schedule in the country, as all but one of the Notre Dame opponents finished .500 or better — something no other team could claim. Notre Dame's agenda ranked first nationally in the official NCAA schedule strength standings at the end of the regular season, with Irish opponents playing at a .652 clip (79-42).

On the academic side, Kelly's first season at Notre Dame featured a first-team Academic All-America honor for Ruffer, an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship for offensive lineman Chris Stewart (he attended law school at Notre Dame during the 2010 season) as a National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete selection — and a first-place finish by Notre Dame among all FBS programs in the latest NCAA Graduation Success Rate standings with a 96 mark. In 2011, Te'o was named a second-team Academic All-American, and Notre Dame, once again, led all FBS programs in NCAA Graduation Success Rate standings with a 97 score.

KELLY ERA AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN

During his three years at Central Michigan, Kelly transformed a Chippewa program that had won more than three games only once in the past four seasons into a conference champion. Central Michigan posted a 9-4 regular-season record in 2006 en route to winning the MAC title and qualifying for its first bowl game in 12 years. Kelly guided the Chippewas to a 4-7 record in 2004 and a 6-5 mark — the school's first winning season in seven years — in 2005.

In 2005, the Chippewas defeated both defending MAC divisional champions, Miami and Toledo, and also knocked off eventual '05 league champ Akron. Central Michigan ranked first nationally in fewest turnovers (10) and fewest fumbles lost (four), while the team's rushing defense ranked 20th and led the MAC at 113.7 yards per game (compared to 245.8 in '03 — the year before Kelly arrived).

In 2006, Central Michigan rolled to a 7-1 record in conference play to win the MAC West and then dominated Ohio, 31-10, in the league championship game. Central Michigan boasted the 19th-most prolific passing attack in the nation, averaging 252.4 yards per game, set a Chippewa single-season record with 28 TD passes and led the MAC in total offense (375.3 yards per game) and scoring (29.7 points). MAC Freshman of the Year Dan LeFevour passed for 2,869 yards and 25 TDs to rank 20th nationally in passing efficiency and 14th in total offense.

Kelly had 12 of his players achieve first-team all-conference honors over his three years at Central Michigan (including '05 MAC Defensive



Player of the Year Daniel Bazuin) — and three advanced to the NFL (including 2005 draftees Eric Ghiacuic and Adam Kieft and free agent Tory Humphrey). Bazuin, who led the nation in '05 in tackles for loss, also was an '06 first-team Academic All-American.

KELLY ERA AT GRAND VALLEY STATE

Kelly arrived at Central Michigan after winning back-to-back NCAA Division II national titles at Grand Valley State in Allendale, Michigan. The all-time winningest program in NCAA Division II history, the Lakers were 41-2 in Kelly's final three seasons, at one point winning 32 consecutive games. Grand Valley State went 14-0 in 2002 en route to its first national title and was 14-1 in 2003 when it claimed its second crown. Kelly was named the AFCA Division II Coach of the Year after both seasons.

Kelly led the Lakers to five conference titles (1992-97-98-2001-02) and six Division II playoff appearances in his 13 seasons at Grand Valley. The Lakers never finished lower than third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

Kelly mentored a pair of finalists for the Harlon Hill Award, presented annually to the top player in Division II. Quarterback Curt Anes won the award in 2002 after finishing as runner-up in 2001. He threw for 10,581 career yards and 114 TD passes — 48 in '01 and 47 in '02 (12 games with at least five TD passes). Anes still holds the NCAA Division II single-season passing efficiency record for '01 at 221.6 (189 for 271 for 3,086 yards, with 21 TDs, three interceptions). Quarterback Jeff Fox was third in the balloting in 1998, as he became the first Laker quarterback to throw for more than 2,000 yards in multiple seasons. Kelly's Grand Valley State players earned 77 All-America awards (11 in 2002 alone). Four players moved on to the NFL and another three to the Canadian Football League.

His 2001 national runner-up squad set 77 NCAA, GLIAC and school records, including the Division II scoring record by averaging 58.4 points per game (and an average victory margin of 48.0 points). The 2001 team also became the first Division II unit in 53 years to average more than 600 yards per game in total offense (600.8), leading the nation in that category.

Grand Valley State followed its record-shattering 2001 season by averaging 497.5 yards and a nation-leading 46.7 points during its undefeated 2002 national championship run in which Kelly's squad went wire-to-wire as the top-rated Division II squad. That '02 campaign ended with a 31-24 championship game win over second-ranked and unbeaten Valdosta State — as All-America receiver David Kircus caught 11 passes for 270 yards and three TDs. Kircus holds the NCAA Division II season record for TD receptions with 35 in '02, catching at least one TD pass in 24 straight games in 2001-02. He ended his career with 4,142 receiving yards and 76 TD catches and led the nation (Division II) in scoring in both '01 and '02.

The 2003 team, meanwhile, became more noted for its defense, leading the country in rushing defense at 62.0 yards per game. The Lakers defeated North Dakota 10-3 in the 2003 national title game (played annually in Florence, Alabama). In 10 of his 13 seasons at Grand Valley State, Kelly's teams won eight or more games — and he finished with a 103-22-2 mark in GLIAC contests. The seniors on his final team in '03 won 47 of their final 49 games (and finished 34-4 in four seasons of GLIAC play) and won 20 straight games in 2002-03. Kicker David Hendrix led the nation in '03 with 25 field goals.

KELLY OFF THE GRIDIRON

Born in Everett, Massachusetts, and raised in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Kelly attended St. John's Prep School in Danvers, Massachusetts. He was a four-year letter-winner at Assumption College (Worcester, Massachusetts) as a linebacker, captaining the squad in both '81 and '82 under coach Paul Cantiani on teams that finished 8-3 and 7-1-1. After graduating from Assumption in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in political science, he served as linebacker coach and defensive coordinator (as well as softball coach) from 1983-86 at Assumption under head football coach Bernie Gaughan.

Kelly was invited back to Assumption in 2012 where he served as commencement speaker and received an honorary degree from his alma mater. Kelly also endowed a \$250,000 scholarship for Assumption football players.

Kelly joined the Grand Valley State staff in 1987 as a graduate assistant and defensive backs coach. He became the defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator in 1989 and took over (at age 28) as head coach in 1991 (replacing Tom Beck, who left to become running backs coach at Notre Dame under Lou Holtz). His first Laker team finished 9-3 and qualified for the NCAA playoffs. In 2009, Kelly was inducted into the Grand Valley State Athletics Hall of Fame and in 2011, Grand Valley State renamed its Laker Turf Building the Kelly Family Sports Center. The Kelly Family Sports Center is a 138,000 square-foot building that houses a regulation football field, a six-lane, 300-meter track, all of the amenities for field events, batting cages that drop from the ceiling, an athletic training room, locker rooms, multi-purpose rooms, classrooms, bleacher seating for 800 in the grandstand and bleachers on the field level for another 260 spectators. In addition to intercollegiate athletics, the movement science department, campus recreation/intramurals and club sports also use the facility.

Kelly was announced as the Notre Dame head coach on Dec. 10, 2009. He signed a five-year contract to coach the Irish. On Jan. 10, 2012, the University announced it extended Kelly's contract two seasons through the 2016 campaign. Kelly received another contract extension, this one extending through 2017, following the 2013 season-opening victory over Temple.

Considering his wife Paqui is a two-time breast cancer survivor, it's hardly surprising that Kelly and his wife have collaborated to fully embrace the fight against cancer.

In June 2010, Brian and Paqui made a \$250,000 gift to the University of Notre Dame in support of endeavors in research, academics and community engagement. The benefaction directly supports three Notre Dame initiatives — cancer research, the Hesburgh Libraries and the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC). In the area of cancer research — the fight against breast cancer is a deeply personal cause for the Kelly family — the gift benefits the Mike and Josie Harper Cancer Research Institute that opened in 2011 in Notre Dame's new Harper Hall. The institute brings together scientists from Notre Dame and Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend to collaborate to advance basic and clinical research as it pertains to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer.

The Kelly Cares Foundation, now in its ninth year, has established itself as a "Playbook for Hope." The Foundation's mission strengthens communities and inspires hope by investing resources to improve health and education. The communities touched by the Foundation are a model of educational success and wellness that provide hope and inspiration to all.

Since its founding in 2008, the Kelly Cares Foundation has donated nearly \$4.2 million to support causes locally, nationally and globally. Some notable organizations that have received contributions from the Foundation include the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, The Paqui and Brian Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center, The University of Notre Dame, Breezy Point Disaster Relief Fund, Andean Health Global, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Memorial Children's Hospital, Boys & Girls Club, and the YMCA.

The Kelly Cares Foundation hosts a series of events throughout the year. Starting with its largest fundraiser, the Irish Eyes Gala, held annually in New York City, followed by Football 101, a ladies only clinic held at the Notre Dame football facilities, a golf invitational, Game Day Chase 5K/10K held on a Notre Dame home football weekend, and Paqui's Playbook — October series of events focusing on breast cancer research and patient advocacy.

In 2014 Saint Joseph Health System announced the creation of the new Paqui and Brian Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center (CBC), which offers a team of dedicated professionals and state-of-the-art services, and was advanced by a generous gift from the Kelly Cares Foundation. The Paqui and Brian Kelly CBC delivers specialized care for all aspects of

breast health, setting the standard of care in Michiana. The Paqui and Brian Kelly CBC allows women access to:

- Evaluation/treatment for a variety of benign breast diseases, as well as breast cancer
- The highest quality screening, detection and diagnostic technology, including 3D mammography and molecular breast imaging
- A peaceful, comfortable patient-centered environment
- Access to forward-thinking clinical trials and research
- Comprehensive genetic screening, genetic testing and genetic counseling services
- Individualized patient consultation, education, treatment and community support resources
- A multidisciplinary team approach to breast cancer that ensures all patient cases are reviewed by a team of experts who work closely with the patient to create an individualized treatment plan
- Reconstructive surgery, survivorship and rehabilitation

In 2016, the Kelly Cares Foundation donated \$100,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Michiana. RMHC of Michiana started construction of a new Ronald McDonald House, a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill and injured children. The new 20-bedroom house will be located in the Skyway Building across from Memorial Children's Hospital.

Kelly and his wife Francisca (Paqui) are parents of three children — Patrick, Grace and Kenzel.

KELLY'S OVERALL RECORD

School	W-L-T	Win %
Grand Valley State Totals (13 seasons)	118-35-2	.768
Central Michigan Totals (3 seasons)	19-16	.543
Cincinnati Totals (3 seasons)	34-6	.850
Notre Dame Totals (10 seasons)	*92-37	*.713
Overall Totals (29 seasons)	*263-94-2	*.735

* Includes 21 victories (and two postseason appearances) later vacated by discretionary NCAA penalty.

WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES

(by victories)

Rank	Name, School	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Brian Kelly, Notre Dame[^]	30	273	95	2	0.741
2.	Mack Brown, North Carolina	32	259	131	1	0.664
3.	Nick Saban, Alabama	25	254	65	1	0.795
4.	Willie Fritz, Tulane	24	183	102	0	0.642
5.	Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	25	180	127	0	0.586
6.	Gary Patterson, TCU	21	178	74	0	0.706
7.	Frank Solich, Ohio	23	173	101	0	0.631
8.	Chris Creighton, Eastern Michigan	24	169	97	0	0.635
9.	Les Miles, Kansas	18	145	73	0	0.665
10.	Skip Holtz, Louisiana Tech	21	149	112	0	0.571

*Minimum five years as FBS head coach; record at four-year colleges only

KELLY'S POSTSEASON RECORD (17-9)

Year	School	Event	Result
1991	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	L 15-38 vs. East Texas State
1994	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	L 27-35 vs. Indiana (Pa.)
1998	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	L 14-37 vs. Slippery Rock
2001	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	W 42-13 vs. Bloomsburg*
			W 33-30 vs. Saginaw Valley State*
			W 34-16 vs. Catawba*
			L 14-17 vs. North Dakota#
2002	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	W 62-13 vs. C.W. Post*
			W 62-21 vs. Indiana (Pa.)*
			W 44-7 vs. Northern Colorado*
			W 31-24 vs. Valdosta State#
2003	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	W 65-36 vs. Bentley
			W 10-3 vs. Saginaw Valley State
			W 31-3 vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville
			W 10-3 vs. North Dakota#
2006	Cincinnati	International Bowl	W 27-24 vs. Western Michigan
2007	Cincinnati	Papajohns.com Bowl	W 31-21 vs. Southern Mississippi
2008	Cincinnati	Orange Bowl	L 7-20 vs. Virginia Tech
2010	Notre Dame	Sun Bowl	W 33-17 vs. Miami
2011	Notre Dame	Champs Sports Bowl	L 14-18 vs. Florida State
2012*	Notre Dame	BCS Title Game	L 14-42 vs. Alabama
2014	Notre Dame	Music City Bowl	W 31-28 vs. LSU
2015	Notre Dame	Fiesta Bowl	L 28-44 vs. Ohio State
2017	Notre Dame	Citrus Bowl	W 21-17 vs. LSU
2018	Notre Dame	Cotton Bowl	L 3-30 vs. Clemson
2019	Notre Dame	Camping World Bowl	W 33-9 vs. Iowa State

* home games played in Allendale, Michigan

NCAA Division II championship games

WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES

(by percentage)

Rank	Name, School	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Dabo Swinney, Clemson	12	140	32	0	0.814
2.	Nick Saban, Alabama	25	254	65	1	0.795
3.	Lance Leipold, Buffalo	14	145	39	0	0.788
4.	Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M	11	108	33	0	0.766
5.	Brian Harsin, Boise State	8	76	24	0	0.760
6.	Brian Kelly, Notre Dame[^]	30	273	95	2	0.741
7.	David Shaw, Stanford	10	90	36	0	0.714
8.	Tom Herman, Texas	6	53	22	0	0.707
9.	Gary Patterson, TCU	21	178	74	0	0.706
10.	Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	13	107	49	0	0.686

*Minimum five years as FBS head coach; record at four-year colleges only

WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES

(vs. Associated Press top 25, min. 10 games)

Rank	Name, School	GP	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Ryan Day, Ohio State	10	9	1	0	0.900
2.	Lincoln Riley, Oklahoma	17	13	4	0	0.765
3.	Nick Saban, Alabama	131	88	43	0	0.672
4.	Dabo Swinney, Clemson	52	32	20	0	0.591
5.	Tom Herman, Texas	25	15	10	0	0.600
6.	Kirby Smart, Georgia	27	16	11	0	0.593
7.	David Shaw, Stanford	47	27	20	0	0.574
8.	Chip Kelly, UCLA	30	17	13	0	0.567
9.	Brian Kelly, Notre Dame[^]	55	30	25	0	0.545
10.	Gary Patterson, TCU	55	28	27	0	0.509

[^] Kelly's records include 20 regular-season wins and two postseason appearances later vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty. See Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. statement (<https://president.nd.edu/writings-addresses/2018-writings/a-letter-from-the-president-on-the-ncaa-infractions-case/>).

THE NFL DRAFT UNDER BRIAN KELLY

- Notre Dame has had 44 players selected in the NFL Draft since 2012. Only seven schools in the nation have had more draft picks over the same span. Kelly has done this while also maintaining a program that ranks among the top four in the NCAA's annual Graduation Success Rate.
- Kelly had a first-round pick in three-straight NFL Drafts: Michael Floyd (2012), Harrison Smith (2012), Tyler Eifert (2013) and Zack Martin (2014). The program had not accomplished the feat since 1991-94.
- Nine Notre Dame players have been selected in the first round of the NFL Draft since 2012, which ties for the seventh-most in the FBS over the span.

NOTRE DAME FIRST-ROUND NFL DRAFT PICKS

Years	First Round Picks
1995-2011 (17 drafts)	4
2012-2020 (9 drafts)	9

Rank	School	First Round Draft Picks*
1.	Alabama	26
2.	Ohio State	17
3.	LSU	14
4.	Clemson	12
5.	Florida	10
6.	Georgia	10
7.	Notre Dame	9
	Florida State	9

* Since 2012

- Notre Dame has had 17 players selected in the top two rounds of the draft since 2012 — which is tied for sixth-most in the FBS over the span. Michigan (nine), Mississippi State (four) and Texas (three) have combined to produce 16.

Rank	School	Top-Two Round Draft Picks*
1.	Alabama	44
2.	Ohio State	29
3.	LSU	28
4.	Florida State	20
5.	Clemson	18
6.	Notre Dame	17
	Washington	17

* Since 2012

- Kelly has produced three times as many first-round NFL Draft picks (nine) as the three previous Notre Dame head coaches combined (three). Only Ara Parseghian (12), Lou Holtz (12) and Frank Leahy (10) have produced more first-round picks during their entire Irish coaching tenures.

Rank	Coach (Tenure)	First Rounders	NFL Drafts
1.	Lou Holtz (1986-96)	12	11
	Ara Parseghian (1964-74)	12	11
3.	Frank Leahy (1941-43, 46-53)	10	11
4.	Brian Kelly (2010-)	9	10

- In 2019, Notre Dame became the first school in 37 years and just the second in NFL Draft history to have four offensive linemen selected in the top 16 picks over a five-year span.
- Notre Dame has had four offensive linemen drafted in the first round of the NFL Draft since 2014 — the most of any school in the FBS.

Player (Draft Year)	Round (overall selection, team)
Quenton Nelson (2018)	1 (6, Indianapolis Colts)
Mike McGlinchey (2018)	1 (9, San Francisco 49ers)
Ronnie Stanley (2016)	1 (6, Baltimore Ravens)
Zack Martin (2014)	1 (16, Dallas Cowboys)

- Nelson was the highest-selected offensive guard in the NFL Draft since Bill Fralic went second overall to the Atlanta Falcons in 1985.
- Nelson and McGlinchey were the first two offensive linemen selected in the 2018 NFL Draft. It marked the first time since 1991 that the top two offensive linemen drafted were from the same school.
- It marked just the third time in the last 60 years that the top two offensive linemen drafted were from the same school.
- In the past seven drafts, Notre Dame has seen six offensive linemen selected in the first three rounds in Nelson, Stanley, McGlinchey, Zack Martin, Nick Martin and Chris Watt (third round pick of the San Diego Chargers in 2014). Over the previous 12 years (2002-13), only two Notre Dame offensive linemen were drafted in the first three rounds in Jeff Faine (first round pick of the Cleveland Browns in 2003) and Ryan Harris (third round pick of the Denver Broncos in 2007).
- Notre Dame tight end Cole Kmet was selected in the second round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears. He was the seventh Irish tight end drafted, fifth in the top four rounds, under Kelly.
- Kmet was the ninth-straight Notre Dame starting tight end chosen in the NFL Draft.
- Notre Dame's opening day starter at tight end has developed into an eventual NFL Draft pick in each of the past 16 seasons.
- With seven picks in the first four rounds of the 2016 NFL Draft, the Irish draft class matched the 1955, '67, '93 and '94 draft classes for the most in school history at this elite stage.
- Notre Dame's seven overall picks tied Alabama and Florida for the fourth-most of any school in 2016. Only Ohio State (12), Clemson (nine) and UCLA (eight) saw more players chosen.
- Notre Dame had six players chosen in the first three rounds of the 2016 NFL Draft. It was the most since the Irish had a school-record seven players selected in the top three rounds of the 1994 draft.
- Notre Dame had four players (Stanley, Will Fuller, Jaylon Smith, Nick Martin) selected in the top 50 picks of the 2016 NFL draft for the first time since 1993 when the Irish had six (Rick Mirer, Jerome Bettis, Tom Carter, Irv Smith, Demetrius DuBose, Reggie Brooks).
- Notre Dame had eight players chosen in the 2014 NFL Draft. The Irish had not had a larger haul in the draft since 1994 when Notre Dame had 10 players selected.
- Notre Dame's eight drafted players were tied for the second most of any school in the nation. LSU led the country with nine selections, while the Irish were tied with Alabama.
- Drue Tranquill continued a trend that has followed Brian Kelly at his previous coaching stops at Central Michigan and Cincinnati. He joined the Notre Dame program as a safety. Tranquill was converted to a linebacker prior to the 2017 season.
- Tranquill joined the likes of KeiVarae Russell, C.J. Prosise, Bennett Jackson and Troy Niklas of Notre Dame, Joe Staley from Central Michigan and Jason Kelce and Connor Barwin from Cincinnati. All eight opened their careers under Kelly at one position before ultimately getting drafted at another position.
- That group does not include NFL All-Pro and former first-round pick J.J. Watt, who Kelly recruited to Central Michigan. Watt ultimately transferred and walked on at Wisconsin.


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 Wide Receivers
 25th Year Coaching, Fourth Year at Notre Dame

THE ALEXANDER FILE

Hometown	Los Angeles, California
High School	University High School
College	USC (Social Sciences/History, 1995)
Wife	Star
Children	Sons - JD, Jalen and Drew

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1992	West Los Angeles College	Wide Receiver
1993-94	USC	Wide Receiver

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED

1993	USC (Freedom)
1994	USC (Cotton)

COACHING CAREER

1995	USC	Assistant Video Coordinator
1996-97	USC	Graduate Assistant (Tight Ends)
1998	UNLV	Wide Receivers
1999	San Diego Chargers	Senior Offensive Assistant (Running Backs)
2000-01	UNLV	Passing Game Coord./Wide Receivers/Quarterbacks
2002	UNLV	Wide Receivers/Quarterbacks
2003-04	Oregon State	Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receivers
2005-06	San Diego	Running Backs/Assistant Special Teams Coordinator
2007-11	Wisconsin	Wide Receivers
2012-15	Arizona State	Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers
2016	Arizona State	Tight Ends
2017-	Notre Dame	Wide Receivers

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

1995	USC (Rose)	2011	Wisconsin (Rose)
2000	UNLV (Las Vegas)	2012	Arizona State (Fight Hunger)
2003	Oregon State (Las Vegas)	2013	Arizona State (Holiday)
2004	Oregon State (Insight)	2014	Arizona State (Sun)
2007	Wisconsin (Outback)	2015	Arizona State (Cactus)
2008	Wisconsin (Champs Sports)	2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)
2009	Wisconsin (Champs Sports)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
2010	Wisconsin (Rose)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fourth season as the Irish wide receivers coach in 2020
- Helped Javon McKinley to a breakout season that earned him honorable mention All-ACC honors following the season
- McKinley had 4 100+ yard games in 2020, tied for the most by any wide receiver in the ACC
- Offensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage (.493, 9th), fewest interceptions (2, 5th), and time of possession (33:57, 8th) during the 2020 season
- Critical in the development of 2020 second-round pick Chase Claypool (Pittsburgh), 2019 third-round pick Miles Boykin (Baltimore) and San Francisco 49ers signee Chris Finke
- Claypool led the Irish and recorded career-highs in receptions (66), receiving yards (1037) and receiving TDs (13) in his final season in 2019
- Boykin, who entered 2018 with 18 career receptions for 334 yards and three TDs, hauled in 59 passes for 872 yards and eight TDs - all team-highs - in his final season in 2018
- Finke, a former walk-on, hauled in 90 catches for 1,032 yards and six TDs in his final two seasons
- Spent five years at Arizona State (2012-16), including four as the passing game coordinator/wide receivers coach and one as the tight ends coach
- Helped the 2015 Sun Devil aerial attack continue to operate at a high rate of efficiency (299.1 yards/game)

- Mentored graduate transfer wideout Devin Lucien in his only season at Arizona State, where Lucien led the Sun Devils with 1,075 receiving yards and eight TDs on 66 catches (Lucien had caught 58 passes for 752 yards and four TDs in his three previous seasons at UCLA)
- In 2014, Alexander's wide receivers accounted for 57 percent of the Sun Devils TDs and 61 percent of their total yardage
- Under his tutelage, Jaelen Strong, Gary Chambers and Cameron Smith all recorded career seasons
- Arizona State averaged 36.9 points/game (16th in the nation) and registered 34 receiving TDs (13th in the nation)
- The Sun Devils' passing game thrived in '12 as ASU pass catchers caught 33 TDs (second-most in school history) and helped (then) first-year quarterback Taylor Kelly establish a single-season school record for completion percentage
- Before joining the Arizona State staff, Alexander spent five seasons at Wisconsin as the wide receivers coach (2007-11)
- Part of two Big Ten championships and five bowl appearances at Wisconsin, including back-to-back Rose Bowls in 2010 and 2011
- In 2011, Wisconsin passed for 3,280 yards - the highest total in school history
- Mentored All-Big Ten wide receiver Nick Toon, who led the team with 64 catches for 926 yards and 10 TDs
- Toon finished with the third-most receiving yards in school history and the fifth-most TD catches
- Prior to his tenure at Wisconsin, Alexander served as the running backs coach, assistant travel coordinator, assistant special teams coordinator and NCAA rules representative at the University of San Diego (2005-06) under then-coach Jim Harbaugh
- The Toreros, who led the nation in offense in 2005, won conference championships in both 2005 and 2006
- Served as the recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach at Oregon State for two years (2003-04)
- Beavers placed wide receivers on the All-Pac-10 first team during each of his two seasons
- Coached wide receivers and quarterbacks at UNLV for three seasons (2000-02)
- Served as the passing game coordinator for the Rebels in 2000-01
- Coached players earned first-team All-Mountain West accolades in each of his three years
- Worked for the San Diego Chargers in 1999 as a senior offensive assistant (running backs) and also had responsibilities with quality control, video analysis, opponent summaries and self scout
- Coached wideouts at UNLV in 1998
- Began coaching career in 1995 at USC as an assistant video coordinator
- Spent two years (1996-97) as a graduate assistant for the Trojans working with the tight ends

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
WR Chase Claypool (Notre Dame)

- 2020 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Pittsburgh Steelers)

WR Miles Boykin (Notre Dame)

- 2019 NFL Draft Third Round pick (Baltimore Ravens)

WR Equanimeous St. Brown (Notre Dame)

- 2018 NFL Draft Sixth Round pick (Green Bay Packers)

WR Jaelen Strong (Arizona State)

- 2015 NFL Draft Third Round pick (Houston Texans)
- 2014 Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, CBS Sports and ESPN.com Second Team All-American
- 2014 Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist

WR Nick Toon (Wisconsin)

- 2012 NFL Draft Fourth Round pick (New Orleans Saints)
- Third in school history with 2,447 career receiving yards and 171 career receptions
- Fifth at Wisconsin with 18 career receiving TDs

WR Mike Hass (Oregon State)

- 2006 NFL Draft Sixth Round pick (New Orleans Saints)
- 2005 Biletnikoff Award recipient
- Two-time All-American

**MIKE ELSTON**

Associate Head Coach/Defensive Line
24th Year Coaching, 11th Year at Notre Dame

THE ELSTON FILE

Hometown	St. Marys, Ohio
High School	Memorial High School
College	Michigan (Sport Management and Communications, 1998)
Wife	Beth
Children	Daughters - Olivia, Sophia and Isabella

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1993-96	Michigan	Outside Linebacker
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BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED

1993	Michigan (Hall of Fame)	1995	Michigan (Alamo)
1994	Michigan (Holiday)	1996	Michigan (Outback)

COACHING CAREER

1997	Michigan	Student Assistant
1998	Michigan	Video Intern
1999-2000	Michigan	Graduate Assistant/Outside Linebackers
2001	Eastern Michigan	Defensive Ends
2002-03	Eastern Michigan	Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Line
2004	Central Michigan	Defensive Line
2005	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line
2006	Central Michigan	Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator
2007-08	Cincinnati	Recruiting Coord./Tight Ends/Special Teams Coord.
2009	Cincinnati	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Line/Special Teams Coord.
2010-11	Notre Dame	Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator
2012-14	Notre Dame	Defensive Line
2015-16	Notre Dame	Recruiting Coordinator/Linebackers
2017-	Notre Dame	Associate Head Coach/Defensive Line

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

1997	Michigan (Rose)	2011	Notre Dame (Champs Sports)
1998	Michigan (Citrus)	2012	Notre Dame (BCS National Championship)
1999	Michigan (Orange)	2013	Notre Dame (Pinstripe)
2000	Michigan (Citrus)	2014	Notre Dame (Music City)
2006	Central Michigan (Motor City)	2015	Notre Dame (Fiesta)
2007	Cincinnati (Papajohns.com)	2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)
2009	Cincinnati (Orange)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
2010	Notre Dame (Sun)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Four-year member of Michigan's football team (1993-96)
- Three-year letter winner for the Wolverines as an outside linebacker (1994-96)

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Part of the Notre Dame coaching staff since 2010, served as the recruiting coordinator from 2015-17 and associate head coach since 2017
- Coached the Irish linebackers for two seasons (2015-16)
- Returned to the defensive line in 2017, a position he coached at Notre Dame from 2010-14

- Defensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage defense (.294, 6th) and fumble recovered (10, 7th) during the 2020 season
- The Irish defense ranked in the top-20 nationally during 2020 in scoring defense (18.6, 14th), team TFL (7.8, 14th), rushing defense (110.5, 15th), passing efficiency defense (119.13, 20th) and total defense (335.1, 20th)
- The Irish defense had six straight games allowing less than 100 yards rushing going up against some of the prolific running backs in the country in 2020
- Helped Daelin Hayes comeback from injury and earned semifinalist honors for the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year award
- Hayes was also named a finalist for the Jason Witten College Man of the Year
- Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa was named to the second team All-ACC while Hayes, Ade Ogundeji and Kurt Hinich earned Honorable Mention All-ACC honors
- Helped Notre Dame's 2019 defense rank in the top-25 FBS rankings in total fumbles recovered (19, 1st), takeaways (28, t-4th), scoring defense (17.9, 12th), passing yards allowed/game (168.5, 3rd), team passing efficiency defense (110.15, 5th) and total defense (321.6, 18th)
- Notre Dame's 2018 defense was ranked in the top-10 FBS rankings in fewest TD passes allowed (10, 3rd), passing yards allowed/attempt (5.6, t-2nd), pass efficiency defense (105.6/6th), fewest plays of at least 30 yards (17, t-10th), and fewest TDs allowed (28, t-10th).
- Helped the defensive line combine for 26.0 sacks and 46.5 TFLs in 2018, which is remarkable considering the defensive line managed just 3.0 sacks and 23.5 TFLs in 2016
- Helped Khalid Kareem become PFF's top-rated player on defense in all of college football in 2019
- Kareem earned a nation's-best season grade of 85.1 with a pass-rush grade of 86.6, while being named to the watch lists for the Badnarik, Nagurski and Hendricks Awards
- Mentored All-American Jerry Tillery in 2018 to his best season in an Irish uniform
- Tillery ranked in the top-five among FBS interior defensive lineman in QB hurries (33, t-2nd) and sacks (8.0, t-4th)
- Tillery was the fourth highest-rated interior defensive lineman by Pro Football Focus (54.6)
- Tillery was the second highest-rated pass-rushing interior defensive lineman by Pro Football Focus (43.0)
- Tillery was tied for fourth among FBS interior defensive lineman in sacks (8.0)
- Notre Dame's defensive line improved its sack total from 2016 when it accounted for just 3.0 sacks and both of the players graduated
- Irish defensive line registered 16.5 sacks in 2017
- Seven different defensive linemen recorded sacks in 2017, which equals the total number of defensive linemen with sacks over the previous two years combined
- Spearheaded Irish recruiting effort that brought in consensus top-15 classes each of the last three seasons
- Jaylon Smith eclipsed 100 tackles in consecutive seasons and no Power 5 linebacker, other than Smith, made the following claim in 2015: 114 or more tackles, 9.0 TFLs and five PBUs
- Oversaw the Notre Dame special teams units in 2010 and 2011
- Played critical role in the development of Sheldon Day, who was drafted in the fourth round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars
- Developed Stephon Tuitt and Louis Nix III into second- and third-round NFL Draft (2014) picks, respectively
- Tuitt and Louis Nix III became the first pair of Irish defensive linemen chosen in the top three rounds of the same draft since 1997
- Helped Tuitt note 21.5 career sacks — tied for third in school history
- Major impact on Kapron Lewis-Moore's development into a sixth-round NFL Draft pick in 2013 — would have been drafted much higher had it not been for a torn ACL suffered in the 2013 Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game
- Led an Irish defensive line that allowed only four rushing touchdowns

- in 2012 (first did not come until the eighth game of the year) — the fewest in the FBS
- In 2012 Tuitt and Nix III became the first pair of Irish defensive linemen to earn All-America status in same season since 1989
- Oversaw a Notre Dame defensive line that helped hold eight different opponents to under 100 yards rushing in 2012, which was tied for the most of any BCS automatically-qualifying school
- Mentored an Irish defensive line unit that helped limit their foes to 3.47 yards per rush, which ranked 17th in the FBS
- Helped Notre Dame kick returner George Atkinson III rank 19th in the FBS in kickoff return average (26.1) in 2011
- Helped David Ruffer to an All-America caliber season and finalist for the 2010 Lou Groza Award
- Helped Ruffer convert his first 18 field-goal attempts of 2010, which snapped school records for most consecutive made field goals in a season (18) and career (23)
- Held responsibilities of assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator, special teams coordinator, tight ends coach and defensive line coach over three years at Cincinnati (2007-09)
- Helped implement a new scheme in 2009 with three first-year starters on a Bearcats' defensive line that limited their opponents to 3.6 rushing yards per carry
- Coached a 2009 Cincinnati "D"-Line that played a major role as the Bearcats registered the third-most TFL and 10th-most sacks in the FBS
- Helped Ricardo Mathews earn second-team all-BIG EAST honors as he led Cincinnati with 12.5 tackles for loss, and Alex Daniels paced the defensive line with 56 tackles and 8.5 sacks
- Served as Cincinnati's special teams coordinator in 2009 for the third straight season
- Guided Mardy Gilyard as he captured BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year for the second consecutive season in 2009
- Gilyard averaged 30.5 yards per KOR and 12.6 yards per PR
- Coached a Bearcats' kickoff return unit that ranked second in the nation in 2009, averaging 28.5 yards per kickoff return
- Mentored two-time Associated Press All-America punter (2007, 2008) and 2007 consensus selection Kevin Huber at Cincinnati
- Critical reason the Bearcats became only the fourth team in FBS history to lead the nation in net punting in consecutive seasons
- Helped Kevin Huber capture the 2007 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year award after he led the nation averaging 46.9 yards per punt
- Spent three seasons at Central Michigan (2004-06) under Irish head coach Brian Kelly
- Coached two all-MAC LBs in 2006, including the league's top tackler
- Served as CMU's co-defensive coordinator and defensive line coach in 2005 and mentored Dan Bazuin, who led the nation with 26.5 tackles for loss and tied a MAC record with 16 sacks
- First full-time coaching job came at Eastern Michigan University (2001-03) where he coached defensive line and then added recruiting coordinator responsibilities his final two years
- First taste of coaching came as a graduate assistant at the University of Michigan from 1999-2000

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
DL Khalid Kareem (Notre Dame)

- 2020 NFL Draft Fifth Round pick (Cincinnati Bengals)
- PFF's highest-rated defensive player in 2019 (85.1)

DL Jerry Tillery (Notre Dame)

- 2019 NFL Draft First Round pick (Los Angeles Chargers)
- 2018 First Team All-American (CBS Sports, Sports Illustrated)

LB Jaylon Smith (Notre Dame)

- 2016 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Dallas Cowboys)
- 2015 Consensus All-American
- 2015 Butkus Award Recipient

DT Sheldon Day (Notre Dame)

- 2016 NFL Draft Fourth Round pick (Jacksonville Jaguars)
- 2015 First Team All-American

DL Stephon Tuitt (Notre Dame)

- 2014 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Pittsburgh Steelers)
- 2012 First Team All-American

DL Louis Nix III (Notre Dame)

- 2014 NFL Draft Third Round pick (Houston Texans)
- 2012 Third Team All-American

PK David Ruffer (Notre Dame)

- 2010 Lou Groza Award finalist

WR Mardy Gilyard (Cincinnati)

- 2009 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year
- 2008 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year

P Kevin Huber (Cincinnati)

- 2007, 2008 First Team All-American
- 2007 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year

DE Dan Bazuin (Central Michigan)

- 2007 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Chicago Bears)
- Led NCAA with 26.5 tackles for loss in 2005
- Tied MAC record with 16 sacks


TERRY JOSEPH

Pat and Jana Eilers Family Defensive Backs Coach/
Defensive Pass Game Coordinator
15th Year Coaching, Third Year at Notre Dame

THE JOSEPH FILE

Hometown	New Orleans, Louisiana
High School	Archbishop Shaw High School
College	Northwestern State (Marketing/Business Administration, 1996)
Wife	Amanda
Children	Daughters - Taylor and Lynleigh

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1992-95	Northwestern State	Baseball
1995	Williamsport (Class A)	Chicago Cubs
1996	Rockford (Class A-Advanced)	Chicago Cubs
1997	Orlando (Double-A)	Chicago Cubs
1998	West Tennessee (Double-A)	Chicago Cubs
1998	Mobile (Double-A)	San Diego Padres
1998	Rancho Cucamonga (Class A-Advanced)	San Diego Padres

COACHING CAREER

2006	LSU	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
2007-09	Louisiana Tech	Recruiting Coordinator/Secondary
2010-11	Tennessee	Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Backs
2012-13	Nebraska	Secondary
2014-16	Texas A&M	Defensive Backs
2017	North Carolina	Defensive Backs
2018	Notre Dame	Defensive Backs
2019-	Notre Dame	Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Defensive Backs

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2006	LSU (Sugar)	2014	Texas A&M (Liberty)
2008	Louisiana Tech (Independence)	2015	Texas A&M (Music City)
2010	Tennessee (Music City)	2016	Texas A&M (Texas)
2012	Nebraska (Capital One)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
2013	Nebraska (Gator)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Earned his bachelor's degree in marketing/business administration from Northwestern State in 1996
- Baseball standout at the school, and one of only 12 players in Southland Conference history to earn first-team all-conference honors three straight seasons
- Named the 1995 Southland Conference and Louisiana Player of the Year
- Twice earned Academic All-America honors (1993, 1995)
- Helped the Demons capture three straight SLC championships and held 10 different school records when his collegiate career ended
- Thirteenth-round Major League Baseball Draft choice of the Chicago Cubs and played four seasons in the minor leagues with the Cubs and San Diego Padres
- Cousin Vance Joseph was the head coach for the Denver Broncos (2017-18), and another cousin, Mickey Joseph, is the wide receivers coach at LSU

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Second season as the Irish defensive passing game coordinator in 2020 and returns as the defensive backs coach
- Served as the defensive backs coach in 2018
- Defensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage defense (.294, 6th) and fumble recovered (10, 7th) during the 2020 season
- The Irish defense ranked in the top-20 nationally during 2020 in scoring defense (18.6, 14th), team TFL (7.8, 14th), rushing defense (110.5, 15th), passing efficiency defense (119.13, 20th) and total defense (335.1, 20th)
- The Irish defense had six straight games allowing less than 100 yards rushing going up against some of the prolific running backs in the country in 2020
- Continued to guide the growth of Kyle Hamilton as he was named first team All-ACC by the conference coaches and the Associated Press
- Oversaw Shaun Crawford's transition from cornerback to safety and Crawford earned honorable mention All-ACC honors
- Helped Notre Dame's 2019 defense rank in the top-25 FBS rankings in total fumbles recovered (19, 1st), takeaways (28, t-4th), scoring defense (17.9, 12th), passing yards allowed/game (168.5, 3rd), team passing efficiency defense (110.15, 5th) and total defense (321.6, 18th)
- Notre Dame's 2018 defense was ranked in the top-10 FBS rankings in fewest TD passes allowed (10, 3rd), passing yards allowed/attempt (5.6, t-2nd), pass efficiency defense (105.6/6th), fewest plays of at least 30 yards (17, t-10th), and fewest TDs allowed (28, t-10th).
- Critical in the development of Notre Dame defensive backs Jalen Elliott, Alohi Gilman and Troy Pride Jr.
- Gilman notched 74 tackles and an INT in 2019 while serving as team captain and landing on the Nagurski and Thorpe Watch Lists
- Pride Jr., who entered his junior season with just 34 tackles, racked up 87 tackles and three INTs in his last two seasons
- After Irish safeties failed to record an interception in 2017, a first for the program since 1964, Elliott and Gilman had four and two, respectively, in 2018
- Elliott (one) and Gilman (two) also combined for three forced fumbles
- Gilman was the second-highest ranked safety in the country according to Pro Football Focus (26.4) in 2018
- According to Pro Football Focus, Gilman was the second highest-rated safety overall (26.4), third highest-rated safety against the run (12.6) and fifth highest-rated safety in pass coverage (14.0) in 2018
- Gilman missed just four tackles, and, among players with at least 826 defensive snaps (and Gilman had 924), no player in the country had fewer missed tackles
- Elliott's team-best four interceptions in 2018 were the most for a Notre Dame safety since Matthias Farley in 2014
- Previously an assistant coach at Tennessee, Nebraska, Texas A&M and North Carolina
- Tutored North Carolina cornerback M.J. Stewart, who was selected

in the second round (53rd overall pick) of the 2018 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

- A two-time All-ACC honorable mention selection, Stewart registered 45 tackles, 12 pass breakups, 5.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks in 2017
- Prior to his tenure in Chapel Hill, Joseph served as the defensive backs coach at Texas A&M for three seasons (2014-16)
- Coached an Aggies pass defense in 2015 that ranked fourth nationally in passing yards allowed per game and 18th in pass efficiency defense
- Instrumental in the position switch of Brandon Williams, who converted from a running back to cornerback prior to the start of the 2015 season, and ultimately developed into a third-round pick in the 2016 NFL Draft
- Mentored 2016 All-SEC strong safety Justin Evans, who also was a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award
- Spent two seasons at Nebraska as its secondary coach (2012-13)
- Despite the loss of two returning starters, Cornhuskers' 2012 secondary led the nation in opponent completion percentage (47.1 percent), ranked fourth in pass defense (168.2 yards allowed per game) and ninth in pass efficiency defense (105.32)
- The 168.2 passing yards per game NU allowed in 2012 was the second-fewest by a Husker defense since 1993, while the 47.1 completion percentage was the lowest for Nebraska since 2001
- Nebraska safety Daimion Stafford earned first-team All-Big Ten honors under Joseph's tutelage
- Stafford led the conference with four interceptions in league play, ranked second on the team with 96 tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered a pair of fumbles
- Coached Cornhuskers cornerback Ciente Evans, who earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from CBS and honorable-mention accolades from the league's coaches
- Nebraska senior safety P.J. Smith also earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors in 2012
- Spent two seasons as the defensive backs coach at Tennessee, where he also served as the recruiting coordinator (2010-11)
- Helped the Volunteer defense rank among the nation's top pass defenses in both 2010 and 2011
- In 2011, UT finished 12th nationally in passing yards allowed with an average of just 177.8 yards per game
- In 2010, helped the Vols rank in the top 20 in the nation with 18 interceptions, and the group played a key role in a late-season run that earned Tennessee a trip to the Music City Bowl
- Volunteers' safety Janzen Jackson and cornerback Prentiss Wagner each earned second-team All-SEC honors in 2010
- Worked three seasons at Louisiana Tech from 2007-09, where he also served as the secondary coach and recruiting coordinator
- In 2008, the Bulldogs finished second in the Western Athletic Conference and earned their first bowl trip in seven seasons
- Coordinated Tech's recruiting efforts, and the 2009 class was ranked second in the WAC
- Ranked as one of the top five recruiters in a non-BCS conference by Rivals.com
- Worked alongside former Nebraska and current Youngstown State head coach Bo Pelini as a defensive graduate assistant at LSU in 2006
- Helped the Tiger defense rank third nationally in total defense
- Began his coaching career in the Louisiana high school ranks, working as an assistant coach at two New Orleans area schools (Archbishop Shaw from 1999-2002 and Destrehan High School from 2003-05)

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

CB Troy Pride Jr. (Notre Dame)

- 2020 NFL Draft Fourth Round pick (Carolina Panthers)

S Alohi Gilman (Notre Dame)

- 2020 NFL Draft Sixth Round pick (Los Angeles Chargers)

CB M.J. Stewart (North Carolina)

- 2018 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

S Justin Evans (Texas A&M)

- 2017 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

CB Brandon Williams (Texas A&M)

- 2016 NFL Draft Third Round pick (Arizona Cardinals)


**CLARK
LEA**

Bob Hinton Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
15th Year Coaching, Fourth Year at Notre Dame

THE LEA FILE

Hometown	Nashville, Tennessee
High School	Montgomery Bell Academy
College	Vanderbilt (Political Science, 2004)
Graduate School	Vanderbilt (Political Science, 2007)
Wife	Allison
Children	Sons - Clark III, Jack; Daughter - Mara

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2001	Birmingham-Southern	Baseball
2002	Belmont	Baseball
2002-04	Vanderbilt	Fullback

COACHING CAREER

2006	UCLA	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
2007	South Dakota State	Linebackers
2008	South Dakota State	Recruiting Coordinator/Linebackers
2009	UCLA	Graduate Assistant (Linebackers)
2010-11	UCLA	Linebackers
2012	Bowling Green	Linebackers
2013-15	Syracuse	Linebackers
2016	Wake Forest	Linebackers
2017	Notre Dame	Linebackers
2018-	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2006	UCLA (Emerald)	2013	Syracuse (Texas)
2009	UCLA (Eagle Bank)	2016	Wake Forest (Military)
2011	UCLA (Fight Hunger)	2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)
2012	Bowling Green (Military)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
		2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Third season as the Irish defensive coordinator in 2020
- Defensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage defense (.294, 6th) and fumble recovered (10, 7th) during the 2020 season
- The Irish defense ranked in the top-20 nationally during 2020 in scoring defense (18.6, 14th), team TFL (7.8, 14th), rushing defense (110.5, 15th), passing efficiency defense (119.13, 20th) and total defense (335.1, 20th)
- The Irish defense had six straight games allowing less than 100 yards rushing going up against some of the prolific running backs in the country in 2020
- Worked with Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah in his stellar senior season when he was name Butkus Award winner and ACC Defensive Player of the Year
- Owusu-Koramoah was also a finalist for the Narguski and Bednarik awards
- Lea was a semifinalist for the Broyles Award which goes out to the

- best assistant coach in college football
- Helped Notre Dame's 2019 defense rank in the top-25 FBS rankings in total fumbles recovered (19, 1st), takeaways (28, t-4th), scoring defense (17.9, 12th), passing yards allowed/game (168.5, 3rd), team passing efficiency defense (110.15, 5th) and total defense (321.6, 18th)
- Guided Notre Dame's 2018 defense in top-10 FBS rankings in fewest TD passes allowed (10, 3rd), passing yards allowed/attempt (5.6, t-2nd), pass efficiency defense (105.6/6th), fewest plays of at least 30 yards (17, t-10th), and fewest TDs allowed (28, t-10th).
- Helped Khalid Kareem become PFF's top-rated player on defense in all of college football in 2019
- Kareem earned a nation's-best season grade of 85.1 with a pass-rush grade of 86.6, while being named to the watch lists for the Badnarik, Nagurski and Hendricks Awards
- Mentored All-American linebacker Te'von Coney, who in 2018 became the first Irish player to post back-to-back 100-tackle seasons since Jaylon Smith (2014, 2015)
- Coney's two-season total of 239 tackles in 2017 and 2018 were the most tackles by an Irish player in back-to-back seasons since Manti Te'o recorded 261 stops in 2011 and 2012
- According to Pro Football Focus, Coney was the third highest-rated linebacker overall in 2018 (35.0), third highest-rated linebacker in pass coverage (11.3) and sixth highest-rated linebacker against the run (21.0)
- In 2018, Coney missed just six tackles, and, among players with at least 900 defensive snaps (and Coney had 920), no player in the country had fewer missed tackles
- Also mentored linebacker Drue Tranquill, who was the only FBS player over the 2018 and 2017 seasons to register at least 170 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, five passes defended and four fumbles recovered
- Served as the Irish linebackers coach in 2017
- Notre Dame was the last team in the FBS to surrender more than 20 points in a game in 2017 (the Irish allowed 20 points or less over each of their first eight games)
- Notre Dame allowed only four plays of 40 yards or longer in 2017 —the second-fewest of any team in the FBS
- Notre Dame allowed only one play of 50 yards or longer in 2017 — the second-fewest of any team in the FBS
- Notre Dame ranked first or second in the FBS in fewest completions allowed of at least 30 yards (second, nine), 40 yards (first, one) and 50 yards (first, zero)
- Notre Dame's 2017 linebacker unit (which included Te'von Coney, Drue Tranquill, Nyles Morgan and Greer Martini) all registered at least 75 tackles — a first in school history
- Despite starting just seven games in 2017, Coney led Notre Dame in tackles (116), tackles for loss (13.5) and finished second on the Irish in sacks (3.0)
- Tranquill, in his first season at linebacker after converting from safety, totaled 85 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, three fumble recoveries, four passes defended, one interception and one forced fumble
- Morgan and Martini registered 92 and 75 stops, respectively, and Morgan collected 7.0 tackles for loss
- Over his 15-year career, Lea has mentored one All-American (Akeem Ayers, UCLA) and 10 all-conference selections
- In 2016, the Demon Deacons' defense ranked in the top-20 of the FBS in fumbles recovered (third), turnovers forced (10th), sacks (12th), defensive TDs (17th), red zone defense (17th) and scoring defense (20th)
- Wake Forest was one of four schools in the FBS to rank in the top-20 in turnovers forced, sacks and scoring defense in 2016 (the other three schools — Alabama, Clemson and Washington — qualified for the College Football Playoff)
- Instrumental in the development of Demon Deacon linebacker Marquel Lee, who not only earned All-ACC second team honors in 2016, but was also selected to take part in the 2017 East-West Shrine Game
- Lee was the only FBS linebacker to post at least 100 tackles, 20 TFLs and 7.5 sacks in 2016 (only one other linebacker in the country met at least two of those three figures)

- Spent three seasons (2013-15) as the linebackers coach at Syracuse
- Developed Zaire Franklin into an All-ACC caliber linebacker
- In 2015, as a sophomore captain (the fourth sophomore captain in school history and first since 1945), Franklin led the Orange in tackles (81) and was second on the squad in tackles for loss (11)
- The 2014 Orange defense held nine of its 12 opponents to less than its season average for total offense and was one of four FBS teams to surrender fewer than 10 rushing touchdowns (Alabama, TCU, and Ole Miss were the others)
- In 2013, Syracuse ranked nationally in multiple categories, including third-down defense (15th), rush defense (24th), sacks (18th) and tackles for loss (18th)
- Helped assemble a unit at Bowling Green that ranked sixth in the country in total defense (296.6) and 10th in scoring defense (16.7)
- Bowling Green ranked fourth in the nation in third-down defense, fifth in first downs allowed (15.1), 11th in sacks (38), 12th in rushing defense (106.5) and 13th in pass defense (190.1)
- Finalist for Linebackers Coach of the Year by FootballScoop.com in 2012

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

LB Te'von Coney (Notre Dame)

- 2017 USA Today All-Bowl Team
- Led Notre Dame in tackles in both 2017 and 2018

LB Drue Tranquill (Notre Dame)

- 2019 NFL Draft Fourth Round pick (Los Angeles Chargers)
- 2018 Wuerffel Trophy winner
- Only FBS player in 2017-18 to register at least 170 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, five passes defended and four fumbles recovered

LB Marquel Lee (Wake Forest)

- 2016 All-ACC Second Team
- 2017 East-West Shrine Game
- Only FBS linebacker to post at least 100 tackles, 20 TFLs and 7.5 sacks in 2016

LB Zaire Franklin (Syracuse)

- Fourth sophomore captain in program history
- Led Syracuse in tackles (81) and was second on the squad in tackles for loss (11.0) in 2015

LB Marquis Spruill (Syracuse)

- 2014 NFL Draft Fifth Round pick (Atlanta Falcons)
- Recorded 243 tackles, including 41.0 for a loss (second most in program history)

LB Akeem Ayers (UCLA)

- 2011 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Tennessee Titans)
- 2010 Butkus Award finalist (he finished third in voting)
- 2010 Phil Steele Second Team All-American
- 2010 Associated Press Third Team All-American
- 2010 All-Pac-10 First Team



JOHN MCNULTY

Tight Ends Coach
30th Year Coaching, First Year At Notre Dame

THE MCNULTY FILE

Hometown	Scranton, Pennsylvania
High School	Abington Heights
College	Penn State (1990)
Wife	Kim
Children	Daughters: Abigail, Allison, Megan and Kaitlyn

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1988-90	Penn State	Safety
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BOWLS PLAYED

1989	Penn State (Holiday)	1990	Penn State (Blockbuster)
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COACHING CAREER

1991-94	Michigan	Graduate Assistant
1995-97	UConn	Wide Receivers
1998-99	Jacksonville Jaguars	Offensive Quality Control
2000-02	Jacksonville Jaguars	Wide Receivers
2003	Dallas Cowboys	Wide Receivers
2004-05	Rutgers	Wide Receivers
2006	Rutgers	Asst. Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2007-08	Rutgers	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2009-11	Arizona Cardinals	Wide Receivers
2012	Arizona Cardinals	Quarterbacks
2013	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Quarterbacks
2014-15	Tennessee Titans	Quarterbacks
2016-17	San Diego/LA Chargers	Tight Ends
2018	Rutgers	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2019	Penn State	Analyst

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

1991	Michigan (Rose)	2006	Rutgers (Texas)
1992	Michigan (Rose)	2007	Rutgers (International)
1993	Michigan (Hall of Fame)	2008	Rutgers (Papa Johns)
1994	Michigan (Holiday)	2019	Penn State (Cotton)
2005	Rutgers (Insight)		

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Walk-on safety at Penn State, was a part of two bowl teams for the Nittany Lions
- Began coaching career as a graduate assistant at Michigan
- Spent 15 seasons in the NFL as an assistant, including stints working for Bill Parcells and Tom Coughlin

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- First season at Notre Dame in 2020, coaching the Irish tight ends
- Offensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage (.493, 9th), fewest interceptions (2, 5th), and time of possession (33:57, 8th) during the 2020 season
- Guided Michael Mayer to third team All-ACC honors in his first collegiate season
- Spent the 2019 season as an analyst at his alma mater, helping Penn State to a Cotton Bowl victory over Memphis
- Served two stints at Rutgers (2004-08, 2018), including three seasons as offensive coordinator
- Led one of the most prolific offenses in Rutgers history in 2007, as the Scarlet Knights became the first team in FBS history with a 3,000-yard passer (Mike Teal), 2,000-yard rusher (Ray Rice) and a pair of 1,000-yard receivers (Kenny Britt and Tiquan Underwood)
- That season, the Scarlet Knights set school records for scoring, first downs and total offense
- Britt and Underwood were the first teammates in BIG EAST history with 1,000 receiving yards in the same season
- Rutgers went to four bowls in five years during his first stint in New Jersey, including three-straight bowl victories
- Was the tight ends coach for the San Diego/Los Angeles Chargers for two seasons
- Coached receivers for the Arizona Cardinals, including All-Pro selection Larry Fitzgerald
- Mentored QB Mike Glennon to all-rookie honors during the 2013 season in Tampa Bay
- Spent two seasons as QB coach for the Titans, including Marcus

Mariota's all-rookie campaign which saw the QB tie Peyton Manning's record for games with at least three TD passes by a rookie (four)

- Mariota also broke Tennessee franchise rookie records for passing TDs (19), completions (230) and passing yards (2,818)

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
WR Larry Fitzgerald (Arizona Cardinals)

- Pro Bowl selection all three seasons coached

QB Marcus Mariota (Tennessee Titans)

- Set Titans franchise records for passing TDs, completions and passing yards by a rookie

WR Kenny Britt (Rutgers)

- Part of a record-setting offensive attack at Rutgers in 2017
- Went on to play 10 seasons in the NFL

TE Antonio Gates (San Diego/Los Angeles Chargers)

- Had 83 receptions for 864 yards and 10 TDs in two seasons at the age of 37 playing for McNulty


MIKE MICKENS

Cornerbacks Coach
10th Year Coaching, First Year At Notre Dame

THE MICKENS FILE

Hometown	Dayton, Ohio
High School	Wayne
College	Cincinnati (Criminal Justice, 2011)
Wife	Jessica
Children	Daughter: Millie

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2005-08	Cincinnati Dallas Cowboys	Cornerback
2009	Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cincinnati Bengals Calgary Stampeders	Cornerback

BOWLS PLAYED

2006	Cincinnati (International)	2008	Cincinnati (Orange)
2007	Cincinnati (Papa Johns)		

COACHING CAREER

2011	Cincinnati	Defensive Assistant
2012	Indiana State	Defensive Assistant
2013	Idaho	Cornerbacks
2014-17	Bowling Green	Cornerbacks
2018-19	Cincinnati	Cornerbacks

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2011	Cincinnati (Liberty)	2018	Cincinnati (Military)
2014	Bowling Green (Camellia)	2019	Cincinnati (Birmingham)
2015	Bowling Green (GoDaddy)		

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Played for Brian Kelly at the University of Cincinnati where he became the school's career leader in interceptions (14) and interception return yards (296)
- Was a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award in 2008, helping the Bearcats to an Orange Bowl berth

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- First season at Notre Dame in 2020, coaching cornerbacks
- Defensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage defense (.294, 6th) and fumble recovered (10, 7th) during the 2020 season
- The Irish defense ranked in the top-20 nationally during 2020 in scoring defense (18.6, 14th), team TFL (7.8, 14th), rushing defense (110.5, 15th), passing efficiency defense (119.13, 20th) and total defense (335.1, 20th)
- The Irish defense had six straight games allowing less than 100 yards rushing going up against some of the prolific running backs in the country in 2020
- Guided Nick McCloud to earn third team All-ACC honors following the season
- Reunited with head coach Brian Kelly, for whom Mickens was a three-time All-BIG EAST selection at Cincinnati
- Comes to Notre Dame following two seasons coaching cornerbacks at his alma mater, where the Bearcats had back-to-back 11-win seasons, won two bowl games and the American Athletic Conference East Division Championship in 2019
- The 2019 UC squad led the AAC in scoring defense for the second-straight season and ranked among the league's top-three in rushing and total defense
- Mentored Ahmad Gardner to Freshman All-America status and first-team all-conference honors
- The 2018 edition of the Bearcats defense ranked among the top-15 nationally in rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense
- Spent four years as the cornerbacks coach at Bowling Green
- Helped the Falcons to a MAC championship in 2015, as BGSU was the only team in the conference with more interceptions (20) than TD passes allowed (19), contributing to a league-leading plus-12 turnover ratio
- The 2014 seasons saw a pair of freshman corners combine for nine interceptions, including a school freshman record of five by Nick Johnson
- Mickens began his coaching career at Idaho after serving as a defensive assistant at Cincinnati and Indiana State
- Selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the 2009 NFL Draft
- Had stints with Tampa Bay and Cincinnati, as well as the CFL's Calgary Stampeders, before retiring due to injury
- Career interceptions leader at Cincinnati (14), where he earned All-America honors from the FWAA and Playboy in 2008
- Was a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award in 2008, as well as a first team All-BIG EAST selection
- Dayton, Ohio, native graduated from Cincinnati with a bachelor's in criminal justice in 2011

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
CB Ahmad Gardner (Cincinnati)

- Freshman All-American cornerback at Cincinnati in 2019
- Three interceptions and eight pass break-ups

CB Alfonso Mack (Bowling Green)

- Six interceptions and 58 tackles while leading BGSU to a MAC Championship
- Eight tackles and an interception in MAC Championship game victory over Northern Illinois



BRIAN POLIAN

Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator
24th Year Coaching, Ninth Year at Notre Dame

