

# Notre Dame

## VS.

# USC

## October 26, 1991

## Notre Dame Stadium

# Final Stats Book



**OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY**

**VISITORS**  
**SOUTHERN CAL**  
**HOME**  
**NOIRE DAME**  
**DATE:** October 26, 1991 **Notre Dame Stadium** **Attendance:** 59,075 (C)

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
SOUTHERN CAL	0	0	7	13	20
NOIRE DAME	7	7	0	10	24

  

	SCORE		TIME LEFT
	USC	ND	
1st Quarter			
ND: Jerome BETTIS 53 run (HENTRICH PAT)	0	7	1:22
2nd Quarter			
ND: Tony BROOKS 15 pass from Rick MIRER (HENTRICH PAT)	0	14	3:18
3rd Quarter			
USC: Deon Strother 29 run (Cole BARD PAT)	7	14	6:29
4th Quarter			
ND: BETTIS 1 run (HENTRICH PAT)	7	21	13:08
USC: Mario ROYSTER 14 run (FORD PAT)	14	21	7:38
ND: HENTRICH 38 FG	14	24	4:50
USC: Raul SPEARS 4 run (2 pt. conversion failed)	20	24	1:50

**TIME OF GAME:** Start: 12:35 End: 3:36 Total Time: 3:01

**OFFICIALS:** REFeree-John Saffey (Big East), LINE JUDGE-Walt Wolfe (Pac 10), SIDE JUDGE-Don Spriesterbach (Pac 10), LINE JUDGE-Yerry Hite (Big East), HEAD LINESMAN-Dale Newhouse (PAC 10), FIELD JUDGE-Devid Wilern (Big East),  
**TEMPERATURE:** 65  
 WINDS South 10 MPH  
 Overcast, rainy  
 BACK JUDGE-George Cullen (Big East)

First Quarter

DR	TD	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
		USC wins the toss and will defer its decision until the second half. Notre Dame will receive. USC will defend the South goal.	
		Ford's line-drive kickoff bounces into the end zone for a touchback.	
		NOTRE DAME BALL 15:00	
1 10	N20	Culver up the middle and breaks outside left for 13	Salmon
1 10	N33	Bettis tries right guard for two	Webb
2 8	N35	On a play-action fake, Mirer hits a wide-open Dawson for 20	Barber
1 10	S45	PENALTY: USC (offsides), five yards	
1 5	S40	Culver breaks a tackle in the backfield and runs right for three	Murrell
2 2	S37	Bettis slants left for three	Hollinquest
1 10	S34	T. Brooks picks his way over left tackle for six	Barber
2 4	S28	Bettis bulls up the middle for three	Webb
3 1	S25	Out of the full house, Bettis bursts through for six	Geo
1 10	S19	PENALTY: NOTRE DAME (Illegal procedure), five yards	
1 15	S24	Under a heavy rush, Mirer overthrows screen left to Culver	
2 15	S24	Mirer keeps on option right for one	Murrell
3 14	S23	Mirer throws late over the middle for Griggs, giving the defender a chance to deflect the ball	
4 14	S23	Hentrich, with Sexton holding, misses 40-yard field goal, short and left	
		USC BALL 9:58	
1 10	S25	Perry rolls right and throws for Jackson, who drops the ball at USC26	
2 10	S25	Strother struggles left for two	DuBose
3 8	S25	Perry throws quick flick to Conway, who sidesteps two tacklers and lunges for nine and first down	Ridgley
1 10	S34	Perry throws screen left to Conway for six-yard gain, but...	R. Smith
		PENALTY: USC (Clipping), 15 yards	
1 23	S21	Perry rolls right and barely overthrows a wide-open Hannah at the ND35	
2 23	S21	On a quarterback draw, Perry is smothered by Bryant after a one-yard gain	
3 22	S22	With excellent protection, Perry throws deep down the right sideline, incomplete to a well-covered Morton	
4 22	S22	Dale's 38-yard punt is fielded at the ND40 by Burris; he returns 10 yards to midfield where he is tackled by Cobb	
		NOTRE DAME BALL 7:20	
1 10	M	Mirer overthrows Brown on a quick slant at the USC45	
2 10	M	T. Brooks takes pitch right and slips in the open field after five-yard gain	
3 5	S45	Mirer throws to a well-covered Dawson on a center screen; pass broken up incomplete	
4 5	S45	Sexton's 33-yard punt is fair caught by Conway at the USC12	
		USC BALL 6:23	
1 10	S12	Strother up the middle for three	DuBose
2 7	S15	Perry keeps right on the option for six	DuBose
3 1	S21	Strother hurdles over right guard for four	DuBose
1 10	S25	Strother takes deep pitch right and slips in the backfield, losing two	
2 12	S23	Strother takes option pitch left and slips and falls at the corner, failing to gain	
3 12	S23	Perry rolls right, and after outstanding protection, gains 11	Talcaferro
4 1	S34	Dale's 41-yard punt is downed at the ND26	
		NOTRE DAME BALL 2:58	
1 10	N26	Culver is dropped in the backfield for three-yard loss	Murrell
2 13	N23	After a play-action fake, Mirer hits a wide-open Bettis up the middle for 22	
1 10	N45	T. Brooks up the middle for two	Salmon
2 8	N47	Bettis slants left, bounces off a group of tacklers and outruns Oliver and Holmes to the corner for a 53-yard TD (1:22)	Barber
		Hentrich, with Sexton holding, converts PAT	
		SCORE: NOTRE DAME 7, USC 0	
		SCORING DRIVE: 74 yards, 4 plays, 2 first downs, 1:36 elapsed	

