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FOOTBALL



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MARCUS FREEMAN AVAILABILITY

- Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Marcus Freeman will conduct a Fiesta Bowl press conference on Monday, December 26 and a joint press conference with Coach Gundy on Friday, December 31, both via zoom. For all zoom links, please reach out to the Fiesta Bowl Communications Staff.

COORDINATOR/STUDENT-ATHLETE INTERVIEWS

- Interviews with coordinators and student-athletes will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday via zoom. John and Bobbie Arlotta offensive coordinator **Tommy Rees** and **five offensive players** will be available Tuesday (beginning at 11:45 a.m. ET). Defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator **Mike Elston** and **five defensive players** will be available Wednesday (beginning at 11:45 a.m. ET). For all zoom links, please reach out to the Fiesta Bowl Communications Staff.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

- The head coaches and a minimum of six (6) student-athletes from each team will be available via zoom. The head coach and student-athletes from the runner-up team will begin after a 10-minute cooling-off period, which begins when the head coach enters the locker room. The head coach and student-athletes from the winning team will begin after a 20-minute cooling-off period, which begins after the conclusion of the trophy presentation. The postgame press conference will be available on the video monitors in the press box to assist media with tight deadlines.

STATISTICAL SERVICES

- 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
Marcus Freeman	Head Coach	Sideline
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	Press Box
Chris O'Leary	Defensive Backs/Safeties	Press Box
Del Alexander	Wide Receivers	Sideline
John McNulty	Tight Ends	Press Box

Note: Regular season locations; may be subject to change

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Football PR Twitter	@NDFootballPR
Football Facebook	/NDFootball
Football Instagram	@NDFootball
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Athletics Facebook	/FightingIrish
Athletics Instagram	@TheFightingIrish

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PLAYSTATION FIESTA BOWL MEDIA SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME (ET/LOCAL)	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday, December 27	6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. ET 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. MT	Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Marcus Freeman	Zoom
Tuesday, December 28	11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. ET 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. MT	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): WR Kevin Austin Jr. QB Jack Coan TE Michael Mayer OL Jarrett Patterson RB Chris Tyree	Zoom
Wednesday, December 29	11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. ET 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. MT	Defensive Line Coach/Recruiting Coordinator Mike Elston And student-athletes (alphabetical list - order of appearance will vary from below, and student-athletes are subject to change): DL Isaiah Foskey S Houston Griffith DL Kurt Hinish DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa LB Drew White	Zoom
Friday, December 31	10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. ET 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. MT	Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Marcus Freeman	Zoom
Friday, January 1	1 p.m. ET/11 a.m. MT Postgame	Game Kickoff Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Marcus Freeman and up to six players	State Farm Stadium Zoom

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

- **Location:** Notre Dame, Indiana
- **Founded:** 1842
- **Nickname:** Fighting Irish
- **Colors:** Blue and Gold
- **Enrollment:** 8,624 (undergraduates), 12,614 (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
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FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: Multiple
2020 Overall Record: 10-2 | College Football Playoff at the Rose Bowl
Final Ranking: #5 AP | #5 Coaches | #4 CFP (pre-bowl)
Offensive/Defensive Starters From 2020 Returning/Lost: 9/14
Offensive Starters From 2020 Returning/Lost: 2/9
Defensive Starters From 2020 Returning/Lost: 7/5
Special Teams Starters From 2020 Returning/Lost: 3/0
Monogram Winners From 2020 Returning/Lost: 37/26

COACHING STAFF

Marcus Freeman (Ohio State, '07) The Dick Corbett Head Football Coach
 Tommy Rees (Notre Dame, '13) John and Bobbie Arlotta Family Offensive Coordinator
 Quarterbacks Coach
 Mike Elston (Michigan, '98) Bob & Leslie Mohr Family Defensive Line Coach
 Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Run Game Coordinator
 Chris O'Leary (Indiana State, '14) Pat & Jana Eilers Family Defensive Backs Coach
 Safeties
 Lance Taylor (Alabama, '03) Running Backs Coach
 Run Game Coordinator
 Del Alexander (USC, '95) Wide Receivers Coach
 Jeff Quinn (Elmhurst College, '84) Offensive Line Coach
 John McNulty (Penn State, '90) Tight Ends Coach
 Mike Mickens (Cincinnati, '11) Cornerbacks Coach
 Nick Lezynski (Notre Dame, '11) Senior Analyst, Defense
 Chad Bowden (Cincinnati, '16) Senior Analyst, Defensive Recruiting Coordinator
 Dre Brown (Illinois, '19) Senior Analyst, Offensive Recruiting Coordinator
 Dean Petzing (St. Lawrence, '14) Analyst, Offense
 John Aylward (St. Anselm College, '18) Analyst, Offense
 Todd Leitschuh (Westminster College, '91) Analyst, Special Teams
 Trevor Mendelson (Marshall, '13) Graduate Assistant, Offense
 Michael Moon (Hawaii, '19) Graduate Assistant, Defense
 Gus Ragland (Miami, Ohio, '19) Graduate Assistant, Offense

IRISH BY CLASS

GRADUATES (10)

QB Jack Coan, WR Avery Davis, K/P Jonathan Doerer, DL Kurt Hinish, OL Josh Lugg, OL Cain Madden, S Isaiah Pryor, LB Adam Shibley, DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa, LB Drew White

SENIORS (25)

DL Jayson Ademilola, DL Justin Ademilola, RB Leo Albano, WR Kevin Austin Jr., LB Bo Bauer, CB TaRiq Bracy, S DJ Brown, QB Cole Capen, OL John Dirksen, RB C'Bo Flemister, CB Mike Graves, S Houston Griffith, WR Braden Lenzy, S Chase Love, WR Greg Mailey, LB Paul Moala, OL Jarrett Patterson, P Jake Rittman, WR Matt Salerno, OL Max Siegel II, LB Shayne Simon, TE George Takacs, CB Marcus Thorne, LS Michael Vinson, WR Joe Wilkins Jr.

JUNIORS (25)

S Litchfield Ajavon, LB JD Bertrand, P Jay Bramblett, OL Quinn Carroll, QB Brendon Clark, OL Zeke Correll, DL Howard Cross III, DL Osita Ekwonu, DL Isaiah Foskey, LB Colin Gutzmer, CB 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, S Eddie Scheidler, S Chris Velotta, S KJ Wallace

SOPHOMORES (22)

RB Sam Assaf, OL Tosh Baker, TE Kevin Bauman, DL Jordan Botelho, OL Michael Carmody, WR Henry Cook, DL Alexander Ehrensberger, WR Griffin Eifert, LB Giovanni Ghilotti, CB Ramon Henderson, DL Aidan Keanaina, RB Chase Ketterer, CB Clarence Lewis, TE Michael Mayer, DL Rylie Mills, CB Caleb Offord, LS Alex Peitsch, QB Drew Pyne, TE Charlie Selna, RB Chris Tyree, WR Xavier Watts, OL Brennan Wicks

FRESHMEN (28)

OL Joe Alt, CB Ryan Barnes, TE Cane Berrong, K Josh Bryan, QB Tyler Buchner, WR Deion Colzie, OL Pat Coogan, RB Logan Diggs, RB Audric Estime, TE Mitchell Evans, OL Blake Fisher, OL Caleb Johnson, CB JoJo Johnson, LB Kahanu Kia, LB Prince Kolie, DL Jason Onye, WR Jack Polian, QB Ron Powlus III, CB Philip Riley, DL Gabriel Rubio, K Chris Salerno, DL Will Schweitzer, LB Davis Sherwood, OL Rocco Spindler, WR Lorenzo Styles Jr., WR Jayden Thomas, CB Chance Tucker, S Justin Walters



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GAME 13

#5/5/5 NOTRE DAME [12-1] VS. #9/9/9 OKLAHOMA STATE [11-2, 8-1 BIG-12]

THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School	Overall	vs. Opponent
OKST	Mike Gundy	148-69 (17th Year)	148-69 (17th Year)	0-0
ND	Marcus Freeman	First Game	First Game	0-0

BY THE NUMBERS

1	The Irish are the only team in the NCAA to have two games this season with multiple defensive touchdowns against Power-5 opponents.
2	The Irish are one of two teams (Alabama) to average more than 30 points on offense and averaged fewer than 20 points allowed on defense for four consecutive years (2017-21).
5	Running back Kyren Williams surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark in the win over Stanford. He is just the fifth running back in Notre Dame history to have back-to-back seasons with 1,000 rushing yards or more.
7	The Irish won their seventh-game in a row with the win over Stanford. It is the fourth time in the last five years that the Irish have had a win streak of seven games or more.
9	The Irish have won 11 or more games for the ninth time in program history.
10.0	Defensive lineman Isaiah Foskey is tied for 16th in the NCAA with 10.0 sacks on the season. He is tied for fourth all-time for most sacks in a single season in program history.
15	The Irish are tied for 10th nationally with 15 interceptions. It is the most interceptions since 2014 when the Irish had 16.
18.2	Notre Dame is ranked ninth in the NCAA in scoring defense allowing 18.2 points per game.
21	The 2022 Fiesta Bowl marks the 21st time Notre Dame has played in a bowl game on Jan. 1.
23	The Irish have totaled 23 takeaways this season, which ranks tied for 14th nationally.
36	Notre Dame has won 36-straight games when allowing less than 20 points, dating back to 2016.
37	Thirty-seven of Michael Mayer's team-leading 64 receptions this season have resulted in a first down for the Irish.
40.0	Notre Dame ranks eighth in the NCAA with 40.0 sacks for the season. Fifteen different players have recorded a sack this season and it is one shy of the school record of 41.0 sacks from the 1996 season.
42	The Irish have won 42-consecutive games against unranked opponents dating back to the 2016 season. It is currently the longest active streak in the FBS.
54	The Irish have won 54 games over the past five seasons to set the program record for most wins over a five-year period. They surpassed the previous record of 53 from 1988-92.
60	Defensive lineman Kurt Hinish has played in 60 career games, which continues to set the all-time program record. Kicker Jonathan Doerer is second all-time with 54 games played.
64	Tight end Michael Mayer set the all-time record for most receptions by a tight end in a single season (64).

GAME INFORMATION



Saturday, January 1
1 p.m. ET

State Farm Stadium
Glendale, AZ
Capacity: 63,400 (Grass)



ESPN

Bob Wischusen (play-by-play)
Dan Orlovsky (analyst)
Kris Budden (sideline)



Notre Dame Radio Network
SiriusXM (Channel 129)
101.5 FM & 96.0 AM (South Bend)

Paul Burmeister (play-by-play)
Ryan Harris (analyst)

THE SERIES

First meeting between the two schools

2021 SCHEDULE [12-1]

Date	ND Rk	Opp Rk	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Sep. 5	7/9	RV/NR	at Florida State	Tallahassee, FL	ABC	W, 41-38 (OT)
Sep. 11	7/8		Toledo	Notre Dame, IN	PCK	W, 32-29
Sep. 18	10/12		Purdue	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 27-13
Sep. 25	10/12	15/18	vs. Wisconsin	Chicago, IL	FOX	W, 41-13
Oct. 2	7/9	7/8	vs. Cincinnati	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	L, 13-24
Oct. 9	13/14	RV/RV	at Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, VA	ACCN	W, 32-29
Oct. 23	13/13		Southern Cal	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 31-16
Oct. 30	11/11		North Carolina	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 44-34
Nov. 6	8/8/10		Navy	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 34-6
Nov. 13	7/7/9		at Virginia	Charlottesville, VA	ABC	W, 28-3
Nov. 20	6/6/8		Georgia Tech	Notre Dame, IN	NBC	W, 55-0
Nov. 27	5/5/6		at Stanford	Stanford, CA	FOX	W, 45-14
Jan. 1	5/5/5	9/9/9	vs. Oklahoma St.	Glendale, AZ	ESPN	1 p.m. ET

Rankings: Highest listed first (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
53	College Football Hall of Famers – Aaron Taylor (1990-93) was a 2021 inductee
106	Consensus All-Americans – most recent Kyle Hamilton (2021)
950 ⁺	All-time wins – second in college football history.
.733 ⁺	All-time winning percentage – the best in college football history.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Ac.	Elg.	Hometown/High School
57	Jayson Ademilola	DL	6-3	280	Sr.	Sr.	Jackson, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
9	Justin Ademilola	DL	6-1 3/4	255	Sr.	Jr.	Jackson, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
4	Litchfield Ajavon	S	6-0 3/8	193	Jr.	So.	Baltimore, MD/Episcopal
33	Leo Albano	RB	6-1	225	Sr.	Jr.	Charleston, SC/Bishop England
76	Joe Alt	OL	6-7 3/8	305	Fr.	Fr.	North Oaks, MN/Totino-Grace
38	Sam Assaf	RB	6-1	210	So.	So.	Atlanta, GA/Pace Academy
42	Marty Auer	S	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	Glenview, IL/Loyola Academy
4	Kevin Austin Jr.	WR	6-2	215	Sr.	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL/North Broward Prep
79	Tosh Baker	OL	6-8	307	So.	Fr.	Scottsdale, AZ/Pinnacle
15	Ryan Barnes	CB	6-1 7/8	187	Fr.	Fr.	Gaithersburg, MD/Quince Orchard
52	Bo Bauer	LB	6-2 3/4	233	Sr.	Sr.	Harborcreek, PA/Cathedral Prep
84	Kevin Bauman	TE	6-4 1/2	242	So.	Fr.	Red Bank, NJ/Red Bank Catholic
80	Cane Berrong	TE	6-3 1/2	235	Fr.	Fr.	Hartwell, GA/Hart County Comprehensive
27	JD Bertrand	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	So.	Alpharetta, GA/Blessed Trinity
12	Jordan Botelho	DL	6-2 1/2	245	So.	So.	Honolulu, HI/Saint Louis
28	TaRiq Bracy	CB	5-10 1/2	177	Sr.	Sr.	Milpitas, CA/Milpitas
19	Jay Bramblett	P	6-1 1/2	197	Jr.	Jr.	Tuscaloosa, AL/Hillcrest
2	DJ Brown	S	6-0 3/8	200	Sr.	Jr.	Annapolis, MD/St. John's College
91	Josh Bryan	K	5-11 1/2	183	Fr.	Fr.	Valencia, CA/Sierra Canyon
12	Tyler Buchner	QB	6-1	215	Fr.	Fr.	San Diego, CA/Helix
8	Cole Capen	QB	6-4 1/2	232	Sr.	Jr.	Yorba Linda, CA/Orange Lutheran
68	Michael Carmody	OL	6-5 1/2	290	So.	Fr.	Mars, PA/Mars Area
77	Quinn Carroll	OL	6-6 3/8	313	Jr.	So.	Edina, MN/Edina
17	Jack Coan	QB	6-3 1/4	223	Gr.	Sr.	Sayville, NY/Sayville/Wisconsin
16	Deion Colzie	WR	6-4 1/4	207	Fr.	Fr.	McDonough, GA/Athens Academy
78	Pat Coogan	OL	6-5 1/2	305	Fr.	Fr.	Palos Heights, IL/Marist
37	Henry Cook	WR	5-10	182	So.	Fr.	Shaker Heights, OH/St. Ignatius
52	Zeke Correll	OL	6-3	295	Jr.	So.	Cincinnati, OH/Anderson
56	Howard Cross III	DL	6-0 7/8	275	Jr.	So.	Paramus, NJ/Saint Joseph Regional
3	Avery Davis	WR	5-11	202	Gr.	Sr.	Cedar Hill, TX/Cedar Hill
22	Logan Diggs	RB	6-0	206	Fr.	Fr.	Marrero, LA/Archbishop Rummel
56	John Dirksen	OL	6-5 1/8	306	Sr.	Jr.	Maria Stein, OH/Marion Local
39	Jonathan Doerer	K/P	6-3	197	Gr.	*Sr.	Charlotte, NC/South Mecklenburg
90	Alexander Ehrensberger	DL	6-6 7/8	255	So.	Fr.	Dusseldorf, Germany/Theodor-Fliedner Gymnasium
28	Griffin Eifert	WR	6-0 1/2	200	So.	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger
34	Osita Ekwonu	DL	6-0 3/4	236	Jr.	So.	Charlotte, NC/Providence Day School
24	Audric Estime	RB	5-11 1/2	228	Fr.	Fr.	Nyack, NY/St. Joseph Regional
88	Mitchell Evans	TE	6-5 1/2	250	Fr.	Fr.	Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth
54	Blake Fisher	OL	6-6	335	Fr.	Fr.	Avon, IN/Avon
20	C'Bo Flemister	RB	5-11 1/4	201	Sr.	Jr.	Williamson, GA/Pike County
7	Isaiah Foskey	DL	6-5	260	Jr.	So.	Antioch, CA/De La Salle
42	Giovanni Ghilotti	LB	6-2 1/2	232	So.	Fr.	Greenbrae, CA/Marin Catholic
49	Mike Graves	S	5-7 7/8	190	Sr.	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA/Loyola
3	Houston Griffith	S	6-0 1/4	202	Sr.	Sr.	Chicago, IL/IMG Academy (FL)
45	Colin Gutzmer	LB	6-0 1/2	230	Jr.	Jr.	Marietta, GA/Westminster School
5	Cam Hart	CB	6-2 1/2	205	Jr.	So.	Baltimore, MD/Good Counsel
93	Zane Heemsoth	DL	6-5	245	Jr.	So.	Elmhurst, IL/York
11	Ramon Henderson	CB	6-1	190	So.	So.	Bakersfield, CA/Liberty
41	Kurt Hinish	DL	6-1 3/4	300	Gr.	*Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic
72	Caleb Johnson	OL	6-5 1/2	287	Jr.	Fr.	Ocala, FL/Trinity Catholic
20	JoJo Johnson	CB	5-10 7/8	191	Fr.	Fr.	Merrillville, IN/Merrillville
92	Aidan Keanaaina	DL	6-3	310	So.	Fr.	Brighton, CO/J.K. Mullen
27	Chase Ketterer	RB	5-11 1/2	203	So.	Fr.	New Carlisle, IN/New Prairie
13	Lawrence Keys III	WR	5-10 3/8	176	Sr.	Jr.	New Orleans, LA/McDonogh 35
44	Kahanu Kia	DL	6-1 3/8	217	Fr.	Fr.	Kahneoe, HI/Punahou
24	Jack Kiser	LB	6-1 1/2	222	Jr.	So.	Royal Center, IN/Pioneer
32	Prince Kollie	LB	6-0 1/2	222	Jr.	Fr.	Jonesborough, TN/David Crockett
73	Andrew Kristofic	OL	6-5 1/4	295	Jr.	So.	Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland
54	Jacob Lacey	DL	6-1 1/2	275	Jr.	Jr.	Bowling Green, KY/South Warren
0	Braden Lenzy	WR	5-11 1/2	182	Sr.	Jr.	Tigard, OR/Tigard Senior

57	Jayson Ademilola	add-ah-ME-low-la
9	Justin Ademilola	add-ah-ME-low-la
4	Litchfield Ajavon	adge-AH-von
33	Leo Albano	al-BAHN-o
38	Sam Assaf	Aye-saff
84	Kevin Bauman	Bow (take a bow)-man
80	Cane Berrong	Burr-ong
12	Jordan Botelho	Bo-tell-o
28	TaRiq Bracy	tuh-Rlque
12	Tyler Buchner	Buck-ner
8	Cole Capen	Cape-un
17	Jack Coan	Cone

78	Pat Coogan	Cooo-gun
52	Zeke Correll	Core-ell
39	Jonathan Doerer	DOOR-er
90	Alexander Ehrensberger	Air-ens-ber-ger
28	Griffin Eifert	Eye-fert
34	Osita Ekwonu	oh-SEE-tuh e-KWAN-ooo
24	Audric Estime	ES-tim-MAY
20	C'Bo Flemister	SEE-bo
11	Ramon Henderson	RAH-moan
29	Khari Gee	CAR-ee G
41	Kurt Hinish	HI-nish

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Ac.	Elg.	Hometown/High School
98	Harrison Leonard	K/P	5-10 3/8	193	Jr.	So.	Jamestown, RI/Avon Old Farms School
6	Clarence Lewis	CB	5-11 1/2	198	So.	So.	Edison, NJ/Mater Dei
50	Barrett Liebentritt	LB	6-0	209	Fr.	Fr.	Omaha, NE/Skutt Catholic
8	Marist Liufau	LB	6-2 1/4	229	Jr.	So.	Kalihi, HI/Punahou
37	Chase Love	S	6-0 1/4	197	Sr.	Jr.	Chicago Heights, IL/Marian Catholic
75	Josh Lugg	OL	6-6 3/8	305	Gr.	Sr.	Wexford, PA/North Allegheny Senior
62	Cain Madden	OL	6-2 1/2	310	Gr.	*Sr.	South Webster, OH/Minford/Marshall
43	Greg Mailey	WR	6-1	203	Sr.	Jr.	Hudson, OH/Hudson
87	Michael Mayer	TE	6-4 1/2	251	So.	So.	Independence, KY/Covington Catholic
99	Rylie Mills	DL	6-5 1/8	283	So.	So.	Lake Bluff, IL/Lake Forest
13	Paul Moala	LB	5-11 1/2	222	Sr.	Jr.	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
53	Quinn Murphy	OL	6-5 1/4	305	Jr.	So.	Duxbury, MA/Duxbury
21	Caleb Offord	CB	6-1	192	So.	Fr.	Southaven, MS/Southaven
47	Jason Onye	DL	6-4 1/2	289	Fr.	Fr.	North Providence, RI/Bishop Hendricken
31	Nana Osafo-Mensah	DL	6-3 1/2	250	Jr.	So.	Fort Worth, TX/Nolan Catholic
55	Jarrett Patterson	OL	6-4 1/2	307	Sr.	Jr.	Laguna Hills, CA/Mission Viejo
44	Alex Peitsch	LS	6-1 1/2	210	So.	Fr.	Ellicott City, MD/St. John's College
81	Jack Polian	WR	6-0 1/8	174	Fr.	Fr.	Ponte Vedra, FL/Ponte Vedra
11	Ron Powluis III	QB	6-2 3/4	225	Fr.	Fr.	Granger, IN/Penn
10	Isaiah Pryor	LB	6-1 1/2	217	Gr.	Sr.	Lawrenceville, GA/IMG Academy (FL)/Ohio St.
10	Drew Pyne	QB	5-11 1/2	200	So.	Fr.	New Canaan, CT/New Canaan
86	Conor Ratigan	WR	5-11 3/8	182	Jr.	So.	Granger, IN/St. Joseph
25	Philip Riley	CB	5-11 1/2	202	Fr.	Fr.	Riverview, FL/Bloomingdale
30	Jack Rittman	P	6-2 1/4	210	Sr.	Jr.	Lawrence, KS/Free State
97	Gabriel Rubio	DL	6-5 3/4	290	Fr.	Fr.	St. Louis, MO/Lutheran of St. Charles County
32	Chris Salerno	K	5-10 1/2	186	Fr.	Fr.	Valencia, CA/Crespi Carmelite
29	Matt Salerno	WR	6-0 3/8	199	Sr.	Jr.	Valencia, CA/Crespi Carmelite
35	Hakim Sanfo	TE	6-4 3/8	224	Fr.	Fr.	Alexandria, VA/Mount Vernon
36	Eddie Scheidler	S	5-9 1/2	185	Jr.	So.	Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest
48	Will Schweitzer	DL	6-4	225	Fr.	Fr.	Los Gatos, CA/Los Gatos
89	Charlie Selna	TE	6-6 1/2	252	So.	Fr.	Atherton, CA/Sacred Heart Prep
38	Davis Sherwood	LB	6-3	228	Fr.	Fr.	Hightstown, NJ/Good Counsel
46	Adam Shibley	LB	6-0 1/2	225	Gr.	Sr.	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius/Michigan
64	Max Siegel II	OL	6-1 3/8	290	Sr.	Jr.	Fishers, IN/Brebeuf Jesuit
33	Shayne Simon	LB	6-2 3/4	233	Sr.	Sr.	West Orange, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
50	Rocco Spindler	OL	6-4 3/8	300	Fr.	Fr.	Clarkston, MI/Clarkston
21	Lorenzo Styles	WR	6-1 1/2	195	Fr.	Fr.	Pickerington, OH/Pickerington Central
95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	DL	6-2 1/2	268	Gr.	Sr.	Ewa Beach, HI/Kapole
85	George Takacs	TE	6-6	247	Sr.	Jr.	Naples, FL/Gulf Coast
83	Jayden Thomas	WR	6-1 1/2	215	Fr.	Fr.	Paulding County, GA/Pace Academy
43	Marcus Thorne	CB	6-0 7/8	205	Sr.	Jr.	Washington, IN/Washington
18	Chance Tucker	CB	5-11 3/4	183	Fr.	Fr.	Encino, CA/Crespi Carmelite
25	Chris Tyree	RB	5-9 1/2	190	So.	So.	Chester, VA/Thomas Dale
30	Chris Velotta	S	5-8 7/8	195	Jr.	So.	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius
65	Michael Vinson	LS	6-2	230	Sr.	Jr.	Winnetka, IL/New Trier
16	KJ Wallace	S	5-10 1/4	185	Jr.	So.	Atlanta, GA/The Lovett School
22	Justin Walters	S	6-0 3/8	188	Fr.	Fr.	Bolingbrook, IL/Bolingbrook
26	Xavier Watts	LB	5-11 3/4	195	So.	Fr.	Omaha, NE/Harry A. Burke
40	Drew White	LB	6-0 1/4	228	Gr.	Sr.	Boca Raton, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
71	Brennan Wicks	OL	6-5	310	So.	Fr.	Forestville, MD/Bishop McNamara
5	Joe Wilkins Jr.	WR	6-1 1/2	195	Sr.	Jr.	North Fort Myers, FL/North Fort Myers
31	Tyler Wilson	CB	5-9 3/8	195	Jr.	Jr.	New Orleans, LA/St. Augustine
39	Andrew Yanoshak	TE	6-1 7/8	233	Fr.	Fr.	Bedford, PA/Bishop Guilfoyle

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7	Isaiah Foskey	Foss key
42	Giovanni Ghilotti	Gio-vahnni Juh-lot-ee
92	Aidan Keanaaina	Key-aw-nah-eye-nah
44	Kahanu Kia	kuh-HAWN-ooo KEY-uh
73	Andrew Kristofic	kris-TAH-fik
8	Marist Liufau	lee-UH-fow
87	Michael Mayer	Mayor
13	Paul Moala	mo-ALA
47	Jason Onye	own-yay
31	Nana Osafo-Mensah	nah-nah oh-SAH-fo MEN-suh
44	Alex Peitsch	Pie-sh
11	Ron Powluis III	PAUL-us
36	Eddie Scheidler	SHIDE-ler
48	Will Schweitzer	Sh-white-zer
50	Rocco Spindler	Rock-o
95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	tounge-uh-vai-LO-uah uh-MOE-suh
85	George Takacs	tak-ISS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Elg.	Hometown/High School
0	Braden Lenzy	WR	5-11 ¾	182	Sr.	Jr.	Tigard, OR/Tigard Senior
2	DJ Brown	S	6-0 ¾	200	Sr.	Jr.	Annapolis, MD/St. John's College
3	Avery Davis	WR	5-11	202	Gr.	Sr.	Cedar Hill, TX/Cedar Hill
3	Houston Griffith	S	6-0 ¼	202	Sr.	Sr.	Chicago, IL/IMG Academy (FL)
4	Litchfield Ajavon	S	6-0 ¾	193	Jr.	So.	Baltimore, MD/Episcopal
4	Kevin Austin Jr.	WR	6-2	215	Sr.	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL/North Broward Prep
5	Cam Hart	CB	6-2 ½	205	Jr.	So.	Baltimore, MD/Good Counsel
5	Joe Wilkins Jr.	WR	6-1 ½	195	Sr.	Jr.	North Fort Myers, FL/North Fort Myers
6	Clarence Lewis	CB	5-11 ½	198	So.	So.	Edison, NJ/Mater Dei
7	Isaiah Foskey	DL	6-5	260	Jr.	So.	Antioch, CA/De La Salle
8	Cole Capen	QB	6-4 ½	232	Sr.	Jr.	Yorba Linda, CA/Orange Lutheran
8	Marist Liufau	LB	6-2 ¼	229	Jr.	So.	Kalihi, HI/Punahou
9	Justin Ademilola	DL	6-1 ¾	255	Sr.	Jr.	Jackson, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
10	Isaiah Pryor	LB	6-1 ½	217	Gr.	Sr.	Lawrenceville, GA/IMG Academy (FL)/Ohio St.
10	Drew Pyne	QB	5-11 ½	200	So.	Fr.	New Canaan, CT/New Canaan
11	Ramon Henderson	CB	6-1	190	So.	So.	Bakersfield, CA/Liberty
11	Ron Powulus III	QB	6-2 ¾	225	Fr.	Fr.	Granger, IN/Penn
12	Jordan Botelho	DL	6-2 ½	245	So.	So.	Honolulu, HI/Saint Louis
12	Tyler Buchner	QB	6-1	215	Fr.	Fr.	San Diego, CA/Helix
13	Paul Moala	LB	5-11 ½	222	Sr.	Jr.	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
15	Ryan Barnes	CB	6-1 ¾	187	Fr.	Fr.	Gaithersburg, MD/Quince Orchard
16	Deion Colzie	WR	6-4 ¼	207	Fr.	Fr.	McDonough, GA/Athens Academy
16	KJ Wallace	S	5-10 ¼	185	Jr.	So.	Atlanta, GA/The Lovett School
17	Jack Coan	QB	6-3 ¼	223	Gr.	Sr.	Sayville, NY/Sayville/Wisconsin
18	Chance Tucker	CB	5-11 ¾	183	Fr.	Fr.	Encino, CA/Crespi Carmelite
19	Jay Bramblett	P	6-1 ½	197	Jr.	Jr.	Tuscaloosa, AL/Hillcrest
20	C'Bo Flemister	RB	5-11 ¼	201	Sr.	Jr.	Williamson, GA/Pike County
20	JoJo Johnson	CB	5-10 ¾	191	Fr.	Fr.	Merrillville, IN/Merrillville
21	Caleb Offord	CB	6-1	192	So.	Fr.	Southaven, MS/Southaven
21	Lorenzo Styles	WR	6-1 ½	195	Fr.	Fr.	Pickerington, OH/Pickerington Central
22	Logan Diggs	RB	6-0	206	Fr.	Fr.	Marrero, LA/Archbishop Rummel
22	Justin Walters	S	6-0 ¾	188	Fr.	Fr.	Bolingbrook, IL/Bolingbrook
24	Audric Estime	RB	5-11 ½	228	Fr.	Fr.	Nyack, NY/St. Joseph Regional
24	Jack Kiser	LB	6-1 ¾	222	Jr.	So.	Royal Center, IN/Pioneer
25	Philip Riley	CB	5-11 ½	202	Fr.	Fr.	Riverview, FL/Bloomington
25	Chris Tyree	RB	5-9 ½	190	So.	So.	Chester, VA/Thomas Dale
26	Xavier Watts	LB	5-11 ¾	195	So.	Fr.	Omaha, NE/Harry A. Burke
27	JD Bertrand	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	So.	Alpharetta, GA/Blessed Trinity
27	Chase Ketterer	RB	5-11 ¾	203	So.	Fr.	New Carlisle, IN/New Prairie
28	TaRiq Bracy	CB	5-10 ¾	177	Sr.	Sr.	Milpitas, CA/Milpitas
28	Griffin Eifert	WR	6-0 ½	200	So.	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger
29	Matt Salerno	WR	6-0 ¾	199	Sr.	Jr.	Valencia, CA/Crespi Carmelite
30	Jake Rittman	P	6-2 ¼	210	Sr.	Jr.	Lawrence, KS/Free State
30	Chris Velotta	S	5-8 ¾	195	Jr.	So.	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius
31	Nana Osafo-Mensah	DL	6-3 ¼	250	Jr.	So.	Fort Worth, TX/Nolan Catholic
31	Tyler Wilson	CB	5-9 ¾	195	Jr.	Jr.	New Orleans, LA/St. Augustine
32	Prince Kolie	LB	6-0 ½	222	Fr.	Fr.	Jonesborough, TN/David Crockett
32	Chris Salerno	K	5-10 ½	186	Fr.	Fr.	Valencia, CA/Crespi Carmelite
33	Leo Albano	RB	6-1	225	Sr.	Jr.	Charleston, SC/Bishop England
33	Shayne Simon	LB	6-2 3/4	233	Sr.	Sr.	West Orange, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
34	Osita Ekwonu	DL	6-0 ¾	236	Jr.	So.	Charlotte, NC/Providence Day School
35	Hakim Sanfo	TE	6-4 ¾	224	Fr.	Fr.	Alexandria, VA/Mount Vernon
36	Eddie Scheidler	S	5-9 ½	185	Jr.	So.	Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest
37	Henry Cook	WR	5-10	182	So.	Fr.	Shaker Heights, OH/St. Ignatius
37	Chase Love	S	6-0 ¼	197	Sr.	Jr.	Chicago Heights, IL/Marian Catholic
38	Sam Assaf	RB	6-1	210	So.	So.	Atlanta, GA/Pace Academy
38	Davis Sherwood	LB	6-3	228	Fr.	Fr.	Hightstown, NJ/Good Counsel
39	Jonathan Doerer	K/P	6-3	197	Gr.	*Sr.	Charlotte, NC/South Mecklenburg
39	Andrew Yanoshak	TE	6-1 ¾	233	Fr.	Fr.	Bedford, PA/Bishop Guilfoyle
40	Drew White	LB	6-0 ¼	228	Gr.	Sr.	Boca Raton, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Elg.	Hometown/High School
41	Kurt Hinish	DL	6-1 ¾	300	Gr.	*Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic
42	Marty Auer	S	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	Glenview, IL/Loyola Academy
42	Giovanni Ghilotti	LB	6-4 ¾	232	So.	Fr.	Greenbrae, CA/Marin Catholic
43	Greg Mailey	WR	6-1	203	Sr.	Jr.	Hudson, OH/Hudson
43	Marcus Thorne	CB	6-0 ¾	205	Sr.	Jr.	Washington, IN/Washington
44	Kahanu Kia	DL	6-1 ¾	217	Fr.	Fr.	Kahnehoe, HI/Punahou
44	Alex Peitsch	LS	6-1 ½	210	So.	Fr.	Ellicott City, MD/St. John's College
45	Colin Gutzmer	LB	6-0 ¾	226	Jr.	Jr.	Marietta, GA/Westminster School
46	Adam Shibley	LB	6-0 ¾	225	Gr.	Sr.	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius/Michigan
47	Jason Onye	DL	6-4 ½	289	Fr.	Fr.	North Providence, RI/Bishop Hendricken
48	Will Schweitzer	DL	6-4	225	Fr.	Fr.	Los Gatos, CA/Los Gatos
49	Mike Graves	S	5-7 ¾	190	Sr.	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA/Loyola
50	Barrett Liebentritt	LB	6-0	209	Fr.	Fr.	Omaha, NE/Skutt Catholic
50	Rocco Spindler	OL	6-4 ¾	300	Fr.	Fr.	Clarkston, MI/Clarkston
52	Bo Bauer	LB	6-2 ¾	233	Sr.	Sr.	Harborcreek, PA/Cathedral Prep
52	Zeke Correll	OL	6-3	295	Jr.	So.	Cincinnati, OH/Anderson
53	Quinn Murphy	OL	6-5 ¼	305	Jr.	So.	Duxbury, MA/Duxbury
54	Blake Fisher	DL	6-6	335	Fr.	Fr.	Avon, IN/Avon
54	Jacob Lacey	DL	6-1 ¾	275	Jr.	Jr.	Bowling Green, KY/South Warren
55	Jarrett Patterson	OL	6-4 ½	307	Sr.	Jr.	Laguna Hills, CA/Mission Viejo
56	Howard Cross III	DL	6-0 ¾	275	Jr.	So.	Paramus, NJ/Saint Joseph Regional
56	John Dirksen	OL	6-5 ½	306	Sr.	Jr.	Maria Stein, OH/Marion Local
57	Jayson Ademilola	DL	6-3	280	Sr.	Sr.	Jackson, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
62	Cain Madden	OL	6-2 ½	310	Gr.	*Sr.	South Webster, OH/Minford/Marshall
64	Max Siegel II	OL	6-1 ¾	290	Sr.	Jr.	Fishers, IN/Brebeuf Jesuit
65	Michael Vinson	LS	6-2	230	Sr.	Jr.	Winnetka, IL/New Trier
68	Michael Carmody	OL	6-5 ½	290	So.	Fr.	Mars, PA/Mars Area
71	Brennan Wicks	OL	6-5	310	So.	Fr.	Forestville, MD/Bishop McNamara
72	Caleb Johnson	OL	6-5 ¾	287	Fr.	Fr.	Ocala, FL/Trinity Catholic
73	Andrew Kristofic	OL	6-5 ¼	295	Jr.	So.	Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland
75	Josh Lugg	OL	6-6 ¾	305	Gr.	Sr.	Wexford, PA/North Allegheny Senior
76	Joe Alt	OL	6-7 ¾	305	Fr.	Fr.	North Oaks, MN/Totino-Grace
77	Quinn Carroll	OL	6-6 ¾	313	Jr.	So.	Edina, MN/Edina
78	Pat Coogan	OL	6-5 ½	305	Fr.	Fr.	Palos Heights, IL/Marist
79	Tosh Baker	OL	6-8	307	So.	Fr.	Scottsdale, AZ/Pinnacle
80	Cane Berrong	TE	6-3 ½	235	Fr.	Fr.	Hartwell, GA/Hart County Comprehensive
81	Jack Polian	WR	6-0 ¾	174	Fr.	Fr.	Ponte Vedra, FL/Ponte Vedra
83	Jayden Thomas	WR	6-1 ½	215	Fr.	Fr.	Paulding County, GA/Pace Academy
84	Kevin Bauman	TE	6-4 ½	242	So.	Fr.	Red Bank, NJ/Red Bank Catholic
85	George Takacs	TE	6-6	247	Sr.	Jr.	Naples, FL/Gulf Coast
86	Conor Ratigan	WR	5-11 ¾	182	Jr.	So.	Granger, IN/St. Joseph
87	Michael Mayer	TE	6-4 ½	251	So.	So.	Independence, KY/Covington Catholic
88	Mitchell Evans	TE	6-5 ½	250	Fr.	Fr.	Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth
89	Charlie Selna	TE	6-6 ¾	252	So.	Fr.	Atherton, CA/Sacred Heart Prep
90	Alexander Ehrensberger	DL	6-6 ¾	255	So.	Fr.	Dusseldorf, Germany/Theodor-Fledner Gymnasium
91	Josh Bryan	K	5-11 ¾	183	Fr.	Fr.	Valencia, CA/Sierra Canyon
92	Aidan Keanaaina	DL	6-3	310	So.	Fr.	Brighton, CO/J.K. Mullen
93	Zane Heemsoth	DL	6-5	245	Jr.	So.	Elmhurst, IL/York
95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	DL	6-2 ½	268	Gr.	Sr.	Ewa Beach, HI/Kapole
97	Gabriel Rubio	DL	6-5 ¼	290	Fr.	Fr.	St. Louis, MO/Lutheran of St. Charles County
98	Harrison Leonard	K/P	5-10 ¾	193	Jr.	So.	Jamestown, RI/Avon Old Farms School
99	Rylie Mills	DL	6-5 ½	283	So.	So.	Lake Bluff, IL/Lake Forest

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57	Jayson Ademilola	add-ah-ME-low-la
9	Justin Ademilola	add-ah-ME-low-la
4	Litchfield Ajavon	adge-AH-von
33	Leo Albano	al-BAHN-o
38	Sam Assaf	Aye-saff
84	Kevin Bauman	Bow (take a bow)-man
80	Cane Berrong	Burr-ong
12	Jordan Botelho	Bo-tell-o
28	TaRiq Bracy	tuh-Rlque
12	Tyler Buchner	Buck-ner
8	Cole Capen	Cape-un
17	Jack Coan	Cone

78	Pat Coogan	Cooo-gun
52	Zeke Correll	Core-ell
39	Jonathan Doerer	DOOR-er
90	Alexander Ehrensberger	Air-ens-ber-ger
28	Griffin Eifert	Eye-fert
34	Osita Ekwonu	oh-SEE-tuh e-KWAN-ooo
24	Audric Estime	ES-tim-MAY
20	C'Bo Flemister	SEE-bo
11	Ramon Henderson	RAH-moan
29	Khari Gee	CAR-ee G
41	Kurt Hinish	HI-nish

7	Isaiah Foskey	Foss key
42	Giovanni Ghilotti	Gio-vahnni Juh-lot-ee
69	Aidan Keanaaina	Key -aw-nah-eye-nah
44	Kahanu Kia	kuh-HAWN-ooo KEY-uh
73	Andrew Kristofic	kris-TAH-fik
8	Marist Liufau	lee-UH-fow
87	Michael Mayer	Mayor
13	Paul Moala	mo-ALA
47	Jason Onye	own-yay
31	Nana Osafo-Mensah	nah-nah oh-SAH-fu MEN-suh
44	Alex Peitsch	Pie-sh

11	Ron Powulus III	PAUL-us
36	Eddie Scheidler	SHIDE-ler
48	Will Schweitzer	Sh-white-zer
50	Rocco Spindler	Rock-o
95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	tounge-uh-vai-LO-uh uh-MOE-suh
85	George Takacs	tak-ISS

NOTRE DAME OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
WR	4	Kevin Austin Jr.	6-2	215	Sr.	Jr.
	16	Deion Colzie	6-4 ¾	195	Fr.	Fr.
WR	21	Lorenzo Styles	6-1 1/8	195	Fr.	Fr.
	29	Matt Salerno	6-0 5/8	199	Sr.	Jr.
LT	76	Joe Alt	6-7 ¾	305	Fr.	Fr.
	79	Tosh Baker	6-8	307	So.	Fr.
LG	73	Andrew Kristofic	6-4 ¼	295	Jr.	So.
	52	Zeke Correll	6-3	295	Jr.	So.
	50	Rocco Spindler	6-4 ¾	300	Fr.	Fr.
C	55	Jarrett Patterson	6-4 ½	307	Sr.	Jr.
	78	Pat Coogan	6-5 ½	305	Fr.	Fr.
RG	62	Cain Madden	6-2 ½	310	Gr.	*Sr.
	56	John Dirksen	6-5 ½	306	Sr.	Jr.
RT	54	Blake Fisher	6-6	335	Fr.	Fr.
	77	Quinn Carroll	6-6 ¾	313	Jr.	So.
TE	87	Michael Mayer	6-4 ½	251	So.	So.
	85	George Takacs	6-6	247	Sr.	Jr.
	88	Mitchell Evans	6-7 ½	250	Fr.	Fr.
WR	0	Braden Lenzy	5-11 ¾	182	Sr.	Jr.
	83	Jayden Thomas	6-1 ½	215	Fr.	Fr.
QB	17	Jack Coan	6-3 ¼	223	Gr.	Sr.
	10	Drew Pyne	5-11 ½	200	So.	Fr.
or	12	Tyler Buchner	6-1	215	Fr.	Fr.
RB	25	Chris Tyree	5-9 ½	190	So.	So.
or	22	Logan Diggs	6-0	206	Fr.	Fr.