THE POLIAN FILE

Hometown	Buffalo, New York
High School	St. Francis High School
College	John Carroll (History, 1997)
Graduate School	Baylor (Education, 2000)
Wife	Laura
Children	Son - Aidan; Daughter - Charlotte

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1993-96	John Carroll	Linebacker
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COACHING CAREER

1997	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
1998	Buffalo	Tight Ends/Assistant Offensive Line
1999-2000	Baylor	Graduate Assistant (Defense/Special Teams)
2001-03	Buffalo	Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator
2004	UCF	Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
2005	Notre Dame	Head Special Teams Coach/Defensive Backs Assistant
2006	Notre Dame	Head Special Teams Coach/Linebackers Assistant
2007	Notre Dame	Inside Linebackers/Special Teams
2008-09	Notre Dame	Special Teams Coordinator
2010	Stanford	Special Teams Coordinator/Safeties
2011	Stanford	Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator/Safeties
2012	Texas A&M	Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
2013-16	Nevada	Head Coach
2017-	Notre Dame	Recruiting Coordinator/Special Teams Coordinator

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

1997	Michigan State (Aloha)	2012	Texas A&M (Cotton)
2005	Notre Dame (Fiesta)	2014	Nevada (New Orleans)
2006	Notre Dame (Sugar)	2015	Nevada (Arizona)
2008	Notre Dame (Hawai'i)	2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)
2010	Stanford (Orange)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
2011	Stanford (Fiesta)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Four-year letterwinner at linebacker for John Carroll from 1993-96
- Father, Bill, was the general manager and architect of the Super Bowl teams of the Buffalo Bills in the 1990s and later, as the team's president, oversaw the Indianapolis Colts' two Super Bowl appearances and their championship in 2006
- Father, Bill, enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2015

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fourth season as the Irish recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator in 2020
- Spearheaded Irish recruiting effort that brought in 12 total all-star game selections in 2020 between the Under Armour All-American Game, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and the Polynesian Bowl
- Also led Irish recruiting effort that brought in a consensus top-10 class in 2018
- Mentored junior kicker Jonathan Doerer to a standout season in 2019
- Doerer was a perfect 57-for-57 on PATs while going 17-for-20 on field goals with a pair of makes from beyond 50 yards
- Doerer scored 108 points on the year, the most prolific scoring season by a kicker in school history
- Doerer became the first kicker in school history and just the sixth player at Notre Dame to have a 100-plus point season
- Doerer as just the second kicker in program history to connect on every

- PAT while attempting 50 or more extra points
- Coached 2018 graduate punter Tyler Newsome and 2018 senior place kicker Justin Yoon to record-setting careers
- Newsome averaged 44.7 yards per punt average in 2018 on 53 punts, including 19 punts of at least 50 yards and 19 that pinned the opposition inside the 20-yard line
- Newsome shattered the Notre Dame record for single-game punting average against Vanderbilt (Sept. 15), with five boots averaging 59.6 yards (all five punts were over 50 yards and three exceeded 60 yards), two inside the 20-yard line and a 63-yard punt late in the fourth quarter to help clinch the win
- Newsome owns four of the top-eight single-season punting averages in school history
- Newsome's 44.0 career punting average ranks second in school history (Craig Hentrich holds the school record of 44.1)
- Yoon, Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer, connected on 17 of 21 field goals and 41 of 43 point-after attempts in the 2018 season.
- Yoon also owns the school record for career field goals made (59)
- Worked with special teams, defensive backs and linebackers in his first stint at Notre Dame (2005-09)
- Spent four years as the head coach at Nevada (2013-16)
- Led the Wolf Pack to consecutive bowl games in 2014 and 2015, including a victory in the inaugural '15 NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl — Nevada's fifth bowl win in school history
- Guided Nevada to 22 wins, 26 individual All-Mountain West honors and unprecedented academic honors
- Nevada posted a 7-6 overall record with a 4-4 mark in Mountain West play in 2015, marking consecutive seasons he led the Wolf Pack to a winning record
- Nevada used a lethal ground-and-pound offense in '15, as James Butler and Don Jackson each eclipsed 1,000 yards rushing (the Wolf Pack were one of just three teams in the nation with a pair of 1,000-yard rushers)
- Turned the tide from year one to year two of his tenure as the program reached new heights on and off the field in 2014
- Registered a 7-6 record and returned to a bowl game, playing in the 2014 R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl
- The Wolf Pack defeated Pac-12 foe Washington State, scored impressive road wins at BYU, Hawaii and San Jose State, and capped the regular season with a dominating win at UNLV
- Helped nine student-athletes earn 2014 All-Mountain West honors, including Cody Fajardo, who became just the second player in NCAA history to pass for 9,000 yards and rush for 3,000 yards in a career
- Selected to represent the Mountain West Conference on the inaugural College Football Officiating Competition Committee in June of 2015
- Came to Nevada after a year as the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach at Texas A&M, which capped an 11-2 season in 2012 with a win over Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl and an historic Heisman Trophy for then-freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel
- Two-year run with Stanford (2010-11) was marked by a pair of BCS bowl appearances and two of the top recruiting classes in school history
- Served as the special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator while also coaching the safeties with the Cardinal
- Earned a number of honors as one of the top recruiters in the country during his first tenure at Notre Dame
- Nominee for the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Assistant Coach of the Year in 2008
- Coached Irish special teams units that set a number of school records and Notre Dame went to a pair of BCS bowl games
- Guided the Notre Dame kickoff return defense to a nation leading 16.47 yards per return in 2008 — even more impressive when you consider the figure came on 59 kickoff return attempts
- Only one FBS school since 2003 has posted a better kickoff return defense with at least 59 kickoff return attempts
- Owns an impressive football pedigree that also includes coaching stops at UCF, Buffalo, Baylor and Michigan State as part of a 21-year career.
- Worked as a graduate assistant for Nick Saban at Michigan State (1997) and then spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Baylor (1999-2000)

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
K Justin Yoon (Notre Dame)

- Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer
- First on Notre Dame's all-time field goal percentage list
- First on Notre Dame's all-time field goals made list

P Tyler Newsome (Notre Dame)

- Second on Notre Dame's all-time punt average list
- Four of Notre Dame's top eight seasons in terms of punt average

OL Joel Bitonio (Nevada)

- 2014 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Cleveland Browns)
- 2014 NFL First Team All-Pro

LB Manti Te'o (Notre Dame)

- 2013 NFL Draft Second Round pick (San Diego Chargers)
- 2012 Walter Camp Player of the Year
- 2012 Heisman Trophy runner-up
- 2012 Butkus, Nagurski, Lombardi, Bednarik, Lott Maxwell Awards
- 2012 Unanimous All-American

S Tom Zbikowski (Notre Dame)

- 2008 NFL Draft Third Round pick (Baltimore Ravens)
- Tied for most punt returns for touchdown in Notre Dame history
- Two-time AP Third Team All-American (2005, 2006)

LS J.J. Jansen (Notre Dame)

- 10-year NFL veteran
- 2013 NFL Pro Bowl selection
- Three-year long snapper at Notre Dame

P Geoff Price (Notre Dame)

- Notre Dame's single-season leader for best punting average and second in career punting average

RB Alex Haynes (UCF)

- UCF's all-time leading rusher


JEFF QUINN

 Offensive Line
 36th Year Coaching, Sixth Year at Notre Dame

THE QUINN FILE

Hometown	Woodridge, Illinois
College	Elmhurst College (Physical Education, 1984)
Graduate School	DePauw (Physical Education, 1986)
Wife	Shannon
Children	Sons - Kyle (married to Isabel) and Ryan

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1980-84	Elmhurst	Football
1980-84	Elmhurst	Wrestling

COACHING CAREER

1985	DePauw	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1986-88	Ohio Northern	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1989-2003	Grand Valley State	Associate Head Coach/Offensive Line/Offensive Coordinator
2004-05	Central Michigan	Associate Head Coach/Offensive Line
2006	Central Michigan	Associate Head Coach/Offensive Line/Offensive Coordinator
2007-09	Cincinnati	Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
2010-14	Buffalo	Head Coach
2015	Notre Dame	Offensive Analyst

2016	Notre Dame	Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach
2017	Notre Dame	Senior Offensive Analyst
2018-	Notre Dame	Offensive Line

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

1989	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II Playoffs
1990	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II Playoffs
1991	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II Playoffs
1994	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II Playoffs
1998	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II Playoffs
2001	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II Runner-up
2002	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II National Champions
2003	Grand Valley State	NCAA Division II National Champions
2006	Central Michigan	Motor City
2006	Cincinnati	International
2007	Cincinnati	Papajohns.com
2009	Cincinnati	Orange
2010	Cincinnati	Sugar
2013	Buffalo	Famous Idaho Potato
2015	Notre Dame	Fiesta
2017	Notre Dame	Citrus
2018	Notre Dame	CFP-Cotton
2019	Notre Dame	Camping World

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 1984 graduate of Elmhurst College where he was a two-sport standout in football and wrestling
- Twice named Student-Athlete of the Year at Elmhurst
- Inducted into Elmhurst's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993
- Earned a master of arts degree from DePauw in 1986 and an educational leadership master's degree endorsement from GVSU in 2000

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Enters his 36th year of college coaching
- Produced NCAA, conference and school record-breaking offenses along with winning multiple conference, bowl and national championships
- Sixth season at Notre Dame and third as offensive line coach in 2020
- Offensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage (.493, 9th), fewest interceptions (2, 5th), and time of possession (33:57, 8th) during the 2020 season
- Guided Liam Eichenberg to a heralded season that earned him the 2020 Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the ACC's "most outstanding blocker" and first team All-ACC honors
- Eichenberg is also an Outland Finalist for best offensive lineman in college football
- The offensive line as a whole was named a Joe Moore Award finalist
- Aaron Banks and Tommy Kraemer were also named to the first team All-ACC while Robert Hainsey was named to the second team and Jarret Patterson to the third team
- His 2019 offensive line helped the Irish rank 13th nationally in scoring offense and 11th in sacks allowed while being named to the Joe Moore Award Midseason Watch List
- Mentored Liam Eichenberg in a senior campaign in which he did not concede a sack on the year, allowing just three QB hits and nine hurries, while playing 845 snaps (496 pass plays)
- Junior Robert Hainsey also did not allow a sack in 2019 on 423 snaps (252 pass plays), conceding just two QB hits and six QB hurries
- His 2018 offensive line, which replaced top-10 NFL Draft picks Quenton Nelson and Mike McGlinchey, was named semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award
- Mentored graduate center Sam Mustipher to an All-American campaign in 2018
- Mustipher, who was a finalist for the Rimington Award - given to the nation's top center, was named a First Team All-American by ESPN.com
- Senior running back Dexter Williams put together a breakout senior season in 2018
- Williams rushed for 995 yards and 12 TDs, including four 100-yard rushing games
- Williams averaged 110.6 rushing yards per game, which would have ranked 15th in the FBS if Williams had played in the mandated amount of games
- Williams, who ran for 202 yards on 20 carries (10.1 yards per carry) against Florida

State in 2018, was the first Notre Dame ball carrier to average 10.1 or more yards per carry with a minimum of 20 attempts in a game since Julius Jones gained a program-record 262 yards on 24 carries (10.9 yards per carry) on Oct. 11, 2003, against Pittsburgh

- Williams became the third Notre Dame ball carrier with a 200-yard rushing game in the past two seasons, joining Brandon Wimbush (207 at Boston College on Sept. 16, 2017) and Josh Adams (229 yards at Boston College on Sept. 16, 2017; 202 yards vs. NC State on Oct. 28, 2017)
- Served three years (2015–17) on the Irish staff in a variety of roles, including most recently as senior offensive analyst
- Highest-profile offensive line protégés include Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce (Cincinnati) and San Francisco 49ers left tackle Joe Staley (Central Michigan)
- Kelce — starting center for the 2017 Super Bowl Champion Eagles — has been selected to a pair of NFL Pro Bowls (2014, 2016) and twice has been named All-Pro (2013, 2017)
- In 2011, Kelce became the first rookie in team history to start every game at center and first Eagles rookie offensive lineman to start all 16 games since Doug Brzezinski (1999)
- In 2014, Kelce was the first Eagles center named to the Pro Bowl since Jim Ringo after the 1967 campaign
- A former walk-on linebacker that converted to offensive line, Kelce was a two-time All-BIG EAST Conference performer at both guard and center at Cincinnati
- Staley — 11th year starting left tackle for the 49ers — has been selected to six NFL Pro Bowls (2011–15, 2017) and three times has been named All-Pro (2011–13)
- In 2007, Staley became the first San Francisco rookie offensive lineman to start every single game in a season since Cas Banaszek in 1968
- Staley arrived on Central Michigan's campus as a 225-pound tight end in 2003, but prior to his sophomore season, Quinn asked him to make the switch to offensive tackle
- Served as the head coach at the University at Buffalo (2010–14), which included a 2013 campaign that saw the Bulls finish with an 8–5 record
- The eight wins equaled the most for Buffalo in the regular season since it moved to the Football Bowl Subdivision in 1999
- The Bulls also won a school-record six Mid-American Conference games and registered a seven-game winning streak in 2013
- Buffalo participated in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl — the program's second bowl appearance
- Three of his players selected in the National Football League draft, including linebacker Khalil Mack, who was chosen fifth overall by the Oakland Raiders in 2014
- Mack was the highest NFL Draft pick in school history and the highest defensive player ever selected from the Mid-American Conference
- As offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Cincinnati (2007–2009), Quinn helped the Bearcats to a 12–0 regular-season record in 2009 and served as the interim head coach for the Sugar Bowl meeting with defending national champion Florida
- Named a finalist for the 2009 Broyles Award, which is given to the nation's top assistant coach
- Unranked in preseason polls, Cincinnati's undefeated regular season catapulted the Bearcats to No. 3 in the BCS standings and earned them an invitation to the Sugar Bowl, the school's second consecutive BCS game
- Served as associate head coach and offensive coordinator at Central Michigan (2004–06)
- Helped the Chippewas to the 2006 MAC title
- Served as interim head coach for Central Michigan in its 31–14 victory over Middle Tennessee in the 2006 Motor City Bowl
- Worked 15 seasons at Grand Valley State (1989–2003)
- Part of the staff that led the Lakers to back-to-back national championships in 2002 and 2003

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

OL Sam Mustipher (Notre Dame)

- 2018 Rimington Award Finalist
- 2018 ESPN.com First Team All-American

LB Khalil Mack (Buffalo)

- 2016 NFL Defensive Player of the Year

- Two-time NFL All-Pro
- Three-time NFL Pro Bowl selection
- 2014 NFL Draft First Round pick (Oakland Raiders)

OL Jason Kelce (Cincinnati)

- 2018 NFL Super Bowl Champion
- Two-time NFL Pro Bowl selection
- 2017 NFL All-Pro

OL Joe Staley (Central Michigan)

- Six-time NFL Pro Bowl selection
- Three-time NFL All-Pro
- 2007 NFL Draft First Round pick (San Francisco 49ers)



TOMMY REES

John and Bobbie Arlotta Family Offensive Coordinator/
Bob and Leslie Mohr Family Quarterbacks Coach
Sixth Year Coaching, Fourth Year at Notre Dame

THE REES FILE

Hometown	Lake Bluff, Illinois
High School	Lake Forest High School
College	Notre Dame (Management Consulting, 2013)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2010–13	Notre Dame	Quarterback
2014	Washington Redskins	Quarterback

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED

2010	Notre Dame (Sun)	2012	Notre Dame (BCS National Championship)
2011	Notre Dame (Champs Sports)	2013	Notre Dame (Pinstripe)

COACHING CAREER

2015	Northwestern	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
2016	San Diego Chargers	Offensive Assistant
2017–2019	Notre Dame	Quarterbacks
2020–	Notre Dame	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2015	Northwestern (Outback)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP–Cotton)
2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Four-year letterwinner at quarterback for Notre Dame from 2010–13
- Finished his Notre Dame career as one of the most prolific quarterbacks in school history
- Ranks in the top five in Notre Dame history in 21 different single-game, single-season or career passing categories
- Registered a 23–8 (.733) career record as the Irish starting quarterback
- Only one Notre Dame quarterback has ever collected more TD passes, while just two have thrown for more yards
- Named Notre Dame Offensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2013 (threw for 3,257 yards and 27 TDs)
- Third signal caller in school history to eclipse the 3,000-yard passing mark in a season and only three Irish quarterbacks have ever registered more TD passes in a year
- Ranked 11th in the FBS in passing yards per completion (14.54), 19th in passing touchdowns (27), 24th in passing yards (3,257), t–35th in point responsibility (162), t–45th in point responsibility/game (12.5) and 30th in passing yards/game (250.5) in 2013

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- First season as the Notre Dame offensive coordinator in 2020 after being the quarterbacks coach from 2017–2019

- Coached starting signal caller Ian Book in 2018 and 2019
- Offensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage (.493, 9th), fewest interceptions (2, 5th), and time of possession (33:57, 8th) during the 2020 season
- Oversaw Ian Book as he set the all-time wins record in Notre Dame history when he collected his 30th win against Syracuse
- Book also won the 2020 Pop Warner College Football award that recognizes a senior with exceptional leadership on the field, in the classroom and in the community
- Book garnered a number of honors following the season including Manning Award finalist, Walter Camp Player of the Year semifinalist
- Rees' offensive allowed Kyren Williams to breakout in his redshirt freshman season as he earned ACC Offensive and Rookie of the Year honors
- Book started all 13 games at QB in 2019, finishing the year 240-for-399 for 3,034 yards and 34 TDs to just six interceptions while being named a top-20 finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award
- Book became the first QB in Notre Dame history with at least 2,500 passing yards, 500 rushing yards and 30 TD passes in a season (Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts was the only other FBS QB to reach those milestones in 2019)
- His 34 passing TDs on the year marked the second-most in a season by an Irish QB, trailing only Brady Quinn's 37 in 2006
- Book had five games in 2019 with four or more passing TDs, the most in a Notre Dame football season
- Book, who opened his starting career with nine consecutive victories, was the first Notre Dame quarterback to win at least eight consecutive games as the starter to open a season since Terry Hanratty was the Irish quarterback in eight straight victories in the 1966 national championship season
- Book ranked eighth in the FBS with a 68.2 completion percentage in 2018, and ranked 17th in passing efficiency with a 154.0 rating
- Book set a school record in completion percentage in 2018 (68.2) -- besting Jimmy Clausen's mark in 2009 (68.0)
- Book threw for 2,628 yards and 19 TDs with only seven interceptions in 2018, and was named a semifinalist for both the Maxwell Award and the Davey O'Brien Award and a finalist for the Manning Award
- Book became the first FBS quarterback to win his first five starts of a season while completing 70.0-plus percent of his passes in each game since Russell Wilson at Wisconsin in 2011
- Mentored Brandon Wimbush to a 4-0 record as a starting quarterback in 2018
- Wimbush, who went 13-3 as a starter at Notre Dame, ranks eighth in school history for best winning percentage as a starter
- Coached Wimbush, who was the only starting signal caller in college football to defeat four teams that finished 2017 ranked in the Associated Press Top 25
- The four victories over teams that finished 2017 ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 were the most by an Irish quarterback since 1990 -- when Rick Mirer registered five
- Wimbush was the third QB in school history to eclipse both 500 rushing yards and 1,000 passing yards in the same season, joining Tony Rice (1988 and '89) and DeShone Kizer (2015)
- Guided Book, who started in Notre Dame's 33-10 victory at North Carolina and came off the bench to help the Irish rally past No. 16 LSU, 21-17, in the 2018 Citrus Bowl
- Returned to his alma mater following one season as an offensive assistant with the San Diego Chargers where he worked with an offense that ranked tied for seventh in the NFL in passing (262.4), ninth in scoring (25.6), t-12th in yards/play (5.6) and 14th in total offense (356.8)
- San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers threw for 4,386 yards and 33 TDs, which ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, in the NFL in 2016
- Broke into the coaching ranks in 2015 at Northwestern, where he served as an offensive graduate assistant
- The Wildcats went 10-3 and finished the year ranked No. 23 (AP)
- Aided Northwestern redshirt freshman quarterback Clayton Thorson, who became the first quarterback in school history to lead the Wildcats

to 10 wins in his first season as a starter

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

QB Ian Book (Notre Dame)

- First Notre Dame quarterback to win at least eight consecutive games as the starter to open a season since Terry Hanratty in 1966
- Became the first QB in Notre Dame history with at least 2,500 passing yards, 500 rushing yards and 30 TD passes in a season in 2019
- Set school record and ranked eighth in the FBS in completion percentage (68.2) in 2018

QB Clayton Thorson (Northwestern)

- First QB in school history to lead the Wildcats to 10 wins in his first season as a starter

WR Tyrell Williams (Los Angeles Chargers)

- One of only four undrafted rookies to earn a spot on the active roster out of training camp in 2015
- Registered 69 catches for 1,059 and seven TDs in 16 games (12 starts)



LANCE TAYLOR

Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator
14th Year Coaching, Second Year at Notre Dame

THE TAYLOR FILE

Hometown	Mt. Vernon, Alabama
High School	Citronelle High School
College	Alabama (Business Management, 2003)
Wife	Jamie
Children	Son - Jet; Daughter - Jemma

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2000-03	University of Alabama	Wide Receiver
2004	Colorado Crush (Arena League)	Wide Receiver/Defensive Back
2005	Columbus Destroyers (Arena League)	Wide Receiver/Defensive Back
2005	Green Bay Blizzard (af2)	Wide Receiver/Defensive Back
2006	Louisville Fire (af2)	Wide Receiver/Defensive Back

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED

2001	Alabama (Independence)
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COACHING CAREER

2007-08	Alabama	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
2009	Appalachian State	Wide Receivers
2010	New York Jets	Coaching Intern
2011	New York Jets	Offensive Quality Control
2012	New York Jets	Assistant Tight Ends/Quality Control
2013	Carolina Panthers	Assistant Wide Receivers
2014-16	Stanford	Running Backs
2017-18	Carolina Panthers	Wide Receivers
2019	Notre Dame	Running Backs
2020-	Notre Dame	Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2007	Alabama (Independence)	2015	Stanford (Rose)
2008	Alabama (Sugar)	2016	Stanford (Sun)
2009	Appalachian State (FCS Semifinals)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)
2014	Stanford (Foster Farms)		

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- A walk-on at Alabama before earning a scholarship, Taylor played in 38 consecutive games at wide receiver from 1999–2003 for the Crimson Tide
- Served as special teams captain for Alabama as a senior
- Played professionally for the Colorado Crush and Columbus Destroyers of the Arena Football League, and af2's Green Bay Blizzard and Louisville Fire from 2004–06
- Father, James, attended Alabama and played running back under legendary head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Second season as the Irish running backs coach in 2020, promoted in early 2020 to Run Game Coordinator
- Offensively the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage (.493, 9th), fewest interceptions (2, 5th), and time of possession (33:57, 8th) during the 2020 season
- Oversaw the breakout campaign from Kyren Williams as he earned ACC Offensive and Rookie of the Year honors
- Williams earned second team All-ACC honors following his 1,000+ yard season, the most by an Irish running back since Josh Adams in 2017
- Mentored Tony Jones Jr. in 2019, a season in which he totaled career-highs with 878 rushing yards and seven TDs
- Jones Jr. ranked 24th in the FBS with an average of 5.95 yards per carry
- Two of Taylor's disciples -- Christian McCaffrey and Bryce Love -- hold three of the top five rushing seasons in Stanford history, and each of the four highest single-game rushing totals
- Coached running backs at Stanford for three seasons (2014–16)
- Named the 2015 FootballScoop.com Running Backs Coach of the Year
- Played key role in the development of 2015 Heisman Trophy runner-up McCaffrey, who set the school record for single-game rushing yards (243) against UCLA and became the first Cardinal to eclipse the 2,000-yard rushing mark in a season (2,019)
- McCaffrey ultimately was chosen with the eighth pick of the 2017 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers
- McCaffrey, who was second among all FBS running backs in rushing yards, registered 11 100-yard rushing games, including a school-record nine straight
- McCaffrey earned Associated Press Player of the Year honors in 2015
- Taylor also guided McCaffrey, who was the only FBS player to lead his team in both rushing and receiving yards in 2015, to 45 catches for 645 yards and five receiving TDs
- Stanford set a school record in 2015 in rushing yards (3,132) under Taylor, and two of the other 13 best rushing seasons in Stanford history came under his guidance
- In 2016, Stanford's rushing offense averaged 223.7 yards/game, 19th best nationally and second among Pac-12 programs
- In 2014, Stanford averaged 158.8 yards/game on the ground, rushed for at least 100 yards in 11 of 13 games, and finished with at least 200 yards on the ground in each of its last three games -- all Cardinal victories
- Served as the wide receivers coach for the Carolina Panthers in 2017 and 2018
- In 2018, oversaw the development of both rookie D.J. Moore and second-year Curtis Samuel
- The Moore and Samuel tandem registered 94 catches for 1,282 yards and seven touchdowns
- Moore's 788 yards and 55 catches ranked second and fourth, respectively, among NFL rookie wideouts
- In 2017, coached a wide receiver corps that saw 14 different players make a reception, one shy of the franchise record, and nine different players hauled in a receiving touchdown, tying the franchise record
- Guided Devin Funchess to career highs in receptions (63), receiving yards (840) and receiving touchdowns (eight)
- Worked with McCaffrey, who finished as the franchise record-holder for most receptions (80), receiving yards (651) and receiving touchdowns (five) by a running back in a single season
- McCaffrey also set the franchise record for most receptions by a rookie,

scrimmage yards by a rookie (1,086), yards after catch by a rookie (593) and first downs by a rookie (57)

- Came to Stanford from the Panthers, where he spent the 2013 season as an assistant wide receivers coach
- Prior to his time at Carolina, spent three seasons with the New York Jets from 2010–12, serving as a coaching intern in 2010, offensive quality control coach in 2011 and assistant tight ends/quality control coach in 2012
- During time with the Jets' tight ends, Jeff Cumberland (29) and Dustin Keller (28) ranked second and third on the team, respectively, in receptions
- Before his stint in the NFL, coached wide receivers at Appalachian State in 2009
- Under his tutelage, the Mountaineers set school records with 284 receptions and 3,621 receiving yards
- Appalachian State finished 11–3, won the Southern Conference title and advanced to the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals
- Began his coaching career as a graduate assistant for Nick Saban at, Alabama, from 2007–08

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

RB Christian McCaffrey (Stanford)

- 2016 NFL Draft First Round pick (Carolina Panthers)
- 2015 Heisman Trophy runner-up
- 2015 Associated Press Player of the Year

RB Bryce Love (Stanford)

- 2017 Heisman finalist
- 2017 Doak Walker Award winner
- 2017 Unanimous All-America



MATT BALIS

Director of Football Performance
20th Year Coaching, Fourth Year at Notre Dame

THE BALIS FILE

Hometown	Chicago, Illinois
College	Northern Illinois (Education, 1996)
Graduate School	Aurora University (Educational Leadership and Administration, 2001)
Wife	Lanette
Children	Son – Jacob

COACHING CAREER

2001–02	Houston	Assistant Strength Coach
2003	Utah	Assistant Strength Coach
2004	Utah	Director of Strength and Conditioning
2005–06	Florida	Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning
2007–08	Virginia	Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach
2009–13	Mississippi State	Director of Strength and Conditioning
2014–16	UConn	Strength and Conditioning Coordinator
2017–	Notre Dame	Director of Football Performance

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2003	Utah (Liberty)	2012	Mississippi State (Gator)
2004	Utah (Fiesta)	2013	Mississippi State (Liberty)
2005	Florida (Outback)	2015	UConn (St. Petersburg)
2006	Florida (BCS National Championship)	2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)
2007	Virginia (Gator)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
2010	Mississippi State (Gator)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)
2011	Mississippi State (Music City)		

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Chicago native was an assistant football coach and worked in the area of strength and conditioning at both Wheaton Warrenville South High School (1996-98) and Wheaton North High School for three years (1998-01)
- Taught physical education at the elementary school level during that five-year period

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fourth season as Notre Dame's Director of Football Performance in 2020
- Trained 14 first round NFL Draft picks, including Notre Dame's offensive line tandem of Quenton Nelson and Mike McGlinchey, as well as defensive lineman Jerry Tillery
- Developed another 10 second round NFL Draft picks
- Previously served as the head strength coach at UConn, Mississippi State, Utah and Virginia
- Strength and conditioning coordinator at UConn for three years (2014-16)
- Designed and developed all facets of the strength and conditioning program for the Husky football team
- Created programs including but not limited to explosive power development using triple extension movements, high-effort training sets and metabolic training
- Collaborated with coaches and sports medicine staff, nutrition staff and massage therapy staff to give each athlete the best possible training, nutrition and rehabilitation service
- Worked alongside former Irish assistant coach and Mississippi State head coach Dan Mullen for five seasons (2009-13)
- Helped the Bulldogs reach four consecutive bowl games — a feat not previously accomplished in school history
- Named one of three finalists for the FootballScoop Strength & Conditioning Coach of the Year Award in 2010
- Spent two years as the strength and conditioning coach for the Virginia football program (2007-08)
- Responsibilities with the Cavaliers included overseeing the football program's strength and conditioning needs, and assessing each individual's physical attributes to improve athletic performance
- Served as the assistant director of strength and conditioning at Florida for two years (2005-06)
- Worked alongside former Notre Dame director of strength and conditioning and then Gators' director of strength and conditioning Mickey Marotti
- Responsible for assisting the director of strength and conditioning with daily operations of the Gators' facility
- Assisted with coordination of the entire strength program, including coaching in the weight room, speed development and conditioning
- Florida finished the 2006 season with a 13-1 record, won the Southeastern Conference Championship and the BCS National Championship
- Worked two years at Utah (2003-04) as an assistant strength coach in 2003 before former Irish assistant coach and then Utah head coach Urban Meyer promoted him to the director of strength and conditioning in 2004
- The Utes finished the 2004 season with an overall record of 12-0 and won the Fiesta Bowl
- Balis oversaw the entire 16-sport Utah program and was responsible for the design and implementation of programs for football, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball and volleyball
- Worked as an assistant strength coach at Houston for two years (2001-02)
- Certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCC)
- Certified strength and conditioning specialist and a certified strength and conditioning coach

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
DL Jerry Tillery (Notre Dame)

- 2019 NFL Draft First Round pick (Los Angeles Chargers)
- 2018 First Team All-American (CBS Sports, Sports Illustrated)

LG Quenton Nelson (Notre Dame)

- 2018 NFL Draft First Round pick (Indianapolis Colts)
- 2017 Unanimous All-American
- 2017 Outland Trophy Finalist

LT Mike McGlinchey (Notre Dame)

- 2018 NFL Draft First Round pick (San Francisco 49ers)
- 2017 Consensus All-American
- 2017 Outland Trophy Semifinalist

CB Byron Jones (UConn)

- 2015 NFL Draft First Round pick (Dallas Cowboys)

DT Fletcher Cox (Mississippi State)

- 2011 NFL Draft First Round pick (Philadelphia Eagles)

DB Darius Slay (Mississippi State)

- 2013 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Detroit Lions)

DE Preston Smith (Mississippi State)

- 2015 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Washington Redskins)

OT Derek Sherrod (Mississippi State)

- 2011 NFL Draft First Round pick (Green Bay Packers)

OT Eugene Monroe (Virginia)

- 2009 NFL Draft First Round pick (Jacksonville Jaguars)

LB Clint Sintim (Virginia)

- 2009 NFL Draft Second Round pick (New York Giants)

DE Chris Long (Virginia)

- 2008 NFL Draft First Round pick (St. Louis Rams)

OG Branden Albert (Virginia)

- 2008 NFL Draft First Round pick (Kansas City Chiefs)

WR Percy Harvin (Florida)

- 2009 NFL Draft First Round pick (Minnesota Vikings)

DE Derrick Harvey (Florida)

- 2008 NFL Draft First Round pick (Jacksonville Jaguars)

DE Jarvis Moss (Florida)

- 2008 NFL Draft First Round pick (Denver Broncos)

DB Reggie Nelson (Florida)

- 2008 NFL Draft First Round pick (Jacksonville Jaguars)

WR Chad Jackson (Florida)

- 2006 NFL Draft Second Round pick (New England Patriots)

QB Alex Smith (Utah)

- 2005 NFL Draft First Round pick (San Francisco 49ers)

	GAME 1	
	Sept. 12, 2020 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 10,097 | TV: NBC	
(--/RV) DUKE	13	
(10/10) NOTRE DAME	27	

NOTRE DAME, Indiana — The 10th-ranked University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team collected its first ever conference win, taking down ACC foe Duke 27-13. The Irish offense had a balanced attack led by sophomore running back Kyren Williams. In his first career start, Williams tallied 112 yards on the ground, 93 yards receiving and two rushing touchdowns. Williams became the first Irish player in the last 25 years to record 90+ yards rushing and receiving in the same game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Duke	3	3	7	0	13
Notre Dame	0	10	7	10	27

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 07:01 DUKE	C.Ham 29 yd FG, 10-79, 03:53; DU 3, ND 0
2nd 10:39 ND	K.Williams 1 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 12-96 04:37; DU 3, ND 7
03:20 DUKE	C.Ham 30 yd FG, 11-80 04:12; DU 6, ND 7
00:00 ND	J.Doerer 48 yd FG, 9-54 01:13; DU 6, ND 10
3rd 07:57 ND	K.Williams 26 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 7-59 03:32; DU 6, ND 17
02:19 DUKE	C.Brice 2 yd rush (#44 C.Ham kick), 6-39 02:24; DU 13, ND 17
4th 10:58 ND	A.Davis 17 yd pass from #12 I.Book (#39 J.Doerer kick), 15-83 06:14; DU 13, ND 24
05:21 ND	J.Doerer 34 yd FG, 6-40 03:45; DU 13, ND 27

TEAM STATISTICS

	DUKE	ND
FIRST DOWNS	19	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-75	42-178
PASSING YARDS (NET)	259	263
Passes Comp-Att-Int	20-37-0	19-31-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-334	73-441
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-27	1-3
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-41	4-90
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-45.7	6-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-31	4-39
Possession Time	26:36	33:24
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 15	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-14	3-21

Rushing: Duke— Deon Jackson 15-52, Chase Brice 9-20, Mataeo Durant 5-7, TEAM 1- --4. **Notre Dame**— Kyren Williams 19-112, Chris Tyree 6-20, Jahmir Smith 5-15, Jay Bramblett 1-14, Ian Book 9-12, Jafar Armstrong 2-5.

Passing: Duke— Chase Brice 20-37-0-259. **Notre Dame**— Ian Book 19-31-1-263.

Receiving: Duke— Noah Gray 5-68, Jalon Calhoun 5-62, Eli Pancol 3-78, Jake Bobo 3-34, Deon Jackson 2--6, Jontavis Robertson 1-13, Darrell Harding Jr. 1-10. **Notre Dame**— Tommy Tremble 5-43, Joe Wilkins 4-39, Michael Mayer 3-38, Kyren Williams 2-93, Avery Davis 2-26, Jafar Armstrong 2-20, Lawrence Keys III 1-4.

Interceptions: Duke— Lummie Young IV 1-0. **Notre Dame**— None.

Fumbles: Duke— Jalon Calhoun 1-1. **Notre Dame**— None.

	GAME 2	
	Sept. 19, 2020 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 10,085 | TV: NBC	
(RV/RV) SOUTH FLORIDA	0	
(7/7) NOTRE DAME	52	

NOTRE DAME, Indiana — The seventh-ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team's defense was on full display, shutting out visiting South Florida 52-0 to improve to 2-0 on the season. Notre Dame extended its home winning streak to 20 games, breaking the longest streak in modern program history (19-straight from 1987-90). Notre Dame totaled six rushing touchdowns overall from four different players, with three from Ian Book in the first half.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
South Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	14	21	10	7	52

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 12:05 ND	Ian Book 4 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 7-55 2:50; USF 0, ND 7
07:06 ND	Chris Tyree 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 7-43 3:24; USF 0, ND 14
2nd 14:25 ND	Ian Book 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 11-58 5:07; USF 0, ND 21
11:15 ND	Flemister, C'Bo 26 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 5-53 1:57; USF 0, ND 28
01:55 ND	Ian Book 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 4-25 0:54; USF 0, ND 35
3rd 06:34 ND	Jonathan Doerer 22 yd field goal, 10-60 3:21; USF 0, ND 38
03:23 ND	Botelho, Jordan 1 yd blocked punt return (Jonathan Doerer kick); USF 0, ND 45
4th 02:15 ND	Jafar Armstrong 5 yd run (Goepferich, Dawson kick), 10-66 7:00; USF 0, ND 52

TEAM STATISTICS

	USF	ND
FIRST DOWNS	11	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-106	45-281
PASSING YARDS (NET)	125	149
Passes Comp-Att-Int	12-29-0	13-21-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-231	66-430
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards-TD	0-0	2-62-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-129	1-14
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-144	2-74
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	2-25
Possession Time	27:33	32:27
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 15	8 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 5	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	6-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-15

Rushing: USF— Johnny Ford 6-70, Jordan McCloud 5-21, Noah Johnson 6-12, Brian Battie 3-9, Kell Joiner Jr. 8-6, Oduunay Seriki 3-1, Latrel Williams 1--4, Jahquez Evans 1--9. **Notre Dame**— C'Bo Flemister 13-127, Chris Tyree 8-65, Kyren Williams 10-62, Ian Book 4-9, Jafar Armstrong 7-7, Tommy Tremble 1-4, Drew Pyne, 1-4, Braden Lenzy 1-3.

Passing: USF— Jordan McCloud 8-14-0-64, Noah Johnson 4-12-0-61, Katravis Marsh 0-3-0-0. **Notre Dame**— Ian Book 12-19-0-144, Drew Pyne 1-2-0.

Receiving: USF— Devontres Dukes 3-36, Latrel Williams 2-48, Mitche Brinkman 2-21, Omario Dollison 1-7, Xavier Weaver 1-6, Chris Carter 1-4, Kell Joiner Jr. 1--3, Terrence Horne 1--4. **Notre Dame**— Tommy Tremble 3-61, Braden Lenzy 3-34, Kyren Williams 2-10, Jafar Armstrong 1-18, C'Bo Flemister 1-9, Javon McKinley 1-7, Kevin Bauman 1-5, Michael Mayer 1-5.

Interceptions: USF— None. **Notre Dame**— None.

Fumbles: USF— None. **Notre Dame**— Kyren Williams 1-0, C'Bo Flemister 1-0.


GAME 3

 October 10, 2020 | Notre Dame Stadium
 Attend: 10,409 | TV: NBC


FLORIDA STATE	26
(5/5) NOTRE DAME	42

NOTRE DAME, Indiana – Taking the field for the first time in three weeks, fifth-ranked Notre Dame (3-0, 2-0 ACC) used the ground game to run past the Florida State Seminoles (1-3, 0-3 ACC), 42-26, at Notre Dame Stadium (10,049). Sophomore running back Kyren Williams had a career day, compiling 185 rushing yards on 19 carries with two rushing touchdowns. It was the most rushing yards by an Irish player since 2018 when Dexter Williams had 202, also against Florida State. Freshman Chris Tyree also contributed to the successful night on the ground, totaling 103 yards on 11 carries with one touchdown.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida State	17	3	6	0	26
Notre Dame	14	21	7	0	42

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 12:03 FSU	Fitzgerald,Ryan 42 yd field goal, 4-8 2:07; FSU 3, ND 0
10:43 ND	Mayer,Michael 8 yd pass from Book,Ian (Doerer,Jonathan kick), 3-75 1:20; FSU 3, ND 7
06:10 ND	Williams,Kyren 46 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick), 5-76 2:19; FSU 3, ND 14
02:51 FSU	Travis,Jordan 4 yd run (Fitzgerald,Ryan kick), 3-19 1:13; FSU 10, ND 14
00:38 FSU	Terry,Tamorrion 48 yd pass from Travis,Jordan (Fitzgerald,Ryan kick), 4-71 1:13; FSU 17, ND 14
2nd 12:27 ND	Williams,Kyren 1 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick), 8-75 3:11; FSU 17, ND 21
05:25 ND	Tyree,Chris 45 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick), 4-81 1:50; FSU 17, ND 28
01:17 FSU	Fitzgerald,Ryan 26 yd field goal, 13-67 4:08; FSU 20, ND 28
00:11 ND	Lenzy,Braden 6 yd pass from Book,Ian (Doerer,Jonathan kick), 8-57 0:58; FSU 20, ND 35
3rd 12:25 FSU	Webb,La'Damian 7 yd run (Terry,Tamorrion pass failed), 7-75 2:35; FSU 26, ND 35
08:40 ND	Book,Ian 3 yd run (Doerer,Jonathan kick), 8-73 3:39; FSU 26, ND 42

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	18	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-153	42-353
PASSING YARDS (NET)	252	201
Passes Comp-Att-Int	17-31-1	16-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-405	67-554
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1- -6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-66	3-90
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-23
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-44.0	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-59	4-28
Possession Time	32:08	27:52
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 14	2 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	3 of 3	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-22

Rushing: Florida State- Jordan Travis 19-96, La'Damian Webb 13-59, Jashaun Corbin 2-9, Lawrance Toafili 3-1, TEAM 1- -3, James Blackman 2- -9. **Notre Dame**- Kyren Williams 19-185, Chris Tyree 11-103, Ian Book 9-58, Braden Lenzy 2-5, C'Bo Flemister 1-2.

Passing: Florida State- Jordan Travis 13-24-1-204, James Blackman 4-5-0-48, TEAM 0-2-0-0. **Notre Dame**- Ian Book 16-25-0-201.

Receiving: Florida State- Tamorrion Terry 9-146, Ontaria Wilson 2-22, Lawrance Toafili 1-31, Jordan Young 1-18, Ja'Khi Douglas 1-17, Warren Thompson 1-9, Camren McDonald 1-5, La'Damian Webb 1-4. **Notre Dame**- Javon McKinley 5-107, Braden Lenzy 3-29, Michael Mayer 2-25, Kyren Williams 2-11, Brock Wright 2-10, Avery Davis 1-13, Tommy Tremble 1-6.

Interceptions: Florida State- None. **Notre Dame**- Shawn Crawford 1-23.

Fumbles: Florida State- None. **Notre Dame**- Kyren Williams 1-1, Lawrence Keys III 1-1.


GAME 4

 Oct. 17, 2020 | Notre Dame Stadium
 Attend: 10,182 | TV: NBC


LOUISVILLE	7
(4/4) NOTRE DAME	12

NOTRE DAME, Indiana — The fourth-ranked Notre Dame football team battled the University of Louisville at Notre Dame Stadium and prevailed with a 12-7 victory to remain undefeated (4-0, 3-0 ACC) on the season. The Irish ran the ball well, finishing the afternoon with 232 yards on 49 carries. Sophomore Kyren Williams paced the Irish backfield with 127 yards on 25 carries, marking his third 100-yard rushing effort on the season. Graduate student Ian Book had an impressive third-quarter 13-yard rushing touchdown to regain the lead on his way to amassing 47 yards on the ground.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Louisville	0	0	7	0	7
Notre Dame	6	0	6	0	12

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 09:26 ND	Jonathan Doerer 32 yd field goal, 12-61 5:34; UL 0, ND 3
00:30 ND	Jonathan Doerer 30 yd field goal, 15-76 7:09; UL 0, ND 6
3rd 07:37 UL	Ford,Marshon 1 yd pass from Cunningham,Mali (Turner,Jason kick), 13-83 7:16; UL 7, ND 6
03:43 ND	Ian Book 13 yd run (Javon McKinley pass failed), 8-66 3:49; UL 7, ND 12

TEAM STATISTICS

	UL	ND
FIRST DOWNS	14	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	23-96	49-232
PASSING YARDS (NET)	137	106
Passes Comp-Att-Int	17-22-0	11-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	45-233	68-338
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards-TD	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-68	1-22
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-40.4	2-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	3-18
Possession Time	23:45	36:15
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 9	8 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	3-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-21	0-0

Rushing: UL- Javian Hawkins 15-51, Malik Cunningham 7-49, Tutu Atwell 1- -4. **Notre Dame**- Kyren Williams 25-127, Ian Book 12-47, Chris Tyree 7-32, Javon McKinley 1-15, Avery Davis 1-10, Jay Bramblett 1-7, TEAM 2- -6.

Passing: UL- Malik Cunningham 16-19-0-132, Evan Conley 1-2-0-5, TEAM 0-1-0-0. **Notre Dame**- Ian Book 11-19-0-106.

Receiving: UL- Javian Hawkins 5-46, Tutu Atwell 4-40, Marshon Ford 3-11, Dez Pitzpatrick 2-21, Isaac Martin 2-11, Braden Smith 1-8. **Notre Dame**- Ben Skowronek 2-28, Avery Davis 2-17, Chris Tyree 2-15, Kevin Austin 1-18, Michael Mayer 1-12, Javon McKinley 1-7, Kyren Williams 1-5, Tommy Tremble 1-4.

Interceptions: UL- None. **Notre Dame**- None.

Fumbles: UL- None. **Notre Dame**- None.



MEDIA INFO

	GAME 5 October 24, 2020 | Heinz Field Attend: 5,451 | TV: ABC	
	(3/3) NOTRE DAME 45 PITTSBURGH 3	

GAME NOTES

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania – The third-ranked University of Notre Dame football team moved to 5-0 in 2020 with a convincing 45-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Panthers (3-4). Offensively, quarterback Ian Book led the way for the Irish with 312 yards passing and three passing touchdowns while adding 40 yards rushing on eight carries. Notre Dame added two rushing touchdowns on the afternoon, marking the first time the Pittsburgh defense has given up multiple rushing touchdowns since Oct. 5, 2019 against Duke. The Irish held the Panthers to 97 yards of offense and just two yards rushing in the opening 30 minutes. Notre Dame recorded three INTs on defense and after allowing just three points, it is the first time since 2012 that the Irish defense has given up fewer than 10 points in back-to-back games.

THE FIGHTING IRISH

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	21	17	0	45
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	0	3

COACHES & STAFF

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 10:08 ND	Ben Skowronek 34 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 11-75 4:52; ND 7, UP 0
07:38 UP	Alex Kessman 45 yd field goal, 10-37 2:30; ND 7, UP 3
2nd 10:37 ND	Ben Skowronek 73 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 4-87 1:29; ND 14, UP 3
01:29 ND	Kyren Williams 2 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 8-46 3:42; ND 21, UP 3
00:11 ND	Isaiah Foskey 0 yd blocked punt return (Jonathan Doerer kick); ND 28, UP 3
3rd 07:34 ND	Jonathan Doerer 21 yd field goal, 14-72 6:10; ND 31, UP 3
04:22 ND	Michael Mayer 14 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 4-49 2:01; ND 38, UP 3
02:42 ND	C'Bo Flemister 2 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 4-35 1:33; ND 45, UP 3

2020 IN REVIEW

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	UP
FIRST DOWNS	28	11
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	50-115	20-44
PASSING YARDS (NET)	319	118
Passes Comp-Att-Int	17-33-0	12-33-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	83-434	53-162
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards-TDs	3-32-1	2--8-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-17	4-81
Interception Returns-Yards	3-16	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-42.4	8-33.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	7-63	12-93
Possession Time	40:59	19:01
Third-Down Conversions	11 of 18	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-19	2-5

BOWL HISTORY

Rushing: Notre Dame- C'Bo Flemister 13-48-1, Ian Book 8-40, Kyren Williams 17-38-1, Chris Tyree 3--3, Brendon Clark 1--4, Jafar Armstrong 8--4. **Pittsburgh**- Vincent Davis 8-28, Daniel Carter 1-9, Nick Patti 2-8, Davis Beville 3-4, A.J. Davis 3-1, Israel Abanikanda 2-0, Joey Yellen 1--6.

NATIONAL TITLES

Passing: Notre Dame- Ian Book 16-30-0-312 (three TDs), Brendon Clark 1-3-0-7. **Pittsburgh**- Joey Yellen 10-27-3-101, Nick Patti 2-5-0-17, Davis Beville 0-1-0-0.

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Receiving: Notre Dame- Michael Mayer 5-73-1, Avery Davis 3-44, Kyren Williams 3-37, Ben Skowronek 2-107-2, Javon McKinley 2-50, George Takacs 1-7, Tommy Tremble 1-1. **Pittsburgh**- Jordan Addison 3-40, Shockey Jacques-Louis 3-39, Taysir Mack 2-17, Tre Tipton 1-11, A.J. Davis 1-8, DJ Turner 1-5, Vincent Davis 1--2.

Interceptions: Notre Dame- Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah 1-0, Bo Bauer 1-16, Nick McCloud 1-0. **Pittsburgh**- None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame- Avery Davis 1-0. **Pittsburgh**- DJ Turner 1-0, Davis Beville 1-0, Nick Patti 1-0.

	GAME 6 October 31, 2020 | Bobby Dodd Stadium Attend: 11,000 | TV: ABC	
	(4/4) NOTRE DAME 31 GEORGIA TECH 13	

ATLANTA, Georgia – The fourth-ranked Fighting Irish extended their winning streak to 12 games, the longest active streak in FBS, with a decisive 31-13 win over Georgia Tech at Bobby Dodd Stadium. The Irish were led offensively by Kyren Williams as he finished with 76 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns. It was Williams' third game this season with multiple touchdowns (Duke & Florida State). C'Bo Flemister and Chris Tyree both played integral roles in the rushing attack – adding 106 yards on 20 carries combined. On the defensive side the Irish had another strong first half, as they limited the Yellow Jackets to 65 yards of total offense. Daelin Hayes was all over the field for the Irish defense as he notched five tackles, two sacks and two forced fumbles.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	10	7	7	31
Georgia Tech	0	7	0	6	13

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 06:16 ND	Joe Wilkins, Jr. 8 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 15-81 8:38; ND 7, GT 0
2nd 14:42 GT	Zamari Walton 93 yd fumble recovery (Jude Kelley kick); ND 7, GT 7
10:47 ND	Kyren Williams 2 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 7-75 3:48; ND 14, GT 7
01:49 ND	Jonathan Doerer 32 yd field goal, 8-35 2:10; ND 17, GT 7
3rd 10:43 ND	Kyren Williams 4 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 6-65 2:56; ND 24, GT 7
4th 12:59 ND	C'Bo Flemister 3 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 9-74 4:32; ND 31, GT 7
07:15 GT	Jordan Mason 1 yd run (Adonias Sanders rush failed), 8-69 2:42; ND 31, GT 13

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	GT
FIRST DOWNS	24	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	44-227	33-88
PASSING YARDS (NET)	199	150
Passes Comp-Att-Int	18-26-0	15-26-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-426	59-238
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-93-1
Punt Returns-Yards-TDs	0-0-0	3-3-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-39-0	1-10-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-39.7	4-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	5-50	6-50
Possession Time	36:54	23:06
Third-Down Conversions	10 of 15	5 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-7	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-34	2-10

Rushing: Notre Dame- Kyren Williams 15-76, C/Bo Flemister 15-58, Chris Tyree 5-47, Ian Book 9-46. **Georgia Tech**- Jahmyr Gibbs 14-61, Jordan Mason 7-25, Jeff Sims 12-2.

Passing: Notre Dame- Ian Book 18-26-0-199 (one TD). **Georgia Tech**- Jeff Sims 15-26-0-150.

Receiving: Notre Dame- Javon McKinley 5-93, Avery Davis 4-29, Michael Mayer 3-15, Kyren Williams 2-24, Brock Wright 1-11, Tommy Tremble 1-11, Joe Wilkins Jr. 1-8, Ben Skowronek 1-8. **Georgia Tech**- Jahmyr Gibbs 5-49, Jalen Camp 3-64, Adonias Sanders 2-14, Marquez Ezzard 1-13, Josh Tukes 1-5, Dylan Leonard 1-4, Jack Coco 1-3, Jordan Mason 1--2.

Interceptions: Notre Dame- None. **Georgia Tech**- None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame- Kyren Williams 1-1. **Georgia Tech**- Jeff Sims 2-1, Marquez Ezzard 1-0.

**GAME 7**November 7, 2020 | Notre Dame Stadium
Attend: 11,011 | TV: NBC

(1/1) CLEMSON	40
(4/4) NOTRE DAME	47

NOTRE DAME, Indiana – The No. 4 ranked Notre Dame football team took down No. 1 Clemson, 47-40, in a double-overtime thriller. The Irish led the Tigers until Clemson broke through with 3:33 remaining to take a 33-26 lead. Book then connected with Avery Davis for a touchdown to tie the game. Both teams scored on their first possessions of overtime. A 12-yard rush from Book, followed by a 10-yard reception by Ben Skowronek, was punctuated by another three-yard touchdown run from Williams. With the spotlight back on the Notre Dame defense, the unit recorded back-to-back sacks from Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah and Daelin Hayes to set up an eventual Clemson 4th-and-24. The Irish denied the ensuing passing play and earned its 23rd-straight win at home.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	OT	OT1	OT2	Final
Clemson	7	6	10	10	7	7	0	40
Notre Dame	10	13	0	10	14	7	7	47

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	14:27	ND	Kyren Williams 65 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 1-75 0:33; CU 0, ND 7
	05:55	ND	Jonathan Doerer 24 yd field goal, 10-49 6:24; CU 0, ND 10
	04:11	CU	Powell,Cornell 53 yd pass from Uiagalelei,D.J. (Potter,B.T. kick), 4-75 1:44; CU 7, ND 10
2nd	13:09	ND	Jonathan Doerer 27 yd field goal, 13-66 6:02; CU 7, ND 13
	08:32	CU	Potter,B.T. 25 yd field goal, 11-80 4:32; CU 10, ND 13
	05:53	ND	Jer., Owusu-Koramoah 23 yd fumble recovery (Jonathan Doerer kick); CU 10, ND 20
	02:41	ND	Jonathan Doerer 45 yd field goal, 4--2 2:25; CU 10, ND 23
	01:09	CU	Potter,B.T. 45 yd field goal, 6-47 1:32; CU 13, ND 23
3rd	12:15	CU	Potter,B.T. 46 yd field goal, 9-36 2:45; CU 16, ND 23
	04:12	CU	Allen,Davis 10 yd pass from Uiagalelei,D.J. (Potter,B.T. kick), 13-60 6:29; CU 23, ND 23
4th	11:37	ND	Jonathan Doerer 44 yd field goal, 7-31 3:12; CU 23, ND 26
	09:42	CU	Potter,B.T. 30 yd field goal, 5-58 1:49; CU 26, ND 26
	03:33	CU	Etienne,Travis 3 yd run (Potter,B.T. kick), 12-74 5:41; CU 33, ND 26
	00:22	ND	Avery Davis 4 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 8-91 1:26; CU 33, ND 33
OT	15:00	CU	Uiagalelei,D.J. 1 yd run (Potter,B.T. kick), 2-25 0:00; CU 40, ND 33
	15:00	CU	Kyren Williams 3 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 4-25 0:00; CU 40, ND 40
	15:00	ND	Kyren Williams 3 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 6-25 0:00; CU 40, ND 47

TEAM STATISTICS

	CU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	22	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-34	40-208
PASSING YARDS (NET)	439	310
Passes Comp-Att-Int	29-44-0	22-39-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-473	79-518
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	2-26-1
Punt Returns-Yards-TDs	0-0	1-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-81	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-41.7	3-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-46	7-50
Possession Time	29:38	30:22
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 15	10 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-8	2-14

Rushing: Clemson– Travis Etienne 18-28, Chez Mellusi 1-5, D.J. Uiagalelei 13-2, TEAM 1--1. **Notre Dame**– Kyren Williams 23-140, Ian Book 14-67, C’Bo Flemister 1-5, Chris Tyree 1--4.

Passing: Clemson– D.J. Uiagalelei 29-44-0-439. **Notre Dame**– Ian Book 22-39-0-310.

Receiving: Clemson– Amari Rodgers 8-134, Travis Etienne 8-57, Cornell Powell 6-161, Braden Galloway 3-46, Davis Allen 2-19, Joseph Ngata 1-14, E.J. Williams 1-8. **Notre Dame**– Javon McKinley 5-102, Michael Mayer 5-67, Avery Davis 4-78, Ben Skowronek 4-33, Tommy Tremble 3-32, Kyren Williams 1--2.

Interceptions: Clemson– None. **Notre Dame**– None.

Fumbles: Clemson– Travis Etienne 1-1, Braden Galloway 1-1, Amari Rodgers 1-1. **Notre Dame**– Ian Book 1-1.

**GAME 8**November 14, 2020 | Alumni Stadium
Attend: 0 | TV: ABC

(2/2) NOTRE DAME	45
(--/RV) BOSTON COLLEGE	31

CHESTNUT HILL, Massachusetts – The second-ranked Notre Dame football team extended the nation’s longest winning streak to 14 games following a 45-31 win over Boston College at Alumni Stadium. With the win Brian Kelly recorded his 100th⁺ career win at Notre Dame, tying Lou Holtz for the second most all-time wins in program history. Ian Book was very efficient in the air, finishing 20-of-27 for 283 yards and three touchdowns while adding 85 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Ben Skowronek led the Irish receiving corps with five catches for 63 yards and a career-high three touchdowns. Defensively, Shaun Crawford paced the Irish with a career-high nine tackles, one sack and 1.5 tackles-for-loss.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	10	21	7	7	45
Boston College	10	6	7	8	31

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	09:39	ND	Doerer, J 23 yd Field Goal, 13-70 5:21, ND 3, BC 0
	05:03	BC	Zay Flowers 4 yd pass from Phil Jurkovec (Aaron Boumerhi kick), 10-80 4:30; ND 3, BC 7
	03:56	BC	Aaron Boumerhi 41 yd field goal, 4--6 0:56; ND 3, BC 10
	00:11	ND	Skowronek, B 10 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick), 8-77 3:39; ND 10, BC 10
2nd	12:41	BC	Aaron Boumerhi 31 yd field goal, 9-44 2:25; ND 10, BC 13
	10:24	ND	Flemister, C 2 yd run (Doerer, J kick), 6-75 2:13; ND 17, BC 13
	05:43	ND	Skowronek, B 13 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick), 7-50 3:32; ND 24, BC 13
	03:12	BC	Aaron Boumerhi 35 yd field goal, 6-57 2:31; ND 24, BC 16
	00:04	ND	Skowronek, B 7 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick), 10-49 2:05; ND 31, BC 16
3rd	06:34	ND	Flemister, C 1 yd run (Doerer, J kick), 4-43 1:57; ND 38, BC 16
	00:35	BC	David Bailey 3 yd run (Aaron Boumerhi kick), 12-80 5:59; ND 38, BC 23
4th	12:19	ND	Book, I 6 yd run (Doerer, J kick), 7-70 3:10; ND 45, BC 23
	04:09	BC	Hunter Long 8 yd pass from Phil Jurkovec (Travis Levy rush), 6-70 1:28; ND 45, BC 31

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	BC
FIRST DOWNS	29	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	49-274	25-85
PASSING YARDS (NET)	283	272
Passes Comp-Att-Int	20-28-0	18-40-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-557	65-357
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards-TDs	2-12-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-84-0	5-90-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-2	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	2-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-69	5-41
Possession Time	34:27	25:33
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 8	4 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	7-8	6-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-9	0-0

Rushing: Notre Dame– Ian Book, 10-85, Chris Tyree 17-74, C’Bo Flemister 10-53, Kyren Williams 9-37, Avery Davis 1-29, TEAM 2--4. **Boston College**– Travis Levy 9-51, Phil Jurkovec 7-34, David Bailey 7-21, Zay Flowers 1--5, TEAM 1--16.