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Hentrich's kickoff is caught and downed in the end zone for a touchback

USC Ball 1:22

1	10	S20	Perry rolls right and throws to Conroy, who drops the ball just before being leveled by Burris	
2	10	S20	Perry keeps on option left for five	Goheen
3	5	S25	Bender runs over left guard for 13	N. Smith
1	10	S38	Strather up the middle for four	Ridgley

FIRST QUARTER SCORE: NOTRE DAME 7, USC 0

Another drive ends with a punt for six  
Scottie takes pitch left and slips and falls at the 40-yard line open  
field ahead, losing three  
4 5 346 Dale's 38-yard punt rolls dead at the 40

NOTRE DAME BALL 13:12

1 10 N22 Culver tries the middle for two  
2 8 N24 Mirer, after play-action fake, throws deep left to a well-guarded  
T. Smith. USC's Salmon intercepts the ball at the 40

USC BALL 12:49

1 10 S38 Royster takes pitch right for three  
2 2 S47 Royster takes left guard for two  
3 5 S49 TIMEOUT: USC (First), 11:45

With excellent protection, Perry underthrows a well-covered Horton  
at USC 40  
4 5 S45 Dale's 28-yard punt is fair caught by Carter at the 40

NOTRE DAME BALL 11:35

1 10 N30 Culver takes sweep pitch left for three  
2 7 N33 PENALTY: NOTRE DAME (Illegal procedure), five yards  
2 12 N28 On a play-action fake, Mirer throws incomplete to T. Smith who slips  
and falls at N33

3 12 N28 Bettis up the middle for six  
4 5 N34 Hentrich's 56-yard punt is fielded by Conway at the USC 10; he returns  
15 yards to the USC 25 where he is tackled by T. Smith

USC BALL 9:56

1 10 S25 Royster spins up the middle for eight  
2 2 S35 Spears slants left for five  
1 10 S38 Perry keeps right on option for 14  
1 10 N48 Royster up the middle for three

2 7 N45 Perry throws screen left to Conway for four  
3 3 N41 Perry pitches right on option as he is hit by McDonald; Royster  
takes pitch and is strung out for three-yard loss  
6 N44 Dale's 44-yard punt bounces into the end zone for a touchback

NOTRE DAME BALL 7:19

1 10 N20 Bettis bulls over left guard for Barber  
2 5 N25 Bettis up the middle, breaks two tackles and drags a third tackler,  
for 11-yard gain

1 10 N36 T. Brooks tries right tackle for three  
2 7 N39 From the fullback spot, Culver bursts over right tackle for 10  
1 10 S49 Mirer keeps left on option for four  
2 6 S45 Bettis, on a semi-delay, breaks the tackle of White at the 40 and  
drags Pace five yards for a 23-yard gain

1 10 S22 Bettis up the middle for six  
2 4 S16 T. Brooks starts right, slants left for seven  
1 Goal S9 PENALTY: NOTRE DAME (Illegal motion), six yards  
1 Goal S15 TIMEOUT: NOTRE DAME (First), 3:26

Mirer rolls right and flips to T. Brooks, who catches the ball at the  
USC 12; he sprints down the USC sideline and dives inside the pylon  
for the TD (3:18)  
Hentrich, with Sexton holding, converts PAT  
SCORE: NOTRE DAME 16, USC 6  
SCORING DRIVE: 90 yards, 9 plays, 4 first downs, 4:01 elapsed

Hentrich's kickoff bounces into the end zone for a touchback

USC BALL 3:18

1 10 S20 After a play-action fake, Perry rolls left and hits Horton for the  
middle, who hangs onto the ball despite a huge hit by Conway for  
a 14-yard gain  
1 10 S34 Perry rolls right and overthrows Wallace at the ND 40  
2 10 S34 Royster, on a semi-delay, gains six  
3 4 S40 R. Smith steps in front of Wallace in front of the ND bench at the ND 40  
and intercepts Perry's pass

