

FINAL SCORE

No. 11/13 Notre Dame (5-1) 21, No. 17/17 Duke (4-1) 14

TEAM NOTES

- Duke won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. Notre Dame received and started the game defending the north end zone.
- Notre Dame improves to 6-2 all-time against Duke.
- Notre Dame is now 2-1 all-time at Duke in Wallace Wade Stadium.
- Notre Dame has now won 30 straight regular-season games against ACC teams.
- Notre Dame, for the second time in program history, has won 5 games by the end of September (also occurring in 2015).
- Notre Dame has allowed 24 or fewer points through the first six games of a season for the first time since the 2017 season.

SUPERLATIVES

- Xavier Watts intercepted his second pass of the season - and his career - late in the first quarter to set up Notre Dame's first field goal of the game. It was the first interception of the season thrown by Duke quarterback Riley Leonard.
- Freshman Rico Flores Jr. started his second consecutive game tonight. The Irish entered the game without wide receivers Jayden Thomas, Jaden Greathouse, Deion Colzie and Matt Salerno due to injuries.
- Howard Cross III recorded a career-high 13 tackles, also marking his second career game with double-digit tackles (11 - Marshall 2021)

FIRSTS

- Mitchell Evans - 100-yard receiving game of his career (134 yards on six catches)

CAREER HIGHS

- Mitchell Evans - 134 receiving yards
- Howard Cross III - 13 tackles, two forced fumbles

MARCUS FREEMAN

- Marcus Freeman coaches his 20th game at Notre Dame this evening. In those first 20 games, the Irish have scored 670 points, which ranks second in program history for most points scored through the first 20 games.

- He also earned his fifth ranked victory in his first 20 games at Notre Dame, which is tied with Frank Leahy for second all-time in that timeframe (Terry Brennan earned 6 ranked wins).

SAM HARTMAN

- Extends streak of passing attempts without an interception to 145 attempts, which is the best streak to start a season in Notre Dame history and fourth-best overall in Notre Dame history.
- 145 - Sam Hartman 2023
- 160 - Jimmy Clausen 2009
- 228 - Brady Quinn 2006
- 266 - Ian Book 2020