Passing: Notre Dame– Ian Book 20-27-0-283. **Boston College**– Phil Jurkovec 18-40-1-272.

Receiving: Notre Dame– Ben Skowronek 5-63, Javon McKinley 5-48, Kyren Williams 4-37, Avery Davis 2-70, Lawrence Keys III 2-26, C’Bo Flemister 1-27, Michael Mayer 1-12. **Boston College**– Jaelen Gill 5-105, Hunter Long 4-59, CJ Lewis 3-60, Zay Flowers 3-25, Travis Levy 2-11, Jehlani Galloway 1-12.

Interceptions: Notre Dame– Jack Kiser 1-2. **Boston College**– None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame– Chris Tyree 1-1, Ben Skowronek 1-1, Kyren Williams 1-1. **Boston College**– TEAM 1-1.



MEDIA INFO

	GAME 9 November 27, 2020 Kenan Memorial Stadium Attend: 3,535 TV: ABC	
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(2/2/2) NOTRE DAME	31
(19/25/23) NORTH CAROLINA	17

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina – The second-ranked Notre Dame football team slowed down one of the highest scoring offenses in the country en route to its 15-straight victory in the 31-17 win over No. 19 North Carolina at Kenan Memorial Stadium. Heading back to the place of his first collegiate start, Ian Book led the Irish offense with another complete performance against the Tar Heels. He completed 23-of-33 passes for 279 yards and one touchdown. Book also had an effective day on the ground, finishing the game with 48 yards on eight carries. Javon McKinley was Book’s favorite target on the day, hauling in six receptions for a career-high 135 yards. Kyren Williams led the way on the ground with 124 yards on 23 carries and three total touchdowns, marking his second career three-touchdown game. Defensively, Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah was all over the field for the Irish, leading the team with nine tackles, which tied a career high. North Carolina entered the game averaging 43.3 points per game and the Irish defense held the hosts to a season-low 17 points on the day. The Irish also limited the Tar Heels to just 298 total yards after coming into the game averaging 563.4 yards per game. The Tar Heels only mustered 87 yards rushing, the fewest for them in a game since 2017.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	14	3	7	7	31
North Carolina	14	3	0	0	17

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 09:56 NC	Simmons, E 6 yd pass from Howell, S (Atkins, G kick), 7-50 2:54; ND 0, NC 7
05:19 ND	Williams, K 2 yd run (Doerer, J kick), 9-75 4:37; ND 7, NC 7
02:59 NC	Howell, S 1 yd run (Atkins, G kick), 7-75 2:20; ND 7, NC 14
01:05 ND	Williams, K 4 yd pass from Book, I (Doerer, J kick), 4-82 1:50; ND 14, NC 14
2nd 01:10 NC	Atkins, G 42 yd field goal, 12-72 4:40; ND 14, NC 17
00:00 ND	Doerer, J 32 yd field goal, 7-61 1:10; ND 17, NC 17
3rd 07:05 ND	Skowronek, B 13 yd run (Doerer, J kick), 13-97 5:22; ND 24, NC 17
4th 01:20 ND	Williams, K 1 yd run (Doerer, J kick), 8-89 4:32; ND 31, NC 17

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	NC
FIRST DOWNS	25	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-199	30-87
PASSING YARDS (NET)	279	211
Passes Comp-Att-Int	23-33-0	17-27-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-478	57-298
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards-TDs	1-8	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-18	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-43.0	7-50.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-24	9-90
Possession Time	35:04	24:56
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	2 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-6	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	6-21	2-15

Rushing: Notre Dame- Kyren Williams 23-124, Ian Book 8-48, Chris Tyree 2-16, Ben Skowronek 1-13, TEAM 2- -2. **North Carolina**- Michael Carter 8-57, Javonte Williams 11-28, Sam Howell 11-2.

Passing: Notre Dame- Ian Book 22-33-0-279. **North Carolina**- Sam Howell 17-27-0-211.

Receiving: Notre Dame- Javon McKinley 6-135, Michael Mayer 4-54, Kyren Williams 4-20, Ben Skowronek 3-34, Joe Wilkins Jr. 2-16, George Takacs 1-13, Avery Davis 1-5, Lawrence Keys III 1-1, Tommy Tremble 1-1. **North Carolina**- Dazz Newsome 6-64, Dyami Brown 4-84, Emery Simmons 2-11, Javonte Williams 2-10, Michael Carter 1-23, Josh Downs 1-10, Garrett Walston 1-9.

Interceptions: Notre Dame- None. **North Carolina**- None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame- TEAM 1-0. **North Carolina**- None.

GAME NOTES

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2020 IN REVIEW

BOWL HISTORY

NATIONAL TITLES

THIS IS NOTRE DAME

	GAME 10 December 5, 2020 Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 6,831 TV: NBC	
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SYRACUSE	21
(2/2/2) NOTRE DAME	45

NOTRE DAME, Indiana – No. 2 Notre Dame (10-0, 9-0 ACC) shook off a slow start with a dominant second quarter en route to a 45-21 victory over Syracuse. With the win, QB Ian Book secured his 30th-career win at Notre Dame, the most in school history. The graduate student finished 24-for-37 for 285 yards and five total TDs in his final game at Notre Dame Stadium. Book scampered for two rushing TDs in the game to tie for fourth all-time in career rushing TDs by a quarterback with 16. Javon McKinley finished with 111 yards on seven receptions and three touchdowns (a career high in receptions and TDs for the graduate student). Kyren Williams finished the game with 110 yards on 20 carries to eclipse the 1,000 yard mark for the season. Defensively, the Irish had one of its most effective games of the season after forcing four Syracuse turnovers. Clarence Lewis had a career night with both a team and personal best 12 tackles, plus one forced fumble. Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa tallied a sack, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble, while Marist Liufau collected his first career fumble recovery. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah also tallied a fumble recovery and a forced fumble along with five tackles. Furthermore, Daelin Hayes recorded his first career interception in the second half.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Syracuse	0	7	7	7	21
Notre Dame	3	21	14	7	45

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 09:32 ND	Jonathan Doerer 25 yd field goal, 12-73 5:28; SU 0, ND 3
2nd 09:55 SU	Queeley, A. 18 yd pass from Culpepper, R. (Szmyt, A. kick), 10-62 4:07; SU 7, ND 3
03:18 ND	Ian Book 28 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 5-72 2:18; SU 7, ND 10
01:30 ND	Javon McKinley 21 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 1-21 0:08; SU 7, ND 17
00:06 ND	Javon McKinley 28 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 6-68 0:32; SU 7, ND 24
3rd 11:20 SU	Tucker, S. 40 yd run (Szmyt, A. kick), 5-57 2:14; SU 14, ND 24
06:32 ND	Ian Book 17 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 8-53 3:23; SU 14, ND 31
01:07 ND	Javon McKinley 26 yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer kick), 3-68 1:03; SU 14, ND 38
4th 06:25 ND	Chris Tyree 94 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 2-87 0:52; SU 14, ND 45
05:33 SU	Lutz, C. 80 yd run (Szmyt, A. kick), 2-81 0:52; SU 21, ND 45

TEAM STATISTICS

	SU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	15	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-229	40-283
PASSING YARDS (NET)	185	285
Passes Comp-Att-Int	18-30-1	24-37-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-414	77-568
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-12
Punt Returns-Yards-TDs	0-0	2-12
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-73
Interception Returns-Yards	1-11	1-13
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-42.6	4-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-90	4-40
Possession Time	26:10	33:50
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-10	1-3

Rushing: Syracuse- C. Lutz 7-114, S. Tucker 23-101, R. Culpepper 3-8, T. Harris 1-4, N. Johnson 1-2. **Notre Dame**- Kyren Williams 20-110, Chris Tyree 6-109, Ian Book 8-53, C’Bo Flemister 3-10, Cameron Ekanayake 3-1.

Passing: Syracuse- R. Culpepper 18-29-1-185, D. Markiewicz 0-1-0-0. **Notre Dame**- Ian Book 24-37-1-285.

Receiving: Syracuse- T. Harris 8-69, A. Queeley 4-42, S. Tucker 2-46, N. Johnson 2-13, A. Hackett 1-10, C. Elmore 1-5.

Notre Dame- Javon McKinley 7-111, Michael Mayer 5-36, Ben Skowronek 4-71, Kyren Williams 3-33, Avery Davis 2-10, Tommy Tremble 1-18, Chris Tyree 1-6, Braden Lenzy 1-0.

Interceptions: Syracuse- J. Carter 1-11. **Notre Dame**- Daelin Hayes 1-13.

Fumbles: Syracuse- R. Culpepper 2-2, T. Harris 1-0, A. Hackett 1-1. **Notre Dame**- Ian Book 1-1.

	ACC CHAMPIONSHIP December 5, 2020 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 6,831 | TV: NBC	
	(3/4/3) CLEMSON		34
(2/2/2) NOTRE DAME		10

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina – The second-ranked Notre Dame football team suffered its first defeat of the season to the third-ranked Clemson Tigers 34-10 at Bank of America Stadium. Ian Book led the Irish offensively with 219 yards passing on the night. Michael Mayer tied a career high with a team-high five receptions and totaled 51 yards. Ben Skowronek and Javon McKinley both had four receptions and finished with 54 and 37 yards, respectively. Chris Tyree took his lone carry 21 yards into the end zone for the Irish. On the defensive side of the ball, Kyle Hamilton put together his best game of the season. He tallied his first interception of the season along with a career-high 10 tackles. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah added seven tackles and a team-high 2.0 tackles-for-loss. The Irish offense was able to get into Clemson territory on the opening drive of the game. Jonathan Doerer connected on a 51-yard field goal, which was an ACC Championship Game record, to end the drive and get the Irish on the board. The Tigers had a 24-3 lead heading into halftime, the largest deficit of the season for the Irish. In the second half, the Tigers extended their lead and did not allow the Irish to get back into the game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Clemson	7	17	7	3	34
Notre Dame	3	0	0	7	10

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	08:16	ND	Doerer, J 51 yd field goal, 11-46 6:44; CU 0, ND 3
	00:41	CU	Amari Rodgers 67 yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter kick), 3-80 1:01; CU 7, ND 3
2nd	09:24	CU	E.J. Williams 33 yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter kick), 6-72 2:44; CU 14, ND 3
	04:28	CU	B.T. Potter 27 yd field goal, 8-63 2:37; CU 17, ND 3
	00:21	CU	Travis Etienne 44 yd run (B.T. Potter kick), 10-88 1:49; CU 24, ND 3
3rd	03:43	CU	Trevor Lawrence 34 yd run (B.T. Potter kick), 8-83 2:35; CU 31, ND 3
4th	10:31	CU	B.T. Potter 37 yd field goal, 12-66 6:22; CU 34, ND 3
	08:09	ND	Tyree, C 21 yd run (Doerer, J kick), 7-75 2:22; CU 34, ND 10

TEAM STATISTICS

	CU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	23	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-219	30-44
PASSING YARDS (NET)	322	219
Passes Comp-Att-Int	25-39-1	20-28-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-541	58-263
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards-TDs	1-2	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-53	2-37
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-14
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-37.3	6-48.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-0
Penalties-Yards	5-60	2-25
Possession Time	28:08	31:52
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 14	3 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	6-39	2-6

Rushing: Clemson- Travis Etienne 10=124, Trevor Lawrence 14-90, Sylvester Mayers 1-2, Chez Mellusi 1-2, Darien Rencher 1-1. **Notre Dame**- Kyren Williams 15-50, Chris Tyree 1-21, Avery Davis 1-18, C'Bo Flemnister 1--4, TEAM 2--6, Ian Book 10--35.

Passing: Clemson- Trevor Lawrence 25-36-1-322, TEAM 0-2-0-0, D.J. Uiagalelei 0-1-0-0. **Notre Dame**- Ian Book 20-28-0-219.

Receiving: Clemson- Amari Rodgers 8-121, E.J. Williams 4-80, Cornell Powell 4-59, Braden Galloway 3-15, Travis Etienne 3-12, Chez Mellusi 2-31, J.C. Chalk 1-4. **Notre Dame**- Michael Mayer 5-51, Ben Skowronek 4-54, Javon McKinley 3-37, Kyren Williams 3-14, Tommy Tremble 2-41, Avery Davis 2-15, Chris Tyree 1-7.

Interceptions: Clemson- None. **Notre Dame**- Kyle Hamilton 1-14.

Fumbles: Clemson- None. **Notre Dame**- Ian Book 1-0, Kyren Williams 1-0, Michael Mayer 1-0, Matt Salerno 1-0.



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

BOWL HISTORY

NOTRE DAME BOWL APPEARANCES

Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score	Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score
1924	Rose (Jan. 1, 1925)	Stanford	W	27-10	1994	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1995)	Colorado	L	24-41
1969	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1970)	Texas	L	17-21	1995	Orange (Jan. 1, 1996)	Florida State	L	26-31
1970	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1971)	Texas	W	24-11	1997	Independence (Dec. 28, 1997)	LSU	L	9-27
1972	Orange (Jan. 1, 1973)	Nebraska	L	6-40	1998	Gator (Jan. 1, 1999)	Georgia Tech	L	28-35
1973	Sugar (Dec. 31, 1973)	Alabama	W	24-23	2000	Fiesta (Jan. 1, 2001)	Oregon State	L	9-41
1974	Orange (Jan. 1, 1975)	Alabama	W	13-11	2002	Gator (Jan. 1, 2003)	North Carolina State	L	6-28
1976	Gator (Dec. 27, 1976)	Penn State	W	20-9	2004	Insight (Dec. 28, 2004)	Oregon State	L	21-38
1977	Cotton (Jan. 2, 1978)	Texas	W	38-10	2005	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 2006)	Ohio State	L	20-34
1978	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1979)	Houston	W	35-34	2006	Sugar (Jan. 3, 2007)	LSU	L	14-41
1980	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1981)	Georgia	L	10-17	2008	Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)	Hawai'i	W	49-21
1983	Liberty (Dec. 29, 1983)	Boston College	W	19-18	2010	Sun (Dec. 31, 2010)	Miami (Fla.)	W	33-17
1984	Aloha (Dec. 29, 1984)	SMU	L	20-27	2011	Champs Sports (Dec. 29, 2011)	Florida State	L	14-18
1987	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1988)	Texas A&M	L	10-35	2012	BCS National Champ. Game (Jan. 7, 2013)*	Alabama	L	14-42
1988	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1989)	West Virginia	W	34-21	2013	Pinstripe (Dec. 28, 2013)*	Rutgers	W	29-16
1989	Orange (Jan. 1, 1990)	Colorado	W	21-6	2014	Music City (Dec. 30, 2014)	LSU	W	31-28
1990	Orange (Jan. 1, 1991)	Colorado	L	9-10	2015	Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 1, 2016)	Ohio State	L	28-44
1991	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1992)	Florida	W	39-28	2017	Citrus Bowl (Jan. 1, 2018)	LSU	W	21-17
1992	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1993)	Texas A&M	W	28-3	2018	CFP Semifinal - Cotton Bowl (Dec. 29, 2018)	Clemson	L	3-30
1993	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1994)	Texas A&M	W	24-21	2019	Camping World (Dec. 28, 2019)	Iowa State	W	33-9

*Indicates appearance later vacated by NCAA penalty

NOTRE DAME BOWL RECAPS

^Denotes national championship

Overall Bowl Record: 19-19*

1925 ROSE BOWL ^

Notre Dame 27, Stanford 10
January 1, 1925

Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne and the famed Four Horsemen brought a perfect 9-0 record to the West Coast to take on coach Pop Warner and Ernie Nevers of Stanford. Notre Dame's victory earned the Irish their first national championship and the first of four national crowns to come via bowl wins.

1970 COTTON BOWL

Texas 21, Notre Dame 17
January 1, 1970

Texas came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with a perfect 10-0 record. Notre Dame stood eighth in the AP poll and ninth according to UPI with its 8-1-1 mark. Texas earned the national championship with its victory, but Notre Dame moved up to fifth in the final AP poll taken after the bowl games.

1971 COTTON BOWL

Notre Dame 24, Texas 11
January 1, 1971

Texas again came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with a 10-0 mark and 30-game winning streak. Notre Dame stood 9-1 and was fifth in the UPI poll and sixth according to the AP. The Notre Dame victory dropped Texas to third in the final AP poll after the bowl games, while Notre Dame moved up to second behind Nebraska.

1973 ORANGE BOWL

Nebraska 40, Notre Dame 6
January 1, 1973

Nebraska came in with an 8-2-1 record, ranked ninth according to United Press International. Notre Dame, 8-2, came in ranked 12th in the UPI poll. The Nebraska victory vaulted the Huskers to fourth in the final AP poll after the bowls, while Notre Dame dropped to 14th.

1973 SUGAR BOWL ^

Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23
December 31, 1973

Alabama came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with an 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked third according to AP and fourth in the UPI poll with a 10-0 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish first in the AP poll after the bowls, while Alabama dropped to fourth.

1975 ORANGE BOWL

Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11
January 1, 1975

Alabama came in ranked first in the United Press International poll and second in the Associated Press poll with its 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in standing eighth in the UPI poll and ninth according to AP with its 9-2 record. The Notre Dame victory left Notre Dame sixth and Alabama fifth in the AP poll after the bowls. UPI also took its final tabulation after the bowl games for the first time and rated Alabama second and Notre Dame fourth.

1976 GATOR BOWL

Notre Dame 20, Penn State 9
December 27, 1976

Penn State came in tied for 20th in the polls with a 7-4 record. Notre Dame came in 13th in the United Press International poll and 15th in the Associated Press poll with an 8-3 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish 12th in both the final AP and UPI polls after the bowl games.

1978 COTTON BOWL ^

Notre Dame 38, Texas 10
January 2, 1978

Texas came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with its perfect 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fifth by both AP and UPI with a 10-1 record. The Notre Dame victory elevated the Irish to first in both the AP and UPI polls taken after the bowls, while Texas dropped to fourth in AP and fifth in UPI.

1979 COTTON BOWL

Notre Dame 35, Houston 34
January 1, 1979

Houston came in ranked ninth according to the Associated Press and 11th according to United Press International with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in ranked ninth according to UPI and 10th according to AP with an 8-3 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish sixth in UPI and seventh in AP, while Houston dropped to 10th in AP and remained 11th in UPI.

1981 SUGAR BOWL

Georgia 17, Notre Dame 10
January 1, 1981

Georgia came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with a perfect 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in seventh in AP and eighth in UPI with a 9-1-1 record. The Georgia victory kept the Bulldogs first in both polls, while Notre Dame dropped to ninth in AP and 10th in UPI.

1983 LIBERTY BOWL

Notre Dame 19, Boston College 18
December 29, 1983

Boston College came in ranked 12th according to United Press International and 13th according to the Associated Press with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in unranked with a 6-5 record. The Notre Dame victory dropped the Eagles to 19th in AP and 20th in UPI, while Notre Dame remained unranked. The Irish, however, did finish 18th in the final New York Times computer rankings.

1984 ALOHA BOWL

SMU 27, Notre Dame 20
December 29, 1984

SMU came in ranked 10th according to both the Associated Press and United Press International with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in ranked 17th by AP and 18th by UPI with a 7-4 record. The SMU victory boosted the Mustangs to eighth in both final wire service polls, while Notre Dame dropped out of both polls.

1988 COTTON BOWL[^]

Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10
January 1, 1988

Texas A&M came in ranked 13th according to both the Associated Press and United Press International with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in ranked 12th by AP and 14th by UPI with an 8-3 record. The Texas A&M victory boosted the Aggies to ninth in the final UPI polls and 10th according to AP. Notre Dame fell to 17th in the final AP poll and dropped out of the UPI rankings completely.

1989 FIESTA BOWL

Notre Dame 34, West Virginia 21
January 2, 1989

West Virginia came in ranked third according to both the Associated Press and United Press International with an 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked first by both AP and UPI with an 11-0 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish atop both polls in the final rankings. West Virginia dropped to fifth in both final polls.

1990 ORANGE BOWL

Notre Dame 21, Colorado 6
January 1, 1990

Colorado came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with its perfect 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fourth in both polls with an 11-1 record. The Notre Dame victory boosted the Irish to second in the final AP poll and third according to UPI. Colorado dropped to fourth in both polls.

1991 ORANGE BOWL

Colorado 10, Notre Dame 9
January 1, 1991

Colorado came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with its 10-1-1 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fifth by AP and sixth by UPI with a 9-2 record. The Colorado victory left the Buffs first according to AP and second by UPI. Notre Dame finished sixth in both polls.

1992 SUGAR BOWL

Notre Dame 39, Florida 28
January 1, 1992

Florida came in ranked third according to the Associated Press and fourth according to USA Today/CNN with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came in ranked 18th in both polls with a 9-3 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Gators seventh according to AP and eighth by USA Today/CNN. The Irish finished 12th according to USA Today/CNN and 13th by AP.

1993 COTTON BOWL

Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3
January 1, 1993

Texas A&M came in ranked third by USA Today/CNN and fourth by the Associated Press with a 12-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fifth in both polls with a 9-1-1 mark. The Irish victory put them fourth in the final polls and placed the Aggies sixth according to USA Today/CNN and seventh by AP.

1994 COTTON BOWL

Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21
January 1, 1994

Texas A&M came in ranked sixth by USA Today/CNN and seventh by the Associated Press with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fourth by both Associated Press and USA Today/CNN with a 10-1 mark. The Notre Dame victory pushed the Irish to second in both polls. The Aggies dropped to eighth in both polls.

1995 FIESTA BOWL

Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24
January 2, 1995

Colorado came in ranked fourth by the Associated Press and fifth by USA Today/CNN with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came in unranked with a 6-4-1 record. The Colorado victory left the Buffs third in both polls, while Notre Dame remained unranked.

1996 ORANGE BOWL

Florida State 31, Notre Dame 26
January 1, 1996

Florida State came in ranked eighth by both the Associated Press and USA Today/CNN with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in with a 9-2 mark and was ranked sixth by AP and ninth in USA Today/CNN. The victory by Florida State put the Seminoles fourth in the final AP poll and fifth in USA Today/CNN. Notre Dame finished 11th in AP and 13th in the USA Today/CNN.

1997 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

LSU 27, Notre Dame 9
December 28, 1997

LSU came in ranked 15th by both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN with an 8-3 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 7-5 mark and was unranked. The victory by LSU gave the Tigers a final ranking of 13th in both the AP and USA Today/ESPN poll.

1999 GATOR BOWL

Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28
January 1, 1999

Georgia Tech came in ranked 12th by the Associated Press and 14th by USA Today/ESPN with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 9-2 mark and was ranked 17th by the Associated Press and 14th by USA Today/ESPN. The victory by Georgia Tech gave the Yellow Jackets a final ranking of ninth in the AP and 11th in the USA Today/ESPN. Notre Dame was ranked 22nd in both final polls.

2001 FIESTA BOWL

Oregon State 41, Notre Dame 9
January 1, 2001

Oregon State came in ranked fifth by the Associated Press and sixth by USA Today/ESPN with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 9-2 mark and was ranked 10th by both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN. The victory by Oregon State gave the Beavers a final ranking of fourth in the AP and fifth in the USA Today/ESPN poll. Notre Dame was ranked 15th in the AP poll and 16th in the final USA Today/ESPN poll.

2003 GATOR BOWL

North Carolina State 28, Notre Dame 6
January 1, 2003

North Carolina State came in ranked 17th by both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN with a 10-3 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 10-2 mark and was ranked 11th by the Associated Press and 12th by USA Today/ESPN. The victory by North Carolina State boosted the Wolfpack to a final ranking of 12th in the AP and 11th in the USA Today/ESPN poll. Notre Dame was ranked 17th in both the AP poll and final USA Today/ESPN poll.

2004 INSIGHT BOWL

Oregon State 38, Notre Dame 21
December 28, 2004

Both teams (Notre Dame 6-5, Oregon State 6-5) entered the contest unranked by both national polls. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.

2006 FIESTA BOWL

Ohio State 34, Notre Dame 20
January 2, 2006

Notre Dame entered the game with a 9-2 record and ranked fifth in the Associated Press and Harris polls, sixth in the USA Today and BCS standings. Ohio State entered the game with a 9-2 record and ranked fourth in the AP, Harris, USA Today and BCS standings. Ohio State's victory ended up ranking the Buckeyes fourth in both the AP and USA Today top 25. The Irish fell to ninth in the final AP voting and 11th in the USA Today listing.

2007 SUGAR BOWL

LSU 41, Notre Dame 14
January 3, 2007

Notre Dame entered the game with a 10-2 record and ranked 10th in the Harris Poll and BCS Standings, as well as 11th in the Associated Press and USA Today polls. LSU entered the game with a 10-2 record and ranked fourth in the AP, Harris, USA Today and BCS standings. The Tigers' victory ended up ranking LSU third in both the AP and USA Today top 25. The Irish fell to 17th in the final AP voting and 19th in the USA Today listing.

2008 HAWAII BOWL

Notre Dame 49, Hawai'i 21
December 24, 2008

Both teams (Notre Dame 6-6, Hawaii 7-5) entered the contest unranked by both national polls. The Irish snapped their NCAA-record nine-game bowl losing streak. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.

2010 SUN BOWL

Notre Dame 33, Miami (Fla.) 17
December 31, 2010

Both teams (Notre Dame 7-5 Miami 7-5) entered the contest unranked by both national polls. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.



2011 CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Florida State 18, Notre Dame 14

December 29, 2011

Notre Dame (8-4) entered the contest unranked by both national polls, while Florida State (8-4) was ranked 25th by both goals. The victory by the Seminoles gave Florida State a final ranking of 23rd in both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN polls.

2013 BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME*

Alabama 42, Notre Dame 14

January 7, 2013

Notre Dame entered the game with a 12-0 record and ranked first in the BCS standings, Associated Press and USA Today polls. Alabama entered the game with a 12-1 record and ranked second in the BCS standings, AP and USA Today polls. The Crimson Tide victory ended up ranking Alabama first in both the AP and USA Today top 25. The Irish fell to fourth in the final AP voting and third in the USA Today listing.

2013 PINSTRIPE BOWL*

Notre Dame 29, Rutgers 16

December 28, 2013

Notre Dame (8-4) entered the game 25th in the Associated Press and BCS rankings. Rutgers was unranked at 6-6 entering the contest. The victorious Irish climbed to 20th in the final AP poll and 24th in the USA Today listing. The Scarlet Knights remained unranked.

2014 MUSIC CITY BOWL

Notre Dame 31, LSU 28

December 30, 2014

Notre Dame (7-5) entered the game unranked in the Associated Press or College Football Playoff Rankings. LSU (8-4) entered the game 22nd in the Associated Press and 23rd in the College Football Playoff Rankings. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.

2016 FIESTA BOWL

Ohio State 44, Notre Dame 28

January 1, 2016

Notre Dame (10-3) entered the game ranked eighth in the College Football Playoff Rankings and Associated Press polls, while the Buckeyes (12-1) were ranked seventh both. After the game, the Irish capped the year at 11th in the AP rankings, while Ohio State was fourth.

2018 CITRUS BOWL

Notre Dame 21, LSU 17

January 1, 2018

The Irish (10-3) entered the year 14th in the final College Football Playoff rankings, as well as in the Associated Press poll. LSU (9-4) was 17th according to the playoff committee and 16th in the AP poll. Following the thrilling Irish victory, Notre Dame was 11th in the final AP rankings while the Tigers finished 18th.

2018 CFP SEMIFINAL - COTTON BOWL

Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3

December 29, 2018

Notre Dame (12-0) entered the game ranked third in the Associated Press, College Football Playoff Rankings and Amway Coaches Poll. Clemson (13-0) entered the game second in each ranking. The Irish finished the year ranked fifth in both the AP and coaches polls while the Tigers were ranked first by the AP and coaches.

2019 CAMPING WORLD BOWL

Notre Dame 33, Iowa State 9

December 28, 2019

Notre Dame entered the game with a 10-2 record, ranked 14th in the AP poll and 15th in the final College Football Playoff rankings. Iowa State (7-5) entered unranked, but receiving votes in the AP poll. After the 33-9 win, the Irish finished ranked 12th in the AP poll and 11th in the coaches poll, with the Cyclones unranked.

**Includes two postseason appearances later vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty. See Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. statement (<https://president.nd.edu/writings-addresses/2018-writings/a-letter-from-the-president-on-the-ncaa-infractions-case/>).*



INDIVIDUAL - GAME

RUSHING

- Rushing Attempts: 28, Allen Pinkett (111 yards) vs. Boston College, '83 Liberty
- Rushing Yards: 150, Jerome Bettis (16 attempts) vs. Florida, '92 Sugar
- Rushing Yards Per Attempt (min. 10 attempts): 12.3, Tony Jones Jr. (11 for 135) vs. Iowa State, '19 Camping World
- Rushing Touchdowns: 3, Jerome Bettis vs. Florida, '92 Sugar; Autry Denson vs. Georgia Tech, '99 Gator; Darius Walker vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta
- Longest Rush: 84, Tony Jones Jr. vs. Iowa State, '19 Camping World

PASSING

- Pass Attempts: 47, Tommy Rees (completed 27) vs. Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe
- Pass Completions: 29, Brady Quinn (attempted 45) vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta
- Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts): .846, Jimmy Clausen (22 of 26) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i
- Passing Yards: 401, Jimmy Clausen (22 of 26) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i
- Most Yards Per Attempt: 19.4, Tony Rice vs. West Virginia (11 for 213), '89 Fiesta
- Most Yards Per Completion: 30.4, Tony Rice vs. West Virginia (7 for 213), '89 Fiesta
- Passes Had Intercepted: 4, Joe Montana vs. Houston, '79 Cotton
- Touchdown Passes: 5, Jimmy Clausen vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

RECEIVING

- Pass Receptions: 10, Arnaz Battle (84 yards) vs. North Carolina State, '03 Gator
- Pass Reception Yards: 177, Golden Tate vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i
- Touchdown Receptions: 3, Golden Tate vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i
- Longest Pass: 81, DeShone Kizer to Will Fuller vs. Ohio State, '16 Fiesta

TOTAL OFFENSE

- Total Offense Attempts: 55, Brady Quinn (254 yards) vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta
- Total Offense Yards: 395, Jimmy Clausen (28 attempts) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

Scoring

- Points: 18, Elmer Layden (3 TDs) vs. Stanford, '25 Rose; Vagas Ferguson (3 TDs) vs. Texas, '77 Cotton; Jerome Bettis (3 TDs) vs. Florida, '92 Sugar;

Bettis (3 TDs) vs. Texas A&M, '93 Cotton; Autry Denson (3 TDs) vs. Georgia Tech, '99 Gator; Darius Walker (3 TDs) vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta Bowl; Golden Tate (3 TDs) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

- Touchdowns: 3, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose; Vagas Ferguson vs. Texas, '77 Cotton; Jerome Bettis vs. Florida, '92 Sugar; Bettis vs. Texas A&M, '93 Cotton; Autry Denson vs. Georgia Tech, '99 Gator; Darius Walker, '06 Fiesta; Golden Tate vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i
- Kicking Points: 17, Kyle Brindza vs. Rutgers (5 FGs, 2 XPs), '13 Pinstripe
- Extra Points: 7, Brandon Walker vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i
- Field Goals: 5, Kyle Brindza vs. Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe
- Longest Field Goal: 51, John Carney vs. SMU, '84 Aloha; 51, Jonathan Doerer vs. Iowa State, '19 Camping World

DEFENSE

- Most Unassisted Tackles: 18, Rod Smith vs. Florida, '92 Sugar
- Most Assisted Tackles: 12, Te'von Coney vs. Clemson, '18 Cotton
- Most Total Tackles: 19, Alohi Gilman vs. Clemson, '18 Cotton

INTERCEPTIONS

- Interceptions: 3, Harrison Smith (16 yards) vs. Miami, Fla., '10 Sun
- Interception Yards: 148, Elmer Layden (2 returns) vs. Stanford, '25 Rose
- Longest Interception: 78, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose

PUNT RETURNS

- Punt Returns: 4, Dave Waymer (15 yards) vs. Houston, '79 Cotton; Joe Howard (42 yards) vs. SMU, '84 Aloha; Raghib Ismail (68 yards) vs. Colorado, '91 Orange
- Punt Return Yards: 68, Raghib Ismail (4 returns) vs. Colorado, '91 Orange
- Longest Punt Return: 41, Michael Floyd (1 return) vs. Florida State, '11 Champs Sports

KICKOFF RETURNS

- Kickoff Returns: 6, Tim Brown (129 yards) vs. Texas A&M, '88 Cotton
- Kickoff Return Yards: 144, Clint Johnson (5 returns) vs. Florida, '92 Sugar
- Longest Kickoff Return: 96, Armando Allen vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

PUNTING

- Punts: 8, Jim Yoder (366 yards) vs. Texas, '71 Cotton; Tyler Newsome (367 yards) vs. Clemson, '18 Cotton
- Punting Average: 48.5, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose
- Longest Punt: 80, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose

INDIVIDUAL - SEASON

RUSHING

- Rushing Attempts: 57, Autry Denson (298 yards) in '96 Orange, '97 Independence, '99 Gator
- Rushing Yards: 298, Autry Denson (57 attempts) in '96 Orange, '97 Independence, '99 Gator
- Rushing Yards Per Attempt (min. 20 attempts): 5.7, Darius Walker (38 for 218) in '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar
- Rushing Touchdowns: 5, Jerome Bettis in '91 Orange, '92 Sugar, '93 Cotton

PASSING

- Pass Attempts: 109, Brady Quinn (completed 59) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar

- Pass Completions: 59, Brady Quinn (attempted 109) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar
- Completion Percentage (min. 20 attempts): .846, Jimmy Clausen (22 of 26) in '08 Hawai'i
- Passing Yards: 683, Tommy Rees (58 of 103) in '10 Sun, '11 Champs Sports, '13 Pinstripe
- Passes Had Intercepted: 5, Joe Montana in '78 Cotton, '79 Cotton
- Touchdown Passes: 5, Jimmy Clausen in '08 Hawai'i

RECEIVING

- Pass Receptions: 19, Jeff Samardzija (207 yards) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar
- Pass Reception Yards: 207, Jeff Samardzija (19 receptions) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar
- Touchdown Receptions: 4, Derrick Mayes in '93 Cotton, '94 Cotton, '95 Fiesta, '96 Orange

TOTAL OFFENSE

- Total Offense Attempts: 126, Brady Quinn (632 yards) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar
- Total Offense Yards: 667, Ian Book (119 att.) in '17 Citrus, '18 Cotton, 19 Camping World

SCORING

- Points: 36, Jerome Bettis (6 TDs) in '92 Sugar, '93 Cotton
- Touchdowns: 6, Jerome Bettis in '91 Orange, '92 Sugar, '93 Cotton
- Kicking Points: 26, Kyle Brindza (6 FGs, 8 PATs) in '13 BCS Championship Game, '13 Pinstripe, '14 Music City
- Extra Points: 11, Dave Reeve in '75 Orange, '76 Gator, '78 Cotton
- Field Goals: 6, Kyle Brindza in '13 BCS Championship Game, '13 Pinstripe, '14 Music City

RETURNS

- Interceptions: 3, Harrison Smith (16 yards) vs. Miami, Fla., '10 Sun
- Interception Yards: 148, Elmer Layden (2 returns) in '25 Rose
- Punt Returns: 4, Dave Waymer (15 yards) in '76 Gator, '78 Cotton, '79 Cotton; Joe Howard (42 yards) in '83 Liberty, '84 Aloha; Raghib Ismail (68 yards) in '91 Orange
- Punt Return Yards: 68, Raghib Ismail (4 returns) in '91 Orange
- Kickoff Returns: 8, Tim Brown (217 yards) in '84 Aloha, '88 Cotton; Clint Johnson (203 yards) in '92 Sugar, '94 Cotton
- Kickoff Return Yards: 217, Tim Brown (8 returns) in '84 Aloha, '88 Cotton

PUNTING

- Punts: 16, Ben Turk (658 yards) in '10 Sun, '11 Champs, '13 BCS National Championship
- Punting Average: 48.5, Elmer Layden in '25 Rose

OPPONENT - INDIVIDUAL GAME

RUSHING

- Rushing Attempts: 36, Herschel Walker (150 yards), Georgia, '81 Sugar
- Rushing Yards: 222, Rondell Mealey (34 attempts), LSU, '97 Independence
- Rushing Yards Per Attempt (min. 10 attempts): 13.0, Leonard Fournette (11 for 143), LSU, '14 Music City
- Rushing Touchdowns: 4, Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, '16 Fiesta
- Longest Rush: 89, Leonard Fournette, LSU, '14 Music City

PASSING

- Pass Attempts: 58, Shane Matthews (completed 28), Florida, '92 Sugar
- Pass Completions: 28, Shane Matthews (attempted 58), Florida, '92 Sugar; Derek Anderson (attempted 45), Oregon State, '04 Insight
- Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts): .714, AJ McCarron (20 of 28), Alabama, '13, BCS National Championship
- Passing Yards: 370, Shane Matthews (28 of 58), Florida, '92 Sugar
- Passes Had Intercepted: 3, Randy McEachern, Texas, '78 Cotton; Jacory Harris, Miami, Fla., '10 Sun; Chas Dodd, Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe
- Touchdown Passes: 4, Danny Kanell, Florida State, '96 Orange; Derek Anderson, Oregon State, '04 Insight; AJ McCarron, Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship

RECEIVING

- Pass Reception: 10, Jerricho Cotchery (127 yards), North Carolina State, '03 Gator
- Pass Reception Yards: 167, Ted Ginn Jr. (8 receptions), Ohio State, '06 Fiesta
- Touchdown Receptions: 3, Andre Cooper, Florida State, '96 Orange
- Longest Pass: 85, Troy Smith to Antonio Holmes, Ohio State, '06 Fiesta

TOTAL OFFENSE

- Total Offense Attempts: 65, Shane Matthews (397 yards), Florida, '92 Sugar
- Total Offense Yards: 397, Shane Matthews (65 att.), Florida, '92 Sugar

SCORING

- Points: 24, Johnny Rodgers (4 TDs), Nebraska, '73 Orange; Ezekiel Elliott (4 TDs), Ohio State, '16 Fiesta
- Touchdowns: 4, Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, '73 Orange
- Kicking Points: 16, Arden Czyzewski (5 FGs, 1 PAT), Florida, '92 Sugar
- Extra Points: 6, Jeremy Shelley, Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship
- Field Goals: 5, Arden Czyzewski, Florida, '92 Sugar
- Longest Field Goal: 47, Brandy Brownlee, SMU, '84 Aloha; Kyle Federico, Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe

INTERCEPTIONS

- Interceptions: 3, Rod Johnson (36 yards), North Carolina State, '03 Gator
- Interception Yards: 37, Aric Williams (one interception), Oregon State, '04 Insight
- Longest Interception: 37, Aric Williams (one interception), Oregon State, '04 Insight

PUNT RETURNS

- Punt Returns: 5, Willie Shelby (34 yards), Alabama, '75 Orange
- Punt Return Yards: 73, Jalin Marshall, Ohio State, '16 Fiesta
- Longest Punt Return: 52, Sammie Stroughter, Oregon State, '04 Insight

KICKOFF RETURNS

- Kickoff Returns: 6, Eugene Napoleon, West Virginia, '89 Fiesta
- Kickoff Return Yards: 127, Janarion Grant, Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe
- Longest Kickoff Return: 100, Leonard Fournette, LSU, '14 Music City

PUNTING

- Punts: 11, Mark Malkiewicz (424 yards), Georgia, '81 Sugar
- Punting Average: 47.2, Shawn Powell (8 for 378), FSU, '11 Champs Sports; 47.2, Joe Rivera (5 for 236), Iowa State, '19 Camping World
- Longest Punt: 69, Greg Gantt, Alabama, '73 Sugar

TEAM RECORDS

- First Downs: 31 vs. Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe
- Rushing Attempts: 66 vs. Alabama (185 yards), '75 Orange
- Rushing Yards: 290 vs. Texas A&M (64 attempts), '93 Sugar
- Pass Attempts: 47 vs. Rutgers (27 completions), '13 Pinstripe
- Pass Completions: 29 vs. Ohio State (45 attempts), '06 Fiesta
- Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts): .857 vs. Hawai'i (24 of 28), '08 Hawai'i
- Passing Yards: 413 vs. Hawai'i (24 of 28), '08 Hawai'i
- Passes Had Intercepted: 4 vs. Houston, '79 Cotton
- Touchdown Passes: 5 vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i
- Total Offense Attempts: 90 vs. Rutgers (494 yards), '13 Pinstripe
- Total Offense Yards: 494 vs. Rutgers (90 plays), '13 Pinstripe
- Fumbles Lost: 3 vs. Alabama, '73 Sugar; vs. Houston, '79 Cotton
- Total Turnovers: 7 vs. Houston (4 interceptions, 3 fumbles), '79 Cotton

OPPONENT TEAM RECORDS

- First Downs: 31 by LSU, '07 Sugar
- Rushing Attempts: 67 by Texas (331 yards), '70 Cotton
- Rushing Yards: 331 by Texas (67 yards), '70 Cotton
- Pass Attempts: 58 by Florida (completed 28), '92 Sugar
- Pass Completions: 28 by Florida (attempted 58), '92 Sugar; by Oregon State (attempted 45), '04 Insight
- Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts): .714 by Alabama (20 of 28), '13 BCS National Championship
- Passing Yards: 370 by Florida (28 of 58), '92 Sugar
- Passes Had Intercepted: 5 by Stanford, '25 Rose
- Touchdown Passes: 4 by Florida State, '96 Orange; by Oregon State, '04 Insight; by Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship
- Total Offense Attempts: 91 by Florida (511 yards), '92 Sugar
- Total Offense Yards: 617 by Ohio State (64 plays), '06 Fiesta
- Fumbles Lost: 5 by Texas, '71 Cotton
- Total Turnovers: 8 by Stanford (5 interceptions, 3 fumbles), '25 Rose

ORANGE BOWL HALL OF FAME

- Ara Parseghian, 1980
- Dan Devine, 1993
- Lou Holtz, 1998
- Gene Corrigan, 2000
- Raghib Ismail, 2003
- Chris Zorich, 2009
- Barry Alvarez, 2016

ROSE BOWL HALL OF FAME

- Elmer Layden, 1992
- Knute Rockne, 2014

COTTON BOWL HALL OF FAME

- Joe Theismann, 2003
- Ara Parseghian, 2007
- Kris Haines, 2010
- Joe Montana, 2010
- Lou Holtz, 2012
- Bob Golic, 2016
- Tom Gatewood, 2020

GATOR BOWL HALL OF FAME

- Dan Devine, 1989
- John Lanahan, 1997 (Notre Dame graduate and former Gator Bowl president)
- Ross Browner, 1998
- Bob Golic, 2009



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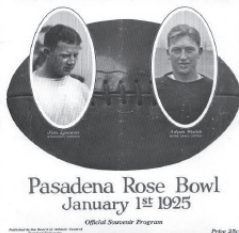
SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame
Stanford

1	2	3	4	SCORE
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STANFORD
vs
NOTRE DAME



PASADENA, Calif. — With the fabled Four Horsemen making their final appearance together, Notre Dame ventured to the distant West Coast and proved its worth by downing Stanford 27-10 in the 1925 Rose Bowl. The win gave Notre Dame a 10-0 record for the 1924 season and the national championship.

Although Pop Warner's Indians won the battle of the statistics—besting Notre Dame in virtually every offensive category—the Irish, coached by Knute Rockne, capitalized on Stanford miscues and came up on top on the scoreboard.

Stanford opened the scoring in the first quarter as Murray Cuddeback kicked a 27-yard field goal. But that was all

FIRST QUARTER

8:00 SU Cuddeback 27 yd field goal

SECOND QUARTER

13:30 ND Layden 3 yd run (Crowley kick failed)

8:00 ND Layden 78 yd interception return (Crowley kick)

THIRD QUARTER

5:00 ND Hunsinger 20 yd fumble return (Crowley kick)

1:00 SU Walker 7 yd pass from Shipkey (Cuddeback kick)

FOURTH QUARTER

0:30 ND Layden 70 yd interception return (Crowley kick)

	SU	ND
First Downs	17	7
Yards Rushing	193	137
Yards Lost Rushing	15	7
Net Yards Rushing	178	130
Net Yards Passing	138	56
Passes Attempted	17	7
Passes Completed	12	3
Had Intercepted	5	3
Total Net Yards	316	186
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Penalties-Yards	1-15	4-30
Average Per Punt	42.5	48.5
Interceptions	3-7	5-139

the Indians could manage until late in the game when the outcome was almost assured.

Elmer Layden shone as a sparkling jewel in the Notre Dame crown all afternoon. The skinny fullback scored three touchdowns for the Irish, including two on interception returns. He also helped the Notre Dame cause with his punting that forced Stanford into poor field position on many occasions.

Layden's first score, a three-yard plunge across the goal line, capped a 46-yard drive by Notre Dame. Although Jim Crowley's kick failed, Notre Dame owned a 6-3 lead early in the second quarter.

Late in the second period, Layden stunned the capacity crowd of 53,000 in the Rose Bowl by intercepting an Ernie Nevers pass and galloping downfield for 78 yards for another touchdown. This time Crowley, another one of the Horsemen, converted the extra-point attempt.

Even though the stronger, more physical Stanford Indians were controlling the line play, Rockne's swift and crafty Irish kept putting points on the scoreboard.

Late in the third quarter, Stanford fumbled an Elmer Layden punt on its own 20-yard line. A quick-thinking Ed Hunsinger picked up the ball and ran untouched into the end zone for another Notre Dame score. With Crowley's kick, Notre Dame held a commanding 20-3 lead.

Stanford finally staged a late rally and threatened to dash the Irish hopes of a Midwest victory. Nevers, a star on both offense and defense, provided the heroics as he intercepted a Notre Dame pass on the Stanford 20-yard line, thwarting an Irish scoring drive. He then guided the Indians downfield to the Notre Dame seven. Another Stanford back, Ed Walker, passed to Ted Shipkey, a two-way star for the Indians, for the score. Cuddeback's kick brought Stanford back to within 10 points at 20-10.

The Indians moved into scoring territory again in the final stanza. Nevers brought Stanford all the way to the Notre Dame eight-inch line. But an inspired Irish line made a superb defensive stance on Nevers' final plunge, and the Notre Dame advantage stayed intact.

Notre Dame crossed the goal line a final time with only 30 seconds left in the contest that was played in 89-degree heat. Layden again intercepted a Nevers pass and took it 70 yards into the end zone. Crowley added the final touches with his kick.

Layden and Crowley proved the Irish standouts of the afternoon, but the two other Horsemen—Don Miller and quarterback Harry Stuhldreher—also played a big part in the Notre Dame win. Stuhldreher broke an ankle early in the contest but continued to play despite the painful injury. Captain Adam Walsh anchored the line play at center.

The story of the game proved to be Notre Dame's penchant for turning Stanford mistakes into Notre Dame scores.

"It is true that we got the breaks, but we would have won anyway," said Rockne. "It is one thing to get the breaks and another thing to take advantage of them. Stanford played a wonderful game, but we won fairly, playing the ball as it came to us, and we hope to be given credit for that."

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#8 Notre Dame

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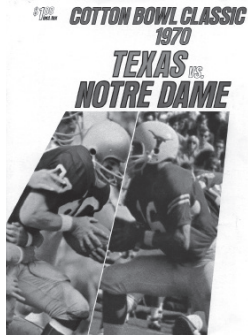
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DALLAS — After a 45-year absence, Notre Dame reappeared on the bowl scene.

The Irish, who headed into the battle with a respectable 8-1-1 record, drew the unenviable assignment of challenging the nation's number-one team - the unbeaten Longhorns of Texas. With visions of the Four Horsemen dancing in their heads, the Irish almost pulled off the upset. Only a 76-yard drive late in the final period, capped by Billy Dale's one-yard scoring plunge, gave the Longhorns a hard fought 21-17 victory and insured their claim to the national title.

Although Texas won the annual Cotton Bowl Classic on this sun-drenched but chilly New Year's Day before a packed house of 73,000, Notre Dame, coached by Ara Parseghian, matched the

powerful Longhorns yard for yard until the final gun.

The Irish opened the scoring in the first quarter as Scott Hempel converted a 26-yard field goal. After the opening kickoff junior quarterback Joe Theismann guided the Irish 82 yards downfield, eating up six minutes on the clock, to set the stage for Hempel's kick.

Notre Dame scored again early in the second period as Theismann shocked the Longhorns by tossing a 54-yard touchdown bomb to Tom Gatewood on the first play from scrimmage after a Texas punt. Hempel's kick made it 10-0 for Notre Dame.

The Longhorns first lit the scoreboard in the second quarter as they drove 74 yards in nine plays. Behind the running of Ted Koy and Jim Bertelsen and the passing of James Street, the Longhorns moved into Notre Dame territory and ended the scoring march on Bertelsen's one-yard dash into the end zone. Happy Feller converted the PAT and the Longhorns trailed 10-7.

Neither team crossed the goal line again until the final period.

Texas jumped out in front of the Irish in the fourth quarter on a bruising 77-yard drive. Steve Worster, the game's leading rusher with 155 yards, barreled his way through the Irish defense for long gains of eight, nine and seven yards, while Bertelsen, who finished the afternoon with 81 yards, added carries of five and six yards to the Longhorn effort. Koy took the ball in from the three, and Feller's kick gave Texas a 14-10 lead.

Notre Dame fought right back. With Theismann at the controls, Notre Dame went 80 yards in eight plays to go ahead 17-14. The feisty Theismann put together scampers of 14 and 11 yards and tossed an 11-yard pass to Dennis Allen. The Irish finally scored on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Theismann to Jim Yoder.

With still seven minutes left in the battle, coach Darrell Royal and his Longhorns weren't about to watch their national championship dreams be snuffed out by an upstart group of Irishmen from Notre Dame. Texas made the most of its final surge. Twice the Longhorns needed conversions on fourth down to maintain possession, and the final one dashed Notre Dame's hopes. Street, on fourth and two from the Irish 10-yard line, threw low and wide to end Cotton Speyrer, but the lanky redhead snared it at the two. The Irish defense then halted a pair of Longhorn rushing plays, but on the third try, Dale found the end zone and the Longhorns had their national championship with only 1:08 left on the clock.

Notre Dame tried another comeback attempt with the seconds ticking away. Theismann brought the Irish all the way to the Texas 39, but with 28 seconds left, Tom Campbell intercepted Theismann's final pass.

Worster earned the game's offensive player award, while Notre Dame's captain Bob Olson won the most valuable defensive player honor.

Theismann's efforts established Cotton Bowl records in two categories. His 231 yards passing broke Roger Staubach's previous mark of 228 (1964) and his 279 yards total offense surpassed Duke Carlisle's 267 standard, also set in 1964.

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Bob Olson, Linebacker

FIRST QUARTER

8:41 ND Hemple 26 yd field goal, 16-82 6:14

SECOND QUARTER

 14:40 ND Gatewood 54 yd pass from Theismann (Hempel kick), 1-54 0:08
 11:12 UT Bertelsen 1 yd run (Feller kick), 9-74 3:22

FOURTH QUARTER

 10:05 UT Koy 3 yd run (Feller kick), 18-77 8:10
 6:52 ND Yoder 24 yd pass from Theismann (Hempel kick), 8-80 2:56
 1:08 UT Dale 1 yd run (Feller kick), 17-76 5:39

	UT	ND
First Downs	25	25
By Rushing	19	13
By Passing	6	12
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	67	43
Yards Rushing	333	213
Yards Lost Rushing	2	24
Net Yards Rushing	331	189
Net Yards Passing	107	231
Passes Attempted	11	27
Passes Completed	6	17
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	78	70
Total Net Yards	448	420
Average Gain Per Play	5.7	6.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	2-10
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-9	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-159	7-256
Average Per Punt	39.8	36.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-24	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-31	5-97

RUSHING: Texas-Worster 20-155; Bertelsen 18-81; Koy 12-40; Street 10-31; Speyrer 1-13; Dale 6-11. Notre Dame-Barz 10-49; Theismann 11-48; Allan 7-47; Huff 11-39; Yoder 2-4; Crotty 2-2.

PASSING: Texas-Street 6-11-1-107. Notre Dame-Theismann 17-27-2-231.

RECEIVING: Texas-Speyrer 4-70; Bertelsen 1-21; Peschel 1-16. Notre Dame: Gatewood 6-112; Allan 3-43; Crotty 3-19; Huff 2-15; Yoder 1-24; Poskon 1-22; Barz 1-7.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#6 Notre Dame
#1 Texas

1	2	3	4	SCORE
14	10	0	0	24
3	8	0	0	11



OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Clarence Ellis, Left Halfback

FIRST QUARTER

- 11:28 UT Feller 23 yd field goal, 5-67 1:33
- 7:58 ND Gatewood 26 yd pass from Theismann (Hempel kick), 10-80 3:39
- 5:11 ND Theismann 3 yd run (Hempel kick), 6-13 5:11

SECOND QUARTER

- 13:28 ND Theismann 15 yd run (Hempel kick), 5-53 1:37
- 1:52 UT Bertelsen 2 yd run (Lester pass from Phillips), 18-84 7:02
- 0:24 ND Hempel 36 yd field goal, 8-78 1:21

	UT	ND
First Downs	20	16
By Rushing	10	9
By Passing	9	7
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	55	43
Yards Rushing	260	192
Yards Lost Rushing	44	46
Net Yards Rushing	216	146
Net Yards Passing	210	213
Passes Attempted	27	19
Passes Completed	10	10
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	82	72
Total Net Yards	426	359
Average Gain Per Play	5.2	5.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	9-5	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-33	5-52
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-163	8-366
Average Per Punt	32.6	45.7
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	4-26	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-41	3-58

RUSHING: Texas-Phillips 23-164; Worster 16-42; Wiggington 6-10; Bertelsen 8-5; Dale 1-2; Lester 1-(-7). Notre Dame-Cieszkowski 13-52; Parker 13-48; Gulyas 9-24; Theismann 18-22.

PASSING: Texas-Phillips 9-17-0-199; Wiggington 1-10-1-11. Notre Dame-Theismann 9-16-1-176; Bulger 1-2-0-37; Steenberge 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Texas-Speyrer 4-70; Bertelsen 1-21; Peschel 1-16. Notre Dame-Gatewood 6-112; Allan 3-43; Crotty 3-19; Huff 2-15; Yoder 1-24; Poskon 1-22; Barz 1-7.

DALLAS — Notre Dame's defense caused nine Texas fumbles and All-America quarterback Joe Theismann personally accounted for three scores in the first 16 1/2 minutes en route to a 24-11 Irish victory in the 1971 Cotton Bowl Classic.

The victory, Notre Dame's 10th against only one loss during the season, stopped the Longhorns' 30-game winning string and knocked top-ranked Texas out of the race for its second consecutive national championship.

The decisive win was the first bowl victory in 46 years for Notre Dame, who returned to the postseason scene the year before after a 45-year absence.

Both teams displayed their offensive fireworks in the first half as the Irish built up a 24-11 advantage that held up until the final buzzer.

Texas cracked the scoring barrier early in the first period on Happy Feller's 23-yard field goal. On the first play of the Texas possession, quarterback Eddie Phillips rambled 63 yards downfield on an option play. But the Notre Dame defense stiffened its resistance and the Longhorns had to settle for only the three-pointer.

Then, Theismann ignited the Notre Dame charge by rallying the Irish to three touchdowns on their next four possessions. The senior all-star guided the Irish 80 yards in only 10 plays and tossed a 26-yard pass to Tom Gatewood for the touchdown. The scoring march included another Theismann pass to Gatewood (this one for 17 yards) and a Theismann scamper of 12 yards, along with runs of seven, 11 and six yards by John Cieszkowski. Scott Hempel's kick gave the Irish a 7-3 lead, and they never looked back.

Notre Dame increased its lead by seven 2 1/2 minutes later. Tom Eaton recovered a Texas fumble on the kickoff at the Longhorn 13-yard line. Six plays later, Theismann took the ball in himself on a three-yard run. Hempel again converted the PAT.

The Irish scored again on another Theismann run - this one from 15 yards - early in the second period. He helped the Irish march the 53 yards in the drive by tossing a 19-yard pass to Mike Creaney. Ed Gulyas contributed a 12-yard run.

Although the Longhorns had trouble getting their famed Wishbone attack off the ground because of a unique Notre Dame defensive alignment, Texas did manage another score in the second period. Phillips abandoned the run and went to the most rusty weapon in the Longhorn arsenal - the pass. He hit tight end Deryl Comer three times (for eight, 36 and 10 yards) in an 84-yard drive that climaxed on Jim Bertelsen's two-yard run. A Phillips pass to Danny Lester added two points.

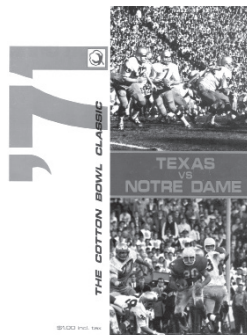
The Irish wrapped up the scoring on a 36-yard field goal by Hempel with 24 seconds remaining on the clock before intermission.

The second half turned into a defensive struggle as Notre Dame played it conservatively, and Texas tried to figure out the Irish defensive setup that featured six men on the line of scrimmage - with three across from the Longhorn center.

Neither team mounted much of a scoring threat. However, in the third period, the fired-up Notre Dame defense took the steam out of a promising Longhorn drive. Irish linebacker Jim Musuraca met Bertelsen head-on at the Notre Dame 35-yard line and forced another fumble, one of five recovered by the Irish, that gave the ball and the momentum to Notre Dame.

Texas, who entered the game as the nation's top-ranked rushing team with an average of 374 yards per game, managed only 216 yards against the Irish. Phillips accumulated 164 of those yards. Notre Dame's ground game netted only 146 yards, paced by Cieszkowski's 52.

Phillips, who combined for 363 yards total offense, erased Theismann's standard of 279, set the previous year. He was voted the top offense player, while Notre Dame's Clarence Ellis earned the defensive honor.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

 #12 Notre Dame
 #9 Nebraska

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MIAMI – Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers proved the award was justified by scoring four touchdowns and passing for another as ninth-ranked Nebraska smashed Notre Dame 40-6 in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

Although he left the game in the third period with 81 yards rushing on 15 carries, Rodgers scored on runs of eight, four and five yards, galloped down the sidelines on a 50-yard touchdown pass play from quarterback David Humm and tossed a 52-yard scoring aerial to Frosty Anderson as the Cornhuskers rolled to their third consecutive Orange Bowl conquest.

The defeat was the worst for the Irish since Ara Parseghian took over the Notre Dame coaching reins in 1964.

Nebraska, a Big Eight power, bolted to a 20-0 halftime lead and added three more touchdowns – all by Rodgers – in the third period before Notre Dame managed a meaningless touchdown in the final quarter. That six-pointer, a five-yard scoring pass from Tom Clements to Pete Demmerle, kept Notre Dame's streak of scoring in 72 straight games alive.

Rodgers scored his first touchdown in the first quarter on an eight-yard run that capped a 76-yard drive. That march also included scampers of 13 and 10 yards by Rodgers as well as runs of 12 and six yards by Dave Goeller. Rick Sanger's kick made it Nebraska 7, Notre Dame 0.

In the second quarter, Gary Dixon helped the Huskers go 80 yards in 11 plays with a 36-yard burst. He then plunged over from the one-yard line and Sanger's kick gave Nebraska a 14-0 lead.

