

FINAL BOOK

NOTRE DAME

VS.

PENN STATE

NOVEMBER 17, 1990

NOTRE DAME STADIUM

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY

VISITORS

PENN STATE

DATE: November 17, 1990

HOME

NOTRE DAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
PENN STATE	7	0	7	10	24
NOTRE DAME	14	7	0	0	21

	SCORE		TIME LEFT
	PSU	ND	
1st Quarter			
ND: Ricky WATTERS 22 run (Craig HENTRICH PAT)	0	7	10:39
ND: Tony BROOKS 12 run (HENTRICH PAT)	0	14	6:34
PSU: Terry SMITH 32 pass from Tony SACCA (Craig FAYAK PAT)	7	14	4:29
2nd Quarter			
ND: Rick MIRER 1 run (HENTRICH PAT)	7	21	5:00
3rd Quarter			
PSU: Rick SAYLES 11 pass from SACCA (FAYAK PAT)	14	21	0:32
4th Quarter			
PSU: Al GOLDEN 14 pass from SACCA (FAYAK PAT)	21	21	7:15
PSU: FAYAK 34 FG	24	21	0:04

TIME OF GAME: Start 4:08 End 7:12 Elapsed 3:04

OFFICIALS: Referee-Tom Thamer(CIFOA), Line Judge-Jim Twitty(CIFOA), Umpire-Michael Semcheski(CIFOA), Head Linesman-Ron Marinucci(CIFOA), Side Judge-Jim Klingensmith(CIFOA), Field Judge-Tom Beck(CIFOA), Back Judge-Garry Dancowicz(CIFOA)

TEMPERATURE:

Temperature 51 degrees Fahrenheit, winds south at 10 miles per hour.

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	PENN STATE	NOTRE DAME
First Downs.....	27	20
Rushing.....	3	12
Passing.....	18	8
Penalty.....	0	0
Rushing Attempts.....	30	59
Yards Rushing.....	84	242
Yards Lost Rushing.....	23	36
Net Yards Rushing.....	61	206
Net Yards Passings.....	277	161
Pass Attempted.....	34	21
Passes Completed.....	20	8
Had Intercepted.....	0	2
Total Offensive Plays.....	64	80
Total Net Yards.....	338	367
Average Gain Per Play.....	5.3	4.6
Fumbles: Number — Lost.....	0-0	1-0
Penalties: Number — Yards.....	2-20	1-15
Interceptions: Number — Yards.....	2-58	0-0
Number of Punts — Yards.....	7-237	5-211
Average Per Punt.....	33.8	42.2
Punt Returns: Number — Yards.....	4-43	1-11
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards.....	2-44	4-48
Third-Down Conversions.....	6-14	14-21
Possession Time.....	25:34	34:26

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PENN STATE
Visitors

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Thompson	13	62	6	56	--	13
Sacca	7	18	11	7	--	12
Gash	3	4	2	2	--	4
Collins	2	0	4	-4	--	0
TEAM	30	84	23	61	--	13

NOTRE DAME
Home Team

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Watters	19	120	6	114	1	34
Brooks	8	46	0	46	--	12
Culver	13	44	2	42	--	9
Ismail	5	22	0	22	W	9
S. Davis	1	0	1	-1	--	-1
Mirer	13	10	27	-17	1	4
TEAM	59	242	36	206	3	34

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Sacca	34	20	0	277	3	32

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Mirer	21	8	2	161	--	23

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Thompson	7	83	--	20
Smith	3	66	1	32
Golden	3	41	1	14
Gash	3	37	--	15
Sayles	3	23	1	11
Collins	1	22	--	22

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ismail	4	76	--	23
S. Davis	2	44	--	23
D. Brown	1	23	--	23
T. Smith	1	13	--	13

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long
Helkowski	7	237	33.3	44

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long
Hentrich	5	211	42.2	50

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long
Fayak	2	1	34

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long
Hentrich	2	0	--

ALL RETURNS	Punts	Kickoffs	Intercepted
T. Thomas	3-40-15		
T. Smith	1-3-3		
Hammonds		1-27-27	
Moser		1-17-17	
D'Onofrio			1-38-38
D. Perry			1-20-20
TEAM	4-43-15	2-44-27	2-53-38

ALL RETURNS	Punts	Kickoffs	Intercepted
Ismail	1-11-11		
R. Smith		1-21-21	
Mihalko		1-12-12	
Boyd		1-8-8	
Spears		1-7-7	
TOTALS	1-11-11	4-43-21	

