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## ATHLETICS

### FINAL SCORE

No. 20/18 Notre Dame (8-3) 45, Wake Forest (4-7) 7

### TEAM NOTES

- Wake Forest won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. Notre Dame received the opening kick off and started the game defending the north end zone.
- Notre Dame captains Joe Alt, JD Bertrand, Cam Hart and Sam Hartman were joined by Vice President and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick as an honorary captain for today's contest. Swarbrick, who announced his retirement earlier this season, is taking part in his final home game at the Irish athletics director this afternoon. Swarbrick and his family also presented the national colors for today's game.
- Notre Dame improves to 6-0 against Wake Forest and 4-0 against the Demon Deacons in Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame is now 102-25-5 all-time on Senior Day and have won the last seven final home games of the season.
- Notre Dame hosted the 500th game in Notre Dame Stadium this afternoon. The Irish are 377-118-5 all-time in The House That Rockne Built.
- Including the 2021 and 2022 final home game shutouts and today, Notre Dame has outscored its last three Senior Day opponents 144-7.

### NOTABLE

- Audric Estimé finished today's game with 115 yards rushing, becoming the 13th Irish player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and the 19th to reach 2,000 yards rushing in a career.
- Estimé finished the game with 22 carries for 115 yards to post his fifth career 100-yard rushing performance.
- Estimé moved his career rushing touchdown total to 25, which ranks 12th all-time at Notre Dame. His 14 touchdowns this year are tied for seventh on the Notre Dame single-game list.
- Sam Hartman tossed four touchdown passes today, moving his career total to 132 and moving past Baker Mayfield, Rakeem Cato and Colt Brennan into fourth place on the FBS all-time list for career passing touchdowns.
- Rico Flores Jr. finished the game with career highs for receptions (eight) and receiving yards (102) becoming the first Notre Dame wideout to hit 100 receiving yards in a game this season and the first since Kevin Austin Jr. in the 2022 Fiesta Bowl.

### FIRSTS

- Freshman Ashton Craig made his first career start in place of injured senior center Zeke Correll. It marks the first game missed for Correll in 23 games (dating back to the start of the 2022 season). Craig is the first freshman to start at center for the Irish since Jarrett Patterson, who started all 13 games in 2019.



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- Freshman Billy Schrauth started at right guard today in place of the injured Rocco Spindler. Schrauth and Craig combine to become the first pair of freshmen to start on the Irish offensive line since Joe Alt and Blake Fisher started at left and right tackle, respectively, in the 2022 Fiesta Bowl vs. Oklahoma State.
- Sophomore tight end Eli Raridon also started his first career game this afternoon. Raridon made his first career reception for nine yards on Notre Dame's second drive of the game.
- Senior running back Devyn Ford opened up today's scoring with his first career touchdown reception, a 12-yard toss from Sam Hartman.
- Freshman kicker Marcello Diomedede scored his first career point in an Irish uniform, converting Notre Dame's final PAT.

### **CAREER HIGHS**

- Sophomore TE Eli Raridon - three catches, 39 yards, receiving touchdown
- Senior RB Devyn Ford - one receiving touchdown
- Freshman WR Rico Flores Jr. - eight receptions, 102 receiving yards
- Freshman WR Jordan Faison - four receptions
- Freshman WR Jaden Greathouse - 71 receiving yards