On Nebraska's next possession, Humm lateraled to Rodgers on the first play from scrimmage. Rodgers then heaved his 52-yard pass to Frosty Anderson. That put the Irish in a 20-0 hole, and they never recovered.

Notre Dame's first-half problems resulted mainly from its inability to take advantage of excellent field position. During the first 30 minutes the Irish had first downs at the Nebraska 30, 29 and 25-yard lines but couldn't score. On two other occasions Clements' passes were intercepted, once at the Husker 18 and once at the Nebraska 41.

The Rodgers extravaganza continued after intermission. He scored on runs of four and five yards. He then took a screen pass from Humm and dashed 50 yards down the right sideline for the final Nebraska touchdown, its sixth of the day. Rodgers then retreated to the bench for the rest of the game. The Huskers already had inflicted enough damage on the Irish, who finished the year at 8-3.

Nebraska bested Notre Dame in just about every statistical category. The Huskers rolled up 560 yards total offense to Notre Dame's 207. Nebraska had 300 yards on the ground and 260 through the air, while the Irish had 104 yards rushing and 103 yards passing. Notre Dame managed only 13 first downs to Nebraska's 30.

Humm completed 13 of 19 passes for 185 yards, while his Irish counterpart Tom Clements was successful on nine of 22 attempts for 103.

In addition to his 81 yards rushing, Rodgers caught three passes for 71 yards.

Nebraska ended the year at 9-2-1, losing only to UCLA and Oklahoma and tying Iowa State. The victory proved a fitting end to the 11-year Nebraska career of head coach Bob Devaney.

FIRST QUARTER

11:19 NU Rodgers 8 yd run (Sanger kick), 11-76 3:41

SECOND QUARTER

 14:21 NU Dixon 1 yd run (Sanger kick), 11-80 4:04
 12:20 NU Anderson 52 yd pass from Rodgers (Sanger kick failed), 1-52 0:09

THIRD QUARTER

 11:17 NU Rodgers 4 yd run (Humm pass failed), 6-42 1:55
 7:33 NU Rodgers 5 yd run (Sanger kick), 9-80 2:52
 6:00 NU Rodgers 50 yd pass from Humm (Sanger kick), 1-50 0:12

FOURTH QUARTER

13:51 ND Demmerle 24 yd pass from Clements (Clements pass failed), 15-77

	NU	ND
First Downs	30	13
By Rushing	20	6
By Passing	9	5
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	64	44
Yards Rushing	328	145
Yards Lost Rushing	28	41
Net Yards Rushing	300	104
Net Yards Passing	260	103
Passes Attempted	26	23
Passes Completed	17	9
Had Intercepted	1	3
Total Offensive Plays	90	67
Total Net Yards	560	207
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.2	3.1
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	3-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-68	1-15
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-153	6-223
Avg. Per Punt	38.3	37.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3	2-18
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-34	6-84

RUSHING: Nebraska-Rodgers 15-81; Dixon 9-69; Goeller 11-43; Bahe 6-27; Runty 3-19; Damkroger 3-18; Moran 4-11; Garson 4-10; Powell 1-9; Humm 4-7; Olds 2-5; Westbrook 1-1. Notre Dame-Penick 8-48; Huff 11-22; Cieszkowski 3-21; Dewan 7-18; Best 7-15; Dimmick 1-2; Samuel 1-0; Clements 6-(-22).

PASSING: Nebraska-Humm 13-19-0-185; Rodgers 1-1-0-52; Runty 3-6-1-23. Notre Dame: Clements 9-22-3-103; Dewan 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Nebraska-Rodgers 3-71; Revelle 3-62; List 3-25; Anderson 2-67; Garson 2-16; Damkroger 2-13; Longwell 1-4; Goeller 1-2. Notre Dame-Dewan 3-46; Creaney 2-28; Roof 1-15; Demmerle 1-5; Diminick 1-5; Huff 1-4.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

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NEW ORLEANS — It was to be a dream game.

Two undefeated, highly-ranked teams with long and storied gridiron traditions were set to battle for the national championship. It was billed as a classic confrontation - the game of the century.

The prognosticators' predictions rang true as the 1973 Sugar Bowl saw Notre Dame emerge a 24-23 winner over Alabama in a thriller that saw the lead change hands six times.

Bob Thomas, who had missed two attempts earlier in the game, kicked a 19-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Fighting Irish and coach Ara Parseghian the one-point upset over top-rated Alabama. The win also clinched the national championship for Notre Dame which finished the season at 11-0.

The record crowd of 85,161 was treated to a pulsating battle that went to the wire. With three minutes to play, Alabama's punting specialist, Greg Gantt, booted a 69-yard punt that backed up the Irish to their own one-yard line. However, Gantt was fouled on the play and Alabama was entitled to keep the ball with fourth down and five yards to go.

But Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant elected to decline the penalty, hoping his defense could force an Irish turnover deep in their own territory. Moments later, Notre Dame quarterback Tom Clements rifled a pass to tight end Robin Weber at the 38 and secured the national championship.

The Irish opened the contest with a superb defensive effort that held the Tide without a yard gained in the first period. Led by Clements, who shot passes of 19, 26 and 14 yards to split end Pete Demmerle, the Irish offense drew first blood in the opening period. Fullback Wayne Bullock capped a 64-yard scoring drive with a six-yard gallop into the end zone.

Alabama's thoroughbred backs made it out of the starting gate in the second period. They produced three long drives that resulted in a pair of scores - the first coming with 7:30 remaining. Randy Billingsley scored on a six-yard run and Bill Davis added the extra point that put Alabama up by one at 7-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Notre Dame's Al Hunter stunned the crowd with his dazzling 93-yard return, the longest in Sugar Bowl history. The Irish went for two and converted as Clements hit Demmerle in the end zone for a 14-7 Notre Dame lead.

Alabama moved deep into Notre Dame territory late in the second quarter, but had to settle for a 39-yard field goal by Davis.

At the start of the second half, Alabama marched 93 yards and took the lead on Wilbur Jackson's five-yard scoring plunge. Again Notre Dame charged back, but a 54-yard field goal try by Thomas fell by the wayside.

Notre Dame excited the crowd again when linebacker Drew Mahalic recovered a Tide fumble in mid-air and took the ball to the Alabama 12-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Eric Penick dashed 12 yards for the score. Thomas' kick gave the Irish a 21-17 lead.

Early in the fourth period, the game took a zany turn with three turnovers in 90 seconds. Alabama took charge and put in its own version of the razzle-dazzle. With the ball on the Notre Dame 25, second-string quarterback Richard Todd handed off to halfback Mike Stock, then raced to the sidelines where he took a return pass from Stock and went in for the score. But Davis missed the conversion try and Bryant's Tide, which hadn't won a bowl game in its last four appearances, hung on to a slim two-point advantage.

Notre Dame then marched 79 yards in 11 plays. Strong runs by Hunter, Penick and Clements and a 30-yard pass from Clements to Dave Casper carried the drive to the Alabama 15-yard line. The Irish got to the three, but couldn't get any closer when the call went to Thomas. This time he didn't miss and the Irish had a 24-23 win.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Tom Clements, Quarterback

FIRST QUARTER

3:19 ND Bullock 6 yd run (Thomas kick failed), 7-64 2:32

SECOND QUARTER

7:30 UA Billingsley 6 yd run (Davis kick), 7-52 2:40
7:17 ND Hunter 93 yd kickoff return (Demmerle pass from Clements)
0:39 UA Davis 39 yd field goal, 7-69, 2:40

THIRD QUARTER

11:02 UA Jackson 5 yd run (Davis kick), 11-93 3:57
2:30 ND Penick 12 yd run (Thomas kick), 1-12 0:07

FOURTH QUARTER

9:33 UA Todd 24 yd pass from Stock (Davis kick failed), 5-39 2:14
4:26 ND Thomas 19 yd field goal, 11-79, 5:13

	UA	ND
First Downs	23	20
By Rushing	15	12
By Passing	7	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	52	59
Yards Rushing	233	257
Yards Lost Rushing	43	5
Net Yards Rushing	190	252
Net Yards Passing	127	169
Passes Attempted	15	12
Passes Completed	10	7
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	67	71
Total Net Yards	317	421
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	5.9
Fumbles: No.-Lost	5-2	4-3
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-32	5-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-278	7-169
Average Per Punt	46.3	35.8
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-6	1-3
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-59	4-150

RUSHING: Alabama-Jackson 11-62; Billingsley 7-54; Spivey 11-44; Todd 3-32; Stock 3-13; Beck 2-5; Culliver 2-5; Shelby 3-1; Rutledge 10-(-25). Notre Dame-Bullock 19-79; Clements 15-74; Best 12-45; Penick 9-28; Hunter 4-26.

PASSING: Alabama-Rutledge 12-7-1-88; Todd 2-2-0-14; Stock 1-1-0-25. Notre Dame-Clements 12-7-0-169.

RECEIVING: Pugh 2-28; Jackson 2-22; Sharpless 2-22; Todd 1-25; Stock 1-15; Wheeler 1-13; Billingsley 1-2. Notre Dame: Casper 3-75; Demmerle 3-59; Weber 1-35.

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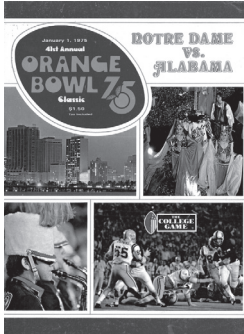
 #9 Notre Dame
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MIAMI – Alabama and Notre Dame locked horns again.

Although the stakes weren't as high (only Alabama was ranked number one, undefeated and looking for a national championship), the atmosphere was just as electric and frenzied as the 1973 Sugar Bowl. And this game was to be Ara Parseghian's last as head coach at Notre Dame. After 11 successful seasons and two national championships, he was hanging up his coach's playbook.

The Fighting Irish, though decided underdogs with their 9-2 ledger, gave Parseghian a proper going-away present – a 13-11 victory that denied the Tide the national title for the second straight year and gave Alabama and coach Paul "Bear" Bryant its eighth consecutive non-win in bowl competition.

Notre Dame staked itself to a 13-0 lead midway through the opening half and withstood the Tide's offensive thrust until the final gun sounded. The Irish got their first touchdown in the opening period. Alabama fumbled a Tony Brantley punt and Al Samuel recovered the ball at the Tide's 16-yard line.

Three plays later Notre Dame faced a fourth-and-one call at the seven. Wayne Bullock powered his way over the left side for three yards and a crucial first down. On the next play, he slithered into the end zone on a four-yard jaunt for the first Irish score. Dave Reeve added the extra point.

With 50 seconds left in the first quarter, the Notre Dame offense took control at its own 23-yard line and quarterback Tom Clements engineered another scoring drive – this one encompassing 77 yards in 17 plays and taking 7:21 off the clock. The Irish attempted only one pass in the march, a nine-yard completion to Mark McLane. The running game featured McLane and Samuel working the sweeps and Bullock picking up his yardage up the middle.

The drive almost stalled at the Alabama 28-yard line when the Irish faced a fourth-and-four situation. But an offside call on the Tide on the Irish field-goal attempt gave Notre Dame new life. The Irish made the most of that resurrection, as McLane took a pitchout and ran 12 yards. Two plays later he twisted loose from the Alabama defense and went nine yards for the score. Reeve's kick was off the mark and Notre Dame had to settle for a 13-0 lead.

The Irish fumbled on their next possession and gave the Tide the football on the Notre Dame 40-yard line. Alabama's game plan was to go to the air, and quarterback Richard Todd hit Ozzie Newsome for 11 yards and Jerry Brown for 12 yards to help the Tide move to the Notre Dame eight-yard mark. But the Irish defense dug in, and Alabama could manage only a 21-yard field goal by Danny Ridgeway.

After a scoreless third quarter in which the Irish held Alabama to just three first downs, all by passing, Notre Dame took over at its own eight. The offense, dormant since the second quarter, surged to life. Samuel picked up 20 yards on a pair of sweeps to get the Irish out of the hole. But the Tide stopped a fourth-down try and immediately went to work.

Again, Alabama, which had averaged only 11 passes a game during the season, went to the air. Todd carried the Tide to the Irish 12-yard line but then delivered an interception to John Dubenetzky, who returned the ball 16 yards to the 26.

The Irish couldn't put together a sustained drive and turned the ball over to Alabama with 4:29 left. On fourth down and five yards to go, Todd let loose a 48-yard touchdown pass to Russ Schamun. The Tide added two points on a conversion pass from Todd to George Pugh.

Alabama got the ball back with just under two minutes remaining. Needing only a field goal to avenge the 24-23 loss in the '73 Sugar Bowl, Todd tossed to Schamun for a 16-yard gain and to Randy Billingsley for an eight-yard reception. But Reggie Barnett intercepted Todd's next throw and sealed the verdict in favor of the Irish.

OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Wayne Bullock, Fullback

FIRST QUARTER

6:41 ND Bullock 4 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-16 1:30

SECOND QUARTER

 8:29 ND McLane 9 yd run (Reeve kick failed), 17-77 7:21
 1:45 UA Ridgeway 21 yd field goal, 10-36 4:01

FOURTH QUARTER

3:13 UA Schamun 48 yd pass from Todd (Pugh pass from Todd), 4-53 1:16

	UA	ND
First Downs	14	15
By Rushing	3	14
By Passing	11	0
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	33	66
Yards Rushing	107	215
Yards Lost Rushing	45	30
Net Yards Rushing	62	185
Net Yards Passing	223	19
Passes Attempted	29	8
Passes Completed	15	4
Had Intercepted	2	2
Total Offensive Plays	62	74
Total Net Yards	285	204
Average Gain Per Play	4.6	2.6
Fumbles: No.-Lost	5-2	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	1-15
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-0	2-26
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-280	6-228
Average Per Punt	40.0	38.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	5-34	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-32	3-54

RUSHING: Alabama-Culliver 11-60; Shelby 5-25; Todd 9-4; Billingsley 2-3; Taylor 1-1; Pugh 1-(-8); Stock 1-(-9); Rutledge 3-(-14). Notre Dame-Bullock 24-83; Samuel 10-39; McLane 8-30; Clements 11-26; Penick 6-15; Parise 3-4; Goodman 1-2; Allocco 3-(-14).

PASSING: Alabama-Todd 13-24-2-194; Rutledge 2-5-0-29. Notre Dame-Clements 4-7-1-19; Goodman 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING: Alabama-Newsome 6-68; Schamun 5-126; Billingsley 3-17; Brown 1-12. Notre Dame-Demmerle 2-12; McLane 1-9; Goodman 1-(-2).



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

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#20 Penn State

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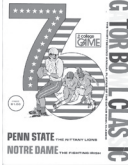
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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Al Hunter ignited the Notre Dame offense and tallied a pair of first-half touchdowns to spark the Fighting Irish to a 20-9 win over Penn State in the Gator Bowl before a crowd of 67,827.

Hunter, who became the first Notre Dame back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season, scored in each of the initial two periods.

After the Nittany Lions jumped out to a short-lived 3-0 lead on Tony Capozzoli's 26-yard field goal, Terry Eurick helped the Irish effort with a kickoff return of 65 yards.

Hunter put together runs of six and nine yards before crossing the goal line on a one-yard dive. Dave Reeve added the extra point and the Irish were ahead for good.

In the second quarter Jim Browner recovered a Penn State fumble at the Nittany Lion 23-yard line. Six plays later, including a 12-yard pass from quarterback Rick Slager to Dan Kelleher, Reeve added three points to the Notre Dame total with a 23-yard field goal.

Notre Dame's offense continued its surge with another touchdown by Hunter. This time the Irish covered 51 yards in 10 plays. Slager tossed a pair of 12-yard passes to tight end Ken MacAfee and a 13-yarder to Hunter to move the Irish downfield. Hunter contributed an 11-yard gallop before scoring on a one-yard run. Reeve's kick made it Notre Dame 17, Penn State 3.

With only two seconds remaining on the clock before halftime, the Irish boosted their lead to 20-3 on another 23-yard field goal by Reeve. That Irish drive was helped by a punt interference call against Penn State, one of six penalties assessed against the Nittany Lions during the game.

Led by linebackers Bob Golic, Doug Becker and Steve Heimkreiter and strong safety Jim Browner, the Irish defense clamped down on Penn State's usually proficient offense. Notre Dame never allowed the Lions beyond their own 32 in the first half after their initial possession.

And despite good yardage totals in the second half, Penn State was unable to score a touchdown until Bruce Clark blocked a punt deep in Notre Dame territory with 9:14 left in the game. Quarterback Chuck Fusina tossed an eight-yard pass to Matt Suhey on the second play from scrimmage for the score. The Nittany Lions' two-point conversion attempt failed.

Penn State edged the Irish in total offense by one yard - gaining 274 yards to 273 for Notre Dame. The Nittany Lions gained 156 yards on the ground compared to the Irish total of 132. But 15th-ranked Notre Dame edged the Lions 141-118 in the passing department.

Hunter was the leading rusher in the game, gaining 102 yards on 26 carries. Bob Torrey paced the Nittany Lions with 63 yards in 12 tries. Suhey added 40.

Slager completed 10 of 19 passes for 141 yards, while Fusina was successful on 14 of 33 attempts. He also threw two interceptions.

MacAfee headed the Irish receiving corps with five catches for 78 yards. Kelleher hauled in three receptions for 46 yards.

The victory, Notre Dame's third consecutive win in postseason competition, gave coach Dan Devine a 9-3 record for the 1975 campaign, his second season with the Irish. Penn State, under the direction of coach Joe Paterno, fell to 7-5.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Al Hunter, Left Halfback

FIRST QUARTER

7:15 PSU Capozzoli 26 yd field goal, 12-55 5:44
2:26 ND Hunter 1 yd run (Reeve kick), 10-35 4:38

SECOND QUARTER

8:49 ND Reeve 23 yd field goal, 6-23 1:25
2:20 ND Hunter 1 yd run (Reeve kick), 10-51 4:45
0:02 ND Reeve 23 yd field goal, 3-32 0:15

FOURTH QUARTER

8:37 PSU Suhey 8 yd pass from Fusina (Torrey run failed), 2-8 0:37

	PSU	ND
First Downs	16	17
By Rushing	9	9
By Passing	6	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	40	48
Yards Rushing	180	143
Yards Lost Rushing	24	11
Net Yards Rushing	156	132
Net Yards Passing	118	141
Passes Attempted	33	20
Passes Completed	14	10
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	73	68
Total Net Yards	274	273
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	4.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	4-1	2-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-55	5-62
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-32
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-146	5-166
Average Per Punt	29.2	33.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-21	3-2
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-28	3-109

RUSHING: Penn State-Torrey 12-63; Suhey 9-40; Geise 12-36; Cefalo 3-18; Fusina 2-1; Guman 2-(-2). Notre Dame-Hunter 26-102; Ferguson 10-22; Browner 3-10; Orsini 3-7; Slager 6-(-9).

PASSING: Penn State-Fusina 14-33-2-118. Notre Dame-Slager 10-19-0-141; Browner 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Penn State-Cefalo 5-60; Torrey 3-(-3); Suhey 2-17; Mauti 1-21; Donovan 1-11; Shuler 1-10; Guman 1-2. Notre Dame: MacAfee 5-78; Kelleher 3-46; Hunter 1-13; Orsini 1-4.

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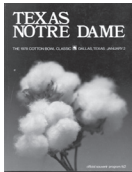
 #5 Notre Dame
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DALLAS — And then there were none. Not one unbeaten football team in major college football remained.

Dan Devine's Fighting Irish of Notre Dame took care of the last one, using an unrelenting defense to force six Texas turnovers and an opportunistic offense which capitalized on five of them to rout the previously unbeaten Longhorns 38-10 in the Cotton Bowl and claim the national championship for themselves.

The victory elevated Notre Dame into the top spot in both the AP and UPI final polls. Meanwhile, Texas - which had held the number-one ranking in both polls coming into the game - slipped to fourth in AP and fifth in UPI.

The Irish were devastating, particularly in the trenches, where the Irish defensive line threw a lasso around Texas Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell. Though Campbell did gain 116 yards on 29 carries, they were all tough yards. His longest run from scrimmage was only 18 late in the second quarter.

The Irish also forced the Longhorns into six turnovers, three fumbles and three interceptions, and took advantage of what Texas gave them with an offensive line performance which was awesome.

Backs Jerome Heavens and Vagas Ferguson gained 102 and 100 yards, respectively, by going where the Longhorns weren't. Ferguson, who also scored three touchdowns, won the outstanding offensive player honor.

Defensively, the top honor went to Irish middle linebacker Bob Golic, who made 17 tackles and blocked a field-goal attempt by Russell Erxleben.

After the teams had traded field goals in the first quarter - Notre Dame's Dave Reeve hit a 47-yarder (after a Texas fumble) before Erxleben connected on a 42-yarder into a 12 mph wind - Golic and teammates Mike Calhoun and Doug Becker forced a Ham Jones fumble on a screen pass from Randy McEachern and Jim Browner recovered at the Longhorn 27.

Senior captain Terry Eurick scored on the fifth play after that turnover to give the Irish a 10-3 lead on the first play of the second quarter.

Defensive tackle Ken Dike then got into the act on Texas' next possession, stripping a scrambling McEachern of the ball, which Willie Fry recovered at the Longhorn 35.

Five plays later, Eurick scampered in from the 10 for a 17-3 lead.

An interception by linebacker Becker set up Notre Dame's third touchdown of the period, a 17-yard pass from Joe Montana to Ferguson.

But the Longhorns threw a scare into the Irish late in the quarter when McEachern directed a 68-yard, six-play drive in just 22 seconds to score. The touchdown came on a 13-yard aerial from McEachern to Mike Lockett after Irish safety Jim Browner had been called for interference on the last play of the first half.

The Irish regained the lost momentum when linebacker Steve Heimkreiter intercepted a McEachern pass midway through the third quarter. Ferguson went the final three yards on the 29-yard drive off left tackle to score, making it 31-10.

The loss ended a storybook season for first-year coach Fred Akers whose Longhorns had won 11 straight games. Notre Dame survived an early loss to Mississippi to finish 11-1 with 10 straight victories.

MOST OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE PLAYER

Vagas Ferguson, Running Back

MOST OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Bob Golic, Linebacker

FIRST QUARTER

 11:35 ND Reeve 47 yd field goal, 4-32 0:59
 6:07 UT Erxleben 42 yd field goal, 11-80 5:18

SECOND QUARTER

 14:56 ND Eurick 6 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-27 1:06
 11:37 ND Eurick 10 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-35 1:32
 7:28 ND Ferguson 17 yd pass from Montana (Reeve kick) 3-20 0:39
 0:00 UT Lockett 13 yd pass from McEachern (Erxleben kick) 6-68 2:20

THIRD QUARTER

6:49 ND Ferguson 3 yd run (Reeve kick) 7-29 2:20

FOURTH QUARTER

9:41 ND Ferguson 26 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-50 2:01

	UT	ND
First Downs	16	26
By Rushing	6	15
By Passing	9	11
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	50	53
Yards Rushing	190	250
Yards Lost Rushing	59	7
Net Yards Rushing	131	243
Net Yards Passing	160	156
Passes Attempted	24	32
Passes Completed	11	14
Had Intercepted	3	1
Total Offensive Plays	74	85
Total Net Yards	291	399
Avg. Gain Per Play	3.9	4.7
Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	4-37
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	3-20
Punts: No.-Yds.	3-120	5-152
Avg. Per Punt	40.0	30.4
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-1	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	8-81	1-17

RUSHING: Texas-Campbell 29-116; Jones 11-63; Thompson 1-2; Johnson 1-2; McEachern 8-(-52). Notre Dame-Heavens 22-101; Ferguson 21-100; Eurick 4-16; Lisch 2-16; Stone 2-4; Mitchell 1-3; Montana 1-3.

PASSING: Texas-McEachern 11-24-3-160. Notre Dame-Montana 10-25-1-111; Lisch 4-7-0-45.

RECEIVING: Texas-Harris 4-57; Jackson 3-33; Jones 1-34; Miksch 1-18; Lockett 1-13; Jones 1-5. Notre Dame: MacAfee 4-45; Waymer 3-38; Ferguson 3-23; Haines 2-29; Eurick 1-12; Pallas 1-9.



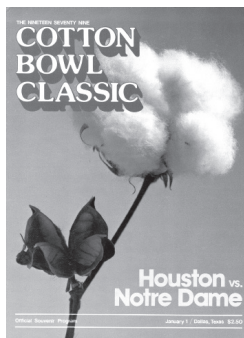
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

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#9 Houston

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#10 Notre Dame	12	0	0	23	35
#9 Houston	7	13	14	0	34



DALLAS — Notre Dame utilized a miracle rally beginning midway through the fourth period to shock Houston 35-34 and capture the 43rd and coldest Cotton Bowl. It featured a comeback that many longtime observers called the greatest in Irish football history.

Quarterback Joe Montana, who missed most of the third quarter because of below-normal body temperature, captained an Irish rescue mission which saw the gold and green put 23 points on the board in the final seven minutes and 37 seconds, erasing a 34-12 Cougar lead in the process.

What happened in the last 7:37 was mind-boggling. For starters, the tide turned when freshman reserve fullback Tony Belden blocked a Jay Wyatt punt and classmate Steve Cichy picked it up in a crowd and rambled 33 yards for an Irish score. Notre Dame, electing to go for two, narrowed the deficit to 34-20 when Montana connected with tailback Vagas Ferguson in the end zone.

After his team had forced another Wyatt punt, Montana shifted into overdrive when the Irish regained possession at their own 39-yard line with 5:40 remaining on the clock.

On three straight plays the senior signal caller connected with freshman tight end Dean Masztak, fullback Jerome Heavens and flanker Pete Holohan for respective gains of 17, 30 and 11 (the last one on pass interference) yards. Two plays later Montana swept left end for two yards and a touchdown. Two points were once again a must for the Irish, who brought the score to 34-28 with a Montana-to-Haines completion.

The once dumfounded Notre Dame legions suddenly had reason to cheer. Their Irish were rolling, or so it seemed, until all momentum seemed gone with 2:05 left in the game. It was then when Montana fumbled after a 16-yard run to the Houston 20 and Cougar Tommy Ebner recovered.

The Irish defense stiffened, and with a fourth-and-one from the Cougar 29 and 35 seconds left, Yeoman overruled a possible punt to go for the first down that would seal a win for the Southwest Conference champions. But Notre Dame held on a great stop by freshman Joe Gramke and the Irish took over with 28 ticks of the clock left, just 29 yards short of paydirt.

Montana, who needed a dose of chicken soup to help erase his hypothermic condition, started the last-ditch Irish effort by running for 11 yards and then throwing to Kris Haines for a gain of 10.

On the next play Montana, the same Montana who had earlier thrown four interceptions, wasted little time getting rid of the ball, tossing it quickly to the right corner of the end zone and in the direction of Haines. The pass was incomplete, but Montana's quickness in releasing stopped the clock with two seconds remaining and gave the Irish one last chance.

Montana, calling for the same play twice in a row, then proceeded to hit Haines with the tying touchdown pass.

Joe Unis, a Dallas native, came on to kick the extra point. An illegal procedure penalty nullified the winning point, so Unis had to do it all over. He did, and the miracle was history.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Joe Montana, Quarterback

FIRST QUARTER

6:55 ND Montana 3 yd run (Unis kick failed), 9-66 3:41
4:40 ND Buchanan 1 yd run (Montana pass failed), 6-25 2:15
0:17 UH Adams 15 yd pass from Davis (Hatfield kick), 3-12 1:14

SECOND QUARTER

6:27 UH Love 1 yd run (Hatfield kick), 6-21 2:05
3:00 UH Hatfield 21 yd field goal, 6-21 2:16
0:03 UH Hatfield 34 yd field goal, 7-39 1:08

THIRD QUARTER

6:29 UH Davis 2 yd run (Hatfield kick), 8-30 3:46
4:40 UH Davis 5 yd run (Hatfield kick), 3-19 1:18

FOURTH QUARTER

7:25 ND Cichy 33 yd blocked punt return (Ferguson pass from Montana)
4:15 ND Montana 2 yd run (Haines pass from Montana), 5-61 1:22
0:00 ND Haines 8 yd pass from Montana (Unis kick), 4-29 0:28

	UH	ND
First Downs	16	13
By Rushing	12	4
By Passing	3	7
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	63	40
Yards Rushing	253	144
Yards Lost Rushing	24	13
Net Yards Rushing	239	131
Net Yards Passing	60	163
Passes Attempted	13	37
Passes Completed	4	13
Had Intercepted	0	4
Total Offensive Plays	76	77
Total Net Yards	289	294
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	3.8
Fumbles: No.-Lost	6-3	3-3
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-38	8-74
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	4-43	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	10-255	7-184
Average Per Punt	25.5	26.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-(-2)	5-48
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-33	6-136

RUSHING: Houston-Davis 19-76; King 21-74; Love 22-73; Brown 1-6. Notre Dame-Heavens 16-71; Montana 7-26; Ferguson 10-19; Pallas 4-11; Mitchell 1-3; Buchanan 2-1.

PASSING: Houston-Davis 4-12-0-60; Brown 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Montana 13-34-3-163; Koegel 0-3-0-0.

RECEIVING: Houston-Adams 2-35; Herring 2-25. Notre Dame: Heavens 4-60; Haines 4-31; Masztak 3-49; Holohan 1-14; Ferguson 1-9.

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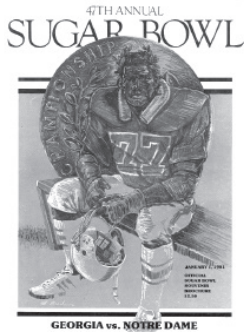
 #7 Notre Dame
 #1 Georgia

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NEW ORLEANS – The day before Georgia met Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl, Vince Dooley was hoping his football players would spend New Year's Eve night "in their hotel rooms, watching whatever it is they drop in New York, that ball or whatever."

By the time the two teams had played out Georgia's 17-10 win over Notre Dame in the 47th Sugar Bowl, Georgia had watched and claimed everything that fell from the heavens of the Superdome, including its first national championship.

The Bulldogs capitalized on two critical Notre Dame mistakes in the first half for touchdown drives of one and 22 yards, then fought back repeated Notre Dame threats in the second half giving 12-0 Georgia its first unbeaten season since 1946.

After seventh-ranked Notre Dame took a 3-0 lead on the game's first possession, the Irish drove to the Georgia 31 the next time they had the ball. But freshman Terry Hoage shot through the middle to block Harry Oliver's 48-yard field goal attempt. The play did two things. It led to Georgia's first score and warned Notre Dame of the strange perils that lay ahead.

The game's most valuable player, Herschel Walker, ran the ball six times to the Notre Dame 19 before the drive stopped and Rex Robinson kicked a 46-yard field goal to make it 3-3.

Robinson kicked off and drove the ball high and deep. Notre Dame deep backs Jim Stone and Ty Barber drifted away from the ball before it hit near the goal and began bouncing laterally. Stone had called for Barber to take the kick, but the crowd noise drowned out the call. Stone went after the ball but Georgia's Bob Kelly recovered at the one. Two plays later Walker dove over from the one and Georgia was ahead to stay 10-3.

If the 59-yard onside kick hadn't done enough damage, Notre Dame gave Georgia the eventual game-winning score in the first minute of the second quarter.

Notre Dame fullback John Sweeney's only carry of the game ended in a fumble when he was hit by linebacker Frank Ros at the Notre Dame 20. Chris Welton recovered for Georgia at the 22, the first of four Notre Dame turnovers.

Walker ran off right tackle for 12 yards and quarterback Buck Belue scrambled for seven more to the three. Walker took it over from there, scooting around right end untouched. Georgia had only three first downs and a 17-3 lead.

After Georgia went ahead on Walker's run, Notre Dame drove to the Bulldog 13 but again came away frustrated. Quarterback Mike Courey's lob pass for Pete Holohan was intercepted by Scott Woerner in the end zone. Midway through the third period the game's next serious threat developed when Notre Dame again drove to the Georgia 13. It was stopped when Woerner tipped away a Blair Kiel pass to Holohan in the end zone.

If Georgia's special teams ignited the win, the Bulldog defense fanned the flames in the second half. Belue went almost 58 minutes of the game without a completion and finished one-for-12. Walker, who gained 95 yards on 17 first-half carries managed only 55 on 19 second-half attempts.

As the third period wore on, Notre Dame's size began taking its toll on the smaller Bulldogs. Hanging in became an obvious chore.

With five minutes remaining in the third period Kiel - who quarterbacked the entire second half after Courey broke his right hand just before halftime - drove Notre Dame 57 methodical yards in 10 impressive plays. Phil Carter scored from one yard out and Oliver's kick made it 17-10 with :54 left in the third period.

On its next possession Notre Dame drove from its 46 to the Georgia 27 in five quick plays. But just when it appeared the Irish had the Bulldogs on the ropes, Woerner made another big play. On third and three at the Bulldog 20, the Georgia safety sliced through and dropped Phil Carter for a one-yard loss. Oliver - who had a one-for-four day on field goals - missed a 38-yard attempt.

Georgia defensive coordinator Erk Russell watched the mounting Irish momentum with a degree of concern. Notre Dame's domination - the Irish outgained Georgia 328 yards to 127 and had a 78-65 edge in plays - appeared to be mounting with each possession.

With nine minutes remaining Georgia had an opportunity to put Notre Dame out of reach of a one-touchdown comeback. Kiel's deep sideline pass from Hunter was intercepted by Mike Fisher at the Notre Dame 37. An incomplete long pass and two running plays by Walker gained six yards. Robinson pushed his 48-yard field goal wide to the right.

FIRST QUARTER

10:41 ND Oliver 50 yd field goal, 9-48 4:19
 1:45 UGA Robinson 46 yd field goal, 8-20 3:38
 1:04 UGA Walker 1 yd run (Robinson kick), 2-1 0:41

SECOND QUARTER

13:49 UGA Walker 3 yd run (Robinson kick), 3-22 0:17

THIRD QUARTER

0:54 ND Carter 1 yd run (Oliver kick) 10-57 4:25

	UGA	ND
First Downs	17	10
By Rushing	10	8
By Passing	7	1
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	50	52
Yards Rushed	206	181
Yards Lost Rushing	16	61
Net Yards Rushing	190	120
Net Yards Passing	138	7
Passes Attempted	28	13
Passes Completed	14	1
Had Intercepted	3	0
Total Offensive Plays	78	65
Total Net Yards	328	127
Average Gain Per Play	4.2	1.9
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	8-69	6-32
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	3-19
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-210	11-424
Average Per Punt	42.0	38.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-2	3-25
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-52	3-55

RUSHING: Georgia-Walker 36-150; Womack 1-2; Norris 2-2; Belue 13-(-34). Notre Dame-Carter 27-109; Courey 5-40; Kiel 10-27; Stone 6-12; Sweeney 1-2; Buchanan 1-0.

PASSING: Georgia-Belue 1-12-0-7; Walker 1-0-0-0. Notre Dame-Kiel 14-27-2-138; Courey 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING: Georgia-Arnold 1-7. Notre Dame: Holohan 4-44; Hunter 3-29; Carter 2-24; Masztak 2-22; Vehr 2-14; Buchanan 1-5.



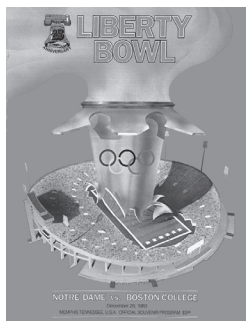
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#12 Boston College
Notre Dame

1	2	3	4	SCORE
6	6	6	0	18
7	12	0	0	19



MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Notre Dame risked being labeled a “Scrooge” by finally shedding its charitable image in the 1983 Liberty Bowl.

After literally giving away victory and a chance at a major bowl bid to Penn State and Air Force in the waning seconds of the last two games of the regular season, the Irish defense tightened its money clip and emphatically refused Boston College’s request for a 10-2 record and residency among the nation’s top 10 teams.

With just 1:08 left on the clock and the Irish clinging to a perilously slim 19-18 advantage, Boston College faced a crucial fourth-and-four situation at the Notre Dame 35-yard line. Quarterback Doug Flutie, the Eagles’ shifty 5-9 junior who already had completed 16 of 36 passes for 287 yards, was threatening to pull

off another magical comeback.

But Flutie’s last attempt fell incomplete. The Notre Dame defense blitzed and forced Flutie, who had slipped on the frozen turf, to unload the ball a bit sooner than planned. Freshman cornerback Troy Wilson smothered intended receiver Joe Giaquinto, who dove for Flutie’s pass and missed.

The Irish took possession with just a minute left and needed only to run out the clock for the 19-18 victory in Memphis. The Notre Dame defense had clung to its final margin of victory for 22 minutes-an eternity for Irish players, coaches and fans who were shivering with the thought of *deja vu*.

Senior quarterback Blair Kiel, who was relegated to relief duties after the first three games of the season, regained the starting nod on the basis of his off-the-bench performance in the last game against Air Force. He responded by completing 11 of 19 passes for 151 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown pass to freshman Alvin Miller.

Kiel’s accurate passing complemented Notre Dame’s two-pronged running attack which somehow managed to establish a strong footing on the icy field that was slippery between the hash marks and soft on the sides.

Instead of the usual I-formation, fullback Chris Smith and tailback Allen Pinkett shared time behind the huge Irish offensive line. The set-up was new, but the plays were the same. And the wrinkles caused the Eagle defense plenty of problems. Pinkett skated for 111 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 28 carries, while it took Smith 18 tries to gain his personal best of 104 yards.

But despite the offensive displays of Flutie and Kiel and Company and the last-minute heroics of the Irish defense, the difference in the game proved to be Mike Johnston’s one successful extra point. His next two attempts were blocked, but he still fared better than the Eagles. Brian Waldron slipped on his only try and both two-point conversion attempts failed.

Flutie’s pinpoint passing (three completions for 64 yards) moved Boston College into the end zone in just seven plays after the opening kickoff. Flutie’s favorite receiver, Brian Brennan, dove for a 17-yard touchdown catch to put the Eagles on the board.

But the Irish came right back with a 15-play, 87-yard drive that consumed nearly eight minutes. On fourth and one, Pinkett crossed the goal line. Johnston kicked the only successful PAT of the evening and Notre Dame led 7-6.

Holding penalties thwarted Notre Dame’s next two scoring opportunities and nearly wiped out a third after Golic blocked a John Mihalik punt and Stacey Toran recovered at the Eagles’ six. But on third and 14, Kiel lofted a scoring pass to Miller, who had only caught two the entire season.

On their next possession, the Irish marched 53 yards in six plays as Pinkett scored from the three around right end. Notre Dame moved in front 19-6.

But Flutie got back on track after the ensuing kickoff with a 42-yard pass to fullback Bob Biestek. Three plays later he connected with flanker Gerard Phelan for a 28-yard touchdown.

The Irish opened the second half by driving to the Eagles’ 15 but were forced to give up the football when Pinkett was stopped short on fourth and one.

Flutie then directed the Eagles 85 yards downfield and tossed a three-yard scoring pass to tight end Scott Gieselman. But Tony Furjanic, Notre Dame’s defensive MVP with seven tackles and an interception, batted Flutie’s two-point conversion pass away from Gieselman, and the Irish were still ahead, 19-18.

DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Tony Furjanic, Linebacker

FIRST QUARTER

12:07 BC Brennan 17 pass from Flutie (Waldron kick failed), 7-63 2:53
4:24 ND Pinkett 1 yd run (Johnston kick), 16-87 7:43

SECOND QUARTER

11:49 ND Miller 13 yd pass from Kiel (Johnston kick blocked), 6-4 1:02
8:19 ND Pinkett 3 yd run (Johnston kick blocked), 6-53 2:11
7:02 BC Phelan 28 yd pass from Flutie (Flutie pass failed), 4-69
1:08

THIRD QUARTER

7:20 BC Gieselman 3 yd pass from Flutie (Flutie pass failed), 10-85 4:00

	ND	BC
First Downs	19	15
By Rushing	12	6
By Passing	7	9
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	54	29
Yards Rushing	253	126
Yards Lost Rushing	28	33
Net Yards Rushing	225	93
Net Yards Passing	151	287
Passes Attempted	19	38
Passes Completed	11	16
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	73	67
Total Net Yards	376	380
Average Per Play	5.14	5.66
Return Yards	10	0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-47	7-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-3	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-17	16-168
Average Per Punt	28.5	28.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-7	1-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-55	4-83

RUSHING: Boston College-Stradford 16-51, Flutie 5-32; Browne 4-13, Biestek 2-8, Bell 1-3, Team 1-(-14). Notre Dame-Pinkett 28-111, Smith 18-104, Brooks 2-26, Miller 1-7, Kiel 5-23.

PASSING: Boston College-Flutie 16-37-1-287, Brennan 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Kiel 11-19-1-151.

RECEIVING: Boston College-Brennan 4-91, Phelan 4-52, Gieselman 3-19, Stradford 2-17, Biestek 1-42, Martin 1-36, Murphy 1-30. Notre Dame: Bavaro 5-52, Miller 3-31, Jackson 2-25, Howard 1-43.

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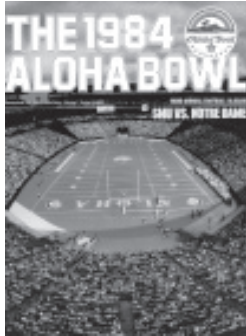
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

 #17 Notre Dame
 #10 SMU

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#17 Notre Dame	0	10	7	3	20
#10 SMU	7	10	0	10	27



HONOLULU – It had all the earmarks of a classic Notre Dame comeback.

In fact, the Irish already had done it once that day—rebounding from a quick 14-0 deficit to tie the contest at 17 heading into the final period of the Aloha Bowl against SMU.

This time, the Ponies had grabbed a 27-17 advantage with 6:13 remaining. With SMU expecting a pass, Notre Dame ran nine straight times in a 2:57 period before John Carney's 31-yard field goal at the 3:15 mark.

The Irish defense then did the job, halting Reggie Dupard on a third-and-four attempt from the SMU 26. Mike Kovaleski stopped him after only a single yard.

After SMU's punt, quarterback Steve Beuerlein went to work from the Irish 23 with 2:42 left on the clock. Beuerlein had thrown only 12 passes to that point in the game. He would throw 11 in the next 2:19, almost enough for a patented Notre Dame finish. But he finished one short.

A second down Beuerlein run for 14 yards gave the Irish a first down at the SMU 17. Mark Bavaro grabbed a first-down pass for one yard and the clock kept moving. On second down, Beuerlein's throw for Joe Howard near the goal line caught Howard leaning the wrong direction. On third down, Beuerlein threw for Tim Brown, only to have the ball tipped into the air and knocked to the ground by SMU safety Tim Green. On fourth down, Beuerlein scrambled out of the pocket to his right and found Milt Jackson open in the end zone.

For the 10th-ranked Mustangs, it marked the moment of their 27-20 victory. Beuerlein's throw was just past the outstretched hands of Jackson with 23 seconds remaining.

SMU took advantage of its quickness to put touchdowns on the board on its initial two possessions. Junior quarterback Don King threw for 24 yards on the first SMU play from scrimmage, then Dupard ran for 11 yards the next down. A sprained ankle quickly put Dupard on the sidelines, but it mattered little. Sophomore Jeff Atkins—who eventually earned the offensive MVP award—caught a key 16-yard pass on third down and eventually scored on a seven-yard run.

The next time they had the ball, the Mustangs drove 80 yards in 14 plays—with King throwing to Cobby Morrison for a 21-yard score. King made the key play of that drive, throwing for 21 yards to Ron Morris on a third-and-18 call from the Irish 29.

Brown returned the SMU kickoff 53 yards to the SMU 47 – and Pinkett went to work. He carried five times down to the Pony 17 before catching a pass from Beuerlein in the end zone for the touchdown. The Irish defense held this time, and Notre Dame again went to work.

Starting from their own 15, the Irish had a 27-yard pass to Alonzo Jefferson nullified by clipping. Still, they came right back with a 15-yarder to Bavaro plus a facemask violation against SMU—then a 28-yard shovel pass to Jefferson. Another key stop of Jefferson on third and two by SMU halted the march—but Carney connected from 51 yards (the longest of his career and an Aloha Bowl record) to make it 14-10. SMU scored the final points of the half on a 47-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining to make it 17-10 at the break.

Notre Dame was able to force Mustang punts on the first three possessions of the second half, but the Irish couldn't take advantage until the third try. Pinkett ran off gains of 11 and 13 yards, and Mark Brooks finally took it in from 11 for a 17-17 tie with 2:10 left in the third period.

SMU came right back to take the lead on an agonizingly long, 19-play drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock. The Ponies did it the hard way, with Dupard twice converting on fourth-down runs after SMU reached the Notre Dame 25. Brandy Brownlee's 30-yard field goal made it 20-17 with 11:47 left in the game.

The Mustangs needed seven running plays to score what appeared to be the clinching touchdown. Atkins took a pitch for 22 yards and Dupard added 11 before Dupard's eventual two-yard scoring run.

FIRST QUARTER

6:07 SMU Atkins 7 yd run (Brownlee kick) 10-78 4:08

SECOND QUARTER

 11:35 SMU Morrison 12 yd pass from King (Brownlee kick), 14-80 6:28
 8:26 ND Pinkett 17 yd pass from Beuerlein (Carney kick), 7-47 2:59
 4:23 ND Carney 51 yd field goal, 7-51 3:01
 0:07 SMU Brownlee 47 yd field goal, 12-49 4:16

THIRD QUARTER

3:50 ND Brooks 11 yd run (Carney kick), 5-40 2:10

FOURTH QUARTER

 6:13 SMU Dupard 2 yd run (Brownlee kick), 7-50 3:15
 3:15 ND Carney 31 yd field goal, 9-65 2:57

	ND	SMU
First Downs	22	26
By Rushing	12	18
By Passing	9	7
By Penalty	1	1
Yards Rushing	250	280
Yards Lost Rushing	32	54
Net Yards Rushing	218	226
Net Yards Passing	144	153
Passes Attempted	23	17
Passes Completed	11	9
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	81
Total Net Yards	362	379
Average Gain Per Play	5.5	4.7
Return Yards	42	25
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	4-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-44	5-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-166	5-205
Average Per Punt	41.5	41.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	4-42	2-25
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-105	2-55

RUSHING: SMU-Atkins 17-112, Dupard 23-103, Hashaway 8-34, Morrison 7-26, Morris 1-(-13), King 8-(-36). Notre Dame-Pinkett 24-136, Jefferson 9-60, Brooks 4-19, Beuerlein 5-7, Brown 1-(-4).

PASSING: SMU-King 9-17-0-153. Notre Dame-Beuerlein 11-23-0-144.

RECEIVING: SMU-Atkins 2-31, Hashaway 2-27, Morrison 2-27, Dupard 1-39, Pleasant 1-17, Morrison 1-12. Notre Dame: Jefferson 2-37, Howard 2-24, Bavaro 2-16, Brown 1-16, Jackson 1-13, Pinkett 1-17, Smith 1-11, Gray 1-10.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#12 Notre Dame
#13 Texas A&M

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#12 Notre Dame	7	3	0	0	10
#13 Texas A&M	3	15	7	10	35



DALLAS — For Notre Dame the 1988 Cotton Bowl closely resembled the 1987 season - a good start and a tough luck finish. The Irish, appearing in their first New Year's Day bowl in seven years, played like the team that shut down Michigan and Alabama-for almost a half, anyway.

But Texas A&M made the most of a costly second-period Irish turnover, and the momentum and breaks went the Aggies' direction the rest of the way as the Southwest Conference champions rolled to a 35-10 victory.

After losing the last two games of the regular season, the Irish looked like they were back on track on the opening kickoff, a 37-yard return by Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, his longest of the season. The next three plays were Anthony Johnson left, Anthony Johnson middle, and Anthony Johnson right to pound out the first down. Then Terry Andrysiak, playing for the first time since breaking his collarbone in October, took to the air with a 29-yard strike to Brown to the Aggie 20. After two runs for short gains, Notre Dame found itself facing a third down and seven. But once again it was Andrysiak to Brown, this time for 17 yards and a touchdown.

Texas A&M missed a field goal on the next possession, but a career long 64-yard punt by Craig Stump late in the quarter put the Irish on their own two-yard line and helped get the ball back to the Aggies in a hurry. Scott Slater managed to put a 26-yarder through the uprights as time expired in the first quarter.

The second quarter started out like the first. Notre Dame scored on its first possession with a 36-yard field goal by Ted Gradel. The Irish defense held the Aggies to 23 yards on their next drive and the Irish again began to march down the field. Andrysiak to Brown for 22. Andrysiak to Brown for 24. Andrysiak to Reggie Ward for 13. The Irish seemed unstoppable as they stood poised on the 18-yard line ready to score again.

Then, with 4:06 on the clock, the bottom fell out. A play-action pass intended to go right went left. Andrysiak's pass to tight end Andy Heck was picked off in the end zone by Alex Morris who made a one-handed catch and barely landed in bounds. The Aggies came alive.

Backup Lance Pavlas, who alternated at quarterback with the game's offensive MVP, Bucky Richardson, directed an 80-yard drive highlighted by a 33-yard pass to Gary Oliver. But it was freshman halfback Darren Lewis who took a pitch, stopped short and hit Tony Thompson for a 24-yard touchdown to tie the game.

The Irish took over on their own 29-yard line, but not for long. Braxton Banks dropped a short pass from Andrysiak and a controversial fumble call gave the Aggies the football. Four plays later Larry Horton drove two yards for an A&M touchdown with 0:26 left in the half. A "swinging gate" play, in which Wally Hartley ran three yards behind a wall of Aggies, gave Texas A&M the two-point conversion and an 18-10 halftime lead.

Texas A&M's momentum continued into the second half as the Aggies drove 80 yards to the Notre Dame one-yard line on their first possession. The Irish had a chance to stem the tide when Wes Pritchett hit Matt Gurley, forcing a fumble. Brandy Wells recovered for Notre Dame in the end zone for the touch-back. But on the next play tailback Mark Green fumbled the ball and Dana Batiste recovered for A&M. A defensive pass interference penalty moved the Aggies down to the eight-yard line. Then Richardson ran one yard for the touchdown.

The Aggies continued to dominate the Irish in the fourth quarter, shutting out Brown, keeping Andrysiak to only two completions and holding Notre Dame to only 76 yards in the second half. Kip Corrington stopped Andrysiak on fourth and nine on the Aggie 28-yard line early in the quarter, ending any hopes of an Irish comeback. The Aggies ran at the Irish for 59 yards, setting up a Scott Slater 25-yard field goal with 8:32 on the clock.

Corrington would haunt Andrysiak again, this time with an interception of another pass intended for Heck on the Irish 30-yard line. Texas A&M wasted no time converting the turnover into the final score of the game as Richardson ran eight yards for his second touchdown.

FIRST QUARTER

11:25 ND Brown 17 pass from Andrysiak (Gradel kick), 7-59 3:28
0:00 A&M Slater 26 yd field goal, 7-30 3:09

SECOND QUARTER

10:52 ND Gradel 36 yd field goal, 9-51 4:03
1:42 A&M Thompson 24 yd pass from Lewis (Slater kick), 6-80 2:24
0:26 A&M Horton 2 yd run (Hartley run), 4-21 1:02

THIRD QUARTER

3:35 A&M Richardson 1 yd run (Slater kick), 5-23 1:43

FOURTH QUARTER

8:32 A&M Slater 25 yd field goal, 9-59 4:17
5:10 A&M Richardson 8 yd run (Slater kick), 5-30 2:43

	ND	A&M
First Downs	16	24
By Rushing	5	17
By Passing	10	5
By Penalty	2	2
Rushing Attempts	36	59
Yards Rushing	92	298
Yards Lost Rushing	18	4
Net Yards Rushing	74	294
Net Yards Passing	203	116
Passes Attempted	28	17
Passes Completed	15	8
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	64	76
Total Net Yards	277	410
Average Per Play	4.3	5.4
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-64	6-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-157	4-169
Average Per Punt	31.4	42.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-4	2-9
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	8-15	12-33

RUSHING: Texas A&M-Richardson 13-96, Woodside 17-73, Gurley 15-60, Lewis 7-52, Horton 5-13, Pavlas 1-0, Costar 1-0. Notre Dame-Johnson 8-20, Andrysiak 11-15, Green 5-14, Banks 5-9, Graham 2-9, Brooks 3-7, Rice 1-3, Watters 1-(-3).

PASSING: Texas A&M-Pavlas 5-7-0-77, Richardson 2-9-0-15, Lewis 1-1-0-24. Notre Dame-Andrysiak 15-25-1-203, Rice 0-3-1-0.

RECEIVING: Texas A&M-Woodside 2-22, Oliver 1-33, Thompson 1-24, Harris 1-19, Morgan 1-16, Lewis 1-6, Waddle 1-(-4). Notre Dame: Brown 6-105, Heck 3-28, Ward 2-37, Green 1-24, Watters 1-10, Jefferson 1-7, Banks 1-(-8).

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 #3 West Virginia

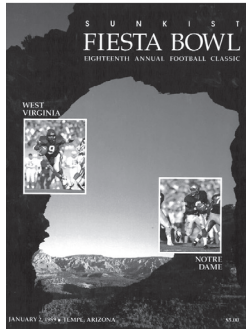
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TEMPE, Ariz. — Combining a knock-em-in-the-dirt style of defense with a timely passing game set up by the pounding Irish running attack, Notre Dame did it all in putting the finishing touch on its first national championship since 1977.

The Irish got on the scoreboard early, made life miserable for West Virginia star quarterback Major Harris and methodically dismantled the only other unbeaten team left in the country. The result in this Fiesta Bowl battle of perfect records - the 13th in bowl history - left Notre Dame with a 34-21 victory that actually was more convincing than the score indicated.

Michael Stonebreaker and Jeff Alm bashed Harris' left shoulder into the Sun Devil Stadium turf on the third play of the game and West Virginia's quarterback was never the same.

With Harris' effectiveness - and, thus, West Virginia's - reduced almost from the start, it was Irish quarterback Tony Rice who played like a Heisman Trophy contender. Shrugging off the nagging doubts about his passing ability, Rice first went about establishing Notre Dame's relentless ground game by calling for rushes on 16 of Notre Dame's first 17 plays.

Every time West Virginia was poised to stop the Irish option, Rice took advantage of single coverage in the secondary to throw for big yardage. He attempted only 11 passes, completing seven, but averaged more than 30 yards per completion on his way to the offensive MVP award.

"This is a great football team because nobody proved otherwise," said Holtz.

It took Notre Dame hardly any time at all to prove that to the 74,911 fans in attendance. Sending West Virginia's offense to the sideline after three downs, Rice scampered 31 yards around left end on third and seven. That set up a 45-yard Billy Hackett field goal just 4:35 into the game.

Three more plays netted only six yards, and Notre Dame took over again at their 39. Rice connected with Derek Brown for 23 yards but otherwise stayed on the ground all the way to first and goal from the three. West Virginia put up a fight at that point, but Anthony Johnson finally carried for the last yard on fourth down.

West Virginia went two more possessions without gaining first down yardage and the Irish capitalized again. On third and 11 at his own 48, Rice again found Brown wide open over the middle and Notre Dame's rookie tight end sprinted to the five. Rodney Culver scored on the next play to make it 16-0, 5:19 into the second quarter.

The Mountaineers finally found the scoreboard on a 29-yard Charlie Baumann field goal, but two of the three first downs on the 52-yard drive came via Irish penalties. And the Irish came right back with an answer. Rice hit Johnson for 19 yards, then zipped one to Raghieb Ismail for 29 yards and six points for a commanding 23-3 advantage. Only a 36-yard pass play with four seconds left from Harris to Reggie Rembert put West Virginia in position for a 31-yard field goal to close the half.

Notre Dame got those three points right back after Pat Terrell intercepted Harris on West Virginia's initial third-period offensive thrust. This time, it was Reggie Ho connecting from 32 yards after Rice's 35-yarder to Mark Green had picked up the largest chunk of ground.

Next came the only opportunity the Mountaineers had to get back in the game. After Harris had led his team 74 yards for a touchdown to make it 26-13, Willie Edwards intercepted a Rice pass to give West Virginia the ball back at the Irish 26. Notre Dame's defense proved equal to the challenge.

On first down, Flash Gordon hemmed in Harris on the option for a loss of two.

On second down, Stan Smagala made a spectacular deflection in the end zone of a Harris pass.

On third down, Frank Stams - who earned defensive MVP honors - and Arnold Ale stormed Harris for a loss of 12, knocking West Virginia completely out of field goal range. The Mountaineers had to punt, and Notre Dame promptly drove for another touchdown.

OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Tony Rice, Quarterback

DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Frank Stams, Defensive End

FIRST QUARTER

10:25 ND Hackett 45 yd field goal, 7-37 3:00
 4:34 ND Johnson 1 yd run (Graham run failed), 10-61 4:20

SECOND QUARTER

9:41 ND Culver 5 yd run (Ho kick), 11-84 5:07
 6:18 WVU Baumann 29 yd field goal, 11-52 3:22
 1:48 ND Ismail 29 yd pass from Rice (Ho kick), 8-63 4:30
 0:00 WVU Baumann 31 yd field goal, 9-69 1:48

THIRD QUARTER

5:34 ND Ho 32 yd field goal, 7-50 3:55
 3:32 WVU Bell 17 yd pass from Harris (Baumann kick), 7-74 2:02

FOURTH QUARTER

13:05 ND Jacobs 3 yd pass from Rice (Rice run), 7-80 3:07
 1:14 WVU Rember 3 yd run (Rembert run), 11-59 2:57

	ND	WVU
First Downs	19	19
By Rushing	13	4
By Passing	6	10
By Penalty	0	5
Rushing Attempts	59	37
Yards Rushing	245	141
Yards Lost Rushing	3	33
Net Yards Rushing	242	108
Net Yards Passing	213	174
Passes Attempted	11	30
Passes Completed	7	14
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	70	67
Total Net Yards	455	282
Average Per Play	6.5	4.2
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	11-102	3-38
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	1-14
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-157	7-318
Average Per Punt	36.8	45.1
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-28	2-35
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3	6-107

RUSHING: West Virginia-Harris 13-42, Brown 11-49, Taylor 6-12, Johnson 1-5, Tyler 2-21, Napoleon 3-9, Rembert 1-3. Notre Dame-Johnson 5-20, Brooks 11-36, Rice 13-75, Green 13-62, Banks 5-12, Watters 3-6, Culver 4-20, Eilers 1-2, Belles 3-10, Mihalko 1-2.

PASSING: West Virginia-Harris 13-26-1-166, Jones 1-4-0-8. Notre Dame-Rice 7-11-1-213.

RECEIVING: West Virginia-Winn 3-31, Taylor 3-34, Bell 4-44, Rembert 2-40, Brown 1-17, Tyler 1-8. Notre Dame: Brown 2-70, Johnson 1-19, Ismail 1-29, Green 1-35, Jacobs 1-3, Watters 1-57.



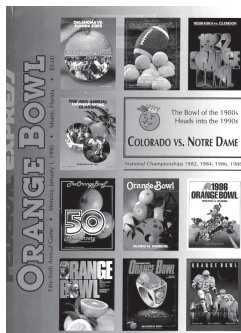
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#4 Notre Dame
#1 Colorado

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MIAMI — Notre Dame made use of its standard weapons — a bend-but-don't break defense, a rugged running game plus a timely pass completion or two. Those items, plus some uncharacteristic miscues by top-ranked Colorado enabled the Irish to dash the national title hopes of the Buffs with their 21-6 Orange Bowl victory.