DRIVE CHART

NOTRE DAME vs. PENN STATE

Second Half

Team	Quarter	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Drive Consumed		
		Yd.	Line	Time	How Obtained	Yd.	Ling	Time	How Lost	Yards Play Time
PS	3	PS 35	15:00	Kickoff	ND 47	12:55	Punt	18	4	2:05
ND	3	ND 22	12:55	Received	ND 21	12:00	Punt	-1	3	0:55
PS	3	PS 41	12:00	Punt	PS 49	10:34	Punt	8	3	1:26
ND	3	ND 9	10:34	Received	ND 43	7:40	Punt	34	5	2:54
PS	3	PS 35	7:40	Punt	ND 21	3:18	Missed FG	44	12	4:22
ND	3	ND 22	3:18	Received	ND 43	1:19	Inter-ception	21	5	1:59
PS	3	ND 11	1:19	Interception TD	0:32	11-yd TD	Sayles	11	3	0:47
ND	3-4	ND 29	0:32	Kickoff	ND 26	13:39	Punt	-3	3	2:03
PS	4	PS 36	13:39	Received	PS 43	11:28	Punt	7	6	2:11
ND	4	ND 14	11:28	Punt	ND 24	8:30	Punt	10	6	2:58
PS	4	PS 42	8:30	Received	TD	7:15	14-yd TD	58	4	1:15
ND	4	ND 20	7:15	Received	ND 23	5:23	Punt	3	3	1:52
PS	4	PS 42	5:23	Kickoff	ND 37	2:15	Punt	21	6	3:08
ND	4	ND 7	2:15	Received	ND 19	0:59	Inter-ception	12	4	1:16
PS	4	ND 19	0:59	Punt	ND 17	0:04	34-yd FG	2	3	0:55
ND	4	ND 46	0:04	Interception	ND 46	0:00	End of Game	0	0	0:04
				Kickoff						
				Received						

Time of Possession	1st Q.	2nd Q.	3rd Q.	4th Q.	Total
PENN STATE	3:35	5:50	8:40	7:29	25:34
NOTRE DAME	11:25	9:10	6:20	7:31	34:26
Third-Down Conversions					
NOTRE DAME	7/8	5/5	1/3	1/5	14/21
PENN STATE	1/2	1/3	2/5	2/4	6/14
Fourth-Down Conversions					
NOTRE DAME	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
PENN STATE	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0

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Notre Dame Stadium

Play-By-Play

First Quarter

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
Penn State wins the toss and will defer until the second half. Notre Dame will receive and defend the South goal. Penn State will kickoff and defend the North goal.				
Fayak's kickoff is fielded by Spears at the N30 ; he returns seven yards to the ND37 where he is tackled by Henderson				
NOTRE DAME BALL 12:55				
1	10	N37	Watters up the middle for three	Gianneti
2	7	N40	Watters sweeps left for four	D. Perry
3	3	N44	T. Brooks explodes over right tackle for six	McKenzie
1	10	M	T. Brooks tries left tackle for two	D'Onofrio
2	8	P48	Mirer keeps left on option for no gain	Deter
3	8	P48	With good protection, Mirer hits T. Smith over the middle for 18	Humphries
1	10	P30	On inside mis-direction, Ismail runs left for two	McKenzie
2	8	P28	Watters takes pitch right and turns corner behind Bettis' block for six	Humphries
3	2	P22	Watters takes pitch left wide, cuts inside D. Perry at the P20 and scampers 22 yards for the TD (10:39)	
Hentrich, with Sexton holding, converts PAT				
SCORE: NOTRE DAME 7, PENN STATE 0				
SCORING DRIVE: 63 yards, 9 plays, 3 first downs, 4:21 elapsed				
Hentrich's kickoff is fielded by Moser at the P12; he returns 17 yards to the P29 where he is tackled by Lane				
PENN STATE BALL 10:34				
1	10	P29	Sacca's pass intended for Smith incomplete at midfield in front of ND bench	
2	10	P29	Thompson is smothered behind right tackle for no gain	Dahl
3	10	P29	Sacca is flushed out of the pocket and heads up the field but is tripped from behind by Kowalkowski after one-yard gain	
4	10	P29	Helkowski's 40-yard line drive punt is fielded by Ismail at the ND30; he returns 11 yards to the ND 41 where he runs into Bettis and is tackled by Moser	
NOTRE DAME BALL 9:09				
1	10	N41	After a play-action fake, Mirer rolls right and is forced to throw the ball away as Ismail is well covered at P45	
2	10	N41	Culver blasts over right guard for four	Goganious
3	6	N45	Mirer lofts a touch pass over thr middle to D. Brown who breaks two tacklers at P45 and rambles for 23 yards to the P32	D. Perry
1	10	P32	Culver blasts over left guard for nine	Goganious
2	1	P23	Mirer keeps over right guard for no gain	McKenzie
3	1	P23	Mirer sneaks between center and left guard for two	Benfatti
1	10	P21	Watters turns left corner behind Culver's block and gains nine	Humphries

