



NOTRE DAME

2003 SEASON IN REVIEW

Tailback Julius Jones returned to action in 2003 and posted a remarkable season, rushing for 1,268 yards and 10 touchdowns despite starting only eight of the Irish's 12 games. Three times Jones rushed for 200-plus yards, including a school-record 262-yard outing against Pittsburgh.

(19) NOTRE DAME 29, WASHINGTON STATE 26 (OT) SEPTEMBER 6, 2003 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Four turnovers, a high-powered opponent and first-game jitters are usually a recipe for failure in college football. However, led by "head chef" Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame cooked up another gourmet feast for Irish fans everywhere.

After facing double-digit deficits for much of the afternoon, Notre Dame erupted for 20 fourth-quarter points and eventually pulled out a 29-26 overtime victory over defending Pac-10 co-champion Washington State. Senior kicker Nicholas Setta was the hero, drilling a 40-yard field goal, his fifth of the game, in overtime to cap off the largest Irish comeback (19 points) in nearly four years.

Junior running back Ryan Grant turned in a strong performance with 17 carries for a game-high 98 yards on the ground. Senior running back Julius Jones made a triumphant return to the Irish lineup with 11 rushes for 72 yards and his first touchdown since the 2001 season.

Coming off a 10-3 season and a Gator Bowl berth in 2002, the Notre Dame faithful had high hopes for the future. However, those hopes were dampened in the first half as Washington State raced out to a 19-0 lead. The Irish turned the ball over three times in the opening 30 minutes, with the final miscue hurting the most. WSU's Isaac Brown scooped up a fumble by senior quarterback Carlyle Holiday and rumbled 16 yards for a touchdown with less than three minutes left in the first half.

Setta kept Notre Dame within striking distance with three field goals, the last coming from 39 yards out in

the early moments of the fourth quarter. That seemed to signal a clarion call to the rest of the Irish, who went to work in short order.

Senior cornerback Vontez Duff delivered a crushing hit on Cougar tight end Troy Bienemann, causing him to fumble and senior free safety Glenn Earl came up with the ball at the WSU 25-yard line. Three plays later, Holiday atoned for his earlier mishap by hitting sophomore wide receiver Rhema McKnight with an 11-yard TD strike.

Holiday would be sidelined with a minor injury early on the next Notre Dame series, and freshman quarterback Brady Quinn came on to lead the Irish back down the field. The six-play, 80-yard march took less than three minutes off the clock before Jones found pay dirt on a 19-yard scamper, putting Notre Dame ahead 23-19 with 5:03 to play.

After Setta padded the Irish lead with a 47-yard field goal two minutes later, Washington State mounted a desperation drive in an effort to force overtime. The Cougars moved 80 yards in nine plays, with Matt Kegel finding Sammy Moore on a 34-yard TD pass with just 53 seconds remaining. The 80,795 fans in attendance would get bonus football.

In the extra session, the Irish won the toss and elected to play defense first. The move paid off, as Notre Dame stopped WSU on three plays and Cougar kicker Drew Dunning hooked his 34-yard field goal try wide left. That opened the door for Setta, who made no mistake with his

game-winning kick and gave the Irish their 15th season-opening win in the last 17 years.



Rhema McKnight's 11-yard touchdown catch narrowed the Washington State lead to 19-16 in the fourth period. Photography by Lighthouse Imaging.

SCORING SUMMARY

Washington State	12	7	0	7	0	—	26
Notre Dame	0	3	3	20	3	—	29

First Quarter

WSU: Sammy Moore 15-yard pass from Matt Kegel (Drew Dunning kick failed), 7:52 left. Drive: 64 yards, nine plays, 5:30 elapsed since ND 54-yard punt returned seven yards to WSU 36. Key play: Matt Kegel seven-yard pass to Scott Lunde on third and six at the ND 49. Score: Washington State 6, Notre Dame 0.

WSU: Drew Dunning 20-yard field goal, 4:56 left. Drive: 18 yards, four plays, 1:21 elapsed since D.D. Acholonu returned Carlyle Holiday fumble seven yards to ND 11. Score: Washington State 9, Notre Dame 0.