The Notre Dame triumph over unbeaten Colorado helped the Irish make amends for their loss to Miami that ended the regular season and marked the only blemish on the record for the last two seasons. It also lent credence to the pregame speculation that the Irish experience in big games would pay dividends.

That certainly appeared to be the case in the first half when the Buffs — who came in averaging 34 points and 473 yards per game — squandered three golden scoring opportunities. Colorado rolled up and down the field the initial two periods, but putting the ball in the end zone was another matter.

First, the Buffs drove to the Irish 35 on their second possession. From there, Eric Bieniemy darted into the clear at the Notre Dame 25, only to fumble as he changed hands with the football. Pat Terrell recovered for Notre Dame at the Irish 19.

On their next possession, the Buffs moved from their own 18 to the Notre Dame five. On fourth and three from there, kicker Ken Culbertson oddly pulled a chip-shot, 23-yard field-goal attempt to the left.

Finally, Colorado ran the ball to a first and goal at the Irish one — only to have Notre Dame pull off what Lou Holtz tabbed as the most impressive goal line stand he'd seen in a bowl game. On fourth down, the Buffs gambled with a fake field-goal attempt, but holder Jeff Campbell had no one to throw to and Troy Ridgley and Stan Smagala smothered him at the one.

Notre Dame's lone scoring chance in the first 30 minutes ended when Colorado blocked a Billy Hackett field goal try as the first half ended in a rather bizarre 0-0 tie. As it turned out, all the momentum shifted to the Notre Dame side of the ledger from that point on.

The Irish took the second half kickoff and required just over three minutes to score. A 27-yard pass from Tony Rice to Tony Smith and a 27-yard run by fullback Anthony Johnson — who played impressively in finishing with 89 rushing yards — set the stage for Johnson's two-yard scoring run that made it 7-0.

Notre Dame immediately got the ball back when Ned Bolcar tipped a third down Darian Hagan pass into the air and intercepted at the Buff 46. Twenty-five yards in penalties for clipping and holding calls almost sabotaged the Irish. But Rice threw to Johnson for 13 yards on a third down play, then hit Pat Eilers for 18 on first and 32. Finally, Orange Bowl MVP Raghib Ismail raced 35 yards down the Notre Dame sideline on a reverse for a 14-0 Irish lead. Ismail, who ended up playing tailback most of the night, in part due to an early knee injury to Ricky Watters, finished with 108 yards rushing to lead both teams.

Colorado bounced back on the final play of the third period, accounting for the longest rush against the Irish all season on a 39-yard Hagan keeper that made it 14-6 when Culbertson's PAT hit the upright. When the Buffs were forced to punt the ball away to Notre Dame at the 10:27 mark, they had no idea they'd nearly never get it back.

Notre Dame promptly embarked on a stereotypical Irish march — 17 runs, none longer than 11 yards, no passes — that knocked 8:55 off the clock. When Johnson negotiated the final seven yards for a clinching touchdown that made it 21-6 with only 1:32 remaining, the Buffs were finished.

For the Irish, the triumph finished off a long season that began way back in August in the Kickoff Classic and featured Holtz's squad atop the polls throughout the regular season. Then, the one week the Irish weren't number one after their defeat at the hands of the Hurricanes, they bounced back to beat the number-one team.

They did it by playing mistake-free football — no turnovers for the Irish compared to a lost fumble and pair of interceptions thrown by Hagan.

"Coming away from the first half without any points after controlling the game for a while was too much to overcome," said Colorado coach Bill McCartney. "Anytime you're playing a team like Notre Dame, you've got to capitalize on your chances. We didn't. I didn't think anybody could keep us out of the end zone like they did on the goal line, but they did."

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Raghib Ismail, Flanker

THIRD QUARTER

11:48 ND Johnson 4 yd run (Hentrich kick), 7-69 3:12
7:19 ND Ismail 35 yd run (Hentrich kick), 7-46 3:27
0:01 CU Hagan 39 yd run (Culbertson kick failed), 4-53 1:42

FOURTH QUARTER

1:32 ND Johnson 4 yd run (Hentrich kick), 17-82 8:55

	ND	CU
First Downs	18	16
By Rushing	14	12
By Passing	4	4
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	52	46
Yards Rushing	295	239
Yards Lost Rushing	16	22
Net Yards Rushing	279	217
Net Yards Passing	99	65
Passes Attempted	9	13
Passes Completed	5	4
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	61	59
Total Net Yards	378	282
Average Gain Per Play	6.2	4.8
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-35	1-5
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-204	3-118
Average Per Punt	40.1	39.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	3-36
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-24	3-43

RUSHING: Colorado-Hagan 19-106; Bieniemy 11-66; Flannigan 12-45; Kissick 2-6; Campbell 2-(-6). Notre Dame-Ismail 16-108; Johnson 15-89; Rice 14-50; Culver 5-29; Watters 2-3.

PASSING: Colorado-Hagan 4-13-2-65. Notre Dame-Rice 5-9-0-99.

RECEIVING: Colorado-Kissick 2-33; Pritchard 1-16; Perak 1-16. Notre Dame: Eilers 2-47; Smith 1-27; Johnson 1-13; Brown 1-12.

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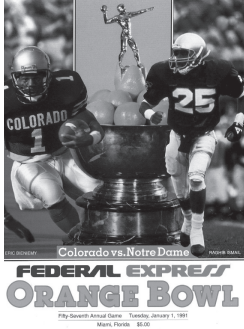
 #5 Notre Dame
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MIAMI — Turnovers, mistakes and missed opportunities — they all played major roles for Notre Dame as the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish self-destructed on offense in their Orange Bowl re-match with top-ranked Colorado.

This time, it was the Buffs who survived one last amazing attempt by Raghib Ismail and claimed the national championship on a 10-9 victory.

The game produced some strange twists, notably the starring role played by reserve Colorado quarterback Charles Johnson. He came off the bench after Darian Hagan injured a knee late in the first half and looked impressive in completing five of six passes after intermission.

Meanwhile, the Irish offense — coldly proficient most of the season — struggled to five turnovers, including three within four plays in the second half. The Notre Dame defense, which had its share of struggles in 1990, played maybe as well as it had all year against a potent Buffalo attack.

But it was a play that didn't even count that had everyone talking once this one was over.

With Colorado nursing its one-point lead and pushing toward field goal range in the waning moments, Notre Dame's defense came to the fore. From a first-and-10 situation at the Irish 27 for the Buffs, Notre Dame produced three straight lost-yardage plays, the last two sacks of Johnson for a combined 19 yards in losses, pushing Colorado back to its own 47 with 43 seconds to go — and brought punter Tom Rouen onto the field. In turn, Ismail wandered back toward the goal line for the Irish.

Electing not to boot the ball out of bounds, Rouen boomed a 44-yarder that Ismail fielded at his own nine. Rocket weaved his way through all kinds of traffic and eventually broke free down the right sideline for what appeared to be a spectacular 91-yard return. But a flag had been thrown against Greg Davis for a clip as Ismail was breaking to the outside. The Irish began instead at their own 22 and couldn't advance beyond their own 38 before time ran out.

The frustrating finish typified what proved to be an unusually inefficient evening for Notre Dame's offense. The Irish endured just about everything — a blocked PAT, a 50-yard field goal that banged off the upright, three interceptions and a pair of lost fumbles. Still, Ismail's last gasp return might very well have turned out to be the gamewinner.

Colorado wasted little time throwing its best shots at the Irish, sending speedy Mike Pritchard on a reverse for 15 yards on the game's first play. But when Rouen mishandled the punt snap on fourth down, Notre Dame began at the Colorado 48. That's when the Irish should have known they might be in for a long evening, as a pressured Rick Mirer saw his first-down pass for Ismail picked off and returned to near midfield.

Notre Dame's next possession took up 14 plays — but moved only as far as the Buff 35 following two straight incompletions. A Jim Sexton punt panned Colorado at its three, and enabled Notre Dame to take over on the Big Eight champion's 35. This time, two more incompletions prompted a Hentrich field goal attempt from 50 yards that clanged off the right upright.

Colorado broke the scoring drought early in the second period, taking the ball from its own 32 to the Irish five. Notre Dame held off the Buffs from a first-and-goal situation at the seven and forced a Jim Harper field goal that made it 3-0.

The Irish responded by throwing a 62-yard march of their own at Colorado. Mirer threw twice to Ismail for 21 total yards and later to Irv Smith for nine yards on third down. Ricky Watters negotiated the last two yards for the touchdown, but Colorado blocked Hentrich's extra-point attempt. Notre Dame's lone other first-half attempt ended in a 48-yard field-goal try by Hentrich that misfired.

Notre Dame took the second half kickoff and drove methodically from its own 28, getting 26 yards on a first-play throw to Derek Brown and 19 more on a Watters run. But, after first and goal at the Colorado four saw the Irish manage two runs for lost yardage and an incompleteness, Hentrich converted the field goal from 24 yards to make it 9-3.

Next for the Irish came their offensive undoing, as lost fumbles by Watters and Tony Brooks were followed by an interception of a Mirer throw. In between came Colorado's only other points — a one-yard Eric Bieniemy run capping a 40-yard drive, plus the eventual game-winning PAT — and it could have been worse. Notre Dame's defense thwarted one possession with a pair of minus-yardage plays and ended another when George Williams blocked a 36-yard field-goal attempt early in the final period.

The Irish couldn't convert after Willie Clark recovered a Bieniemy fumble near midfield at the halfway mark of the fourth quarter. That set up Ismail's ill-fated punt return that left fans of both teams gasping.

DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Chris Zorich, Nose Tackle

SECOND QUARTER

 12:04 CU Harper 22 yd field goal, 11-63 4:24
 7:32 ND Watters 2 yd run (Hentrich kick blocked), 9-62 4:32

THIRD QUARTER

 10:10 ND Hentrich 24 yd field goal, 10-66 4:50
 4:26 CU Bieniemy 1 yd run (Harper kick), 8-40 3:58

	CU	ND
First Downs	19	18
By Rushing	13	8
By Passing	6	9
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	54	35
Yards Rushing	235	141
Yards Lost Rushing	49	18
Net Yards Rushing	186	123
Net Yards Passing	109	141
Passes Attempted	19	31
Passes Completed	9	13
Had Intercepted	0	3
Total Offensive Plays	73	66
Total Net Yards	295	264
Average Gain Per Play	4.0	4.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-50	3-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-50	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-283	3-153
Average Per Punt	40.4	51.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	4-68
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-49	3-53

RUSHING: Colorado-Bieniemy 26-86, Hemingway 14-76, Hagan 7-36, Pritchard 2-24, Johnson 4(-25), Rouen 1(-11). Notre Dame-Brooks 9-46, Watters 9-44, Bettis 3-27, Culver 5-9, Ismail 3(-1), Mirer 6(-2).

PASSING: Colorado-Hagan 12-4-0-29, Johnson 6-5-0-80, Bieniemy 1-0-0-0. Notre Dame-Mirer 31-13-3-141.

RECEIVING: Colorado-Pritchard 3-45, Brown 2-23, Hemingway 2-13, Bieniemy 1-19, Boman 1-9. Notre Dame: Ismail 6-57, Brown 4-50, Jarrell 1-11, Smith 1-9, Davis 1-8.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#18 Notre Dame
#3 Florida

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MILLER-DIGBY AWARD - MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jerome Bettis, Fullback

FIRST QUARTER

10:40 UF Jackson 15 pass from Matthews (Czyewski kick), 11-85
4:20
3:36 UF Czyewski 26 yd field goal, 15-71 5:02

SECOND QUARTER

10:29 UF Czyewski 24 yd field goal, 14-75 5:21
8:01 ND Dawson 40 pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 5-64 2:28
0:20 UF Czyewski 36 yd field goal, 10-51 2:23

THIRD QUARTER

10:03 ND Pendergast 23 yd field goal, 12-64 4:57
2:12 ND Smith 4 yd pass from Mirer (Pendergast kick), 14-80 4:53

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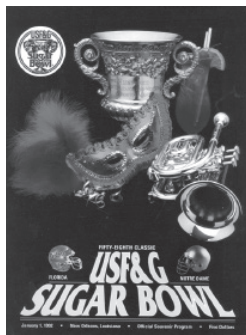
13:42 UF Czyewski 37 yd field goal, 10-50 3:30
11:21 UF Czyewski 24 yd field goal, 4-4 0:57
4:48 ND Bettis 3 yd run (Brooks pass from Mirer), 14-64 6:33
3:32 ND Bettis 49 yd run (Pendergast kick), 1-49 0:09
2:28 UF Houston 36 yd pass from Matthews (Matthews pass incomplete), 5-64 1:04
2:04 ND Bettis 39 yd run (Pendergast kick), 3-44 0:24

	ND	UF
First Downs	23	29
By Rushing	18	13
By Passing	4	16
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	49	33
Yards Rushing	324	162
Yards Lost Rushing	45	21
Net Yards Rushing	279	141
Net Yards Passing	154	370
Passes Attempted	19	58
Passes Completed	14	28
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	68	91
Total Net Yards	433	511
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.4	5.6
Fumbles: No.-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-15	4-40
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-31	1-4
Punts: No.-Yds.	2-68	2-105
Avg. Per Punt	34.0	52.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	7-188	6-90

RUSHING: Florida-Rhett 15-63, McClendon 7-34, Matthews 7-27, McNabb 4-17.
Notre Dame-Bettis 16-150, Culver 13-93, Brooks 13-68, Failla 1(-2), Mirer 6(-30).

PASSING: Florida-Matthews 28-58-2-370. Notre Dame-Mirer 14-19-1-154.

RECEIVING: Florida-Jackson 8-148, Houston 3-52, Sullivan 4-47, Hill 3-41, Rhett 4-38, McClendon 3-19, Everett 2-18, McNabb 1-7. Notre Dame: Smith 7-75, Dawson 2-49, Brown 1-11, Culver 1-6, Bettis 1-5, Smith 1-4, Pollard 1-4.



NEW ORLEANS — The old maxim that he who laughs last, laughs best, accounts for the roar emanating from the Irish locker room after a stunning 39-28 Sugar Bowl upset of third-ranked Florida.

After surviving two weeks as the collective butt of jokes — including “What’s the difference between Cheerios and Notre Dame? Cheerios belong in a bowl” gag overheard from an anonymous French Quarter waiter — the 18th-ranked Irish responded on game day with a convincing second half rejoinder that silenced the snapping jaws of the heavily favored Gators and the heavily partisan Superdome crowd of 76,447.

Down 16-7 at the half, and outgained 288-142 in total yardage to that point, Notre Dame unleashed a power running game

behind a dominating offensive line, a strategy that resulted in 32 second half points including three Jerome Bettis touchdowns late in the contest. Meanwhile, Gator quarterback Shane Matthews and the potent Florida offense jabbed away at the young Notre Dame defense but never landed the necessary knock-out punch, instead settling for a record five field goals by Arden Czyewski on five trips inside the Irish 20.

The criticisms of that makeshift defensive lineup appeared to be well founded after the game’s first series, as Matthews shredded the young secondary for 60 passing yards en route to an 11-play, 85-yard touchdown drive that took over four minutes. That set the tone for much of the first half, although three long Gator drives netted only nine total points.

The Irish, meanwhile, managed just one first down in the first quarter and were down 13-0 before Rick Mirer ignited the offense with three straight completions. The last was a 40-yard strike to Lake Dawson midway through the second quarter, pulling the Irish to within six points at 13-7. Czyewski’s third field goal of the half, with just 20 second remaining, accounted for the nine-point halftime margin.

The halftime stats harbored little foresight on what would take place on the Superdome turf in the ensuing 30 minutes. Notre Dame entered the game as the nation’s sixth-best rushing team, averaging nearly 270 yards per game, but had totaled just 34 ground yards. Meanwhile, Matthews looked every bit the 3,000 yard passer he was, throwing for 202 first half yards and helping the Gators control the ball for nearly 20 minutes.

Any thought that the Irish would be forced into debuting “Air Holtz” in the second half was quickly buried. Like a prizefighter tiring out an opponent with body punches, Holtz called for an incredible 11 straight running plays into the heart of the renowned Florida line, with the work of Bettis, Rodney Culver and Tony Brooks finally resulting in the first-ever collegiate field goal by Kevin Pendergast.

After the Irish defense held, the burly backfield returned to their ground-eating ways. Bettis and Culver chewed up 41 yards on three carries midway through the drive, and Mirer and Tony Smith saved a third-and-17 with another of their seven hookups. Mirer hit 6-5 Irv Smith for the go-ahead touchdown near the end of the third quarter.

Florida retook the lead 22-17 on successive field goals, though failing to get the TD after Darren Mickell forced a Rick Mirer fumble at the Irish 12. The rest of the final quarter would belong Bettis, the eventual Sugar Bowl MVP. He capped a 14-play drive by crashing in behind Gene McGuire for a three-yard score, with the two-point conversion giving the Irish a 25-22 advantage. After the Gators failed on fourth-and-10 at midfield with under four minutes to go, Bettis took the first handoff and rumbled through a gaping right-side hole for 49 yards and a 32-22 lead.

But no lead is safe when Matthews’ arm is involved, and with well over three minutes still to work with, he eventually hit Harrison Houston with a 36-yard TD strike. But the two-point conversion pass failed, as the Irish led 32-28.

Bettis and the Irish line wasted little time sealing the outcome. After Culver covered an onside kick attempt, the 246-pound Bettis broke loose again on a third down, rolling to his third score from 39 yards out. Those were the last of 245 second half rushing yards by the Irish, with Bettis accounting for 127 and Rodney Culver and Tony Brooks also prime contributors. Though Matthews finished 28-of-58 with 370 passing yards, he had just 11 second half completions against a tightening Holtz-inspired defense. In fact, the Gators went without a touchdown for over 53 minutes between the opening score and Houston’s grab in the waning moments.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

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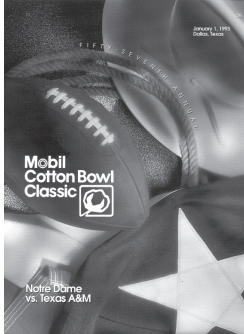
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DALLAS — Both Texas A&M and Notre Dame were known for their running games entering the 1993 Cotton Bowl Classic. The Aggies had built up a 12-0 record behind the running of Rodney Thomas and Greg Hill while the Irish checked in with a 9-1-1 mark on the strength of Lou Holtz's "Thunder and Lightning", Jerome Bettis and Reggie Brooks.

In the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, only one great running game showed itself.

Notre Dame rushed for 290 net yards while A&M accounted for just 78 as the Irish dominated all facets of the game in a 28-3 win over the Aggies.

Brooks finished with 115 yards on 22 carries and Bettis added 75 yards on 20 rushes. Quarterback Rick Mirer even got into the act

with 55 yards on 13 attempts.

But, in the first half, Notre Dame certainly didn't appear to be on the way to a blowout. On its first possession, the Irish drove to the Aggie 18 before Mirer's pitch to Brooks ended up on the ground and Kefa Chatham recovered for Texas A&M. After that drive, Notre Dame was forced to punt on its next four possessions, moving no more than 20 yards each time it had the ball.

At the same time, the Aggies were having very little luck moving the ball. Texas A&M did move into field goal range midway through the second quarter but Terry Venetoulis' 46-yard attempt was short and the game remained scoreless.

After the teams again exchanged punts, Notre Dame received the spark it needed to take control. With just 36 seconds left in the half, Mirer threw to Lake Dawson on a middle screen and Dawson strolled 40 yards to give the Irish a 7-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Notre Dame's rushing game came to the forefront and buried the Aggies. After throwing 15 passes in the first half, the Irish put the ball in the air only three times in the second half. Notre Dame controlled the ball and the clock by using the ground game. At one period in the second half, the Irish ran the ball on 34 consecutive plays — successfully.

On its first possession of the half, Notre Dame ate up 5:06 of clock with an 65-yard, 10-play drive that resulted in a Mirer-to-Bettis touchdown toss of 26 yards. Possession number two was much of the same for the Irish, moving 87 yards in 10 plays before Brooks fumbled at the Texas A&M four.

Again the Notre Dame defense rose to the occasion. On the Aggies' second play after the turnover, Brian Hamilton stripped Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig and Demetrius DuBose recovered at the Aggie 11. Two plays later, Bettis scored from one yard out to give the Irish a 21-0 lead.

After A&M scored on a 41-yard field goal by Venetoulis, Notre Dame again kept the ball on the ground and moved 82 yards in 16 plays in 9:24 with Bettis adding the final score — his third touchdown — to set the final, 28-3.

Mirer was named the game's most outstanding offensive player, completing eight-for-16 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns. Devon McDonald was the game's outstanding defensive player with 10 tackles, including four for losses and one sack.

DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Devon McDonald, Defensive End

OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Rick Mirer, Quarterback

SECOND QUARTER

0:36 ND Dawson 40 yd pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 6-64, 0:56

THIRD QUARTER

7:17 ND Bettis 26 yd pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 10-65, 5:06

0:33 ND Bettis 1 yd run (Hentrich kick), 2-11, 0:08

FOURTH QUARTER

14:27 A&M Venetoulis 41 yd field goal, 6-38 1:06

5:03 ND Bettis 4 yd run (Hentrich kick), 16-82, 9:24

	ND	A&M
First Downs	19	19
By Rushing	13	4
By Passing	6	10
By Penalty	0	5
Rushing Attempts	59	37
Yards Rushing	245	141
Yards Lost Rushing	3	33
Net Yards Rushing	242	108
Net Yards Passing	213	174
Passes Attempted	11	30
Passes Completed	7	14
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	70	67
Total Net Yards	455	282
Average Gain Per Play	6.5	4.2
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	11-102	3-38
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	1-14
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-147	7-318
Average Per Punt	36.8	45.1
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-28	2-35
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3	6-107

RUSHING: Texas A&M-Thomas 20-50, Mitchell 1-12, Pullig 9-11, Carter 3-5. Notre Dame-Brooks 22-115, Bettis 20-75, Mirer 13-55, Becton 5-26, Burris 2-8, Davis 1-8, Zellars 1-3.

PASSING: Texas A&M-Pullig 7-18-0-87. Notre Dame-Mirer 8-16-0-119, Failla 1-1-0-30, Bettis 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Texas A&M-Harrison 3-59, Schorp 2-14, Mitchell 1-12, Groce 1-2. Notre Dame-Smith 3-38, Dawson 2-46, Miller 1-30, Bettis 1-26, Brooks 1-5, Griggs 1-4.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#4 Notre Dame
#7 Texas A&M

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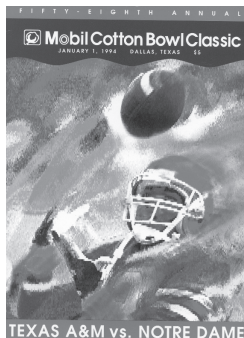
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DALLAS — Defenses dominated late in the Cotton Bowl as the Irish shut down Texas A&M's comeback in the fourth quarter for an edgy 24-21 win in Dallas. Tailback Lee Becton led all runners with 138 of Notre Dame's 206 yards rushing, marking his seventh consecutive 100-plus yardage game.

Texas A&M countered the Irish ground attack with an aerial display headed by quarterback Corey Pullig. Pullig hit the airways 31 times, completing 17 for 238 yards to balance out what Notre Dame had done on the ground. Both teams scored touchdowns on their first possessions of the game. Notre Dame drove 91 yards and capped off the drive with quarterback Kevin McDougal's electrifying 19-yard keeper around the right end. The Aggies reloaded and struck back with a drive that resulted in Greg Hill's eight-yard

touchdown sweep around the right side.

For the next few series both teams would battle back and fourth, getting few results. The defenses denied each other time and time again. For the Aggies, it was time for the air raid as they mounted a 77-yard, 14-play drive that chewed up 7:02 off the clock. During the drive, the Aggies passed five times, completing four. Faced with a fourth and one, R.C. Slocum and his troops elected to go for the first down at the Irish 15. Pullig, using a beautiful play-action fake, found a wide open Detron Smith for an Aggie touchdown.

Pullig would end the half with 123 yards passing, completing 50 percent of his passes and leading A&M to a 14-7 halftime lead. Notre Dame's explosive attack was limited to only 123 yards of total offense. To blame for that was an Aggie defense that swarmed anywhere it saw blue and gold.

Notre Dame, after holding Texas A&M to a three-yard series on the opening drive, started the second half in the same fashion in which it began the game — by scoring a touchdown. The engines ignited for the rest of the game as Becton hit on all cylinders. The tailback carried four times for 32 yards before Notre Dame tied the game at 14-14 with Ray Zellars going off tackle for a two-yard score.

Slocum's troops battled right back to remain in the driver's seat. Using only 3:31, the Aggies assembled a 10-play, 80-yard drive with Pullig hitting on three quick attempts, and Rodney Thomas plowing his way in from the one to put the Aggies back on top at 21-14.

Becton would carry three more times for 31 yards, and McDougal would hit a streaking Zellars for another 18 to put the Irish deep into enemy territory. With first and goal from the one, Holtz turned to freshman bulldozer Marc Edwards who plowed his way in to tie the game at 21. With the Irish stopping A&M after six plays, Slocum's team punted the ball away.

Deadlocked in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame found the momentum. After settling for a punt on the first drive of the quarter, Pete Bercich picked off Pullig and took the ball back. Seven plays later, the Irish had to punt again. With under six minutes left, it seemed A&M would have the last chance at victory. Slocum's Aggies started at their own 10-yard line and went backwards. On fourth and 12 the Aggies punted the ball into the hands of Irish return man Mike Miller.

Miller left nothing behind him except Aggies and a blazing trail of smoke. He returned the punt 38 yards before finally being pushed out of bounds to give the Irish the ball on the A&M 22-yard line. Becton picked up eight on the first play, but the Aggie defense stiffened and held the Irish. Placekicker Kevin Pendergast and the Notre Dame field goal unit trotted out to the field, only to head back to the sidelines. The Irish took a timeout with 2:22 left in the game after trying to draw the Aggies offside. Pendergast and company returned to the field and connected on the 31-yard field goal to give the Irish a 24-21 lead.

A&M received the kickoff, and Pullig entered the game to try and muster one last heroic effort. But, on first and 10, Notre Dame's Bobby Taylor picked up a loose fumble and seemed to have thwarted any last Aggie chance of survival. Slocum's boys on defense held Notre Dame to three and out and got the ball back with a minute left to play. Needing a big play, Pullig went to the air one more time and found tight end Greg Schorp for a gain of 32. After unsuccessful second and third down plays, the Aggies had one last chance to win. Pullig dropped back to pass and found Tony Harrison who then tried to lateral the ball back to teammate Leeland McElroy. The ball never made it there, and Irish linebacker Renaldo Wynn smothered the ball.

NOTRE DAME OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Lee Becton, Tailback

FIRST QUARTER

8:01 ND McDougal 19 yd run (Pendergast kick), 13-91 6:59
3:56 A&M Hill 8 yd run (Venetoulis kick), 10-79 4:05

SECOND QUARTER

2:56 A&M Smith 15 yd pass from Pullig (Venetoulis kick), 14-77 7:02

THIRD QUARTER

10:21 ND Zellars 2 yd run (Pendergast kick), 8-51 3:35
6:50 A&M Thomas 1 yd run (Venetoulis kick), 10-80 3:31
3:48 ND Edwards 2 yd run (Pendergast kick), 7-65 3:02

FOURTH QUARTER

2:22 ND Pendergast 31 yd field goal, 4-8 1:38

	ND	A&M
First Downs	19	20
By Rushing	13	11
By Passing	5	9
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	51	37
Yards Rushing	236	147
Yards Lost Rushing	30	44
Net Yards Rushing	206	103
Net Yards Passing	105	238
Passes Attempted	15	31
Passes Completed	7	17
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	66	68
Total Net Yards	311	341
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	5.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-34	3-15
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-1	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-266	4-149
Average Per Punt	38.0	37.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-35	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-59	5-117
Third Down Conversions	5-13	

RUSHING: Texas A&M-Hill 16-38, Groce 1-2, McElroy 4-45, Thomas 9-33, Pullig 7-(-15). Notre Dame-Becton 26-138, McDougal 9-13, Zellars 9-25, Edwards 3-6, Miller 2-20, Burris 1-4, Kinder 1-0.

PASSING: Texas A&M-Pullig 17-31-1-238. Notre Dame-McDougal 7-15-0-105.

RECEIVING: Texas A&M-Groce 4-45, Shrop 3-53, Harrison 3-52, Mitchell 2-29, Smith 2-24, McElroy 1-7, Hill 1-7, Thomas 1-21. Notre Dame: Dawson 2-41, Mayes 2-27, Becton 1-3, McBride 1-16, Zellars 1-18.

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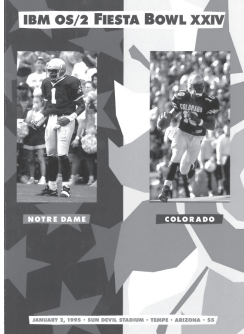
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#4 Colorado	10	21	7	7	41
Notre Dame	3	7	7	7	24



TEMPE, Ariz. — If holding the Heisman Trophy winner in check ranked as the only goal, Notre Dame's defensive performance against fourth-rated Colorado in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl might have qualified as impressive.

Unfortunately for the Irish, there proved to be far more to the Buffaloes' potency than running back Rashaan Salaam. Though he did score three touchdowns on runs of five, one and one yards, Notre Dame limited him to 83 net yards on 27 attempts, for a 3.1-yard average with no gain greater than 13 yards.

The same could not be said for quarterback Kordell Stewart. Running the Colorado option attack with precision, Stewart threw for 226 yards and a touchdown and — more impressively — scuttled the Irish defense with 143 rushing yards on only seven carries. He easily earned the game's offensive MVP award and had

more to do than anyone else with Colorado scurrying out to a 31-3 lead on its way to an eventual 41-24 victory over Notre Dame.

Stewart's 29-yard run and 37-yard completion to Phil Savoy set up the Buffs' first touchdown. His 35-yard romp set up the second Colorado TD. A 46-yard pass to James Kidd put the Buffs in position for their third first half TD. And a third period, 41-yard option keeper by Stewart made it 34-17 for Colorado just when the Irish were threatening to get back into the football game. Playing its final game for retiring coach Bill McCartney, Colorado scored on five of its first six possessions to do everything it could to put the contest out of reach early.

Salaam's biggest gain of the afternoon came on the game's third play from scrimmage. After that, Stewart took over. His 28-yard pass to Michael Westbrook pushed the Buffs to the Irish 22 and, three plays later, Neil Voskeritichian converted a 33-yard field goal for an early Colorado advantage.

After Notre Dame's first possession ended when Ron Powlus couldn't connect with Derrick Mayes on a fourth-and-eight throw from the Colorado 30, the Buffs continued their rumbling. Stewart's 29-yard excursion came on first down, and three plays later he hooked up with Savoy for 37 yards to the Irish one. Stewart's one-yard toss to tight end Christian Fauria made it 10-0.

Notre Dame rebounded with a field goal of its own, after Scott Sollmann's kickoff return to the Buff 46 and Powlus' run for 17 set Scott Cengia up for a three-pointer from 29 yards out. But that barely stemmed the Buffalo tide.

Stewart keynoted the next Colorado scoring drive, running 35 yards himself and throwing for 22 more to Westbrook before scoring himself from nine yards out to make it 17-3. Third downs hurt the Irish on Colorado's next possession, as Stewart ran for 16 yards on third and 11 and threw to Savoy for 46 on third and 10. The Buffs' next scoring drive required only 38 yards after an eight-yard Notre Dame punt, with Salaam notching the score on a short run.

Notre Dame's initial touchdown drive came in the final 1:29 of the first half, with Powlus throwing for 36 yards to Lee Becton, 20 more to Mayes and finally seven yards to Mayes for the score — making it 31-10 at the break. Though Colorado ran off only four more plays than Notre Dame in the first two periods, its 332-161 edge in total yards at halftime proved particularly telling.

The Irish attempted to reestablish their running game as the third period began — and they did so, with Becton running for gains of 12 and 18 yards on successive plays and Ray Zellars following with an 11-yard run. But, on fourth and goal from the five, Charles Stafford's throw to Zellars after a faked field goal went awry.

Still, Powlus hooked up with Mayes after a short Colorado punt on a TD throw that comprised a one-play, 40-yard scoring drive to cut the deficit to 31-17.

After a Voskeritichian field goal, the Irish drove from their own 21 to the Colorado 30, only to have the Buffs' Ted Johnson intercept a pass for the only turnover by either team.

A 37-yard Stewart pass to Kidd set up Salaam's final TD. Then the Irish drove 91 yards in 14 plays, converting four times on third down before Powlus threw seven yards to Leon Wallace for the final 41-24 margin.

FIRST QUARTER

- 11:58 CU Voskeritichian 33 yd field goal, 8-53 6:59
- 5:55 CU Fauria 1 yd pass from Stewart (Voskeritichian kick), 5-70 1:27
- 2:01 ND Cengia 29 yd field goal, 9-34 3:54

SECOND QUARTER

- 9:21 CU Stewart 9 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 5-66 1:55
- 4:07 CU Salaam 1 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 9-80 2:50
- 1:35 CU Salaam 1 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 6-38 1:45
- 0:05 ND Mayes 7 yd pass from Powlus (Cengia kick), 6-65 1:30

THIRD QUARTER

- 5:47 ND Mayes 40 yd pass from Powlus (Cengia kick), 1-40 1:08
- 1:55 CU Voskeritichian 48 yd field goal, 5-45 1:03

FOURTH QUARTER

- 9:29 CU Salaam 5 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 4-56 1:43
- 2:07 ND Wallace 7 yd pass from Powlus (Schroffner kick), 14-91 7:22

	CU	ND
First Downs	18	22
By Rushing	9	13
By Passing	8	9
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	39	45
Yards Rushing	246	149
Yards Lost Rushing	0	27
Net Yards Rushing	246	149
Net Yards Passing	226	259
Passes Attempted	21	35
Passes Completed	12	18
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	60	80
Total Net Yards	472	408
Average Gain Per Play	10.8	7.4
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	4-35	3-25
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-7	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-144	5-165
Average Per Punt	36.0	33.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-12	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-47	7-149
Third Down Conversions	5-11	10-19

RUSHING: Colorado-Salaam 27-83, Stewart 7-143, Troutman 2-20, Detmer 2-2, Henry 1- (-2). Notre Dame-Becton 17-81, Powlus 15-12, Zellars 5-21, Mosley 3-21, Edwards 2-4, Farmer 2-1, Sollmann 1-9.

PASSING: Colorado-Stewart 12-21-0-226. Notre Dame-Powlus 18-34-1-259; Stafford 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Colorado-Westbrook 4-70, Kidd 2-83, Savoy 2-58, Fauria 2-3, Carruth 1-6, Salaam 1-6. Notre Dame: Mayes 4-93, Becton 3-60, Mosley 3-34, Zellars 2-25, Stafford 2-22, McBride 2-21, Wallace 1-7, Farmer 1- (-3).

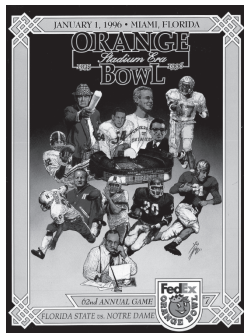
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SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#8 Florida State	7	7	0	17	31
#6 Notre Dame	10	0	7	9	26



MIAMI — Notre Dame's 1996 Orange Bowl matchup with eighth-ranked Florida State qualified as a historic occasion, since the Irish and Seminoles comprised the final combatants in Miami's venerable Orange Bowl facility before the game's switch to Joe Robbie Stadium for 1997.

The game itself was not without its challenges for Lou Holtz's sixth-ranked team that was without injured quarterback Ron Powlus and leading rusher Randy Kinder — and found itself facing a Florida State offensive attack averaging 48.4 points and 551.5 yards per game.

Still, backup quarterback Tom Krug, all-star split end Derrick Mayes and their Irish teammates combined to keep the Seminoles on their heels most of the evening until a 17-point fourth-quarter rally wiped out a 12-point Notre Dame lead and gave Florida State a 31-26 win for its 11th consecutive postseason victory.

Krug took a physical pounding but still managed to rush for 45 yards and tie an Irish bowl record with three touchdown passes and an overall 14-of-24 throwing performance. Mayes earned Notre Dame's MVP honor by catching six passes for 96 yards, including TD grabs of 39 and 33 yards.

Those two helped Notre Dame claim a 26-14 edge with less than 12 minutes on the clock before a furious Seminole response, aided by the last two of four scoring throws by Danny Kanell, put Bobby Bowden's club back on top. Andre Cooper claimed the Seminole MVP award thanks to three TD receptions, the last of which put Florida State ahead for good at 29-26 with 6:09 to go.

The Irish had their share of early opportunities, especially after Florida product Autry Denson rambled 48 yards on the first play from scrimmage and Marc Edwards followed that effort with a 28-yard gain of his own on the next play. But, after reaching the six, a sack and a missed field goal sent Notre Dame to the sideline emptyhanded.

A Shawn Wooden interception ended Florida State's first possession at midfield, and five plays later Krug led Mayes perfectly into the end zone for 39 yards and a 7-0 lead. The Seminoles required just more than two minutes to tie it, with Warrick Dunn adding 23 yards on one play and Kanell finding Cooper for 15 yards and the touchdown.

With the Irish going to a spread passing game that at times saw Krug lined up with no one else in the backfield, Notre Dame pounded out a 62-yard answering drive. This time Scott Cengia's 20-yard field goal attempt fell through after hitting the left upright and the Irish led by three.

Notre Dame's chance to take control fell through the cracks when an illegal block negated a 52-yard score on a punt return by Mayes. With Kanell hitting Cooper a second time in the end zone, this time for 10 yards, the Seminoles claimed a 14-10 halftime advantage.

The third quarter and first part of the fourth were all Notre Dame. The Irish forced the 'Noles to punt the ball away to start the second half, then drove 55 yards to take the lead on Krug's second TD pass to Mayes, this one for 33 yards and a 17-14 score. Meanwhile, Ivory Covington ended another Florida State threat with an interception and Scott Bentley's missed 42-yard field goal maintained that margin at the end of three periods.

On the fourth play of the final quarter Irish punter Hunter Smith kicked the ball 44 yards to the Florida State one. From there on first down, Kanell dropped one step too far into the end zone, with the resulting safety making the margin 19-14. Emmett Mosley returned the free kick 21 yards, Robert Farmer rushed 51 yards down the left side — and Krug's five-yard toss to tight end Pete Chryplewicz made it 26-14 with 11:43 on the clock.

The Seminoles wasted little time getting back into the contest, requiring only five plays and 1:56 to negotiate 73 yards. Kanell passed 24 yards to Wayne Messam, 21 more to E.G. Green, then 11 more to Green to cut the margin to 26-21.

After the Irish couldn't gain a first down, Dee Feaster's 41-yard punt return put the 'Noles in prime position. A key fourth-and-five completion to Green put the ball on the Irish three, and on second down the familiar Kanell-to-Cooper pairing made it 29-26 after the duo also combined on a two-point conversion.

An Irish fumble stopped one late Notre Dame foray, but Florida State misfired on a pass attempt into the end zone on fourth and goal from the three. Notre Dame took over one more time from the three with 2:06 left, but on first down Krug was called for intentional grounding from the end zone. The two points and resulting Seminole possession enabled Florida State to run out the clock.

OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Derek Mayes, Split End

FIRST QUARTER

8:27 ND Mayes 39 yd pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 5-50 1:55
 6:08 FSU Cooper 15 yd pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 7-81 2:19
 0:02 ND Cengia 20 yd field goal, 14-62 6:06

SECOND QUARTER

2:30 FSU Cooper 10 yd pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 10-59 4:44

THIRD QUARTER

8:04 ND Mayes 33 yd pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 10-55 4:58

FOURTH QUARTER

13:44 ND Safety
 11:43 ND Chryplewicz 5 yd pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 5-63 2:01
 9:47 FSU Green 11 yd pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 5-73 1:56
 6:09 FSU Cooper 3 yd pass from Kanell (Cooper pass from Kanell), 6-30 1:39
 2:02 FSU Safety

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By Passing	8	9
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Punts: No.-Yds.	4-144	5-165
Average Per Punt	36.0	33.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-12	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-47	7-149
Third Down Conversions	5-11	10-19

RUSHING: Florida State-Dunn 22-151, Preston 6-55, Williams 2-7, Abdullah 2-2, Kanell 5-(-27). Notre Dame-Farmer 7-93, Denson 11-67, Edwards 14-55, Krug 11-45, Thorne 1-4, Sollmann 1-(-8).

PASSING: Florida State-Kanell 20-32-4-290, Dunn 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Krug 14-24-3-140, Smith 1-1-0-29, Edwards 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Florida State-Messam 6-103, Green 5-99, Cooper 4-38, Dunn 2-19, Williams 2-17, Abdualah 1-14. Notre Dame: Mayes 6-96, Chryplewicz 3-18, Edwards 2-25, Stafford 2-14, Mosley 1-13, Farmer 1-3.

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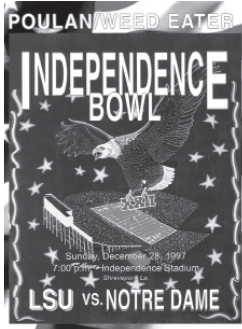
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SHREVEPORT, La. — The rematch track record alone didn't bode well for the Irish.

In 12 previous bowl games that had been rematches of regular-season contests, the same team had won both games on only four occasions.

It had been tough enough for Notre Dame to venture into Louisiana once, with the Irish coming away with an impressive 24-6 conquest of 11th-rated LSU in Baton Rouge in mid-November.

Now, Bob Davie's crew was assigned to return to that same state, this time to Shreveport, for an Independence Bowl date with those same Tigers of LSU.

And the Irish showed signs early on making it two straight against Gerry DiNardo's team. While holding LSU to less than 100

total yards in the opening half, Notre Dame made good use of Autry Denson's 68 first-half rushing yards and saw 60- and 70-yard marches end up in a pair of Scott Cengia field goals good for a 6-3 halftime lead. In fact, LSU's only first-half points came following the only turnover in the first 30 minutes, a lost fumble by the Irish.

Then came Rondell Mealey. He, more than any other single player, accounted for the eventual 27-9 LSU triumph.

Technically listed as the third-string tailback early in the year behind eventual top Southeastern Conference groundgainer Kevin Faulk and Cecil Collins, Mealey found his best-ever career opportunity staring him in the face at Independence Stadium with Collins long since lost for the season with a broken leg and Faulk idled since the first period with a sprained left ankle. Enter Mealey, a sophomore from Destrehan, La.

After receiving the second half kickoff, Mealey carried the ball on LSU's first seven plays from scrimmage. Those seven rushes accounted for 40 yards (of the 46 on the drive) and a Wade Richey field goal tied the game at six.

After bottling up the Irish at their own six, the Tigers took the lead for good on their next possession, this time with Mealey carrying four straight times for 27 yards in the middle of the eight-play touchdown excursion.

The Irish didn't manage a third period first down until the final play of the quarter. Nonetheless, a roughing-the-passer penalty against LSU and a 26-yard Ron Powlus rushing gain put Notre Dame in position for another Cengia field goal, this one from 33 yards out to make it 13-9 with 13 minutes remaining.

Just as quickly as Irish fans regained hope that Davie's squad could get back into the game, Mealey took it away. On first down from his own 20, he stunned the record crowd of 50,459 by romping 78 yards to the Irish two. When he scored on the next play to make it 20-9, the decibel level of the Tiger fans rose with the Irish deficit on the scoreboard.

Three quarterback sacks energized the Tigers over the next two Notre Dame drives, leaving Mealey to add a final score with 2:22 remaining. On this seven-play drive, he carried six times for 34 of the 35 yards (27 on one run).

Denson finished with 101 yards for the Irish, Malcolm Johnson caught five passes for 49 yards, Hunter Smith punted for a 45-yard average and Melvin Dansby added 14 tackles, three for losses.

But it was Mealey who carried the day, with all but 37 of his 222 rushing yards coming in the second half.

Notre Dame might have held a larger margin at the half had the Irish managed to cash in more effectively once inside enemy territory.

On the first Irish scoring drive, a Denson gain of 35 yards put Notre Dame at the LSU 13 with a first down. But successive rushing gains of zero, minus-three and zero yards by Denson left Cengia to kick a 33-yarder on fourth and 13.

Later, after a first and goal at the LSU four, the Irish managed a net of two yards on three rushing attempts, again leaving it for Cengia to connect from 21 yards for the 6-3 halftime lead.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Bobbie Howard, Linebacker

FIRST QUARTER

7:13 ND Cengia 33 yd field goal, 9-7 4:03

SECOND QUARTER

7:12 LSU Richey 37 yd field goal, 4-4 1:54
0:20 ND Cengia 21 yd field goal, 14-6 6:52

THIRD QUARTER

9:17 LSU Richey 42 yd field goal, 12-46 5:43
4:05 LSU Booty 12 yd pass from Tyler (Richey kick), 8-49 3:31

FOURTH QUARTER

13:10 ND Cengia 33 yd field goal, 8-61 2:34
12:47 LSU Mealey 2 yd run (Richey kick), 2-80 0:23
2:22 LSU Mealey 1 yd run (Richey kick), 7-35 3:19

	ND	LSU
First Downs	19	19
By Rushing	10	14
By Passing	6	5
By Penalty	3	0
Rushing Attempts	41	52
Yards Rushing	198	294
Yards Lost Rushing	70	29
Net Yards Rushing	128	265
Net Yards Passing	115	61
Passes Attempted	25	12
Passes Completed	13	5
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	64
Total Net Yards	243	326
Average Gain Per Play	3.7	5.1
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-30	5-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-225	4-143
Average Per Punt	45.0	35.8
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-23	3-38
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-61	2-34
Third Down Conversions	6-16	7-15

RUSHING: LSU-Mealey 34-222, Banks 6-23, Tyler 9-13, Faulk 3-7. Notre Dame-Denson 20-101, Barry 8-43, Driver 1-1, Stokes 1-(-2), Jackson 4-(-2), Powlus 7-(-13).

PASSING: LSU-Tyler 5-12-1-61. Notre Dame-Powlus 8-18-0-66, Jackson 5-7-0-49.

RECEIVING: LSU-Booty 5-61. Notre Dame: Johnson 5-49, Denson 3-32, Getherall 3-23, Brown 1-10, Barry 1-1.



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#12 Georgia Tech
#17 Notre Dame

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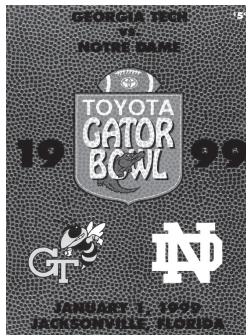
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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Nearly all the pre-game speculation in the Notre Dame camp prior to the 1999 Gator Bowl matchup with Georgia Tech centered around the physical condition of Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Though Jackson wasn't quite 100 percent, his gutsy contributions and those of record-setting Irish tailback Autry Denson nearly were enough to carry green-clad Notre Dame to victory at Alltel Stadium.

Instead, it was the big-play offense of Georgia Tech that paved the way for a 35-28 Yellow Jacket victory in a rematch between the same two teams that had opened the 1997 regular season in the dedication game of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium.

Jackson played it safe in the opening half, disdaining the option most of the time in the interest of simply making sure he was healthy for the second half. But he turned things loose a bit more after the break, even running for a third-period Irish score that brought the Irish within a point at 21-20. Denson, meanwhile, gained 96 of his game-high 130 rushing yards in the final two periods and his three touchdown runs helped earn him the Notre Dame MVP honor.

But all that wasn't enough to prevent Tech's diversified offense from using a banner 237-yard throwing effort by quarterback Joe Hamilton and TD receptions of 44 and 55 yards by Dez White in the second half to hold off the Irish. The Jackets scored on five drives of 71 yards or longer.

Tech took a lead midway through the opening period, as Hamilton deftly mixed his plays, hitting four straight attempts good for 59 yards down to the Notre Dame 28. From there, the Jackets ran off seven straight running plays — including a conversion on fourth and one — with Joe Burns taking a pitch from Hamilton from the five, then throwing back to the Tech signalcaller for the score.

Notre Dame responded quickly, with Jackson finding Bobby Brown good for 33 yards on second down to the Tech 31. After a Jamie Spencer run for 10 yards, Denson ran for nine to tie the score.

Tech responded in kind, with Hamilton throwing to Charlie Rogers for 26 yards and to White for 11. Phillip Rogers went the final two yards for a 14-7 Georgia Tech advantage.

Jackson was sacked to thwart each of the next two Irish series. Then it was Tech that put together another impressive 84-yard march, 68 of it coming on the ground. Hamilton found Mike Sheridan for nine yards and a 21-7 advantage. Jackson completed five straight passes in the final few minutes of the first half, but a Jim Sanson 44-yard field goal attempt fell short with 45 seconds remaining.

Denson nearly took control of the game by himself as the second half began. An 80-yard Irish excursion involved seven carries for 54 by the senior back, with his one-yard gain cutting the deficit to 21-14. Tony Driver's fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff set the Irish up at the Tech 26, and on the eighth play Jackson found paydirt. A blocked PAT attempt left Tech ahead 21-20.

Then it became big-play time for the Jackets. A second-down Bobbie Howard sack left Georgia Tech with third and 10 from the Irish 44 — but Hamilton responded by finding Jacksonville native White behind the defense to put Tech back up 28-20. But the Irish weren't finished.

On a 12-play, 88-yard drive, Denson carried seven times — including for the TD — and Jackson found Jay Johnson on a key 27-yard pass play. Jackson's two-point conversion throw to Brown tied the score at 28 with 11:56 to go in the contest.

The Irish nearly recovered a second fumble on the kickoff, but from there Tech launched its game-winning drive. After Hamilton threw twice for the necessary yardage on third downs, on first and 10 he again found White on a post pattern and the 55-yard scoring play.

The Irish had three more shots, but none of the three possessions advanced past the Notre Dame 28-yard line.

NOTRE DAME MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Autry Denson, Tailback

FIRST QUARTER

6:22 GT Hamilton 5 yd pass from Burns (Chambers kick), 12-87 4:53
4:06 ND Denson 9 yd run (Sanson kick), 6-65 2:16

SECOND QUARTER

13:46 GT Rogers 2 yd run (Chambers kick), 10-78 5:20
4:26 GT Sheridan 9 yd pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 10-84 4:26

THIRD QUARTER

10:47 ND Denson 1 yd run (Sanson kick), 10-80 4:13
7:23 ND Jackson 2 yd run (Sanson kick blocked), 8-26 3:24
3:42 GT White 44 yd pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 7-71 3:41

FOURTH QUARTER

11:56 ND Denson 1 yd run (Brown pass from Jackson), 12-88 6:46
7:55 GT White 55 yd pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 9-91 4:01

	ND	GT
First Downs	20	23
By Rushing	10	10
By Passing	8	11
By Penalty	2	2
Rushing Attempts	41	47
Yards Rushing	104	205
Yards Lost Rushing	35	11
Net Yards Rushing	159	194
Net Yards Passing	150	242
Passes Attempted	24	21
Passes Completed	13	14
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	65	68
Total Net Yards	309	436
Average Gain Per Play	4.8	6.4
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-30	7-53
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-183	3-104
Average Per Punt	36.6	34.7
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-8	3-38
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-55	5-40
Third Down Conversions	2-9	6-12

RUSHING: Georgia Tech-Rogers 13-82, Burns 12-55, Rogers 10-28, Hamilton 10-19, Wilder 2-10. Notre Dame-Denson 26-130, Spencer 3-17, Jackson 12-12.

PASSING: Georgia Tech-Hamilton 13-20-3-3-237, Burns 1-1-1-5. Notre Dame-Jackson 13-24-0-150.

RECEIVING: Georgia Tech-White 4-129, Rogers 4-52, Matvay 1-28, Sheridan 1-9, Wilder 1-7, Andrzejewski 1-7, Hamilton 1-5, Burns 1-5. Notre Dame: Johnson 5-43, Brown 2-42, Johnson 1-27, Nelson 2-20, Holloway 2-11, Denson 1-7.

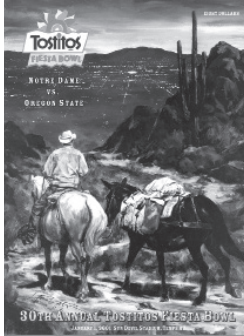
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#10 Notre Dame	0
#5 Oregon State	3

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TEMPE, Ariz. — Oregon State used four third quarter touchdowns, capitalizing on two Notre Dame turnovers, to defeat the Irish 41-9 in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

Notre Dame's trip to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl was its 11th New Year's Day Bowl game in 14 years and second in the four-year tenure of Irish head coach Bob Davie. The loss was its fifth straight bowl-game defeat, a drought that goes back to the 1994 Cotton Bowl win over sixth-ranked Texas A&M.

"That football team out there impressed me," Davie said.

While the scoreboard showed the worst defeat for the Irish since a 58-7 loss at Miami in 1985, Notre Dame was still within striking distance at halftime.

Oregon State tallied scores on its first two possessions with field goals of 32 and 29 yards. Both drives covered over 50 yards,

but the Irish defense got tough deep in its own territory holding the Beavers on third-and-18 and third-and-one.

The Beavers had another chance to score midway through the second quarter, but Notre Dame snuffed out the opportunity with a stop on fourth-and-goal from the Irish one-yard line.

Notre Dame was again forced to punt with the Beavers taking over at their own 10-yard line. At that point, Oregon State appeared to be ready to run away with the game when Chad Johnson caught a Jonathon Smith pass on second down and sprinted 74 yards for the first touchdown of the game. The Beavers' two-point conversion attempt failed and Oregon State led 12-0.

Notre Dame then took the ball at its own 23 and quarterback Matt LoVecchio was sacked on the first two Irish plays. After seeing its third-and-31 pass fall incomplete, the drive was kept alive by a personal foul call against Oregon State. A 40-yard pass from LoVecchio to Javin Hunter moved Notre Dame into Beaver territory for the first time in the game. An Oregon State pass interference call moved Notre Dame to the Beaver 12, but after two incomplete passes, Nick Setta booted a 29-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

Notre Dame trailed just 12-3.

Oregon State took possession to open the second half, but the drive fizzled after just four plays. Notre Dame took over following the punt, but the Beavers forced a LoVecchio fumble on second down deep in his own territory. Oregon State turned that possession into a touchdown in just two plays, scoring on a 23-yard pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

"If I had to say there was one big series, I think it was probably the first possession of the second half when it was 12-3 and we finally stopped them," Davie said. "We ran the ball on first down and got stoned, and then on second down we get sacked and turn the ball over. We were just off-rhythm all night, and I have to give (Oregon State) credit because they jumped up and made a bunch of plays on defense."

Oregon State, up 19-3 three minutes into the third quarter, turned it up offensively and defensively in the next seven minutes. The Beaver defense held Notre Dame to minus-11 yards on its next three possessions, forcing two punts and an interception while scoring three touchdowns in its next eight plays.

After forcing another LoVecchio interception late in the third quarter to stop an Irish drive, Oregon State was content to let the clock run. They had turned a 12-3 halftime lead into a 41-3 celebration.

Notre Dame rounded out the scoring by capitalizing on the lone Oregon State turnover by following a Beaver fumble with a 57-yard touchdown drive capped by a Tony Fisher dive from a yard out.

"Their speed was definitely a factor," Davie said. "They played extremely hard. When we can't run the football any more effectively than we did tonight, we virtually have no chance."

The Irish were limited to season lows with 155 yards total offense and 17 yards rushing.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Julius Jones, Tailback

FIRST QUARTER

7:27 OSU Cesca 32 yd field goal, 11-59 5:32

SECOND QUARTER

14:55 OSU Cesca 29 yd field goal, 12-50 5:08
 4:18 OSU Johnson 74 yd pass from Smith (Smith pass failed), 4-90 1:08
 0:00 ND Setta 29 yd field goal, 15-65 4:18

THIRD QUARTER

12:04 OSU Houshmandzadeh 23 yd pass from Smith (Cesca kick), 2-26 0:45
 9:08 OSU Roberts 45 yd punt return (Prescott pass from Smith)
 7:02 OSU Johnson 4 yd pass from Smith (Cesca kick), 4-22 0:58
 4:54 OSU Simonton 4 yd run (Cesca kick), 4-55 1:31

FOURTH QUARTER

6:07 ND Fisher 1 yd run (LoVecchio run failed), 12-57 5:10

	ND	OSU
First Downs	18	20
By Rushing	5	7
By Passing	7	12
By Penalty	6	1
Rushing Attempts	37	39
Yards Rushing	99	156
Yards Lost Rushing	82	29
Net Yards Rushing	17	127
Net Yards Passing	138	319
Passes Attempted	33	25
Passes Completed	13	17
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	70	64
Total Net Yards	155	446
Average Gain Per Play	2.2	7.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	7-42	18-174
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-31
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-249	3-117
Average Per Punt	41.5	39.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-(-1)	4-106
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	6-146	1-12
Third Down Conversions	4-15	5-13

RUSHING: Oregon State-Simonton 18-85, Battle 8-32, McCall 10-25, Stremick 1-(-2), Smith 2-(-13). Notre Dame-Jones 13-30, Howard 8-28, Fisher 5-9, Lopienski 1-0, Getherall 1-(-1), LoVecchio 9-(-49).

PASSING: Oregon State-Smith 16-24-3-305, Stremick 1-1-0-14. Notre Dame-LoVecchio 13-33-0-138.

RECEIVING: Oregon State-Houshmandzadeh 6-74, Johnson 4-93, Maurer 3-82, Prescott 2-41, McCall 1-15, Moala 1-14. Notre Dame: Givens 4-23, Hunter 3-57, O'Leary 2-36, Fisher 2-2, Getherall 1-10, Jones 1-10.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#17 North Carolina State
#11 Notre Dame

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#17 North Carolina State	0	21	0	7	28
#11 Notre Dame	3	0	3	0	6



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Progress can be measured in different ways. While Notre Dame's 28-6 loss to North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl might have put a damper on an otherwise brilliant season, it did serve as an indicator of the progress the Irish made in a very short period of time.

Notre Dame controlled the ball for more than 33 minutes and ran 15 more plays against the Wolfpack. However, the Irish were undermined by the one thing that had been their calling card all season -- turnovers.

Notre Dame entered the game with a +8 turnover ratio, good for 26th in the nation. Against North Carolina State, that mark was turned upside down, as the Irish tossed three interceptions, including a critical game-changing theft late in the first half.

Playing his final game at Notre Dame, wide receiver Arnaz Battle caught 10 passes for 84 yards, setting a school record for receptions in a bowl game. Battle wound up with 58 catches on the season, the third-highest total in school history and the most by an Irish wideout in 33 years. Tailback Ryan Grant added 68 yards rushing on 21 carries, giving him 1,085 yards on the ground for the season, the 10th-highest single-season mark in school history.

Spirits were high for Notre Dame early on, as the Irish moved smartly downfield on their second possession, going 52 yards in 12 plays to set up a 23-yard field goal by Nicholas Setta. However, in a precursor of Notre Dame's misfortune, starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday injured his shoulder late in the drive and would not return.

N.C. State moved in front on its next possession, driving 92 yards in 12 plays, and culminating with a two-yard TD run by T.A. McLendon. It was the first of two scores for the Wolfpack runner, who added a three-yard scamper the next time his team had the ball, putting N.C. State on top, 14-3, with 5:02 remaining in the first half.

The Wolfpack then dealt Notre Dame's comeback hopes a staggering blow, as Rod Johnson intercepted a pass by Irish reserve quarterback Pat Dillingham, setting up N.C. State at the Notre Dame 48-yard line. It took Wolfpack signal-caller Philip Rivers six plays to march his team to the end zone, finding Jerricho Cotchery on a nine-yard scoring toss with 1:16 left in the first half.