NOTRE DAME DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
VYP	7	Isaiah Foskey	6-5	260	Jr.	So.
	9	Justin Ademilola	6-1 ¾	255	Sr.	Jr.
	48	Will Schweitzer	6-4	225	Fr.	Fr.
DT	57	Jayson Ademilola	6-3	280	Sr.	Sr.
	99	Rylie Mills	6-5 ½	283	So.	So.
or	56	Howard Cross III	6-0 7/8	275	Jr.	So.
NG	41	Kurt Hinish	6-1 ¾	300	Gr.	*Sr.
	56	Howard Cross III	6-0 7/8	275	Jr.	So.
or	54	Jacob Lacey	6-1 ¾	275	Jr.	Jr.
DE	95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	6-2 ½	268	Gr.	Sr.
	31	Nana Osafo-Mensah	6-3 ¾	250	Jr.	So.
or	90	Alexander Ehrensberger	6-6 ½	255	So.	Fr.
WILL	27	JD Bertrand	6-1	230	Jr.	So.
	32	Prince Kollie	6-2 ½	222	Fr.	Fr.
MIKE	40	Drew White	6-0 ¼	228	Gr.	Sr.
	52	Bo Bauer	6-2 ¾	233	Gr.	Sr.
ROV	24	Jack Kiser	6-1 ¾	222	Jr.	So.
	10	Isaiah Pryor	6-1 ½	217	Gr.	Sr.
	12	Jordan Botelho	6-2 1/2	245	So.	So.
CB	5	Cam Hart	6-2 ½	205	Jr.	So.
	15	Ryan Barnes	6-1 ¾	187	Fr.	Fr.
FS	11	Ramon Henderson	6-2 ½	207	So.	So.
	26	Xavier Watts	5-11 ½	195	So.	Fr.
SS	3	Houston Griffith	6-0 ¼	202	Gr.	Sr.
	2	DJ Brown	6-0 ¾	200	Sr.	Jr.
CB	6	Clarence Lewis	5-11 ½	193	So.	So.
	28	TaRiq Bracy	5-10 ½	177	Sr.	Sr.

NOTRE DAME SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
KO	39	Jonathan Doerer	6-3	197	Gr.	*Sr.
	91	Josh Bryan	5-11 ¾	183	Fr.	Fr.
PK	39	Jonathan Doerer	6-3	197	Gr.	*Sr.
	91	Josh Bryan	5-11 ¾	183	Fr.	Fr.
P	19	Jay Bramblett	6-1 ½	197	Jr.	Jr.
	39	Jonathan Doerer	6-3	197	Gr.	*Sr.
LS	65	Michael Vinson	6-2	230	Sr.	Jr.
	44	Alex Peitsch	6-1 ½	210	So.	Fr.

NOTRE DAME SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Elig.*
HLD	19	Jay Bramblett	6-1 ½	197	Jr.	Jr.
	30	Jake Rittman	6-2 ½	210	Sr.	Jr.
PR	29	Matt Salerno	6-0 ¾	199	Sr.	Jr.
KR	25	Chris Tyree	5-9 ½	190	So.	So.
	29	Matt Salerno	6-0 ¾	199	Sr.	Jr.

* - Super Senior

Note: Class years are academic enrollment; Eligibility is in regards to on the field.

FIESTA BOWL - THE LAST TIME

- January 1, 2016 - Ohio State 44, Notre Dame 28: Ezekiel 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. The Fighting Irish had some good offensive moments behind DeShone Kizer but 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. 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. 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.

FIESTA BOWL SERIES HISTORY

NOTRE DAME (1-4)

Location	Year	Score
Sun Devil Stadium	1988	ND 34, WVU 21
Sun Devil Stadium	1994	Colorado 41, ND 24
Sun Devil Stadium	2000	Oregon St. 41, ND 9
Sun Devil Stadium	2005	Ohio State 34, ND 20
University of Phoenix Stadium	2016	Ohio State 44, ND 28

OKLAHOMA STATE CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame running backs coach **Lance Taylor** was a wide receiver at Alabama from 2000-03. During the 2001-02 seasons, Oklahoma State offensive analyst Chris Thurmond was on the Crimson Tide coaching staff as the cornerbacks coach.

CREATING HAVOC

- Under **Marcus Freeman's** tutelage, the Irish defense has been one of the nation's best at creating havoc plays this season, as Notre Dame has totaled 40.0 sacks this season, which ranks eighth in the NCAA.
- The Irish are sixth in the nation in sacks per game with 3.33.
- The 40 sacks are the most in a single season since 1996, when the Irish set the program record for most sacks in a single season with 41.
- 15 different players have recorded a sack this season after **Isaiah Pryor** and **Alexander Ehrensberger** got their first sacks of the season against Georgia Tech.
- Notre Dame has been stingy in allowing points this season. They rank ninth in scoring defense by limiting opponents to 18.2 points per game this season.
- The Irish defense has also been adept at taking the ball away with 23 takeaways, a number that ranks 14th in the NCAA.
- Of those 23 takeaways, the Irish have tallied 15 interceptions from nine different players after Ramon Henderson tallied his first career interception against Virginia.
- The 15 interceptions are tied for 10th in the NCAA. It is the most interceptions since 2014 when the Irish had 16 that season.
- The nine players with an interception is the most since 2014 when they also had nine different players with interceptions.
- The defense has also been able to find the endzone this season with four defensive scores. The four touchdowns are tied for sixth nationally.
- The Irish also rank in the top-20 in third down conversion percentage defense (17th - 32.9%) and first down defense (18th - 211).
- Kyle Hamilton** and **DJ Brown** both lead the team with three interceptions each.
- Hamilton** and **Cam Hart** both had two interceptions in a game this season, the first time since 2018 that the Irish have had two players with two interceptions in a game in the same season (**Jalen Elliott** and **Alohi Gilman**).
- The depth of the defense has been on full display as 21 different players have recorded a tackle-for-loss this season.

BE LIKE MIKE

- Tight end **Michael Mayer** is one of the best tight ends in the country, as he ranks first among Power-5 tight ends in receptions and receiving yards per game. He is first in receptions (64), receiving yards (768) and first in receiving yards per game (69.8).
- Mayer** set the program record for most receptions in a single season by a tight end (64) after his nine receptions, 105 yards and a touchdown in the win over Stanford.
- He also tied the Notre Dame record for most receptions in a single game by a tight end. He tied his previous mark against Florida State and **Cole Kmet's** that was set against Georgia in 2019.

- It was the sixth game this season he has brought in seven or more receptions and also the sixth game he has led the team in receptions.
- For the season, 37 of **Mayer's** 64 receptions have resulted in a first down for the Irish.
- Mayer** hauled in his fifth touchdown of the season on a career-long 52-yard pass in the home finale win over Georgia Tech.
- Mayer** led the Irish with team-highs in receptions (7) and receiving yards (84) while adding one score in the road win over Virginia.
- Mayer** joined **Ken MacAfee** and **Tyler Eifert** as the only Notre Dame tight ends with 50 or more catches in a single season.
- He notched five receptions for 54 yards in the home win over Southern Cal. He has totaled at least five receptions in seven of his 11 games this season.
- Mayer** led the Irish against Cincinnati with eight receptions and 93 yards on the afternoon.
- Mayer** had seven catches for 61 yards in the win over Wisconsin at Soldier Field.
- In the win over Toledo, **Mayer** finished the game with team-high marks in receptions (7), receiving yards (81) and receiving touchdowns (2). It was the first time in **Mayer's** career that he has had a multi-touchdown game.
- Dating back to last season, **Mayer** collected seven or more receptions in three-straight games (Alabama, Florida State and Toledo). The last Irish receiver to have three-consecutive games with seven or more receptions was Michael Floyd in 2011 (Maryland - 8; Boston College - 10 and Stanford - 8).
- In just his second collegiate season, **Mayer** is already climbing the ranks in the Notre Dame Record Book:

2021 MAYER RECORD WATCH

Record	Player	Leaders
Tight End Receptions (Season)	Michael Mayer	1. 64 - Michael Mayer (2021) 2. 63 - Tyler Eifert (2011)
Tight End Receptions (Career)	Michael Mayer	1. 140 - Tyler Eifert (2009-12) 2. 128 - Ken MacAfee (1974-77) 3. 106 - Michael Mayer (2020-)
Tight End Receiving Yards (Season)	Michael Mayer	1. 803 - Tyler Eifert (2011) 2. 797 - Ken MacAfee (1977) 3. 768 - Michael Mayer (2021)
Tight End Receiving Yards (Career)	Michael Mayer	1. 1,840 - Tyler Eifert (2009-12) 2. 1,759 - Ken MacAfee (1974-77) 3. 1,218 - Michael Mayer (2020-)
Tight End Receiving Touchdowns (Season)	Michael Mayer	1. 6 - Cole Kmet (2019) 2. 5 - Michael Mayer (2021) 5 - Troy Niklas (2013) 5 - Tyler Eifert (2011) 5 - Ken MacAfee (1977)

HONORS & AWARDS

DL Jayson Ademilola (Sr.)

- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

OL Joe Alt (Fr.)

- Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Watch List
- Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American

WR Kevin Austin Jr. (Sr.)

- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

LB Bo Bauer (Jr.)

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

LB JD Bertrand (Jr.)

- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

P Jay Bramblett (Jr.)

- Ray Guy Award Watch List
- Phil Steele All-Independent Second Team

QB Jack Coan (Gr.)

- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 List (Week 1)
- Manning Award Star of the Week (Week 1)
- Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award Nominee
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Top-25 Candidate
- Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Semifinalist
- Phil Steele All-Independent Second Team

WR Avery Davis (Gr.)

- Team Captain
- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

K Jonathan Doerer (Gr.)

- Lou Groza Award Stars of the Week (Week 1)
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

DL Isaiah Foskey (Jr.)

- Phil Steele All-American Third Team
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

IRISH CHOP DOWN CARDINAL

- The Irish closed the 2021 regular season with their seventh-win in a row with the 45-14 victory over Stanford.
- Notre Dame set a program record with 54 wins over the past five seasons. It surpassed the previous record of 53 that was set from 1988-92.
- The win gave the Irish their 11th of the season, the ninth time in program history they have won 11 or more games in a single season.
- The win gave the Irish their 42nd-consecutive win over an unranked opponent, the longest active streak in the FBS.
- The Irish finished the season undefeated in road games (4-0) for the second-straight year. It is the first time since 1992-93 that the Irish had two-consecutive seasons with undefeated road records.
- With the win, Notre Dame has won 16-straight games in the month of November.
- It was the 27th-consecutive win for the Irish when they have scored 40 points or more.
- The Irish claimed their 36th-straight win when allowing less than 20 points.
- Running back **Kyren Williams** surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the second-straight season in the win over Stanford.
- He is just the fifth Irish running back to have back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in program history and the first since **Darius Walker** in 2005 and 2006.
- Williams** rushed for two touchdowns against the Cardinal for the second-straight game and the fourth time in the last six games.
- It was the eighth-straight game **Williams** had a rushing touchdown.
- Wide receiver **Kevin Austin Jr.** led the way with 125 receiving yards. It was the second time in the last four games that **Austin Jr.** surpassed the 100-yard mark in a game.
- Tight end **Michael Mayer** had his second career game with 100 yards or more after finishing with 105 and nine receptions.
- Quarterback **Jack Coan** tied a career high with 26 completions. He finished with 345 yards passing, his second game with 300 passing yards or more this season.
- Austin Jr.** and **Mayer** become the first Irish receiving duo to have 100 receiving yards or more in the same game since 2017 against Stanford.
- The Irish defense allowed 55 rushing yards against the Cardinal. It was the fewest rushing yards allowed since 2020 when they limited Clemson to 33 rushing yards.

FREAKY FOSKEY

- Isaiah Foskey** has been the most consistent member of the Irish defensive line this season as he leads the team in sacks (10.0) and tackles-for-loss (11.5).
- Foskey** ranks tied for 16th nationally with 10.0 sacks this season.
- He has recorded at least one sack in eight of his 12 games this

season and at least one tackle-for-loss in nine of the games.

- His 10.0 sacks are the most by an Irish player since **Stephon Tuitt** had 12.0 during the 2012 season.
- The mark ranks tied with **Bert Berry** and **Mike Gann** for fourth all-time at Notre Dame for most sacks in a single season:

2021 FOSKEY RECORD WATCH

Record	Player	Leaders
Total Sacks (Season)	Isaiah Foskey	1. 13.5 - Justin Tuck (2003) 2. 12.0 - Stephon Tuitt (2012) 3. 10.5 - Victor Abiamiri (2006) 4. 10.0 - Isaiah Foskey (2021) 10.0 - Bert Berry (1996) 10.0 - Mike Gann (1984)

- Foskey** is second in the country with five forced fumbles on the season after he tied a career high with two forced fumbles against Georgia Tech.
- Foskey** also ranks 18th in the FBS with two fumble recoveries this season.
- In the win over Southern Cal, **Foskey** set a career high with two forced fumbles and tied a career high with 2.0 sacks.
- Foskey** forced his first-career fumble against Cincinnati after recording his first-career fumble recovery in the win over Wisconsin.
- Foskey** began the season with a career-high eight tackles, 2.0 tackles-for-loss and 2.0 sacks in the road win over Florida State.

SUPER SPECIALISTS

- The Irish entered the 2021 season with the same kicker and punter for the third straight season with the return of kicker **Jonathan Doerer** and punter **Jay Bramblett**.
- Doerer** returns for his fifth season with the Irish thanks to the extra year of eligibility and is working his way up the Irish record book:

2021 DOERER RECORD WATCH

Record	Player	Leaders
Field Goals Made (Career)	Jonathan Doerer	1. 59 - Justin Yoon (2015-18) 2. 57 - Kyle Brindza (2011-14) 3. 51 - John Carney (1984-86) 4. 49 - Jonathan Doerer (2017-)
Extra Points Made (Career)	Jonathan Doerer	1. 190 - Justin Yoon (2015-18) 2. 177 - Craig Hentrich (1989-92) 3. 157 - Jonathan Doerer (2017-)
Extra Point Percentage (Career)	Jonathan Doerer	1. 99.0 (110-111) - Nicholas Setta (2000-03) 2. 98.7 (157-159) - Jonathan Doerer (2017-)

- In the win over Georgia Tech, **Doerer** moved into second all-time in Notre Dame history with 53 games played. He

HONORS & AWARDS, CONT.

S Kyle Hamilton (Jr.)

- Team Captain
- Walter Camp Preseason First Team All-American
- Associated Press Preseason First Team All-American
- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Preseason Watch List
- Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week (Week 1)
- Athlon Defensive Player of the Week (Week 3)
- Walter Camp Defensive Player of the Week (Week 3)
- Bednarik Award Player of the Week (Week 3)
- Associated Press First Team Midseason All-American
- The Athletic First Team Midseason All-American
- CBS Sports First Team Midseason All-American
- Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist
- Bednarik Award Semifinalist
- Bednarik Award Finalist
- Walter Camp All-American First Team
- FWAA All-American First Team
- Associated Press All-American Second Team
- AFCA All-American First Team
- Phil Steele All-American First Team
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

CB Cam Hart (Jr.)

- Phil Steele All-Independent Second Team

DL Kurt Hinish (Gr.)

- Team Captain

OL Josh Lugg (Sr.)

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

OL Cain Madden (Gr.)

- Walter Camp Preseason All-American Second Team
- Associated Press Preseason All-American First Team
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

TE Michael Mayer (So.)

- Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- John Mackey Award Watch List
- John Mackey Tight End of the Week (Week 2)
- John Mackey Award Semifinalist
- Associated Press All-American Third Team
- The Sporting News All-American Second Team
- AFCA All-American Second Team
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team
- Phil Steele All-American Fourth Team

passed with **Daelin Hayes**, **Drue Tranquill**, **Romeo Okwara**, **Zack Martin** and **Matthias Farley**.

- **Doerer** also moved into sole possession of fourth all-time in Notre Dame history with 48 career field goals.
- He had a season-best three field goals made and 14 points in the win over North Carolina.
- **Bramblett** has played in every game (37) for the Irish since he came to campus prior to the 2019 season.
- He sits eighth all-time in Notre Dame history with 157 punts in his career.
- He is ranked fourth all-time in Notre Dame history with a 41.9 career punting average.
- **Bramblett** launched a career-long 72-yard punt in the win over Wisconsin this season. It was the longest punt by an Irish player since Hunter Smith had a 79-yard punt against Arizona State in 1998.

COAN KNOWS CONSISTENCY

- Quarterback **Jack Coan** is in his lone season with the Irish as a graduate transfer but is already moving up the Notre Dame record book.
- In his first game with the Irish, he set the Notre Dame record for most passing yards in a season-opener with 366 and tied the record for most passing touchdowns in a season-opener (4).
- Heading into the bowl game, **Coan** is third all-time in program history for completion percentage in a single season. He has completed 67.6 percent of his passes this year and trails only **Jimmy Clausen** (68.0 - 2009) and **Ian Book** (68.2 - 2018).
- The 67.6 completion percentage currently ranks first all-time in Notre Dame history for best completion percentage in a career (min. 150 pass attempts).
- **Coan** is 10th all-time for most pass completions in a single season heading with 215. He trails current offensive coordinator Tommy Rees, who is ninth with 224 (2013):

2021 COAN RECORD WATCH

Record	Player	Leaders
Completion Percentage (Career, min. 150 attempts)	Jack Coan	1. 67.6 - Jack Coan (2021-) 2. 63.8 - Ian Book (2016-20) 3. 62.6 - Jimmy Clausen (2007-09)
Completion Percentage (Season, min. 100 attempts)	Jack Coan	1. 68.2 - Ian Book (2018) 2. 68.0 - Jimmy Clausen (2009) 3. 67.6 - Jack Coan (2021) 4. 65.5 - Tommy Rees (2011)
Pass Completions (Season)	Jack Coan	7. 240 - Ian Book (2019) 8. 228 - Ian Book (2020) 9. 224 - Tommy Rees (2013) 10. 215 - Jack Coan (2021)

- Nationally, **Coan** ranks 19th this season in completion percentage (67.6).

BALLIN' BERTRAND

- Linebacker **JD Bertrand** continues to lead the Irish in tackles after recording five in the win over Stanford.
- He leads the Irish with 92 tackles on the season and he has led or tied for the team lead in tackles in eight of the 12 games this season.
- The 92 tackles are the most by an Irish linebacker since Te'von Coney had 123 in the 2018 season.
- He has had at least six tackles in nine games this season and seven tackles or more in seven games.
- He has totaled double-digit tackles in four games this season after having 10 in the win over Virginia Tech.
- **Bertrand** tied a career high with 12 tackles in the win over Purdue. He tallied 11 tackles against Toledo and had 12 in the season-opener against Florida State.
- The sophomore from Marietta, Georgia was the first Irish player to begin a season with three-straight double-digit tackle games since **Courtney Watson** back in 2001.
- He is also the first Irish player to have three-consecutive games (Florida State, Toledo and Purdue) with double-digit tackles since **Alohi Gilman** in 2018-19. Gilman had 10 tackles against Southern Cal and then 18 against Clemson in the College Football Playoff Semifinal in 2018 and followed it up with 10 tackles in the 2019 season opener against Louisville.
- In the win over Toledo, **Bertrand** set a career high in sacks (1.0) and recovered his first career fumble to seal the game late in the fourth quarter.
- **Bertrand** got his first career start in the opener against Florida State and his 12 tackles were the most by an Irish linebacker since Te'von Coney had 16 on Dec. 28, 2018 against Clemson.

AMONG THE NATIONS BEST

- Since the start of 2018, Notre Dame is 44-6 (.880). That rate ranks fourth among all teams who have made an appearance in the College Football Playoff since its inception in 2014.
- Among those teams, Notre Dame is one of just five teams that have totaled six or fewer losses since the beginning of 2018.
- The Irish are one of five teams who have made playoff appearances in multiple seasons.

School	Record Since 2018	Win Pct.
Alabama	49-4	.926
Ohio State	43-5	.896
Clemson	48-6	.888
NOTRE DAME	44-6	.880
Georgia	43-8	.843
Oklahoma	43-8	.843
Oregon	35-12	.745
LSU	36-14	.720

HONORS & AWARDS, CONT.

OL Jarrett Patterson (Sr.)

- Team Captain
- Associated Press Preseason All-American Second Team
- Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
- Rimington Trophy Midseason Watch List
- Phil Steele All-American Third Team
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

DL Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa (Gr.)

- Team Captain
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Nominee
- Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Polynesian College Player of the Year Award Watch List
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

RB Chris Tyree (So.)

- Phil Steele All-Independent Second Team

LS Michael Vinson

- Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List

RB Kyren Williams (So.)

- Team Captain
- Associated Press Preseason All-American First Team
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Doak Walker Award Candidate
- Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (Week 3)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (Week 6)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (Week 8)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (Week 9)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (Week 10)
- Paul Hornung Award Finalist
- The Sporting News All-American Second Team
- Phil Steele All-American Honorable Mention
- Phil Steele All-Independent First Team

LB Drew White (Sr.)

- Team Captain
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Washington	25-18	.581
Michigan State	26-19	.578
Florida State	19-27	.413

IRISH IN THE POLLS

- The Irish checked in at No. 5 in the final AP and Coaches poll of the regular season.
- Notre Dame has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 77-consecutive weeks, the longest such streak for the Irish since the 1994 season (124 weeks).
- It is now the third-longest streak in program history, surpassing the 75-week streak from 1942-1950.

Notre Dame - Consecutive Weeks Appearing in the AP Poll	Seasons
124	1987-1994
97	1969-1975
77	2017-Current
75	1942-1950
46	1952-1956
41	1964-1967

- The 77-week run currently ranks third among all FBS active streaks, which does not include teams who were not listed in the initial AP polls at the beginning of the 2020 season (Big Ten and Pac-12).

Team	Weeks	Seasons
Alabama	226	2008-21
Georgia	79	2017-21
NOTRE DAME	77	2017-21
Cincinnati	41	2019-21

IRISH ZAP YELLOW JACKETS

- Notre Dame posted its most complete win of the season in the 55-0 shutout over Georgia Tech to close the home slate.
- It was the fifth-largest shutout in program history and the largest since a 62-0 victory over Rutgers in 1996.
- The win gave the Irish their 53rd win over the past five seasons, which tied the program record for most wins over a five-year span (53 - 1988-92).
- The Irish improved to 31-2 at home over the past three seasons, the third most wins at home nationally over that span (Clemson 33, Alabama 32).
- It was also the 24th-consecutive win over an ACC opponent during the regular season. 18 of those wins have been by 10 points or more.
- The win gave the Irish 10 for the fifth-straight season. It is the first time in program history that they have won 10 or more games in five-consecutive seasons.
- The Irish scored 45 points in the first half, the second most in the modern era and the most since 2017 against Miami (OH) (45).

- The Irish had two defensive touchdowns in the win for the second time this season (Wisconsin - 2). They are the only team in the FBS to have two games with multiple defensive touchdowns against Power-5 opponents.
- Linebacker **Jack Kiser** scored his second touchdown of the season after the 43-yard interception return. He is the first Irish defensive player since **Julian Love** in 2017 to score two touchdowns in a single season.
- It was the second-straight game the Irish have held opponents scoreless in the first half, the first time since 2015 against Wake Forest and Boston College.
- Defensive lineman **Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa** recorded his first career touchdown on a 70-yard fumble return and blocked a field goal. It was the first fumble return for a touchdown since 2020 (**Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah** vs. Clemson) and first blocked field goal since 2019 (**Julian Okwara** vs. Bowling Green).
- Linebacker **Bo Bauer** had a team-high nine tackles in the win, the second-straight week he has recorded nine tackles.
- Defensive lineman **Howard Cross III** set career-highs with 2.0 sacks and 2.0 tackles-for-loss.

IRISH ROLL CAVALIERS

- The Irish continued to roll with their fifth-straight win in the 28-3 victory over Virginia.
- It was the second-straight game the Irish won without allowing a touchdown. It is the first time since 2012 that the Irish had two-consecutive games without allowing a touchdown.
- The Irish allowed 92 yards vs. Virginia in the first half. It is the fewest yards allowed in the first half against an ACC opponent since Nov. 21, 2015 when they allowed 91 against Boston College.
- The Irish held the Cavaliers scoreless in the first half for the first time since 2017 when they were shutout in the first half against Virginia Tech.
- The three points scored were the fewest the Cavaliers had scored in a game since 2017 against the Hokies when they were shutout.
- The Irish ran for 249 yards as a team, their second-highest total of the season. It was the fifth-straight game they have rushed for 150 yards or more.
- In his first career start, linebacker **Bo Bauer** set a career high with nine tackles and 1.5 sacks.
- Defensive lineman **Rylie Mills** also set career highs in tackles (4) and sacks (2).
- Defensive lineman **Howard Cross III** and cornerback **Clarence Lewis** both recorded their first career sacks.
- The Irish finished the night with seven sacks, the most in a game since 2019 against Virginia (8).

IRISH SINK MIDSHIPMEN

- The Irish defense was on full display in the 34-6 home win over Navy on Nov. 6.

- Notre Dame limited Navy to 184 yards of total offense, the fewest since allowing 162 yards to Pittsburgh in 2020.
- The 184 total yards for the Midshipmen were the fewest in a game against Notre Dame since 1994 when they totaled 182 yards.
- The defense allowed just 18 passing yards, the third fewest of any opponent since 1996 (Army 12-1998, Army 13-2016).
- The Irish also won their 40th-straight game when scoring 30 or more points. They have scored at least 30 points in each of their last four games.
- Wide receiver **Kevin Austin Jr.** set a career high with 139 yards receiving and tied a career high with six receptions. It is the most receiving yards in a game by an Irish player since **Chase Claypool** had 146 yards against Iowa State in 2019.
- **Austin Jr.** also set a career long with a 70-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.
- Defensive tackle **Kurt Hinich** tallied a career high 10 tackles and tied a career-high with 2.0 tackles-for-loss.
- The Irish defense recorded a safety for the first time since 2017 against North Carolina.

IRISH STOMP TAR HEELS

- The Irish continued their regular season success against the ACC with the 44-34 win over North Carolina.
- The Irish ground game was at its best all season, as they racked up a season-high 293 rushing yards as a team.
- It was the most rushing yards in a game for the Irish since they busted loose for 353 yards on the ground against Florida State in 2020.
- **Kyren Williams** finished the game with career-highs in rushing yards (199) and all-purpose yards (261).
- **Williams** also tallied a career-long 91-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter against the Tar Heels. It tied for the fifth longest rush in Notre Dame history and was the longest rush by an Irish player since **Chris Tyree** went 94-yards to the house against Syracuse in 2020.
- It marked the most rushing yards by an Irish player since **Dexter Williams** had 202 against Florida State in 2018.
- **Williams'** 261 all-purpose yards against North Carolina were the third most by any player in FBS during week nine.
- It marked the most all-purpose yards by an Irish player since **Golden Tate** totaled 275 (244 receiving, 31 rushing) against Washington in 2009.
- **Williams** had a career-long 47 yard punt return in the first quarter against the Tar Heels.
- **Williams** rushed for over 100 yards in consecutive games against the Trojans and Tar Heels for the first time this season and the third time in his career.
- Quarterback **Jack Coan** broke free for a 21-yard rushing touchdown, his longest rush and first rushing touchdown with the Irish.
- Freshman wide receiver **Lorenzo Styles** led the team with a career-high 74 yards and tied a career high with

three receptions. He also had a career-long 40-yard reception in the third quarter.

- Fellow freshman running back **Logan Diggs** scored his first-career-rushing touchdown. He finished the game with a career-high 11 rushes for 42 yards.
- Defensive lineman **Jordan Botelho** notched his first-career sack in the fourth quarter. He is the 10th different Irish player with a sack this season.

IRISH CONQUER TROJANS

- Notre Dame retained the Jeweled Shillelagh Trophy with its fourth-straight win against the Trojans after the 31-16 win on Oct. 23.
- The four-straight wins over Southern Cal is the longest-win streak for the Irish against the Trojans since 1983-93 when they won 11-straight games.
- The 16 points marked the fewest points Southern Cal has scored in a game since Sept. 28, 2019, when they were limited to 14 points against Washington.
- Notre Dame had five drives of 70 yards or more in the win. The last time they had five 70-yard drives or more in a game was Oct. 10, 2020, in a win over Florida State.
- In the win over Southern Cal, **Williams** had his first 100-yard game of the season, as he finished with 138 yards rushing on the night.
- **Williams** finished the game against the Trojans with two rushing touchdowns for the first time in 2021 and the sixth time in his career.
- He tallied 180 all-purpose yards (138 rushing, 42 receiving) in the win over Southern Cal, the second highest total this season and fourth highest of his career.
- The 180 all-purpose yards were the 10th most in the FBS during week eight and he was just one of three players in the top-10 that week who faced a power 5 opponent.

ENTER SANDMAN, EXIT IRISH

- The Irish secured another comeback win this season when they scored 11-unanswered points to defeat Virginia Tech 32-29 at Lane Stadium on Oct. 9.
- The win gave the Irish their third win this season when trailing in the fourth quarter.
- Quarterback **Jack Coan** led the Irish on two scoring drives in the final three minutes to complete the comeback. It is his second game-winning drive in the final two minutes of the season after not having one in his career entering this year.
- Fellow quarterback **Tyler Buchner** set a Notre Dame record in the win. He is the first true freshman quarterback to have a passing and rushing touchdown in the same game.
- **Buchner** had his first career rushing touchdown in the second quarter, followed by a passing touchdown to Kyren Williams right before halftime to give the Irish their

first lead of the night.

- **Buchner** finished with a career-high 113 passing yards and a career-long 46-yard pass to **Kevin Austin Jr.**
- **Williams** had 107 all-purpose yards (81 rushing, 26 receiving) for his fourth game this season with 100 all-purpose yards or more.
- Cornerback **TaRiq Bracy** notched his first career interception against the Hokies.
- Kicker **Jonathan Doerer** hit his second game-winning field goal this season with the 48-yarder with 17 seconds left in the fourth quarter that put the Irish up for good.

MONSTERS OF THE MIDWAY

- Notre Dame's defense had shades of the 1985 Bears when they flexed their muscle in the 41-13 win over #15/#18 Wisconsin on Sept. 25.
- The Irish allowed just 13 points for the second-consecutive game and the defense scored two touchdowns in the win.
- Linebackers **Jack Kiser** and **Drew White** both returned interceptions for touchdowns late in the fourth quarter. It was the first time since 2002 against Stanford that the Irish had two interceptions returned for a touchdown in the same game.
- The Irish also scored on special teams after a 96-yard kickoff return from **Chris Tyree** put Notre Dame up for good in the fourth quarter.
- It was the first Irish kick return for a touchdown since **CJ Sanders** did it against Army during the 2016 season.
- It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown Wisconsin had given up in its previous 122 games since Duane Bennett did it for Minnesota against the Badgers on Nov. 12, 2011.
- The Irish finished the game with four interceptions and five takeaways total.
- It was the first time since 2013 against Rutgers in the Pinstripe Bowl that the Irish had four interceptions in a game.
- It was the first time since 2019 against Virginia that they had five takeaways in a single game.
- Notre Dame tallied an offensive, defensive and special teams touchdown in the same game for the first time since 2005 against Tennessee. **Brady Quinn** threw for a touchdown and **Tom Zbikowski** had a punt return and interception return for a touchdown.
- Wide receiver **Kevin Austin** set career highs with six receptions and two touchdowns. It was the first multi-touchdown game of his career.
- Quarterback **Drew Pyne** came on after the injury to **Jack Coan** and tossed his first career touchdown pass to **Austin** in the fourth quarter.
- **Pyne** finished with six completions for 81 yards and a touchdown, which were all career-best numbers.
- Punter **Jay Bramblett** boomed a 72-yard punt in the second quarter. It was the longest punt by an Irish player since Hunter Smith had a 79-yard punt against Arizona State in 1998.
- The Irish scored 31 points in the final quarter, setting

the modern record for most points scored in the fourth quarter. The all-time record for most points scored in the fourth quarter was 32 against St. Viator back in 1912.

- The last time Notre Dame scored 31 points in a quarter was on Sept. 14, 2019 against New Mexico in the second quarter.

SHILLELAGH STAYS HOME

- The Irish extended their winning streak to nine games over Purdue to retain the Shillelagh Trophy with the 27-13 win on Sept. 18.
- The Irish defense limited the Boilermakers to their fewest points in a game since Oct. 26 2019 against Illinois.
- With the win, the Irish extended its longest modern-era home winning streak to 26 games.
- Running back **Kyren Williams** led the way with 168 all-purpose yards.
- Quarterback **Jack Coan** finished the day with 223 yards and two touchdowns, his third-straight game with two touchdowns or more.
- It is the first time in Coan's career he has had two or more touchdowns in three-straight games. It is also Coan's second career streak of three-straight games with 200 yards passing or more.
- Wide receiver **Avery Davis** was **Coan's** favorite target against Purdue as he had a career day with five receptions for 120 yards and a 62-yard touchdown reception.

TALKING TOLEDO

- With the Irish trailing by five with 1:35 left in the home-opener against Toledo, quarterback **Jack Coan** led the Irish on the 75-yard game-winning drive in just three plays that was capped off with an 18-yard touchdown pass to **Michael Mayer**. After the two-point conversion, the Irish took a 32-29 lead that they would not relinquish to improve to 2-0 on the season.
- It was **Coan's** first game-winning drive in the final two minutes of the game in his career.
- The last time the Irish had a game-winning drive in the final minutes of the game was in 2019 when Ian Book led an 18-play, 87-yard touchdown drive to defeat Virginia Tech 21-20.
- **Coan** finished the game with 239 yards and two touchdowns. It is just the third time in his career that he has had back-to-back multi-touchdown games.
- Fellow quarterback **Tyler Buchner** made his collegiate debut against the Rockets and ripped off a 26-yard run on the first snap of his career.
- **Buchner** led the Irish on a five-play, 96-yard drive in his first-career series than ended in a 43-yard touchdown run from **Kyren Williams**.
- In the fourth quarter, **Buchner** recorded his first touchdown pass when he connected with **Chris Tyree** for a 55-yard strike.
- It was **Tyree's** longest-career-reception and his first-

receiving touchdown of his career.

- The win gave the Irish their second-consecutive win by three points or less. It is the first time since the 2009 season that Notre Dame has won back-to-back games by three points or less. In 2009, the Irish defeated Michigan State 33-30 and followed it up with a 24-21 win over Purdue.
- Notre Dame won its first game when trailing at halftime since Sep. 28, 2019, when they defeated Virginia, 35-20, after trailing, 17-14, at the half.

SUNDAY'S BEST

- The Irish opened the 2021 season as the only college football game on Labor Day Sunday and they did not disappoint in their 41-38 overtime thriller over the Seminoles, as Graduate student **Jonathan Doerer** hit a 41-yard field goal in the first overtime to clinch the win for the Irish. He was awarded the game ball following the game. He was also named a Lou Groza Award Star of the Week following his performance against the Seminoles.
- It was the first Irish win on the final play of the game since 2014 when the Irish defeated LSU in the Music City Bowl on a 32-yard Kyle Brindza field goal as time expired.
- Notre Dame recorded its first overtime road win in program history against the Seminoles. The Irish were previously 0-3 in road overtime games since it was adopted prior to the 1996 season.
- The Irish also claimed their fifth-consecutive season opening win.
- Notre Dame tallied 41 points in the win, the most in a season-opener since 2017, when they scored 49 in the win over Temple.
- The Irish improved to 26-5-2 in true road games to open the season with the win. They have won four of their last five true road season-openers.