1 10 547 Mixer throw over the net for a wide open return that falls  
 back into the USC 21  
 EMERGENCY NOISE DAME: 21  
 1 15 548 Mixer throw across left side of net  
 2 13 M Mixer's pass intended for [unclear] is tipped away by [unclear]  
 3 13 M Mixer, with excellent protection, passes deep down the  
 sideline; Griggs and Pass intercept the ball before it is  
 incomplete in the end zone  
 4 13 M Benrich's 50-yard punt landed into the end zone  
 USC BALL TIME  
 7 10 518 Perry throw deep out to left for seven  
 8 3 527 Schaller starts left for three  
 3 7 529 Spens powers over right guard for 11  
 1 10 540 Perry throw in right direction for seven  
 2 5 547 After excellent protection, Perry is finally forced down  
 three  
 7 10 M TIMEOUT: USC (Second), 0:16  
 Perry rolls right and overthrows Morton at the NO32  
 2 10 M Perry throw pitch left through the hands of Conroy and  
 makes a tumbling interception at USC18  
 NOISE DAME BALL 0:04  
 1 10 548 EMERGENCY NOISE DAME (Second), 0:04  
 Mixer throw deep left; ball is batted out of the end zone by  
 Oliver

FIRST HALF SCORE: NOYRE DAME 14, USC 0

**QUICKIE STATISTICS**

	Halftime	USC Visitors	NOTRE DAME Home Team
Score.....		0	14
First Downs.....		8	11
Rushes — Yardage (Net).....		24-99	24-189
Passing Yardage (Net).....		43	59
*Return Yardage (Net).....		15	10
Passes — Att.-Comp.-Int.....		15-6-2	13-4-1
Total Offense — Yards.....		142	248
Punts (Number-Average).....		5-109-37.8	3-139-46.3
Fumbles — Lost.....		0-0	0-0
Penalties — Yards.....		2-20	4-21

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

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

Visitors					Home Team				
RUSHING	Att.	Net Yards	TD	Long	RUSHING	Att.	Net Yards	TD	Long
Perry	6	40	—	14	Bettis	11	131	1	53
Royster	5	22	—	8	Culver	6	30	—	13
Spears	3	13	—	11	T. Brooks	5	23	—	7
Bender	1	13	—	13	Mirer	2	5	—	4
Strother	9	11	—	4					

PASSING	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	PASSING	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD
Perry	15-6-2	43	—	Mirer	13-4-1	59	1

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long	PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Conway	3	15	—	9	Bettis	1	22	—	22
Morton	1	14	—	14	Dawson	1	20	—	20
Scott	1	7	—	7	T. Brooks	1	15	1	15
Strother	1	7	—	7	Culver	1	2	—	2

PUNTING	No.	Avg.	Long	PUNTING	No.	Avg.	Long
Dale	5	37.8	44	Hentrich	2	53.0	56
				Sexton	1	33.0	33

Notre Dame vs. USC  
Third Quarter Play-By-Play

D	Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
USC elects to receive. Notre Dame will defend the South goal				
Hentrich's kickoff is fielded in the end zone and downed for a touchback.				
USC BALL 15:00				
1	10	S20	Strother tries left guard for two	DuBose
2	8	S22	Perry scrambles right under heavy pressure and dumps to Spears for five	DuBose
3	3	S27	Perry, after a botched exchange with the fullback, keeps and lunges for three and the first down . . . make that a four-yard gain	Goheen
1	10	S31	Perry dumps underneath to Strothers for three	
2	7	S34	On a delay, Strother breaks the tackle of Bryant at the line and explodes for R. Smith	R. Smith
1	10	M	Perry hits Jackson over the middle for 10	Goheen
1	10	N40	After a play-action fake, Perry barely overthrows a well-covered Hannah inside the ND10	
2	10	N40	On a delay, Strother goes up the middle for six	DuBose
8	4	N34	Perry avoids heavy pressure and dumps over the middle to a wide-open Conway who gains 20	Covington
1	10	N14	Strother breaks DuBose's tackle at the line and bursts up the middle for five	Covington
2	5	N9	On a delay, Strother is gang-tackled after no gain	DuBose
3	5	N9	Perry keeps right on the option, dodges DuBose at the corner but is stood up after a three-yard gain	Burris
4	2	N6	TIMEOUT: USC (First), 8:57	
After a play-action fake, Perry rolls right and chases not to throw to Spears who is wide open at the ND3; Perry is leveled at the corner by Burris for no gain				
NOTRE DAME BALL 8:48				
1	10	N6	Bettis tries left tackle for one	Barber
2	9	N7	PENALTY: NOTRE DAME (Illegal procedure), three yards	
2	12	N4	Bettis up the middle for three	Gee
3	9	N7	With good protection, Mirer throws from the end zone to T. Brooks for eight-yard gain	
4	1	N15	Hentrich's 50-yard punt is caught by Conway at the USC35; he returns 17 yards to the ND48 where he is tackled by Mihalko	
PENALTY: USC (Clipping), 15 yards				
USC BALL 7:02				
1	10	S24	After a playaction fake, Perry throws deep down the middle for Wallace who wrestles the ball away from Carter for a 47-yard gain	
1	10	N29	Strother bursts through a gaping hole in the middle and cuts right, outracing the ND secondard to the goaline for the 29-yard score (6:29)	
Ford, with Salmon holding, converts PAT				
SCORE: NOTRE DAME 14, USC 7				
SCORING DRIVE: 76 yards, 2 plays, 2 first downs, 0:33 elapsed				
Ford's line drive kickoff is fielded by Katigan at the ND31; he returns seven yards to the ND38 where he is tackled by Hollinquest				
NOTRE DAME BALL 6:24				
1	10	N38	Mirer throws hitch pass to T. Smith who slips two tackles and gains 17	Holmes
1	10	S45	T. Brooks takes pitch left and cuts up for four	Hinz
2	6	S41	Bettis up the middle and fumbles when hit by Webb; the ball is picked out of midair by Hinz at the USC 37	
USC BALL 5:27				
1	10	S37	After a play-action fake, Perry throws down the middle to a sliding Carter for a 20-yard gain	
1	10	N43	Perry rolls right and underthrows Conway in right flat	
2	10	N43	Bender up the middle for two	McDonald
3	8	N41	Perry throws over the middle for Conway who makes a leaping catch and gains 14	Clark
1	10	N27	Strother explodes up the middle for eight	Burris



