



ATHLETICS

FINAL SCORE

No. 14/14 Notre Dame (7-2) 58, Pittsburgh (2-5) 7

TEAM NOTES

- Pitt 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 51-21-1 vs. Pittsburgh and 22-10-0 at home against the Panthers.
- Notre Dame improves to 17-3 all-time on October 28.
- Notre Dame is now 5-2 in October under Marcus Freeman.
- Notre Dame improves to 58-14-1 coming off a bye week since 1950, 16-2 since 2000 and 2-0 under Marcus Freeman.

SUPERLATIVES

- Chris Tyree's 82-yard punt return for a touchdown makes him the first Irish player to score a touchdown by a punt return, kick return, rush attempt and reception in a career since Julius Jones (1999, 2000-03).
- Xavier Watts intercepted his fifth and sixth passes of the season and his career today giving him four interceptions in the last two games. He is the first Notre Dame defender to pick off two passes in back-to-back games since at least 1996.
- The 102 punt return yards today is the most since 2004 when the Irish had 104 - against Pittsburgh - Carlyle Holiday had four returns for 103 yards with a long of 68.
- With three rushing touchdowns Audric Estimé now has double-digit touchdown runs in back to back seasons. He rushed for 11 last year and is up to 12 in 2023.
- Estimé rushed for 114 yards, which is his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season.

FIRSTS

- Jaden Mickey - start of the season (second of his career) and first career interception and interception return for a touchdown.
- Punt return for a touchdown - Chris Tyree's 82-yard punt return in the first quarter is the first punt return for a touchdown by a Notre Dame player since C.J. Sanders returned a punt 50 yards in 2015 against UMass.
- Braylon James - career reception in the fourth quarter
- Cooper Flanagan - career reception and receiving touchdown.
- Steve Angeli - career touchdown pass

CAREER HIGHS

- Rico Flores Jr. - his 60-yard reception on Notre Dame's first play of the second half is the longest of his career.
- Audric Estimé - three rushing touchdowns, which also is the most for an Irish player since Kyren Williams scored on three runs vs. Clemson in 2020.