YOU DON'T KNOW JACK

- Graduate student **Jack Coan** had one of the best games of his collegiate career as he set career highs with 366 yards and four touchdowns along with tying a career high with 26 completions in the win over Florida State.
- The 366 yards set a Notre Dame record for most passing yards in a season-opening game. The previous record was held by current offensive coordinator **Tommy Rees** when he threw for 346 yards against Temple in 2013.
- **Coan** also tied the Notre Dame record for most passing touchdowns in a season-opener with four. He tied with Jimmy Clausen (2009) and Ron Powlus (1994).
- His 366 yards ranked fifth nationally for Week 1 and he was the only quarterback in the Top-5 who had a true road game.
- He became the eighth-straight quarterback to record a win in their first start with the Irish, a streak dating back to the 2007 season.
- On the first drive of the game, **Coan** connected with

Michael Mayer for a 41-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-one to give the Irish an early 7-0 advantage just over two minutes into the game.

- **Coan** got the Irish back in front when he hit **Joe Wilkins Jr.**, for a 23-yard touchdown pass with 2:25 remaining in the first half.
- After falling behind in the beginning of the third quarter, **Coan** brought the Irish back ahead on the very next drive. He went 3-for-3 on the ensuing drive and capped it with a 37-yard touchdown pass to **Kevin Austin Jr.**, on third-and-one.
- His fourth touchdown pass of the night came on the next drive in the third quarter where he went 4-for-4 for 79 yards. Facing third and goal, he hit **Kyren Williams** in the flat for a six-yard touchdown pass.
- All four of his touchdown passes came on third or fourth down.

THE MAYER OF TALLAHASSEE

- Sophomore tight end **Michael Mayer** did not waste any time making an impact this season for the Irish, as he was the main target on their very first drive of the season.
- One the first play from scrimmage, Coan hit Mayer in the flat for a 25-yard pass. Four plays later, the pair connected on a 41-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-one to put the Irish ahead 7-0. The 41-yard reception was a career best mark for Mayer.
- At the half, Mayer had five receptions for 89 yards. The 89 yards had already bested his previous career high mark of 73 yards.
- He finished the game with 120 receiving yards for his first 100-yard game of his career.
- He was the first Irish tight end to record a 100-yard game since Cole Kmet had 108 yards against Georgia in 2019.
- He finished the night with career-best marks in receptions (nine) and yards (120).
- The nine receptions ties the Notre Dame record for most receptions by a tight end in a single game.
- The 120 yards receiving was the most by an Irish tight end since Sept. 11, 2010 when Kyle Rudolph hauled in 164 yards against Michigan.
- It also ranks fifth all-time in Notre Dame history for most receiving yards in a single game by a tight end.
- He tied for the NCAA lead for receiving yards among tight ends in Week 1. He was the only player tied for the lead who played in a true road game.

2021 CAPTAINS

- The Irish have seven team captains for the 2021 football campaign this fall. They include Avery Davis, Kyle Hamilton, Kurt Hinish, Jarrett Patterson, Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa, Drew White and Kyren Williams.

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 36-7 (.837) 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 (20T)
2020~	Boston College	A	W	45-31
2020~	North Carolina	A	W	31-17
2020~	Syracuse	H	W	45-21
2021	Florida State	A	W	41-38 (OT)
2021	Virginia Tech	A	W	32-29
2021	North Carolina	H	W	44-34
2021	Virginia	A	W	28-3
2021	Georgia Tech	H	W	55-0

The Irish completed their fourth-straight undefeated regular season against the ACC in 2021 (5-0). They have won 24-straight games against the ACC in the regular season dating back to 2017.

- In 2020, the Irish went 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.

NOTRE DAME ACC FUTURE SCHEDULES

Year	Opponent	H/A/N
2022	North Carolina	A
2022	Syracuse	A
2022	Boston College	H
2022	Clemson	H
2023	NC State	A
2023	Duke	A
2023	Louisville	A
2023	Wake Forest	H
2023	Clemson	A
2023	Pittsburgh	H
2024	Miami	H
2024	Georgia Tech	A
2024	Florida State	H
2024	Virginia	H
2025	Miami	A
2025	NC State	H
2025	Boston College	A
2025	Pittsburgh	A
2025	Syracuse	H
2026	Florida State	A
2026	Louisville	H
2026	North Carolina	A
2026	Syracuse	H
2026	Virginia	H
2027	Clemson	A
2027	Duke	A
2027	Georgia Tech	H
2027	Virginia Tech	H
2027	Wake Forest	A
2028	Boston College	H
2028	Clemson	H
2028	Miami	H
2028	Pittsburgh	A
2028	Virginia Tech	A
2029	Florida State	A
2029	Georgia Tech	H
2029	NC State	A
2029	Syracuse	A
2029	Wake Forest	H
2030	Boston College	A
2030	Duke	H
2030	Florida State	H
2030	Louisville	A

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

- The Irish improved to 28-1 in regular-season games against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents over the last four seasons (2017-21) after the win over Georgia Tech.
- Notre Dame has won 11-straight ACC road games and 14-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).



IRISH VS. THE BIG-12 CONFERENCE

Team	Home				Away				Neutral				Overall			
	W	L	T	%	W	L	T	%	W	L	T	%	W	L	T	%
Baylor	2	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	100
Iowa State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	100
Kansas	3	0	1	.875	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	.750
Kansas State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma *	4	2	0	.667	5	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	.818
Oklahoma State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TCU	1	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	100
Texas	3	1	0	.750	4	1	0	.800	2	1	0	.667	9	3	0	.667
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	0	0	100	1	0	0	100	1	0	0	100	4	0	0	100
TOTAL	15	3	1	.816	11	2	0	.846	4	1	0	.800	30	6	1	.824

* - Includes 21 wins vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty.

NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

Rk	Team	Record	Bowl Week
		5-7 4-4 in ACC	
		7-5 5-3 in MAC	vs. Middle Tenn St. 12/17 Noon ET
RV/RV/NR		8-4 6-3 in B1G	vs. Tennessee 12/30 3 p.m. ET
RV/RV/NR		7-3 5-2 in B1G	vs. Arizona State 12/30 10:30 p.m. ET
4/4/4		13-0 8-0 in AAC	vs. Alabama 12/31 3:30 p.m. ET
		6-6 4-4 in ACC	vs. Maryland 12/29 2:15 p.m. ET
		4-8 3-6 in Pac-12	
		6-5 3-4 in ACC	vs. South Carolina 12/30 11:30 a.m. ET
		3-8 3-5 in AAC	vs. Army 12/11 3 p.m. ET
		6-6 4-4 in ACC	vs. SMU 12/29 11 a.m. ET
		3-9 2-6 in ACC	
		3-9 2-7 in Pac-12	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF December 5, 2021

Rk	Team	Record	Trend
1	Alabama	12-1	
2	Michigan	12-1	
3	Georgia	12-1	
4	Cincinnati	13-0	
5	NOTRE DAME	11-1	
6	Baylor	11-2	
7	Ohio State	10-2	
8	Ole Miss	10-2	
9	Oklahoma State	11-2	
10	Utah	10-3	
11	Michigan State	10-2	
12	BYU	10-2	
13	Pitt	11-2	
14	Oklahoma	10-2	
15	Oregon	10-3	
16	Louisiana-Lafayette	12-1	
17	Iowa	10-3	
18	NC State	9-3	
19	Clemson	9-3	
20	Wake Forest	10-3	
21	Houston	11-2	
22	Arkansas	8-4	
23	Texas A&M	8-4	
24	UTSA	12-1	
25	Kentucky	9-3	

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 - December 5, 2021

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Rec.	Points	Trend
1	Alabama (50)	12-1	1535	+3
2	Michigan (9)	12-1	1480	—
3	Georgia	12-1	1408	-3
4	Cincinnati (3)	13-0	1404	-1
5	NOTRE DAME	11-1	1280	+1
6	Baylor	11-2	1228	+3
7	Ohio State	10-2	1177	—
8	Ole Miss	10-2	1101	—
9	Oklahoma State	11-2	1060	-4
10	Utah	10-3	929	+4
11	Michigan State	10-2	895	—
12	BYU	10-2	866	—
13	Pitt	11-2	838	+4
14	Oklahoma	10-2	807	-1
15	Oregon	10-3	594	-5
16	Louisiana-Lafayette	12-1	490	+4
17	Iowa	10-3	446	-2
18	NC State	9-3	404	+3
19	Clemson	9-3	395	+3
20	Wake Forest	10-3	393	-2
21	Houston	11-2	358	-5
22	Arkansas	8-4	279	+1
23	Texas A&M	8-4	171	+1
24	UTSA	12-1	146	NR
25	Kentucky	9-3	129	—

Others receiving votes: Utah State 109, **Wisconsin 66**, San Diego State 63, Minnesota 38, **Purdue 36**, Appalachian State 9, Army 7, Mississippi State 4, Penn State 4, Northern Illinois 1

COACHES POLL TOP 25- December 5, 2021

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Rec.	Points	Trend
1	Alabama	12-1	1540	+1
2	Michigan	12-1	1474	+1
3	Georgia (62)	12-1	1420	-2
4	Cincinnati	13-0	1392	—
5	NOTRE DAME	11-1	1266	+1
6	Baylor	11-2	1204	+3
7	Ohio State	10-2	1170	—
8	Ole Miss	10-2	1134	—
9	Oklahoma State	11-2	1036	-4
10	Michigan State	10-2	903	+3
11	Utah	10-3	893	+6
12	Pitt	11-2	886	+3
13	Oklahoma	10-2	853	-2
14	BYU	10-3	792	—
15	Oregon	10-3	589	-5
16	Iowa	10-3	561	-4
17	Louisiana Lafayette	12-1	444	+4
18	NC State	9-3	436	+2
19	Wake Forest	10-3	389	-1
20	Kentucky	9-3	327	+2
21	Houston	11-2	315	-5
22	Clemson	9-3	252	+2
23	Texas A&M	8-4	239	—
24	Arkansas	8-4	185	+1
25	UTSA	12-1	146	+2

Others receiving votes: Wisconsin 105; Utah State 85; San Diego State 62; Minnesota 17; Air Force 15; Penn State 5; Fresno State 5; UCLA 3; Mississippi State 2; Coastal Carolina 2; Appalachian State 2; **Purdue 1.**

IRISH IN THE NFL (As of November 21)

Player	Team	Pos.	Notes
Josh Adams	NY Jets	RB	Fourth season
Aaron Banks	San Francisco	OL	First season
Alex Bars	Chicago	OL	Third season
Ian Book	New Orleans	QB	First season
Miles Boykin	Baltimore	WR	Third season
Chase Claypool	Pittsburgh	WR	Second season
Scott Daly	Detroit	LS	Second season
Sheldon Day	Cleveland	DT	Sixth season (practice squad)
Liam Eichenberg	Miami	OL	First season
Jalen Elliott	Detroit	DB	Third season
Matthias Farley	Tennessee	S	Sixth season
Will Fuller V	Miami	WR	Sixth season (injured reserve)
Alohi Gilman	LA Chargers	S	Second season
Robert Hainsey	Tampa Bay	OL	First season
Daelin Hayes	Baltimore	DL	First season
J.J. Jansen	Carolina	LS	14th season
Jamir Jones	LA Rams	DL	Second season
Tony Jones, Jr.	New Orleans	RB	Second season
Khalid Kareem	Cincinnati	DL	Second season
Cole Kmet	Chicago	TE	Second season
Tommy Kraemer	Detroit	OL	First season
Julian Love	NY Giants	CB	Third season
Nick Martin	Las Vegas	C	Sixth season
Zack Martin	Dallas	OG	Eighth season

IRISH IN THE NFL (As of November 21)

Player	Team	Pos.	Notes
Nick McCloud	Cincinnati	CB	First season
Mike McGlinchey	San Francisco	OT	Fourth season
Javon McKinley	Detroit	WR	First season (practice squad)
Sam Mustipher	Chicago	OL	Third season
Quenton Nelson	Indianapolis	OG	Fourth season
Ade Ogundeji	Atlanta	DL	First season
Julian Okwara	Detroit	DL	Second season
Romeo Okwara	Detroit	DE	Sixth season (injured reserve)
Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	Browns	LB	First season
Troy Pride, Jr.	Carolina	CB	Second season (injured reserve)
Isaac Rochell	Indianapolis	DT	Fifth season
Kyle Rudolph	NY Giants	TE	11th season
KeiVarae Russell	New Orleans	CB	Fifth season (practice squad)
Ben Skowronek	LA Rams	WR	First season
Harrison Smith	Minnesota	FS	10th season
Jaylon Smith	Green Bay	ILB	Sixth season
Durham Smythe	Miami	TE	Fourth season
Ronnie Stanley	Baltimore	OT	Sixth season
Eq. St. Brown	Green Bay	WR	Fourth season
Jerry Tillery	LA Chargers	DT	Third season
Drue Tranquill	LA Chargers	LB	Third season
Tommy Tremble	Carolina	TE	First season
Stephon Tuitt	Pittsburgh	DE	Eighth season (injured reserve)
Dexter Williams	Cleveland	RB	Third season (practice squad)
Brock Wright	Detroit	TE	First season

NFL DRAFT

- With nine players selected in the 2021 NFL Draft, Notre Dame Football has totaled 520 draft picks over the tenure of the program. No other college football program has totaled more than the Irish.
- OL Liam Eichenberg (second round, Miami Dolphins), OL Aaron Banks (second round, San Francisco 49ers), LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah (second round, Cleveland Browns), TE Tommy Tremble (third round, Carolina Panthers), OL Robert Hainsey (third round, Tampa Bay Buccaneers), QB Ian Book (fourth round, New Orleans Saints), DL Daelin Hayes (fifth round, Baltimore Ravens), DL Ade Ogundeji (fifth round, Atlanta Falcons) and WR Ben Skowronek (seventh round, Los Angeles Rams) represented the Irish in the 2021 NFL Draft.
- The nine draft picks were the most all-time since the 1994 draft when 10 players were selected.

ALL-TIMERS

- Throughout the history of the Notre Dame Football Program, 582 total players have spent time on an active NFL roster. To begin the 2021 NFL season, Notre Dame was tied for fourth with 36 players on active NFL rosters. They were tied with Georgia and trailed only LSU (47), Ohio State (50) and Alabama (54).
- So far in 2021, 13 former Irish players have made their debut appearance on a 53-man roster: Aaron Banks, Ian Book, Liam Eichenberg, Jalen Elliott, Robert Hainsey, Daelin Hayes, Tommy Kraemer, Nick McCloud, Ade Ogundeji, Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, Ben Skowronek, Tommy Tremble and Brock Wright.

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	2021 Record (W-L)	
Home (Includes Shamrock Series)	6	1
Away	3	0
Neutral	1	0
In overtime	1	0
Coming off a loss	1	0
Coming off a win	7	1
Coming off an open date	1	0
vs. AP Top 25	1	1
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	1	1
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	0	0
Team is ranked higher	10	0
Opponent is ranked higher	0	1
vs. In-State Opponents	1	0
In August	0	0
In September	4	0
In October	3	1
In November	3	0
In December	0	0
In January	0	0
On TV (except GVSU regular season)	10	1
On NBC	5	1
On NBCSN	0	0
On ABC	2	0
On ACCN	1	0
On ESPN	0	0
On ESPN2	0	0
On CBS	0	0
On CBS Sports Network	0	0
On FOX	1	0
On USA Network	0	0
Morning Games (kicks off before noon)	1	0
Afternoon Games	4	1
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	5	0
Decided by three points or fewer	3	0
Decided by seven points or fewer	0	0
Scoring first	6	0
Opponent scores first	4	1
Leading at halftime	9	0
Tied at halftime	0	0
Trailing at halftime	1	1

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	2021 Record (W-L)	
Leading after three quarters	7	0
Tied after three quarters	1	0
Trailing after three quarters	2	1
Scoring 40+ points	4	0
Scoring 30-39 points	4	0
Scoring 20-29 points	2	0
Scoring 0-19 points	0	1
Allowing 40+ points	0	0
Allowing 30-39 points	2	0
Allowing 20-29 points	2	1
Allowing 0-19 Points	6	0
Outrushing opponent	6	0
Getting outrushed	3	1
Passing for more yards	5	1
Passing for fewer yards	5	0
Outgaining opponent	5	0
Outgained by opponent	5	1
Winning time of possession battle	3	1
Losing time of possession battle	7	0
Scoring a defensive or special teams TD	2	0
Allowing a defensive or special teams TD	2	0
Fewer penalty yards	7	0
More penalty yards	3	0
Winning turnover battle	6	0
Losing turnover battle	1	1
Having an individual 100-yard rusher	2	0
Having an individual 100-yard receiver	3	0
Having an individual 200-yard passer	6	0
Having a QB rush for 100 yards	0	0
Allowing an individual 100-yard rusher	4	0
Allowing an individual 100-yard receiver	4	1
Allowing an individual 200-yard passer	4	1

STARTER SHEET

OFFENSE	Pos.	2021	Streak	Career
Cain Madden	OL	12	12	43
Jarrett Patterson	OL	12	12	33
Jack Coan	QB	12	12	30
Kyren Williams	RB	12	24	24
Josh Lugg	RT	12	12	20
Avery Davis	WR	8	0	12
Michael Mayer	TE	11	6	14
Braden Lenzy	WR	10	10	13
Kevin Austin Jr.	WR	12	12	12
Zeke Correll	OL	6	0	8
Joe Alt	OL	7	7	7
Andrew Kristofic	OL	6	6	6
George Takacs	TE	4	0	4
Lorenzo Styles	WR	2	1	2
Tosh Baker	OL	2	0	2
Michael Carmody	OL	2	0	2
Blake Fisher	OL	1	0	1
Chris Tyree	RB	1	0	1

DEFENSE	Pos.	2021	Streak	Career
Kurt Hinish	NG	10	10	35
Drew White	LB	11	2	34
Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	DT	11	2	31
Kyle Hamilton	S	7	0	19
Clarence Lewis	S/CB	12	16	18
Jayson Ademilola	DL	12	12	14
TaRiq Bracy	CB	5	1	13
Houston Griffith	S	11	8	13
JD Bertrand	LB	12	12	12
Isaiah Foskey	DL	12	12	12
Cam Hart	CB	9	0	9
Shayne Simon	LB	0	0	8
Jack Kiser	LB	7	4	8
Isaiah Pryor	LB	5	0	5
Marist Liufau	LB	0	0	3
Ramon Henderson	CB	3	3	3
Howard Cross III	DL	2	0	2
Jordan Botelho	LB	1	0	1
Rylie Mills	DL	1	0	1
DJ Brown	S	1	0	1
Bo Bauer	LB	1	0	1
Nana Osafo-Mensah	DL	1	0	1

CAREER STARTS BY POSITION

WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	WR	RB
Lenzy (13)	Alt (7)	Correll (6)	Patterson (33)	Madden (43)	Lugg (17)	Mayer (13)	Davis (12)	Coan (30)	Austin Jr (12)	Williams (24)
	Carmody (2)	Kristofic (6)	Correll (2)	Lugg (1)		Takacs (4)	Styles (2)			Tyree (1)
	Baker (2)		Lugg (2)							
	Fisher (1)									
DL	DL	DL	DL	ROV	MIKE	BUCK	CB	S	S	CB
Foskey (12)	Tagovailoa-Amosa (31)	Hinish (35)	Ademilola, Jayson (14)	Kiser (7)	White (34)	Bertrand (12)	Hart (9)	Hamilton (19)	Griffith (12)	Lewis (18)
	Mills (1)	Cross III (2)		Pryor (5)	Bauer (1)	Kiser (1)	Griffith (1)	Henderson (3)		Bracy (13)
	Osafo-Mensah (1)			Botelho (1)		Simon (8)		Brown (1)		
						Liufau (3)		Lewis (1)		

OFFENSE

Position	Florida State	Toledo	Purdue	Wisconsin	Cincinnati	Virginia Tech	Southern Cal	North Carolina	Navy	Virginia	Georgia Tech	Stanford
WR	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.	Austin Jr.
LT	Fisher	Carmody	Baker	Baker	Carmody	Alt	Alt	Alt	Alt	Alt	Alt	Alt
LG	Correll	Correll	Correll	Correll	Correll	Correll	Kristofic	Kristofic	Kristofic	Kristofic	Kristofic	Kristofic
C	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson
RG	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden
RT	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg	Lugg
TE	Mayer	Mayer	Mayer	Mayer	Mayer	Takacs	Mayer	Mayer	Mayer	Mayer	Mayer	Mayer
WR	Davis	Davis	Davis	Davis	Davis	Lenzy	Davis	Davis	Davis	Styles	Lenzy	Styles
QB	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan	Coan
RB	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Davis	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams
WR/TE/ RB	Lenzy	Takacs	Lenzy	Takacs	Lenzy	Tyree	Lenzy	Lenzy	Lenzy	Lenzy	Takacs	Lenzy

DEFENSE

Position	Florida State	Toledo	Purdue	Wisconsin	Cincinnati	Virginia Tech	Southern Cal	North Carolina	Navy	Virginia	Georgia Tech	Stanford
DL	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey	Foskey
DL	Hinish	Hinish	Hinish	Cross III	Cross III	Hinish	Hinish	Hinish	Hinish	Hinish	Hinish	Hinish
DL	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Osafo-Mensah	Tagovailoa-Amosa	Tagovailoa-Amosa
DL	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola	Ja. Ademilola
LB	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand	Bertrand
LB	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	Bauer	White	White
LB/CB	Pryor	Pryor	Pryor	Kiser	Kiser	Kiser	Bracy	Bracy	Pryor	Kiser	Kiser	Kiser
CB	Hart	Hart	Hart	Bracy	Hart	Hart	Hart	Hart	Bracy	Hart	Hart	Bracy
S/LB	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Botelho	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Kiser	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith
S	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton	Brown	Griffith	Henderson	Henderson	Henderson
CB	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis

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:	at Stanford, 2021 (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:	at Stanford, 2021 (341)
Had 50 or more pass attempts:	vs. Virginia Tech, 2019 (53)
Had 40 or more pass attempts:	vs. Cincinnati, 2021 (46)
Had 30 or more pass attempts:	at Stanford, 2021 (36)
Had 35 or more pass completions:	at Florida State, 2021 (35)
Had 30 or more pass completions:	at Clemson, 2015 (35)
Had 25 or more pass completions:	at Stanford, 2021 (27)
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 Florida State, 2021 (4)
Had three or more passing TDs:	at Virginia, 2021 (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, 2021 (Kevin Austin Jr. - 125, Michael Mayer - 105)
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:	at Florida State, 2021 (Jack Coan - 345, Kevin Austin Jr. - 125, Michael Mayer - 105)
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. North Carolina, 2021 (Jack Coan - 213, Kyren Williams - 199)
Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:	at North Carolina, 2020 (Kyren Williams - 124 rushing, Javon McKinley - 135 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:	at Stanford, 2021 (510)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:	at Virginia, 2021 (423)
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. Georgia Tech, 2021 (55)
Scored 40 or more points:	at Stanford, 2021 (45)
Scored 30 or more points:	vs. Navy, 2021 (34)
Scored a two-point conversion:	at Virginia Tech, 2021
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. North Carolina, 2021 (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. Georgia Tech, 2021 (55-0)
Held opponent scoreless at home:	vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (55-0)
Held opponent scoreless on the road:	at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
Held opponent without offensive touchdown:	vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (55-0)
Held opponent without offensive touchdown on the road/neutral:	at Virginia, 2021 (28-3)
Held opponent without offensive touchdown at home:	vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (55-0)
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. Navy, 2021
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. Wisconsin, 2021 (5)
Returned two or more interceptions for TDs:	vs. Wisconsin, 2021 (2) (Jack Kiser - 66 yards, Drew White - 48 yards)
Returned an interception for a TD:	vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (1) (Jack Kiser - 43 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD:	vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (1) (Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa - 70 yards)

Defense

Held opponent to 50 or fewer rushing yards:	vs. Clemson, 2020 (34)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:	vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (96)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer passing yards:	at Stanford, 2021 (172)
Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense:	at Stanford, 2021 (227)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense:	vs. Navy, 2021 (184)
Intercepted five or more passes:	vs. Michigan, 2012 (5)
Intercepted four or more passes:	at Wisconsin, 2021 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes:	at Florida State, 2021 (3)
Forced five or more fumbles:	at Louisville, 2019 (5)
Forced four or more fumbles:	vs. Syracuse, 2020 (4)
Forced three or more fumbles:	at Stanford, 2021 (3)
Scored a safety:	vs. Navy, 2021
Recorded nine or more sacks:	vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
Recorded eight or more sacks:	vs. Virginia, 2019 (8)
Recorded seven or more sacks:	at Virginia, 2021 (7)
Recorded six or more sacks:	vs. Georgia Tech 2021 (6)
Recorded five or more sacks:	vs. Georgia Tech 2021 (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:	at Wisconsin, 2021 (Chris Tyree, 96 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. Georgia Tech, 2021 (Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa)
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. Cincinnati, 2021
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:	at Stanford, 2021 (27)
Had 20 or more first downs:	vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (23)
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:	at Florida State, 2021 (41-38)
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. North Carolina, 2021 (199)
Rushed for 150 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. North Carolina, 2021 (199)
Rushed for 125 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. North Carolina, 2021 (199)
Rushed for 100 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. North Carolina, 2021 (199)
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. Southern Cal, 2021 (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:	Kyren Williams at Stanford, 2021 (2)
Had a run of 90 yards or more:	Kyren Williams vs. North Carolina, 2021 (91)
Had a run of 80 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. North Carolina, 2021 (91)
Had a run of 70 or more yards:	Kyren Williams vs. North Carolina, 2021 (91)
Had a run of 60 or more yards:	Tyler Buchner vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (68)
Had a run of 50 or more yards:	Tyler Buchner vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (68)

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:	Jack Coan at Stanford, 2021 (345)
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:	Jack Coan at Stanford, 2021 (35)
Completed 30 or more passes:	Everett Golson at Florida State, 2014 (31)
Completed 20 or more passes:	Jack Coan at Stanford, 2021 (26)
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:	Jack Coan at Florida State, 2021 (4)
Threw three or more TDs:	Jack Coan at Virginia, 2021 (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:	Jack Coan vs. Navy, 2021 (70)
Completed a pass of 60 or more yards:	Jack Coan at Stanford, 2021 (61)
Completed a pass of 50 or more yards:	Jack Coan at Stanford, 2021 (61)

Receiving

Caught 15 or more passes:	Never
Caught 10 or more passes:	Miles Boykin vs. Stanford, 2018 (11)
Caught seven or more passes:	Michael Mayer at Stanford, 2021 (9)
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:	Kevin Austin Jr. at Stanford, 2021 (125)
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:	Michael Mayer vs. Toledo, 2021 (2)
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:	Jack Coan at Florida State, 2021 (4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:	Jack Coan at Florida State, 2021 (4 passing)

Defense

Intercepted three or more passes:	Harrison Smith vs. Miami (Fla.), 2010 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes:	Cam Hart vs. Wisconsin, 2021 (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:	Kurt Hinish vs. Navy, 2021 (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:	Howard Cross III vs. Georgia Tech, 2021 (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. Georgia Tech, 2021 (13)
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 at Wisconsin, 2021 (51)
Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:	Jay Bramblett at Wisconsin, 2021 (72)
Kicked a punt 60 or more yards:	Jay Bramblett at Wisconsin, 2021 (72)
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:	North Carolina, 2021 (223)
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:	BYU, 2013
	(Taysom Hill - 101, Paul Lasike - 101)

Passing

Had 400 or more yards:	Clemson, 2020 (439)
Had 300 or more yards:	North Carolina, 2021 (341)
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:	Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (4)
Had three or more passing TDs:	Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (4)



Receiving

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

Had 600 or more yards total offense:	Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (617)
Had 500 or more yards total offense:	North Carolina 2021 (564)
Had 400 or more yards total offense:	Southern Cal, 2021 (428)
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:	North Carolina, 2021 (34)
Scored a two-point conversion:	Florida State, 2021

Turnovers

Did not commit a turnover:	Navy, 2021
Had three or more fumbles lost:	Clemson, 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:	Virginia Tech, 2021 (Jermaine Waller - 26 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:	vs. Wisconsin, 2021 (3)
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:	Michigan, 2019 (180)
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:	Georgia Tech, 2021 (10)
Did not punt:	Miami (Fla.), 1985
Missed a kicking PAT:	Southern Cal, 2021

Miscellaneous

Had 30 or more first downs:	Wake Forest, 2017 (34)
Had 20 or more first downs:	North Carolina, 2021 (28)
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:	Southern Cal, 2021 (Keaontay Ingram, 138 rushing; Drake London, 171 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:	Sam Howell, North Carolina, 2021 (101)
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:	Ty Chandler, vs. North Carolina, 2021 (2)
Had a run of 80 or more yards:	Jashaun Corbin, Florida State, 2021 (89)
Had a run of 70 or more yards:	Jashaun Corbin, Florida State, 2021 (89)
Had a run of 60 or more yards:	Devin Maddox, Toledo, 2021 (67)
Had a run of 50 or more yards:	Jordan Yates, Georgia Tech, 2021 (54)

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:	Sam Howell, North Carolina, 2021 (341)
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:	Kedon Slovis, Southern Cal, 2021 (27)
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:	Mac Jones, Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (4)
Threw three or more TDs:	Mac Jones, Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (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:	Carter Bradley, Toledo, 2021 (66)
Completed a pass of 50 or more yards:	Carter Bradley, Toledo, 2021 (66)

Receiving

Caught 15 or more passes:	Drake London, Southern Cal, 2021 (15)
Caught 10 or more passes:	Josh Downs, North Carolina, 2021 (10)
Caught seven or more passes:	Josh Downs, North Carolina, 2021 (10)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:	Selwyn Lymon, Purdue, 2006 (238)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:	Drake London, Southern Cal, 2020 (171)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:	Keytaon Thompson, Virginia, 2021 (110)
Caught three or more TD passes:	DeVonta Smith, Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (3)
Caught two or more TD passes:	DeVonta Smith, Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (3)

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:	Mac Jones, Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (4 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:	Mac Jones, Alabama, CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl, 2021 (4 passing)

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:	Nick Herbig, Wisconsin, 2021 (2.0)

Special Teams

Kicked four or more field goals:	B.T. Potter, Clemson, 2020 (4)
Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:	John Parker Romo, Virginia Tech, 2021 (52)
Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:	Jake Bailey, Stanford, 2017 (65)
Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:	Damond Philyaw-Johnson, Duke, 2019 (122)



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Team Statistics

	ND	OPP
Scoring	423	219
Points per game	35.3	18.3
Points Off Turnovers	96	53
First Downs	263	211
Rushing	91	91
Passing	143	107
Penalty	29	13
Rushing Yardage	1827	1525
Yards gained rushing	2139	1874
Yards lost rushing	312	349
Rushing attempts	431	413
Average per rush	4.2	3.7
Average per game	152.3	127.1
TDs Rushing	23	13
Passing Yardage	3163	2544
Comp-Att-Int	251-383-9	228-380-15
Average per pass	8.3	6.7
Average per catch	12.6	11.2
Average per game	263.6	212.0
TDs Passing	25	9
Total offense	4990	4069
Total plays	814	793
Average per play	6.1	5.1
Average per game	415.8	339.1
Kick returns: #-Yards	16-379	44-911
Punt returns: #-Yards	15-155	13-82
Int returns: #-Yards	15-303	9-126
Kick return average	23.7	20.7
Punt return average	10.3	6.3
Int return average	20.2	14.0
Fumbles-Lost	11-5	19-8
Penalties-Yards	68-597	86-660
Average per game	49.8	55.0
Punts-Yards	51-2250	67-2912
Average per punt	44.1	43.5
Net punt average	41.3	40.4
Kickoffs-Yards	82-4956	54-3394
Average per kick	60.4	62.9
Net kick average	38.8	38.4
Time of possession / game	29:50	30:09
3rd-down conversion	66/162	56/170
3rd-down pct	41%	33%
4rd-down conversion	9/16	8/15





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	ND	OPP
4rd-down pct	56%	53%
Sacks by-Yards	40-280	33-206
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	53	24
Field goals - attempts	16-20	18-26
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(42-48) 88%	(30-38) 79%
Red-zone touchdowns	(31-48) 65%	(14-38) 37%
PAT-attempts	(52-53) 98%	(20-24) 83%
Attendance	509719	214103
Games / Avg per game	7/72817	4/53526
Neutral site games	-	1/59571

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Notre Dame	66	140	87	127	3	423
Opponents	29	56	56	78	0	219





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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kyren Williams	12	204	1043	41	1002	4.9	14	91	83.5
Jack Coan	12	53	95	191	-96	-1.8	2	21	-8.0
Chris Tyree	11	50	213	9	204	4.1	1	33	18.5
Tyler Buchner	10	46	358	22	336	7.3	3	68	33.6
Logan Diggs	7	43	207	6	201	4.7	3	26	28.7
Drew Pyne	2	6	18	24	-6	-1.0	0	11	-3.0
Audric Esteime	11	6	61	0	61	10.2	0	21	5.5
Braden Lenzy	12	4	69	0	69	17.3	0	31	5.8
Avery Davis	9	3	19	0	19	6.3	0	10	2.1
C'Bo Flemister	4	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	6	2.5
Leo Albano	4	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.3
Kevin Austin	12	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	0.7
Lorenzo Styles	12	1	37	0	37	37.0	0	37	3.1
Team	12	10	0	19	-19	-1.9	0	0	-1.6
Total	12	431	2139	312	1827	4.2	23	91	152.3
Opponents	12	413	1874	349	1525	3.7	13	89	127.1

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Jack Coan	12	154.4	215-318-6	67.6	2641	20	70	220.1
Tyler Buchner	10	142.7	21-35-3	60.0	298	3	55	29.8
Drew Pyne	2	134.7	15-30-0	50.0	224	2	32	112.0
Total	12	151.7	251-383-9	65.5	3163	25	70	263.6
Opponents	12	116.2	228-380-15	60.0	2544	9	66	212.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Michael Mayer	11	64	768	12.0	5	52	69.8
Kyren Williams	12	42	359	8.5	3	55	29.9
Kevin Austin	12	42	783	18.6	6	70	65.3
Avery Davis	9	27	386	14.3	4	62	42.9
Braden Lenzy	12	25	290	11.6	3	32	24.2
Chris Tyree	11	18	143	7.9	1	55	13.0
Lorenzo Styles	12	16	208	13.0	0	40	17.3
Joe Wilkins	5	4	61	15.3	1	23	12.2
Deion Colzie	10	4	67	16.8	0	31	6.7
George Takacs	12	3	36	12.0	1	19	3.0
Logan Diggs	7	2	35	17.5	1	20	5.0
Mitchell Evans	12	2	21	10.5	0	13	1.8
Matt Salerno	10	1	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.4
Kevin Bauman	4	1	10	10.0	0	10	2.5
Total	12	251	3163	12.6	25	70	263.6
Opponents	12	228	2544	11.2	9	66	212.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kyren Williams	14	151	10.8	0	47
Matt Salerno	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	15	155	10.3	0	47
Opponents	13	82	6.3	0	17

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DJ Brown	3	31	10.3	0	17
Kyle Hamilton	3	0	0.0	0	0
Jack Kiser	2	109	54.5	2	66
Cam Hart	2	32	16.0	0	32
TaRiq Bracy	1	0	0.0	0	0
Drew White	1	48	48.0	1	48
Bo Bauer	1	79	79.0	0	79
Ramon Henderson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Clarence Lewis	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	15	303	20.2	3	79
Opponents	9	126	14.0	2	27

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chris Tyree	11	303	27.5	1	96
Matt Salerno	2	33	16.5	0	26
George Takacs	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kyren Williams	1	29	29.0	0	29
Lorenzo Styles	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	16	379	23.7	1	96
Opponents	44	911	20.7	0	40

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Kyren Williams	17	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	104
Jonathan Doerer	-	16-20	47-48	-	-	-	-	-	95
Kevin Austin	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38
Michael Mayer	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Logan Diggs	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Avery Davis	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	24
Braden Lenzy	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	20
Tyler Buchner	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chris Tyree	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jack Coan	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	12
Jack Kiser	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Joe Wilkins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
George Takacs	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Drew White	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Harrison Leonard	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Josh Bryan	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	53	16-20	49-50	0	3	3	0	1	423
Opponents	24	18-26	19-21	0	1	1	0	0	219

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Jonathan Doerer	16-20	80.0	0-0	6-6	4-6	5-6	1-2	51	0
Opponents	18-26	69.2	1-1	6-6	8-11	2-5	1-3	52	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	Notre Dame	Opponents
Wisconsin	39,(51),(37)	(37),(27),52
Southern California	36	
Georgia Tech	(41)	
Toledo		(31),(32)
Purdue		(34)
Navy		(49)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Jack Coan	12	371	-96	2641	2545	212.1
Kyren Williams	12	204	1002	0	1002	83.5
Tyler Buchner	10	81	336	298	634	63.4
Drew Pyne	2	36	-6	224	218	109.0
Chris Tyree	11	50	204	0	204	18.5
Logan Diggs	7	43	201	0	201	28.7
Braden Lenzy	12	4	69	0	69	5.8
Audric Estime	11	6	61	0	61	5.5
Lorenzo Styles	12	1	37	0	37	3.1
Avery Davis	9	3	19	0	19	2.1
C'Bo Flemister	4	3	10	0	10	2.5
Kevin Austin	12	1	8	0	8	0.7
Leo Albano	4	1	1	0	1	0.3
Team	12	0	-19	0	-19	-1.6
Total	12	814	1827	3163	4990	415.8
Opponents	12	793	1525	2544	4069	339.1

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jay Bramblett	51	2250	44.1	72	3	19	16	11	0
Total	51	2250	44.1	72	3	19	16	11	0
Opponents	67	2912	43.5	68	6	24	22	17	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Jonathan Doerer	81	4893	60.4	25	1			
Total	82	4956	60.4	25	1	44	38.8	26
Opponents	54	3394	62.9	31	2	16	38.4	26



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Kyren Williams	12	1002	359	151	29	0	1541	128.4
Kevin Austin	12	8	783	0	0	0	791	65.9
Michael Mayer	11	0	768	0	0	0	768	69.8
Chris Tyree	11	204	143	0	303	0	650	59.1
Avery Davis	9	19	386	0	0	0	405	45.0
Braden Lenzy	12	69	290	0	0	0	359	29.9
Tyler Buchner	10	336	0	0	0	0	336	33.6
Lorenzo Styles	12	37	208	0	14	0	259	21.6
Logan Diggs	7	201	35	0	0	0	236	33.7
Jack Kiser	12	0	0	0	0	109	109	9.1
Bo Bauer	12	0	0	0	0	79	79	6.6
Deion Colzie	10	0	67	0	0	0	67	6.7
Audric Estime	11	61	0	0	0	0	61	5.5
Joe Wilkins	5	0	61	0	0	0	61	12.2
Drew White	11	0	0	0	0	48	48	4.4
George Takacs	12	0	36	0	0	0	36	3.0
Matt Salerno	10	0	-4	4	33	0	33	3.3
Cam Hart	12	0	0	0	0	32	32	2.7
DJ Brown	11	0	0	0	0	31	31	2.8
Mitchell Evans	12	0	21	0	0	0	21	1.8
Kevin Bauman	4	0	10	0	0	0	10	2.5
C'Bo Flemister	4	10	0	0	0	0	10	2.5
Clarence Lewis	12	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.3
Leo Albano	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Drew Pyne	2	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-3.0
Jack Coan	12	-96	0	0	0	0	-96	-8.0
Team	12	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-1.6
Total	12	1827	3163	155	379	303	5827	485.6
Opponents	12	1525	2544	82	911	126	5188	432.3