Notre Dame vs. USC  
 Third Quarter Play-By-Play -- add one

D Y	YL	DESCRIPTION	TACKLE
2 2	N19	On a delay, Strother fights up the middle for one	Ridgley
3 1	N18	Perry keeps over the middle for three	Ridgley
1 10	N15	Strother up the middle for six before fumbling when hit by Ridgley, the ball is recovered by ND's DuBose at the ND11	
		NOTRE DAME BALL 2:35	
1 10	N11	Bettis tries left tackle for two	Hinz
2 0	N13	Mirer rolls right and hits Dawson who is hammered after a seven-yard gain	Holmes
3 1	N20	On second effort and behind the lead block of Bettis, T. Brooks powers for two	Webb
1 10	N22	Mirer runs left and pumps fakes to Dawson; he throws deep down left sideline to Dawson who makes a diving finger-tip catch despite excellent coverage by Holmes; 49-yard gain	
1 10	S29	T. Brooks hurdles over left tackle for three	Webb
2 7	S26	Mirer keeps right on option, lowers his head and bulls for six Barber	

THIRD QUARTER SCORE: NOTRE DAME 14, USC 7

Time	Yd	Description	Player
3 1	S20	Mirer breaks over right guard for two	Mirer
1 10	S18	Bettis slants left for four	Bettis
2 6	S14	Bettis explodes over right tackle for 13	Bettis
1 Goal	S1	PENALTY: NOISE DOME (Illegal procedure), 10 yards	
1 Goal	S7	Bettis up the middle for two	Bettis
2 Goal	S5	Mirer keeps it on the option and is batted out of bounds inside the USCI	Mirer
3 Goal	S1	Bettis blasts over right guard for the TD (13:00) Henrich, with Sexton holding, converts PAT SCORE: NOISE DOME 21, USC 7 SCORING DRIVE: 89 yards, 12 plays, 4 first downs, 0:27 elapsed	Bettis
Henrich's kickoff is fielded by Hannah at the USCI; he returns nine yards to the USCI where he is tackled by T. Smith			
USC 8:41 (13:00)			
1 10	S23	Perry rolls left and dumps over the middle for Jackson for 12	Perry
1 10	S35	Perry throws underneath the coverage to Rooster for three	Perry
2 7	S38	Perry falls on the loose football after a botched exchange with Speath; one-yard gain	Perry
3 6	S39	Perry throws over the middle to Jackson who spins away from coverage and gains eight	Perry
1 10	S47	Rooster up the middle for no gain	Rooster
2 10	S47	Perry takes the option and throws deep down the middle for 17 who is well covered by Curbery; pass is batted down at the ND10	Perry
3 10	S47	Perry, with excellent protection, overthrows a well-covered Harold at ND40	Perry
4 10	S47	Dale's 41-yard punt is fielded by Burris at the ND12; he returns 13 yards to the ND25 where he is tackled by Cunnigan	Dale
NOISE DOME BALL 10:04			
1 10	N25	Mirer rolls left and keeps for nine, but	Mirer
1 23	N12	PENALTY: NOISE DOME (Clipping), 13 yards Mirer throws across right to Bettis who gets a block from Jarhovic for 13-yard gain	Mirer
2 10	N25	Bettis up the middle for five	Bettis
3 5	N30	Mirer while looking to pass, fumbles when sandwiched by Barber and McGinnitt; ball is recovered by McDaniels at the ND30	Mirer
USC 8:41 (11:11)			
1 10	N10	Rooster runs through center; left for two	Rooster
2 4	N14	On 3rd down, Rooster bucking up the middle, runs away from Dubose and into the end zone (7:50) Ford, with Sexton holding, converts PAT SCORE: NOISE DOME 21, USC 14 SCORING DRIVE: 30 yards, 2 plays, 1 first down, 0:16 elapsed	Rooster
Ford's kickoff is fielded and downed in the end zone by R. Brooks for a touchback			
NOISE DOME BALL 7:30			
1 10	N20	T. Brooks takes pitch right and is strung out for two	T. Brooks
2 8	N22	Mirer rolls left and hits a wide-open T. Smith who gets a huge cushion from Holmes and gains 13	Mirer
1 10	N35	Bettis up the middle for five	Bettis
2 5	N40	T. Brooks breaks over left tackle, breaks the tackle of Math at the ND17 and races down the left sideline for 40-yard gain	T. Brooks
1 10	S20	Culver runs over right guard for five	Culver
2 5	S15	Bettis breaks over right guard for two	Bettis
3 3	S13	As the 30-yard sideline signals for a timeout, Mirer scrambles right after a botched exchange and is chased out of bounds for a four-yard loss	Mirer
4 7	S17	Henrich, with Sexton holding, converts 34-yard field goal (4:50) SCORE: NOISE DOME 24, USC 14 SCORING DRIVE: 63 yards, 8 plays, 2 first downs, 2:48 elapsed	Henrich