WSU: Drew Dunning 29-yard field goal, 0:31 left. Drive: 24 yards, seven plays, 3:07 elapsed since Jeremy Williams returns Julius Jones fumble four yards to ND 36. Key play: Matt Kegel 27-yard pass to Cody Boyd on third and six at the ND 32. Score: Washington State 12, Notre Dame 0.

Second Quarter

WSU: Isaac Brown 16-yard fumble return (Drew Dunning kick), 2:37 left. Score: Washington State 19, Notre Dame 0.

ND: Nicholas Setta 37-yard field goal, 0:10 left. Drive: 26 yards, nine plays, 2:27 elapsed since WSU kickoff. Key play: Carlyle Holiday 10-yard pass to Jared Clark on third and two at the WSU 37. Score: Washington State 19, Notre Dame 3.

Third Quarter

ND: Nicholas Setta 32-yard field goal, 10:10 left. Drive: 58 yards, 15 plays, 4:50 elapsed since WSU kickoff. Key play: Carlyle Holiday 28-yard scramble on third and five at the ND 44. Score: Washington State 19, Notre Dame 6.

Fourth Quarter

ND: Nicholas Setta 39-yard field goal, 12:09 left. Drive: 75 yards, eight plays, 2:38 elapsed since WSU punt downed at the ND 4. Key play: Carlyle Holiday 29-yard pass to Omar Jenkins to the WSU 16. Score: Washington State 19, Notre Dame 9.

ND: Rhema McKnight 11-yard pass from Carlyle Holiday (Nicholas Setta kick), 10:32 left. Drive: 25 yards, three plays, 0:55 elapsed since Glenn Earl recovers fumble at the WSU 25. Key play: Julius Jones 18-yard run on the first play after the turnover. Score: Washington State 19, Notre Dame 16.

ND: Julius Jones 19-yard run (Nicholas Setta kick), 5:03 left. Drive: 80 yards, six plays, 2:41 elapsed since WSU 55-yard punt goes into end zone for touchback. Key play: Ryan Grant 37-yard run to the WSU 27. Score: Notre Dame 23, Washington State 19.

ND: Nicholas Setta 47-yard field goal, 3:03 left. Drive: five yards, four plays, 1:48 elapsed since Derek Curry intercepts Matt Kegel at the WSU 35. Score: Notre Dame 26, Washington State 19.

WSU: Sammy Moore 34-yard pass from Matt Kegel (Drew Dunning kick), 0:53 left. Drive: 80 yards, nine plays, 2:10 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: Matt Kegel 19-yard pass to Chris Jordan to the ND 28. Score: Notre Dame 26, Washington State 26.

Overtime

ND: Nicholas Setta 40-yard field goal. Drive: three yards, three plays. Key play: Drew Dunning hooks 35-yard field goal attempt wide left on WSU's OT possession, allowing ND to position ball for winning kick. Score: Notre Dame 29, Washington State 26.

Attendance — 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	WSU	ND
First Downs	15	19
Rushing	2	8
Passing	13	6
Penalty	0	5
Rushing Attempts	31	45
Yards Rushing	92	231
Yards Lost Rushing	37	64
Net Yards Rushing	55	167
Net Yards Passing	274	149
Passes Attempted	39	34
Passes Completed	22	21
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	70	79
Total Net Yards	329	316
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	4.0
Fumbles: Number — Lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties: Number — Yards	13-118	10-81
Number of Punts — Yards	7-295	3-119
Average Yards Per Punt	42.1	39.7
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	2-9	2-9
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	3-44	6-111
Interceptions: Number — Yards	1-0	1-0
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	3-31	1-4
Time of Possession	30:47	29:13
Third Down Conversions	5-16	4-16
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-1
Sacks By: Number — Yards	7-40	3-25

WASHINGTON STATE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Jonathan Smith	14	46	3	43	0	14
Jermaine Green	9	25	2	23	0	8
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0
Matt Kegel	7	21	31	-10	0	10