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
27	JD Bertrand	12	55	37	92	5-19	1.5-13	.	1	4	1-0	1	.	.
40	Drew White	11	26	23	49	4.5-10	1.5-5	1-48	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
7	Isaiah Foskey	12	33	14	47	11.5-117	10-116	.	1	6	2-0	5	.	.
52	Bo Bauer	12	22	23	45	4-14	1.5-8	1-79	5	2	.	.	.	.
57	Jayson Ademilola	12	25	19	44	8-31	3.5-22	.	2	3	.	1	.	.
6	Clarence Lewis	12	34	9	43	2-11	1-6	1-4	4	.	.	1	.	.
24	Jack Kiser	12	23	18	41	1-3	.	2-109	5	1	.	1	.	.
5	Cam Hart	12	25	16	41	4-16	.	2-32	7	.	.	.	.	.
10	Isaiah Pryor	12	20	19	39	2-8	1-6	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
3	Houston Griffith	12	23	15	38	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
2	DJ Brown	11	16	21	37	1-2	.	3-31	1	.	.	.	.	.
28	TaRiq Bracy	12	24	12	36	.	.	1-0	2	2	1-0	.	.	.
14	Kyle Hamilton	7	19	16	35	2-5	.	3-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
9	Justin Ademilola	12	18	15	33	6-28	5-26	.	1	4	1-0	1	.	.
41	Kurt Hinish	10	13	12	25	4.5-15	2-11	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
56	Howard Cross III	10	11	9	20	4.5-21	3-17	.	.	4	.	.	.	.
95	Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa	11	14	6	20	6-16	2-8	.	1	10	1-0	1	1	.
12	Jordan Botelho	10	10	7	17	3-11	2-8	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
99	Rylie Mills	12	8	8	16	3-20	3-20	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
32	Prince Kolli	9	6	8	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Xavier Watts	10	10	4	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Nana Osafo-Mensah	11	5	8	13	2.5-10	2-8	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
54	Jacob Lacey	10	7	4	11	2-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Ramon Henderson	12	5	5	10	0.5-4	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Kahanu Kia	7	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Alexander Ehrensberger	9	1	2	3	1-6	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Davis Sherwood	11	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Justin Walters	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Adam Shibley	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Jonathan Doerer	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Kyren Williams	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Jack Coan	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kevin Austin	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65	Michael Vinson	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Chris Velotta	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Andrew Kristofic	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Braden Lenzy	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Chase Ketterer	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	KJ Wallace	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Litchfield Ajavon	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Michael Mayer	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76	Joe Alt	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Will Schweitzer	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Aidan Keanaaina	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Totals		12	475	340	815	78-369	40-280	15-303	36	53	8-0	11	1	1
Opponents		12	479	274	753	78-294	33-206	9-126	36	23	5-0	6	0	0



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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	
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	35	65	1	12	26	366	4	55	26-35-1	366	4	55	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4	431
09/11/2021	Toledo	39	132	1	43	24	317	3	55	24-36-1	317	3	55	1	19	0	19	0	0	0	0	449
09/18/2021	Purdue	34	120	1	51	15	223	2	62	15-32-0	223	2	62	0	0	0	0	2	30	0	23	343
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	32	3	0	8	21	239	2	36	21-37-0	239	2	36	3	132	1	96	3	20	0	10	242
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	28	84	1	16	23	257	1	32	23-46-2	257	1	32	4	87	0	30	2	1	0	6	341
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	43	180	2	11	15	221	2	46	15-26-2	221	2	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	401
10/23/2021	Southern California	41	170	3	38	22	213	1	29	22-30-1	213	1	29	1	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	383
10/30/2021	North Carolina	42	293	3	91	18	230	2	40	18-26-0	230	2	40	1	0	0	0	1	47	0	47	523
11/06/2021	Navy	31	150	3	23	24	280	1	70	24-30-0	280	1	70	3	62	0	29	1	16	0	16	430
11/13/2021	at Virginia	38	249	1	37	18	174	3	22	18-23-1	174	3	22	1	14	0	14	1	0	0	0	423
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	33	212	3	68	18	302	2	52	18-26-0	302	2	52	1	51	0	51	3	37	0	19	514
11/27/2021	at Stanford	35	169	4	33	27	341	2	61	27-36-1	341	2	61	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	510
Notre Dame		431	1827	23	91	251	3163	25	70	251-383-9	3163	25	70	16	379	1	96	15	155	0	47	4990
Opponents		413	1525	13	89	228	2544	9	66	228-380-15	2544	9	66	44	911	0	40	13	82	0	17	4069

Notre Dame Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
12	4.2	12.6	151.7	23.7	10.3	485.6	415.8

Date	Opponent	Tackles			Sacks	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
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	36	40	76	8.0-43	5-34	0	0-0	3-4	8	1	0	5-5	0	0	21	41
09/11/2021	Toledo	40	18	58	11.0-40	5-29	1	1-0	0-0	4	6	0	3-3	0	1	0	32
09/18/2021	Purdue	43	42	85	5.0-29	3-24	0	0-0	2-0	8	7	0	3-3	0	0	0	27
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	44	8	52	4.0-8	1-3	1	1-0	4-146	5	2	0	5-5	0	0	31	41
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	34	22	56	2.0-11	1-10	1	1-0	0-0	5	4	0	1-2	0	0	7	13
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	33	44	77	7.0-22	1-10	0	1-0	1-0	7	1	0	3-3	0	1	7	32
10/23/2021	Southern California	55	18	73	4.0-37	3-34	2	1-0	1-79	3	3	0	4-4	0	0	3	31
10/30/2021	North Carolina	46	30	76	7.0-19	4-15	0	0-0	1-17	1	1	0	5-5	0	0	3	44
11/06/2021	Navy	46	20	66	6.0-20	2-15	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	3-3	0	1	1	34
11/13/2021	at Virginia	33	34	67	8.0-41	7-34	1	0-0	2-14	1	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	28
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	35	38	73	10.0-65	6-52	2	1-0	1-43	9	4	1	7-7	0	0	14	55
11/27/2021	at Stanford	30	26	56	6.0-34	2-20	3	2-0	0-0	0	2	0	6-6	0	0	10	45
Notre Dame		475	340	815	78.0-369	40-280	11	8-0	15-303	53	36	1	49-50	0	3	1	96
Opponents		479	274	753	78.0-294	33-206	6	5-0	9-126	23	36	0	19-21	0	1	0	53

Date	Opponent	Punting								Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb ob
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	6	236	39.3	50	0	0	5	1	3	2-2	48	0	7	450	64.3	4
09/11/2021	Toledo	3	148	49.3	58	0	0	2	1	1	1-2	48	0	6	381	63.5	3
09/18/2021	Purdue	7	298	42.6	52	0	0	1	1	2	2-3	30	0	7	381	54.4	3
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	7	324	46.3	72	0	0	2	2	3	2-3	51	0	8	443	55.4	2
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	6	278	46.3	52	0	1	2	1	2	0-0	0	0	3	195	65.0	3
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	6	293	48.8	55	0	1	0	2	2	1-1	48	0	6	377	62.8	0
10/23/2021	Southern California	1	52	52.0	52	0	0	1	1	0	1-2	21	0	6	377	62.8	1
10/30/2021	North Carolina	2	83	41.5	50	0	1	0	1	0	3-3	31	0	9	577	64.1	3
11/06/2021	Navy	4	178	44.5	50	0	0	2	1	2	1-1	24	0	6	368	61.3	2
11/13/2021	at Virginia	1	34	34.0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	5	313	62.6	0
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	3	114	38.0	48	0	0	1	0	0	2-2	41	0	11	589	53.5	1
11/27/2021	at Stanford	5	212	42.4	49	0	0	3	0	1	1-1	36	0	8	505	63.1	3
Notre Dame		51	2250	44.1	72	0	3	19	11	16	16-20	51	0	82	4956	60.4	25
Opponents		67	2912	43.5	68	0	6	24	17	22	18-26	52	1	54	3394	62.9	31



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	48	264	3	89	14	178	2	60	14-26-3	178	2	60	3	72	0	33	0	0	0	0	442
09/11/2021	Toledo	30	116	1	67	20	229	1	66	20-33-0	229	1	66	3	58	0	38	0	0	0	0	345
09/18/2021	Purdue	25	57	0	31	36	291	1	32	36-54-2	291	1	32	3	50	0	22	5	34	0	15	348
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	28	78	0	10	18	240	1	43	18-41-4	240	1	43	5	87	0	33	3	16	0	6	318
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	30	93	1	16	19	297	2	45	19-32-0	297	2	45	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	17	390
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	37	134	2	19	17	187	0	25	17-34-1	187	0	25	6	137	0	33	2	15	0	12	321
10/23/2021	Southern California	33	129	2	22	27	299	0	44	27-37-1	299	0	44	5	96	0	24	0	0	0	0	428
10/30/2021	North Carolina	40	223	3	53	24	341	1	41	24-33-1	341	1	41	5	106	0	40	0	0	0	0	564
11/06/2021	Navy	55	166	0	32	1	18	0	18	1-3-0	18	0	18	4	76	0	23	0	0	0	0	184
11/13/2021	at Virginia	30	82	0	12	18	196	0	28	18-34-2	196	0	28	2	44	0	23	0	0	0	0	278
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	35	128	0	54	14	96	0	22	14-28-1	96	0	22	5	113	0	40	1	0	0	0	224
11/27/2021	at Stanford	22	55	1	11	20	172	1	49	20-25-0	172	1	49	3	72	0	25	0	0	0	0	227
Opponents		413	1525	13	89	228	2544	9	66	228-380-15	2544	9	66	44	911	0	40	13	82	0	17	4069
Notre Dame		431	1827	23	91	251	3163	25	70	251-383-9	3163	25	70	16	379	1	96	15	155	0	47	4990

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
12	3.7	11.2	116.2	20.7	6.3	432.3	339.1

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	34	36	70	9.0-26	4-16	0	0-0	1-5	0	2	0	3-4	0	1	0	0	38
09/11/2021	Toledo	50	14	64	11.0-54	6-37	2	2-0	1-27	6	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	17	29
09/18/2021	Purdue	36	12	48	7.0-30	4-26	0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	13
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	44	14	58	11.0-43	6-33	2	1-0	0-0	3	5	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	13
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	42	22	64	8.0-25	2-15	0	1-0	2-31	4	8	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	33	38	71	2.0-12	2-12	0	0-0	2-40	2	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	13	29
10/23/2021	Southern California	46	18	64	3.0-9	1-6	0	0-0	1-0	0	3	0	1-2	0	0	0	6	16
10/30/2021	North Carolina	51	8	59	4.0-6	1-1	0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	34
11/06/2021	Navy	48	10	58	6.0-22	2-17	1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
11/13/2021	at Virginia	27	40	67	3.0-6	0-0	0	1-0	1-0	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	32	30	62	5.0-32	3-27	1	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
11/27/2021	at Stanford	36	32	68	9.0-29	2-16	0	0-0	1-23	0	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	14
Opponents		479	274	753	78.0-294	33-206	6	5-0	9-126	23	36	0	19-21	0	1	0	53	219
Notre Dame		475	340	815	78.0-369	40-280	11	8-0	15-303	53	36	1	49-50	0	3	1	96	423

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	4	171	42.8	53	0	0	3	1	1	1-2	43	0	7	444	63.4	3	0
09/11/2021	Toledo	7	318	45.4	68	0	1	2	2	4	3-3	32	0	7	451	64.4	6	0
09/18/2021	Purdue	7	268	38.3	56	0	0	1	1	2	2-2	34	0	4	256	64.0	3	1
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	6	299	49.8	62	0	1	0	2	1	2-3	37	0	4	250	62.5	1	0
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	5	219	43.8	50	0	1	2	1	0	1-3	23	0	5	312	62.4	1	0
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	6	294	49.0	64	0	1	3	2	1	3-3	52	0	6	388	64.7	5	0
10/23/2021	Southern California	2	99	49.5	52	0	1	1	1	0	1-2	33	0	4	256	64.0	3	0
10/30/2021	North Carolina	3	129	43.0	54	0	0	0	1	2	2-2	38	0	7	430	61.4	6	0
11/06/2021	Navy	5	253	50.6	65	0	0	2	2	1	2-2	49	0	4	229	57.3	0	1
11/13/2021	at Virginia	4	136	34.0	50	0	0	2	1	1	1-2	34	0	2	130	65.0	1	0
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	10	354	35.4	56	0	1	3	1	5	0-1	0	1	1	64	64.0	0	0
11/27/2021	at Stanford	8	372	46.5	52	0	0	5	2	4	0-1	0	0	3	184	61.3	2	0
Opponents		67	2912	43.5	68	0	6	24	17	22	18-26	52	1	54	3394	62.9	31	2
Notre Dame		51	2250	44.1	72	0	3	19	11	16	16-20	51	0	82	4956	60.4	25	1



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Notre Dame Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
										FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	W 41-38	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/11/2021	Toledo	W 32-29	2	2	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/18/2021	Purdue	W 27-13	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	W 41-13	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	L 13-24	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	W 32-29	4	4	29	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/23/2021	Southern California	W 31-16	7	5	31	4	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
10/30/2021	North Carolina	W 44-34	5	5	23	2	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
11/06/2021	Navy	W 34-6	5	4	25	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
11/13/2021	at Virginia	W 28-3	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	W 55-0	6	6	35	4	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/27/2021	at Stanford	W 45-14	6	6	38	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 42 of 48 (87.5%)			48	42	254	31	17	14	11	13	1	1	1	0	1

Opponents Inside Notre Dame Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
										FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/05/2021	Florida St.	W 41-38	4	3	22	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/11/2021	Toledo	W 32-29	4	4	15	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
09/18/2021	Purdue	W 27-13	4	3	13	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
09/25/2021	Wisconsin	W 41-13	3	3	13	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	L 13-24	5	3	17	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
10/09/2021	Virginia Tech	W 32-29	4	4	20	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/23/2021	Southern California	W 31-16	4	3	16	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
10/30/2021	North Carolina	W 44-34	4	3	13	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
11/06/2021	Navy	W 34-6	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/13/2021	Virginia	W 28-3	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	W 55-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11/27/2021	Stanford	W 45-14	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 30 of 38 (78.9%)			38	30	145	14	9	5	16	20	0	2	1	0	1



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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	Wot1	41-38	6-17 35.3	0-4 0.0	2-5 40.0	3-3 100.0	1-4 25.0	0-1 0.0
09/11/2021	Toledo	W	32-29	8-14 57.1	2-4 50.0	0-1 0.0	4-6 66.7	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
09/18/2021	Purdue	W	27-13	4-17 23.5	0-3 0.0	2-7 28.6	1-2 50.0	1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	W	41-13	5-16 31.3	2-5 40.0	2-5 40.0	0-3 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	L	13-24	6-17 35.3	1-4 25.0	2-6 33.3	0-1 0.0	3-6 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	W	32-29	3-12 25.0	1-4 25.0	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/23/2021	Southern California	W	31-16	8-12 66.7	3-4 75.0	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	3-3 100.0	0-0 0.0
10/30/2021	North Carolina	W	44-34	5-11 45.5	2-3 66.7	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
11/06/2021	Navy	W	34-6	7-13 53.8	0-3 0.0	5-6 83.3	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
11/13/2021	at Virginia	W	28-3	7-11 63.6	3-5 60.0	3-3 100.0	1-2 50.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	W	55-0	5-11 45.5	2-4 50.0	2-2 100.0	0-2 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
11/27/2021	at Stanford	W	45-14	2-11 18.2	0-2 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
Notre Dame				66-162 40.7	16-45 35.6	22-45 48.9	12-31 38.7	16-40 40.0	0-1 0.0
Opponents				56-170 32.9	11-38 28.9	11-43 25.6	15-45 33.3	19-43 44.2	0-1 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	Wot1	41-38	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/11/2021	Toledo	W	32-29	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/18/2021	Purdue	W	27-13	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	W	41-13	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	L	13-24	2-4 50.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	W	32-29	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/23/2021	Southern California	W	31-16	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/30/2021	North Carolina	W	44-34	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/06/2021	Navy	W	34-6	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/13/2021	at Virginia	W	28-3	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	W	55-0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/27/2021	at Stanford	W	45-14	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Notre Dame				9-16 56.3	5-8 62.5	2-3 66.7	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
Opponents				8-15 53.3	2-4 50.0	1-2 50.0	2-4 50.0	3-5 60.0	0-0 0.0

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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/05/2021	at Florida St.	Wot1	41-38	30:41	09:06	09:12	06:59	05:24	00:00
09/11/2021	Toledo	W	32-29	29:56	07:19	05:27	05:37	11:33	00:00
09/18/2021	Purdue	W	27-13	25:49	03:51	09:43	03:17	08:58	00:00
09/25/2021	vs Wisconsin	W	41-13	31:36	08:57	10:44	05:19	06:36	00:00
10/02/2021	Cincinnati	L	13-24	31:50	10:08	09:16	05:58	06:28	00:00
10/09/2021	at Virginia Tech	W	32-29	28:27	07:50	05:37	05:29	09:31	00:00
10/23/2021	Southern California	W	31-16	31:23	09:28	04:36	07:08	10:11	00:00
10/30/2021	North Carolina	W	44-34	29:45	07:12	06:55	07:07	08:31	00:00
11/06/2021	Navy	W	34-6	25:27	05:35	09:45	01:52	08:15	00:00
11/13/2021	at Virginia	W	28-3	29:41	08:06	08:57	04:40	07:58	00:00
11/20/2021	Georgia Tech	W	55-0	29:21	07:16	08:33	03:59	09:33	00:00
11/27/2021	at Stanford	W	45-14	34:10	05:38	12:12	07:36	08:44	00:00
Notre Dame				Total 358:06	90:26	100:57	65:01	101:42	00:00
				Avg. 29:50	07:32	08:25	05:25	08:28	00:00
Opponents				Total 361:50	69:09	99:33	92:33	100:35	00:00
				Avg. 30:09	05:46	08:18	07:43	08:23	00:00

NOTRE DAME 20+ YARD PLAYS

YARDS	TYPE	PLAYER(S)	OPPONENT
96*	KR	Chris Tyree	Wisconsin
91*	Rush	Kyren Williams	North Carolina
70*	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Navy
68	Rush	Tyler Buchner	Georgia Tech
62*	Pass	Jack Coan to Avery Davis	Purdue
61	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Stanford
55*	Pass	Tyler Buchner to Chris Tyree	Toledo
55	Pass	Jack Coan to Kyren Williams	Florida State
52*	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Georgia Tech
51	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Georgia Tech
51*	Rush	Kyren Williams	Purdue
47	PR	Kyren Williams	North Carolina
46	Pass	Tyler Buchner to Kevin Austin Jr.	Virginia Tech
43*	Rush	Kyren Williams	Toledo
41*	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Florida State
40	Pass	Jack Coan to Lorenzo Styles	North Carolina
39*	Pass	Jack Coan to Kyren Williams	Purdue
38	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Georgia Tech
38	Pass	Kevin Austin Jr.	Navy
38	Rush	Kyren Williams	Southern Cal
37	Rush	Lorenzo Styles	Virginia
37	Pass	Tyler Buchner to Avery Davis	Virginia Tech
37*	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Florida State
36*	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Wisconsin
34	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Stanford
34	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Toledo
33*	Rush	Tyler Buchner	Stanford
33	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Stanford
32*	Pass	Drew Pyne to Braden Lenzy	Cincinnati
31	Rush	Braden Lenzy	Virginia
31	Pass	Jack Coan to Deion Colzie	Navy
30	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	North Carolina
29	Pass	Jack Coan to Lorenzo Styles	Southern Cal
29	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	Florida State
28	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Toledo
26	Rush	Kyren Williams	Georgia Tech
26	Rush	Logan Diggs	Virginia
26	Rush	Tyler Buchner	Toledo
25	Pass	Jack Coan to Lorenzo Styles	North Carolina
25	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Florida State
24	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Stanford
24	Pass	Jack Coan to Braden Lenzy	Florida State
23	Rush	Logan Diggs	Navy

YARDS	TYPE	PLAYER(S)	OPPONENT
23	Pass	Jack Coan to Avery Davis	Virginia Tech
23*	Pass	Jack Coan to Joe Wilkins Jr.	Florida State
22	Pass	Tyler Buchner to Michael Mayer	Virginia
22*	Rush	Kyren Williams	Virginia
22	Pass	Drew Pyne to Michael Mayer	Wisconsin
22	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Florida State
21	Rush	Audric Estime	Georgia Tech
21*	Rush	Jack Coan	North Carolina
21*	Pass	Jack Coan to Kevin Austin Jr.	North Carolina
20*	Pass	Jack Coan to Logan Diggs	Georgia Tech
20*	Rush	Kyren Williams	Navy
20	Pass	Jack Coan to Avery Davis	North Carolina
20	Pass	Jack Coan to Braden Lenzy	Virginia Tech
20	Pass	Drew Pyne to Michael Mayer	Cincinnati
20	Pass	Jack Coan to Michael Mayer	Cincinnati
20	Pass	Jack Coan to Avery Davis	Wisconsin
20	Rush	Tyler Buchner	Purdue
20	Pass	Jack Coan to Avery Davis	Purdue

* Touchdown play

OPPONENT 20+ YARD PLAYS

YARDS	TYPE	PLAYER(S)	ND OPPONENT
89*	Rush	Jashaun Corbin	Florida State
66	Pass	Carter Bradley to Devin Maddox	Toledo
60	Pass	Jordan Travis to Ja'Khi Douglas	Florida State
53*	Rush	Ty Chandler	North Carolina
49*	Pass	Tanner McKee to Ben Yurosek	Stanford
45	Pass	Desmond Ridder to Alec Pierce	Cincinnati
44	Pass	Kedon Slovis to Drake London	Southern Cal
44	Pass	Desmond Ridder to Alec Pierce	Cincinnati
43	Pass	Graham Mertz to Clay Cundiff	Wisconsin
35	Pass	Graham Mertz to Chez Mellusi	Wisconsin
33*	Pass	Sam Howell to Antonie Green	North Carolina
32	Rush	Jayden Umbarger	Navy
32	Pass	Jack Plummer to David Bell	Purdue
31*	Rush	Sam Howell	North Carolina
31	Rush	King Doerue	Purdue
30	Pass	Kedon Slovis to Malcolm Epps	Southern Cal
29	Pass	Kedon Slovis to Drake London	Southern Cal
28	Pass	Jay Woolfolk to Keytaon Thompson	Virginia
27	Pass	Desmond Ridder to Tre Tucker	Cincinnati
27	Pass	Desmond Ridder to Leonard Taylor	Cincinnati
27	Pass	Aidan O'Connell to Jackson Anthrop	Purdue
26	Pass	Tanner McKee to Ben Yurosek	Stanford
26*	Rush	Dequan Finn	Toledo
25	Pass	Braxton Burmeister to Raheem Blackshear	Virginia Tech
25	Rush	Jordan Travis	Florida State
23	Pass	Sam Howell to Antoine Green	North Carolina
23	Pass	Carter Bradley to Devin Maddox	Toledo
22	Rush	Donate Smith	Georgia Tech
22	Pass	Jordan Yates to Dylan Leonard	Georgia Tech
22	Rush	Keaontay Ingram	Southern Cal
22	Pass	Desmond Ridder to Alec Pierce	Cincinnati
22	Pass	Graham Mertz to Kendrick Pryor	Wisconsin
22	Pass	Jack Plummer to Jackson Anthrop	Purdue
22	Pass	McKenzie Milton to Ja'Khi Douglas	Florida State
21	Pass	Kedon Slovis to Tahj Washington	Southern Cal
21	Pass	Jordan Travis to Malik McClain	Florida State
20	Rush	Lawrence Toafili	Florida State

*Touchdown play

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NOTRE DAME INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Notre Dame - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	25	Kyren Williams vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	199	Kyren Williams vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
TD RUSHES	2	Kyren Williams at Stanford (11/27/2021)
	2	Kyren Williams vs Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
	2	Kyren Williams vs Navy (11/06/2021)
	2	Kyren Williams vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
LONG RUSH	91	Kyren Williams vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	35	Jack Coan at Stanford (11/27/2021)
	35	Jack Coan at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	26	Jack Coan at Stanford (11/27/2021)
	26	Jack Coan at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
YARDS PASSING	366	Jack Coan at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
TD PASSES	4	Jack Coan at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
LONG PASS	70	Jack Coan vs Navy (11/06/2021)
RECEPTIONS	9	Michael Mayer at Stanford (11/27/2021)
	9	Michael Mayer at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	139	Kevin Austin vs Navy (11/06/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Kevin Austin vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
	2	Michael Mayer vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	70	Kevin Austin vs Navy (11/06/2021)
PUNTS	7	Jay Bramblett vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
	7	Jay Bramblett vs Purdue (09/18/2021)
PUNTING AVG	52.0	Jay Bramblett vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
LONG PUNT	72	Jay Bramblett vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Jay Bramblett vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
	3	Jay Bramblett at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	47	Kyren Williams vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	96	Chris Tyree vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
TACKLES	12	JD Bertrand vs Purdue (09/18/2021)
	12	JD Bertrand at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
SACKS	2	Howard Cross III vs Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
	2	Rylie Mills at Virginia (11/13/2021)
	2	Isaiah Foskey vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
	2	Myron Tagovaloa-Amosa vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
	2	Isaiah Foskey at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3	JD Bertrand vs Toledo (09/11/2021)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Opponent - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	24	Keaontay Ingram vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	144	Jashaun Corbin at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
TD RUSHES	2	Ty Chandler vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
LONG RUSH	89	Jashaun Corbin at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	41	Graham Mertz vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	Kedon Slovis vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
YARDS PASSING	341	Sam Howell vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
TD PASSES	2	Desmond Ridder vs Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
	2	Jordan Travis at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
LONG PASS	66	Carter Bradley vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
RECEPTIONS	15	Drake London vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	171	Drake London vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Benjamin Yurosek at Stanford (11/27/2021)
	1	Antoine Green vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
	1	Leonard Taylor vs Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
	1	Tre Tucker vs Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
	1	Kendric Pryor vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
	1	Milton Wright vs Purdue (09/18/2021)
	1	Bryant Koback vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
	1	Ja'Khi Douglas at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
	1	Andrew Parchment at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	66	Devin Maddox vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
FIELD GOALS	3	John Parker Romo at Virginia Tech (10/09/2021)
	3	Thomas Cluckey vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
LONG FIELD GOALS	52	John Parker Romo at Virginia Tech (10/09/2021)
PUNTS	10	David Shanahan vs Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
PUNTING AVG	50.6	Riley Riethman vs Navy (11/06/2021)
LONG PUNT	68	Bailey Flint vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	5	David Shanahan vs Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	17	Ryan Montgomery vs Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	40	Jahmyr Gibbs vs Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
	40	Ja'Quarious Conley vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
TACKLES	12	Cam'Ron Kelly vs North Carolina (10/30/2021)
	12	Nasir Peoples at Virginia Tech (10/09/2021)
SACKS	2	Nick Herbig vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
	2	Terrance Taylor vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3	Terrance Taylor vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Jonathan McGill at Stanford (11/27/2021)
	1	Anthony Johnson at Virginia (11/13/2021)
	1	Chris Steele vs Southern California (10/23/2021)
	1	Nasir Peoples at Virginia Tech (10/09/2021)
	1	Jermaine Waller at Virginia Tech (10/09/2021)
	1	Ahmad Gardner vs Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
	1	Deshawn Pace vs Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
	1	Chris McDonald Jr. vs Toledo (09/11/2021)
	1	Travis Jay at Florida St. (09/05/2021)

NOTRE DAME TEAM GAME HIGHS

Notre Dame - Game Highs

RUSHES	43	at Virginia Tech (10/09/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	293	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	7.0	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
TD RUSHES	4	at Stanford (11/27/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	46	Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	at Stanford (11/27/2021)
YARDS PASSING	366	at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	11.6	Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
TD PASSES	4	at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	75	Toledo (09/11/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	523	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	8.7	Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
POINTS	55	Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
SACKS BY	7	at Virginia (11/13/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	27	at Stanford (11/27/2021)
	27	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
	27	Toledo (09/11/2021)
PENALTIES	11	vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	93	vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
TURNOVERS	3	Toledo (09/11/2021)
	3	Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
PUNTS	7	vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
	7	Purdue (09/18/2021)
PUNTING AVG	52.0	Southern California (10/23/2021)
LONG PUNT	72	vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
	3	at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	47	North Carolina (10/30/2021)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Opponent - Game Highs

RUSHES	55	Navy (11/06/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	264	at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.6	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
TD RUSHES	3	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
	3	at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	54	Purdue (09/18/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	36	Purdue (09/18/2021)
YARDS PASSING	341	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	10.3	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
TD PASSES	2	Cincinnati (10/02/2021)
	2	at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	79	Purdue (09/18/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	564	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.7	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
POINTS	38	at Florida St. (09/05/2021)
SACKS BY	6	Toledo (09/11/2021)
	6	vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	29	North Carolina (10/30/2021)
PENALTIES	11	Toledo (09/11/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	99	Toledo (09/11/2021)
TURNOVERS	5	vs Wisconsin (N) (09/25/2021)
PUNTS	10	Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
PUNTING AVG	50.6	Navy (11/06/2021)
LONG PUNT	68	Toledo (09/11/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	5	Georgia Tech (11/20/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	17	Cincinnati (10/02/2021)



57 JAYSON ADEMIOLA

DL • 6-3, 280 lbs • Senior/Senior
Jackson, NJ (St. Peter's Prep)

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6, at Virginia Tech (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Sacks: 1.0 (3x), MR at Stanford (2021)
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Wisconsin
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	8	4	7	11	1.5-12	0	0	0	0	4
2021	12	25	19	44	8.0-31	2	1	0	0	3
TOTAL	43	49	50	99	15.0-60	3	1	0	0	10

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	12	0	1	0.5	3
2019	11	0	0	0.0	0
2020	8	0	1	0.5	4
2021	12	3	1	3.5	22
TOTAL	43	3	3	4.5	29



9 JUSTIN ADEMIOLA

DL • 6-1 3/4, 255 lbs • Senior/Junior
Jackson, NJ (St. Peter's Prep)

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, at Virginia (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.5 (2x), at Virginia (2021)
Sacks: 1.5, at Virginia (2021)
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Stanford (2021)
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Stanford (2021)

ADEMIOLA'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	12	10	7	17	2.5-5	1	0	0	0	0
2021	12	18	15	33	6.0-23	1	1	1	0	4
TOTAL	36	40	28	68	9.5-30	2	1	1	0	4

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	4	0	0	0.0	0
2019	8	0	0	0.0	0
2020	12	1	0	1.0	2
2021	12	4	2	5.0	21
TOTAL	36	5	2	6.0	23



4 KEVIN AUSTIN JR.

WR • 6-2, 215 lbs • Senior/Junior
Ft. Lauderdale, FL (North Broward Prep)

AUSTIN JR.'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6, (2x), MR vs. Navy (2021)
Receiving Yards: 139, vs. Navy (2021)
Longest Reception: 70, vs. Navy (2021)
Receiving TDs: 2, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Rushes: 1, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Rushing Yards: 8, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Longest Rush: 8, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)

AUSTIN JR.'S CAREER STATISTICS

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
2021	12	42	783	6	70	3.5	18.6	65.2
TOTAL	25	48	891	6	70	1.9	18.6	35.6

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2018	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2020	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2021	12	6	0	6	0	1	0	38	3.2	3.2
TOTAL	25	6	0	6	0	1	0	38	1.5	1.5



52 BO BAUER

LB • 6-2 3/4, 233 lbs • Senior/Senior
Harborcreek, PA (Cathedral Prep)

BAUER'S CAREER HIGHS

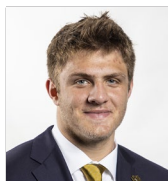
Tackles: 9 (2x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0 (2x), vs. Syracuse (2020)
Sacks: 1.5, at Virginia (2021)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1 (2x), MR vs. USC (2021)
INT Return Yards: 79, vs. USC (2021)

BAUER'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	12	1	16	0	16	16.0	1.3
2021	12	1	79	0	79	79.0	6.6
TOTAL	50	2	95	0	79	47.5	1.9

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	12	17	9	26	4.5-17	2	0	0	0	3
2021	12	22	23	45	4.0-14	6	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	50	64	45	109	10.5-35	8	0	0	1	5

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2018	13	0	0	0.0	0
2019	13	0	0	0.0	0
2020	12	1	0	1.0	7
2021	12	1	1	1.5	8
TOTAL	50	2	1	2.5	15



84 KEVIN BAUMAN

TE • 6-4 1/2, 242 lbs • Sophomore/Freshman
Red Bank, NJ (Red Bank Catholic)

BAUMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, 2x, MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Receiving Yards: 10, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Longest Reception: 10, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Receiving TDs: N/A

BAUMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2020	4	1	5	0	5	0.2	5.0	1.2
2021	4	1	10	0	10	0.2	10.0	2.5
TOTAL	8	2	15	0	10	0.2	7.5	1.9



27 JD BERTRAND

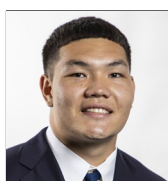
LB • 6-1, 230 lbs • Junior/Sophomore
Alpharetta, GA (Blessed Trinity)

BERTRAND'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12, (2x), MR vs. Purdue (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 3, vs. Toledo (2021)
Sacks: 1, vs. Toledo (2021)
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Stanford (2021)
Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Toledo (2021)

BERTRAND'S CAREER STATISTICS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	2	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	11	5	2	7	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	12	56	37	93	5.0-19	1	1	1	0	4
TOTAL	25	61	39	100	5.0-19	1	1	1	0	4



17 JORDAN BOTELHO

DL • 6-2 1/2, 245 lbs • Sophomore/Sophomore
Honolulu, HI (Saint Louis)

BOTELHO'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 (3x), MR at Stanford (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, (3x) MR vs. Stanford (2021)
Sacks: 1.0, (2x) MR vs. Navy (2021)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

BOTELHO'S CAREER STATISTICS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	11	2	2	4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	9	10	7	17	3.0-11	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	20	12	9	21	3.0-11	0	0	0	0	2

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2020	11	0	0	0.0	0
2021	9	2	0	2.0	8
TOTAL	20	2	0	2.0	8



28 TARIQ BRACY

CB • 5-10 1/8, 177 lbs • Senior/Senior
Milpitas, CA (Milpitas)

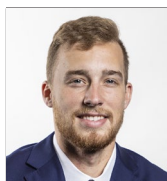
BRACY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Florida State (2020)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x), MR vs. Bowling Green (2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (3x), MR vs. UNC (2021)
Interceptions: 1, at Virginia Tech (2021)
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 2 (3x), MR vs. Duke (2020)

BRACY'S CAREER STATISTICS

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
2021	12	24	13	37	0.0-0	3	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	44	85	28	113	2.0-7	13	2	3	0	2

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2018	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2021	12	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	44	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0



19 JAY BRAMBLETT

P • 6-1 1/2, 197 lbs • Junior/Junior
Tuscaloosa, AL (Hillcrest)

BRAMBLETT'S CAREER HIGHS

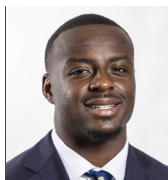
Punts: 10, at Michigan (2019)
Punt Yards: 423, at Michigan (2019)
Long Punt: 72, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Rushes: 1 (2x), MR vs. Louisville (2020)
Rushing Yards: 14, vs. Duke (2020)

BRAMBLETT'S CAREER STATISTICS

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2020	12	21	0	0	0	0	21	1.8
2021	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	37	21	0	0	0	0	21	0.6

PUNTING	g	no.	yards	long	avg
2019	13	63	2485	61	39.4
2020	12	43	1839	59	42.8
2021	12	51	2235	72	43.8
TOTAL	37	157	6559	72	41.8

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	13	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	12	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	12	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	37	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0



12 DJ BROWN

S • 6-0 3/8, 200 lbs • Senior/Junior
Annapolis, MD (St. John's College)

BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 (2x) MR vs. USC (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1, at Florida State (2021)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1 (3x), at Virginia (2021)
INT Return Yards: 17, vs. UNC (2021)
Pass Breakups: 1 (2x), MR vs. Florida State (2020)

BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	12	7	1	8	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	1
2021	11	16	21	37	1.0-2	4	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	26	26	52	1.0-2	6	0	0	0	1



12 TYLER BUCHNER

QB • 6-1, 215 lbs • Freshman/Freshman
San Diego, CA (Helix)

BUCHNER'S CAREER HIGHS

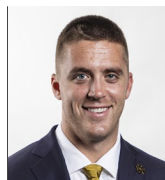
Completions: 6, at Virginia Tech (2021)
Attempts: 14, at Virginia Tech (2021)
Passing Yards: 113, at Virginia Tech (2021)
Longest Pass: 55, vs. Toledo (2021)
Passing TDs: 1 (3x), MR vs. UNC (2021)
Rushes: 12, at Virginia Tech (2021)
Rushing Yards: 68, vs. Toledo (2021)
Rushing TDs: 1 (3x), MR at Stanford (2021)
Longest Rush: 68, vs. vs. Georgia Tech (2021)

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2021	10	46	336	3	68	7.3	33.6
TOTAL	10	46	336	3	68	7.3	33.6

PASSING	g	cmp-att-int	yards	td	long	pct	avg/p	avg/g	effic
2021	10	21-35-3	298	3	55	60.0	8.5	29.8	142.7
TOTAL	10	21-35-3	298	3	55	60.0	8.5	29.8	142.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2021	10	336	298	634	63.4
TOTAL	10	336	298	634	63.4

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2021	10	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	1.8
TOTAL	10	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	1.8



17 JACK COAN

QB • 6-3 1/4, 223 lbs • Graduate Student/Senior
Sayville, NY (Sayville/Wisconsin)

COAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 26 (3x), MR at Stanford (2021)
Attempts: 35 (3x), MR at Stanford (2021)
Passing Yards: 366, at Florida State (2021)
Longest Pass: 70, (2x) MR vs. Navy (2021)
Passing TDs: 4, at Florida State (2021)
Rushes: 9 (3x), MR vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Rushing Yards: 28, vs. UNC (2021)
Longest Rush: 25, vs. Michigan (2019)
Rushing TDs: 2 (2x), MR vs. Ohio State (2019)

PASSING	g	cmp-att-int	yards	td	long	pct	avg/p	avg/g	effic
2021	12	215-318-6	2641	20	70	67.6	8.3	220.1	154.4
TOTAL	12	215-318-6	2641	20	70	67.6	8.3	220.1	154.4

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2021	12	-96	2641	2545	212.1
TOTAL	12	-96	2641	2545	212.1

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2021	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.0
TOTAL	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.0



