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## ATHLETICS

### FINAL SCORE

(7) No. 3/3 Notre Dame (14-2) 23, (13-3) No. 6/7 Ohio State (14-2) 34

### TEAM NOTES

- Ohio State won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. Notre Dame received the kickoff and defended the end zone to the east.
- Attendance: 77,660
- Notre Dame's 14 victories are the most in a single season in the history of the program. The Irish and Buckeyes are also the first college football teams to play 16 games in a season.
- Notre Dame falls to 2-7 all-time against Ohio State and 0-3 against the Buckeyes in postseason play (2005, 2016 Fiesta Bowl).
- Notre Dame finishes 4-1 against the Big Ten Conference this season and 316-170-22 all-time against the Big Ten. Notre Dame has not played five Big Ten teams in a season since 1968 (3-2).
- Notre Dame's 18-play, 9:45 scoring drive to begin the game was the longest of the season for the Irish for plays and time of possession. It also marked the longest in the history of the College Football Playoff by any competing team.

### NOTABLE

- Riley Leonard rushed nine times for 31 yards on Notre Dame's game-opening drive, accounting for all five first downs (four rushing, one by passing) while also converting two fourth downs, one third down and posting his 17th rushing touchdown of the season.
- Those 17 rushing touchdowns extend his single-season record for a quarterback at Notre Dame and just one behind Audric Estimé's program overall single-season rushing touchdown record of 18 from last season.
- Those 17 touchdowns also rank third (tied with Ian Book and Rick Mirer) on the Notre Dame career list for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback, behind DeShone Kizer (18, 2015-16) and Tony Rice (23, 1987-89).
- Leonard's 17 carries for 40 yards gives him a total of 906 rushing yards this season, surpassing Tony Rice's school-record for a single-season quarterback rushing yards of 884 from 1989.
- Jeremiyah Love's two-point conversion in the third quarter pushes his season points scored total to 116, which is four points off Jerome Bettis' single-season school record of 120. Bettis was the honorary captain for the Fighting Irish before today's game.
- Riley Leonard finished with 226 points in 2024, tied for third on the all-time single season at Notre Dame with Everett Golson in 2014. Book 228 in 2019 Quinn 234 in 2006
- Jack Kiser extended his Notre Dame program record for games played in a career appearing in his 70th game this evening. Howard Cross III ranks second all-time in games played at Notre Dame and appeared in his 66th career contest tonight.



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- Appearing in their home state this evening from the Irish roster - senior WR Deion Colzie, freshman DL Cole Mullins, freshman OT Anthonie Knapp and senior WR Jayden Thomas.
- Xavier Watts started his 33rd consecutive game today, the second-most for an Irish safety in program history (Jalen Elliott, 39 from 2017-19) and the 11th-most for any defensive player in Notre Dame history.
- Riley Leonard, Jeremiyah Love, Beaux Collins, Aamil Wagner, Jack Kiser, Drayk Bowen, Adon Shuler and Xavier Watts made their Notre Dame-record-extending 16th start of the season tonight.

### **FIRSTS**

- Start of the season and second of his career for freshman LT Charles Jagusah. His other career start was in the 2023 Sun Bowl victory to cap last season.

### **CAREER HIGHS**

- Six catches, 128 receiving yards and two touchdowns (ties career high) - Jaden Greathouse
- Two sacks - junior DE Joshua Burnham