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Matt Kegel	39	22	1	274	2	37
RECEIVING						
Devard Darling	4	68	0	37		
Sammy Moore	4	66	2	34		
Troy Bienemann	4	30	0	15		
Jermaine Green	3	26	0	12		
Cody Boyd	2	38	0	27		
Chris Jordan	2	27	0	19		
Scott Lunde	2	13	0	7		
Jonathan Smith	1	6	0	6		
PUNTING						
Kyle Basler	7	295	42.1	55		
RETURNS						
PR		KO	INT			
Sammy Moore	2-9	2-43	—			
Don Turner	—	—	1-0			
Aaron Wagner	—	1-1	—			

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Ryan Grant	17	100	2	98	0	37
Julius Jones	11	75	3	72	1	20
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	2	0	2	0	2
Marcus Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0
Carlyle Holiday	14	54	58	-4	0	28
PASSING						
Carlyle Holiday	34	21	1	149	1	29
RECEIVING						
Omar Jenkins	5	46	0	29		
Rhema McKnight	5	33	1	11		
Jared Clark	4	28	0	11		
Maurice Stovall	3	24	0	9		
Josh Schmidt	1	7	0	7		
Jeff Samardzija	1	5	0	5		
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	4	0	4		
Ryan Grant	1	2	0	2		
PUNTING						
Nicholas Setta	3	119	39.7	54		
RETURNS						
PR		KO	INT			
Vontez Duff	2-9	3-75	—			
Derek Curry	—	—	1-0			
Julius Jones	—	3-36	—			

(5)MICHIGAN 38, (15)NOTRE DAME 0

SEPTEMBER 13, 2003 • MICHIGAN STADIUM

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — During his two years at Notre Dame, Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham has been heard to say that he doesn't mind if his team wins by a half-point or 100 points, just so long as they come away with a victory.

In the case of Notre Dame's visit to Michigan, it didn't matter what the final margin was - the end result was still a loss.

The fifth-ranked Wolverines used an impressive mix of balanced offense and strong defense to post a 38-0 win over No. 15 Notre Dame before an NCAA-record crowd of 111,726 fans at Michigan Stadium. It was the third time in the last decade that the Irish and Michigan have established a new NCAA attendance mark.

For the Notre Dame fans in the audience, it wasn't a pretty afternoon, as the Irish were shut out for only the second time in the last 185 games. The 38-point margin of defeat also was the largest for Notre Dame in 18 seasons.

Senior inside linebacker Courtney Watson was one of the few bright spots for the Irish. After missing the Washington State game, he returned with a vengeance against Michigan, rolling up a team-high 12 tackles, including one for loss and forcing a first-quarter fumble that put Notre Dame in position to grab the early lead.

However, the Irish couldn't capitalize on the opportunity and had to give the ball back to the Wolverines. After another exchange of punts, Michigan caught a break when punt returner Steve Breaston took a kick

back 50 yards to the Notre Dame two-yard line. Chris Perry bulled over on the next play to give the hosts the lead.

It would be the first of four scores for Perry on the afternoon, three of them coming on the ground. He was the first Irish opponent in three years to rush for three touchdowns in one game and he wound up with 133 yards rushing on 31 carries.

Perry's touchdown also was the first of three consecutive scoring possessions for Michigan. On their next series, the Wolverines drove 51 yards on 10 plays before settling for a 24-yard field goal by Adam Finley in the early moments of the second quarter.

Notre Dame tried to rally back, but senior quarterback Carlyle Holiday was intercepted while trying to hit sophomore wide receiver Maurice Stovall deep in UM territory. The Wolverines took advantage of the turnover, going 81 yards in nine plays before Perry caught a five-yard touchdown pass from John Navarre for a 17-0 Michigan lead at halftime.

The Wolverines added to their edge less than three minutes into the third quarter. After a short Irish punt, Perry needed only two runs totalling 36 yards to find the end zone again.

After another Irish drive stalled just across midfield, Michigan ground the game to a halt by going on a 19-play, 80-yard drive that chewed up 10:25 off the clock. Perry capped the march with his fourth TD of the day from one yard out.

The Wolverines added one more score in the final five minutes to complete their largest win over Notre Dame in the 41-game history of the series. It also marked the first time Michigan had shut out the Irish since 1902.



Linebacker Courtney Watson made a team-high twelve tackles and forced a fumble against Michigan. Photography by Joe Raymond.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	—	0
Michigan	7	10	7	14	—	38

First Quarter

UM: Chris Perry two-yard run (Adam Finley kick), 6:25 left. Drive: two yards, one play, 0:04 elapsed since Steve Breaston returned ND punt 55 yards to ND 2. Score: Michigan 7, Notre Dame 0.