56 HOWARD CROSS III

DL • 6-0 7/8, 275 lbs • Junior/Junior
Paramus, NJ (Saint Joseph Regional)

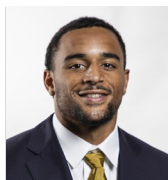
CROSS III'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Navy (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Sacks: 2.0, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

CROSS III'S CAREER STATISTICS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	12	8	5	13	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	1
2021	10	11	9	20	4.5-21	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	22	19	14	33	4.5-21	0	0	0	0	5

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2020	12	0	0	0.0	0
2021	10	3	0	3.0	17
TOTAL	22	3	0	3.0	17



3 AVERY DAVIS

WR • 5-11, 202 lbs • Graduate Student/Senior
Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)

DAVIS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 (2x), MR vs. UNC (2021)
Receiving Yards: 120, vs. Purdue (2021)
Long Reception: 62, vs. Purdue (2021)
Receiving TDs: 1 (8x), MR vs. UNC (2021)
Rushes: 9, at Wake Forest (2018)
Rushing Yards: 43, at Wake Forest (2018)
Longest Rush: 12, at Wake Forest (2018)
Rushing TDs: N/A

DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2018	9	22	70	0	12	3.2	7.8
2019	11	6	10	0	7	1.7	0.9
2020	12	3	57	0	29	19.0	4.8
2021	8	3	19	0	10	6.3	2.4
TOTAL	40	34	156	0	29	4.6	3.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2017	0	0	0	0	0.0
2018	9	70	0	70	7.8
2019	11	10	0	10	0.9
2020	12	57	0	57	4.8
2021	8	19	0	19	2.4
TOTAL	40	156	0	156	3.9

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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	12	24	322	2	53	2.0	13.4	26.8
2021	8	27	386	4	62	3.4	14.3	48.2
TOTAL	40	66	862	8	62	1.6	13.1	21.5



22 LOGAN DIGGS

RB • 6-0, 206 lbs • Freshman/Freshman
Marrero, LA (Archbishop Rummel)

DIGGS' CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: 11, vs. UNC (2021)
Rushing Yards: 64, at Virginia (2021)
Longest Rush: 26, at Virginia (2021)
Rushing TDs: 1, (3x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Receptions: 1 (2x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Receiving Yards: 20, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Long Reception: 20, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Receiving TDs: N/A

DIGGS' CAREER STATISTICS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2021	7	43	201	3	26	4.7	28.7
TOTAL	7	43	201	3	26	4.7	28.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2021	7	201	0	201	28.7
TOTAL	7	201	0	201	28.7

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2021	7	2	35	1	20	0.3	17.5	5.0
TOTAL	7	2	35	1	20	0.3	17.5	5.0

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2021	7	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	24	3.4
TOTAL	7	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	24	3.4



39 JONATHAN DOERER

K/P • 6-3, 197 lbs • Graduate Student/Senior
Charlotte, NCL (South Mecklenburg)

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)

DOERER'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	12	0	0	0	0	48	0	15	93	7.8
2021	12	0	0	0	0	47	0	16	95	7.9
TOTAL	54	0	0	0	0	157	0	49	304	5.6

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	12	15	23	51	65.2
2021	12	16	20	51	80.0
TOTAL	54	49	64	52	76.6



20 C'BO FLEMISTER

RB • 5-11 1/4, 201 lbs • Senior/Junior
Williamson, GA (Pike County)

FLEMISTER'S CAREER HIGHS

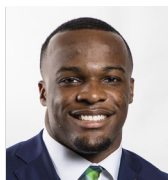
Rushes: 15, at Georgia Tech (2020)
Rushing Yards: 127, vs. USF (2020)
Longest Rush: 31, vs. USF (2020)
Rushing TDs: 2, at Boston College (2020)
Receptions: 1 (3x), MR at Boston College (2020)
Receiving Yards: 27, at Boston College (2020)
Long Reception: 27, at Boston College (2020)
Receiving TDs: N/A

FLEMISTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	9	58	299	5	31	5.2	33.2
2021	3	3	10	0	6	3.3	3.3
TOTAL	23	110	471	10	31	4.3	20.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2018	2	0	0	0	0.0
2019	9	162	0	162	18.0
2020	9	299	0	299	33.2
2021	3	10	0	10	3.3
TOTAL	23	471	0	471	20.5

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	9	2	36	0	27	0.2	18.0	4.0
2021	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	23	3	49	0	27	0.1	16.3	2.1



7 ISAIAH FOSKEY

DL • 6-5, 260 lbs • Junior/Sophomore
Antioch, CA (De La Salle)

FOSKEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, at Florida State (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2, at Florida State (2021)
Sacks: 2.0 at Florida State (2021)
Forced Fumbles: 2 (2x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x), MR at Virginia Tech (2021)

FOSKEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

PUNT RETURNS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2019	4	1	23	0	0	23.0	5.8
2020	12	1	31	1	0	31.0	2.6
2021	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	28	2	54	1	0	27.0	1.9

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2019	4	0	0	23	0	0	23	5.8
2020	12	0	0	31	0	0	31	2.6
2021	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	28	0	0	54	0	0	54	1.9

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	12	12	8	20	5.0-34	1	0	0	1	5
2021	12	33	14	47	11.5-113	1	5	2	0	6
TOTAL	28	46	26	72	16.5-147	2	5	2	2	12

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2019	4	0	0	0.0	0
2020	12	4	1	4.5	33
2021	12	10	0	10.0	112
TOTAL	28	14	1	14.5	145



3 HOUSTON GRIFFITH

S • 6-0 1/4, 202 lbs • Senior/Senior
Chicago, IL (IMG Academy (FL))

GRIFFITH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, at Florida State (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, vs. USF (2020)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at Stanford (2021)
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: 1, (3x), MR at Duke (2019)
Quarterback Hurries: 1, vs. Syracuse (2018)

GRIFFITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	12	13	1	14	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
2021	12	23	15	38	0.0-0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	48	49	22	71	1.0-4	3	0	1	0	2



5 CAM HART

CB • 6-2 1/2, 205 lbs • Junior/Sophomore
Baltimore, MD (Good Counsel)

HART'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Toledo (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, at Stanford (2021)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 2, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
INT Return Yards: 32, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Pass Breakups: 2, vs. USF (2020)

HART'S CAREER STATISTICS

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2019	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	9	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2021	12	2	32	0	32	16.0	2.7
TOTAL	24	2	32	0	32	16.0	1.3

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	9	2	1	3	0.0-0	2	0	0	0	0
2021	12	24	16	40	5.0-23	9	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	24	26	17	43	5.0-23	11	0	0	0	0



11 RAMON HENDERSON

CB • 6-1, 190 lbs • Sophomore/Sophomore
Bakersfield, CA (Liberty)

HENDERSON'S CAREER HIGHS

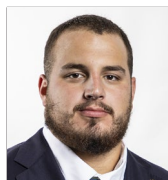
Tackles: 4, at Virginia (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 0.5, at Virginia (2021)
Interceptions: 1, at Virginia (2021)

HENDERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2020	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2021	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	16	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2020	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2021	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	5	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	11	5	5	10	0.5-4	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	5	5	10	0.5-4	1	0	0	0	0



41 KURT HINISH

DL • 6-1 3/4, 300 lbs • Graduate Student/*Senior
Pittsburgh, PA (Central Catholic)

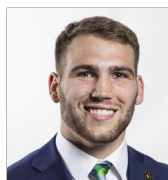
HINISH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10, vs. Navy (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0 (4x), MR vs. Navy (2021)
Sacks: 1.5, vs. Syracuse (2018)
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Southern Cal (2019)
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

HINISH'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	12	13	6	19	7.5-22	0	0	0	0	1
2021	10	13	12	25	4.5-15	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	60	40	40	80	19.0-64	0	1	0	0	6

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	12	2	0	2.0	6
2021	10	2	0	2.0	11
TOTAL	60	6	3	7.5	38



24 JACK KISER

LB • 6-1 5/8, 222 lbs • Junior/Sophomore
Royal Center, IN (Pioneer)

KISER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. USF (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, vs. USF (2020)
Sacks: N/A
Forced Fumbles: 1, vs. Virginia (2021)
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1 (3x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
INT Return Yards: 66, vs. Wisconsin (2021)

KISER'S CAREER STATISTICS

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2019	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	1	2	0	2	2.0	0.2
2021	12	1	66	1	66	66.0	5.5
TOTAL	27	2	68	1	66	34.0	2.5

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2019	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2020	11	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
2021	12	0	0	0	0	66	66	5.5
TOTAL	27	0	0	0	0	68	68	2.5

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	11	16	4	20	3.0-5	1	0	0	0	1
2021	12	23	18	41	1.0-3	7	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	27	39	22	61	4.0-8	8	1	0	0	2



54 JACOB LACEY

DL • 6-1 5/8, 275 lbs • Junior/Junior
Bowling Green, KY (South Warren)

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

LACEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	11	1	3	4	1.0-2	1	0	0	0	0
2021	10	7	4	11	2.0-2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	15	14	29	4.5-7	1	0	0	0	1

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2019	11	0	1	0.5	2
2020	11	0	0	0.0	0
2021	10	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	32	0	1	0.5	2



0 BRADEN LENZY

WR • 5-11 3/8, 182 lbs • Senior/Junior
Tigard, OR (Tigard Senior)

LENZY'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, at Stanford (2021)
Receiving Yards: 87, vs. Navy (2019)
Long Reception: 70, vs. Navy (2019)
Receiving TDs: 1 (5x), MR vs. Virginia (2021)
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)

LENZY'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	7	3	8	0	3	2.7	1.1
2021	12	4	69	0	31	17.2	5.8
TOTAL	28	20	277	2	61	13.9	9.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2018	0	0	0	0	0.0
2019	9	200	0	200	22.2
2020	7	8	0	8	1.1
2021	12	69	0	69	5.8
TOTAL	28	277	0	277	9.9

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	7	7	63	1	22	1.0	9.0	9.0
2021	12	25	290	3	32	2.1	11.6	24.2
TOTAL	28	43	607	6	70	1.5	14.1	21.7



6 CLARENCE LEWIS

CB • 5-11 1/2, 198 lbs • Sophomore/Sophomore
Edison, NJ (Mater Dei)

LEWIS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12, vs. Syracuse (2020)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0, (3x) MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Sacks: 1.0, at Virginia (2021)
Forced Fumbles: 1, (2x) MR at Stanford (2021)
Interceptions: 1, at Florida State (2021)
INT Return Yards: 4, at Florida State (2021)
Pass Breakups: 3, vs. USF (2020)

LEWIS' CAREER STATISTICS

ALL PURPOSE	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
2020	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2021	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	12	29	4	33	1.0-3	7	1	0	0	0
2021	12	34	9	43	2.0-11	5	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	24	63	13	76	3.0-14	12	2	0	0	0

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2020	12	0	0	0.0	0
2021	12	1	0	1.0	6
TOTAL	24	1	0	1.0	6



8 MARIST LIUFAU

LB • 6-2 1/4, 229 lbs • Junior/Sophomore
Kalihi, HI (Punahou)

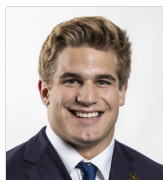
LIUFAU'S CAREER HIGHS

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)

LIUFAU'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	10	12	22	1.5-2	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	14	10	12	22	1.5-2	0	0	1	0	1

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2019	4	0	0	0.0	0
2020	10	0	1	0.5	1
TOTAL	14	0	1	0.5	1



87 MICHAEL MAYER

TE • 6-4 1/2, 251 lbs • Sophomore/Sophomore
Independance, KY (Covington Catholic)

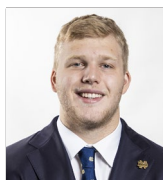
MAYER'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 9 (2x), MR at Stanford (2021)
Receiving Yards: 120, at Florida State (2021)
Long Reception: 52, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Receiving TDs: 2 vs. Toledo (2021)

MAYER'S CAREER STATISTICS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2020	12	42	450	2	29	3.5	10.7	37.5
2021	11	64	768	5	52	5.8	12.0	69.8
TOTAL	23	106	1218	7	52	4.6	11.5	53.0

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2020	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.0
2021	11	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	30	2.7
TOTAL	23	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	42	1.8



99 RYLIE MILLS

DL • 6-5 1/8, 283 lbs • Sophomore/Sophomore
Lake Bluff, IL (Lake Forest)

MILLS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Virginia (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0, at Virginia (2021)
Sacks: 2.0, at Virginia (2021)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A

MILLS' CAREER STATISTICS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	9	2	5	7	2.0-8	0	0	0	0	0
2021	11	8	8	16	3.0-20	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	20	10	13	23	5.0-28	0	0	0	0	3

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2020	9	0	1	0.5	4
2021	11	2	2	3.0	20
TOTAL	20	2	3	3.5	24



31 NANA

OSAFO-MENSAH

DL • 6-3 1/8, 250 lbs • Junior/Sophomore
Fort Worth, TX (Nolan Catholic)

OSAFO-MENSAH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, (3x) MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 (2x), MR vs. UNC (2021)
Sacks: 1.0, (2x), MR vs. North Carolina (2021)
Forced Fumbles: N/A
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: N/A
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: N/A

OSAFO-MENSAH'S CAREER STATISTICS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2019	2	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	11	5	7	12	2.5-10	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	13	5	8	13	2.5-10	0	0	0	0	2

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2019	2	0	0	0.0	0
2021	11	2	0	2.0	8
TOTAL	13	2	0	2.0	8



10 DREW

PYNE

QB • 5-11 1/2, 200 lbs • Sophomore/Freshman
New Canaan, CT (New Canaan)

PYNE'S CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 6 vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Attempts: 8, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Passing Yards: 81, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Longest Pass: 22, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Passing TDs: 1, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Rushes: 2, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Rushing Yards: 4, vs. USF (2020)
Longest Rush: 4, vs. USF (2020)
Rushing TDs: N/A

PYNE'S CAREER STATISTICS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2021	1	2	-16	0	0	-8.0	-16.0
TOTAL	1	2	-16	0	0	-8.0	-16.0

PASSING	g	cmp	att	int	yards	td	long	pct	avg/p	avg/g	effic
2021	1	6	8	0	81	1	22	75.0	10.1	81.0	201.3
TOTAL	1	6	8	0	81	1	22	75.0	10.1	81.0	201.3



10 ISAIAH

PRYOR

LB • 6-1 1/2, 217 lbs • Graduate Student/Senior
Lawrenceville, GA (Archer/Ohio State)

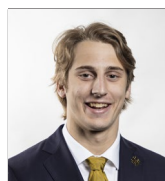
PRYOR'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Purdue (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 1.0 (5x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Sacks: 1.0, (2x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Forced Fumbles: 1, at Pitt (2020)
Fumble Recoveries: N/A
Interceptions: 1, at Florida State (2021)
INT Return Yards: N/A
Pass Breakups: N/A

PRYOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

TACKLES	g	ua	a	total	tfl	pd	ff	fr	blk	qbh
2020	12	8	0	8	1.0-7	0	1	0	0	1
2021	12	20	19	39	2.0-8	1	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	24	28	19	47	3.0-15	1	1	0	0	4

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2020	12	1	0	1.0	7
2021	12	1	0	1.0	6
TOTAL	24	2	0	2.0	13



29 MATT

SALERNO

WR • 6-0 5/8, 196 lbs • Senior/Junior
Valencia, CA (Crespi Carmelite)

SALERNO'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Punt Returns: 2 (3x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)
Punt Return Yards: 12 (2x), MR vs. Syracuse (2020)
Punt Return TDs: N/A
Long Kickoff Return: 26, vs. Navy (2021)

SALERNO'S CAREER STATISTICS

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2021	10	1	-4	0	0	0.1	-4.0	-0.4
TOTAL	22	1	-4	0	0	0.0	-4.0	-0.2

PUNT RETURNS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	11	10	45	0	13	4.5	4.1
2021	10	2	4	0	4	2.0	0.4
TOTAL	22	12	49	0	13	4.1	2.2



21 LORENZO

STYLES

WR • 6-1 1/8, 156 lbs • Freshman/Freshman
Pickerington, OH (Pickerington Central)

STYLES' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, at Stanford (2021)
Receiving Yards: 74, vs. UNC (2021)
Long Reception: 40, vs. UNC (2021)
Rushes: 1, at Virginia (2021)
Rushing Yards: 37, at Virginia (2021)
Longest Rush: 37, at Virginia (2021)
Long KO Return: 14, vs. USC (2021)

STYLES' CAREER STATISTICS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2021	12	1	37	0	37	37.0	3.1
TOTAL	12	1	37	0	37	37.0	3.1

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2021	12	37	0	37	3.1
TOTAL	12	37	0	37	3.1

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2021	12	16	208	0	40	1.3	13.0	17.3
TOTAL	12	16	208	0	40	1.3	13.0	17.3



95 MYRON

TAGOVAILOA-AMOSA

DL • 6-2 1/2, 268 lbs • Graduate Student/Senior
Ewa Beach, HI (Kapole)

TAGOVAILOA-AMOSA'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Purdue (2021)
Tackles-for-Loss: 2.0 vs. Toledo (2021)
Sacks: 2.0 vs. Toledo (2021)
Forced Fumbles: 1, (2x) vs. Toledo (2021)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (4x), MR vs. Georgia Tech (2021)

TAGOVAILOA-AMOSA'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	11	11	6	17	6.0-21	0	1	2	0	2
2021	10	14	6	20	5.0-12	1	1	1	1	10
TOTAL	48	45	28	73	15.5-45	2	2	4	1	18

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	11	2	1	2.5	10
2021	10	2	0	2.0	4
TOTAL	48	4	2	5.0	15



85 GEORGE

TAKACS

TE • 6-6, 247 lbs • Senior/Junior
Naples, FL (Gulf Coast)

TAKACS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1 (8x), MR at Stanford (2021)
Receiving Yards: 19, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Long Reception: 19, vs. Georgia Tech (2021)
Receiving TDs: 1 (2x), MR at Stanford (2021)

TAKACS' CAREER STATISTICS

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	10	3	30	0	13	0.3	10.0	3.0
2021	10	3	36	1	19	0.3	12.0	3.6
TOTAL	26	8	78	2	19	0.3	9.8	3.0



25 CHRIS

TYREE

RB • 5-9 1/2, 190 lbs • Sophomore/Sophomore
Chester, VA (Thomas Dale)

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 (5x), MR at Florida State (2021)
Receptions: 4, (2x), MR vs. Purdue (2021)
Receiving Yards: 63, vs. Toledo (2021)
Long Reception: 55, vs. Toledo (2021)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Toledo (2021)
Kickoff Returns: 4 (2x), MR at Boston College (2020)
Kickoff Return Yards: 90, vs. Duke (2020)
Kickoff Return TDs: 1, vs. Wisconsin (2021)
Long Kickoff Return: 96, vs. Wisconsin (2021)

TYREE'S CAREER STATISTICS

RUSHING	g	att	yards	td	long	avg/c	avg/g
2020	12	73	496	4	94	6.8	41.3
2021	11	50	204	1	33	4.1	18.5
TOTAL	23	123	700	5	94	5.7	30.4

TOTAL OFFENSE	g	rush	pass	total	avg/g
2020	12	496	0	496	41.3
2021	11	204	0	204	18.5
TOTAL	23	700	0	700	30.4

RECEIVING	g	rec	yards	td	long	rec/g	avg/c	avg/g
2020	12	8	65	0	27	0.7	8.1	5.4
2021	11	18	143	1	55	1.6	7.9	13.0
TOTAL	23	26	208	1	55	1.1	8.0	9.0

SCORING	g	td	rush	rcv	ret	pat	2pat	fg	total	avg/g
2020	12	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	24	2.0
2021	11	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	18	1.6
TOTAL	23	7	5	1	1	0	0	0	42	1.8

KICK RETURNS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2020	12	22	456	0	38	20.7	38.0
2021	11	10	303	1	96	30.3	27.5
TOTAL	23	32	759	1	96	23.7	33.0



40 DREW

WHITE

LB • 6-0 1/4, 228 lbs • Graduate Student/Senior
Boca Raton, FL (St. Thomas Aquinas)

WHITE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs. Michigan (2019)

Tackle-for-Loss: 2.0 (4x), MR vs. North Carolina (2021)

Sacks: 1.0 (4x), MR vs. North Carolina (2021)

Interceptions: 1, vs. Wisconsin (2021)

INT Return Yards: 48, vs. Wisconsin (2021)

Fumble Recoveries: 1 (3x), MR vs. Cincinnati (2021)

WHITE'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	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	12	30	27	57	9.0-27	2	0	0	0	2
2021	11	26	23	49	4.5-10	2	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	40	106	88	194	21.5-54	5	0	3	0	6

SACKS	g	ua	a	total	yards
2017	0	0	0	0.0	0
2018	4	0	0	0.0	0
2019	13	2	0	2.0	3
2020	12	1	1	1.5	9
2021	11	1	1	1.5	5
TOTAL	40	4	2	5.0	17

INTERCEPTIONS	g	no.	yards	td	long	avg/r	avg/g
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2018	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2021	11	1	48	1	48	48.0	4.4
TOTAL	40	1	48	1	48	48.0	1.2



5 JOE

WILKINS JR.

WR • 6-1 1/2, 195 lbs • Senior/Junior
North Fort Myers, FL (North Fort Myers)

WILKINS JR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. Duke (2020)

Receiving Yards: 39, vs. Duke (2020)

Long Reception: 23, at Florida State (2021)

Receiving TDs: 1 (2x), MR at Florida State (2021)

WILKINS JR'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	11	7	63	1	15	0.6	9.0	5.7
2021	5	4	61	1	23	0.8	15.2	12.2
TOTAL	23	11	124	2	23	0.5	11.3	5.4



MARCUS FREEMAN

Dick Corbett Head Football Coach
12th Year Coaching, First Year at Notre Dame

THE FREEMAN FILE

Hometown	Huber Heights, Ohio
High School	Wayne High School
College	Ohio State (2007, B.S.; 2011, M.S.)
Wife	Joanna
Children	Vinny, Siena, Gino, Nico, Capri and Rocco

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2004-08	Ohio State	Linebacker
2009	Chicago Bears	Linebacker
	Buffalo Bills	Linebacker
	Houston Texans	Linebacker

BOWLS PLAYED

2005	Ohio State (Alamo)
2006	Ohio State (Fiesta)
2007	Ohio State (BCS National Championship)
2008	Ohio State (BCS National Championship)

COACHING CAREER

2010	Ohio State	Graduate Assistant
2011-12	Kent State	Linebackers
2013-15	Purdue	Linebackers
2016	Purdue	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2017-20	Cincinnati	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2021	Notre Dame	Bob Hinton Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2021-	Notre Dame	Dick Corbett Head Football Coach

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2010	Ohio State (Sugar)	2019	Cincinnati (Birmingham)
2012	Kent State (GoDaddy.com)	2020	Cincinnati (Peach)
2018	Cincinnati (Military)		

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- A four-year letterwinner for the Buckeyes from 2004 to 2008, played under Luke Fickell and earned second team All-Big Ten honors in 2008 while helping lead Ohio State to four conference titles, three BCS bowls and two trips to the national title game during his career.
- Played in the 2009 Senior Bowl and was a fifth-round draft pick of the Chicago Bears, spending time with the Bears, Buffalo Bills and Houston Texans before a medical condition ended his playing career.
- A 2007 Ohio State graduate, earned Academic All-Big Ten and academic all-district honors.
- In 2011, earned a master's degree in sports management from Ohio State.
- Graduated from Wayne High School in Huber Heights, Ohio, and was a Parade All-American

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In his first season with the Irish, he led a transformation on the defensive side of the ball and a number of Top-20 national rankings.
- The Irish rank sixth nationally in defensive touchdowns (4) and sacks per game (3.33), eighth in total sacks (40.0), ninth in scoring defense (18.2), 10th in interceptions (15), 14th in turnovers gained (23), 15th in team passing efficiency defense (116.16) and 17th in third-down conversion percentage (.329).
- The 40.0 team sacks is one shy of the program record of 41 sacks from the 1996 season.
- Freeman has overseen Isaiah Foskey's breakout season as a starter on the defensive line. Foskey has tallied 10.0 sacks this year, fourth-most in program history for a single season.
- The depth of the Irish defense has been on full display in 2021 as 15 different players have recorded a sack and 21 different players have had a tackle-for-loss.
- The 15 interceptions are the most in a single season since 2014 when the Irish had 16.
- In November, the Irish had three-straight games without allowing a touchdown for the first time since 2012.
- Prior to coming to South Bend, Freeman spent the previous four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Cincinnati.

- 2020 247Sports.com Defensive Coordinator of the Year and 2020 Broyles Award Finalist; 2018 & 2019 Broyles Award nominee
- In 2020, the Bearcats (9-1) earned a bid to the Peach Bowl as the No. 8-ranked team in the nation and won the American Athletic Conference Championship, the program's first outright league title since 2009, when Cincinnati's head coach was Brian Kelly.
- Cincinnati's defense ranked in the Top 20 nationally in several categories for 2020-21, including being ranked 13th in total defense (324.6 yards per game) and eighth in scoring defense (16.8 points per game) among all FBS teams.
- In addition, the Bearcats were third in team passing efficiency defense (101.25), 14th in rushing defense (111.1 yards per game), 15th in red zone defense (0.735), 17th in fourth down defense (0.375 rate), 16th in team sacks (3.00 per game) and 10th in turnovers gained (21).
- Coached the Bearcats to back-to-back 11-win seasons in 2018 and 2019, the 2019 American Athletic Conference East Division Championship and consecutive bowl-game wins in the 2018 Military Bowl and 2019 TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl.
- The Bearcats finished atop the 2019 AAC ranks in scoring defense for the second-straight season and ranked among the league's top three in rushing and total defense.
- Cincinnati led the American in 2018 in rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense and ranked among the Top-15 in the NCAA FBS in all three categories.
- Joined the Bearcats staff after a four-year stint at Purdue. He coached linebackers all four seasons and served as the Boilermakers co-defensive coordinator in 2015.
- Freeman coached linebackers at Kent State from 2011-12, helping develop all-conference selections Luke Batton and C.J. Malauulu.
- Freeman started his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater, Ohio State, in 2010 and the Buckeyes went 12-1 with a victory in the Sugar Bowl.

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

CB Ahmad Gardner (Cincinnati)

- Garnered multiple All-America selections, being named to the FWAA and USA TODAY first teams, in addition to the Associated Press, AFCA and The Athletic second teams. Gardner was also named first team All-AAC.

S Darrick Forrest (Cincinnati)

- Named 2020 Honorable-Mention All-American Athletic Conference and 2019 First-Team All-American Athletic Conference, totaling 200 tackles, six interceptions with 96 return yards, 12 passes defended and a fumble recovery
- Drafted by the Washington Football Team in the fifth round of the 2021 NFL Draft

S James Wiggins (Cincinnati)

- 2021 The Athletic First-Team All-American and Associated Press Second-Team All-American, 2020 First-Team All-American Athletic Conference, 2020 Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist, 2018 Second-Team All-AAC
- Totalled 87 tackles with five interceptions, 18 passes defended and two forced fumbles
- Drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the seventh round of the 2021 NFL Draft

LB Markus Bailey (Purdue)

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten selection in 2016. Bailey led the Boilermakers with 97 total tackles, 61 solo stops, and four interceptions in 2016 after starting in 12 games.

LB Jimmy Herman (Purdue)

- Earned Purdue's Guy "Red" Mackey Award and the Noble E. Kizer Award, for exemplifying the overall success of the University's intercollegiate athletics program and earning the highest GPA among football players over the 2016 calendar year, respectively. Herman posted 138 tackles over his final two seasons.

LB Ja'Whaun Bentley (Purdue)

- A USA Today Freshman All-American in 2014, averaged 6.7 tackles per game under Freeman's coaching and was voted a captain by his teammates prior to the 2015 season.

LB Danny Ezechukwu (Purdue)

- Broke out with a 43-tackle season as a redshirt freshman in 2014 and followed it up with 79 stops in 2015, the most by any of Purdue's linebackers and second on the team. Added 52 stops in 2016, finishing among the top-four tacklers on the team.

ILB Luke Batton (Kent State)

- Earned second team All-Mid-American Conference honors in 2012 after finishing with 143 total tackles, including 80 solo stops, after being named third-team all-conference in 2011.

OLB C.J. Malauulu (Kent State)

- Was a third team all-conference selection in 2012, recording 72 total tackles, after being a second-team all-conference honoree in 2011.

**TOMMY REES**

John and Bobbie Arlotta Family Offensive Coordinator/Bob and Leslie Mohr Family Quarterbacks Coach
Seventh Year Coaching, Fifth 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)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)
2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP - Rose)
2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)		

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

- Second season as the Notre Dame offensive coordinator in 2021 after being the quarterbacks coach from 2017-2019
- In his second season as the offensive signal caller, he oversaw the growth and development from

tight end Michael Mayer, running back Kyren Williams and graduate-transfer quarterback Jack Coan.

- In Rees' offense, Mayer set the Notre Dame single season record for most receptions by a tight end (64), surpassing Tyler Eifert's record of 63 in the regular season finale against Stanford.
- Williams rushed for 1,000 yards for the second-straight season under Rees. He is only the fifth running back in Notre Dame history to have back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons and the first since Darius Walker (2005-06).
- Heading into the bowl game, Williams is 14th in the NCAA with 17 total touchdowns this season. That number is fifth-best in program history for a single season.
- Under Rees' tutelage, Coan had the best season of his career. He set a Notre Dame record for most passing yards in a season opener with a career-best 366 against Florida State. Coan also tied a Notre Dame record with four passing touchdowns in the opener.
- Heading into the bowl game, Coan ranks 20th in the NCAA in completion percentage (0.676) and was named a semifinalist for the 2021 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award.
- Coached starting signal caller Ian Book, the winningest quarterback in Notre Dame history
- In 2020, Book led the Irish to their second appearance in the College Football Playoffs in the last three years in 2020, on his way to becoming the all-time winningest quarterback in Notre Dame history. In his final season at Notre Dame, Book completed 228-of-353 passes, good for 2,830 yards and 15 touchdowns.
- Book, a top-10 Heisman finisher, was named the 2020 Pop Warner College Football Award winner. He was also tabbed as a finalist for the Manning Award, as well as being selected to the Top 10 for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. In addition to being a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award, he was named to the award's Great 8 list four times. Book was additionally selected as a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award and the Walter Camp Player of the Year Award, also earning ACC Quarterback of the Week following the Pitt game and Manning Award Star of the Week following the Boston College game. On top of it all, he was also selected as a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award.
- Book was drafted in the fourth round of the 2021 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints
- 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 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
- Named 2018 FootballScoop Quarterbacks Coach of the Year
- 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, also 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 in the final Associated Press poll
- 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)

- Winningest QB in program history
- 2021 Fourth Round NFL Draft pick (New Orleans Saints)

QB Brandon Wimbush (Notre Dame)

- Ranked eighth in school history for best winning percentage as a starter (13-3)
- Third QB in school history to eclipse both 500 rushing yards and 1,000 passing yards in the same season in 2017, joining Tony Rice (1988 and '89) and DeShone Kizer (2015)

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)



MIKE

ELSTON

Recruiting Coordinator/Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line
25th Year Coaching, 12th 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
2017-2020	Notre Dame	Associate Head Coach/Defensive Line
2021-	Notre Dame	Recruiting Coordinator/Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

1997	Michigan (Rose)	2012	Notre Dame (BCS National Championship)
1998	Michigan (Citrus)	2013	Notre Dame (Pinstripe)
1999	Michigan (Orange)	2014	Notre Dame (Music City)
2000	Michigan (Citrus)	2015	Notre Dame (Fiesta)

2006	Central Michigan (Motor City)	2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)
2007	Cincinnati (Papajohns.com)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
2009	Cincinnati (Orange)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)
2010	Notre Dame (Sun)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP-Rose)
2011	Notre Dame (Champs Sports)		

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

- Entering 12th season at Notre Dame, elevated to Run Game Coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator heading into the 2021 season
- Member of the Notre Dame coaching staff since 2010, served as the recruiting coordinator from 2015-17 and associate head coach from 2017-20; 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
- In his time at Notre Dame, during which he has spent time with both the defensive line and linebacker units, Elston has coached 12 NFL draftees, including five players drafted from 2019 on.
- In the 2021 season, Elston oversaw the breakout season from defensive lineman Isaiah Foskey. Foskey leads the team in sacks with 10.0 and tackles-for-loss with 11.5.
- He ranks fourth all-time for most sacks in a single season and it is the most sacks by an Irish player since Stephon Tuitt tallied 12.0 during the 2012 season.
- Foskey is tied for 16th nationally in sacks and is tied for second with five forced fumbles.
- In 2021, the Irish defense ranks in the Top-10 nationally in sacks per game (3.33, 6th), total sacks (40.0, 8th), scoring defense (18.2, 9th) and interceptions (15, 10th).
- The Irish as a whole have 40.0 sacks in 2021. It is one shy of the school record of 41.0 that was set during the 1996 season. 15 different players have recorded a sack this season.
- In 2020, the Irish ranked in the Top-10 nationally in third down conversion percentage defense (.294, 6th) and fumble recovered (10, 7th).
- 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
- Produced two NFL Draft picks in both 2020 and 2021, with Julian Okwara and Khalid Kareem in 2020 and Daelin Hayes and Adetokunbo Ogundeji in 2021
- Helped Hayes comeback from injury and earned semifinalist honors for the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year award. Hayes won the Freddie Solomon Community Spirit Award, and was also named a finalist for the Jason Witten College Man of the Year
- Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa was named second team All-ACC while Hayes, Ade Ogundeji and Kurt Hinish earned Honorable Mention All-ACC honors
- Helped Notre Dame's 2019 defense rank in the top-25 FBS rankings in fewest TD passes allowed (7, t-2nd), passing yards allowed/attempt (5.4, t-3rd), pass efficiency defense (100.8/4th), fewest plays of at least 30 yards (12, 4th), fewest plays of at least 40 yards (4, t-4th), fewest total yards/play (4.53, 8th), fewest plays of at least 20 yards (35, 8th), fewest TDs allowed (24, t-8th), fewest plays of at least 50 yards (2, t-8th), points allowed/game (17.3 t-9th) and total defense (331.5, 21st)
- Helped the defensive line combine for 23.5 sacks and 42.5 TFLs in 2018, which is remarkable considering the defensive line managed just 3.0 sacks and 23.5 TFLs in 2016
- Mentored All-American Jerry Tillery in 2018 to his best season in an Irish uniform. Tillery led all FBS interior defensive lineman in total QB hurries (31), sacks (8.0) and quarterback hits (44), and was the third highest-rated interior defensive lineman by Pro Football Focus against the run (31.6). Also tied for third among FBS interior defensive lineman in sacks (8.0)
- Coached the junior tandem of Khalid Kareem and Julian Okwara to breakout seasons as well in 2018; Okwara registered 7.0 sacks and 11.5 TFLs, while Kareem recorded 4.5 sacks and 10.0 TFLs
- Irish defensive line registered 16.5 sacks in 2017; Seven different defensive linemen recorded sacks in 2017, which equals the total of defensive linemen with sacks over the previous two years combined
- 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
- Aided in the mentorship of four freshman defensive linemen in 2014, Jay Hayes, Daniel Cage, Andrew

Trumbetti and Grant Blankenship — all of whom played significantly as rookies

- 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 picks (2014), respectively
- Mentored the first tandem of Irish defensive linemen to be chosen in the top three rounds of the same draft since 1997
- Helped Tuitt finish his career with 21.5 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
- Injuries ravaged the Irish defensive line in 2013 — trio of Day, Nix III and Tuitt were on the field together for only 23 plays over final 10 games of the season
- 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
- 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
- Irish kick return unit improved from 75th in the FBS in 2010 to 36th in 2011
- Helped David Ruffer to an All-America caliber season in 2010 and was named a finalist for the Lou Groza Award, presented to college football's top place kicker
- 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 Cincinnati defensive line in 2009 that played a major role as the Bearcats registered the third-most tackles for loss 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 kickoff return and 12.6 yards per punt return
- 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 linebackers 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 Daelin Hayes (Notre Dame)

- 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
- Drafted in the fifth round of the 2021 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Ravens

DL Adetokunbo Ogundeji (Notre Dame)

- Team Captain
- All-ACC Honorable Mention
- Drafted in the fifth round of the 2021 NFL Draft (Atlanta Falcons)

DL Julian Okwara (Notre Dame)

- Team captain
- Drafted in the third round of the 2020 NFL Draft (Detroit Lions)

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



DEL ALEXANDER

Wide Receivers
26th Year Coaching, Fifth 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 Coordinator/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)	2012	Arizona State (Fight Hunger)
2000	UNLV (Las Vegas)	2013	Arizona State (Holiday)
2003	Oregon State (Las Vegas)	2014	Arizona State (Sun)
2004	Oregon State (Insight)	2015	Arizona State (Cactus)
2007	Wisconsin (Outback)	2017	Notre Dame (Citrus)
2008	Wisconsin (Champs Sports)	2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)
2009	Wisconsin (Champs Sports)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)
2010	Wisconsin (Rose)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP-Rose)
2011	Wisconsin (Rose)		

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fifth season as the Irish wide receivers coach in 2021
- Oversaw Kevin Austin Jr.'s emergence into the starting lineup in 2021. Austin Jr. has started all 12 games and had career-best numbers in receptions (42), receiving yards (783) and receiving touchdowns (6).
- Austin Jr. leads the Irish in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, while ranking second on the team in receptions.
- Alexander has also mentored true freshmen Lorenzo Styles and Deion Colzie into contributing roles in 2021. Styles has played all 12 games this season while Colzie has appeared in 10.
- Mentored graduate student WRs Javon McKinley and Ben Skowronek to standout seasons in 2020, as Skowronek was selected in the seventh round of the 2021 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams and McKinley signed as a free agent with the Detroit Lions. In 2020, both receivers posted a game with three receiving TDs. No other Notre Dame player has ever recorded more receiving touchdowns in a single game vs. a Power 5 opponent than McKinley's (vs. Syracuse) and Skowronek's three (vs. Boston College).
- 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, including back-to-back Rose Bowls in 2010 and 2011
- Saw the Badgers offense turn in some of the most prolific passing seasons in school history
- 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
- In 2009, the Badgers passed for the fourth-highest yardage total in school history (2,770 yards)
- 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 '05 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). ad also 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 Devin Lucien (Arizona State)

- 2016 NFL Draft Seventh Round pick (New England Patriots)
- Phil Steele's Postseason All-Pac-12 Third Team
- Led Arizona State with 1,075 receiving yards and eight TDs on 66 receptions in 2015

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 Rashad Ross (Arizona State)

- Standout receiver for Arizona State who went on to play in the NFL, AFL, XFL and CFL for a football career approaching 10 years as a professional

WR Jared Abbrederis (Wisconsin)

- Winner of the 2013 Burlsworth Trophy
- Finished his collegiate career tied for the Badgers' all-time receptions record
- Selected in the fifth round of the 2014 NFL Draft (Green Bay Packers)

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

WR James Newson (Oregon State)

- 2003 All-Pac-12 First Team
- Second in school history with 3,572 career receiving yards and 213 career receptions
- Tied for first at Oregon State with 20 career receiving TDs

**JOHN****MCNULTY**

Tight Ends Coach

31st Year Coaching, Second 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

2020-	Notre Dame	Tight Ends
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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)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP-Rose)

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

- Enters 16th collegiate coaching season, has mentored six All-Americans or freshman All-Americans to date; has also coached in the NFL for 15 seasons
- Started at Notre Dame in 2020, coaching the Irish tight ends.
- Mentored Michael Mayer to his record-breaking season in 2021.
- He set the Notre Dame single season record for receptions by a tight end with 64. He surpassed Tyler Eifert's record of 63 that was set back in 2011.
- Mayer also tied the Notre Dame record for most receptions by a tight end in a single game. He achieved that feat twice in 2021 against Florida State and Stanford.
- Heading into the Fiesta Bowl, Mayer is second all-time in touchdowns by a tight end in a single season (5), third in receiving yards in a single season by a tight end (768), third in career receptions by a tight end (106) and third in career receiving yards by a tight end (1,218).
- Among Power-5 tight ends in 2021, Mayer ranks first in receptions, receiving yards and receiving yards per game (69.8).
- In 2020, en route to a berth in the College Football Playoff, Irish tight ends made noise in both the pass and run game, led by eventual NFL draftee Tommy Tremble and true freshman phenom Michael Mayer.
- Mayer's 42 receptions in 2020 (tied for the overall team lead) were the most in a single season by a Notre Dame true freshman tight end in Irish history, and rank seventh all-time among single season totals by Notre Dame tight ends.
- In addition to the threat in the air, the Notre Dame tight end unit was a force in run-blocking roles, helping Notre Dame RB Kyren Williams earn a 1,000-yard rushing season (1,125 total).
- Tremble, who often served as lead blocker for Williams, was drafted in the third round of the 2021 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers. With Tremble's selection, every Notre Dame week one starting tight end since 2003 has been drafted, beginning with Anthony Fasano.
- 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

TE Tommy Tremble (Notre Dame)

- Heralded as one of the best blocking tight ends in the nation, earned All-ACC Honorable Mention status after his true junior season in 2021.
- Drafted 83rd overall (20th pick of the third round) by the Carolina Panthers. With Tremble's selection, every Notre Dame week one starting tight end since 2003 has been drafted, beginning with Anthony Fasano.

