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NOTRE DAME
FIGHTING IRISH
No. 10/11
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NC STATE
WOLFPACK
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TEAM

- NC State won the toss and deferred their selection to the start of the second half. Notre Dame received the opening kick off and defended the end zone to the south.
- Today's game was delayed by inclement weather at the very start of the second quarter (12:41 p.m. ET, 14:45 on the game clock). The game resumed at 2:35 p.m. ET. The two teams also agreed to a truncated halftime of 15 minutes.
- Notre Dame evens the all-time series with NC State at 2-2 and earns its first victory in Carter-Finley Stadium.
- Attendance: 56,919
- Notre Dame's 45 points are the most that NC State has surrendered since 2021 (45-42 loss at Wake Forest) and the most points given up by the Wolfpack at home since Clemson scored 55 in 2019.

SUPERLATIVES

- On the first play after the rain delay, Audric Estimé rushed for an 80-yard touchdown. It marks the longest scoring rush for the Irish since Kyren Williams' 91-yard run against North Carolina in 2021. It also marked the longest rush of Estimé's career and the longest rush of the season for the Irish. It also is the second 50-yard (or more) rush for Estimé in the last two weeks after his 50-yard run against Tennessee State last weekend.
- Estimé rushed for 134 yards in today's game, his second-consecutive 100-yard rushing performance and fifth of his career. It is the second time in his career he has rushed for 100-yards or more in back-to-back games, matching his two contests vs. Syracuse (123) and Clemson (104) last season.
- Spencer Shrader's 54-yard field goal to begin the game's scoring is the longest in Notre Dame football history, surpassing Kyle Brinda (53 in 2013) and Dave Reeve (53 in 1976).
- Tobias Merriweather's 45-yard reception in the second quarter is the longest of his career.
- Holden Staes' 40-yard reception in the third quarter is the longest of his career.
- Thomas Harper finished with a team-best and Notre Dame career-best seven tackles in today's game. He had eight tackles at Oklahoma State against Texas Tech in 2022.

FIRSTS

- Davis Sherwood - first career touchdown reception in the fourth quarter (Sherwood also is a North Carolina native)
- Xavier Watts - first career interception in the fourth quarter
- Donovan Hinish - career sack in the fourth quarter

CAREER HIGHS

- Audric Estimé - 80-yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter. Estimé also matched his career-high for rushing yards in a game with 134.
- Spencer Shrader - 54-yard field goal in the first quarter, besting his 52-yard effort while at USF against Temple in 2021.
- Bryce McFerson - an early-career best 59-yard punt in the first quarter
- Holden States - five receptions, 115 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns (all career highs)

SAM HARTMAN

- Increased his career passing yards total to 13,698 which moves him into 11th all-time on the Football Bowl Sub-division all-time list.
- His four touchdown passes increases his career total to 120, which is 10th all-time in the FBS.

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	2023	
	W/L	
Home	1	0
Away	1	0
Neutral	1	0
In overtime	0	0
Coming off a loss	0	0
Coming off a win	2	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	3	0
Opponent is ranked higher	0	0
In August	1	0
In September	2	0
In October	0	0
In November	0	0
In December	0	0
In January	0	0
On NBC	2	0
On Peacock	0	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	2	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	3	0
Opponent scores first	0	0
Leading at halftime	3	0
Tied at halftime	0	0
Trailing at halftime	0	0