

1979 Final Notre Dame Football Statistics

RESULTS . . . Won 7, Lost 4

at Michigan	W	12-10	105,111 (C)
at Purdue	L	22-28	70,567 (C)
MICHIGAN STATE	W	27-3	59,075 (C)
GEORGIA TECH	W	21-13	59,075 (C)
at Air Force	W	38-13	34,881
SOUTHERN CAL	L	23-42	59,075 (C)
SOUTH CAROLINA	W	18-17	59,075 (C)
NAVY	W	14-0	59,075 (C)
at Tennessee	L	18-40	86,489 (C)
CLEMSON	L	10-16	59,075 (C)
Miami at Tokyo	W	40-15	62,574

TEAM STATISTICS

Total Offense Yards	ND	OPP
	4183	3381
Total Plays	775	783
Yards per Play	5.4	4.3
Yards per Game	380.3	307.4

Rushing Yards	2025	1985
Attempts	516	542
Yards per Rush	3.9	3.7
Yards per Game	184.1	180.5

Passing Yards	2158	1396
Attempts	259	241
Completions	130	118
Had Intercepted	13	14
Comp. Percentage	.502	.490
Touchdown Passes	6	7
Yards per Attempt	8.3	5.8
Yards per Comp.	16.6	11.8
Yards per Game	196.2	126.9

Punting Yards	2016	2586
Number of Punts	56	70
Average Punt	36.0	36.9
Had Blocked	0	1

Punt Return Yards	319	134
Number of Returns	31	20
Average Return	10.3	6.7

Kickoff Return Yards	770	502
Number of Returns	38	26
Average Return	20.3	19.3

Interception Return Yards	209	151
Number of Interceptions	14	13
Average Return	14.9	11.6

Number of Penalties	54	31
Penalty Yards	607	244
Fumbles (Lost)	23 (13)	26 (11)
Yards Returned	0	0

Total First Downs	207	193
By Rushing	112	116
By Passing	89	68
By Penalty	6	9

Third Down Conversions	57/171	71/184
Percentage	.333	.386

Possession Time	326:53	333:07
Minutes per Game	29:43	30:17

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame	74	61	48	60	— 243
Opponent	24	57	77	39	— 197

TEAM SCORING

Total Points	ND	OPP
	243	197
Average	22.1	17.9
Touchdowns	29	24
By Rushing	21	17
By Passing	6	7
By Returns	2	0
By Recovery	0	0
Field Goals (Made-Att.)	13/21	9/13
Safeties	2	1
PAT — Kick	24/26	22/22
PAT — Run	0/0	1/2
PAT — Pass	1/3	0/0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	G	TD	PAT	R-PA	S	FG	TP
Ferguson	11	17	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	102
Male	11	0	24-26	0-0	0	*13-20	63
Vehr	11	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12
Hunter	10	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12
Masztak	11	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12
Lisch	10	2	0-0	0-2	0	0-0	12
Waymer	8	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	12
J. Stone	11	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Barber	11	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	6
Team	11	0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	4
Holahan	11	0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	2
Unis	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0

ND	11	29	24-26	1-3	2	13-21	243
OPP	11	24	22-22	1-2	1	9-13	197

*40, 44, 22 and 39 yards vs. Michigan
 40 and 32 yards vs. Purdue
 49 and 36 yards vs. Michigan State
 43 yards vs. Air Force
 42 yards vs. Southern Cal
 40 yards vs. South Carolina
 42 yards vs. Clemson
 35 yards vs. Miami

RUSHING

	G	TC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Ferguson	11	301	1437	4.8	17	79
Barber	11	40	172	4.3	1	22
J. Stone	11	37	156	4.2	1	20
Carler	9	27	145	5.4	0	23
Adell	11	20	93	4.6	0	34
Sweeney	10	9	33	3.7	0	8
Courey	5	17	28	1.6	0	17
Dickerson	9	1	4	4.0	0	4
Koegel	11	6	-7	-1.2	0	5
Lisch	10	58	-36	-0.6	2	17