WR Larry Fitzgerald (Arizona Cardinals)

- Pro Bowl selection all three seasons coached

WR Anquan Boldin (Arizona Cardinals)

- In 2009, totaled 84 receptions for 1,024 yards and four TDs

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

RB Ray Rice (Rutgers)

- In 2007, totaled 380 rushes for 2,012 yards and 24 touchdowns

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

11th Year Coaching, Second 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	Cornerback
	Dallas Cowboys	
2009	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Cornerback
	Cincinnati Bengals	
	Calgary Stampeders	

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
2020-	Notre Dame	Cornerbacks

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2011	Cincinnati (Liberty)	2018	Cincinnati (Military)
2014	Bowling Green (Camellia)	2019	Cincinnati (Birmingham)
2015	Bowling Green (GoDaddy)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP-Rose)

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); 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, helping the Bearcats to an Orange Bowl berth.
- Dayton, Ohio, native graduated from Cincinnati with a bachelor's in criminal justice in 2011.
- At Wayne High School, was teammates with current Notre Dame DC Marcus Freeman.
- 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.

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In his second season coaching the cornerbacks at Notre Dame in 2021.
- During the 2021 season, he led the cornerback group to a number of Top-20 national rankings.
- The Irish ranked 10th nationally in interceptions (15), 14th in turnovers gained (23), 15th in team passing efficiency defense (116.16) and 17th in third down conversion percentage defense (.329).
- He has oversaw the growth from Clarence Lewis and Cam Hart this season. Lewis has started all 12 games at cornerback and Hart has started his first nine career games this year.
- Hart broke onto the scene against Wisconsin, picking off his first two career passes in the 41-13 win over the Badgers. He was the second Irish player to have two interceptions in a single game this season (Hamilton vs. FSU). It is the first time since 2018 that the Irish had two players with two interceptions in a game during the same season.
- In 2020, coaching cornerbacks; mentored graduate transfer and All-ACC Third Team selection Nick McCloud to a season with a team-leading eight PBU, adding 33 tackles, one INT and two fumble recoveries, both coming in the 47-40 2OT victory over then-No. 1 Clemson, including one to seal the win. McCloud was signed as a free agent by the Buffalo Bills.
- Came to Notre Dame following two seasons coaching cornerbacks at his alma mater with Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Marcus Freeman. 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

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

CB Ahmad Gardner (Cincinnati)

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

CB Alfonso Mack (Bowling Green)

- Had 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



CHRIS O'LEARY

Pat and Jana Eilers Defensive Backs Coach/Safeties
Seventh Year Coaching, Fourth Year at Notre Dame

THE O'LEARY FILE

Hometown	Terre Haute, Ind.
High School	North Vigo High School
College	Indiana State (2014, B.A.) Georgia State (2016, M.S.)
Wife	Jessie
Children	Jack

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2010-14	Indiana State	Wide receiver
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COACHING CAREER

2015	Georgia State	Graduate Assistant (Defensive Line)
2016	Georgia State	Graduate Assistant (Defensive Backs)
2017	Florida Tech	Safeties
2018-19	Notre Dame	Defensive Analyst (Defensive Backs)
2020	Notre Dame	Graduate Assistant (Rovers)
2021-	Notre Dame	Pat and Jana Eilers Defensive Backs Coach/Safeties

BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

2015	Georgia State (AutoNation Cure)	2019	Notre Dame (Camping World)
2018	Notre Dame (CFP-Cotton)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP-Rose)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- A wide receiver, saw action in 27 games at Indiana State and hauled in 47 receptions for 397 yards, while also completing 2-of-3 passes for 61 yards and one touchdown for the Sycamores.
- Graduated from Indiana State with a degree in communications in 2014; went on to earn a master's degree in sports administration from Georgia State in December of 2016.
- A native of Terre Haute, Indiana, lettered three years for Coach Chris Barrett at North Vigo High School, earning all-state honorable mention, all-county and all-conference honors.

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Promoted to Pat and Jana Eilers Defensive Backs Coach/Safeties coach in January of 2021.
- In 2021, he guided Kyle Hamilton to another All-American season through just seven games. Hamilton was also named a Bednarik Award finalist this season.
- Hamilton is tied for the team lead in interceptions with three and he had his first multi-interception game of his career against Florida State.
- O'Leary also oversaw DJ Brown's career-best season. Brown played in 11 of 12 games this season and is tied for the team-lead with three interceptions. Brown also has a career-best 37 tackles on the year.
- Previously served as a graduate assistant coach with the defense during the 2020 season, and as a defensive analyst on Notre Dame's staff since his arrival in March of 2018.
- In each of O'Leary's three seasons, Notre Dame's defense has been among the nation's best in several categories.
- In 2020, the Irish defense was one of the best in the nation defending third-down conversions, allowing just a 0.314 success rate (12th nationally).
- Notre Dame led the ACC in scoring defense (14th in the FBS), surrendering 19.7 points per game, and team passing efficiency defense (126.19) in 2020.
- In 2019, the Irish earned Top-10 standings in total fumbles recovered (19, first), takeaways (28, T-fourth), passing yards allowed/game (168.5, third) and team passing efficiency defense (110.15, fifth).
- The Irish ranked in the Top-10 of the FBS in fewest TD passes allowed (10, third), passing yards allowed/attempt (5.6, T-second), pass efficiency defense (105.6, sixth), fewest plays of at least 30 yards (17, T-10th), and fewest TDs allowed (28, T-10th) in 2018 during its first trip to the College Football Playoff.
- O'Leary was a graduate assistant at Georgia State for the 2015 and 2016 seasons, prior to coaching safeties in 2017 at Florida Tech.



JEFF QUINN

Offensive Line
37th Year Coaching, Seventh Year at Notre Dame

THE QUINN FILE

Hometown	Woodridge, Illinois
High School	Downer's Grove
College	Elmhurst College (B.A., Physical Education, 1984)
Graduate School	DePauw (M.A., Physical Education, 1986) / Grand Valley State (Educational Leadership Master's Degree Endorsement, 2000)
Wife	Shannon
Children	Sons - Kyle (married to Isabel) and Ryan (married to Marissa)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1980-84	Elmhurst	Football
1980-84	Elmhurst	Wrestling

COACHING CAREER

1985	DePauw	Graduate Assistant (Offensive Line & Wrestling)
1986-88	Ohio Northern	Offensive Line/Tight Ends Coach, Head Wrestling Coach
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
2020	Notre Dame	CFP-Rose

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
- Inducted into the Downer's Grove North High School Hall of Fame in 2007

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Enters his 37th year of college coaching
- Produced NCAA, conference and school record-breaking offenses along with winning multiple conference, bowl and national championships
- Seventh season at Notre Dame and fourth as offensive line coach in 2021
- In 2021, he mentored a young offensive line that improved as the season went on. He had two true freshmen start on the offensive line in the same season for the first time in program history.
- The offensive line has paved the way for the Irish rushing attack as they have eclipsed the 200-yard rushing mark as a team in three of the last five games to end the regular season. The Irish have tallied three rushing touchdowns in five of the last six games, including a team-high four against Stanford. The offensive line has also limited sacks on the quarterbacks, as they have allowed two sacks or less in seven of the last eight games
- The 2020 offensive line, a Joe Moore Award Finalist, paved the way for ACC Rookie of the Year RB Kyren Williams'

1,000+ yard season

- In 2020, the offensive line led the ACC and ranked seventh among all FBS teams in time of possession.
- Three Irish offensive linemen were drafted in 2021, with Aaron Banks and Liam Eichenberg going in the second round and Robert Hainsey in the third. Banks and Eichenberg were both consensus All-Americans in 2020
- 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 his junior and senior seasons, during which he did not concede a sack in either year
- Junior Robert Hainsey also did not allow a sack in 2019 on 423 snaps (252 pass plays)
- 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
- His offensive line paved the way in 2018 for senior running back Dexter Williams' breakout season in 2018; Williams rushed for 995 yards and 12 TDs, including four 100-yard rushing games; he averaged 110.6 rushing yards per game
- Other high-profile offensive line protégés include Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce (Cincinnati), San Francisco 49ers left tackle Joe Staley (Central Michigan), Jeff Linkenbach (Cincinnati), Trevor Cantfield (Cincinnati), Drew Mormino (Central Michigan), Eric Ghiaciuc (Central Michigan), Josh Bourke (Grand Valley State - CFL) and Mike Sheldon (Grand Valley State - XFL), among others.
- 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 Liam Eichenberg (Notre Dame)

- 2020 Consensus All-American
- 2020 ACC Jacobs Blocking Trophy winner (best blocker in the conference)
- 2020 Outland Trophy Finalist
- 2021 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Miami Dolphins)

OL Aaron Banks (Notre Dame)

- 2020 Consensus All-American
- 2021 NFL Draft Second Round pick (San Francisco 49ers)

OL Robert Hainsey (Notre Dame)

- Senior CLASS Award All-America First Team, All-ACC Second Team, Associated Press Second Team All-ACC, William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist
- 2021 NFL Draft Third Round pick (Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

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)



LANCE TAYLOR

Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator
15th Year Coaching, Third 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	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)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP-Rose)

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

- Enters ninth season of collegiate coaching, coached in the NFL for six seasons
- Named the 2015 FootballScoop.com Running Backs Coach of the Year
- Coached players such as Christian McCaffrey, Kyren Williams, Bryce Love, Tony Jones and more
- Third season as the Irish running backs coach in 2021, promoted in early 2020 to Run Game Coordinator
- In 2021, he mentored Kyren Williams to another career-best season on the ground and into the Irish record books
- Williams surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the second-straight season in 2021. He is just the fifth running back in Notre Dame history to have back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons and the first since Darius Walker in 2005 and 2006
- Heading into the Fiesta Bowl, Williams ranks 14th nationally in total touchdowns (17), 19th in rushing touchdowns (14) and 20th in all-purpose yards per game (128.42).
- In the Notre Dame record book, Williams is third in career receptions by a running back (78), fourth in single season receptions by a running back (42), fifth in single season total touchdowns (17), seventh in single season rushing touchdowns (14), eighth in career rushing touchdowns (27), eighth in career total touchdowns (31) and eighth in career receiving yards by a running back (675).
- In 2020, guided RBs Kyren Williams, Chris Tyree and C'Bo Flemister to become one of the best running back units in college football
- Williams, the 2020 ACC Rookie of the Year and Offensive Rookie of the Year, and five-time ACC weekly award-winner, took the college football scene by storm, totaling six 100-yard rushing performances. Through the season, Williams rushed for 1,125 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging 5.3 yards-per-carry
- True freshman Chris Tyree saw success in 2020, rushing for 496 yards with four touchdowns on the season, including a team-long 94-yard touchdown run in the regular season finale vs. Syracuse
- 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
- 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 Christian 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)
- Coached running backs at Stanford for three seasons (2014–16); At Stanford, two of Taylor's disciples -- Christian McCaffrey and Bryce Love -- held three of the top five rushing seasons in Stanford history, and each of the four highest single-game rushing totals
- 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
- 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

RB Tony Jones Jr. (Notre Dame)

- UDFA - signed with the New Orleans Saints
- Became the 10th player in school history with five or more 100-yard rushing games in one season (Louisville, Virginia, Bowling Green, Southern Cal & Iowa State) in 2019

WR Curtis Samuel (Carolina Panthers)

- Played in 13 games in his second season, totaling 39 receptions for 494 yards, rushed eight times for 84 yards

WR DJ Moore (Carolina Panthers)

- Started 10 games as a rookie in 2018, tallied 55 receptions for 788 yards and 15 rushing attempts for 172 yards

WR Devin Funchess (Carolina Panthers)

- In 2017, played in 16 games with 63 receptions for 840 yards; added four receptions for 79 yards in the postseason



MATT BALIS

Director of Football Performance
21st Year Coaching, Fifth 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, Ricky

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)	2020	Notre Dame (CFP-Rose)

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

- Fifth season as Notre Dame's Director of Football Performance in 2021
- 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 13 second-round NFL Draft picks (most recently Aaron Banks, Liam Eichenberg and Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah)
- Previously served as the head strength coach at UConn, Mississippi State, Utah and Virginia; Has mentored multiple NFL-bound and/or college award-winning players at multiple programs, including, Jonathan Banks, Chris Long, Chris Jones, Dak Prescott, Chase Claypool, Liam Eichenberg, Aaron Banks, Foley Fatukasi and Gabe Jackson.
- Finalist for 2018 FootballScoop Strength Coach of the Year
- 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 Florida 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 (now with the Jacksonville Jaguars) 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, Master Strength & Conditioning Coach (CSCCa) certification

DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah (Notre Dame)

- 2020 NFL Draft Second Round pick (Cleveland Browns)
- 2020 Unanimous First Team All-American

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. 5, 2021 | Doak Campbell Stadium
Attend: 68,316 | TV: ABC



(7/9) NOTRE DAME	41
(--/RV) FLORIDA STATE	38

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The No. 7 ranked Notre Dame football team (1-0) outlasted the Florida State Seminoles (0-1), 41-38, in overtime Sunday night at Doak Campbell Stadium. Jonathan Doerer hit a 41-yard field goal to clinch the game in the first overtime after Florida State missed their field goal attempt. Quarterback Jack Coan had a historic first start for the Irish, setting program records for passing yards (366) and tying the program record for touchdowns (4) in a season-opening game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
Notre Dame	7	10	21	0	3	41
Florida State	7	7	6	18	0	38

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:49	ND	#87 M. Mayer 41 yd pass from #17 J. Coan (#39 J. Doerer kick), 5-75, 02:11; ND 7, FSU 0
	05:12	FSU	#0 J. Corbin 89 yd rush (#88 R. Fitzgerald kick), 2-89, 00:19; ND 7, FSU 7
2nd	10:05	FSU	#13 J. Travis 2 yd rush (#88 R. Fitzgerald kick), 4-45, 01:39; ND 7, FSU 14
	05:02	ND	#39 J. Doerer 48 yd FG, 10-46, 05:03; ND 10, FSU 14
	02:21	ND	#5 J. Wilkins 23 yd pass from #17 J. Coan (#39 J. Doerer kick), 5-48, 01:24; ND 17, FSU 14
3rd	13:36	FSU	#22 J. Douglas 60 yd pass from #13 J. Travis (kick missed), 3-63, 01:14; ND 17, FSU 20
	11:52	ND	#4 K. Austin 37 yd pass from #17 J. Coan (#39 J. Doerer kick), 4-75, 01:44; ND 24, FSU 20
	07:05	ND	#23 K. Williams 6 yd pass from #17 J. Coan (#39 J. Doerer kick), 7-69, 04:17; ND 31, FSU 20
	04:37	ND	#25 C. Tyree 1 yd rush (#39 J. Doerer kick), 3-32, 01:02; ND 38, FSU 20
4th	13:47	FSU	#7 A. Parchment 8 yd pass from #13 J. Travis (#6 K. Helton pass from #13 J. Travis), 15-75, 05:50; ND 38, FSU 28
	05:36	FSU	#8 T. Ward 2 yd rush (#88 R. Fitzgerald kick), 12-88, 04:43; ND 38, FSU 35
	00:40	FSU	#88 R. Fitzgerald 43 yd FG, 10-46, 03:35; ND 38, FSU 38
OT1	00:00	ND	#39 J. Doerer 41 yd FG, 4-2; ND 41, FSU 38

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	FSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-65	48-264
PASSING YARDS (NET)	366	178
Passes Comp-Att-Int	26-35-1	14-26-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-431	74-442
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-72
Interception Returns-Yards	3-4	1-5
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-39.3	4-42.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-38	9-54
Possession Time	30:50	29:10
Third-Down Conversions	6-17	7-16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	1-2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-34	4-16

Rushing: Notre Dame- Kyren Williams 18-42 Chris Tyree 7-31, Jack Coan 9--3, TEAM 1--5. **Florida State-** Jashaun Corbin 15-144, Treshaun Ward 11-76, Lawrence Toafili 6-34, Jordan Travis 12-9, McKenzie Milton 3-6, TEAM 1--5.

Passing: Notre Dame- Jack Coan 26-35-1-366. **Florida State-** Jordan Travis 9-19-3-130, McKenzie Milton 5-7-0-48.

Receiving: Notre Dame- Michael Mayer 9-120, Kyren Williams 6-83, Kevin Austin 4-91, Chris Tyree 4-10, Braden Lenzy 2-39, Joe Wikins 1-23. **Florida State-** Keyshawn Helton 4-53, Ja'Khi Douglas 3-80, Jashuan Corbin 3-6, Malik McClain 1-21, Darion Williamson 1-12, Andrew Parchment 1-8, Ontario Wilson 1--2.

Interceptions: Notre Dame- Kyle Hamilton 2-0, Clarence Lewis 1-4. **Florida State-** Travis Jay 1-5.

Fumbles: Notre Dame- Team 2-0. **Florida State-** Team 2-0.

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**GAME 2**

Sept. 11, 2021 | Notre Dame Stadium
Attend: 62,009 | TV: Peacock



TOLEDO	29
(7/8) NOTRE DAME	32

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 7/8 ranked Notre Dame football team (2-0) had a flair for the dramatics in its 32-29 come-from-behind win over Toledo (1-1) Saturday afternoon at Notre Dame Stadium. With the Irish trailing by five with 1:35 left, Jack Coan took the Irish down the field in three plays and connected with Michael Mayer on the game-winning 18-yard touchdown pass with 1:09 left.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Toledo	6	10	0	13	29
Notre Dame	7	7	0	18	32

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:45	ND	#87 M. Mayer 41 yd pass from #17 J. Coan (#39 J. Doerer kick), 6-75, 02:15; UT 0, ND 7
	10:06	UT	#17 T. Cluckey 31 yd FG, 7-69, 02:32; UT 3, ND 7
	04:14	UT	#17 T. Cluckey 32 yd FG, 6-42, 02:49; UT 6, ND 7
2nd	09:21	ND	#23 K. Williams 43 yd rush (#39 J. Doerer kick), 5-96, 02:13; UT 6, ND 14
	01:04	UT	#17 T. Cluckey 23 yd FG, 10-35, 04:00; UT 9, ND 14
	00:46	UT	#13 C. McDonald Jr. 27 yd interception return (#17 T. Cluckey kick), 00:12; UT 16, ND 14
4th	12:25	ND	#39 J. Doerer 48 yd FG, 13-55, 06:11; UT 16, ND 17
	10:57	ND	#25 C. Tyree 55 yd pass from #12 T. Buchner (#39 J. Doerer kick), 1-55, 00:09; UT 16, ND 24
	07:48	UT	#22 B. Koback 8 yd pass from #2 C. Bradley (#22 B. Koback pass from #2 C. Bradley failed), 6-89, 03:03; UT 22, ND 24
	01:35	UT	#7 D. Finn 26 yd rush (#17 T. Cluckey kick), 7-73, 01:51; UT 29, ND 24
	01:09	ND	#87 M. Mayer 18 yd pass from #17 J. Coan (#23 K. Williams pass from #3 A. Davis), 3-75, 00:26; UT 29, ND 32

TEAM STATISTICS

	UT	ND
FIRST DOWNS	16	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-124	39-132
PASSING YARDS (NET)	229	317
Passes Comp-Att-Int	20-33-0	24-36-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-353	75-449
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-2	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards-TD	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-58	1-19
Interception Returns-Yards	1-27	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-45.4	3-49.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	11-99	3-27
Possession Time	30:04	29:56
Third-Down Conversions	7-17	8-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	6-37	5-25

Rushing: Toledo- Bryant Koback 20-114, Dequan Finn 2-24, Micah Kelly 1-4, Jacquez Stuart 2-3, Carter Bradley 5--21. **Notre Dame-** Kyren Williams 16-78, Tyler Buchner 7-68, Chris Tyree 7-12, TEAM 1--2, Jack Coan 8--24.

Passing: Toledo- Carter Bradley 18-28-1-221, Dequan Finn 2-5-0-8. **Notre Dame-** Jack Coan 21-33-1-239, Tyler Buchner 3-3-1-78.

Receiving: Toledo- Devin Maddox 9-135, Isaiah Winstead 4-44, Bryant Koback 3-16, Jerjuan Newton 1-13, Drew Rosi 1-9, Bryce Mitchell 1-7, Jacquez Stuart 1-5. **Notre Dame-** Michael Mayer 7-81, Kevin Austin 4-63, Avery Davis 3-29, Kyren Williams 3-25, Chris Tyree 2-63, Braden Lenzy 2-33, Joe Wilkins 1-14, Deion Colzie 1-7, Lorenzo Style Jr. 1-2.

Interceptions: Toledo- Chris McDonald Jr. 1-27. **Notre Dame-** None.

Fumbles: Toledo- Carter Bradley 1-1. **Notre Dame-** Kyren Williams 1-1, Jack Coan 1-1.

**GAME 3**

Sept. 18, 2021 | Notre Dame Stadium
Attend: 74,341 | TV: NBC

**PURDUE****13**(10/12) **NOTRE DAME****27**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 10/12 Fighting Irish had its best defensive performance of the season in the 27-13 win over Purdue Saturday afternoon at Notre Dame Stadium. With the win, Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly tied Knute Rockne for most win all-time at Notre Dame (105⁺). Avery Davis had a career day, hauling in five catches for a career-high 120 yards, including a career-long reception of 62 yards for a touchdown. JD Bertrand continued his prolific start to the season with his third straight double-digit tackle game. Bertrand finished with 12 tackles on the day, which tied a career high. Safety Kyle Hamilton was also all over the field and tied a career high with 10 tackles and hauled in his third interception of the season.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	12:49	PUR	#24 M.Fineran 34 yd FG, 10-32, 03:41; PUR 3, ND 0
2nd	05:12	ND	#23 K.Williams 39 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 5-66, 02:14; PUR 3, ND 7
	10:05	ND	#39 J.Doerer 28 yd FG, 10-48, 03:13; PUR 3, ND 10
3rd	05:02	PUR	#24 M.Fineran 34 yd FG, 9-50, 03:48; PUR 6, ND 10
	02:21	ND	#3 A.Davis 62 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 4-75, 01:07; PUR 6, ND 17
	13:36	PUR	#0 M.Wright 2 yd pass from #13 J.Plummer (#24 M.Fineran kick), 6-75, 02:51; PUR 13, ND 17
4th	11:52	ND	#39 J.Doerer 30 yd FG, 11-53, 05:20; PUR 13, ND 20
	07:05	ND	#23 K.Williams 51 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 1-51, 00:11; PUR 13, ND 27

TEAM STATISTICS

	PUR	ND
FIRST DOWNS	19	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	25-57	34-120
PASSING YARDS (NET)	291	223
Passes Comp-Att-Int	36-54-2	15-32-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	79-348	66-343
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-34	2-30
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-50	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-38.3	7-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	8-61
Possession Time	34:11	25:49
Third-Down Conversions	4-16	4-17
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-26	3-24

Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 12-91, Chris Tyree 11-29, Tyler Buchner 3-24, TEAM 3--3, Jack Coan 5--21. **Purdue**— King Doerue 10-45, Dylan Downing 8-14, Aidan O'Connell 1-8, Jack Plummer 4--3, Milton Wright 2--7.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 15-31-0-223, Tyler Buchner 0-1-0-0. **Purdue**— Jack Plummer 25-36-0-187, Aidan O'Connell 11-18-2-104, Milton Wright 0-0-0-0.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Avery Davis 5-120, Chris Tyree 4-30, Braden Lenzy 3-21, Kyren Williams 2-47, Michael Mayer 1-5. **Purdue**— Jackson Anthrop 7-90, David Bell 7-64, King Doerue 6-39, Payne Durham 6-29, Mereshawn Rice 4-37, Milton Wright 3-17, Broc Thompson 2-18, Dylan Downing 1--3.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— Kyle Hamilton 1-0, DJ Brown 1-0. **Purdue**— None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— None. **Purdue**— Dylan Downing 1-0.

**GAME 4**

Sept. 25, 2021 | Soldier Field
Attend: 59,571 | TV: FOX

(10/12) **NOTRE DAME****41**(15/18) **WISCONSIN****13**

CHICAGO — The No. 10/12 Notre Dame football team used a big fourth quarter to take down No. 15/18 Wisconsin 41-13 Saturday afternoon at Soldier Field. The Irish outscored the Badgers 31-3 in the game's final frame and a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown from Chris Tyree gave the Irish the lead they did not relinquish. With the win, Dick Corbett Head Football Coach Brian Kelly surpassed Knute Rockne for most wins all-time in Notre Dame history with 106⁺. Late in the fourth quarter, the Irish returned two interceptions for touchdowns by Jack Kiser and Drew White. It is the first time since 2002 against Stanford that the Irish had two interceptions returned for a touchdown in the same game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	10	0	31	41
Wisconsin	3	0	7	3	13

SCORING SUMMARY

1st	11:48	UW	#19 C.Larsh 37 yd FG, 5-26, 01:54; ND 0, UW 3
2nd	08:44	ND	#39 J.Doerer 51 yd FG, 16-45, 06:29; ND 3, UW 3
	04:48	ND	#4 K.Austin 36 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 5-51, 02:18; ND 10, UW 3
3rd	09:53	UW	#3 K.Pryor 8 yd pass from #5 G.Mertz (#19 C.Larsh kick), 4-56, 02:01; ND 10, UW 10
4th	14:14	UW	#19 C.Larsh 27 yd FG, 9-30, 03:44; ND 10, UW 13
	14:01	ND	#25 C.Tyree 96 yd kickoff return (#39 J.Doerer kick), 00:00; ND 17, UW 13
	09:43	ND	#4 K.Austin 16 yd pass from #10 D.Pyne (#39 J.Doerer kick), 6-46, 02:40; ND 24, UW 13
	03:20	ND	#39 J.Doerer 37 yd FG, 4-4, 01:35; ND 27, UW 13
	02:10	ND	#24 J.Kiser 66 yd interception return (#39 J.Doerer kick), 01:07; ND 34, UW 13
	01:01	ND	#40 D.White 48 yd interception return (#39 J.Doerer kick), 01:07; ND 41, UW 13

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	UW
FIRST DOWNS	17	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-3	28-78
PASSING YARDS (NET)	239	240
Passes Comp-Att-Int	21-37-0	18-41-4
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-242	69-318
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-20	3-16
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-132	5-87
Interception Returns-Yards	4-146	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-46.3	6-49.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-93	5-33
Possession Time	31:36	28:24
Third-Down Conversions	5-16	1-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-3	6-33



Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 18-33, Chris Tyree 2-6, TEAM 1--1, Drew Pyne 2--16, Jack Coan 9--19. **Wisconsin**— Chez Mellusi 18-54, John Chenal 3-11, Jalen Berger 1-8, Isaac Guerendo 4-5, Graham Mertz 2-0.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 15-29-0-158, Drew Pyne 6-8-0-81. **Wisconsin**— Graham Mertz 18-41-4-240.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Michael Mayer 7-61, Kevin Austin 6-76, Avery Davis 4-55, Braden Lenzy 2-23, Joe Wilkins 1-18, Chris Tyree 1-6. **Wisconsin**— Kendrick Pryor 6-69, Danny Davis III 5-64, Chez Mellusi 2-39, Isaac Guerendo 2-6, Clay Cundiff 1-43, Jake Ferguson 1-11, Jalen Berger 1-8.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— Cam Hart 2-32, Jack Kiser 1-66, Drew White 1-48. **Wisconsin**— None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 1-0, Drew Pyne 1-1. **Wisconsin**— Graham Mertz 2-1.

	GAME 7 Oct. 23, 2021 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 77,622 | TV: NBC	
SOUTHERN CAL	16	
(13/13) NOTRE DAME	31	

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 13 Notre Dame football team (6-1) led from start to finish in the 31-16 win over rival Southern Cal (3-4, 2-3 Pac-12) Saturday night at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish retained the Jeweled Shillelagh as they won their fourth straight game against the Trojans. Running back Kyren Williams led the way for the Irish offense with a season high 138 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns. His 180 all-purpose yards were the most by an Irish player this season. On defense, Isaiah Foskey created havoc all night long with a career high two forced fumbles and tied a career high with 2.0 sacks. Foskey leads the Irish with 8.0 sacks on the season.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Southern Cal	0	3	0	13	16
Notre Dame	7	10	7	7	31

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 04:09 ND	#3 A.Davis 4 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 11-70, 04:53; USC 0, ND 7
2nd 13:24 ND	#39 J.Doerer 21 yd FG, 4-1, 01:20; USC 0, ND 10
07:29 USC	#48 P.Lewis 33 yd FG, 13-60, 05:49; USC 3, ND 10
04:13 ND	#23 K.Williams 5 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 9-75, 03:16; USC 3, ND 17
3rd 02:51 ND	#23 K.Williams 1 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 13-80, 05:17; USC 3, ND 24
4th 14:52 USC	#28 K.Ingram 4 yd rush (#48 P.Lewis kick), 9-77, 02:54; USC 10, ND 24
08:51 USC	#22 D.Barlow 3 yd rush (#48 P.Lewis kick missed), 8-86, 02:34; USC 16, ND 24
04:52 ND	#12 T.Buchner 3 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 8-75, 03:59; USC 16, ND 31

TEAM STATISTICS

	USC	ND
FIRST DOWNS	25	26
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	125	170
PASSING YARDS (NET)	299	213
Passes Comp-Att-Int	27-37-1	22-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-424	71-383
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-3
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-96	1-14
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-79
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-49.5	1-52
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-65	4-39
Possession Time	24:28	31:23
Third-Down Conversions	6-13	8-12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	5-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-6	3-34



Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 25-138, Braden Lenzy 1-14, Tyler Buchner 3-11, C'Bo Flemister 3-10, Logan Diggs 3-3, Avery Davis 1-1, Jack Coan 3--3, TEAM 2--4. **Southern Cal**— Keaontay Ingram 24-138, Darwin Barlow 4-15, Kedon Slovis 4--28.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 20-28-1-189, Tyler Buchner 2-2-0-24. **Southern Cal**— Kedon Slovis 27-37-1-299.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 6-42, Michael Mayer 5-54, Kevin Austin Jr. 4-39, Lorenzo Styles 3-57, Avery Davis 3-10, Deion Colzie 2-13, Braden Lenzy 1--2. **Southern Cal**— Drake London 15-171, Erik Krommenhoek 3-28, Malcolm Epps 2-38, Tahj Washington 2-32, Gary Bryant Jr. 2-14, Kyle Ford 1-13, Joseph Manjack IV 1-3, Keaontay Ingram 1-0.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— Bo Bauer 1-79. **Southern Cal**— Chris Steele 1-0.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— None. **Southern Cal**— Kedon Slovis 2-1.

	GAME 8 Oct. 30, 2021 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 71,018 | TV: NBC	
NORTH CAROLINA	34	
(11/11) NOTRE DAME	44	

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 11 Notre Dame football team (7-1) had its best rushing performance of the season as they defeated North Carolina, 44-34 Saturday night at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish tallied 293 rushing yards as a team, the most since they had 353 against Florida State last season. Running back Kyren Williams had a career day with 199 rushing yards, the most by an Irish player since Dexter Williams had 202 rushing yards against Florida State in 2018. He busted loose for a career-long 91-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter, the longest rush by an Irish player since Chris Tyree had a 94-yard rush last season against Syracuse.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
North Carolina	0	13	14	7	34
Notre Dame	7	10	14	13	44

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 03:25 ND	#3 A.Davis 7 yd pass from #12 T.Buchner (#39 J.Doerer kick), 7-41, 03:19; UNC 0, ND 7
2nd 14:55 UNC	#19 T.Chandler 3 yd rush (#17 G.Atkins kick), 8-81, 03:23; UNC 7, ND 7
10:01 ND	#39 J.Doerer 31 yd FG, 13-62, 04:54; UNC 7, ND 10
03:22 UNC	#17 G.Atkins 38 yd FG, 13-62, 06:34; UNC 10, ND 10
01:23 ND	#4 K.Austin 21 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 6-75, 01:59; UNC 10, ND 17
00:02 UNC	#17 G.Atkins 26 yd FG, 7-51, 01:13; UNC 13, ND 17
3rd 13:21 UNC	#19 T.Chandler 53 yd rush (#17 G.Atkins kick), 5-79, 01:33; UNC 20, ND 17
12:23 ND	#17 J.Coan 21 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 3-75, 00:58; UNC 20, ND 24
04:56 ND	#22 L.Diggs 1 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 11-81, 05:24; UNC 20, ND 31
02:48 UNC	#3 A.Green 33 yd pass from #7 S.Howell (#17 G.Atkins kick), 6-75, 02:08; UNC 27, ND 31
4th 14:27 ND	#23 K.Williams 91 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 1-91, 00:17; UNC 27, ND 38
11:52 ND	#39 J.Doerer 20 yd FG, 5-13, 02:28; UNC 27, ND 41
07:23 UNC	#7 S.Howell 31 yd rush (#17 G.Atkins kick), 10-75, 04:29; UNC 34, ND 41
01:37 ND	#39 J.Doerer 21 yd FG, 13-73, 05:46; UNC 34, ND 44

TEAM STATISTICS

	UNC	ND
FIRST DOWNS	28	28
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	223	293
PASSING YARDS (NET)	341	230
Passes Comp-Att-Int	24-33-1	18-26-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-564	68-523
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-47
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-106	1-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-17
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-43.0	2-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-75	5-40
Possession Time	30:15	29:45
Third-Down Conversions	6-11	5-11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-1	3-14



Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 22-199, Logan Diggs 11-42, Jack Coan 3-28, Tyler Buchner 4-16, Avery Davis 1-10, TEAM 1--2. **North Carolina**— Sam Howell 18-101, Ty Chandler 15-83, D.J. Jones 7-39.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 16-24-0-1, Tyler Buchner 2-2-0-1. **North Carolina**— Sam Howell 24-31-1-1.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Avery Davis 5-51, Michael Mayer 4-51, Lorenzo Style 3-74, Kevin Austin 3-36, Kyren Williams 2-15, Braden Lenzy 1-3. **North Carolina**— Josh Downs 10-142, Antoine Green 5-83, Bryson Nesbit 3-50, Justin Olson 2-25, Ty Chandler 1-18, D.J. Jones 1-9, Kamari Morales 1-8, J.J. Jones 1-6.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— DJ Brown 1-17. **North Carolina**— None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— None. **North Carolina**— None.

	GAME 5 Oct. 2, 2021 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 77,622 | TV: NBC	
(7/8) CINCINNATI	24	
(7/9) NOTRE DAME	13	

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 7/9 Notre Dame football team dropped its first game at home in four years as its comeback bid fell short in the 24-13 loss to No. 7/8 Cincinnati Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. After trailing 17-0 at half, the Irish began to mount a comeback in the second half. The Irish turned defense into offense in the third quarter have tallying a touchdown four plays after a fumble recovery with a three-yard run into the endzone from Kyren Williams to cut the deficit to 17-7 with 1:19 left in the third. Notre Dame continued to chip away and pulled within a score after Drew Pyne hit Braden Lenzy for a 32-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Irish trailed by just four, 17-13, with 8:20 remaining in the game. The Bearcats put the game out of reach on the ensuing drive that ended with a six-yard touchdown rush from Ritter. It put Cincinnati back up by double-digits and the Irish were unable to overcome the deficit.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Cincinnati	0	17	0	7	24
Notre Dame	0	0	7	6	13

SCORING SUMMARY

2nd 12:09 CIN	#11 L.Taylor 1 yd pass from #9 D.Ridder (#17 C.Smith kick), 3-8, 01:12; CIN 7, ND 0
10:32 CIN	#17 C.Smith 23 yd FG, 5-12, 01:32; CIN 10, ND 0
00:40 CIN	#7 T.Tucker 27 yd pass from #9 D.Ridder (#17 C.Smith kick), 5-80, 01:08; CIN 17, ND 0
3rd 01:19 ND	#23 K.Williams 3 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 4-38, 02:01; CIN 17, ND 7
4th 08:20 ND	#0 B.Lenzy 32 yd pass from #10 D.Pyne (#39 J.Doerer kick missed), 8-80, 03:08; CIN 17, ND 13
05:08 CIN	#9 D.Ridder 6 yd rush (#17 C.Smith kick), 6-75, 03:12; CIN 24, ND 13

TEAM STATISTICS

	CIN	ND
FIRST DOWNS	16	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-89	28-84
PASSING YARDS (NET)	297	257
Passes Comp-Att-Int	19-32-0	23-46-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-386	74-341
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-28
Punt Returns-Yards	2-17	2-13
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	4-87
Interception Returns-Yards	2-31	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-43.8	6-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-25	7-51
Possession Time	28:10	31:24
Third-Down Conversions	2-11	6-17
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	2-4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	1-10



Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 13-45, Chris Tyree 5-20, Drew Pyne 4-10, Tyler Buchner 4-8, Avery Davis 1-8, Jack Coan 1-7. **Cincinnati**— Jerome Ford 17-67, Desmond Ridder 10-26, TEAM 3-4.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 14-22-1-114, Drew Pyne 9-22-0-143, Tyler Buchner 0-2-1-0. **Cincinnati**— Desmond Ridder 19-32-0-297.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Michael Mayer 8-93, Braden Lenzy 4-61, Avery Davis 3-39, Kyren Williams 3-19, Chris Tyree 2-8, Kevin Austin 1-17, Lorenzo Styles 1-14, Joe Wilkins 1-6. **Cincinnati**— Alec Pierce 6-144, Leonard Taylor 4-70, Michael Young 4-36, Tre Tucker 2-34, Jordan Jones 1-7, Josh Whyte 1-5, Jerome Ford 1-1.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— None. **Cincinnati**— Ahmad Gardner 1-4, Deshawn Pace 1-27.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— Chris Tyree 1-1. **Cincinnati**— Desmond Ridder 1-1.