The Irish looked strong on their first possession of the third quarter, moving all the way to the N.C. State 24-yard line. However, the drive stalled there and on fourth down, Notre Dame elected to go for it, but Johnson intercepted Dillingham's pass in the end zone, quashing the threat.

Later in the period, the Irish once again worked their way down to the Wolfpack 24-yard line. This time, they called on Setta, who boomed a 41-yard field goal to slice the N.C. State lead to 21-6 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wolfpack iced the game early in the final frame, as Rivers orchestrated a nine-play, 69-yard drive that was capped by his seven-yard touchdown pass to Sean Berton with just under 11 minutes to play.

Notre Dame made two forays into N.C. State territory in the fourth period, including a march to the Wolfpack one-yard line in the last two minutes. However, the Irish could not punch the ball into the end zone on four tries and turned the ball over on downs.

NOTRE DAME MVP

Cedric Hilliard, Nose Guard

FIRST QUARTER

4:12 ND Setta 23 yd field goal, 12-52 6:42

SECOND QUARTER

14:03 NCSU McLendon 2 yd run (Kiker kick), 12-96 5:09
5:02 NCSU McLendon 3 yd run (Kiker kick), 11-76 4:51
1:16 NCSU Cotchery 9 yd pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 6-48 2:51

THIRD QUARTER

1:44 ND Setta 41 yd field goal, 10-39 4:05

FOURTH QUARTER

10:41 NCSU Berton 7 yd pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 9-69 2:51

	NCSU	ND
First Downs	21	23
By Rushing	4	8
By Passing	14	9
By Penalty	3	6
Rushing Attempts	26	38
Yards Rushing	80	112
Yards Lost Rushing	18	26
Net Yards Rushing	62	86
Net Yards Passing	255	200
Passes Attempted	41	44
Passes Completed	25	23
Had Intercepted	0	3
Total Offensive Plays	67	82
Total Net Yards	317	286
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	3.5
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	10-87	9-90
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-26	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-216	4-121
Average Per Punt	43.2	30.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-0	2-20
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	1-7	2-51
Third Down Conversions	7-15	4-19
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	4-7

RUSHING: NC State-Rivers 7-22, Brown 7-18, McLendon 11-18, Berton 1-4. Notre Dame-Grant 21-68, Powers-Neal 5-16, McNair 4-8, Battle 2-6, Holiday 2-3, Dillingham 4-(-15).

PASSING: NC State-Rivers 23-37-2-228, Peterson 2-3-0-27, Team 1-0-0-0. Notre Dame-Dillingham 19-37-0-166, Holiday 3-6-0-22, Hildbold 1-1-0-12.

RECEIVING: NC State-Cotchery 10-127, Berton 5-40, McLendon 3-16, Edwards 3-13, Peterson 2-16, Gray 1-24, Hicks 1-19. Notre Dame: Battle 10-84, Clark 4-41, Jenkins 3-42, Stovall 3-25, Godsey 1-5, Rodamer 1-5, McKnight 1-(-2).

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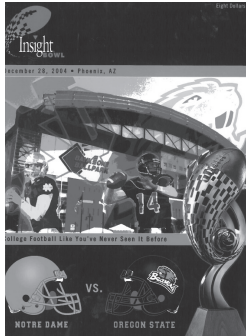
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

 Notre Dame
 Oregon State

1	2	3	4	SCORE
7	7	7	7	28
14	7	3	14	38



PHOENIX, Ariz. – Playing under an interim head coach at the conclusion of one of the most tumultuous months in Notre Dame football history, the Irish ended the 2004 season with a loss to Oregon State in the Insight Bowl at Bank One Ballpark in downtown Phoenix.

Derek Anderson passed for 358 yards and four touchdowns as Notre Dame fell to Oregon State, 38-21. Anderson, who completed 28-of-45 passes, tossed two touchdowns to Joe Newton and one each to George Gillett and Dan Haines. Oregon State (7-5) opened a 14-0 first quarter cushion behind scoring tosses of 12 yards to Gillett and 11 yards to Newton. Anderson's 11-yard pass to Haines made it 21-0 with 7:49 left in the second quarter, and the Beavers led by at least 10 points thereafter. The first two scores were set up

by a long punt return by Sammie Stroughter and a blocked punt by Derrick Doggett, respectively.

Notre Dame (6-6) was playing its one and only game under Kent Baer, its defensive coordinator under former head coach Tyrone Willingham, who was fired on November 30. "I'd be lying if I told you that it didn't affect some people," said Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, who completed 17-of-29 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns.

The Irish showed plenty of fight, recovering from an early 21-0 deficit by pulling within 10 points late in the third period (24-14). Notre Dame cut the halftime deficit to 21-7 with an impressive 13-play, 84-yard scoring drive that was capped by a 13-yard pass from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano 56 seconds before the intermission.

After OSU added a field goal early in the third quarter, the Irish moved 49 yards in six plays for a touchdown to cut the deficit to 10 points. A 29-yard pass from Quinn to Jeff Samardzija keyed the march that concluded with a five-yard scoring run by Darius Walker with 2:40 left in the period.

Notre Dame's comeback hopes were stalled on OSU's next drive. The Beavers took the ensuing possession 90 yards in 12 plays for a touchdown, chewing up 5:23 of game time before a one-yard pass from Anderson to Newton gave OSU a commanding 31-14 edge.

The Irish responded with a score of their own, marching 88 yards in 10 plays to pull within 31-21 on an 18-yard pass from Quinn to Rhema McKnight, who made a spectacular one-handed grab in the end zone for the score with 4:52 left. But the Beavers added an insurance score just 1:33 later, after recovering Notre Dame's attempted on-side kick at the Irish 28. Dwight Wright scored on a two-yard run with 3:19 to go for the final margin.

Notre Dame's receivers were the team's standouts as Samardzija nabbed a career-high five passes for 89 yards while McKnight had four catches for 90 yards to key the offense.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Derek Curry, Linebacker

FIRST QUARTER

9:24 OSU Gillett 12 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 4-27 1:18
 5:41 OSU Newton 11 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 2-10 0:48

SECOND QUARTER

7:49 OSU Haines 11 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 5-45 2:49
 0:56 ND Fasano 13 yd pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 13-84 6:53

THIRD QUARTER

9:16 OSU Serna 38 yd field goal, 6-32 1:59
 3:40 ND Walker 5 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6-49 3:34

FOURTH QUARTER

12:17 OSU Newton 1 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 12-90 5:23
 4:52 ND McKnight 18 yd pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 10-88 4:04
 3:19 OSU Wright 2 yd run (Serna kick), 4-28 1:33

	ND	OSU
First Downs	17	19
By Rushing	3	2
By Passing	11	17
By Penalty	3	0
Rushing Attempts	33	18
Yards Rushing	90	46
Yards Lost Rushing	31	26
Net Yards Rushing	59	20
Net Yards Passing	217	358
Passes Attempted	33	45
Passes Completed	18	28
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	63
Total Net Yards	276	378
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.2	6.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	2-10	5-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	1-37
Punts: No.-Yds.	8-255	4-141
Avg. Per Punt	31.9	35.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-7	5-77
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	6-109	3-34
Third Down Conversions	7-16	6-14
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-1

RUSHING: Oregon State-Wright 9-24, Cole 3-3, Anderson 5-(-6). Notre Dame-Walker 13-43, Grant 14-19, Quinn 4-10, Wilson 1-0, Anastasio 1-(-13).

PASSING: Oregon State-Anderson 28-45-0-358. Notre Dame-Quinn 17-29-1-214, Dillingham 1-3-0-3, Hoskins 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Oregon State-Newton 7-85, Hass 5-105, Gillett 4-62, Love 4-37, Haines 3-25, Bernard 2-19, Wright 2-16, Hawkins 1-9. Notre Dame: Samardzija 5-89, McKnight 4-90, Wilson 2-3, Walker 1-13, Fasano 1-13, Palmer 1-6, Harris 1-3, Powers-Neal 1-2, Schmidt 1-1, Shelton 1-(-3).



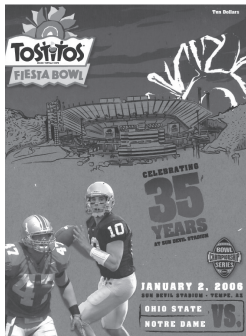
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#5 Notre Dame
#4 Ohio State

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#5 Notre Dame	7	0	6	7	20
#4 Ohio State	7	14	3	10	34



TEMPE, Ariz. — Notre Dame's return to national prominence under first-year head coach Charlie Weis was capped by the first Irish appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game in five years. Unfortunately, the result was not indicative of the team's success in the regular season as the fifth-ranked Irish suffered a 34-20 loss to fourth-ranked Ohio State in the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Much of the pre-game hype about the contest focused on the matchup between the Notre Dame offense and the Buckeye defense, but the game actually turned on the ability of the Ohio State offense to exploit matchups against the Irish defense. The Buckeyes racked up 617 yards of offense, a record by a Notre Dame opponent, on the way to handing the Irish their third defeat of the season.

OSU quarterback Troy Smith earned Game MVP honors by using his maneuverability and poise under pressure to repeatedly create big plays at crucial moments, accounting for 408 yards (66 rushing, 342 passing) and two touchdowns.

Meanwhile, the Irish stayed in the game thanks to a plucky defense that wouldn't quit and an offense (led by quarterback Brady Quinn and tailback Darius Walker) that came out blazing, stalled, then regrouped to rally the team in the game's late stages.

The game started just as Weis and the Irish drew it up as Notre Dame took the game's opening kickoff and proceeded to march to a quick touchdown. Walker rushed three times for 39 yards and Quinn completed a pair of passes for 33 more as the Irish drove 72 yards in six plays to a touchdown as Walker raced 20 yards to pay dirt for a 7-0 Notre Dame lead just 2:01 into the game.

Ohio State responded with a drive characteristic of the rest of the game. Twice Smith managed to create big plays on key third downs, scrambling for 15 yards and a first down on a third-and-nine play and passing for six yards to Santonio Holmes on a third-and-six. Then, Smith fired a 56-yard bomb to wideout Ted Ginn Jr. for a touchdown to tie the game at 7-7 with 10:02 left in the opening quarter.

Notre Dame squandered a golden scoring opportunity late in the opening period when Irish linebacker Corey Mays sacked Smith and forced him to fumble at the Buckeye 14. Defensive end Ronald Talley recovered for the Irish and Notre Dame took possession in the shadow of the OSU end zone. But the Irish failed to produce points as the Buckeye defense stiffened and stopped the Irish on a fourth-and-two play, sacking Quinn for an eight-yard loss to end the threat.

The Buckeyes took the lead on the ensuing possession, driving 86 yards in six plays. Smith connected with Ginn for 18 yards on a third-and-nine play immediately before Ginn took a reverse and sprinted 68 yards to the end zone, dodging the entire Irish defense on his way and a 14-7 OSU lead early in the second quarter. The Buckeyes extended the lead to 21-7 at the half on a 85-yard pass from Smith to Holmes with 2:21 left in the second quarter and appeared to be in control as the second half began.

But the Irish showed impressive resolve to stay in it, blocking a Huston field goal attempt early in the third period then marching 71 yards in 10 plays to pull within 21-13 on a 10-yard run by Walker with 4:25 left in the period. Late in the quarter, the game's most controversial play went against the Irish. Safety Tom Zbikowski picked up what appeared to be a fumble by OSU receiver Anthony Gonzalez, returning the loose ball for an apparent 87-yard touchdown that would have narrowed the score to 21-19. But officials ruled via replay that Gonzalez had not retained possession, negating the play. Huston kicked a 40-yard field goal on the next play for a 24-13 OSU lead.

"That was THE play," Weis said. "What I said to the official on the field is I hope your guy upstairs was right because that changed the whole complexion of the game."

Huston added another field goal early in the fourth, this one from 26 yards out, to give the Buckeyes a 27-13 edge. But the Irish would not go down quietly. Quinn, who set Irish bowl passing records for yards, completions, attempts and consecutive completions (tying a school mark with 14 consecutive at one point in the game), led them 80 yards in 13 plays. The scoring play, a three-yard run by Walker off a direct snap, was his third of the game (another Irish bowl mark), and pulled Notre Dame within 27-20 with 5:27 remaining.

But OSU responded with a clinching score. Smith wiggled out of pressure twice on third down plays to complete clutch passes for first downs before Antonio Pittman sealed the outcome with a 60-yard run for a score with 1:46 remaining.

It was a tough loss for the Irish, but not one without memorable performances. Stovall had nine catches for 126 yards to set new Irish bowl record for receiving yards. Quinn finished with 29 completions in 45 attempts, tying the single-game Notre Dame record for completions. For his gutsy performance, Quinn was awarded the game's sportsmanship award. Defensively, linebackers Corey Mays and Brandon Hoyte had standout performances. Mays made a game-high 12 tackles, forced a fumble, had two tackles for losses and one quarterback sack. Hoyte added 10 tackles, including one for a loss.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Brady Quinn, Quarterback

FIRST QUARTER

12:59 ND Walker 20 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6-72 2:01
10:02 OSU Ginn Jr. 56 yd pass from Smith (Huston kick), 7-82 2:57

SECOND QUARTER

14:16 OSU Ginn Jr. 68 yd run (Huston kick), 6-86 2:16
2:21 OSU Holmes 85 yd pass from Smith (Huston kick), 4-98 2:16

THIRD QUARTER

4:25 ND Walker 10 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 10-71 2:53
2:20 OSU Huston 40 yd field goal, 5-42 2:05

FOURTH QUARTER

10:12 OSU Huston 26 yd field goal, 10-60 4:22
5:27 ND Walker 3 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13-80 4:45
1:46 OSU Pittman 60 yd run (Huston kick), 7-85 3:41

	OSU	ND
First Downs	27	22
By Rushing	12	8
By Passing	14	12
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	36	28
Yards Rushing	293	106
Yards Lost Rushing	18	44
Net Yards Rushing	275	62
Net Yards Passing	342	286
Passes Attempted	28	45
Passes Completed	19	29
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	64	73
Total Net Yards	617	348
Average Gain Per Play	9.6	4.8
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	7-53	6-48
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	1-40	6-254
Average Per Punt	40.0	42.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-20	1-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-51	2-23
Third Down Conversions	8-12	9-17
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-2

RUSHING: Ohio State-Pittman 21-136, Ginn Jr. 2-73, Smith 13-66. Notre Dame-Walker 16-90, Schwapp 2-4, Quinn 10-(-32).

PASSING: Ohio State-Smith 19-28-0-342. Notre Dame-Quinn 29-45-0-286.

RECEIVING: Ohio State-Ginn Jr. 8-167, Holmes 5-124, Hall 2-22, Pittman 2-6, Gonzalez 1-15, Frost 1-8. Notre Dame: Stovall 9-126, Walker 7-37, Samardzija 6-59, Shelton 5-52, Fasano 2-12.

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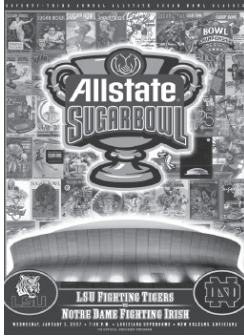
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

 #11 Notre Dame
 #4 LSU

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14	7	13	7	41



NEW ORLEANS — JaMarcus Russell cocked his head, glanced toward the towering Superdome stands and soaked up the pleas of the LSU faithful.

"One more year! One more year!" they screamed.

The way the mammoth quarterback played against Notre Dame, there seems little reason for him to spend any more time in college.

Russell led No. 4 LSU to a 41-14 rout of college football's most storied program Wednesday night.

The Sugar Bowl returned to New Orleans with a Cajun-style party, with left the 11th-ranked Fighting Irish with a most unwanted spot in the record book. They lost their ninth straight bowl game, more than any other school.

Certainly he had the best on this night. The 6-foot-6, 257-pound Russell completed 21-of-34 for 332 yards and two touchdowns. He also had his first rushing score of the season and set up another TD with a 31-yard pass.

Russell and LSU's feared defense took control after halftime, turning a tenuous 21-14 game into a laughter. The Tigers (11-2) outgained Notre Dame by a staggering 333 yards to 30 over the final two quarters.

The school of Touchdown Jesus and Knute Rockne snapped a tie with South Carolina and West Virginia for most consecutive bowl losses in NCAA history. And this was like most of the others, a double-digit blowout that showed Notre Dame still has work to do if it wants to compete with the nation's best.

"We've got to turn the corner," coach Charlie Weis said. "Right now, we're just a nice, solid team. That won't cut it. We want to be an upper-echelon team."

Quinn doesn't have a decision to make about his pro future, but the senior's hopes of being the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft may have taken a blow. He struggled to cope with the speed and size of LSU's defense, completing just 15-of-35 for 148 yards, his two TD passes offset by two interceptions.

LSU romped after halftime. After a pair of field goals by Colt David, Russell blew it open with a 58-yard touchdown pass to Brandon LaFell in the final minute of the third quarter.

Notre Dame (10-3) bounced back from an early 14-0 deficit and tied the game with 2 1/2 minutes left in the first half. But Russell's took matters in his own hands - and legs - to put the Tigers ahead to stay before the teams went to the locker room.

First, Russell went deep to Early Doucet for a 58-yard completion. Then, Russell scored himself on a 5-yard keeper up the middle.

Notre Dame hasn't won a postseason game since its 24-21 victory over Texas A&M in the 1994 Cotton Bowl. "O-ver-ra-ted!" the Tiger-dominated crowd roared after freshman Keiland Williams ripped off his second touchdown of the game, a 20-yard run with just under 7 1/2 minutes remaining.

But the biggest cheers came on LSU's next possession. Russell made one handoff, then came out of the game to standing ovation.

Notre Dame was determined to get off to a strong start, but it sure didn't work out that way. Weis called a fake punt that backfired, and the Irish looked just as tight and nervous as they did at the beginning of blowout losses to Michigan and Southern Cal.

At least they didn't fold until the second half, fighting back to tie the game at 14.

The offenses had their way, with three 80-yard scoring drives and another covering 82. The only exception followed the fake punt on Notre Dame's opening possession. With the Irish facing fourth-and-3 at their own 34, the coach called for a direct snap to up-back Travis Thomas, but he was stuffed for no gain.

Two plays later, LSU had the lead. Russell hooked up with Doucet on a 31-yard pass and Williams powered over from the 3.

The Tigers made it 14-0 on their next possession. Russell broke off a 21-yard run on a draw to get deep into Notre Dame territory, and finished off the drive with an 11-yard scoring pass to Dwayne Bowe.

Notre Dame's next possession started ominously - Quinn was sacked for a 10-yard loss. But Darius Walker ran for 11 yards and turned a short pass into a 21-yard gain. Quinn finished it off with 24-yard TD pass to David Grimes.

Walker rushed for all but three of his 128 yards in the first half.

David missed a 31-yard field goal try, and Notre Dame responded to that momentum-changer with the tying touchdown as Quinn went to his favorite receiver, Jeff Samardzija, on a 10-yard TD pass.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Brady Quinn, Quarterback

FIRST QUARTER

11:16 LSU Williams 3 yd run (David kick), 2-34 0:49
 6:03 LSU Bowe 11 yd pass from Russell (David kick), 8-80 3:31
 1:26 ND Grimes 24 yd pass from Quinn (Gioia kick), 8-80 4:37

SECOND QUARTER

2:25 ND Samardzija 10 yd pass from Quinn (Gioia kick), 8-80 2:39
 1:15 LSU Russell 5 yd run (David kick), 5-82 1:10

THIRD QUARTER

9:34 LSU David 25 yd field goal, 13-73 5:26
 3:48 LSU David 37 yd field goal, 9-59 3:57
 0:18 LSU LeFell 58 yd pass from Russell (David kick), 5-73 1:38

FOURTH QUARTER

7:27 LSU Williams 20 yd run (David kick), 9-76 4:11

	ND	LSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	31
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-143	37-245
PASSING YDS (NET)	148	332
Passes Att-Comp-Int	35-15-2	34-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-291	71-577
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-128	3-48
Interception Returns-Yards	1-20	2-39
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-47.4	2-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-40	9-95
Possession Time	28:14	31:46
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	3 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	6-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-12	1-10

RUSHING: LSU-Williams 14-107; Vincent 12-71; Hester 3-25; Russell 5-16; Holliday 1-11; Davis 1-8; Jackson 1-7. Notre Dame-Walker 22-128; Aldridge 3-7; Quinn 3-6; Thomas 2-2; Samardzija 1-0.

PASSING: LSU-Russell 21-34-1-332. Notre Dame-Quinn 15-35-2-148.

RECEIVING: LSU-Doucet 8-115; Bowe 5-78; Davis 4-50; Vincent 2-19; LaFell 1-58; Jacob

Hester 1-12. Notre Dame: Samardzija 8-59; McKnight 3-22; Walker 2-30; Grimes 1-24; Carlson 1-13.



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Hawaii'i

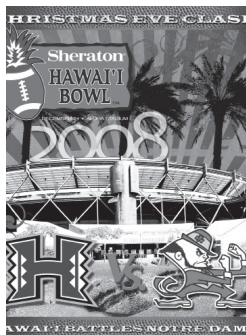
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HONOLULU — Jimmy Clausen ended Notre Dame's long bowl drought - and Hawaii's bid for a fourth straight Hawai'i Bowl victory - with a record-breaking passing night.

Clausen set Notre Dame bowl records with 406 yards passing and five touchdowns to lead the efficient Fighting Irish to their first postseason victory in 15 years, 49-21 over Hawaii.

"I told the team that's the only thing I wanted (for Christmas). I just wanted to win a bowl game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

"I heard it a hundred times in the locker room after the game and they wanted to know what I was giving them for Christmas. I told them: 'a flight home.'"

Golden Tate had six catches for 177 yards and three touchdowns, also Notre Dame bowl records, including a 69-yarder that sparked a 28-point outburst to help the Irish (7-6) end their NCAA-record bowl losing streak at nine.

"I'm very happy for Notre Dame. This was a great step forward for us," Weis said. "It leads us into 2009 with a good taste in our mouth."

With Weis calling the plays from the coaches box for the first time because of knee problems that require him to walk with crutches, the Irish were unstoppable.

The offense scored at will. The blitzing defense shut down Hawaii's run-and-shoot. And the special teams wasn't too shabby, either.

"The guys came out here on a mission," Clausen said.

After the Warriors (7-7) scored to end Notre Dame's 28-point run, Armando Allen returned a kickoff 96 yards for a score. Allen also caught an 18-yard TD pass on the Irish's opening drive of the second half.

Weis said he had an injection in his knee before the game, but still couldn't walk. The last time he coached from the box was in 2001.

"It's 10 times easier. It's night and day easier," Weis said. "I haven't been up in the box since Drew Bledsoe got hurt. ... You don't want to do that long term, but calling a game from up there is pretty sweet. As a head coach, you want to be on the sideline."

It was evident Weis, who was all smiles after the game, and his players cherished its long-awaited bowl victory.

As Notre Dame was presented the Hawaii Bowl's pineapple-football trophy at midfield, each player came around to put their hands on it.

Notre Dame's victory was its first in the postseason since it beat Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl to end the 1993 season. The Irish also avoided consecutive losing seasons.

Clausen was confident and sharp, completing 22 of 26 passes. He racked up 300 yards passing and three TDs by halftime alone, sending the crowd home early.

The sophomore broke Brady Quinn's postseason school record of 286 yards passing set against Ohio State in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl.

Warriors coach Greg McMackin said, including his years in the NFL, Clausen was "as accurate as I've ever seen."

"He was outstanding, his receivers were outstanding," McMackin said.

With Notre Dame up 14-7, Clausen broke open the game by connecting with Tate on a 69-yard TD play, the Irish's longest play from scrimmage of the season.

Clausen faked a handoff, turned and heaved it to Tate, who had blew past cornerback Calvin Roberts along the left sideline. With the catch, Tate became the fifth Irish receiver to break 1,000 yards receiving in a season.

The Irish made it 28-7 with a second left in the first half on an 18-yard hookup between Clausen and Tate on third-and-goal. Hawaii challenged the play, but replays showed Tate got his left foot down before stepping out.

Tate followed it up in the third quarter with a 40-yard TD reception that pushed the lead to 42-7 and gave the Warriors flashbacks of the pounding they received from Georgia in the Sugar Bowl to end last season.

Hawaii couldn't get much going. Quarterback Greg Alexander was kept off balance and on the run by the Irish defense, which had eight sacks and forced two turnovers.

NOTRE DAME CO-MVP

Jimmy Clausen, QB
Golden Tate, WR

FIRST QUARTER

3:07 ND Hughes 3 yd run (Walker kick), 9-87 4:45

SECOND QUARTER

10:25 ND Grimes 14 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 6-53 2:09
8:12 UH Bain 10 yd pass from Alexander (Kelly kick), 6-56 2:06
6:49 ND Tate 69 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 3-79 1:18
0:01 ND Tate 18 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 8-67 3:53

THIRD QUARTER

10:50 ND Allen 18 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 6-88 2:52
7:22 ND Tate 40 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 5-50 2:23
4:25 UH Bain 21 yd pass from Alexander (Kelly kick), 6-81 2:51
4:12 ND Allen 96 yd kickoff return (Walker kick)

FOURTH QUARTER

1:45 UH Washington 27 yd pass from Funaki (Kelly kick), 6-80 2:06

	ND	UH
FIRST DOWNS	23	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-65	19-32
PASSING YDS (NET)	413	326
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-24-0	44-28-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-478	63-358
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-5	2-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-133	7-131
Interception Returns-Yards	1-26	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-43.8	7-34.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-60	8-69
Possession Time	33:00	27:00
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	8-55	2-8

RUSHING: Hawai'i-Pilares 2-19; Funaki 1-15; Libre 1-12; Farmer 1-1; Wright-Jackson 1-1; Alexander 13-(-16). Notre Dame-Hughes 17-55; Gray, J. 5-13; Allen 4-9; Aldridge 1-0; Sharpley 2-0; Team 3-(-6); Clausen 2-(-6).

PASSING: Hawai'i-Alexander 23-39-1-261; Funaki 5-5-0-65. Notre Dame-Clausen 22-26-0-401; Sharpley 2-2-0-12.

RECEIVING: Hawai'i-Bain 8-109; Salas 7-76; Washington 6-96; Lane 4-29; Pilares 3-16. Notre Dame: Tate 6-177; Rudolph 4-78; Grimes 4-34; Hughes 3-27; Kamara 3-21; Allen 2-59; Floyd 2-17.

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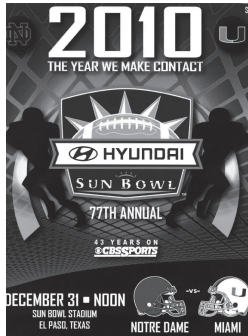
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EL PASO, Texas – A far-from-perfect first season as Notre Dame coach could not have ended much better for Brian Kelly and his Fighting Irish.

Freshman Tommy Rees passed for 201 yards and two touchdowns to Michael Floyd, as Notre Dame beat Miami 33-17 in the Sun Bowl, making Kelly the first Fighting Irish coach to win a bowl game during his first season.

The Irish started 1-3 under Kelly and consecutive October losses to Navy and Tulsa left them in precarious position to even get bowl eligible. But Notre Dame finished with four straight victories against Utah, Army, Southern California and Miami that should buoy hopes for the future of the program.

“Clearly, we are gaining a lot of confidence,” Kelly said. “We’ve beaten some good football teams late in the year as we’ve come together and found our identity. It’s going to taste a whole lot better in the offseason talking about a win.”

Notre Dame (8-5) reached the end zone on three of its first four possessions. Rees tossed TD passes of 3 and 34 yards to Floyd, and Cierre Wood broke free on a 34-yard scoring run before David Ruffer added field goals from 40, 50 and 19 yards.

Notre Dame’s 30th bowl appearance was a New Year’s Eve fiesta in El Paso, a predominantly Roman Catholic city on the Mexican border that embraced the Irish with huge cheers from the first glimpse of a golden helmet coming from the locker rooms.

“El Paso treated Notre Dame so very well,” Kelly said.

The Hurricanes trailed 30-3 going into the fourth quarter, completing a season in which their coach was fired with an ugly loss.

Rees hardly looked like a freshman, completing 15 of 29 attempts without an interception. He struggled in the season-ending victory over USC but his performance against Miami marked the first time a first-year starting quarterback at Notre Dame won a bowl game.

Floyd had a big day, too, with six catches for 109 yards receiving, and he was close to hauling in two more scores.

The game sold out in 21 hours, the fastest in the Sun Bowl’s 77-year history, and the crowd of 54,021 set a bowl attendance record. Many fans wore Notre Dame jackets to ward off the 34-degree weather as a round of overnight snow dusted the Franklin Mountains.

The warm-weather Hurricanes - many wearing head covers under their helmets - struggled much of the afternoon.

The Canes trailed 27-0 late in the first half, and the player with the most catches from a Hurricanes quarterback was Irish safety Harrison Smith, who intercepted three passes. Robert Blanton also had an interception during Miami’s turnover binge.

“It was a total defensive effort,” Smith said. “When you knock the receivers off and mess up the timing with the quarterback, it really makes it easier for the safeties.”

FIRST QUARTER

11:02 ND Floyd 3 yd pass from Rees (Ruffer kick), 6-54 3:48
 4:35 ND Floyd 34 yd pass from Rees (Ruffer kick), 8-74 4:27

SECOND QUARTER

13:21 ND Wood 34 yd run (Ruffer kick), 1-39 0:14
 4:50 ND Ruffer 40 yd field goal, 9-51 3:30
 0:27 ND Ruffer 50 yd field goal, 9-33 1:22
 0:00 UM Boshier 47 yd field goal, 4-39 0:18

THIRD QUARTER

7:12 ND Ruffer 19 yd field goal, 15-63 6:46

FOURTH QUARTER

10:36 UM Hankerson 6 yd pass from Morris (Boshier kick), 7-57 1:13
 4:01 UM Streeter 42 yd pass from Morris (Boshier kick), 8-98 2:35
 1:21 ND Tausch 34 yd field goal, 8-48 2:38

	ND	UM
FIRST DOWNS	23	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	48-196	24-103
PASSING YDS (NET)	201	319
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-15-0	40-26-4
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-397	64-422
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	2-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-34	7-144
Interception Returns-Yards	4-16	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-39.8	4-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	10-106
Possession Time	37:09	22:51
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 20	7 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

RUSHING: Notre Dame-Wood, C. 12-81; Hughes 27-81; Riddick 8-32; Rees 1-2. Miami-Berry 9-34; Morris 4-22; Johnson 2-20; James 4-14; Miller 5-13.

PASSING: Notre Dame-Rees 15-29-0-201. Miami-Morris 22-31-1-282; Harris 4-7-3-37.

RECEIVING: Notre Dame-Floyd 6-109; Eifert 4-31; Goodman 1-30; Jones 1-19; Hughes 1-8; Riddick 1-2; Wood, C. 1-2. Miami-Hankerson 6-71; Byrd 4-47; James 4-14; Benjamin 3-44; Ford 2-37; Miller 2-32; Streeter 1-42; Cleveland 1-15; Johnson 1-9; Gordon 1-4; Berry 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Notre Dame-Smith, H. 3-16; Blanton 1-0. Miami-None

FUMBLES: Notre Dame-Riddick 1-0; Hughes 1-0. Miami-Benjamin 1-0.

SACKS: Notre Dame-None. Miami-None

TACKLES (UA-A): Notre Dame- Blanton 3-6; Smith, H. 6-1; Gray, G. 3-4; Te’o 1-5; Motta 3-1; Neal 2-2; Smith, B. 1-3; Lewis-Moore 0-4; Fleming 2-1; McDonald 1-2; Johnson 0-3; Walls 2-0; Slaughter 2-0; Fox 0-2; Shembo 0-2; Garcia 0-2; Jackson 1-0; Williams, H. 1-0; Cwynar 0-1; Calabrese 0-1; Collinsworth 0-1; Williams, I. 0-1. Miami-McCarthy 6-8; Spence 3-7; Armstrong 2-6; Regis 2-5; Vernon 4-2; Forston 3-3; Nicolas 2-3; Telemaque 1-4; Buchanan 2-2; Hill 2-2; Ojomo 1-3; Harris 1-2; Holmes 1-1; Holton 1-1; McGee 0-2; Bailey 0-2; Boshier 1-0; Robinson 1-0; Campbell 1-0; Hankerson 1-0; Berry 0-1; Van Dyke 0-1; Smith 0-1.



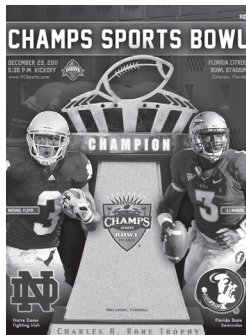
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#25 Florida State
Notre Dame

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#25 Florida State	0	0	3	15	18
Notre Dame	7	0	7	0	14



ORLANDO, Fla. - The day before his team took the field for its Champs Sports Bowl matchup with Notre Dame, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher acknowledged that he had higher hopes for his team than how they ended up in 2011.

Loaded with talent and expectations in the preseason, the No. 25 Seminoles squandered early season opportunities against ranked foes and fizzled again late in the year to end any path back to the Bowl Championship Series.

The 18-14 win over Notre Dame in front of a sellout crowd at Florida's Citrus Bowl might not have been the national stage FSU expected to be on this season, but how it won the game could be proof it is finally making progress.

The Seminoles rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit and used a pair of touchdown passes by E.J. Manuel and two field goals from Dustin Hopkins to earn their fourth straight bowl win and second under Fisher.

FSU receiver Rashad Greene, who caught one of Manuel's touchdown passes, was selected the game's MVP.

The Seminoles finished the game with 290 yards, including going 3 for 14 on third down, and got an efficient night from Manuel. He played behind a young offensive line, but was 20 for 31 passing for 249 yards.

Injuries forced the Seminoles to start four freshman on their line and they gave up five sacks, but their defense picked off Notre Dame quarterbacks Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix three times and also had four sacks.

Notre Dame shuffled between Rees and Hendrix throughout the game, but both struggled. They were a combined 19 for 35 and 187 yards passing.

FSU scored on all four of its red zone chances.

The Irish also were without their biggest offensive weapon late, with receiver Michael Floyd being forced to the sideline following a third quarter touchdown catch with what coach Brian Kelly described afterward was an "upper body injury."

He returned to the game, but was a non-factor.

Junior linebacker Manti Te'o, who led Notre Dame with 13 tackles and got in on a sack, said fatigue was not a factor in the Irish not being able to maintain pressure on Manuel in the fourth quarter.

After some stagnant offense on both sides in the first half, FSU trailed 14-0 early in the third quarter before finding some momentum through the air.

The Seminoles closed the gap to 14-9 with an 18-yard touchdown pass from Manuel to Bert Reed to open the fourth quarter, but failed on their 2-point conversion attempt.

They took the lead just 1:32 later after Nigel Bradham intercepted a Hendrix pass inside the Notre Dame 20 to set up an 18-yard touchdown catch by Greene to make it 15-14 with just over 13 minutes to play following another failed 2-point try.

The Seminoles added their second field goal of the game a series later.

Notre Dame punted on its next possession, but pinned FSU inside its own 5 and forced a quick three-and-out.

A poor punt by the Seminoles and a facemask penalty on the return gave the Irish the ball on the FSU 28 with 3:56 to play, but Rees was picked off in the end zone with 2:48 left and FSU was able run out most of the remaining time.

Notre Dame took a 14-0 lead on its opening drive of the second half by capping a nine-play, 62-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Rees to Floyd. Floyd fought Seminoles cornerback Greg Reid for the ball on the play, juggling it multiple times before finally getting his hands around it.

Reid stayed down on the turf after the play and left the game with concussion symptoms.

FSU bounced right back with a 77-yard kickoff return by Lamaricus Joyner, but Notre Dame's fifth sack of the night on Manuel helped force the Seminoles to settle for a 42-yard field goal by Hopkins.

FIRST QUARTER

9:04 ND Motta 29 yd fumble recovery (Ruffer Kick)

THIRD QUARTER

11:24 ND Floyd 5 yd pass from Rees (Ruffer kick), 9-62 3:36
9:03 FSU Hopkins 42 yd field goal, 4-(-3) 2:08

FOURTH QUARTER

14:54 FSU Reed 18 yd pass from Manuel (Manuel rush failed), 10-84 4:10
13:18 FSU Greene 15 yd pass from Manuel (Manuel rush failed), 2-18 0:42
8:05 FSU Hopkins 29 yd field goal, 9-71 3:23

	FSU	ND
First Downs	13	19
Rushes-Yards (Net)	29-41	35-93
Passing Yards (Net)	249	187
Passes Att-Comp-Int	31-20-0	35-19-3
Offensive Plays-Yards	60-290	70-280
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-29
Punt Returns-Yards	2-18	3-45
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-101	5-94
Interception Returns-Yards	3-39	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-47.2	7-40.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-44	5-39
Possession Time	29:51	30:09
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 14	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-28	5-44

RUSHING: Florida State- Freeman 13-48; Wilder 4-10; Abram 1-3; Manuel 11-(-20). Notre Dame- Wood 18-60; Riddick 8-36; Hendrix 4-26; Team 1-(-1); Rees 4-(-28).

PASSING: Florida State- Manuel 20-31-2-249. Notre Dame- Rees 16-27-1-163; Hendrix 3-8-0-24.

RECEIVING: Florida State- Greene 5-99; Shaw 4-64; Smith 4-34; Wilder 2-14; Freeman 2-12; Reed 1-18; Pryor 1-5; Green 1-3. Notre Dame- Eifert 6-90; Floyd 5-41; Toma 4-34; Riddick 2-7; Wood 1-8; Jones 1-7.

INTERCEPTIONS: Florida State- Joyner 1-22; Bradham 1-17; Brooks 1-0. Notre Dame- None.

FUMBLES: Florida State- Freeman 1-1. Notre Dame- Atkinson III 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A): Florida State- Carradine 1-0; Jenkins 1-0; Werner 1-0; Dawkins 1-0. Notre Dame- Slaughter 2-0; Lynch 1-1; Tuitt 1-0; Te'o 0-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): Florida State- Bradham 8-1; Joyner 7-0; Parks 5-2; Harris 5-0; Smith 4-1; Williams 2-3; Rhodes; 4-0; Carradine 3-1; Reid 2-0; Jernigan 2-0; Jenkins 2-0; Werner 2-0; Stevens 1-1; Hicks 0-2; Dawkins 1-0; Pryor 1-1; Powell 1-0; Jones 1-0; Brooks 1-0; Erving 0-1; McCloud 0-1; Moody 0-1. Notre Dame- Te'o 7-6; Gray 5-2; Smith 4-2; Slaughter 5-0; Lynch 2-3; Tuitt 2-1; Nix 0-3; Shembo 2-0; Cwynar 2-0; Motta 2-0; Jackson 1-1; Fox 1-1; Calabrese 1-1; McCarthy 1-0; Blanton 1-0; Fleming 1-0; Golic, M. 1-0; Williams 1-0; Eifert 1-0; Atkinson III 1-0; Collinsworth 0-1; Salvi 0-1.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#2 Alabama
#1 Notre Dame

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#2 Alabama	14	14	7	7	42
#1 Notre Dame	0	0	7	7	14



MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. - Unbeaten and top-rated Notre Dame's first crack at a Bowl Championship Series title game didn't exactly end the way the Irish hoped. But credit second-ranked and once-beaten Alabama, a veteran at these kinds of games, for making all the right moves in a 42-14 victory at Sun Life Stadium that handed the Tide its third BCS crown in four seasons.

It started on a tough note for the Irish (12-1), as Alabama (13-1) roared out of the gate to a 28-0 halftime lead after scoring on its first three possessions and rolling up 202 yards in the first period alone.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, struggled early on both sides of the ball. By halftime the Irish had already given up more points than they had in any game this season, the previous high being 26 in a

triple-overtime win over Pittsburgh. The most yards Notre Dame gave up this season was 379; Alabama cracked the 500 mark early in the fourth quarter.

Alabama looked the part of a BCS champion--while the Irish walked away understanding what it takes to make it this far and maybe appreciating what the Tide was able to do to carry off the final chapter.

Notre Dame arrived at the title game on the cusp of what would have been a fantasy scenario, that of being unranked at the start of the season and the undisputed champions at the end of the campaign. However, a dominating ground game and timely passing by Alabama quarterback AJ McCarron made the Tide offense seemingly impossible to stop in the opening two periods.

Eddie Lacy ran for 140 yards on 20 attempts (one TD) and T.J. Yeldon added another 108 yards and a score of his own on 21 attempts. McCarron always seemed to make the right plays in the passing game, connecting on 20 of his 28 throws for 264 yards and four TDs.

The Irish had hoped to establish at least some sort of ground game against the top-rated Tide defense--but that proved to be almost impossible. The Irish managed only 32 net rushing yards (37 on 10 carries by Theo Riddick), as they were forced to throw the football as the Tide built its advantage.

Notre Dame's Everett Golson threw for 270 yards and a score (a six-yard TD to Riddick), but his 21-for-36 effort came as the Irish played from the back all night long. TJ Jones had a career-high seven receptions (90 yards), while tight end Tyler Eifert had six for 61 yards.

Senior safety Zeke Motta led both teams with 16 tackles, and all-star senior linebacker Manti Te'o had 10. But Alabama simply proved hard to stop in rolling up a 529-302 advantage in total yards--including a 265-32 advantage on the ground. The Irish weren't helped by losing senior defensive captain Kapron Lewis-Moore to a first-half knee injury--with nose guard Louis Nix III limping much of the second half.

The Irish had only a single turnover (an interception by Alabama on the opening series of the second half). But Notre Dame's defense uncharacteristically could not get off the field, yielding TD drives of 82, 61, 80, 71, 97 and 86 yards--as Alabama finished with a 38:13 to 21:47 in time of possession.

Notre Dame's bid for a 12th consensus national title ended a step short, but coach Brian Kelly expects 15 returning starters to be able to show the way in 2013 as the Irish bid to make BCS-caliber games regular post-season stopping points.

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FIRST QUARTER

12:03 UA Lacy 20 yd run (Shelley kick), 5-82 2:57
6:14 UA M. Williams 3 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 10-61 4:49

SECOND QUARTER

14:56 UA Yeldon 1 yd run (Shelley kick), 8-80 4:26
00:31 UA Lacy 11 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 9-71 3:12

THIRD QUARTER

7:34 UA Cooper 34 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 10-97 5:37
4:08 ND Golson 2 yd run (Brindza kick), 9-85 3:26

FOURTH QUARTER

11:27 UA Cooper 19 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 14-86 7:41
7:51 ND Riddick 6 yd pass from Golson (Brindza kick), 10-75 3:36

	UA	ND
FIRST DOWNS	28	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	45-265	19-32
PASSING YDS (NET)	264	270
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-20-0	36-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-529	55-302
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-1	3-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-31	3-47
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-49.2	5-42.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	3-35
Possession Time	38:13	21:47
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 13	2 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-16	0-0

RUSHING: Alabama-Lacy 20-140; Yeldon 21-108; McCarron 1-9; Drake 3-8. Notre Dame-Riddick 10-37; Wood, C. 4-2; Golson 5-(-7).

PASSING: Alabama-McCarron 20-28-0-264. Notre Dame-Golson 21-36-1-270.

RECEIVING: Alabama-Cooper 6-105; Norwood 3-66; M. Williams 3-17; Jones 2-40; Lacy 2-17; Shinn 2-14; Johnson 1-5; Yeldon 1-0. Notre Dame-Jones 7-90; Eifert 6-61; Riddick 1-6; Wood, C. 1-(-2).

INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-H. Clinton-Dix 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

FUMBLES: Alabama-None. Notre Dame-Neal, D. 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A): Alabama-Pettway 1-0; Hubbard 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Alabama-Mosley 5-3; Clinton-Dix 4-3; Lester 3-3; Belue 4-0; Collins 3-0; DePriest 1-2; Milliner 1-2; Hayes 2-0; Hubbard 1-1; Sunseri 1-1; Smith 1-0; Perry 1-0; Stinson 1-0; Pagan 1-0; Ivory 1-0; Pettway 1-0; Williams 0-1; Jones 0-1; Johnson 0-1; Devall 0-1; Dial 0-1. Notre Dame-Motta 7-9; Te'o 3-7; Russell 3-5; Fox 4-2; Farley 4-2; Nix III 5-0; Tuitt 2-3; Jackson 1-3; Calabrese 2-1; Shembo 1-2; Day 1-2; Cavalaris 1-1; Shumate 1-0; Lewis-Moore 1-0; Council 1-0; Williams, Ish. 0-1; Spond 0-1; Salvi, C. 0-1.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

Rutgers
#25 Notre Dame

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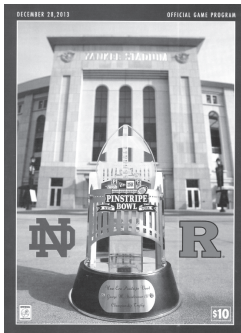
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BRONX, N.Y. - This nicely sums up Tommy Rees' Notre Dame career.

The senior threw for 319 yards and no interceptions in his final college game, leading No. 25 Notre Dame to a 29-16 victory against Rutgers that was far from pretty but ultimately successful - and an offensive lineman won the MVP award.

"I was giving Tommy a hard time," said senior tackle Zack Martin, who took home the award. "I think he got snubbed a little bit."

Rees finished four years of football for the Fighting Irish packed with both memorable and forgettable moments with a solid performance, going 27 for 47. He has been "The Closer," rallying Notre Dame to victories with late drives, and "Turnover Tommy," making crushing mistakes at the most inopportune times during his time in South Bend, Ind.

For his finale, against one of the worst pass defenses in the nation, Rees was mistake free and productive. He missed some throws that could have broken open the game, but, typically, he persevered.

"I'm a Tommy Rees fan for life," coach Brian Kelly said.

Kyle Brindza kicked five field goals for the Fighting Irish (9-4), who finished their follow-up season to last year's run to the national championship game a long way from the BCS - facing a two-touchdown underdog trying to avoid a losing record.

Notre Dame's play was less than inspired - Kelly said about a dozen players were fighting a flu bug - but the win prevented the Irish from finishing with eight victories for the third time in his four seasons.

"A good season that could have been a great season," Kelly said.

Notre Dame's TJ Jones scored on an 8-yard run in the first quarter and Rutgers star Brandon Coleman answered with a 14-yard touchdown catch soon after. Tarean Folston's 3-yard touchdown run with 3:38 in the fourth made it 26-16 and finally gave the Irish a comfortable lead.

On the slick turf at Yankee Stadium, the Pinstripe Bowl turned into a field-goal kicking contest. Brindza was 5 for 6. Kyle Federico made 3 of 3 for the Scarlet Knights (6-7).

The Irish dominated in yards (494-237) and time of possession (38:49) but bogged down in the red zone repeatedly.

"I loved the way we were able to stay calm and stay within our offense and continue to kind of monotonously move the ball down the field," Rees said.

Twice Notre Dame put together double-digit play drives that ended in short field goals for Brindza. A 15-play, 90-yard march that started in the third quarter and ended in the fourth with Brindza's 25-yarder made it 19-13 Notre Dame with 12:46 left.

"I love the fourth quarter," Brindza said. "That's pretty much what a kicker's job is supposed to be."

Brindza's third field goal, a 26-yarder with 6:03 left in the third quarter, gave Notre Dame a 16-13 lead - after the Irish caught a break. Brindza had missed from 36 yards but Rutgers was flagged for running into the kicker to give him a second, easier, try.

"We thought we played good red zone defense and we could make them kick a few field goals and attempt some field goals, maybe we could block one and then win the game in the fourth quarter," Rutgers coach Kyle Flood said. "We were kind of poised to do that."

Notre Dame improved to 17-6-3 at Yankee Stadium, though this ballpark in the Bronx is only a few years old and across the street from where the original House that Ruth built sat for decades.

"It's great to be in New York," Kelly told what was left of bowl record crowd of 47,122 during the post-game trophy ceremony on the field after the Irish had sung the alma mater with the band in right-center field, near the Yankees bullpen.

The Fighting Irish played the first football game in the new stadium back in 2010. Rees, a freshman then, helped the Irish beat Army and got to use Derek Jeter's locker. Called upon to lead the Irish this year after Everett Golson was suspended from school for academic cheating, Rees surpassed 3,000 yards through the air and became one of the most prolific passers in school history, making the most of his limited physical tools.

Senior quarterback Chas Dodd, whose career has been similar to Rees' in terms of ups and downs, finished with 156 yards passing for Rutgers.

"What we saw with their defense was just what we knew we would see," Dodd said. "We had a game plan ready to attack it. We just weren't able to because of our execution."

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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Zack Martin, OT

FIRST QUARTER

10:05 ND Brindza 21 yd field goal, 14-71 4:55
8:00 RU Federico 36 yd field goal, 4-2 0:56
4:30 ND Jones, TJ 8 yd run (Brindza kick), 7-62 3:20
1:51 RU Coleman 14 yd pass from Dodd (Federico kick), 5-75 2:39

SECOND QUARTER

12:59 ND Brindza 38 yd field goal, 4-1 0:58
8:35 RU Federico 18 yd field goal, 12-63 4:15

THIRD QUARTER

6:03 ND Brindza 26 yd field goal, 15-71 7:17

FOURTH QUARTER

12:46 ND Brindza 25 yd field goal, 15-90 6:27
8:57 RU Federico 47 yd field goal, 8-15 3:39
3:38 ND Folston 3 yd run (Brindza kick), 10-79 5:12
2:28 ND Brindza 49 yd field goal, 4-4 0:58

	RU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	16	31
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	26-80	43-175
PASSING YDS (NET)	156	319
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-10-4	47-27-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	55-236	90-494
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1--7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-145	3-81
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	4-1
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-46.3	2-29.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-33	8-69
Possession Time	21:44	38:16
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 12	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-6	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-31

RUSHING: Rutgers-James 10-48; Dodd 10-24; Huggins 2-7; Goodwin 3-3; Team 1-(-2). Notre Dame-McDaniel 17-80; Folston 17-73; Jones, TJ 4-16; Rees 2-6; Fuller 1-3; Carlisle 1-3.

PASSING: Rutgers-Dodd 10-28-3-156; Goodwin 0-1-1-0. Notre Dame-Rees 27-47-0-319.

RECEIVING: Rutgers-Kroft 3-43; Coleman 2-65; James 2-22; Peele 2-3; Pratt 1-23. Notre Dame-Jones, TJ 5-66; Brown, C. 5-54; Niklas 4-76; McDaniel 3-29; Folston 3-21; Proisie 2-25; Koyack 1-13; Robinson 1-10.

INTERCEPTIONS: Rutgers-None. Notre Dame-Fox 1-1; Moore 1-0; Russell 1-0; Collinsworth 1-0.

FUMBLES: Rutgers-None. Notre Dame-Jones, TJ 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Rutgers-None. Notre Dame-Tuitt 1-1; Day 0-1; Schwenke 0-1; Jones, Jarron 1-0; Shembo 0-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): Rutgers-Waters 7-5; Longa 2-10; Gause 5-4; Snyder 4-3; Glashen 2-5; Barnwell 4-2; Hamilton 3-3; Thompson 3-2; Cioffi 3-0; Stephenson, Delon 2-1; Lambert 2-1; Milewski 0-3; Merrell 1-1; Holmes, Jamil 1-1; Aiken 1-1; Mera 0-2; Burton 1-0; Kroft 1-0; Marsh 1-0; Merrell, Jamal 1-0; Stephenson, Daryl 0-1; Liston 0-1. Notre Dame-Calabrese 4-4; Smith, J. 3-3; Jackson 5-0; Fox 2-3; Tuitt 1-3; Collinsworth 1-3; Jones, Jarron 2-0; Russell 1-1; Shembo 1-1; Day 1-1; Schwenke 0-2; Proisie 1-0; Okwara 1-0; Redfield 1-1; Williams 1-0; Cavalaris 1-0; Atkinson, Josh 0-1; Hardy 0-1.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

 Notre Dame
#22 LSU

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
Notre Dame	7	14	7	3	31
#22 LSU	7	7	14	0	28



NASHVILLE - Notre Dame and senior kicker Kyle Brindza got the finish they had missed too often the last half of the season. Beating a Southeastern Conference team in southern territory only made it that much sweeter.

Brindza hit a 32-yard field goal as time expired, and Notre Dame upset No. 22 LSU 31-28 in a Music City Bowl shootout.

"This was a matchup that we had wanted at Notre Dame, and I know LSU felt the same way," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "We wanted to be challenged. We were disappointed in the way we played obviously at the end of the year, and our guys wanted the opportunity to finish the season the right way."

The Tigers were unsuccessful on a fake field goal at the end of the first half, a call that stood on review even though replays appeared to show the ball crossing the goal line. The Fighting Irish (8-5) also blocked a 40-yard field goal attempt by Trent Domingue early in the fourth quarter.

Kelly watched the fake field goal on the video board and thought the Irish stopped holder Brad Kragthorpe short. LSU coach Les Miles thought Kragthorpe scored and wasn't happy the play wasn't overturned for a touchdown. Miles also wasn't pleased at the lack of better replays that might have shown Kragthorpe got the ball over the line before his knee went down.

"The guy that carried the ball, forcing it, said he absolutely scored," Miles said. "Kids will be kids, but this guy's going to tell the truth."

Notre Dame got the ball with 5:41 left and never gave it back, driving 71 yards in 14 plays before Brindza finished off the win.

"We dictated the outcome by controlling the football," Kelly said. "Obviously, if LSU has the football with No. 7 (Leonard Fournette), he's a game changer. We certainly couldn't give them the football back."

Kelly went with sophomore Malik Zaire for his first career start, but he also played senior Everett Golson, using both quarterbacks on the winning drive.

Notre Dame held the ball for 37 minutes but finished with a 449-436 edge in total offense against the SEC's toughest defense thanks only to that final drive. Golson was 4 of 5 for 50 yards passing on it, including a 12-yard completion to Ben Koyack on third-and-10. Zaire finished off the drive with a couple of rushes to set up Brindza.

Brindza had missed 6 of 9 field goals in the last five games of the regular season, including a 32-yarder late in a loss to Louisville.

"To leave a program so historic like this in this kind of fashion is great," Brindza said. "It's a blessing for me, but also to be able to help win a game for all my teammates is a bigger blessing."

The Fighting Irish were ranked as high as fifth before dropping four straight and five of their final six, struggling in the fourth quarter against Florida State, Northwestern, Arizona State and Louisville. Kelly set a target of controlling the ball for 9 minutes each quarter, and they beat that by a minute for the game.

Zaire rushed 22 times for 96 yards and was 12 of 15 for 96 yards passing. He threw for a TD and ran for another. Golson was 6 of 11 for 90 yards passing, and Kelly said the senior needed a painkilling shot after taking a hit to his ribs earlier in the game.

LSU (8-5) lost for the first time this season to a team not from the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. Fournette ran for 143 yards and two touchdowns, and the freshman also returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score.

The Tigers' final three touchdowns took all of 38 seconds. Fournette had his kick return, and his 89-yard TD run later gave the Tigers their first lead of the game at 28-21 with 6:14 left in the third quarter. In between, Anthony Jennings connected with John Diarse on a 75-yard catch-and-run touchdown.

But LSU didn't score again after Fournette's TD run, the longest play from scrimmage in this bowl's history. Isaac Rochell blocked Domingue's field goal attempt with 11:56 left.

Late in the first half, Notre Dame stopped LSU at the Irish 1 on a third-down pass, so the Tigers lined up for a field goal attempt. But Kragthorpe took off on a fake, bumping into teammate Terrence McGee on his way to the end zone. Officials ruled Kragthorpe short, and the call wasn't reversed.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Malik Zaire, QB

FIRST QUARTER

7:04 ND Fuller 12 pass from Zaire (Brindza kick), 15-66 7:56
0:05 LSU Fournette 8 run (Domingue kick), 8-76 2:36

SECOND QUARTER

11:04 ND Zaire 7 run (Brindza kick), 11-75 4:01
10:52 LSU Fournette 100 kickoff return (Domingue kick)
6:12 ND Folston 6 run (Brindza kick), 10-59 4:32

THIRD QUARTER

14:46 LSU Diarse 75 pass from Jennings (Domingue kick), 1-75 0:14
6:14 LSU Fournette 89 run (Domingue kick), 1-89 0:12
4:15 ND Prosize 50 run (Brindza kick), 4-67 1:51

FOURTH QUARTER

0:00 ND Brindza 32 field goal, 14-71 5:41

	ND	LSU
FIRST DOWNS	23	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	51-263	38-285
PASSING YDS (NET)	186	151
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-18-0	14-7-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	577-449	52-436
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2--1	1-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-63	2-121
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-39.5	3-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	2-7
Possession Time	37:00	23:00
Third-Down Conversions	11 of 17	5 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-10	0-0

RUSHING: Notre Dame-Zaire 22-96; Prosize 3-75; Folston 21-73; Carlisle 1-7; Golson 1-6; McDaniel 1-4; Bryant 2-2. LSU-Fournette 11-143; Dural 4-61; Magee 7-26; Williams 3-22; Hilliard 3-16; Diarse 1-8; Jennings 8-8; Kragthorpe 1-1.

PASSING: Notre Dame-Zaire 12-15-0-96; Golson 6-11-0-90. LSU-Jennings 7-14-0-151.

RECEIVING: Notre Dame-Fuller 5-57; Brown, C. 4-49; Prosize 3-34; Carlisle 3-22; Folston 2-12; Koyack 1-12. LSU-Smith 4-66; Diarse 2-76; Magee 1-9.

INTERCEPTIONS: Notre Dame-None. LSU-None.

FUMBLES: Notre Dame-Folston 1-0; Golson 1-1. LSU-Jennings 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Notre Dame-Team 1-8; Smith, J. 0.5-1; Morgan 0.5-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): Notre Dame-Redfield 10-4; Smith, J. 5-4; Okwara 1-5; Morgan 1-3; Onwuaju 1-3; Trumbetti 3-0; Riggs 1-2; Luke 2-0; Farley 2-0; Shumate 1-1; Day 1-1; Rochell 0-2; Team 1-0; Hayes 0-1; Prosize 0-1; McDaniel 0-1. LSU-Alexander 8-3; Adams 7-3; Beckwith 7-2; Hunter 3-6; Godchaux 6-2; Mills 3-5; Rasco 3-5; Martin 2-5; Collins 5-0; Voorhies 3-0; Jones 1-2; LaCouture 1-2; White 1-0; Dickson 1-0; Bain 0-1.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#8 Notre Dame
#7 Ohio State

1	2	3	4	SCORE
0	14	7	7	28
14	14	7	9	44



GLENDALE, Ariz. – Ezekiel Elliott bulldozed his way into the end zone in the first half, showing off his strength as Ohio State's drive capper.

He flashed his speed in the second, becoming the show stopper as he raced up the middle for a long run.

Those skills should translate well in the NFL. They certainly worked out for the Buckeyes over the past three seasons.

Elliott ran for 149 yards and matched a Fiesta Bowl record with four touchdowns to close the curtain on his college career, sparking No. 7 Ohio State's prolific offense in a 44-28 win over Notre Dame on Friday.

"With all due respect to all the other running backs in Ohio State history, my first-round draft pick, I'd pick Zeke Elliott," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said. "He's as good as any running back I've been around."

The Buckeyes (12-1) were left out of the College Football Playoff thanks to an inopportune loss. They may leave the desert wondering what could have been after blowing past another late-season playoff contender.