1 10 S27 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 2 10 S27 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 2 10 S41 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 2 9 S46 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 1 10 N45 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 2 3 N38 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 1 3 N38 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 2 10 N36 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 1 10 N38 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 1 3 N25 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 1 10 N19 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 Goal N4 **Penalty** (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards  
 USC will go for two. Ball is on left hash mark.  
 On a pick play, Perry overthrew an open Morton in the right end of the end zone.  
 SCORE: USC 14, Penn State 10. Time: 3:00.  
 Penn State's offense is in a bind. Since Dawson is in the end zone field it's a huge pileup at the 40; the ball is recovered by Notre Dame's Bettis.  
**PENALTY**: USC (Unsportsmanlike conduct), 15 yards.  
 NOISE DOME BALL 1:45  
 1 10 S35 **PENALTY**: USC (Offside), five yards  
 1 3 S30 **PENALTY**: NOTRE DAME (Offside), five yards  
 1 10 S35 T. Brooks powers up the middle for 11. Suban  
 1 10 S24 Bettis slants right for two. McInabb  
 2 9 S22 Mize takes snap and drops the ball for two-yard loss, but  
**PENALTY**: USC (Illegal substitution), 11 yards  
 1 10 S11 **EDUCITY**: USC (fwd), 9:00  
 Mize takes snap and drops ball for two-yard loss.

**FINAL TEAM STATISTICS**

	UBC	NOIRE DAME
First Downs.....	25	20
Rushing.....	13	14
Passing.....	12	5
Penalty.....	0	1
Rushing Attempts.....	48	49
Yards Rushing.....	248	316
Yards Lost Rushing.....	8	17
Net Yards Rushing.....	240	299
Net Yards Passing.....	222	166
Pass Attempted.....	35	19
Passes Completed.....	20	10
Had Intercepted.....	2	1
Total Offensive Plays.....	83	68
Total Net Yards.....	462	465
Average Gain Per Play.....	5.6	6.8
Fumbles Number - Lost.....	2-1	2-2
Penalties Number - Yards.....	6-66	8-48
Interceptions Number - Yards.....	1-0	2-0
Number of Punts - Yards.....	6-230	4-189
Average Per Punt.....	38.3	47.2
Punt Returns Number - Yards.....	2-19	2-23
Kickoff Returns Number - Yards.....	1-9	1-7
Third-Down Conversions.....	9-18	4-11
Possession Time.....	31:10	28:50

**FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Visitors							Home Team						
RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Strother	18	88	5	83	1	29	Bettis	24	178	—	178	2	53
Royster	11	65	—	65	1	14	T. Brooks	10	83	—	83	—	11
Perry	11	51	—	51	—	14	Culver	7	38	3	35	—	13
Spears	5	27	3	24	1	11	Mirer	8	17	14	3	—	6

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Perry	35	20	2	222	—	47	Mirer	19	10	1	166	1	49

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long	PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Conway	6	69	—	20	Dawson	3	76	—	49
Jackson	4	39	—	12	Bettis	2	35	—	22
Morton	3	35	—	15	T. Smith	2	30	—	17
Spears	2	12	—	7	T. Brooks	2	23	1	15
Strother	2	10	—	7	Culver	1	2	—	2
Wallace	1	47	—	47					
Scott	1	7	—	7					
Royster	1	3	—	3					

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long
Dale	6	230	38.3	44	Hentrich	3	156	52.0	56
					Sexton	1	33	33.0	33

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long
None				Hentrich	2	1	34

ALL RETURNS	Fumbles	Kickoffs	Intercepted	ALL RETURNS	Fumbles	Kickoffs	Intercepted
Conway	2-19-15			Burris	2-23-15		
Hannah		1-9-9		Ratigan		1-7-7	
Salmon			1-0-0	R. Smith			1-0-0
				Holden			1-0-0