	GAME 6 Oct. 9, 2021 | Lane Stadium Attend: 65,632 | TV: ACCN	
(13/14) NOTRE DAME	32	
(RV) VIRGINIA TECH	29	

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The No. 13/14 Notre Dame football team had another fourth quarter comeback win Saturday night at Lane Stadium following the 32-29 victory over Virginia Tech. Trailing by eight with 3:55 left, Coan re-entered the game for the Irish and drove them right down the field for a touchdown. He finished the seven-play drive with a four-yard touchdown pass to Avery Davis. On the two-point conversion, Coan connected with Austin Jr. to tie the game at 29 with 2:26 left in the fourth. After the Irish defense forced a Hokie punt, Coan got the Irish back downfield into field goal range as time dwindled down. Doerer nailed a 48-yard field goal for his second game-winning field goal this season, both coming on the road.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	14	7	11	32
Virginia Tech	7	9	6	7	29

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 03:21 VT	#5 R.Blackshear 7 yd rush (#96 J.Romo kick), 7-80, 03:54; ND 0, VT 7
2nd 10:35 VT	#96 J.Romo 19 yd FG, 14-59, 06:17; ND 0, VT 10
06:51 ND	#12 T.Buchner 3 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 7-75, 03:44; ND 7, VT 10
00:32 ND	#23 K.Williams 8 yd pass from #12 T.Buchner (#39 J.Doerer kick), 9-80, 01:03; ND 14, VT 10
00:00 VT	#96 J.Romo 52 yd FG, 5-46, 00:28; ND 14, VT 13
3rd 08:53 VT	#96 J.Romo 26 yd FG, 11-61, 06:01; ND 14, VT 16
04:27 ND	#23 K.Williams 10 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 4-29, 01:56; ND 21, VT 16
00:50 VT	#2 J.Waller 26 yd interception return (#25 T.Robinson pass from #4 C.Blumrick failed), 01:58; ND 21, VT 22
4th 03:55 VT	#3 B.Burmeister 19 yd rush (#96 J.Romo kick), 9-56, 03:44; ND 21, VT 29
02:26 ND	#3 A.Davis 4 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#4 K.Austin pass from #17 J.Coan), 7-75, 01:29; ND 29, VT 29
00:17 ND	#39 J.Doerer 48 yd FG, 7-45, 01:39; ND 32, VT 29

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	VT
FIRST DOWNS	21	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	43-180	37-134
PASSING YARDS (NET)	221	187
Passes Comp-Att-Int	15-26-2	17-34-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-401	71-321
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-15
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	6-137
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	2-40
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-48.8	6-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-70	5-40
Possession Time	28:27	31:33
Third-Down Conversions	3-12	8-17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	2-12



Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 19-81, Tyler Buchner 12-67, Logan Diggs 6-29, Chris Tyree 3-14, Jack Coan 3--11. **Virginia Tech**— Braxton Burmeister 10-49, Raheem Blackshear 8-35, Connor Blumrick 5-29, Tre Turner 2-10, Keshawn King 4-8, Malachi Thomas 3-4, Jalen Holston 5--1.

Passing: Notre Dame— Tyler Buchner 6-14-2-113, Jack Coan 9-12-0-108. **Virginia Tech**— Braxton Burmeister 15-30-1-184 Connor Blumrick 2-4-0-3.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 5-26, Kevin Austin 3-70, Avery Davis 3-64, 2-31, Logan Diggs 1-15, George Takacs 1-15. **Virginia Tech**— Tre Turner 6-80, Tayvion Robinson 5-53, Raheem Blackshear 2-22, Kaleb Smith, 2-19, Nick Gallo 2-13.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— TaRiq Bracy 1-0. **Virginia Tech**— Jermaine Waller 1-26, Nasir Peoples 1-14.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— None. **Virginia Tech**— Braxton Burmeister 1-0, Nick Gallo 1-1.

	GAME 9 Nov. 6, 2021 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 77,096 | TV: NBC	
NAVY	6	
(8/8/10) NOTRE DAME	34	

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 8/8/10 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (8-1) put on a defensive clinic on Saturday afternoon at Notre Dame Stadium in a 34-6 win over the Navy Midshipmen. The Irish held Navy to just 184 total yards, 168 on the ground and 18 in the air. Defensive lineman Kurt Hinish turned in the performance of his career, recording his first double-digit tackle performance of his career with 10 on the day, including a sack and two tackles for loss. Jack Coan had an ultra-efficient day passing, connecting on 23-of-29 attempts for 269 yards and a touchdown. Kevin Austin was on the receiving end of six of the passes, racking up 139 yards and a touchdown.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Navy	3	0	3	0	6
Notre Dame	0	17	0	17	34

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 03:03 NAV	#43 B.Nichols 49 yd FG, 13-36, 07:36; NAV 3, ND 0
2nd 09:47 ND	#39 J.Doerer 24 yd FG, 11-74, 03:45; NAV 3, ND 3
02:46 ND	#23 K.Williams 1 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 11-66, 05:00; NAV 3, ND 10
00:50 ND	#4 K.Austin 70 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 5-95, 01:00; NAV 3, ND 17
3rd 05:16 NAV	#43 B.Nichols 21 yd FG, 14-71, 09:36; NAV 6, ND 17
4th 13:20 ND	SAFETY, 00:49; NAV 6, ND 19
10:55 ND	#23 K.Williams 20 yd rush (#0 B.Lenzy pass from #17 J.Coan), 7-54, 02:18; NAV 6, ND 27
03:13 ND	#22 L.Diggs 8 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 7-53, 03:45; NAV 6, ND 34

TEAM STATISTICS

	Navy	ND
FIRST DOWNS	11	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	55-166	31-150
PASSING YARDS (NET)	18	280
Passes Comp-Att-Int	1-3-0	24-30-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	58-184	61-430
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-16
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-76	3-62
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-52.6	4-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-49	6-70
Possession Time	34:33	25:27
Third-Down Conversions	4-15	7-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	3-4	0-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-17	2-15



Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 17-95, Logan Diggs 8-59, Tyler Buchner 2-9, Christ Tyree 1-1, Jack Coan 3--14. **Navy**— Isaac Ruoss 22-73, Jayden Umbarger 1-32, Carlino Acie 4-18, Chance Warren 1-18, Daniel Jones 2-13, Xavier Arline 8-8, James Harris II 3-3, Kai Puailoa-Rojas 1-3, Maquel Haywood 1-3, Anton Hall 2-2, Mike Mauai 1-0, Tai Lavatai 9--7.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 23-29-0-269, Tyler Buchner 1-1-0-11. **Navy**— Xavier Arline 1-2-0-18, Tai Lavatai 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 7-36, Kevin Austin 6-139, Michael Mayer 4-28, Chris Tyree 3-15, Avery Davis 2-18, Deion Colzie 1-31, Lorenzo Styles 1-13. **Navy**— Jayden Umbarger 1-18

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

Fumbles: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 1-0. **Navy**— Tai Lavatai 1-0, Xavier Arline 1-0.

	GAME 10 Nov. 13, 2021 | Scott Stadium Attend: 48,584 | TV: ABC	
(7/7/9) NOTRE DAME	28	
VIRGINIA	3	

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The No. 7/7/9 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (9-1) went on the road and dominated Virginia (6-4) by a final score of 28-3 to extend its win streak to 23 straight games against regular season ACC opponents. The Irish defense limited the nation's top offense to just 278 yards and kept the opposition out of the endzone for the second straight game. Notre Dame's pass rush created havoc all night, recording a season-high seven sacks. Linebacker Bo Bauer led the team in tackles with nine, including 1.5 sacks and a pass breakup. On offense Jack Coan finished an efficient 15-of-20 passing for three touchdowns and 132 yards. Michael Mayer, Braden Lenzy and Kevin Austin each hauled in a touchdown in the winning effort. Kyren Williams led the way on the ground with 70 yards on 14 carries, including a 22-yard touchdown.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	14	7	0	28
Virginia	0	0	0	3	3

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 04:53 ND	#87 M.Mayer 6 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 6-43, 02:40; ND 7, UVA 0
2nd 14:11 ND	#0 B.Lenzy 4 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 7-60, 03:28; ND 14, UVA 0
04:33 ND	#23 K.Williams 22 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 9-80, 04:13; ND 21, UVA 0
3rd 01:41 ND	#4 K.Austin 15 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 5-61, 02:20; ND 28, UVA 0
4th 12:16 UVA	#53 B.Farrell 34 yd FG, 10-59, 04:25; ND 28, UVA 3

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	UVA
FIRST DOWNS	23	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-249	30-82
PASSING YARDS (NET)	174	196
Passes Comp-Att-Int	18-24-1	18-34-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-423	64-278
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-14	2-44
Interception Returns-Yards	2-14	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-42.0	4-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-32	6-51
Possession Time	29:41	30:19
Third-Down Conversions	7-11	5-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-3	1-3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	7-34	0-0



Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 14-70, Logan Diggs 9-64, Lorenzo Styles 1-37, Chris Tyree 6-32, Braden Lenzy 1-31, Tyler Buchner 3-10, Jack Coan 3-7, TEAM 1--2. **Virginia**— Mike Hollins 9-44, Jay Woolfolk 16-15, Devin Darrington 2-12, Keytaon Thompson 3-11.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 15-20-1-132, Tyler Buchner 3-4-0-42. **Navy**— Jay Woolfolk 18-32-2-196, Dontayvion Wicks 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Michael Mayer 7-84, Kevin Austin 5-38, Braden Lenzy 3-23, Kyren Williams 2-15, Mitchell Evans 1-8, Lorenzo Styles 1-4, Chris Tyree 1-2. **Virginia**— Keytaon Thompson 9-110, Billy Kemp 4-37, Dontayvion Wicks 2-32, Jelani Woods 2-13, Ra'Shaun Henry 5-4.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— Ramon Henderson 1-0, DJ Brown 1-14. **Virginia**— Anthony Johnson 1-0.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— Tyler Buchner 1-1. **Virginia**— Keytaon Thompson 1-0.

	GAME 11 Nov. 20, 2021 | Notre Dame Stadium Attend: 70,011 | TV: NBC	
GEORGIA TECH	0	
(6/6/8) NOTRE DAME	55	

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 6/6/8 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (9-1) played a nearly flawless first half of football, jumping out to a 45-0 lead after the opening 30 minutes. The Irish went on to win by a final score of 55-0. With its 10th win of the season, the Irish have now recorded 10 or more wins in five straight seasons for the first time in program history. It was also the fifth-largest shutout in modern history for the Irish. Coan was masterful from the quarterback position, going 15-for-20 for 285 yards and two touchdowns in just over a half of playing time. Kyren Williams finished with 120 all-purpose yards and had two rushing touchdowns. Logan Diggs added two touchdowns, one on the ground and one receiving. Notre Dame's defense continued its incredible form, scoring two defensive touchdowns and stifling the Georgia Tech offense. Jack Kiser recorded a pick-six in the first quarter and Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa scooped up a fumble forced by Isaiah Foskey and returned it 70-yards for a touchdown in the third quarter.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	24	21	10	0	55

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 12:35 ND	#39 J.Doerer 41 yd FG, 5-25, 02:25; GT 0, ND 3
10:33 ND	#24 J.Kiser 43 yd interception return (#39 J.Doerer kick), 01:57; GT 0, ND 10
04:57 ND	#23 K.Williams 9 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 9-65, 03:29; GT 0, ND 17
00:08 ND	#87 M.Mayer 52 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 4-69, 01:22; GT 0, ND 24
2nd 10:41 ND	#22 L.Diggs 5 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 7-61, 03:45; GT 0, ND 31
07:21 ND	#22 L.Diggs 20 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 4-60, 01:47; GT 0, ND 38
01:29 ND	#23 K.Williams 1 yd rush (#98 H.Leonard kick), 7-89, 03:01; GT 0, ND 45
3rd 06:45 ND	#39 J.Doerer 26 yd FG, 6-86, 03:02; GT 0, ND 48
04:50 ND	#95 M.Tagovailoa-Amosa 70 yd fumble return (#91 J.Bryan kick), 01:48; GT 0, ND 55

TEAM STATISTICS

	GT	ND
FIRST DOWNS	11	23
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-128	33-212
PASSING YARDS (NET)	96	302
Passes Comp-Att-Int	14-28-1	18-28-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-224	59-514
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-70
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	3-37
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-113	1-51
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-43
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-35.4	3-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	3-32
Possession Time	30:39	29:21
Third-Down Conversions	3-15	5-11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-27	6-52

Rushing: Notre Dame— Tyler Buchner 5-67, Audric Estime 6-61, Kyren Williams 11-56, Chris Tyree 3-15, Braden Lenzy 1-12, Kevin Austin 1-8, Logan Diggs 2-6, Leo Albano 1-1, Jack Coan 3--14.

Georgia Tech— Jahmyr Gibbs 12-58, Dontae Smith 8-31, Jordan Yates 11-20, Jordan Mason 4-19.



Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 15-20-0-285, Tyler Buchner 3-6-0-17. **Georgia Tech**— Jordan Yates 14-28-1-96.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 4-31, Michael Mayer 3-86, Kevin Austin 2-89, Lorenzo Styles 2-17, Logan Diggs 1-20, George Takacs 1-19, Deion Colzie 1-16, Kevin Bauman 1-10, Braden Lenzy 1-9, Chris Tyree 1-9, Matt Salerno 1--4. **Georgia Tech**— Kyric McGowan 4-13, Malachi Carter 3-29, Adonias Sanders 3-20, Dylan Leonard 2-28, Ryan King 1-7, Dontae Smith 1--1.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— Jack Kiser 1-43. **Georgia Tech**— None.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— Tyler Buchner 2-0. **Georgia Tech**— Jahmyr Gibbs 1-0, Jordan Yates 1-1.

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	GAME 12 Nov. 27, 2021 Stanford Stadium Attend: 31,571 TV: FOX	
(5/5/6) NOTRE DAME	45	
STANFORD	14	

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The No. 5/5/6 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (11-1) won its seventh straight game to close out the 2021 regular season, defeating Stanford (3-9) by a final score of 45-14 in Palo Alto. Michael Mayer had a big performance, tying his career high for catches in a game with nine for 105 yards. The sophomore set the Notre Dame single-season record for catches by a tight end with 64 on the season, passing Tyler Eifert (63). Coan continued his impressive run of games, finishing 26-for-35 for 345 yards and two touchdowns. Kevin Austin Jr. led the Irish air attack, catching six passes for a game-high 125 yards. On the ground Kyren Williams paced the Irish with 74 yards on 19 carries, including two rushing touchdowns. The 74 yards give Williams 1,002 on the season, becoming just the fifth Notre Dame running back in program history to record back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons and first since Darius Walker did so in 2005-06.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	17	7	14	45
Stanford	0	0	7	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 09:39 ND	#0 B.Lenzy 16 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 5-74, 03:00; ND 7, STAN 0
2nd 14:30 ND	#85 G.Takacs 2 yd pass from #17 J.Coan (#39 J.Doerer kick), 9-69, 03:40; ND 14, STAN 0
11:27 ND	#39 J.Doerer 36 yd FG, 5-5, 02:23; ND 17, STAN 0
04:47 ND	#23 K.Williams 1 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 12-75, 05:09; ND 24, STAN 0
3rd 13:06 STAN	#20 A.Jones 5 yd rush (#43 J.Karty kick), 2-13, 00:39; ND 24, STAN 7
11:31 ND	#17 J.Coan 1 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 4-75, 01:35; ND 31, STAN 7
4th 14:33 ND	#12 T.Buchner 33 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 3-72, 00:35; ND 38, STAN 7
11:44 STAN	#84 B.Yurosek 49 yd pass from #18 T.McKee (#43 J.Karty kick), 6-75, 02:49; ND 38, STAN 14
00:58 UND	#23 K.Williams 12 yd rush (#39 J.Doerer kick), 9-77, 05:26; ND 45, STAN 14

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	STAN
FIRST DOWNS	27	11
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-169	22-55
PASSING YARDS (NET)	341	172
Passes Comp-Att-Int	27-36-1	20-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-510	47-227
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-0	3-72
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-23
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-42.4	8-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-35	9-64
Possession Time	34:10	25:50
Third-Down Conversions	2-11	3-11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-20	2-16

Rushing: Notre Dame— Kyren Williams 19-74, Tyler Buchner 3-56, Chris Tyree 5-44, Braden Lenzy 1-12, Logan Diggs 4--2, Jack Coan 1--15. **Stanford**— Austin Jones 9-35, E.J. Smith 5-25, Isaiah Sanders 1-10, Nathaniel Peat 3-3, Tanner McKee 4--18.

Passing: Notre Dame— Jack Coan 26-35-1-345, Tyler Buchner 1-1-0--4. **Stanford**— Tanner McKee 20-25-0-172.

Receiving: Notre Dame— Michael Mayer 9-105, Kevin Austin Jr. 6-125, Braden Lenzy 4-49, Lorenzo Styles 4-27, Kyren Williams 2-20, Mitchell Evans 1-13, George Takacs 1-2. **Stanford**— Michael Wilson 6-52, Benjamin Yurosek 5-87, Bryce Farrell 3-5, Elijah Higgins 2-11, Austin Jones 2-11, E.J. Smith 1-6, Nathaniel Peat 1-0.

Interceptions: Notre Dame— None. **Stanford**— Jonathan McGill 1-23.

Fumbles: Notre Dame— None. **Stanford**— Tanner McKee 1-1, Michael Wilson 2-1.



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

BOWL HISTORY

NOTRE DAME BOWL APPERANCES

Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score	Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score
1924	Rose (Jan. 1, 1925)	Stanford	W	27-10	1995	Orange (Jan. 1, 1996)	Florida State	L	26-31
1969	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1970)	Texas	L	17-21	1997	Independence (Dec. 28, 1997)	LSU	L	9-27
1970	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1971)	Texas	W	24-11	1998	Gator (Jan. 1, 1999)	Georgia Tech	L	28-35
1972	Orange (Jan. 1, 1973)	Nebraska	L	6-40	2000	Fiesta (Jan. 1, 2001)	Oregon State	L	9-41
1973	Sugar (Dec. 31, 1973)	Alabama	W	24-23	2002	Gator (Jan. 1, 2003)	North Carolina State	L	6-28
1974	Orange (Jan. 1, 1975)	Alabama	W	13-11	2004	Insight (Dec. 28, 2004)	Oregon State	L	21-38
1976	Gator (Dec. 27, 1976)	Penn State	W	20-9	2005	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 2006)	Ohio State	L	20-34
1977	Cotton (Jan. 2, 1978)	Texas	W	38-10	2006	Sugar (Jan. 3, 2007)	LSU	L	14-41
1978	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1979)	Houston	W	35-34	2008	Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)	Hawai'i	W	49-21
1980	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1981)	Georgia	L	10-17	2010	Sun (Dec. 31, 2010)	Miami (Fla.)	W	33-17
1983	Liberty (Dec. 29, 1983)	Boston College	W	19-18	2011	Champs Sports (Dec. 29, 2011)	Florida State	L	14-18
1984	Aloha (Dec. 29, 1984)	SMU	L	20-27	2012	BCS National Champ. Game (Jan. 7, 2013)*	Alabama	L	14-42
1987	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1988)	Texas A&M	L	10-35	2013	Pinstripe (Dec. 28, 2013)*	Rutgers	W	29-16
1988	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1989)	West Virginia	W	34-21	2014	Music City (Dec. 30, 2014)	LSU	W	31-28
1989	Orange (Jan. 1, 1990)	Colorado	W	21-6	2015	Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 1, 2016)	Ohio State	L	28-44
1990	Orange (Jan. 1, 1991)	Colorado	L	9-10	2017	Citrus Bowl (Jan. 1, 2018)	LSU	W	21-17
1991	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1992)	Florida	W	39-28	2018	CFP Semifinal - Cotton Bowl (Dec. 29, 2018)	Clemson	L	3-30
1992	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1993)	Texas A&M	W	28-3	2019	Camping World (Dec. 28, 2019)	Iowa State	W	33-9
1993	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1994)	Texas A&M	W	24-21	2020	CFP Semifinal - Rose Bowl (Jan. 1, 2021)	Alabama	L	14-31
1994	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1995)	Colorado	L	24-41					

*Indicates appearance later vacated by NCAA penalty

NOTRE DAME BOWL RECAPS

^Denotes national championship

Overall Bowl Record: 19-20*

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 rated 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, Hawaii 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.

2021 CFP SEMIFINAL - ROSE BOWL

Alabama 31, Notre Dame 14

January 1, 2021

Notre Dame entered the game with a 10-1 record, ranked fourth in the AP poll and the final College Football Playoff rankings. Alabama (11-0) was ranked first in the AP poll and College Football Playoffs. After the 31-14 defeat, the Irish finished ranked fifth in the AP poll and the coaches poll, with Alabama ending the season ranked first in the AP poll and coaches poll.

**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/>).*

BOWL RECORDS

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: 64, Ian Book (attempted 101) in '18 Cotton, '19 Camping World, '21 Rose
- 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): .833, Mac Jones (25 of 30),

- Alabama, '21, CFP Semifinal – Rose Bowl
- 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; Mac Jones, Alabama, '21 CFP Semifinal – Rose Bowl

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; DeVonta Smith, Alabama, '21 CFP Semifinal – Rose Bowl
- 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): .833 by Alabama (25 of 30), '21 CFP Semifinal – Rose Bowl
- 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; Alabama, '21 CFP Semifinal – Rose Bowl
- 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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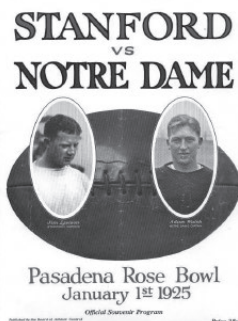
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PASADENA, Calif. — With the fabled Four Horsemen making their final appearance together, Notre Dame ventured to the distant West Coast and proved its worth by downing Stanford 27-10 in the 1925 Rose Bowl. The win gave Notre Dame a 10-0 record for the 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

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."

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

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#8 Notre Dame

#1 Texas

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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.

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 sundrenched 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.

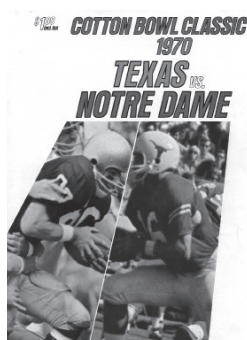
Notre Dame fought right back. With Theismann at the controls, Notre Dame went 80 yards in eight plays to go ahead 17-14. The feisty Theismann put together scampers of 14 and 11 yards and tossed an 11-yard pass to Dennis Allen. The Irish finally scored on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Theismann to Jim 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.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

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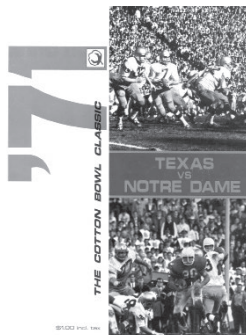
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DALLAS — Notre Dame's defense caused nine Texas fumbles and All-America quarterback Joe Theismann personally accounted for three scores in the first 16 1/2 minutes en route to a 24-11 Irish victory in the 1971 Cotton Bowl Classic.

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.

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.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

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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.

SUGAR BOWL • DEC. 31, 1973 • NEW ORLEANS, LA



SCORE BY QUARTERS

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#1 Alabama

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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.

ORANGE BOWL • JAN. 1, 1975 • MIAMI, FL



SCORE BY QUARTERS

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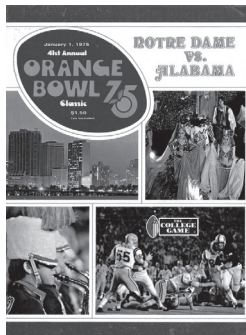
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MIAMI — Alabama and Notre Dame locked horns again.

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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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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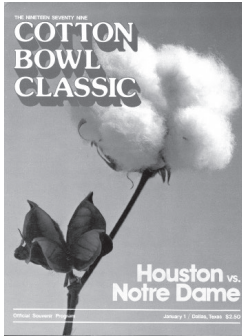
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DALLAS — Notre Dame utilized a miracle rally beginning midway through the fourth period to shock Houston 35-34 and capture the 43rd and coldest Cotton Bowl. It featured a comeback that many longtime observers called the greatest in Irish football history.

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 payday.

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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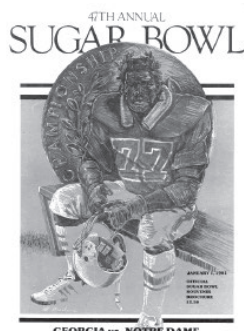
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NEW ORLEANS — The day before Georgia met Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl, Vince Dooley was hoping his football players would spend New Year's Eve night "in their hotel rooms, watching whatever it is they drop in New York, that ball or whatever."

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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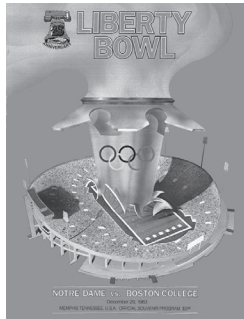
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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Notre Dame risked being labeled a “Scrooge” by finally shedding its charitable image in the 1983 Liberty Bowl.

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 déjà 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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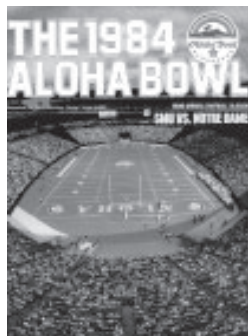
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HONOLULU — It had all the earmarks of a classic Notre Dame comeback.

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) 10-7 4:08

SECOND QUARTER

11:35 SMU Morrison 12 yd pass from King (Brownlee kick), 14-8 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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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.

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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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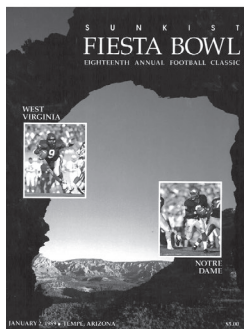
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TEMPE, Ariz. — Combining a knock-'em-in-the-dirt style of defense with a timely passing game set up by the pounding Irish running attack, Notre Dame did it all in putting the finishing touches on its first national championship since 1977.

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 Raghib 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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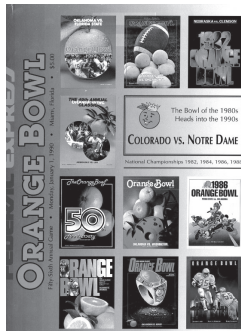
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MIAMI — Notre Dame made use of its standard weapons — a bend-but-don't break defense, a rugged running game plus a timely pass completion or two. Those items, plus some uncharacteristic miscues by top-ranked Colorado enabled the Irish to dash the national 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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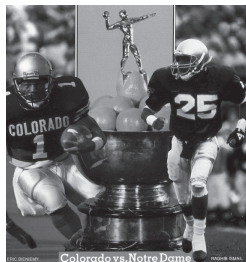
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MIAMI — Turnovers, mistakes and missed opportunities — they all played major roles for Notre Dame as the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish self-destructed on offense in their Orange Bowl rematch with top-ranked Colorado.

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 penned 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.

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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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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.

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

FOURTH QUARTER

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.

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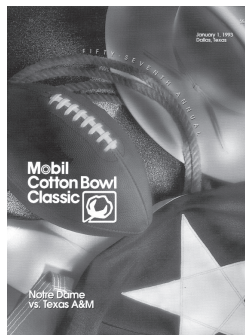
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DALLAS — Both Texas A&M and Notre Dame were known for their running games entering the 1993 Cotton Bowl Classic. The Aggies had built up a 12-0 record behind the running of Rodney Thomas and Greg Hill while the Irish checked in with a 9-1-1 mark on 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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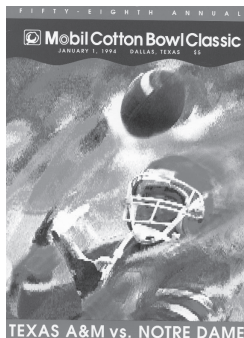
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TEXAS A&M vs. NOTRE DAME

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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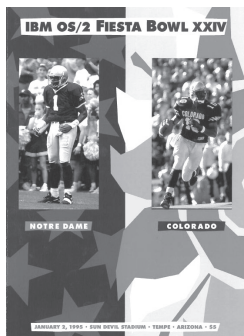
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TEMPE, Ariz. — If holding the Heisman Trophy winner in check ranked as the only goal, Notre Dame's defensive performance against fourth-rated Colorado in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl might have qualified as impressive.

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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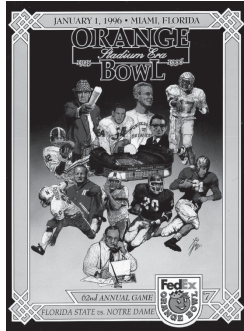
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MIAMI — Notre Dame's 1996 Orange Bowl matchup with eighth-ranked Florida State qualified as a historic occasion, since the Irish and Seminoles comprised the final combatants in Miami's venerable Orange Bowl facility before the game's switch to Joe 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

	ND	FSU
First Downs	18	22
By Rushing	9	13
By Passing	8	9
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	39	45
Yards Rushing	246	149
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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: 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, Abdullah 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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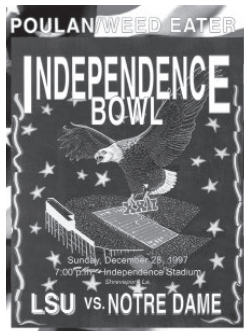
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SHREVEPORT, La. — The rematch track record alone didn't bode well for the Irish.

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, 9-70 4:03

SECOND QUARTER

7:12 LSU Richey 37 yd field goal, 4-4 1:54
0:20 ND Cengia 21 yd field goal, 14-60 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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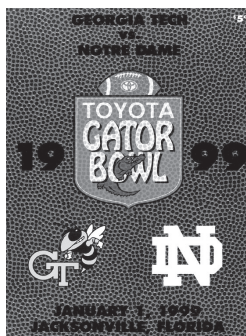
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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Nearly all the pre-game speculation in the Notre Dame camp prior to the 1999 Gator Bowl matchup with Georgia Tech centered around the physical condition of Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Though Jackson wasn't quite 100 percent, his gutty 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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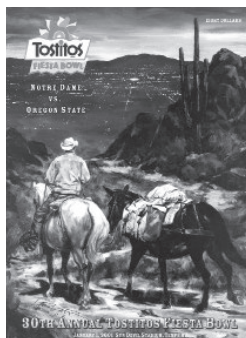
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TEMPE, Ariz. — Oregon State used four third quarter touchdowns, capitalizing on two Notre Dame turnovers, to defeat the Irish 41-9 in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

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 Jonathan 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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#11 Notre Dame

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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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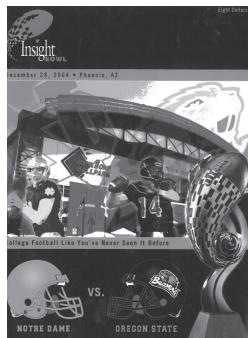
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PHOENIX, Ariz. — Playing under an interim head coach at the conclusion of one of the most tumultuous months in Notre Dame football history, the Irish ended the 2004 season with a loss to Oregon State in the Insight Bowl at Bank One Ballpark in downtown 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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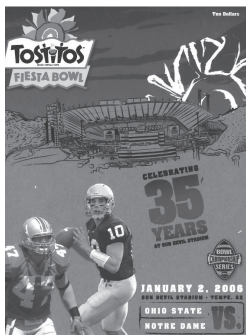
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TEMPE, Ariz. — Notre Dame's return to national prominence under first-year head coach Charlie Weis was capped by the first Irish appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game in five years. Unfortunately, the result was not indicative of the team's 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 line-backer 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. Mayes 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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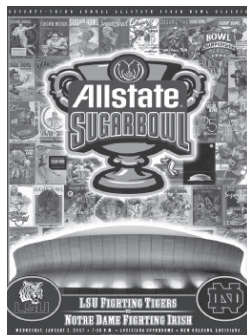
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NEW ORLEANS — JaMarcus Russell cocked his head, glanced toward the towering Superdome stands and soaked up the pleas of the LSU faithful.

"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 Weiss 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. Weiss 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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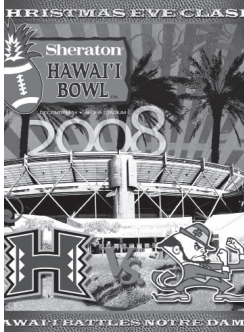
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HONOLULU — Jimmy Clausen ended Notre Dame's long bowl drought — and Hawaii's bid for a fourth straight Hawaii Bowl victory — with a record-breaking passing night.

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: Hawaii'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; Al-bridge 1-0; Sharpley 2-0; Team 3-(-6); Clausen 2-(-6).

PASSING: Hawaii'i-Alexander 23-39-1-261; Funaki 5-5-0-65. Notre Dame-Clausen 22-26-0-401; Sharpley 2-2-0-12.

RECEIVING: Hawaii'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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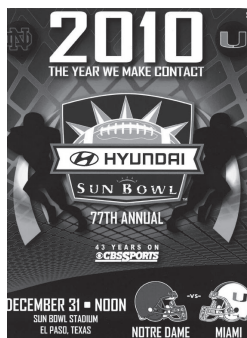
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EL PASO, Texas — A far-from-perfect first season as Notre Dame coach could not have ended much better for Brian Kelly and his Fighting Irish.

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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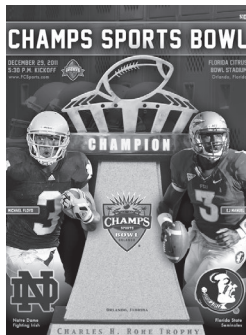
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ORLANDO, Fla. – The day before his team took the field for its Champs Sports Bowl matchup with Notre Dame, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher acknowledged that he had higher hopes for his team than how they ended up in 2011.

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
14	14	7	7	42
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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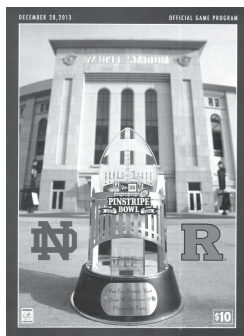
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BRONX, N.Y. - This nicely sums up Tommy Rees' Notre Dame career.

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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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.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame
#22 LSU

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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 Prosise 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; Prosise 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; Prosise 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; Onwualu 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; Prosise 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

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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

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; Cone, 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, Jalyon 1-0; Webb, Damon 1-0; Sprinkle, Tracy 0-1.

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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.

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 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.



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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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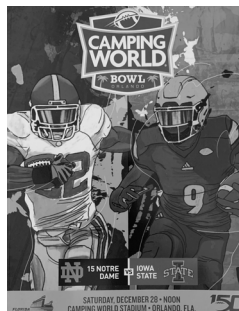
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ORLANDO, Fla. — A balanced offense and disciplined defense left little doubt for the 15th-ranked Notre Dame football team in Saturday's Camping World Bowl match-up with Iowa State, as the Irish registered their second straight 11-win season with a 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, Croney 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.

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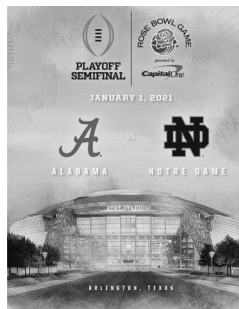
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ARLINGTON, Texas — Playing in the Rose Bowl for just the second time in program history, the fourth-ranked Notre Dame football team couldn't handle the top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide and fell 31-14 in the College Football Playoff Semifinal Saturday afternoon at AT&T Stadium.

Kyren Williams carried the load for the Irish offensively on the day, finishing with 16 carries for 64 yards and one touchdown. Williams also set a career high with eight receptions out of the backfield. Ian Book added 55 yards on the ground and one rushing touchdown to go with 27-for-39 in the air for 229 yards. Michael Mayer also set a career high in receptions after he finished with seven in the game.

Defensively, Shaun Crawford tied a career high with a team-high nine tackles. Drew White totaled his season best mark with nine tackles and Kyle Hamilton was all over the field with seven tackles (six solo), one tackle-for-loss and one pass breakup.

Alabama struck first after forcing the Irish to punt on their first drive of the game. The Crimson Tide covered 79 yards in seven plays with DeVonta Smith's 26-yard catch and run ending in the end zone. The next Crimson Tide drive found the end zone after a 12-yard pass from Mac Jones to Jahleel Billingsley for the score. After the first quarter, Alabama held a 14-0 lead.

The Irish offense got clicking in the second quarter thanks to a long 15-play drive that spanned over eight minutes. On fourth and goal from the one-yard line, Williams punched it in for his 13th rushing touchdown on the season. It is the most rushing touchdowns by an Irish running back since Autry Denson had 15 back in 1998.

Alabama quickly answered with another touchdown reception from Smith to regain its 14-point lead. Smith hauled in a 34-yard touchdown pass to cap off a six-play, 85-yard drive for the Crimson Tide and they led 21-7 halfway through the second quarter.

In the second half, Smith continued his strong game with the third receiving touchdown of the afternoon. He snagged a seven-yard pass from Jones to put Alabama up 28-7 with 4:58 remaining in the third quarter. In the fourth, the Irish were unable to get the offense going to mount a comeback.

FIRST QUARTER

10:14 UA DeVonta Smith 26 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 7-79 2:36
04:19 UA J. Billingsley 12 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-97 2:11

SECOND QUARTER

11:16 ND Kyren Williams 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 15-75 8:03
08:49 UA DeVonta Smith 34 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 6-84 2:21

THIRD QUARTER

04:58 UA DeVonta Smith 7 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-62 2:29

FOURTH QUARTER

12:45 UA Will Reichard 41 yd field goal, 10-47 4:20
00:56 ND Ian Book 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 14-80 4:36

	ND	UA
FIRST DOWNS	24	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	139	140
PASSING YDS (NET)	236	297
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-42-1	25-30-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-Yds	80-375	55-437
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-8	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-47.2	3-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	6-59
Possession Time	33:43	26:17
Third-Down Conversions	8-16	6-10
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-3	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	2-15

Rushing: Notre Dame- Williams 16-64, Book, 15-55, Tyree 5-16, Skowronek 1-4, Flemister 1-0. **Alabama-** Harris 15-125, Jones 6-18, Robinson Jr. 2-4, TEAM 1--2, Smith 1--5.

Passing: Notre Dame- Book 27-39-1, TEAM 0-2-0, Pyne 1-1-0. **Alabama-** Jones 25-30-0.

Receiving: Notre Dame- Williams 8-31, Mayer 7-62, Skowronek 4-41, Tyree 4-37, McKinley 2-20, Keys III 1-20, Davis 1-15, Takacs 1-10. **Alabama-** Smith 7-130, Billingsley 4-39, Harris 4-30, Metchie 3-53, Forristall 3-31, Bolden 2-22, Williams 1-0, Jones 1--8.

Interceptions: Notre Dame- None. **Iowa State-** C. Harris 1-0.

