



NOTRE DAME

FOOTBALL

GAME FOUR POSTGAME NOTES

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	Kelly at ND		2021	
	Record (W-L)		Record (W-L)	
Home (Includes Shamrock Series)	62	13	2	0
Away	34	20	2	0
Neutral	9	7	0	0
In overtime	4	3	1	0
Coming off a loss	16	11	0	0
Coming off a win	66	23	3	0
Coming off an open date	9	2	0	0
vs. AP Top 25	22	21	0	0
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	18	18	0	0
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	22	14	0	0
Team is ranked higher	74	10	4	0
Opponent is ranked higher	8	14	0	0
vs. In-State Opponents	6	0	0	0
In August	2	0	0	0
In September	35	12	4	0
In October	32	8	0	0
In November	31	13	0	0
In December	5	3	0	0
In January	1	4	0	0
On TV (except GVSU regular season)	105	39	4	0
On NBC	60	13	1	0
On NBCSN	3	0	0	0
On ABC	23	14	1	0
On ACCN	1	0	0	0
On ESPN	7	6	0	0
On ESPN2	1	0	0	0
On CBS	4	3	0	0
On CBS Sports Network	0	1	0	0
On FOX	3	3	1	0
Morning Games (kicks off before noon)	1	1	1	0
Afternoon Games	66	18	2	0
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	38	20	1	0
Decided by three points or fewer	14	13	2	0
Decided by seven points or fewer	30	21	0	0
Scoring first	77	21	2	0
Opponent scores first	28	18	2	0
Leading at halftime	86	11	4	0
Tied at halftime	8	1	0	0
Trailing at halftime	10	27	0	0

FIGHTING IRISH

4-0 OVERALL

AP rank: 12 Coaches rank: 10
Head Coach: Brian Kelly
Record: 277⁺-96-2



1-2 OVERALL

0-1 BIG

AP rank: 18 Coaches rank: 15
Head Coach: Paul Chryst
Record: 76-40

BADGERS

DATE: Sep. 25, 2021
ATTENDANCE: 59,571

LOCATION: Chicago, IL STADIUM: Soldier Field

NOTRE DAME CAPTAINS: WR Avery Davis, S Kyle Hamilton, DL Kurt Hinish, OL Jarrett Patterson, DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa, LB Drew White and RB Kyren Williams

FIRST STARTS AT ND:
Defense: LB Jordan Botelho, DL Howard Cross III

FIRST APPEARANCES AT ND:
Offense: TE Cane Berrong

MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Coin Toss:** Running back **Kyren Williams**, offensive lineman **Jarrett Patterson** and safety **Kyle Hamilton** represented the Irish for the coin toss. Notre Dame won the toss and elected to receive. Wisconsin defended the south endzone.
- With the win, **Brian Kelly** surpassed Knute Rockne for the most wins all-time in Notre Dame history with 106.
- Kelly was awarded the game ball by cornerback **Cam Hart**, quarterback **Drew Pyne** and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick.

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

TEAM NOTES:

- Notre Dame improved to 11-0-2 all-time at Soldier Field with the 27-13 win over the Badgers.
- The Irish hold a 10-0 record in Shamrock Series games after the win.
- Notre Dame tallied four interceptions against Wisconsin. It is the first time they had four in a game since 2013 in the Pinstripe Bowl against Rutgers.
- It is the first time since 2002 against Stanford that the Irish returned two interceptions for a touchdown in the same game. (Shane Walton and Courtney Watson).
- The Irish finished with five takeaways in the game, their first game with five takeaways since 2019 against Virginia.
- Notre Dame has won its last seven games in September dating back to the 2019 season.
- The Irish are 4-0 to open the season for the third time in the last four years and the sixth time overall under Kelly.
- The 41 points were the most points given up by Wisconsin in a game that ended in regulation since December 6, 2014 against Ohio State (59).

OFFENSIVE NOTES:

- Junior wide receiver **Kevin Austin Jr.**, set a career high with six receptions against the Badgers. He finished the game with 76 yards and two touchdowns.
- It was the first multiple-touchdown game of **Austin's** career and he is tied for the team lead with three on the season.
- Freshman quarterback **Drew Pyne** came in during the third quarter and had a career-long 17-yard pass to **Avery Davis**.
- He hit **Austin Jr.**, for a 16-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, his first career touchdown pass.
- **Pyne** finished the game with 81 yards on six completions and a touchdown, which were all career-best numbers.
- Sophomore tight end **Michael Mayer** led the team with seven receptions. It is the third game this season he has had seven or more receptions.

DEFENSIVE NOTES:

- Linebacker **Jack Kiser** returned an interception 66-yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was his second-career interception and first career touchdown.
- On the ensuing drive in the fourth quarter, linebacker **Drew White** corralled his first-career interception and returned it for a touchdown.
- Sophomore cornerback **Cam Hart** recorded his first-career interception in the second quarter.
- **Hart** hauled in his second interception in the fourth quarter and is the second Irish player to have two interceptions in the same game this season (**Kyle Hamilton** at Florida State).
- Senior defensive lineman **Jayson Ademilola** forced a fumble from Wisconsin QB Graham Mertz in the third quarter that was recovered by **Isaiah Foskey**. It was **Ademilola's** first career forced fumble and **Foskey's** first career fumble recovery.
- **Ademilola** set a career high with 2.0 tackles-for-loss, 1.0 sack and tied a career high with five tackles.

SPECIAL TEAM NOTES:

- Sophomore running back **Chris Tyree** broke off a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It is the first Irish kickoff return for a touchdown since CJ Sanders went 92 yards for a touchdown against Army in 2016.
- Junior **Jay Bramblett** launched a career-long 72-yard punt in the second quarter. It is the longest punt by an Irish player since Hunter Smith had a 79-yard punt against Arizona State in 1998.