**DRIVE CHART**

**NOTRE DAME vs. USC**

**First Half**

**DATE:** October 26, 1991

		Drive Started			Drive Ended			Drive Consumed		
Team	Quarter	Yd. Line	Time	How Obtained	Yd. Line	Time	How Lost	Yards	Play	Time
NB	1	ND 20	15:00	Kickoff	USC 23	9:58	Missed	57	11	5:02
				Received			FG			
USC	1	USC 23	9:58	Missed FG	USC 22	7:20	Punt	-1	7	2:38
ND	1	Midfield	7:20	Punt Rec'd.	USC 45	6:23	Punt	5	3	0:57
USC	1	USC 12	6:23	Punt Rec'd.	USC 34	2:58	Punt	22	5	3:25
ND	1	ND 26	2:58	Punt Rec'd.	TD	1:22	53-yd TD	74	4	1:36
							Bettis			
USC	1-2	USC 20	1:22	Kickoff	USC 40	13:32	Punt	20	5	2:50
				Received						
ND	2	ND 22	13:32	Punt Rec'd.	ND 24	12:49	Inter- ception	2	2	0:43
USC	2	USC 38	12:49	Interception	USC 43	11:35	Punt	5	3	1:14
ND	2	ND 30	11:35	Punt Rec'd.	ND 34	9:56	Punt	4	3	1:39
USC	2	USC 25	9:56	Punt Rec'd.	ND 44	7:19	Punt	31	6	2:37
ND	2	ND 20	7:19	Punt Rec'd.	TD	3:18	15-yd TD	80	9	4:01
							T. Brooks			
USC	2	USC 20	3:18	Kickoff	USC 40	2:17	Inter- ception	20	4	1:01
				Received						
ND	2	ND 40	2:17	Interception	Mfld.	1:08	Punt	10	4	1:09
USC	2	USC 20	1:08	Punt Rec'd.	Mfld.	0:04	Inter- ception	30	7	1:04
ND	2	USC 48	0:04	Intercepton	USC 48	0:00	Halftime	0	1	0:05

Time of Possession	First Quarter	Second Quarter	First Half
USC	7:25	7:24	14:49
Notre DAME	7:35	7:36	15:11
<b>Third Down Conversions</b>			
USC	3/5	1/5	4/10
NOTRE DAME	1/3	0/2	1/5
<b>Fourth Down Conversions</b>			
USC	0/0	0/0	0/0
NOTRE DAME	0/0	0/0	0/0

## DRIVE CHART

NOTRE DAME vs. USC

Second Half

DATE: October 26, 1991

		Drive Started			Drive Ended			Drive Consumed		
Team	Quarter	Yd. Line	Time	How Obtained	Yd. Line	Time	How Lost	Yards	Play	Time
USC	3	USC 20	15:00	Kickoff Received	ND 6	8:48	Downs	74	13	6:12
ND	3	ND 6	8:48	Downs	ND 15	7:02	Punt	9	3	1:46
USC	3	USC 24	7:02	Punt Rec'd.	TD	6:29	29-yd TD	76	2	0:33
ND	3	ND 38	6:29	Kickoff Received	USC 37	5:27	Fumble	25	3	1:02
USC	3	USC 37	5:27	Fumble Rec.	ND 10	2:35	Fumble	53	8	2:52
ND	3-4	ND 11	2:35	Fumble Rec.	TD	13:08	1-yd TD	89	12	4:27
USC	4	USC 23	13:08	Kickoff Received	USC 47	10:04	Punt	24	7	3:04
ND	4	ND 25	10:04	Punt Rec'd.	ND 20	8:18	Fumble	-5	4	1:46
USC	4	ND 20	8:18	Fumble Rec.	TD	7:38	14-yd TD	20	2	0:40
ND	4	ND 20	7:38	Kickoff Received	USC 17	4:50	34 FG	63	8	2:48
USC	4	USC 27	4:50	Kickoff Received	TD	1:50	4-yd TD	73	12	3:00
ND	4	Mdffd.	1:50	Kickoff Received	USC 12	0:00	Game End	38	3	1:50

	First QTR	Second QTR	Third QTR	Fourth QTR	Final
<b>Time of Possession</b>					
USC	7:25	7:24	9:37	6:44	31:10
NOTRE DAME	7:35	7:36	5:23	8:16	28:50
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>					
USC	3/5	1/5	4/5	1/3	7/18
NOTRE DAME	1/3	0/2	1/2	2/4	4/11
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>					
USC	0/0	0/0	0/1	1/1	1/2
NOTRE DAME	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	UT	TACKLES		for Loss	QB Sacks	Fumb Rcvd	Pass Into	Pass BrUp
		AT	Tot.					
<u>NOTRE DAME</u>								
Ridgley	6	3	9					
Holden	0	1	1	1-3			1	
Bryant	0	2	2					
Taliaferro	1	0	1					
Covington	2	3	5					
McDonald	4	0	4					
DuBose	7	3	15			1		
Flannigan	2	2	4					
Burris	2	4	6					
Carter	0	1	1					
R. Smith	5	0	5				1	
Clark	4	5	9					
Goheen	5	7	12					
McGill	0	1	1					
W. Smith	1	2	3					
II. Smith	1	0	1					
Mihalko	1	0	1					
Lane	0	1	1					
<u>USC</u>								
Barber	9	5	14	1-9				1
Hollingquest	1	4	5					
Webb	3	5	8					
Willig	0	3	3					
Hinz	0	2	2			1		
Hol'and	0	1	1					
McDaniels	0	1	1			1		
McGinest	1	1	2					
M. Gee	1	7	8					
Kopp	1	0	1					
Murrell	7	2	9	1-3				
Holmes	2	2	4					
Henry	0	1	1					
Oliver	1	3	4					
Pollard	0	1	1					
Pace	5	4	9	1-4				
Cunnigan	1	0	1					1
Salmon	3	3	6				1	

