

THE RECORD WHEN...		
Stat	2022 Record (W-L)	
Home (Includes Shamrock Series)	5	2
Away	2	2
Neutral	2	0
In overtime	0	0
Coming off a loss	3	1
Coming off a win	6	2
Coming off an open date	1	0
vs. AP Top 25	4	2
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	1	2
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	2	1
ND is ranked higher	3	0
Opponent is ranked higher	3	2
vs. In-State Opponents	0	0
In August	0	0
In September	2	2
In October	3	1
In November	3	1
In December	1	0
In January	0	0
On NBC	4	2
On Peacock	1	0
On ABC	3	2
On ACCN	0	0
On ESPN	1	0
On ESPN2	0	0
On CBS	0	0
On FOX	0	0
Afternoon Games	7	2
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	2	2
Decided by three points or fewer	0	1
Decided by seven points or fewer	2	2
Scoring first	5	1
Opponent scores first	3	3
Leading at halftime	7	1
Tied at halftime	0	0
Trailing at halftime	2	3

9-4 OVERALL
AP rank: 19 AFCA rank: 20 CFB Playoff: 21
Head Coach: Marcus Freeman
Record: 9-5



8-5 OVERALL
AP: 20 AFCA: 19 CFB Playoff: 19
Head Coach: Shane Beamer
Record: 15-11

GAMECOCKS

TEAM

- South Carolina won the toss and elected to receive the ball to start the game. Notre Dame started the game defending the goal to the east.
- Attendance: 67,383
- Notre Dame improves to 4-1 in all-time series against South Carolina.
- Notre Dame dealt South Carolina its first loss of the season when the Gamecocks scored first. Previous to today's game, South Carolina was 7-0 when scoring first in 2022.
- Notre Dame completes its largest bowl game comeback (14 points) since a 13-point rally against Florida in the 1992 Sugar Bowl. It is the second-best bowl game rally after the 22-point come-from-behind-victory over Houston in the 1979 Cotton Bowl.
- The Irish improve to 20-21 all-time in bowl games.

INDIVIDUAL

SUPERLATIVES

- Graduate student defensive back Houston Griffith appeared in his 62nd game in a Notre Dame uniform this afternoon, setting a new school mark for games played. He was tied with Kurt Hinish (2017-21) at 61 games entering the Gator Bowl.
- The 75-yard touchdown pass from Tyler Buchner to Logan Diggs in the second quarter marked a few superlatives -
 The longest TD reception by a running back since C.J. Prosise had a 78-yard scoring play in 2014 against Navy.
 The longest TD toss of Buchner's career and the longest TD reception of Diggs' career
 The longest play from scrimmage for the Irish in 2022.
 The second-longest touchdown reception in Notre Dame bowl history (81 yds, Will Fuller, 2016 Fiesta Bowl) and the longest by a non-wideout.
- The 28 points scored in the first quarter (21-7 South Carolina) marked the most in a first quarter in Gator Bowl history, surpassing the 24 points scored in 2011.
- Blake Grupe's 37-yard field goal in the first quarter improved him to 14-for-19 on the season and four-for-his-last-four field goal attempts.
- Braden Lenzy's 44-yard touchdown reception late in the third quarter was his longest reception of the season.

FIRSTS

- Career start for sophomore wide receiver Deion Colzie.
- TaRiq Bracy's first forced fumble of the season, which was the third of his career, set up Notre Dame's first touchdown in the first quarter. Ramon Henderson recovered the fumble for his first recovery of the season and second of his career.
- Mitchell Evans' game-winning touchdown reception is the first of his career. He had a rushing touchdown earlier this season.
- Game-winning touchown drive led by quarterback Tyler Buchner.

CAREER HIGHS

- 2 - Career-high matching sacks for Jordan Botelho (at Syracuse earlier this season).
- 8 - Career-high matching tackles for TaRiq Bracy (at Florida State, 2020)
- 170 yards - career high all-purpose yards for Logan Diggs
- 3 catches, 39 yards and one receiving touchdown for Mitchell Evans.

DICK CORBETT HEAD COACH MARCUS FREEMAN

- Marcus Freeman becomes the second first-year Notre Dame coach to post four victories over AP Top 25 teams in his first season with the program. Terry Brennan also claimed four ranked victories in 1954.
- Freeman also becomes the first Irish coach to finish off his first full season with the Irish by claiming a victory over a ranked team in a bowl game.

BENJAMIN MORRISON

- The rookie cornerback intercepted his sixth pass of the season on the final play of the first half. It is the most interceptions for an Irish player since Manti Te'o picked off seven passes during his Heisman Trophy runner-up campaign in 2012.
- It is the most interceptions for an Irish cornerback since Cole Luke had four interceptions in 2014.

TYLER BUCHNER

- Tyler Buchner rushed for a 15-yard touchdown to post Notre Dame's first score of the game. It marked Buchner's first rushing touchdown in 111 days since his last action against Marshall on September 10 earlier this season. Buchner was injured late in that game and returned to full action today against South Carolina.
- Buchner added an 11-yard scoring run in the third quarter, matching his career-high of two rushing touchdowns from that same Marshall game.
- Buchner posted career-highs for attempts (33), passing yards (274) and touchdown passes (3) while matching his career-high in completions (18).
- Buchner was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

JORDAN BOTELHO

- Botelho posted two sacks in the contest this afternoon, matching his career high