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First Quarter Play-By-Play -- add one

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
2	1	P12	T. Brooks bursts through a gaping hole up the middle and cuts left at the P5 and outruns W. Thomas into the end zone for the TD (6:34) Hentrich, with Sexton holding, converts PAT SCORE: NOTRE DAME 14, PENN STATE 0 SCORING DRIVE: 59 yards, 8 plays, 3 first downs, 2:35 elapsed	
			Hentrich's bouncing kick is muffed by Moser at the P30 and is recovered by PS's J. Perry at the PS32	
			PENN STATE BALL 6:31	
1	10	P32	Sacca unloads the ball just before being leveled by Williams and hits Golden in front of ND bench for 13	Stonebreaker
1	10	P45	Thompson blasts over left tackle for nine	G. Davis
2	1	N46	On a play-action fake, Sacca dumps over the middle to Gash t breaks A. Jones tackle and gains 12	Stonebreaker
1	10	N34	On a QB draw, Sacca up the middle for two	Zorich
2	8	N32	Sacca short hops an open Smith, incomplete at ND22	
3	8	N32	After a fake reverse, Sacca rolls right and hits Smith who turned around ND's Lyght inside the 5; Smith stumbles into the end zone for the TD (4:29) Fayak, with Spoor holding, converts PAT SCORE: NOTRE DAME 14, PENN STATE 7 SCORING DRIVE: 68 yards, 6 plays, 3 first downs, 2:05 elapsed	
			Fayak's bouncing kickoff is fielded by Mihalko at the N26, he returns 12 yards to the N38 where he is tackled by Baggett	
			NOTRE DAME BALL 4:24	
1	10	N38	Watters spins right for two	McKenzie
2	8	N40	Watters takes option pitch left for two	Jackson
3	6	N42	Mirer rolls right and throws just as he gets hit, finding Ismail over the middle in heavy traffic for eight	Humphries
1	10	M	Mirer, after a play-action fake, barely overthrows a diving Ismail at the P5	
2	10	M	On a delay, T. Brooks powers up the middle for six	Goganious
3	4	P44	On a delay, Watters bursts up the middle for six	D'Onofrio
1	10	P38	Culver takes delay up the middle for four	D'Onofrio
2	6	P34	Mirer rolls left and is buried by D'Onofrio for four-yard loss	
3	10	P38	After good protection, Mirer picks his way up the middle for four	Giannetti
4	6	P34		

FIRST QUARTER SCORE: NOTRE DAME 14, PENN STATE 7

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Second Quarter Play-By-Play

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
4	6	P34	Hentrich, with Sexton holding, misses 53-yard field goal, short	
			PENN STATE BALL 14:55	
1	10	P35	Thompson takes pitch right and bursts into the backfield for 13-yard gain	Clark
1	10	P48	Thompson takes pitch left for seven	G. Davis
2	8	N45	Gash starts right, reverses his field and is dropped for a one-yard loss	A. Jones
3	4	N46	With good protection, Sacca flips over the middle for Thompson for eight	Stonebreaker
1	10	N38	After a play-action fake, Sacca overthrows a wide-open Daniels at ND20	
2	10	N38	On a delay, Thompson starts up the middle, heads right but is dragged down behind by G. Davis for two-yard loss	
3	12	N40	With good protection, Sacca overthrows Drayton, incomplete in the end zone	
4	12	N40	Henkowski's 32-yard punt is fair caught by Ismail at ND8	
			NOTRE DAME BALL 11:55	
1	10	N8	Ismail takes pitch right for one	Ravotti
2	9	N9	Watters, on a delay, up the middle for three	Wright
3	6	N12	Mirer, with good protection, rifles right to Ismail for 13	W. Thomas
1	10	N25	Watters runs wide left for one-yard loss	Givens
2	11	N24	With great protection, Mirer throws underneath for Bettis who drops the ball at the ND30	
3	11	N24	With all day to throw, Mirer drills Ismail over the middle for 27	Humphries
1	10	P49	On a reverse, Ismail turns corner behind Brown's block for four	Bochna
2	6	P45	Culver powers up the middle for three	Giannetti
3	3	P42	Culver blasts over right tackle for six	W. Thomas
1	10	P36	Attempting to hand off to Watters, Mirer fumbles and recovers at the P42, six-yard loss	
2	16	P42	Mirer rolls left and hits S. Davis in midstride along PS sideline for 23	Cisar
1	10	P19	Culver up the middle for one	Deter
2	9	P18	Watters heads up the middle, dances away from two tacklers at the 15 and gains 11	Goganious
1	Goal	P7	Ismail takes pitch left, cuts inside at the corner and barrels inside the one	Bochna
2	Goal	P1	Culver pounds into the middle and is dragged down short of the goal line	Giannetti
3	goal	P1	Mirer sneaks over right guard for the TD (5:00)	
			Hentrich, with Sexton holding, converts PAT	
			SCORE: NOTRE DAME 21, PENN STATE 7	
			SCORING DRIVE: 92 yards, 16 plays, 5 first downs, 6:55 elapsed	
			Hentrich's kickoff bounces into the end zone for a touchback	