Fumbles: Notre Dame- Chris Tyree 1-0, Ian Book 1-0. **Iowa State-** None.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 (10).

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
1947	Notre Dame	9-0	Frank Leahy	AP, WS, Helms (tie)
	Michigan	10-0	Fritz Crisler	Berry, Bill, Dunkel, LS, Houlgate, Helms (tie), Boand, FR, Devold, NCF, Poling
1949	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"	NCF (tie), Poling (tie)

		Schembechler	
	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, FR, 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 10 tries 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



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.

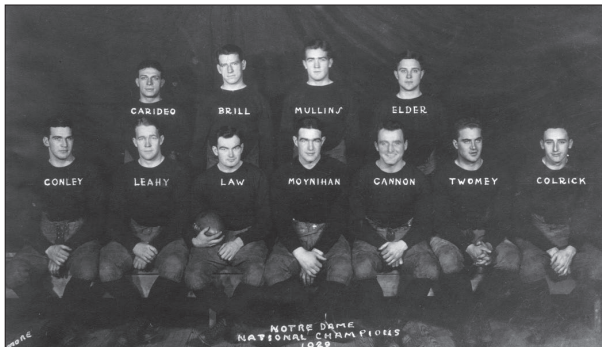
The lack of home turf was not the only major difficulty of the 1929 season for Notre Dame. The team's legendary coach was in battle with phlebitis, which doctors said stood a 50-50 chance of taking Rockne's life if he tried to coach that season. But coach the team he did, through one dramatic victory 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

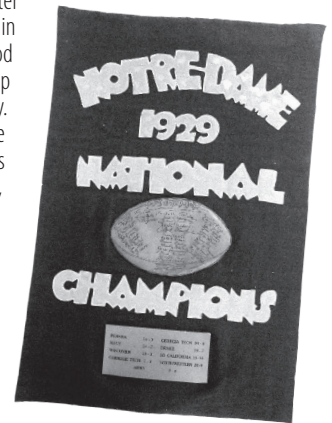
"Notre Dame football is, apparently, too much in demand to allow any appreciable let-up in the matter of booking straight high-grade attractions through the season. Rockne tries hard to say no to the various schedule-makers who want Notre Dame on their cards, but they all want the Irish so intensely 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-

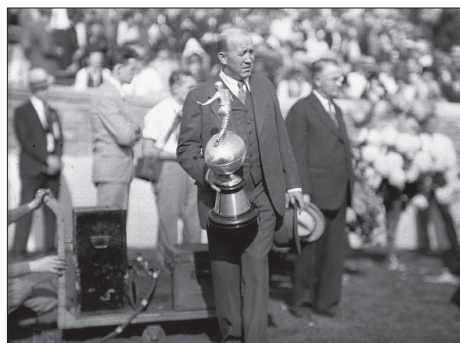
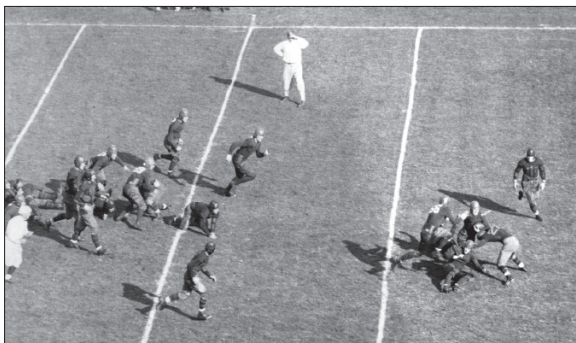
ing Carnegie Tech, 21-6, to cap off a successful first homestand.

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 Nordy 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.

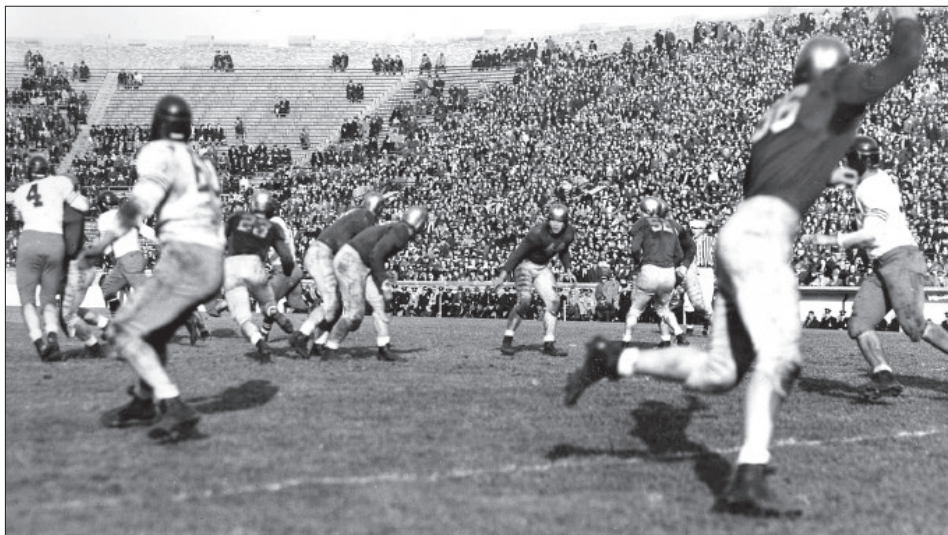
To finish off the season, Rockne used all his psychological expertise in a ploy that helped the Irish get ready for USC. Injuries during the season left the team with only one healthy fullback, Dan Hanley. So Rock decided to turn Bucky O'Connor, a second-team halfback, into a first-string fullback. However, 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





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

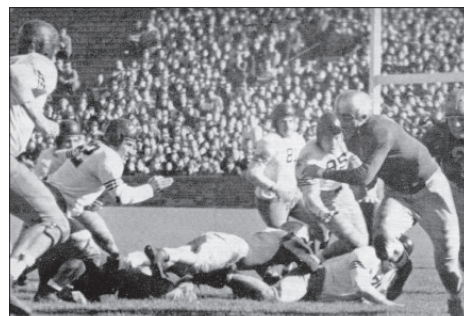


After the game, Leahy told his team, "You're still champions to me, boys. You fought your hearts out every inch of the way in the greatest drive I've ever seen. Nobody is to blame for that last Great Lakes touchdown. It was just a fine play, splendidly executed."

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.

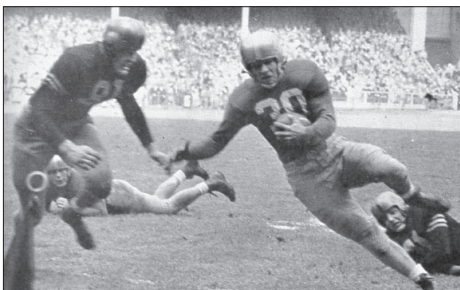
For the players who returned to Notre Dame in '46, losing a college football game was not to be one of their post-war experiences. From 1946 to 1949, Notre Dame went 36-0-2 and won three national championships in one of the most successful four-year periods in college football history.

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 Czarowski. 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

1947 | 9-0-0

"Yes, if they let us use the two-team system — two teams at one time."

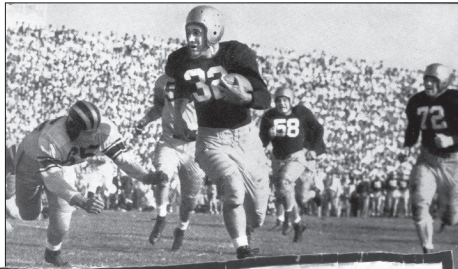
— Tulane coach Henry Frank when asked if his squad had a chance to upset Notre Dame

"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

"Be a fighter, gents. Not only out there on the football field, but out in life as well."

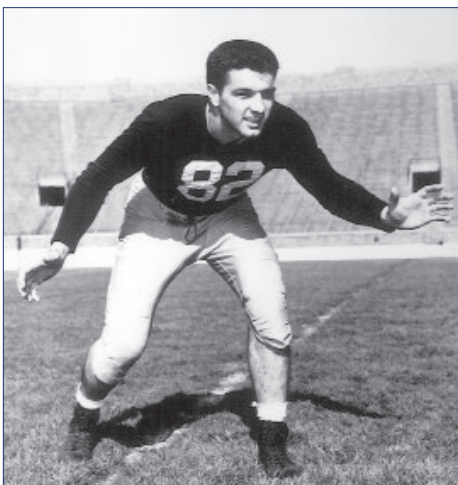
— Frank Leahy



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



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.

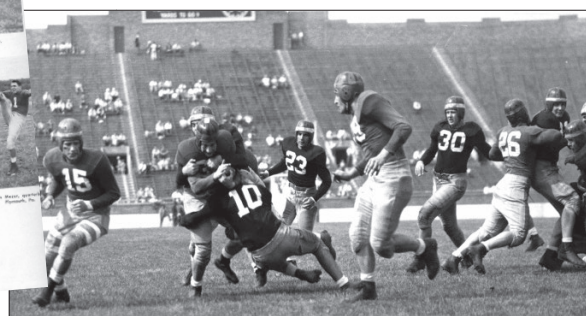
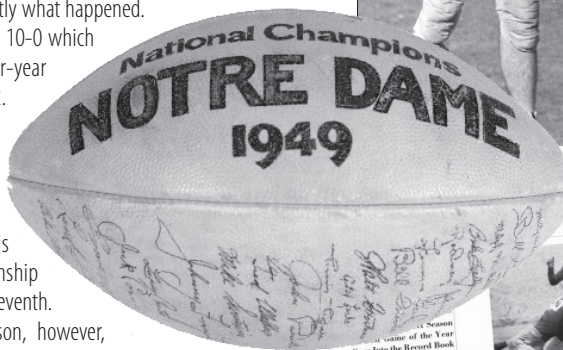
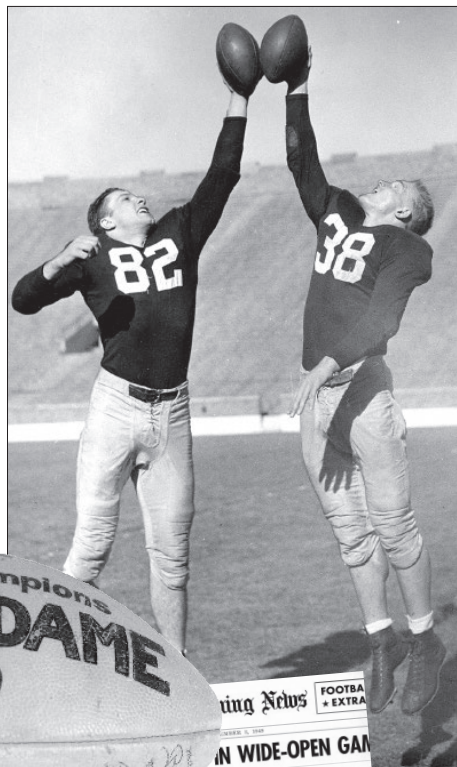
End Leon Hart won the Heisman Trophy and Leahy had his fourth championship and the school's seventh.

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.



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

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





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.

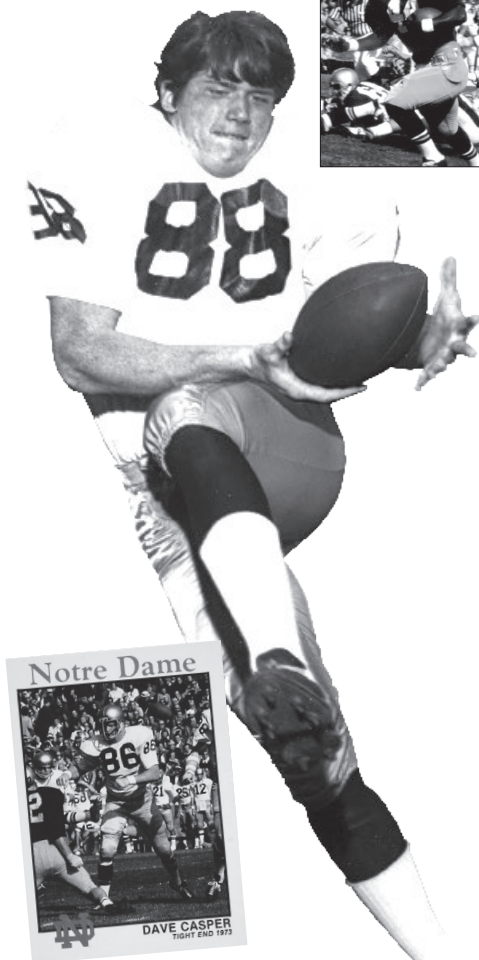
Squib kicks were the solution to the problem of Davis returning kicks, and a fired-up defense held him to just 55 yards on 19 carries. Quite simply, the day belonged to Notre Dame, as Penick ran for 118 yards, 50 more than the entire USC squad. The Irish pulled off a 23-14 win and jumped to fifth in 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.

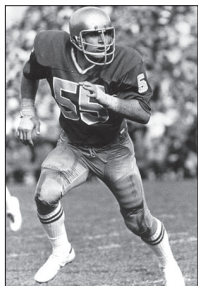
The theme for that January 2 in Dallas could have been "and then there were none." For there was not one unbeaten team remaining after the Irish had knocked Texas from its No. 1 ranking.

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

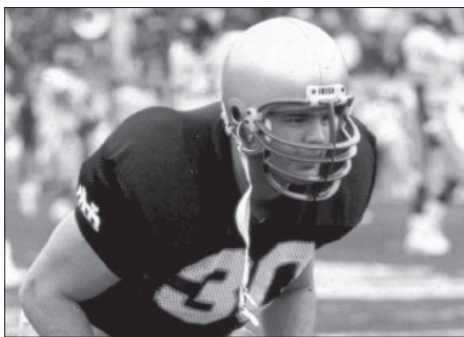
"We earned it on the field. We played number one and we beat them."

— Dan Devine

"At least the team that beat us was a good one. Everyone can't say that."

— Texas coach Fred Akers

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."



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"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

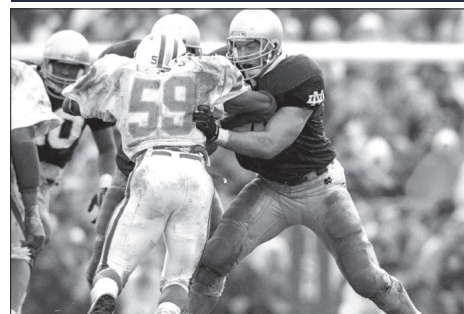
"Winning the national championship was never in my thoughts. I have been asked the question did I ever dream about winning the national championship."

"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 31 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.



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

University Vice President and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics

John B. "Jack" Swarbrick Jr., a University of Notre Dame graduate now in his 14th year in 2021-22 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.
- 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. For the 2020,

football will be a full member of the ACC and will be eligible for the ACC Championship game.

- 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 2021 in fencing (a men's and women's combined championship), 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, a College Football Playoff semifinalist in 2018 after an undefeated 12-0 regular season and a College Football Playoff semifinalist in 2020.
- 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 2021 by Marcello Olivares (fencing - men's foil), Luke Linder (fencing - men's sabre), Stefani Deschner (fencing - women's foil) and Kara Linder (fencing - women's sabre), 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.

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 celebrated 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 nine 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 one 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 (Nebraska's run currently stands at 373). 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.



Single Game

Most Points: 73 vs. Haskell, Oct. 8, 1932

Most Opponent Points: 51 by Purdue, Oct. 1, 1960

Most Combined Points: 93 vs. North Carolina, Oct. 11, 2014 (Notre Dame 50, Notre Dame 43)

Widest Margin of Victory: 73 vs. Haskell, Oct. 8, 1932 (Notre Dame 73, Haskell 0)

Widest Margin of Defeat: 40 vs. Oklahoma, Oct. 27, 1956 (Oklahoma 40, Notre Dame 0)

Season

Most Wins: 7, 1988 & 2019

Most Points: 296, 2019 (seven games)

Fewest Opponent Points: 0, 1932 (four games)

Miscellaneous

Won-Lost Record: 360-114-5 (.757)

Last Tie Game: vs. Michigan, Sept. 12, 1992 (Notre Dame 17, Michigan 17)

Last Overtime Game: Northwestern, Nov. 15, 2014 (Northwestern 43, Notre Dame 40, OT)

Consecutive Wins: 28 (from Nov. 21, 1942 vs. Northwestern through Sept., 30, 1950 vs. North Carolina; Purdue ended streak with 28-14 win on Oct. 7, 1950)

Consecutive Losses: 6 (from Sept. 1, 2007 vs. Georgia Tech through Nov. 10, 2007 vs. Air Force)

Coaching Records

Years	Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1930	Knute Rockne	5	0	0	1.000
1931-33	Heartley (Hunk) Anderson	7	4	1	.625
1934-40	Elmer Layden	25	5	0	.833
1941-43;46-53	Frank Leahy	37	6	2	.844
1944	Ed McKeever	4	0	0	1.000
1945;1963	Hugh Devore	5	3	0	.625
1954-58	Terry Brennan	16	8	0	.667
1959-62	Joe Kuharich	10	10	0	.500
1964-74	Ara Parseghian	51	6	1	.888
1975-80	Dan Devine	25	7	0	.781
1981-85	Gerry Faust	16	11	0	.593
1986-96	Lou Holtz	51	13	1	.792
1997-01	Bob Davie	24	7	0	.774
2002-04	Tyrone Willingham	11	7	0	.611
2005-09	Charlie Weis	19	14	0	.576
2010-present	Brian Kelly	54	13	0	.806
Totals	(89 seasons)	360	114	5	.757

Largest Road Crowds

Attendance	Date	Opponent (Site)	Score
120,000	Nov. 1, 1927	USC (Soldier Field)	7-6
120,000	Oct. 13, 1928	Navy (Soldier Field)	7-0
115,109	Sept. 7, 2013	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	30-41
114,804	Sept. 10, 2011	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	31-35
112,912	Nov. 16, 1929	USC (Soldier Field)	13-12
111,909	Oct. 26, 2019	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	14-45
111,726	Sept. 13, 2003	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	0-38
111,523	Sept. 4, 1999	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	22-26
111,386	Sept. 10, 2005	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	17-10
111,178	Sept. 15, 2007	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	0-38
110,278	Sept. 12, 2009	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	34-38
110,078	Sept. 8, 2007	Penn State (Beaver Stadium)	10-31
110,000	Nov. 29, 1930	Army (Soldier Field)	7-6
107,619	Nov. 6, 1999	Tennessee (Neyland Stadium)	14-38
107,266	Nov. 6, 2004	Tennessee (Neyland Stadium)	17-13
106,851	Sept. 10, 1993	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	27-23
106,508	Sept. 27, 1997	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	14-21
106,138	Sept. 14, 1991	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	14-24
106,098	Sept. 12, 1987	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	26-7
105,912	Sept. 16, 1989	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	24-19
105,888	Sept. 19, 1981	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	7-25
105,523	Sept. 14, 1985	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	12-20
105,111	Sept. 15, 1979	Michigan (Michigan Stadium)	12-10
104,953	Dec. 6, 1947	USC (Los Angeles Coliseum)	38-7

Largest Notre Dame Stadium Crowds (prior to 1997)

Attendance	Date	Opponent	Score
61,296	Oct. 6, 1962	Purdue	6-24
60,564	Oct. 11, 1958	Army	2-14
60,128	Oct. 27, 1956	Oklahoma	0-40
60,116	Oct. 20, 1962	Michigan State	7-31
59,955	Nov. 19, 1955	Iowa	17-14

Note: From 1966-96, home attendance was based on paid admissions, maximum capacity of 59,075.



	First	Last	Scoring				
Opponent	Game	Game	W	L	T	ND	Opp.
Air Force	1969	2011	11	4	0	506	273
Alabama	1976	1987	2	0	0	58	24
Arizona	1941	1982	1	1	0	51	23
Arizona State	1999	1999	1	0	0	48	17
Army	1947	2006	8	1	0	278	70
Ball State	2018	2018	1	0	0	24	16
Baylor	1998	1998	1	0	0	27	3
Boston College	1987	2019	8	5	0	387	249
Bowling Green	2019	2019	1	0	0	52	0
BYU	1992	2013	5	1	0	178	101
California	1960	1967	2	0	0	62	15
Carnegie Tech	1930	1940	6	0	0	165	13
Clemson	1979	2020	1	1	0	57	56
Colorado	1984	1984	1	0	0	55	14
Connecticut	2009	2009	0	1	0	30	33
Dartmouth	1945	1945	1	0	0	34	0
Drake	1930	1937	4	0	0	174	7
Duke	1958	2020	4	1	0	163	65
Florida State	1981	2020	3	2	0	128	119
Georgia	2017	2017	0	1	0	19	20
Georgia Tech	1939	2015	12	3	0	384	202
Great Lakes	1944	1944	1	0	0	28	7
Haskell	1932	1932	1	0	0	73	0
Illinois	1938	1968	5	0	0	175	28
Indiana	1930	1991	9	0	0	275	51
Iowa	1940	1967	7	3	2	288	129
Iowa Pre-Flight	1942	1943	2	0	0	42	13
Kansas	1933	1999	3	0	1	128	20
Louisville	2014	2020	1	1	0	40	38
LSU	1970	1998	3	1	0	76	55
Massachusetts	2015	2015	1	0	0	62	27
Miami (Fla.)	1972	2016	9	1	0	269	187
Miami (Ohio)	2017	2017	1	0	0	52	17
Michigan	1942	2018	11	6	1	434	390
Michigan State	1948	2016	18	14	0	690	593
Minnesota	1938	1938	1	0	0	19	0
Mississippi	1985	1985	1	0	0	37	14
Missouri	1972	1978	0	2	0	26	33
Navy	1930	2019	31	5	0	1181	515
Nebraska	1947	2000	1	1	0	55	27
Nevada	2009	2016	2	0	0	74	10
New Mexico	2019	2019	1	0	0	66	14
North Carolina	1950	2014	12	0	0	354	156
North Carolina State	2017	2017	1	0	0	35	14
Northwestern	1932	2014	14	5	0	489	199
Ohio State	1936	1996	1	1	0	23	31
Oklahoma	1952	2013	4	2	0	146	153
Oregon	1976	1976	1	0	0	41	0
Pacific	1940	1940	1	0	0	25	7
Penn State	1982	2006	4	3	0	205	115
Pennsylvania	1931	1931	1	0	0	49	0
Pittsburgh	1931	2018	22	10	0	839	465
Purdue	1933	2012	26	10	0	956	524
Rice	1974	2014	3	0	0	112	31
Rutgers	1996	2002	2	0	0	106	0
San Diego State	2008	2008	1	0	0	21	13

	First	Last	Scoring				
Opponent	Game	Game	W	L	T	ND	Opp.
South Carolina	1979	1984	1	1	0	44	49
SMU	1930	1989	6	1	0	237	109
Stanford	1942	2018	13	4	0	445	286
Syracuse	1961	2020	3	1	0	119	70
Temple	2017	2017	2	0	0	77	22
Tennessee	1978	2005	2	2	0	124	98
Texas	1934	2015	3	1	0	120	37
Texas A&M	2000	2000	1	0	0	24	10
TCU	1972	1972	1	0	0	21	0
Tulane	1944	1971	4	0	0	152	20
Tulsa	2010	2010	0	1	0	27	28
UCLA	1963	2006	3	0	0	71	29
USC	1931	2019	27	14	1	964	755
USF	2011	2020	1	1	0	72	23
Utah	2010	2010	1	0	0	28	3
Vanderbilt	1995	2018	2	0	0	63	17
Virginia	2019	2019	1	0	0	35	20
Virginia Tech	2016	2019	1	1	0	52	54
Wake Forest	2012	2017	3	0	0	114	44
Washington	1948	2009	4	0	0	175	53
Washington (St. Louis)	1936	1936	1	0	0	14	6
Washington State	2003	2003	1	0	0	29	26
West Virginia	1997	2001	2	0	0	55	38
Western Michigan	2010	2010	1	0	0	44	20
Wisconsin	1934	1963	3	1	0	83	27
Totals			356	114	5	13,335	6,933

2021 visitors to Notre Dame Stadium in **bold** type.

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HOME			
Yr.	G.	Attendance	Avg. Natl. Rank
1930	5	106,572	21,314
1931	4	151,133	37,783
1932	4	62,900	15,725
1933	4	78,361	19,590
1934	4	91,212	22,803
1935	4	123,826	30,957
1936	5	144,123	28,825
1937	4	143,184	35,796
1938	4	135,936	33,984
1939	5	182,396	36,479
1940	4	130,637	32,659
1941	4	144,143	36,036
1942	5	150,196	30,039
1943	3	90,619	30,206
1944	4	145,596	36,399
1945	3	119,055	39,685
1946	4	217,100	54,275
1947	4	228,171	57,043
1948	4	227,383	56,846
1949	4	226,044	56,511
1950	4	228,008	57,002
1951	4	212,605	53,151
1952	4	215,685	53,921
1953	5	286,406	57,281
1954	5	284,930	56,986
1955	4	232,378	58,095
1956	5	293,449	58,690
1957	5	285,250	57,050
1958	5	285,381	57,076 6
1959	5	281,735	56,347 5
1960	5	277,496	55,499 5
1961	5	273,021	54,604 7
1962	5	251,833	50,367 12
1963	5	259,557	51,911 13
1964	5	293,067	58,613 8
1965	5	296,221	59,244 6
1966	5	*295,375	59,075 6
1967	5	295,375	59,075 7
1968	6	354,450	59,075 10
1969	5	295,375	59,075 8
1970	5	295,375	59,075 11
1971	6	354,450	59,075 11
1972	5	295,375	59,075 12
1973	5	293,536	58,707 11
1974	6	354,450	59,075 11
1975	5	295,375	59,075 13
1976	5	295,375	59,075 10
1977	5	295,375	59,075 14
1978	6	354,450	59,075 15
1979	6	354,450	59,075 19
1980	5	295,375	59,075 22
1981	6	354,450	59,075 24
1982	5	295,375	59,075 22
1983	5	295,375	59,075 23
1984	5	295,375	59,075 23
1985	6	354,450	59,075 24
1986	6	354,450	59,075 25
1987	5	295,375	59,075 24
1988	7	413,525	59,075 24
1989	5	295,375	59,075 21
1990	6	354,450	59,075 23
1991	6	354,450	59,075 22

AWAY/NEUTRAL		
G	Attendance	Avg.
5	370,858	74,172
5	254,789	50,958
5	306,839	61,368
5	200,397	40,079
5	273,865	54,773
5	264,347	52,869
4	263,372	65,843
5	254,840	50,968
5	304,636	60,927
4	257,689	64,422
5	337,712	67,542
5	229,705	45,941
6	322,108	53,685
7	371,225	53,032
6	306,100	51,017
7	365,002	52,143
5	331,301	66,260
5	343,356	68,671
6	352,885	58,814
6	349,234	58,206
5	301,273	60,255
6	308,274	51,379
6	352,183	58,697
5	324,298	64,860
5	313,380	62,676
6	360,810	60,135
5	298,640	59,728
5	336,669	67,334
5	299,736	59,947
5	303,179	60,636
5	262,744	52,549
5	270,954	54,191
5	294,026	58,805
4	233,823	58,456
5	316,002	63,200
5	300,537	60,107
5	357,427	71,485
5	324,907	64,981
4	281,779	70,445
6	330,403	55,067
6	373,272	62,212
4	258,268	64,567
6	379,996	63,333
6	346,937	57,823
6	381,616	63,603
6	305,424	50,904
7	434,377	62,054
7	412,939	58,991
6	347,574	57,929
5	359,622	71,924
7	490,620	70,089
5	347,451	69,490
6	373,034	62,172
7	457,555	65,365
7	456,453	68,205
5	360,220	72,044
5	365,849	73,170
7	515,784	73,683
5	357,641	71,528
8	639,498	79,937
6	473,107	78,851
7	519,940	74,277

TOTAL		
G	Attendance	Avg.
10	477,430	47,743
9	405,922	45,102
9	369,739	41,082
9	278,758	30,973
9	365,077	40,564
9	388,173	43,130
9	407,495	45,277
9	398,024	44,225
9	440,572	48,952
9	440,085	48,898
9	468,349	52,039
9	373,848	41,539
11	472,304	42,937
10	461,844	46,184
10	451,696	45,170
10	484,057	48,406
9	548,401	60,933
9	571,527	57,153
10	580,268	58,027
10	575,278	57,528
9	529,281	58,809
10	520,879	52,088
10	567,868	56,787
10	610,704	61,070
10	598,310	59,831
10	593,188	59,319
10	592,089	59,209
10	621,919	62,192
10	585,117	58,512
10	584,914	58,491
10	540,240	54,024
10	543,975	54,398
10	545,859	54,586
9	493,380	54,820
10	609,069	60,907
10	596,758	59,676
10	652,802	65,280
10	620,282	62,028
10	636,229	63,623
11	625,778	56,889
11	668,647	60,786
10	612,718	61,272
11	675,371	61,397
11	640,473	58,225
12	736,066	61,339
11	600,799	54,618
12	729,752	60,813
12	708,314	59,026
12	702,024	58,502
11	714,072	64,916
12	785,995	65,500
11	701,901	63,809
11	668,409	60,764
12	752,930	62,744
12	751,828	62,652
11	714,670	64,970
11	720,299	65,482
12	811,159	67,597
12	771,166	64,264
13	934,873	71,913
12	827,557	68,963
13	874,390	67,261

HOME/AWAY/NEUTRAL RECORD			
Year	Home	Away	Neutral
1930	5-0	4-0	1-0
1931	3-1	2-0	1-1-1
1932	4-0	1-2	2-0
1933	0-3-1	2-1	1-1
1934	3-1	2-1	1-1
1935	3-1	3-0	1-0-1
1936	5-0	0-1-1	1-1
1937	3-1	2-1-1	1-0
1938	4-0	2-1	2-0
1939	4-1	1-1	2-1
1940	3-1	2-1	2-0
1941	4-0	3-0	1-0-1
1942	3-2	2-0-1	2-0-1
1943	3-0	4-1	2-0
1944	4-0	3-0	1-2
1945	3-0	4-1	0-1-1
1946	4-0	3-0	1-0-1
1947	4-0	4-0	1-0
1948	4-0	4-0-1	1-0
1949	4-0	4-0	2-0
1950	2-2	1-2-1	1-0
1951	2-1-1	3-1	2-0
1952	3-1	3-1-1	1-0
1953	4-0-1	5-0	0-0
1954	4-1	4-0	1-0
1955	4-0	4-2	0-0
1956	2-3	0-4	0-1
1957	3-2	3-1	1-0
1958	3-2	2-2	1-0
1959	3-2	2-3	0-0
1960	1-4	1-3	0-1
1961	3-2	2-3	0-0
1962	3-2	1-3	1-0
1963	2-3	0-3	0-1
1964	5-0	3-1	1-0
1965	4-1	2-1-1	1-0
1966	5-0	3-0-1	1-0
1967	4-1	4-1	0-0
1968	5-1	1-1-1	1-0
1969	4-0-1	3-1	1-0
1970	5-0	3-1	1-1
1971	5-1	3-1	1-0
1972	4-1	3-1	1-1
1973	5-0	5-0	1-0
1974	5-1	3-1	2-0
1975	3-2	4-1	1-0
1976	4-1	3-2	2-0
1977	5-0	4-0	2-1
1978	4-2	3-1	2-0
1979	4-2	2-2	1-0
1980	5-0	3-1-1	1-1
1981	4-2	1-4	0-0
1982	3-2	2-2-1	1-0
1983	2-3	3-2	2-0
1984	2-3	4-0	1-2
1985	5-1	0-5	0-0
1986	3-3	1-3	1-0
1987	5-0	3-3	0-1
1988	7-0	3-0	2-0
1989	5-0	5-1	2-0
1990	4-2	4-0	1-1
1991	5-1	4-2	1-0



HOME				AWAY/NEUTRAL				TOTAL			HOME/AWAY/NEUTRAL RECORD			
Yr.	G.	Attendance	Avg.	Natl. Rank	G	Attendance	Avg.	G	Attendance	Avg.	Year	Home	Away	Neutral
1992	6	354,450	59,075	22	5	407,155	81,431	12	768,117	64,010	1992	4-1-1	3-0	3-0
1993	6	354,450	59,075	22	6	383,210	63,868	12	807,377	67,281	1993	5-1	4-0	2-0
1994	6	354,450	59,075	24	5	330,354	66,071	12	776,862	63,989	1994	4-2	2-1-1	0-2
1995	6	354,450	59,075	24	7	523,783	74,826	12	795,477	66,290	1995	5-1	3-1	1-1
1996	6	354,450	59,075	24	6	381,931	63,655	11	652,746	59,340	1996	4-2	3-1	1-0
1997	6	481,350	80,225	8	6	340,090	56,682	13	871,572	67,044	1997	4-2	3-3	0-1
1998	6	480,072	80,012	11	6	370,858	61,809	12	912,044	76,004	1998	6-0	2-2	1-1
1999	7	560,084	80,012	10	6	427,672	71,279	12	967,239	80,603	1999	5-2	0-5	0-0
2000	6	481,813	80,302	13	5	411,002	82,200	12	865,023	72,085	2000	5-1	3-1	1-1
2001	6	484,770	80,795	14	7	459,142	65,592	11	815,124	74,102	2001	4-2	1-4	0-0
2002	6	484,910	80,818	12	5	338,651	67,730	13	1,008,693	77,592	2002	5-1	3-1	2-1
2003	6	484,770	80,795	14	6	392,214	65,369	12	866,701	72,225	2003	3-3	2-4	0-0
2004	6	484,770	80,795	14	7	466,632	66,662	12	824,860	68,738	2004	3-3	3-1	0-2
2005	6	484,770	80,795	15	7	366,228	52,318	12	855,628	71,386	2005	4-2	5-0	0-1
2006	7	565,565	80,795	16	7	336,945	48,135	13	993,237	76,403	2006	6-1	3-1	1-1
2007	7	565,565	80,795	17	7	458,747	65,535	12	976,567	81,380	2007	1-6	2-3	0-0
2008	6	484,770	80,795	16	7	329,719	47,103	13	943,912	72,609	2008	4-2	2-4	1-0
2009	7	565,565	80,795	14	6	392,340	65,390	12	904,216	75,351	2009	4-3	1-3	1-0
2010	7	565,565	80,795	14	6	345,904	57,651	13	957,779	73,675	2010	4-3	2-1	2-1
2011	6	484,770	80,795	14	6	413,667	68,945	13	951,402	73,185	2011	4-2	3-2	1-1
2012	6	484,770	80,795	16	6	452,927	75,488	13	850,998	65,461	2012	6-0	4-0	2-1
2013	6	484,770	80,795	16	6	422,412	70,402	13	821,715	63,209	2013	5-1	2-3	2-0
2014	6	484,770	80,795	19	6	441,027	73,505	13	943,517	72,578	2014	4-2	0-3	4-0
2015	6	484,770	80,795	15	5	298,296	59,659	13	814,489	62,652	2015	6-0	3-2	1-1
2016	6	484,770	80,795	18	7	390,222	55,746	12	877,110	73,093	2016	2-4	0-3	2-1
2017	7	543,354	77,622	17	6	431,972	71,995	13	889,258	68,404	2017	6-1	3-2	1-0
2018	6	465,732	77,622	15	7	387,788	55,398	13	853,520	65,655	2018	6-0	4-0	2-1
2019	7	534,017	76,288	17	6	387,685	64,614	13	921,702	70,900	2019	7-0	4-1	1-0
2020	6	58,615	9,769		6	43,599	7,267	12	102,214	8,518	2020	6-0	4-0	0-2
Total	481	28,703,972	59,676		520	32,320,653	62,155	1,001	61,320,000	61,259		362-114-5	250-129-12	96-37-6

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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.

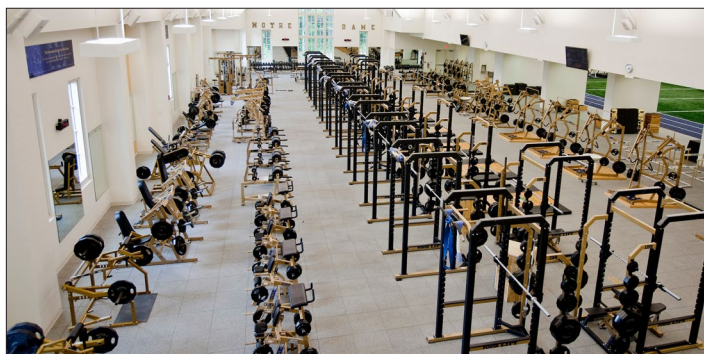
Level 6: Mechanical support.

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

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 championships.



IRISH ATHLETICS CENTER

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."

In 2021, the University of Notre Dame and NBC Sports continues their television relationship for the 31st consecutive season. The NBC family of networks will broadcast all six home games for the Fighting Irish.

Play-by-play analyst Mike Tirico enters his sixth year as part of NBC's coverage. Super Bowl-winning quarterback Drew Brees will head into his first season as game analyst. Kathryn Tappen enters her eighth season as a sideline reporter with Jac Collinsworth assisting in his second season. Collinsworth will host NBC Sports' pre-game, halftime and post-game coverage and on select weeks will be joined by Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie.

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."

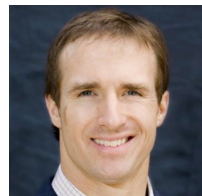
Per the extension, the NBC Sports Group retains global media rights on all platforms to a minimum of seven Notre Dame home football games per year. As in the prior contract, it allows for occasional games to air on NBC Sports Network, which is available in 85 million homes.

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



Mike Tirico
Play-by-play



Drew Brees
Game Analyst



Kathryn Tappen
Sideline Reporter



Jac Collinsworth
Sideline Reporter



The 2021 football season marks the fourth 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.

About JMI Sports

JMI Sports is a full-service collegiate marketing firm providing the highest quality management of athletics multimedia rights and breaking new ground in the creation of Total Campus Marketing

programs, maximizing the economic potential of universities. Clients include Clemson University, University of Kentucky, University of Pennsylvania, University of Georgia, Columbia University and the Ivy League. JMI Sports is also a highly regarded project manager for the development of collegiate and professional sports facilities. JMI Sports was founded in 2006 by CEO Erik Judson, and technology entrepreneur John Moores, former owner of the San Diego Padres.

Why JMI Sports?

JMI Sports believes that bold vision is achievable. We are a driver of change, continually developing innovative programs and projects that advance businesses and brands. We maintain a flexible, client-centric approach, taking time to understand what differentiates and motivates each organization. We deliver superior customer service with integrity and transparency. Above all, we value relationships and enjoy working hand-in-hand with each client in the pursuit of their success.

About Legends

Legends is a holistic agency that specializes in delivering solutions for legendary brands. We approach each project with our 360-degree service solution. Our Global Planning, Global Sales, and Hospitality service solutions collaborate on every project to ensure success across each of our six verticals.

We are proud to serve our distinguished roster of sports, entertainment and attraction clients which consist of thought leaders, iconic brands and events including Yankee Stadium, AT&T Stadium, nearly 40 Live Nation venues, One World Observatory, FC Barcelona, Atletico Madrid, Twickenham Stadium, Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Tottenham Hotspur, Golden 1 Center, Manchester City FC, University of Notre Dame, Los Angeles Angels, Los Angeles Rams, Atlanta Falcons, NFL, University of Southern California, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Super Bowl 50 and Indianapolis 500. For more about Legends business and career opportunities, visit www.legends.net.