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## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	UT	Tackles		Tot	for Loss	Fumb Rcvd	Pass Intc	Pass BrUp	QB SACKS	BLOCK PUNTS
		UT	AT							
U.S.C. (Team)										
K. BARBER 98			14	1-9						
L. HOLLINGWORTH 17			5							
D. WEBB 44			8							
M. WILLIG 96	0	( )	3							
M. HINZ 97	0		2			1				
T. HOLLAND 90	0		1							
T. MCDANIELS 78	0		1			1				
J. YAL 95										
W. MCGINEST 55	1		2							
D. GALLAGHER 93										
M. GEE 48	1		8							
J. KOPP 35	1	0	1							
B. WILLIAMS 5										
G. MURRELL 84			9	1-3						
C. HOLMES 21			4							
J. HENRY 26	0		1							
J. OLIVER 4	1		4							
M. POLLARD 6	0		1							
S. PAGE 9			9	1-4						
D. CUNNINGHAM 37	1		1							
M. SALMON 24			6							
B. LUZZI 46	0	0	0							



# National Collegiate Athletic Association

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player (Team)	Tackles			for Loss	Fumb Rcvd	Pass Intc	Pass BrUp	QB SACKS	BLOCK PUNTS
	UT	AT	Tot						
TROY RIDGLEY (99)	1		9						
GERMAINE HOLDEN (52)	0	1	1	1-3		1			
JR. BRYANT (95)	0		2						
JOHN TALIAFERRO (92)	1	0	1						
JOHN COVINGTON (29)			5						
DAVON Mc DONALD (45)		0	4						
DEMETRIUS DuBOISE (31)	11	11	15		1				
BRIAN RATIGAN (46)									
PETE BERGICH (47)									
SIM FLANIGAN (44)			4						
JEFF BURRIS (9)			6						
TOM CARTER (13)	0	1	1						
ROD SMITH (21)		1	5			1			
Willie CLARK (32)			9						
JUSTIN GOHEEN (54)		11	12						
K Mc GILL (89)	0	1	1						
NICK SMITH (30)	1		3						
IRV SMITH (84)	1	0	1						
R. MIHALKO (35)	1	0	1						
LANE (35)	0	1	1						

300 yds total  
176 yds personal

## SUBSTITUTIONS

Notre Dame vs. Southern Cal

October 26, 1991

<u>Notre Dame</u>	OFFENSE	<u>Southern Cal</u>
SE 14 Griggs, 82 Pollard, 8 C.Johnson, 83 t.Smith, QT 65 Knapp		SE 80 Morton, 8 Scott TE 88 Jackson, 82 Banta,
QG 75 Taylor , 61 Ruddy		ST 71 Boselli
C 76 McGuire		SG 77 Pollack
TG 74 Jurkovic		C 61 Gibson
TT 73 Hall, 66 Norman		QG 65 Crisman
TE 86 Brown, 84 I.Smith		QT 72 Moody
QB 3 Mirer		QB 16 Perry
FB 6 Bettis		FB 45 Bender, 38 Spears
TB 5 Culver, 40 T.Brooks, 35 Mihalko		TB 25 Strother, 31 Royster
FL 87 Dawson, 23 Moore		FL 3 Conway, 19 Hannah, 1 Wallace 81 Mahone

## DEFENSE

LT 99 Ridgley, 44 Flanigan	OLB 98 Barber
NT 95 Bryant, 92 Taliaferro, 56 Gibson	DT 44 Webb
RT 52 Holden	MG 97 Hinz, 90Holland
OLB 45 McDonald, 89 McGill, 49 Peterson	DG 78 McDaniels, 96 Willig
OLB 29 Covington, 30 N.Smith	OLB 55 McGinest
SLB 31 DuBose	ILB 48 Gee
MLB 54 Goheen , 58 Nau	ILB 84 Murrell, 26 Henry, 5 Williams
FCB 9 Burris	HB 21 Holmes
BCB 13 Carter	CB 4 Oliver, 6 Pollard, 37 Cunnigan
SS 21 R.Smith, 2 Saddler	SS 9 Pace
FS 32 Clark , 33 Lane	FS 24 Salmon, 17 Hollinquest

## SPECIAL TEAMS

PK 28 Hentrich	P 18 Dale
K 28 Hentrich	PK 14 Ford
P 28 Hentrich , 16 Sexton	PR 3 Conway, 19 Hannah
S 59 L.Johnson	KR 3 conway, 19 Hannah
H 16 Sexton	H 24 Salmon
PR 9 Burris,	S Raab 50
KR 41 R. Brooks	
46 Ratigan	35 Kopp
55 Lytle	46 Luizzi .
80 McBride	15 Hector
59 L. Johnson	50 Raab
64 Rausch	34 Minkoff
13 H. Johnson	47 Crane
4 Pootman	95 Uhl
1 Bakich	99 Wilson
20 Andrzejewski	64 Gaytan
	79 Cajic

GAME NOTES

Notre Dame has won nine consecutive games against USC.  
Notre Dame leads the all-time series by a 36-23-4 count.

