

NOTRE DAME

Football



FINAL SCORE

No. 7/7 Notre Dame (1-0) 23, No. 20/20 Texas A&M (0-0) 13

TEAM NOTES

- Official game time temperature at kickoff was 90 degrees.
- Notre Dame won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. Texas A&M received the opening kick off and started the game defending the north end zone.
- Attendance 107,314 - the fourth-largest crowd in Kyle Field history.
- Notre Dame improves to 4-2 vs. Texas A&M, 1-1 in Kyle Field.
- Notre Dame has won seven of its last eight season openers.
- Notre Dame improved to 17-20 all-time with College Game Day appearing at their game location, including the last two road games (at Duke in 2023, tonight's game).
- Marcus Freeman now owns eight wins over ranked teams.

NOTABLE

- True freshman Anthonie Knapp became the third Irish offensive lineman to start in his first career collegiate game against Texas A&M – with all three of them occurring in road games – Sam Young (2006 at Georgia Tech) and Blake Fister (2021 at Florida State).
- Xavier Watts, who tied for the lead in FBS last season with seven interceptions, gathered in his eighth career interception late in the first half.
- The 6-6 tie at halftime was the lowest combined scoring first half for Notre Dame and an opponent since the Irish trailed 0-3 against Ohio State last season.

FIRSTS

- Career interception - Adon Shuler in the second quarter at the A&M 41, he returned it 12 yards to the Aggie 29-yard line to set up Notre Dame's second field goal of the game.
- Career starts - Freshman OT Anthonie Knapp, freshman OG Sam Pendleton, sophomore OT Aamil Wagner, sophomore LB Drayk Bowen, sophomore S Adon Shuler, sophomore CB Christian Gray
- Starts at Notre Dame - Senior QB Riley Leonard, senior WR Beaux Collins (28th of career) senior WR Jayden Harrison (8th of career), senior DE RJ Oben (34th of career), senior DB Jordan Clark (23rd of career)
- Field goal of Notre Dame career - senior Mitch Jeter (46 yards in the first quarter)
- Career punt of a collegiate career for senior James Rendell (47 yards in the first quarter)

CAREER HIGHS

- Cooper Flanagan - receptions (two) and receiving yards (25)
- Jordan Bothelho - tackles (six)
- Donovan Hinish - tackles (five)
- Jaiden Ausberry - tackles (four)
- Drayk Bowen - tackles (career-high matching four)