Ohio State rolled past the Fighting Irish (10-3), quick-hitting its way to one scoring drive after another and 496 total yards.

Elliott, who's leaving school early for the NFL, scored on three short runs first half and left Notre Dame defenders flailing as he raced past them for a 47-yard score to open the second.

J.T. Barrett gave the Buckeyes some balance, throwing for 211 yards and a score with 96 yards rushing in the highest-scoring game against Notre Dame's defense this season.

Ohio State's seniors finished 50-4, tying the FBS record set by Boise State's 2011 class for most wins in a four-year span.

"It's been a wild journey with this team, something I couldn't even imagine," Ohio State cornerback Eli Apple said.

The Fighting Irish had some good offensive moments behind DeShone Kizer after Buckeyes star defensive end Joey Bosa was ejected for targeting in the first quarter.

They just couldn't keep up with the blistering Buckeyes after a string of injuries, including do-everything linebacker Jaylon Smith to a knee injury in the first quarter.

"The guy is so impactful on our defense," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "You lose a guy like that early on, it significantly affects what you're doing defensively."

Notre Dame missed its CFB chance by four points; two-point losses to Clemson and Stanford.

Ohio State lost to Michigan State in its penultimate game and had to watch the Spartans join fellow one-loss teams Alabama and Oklahoma in the playoff.

Those just-misses turned the Fiesta Bowl into a talent show, with NFL-caliber players dotting rosters from both teams.

Two of the best players were gone before the first quarter ended.

Smith, the Butkus Award winner as the nation's best linebacker, had to be helped off four minutes in after suffering what Kelly said was a significant leg injury.

Bosa, projected as a top-10 NFL draft pick, was gone a few minutes later after driving the top of his helmet into the chest of Kizer, long after the Notre Dame quarterback had released the ball.

"That was a kidney shot right there, but I guess it was the right call," Meyer said.

Ohio State had its way with Notre Dame's defense without Smith in the lineup, racing down the field for scores like a 7-on-7 drill.

Elliott, another potential first-round pick, was the Buckeyes' punctuation mark, scoring on a pair of 1-yard runs and another from 2 yards. Barrett accounted for the other score, finding Michael Thomas on a 15-yard TD to put Ohio State up 28-14 at halftime.

Elliott showed off his speed to open the second half, blurring through a hole for his 47-yard touchdown to match the Fiesta Bowl record set by Arizona State's Woody Green against Missouri in 1972.

"He's a physical back. He makes his presence known," Notre Dame defensive lineman Sheldon Day said. "He did some special things with his feet today."

Notre Dame took advantage of Ohio State's Bosa-less defense a few times, though not enough to keep pace with the Buckeyes.

Kizer was the key, moving the Irish down the field to set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Josh Adams and on another drive that he capped himself with a 1-yard score. It was his 10th rushing TD, most by a Notre Dame quarterback in one season.

Kizer connected with Chris Brown on a 4-yard touchdown pass to open the second half, pulling the Irish within a touchdown.

After a quiet first three quarters, Will Fuller finally got a chance to show off his speed, using a quick move to create space before racing off on an 81-yard touchdown. The second-longest TD reception in Fiesta Bowl history pulled the Fighting Irish within 38-28, but they got no closer.

Kizer threw for 284 yards and two touchdowns on 22-of-37 passing, but had an interception and lost a fumble.

FIRST QUARTER

9:53 OSU Elliott 2 yd run (Nuernberger kick), 9-80 3:01
7:41 OSU Thomas 15 yd pass from Barrett (Nuernberger kick) 3-43, :45

SECOND QUARTER

7:34 ND Adams 3 yd run (Yoon kick), 13-70 5:38
4:55 OSU Elliott 1 yd run (Nuernberger kick), 11-62 2:30
1:48 OSU Elliott 1 yd run (Nuernberger kick), 6-63 2:04
0:29 ND Kizer 1 yd run (Yoon kick) 9-75 1:19

THIRD QUARTER

8:58 ND Brown 4 yd pass from Kizer, (Yoon kick) 7-58 2:54
6:37 OSU Elliott 47 yd run (Nuernberger kick) 6-75 2:21

FOURTH QUARTER

12:10 OSU Nuernberger, S 37 yd field goal, 10-44 4:14
11:27 ND Fuller 81 yd pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 2-83 0:35
6:09 OSU Nuernberger 38 yd field goal 13-42 5:10
2:42 OSU Nuernberger 35 yd field goal 4-5, 1:36

	ND	OSU
First Downs	24	27
Rushes-Yards (Net)	32-121	54-285
Passing Yards (Net)	284	211
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-22-1	31-19-1
Offensive Plays-Yards	70-405	85-496
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	4-73
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-60	3-88
Interception Returns-Yards	1-21	1-4
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-289	3-124
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	4-45
Possession Time	27:15	32:45
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 13	10 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	7-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-11	4-25

RUSHING: Notre Dame-ADAMS, Josh 14-78; Kizer, DeShone 15-21; CARLISLE, Amir 1-20; WILLIAMS, Dexter 2-2. Ohio State-Elliott, E 27-149; Barrett, J.T. 23-96; Miller, Braxton 2-26; Marshall, Jalin 1-15; TEAM 1-minus 1.

PASSING: Notre Dame-KIZER, DeShone 22-37-1-284; HUNTER JR, Torii 0-1-0-0. Ohio State-Barrett, J.T. 19-31-1-211.

RECEIVING: Notre Dame-FULLER, Will 6-113; HUNTER JR, Torii 4-52; BROWN, Chris 4-35; Robinson, Corey 3-41; JONES, Alize 2-24; Carlisle, Amir 2-14; Smythe, Durham 1-5. Ohio State-Thomas, Michael 7-72; Marshall, Jalin 5-29; Samuel, Curtis 2-27; Miller, Braxton 2-12; Elliott, E 1-30; Baugh, Marcus 1-27; Vannett, Nick 1-14.

INTERCEPTIONS: Notre Dame-SCHMIDT, Joe 1-21. Ohio State-Powell, Tyvis 1-4.

FUMBLES: Notre Dame-KIZER, DeShone 1-1. Ohio State-Barrett, J.T. 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Notre Dame-SCHMIDT, Joe 10-3; Shumate, Elijah 9-4; GRACE, Jarrett 8-1; FARLEY, Matthias 7-1; Luke, Cole 6-0; Rochell, Isaac 3-2; OKWARA, Romeo 3-2; TRUMBETTI, A. 4-0; Day, Sheldon 4-0; Watkins, Nick 3-0; ONWUALU, James 2-0; Turner, John 1-0; Smith, Jaylon 1-0; Fuller, Will 1-0; Randolph, Doug 1-0; Baratti, Nicky 1-0; Coney, Te'von 1-0; HUNTER JR, Torii 1-0; Newsome, Tyler 1-0; Cage, Daniel 1-0; BONNER, J. 0-1. Ohio State-Conley, Gareon 7-0; Lee, Darron 7-0; Perry, Joshua 4-3; Powell, Tyvis 4-1; McMillan, R 4-1; Apple, Eli 4-1; Hubbard, Sam 3-1; Bosa, Joey 2-2; Ward, Denzel 2-0; Bell, Vonn 2-0; Hill, Michael 0-2; Booker, Dante 1-0; McLaurin, Terry 1-0; Lewis, Tyquan 1-0; Thomas, Michael 1-0; Price, Billy 1-0; Holmes, Jalyn 1-0; Webb, Damon 1-0; Sprinkle, Tracy 0-1.

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 #14 Notre Dame
 #17 LSU

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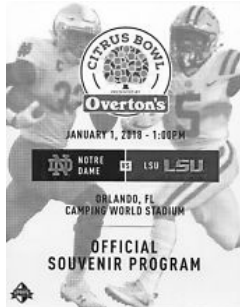
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SCORE

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Notre Dame and senior kicker Kyle Brindza got the finish they had missed too often the last half of the season. Beating a Southeastern Conference team in southern territory only made it that much sweeter.

Brindza hit a 32-yard field goal as time expired, and Notre Dame upset No. 22 LSU 31-28 in a Music City Bowl shootout.

"This was a matchup that we had wanted at Notre Dame, and I know LSU felt the same way," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "We wanted to be challenged. We were disappointed in the way we played obviously at the end of the year, and our guys wanted the opportunity to finish the season the right way."

The Tigers were unsuccessful on a fake field goal at the end of the first half, a call that stood on review even though replays appeared to show the ball crossing the goal line. The Fighting Irish (8-5) also blocked a 40-yard field goal attempt by Trent Domingue early in the fourth quarter.

Kelly watched the fake field goal on the video board and thought the Irish stopped holder Brad Kragthorpe short. LSU coach Les Miles thought Kragthorpe scored and wasn't happy the play wasn't overturned for a touchdown. Miles also wasn't pleased at the lack of better replays that might have shown Kragthorpe got the ball over the line before his knee went down.

"The guy that carried the ball, forcing it, said he absolutely scored," Miles said. "Kids will be kids, but this guy's going to tell the truth."

Notre Dame got the ball with 5:41 left and never gave it back, driving 71 yards in 14 plays before Brindza finished off the win.

"We dictated the outcome by controlling the football," Kelly said. "Obviously, if LSU has the football with No. 7 (Leonard Fournette), he's a game changer. We certainly couldn't give them the football back."

Kelly went with sophomore Malik Zaire for his first career start, but he also played senior Everett Golson, using both quarterbacks on the winning drive.

Notre Dame held the ball for 37 minutes but finished with a 449-436 edge in total offense against the SEC's toughest defense thanks only to that final drive. Golson was 4 of 5 for 50 yards passing on it, including a 12-yard completion to Ben Koyack on third-and-10. Zaire finished off the drive with a couple of rushes to set up Brindza.

Brindza had missed 6 of 9 field goals in the last five games of the regular season, including a 32-yarder late in a loss to Louisville.

"To leave a program so historic like this in this kind of fashion is great," Brindza said. "It's a blessing for me, but also to be able to help win a game for all my teammates is a bigger blessing."

The Fighting Irish were ranked as high as fifth before dropping four straight and five of their final six, struggling in the fourth quarter against Florida State, Northwestern, Arizona State and Louisville. Kelly set a target of controlling the ball for 9 minutes each quarter, and they beat that by a minute for the game.

Zaire rushed 22 times for 96 yards and was 12 of 15 for 96 yards passing. He threw for a TD and ran for another. Golson was 6 of 11 for 90 yards passing, and Kelly said the senior needed a painkilling shot after taking a hit to his ribs earlier in the game.

LSU (8-5) lost for the first time this season to a team not from the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. Fournette ran for 143 yards and two touchdowns, and the freshman also returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score.

The Tigers' final three touchdowns took all of 38 seconds. Fournette had his kick return, and his 89-yard TD run later gave the Tigers their first lead of the game at 28-21 with 6:14 left in the third quarter. In between, Anthony Jennings connected with John Diarse on a 75-yard catch-and-run touchdown.

But LSU didn't score again after Fournette's TD run, the longest play from scrimmage in this bowl's history. Isaac Rochell blocked Domingue's field goal attempt with 11:56 left.

Late in the first half, Notre Dame stopped LSU on the Irish 1 on a third-down pass, so the Tigers lined up for a field goal attempt. But Kragthorpe took off on a fake, bumping into teammate Terrence McGee on his way to the end zone. Officials ruled Kragthorpe short, and the call wasn't reversed.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Miles Boykin, WR

SECOND QUARTER

0:04 ND Yoon 46 yd field goal, 11-51 1:56

THIRD QUARTER

11:37 LSU Guice 20 yd pass from Etling (Gonsoulin kick), 5-43 2:16

2:47 ND Yoon 49 yd field goal, 5-18 2:20

FOURTH QUARTER

11:13 LSU Guice 2 yd pass from Etling (Gonsoulin kick), 12-75 6:34

7:49 ND Young 6 yd pass from Book (Adams pass from Book), 10-75 3:24

2:03 LSU Gonsoulin 17 yd field goal, 12-76 5:46

1:28 ND Boykin 55 yd pass from Book (Yoon kick), 3-73 0:35

	ND	LSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-	42-170
PASSING YDS (NET)	216	229
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-17-1	33-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-Yds	61-370	75-399
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	3-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-21	3-21
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-4
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-46.0	5-37.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-15	5-27
Possession Time	22:28	37:32
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 13	10 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-12	4-28

RUSHING: Notre Dame-ADAMS, Josh 15-44; WIMBUSH 4-38; BOOK 11-36; WILLIAMS, D. 2-36; JONES, T. 1-0. LSU-Derrius Guice 21-98; Darrel Williams 9-44; Danny Etling 10-21; Russell Gage 1-15; Derrick Dillon 1-minus 8.

PASSING: Notre Dame-BOOK 14-19-1-164; WIMBUSH 3-8-0-52; KMET 0-1-0-0. LSU-Danny Etling 19-33-0-229.

RECEIVING: Notre Dame-BOYKIN 3-102; Adams, Josh 3-19; ST. BROWN 2-47; WEISHAR 2-13; SMYTHE 2-10; Young, Michael 2-8; JONES, T. 2-minus 1; FINKE 1-18. LSU-DJ Chark 5-63; Foster Moreau 4-64; Derrius Guice 3-24; Dee Anderson 2-35; Stephen Sullivan 2-24; Russell Gage 2-15; Darrel Williams 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Notre Dame-None. LSU-Andraez Williams 1-4.

FUMBLES: Notre Dame-TEAM 1-1. LSU-Tory Carter 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Notre Dame-CONEY 7-10; TRANQUILL 4-7; Morgan, Nyles 1-8; LOVE 3-3; GENMARK-HEATH 3-2; ELLIOTT 1-4; MARTINI 1-4; TILLERY 0-4; BONNER 3-0; KAREEM 0-3; BILAL 1-1; COLEMAN 1-1; STUDSTILL 0-2; Hayes, Daelin 0-2; WATKINS 0-2; TRUMBETTI 1-0; Jones, Jonathan 1-0; NELSON 1-0; OKWARA, J. 1-0; JONES, Jamir 0-1; HINISH 0-1; MUSTIPHER 0-1; WIMBUSH 0-1; Hayes, Jay 0-1. LSU-Grant Delpit 4-4; Devin White 4-2; Rashard Lawrence 4-2; Michael Divinity Jr. 4-1; Andraez Williams 2-2; Don-te Jackson 2-1; Ray Thornton 1-2; Christian LaCouture 1-2; Jacob Phillips 2-0; Greg Gilmore 2-0; Frank Herron 2-0; Ed Alexander 2-0; K'Lavon Chaisson 1-1; Tyler Taylor 1-1; John Battle 0-2; Tory Carter 1-0.



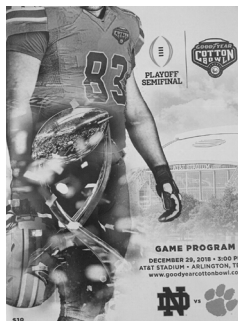
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#3 Notre Dame
#2 Clemson

1	2	3	4	SCORE
3	0	0	0	3
3	20	7	0	30



ARLINGTON, Texas — The University of Notre Dame football team's undefeated season came to an end Saturday, as the No. 3 Irish fell to No. 2 Clemson 30-3 in the College Football Playoff Semifinal at AT&T Stadium.

Injuries and close calls seemed to fall against the Irish on Saturday, as Notre Dame (12-1) saw three of its top defenders leave the field at points. Clemson (14-0) took advantage, outscoring the Irish 20-0 in the second quarter to create distance and while stifling Notre Dame's offensive attack.

Safety Alohi Gilman provided a bright spot on the defensive side, setting the CFP record and tying the Notre Dame bowl record for tackles with 18. For the CFP mark, he surpassed the previous record of 15 set by Ohio State's Raekwon McMillan in the 2016 Fiesta

Bowl, while he matched Rod Smith's 18 against Florida in the 1992 Sugar Bowl. Linebacker Te'von Coney recorded 16 tackles while linebacker Drue Tranquill accounted for 11.

The Irish defense also recorded three sacks (one each by Julian Okwara and Adetokunbo Ogundeji and half-sacks for Coney and Tranquill), the second-most allowed by Clemson this season.

Clemson outgained Notre Dame 538-248 including 327-160 through the air. Irish quarterback Ian Book finished 17-for-34 passing for 160 yards, with Miles Boykin leading Irish receivers with five catches for 69 yards. Senior running back Dexter Williams led the Irish with 54 yards on the ground.

Notre Dame's 12-1 finish marked its second straight campaign of at least 10 wins, with its 22 total wins the best such stretch since 1988-89 (also 22 wins).

HOW IT HAPPENED

The defenses traded stops to start the game, with the Irish earning the lone first down in the game's first two series. After retaking possession at the Clemson 49-yard line after a short Tigers punt, however, the Irish surrendered a fumble to set up Clemson's first score of the game.

Though Clemson marched into the red zone on a 31-yard drive, the Irish pass rush caused a pair of Trevor Lawrence incompletions to force a 40-yard field goal by Greg Huegel.

The Irish responded in kind, though, as Ian Book went 4-for-5 for 37 yards and rushed for 11 more to set up a 28-yard field goal by Justin Yoon, making it 3-3 with 4:31 left in the first quarter.

Notre Dame forced a Clemson punt on the next possession, as Julian Okwara sacked Lawrence on third down at the Tigers 26-yard line.

After taking over at their own 32-yard line, the Irish looked poised to score again, driving to the Clemson 34. Book's pass to Miles Boykin on fourth-and-three fell incomplete, however, returning possession to the Tigers.

It was then that Notre Dame gave up its first big passing play of the year, as Lawrence found Justyn Ross for a 52-yard touchdown pass. Irish defensive tackle Jerry Tillery blocked the extra point attempt, making it 9-3 Clemson with 12:50 remaining in the first half.

Clemson benefited from the absence of Irish cornerback Julian Love for much of the second quarter. The Tigers' next two scores — a 42-yard reception by Ross with 1:44 left in the third and a 19-yard snag by Tee Higgins at the two-second mark — staked Clemson to 23-3 lead at intermission, even as Huegel missed a 49-yard field goal try earlier in the quarter.

Love returned to the lineup in the third quarter and the Clemson passing game managed just 39 yards in the period. The Irish offense could not adjust, however, and after Nolan Turner intercepted Book at 3:05 of the third, Travis Etienne ran for a 62-yard touchdown to make it 30-3 with 2:04 left in the period.

FIRST QUARTER

08:35 CU Huegel 40 yd field goal, 9-31 3:15
04:31 ND J. Yoon 28 yd field goal, 10-66 4:04

SECOND QUARTER

12:50 CU Ross 52 yd pass from T. Lawrence (Huegel kick failed), 3-65 yards 1:04
01:44 CU Ross 42 yd pass from T. Lawrence (Huegel kick), 8-85 3:12
00:02 CU Higgins 19 yd pass from T. Lawrence (Huegel kick), 4-80 0:46

THIRD QUARTER

02:04 CU Etienne 62 yd run (Huegel kick), 3-71 yards 1:01

	ND	CU
FIRST DOWNS	17	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-88	37-211
PASSING YDS (NET)	160	327
Passes Att-Comp-Int	17-34-1	27-41-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-Yds	69-248	78-538
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-1	2-10
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-13
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-24
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-45.9	5-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-50	6-65
Possession Time	27:06	32:54
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 17	9 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-19	6-26

Rushing: Notre Dame-Williams 16-54; Book 17-30; Armstrong 1-6; Team 1-minus 2. **Clemson**-Etienne 14-109; Brice 2-31; Choice 2-30; Feaster 4-20; Dixon 6-11; Lawrence 7-6, Overton 1-3; Rencher 1-1.

Passing: Notre Dame-Book 17-34-1-160. **Clemson**-Lawrence 27-39-0-327.

Receiving: Notre Dame-Boykin 5-69; Williams 3-29; Finke 2-24; Mack 2-11; Armstrong 2-8; Claypool 2-8; Kmet 1-11. **Clemson**-Ross 6-148; Rodgers 6-26; Renfrow 4-62; Higgins 4-53; Chase 2-17; Thompson 2-8; Etienne 1-8; Feaster 1-3; Swinney 1-2.

Interceptions: Notre Dame-None. **Clemson**-Turner 1-24.

Fumbles: Notre Dame-Book 1-1; Williams 1-0. **Clemson**-Kendrick 1-0; Etienne 1-1.

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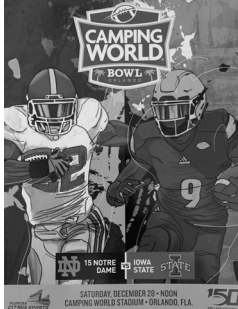
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

 #15 Notre Dame
Iowa State

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0	6	3	0	9



ORLANDO, Fla. — A balanced offense and disciplined defense left little doubt for the 15th-ranked Notre Dame football team in Saturday's Camping World Bowl match-up with Iowa State, as the Irish registered their second straight 11-win season with a 33-9 victory at Camping World Stadium.

It marked the first time since 1988-89 the Irish notched back-to-back seasons of at least 11 wins. It was also the sixth straight win for Notre Dame (11-2), making it the first time since 1992 that an Irish team won that many to close out a season.

Quarterback Ian Book went 20-for-28 for 247 and a touchdown, including 146 yards to Chase Claypool, who also caught the scoring pass. For his efforts, Claypool claimed Camping World Bowl MVP honors. Senior running back Tony Jones Jr. rushed for 135 yards,

including an 84-yard touchdown rush that was the longest in school bowl history and was a Camping World Bowl record.

The Irish caused two Iowa State turnovers, resulting in 10 points, with the defensive effort led by linebacker Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah. The junior led all defensive players with three sacks and four tackles for loss (nine total tackles). Owusu-Koramoah's strip-sack in the first quarter resulted in the first Irish touchdown of the day. Safeties Alohi Gilman and Jalen Elliott also recorded eight tackles, while Gilman also forced a fumble.

The 24-point win was Notre Dame's biggest bowl victory under Brian Kelly and was the biggest since a 28-point victory over Hawaii in the 2008 Hawaii Bowl.

HOW IT HAPPENED

After going three-and-out to open the game, the Irish regained possession on the ensuing punt, when Chase Claypool recovered Alohi Gilman's forced fumble at the Iowa State 42-yard line. Eight plays later, Jonathan Doerer converted on a 39-yard field goal attempt to stake the Irish to an early 3-0 lead.

Another Irish takeaway on the next Cyclone possession — a strip-sack fumble recovery by Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah — again gave Notre Dame favorable field position at its own 42-yard line. Less than four minutes later, Claypool capped an eight-play scoring drive with a 24-yard touchdown snag that gave the Irish a 10-0 lead with 3:20 remaining in the first.

The Cyclones got on the board with a field goal at the 9:27 mark of the second quarter. The Irish responded on their next drive when Doerer sent through a 51-yarder — the fourth-longest in program history — to regain the two-possession lead.

The Irish stopped Iowa State with a fourth-down stuff on the Cyclones' next possession, taking over at the ISU 44. Four plays later — including an apparent 43-yard touchdown catch by Claypool that was spotted inside the one-yard line after a review — the Irish found the end zone on a short rush by Jafar Armstrong, putting the Irish up 20-3 with 2:25 before halftime.

Iowa State looked to close the gap before the half, but a trip into the red zone yielded just three points as the Irish defense stopped the Cyclones at the eight-yard line.

The Irish stopped the Cyclones with a third-and-out to open the second half and quickly capitalized when retaking possession. With the ball on their own 16, the Irish needed just one play for Tony Jones Jr. to thunder for an 84-yard touchdown run, stiff-arming his way into the end zone in the final eight yards. The run was a Camping World Bowl record.

After the Cyclones kicked yet another field goal, Doerer kicked the third field goal of his own with 15 seconds left in the third quarter to make it 30-9. Another Doerer field goal of 39 yards with 3:53 remaining locked in the final score for the Irish.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Chase Claypool, WR

FIRST QUARTER

09:29 ND J. Doerer 39 yd FG 8-21 4:10
03:20 ND C. Claypool 24 yd TD pass from I. Book (Kick by J. Doerer), 8-58 3:43

SECOND QUARTER

09:27 ISU Assalley, C. 41 yd FG 7-43 2:46
07:23 ND J. Doerer 51 yd FG 5-32 2:04
02:25 ND J. Armstrong 1 yd TD rush (Kick by J. Doerer), 4-45 1:30
00:50 ISU Assalley, C. 26 yd FG 8-67 1:35

THIRD QUARTER

13:14 ND T. Jones 84 yd TD rush (Kick by J. Doerer), 1-84 0:15
04:58 ISU Assalley, C. 42 yd FG 10-55 4:33
00:15 ND J. Doerer 19 yd FG 13-74 4:43

FOURTH QUARTER

03:53 ND J. Doerer 39 yd FG 9-28 4:51

	ND	ISU
FIRST DOWNS	17	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	37-208	27-45
PASSING YDS (NET)	247	227
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-28-0	18-32-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-Yds	65-455	59-272
Fumble Returns-Yards	2-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2--1	2-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-71	2-42
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-37.8	5-47.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-30	1-5
Possession Time	32:48	27:12
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 13	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4 of 4	2 of 2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-26	1-5

Rushing: Notre Dame- Jones Jr. 11-135, Book 7-30, Flemister 6-30, Lenzy 3-12, Armstrong 8-8, TEAM 1--2, Finke 1--5. **Iowa State-** Hall 17-55, Jones 1-3, Crouney 1-3, Mitchell 1-0, Purdy 7--16.

Passing: Notre Dame- Book 20-28-0-247, Finke 0-0-0-0. **Iowa State-** Purdy 17-30-0-222, Mitchell 1-2-0-5, Hall 0-0-0-0.

Receiving: Notre Dame- Claypool 7-146, Finke 6-46, Kmet 2-33, Jones Jr. 2-1, Tremble 1-9, Lenzy 1-7, Armstrong 1-5. **Iowa State-** Pettway 4-54, Jones 4-45, Hall 4-45, Kolar 3-22, Milton 2-33, Shaw 1-28.

Interceptions: Notre Dame- None. **Iowa State-** None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame- None. **Iowa State-** Milton 1-1, Purdy 1-1.



The University of Notre Dame's longstanding historical success in football features 11 consensus national championships captured over the course of six different decades. The Irish title tradition dates back to Knute Rockne and the Four Horsemen who collaborated on Notre Dame's first consensus crown in 1924.

The national championship team in college football generally is considered to be the top-rated squad in the final polls issued each year by the poll of sportswriters and broadcasters (Associated Press) and the poll of coaches (United Press International through 1990, USA Today since 1991).

Since the AP began certifying the winner of the national crown in 1936, Notre Dame has won eight national championships (1943, '46, '47, '49, '66, '73, '77 and '88), second only to Alabama (nine).

The coaches' poll has selected a national champion since 1950, including winners of Bowl Championship Series and College Football Playoff title games. Notre Dame has won three coaches' titles (1966, '77 and '88—all UPI crowns) during that period. The UPI poll was taken following the end of the regular season each year until the 1974 season, when the coaches first waited until the bowl games had been played to issue their final poll (a practice continued by the UPI poll's successor, USA Today).

In addition, the NCAA also recognizes national championships awarded by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame.

The FWAA has presented the Grantland Rice Award to the national champion since 1954, with Notre Dame teams earning the trophy four times (1966, '73, '77 and '88). The National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame have presented the MacArthur Bowl to the national champion since 1959, with Notre Dame winning this honor five times (1964, '66—tie with Michigan State, '73, '77 and '88).

A variety of other rating systems have been recognized through the years in attempting to determine the nation's top college football team each season.

Including Notre Dame's 11 consensus national titles, there have been 21 seasons in which the Irish have qualified as a national champion from at least one legitimate poll.

Year	Team	Record	Coach	Selector
1924	Notre Dame	10-0	Knute Rockne	Bill, DS, Helms, Boand, FR, Houlgate, NCF, Poling
	Pennsylvania	9-1-1	Lou Young	Davis
1929	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Bill, DS, Dunkel, Boand, Helms, FR, NCF, Poling
	Pittsburgh	9-1	Jock Sutherland	Davis
	USC	10-2	Howard Jones	Houlgate
1930	Notre Dame	10-0	Knute Rockne	All but FR, tie for Davis
	Alabama	10-0	Wallace Wade	Davis (tie), FR
1943	Notre Dame	9-1	Frank Leahy	Unanimous
1946	Notre Dame	8-0-1	Frank Leahy	AP, Berry, Bill, Dunkel, LS, Devold, NCF, Helms (tie), Boand (tie), Poling (tie)
	Army	9-0-1	Red Blaik	Houlgate, FR, Boand (tie), Helms (tie), Poling (tie)
	Georgia	11-0	Wally Butts	WS
	Notre Dame	9-0	Frank Leahy	AP, WS, Helms (tie)
1947	Michigan	10-0	Fritz Crisler	Berry, Bill, Dunkel, LS, Houlgate, Helms (tie), Boand, FR, Devold, NCF, Poling
	Notre Dame	10-0	Frank Leahy	All but FR, Bill
	Oklahoma	11-0	Bud Wilkinson	FR, Bill
1966	Notre Dame	9-0-1	Ara Parseghian	AP, UPI, FWAA, Poling (tie), Dunkel, LS, Devold, FN, Matthews, Bill, NCF, Sag., NFFHF (tie), Helms (tie)
	Alabama	11-0	Paul "Bear" Bryant	Berry
	Michigan State	9-0-1	Duffy Daugherty	FR, Helms (tie), NFFHF (tie), Poling (tie)
1973	Notre Dame	11-0	Ara Parseghian	AP, FWAA, NFFHF, Helms, FN, NCF (tie)
	Alabama	10-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	UPI, Berry
	Oklahoma	10-0-1	Barry Switzer	Bill, Dunkel, FR, Devold
	Michigan	10-0-1	Glenn "Bo" Schembechler	NCF (tie), Poling (tie)
	Ohio State	10-0-1	Woody Hayes	FACT, NCF (tie), Poling (tie), Sag.

1977	Notre Dame	11-1	Dan Devine	All but Berry, FACT (tie), FR (tie)
	Alabama	11-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	FR (tie)
	Arkansas	11-1	Lou Holtz	FACT (tie)
	Texas	11-1	Fred Akers	Berry, FACT (tie)
1988	Notre Dame	12-0	Lou Holtz	All but Berry, Sag.
	Miami (Fla.)	11-1	Dennis Erickson	Berry, Sag.

Here are the other 10 seasons Notre Dame received some mention:

Year	Team	Record	Coach	Selector
1919	Harvard	9-0-1	Bob Fisher	Unanimous
	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Davis (tie), NCF (tie)
	Illinois	6-1	Bob Zuppke	Davis (tie), FR (tie), Boand
	Texas A&M	10-0	D.X. Bible	NCF (tie)
1920	California	9-0	Andy Smith	Helms, FR, Houl., NCF
	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Davis (tie)
	Princeton	6-0-1	Bill Roper	Davis (tie), Boand (tie)
	Harvard	8-0-1	Robert Fisher	Boand (tie)
1927	Illinois	7-0-1	Bob Zuppke	DS, Davis, Helms, NCF
	Yale	7-1	T.A.D. Jones	FR
	Notre Dame	7-1-1	Knute Rockne	Houl.
	Georgia	9-1	George Woodruff	Boand, Poling
1938	Tennessee	11-0	Bob Neyland	Bill, Dunkel, LS, Boand, Houl., FR, Poling, Sag.
	TCU	11-0	Dutch Meyer	APWS, Helms, NCF
	Notre Dame	8-1	Elmer Layden	DS
1953	Notre Dame	9-0-1	Frank Leahy	All but AP, UP, FRI, INS, Berry
	Maryland	10-1	Jim Tatum	AP, UPI, INS
	Oklahoma	9-1-1	Bud Wilkinson	FR, Berry
1964	Alabama	10-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	AP, UPI, LS, Berry
	Arkansas	11-0	Frank Broyles	Bill, FWAA, Helms, FR, NCF, Poling
	Notre Dame	9-1	Ara Parseghian	NFFHF, Devold, FN, Sag.
	Michigan	9-1	Bump Elliott	Dunkel
1967	USC	10-1	John McKay	All but Dunkel, LS, Poling
	Notre Dame	8-2	Ara Parseghian	Dunkel
	Tennessee	9-2	Doug Dickey	LS
	Oklahoma	10-1	Chuck Fairbanks	Poling
1970	Nebraska	11-0-1	Bob Devaney	AP, Bill, FWAA, Dunkel, Helms, FR, Devold, FN, FACT (tie), NCF
	Texas	10-1	Darrell Royal	Berry, UPI, LS, NFFHF (tie), FACT (tie)
	Ohio State	9-1	Woody Hayes	NFFHF (tie)
	Notre Dame	10-1	Ara Parseghian	FACT (tie), Matthews, Sag.
	Arizona State	11-0	Frank Kush	Pol
1989	Miami (Fla.)	11-1	Dennis Erickson	All but Bill, Berry, FACT (tie), Sag.
	Notre Dame	12-1	Lou Holtz	Berry, FACT (tie), Sag.
	Florida State	10-2	Bobby Bowden	Bill
1993	Florida State	12-1	Bobby Bowden	All but NCF, Matthews
	Auburn	11-0	Terry Bowden	NCF (tie)
	Nebraska	11-1	Tom Osborne	NCF (tie)
	Notre Dame	11-1	Lou Holtz	Matthews, NCF (tie)

Legend: ALD – Alderson System; AP – Associated Press; Berry – Berryman System; Bill – Billingsley Report; Boand – Boand System; CM – Colley Matrix; Davis – Parke H. Davis Ratings; DeVold – DeVold System; DS – Dickinson System; Dunkel – Dunkel System; FACT – Foundation for the Analysis of Competitions and Tournaments; FN – Football News; FR – College Football Researchers Association; FWAA – Football Writers Association of America; INS – International News Service; Helms – Helms Foundation; Houl – Houlgate System; LS – Litkenhous System; Matthews – Matthews Grid Ratings; NCF – National Championship Foundation; NYT – New York Times; NFFHF – National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame; Poling – Poling System; Sag – Sagarin Ratings; SI – Sports Illustrated; TSN – The Sporting News; USA – USA Today/ESPN; UPI – United Press International; WS – Williamson System.

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FOUR HORSEMEN HELP NOTRE DAME AND KNUTE ROCKNE ENJOY RIDE TO FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1924 Notre Dame football team will always be known best for New York Herald Tribune sportswriter Grantland Rice's account of the Notre Dame vs. Army game played October 18 at the Polo Grounds in New York: "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again.

"In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction, and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley, and Layden. They formed the crest of the South Bend cyclone before which another fighting Army team was swept over the precipice at the Polo Grounds this afternoon as 55,000 spectators peered down on the bewildering panorama spread out on the green plain below."

Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, fullback Elmer Layden and halfbacks Jim Crowley and Don Miller were the cornerstone of a team considered one of the best in college football history.

The Fighting Irish won the Army game 13-7, as the Four Horsemen played magnificently. Miller rushed for 148 yards, Crowley for 102 and

Layden for 60, while Stuhldreher orchestrated the offense masterfully from the quarterback position. It was the third victory of the season for the Irish, it came against a foe considered the toughest on the schedule, and it spurred the Irish on to a perfect 10-0 season and the school's first recognized national championship.

Rice's account led to near-mythic status for the Irish backfield, but the Seven Mules, who did the blocking, and the Shock Troops, who were perhaps the best second string in the game, played indispensable roles, too. Each week in 1924, seventh-year Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne started his second stringers, his Shock Troops.

When Rockne felt his Shock Troops had done their job, he brought in the Four Horsemen and the Seven Mules, a group so good "that the Holy Ghost couldn't have broken into that lineup," said Harry O'Boyle, a kicker and reserve halfback on the Shock Troops. Center Adam Walsh was the heart of the Seven Mules, a group that also included ends Ed Hunsinger and Chuck Collins, tackles Rip Miller and Joe Bach, and guards Noble

Kizer and John Wiebel. Walsh characterized the win over Army with a late interception—which he made with two broken hands.

The combination of the Shock Troops, the Seven Mules and the Four Horsemen worked 10 times in 1924 against a national schedule that took the Irish to New York, Princeton, N.J., Madison, Wis., Soldier Field in Chicago and Pittsburgh during the regular season while giving them only four home games. In addition, at the end of the season, Rockne was able to convince the University administration to permit the football team to travel to California to play Stanford in the Rose Bowl, where the Irish clinched the Helms Athletic Foundation's national championship with a 27-10 victory.

In the Rose Bowl—Notre Dame's only bowl appearance until the team began making regular bowl trips with the 1970 Cotton Bowl—the Irish were faced with stopping an undefeated, once-tied Stanford team that included legendary coach Pop Warner and quarterback Ernie Nevers. Rockne was concerned his players might

not be ready physically for the heat of the West Coast, so he arranged for a slow, cross-country train trip that included stops in Louisiana, Texas and Arizona so players would have time to adjust to warmer, more demanding weather.

It worked, as Elmer Layden scored Notre Dame's first touchdown on a three-yard run and returned interceptions of Nevers' passes 78 and 70 yards for two more touchdowns. The Irish took advantage of eight Stanford turnovers and made a critical goal-line stand in the fourth quarter to come up with the 17-point win.

"That would always be my favorite team," Rockne once said. "I think I sensed that the backfield was a product of destiny. At times they caused me a certain amount of pain and exasperation, but mainly they brought me great joy."

—Willie Shearer



1924 | 10-0-0

On the gridiron fields of football fame,
Ride the four great horsemen of Notre Dame,
From Princeton East to Nebraska West
They have charged through the lines of the country's
best
"They shall not pass," the Army cried,
But nothing could stop the horsemen's ride
On to victory and immortal fame
Still rise the four great horsemen of Notre Dame.

— Pittsburgh Gazette Times

"There's a kick in Notre Dame; not alone in Notre Dame football, but in every effort, every endeavor, every activity that its men undertake. It is a training camp for more than famous backfields, mighty captains, invincible Horsemen. There's where the kick is — in the knowledge that America's acclaimed champions of the gridiron are the representatives of an ideal that works, and will work for all time to come, like a strong leaven in our national soul — the ideal of manliness, sportsmanship, chivalry, of friendly rivalry and inspiring competition."

— Charles Phillips

"Sing a song of Notre Dame,
Shout their praises wide.
Tell of Crowley's sturdy might,
Sing of Layden's stride.
Spread the news
of Miller's speed,
Speak of Walsh's game,
Fighters of the bulldog breed,
Here's to Notre Dame."

— Ford C. Frick



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IRISH FOLLOW LEAD OF ELDER AND SAVOLDI TO UNDEFEATED 1929 SEASON

If the Great Depression wasn't reason enough for Notre Dame football partisans to be a little down, then the fact the Irish were without a home for the 1929 season was surely enough to bring some anxiety into the minds of both the team and its followers. Plans were underway at Notre Dame for a new stadium to be built, and 1929 was the transition year in which the Irish had no home.

That didn't keep Notre Dame from winning, however, something the team had accomplished only five times in nine tries in 1928. Knute Rockne had promised to return Notre Dame football in 1929 to what had become its customary level of excellence, home-field advantage or not. He would not be stopped from fulfilling that promise.

The closest the Irish came to having a home game in 1929 were three games contested at Soldier Field in Chicago. The Irish defeated Wisconsin there, 19-0, October 19, Drake, 19-7, November 9, and USC in the most important game of the year, 13-12, before 112,912 fans on November 16.

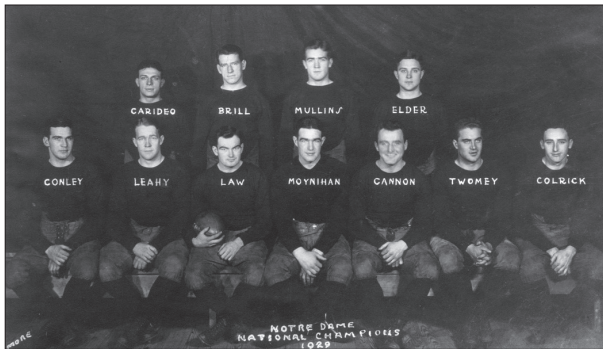
The lack of home turf was not the only major difficulty of the 1929 season for Notre Dame. The team's legendary coach was in battle with phlebitis, which doctors said stood a 50-50 chance of taking Rockne's life if he tried to coach that season. But coach the team he did, through one dramatic victory after another, either by telephone from a hospital bed or from a wheelchair on the sidelines.

Rockne's leg problems continued and the announcement was made that he would not accompany the team on its trip to Baltimore to face Navy. Line coach Tom Lieb took over for Rockne that day, as the Irish won 14-7. But back in South Bend, doctor's orders couldn't keep Rock away from practice at Cartier Field, where he set up his command post in his car and used a loudspeaker to direct activities.

By the time the USC contest rolled around, the Irish were 6-0, and recognized as one of the top teams in the nation. Running back Joe Savoldi had earned acclaim in the Wisconsin game with dazzling touchdown runs of 71 and 40 yards, and he provided the only score of the game in Notre Dame's 7-0 win at Carnegie Tech October 26.

When the Irish faced USC at Soldier Field November 16, Rockne's status was as bad as ever, but the team needed him. The Notre Dame-USC tradition was already a great one, and the first half foretold the kind of game everyone expected, with the teams battling to a 6-6 tie. In the locker room, the

Fighting Irish were in desperate need of one of Rock's famous speeches, but he was nowhere to be found. So former Irish running back Paul Castner stepped up to do what he could, and in the middle of his oration, who should two Irish managers wheel into the



room but Rockne himself.

He was in great pain and had undergone quite a strain — not only from making the trip to Chicago but also from watching his team struggle in the first half. He gave an impassioned speech with what strength he had, during which a blood clot in one leg broke loose, passed through his heart and settled safely in the other leg. His speech worked, as the Irish escaped Chicago with a 13-12 win and an unblemished 7-0 record.

The Irish still had traditional foes Northwestern and Army left. Northwestern fell relatively easy, as the Irish posted a win on the Wildcats' home field. But the November 30 matchup with Army at Yankee Stadium proved to be a real battle.

The game was played on turf that was frozen solid, and neither team was able to accomplish anything. It was eight degrees at gametime and a biting wind cut across the field as the players dashed out for the opening kickoff.

1929 | 9-0-0

"Yeah, fair, just fair."

— Knute Rockne on the prospects of his 1929 team

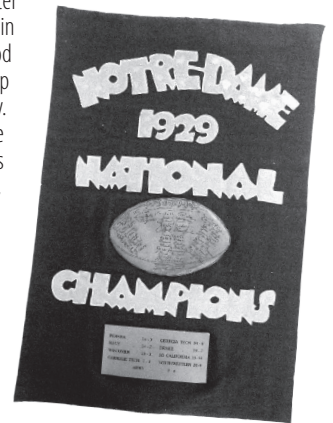
"Keep on going, Joe! Don't stop when you are tackled! Keep those legs going! Don't stop even when you are on the ground with half of the other team on top of you. Keep on going until you can't wiggle a toe! Don't stop till the referee takes the ball from you. Keep on going, keep on going!"

— Assistant Coach Jack Chevigny to Joe Savoldi, who scored two TDs against Wisconsin

"Notre Dame football is, apparently, too much in demand to allow any appreciable let-up in the matter of booking straight high-grade attractions through the season. Rockne tries hard to say no to the various schedule-makers who want Notre Dame on their cards, but they all want the Irish so intensely that it's hard to turn 'em down. Besides, Rock's natural tendency is to 'Take 'em all on!'"

— John W. Stahr in his "Lookin' On" column

The first quarter was scoreless, but in the second period Army drove deep into Irish territory. When Red Cagle lofted a pass for his end, Carl Carlmark, it looked like a certain score for the Cadets. But Notre Dame's Jack Elder came out of nowhere to snatch the ball away. He took it 93 yards for the game's only touchdown. The extra point was added to make it 7-0 Irish, and that's the way it stayed.



Notre Dame was 9-0 and the season was over. The team had survived without a home, Rockne had survived his illness and Notre Dame had its second national championship.

— Willie Shearer





ANOTHER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINDS A HOME IN NOTRE DAME STADIUM

Brand new stadium, same old result — another national championship for the Notre Dame football team.

The 1930 football season marked the opening of Notre Dame Stadium, just another in the long line of Knute Rockne masterpieces, only this was a football stadium instead of a team. With typical meticulousness, he had supervised every minute detail of the construction of the stadium.

In addition, Rockne had for the first time a full-time equipment manager, a trainer, a doctor who traveled with the team, a business manager, several secretaries, a staff to handle the complex sale and distribution of tickets. On top of all that, Rockne was healthy again. The doctors at the Mayo Clinic had given him a thorough going-over from head to foot during the offseason and had given him a clean bill of health.

All the Rock had to do was coach, and what a job he did.

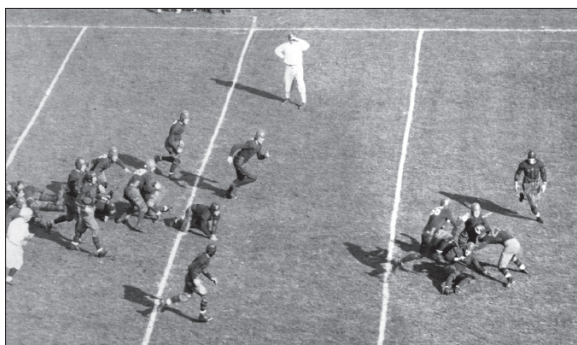
On October 4, 1930, the Fighting Irish opened their season in the imposing new stadium — an impressive amphitheatre of dull red brick trimmed with limestone. Rockne had the original sod from Cartier Field transplanted just for good measure.

The Irish christened the good earth with a 20-14 win over Southern Methodist. The stadium was officially dedicated the following week, as Notre Dame trounced Navy, 26-2. In the third week of the season, Notre Dame played its third straight home game, defeat-

ing Carnegie Tech, 21-6, to cap off a successful first homestand.

Preseason prognosticators across the country considered the 1930 Notre Dame team to be Rockne's strongest yet. Rockne had said as much himself prior to the start of the season, and he had good reason for such high expectations. Frank Carideo, Marchy Schwartz, Marty Brill, and Jumpin' Joe Savoldi made up a latter day version of the Four Horsemen in the backfield, and all of them earned All-America status on one team or another for that season. The Fighting

Irish were not only stocked with an explosive collection of running backs, but the team also sported a tremendous crew of linemen. Center Tommy Yarr, guards Nurdy Hoffman and Brent Metzger, tackles Joe Kurth and Al Culver and end Tom Conley all made All-America teams either that season or the following one.



The Irish left home three times in the fourth through eighth weeks of the season but continued to roll. Notre Dame traveled to Pitt and beat the Panthers, 35-19. A 27-0 romp over Indiana followed, before the Irish visited a 60-20 walloping on the Quakers of Pennsylvania. Marty Brill, who had transferred to Notre Dame from Pennsylvania, played the greatest game of his career that day, breaking loose for three touchdowns on runs of 45, 52 and 65 yards.

The Notre Dame winning streak stood at 15 games over two seasons, and it quickly grew to 17 as the Irish sprinted past Drake and



1930 | 10-0-0

“I asked them, before the game, to do the best they could and they played perfectly. A coach can't ask more than that.”

— Knute Rockne on his team's performance against USC

“The 1930 backfield has plenty of the guile and also the heft and the bone and sinew to smash on when guile won't do. When they have to, those boys simply tramp them down.”

— Knute Rockne

Northwestern. All that remained between Notre Dame and another national title were games against Army and USC.

On a November 29 afternoon that saw rain and sleet turn Soldier Field into a swamp, the Cadets and the Irish squared off, and it appeared that neither team was going to budge. Near the end of the game, however, Schwartz broke loose for a 54-yard scoring run. The all-important extra point gave the Irish a 7-0 lead. Army scored quickly thereafter, though, on a blocked punt, and it appeared that things would be knotted up. But Notre Dame blocked the extra point, and that's the way it ended.

To finish off the season, Rockne used all his psychological expertise in a ploy that helped the Irish get ready for USC. Injuries during the season left the team with only one healthy fullback, Dan Hanley. So Rock decided to turn Bucky O'Connor, a second-team halfback, into a first-string fullback. However, in practice, Rock had O'Connor and Hanley trade jerseys, and not a single soul suspected anything unusual.

When the game got underway, Notre Dame had one of the speediest fullbacks the Trojan defense had ever seen. O'Connor scored two touchdowns, including one on an 80-yard dash, and the Irish dominated the favored home team to the tune of 27-0.

It was a fitting script to what turned out to be Rockne's final game as the Notre Dame head football coach. The team won its second consecutive national championship, and the following March Rockne died in a plane crash in Kansas.

— Willie Shearer





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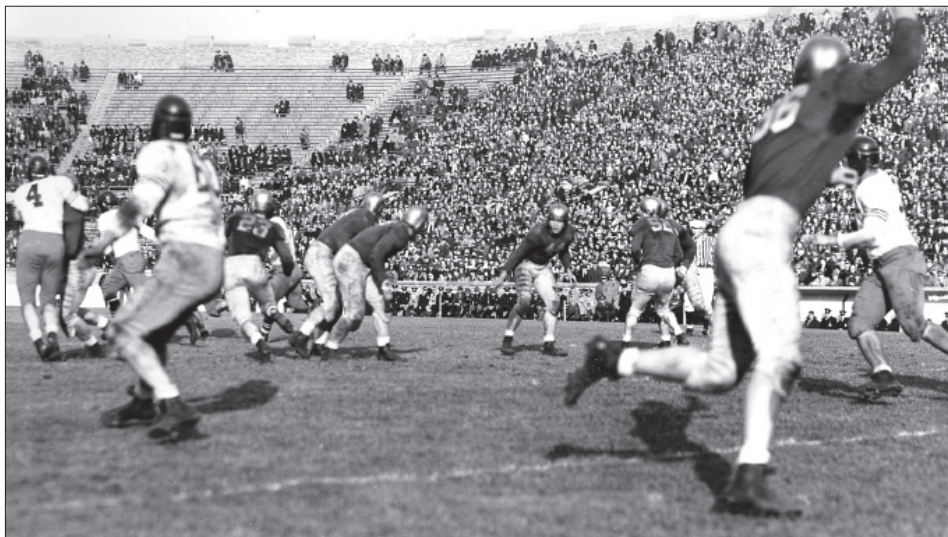
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IRISH MARCH TO 9-1 MARK AND FOURTH CONSENSUS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BEHIND HEISMAN WINNER ANGELO BERTELLI AND FRANK LEAHY'S T-FORMATION

At the beginning of the 1943 season many experts called Notre Dame's schedule its most difficult in school history. The Irish faced seven teams that season that were ranked among the nation's top 13 teams in the year's final Associated Press poll.

Frank Leahy's squad only had two returning starters from the '42 squad that finished 7-2-2. To make matters worse, seven of the 10 games in '43 were on the road.

The Irish were still in the early stages of adjusting to the T-formation, which Leahy installed the season before, moving away from the traditional Notre Dame "Box Formation." The new offense enabled the '43 team to score 340 points, 156 more than the season before. The T-formation also led to the emergence of Angelo Bertelli, who moved from tailback to quarterback to lead the Irish offense.

Bertelli led the Irish to a 6-0 start as the team outscored its opponents 261-31. Included in that stretch were key victories over second-ranked Michigan and third-ranked Navy.



A record crowd of 85,688 witnessed the 35-12 Irish win in Ann Arbor. Bertelli was brilliant, completing five of eight passes for two touchdowns while All-America running back Creighton Miller averaged 16 yards per play against Michigan.

Led by Bertelli and All-America tackle Jim White, both of whom finished in the top 10 in the Heisman balloting that year, the Irish rolled to a 50-0 victory over Wisconsin and a 47-0 bashing of Illinois following the win over Michigan, to extend their record to 5-0.

Those wins were followed by a colossal matchup between top-ranked Notre Dame and third-ranked Navy in Cleveland. The Irish cruised to a 33-6 win but lost their quarterback. The Marine Corps called Bertelli into service with four games left in the season.

Leahy called on a sophomore to be Bertelli's replacement in the following week's game against Army, the third-ranked team in the country that week.

All Bertelli's replacement did was throw for two touchdowns, run for another and intercept a pass to lead the Irish to a 26-0 win. A new star was born—the incomparable John Lujack.

With Lujack calling the signals, the Irish defeated two more top ten teams in the following two weeks, Northwestern and Iowa Pre-Flight.

All that stood between Leahy's first undefeated and untied season was Great Lakes, a team the Irish had tied in their two previous meetings during the 1918 and 1942 seasons.

Notre Dame scored first but trailed 12-7 late in the fourth quarter. Miller capped off an 80-yard drive with a touchdown to put the Irish ahead 14-12 with 1:05 to play.

With 33 seconds remaining, Great Lakes quarterback Steve Lach connected on a 46-yard pass to Paul Anderson, who fielded the ball at the six-yard line and then went into the end zone for the game-winning score, ruining Notre Dame's perfect season.



1943 | 9-1-0

"They had speed, power and deception in their attack, and they looked like one of the best teams I have seen in years."

— Georgia Tech coach Bill Alexander

"Even the business manager was calling friends and asking if they had an extra ticket. Not even the scalpers had any; you couldn't buy one from them for love nor money for the simple reason that they didn't have any."

— Jim Costin, South Bend Tribune sports editor

"It would be most ungracious for me to say that the 1943 team, which I coach, was better than the 1929 team on which I played. What would my old teammates think of me if I said such a thing? There is honor and glory enough for all Notre Dame teams, winning or losing, and I, for one, refuse to be drawn into any arguments over which was the 'best' Notre Dame team. They are all great in my book. But, it would be unfair for me and most unkind to my present players, however, if I did not give them the credit they so richly deserve."

— Frank Leahy

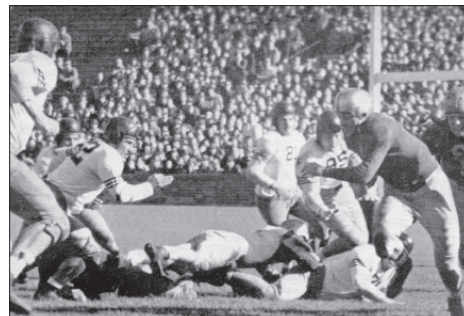


After the game, Leahy told his team, "You're still champions to me, boys. You fought your hearts out every inch of the way in the greatest drive I've ever seen. Nobody is to blame for that last Great Lakes touchdown. It was just a fine play, splendidly executed."

Despite the season-ending loss, Notre Dame picked up several awards that would become commonplace for the school. The Irish were crowned national champions by the Associated Press for the first time and Bertelli became the first Notre Dame player to win the Heisman Trophy.

Bertelli easily outdistanced Bob O'Dell of Pennsylvania and Otto Graham of Northwestern for the Heisman.

— Jeff Spelman



LEAHY RETURNS FROM SERVICE TO LEAD IRISH TO FIRST OF FOUR CONSECUTIVE UNDEFEATED SEASONS



World War II had finally ended and the United States was ready to think about something more pleasant than international conflict for a change — like Notre Dame football. The year was 1946, the coach was hard-driving Frank Leahy and it was the beginning of a dynasty for Notre Dame football.

In 1943, Leahy had guided the Fighting Irish to their first wire-service national championship, and fourth overall, behind Heisman Trophy winner Angelo Bertelli and future Heisman winner John Lujack. World War II took many football players from college, including Bertelli in the middle of his Heisman campaign in '43, but many returned to the gridiron after the war ended, including Lujack, who would go on to win the Heisman in 1947.

For the players who returned to Notre Dame in '46, losing a college football game was not to be one of their post-war experiences. From 1946 to 1949, Notre Dame went 36-0-2 and won three national championships in one of the most successful four-year periods in college football history.

The 1946 season started it all. Halfback Terry Brennan and linemen Bill Walsh, Bill Fischer and John Mastrangelo were among the group of returnees from the previous season. There were several new faces who came to Notre Dame after Navy hitches had interrupted their respective careers at Holy Cross and Texas A&M. There were also players for whom the war had postponed college football, like end Jim Martin and running back Emil (Red) Sitko, and there were freshmen like

Leon Hart. Returning to Notre Dame along with Lujack were veterans such as tackle Zygmunt (Ziggy) Czarowski, end Jack Zilly, and fullback Jim Mello. Even Leahy was coming back to Notre Dame after a couple years in the service.

Leahy was a perfectionist and strict disciplinarian, and enduring his practices wasn't much more fun than being a soldier. But it sure produced results. The Irish usually had two separate platoons ready for each game, and often the first string didn't play much more than half the game. On the football field, the Irish had strength in numbers, and Leahy fought a war of attrition.

The season began with the Irish routing their first five opponents — Illinois, which went on to win the Western (now Big Ten) conference championship, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Iowa and Navy before facing top-ranked Army. Coached by the great Earl (Red) Blaik and featuring Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis in the backfield,



Army had won two straight national championships and 25 straight games, including two defeats of Notre Dame in the previous two seasons by a combined score of 107-0.

The showdown was set for November 9 in Yankee Stadium where 74,121 fans turned out to see a 0-0 tie. Notre Dame advanced to the Army four-yard line in the second quarter for the game's deepest scoring threat, but the Cadets held on downs. Blanchard broke into the clear once and appeared to be headed for a score, but an open-field tackle by Lujack saved the Irish from defeat.

Army retained its top ranking in the Associated Press poll after the game. But the Irish walloped their final three opponents by a combined score of 94-6 and were named national champions in the final poll of the season. When the smoke cleared, the Irish found themselves the nation's statistical leaders in total offense (441.3 yards per game), rushing

1946 | 8-0-1

"Prayers work better when the players are big."

— Frank Leahy on the cover of Time magazine Oct. 14, 1946

"I have told our players that they can expect the same thing (losing a game) to happen to them at any time if they let down or get to believing they are the champions after playing only one game."

— Frank Leahy

"Fifty-nine and forty-eight, this is the year we retaliate!"

— Impromptu battle cry fashioned by the squad after the 1944 and 1945 losses to Army

"You know, we started to plan for the national championship when spring practice opened last April. I told the boys that I thought we could make it, but that it would take hard work and lots of it; long, tiresome hours of sweat and toil on the practice field. The players dug in right from the start and gave everything they had and were rewarded with the national championship."

— Frank Leahy

"A team that won't be beat can't be beat. That's the story of the Army-Notre Dame scoreless battle in Yankee Stadium."

— Bill Corum, New York Herald-American

"A new Notre Dame football comet soared over the gridiron of Memorial Stadium this afternoon and crushed Illinois' championship hopes into dying embers, 26-6. It is a comet which promises to grow in brilliance as the season progresses and eventually light up the gridiron picture with victories over Navy, Army, Northwestern and Southern California for an undisputed national title."

— Gene Kessler, Chicago Times



offense (340.1 yards per game), total defense (141.7 yards per game) and scoring defense (2.7 points per game) and had allowed only Illinois, Purdue, Iowa, and USC to score points against them. For the season, Notre Dame outscored its opponents 271 to 24 in nine games.

It was only the beginning.

— Willie Shearer



DOMINATING '47 SQUAD RUNS TO PERFECT RECORD AS HEISMAN WINNER LUJACK HEADS LIST OF ALL-STARS

In any discussion of college football's greatest teams, one team that always comes to mind is the 1947 Notre Dame squad. The Irish never trailed in any game that year and compiled a 9-0 record, their first unblemished record in 17 years.

Notre Dame held its opponents to under six points a game while averaging over 32 points. Only one team — Northwestern — scored more than one touchdown against the Irish that year. But maybe the most impressive note about the squad is that it sent 42 players to professional football.