Jerome Bettis' 170 yards are the 17th highest total in a single-game in Notre Dame history. His 794 yards in 1991 also rank 17th on the all-time single-season rushing list.

Bettis' 53-yard run was the longest of his career and the longest USC has allowed in 1991.

Bettis also recorded his fifth straight two rushing touchdown game and fourth 100-yard game of the season.

Tony Brooks moved into eighth place on the Notre Dame career rushing list, with 2015 yards. With his 83 yards today he moved past Don Miller (1933), Marchy Schwarz (1945) and Mark Green (1977). He also caught his third career touchdown reception and first since the Air Force game in 1988.

Rod Smith intercepted his third pass in 1991 and the fourth of his career.

Deon Strother's 29-yrd run set a career high.

USC HEAD COACH LARRY SMITH

"At halftime I told them all to execute. To tackle on defense and on offense to quit playing blind. Execute, throw, catch, nothing fancy."

(on Bettis): "He's a great fullback. The best I've ever seen. He's the core of Notre Dame's offense."

(on performance of his team): "I grade it average. I thought we could win if we held Notre Dame to under 17 points, because we thought we would get 20 to 24 points. We just got to learn. We're just a bunch of young guys who played our butts off. We just don't have it together on defense."

NOTRE DAME HEAD COACH LOU HOLTZ

This was a hard-fought game; the footing was bad for both teams, made it difficult to operate. The first half we played very, very well defensively. It was a crazy game, a game with great emotion. We made a great goal line stand and they come right back and score in two plays. We were up 21-7 at one point but we could never take control of the game. That's a credit to Southern Cal. Bettis and Brooks ran well against a solid defensive football team.

We had problems with their counter in the second half. We're happy to win; it gives us a winning season. We just could not disrupt their rhythm or put pressure on their passer. They kept us off balance the second half.

ON LAKE DAWSON'S GREAT CATCH: Just the other day in practice he made three like that, including one with one hand. I said that someday he might do it in a game. This was the first time he did it in a game. You just watch and admire something like that.

MIRER'S INTERCEPTION: He threw it into double coverage but I called it. Don't blame Rick Mirer, blame me. That's the thing about him. You tell him to do something and he does it.

A game like this is so emotional, it's special. The momentum goes back and forth. We've been the luckiest team in America against Southern Cal. Since I've been here we've beaten them six times and five of those games could have gone against us. I don't sit here and gloat. I have the greatest respect for Larry Smith and his team. We've beaten some great USC teams and this team is a good one.

The two teams could not have played any harder against each other. That's Notre Dame/Southern Cal.

Jerome ran very, very well except for one play, when he fumbled. You can't turn the ball over as much as we do and expect to win. We've been lucky. I mean it.

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUOTES:

JEFF BURRIS

(On the onside kick following USC's final touchdown): "Lake Dawson got hit from the side by one of their guys, and the ball bounced away from him. Irv Smith grabbed the ball, and when the referee said Blue's got the ball, he let it go."

(On stopping Reggie Perry on fourth down in the third quarter): "He was looking to throw to the fullback, but as he kept running I could see he had no intention of throwing the ball, so I just came up and made the play."

~~THEODORE~~

TROY RIDGLEY

"Today our plan was not to read things as much on defense and attack more. We had a lot of young guys playing on defense and we ~~didn't~~ didn't want them sitting back on their heels. We wanted them attacking more instead of reading."

JEROME BETTIS

(On his 53-yard touchdown run) "They overplayed to the left. I didn't want to try to slide because people had been slipping a lot. I tried to chop my feet instead and cut against the grain. A lot of people think a big guy doesn't have a lot of speed. I don't have too much speed, but it's deceptive speed."

USC PLAYER QUOTES

REGGIE PERRY

(On game): "We wanted to win this one, very much. Not just for ourselves but for the seniors who have never beaten Notre Dame. Sure, it hurts us but I feel even worse for them."

(On offense): "We played pretty well, but we need to come out early and take the pressure off the defense. In the second half, we really didn't do anything different, we just executed more effeciently and eliminated some of the foolish penalties."

(On botched fourth down conversion): "As I rolled out, I was Raoul (Spears) open in the end zone. I looked down and I couldn't move the pinky (finger) on my right hand. Before that play I felt a twinge in it and I was just afraid to throw the ball. It turned out to be a tendon injury that they fixed on the sideline and I felt fine the rest of the game."

MARVIN POLLARD

(On onside kick): "I had the ball intially and they jumped on and grabbed a piece. My teammates tell me that the first referee called Trojan ball, but after they unpiled there has to be an official call and that's the way it went. You here all this talk about the luck of the ~~ix~~ Irish, you have to wonder."