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Second Quarter Play-By-Play -- add one

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
PENN STATE BALL 5:00				
1	10	P20	On play action, Sacca throws right to Gash for 15	Flanigan
1	10	P35	Thompson up the middle for five	A. Jones
2	5	P40	Sacca throws right to Thompson for six	A. Jones
1	10	P46	On play action, Sacca flips left to Gash who uses Thompson's block to gain 10	Flanigan
1	10	N44	Sacca flips right over the onrushing McDonald to Thompson who catches the ball at the ND40 and romps for 16	G. Davis
1	10	N28	Sacca throws right for Golden who is knocked down by Stonebreaker as the ball arrives, incomplete	
2	10	N28	On a delay, Collins is dragged down by Stonebreaker for a four-yard loss	
PENALTY: PENN STATE (Personal Foul), 15 yards				
3	29	N47	Sacca throws right to a wide-open Golden who juggles and drops ball at N:	
4	29	N47	Helkowski's 22-yard punt rolls dead at the ND26	
NOTRE DAME BALL 2:13				
1	10	N26	Culver picks his way up the middle for nine	Givens
2	1	N35	T. Brooks dances right for six	Bochna
1	10	N41	Mirer rolls left and misses a diving T. Smith at the P47	
2	10	N41	Ismail takes reverse right, sidesteps one tackler 10 yards in the backfield, sidesteps another at the line of scrimmage and gains nine	Humphries
3	1	M	Culver plows up the middle for two	Giannetti
1	10	P48	Mirer rolls left, pumps once and is buried for five-yard loss by Goganious	
TIMEOUT: NOTRE DAME (First), 0:36				
2	10	N47	Under heavy pressure, Mirer dumps over the middle to Ismail who sprints to the left sideline and is tripped up from behind by a diving W. Thomas after a 28-yard gain	
1	10	P25	Mirer rolls right and throws the ball away while in the grasp of Ravotti	
2	10	P25	Hentrich, with Sexton holding, misses 43-yard field goal attempt, wide right	
PENN STATE BALL 0:03				
1	10	P26	Sacca dumps over the middle to Collins who breaks G. Davis' tackle for 22-yard gain	Lyght

FIRST HALF SCORE: NOTRE DAME 21, PENN STATE 7

QUICKIE STATISTICS

	Halftime	
	PENN STATE Visitors	NOTRE DAME Home Team
Score.....	7	21
First Downs.....	9	16
Rushes — Yardage (Net).....	10-30	38-151
Passing Yardage (Net).....	134	140
*Return Yardage (Net).....	0	11
Passes — Att.-Comp.-Int.....	15-9-0	12-7-0
Total Offense — Yards.....	164	292
Punts (Number-Average).....	3-31.3	0
Fumbles - Lost.....	0-0	1-0
Penalties - Yards.....	1-15	0-0

*Return of Punts, Intercepted Pass and Fumbles (not kickoffs)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Visitors					Home Team				
RUSHING	Att.	Net Yards	TD	Long	RUSHING	Att.	Net Yards	TD	Long
Thompson	6	32	—	13	Watters	11	67	1	22
Sacca	2	3	—	2	Culver	9	38	—	9
Gash	1	-1	—	-1	T. Brooks	5	32	1	12
Collins	1	-4	—	-4	Ismail	5	22	—	9
					Mirer	8	-8	1	4

PASSING	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	PASSING	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD
Sacca	15-9-0	134	1	Mirer	12-7-0	140	—

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long	PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Gash	3	36	—	15	Ismail	4	76	—	28
Thompson	3	30	—	16	S. Davis	1	23	—	23
Smith	1	32	1	32	D. Brown	1	23	—	23
Collins	1	22	—	22	T. Smith	1	18	—	18
Golden	1	13	—	13					