The mainstays on that team included consensus All-Americans George Connor, Bill Fischer and John Lujack, who won the Heisman Trophy that year. The team also included future Heisman winner Leon Hart and the man who later succeeded Leahy as head coach of the Irish, Terry Brennan.

The Irish began the season with six turnovers against Pittsburgh, but Lujack scored three times to lead Notre Dame to an easy 40-6 win. Leahy's squad stumbled a little bit in the next game, too, but came out ahead of Purdue, 22-7.

Notre Dame then exploded for three consecutive shutouts over Nebraska (31-0), Iowa (21-0) and Navy (27-0). The win over the Cornhuskers avenged a 17-0 loss that Knute Rockne's 1925 squad suffered to Nebraska, the last time the two schools had met.

Following three impressive shutouts, the Irish faced Army, a team that had become such a fierce rival in previous years that the series was discontinued for 10 years after the 1947 game. The two teams battled to a 0-0 tie in 1946 in one of the most famous games in Notre Dame history.

Notre Dame entered the game as the top-ranked team in the country while Army was rated eighth. The Irish struck first when Brennan broke loose for a 97-yard kickoff return. Notre Dame built a 20-0 lead before Army finally scored. The Irish won 27-7 before a record crowd of 59,171 at Notre Dame Stadium.

The next week was the only close game of the year. Northwestern became the only team in 1947 to come within two touchdowns of the Irish as Notre Dame won 26-19.

The Irish ended the season with a 59-6 thrashing of Tulane and an impressive 38-7 win over third-ranked Southern California. When the final national polls came out, Notre Dame was No. 1 for the second straight year.

Just how good was this '47 team? Well, consider that several of the first-string players that year (such as Brennan) didn't even try out for professional football but opted to coach instead.

The great '47 squad also included six players who were elected into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame — Lujack, Connor, Hart, Fischer, Sitko and Ziggy Czarobski. And to top that off, their coach, Frank Leahy, wound up the second winningest coach in college history just behind his mentor, Knute Rockne.

The Boston Herald called the '47 Irish team, "the greatest Notre Dame squad of all time. Its third string could whip most varsities."

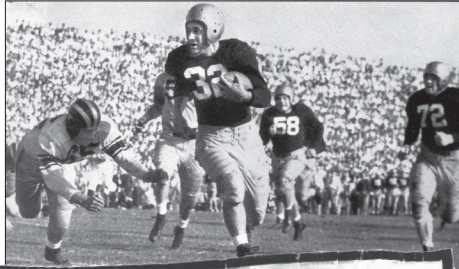
The immortal sportswriter Grantland Rice added after the final game of the season, "There no longer is any doubt as to

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"Yes, if they let us use the two-team system — two teams at one time."
— Tulane coach Henry Frank when asked if his squad had a chance to upset Notre Dame

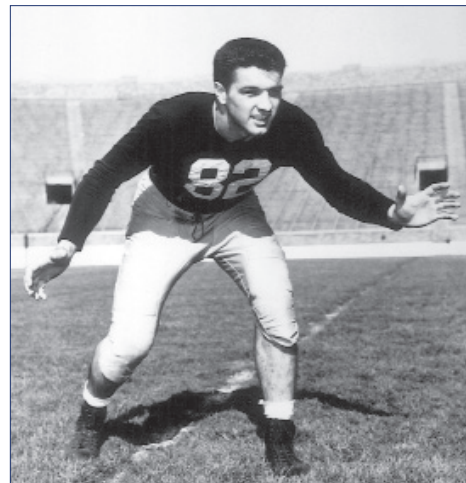
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"Be a fighter, gents. Not only out there on the football field, but out in life as well."
— Frank Leahy



the best team in college football, it happens to be Notre Dame. College football never before has known a team so big, so fast and so experienced." His words may still hold true today.

— Willie Shearer



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IRISH EXCEED ALL EXPECTATIONS WITH THIRD TITLE UNDER LEAHY

November 15, 1945, ranks as one of the most important dates in Notre Dame football history. Check the record books, though, and you won't find one of the greatest games in Irish history played on that day.

November 15, 1945, was a Thursday, not a Saturday, and that was the day Lieutenant Frank Leahy was discharged from the Navy. He returned to Notre Dame campus, signed a 10-year contract and began what was to be one of the most successful four-year runs in college football history.

The 1946 and 1947 seasons brought national championships to Notre Dame. The 9-0-1 1948 team was runner-up to Michigan. But a national championship in 1949 would allow Notre Dame to close the decade in magnificent style.

And that is exactly what happened.

Notre Dame went 10-0 which made for a four-year mark of 36-0-2.

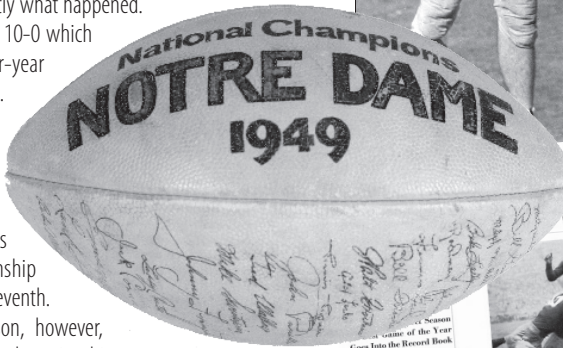
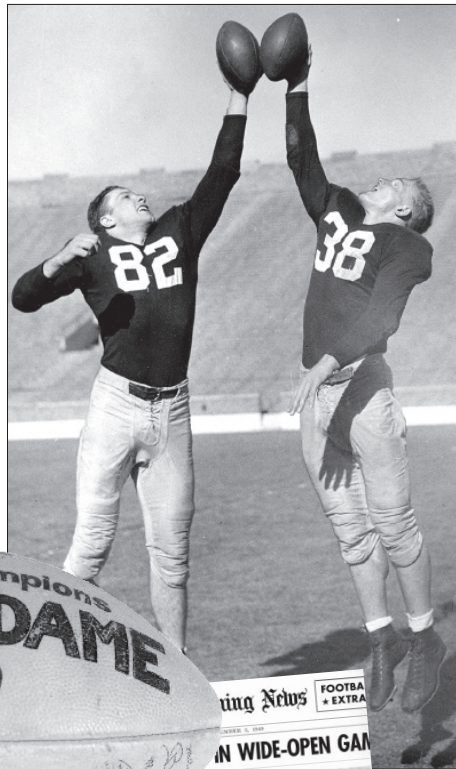
End Leon Hart won the Heisman Trophy and Leahy had his fourth championship and the school's seventh.

Before the season, however, nobody expected a championship team to emerge from the South Bend campus. The Irish needed somebody to emerge as a leader and attention was focused on Hart, already recognized as the finest end in the college game, along with Emil Sitko, Larry Coutre and co-captain Jim Martin. But most observers agreed that the Fighting Irish would need more than that.

Soon enough, they got it. In the sixth game of the season, against Michigan State on November 5, quarterback Bob Williams stepped to the fore. He led the top-ranked Irish to a 34-21 victory over the 10th-ranked Spartans in a game at East Lansing that the press thought would knock Notre Dame from its lofty perch atop collegiate football.

Williams continued to shine in subsequent games. He was at his daring best the following week in a game versus North Carolina played at Yankee Stadium. Leahy had given Williams instructions that he was never to pass the football on the fourth down situation on their own 19-yard line with the score tied 6-6 in the second quarter. He couldn't help himself. Knowing that if he failed he'd have to head to the nearest exit to avoid Leahy, the self-assured Williams completed an 18-yard pass to Larry Coutre for an Irish first down. Notre Dame went on to a 42-6 win, and Williams soon became recognized as the nation's best quarterback.

The Irish eased through their final two home games, rolling over Iowa, 28-7, and 17th ranked Southern Cal, 32-0. All that remained was what was sure to be an easy win over Southern Methodist in Dallas. SMU would be without its top player, 1948 Heisman winner Doak Walker, and the nation had virtually conceded the national championship to Notre Dame.



Season Goes Into the Record Book

The Fighting Irish have won their 10th national championship, and the school's seventh overall, by defeating Southern Methodist University 27-20 in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas, on December 19, 1949.

The Irish, coached by Frank Leahy, finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record, including a 34-21 victory over Michigan State in East Lansing, Michigan, on November 5, 1949.

Quarterback Bob Williams was named the Heisman Trophy winner in 1949, and Leahy was named the National Coach of the Year.

The Irish have now won three national championships in four years, and the school's seventh overall.



1949 | 9-0-0

"We'll have the worst team Notre Dame has ever had."
— Frank Leahy in April of 1949

"Of course, I suppose I am always sort of a pessimist."
— Frank Leahy

"It's the greatest college team I've ever seen."
— Red Grange

"We shall always want Notre Dame men to play to win so long as there is a Notre Dame ... to win cleanly according to the rules ... because Notre Dame men are reared here on the campus in this spirit and because they exemplify this spirit all over the world, they are the envy of the nation."
— Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C.

"From the first ringing impact of knuckle upon nose ... Saturday's No. 1 spectacle was as one-sided as an election in Moscow."
— Walter Stewart, Memphis Commercial Appeal

"Make mistakes against the average team and you're in trouble. Make mistakes against Notre Dame and it's suicide ... even a perfect team couldn't have turned back this great Irish squad."
— Braven Dwyer, Los Angeles Times

Notre Dame jumped to an early lead before Mustang running back Kyle Rote came to life in the steady afternoon drizzle. Running at will, he scored two quick touchdowns and thanks to a missed extra point by SMU, the score was tied at 20 with seven minutes to go.

Notre Dame's back was to the wall for the first time all season, and the offense rose to the occasion. In blitzkrieg fashion, the Irish simply pushed SMU straight back into its own end zone with 10 determined rushes that covered 54 yards and put Notre Dame up by a touchdown, 27-20.

The drive was so quick, however, that SMU still had time to score. But in the shadow of the Notre Dame goal post, when Rote tried to pass for the tying touchdown, Notre Dame's Jerry Groom made a game-saving interception.

It was the final play of the game and of a decade that saw Frank Leahy lead the Fighting Irish to three national championships in four years.

— Willie Shearer

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IRISH WIN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT START OF NOTRE DAME'S ERA OF ARA

Coach Ara Parseghian, in his third season at Notre Dame, made a difficult decision at the start of the 1966 season, picking sophomore Terry Hanratty as his starting quarterback over classmate Coley O'Brien, yet the decision proved without a doubt to be the correct one. Hanratty and split end Jim Seymour, also a sophomore, turned out to be one of the best passing combinations Notre Dame fans have ever seen.

The two had begun working together during the previous winter, developing their timing, moves and patterns so they would know each other's habits inside out when the 1966 season began. Seymour was a good bet to take over one of the end positions that was being vacated after the '65 season, but Hanratty had no such assurances of whether or not he would be the number-one quarterback.

Fortunately for Hanratty, Parseghian decided to balance an already steady running game, manned by Nick Eddy, Larry Conjar and Rocky Bleier, with the passing talent of Hanratty.

The decision bore fruit in the first game of the season, as Hanratty and Seymour hooked up 13 times for 276 yards — Notre Dame records for receptions and yards — and three touchdowns, which tied a school record. The Irish defeated Rose Bowl-bound Purdue that day, 26-14, in South Bend.

Notre Dame traveled to Northwestern for the second game of the season and won, 35-7. The Irish defense gave up its last points for the next three games and showed the kind of stiffness that ensured Notre Dame would never be out of any contest. Notre Dame returned home for the next two games and defeated Army and North Carolina by a combined score of 67-0, setting the stage for a showdown with Oklahoma.

Notre Dame traveled to Norman for what was supposed to be anybody's ballgame. The game was billed as a matchup between the small, quick, strong Sooners and the big, slow Irish. But Oklahoma was out of its element. Although the Irish lost Seymour to an ankle injury that would cost him two



games, the Fighting Irish rolled to a 38-0 victory and their third straight shutout of the young season.

Notre Dame pounded its next three opponents—Navy, Pittsburgh and Duke, giving up only one score, a touchdown to Navy. Meanwhile, the offense was hitting on all cylinders, racking up 31 points versus the Midshipmen, 40 against Pitt and a whopping 64 against the Blue Devils.

The game of the century took place on November 19 when number-one ranked Notre Dame traveled to East Lansing to play second-ranked Michigan State for all the marbles.

Notre Dame fell behind 10-0 in the second quarter, but O'Brien, who had been diagnosed with diabetes only a few weeks earlier and was still adjusting, brought the Irish back to a tie in the second half. The Spartan offense was unable to net a single yard running the ball in the second half, and when Notre Dame intercepted a pass and returned it to the Spartan 18-yard line in the fourth quarter, it looked like Notre Dame's chance to win. But three plays and minus-six yards later left the Irish with a 41-yard field goal attempt, which sailed wide to the right.

1966 | 9-0-1

"There's pressure in every coaching job, but winning makes it a lot easier to accept. Fortunately, we have been winning. But like one fan told me, we're with you Ara, win or tie. You notice he didn't say anything about losing."

— Ara Parseghian

"Man, those cats hit and stick to you. That game was rough."

— Bubba Smith, Michigan State defensive end

"Sure I do. Absolutely. I have no qualms about it, but ... there's not enough difference between No. 1 and No. 2 to say that whoever wins, it could be an upset."

— Ara Parseghian responding to a question about entering the Michigan State-Notre Dame game as the number-one team

"I knew there was going to be a winner and a loser, and I thought we were going to win. I never thought about a tie. The last thing Duffy Daugherty or I wanted was a tie."

— Ara Parseghian

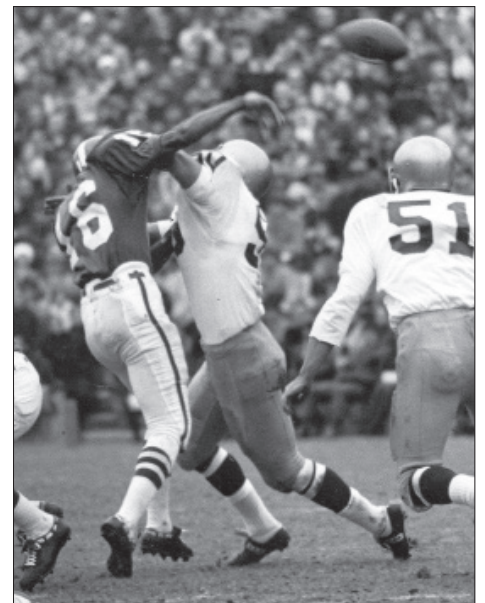
"The Super Bowl was not as big as that Michigan State-Notre Dame game."

— Captain Jim Lynch, who also played in Super Bowl IV, remarks on the Michigan State-Notre Dame game 25 years later

Notre Dame had the ball again on its own 30 with 1:24 left in the game. But rather than gamble with passes deep in their own territory, the Irish attempted to run the ball out of danger. The game was a 10-10 tie.

The Irish held on to their top ranking and traveled to Los Angeles to play Rose Bowl-bound USC. The Irish tore the Trojans apart, 51-0, posting the team's sixth shutout in 10 games and ensuring another unanimous number-one selection for the national championship.

— Willie Shearer



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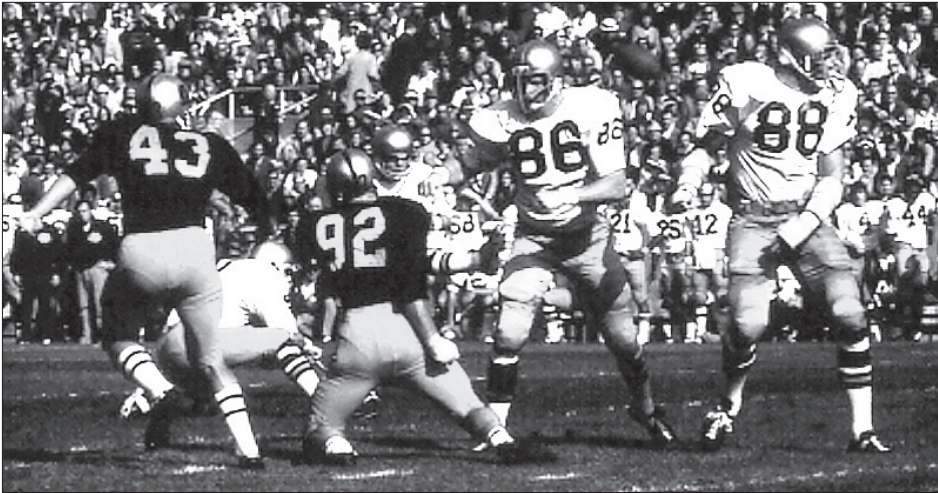
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CLEMENTS AND TALENTED IRISH BACKFIELD CLINCH TITLE WITH SUGAR BOWL WIN OVER NO. 1 TIDE

Every college football season seems to have its own game of the century, but the 1973 matchup between Notre Dame and Alabama was special. It came in the Sugar Bowl, and it was to be a dream game.

Two undefeated, highly-ranked teams with long and storied gridiron traditions were set to battle for the national championship.

The prognosticators' predictions rang true as the Fighting Irish emerged 24-23 victors over the Crimson Tide of Alabama

in a thriller that saw the lead change hands six times.

Bob Thomas, who had missed two earlier attempts in the game, kicked a 19-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Irish and coach Ara Parseghian the one-point triumph over top-rated Alabama. The win clinched Notre Dame's sixth wire-service national championship and ninth overall as the Irish finished the season with a perfect 11-0 record.

The balanced Irish attack was keyed by four backs who gained over 300 yards apiece: fullback Wayne Bullock (752), halfback Art Best (700), halfback Eric Penick (586) and quarterback Tom Clements (360). It was one of the fastest backfields Notre Dame had ever assembled, as Penick had 9.5 speed in the 100-yard dash, while Best checked in at 9.7.

The Irish were ranked in the eighth spot with wins over Rice and Army, setting the stage for what everyone considered to be Notre Dame's first real test of the year, a home battle with sixth-ranked USC.

The Trojans came to town riding a 23-game unbeaten streak, and Notre Dame was full of memories of the previous season's clash, which saw running back Anthony Davis romp for six touchdowns in a 45-23 Trojan win.

Squib kicks were the solution to the problem of Davis returning kicks, and a fired-up defense held him to just 55 yards on 19 carries. Quite simply, the day belonged to Notre Dame, as Penick ran for 118 yards, 50 more than the entire USC squad. The Irish pulled off a 23-14 win and jumped to fifth in the polls.

Notre Dame cruised through the remainder of the schedule. Navy was an easy victim, 44-7, and 20th-ranked Pittsburgh played the docile host to the Irish and fell 31-10. The Irish finished off Parseghian's first perfect regular season with a 48-15 win over Air Force and a 44-0 whitewashing of Miami at the Orange Bowl.

The stage was set for the contest between number-one Alabama and third-ranked Notre Dame that seemed to deserve every phrase of its high-powered buildup. The Irish opened the contest with a superb defensive effort that held the Tide without a yard in the first period as Notre Dame took a 6-0 lead. Alabama's thoroughbred backs made it out of the starting gate in the second period, however. They produced three long drives that resulted in a pair of touchdowns, the first of which put the Tide up 7-6.

Early in the fourth quarter, the game took a wild turn with three turnovers in 90 seconds. Alabama took charge and put in its own version of the razzle-dazzle.

With the ball on the Notre Dame 25, quarterback Richard Todd handed off to halfback Mike Strock, then raced to the



1973 | 11-0-0

"It was the kind of game you could sink your teeth into."
— Bear Bryant on the Alabama-Notre Dame Sugar Bowl

"I really thought it was going to be intercepted."
— Irish quarterback Tom Clements on his 38-yard pass out of the end zone to help the Irish run out the clock

"This was not only a great game for Notre Dame, it was a great game for college football."
— Ara Parseghian after the Alabama game

"I just remember breaking free. I can't remember anything else."
— Eric Penick commenting on his 85-yard touchdown run that gave Notre Dame its first victory over USC since 1966

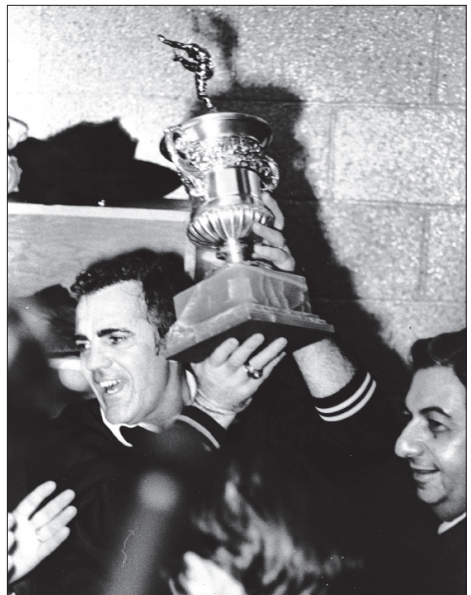
"How does it feel? It feels like the end of four long waiting years. It feels like the top of the world. And only one thing could possibly beat this — 11-0."
— Brad Doherty after the Miami win

sidelines where he took a return pass from Strock and went in for the score.

But Alabama missed the conversion try and the Tide had only a slim two-point lead.

Notre Dame then marched 79 yards in 11 plays. Strong runs by Hunter, Penick and Clements and a 30-yard pass from Clements to Dave Casper carried the drive to the Alabama 15-yard line. The Irish got to the three, but couldn't get any closer before the call went to Thomas. His kick was true, the game belonged to the Irish and so did the national championship.

— Willie Shearer





THEN THERE WERE NONE — IRISH DEFEAT TOP-RANKED, UNBEATEN TEXAS FOR '77 TITLE

Who could forget the cover of Sports Illustrated the week after Notre Dame had defeated Texas 38-10 in the 1978 Cotton Bowl? A fierce Terry Eurick was pictured fighting through a hole in the offensive line, the caption reading, "The Irish Wake the Echoes." On the inside, "Shakin' Down the Thunder" was the title of an article about how Notre Dame's victory over the previously-unbeaten Longhorns was enough to vault the Irish from fifth to first in the wire-service polls and give the University its seventh wire service national championship and 10th overall.

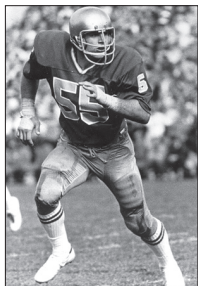
The theme for that January 2 in Dallas could have been "and then there were none." For there was not one unbeaten team remaining after the Irish had knocked Texas from its No. 1 ranking.

Third-year Irish coach Dan Devine made sure his charges were ready to take care of America's last undefeated team. An unrelenting defense was the reason why. The defense featured

national championship in 1977. Quarterback Joe Montana and running back Jerome Heavens both rebounded on offense, teaming with All-America tight end Ken MacAfee, who led the team in receiving for the third straight year.

The offense came on strong in 1977 as Montana threw for over 1,600 yards and 11 touchdowns and Heavens led the team with 994 rushing yards. Montana earned a reputation as "The Comeback Kid" with performances like the one he had in the third game of the season when, in his first appearance in over a year, he engineered the Irish to 17 fourth-quarter points in Notre Dame's come-from-behind 31-24 win at Purdue. Later in the season, the Irish traveled to Death Valley to play the 15th-ranked Clemson Tigers, and Montana scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to bring the Irish to a 21-17 win.

Heavens was healthy again in 1977 and he joined the explosive Vagas Ferguson behind Montana. Heavens proved himself fully recovered with 136 yards against Michigan State and followed his



1976 Outland Trophy winner Ross Browner at one end and Willie Fry at the other, supported by a tough, mobile group of linebackers headed by All-American Bob Golic. The Irish forced six Texas turnovers in the Cotton Bowl, and an opportunistic offense capitalized on five of them. Notre Dame's devastating strength in the trenches roped up Texas' Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell. He managed a tough 116 yards on 29 carries.

Notre Dame's defensive strength came as no surprise in 1977, and it was the primary reason the Irish were near the top of the polls in the preseason rankings. But it was an unexpected boost from the offense that gave Notre Dame the

second-game road loss, a 20-13 defeat at Ole Miss that proved its sole '77 blemish.

The Irish ran out to a 24-10 halftime lead in the Cotton Bowl and then added touchdowns in each of the final quarters for an overwhelming 28-point victory. Few questioned who was number one.

Notre Dame leapfrogged over the four teams ranked ahead of it to grab the nation's top position.

The Irish did, indeed, wake the echoes and shake down the thunder.

— Willie Shearer

1977 | 11-1-0

"Pressure comes from within the family. There's no pressure hanging over our heads. We've got this guarded optimism."

— Dan Devine during the preseason

"You have to remember that defenses are made on the football field, not in the preseason polls, not in newspaper or magazine articles and not at press conferences."

— Irish captain Willie Fry

"I don't like to say it was easy, but ... well, the way we played today, we could have dominated any line in the country."

— Irish offensive tackle Tim Foley on the Irish win over Texas

"We earned it on the field. We played number one and we beat them."

— Dan Devine

"At least the team that beat us was a good one. Everyone can't say that."

— Texas coach Fred Akers

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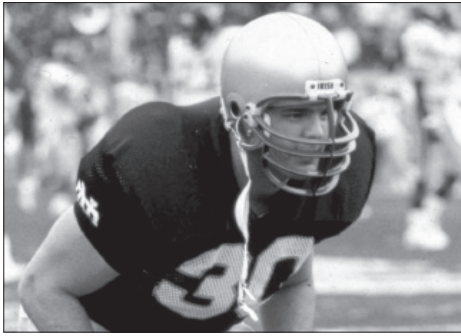
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HOLD-YOUR-BREATH SEASON ENDS PERFECTLY WITH NATIONAL TITLE IN FIESTA BOWL



It wasn't long after Lou Holtz's arrival as head football coach at Notre Dame that he opined that the Irish couldn't expect to be a great team until they were great on defense.

That prophecy came true for Holtz and the Irish in 1988 - ironically, just a year after Notre Dame's Tim Brown had captured the Heisman Trophy. But with his departure came a revitalization of the defense, led by senior defensive end Frank Stams, junior linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, sophomore defensive tackle Chris Zorich and senior linebacker Wes Pritchett, all of whom merited some sort of All-America honors. They were supported by cornerback Todd Lyght, linebacker Ned Bolcar and defensive tackle Jeff Alm, who went on to earn that same All-America acclaim a year later.

The end result was a consensus national championship for the Irish in 1988, thanks to a perfect 12-0 campaign. The title came in Holtz's third season as Irish head coach, much as Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine before him had claimed national crowns in their respective third seasons as Irish head coach. It came thanks to riveting regular-season triumphs over Michigan, Miami and USC — and it ultimately featured wins over teams ranked first, second and third in the polls when they faced Notre Dame.

When the 13th-ranked Irish debuted against ninth-rated Michigan in Notre Dame Stadium, Holtz knew his youthful offense would be tested, particularly with a green group of receivers featuring Ricky Watters at flanker in a switch from tailback, plus rookies Derek Brown and Raghib Ismail. His concern was borne out when Notre Dame did not score a touchdown from scrimmage.

But Watters returned a Michigan punt 81 yards for a touchdown, and unheralded walk-on kicker Reggie Ho knocked through four field goals, twice bringing the Irish from behind including the game-winner with 1:13 remaining. A field-goal miss from 48 yards as time expired by the Wolverines earned Notre Dame a 19-17 opening victory.

Four wins later, the fourth-rated Irish welcomed top-ranked Miami and its 36-game regular-season unbeaten streak to Notre Dame Stadium. The streak bit the dust that day by a 31-30 count, as Notre Dame forced seven Hurricane turnovers and made use of a bevy of heroes, lastly Pat Terrell, who knocked down Miami quarterback Steve Walsh's two-point conversion pass with 45 seconds remaining.

Terrell previously ran an interception back 60 yards for a score, Stams forced two Walsh fumbles, recovered another and tipped the pass Terrell intercepted — and quarterback Tony Rice threw for a career-high 195 yards. The Irish took the lead for good midway through the third period after thwarting a fake punt by Miami and then held on down the stretch. Though Walsh threw for 424 yards, the stingy Irish front line limited the 'Canes to 57 rushing yards.

The season finale found the 10-0 and top-ranked Irish underdogs against second-rated and also unbeaten USC in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Again, it was defense that dominated for Notre Dame in a 27-10 victory. Stams had nine tackles, two and a half sacks and a fumble recovery and made life miserable for Trojan standout Rodney Peete. Cornerback Stan Smagala ran an interception back 64 yards for a 20-7 halftime lead after Rice had skirted left end for 65 yards for the first points of the game.

The Irish prevailed despite going 29 minutes in the second and third periods combined without a first down — and in spite of the fact leading rusher Tony Brooks and leading receiver Watters, both sophomores, were suspended the day before the game.

Notre Dame met third-ranked and unbeaten West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl in hopes of claiming the championship — and the Irish rode early leads of 16-0 and 23-3 to an eventual 34-21 victory, banking on another staunch defensive effort.

Rice ran for 75 yards and completed seven throws for 213 more yards. Meanwhile, Stams had two sacks on his way to the defensive MVP award, and the Irish dominated a heralded Mountaineer offensive line that had been one of the main reasons West Virginia had never trailed in a game all season. The more physical Notre Dame team knocked quarterback Major Harris out of the contest early due to a bruised shoulder and limited the potent Mountaineer ground game to 108 yards.

Holtz's final pronouncement: "This team will go down as a great football team because nobody proved otherwise."



1988 | 12-0-0

"If you look at it on paper, there is no justification for Notre Dame to be rated in the top 20."

— Lou Holtz in the preseason

"If we are number one, I don't care who is number two."

— Lou Holtz

"I was so tired, I was wondering if we'd ever get off the field."

— Defensive end Frank Stams after the USC game

"I think this team is underrated even if we are No. 1. I've read articles that people have sent to me all year saying we were lucky against this team or that. Our football team is prettier than I am, but that's about it. We don't play pretty all the time, but we sure play together as a team."

— Lou Holtz

"The poll is great and it creates a tremendous amount of interest. But I only pay attention to the last one. It's amazing. Here we are number one and I'm scared to death of a team that hasn't won a game."

— Lou Holtz

"I'm exactly the same today as when I woke up yesterday. The players are the same. We're not bigger. We're not stronger. We're not faster. We're not going to change our uniforms. If you start worrying about No. 1 and try to defend it, the pressure would be tremendous."

— Lou Holtz

"Winning the national championship was never in my thoughts. I have been asked the question did I ever dream about winning the national championship.

"Yeah, you dream about it, but I never really thought that it would happen to me. I never thought I would coach a national championship team. It still hasn't sunk in on me yet."

— Lou Holtz

"We're going on a mission this year, a couple of weeks of sacrifice for something that we're going to be able to enjoy and celebrate the rest of our lives. That's a small price to pay."

— Senior tailback Mark Green





When Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., arrived in the northern Indiana wilderness, he had only \$310, three log buildings badly in need of repair and a far-sighted vision of establishing a liberal arts school to meet the growing educational needs of the frontier. He dreamed of building a great university, and in 1842 he founded the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

Over the years, Notre Dame would evolve into a preeminent place for Catholic thought. While becoming one of the top undergraduate institutions in the country, Notre Dame also has been at the cutting edge of research, including such innovations as the transmission of wireless messages and the development of synthetic rubber. Today researchers are achieving breakthroughs in astrophysics, radiation chemistry, environmental sciences, psychology, tropical disease transmission, cancer treatment, robotics, peace/religious studies and nanoelectronics.

The University also has stressed residential life, with four-of-five students living on campus in 32 residence halls that serve as the focal point of social,

spiritual and athletic activities. Notre Dame is one of a handful of universities with a truly national and international student body composed of young men and women who come from more than 90 nations and all 50 states. They attend Notre Dame not only to learn how to think, but to learn how to live, keeping faith with the vision of Father Sorin.

Notre Dame is one of the few universities to regularly rank in the top 20 in the U.S. News & World Report survey of America's best colleges and the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings of the best overall athletics programs, and it is the pre-eminent Catholic and faith-based university in the nation. Among many marks of distinction, faculty in the College of Arts and Letters have won 62 fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1999, more than for any other university in the country.

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REV. JOHN I. JENKINS, C.S.C.
President

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., begins his fourth five-year term as the 17th president of the University of Notre Dame in 2020. His vision is for Notre Dame to be the Catholic research university for our time – an institution that unifies, enlightens and heals by engaging in research and scholarship of the first rank while maintaining its distinctive Catholic character and long-time excellence in undergraduate education.

During his tenure, Notre Dame has made significant progress toward its research goal, including selection as the lead partner in the Midwest Institute for Nanoelectronics Discovery and the Center for Low Energy Systems Technology, the creation of the Idea Center at Innovation Park and the construction of a world-class turbomachinery testing facility.

His commitment to undergraduate education has been marked by the Notre Dame Forums, yearlong initiatives that have examined important issues such as religion and world conflict, global health, immigration, education and energy.

The University's Catholic identity has been strengthened during Father Jenkins' tenure in multiple ways, including the appointment of a coordinator for University life initiatives and the construction of multimillion-dollar facilities for the Sacred Music Program, Institute for Church Life, the Center for Social Concerns, and the Institute for Educational Initiatives, which includes the Alliance for Catholic Education.

Father Jenkins earned bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from Notre Dame in 1976 and 1978, respectively, and was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1983. He holds advanced degrees from Oxford and the Jesuit School of Theology. He is a professor of philosophy and the author of "Knowledge and Faith in Thomas Aquinas."

Within the University and beyond, Fr. Jenkins has called for civil discourse – grounded in the Christian view of others as equally made in the image of God – as a way to find common ground rather than demonize those with a different opinion. In a speech at Emory University in 2011, he said, "If we choose to attack our opponents before we have taken the time to understand them, if we prefer denunciations to genuine dialogue, if we seek political victory rather than constructive compromise . . . we will not be able to find solutions to the problems before us."

The Commission on Presidential Debates, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that sponsors and produces all U.S. presidential and vice presidential debates, cited his leadership on this issue in electing Fr. Jenkins to its board of directors in 2011.

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Father Jenkins was born Dec. 17, 1953.

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JACK SWARBRICK

Vice President and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics

John B. “Jack” Swarbrick Jr., a University of Notre Dame graduate now in his 13th year in 2020–21 as Vice President and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics at his alma mater, has attached his signature to a variety of new initiatives during his tenure:

- Creating the STAND TOGETHER movement in conjunction with Notre Dame student-athletes, an equality initiative developed to create change locally and to be a catalyst for change nationally as it relates to social justice. Promoted Angie Torain to the newly created position of Senior Associate Athletics Director for Culture, Diversity and Engagement to lead the department in these initiatives.
- Launching of Fighting Irish Media — a major enterprise that delivers better information about and access to Notre Dame and its athletic programs via expanded production and distribution of programming.
- Developing a plan for expanding Notre Dame Stadium in order to make it a year-round asset for the University, while also improving the gameday experience for student-athletes and fans.
- That initiative became reality with the 2014 announcement of the Campus Crossroads Project that added new structures to three sides of Notre Dame’s home football facility—creating new homes for student activities and recreation, career services, digital media, as well as academic disciplines anthropology, psychology, music and sacred music.
- Hosting of major events to generate revenue for the campus and community. Since 2018 Notre Dame has hosted a Garth Brooks’ concert in Notre Dame Stadium (October 2018), the NHL Winter Classic in Notre Dame Stadium (January 2019), the 2019 U.S. Senior Open at the Warren Golf Course (June 2019) and an international soccer match between Liverpool and Dortmund in Notre Dame Stadium (July 2019).
- Building of student-athlete programs to develop leadership skills, increase community service and provide mentoring and career services resources.
- Meeting the performance needs of Notre Dame student-athletes through establishment of a sports performance division to support and improve athletic performance through the application of science, medicine and technology.
- Creating systems and structures to maximize the impact of technical expertise, environments, technology and service delivery on an athlete’s ability to optimize performance.

Over the past several years, Swarbrick played a major role in significant announcements that positively impacted Notre Dame on the national collegiate scene:

- The 2019 launch of the ACC Network on ESPN — a comprehensive linear and digital network that will give fans access to more than 600 exclusive live events from across the conference via a linear channel within the ESPN family of networks and a digital live-events channel – ACC Network Extra.

- Membership for Notre Dame’s men’s ice hockey program in the Big Ten Conference that began with the 2017-18 season. The Irish joined Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin to form a seven-team hockey conference. Notre Dame won Big Ten titles in each of its first two seasons in the league.
- Membership for Notre Dame’s athletic teams (other than football and hockey) in the Atlantic Coast Conference that began with the 2013-14 athletic seasons. In football, Notre Dame plays five games per year against ACC opponents and has full access to the league’s list of postseason bowl options.
- An extension of the University’s relationship with NBC Sports through the 2025 football season.
- The 2014 announcement of an unmatched 10-year relationship with Under Armour that provides performance footwear, apparel and equipment for Irish athletic programs. In addition to being a shareholder in Under Armour, Notre Dame collaborates with Under Armour in the areas of sport technology, product development and athlete performance.
- Creation by the Bowl Championship Series of the four-team College Football Playoff, which started with the 2014 season, with Notre Dame maintaining viable access into that system.

Swarbrick’s tenure has featured a variety of on-and off-the-field Notre Dame athletics successes:

- Innovative athletics partnership with Legends and JMI Sports -- two of the leading athletics marketing and hospitality companies in the country -- to oversee Notre Dame’s sales, marketing, hospitality, media rights and branding services on a local and national level. The University, through this 12-year agreement, seeks to create and implement unique programs and partnerships with an elite group of companies and brands -- delivering unprecedented levels of engagement, first-class hospitality experiences and recognition.
- NCAA championships in 2018 in women’s basketball and fencing (a men’s and women’s combined championship), 2017 in fencing (a men’s and women’s combined championship), 2013 in men’s soccer, 2011 in fencing (a men’s and women’s combined championship) and 2010 in women’s soccer.
- BCS National Championship selection in 2012 following an undefeated 12-0 regular season and a College Football Playoff semifinalist in 2018 after an undefeated 12-0 regular season.
- NCAA runner-up team finishes in 2018 in men’s hockey, 2019, 2015, 2014, 2012 and 2011 in women’s basketball, 2014 and 2010 in men’s lacrosse, 2013 and 2009 in fencing and 2008 in women’s soccer.
- NCAA semifinal appearances in women’s basketball in 2013, men’s lacrosse in 2012 and 2015, hockey in 2011 and 2017, women’s tennis in 2009 and 2010, and women’s soccer in 2009, plus 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2019 third-place fencing finishes.
- Only men’s basketball program in the nation to register NCAA Elite Eight appearances in both 2015 and 2016
- Individual NCAA championships in in 2019 by Nick Itkin (fencing-men’s foil), the track and field-distance medley relay team, Yared Nuguse (track and field-1,500 meter run), 2018 by Nick Itkin (fencing-men’s foil); 2017 by Lee Kiefer (fencing-women’s foil), Francesca Russo (fencing-women’s sabre); 2016 by Molly Seidel (indoor track and field-3,000 meters, 5,000 meters); 2015 by Lee Kiefer (fencing-foil), Francesca Russo (fencing-women’s sabre) and Molly Seidel (cross country; track and field-10,000 meters); 2014 by Gerek Meinhardt (fencing-foil), Lee Kiefer (fencing-foil) and Emma Reaney (women’s swimming-200 yard breaststroke); 2013 by Courtney Hurley (fencing-epee) and Lee Kiefer (fencing-foil); 2012 by the track and field distance medley relay team; 2011 by Ariel DeSmet (fencing-foil) and Courtney Hurley (fencing-epee); and 2010 by Gerek Meinhardt (fencing-foil).
- 403 All-America selections and 66 Academic All-America honorees.

Born in Yonkers, New York, and raised in Yonkers and Bloomington, Indiana, Swarbrick is a 1976 magna cum laude graduate of Notre Dame, with a bachelor’s degree in economics. Upon graduating from Stanford University Law School in 1980, he accepted a position as an associate in the Indianapolis law firm Baker & Daniels. He was made partner in 1987 and spent 28 years with the firm. Swarbrick became Notre Dame’s 12th athletics director on July 16, 2008. He and his wife, Kimberly, are the parents of four children: Kate, a 2010 graduate of Saint Louis University; Connor, a 2011 graduate of Wake Forest University; Cal, a 2014 graduate of TCU; and Christopher, a 2015 graduate of Notre Dame.

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NOTRE DAME STADIUM

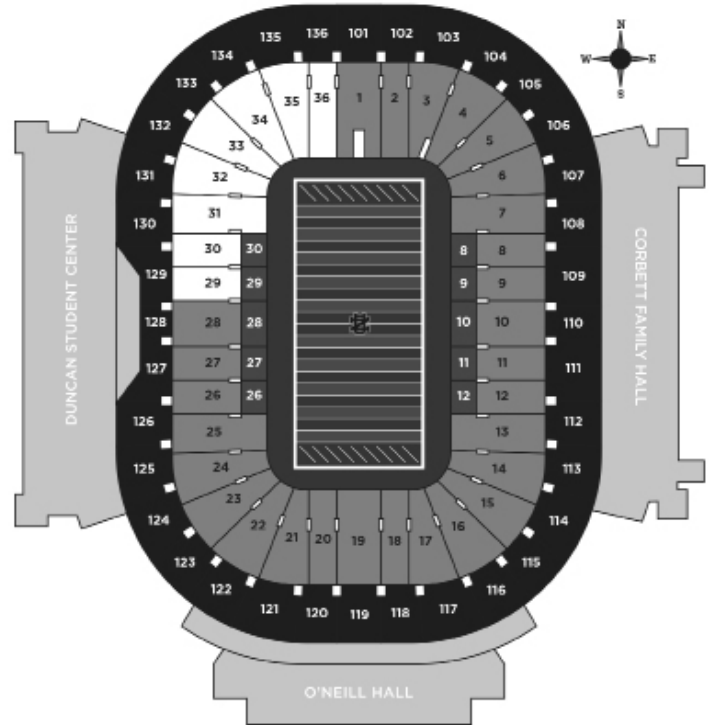
Home of the Fighting Irish

For all the legendary players and memorable moments over the past 475 games, Notre Dame Stadium has unquestionably developed a lore of its own. The stadium, which will celebrate its 90th anniversary in 2020 and opened a \$400 million project that united academics and athletics on campus in 2017, continues to be one of the most recognizable and revered structures in the world of sports.

It was the success of Knute Rockne's football teams that prompted the addition of the original Notre Dame Stadium to the University's athletics plant back in 1930. The spirit was imbued by that Rockne era — and has been sustained by seven Heisman Trophy winners and dozens more All-Americans who have competed there — lives on after eight decades of football at Notre Dame Stadium.

Originally designed by Osborn Engineering Company — the same firm that designed Comiskey Park in Chicago and New York's Yankee Stadium and Polo Grounds — the total cost of construction exceeded \$750,000 and it was patterned on a smaller scale after Michigan Stadium. The 1996 season was the final on played with the original capacity of 59,075 fans. A \$50 million renovation adding over 21,000 seats was completed before the 1997 kickoff, bringing capacity to 80,795. Starting in 2017, capacity was 77,622.

Notre Dame Stadium boasted a streak of 273 sellouts, spanning from 1973 and ending in November 2019. The streak is the second-longest in NCAA history. Dating back to 1964, 321 of 324 contests have sold out at Notre Dame Stadium. "We will continue the tradition of making Notre Dame Stadium a destination for generations of Fighting Irish students, alumni and fans while providing the best possible atmosphere for our student-athletes," said vice president and James E. Rohr director of athletics Jack Swarbrick.



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When Knute Rockne-designed Notre Dame Stadium opened for business in the autumn of 1930, it was described as “a monument to sportsmanship, a tribute to fighting youth, and an amphitheater devoted to modern athletics.”

Eighty-nine years later, the newest version of the University of Notre Dame’s home for football qualifies as all that and a whole lot more.

Long considered one of the most iconic athletic facilities in the world, Notre Dame Stadium took on a new role in 2017—not only as a centerpiece of the University’s campus and physical plant but also as one of the most effective combinations and commitments to athletics, academics and student life anywhere in major college sports. The stadium location now becomes a day-to-day destination for University students, faculty and staff—representing a perfect melding of old and new.

“The towering spire of the Church (the Basilica of the Sacred Heart) above the new wall, high as it is, carries with the cross at its top the higher purpose of Notre Dame to the surrounding campus. The golden Dome, surmounted by the figure of Our Lady, loses nothing through the . . . new structure, but rather seems to include it in the embracing gesture of the holy hands. . . . No one can come to the new Stadium without absorbing . . . this other, this deeper, Notre Dame.”

That quotation came from an editorial in the October 1930 Notre Dame Alumnus magazine—yet it couldn’t be more true today.

For nine decades Notre Dame Stadium has been home to national championship football teams, Heisman Trophy winners and All-Americans—and, in recent years, to the University’s Commencement ceremony. Exactly 22 years ago, in 1997, it added 20,000 new seats to its resume. Now, in 2019, the stadium location includes three structures on the east, west and south sides, as well as extensive renovations on the north end and major game day improvements for fans throughout the venue.

Those upgrades include new wider seats in the lower bowl, upgraded concession and restroom facilities, a 1930s art deco look to the main concourse, nearly 150 television monitors in the concourses, new displays at Gate C honoring Irish football award winners, improved Wi-Fi and connectivity, plus a new video board at the south end of the stadium. The khaki-colored bricks of Notre Dame Stadium remain a familiar sight. But what’s inside those new bricks walls has undergone extensive and substantial changes since the construction and remodeling project began in 2014.



O’NEILL HALL

The relocation of the Department of Music and Sacred Music at Notre Dame provides much needed new space for these growing programs. It also will put music into close proximity to other performing arts departments and programs. Specifically, the building features two rehearsal halls (one medium-sized and the other the large Michuda Family Rehearsal Hall), two formal performance spaces (the LaBar Recital Hall and LaBar Performance Hall), a music library, a music lab for studio production, a lecture hall, classrooms and seminar rooms, numerous practice rooms of varying sizes, four organ practice rooms and faculty offices.

Levels 1 and 2: A 174-seat recital hall, an innovatively designed interdisciplinary performance hall, and the Frank Leahy Gate grand entrance to the stadium.

Level 3: A large music library relocated from the Hesburgh Library, a lecture hall, classrooms, and rehearsal and seminar rooms.

Level 4: A club/lounge for hospitality during football games and for hosting receptions year-round.

Levels 5 and 6: Department of Music and Sacred Music at Notre Dame administrative offices, faculty offices, a music lab for studio production, and practice rooms.

Level 7: Mechanical, with a scoreboard on the exterior. The video board is 96 feet by 54 feet. Just as at Purcell Pavilion and the Compton Family Ice Arena, there will be no advertising or commercials associated with use of the video board.



DUNCAN STUDENT CENTER

Opened in January 2018, the Duncan Student Center exists as a new space for students to create, perform, gather, connect, exercise and unwind. The facility is designed to enhance the overall student experience and expand upon study, meeting, career, and student activity space on campus.

Levels 1 and 2: Flexible, state-of-the-art meeting rooms, graduate and undergraduate student lounges, a dining area, student organization space, and administrative offices.

Levels 3 and 4: Recreational sports facilities, including: climbing wall, bouldering wall, 1/6 mile running track, multitude of personal exercise equipment, dance and exercise studios, lockers and showers, RecSports staff headquarters, and a basketball court.

Level 5: A career services center, centralized and expanded with more than 40 interview rooms, multiple training rooms and conference areas, an employer lounge, and advising offices.

Level 6: Mechanical support.

Level 7: A 500-seat student ballroom, club seating for football, and booths for NBC Sports telecasts of home football games. Student-oriented programming will have priority booking for non-game weekends.

Level 8: Premium stadium seats and terraces that will look onto the campus and the playing field.

Level 9: Club seating, boxes for home and visiting coaches, security booths, and boxes for administrative and athletic department leaders.

Basement: Food service space for the three new buildings and the stadium.



CORBETT FAMILY HALL

Offices and labs for the Departments of Anthropology and Psychology, which are housed in a variety of buildings on campus, are now be in one place in Corbett Family Hall. These departments have previously been scattered in multiple locations throughout campus. The consolidation will provide new opportunities for scholarly exchange and interaction, as well as the obvious logistical benefits.

In addition, the Rex and Alice A. Martin Media Center in this building will bring together all campus multimedia services, plus provide space for the new Catholic Media Project and teaching space for the Department of Film, Television and Theatre.

Level 1: The Martin Media Center with a 2,000-square-foot studio and production, teaching, learning, research, and scholarship facilities. A control room will support faith-based productions and live programming, such as Masses at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, as well as athletics events, performing arts presentations, and academic lectures and speeches.

Level 2: Anthropology offices, administrative space, conference and tutoring areas, and multi-function research and teaching labs.

Levels 3, 4 and 5: Psychology offices, classrooms, labs, computer rooms, and a student lounge.

Level 6: Mechanical support.

Level 7: Outdoor club seating for football, outdoor terraces, and a large space that will double as a club area and flexible classroom.

Level 8: Outdoor club seating for football.

Level 9: Working press box, radio booths, and a club area with indoor and outdoor premium seating for football.

Planning for the new Duncan Student Center has ensured the facility will complement the student organization space and administrative offices located in the LaFortune Student Center. Duncan will operate in conjunction with LaFortune, which will continue to house departmental, organizational, and administrative offices and serve its historic role as a student center in the heart of campus.





GUGLIELMINO ATHLETICS COMPLEX

Training Facility - Notre Dame Football

The University of Notre Dame is enjoying its 16th full season with access to the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, affectionately referred to as “The Gug” (pronounced Goog). The Gug houses the football practice-week locker rooms, coaches’ offices and meeting rooms in addition to enhanced sports medicine, strength and conditioning and weight room equipment for all Notre Dame student-athletes.

Underwritten with a gift from the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife Flora, the Gug provides the Irish football team with a central location for post-practice and pre-practice routines as well as daily positional meetings. Before the Gug opened, the Irish football facilities were spread between Notre Dame Stadium, the Joyce Center and the Loftus Sports Center.

The first floor of the 96,000-square-foot complex features the 25,000-square-foot Haggar Fitness Center (gift of Ed and Patty Haggar, Joe and Isabell Haggar) with the latest state-of-the-art equipment that all student-athletes can use on a daily basis. The 8,300-square-foot Loftus Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center (a gift of John and Julie Lofus) services all Notre Dame student-athletes and also houses the athletic training staff. Also on the first floor are the Romano Family Locker Room (a gift of D.J. “Buddy” and Florence Romano), Isban Auditorium (a gift from Leonard and JoAnn Isban), the Allen Equipment Room (a gift of Marty and Sue Allen) and Hickey Coaches’ Locker Room (a gift of Jack and Rosemary Hickey).

The second floor houses the Smith Family Office Suites (a gift from the Smith family in honor of Francis W. and Rita C. Smith) with head coach Brian Kelly’s area overlooking the LaBar Practice Complex. Eleven banners hang in the Morse Recruiting Lounge (a gift of Jim and Leah Morse) commemorating Notre Dame’s 11 consensus national championship.



IRISH ATHLETICS CENTER

Indoor Practice Field - Notre Dame Football

The University of Notre Dame opened a new indoor facility in July 2019 that expanded the indoor space available to the football program.

Constructed on the site of what is now the western-most field of the Notre Dame football team’s LaBar Practice Complex, the 111,400-square-foot Irish Indoor Athletics Center has been underwritten by gifts from a number of benefactors.

Jack Swarbrick, vice president and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics at Notre Dame, noted that new NCAA policies require colleges and universities to provide practice times for student-athletes that are conducive to a productive academic plan and healthy overall lifestyle.

“Much as we have done with our approach to the Compton Family Ice Arena and the recent additions surrounding the football stadium, our focus when developing athletic facilities is to create uses that extend beyond varsity athletics,” he said. “In this instance, in addition to creating what we believe will be the best indoor football practice facility in the country, we are creating additional recreational, club sport and community opportunities, while also ensuring that the students on our other varsity teams are practicing at times that allow for a more typical student experience.”

TV & RADIO PARTNERSHIPS



In 2020, the University of Notre Dame and NBC Sports continued their television relationship for the 30th consecutive season. NBC broadcasted all seven home games for the Fighting Irish.

Play-by-play analyst Mike Tirico entered his fifth year as part of NBC's coverage. Tony Dungy joined the booth as a game analyst. Kathryn Tappen enters her seventh season as a sideline reporter. Liam McHugh will lead the NBC Sports college football studio team that will provide pre- and post-game coverage each Saturday.

On April 18, 2013, Notre Dame and NBC Sports reached agreement on a new 10-year contract giving NBC the rights to televise Irish home football games from 2016 to 2025.

A joint announcement of the extension was made by Mark Lazarus, chairman of NBC Sports Group, and Notre Dame's president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

"Coming off one of Notre Dame's best and most dramatic seasons in decades, we could not be more proud to extend this historic partnership, which continues to be one of the most innovative in sports-media history," Lazarus said. "We are particularly excited that this extension offers enhanced rights that allow us to bring Notre Dame football to fans on more platforms than ever before."

As it has since 2009, NBC Sports Digital continues to live stream Fighting Irish home games for the web, mobile and tablets.

Father Jenkins noted the multiple benefits of the partnership with NBC.

"In addition to the national broadcast of our home football games, this longtime and valued collaboration with NBC has made a Notre Dame education possible to literally thousands of students," Father Jenkins said. "We are delighted to extend our partnership to bring Irish football to our fans, to continue to help support financial aid, and to tell the Notre Dame story."

Revenues from the NBC contract have played a key role in Notre Dame's financial aid endowment since the start of the relationship in 1991. University officers decided then to use a portion of the football television contract revenue for undergraduate scholarship endowment (not athletic scholarships). To date, 7,472 Notre Dame undergraduate students have received \$116,459,579 in aid from revenue generated through the NBC contract.

The University also has committed revenue from NBC to endow doctoral fellowships in its Graduate School and MBA scholarships in its Mendoza College of Business.

In addition to televising games, NBC has collaborated with Notre Dame on an award-winning series of two-minute messages featuring University

faculty and student research.

"While our relationship with NBC Sports is longstanding, the more recent merger between NBC and Comcast has opened up additional avenues to expand the breadth of Notre Dame-related sports programming on NBC platforms," Notre Dame vice president and athletics director Jack Swarbrick said.

"Specifically, the evolution of the NBC Sports Network has provided opportunities for special programming featuring inside looks at our football team and several other Notre Dame sports programs and in-depth profiles on the unsung heroes of Notre Dame athletics. These are examples of the growth of our partnership, and we look forward to collaborating on additional projects and distribution strategies in seasons to come."

Per the extension, the NBC Sports Group retains global media rights on all platforms to a minimum of seven Notre Dame home football games per year. As in the prior contract, it allows for occasional games to air on NBC Sports Network, which is available in 85 million homes.

NBC has been televising Irish home games since 1991, and this marks the sixth of a series of agreements with Notre Dame. The original agreement covered the seasons from 1991 through 1995. The first five-year extension (announced in 1994) covered 1996 to 2000, the second extension (announced in May 1997) covered 2001 to 2005, the third extension (announced in December 2003) covered 2006 to 2010, and the fourth (announced in June 2008) covered 2011 to 2015.

ON-SCREEN PERSONALITIES



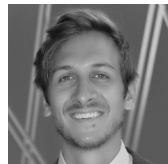
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Sideline Reporter



Jac Collinsworth
Sideline Reporter

NOTRE DAME RADIO NETWORK

The 2020 football season marks the third year of a partnership in which Legends and JMI Sports -- two of the leading athletics marketing and hospitality companies in the country -- will oversee Notre Dame's sales, marketing, hospitality, media rights and branding services on a local and national level, called Notre Dame Global Partnership.

Through this unique partnership, Notre Dame is determined to become an innovative leader in the packaging and presentation of its game-day hospitality experience, multimedia rights, corporate sponsorship plans and national radio broadcasts.

The announcement made by University Vice President and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick was the culmination of an extensive review and evaluation process.

"As we embarked upon this task of finding the best strategic fit for Notre Dame, we made it clear that we were seeking partners who understood the unique opportunities offered by the Notre Dame brand," Swarbrick said.

"Both Legends and JMI Sports not only demonstrated superior appreciations of our culture and our mission, but also their willingness to creatively pursue features that are 100 percent Notre Dame-centric. Each company has unique and specific strengths to offer, so we asked them to combine those strengths to create something transformational for Notre Dame.

"We believe this partnership recognizes the value of the Notre Dame brand and offers enough creativity and innovation to return significant revenue opportunities for all parties to the agreement. We expect that resulting new initiatives will provide corporate sponsors and Notre Dame fans new, engaging and entertaining ways to connect with our University and its athletic program."

The University, through this 12-year agreement, which began in 2018, will seek to create and implement unique programs and partnerships with an elite group of companies and brands -- delivering unprecedented levels of engagement, first-class hospitality experiences and recognition, while also preserving traditions Notre Dame holds dear.

JMI Sports brings extensive multimedia expertise to the partnership with current representation of premier collegiate brands. "Notre Dame approached its analysis with the clear objective of creating an outcome that will maximize the opportunities for its unique brand," said JMI Sports CEO Erik Judson. "In developing our solution to meet those very high expectations, we believe the combined value proposition offered by a JMI Sports/Legends partnership will exceed those expectations. This partnership will provide extraordinary financial upside while at the same time allowing Notre Dame to maintain control of the most influential and revered brand in college sports."

Already a partner with Notre Dame since 2013, Legends was an integral part of executing the Campus Crossroads Project, developing capital gift and annual donation pricing models, packaging and marketing strategy, while also executing sales campaigns for new premium seating inventory.

"Our commitment includes building a team of highly qualified sports and sponsorship professionals who have a strong affection and understanding of Notre Dame, its history and its iconic reputation," said Shervin Mirhashemi, President and CEO of Legends. "In partnership with JMI Sports, we look forward to tapping into the experience and relationships we have built with some of the largest and most well-known brands in sports, media and entertainment to help expand the incredible opportunities available through this partnership."

Recognizing the uniqueness of their agreement with Notre Dame, Legends and JMI Sports will dedicate stand-alone national, regional and local sales and marketing staff resources to the partnership while tapping into the highly experienced branding, hospitality and experiential marketing teams at both companies.

"The future of college athletics requires vision and innovation -- and that's what we've found in this partnership with Legends and JMI Sports," said Swarbrick. "Their approach to serving an elite group of universities falls right in line with our expectations of a partner."

The new partnership will include Notre Dame's national football radio rights, which previously had been a stand-alone agreement for many years with the Mutual Broadcasting System, Westwood One and most recently with ISP and then IMG College.

Notre Dame previously had been handling most of its athletic corporate sponsorships and marketing rights through Notre Dame Sports Properties, created in 2003.



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NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

2020 SCHEDULE

09.12.20	NOTRE DAME vs DUKE	27-13 W
09.19.20	NOTRE DAME vs USF	52-0 W
10.10.20	NOTRE DAME vs FLORIDA STATE	42-26 | W
10.17.20	NOTRE DAME vs LOUISVILLE	12-7 | W
10.24.20	NOTRE DAME AT PITTSBURGH	45-3 | W
10.31.20	NOTRE DAME AT GEORGIA TECH	31-13 | W
11.07.20	NOTRE DAME vs ¹ CLEMSON	47-40 | W
11.14.20	NOTRE DAME AT BOSTON COLLEGE	45-31 | W
11.27.20	NOTRE DAME AT ¹⁹ NORTH CAROLINA	31-17 | W
12.05.20	NOTRE DAME vs SYRACUSE	45-21 W
12.19.20	NOTRE DAME vs ³ CLEMSON	10-34 L

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GRADUATING CHAMPIONS