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**#9/9 NOTRE DAME
FIGHTING IRISH**
4-1

17

**#6/4 OHIO STATE
BUCKEYES**
4-0

TEAM

- Notre Dame won the toss and elected to defer. The Irish kicked off and defended the end zone to the south.
- The Irish are now 2-6 all-time against Ohio State.

SUPERLATIVES

- Sophomore defensive lineman Gabriel Rubio returned to action for the Irish today after missing the last three games with an injury. He finished the game with a tackle.
- Junior tight end Mitchell Evans also returned to the lineup after missing one game in concussion protocol. He led the Irish with a career-best six catches for 70 yards (also a career-high).

FIRSTS

- Gi'Bran Payne - rushing touchdown on a direct snap, one-yard plunge in the third quarter.
- Rico Flores Jr. - receiving touchdown.
- Tosh Baker (wearing #85 on the game's first offensive play for Notre Dame) - start of the season and third of his career. Baker's most recent start was against Wisconsin on September 25, 2021.

CAREER HIGHS

- Javonte Jean-Baptiste - eight tackles
- Mitchell Evans - six catches, 70 yards receiving

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	2023	
	W/L	
Home	2	1
Away	1	0
Neutral	1	0
In overtime	0	0
Coming off a loss	0	0
Coming off a win	3	1
Coming off an open date	0	0
vs. AP Top 25	0	1
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	0	1
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	0	0
ND is ranked higher	4	0
Opponent is ranked higher	0	1
In August	1	0
In September	3	1
In October	0	0
In November	0	0
In December	0	0
In January	0	0
On NBC	2	1
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	1
Decided by three points or fewer	0	0
Decided by seven points or fewer	0	1
Scoring first	4	0
Opponent scores first	0	1
Leading at halftime	4	0
Tied at halftime	0	0
Trailing at halftime	0	1