PUNTING	No.	Avg.	Long	PUNTING	No.	Avg.	Long
Helkowski	3	31.3	40	None			

DRIVE CHART

NOTRE DAME vs. PENN STATE

First Half

DATE: November 17, 1990

		Drive Started			Drive Ended			Drive Consumed		
Team	Quarter	Yd.	Line	Time	How Obtained	Yd.	Line	Time	How Lost	Yards Play Time
ND	1	ND 37	15:00	Kickoff Received	TD	10:39	22-yd TD	63	9	4:21
PS	1	PS 29	10:39	Kickoff Received	PS 30	9:09	Watters Punt	1	3	1:30
ND	1	ND 41	9:09	Punt Received	TD	6:34	12-yd TD	59	8	2:35
PS	1	PS 32	6:34	Kickoff Received	TD	4:29	Brooks 32-yd TD	68	6	2:05
ND	1-2	ND 38	4:29	Kickoff Received	PS 34	14:55	Smith Missed FG	28	10	4:34
PS	2	PS 35	14:55	Missed FG	ND 40	11:55	Punt	25	7	3:00
ND	2	ND 8	11:55	Punt Received	TD	5:00	1-yd TD	92	16	6:55
PS	2	PS 20	5:00	Kickoff Received	ND 47	2:13	Mirer Punt	33	8	2:47
ND	2	ND 26	2:13	Punt Received	PS 25	0:03	Missed FG	49	9	2:10
PS	2	PS 26	0:03	Missed FG	PS 48	0:00	Halftime	22	1	0:03

Time of Possession	First Quarter	Second Quarter	First Half
PENN STATE	3:35	5:50	9:25
NOTRE DAME	11:25	9:10	20:35

Third-Down Conversions

PENN STATE	1/2	1/3	2/5
NOTRE DAME	7/8	5/6	12/14

FOURTH-DOWN CONVERSIONS

PENN STATE	0/0	0/0	0/0
NOTRE DAME	0/0	0/0	0/0

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Third Quarter Play-By-Play

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
			Hentrich's kickoff is fielded by Hammonds at the P8; he returns right to the P35 for a 27-yard return; run out of bounds by Covington	
			PENN STATE BALL 14:54	
1	10	P35	Sacca throws in left flat to Smith who sidesteps Lyght and gains 10	McDonald
1	10	P45	Sacca rolls right and is forced out of bounds at the corner for no gain	Lyght
2	10	P45	Sacca bobbles snap, catches it and tries the middle for no gain	Dahl
3	10	P45	Sacca hits Sayles over the middle; he stumbles and gains eight	Stonebreaker
4	2	N47	Helkowski's 26yard punt bounces out of bounds at ND22	
			NOTRE DAME BALL 12:55	
1	10	N22	Watters loses one up the middle	Benfatti
2	11	N21	Mirer rolls left and overthrows S. Davis at the P40	
3	11	N21	Mirer throws over middle to Brown who is unable to hang on to the ball when hitting the ground	
4	11	N21	Hentrich's 50-yard punt is fielded by Thomas (T.) at the P29; he returns 12 yards to the P41 where he is tackled by Lyght	
			PENN STATE BALL 12:00	
1	10	P41	Thompson slants left for nine	Stonebreaker
2	1	M	Gash tries right side and is smothered for one-yard loss	Kowalkowski
3	2	P49	A. Jones steps in front of Sacca's pass intended for Daniels at the ND 25 and drops the ball with nothing but open field in front of him	
4	2	P49	Helkowski's 43-yard punt is downed at the ND9	
			NOTRE DAME BALL 10:34	
1	10	N9	Watters plows right for two	Bochna
2	8	N11	Watters bursts through the middle and explodes into the secondary; he carries two tacklers for a 34-yard gain	W. Thomas
1	10	N45	T. Brooks sweeps left for one	D. Perry
2	9	N46	T. Brooks dances up the middle for three	Benfatti
3	6	N49	On a straight drop, Mirer is buried for loss of six	Ravotti
4	12	N43	Hentrich's 37-yard punt is fielded by T. Thomas at the PS20; he returns 15 yards to the PS35; tackled by Kowalkowski	
			PENN STATE BALL 7:40	
1	10	P35	Thompson takes pitch right for two	Stonebreaker
2	8	P37	Sacca spins away from heavy pressure and throws back over the middle to Thompson for 13	
1	10	M	On a quarterback draw, Sacca bursts up the middle for 12	Stonebreaker
1	10	N38	Thompson runs over right guard for three	Dahl
2	7	N35	PENALTY: PENN STATE (Illegal Procedure), five yards	
2	12	N40	Sacca throws right for Sayles, incomplete at ND20	
3	12	N40	With great protection, Sacca hits Golden for 14	Burris
			PENALTY: NOTRE DAME (Defensive Holding), -- declined	
1	10	N26	Sacca hits Sayles over the middle for nine	A. Jones

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Third Quarter Play-By-Play -- add one