ND	11	516	2025	3.9	21	79
OPP	11	542	1985	3.7	17	51

PASSING

	G	No. Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yds.	TD	
Lisch	10	208	108	.519	10	1781	4
Koegel	11	32	13	.406	1	175	1
Courey	5	13	6	.462	1	104	0
Holahan	11	3	2	.667	1	81	0
Knafelc	2	1	1	1.000	0	17	1
J. Stone	11	1	0	0.000	0	0	0
Ferguson	11	1	0	0.000	0	0	0

ND	11	259	130	.502	13	2158	6
OPP	11	241	118	.490	14	1396	7

PASS RECEIVING

	G	PC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Masztak	11	28	428	15.3	2	30
Hunter	10	27	690	25.6	2	75
Holahan	11	22	386	17.5	0	59
Dickerson	9	16	361	22.6	0	47
Ferguson	11	14	72	5.1	0	18
Barber	11	9	106	11.8	0	36
Vehr	11	6	56	9.3	2	25
Sweeney	10	2	12	6.0	0	10
Hart	10	1	27	27.0	0	27
M. Boushka	11	1	11	11.0	0	11
Carler	9	1	4	4.0	0	4
Lisch	10	1	3	3.0	0	3
J. Stone	11	1	3	3.0	0	3
Adell	11	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

ND	11	130	2158	16.6	6	75
OPP	11	118	1396	11.8	7	80

PUNTING

	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
D. Boushka	11	56	2016	36.0	54
ND	11	56	2016	36.0	54
OPP	11	70	2586	36.9	68

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Duerson	12	209	17.4	0	46
Dickerson	14	100	7.1	0	51
Gibbons	2	9	4.5	0	6
Waymer	1	1	1.0	0	1
Krimm	2	0	0.0	0	0

ND	31	319	10.3	0	51
OPP	20	134	6.7	0	18

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
J. Stone	19	493	25.9	0	48
Barber	7	158	22.6	0	31
Adell	6	83	13.8	0	24
Vehr	2	17	8.5	0	10
Belden	2	12	6.0	0	8
Waymer	1	7	7.0	0	7
Holahan	1	0	0.0	0	0

ND	38	770	20.3	0	48
OPP	26	502	19.3	0	46

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Waymer	4	77	19.2	2	37
Gibbons	3	74	24.7	0	51
Duerson	2	43	21.5	0	33
Leopold	1	16	16.0	0	16
Cichy	2	2	1.0	0	2
Whittington	1	0	0.0	0	0
Crable	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3

ND	14	209	14.9	2	51
OPP	13	151	11.6	0	40

DEFENSIVE STATS

	*TM	TL-Yds.	PBU	FR	BK
Crable	187	10-29	3	2	3
Whittington	108	4-11	3	0	0
Hankerd	73	14-90	1	3	0
Cichy	67	3-12	2	2	0
Leopold	66	3-9	5	0	0
Zettek	62	5-34	0	0	0
Gramke	52	5-22	0	0	0
Gibbons	48	0-0	3	1	0
Zavagnin	43	3-16	0	1	0
Waymer	41	2-4	6	0	0
Griffith	33	2-7	1	0	0
Krimm	26	2-2	3	0	0
Kramer	25	3-28	0	0	0
Duerson	24	1-1	2	1	0
Czaja	14	1-5	0	1	0
Kidd	14	2-16	0	0	0
Fasano	10	0-0	2	0	0
Lueken	7	3-12	0	0	0
DeSiato	7	0-0	2	0	0
Bone	7	2-3	1	0	0
Moynihan	7	1-4	0	0	0
Mishler	6	0-0	0	1	0
Clasby	5	0-0	0	0	0
D. Boushka	4	0-0	0	0	0
Thayer	3	0-0	0	0	0
Rudzinski	2	0-0	0	0	0
Rayam	2	1-1	0	0	0
Belden	1	0-0	0	1	0
Case	1	0-0	0	0	0

ND	945	67-306	34	13	3
OPP	955	47-203	32	13	0

*Includes solos and assists