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#9/11 NOTRE DAME
FIGHTING IRISH
4-0

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN
CHIPPEWAS
2-1

TEAM

- Central Michigan won the toss and elected to receive. Notre Dame kicked off and defended the end zone to the south.
- Notre Dame improves to 1-0 all-time against Central Michigan, 10-0 against Mid-American Conference teams and 22-7 against teams making their first appearance in Notre Dame Stadium.
- Attendance: 77,622 - the second-consecutive sell out in Notre Dame Stadium this season.
- Notre Dame's 184 points scored are the most in the first four games of the season since the program scored 191 points in 1914. The 184-point total is the fourth-most in Notre Dame football history through a season's first four games.
- Notre Dame scored 41 points in the victory today, which marks the first time in program history that the Irish have scored 40 or more points in five consecutive games (this dates back to the 2022 Gator Bowl victory over South Carolina).
- Notre Dame rushed for season-high 236 yards today, the second 200-yard rushing performance of the season.
- At 578 total offensive yards today, Notre Dame posts their first 500-yard performance of the season, the first since the Gator Bowl victory over South Carolina last year (558) and is the most for the program since the 66-14 victory over New Mexico in 2019 (591).

SUPERLATIVES

- Audric Estimé rushed for 176 yards in today's game, his third consecutive 100-yard performance and it is the first time in his career he has rushed for over 100 yards in three consecutive games.
- Estimé's 176 yards mark the 21st time a Notre Dame running back has surpassed 175 yards since 1996 and is the most for an Irish player since Kyren Williams ran for 199 yards against North Carolina in 2021.
- Tobias Merriweather's 75-yard touchdown reception to start the game's scoring is the longest reception of his career. It also was the longest scoring toss for Sam Hartman since an 80-yard touchdown pass against Syracuse on October 31, 2020 until...
- Chris Tyree's 76-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter is the longest reception of his career, besting his 65-yard non-scoring effort just last weekend at NC State.

FIRSTS

- Rico Flores Jr. - career start

CAREER HIGHS

- Audric Estimé - 176 rushing yards and a career-high matching 20 carries
- Jack Kiser - 10 tackles
- Tobias Merriweather - 81 receiving yards
- Rico Flores Jr. - 3 receptions, 60 receiving yards, 42-yard reception

SAM HARTMAN

- Joins New Mexico State's Diego Pavia as the only FBS quarterback with two 75-yard-or-more touchdown passes in a single-game during the 2023 season. Pavia had an 80 and 75-yard scoring tosses against Western Illinois. Hartman is the only FBS quarterback to have two such tosses against a fellow FBS opponent.
- Remains in 11th place in FBS history with 14,028 passing yards. He is the first FBS quarterback to reach 14,000 career passing yards since Baker Mayfield in 2017.
- Pushed his career passing total to 123, tying Landry Jones for seventh all-time in FBS history.
- Posted his 22nd career 300-yard passing performances and first in a Notre Dame uniform. It is the 66th 300-yard passing performance in Notre Dame football history.

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	2023	
	W/L	
Home	2	0
Away	1	0
Neutral	1	0
In overtime	0	0
Coming off a loss	0	0
Coming off a win	3	0
Coming off an open date	0	0
vs. AP Top 25	0	0
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	0	0
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	0	0
ND is ranked higher	4	0
Opponent is ranked higher	0	0
In August	1	0
In September	3	0
In October	0	0
In November	0	0
In December	0	0
In January	0	0
On NBC	2	0
On Peacock	1	0
On ABC	1	0
On ACCN	0	0
On ESPN	0	0
On ESPN2	0	0
On CBS	0	0
On FOX	0	0
Afternoon Games	3	0
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	1	0
Decided by three points or fewer	0	0
Decided by seven points or fewer	0	0
Scoring first	4	0
Opponent scores first	0	0
Leading at halftime	4	0
Tied at halftime	0	0
Trailing at halftime	0	0