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
2	1	N17	Thompson takes pitch right and slams for five	DuBose
1	10	N12	Thompson fights up the middle for two	DuBose
2	8	N10	Sacca, under a Notre Dame blitz, throws early, incomplete for Daniels in the end zone	
3	8	N10	Sacca rolls left and is dragged down from behind on a safety blitz by G. Davis, an 11-yard loss	
4	19	N21	Fayak, with Spoor holding, misses 39-yard attempt, wide right	
NOTRE DAME BALL 3:18				
1	10	N22	Culver takes pitch right, breaks a tackle in the backfield and fails to gain	McKenzie
2	10	N22	Mirer attempts quarterback draw and is smothered for no gain	McKenzie
3	10	N22	Mirer rolls left, pumps once and hits S. Davis for 21	D. Perry
1	10	N43	Mirer throws right as he is hit in the back by Bochna; the ball falls incomplete	
2	10	N43	Mirer's pass, intended for S. Davis, is intercepted by PS's D'Onofrio at the ND49; he returns 38 yards to the ND11 where he is tackled from behind by S. Davis	
PENN STATE BALL 1:19				
1	10	N11	Collins takes pitch left and fails to gain	E. Jones
2	10	N11	Under heavy pressure, Sacca throws incomplete for Collins while in Zorich's grasp	
3	10	N11	Sacca throws in the left corner of the end zone for Sayles, who juggles the ball behind Burris before making the TD catch (0:32)	
Fayak, with Spoor holding, converts PAT				
SCORE: NOTRE DAME 21, PENN STATE 14				
SCORING DRIVE: 11 yards, 3 plays, 1 first down, 0:47 elapsed				
Fayak's kickoff is fielded by R. Smith at the ND8; he returns 21 yards to the ND29 where he is tackled by Fusetti				
NOTRE DAME BALL 0:24				
1	10	N29	Culver up the middle for five	Gethers

THIRD QUARTER SCORE: NOTRE DAME 21, PENN STATE 14

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Fourth Quarter Play-By-Play -- add one

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
			Fayak's kickoff is fielded by Burris in the end zone for a touchback	
			NOTRE DAME BALL 7:15	
1	10	N20	Watters takes pitch right for six	Humphries
2	4	N26	Watters dances and spins left for one	Benfatti
3	3	N27	Mirer is smothered by Benfatti as he pitches left to Watters who is buried by Bochna for four yard loss	
4	7	N23	Hentrich's 36-yard punt is fair caught by T. Thomas at the PS42	
			PENN STATE BALL 5:23	
1	10	P42	On a delay, Thompson up the middle for three	Dahl
2	7	P45	On play action, Sacca throws down the right sidelines for a diving Daniels who is unable to come up with the ball in front of G. Davis inside the ND5	
3	7	P45	Sacca rolls right and throws back over the middle who escapes DuBose short of the first down and gains 10	DuBose
1	10	N45	Thomson takes pitch right for four	Kowalkowski
2	6	N41	Gash slams right for four	Williams
3	2	N37	Thompson slants left for no gain	Zorich
4	2	N37	Helkowski's 30-yard punt is downed at the ND7	
			NOTRE DAME BALL 2:15	
1	10	N7	Mirer rolls left in the end zone and barely gets the ball off incomplete to S. Davis at ND25	
2	10	N7	On a delay, T. Brooks bursts up the middle for 10	D. Perry
1	10	N17	Mirer badly overthrows Culver on screen right	
2	10	N17	Mirer keeps left on option for two	Deter
3	8	N19	With good protection, Mirer badly overthrows T. Smith; the ball is intercepted by D. Perry at the N39; he returns 20 yards to the ND19 where he is tackled by Allen	
			PENN STATE BALL 0:59	
1	10	N19	Thompson tries the middle and loses one	Dahl
			TIMEOUT: NOTRE DAME (First), 0:44	
2	11	N20	Sacca sneaks up the middle for three	Dahl
3	8	N17	TIMEOUT: PENN STATE (Second), 0:08	
			Fayak, with Spoor holding, converts 34-yard field goal (0:34)	
			SCORE: PENN STATE 24, NOTRE DAME 21	
			SCORING DRIVE: 2 yards, 3 plays, 0 first downs 0:55 elapsed	
			Fayak's onside kick is fielded by Boyd at the ND39; he returns 8 yards to the ND47 as time expires	

