

NOTRE DAME

Football



FINAL SCORE

(7) Notre Dame (13-1) 23, (2) Georgia (11-3) 10

TEAM NOTES

- Notre Dame won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. Notre Dame kicked off and defended the south end zone.
- Attendance: 57,267
- Notre Dame played in its program-record 14th game of the season against Georgia. Notre Dame had played 13 games in a season 18 times previous to the 2024 season. Notre Dame has never won 13 games in a season.
- Notre Dame improves to 1-3 all-time against Georgia.
- Notre Dame improves to 2-2 all-time in the College Football Playoffs
- Notre Dame improves to 3-2 all-time in the Sugar Bowl.
- Notre Dame improves to 50-26 all-time against SEC opponents.
- Notre Dame improves to 2-2 in the SuperDome.
- Notre Dame improves to 3-2 all-time on January 2nd, last win was the 1988 National Championship game in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl. The Irish also break at two-game losing streak on the date.
- Today's game was just the third time in program history the Irish have been in an AP-ranked No. 2 vs. No. 3 matchup. The previous was a 30-3 loss to Clemson in the 2018 CFP semifinals.
- Notre Dame improves to 9-10-2 all-time against the AP No. 2 team, end a four-game win streak against No. 2 and earns the program's first win over No. 2 since a 29-20 win over Miami FL in 1990 in Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame improves to 25-6-1 all-time as the AP No. 3 team and 7-1 in last seven games as No. 3.

NOTABLE

- Jack Kiser extended his Notre Dame program record for games played in a career appearing in his 68th game this afternoon. Howard Cross III ranks second all-time in games played at Notre Dame and appeared in his 64th career contest today.
- Jayden Harrison's 98-yard kick return to start the second half is the second-longest kick return in Sugar Bowl history, behind Andre Debose's 100-yard effort for Florida in 2013. He replaced Notre Dame's Al Hunter in second place, who returned a 93-yard kick against Alabama in the 1973 Sugar Bowl National Championship game. It was the fourth kick return for a touchdown of Harrison's career (he had three at Marshall from 2021-23).
- On 177 previous occasions to today's Sugar Bowl, a Notre Dame player has started 13 games in a season. Today, Riley Leonard, Jeremiyah Love, Beaux Collins, Anthonie Knapp, Aamil Wagner, Jack Kiser, Drayk Bowen, Adon Shuler and Xavier Watts became the first Notre Dame football players to start 14 games in a season.

FIRSTS

- Career start - junior defensive tackle Gabriel Rubio, who had four tackles in the game.
- Game action of the year - sophomore offensive tackle Charles Jagusah (on field goal protection).
- Sack in a Notre Dame uniform - senior RJ Oben to set up Notre Dame's first touchdown of the game in the final seconds of the first half.
- Kick return for a touchdown in an Notre Dame uniform - Jayden Harrison 98 yards to start the second half.

CAREER HIGHS

- 8 tackles - a career-high matching for freshman Adon Shuler (he also had eight against Army this season).