FINAL SCORE: PENN STATE 24, NOTRE DAME 21

Notre Dame vs. Penn State
Fourth Quarter Play- By-Play

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
2	5	N34	Culver is buried up the middle for two-yard loss	Benfatti
3	7	N32	Mirer is hammered by an unmolested Ravotti, losing six	
4	13	N26	Hentrich's 41-yard punt is fielded by Smith at the P33; he is run out of bounds by Grimm at the P36; three-yard return	
PENN STATE BALL 13:39				
1	10	P36	On play-action fake, Sacca throws deep right for Daniels; ball is batted away by ND's Burris at the ND23	
2	10	P36	On a delay, Thompson is driven into the turf by Stonebreaker for no gain	
3	10	P36	With good protection, Sacca throws underneath over the middle to Thompson who catches the ball at the P40 and runs to the P46 for 10 yards and first down	
1	10	P46	Thompson runs left and is dragged down from behind by Dahl, losing three	
2	13	P43	Sacca throws just before being leveled by Stonebreaker, incomplete for Daniels at the ND43	
3	18	P43	Sacca fakes screen left and overthrows Gash on screen right, incomplete	
4	13	P43	Helkowski's 44-yard punt rolls dead at ND14	
NOTRE DAME BALL 11:28				
1	10	N14	Watters tries the middle for one	Deter
2	9	N15	On delay, Watters runs left for eight	W. Thomas
3	1	N23	TIMEOUT: PENN STATE (First), 10:22	
1	10	N24	Culver runs behind right guard for one	Benfatti
2	9	N25	Mirer keeps right for one	Deter
3	10	N24	S. Davis takes reverse left and is swarmed under, losing one	Benfatti
4	10	N24	With great protection, Mirer throws over the middle for Brown; ball is batted down by Goganious	
			Hentrich's 47-yard punt is fielded by T. Thomas at the PS29; he returns 13 yards to the PS42; tackled by Grimm	
PENN STATE BALL 8:30				
1	10	P42	Sacca throws quick left to Smith who steps out of Lyght's tackle at the line of scrimmage and gains 24	Clark
1	10	N34	Thompson tries the middle for no gain	DuBose
2	10	N34	Sacca, avoids heavy blitz, throws screen left to Thompson who races 20 yards before being tackled from behind by Zorich at the ND14	
1	10	N14	Sacca rolls right and throws back left to a wide-open Golden who catches the ball at the ND3 and drags A. Jones into the end zone for the TD (7:15)	
Fayak, with Spoor holding, converts PAT				
SCORE: NOTRE DAME 21, PENN STATE 21				
SCORING DRIVE:				
PENALTY: NOTRE DAME (Personal Foul), 15 yards assessed on the kickoff				

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	UT	TACKLES AT	Tot.	for Loss	QB Sacks	Fumb Rcvd	Pass Into	Pass Br Up
<u>NOTRE DAME</u>								
Williams	1	1	2	1-1				
Zorich	2	4	6					
Dahl	4	3	7	1-3				
Kowalkowski	2	2	4					
A. Jones	5	1	6	1-1				1
Stonebreaker	4	5	9	1-4				
DuBose	0	3	3					
Grimm	2	2	4					
Lyght	2	4	6					
Burris								1
G. Davis	3	2	5	1-2	1-11			
Lane	0	1	1					
Clark	2	2	4					
Flamigan	0	2	2					
McDonald	1	3	4					
<u>PENN STATE</u>								
Giannetti	3	6	9					
Deter	2	6	8					
Benfatti	4	5	9	3-4				
Ravotti	2	1	3	1-6	1-6			
D'Onofrio	4	3	7	1-6	1-4		1-38	
Goganious	5	3	8		1-5			1
Givens	1	3	4	1-1				
Bochna	2	3	5	1-4				
Humphries	2	6	8					
Thomas	3	2	5					
Perry	5	3	8				1-20	
Jackson	1	1	2					
McKenzie	4	4	8					
Wright	1	1	2					
Fusetti	1	1	2					

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Notre DamePenn StateOFFENSE

SE 83 Smith 87 Dawson 82 Pollard 14 Griggs	SE 26 Daniels 1 Thomas
QT 76 McGuire	ST 65 Duffy
QG 52 Ryan	SG 66 Huntington
C 55 Heldt	C 53 Luedeke
TG 74 Jurkovic	LG 55 Brzenchek 76 Siever
TT 53 Sandri 73 Hall	LT 64 McCartin
TE 86 Brown 84 Smith	TE 89 Golden 83 Sayles
QB 3 Mirer	QB 19 Sacca
FB 6 Bettis 5 Culver	TB 44 Thompson 34 Collins
TB 12 Watters 40 Brooks	FB 11 Gash 29 O'Neal
FL 25 Ismail 17 Davis 10 Jarrell	WR 8 Smith 3 LaBarca 18 Drayton

DEFENSE

DT 45 McDonald 69 Williams 97 Young	LT 35 Giannetti
NT 50 Zorich 81 Jones	NT 72 Deter 67 Burger
DT 93 Dahl	RT 54 Benfatti 97 Jackson
OLB 37 Kowalkowski	OLB 99 McKenzie 94 Ravotti
OLB 7 Jones	ILB 38 D'Onofrio 47 Wright
ILB 42 Stonebreaker 44 Flanigan	ILB 42 Goganious
ILB 31 DuBose 36 Grimm	OLB 58 Givens
FCB 1 Lyght	RC 23 Fusetti 35 Bochna
SCB 21 Smith 9 Burris	LC 6 Humphries
FS 32 Clark	SAF 25 Thomas
SS 26 Davis	HERO 9 Parry 48 Cisar

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK 28 Hentrich	PK 5 Fayak
K 28 Hentrich	K 5 Fayak
P 28 Hentrich	P 4 Helkowski
S 59 Johnson	S 70 Ceh
H 16 Sexton	H 28 Spoor
PR 25 Ismail 14 Griggs	PR 8 Smith 1 Thomas
KR 25 Ismail 23 Boyd 9 Burris	KR 1 Thomas 21 Hammonds
4 Levens 23 Boyd 19 Bowers 20 Guillory	13 Baggett 31 Filkovski 33 Moser
24 SETzer 29 Covington 30 Smith 33 Lane	36 Monaghan 37 Gethers 40 Henderson
34 Spears 35 Mihalko 46 Ratigan	62 Heller 71 Rucci 82 Parry 93 Duffy
49 Petersen 65 Knapp 72 Allen 89 McGill	98 Astle
95 Bryant 96 deManigold	

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno

On Rocket: I really wasn't sure that he wasn't in the game. You can't lose a player as good and not have it affect your team.

After the halftime we wanted to put on more pressure. We were giving too much room on the receivers so I told them to take a chance and make something happen. We played tougher and tighter in the second half. We just tried to do better in the second half. It wasn't a matter of making adjustments, we were tentative at ~~the~~ first.

We are a better football team than people give us credit for. Losses to Texas and SUC by less than nine points, no one knew how good Texas was going to be. We've played tough in every game. If we ~~had~~ were able to kick the field goals in the first two games, we might have had another win.

Notre Dame has a tendency to play a lot of people and ~~make~~ wear the other team down. We played many people as well. We were able to control our own destiny in the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz

It's a very disappointing loss. Penn State played an excellent football game. I congratulate Penn State, they didn't turn the ball over and we turned it over twice.

On Final Drive: We weren't going to settle for a tie. When you go over the middle there is a 50-50 chance the safety is going to be there.

On 2nd half: We didn't get field position and they won the battle up front in the second half.

We are very disappointed, but we need to work from it, build from it, and benefit from it.

On Sacca: ~~That~~ Tony Sacca had a very fine day. He played very well. That ~~was~~ didn't surprise me.

On 3rd down problems: Two of their TD's came on 3rd down. That's been a problem all year.

On Rocket: He didn't ~~practice~~ practice much this week. No doubt we have built our offense around him, but ~~you~~ you have to rise to the occasion.

Notre Dame Player Quotes

George Williams: "We weren't doing the things we needed to do and we have to get it straightened out before next week. The- made big plays on offense and we we just didn't stop them. "

Rodney Culver: "Penn State played a great second half defensively. We didn't convert on certain plays that would have been very positive for us. And we put the defense in a bad position. We gave them great field position and they only had to go 20 yard for a score and 10 yards for a field goal. You have to give Penn State credit they played a great game."

Todd Lyght: "They just put together one long drive in the second half. The- scored on a trick play and they got me biting up on the run. The- played mistake-free football and we had two turnovers. When two teams good football teams play each other the team that makes the fewest mistakes usually wins. We made the most mistakes and we lost."

PENN STATE PLAYER QUOTES

Tony Sacca

"We knew they were tough up front, but we thought we could pass. We came out with some new offensive wrinkles and they worked well. ~~xxxx~~ Basically we thought we had nothing to lose; we just played hard."

"We ~~xxxx~~ may not be in position for a national title but this is a big win for us. It was the biggest game of the year and hopefully now we can finish on a high note."

Terry Smith

"We've been working on that play for three weeks. It's a fake reverse designed to get me open on the sideline and Tony (Sacca) made a nice throw."

"This is definitely the biggest win since I've been here. We approached this game ~~x~~ like a bowl game, and we had all the ~~xxxx~~ confidence in the ~~x~~ world we could win."

Rick Sayles

"(On his TD) It was an option pass in which I'm supposed to run to the corner I took my eye off the ball and juggled it but I knew I'd make the catch. The hardest part was getting my feet down."

GAME NOTES

The all-time series is now tied at 7-7-1.

Penn State QB Tony Sacca set a new career high with his 277 passing yards. His previous high was 243 against both USC and Texas ~~earlier~~ earlier this season.

Notre Dame tailback Rickey Watters gained 114 yards on 19 carries. It was the first time Watters has gained over 100 yards in consecutive games in his career.

The Notre Dame seniors finished their career with a 21-2 record at Notre Dame ~~Stadium~~ Stadium.

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Irish flanker Raghib Ismail had 109 all-purpose yards on 10 attempts before leaving the game at halftime with a thigh bruise.