Second Quarter

UM: Adam Finley 24-yard field goal, 14:56 left. Drive: 51 yards, 10 plays, 3:57 elapsed since ND punt returned 25 yards to UM 42. Key play: John Navarre 21-yard pass to Carl Tabb to the ND 21. Score: Michigan 10, Notre Dame 0.

UM: Chris Perry five-yard pass from John Navarre (Adam Finley kick), 9:00 left. Drive: 81 yards, nine plays, 3:54 elapsed since Markus Curry intercepted Carlyle Holiday at UM 19. Key play: John Navarre 31-yard pass tipped and caught by Braylon Edwards at the ND 36. Score: Michigan 17, Notre Dame 0.

Third Quarter

UM: Chris Perry nine-yard run (Adam Finley kick), 12:35 left. Drive: 36 yards, two plays, 0:39 elapsed since ND punt goes out of bounds at ND 36. Key play: Chris Perry 27-yard run to the ND 9 on first play after punt. Score: Michigan 24, Notre Dame 0.

Fourth Quarter

UM: Chris Perry one-yard run (Adam Finley kick), 13:26 left. Drive: 80 yards, 19 plays, 10:25 elapsed since ND punt goes into end zone for touchback. Key play: John Navarre 13-yard pass to Chris Perry on third and 10 at the UM 20. Score: Michigan 31, Notre Dame 0.

UM: Pierre Rembert seven-yard run (Garrett Rivas kick), 4:24 left. Drive: 50 yards, 10 plays, 6:37 elapsed since ND turned ball over on downs at midfield. Key play: Matt Gutierrez 24-yard pass to Tyrece Butler on third and eight at the ND 48. Score: Michigan 38, Notre Dame 0.

Attendance — 111,726 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	UM
First Downs	7	19
Rushing	4	8
Passing	3	10
Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	25	54
Yards Rushing	75	192
Yards Lost Rushing	26	4
Net Yards Rushing	49	188
Net Yards Passing	91	251
Passes Attempted	24	24
Passes Completed	8	17
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	49	78
Total Net Yards	140	439
Average Gain Per Play	2.9	5.6
Fumbles: Number — Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties: Number — Yards	5-31	6-40
Number of Punts — Yards	9-395	3-95
Average Yards Per Punt	43.9	31.7
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	5-108
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	4-76	0-0
Interceptions: Number — Yards	0-0	2-0
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	22:13	37:47
Third Down Conversions	1-12	12-19
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2	2-2
Sacks By: Number — Yards	0-0	2-12

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Julius Jones	11	44	2	42	0	15
Ryan Grant	10	29	9	20	0	12
Marcus Wilson	1	0	3	-3	0	0
Carlyle Holiday	3	2	12	-10	0	2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Carlyle Holiday	14	5	1	55	0	23
Brady Quinn	10	3	1	36	0	19

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Jared Clark	2	39	0	23
Omar Jenkins	2	10	0	6
Anthony Fasano	1	19	0	19
Jeff Samardzija	1	11	0	11
Rhema McKnight	1	11	0	11
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	1	0	1
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
Nicholas Setta	9	395	43.9	51
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT	
Julius Jones	--	2-36	--	
Vontez Duff	--	2-40	--	

MICHIGAN

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Chris Perry	31	133	0	133	3	27
David Underwood	9	23	2	21	0	6
Pierre Rembert	4	15	0	15	1	7
John Navarre	5	13	0	13	0	6
Tim Bracken	2	4	0	4	0	2
Jerome Jackson	1	4	0	4	0	4
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0
Mike Kaselitz	1	0	1	-1	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
John Navarre	21	14	0	199	1	31
Matt Gutierrez	3	3	0	52	0	24

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Braylon Edwards	4	54	0	31
Chris Perry	4	44	1	14
Jason Avant	3	53	0	31
Carl Tabb	2	28	0	21
Tyrece Butler	1	24	0	24
Tim Massaquoi	1	20	0	20
Chris Matsos	1	19	0	19
Jim Fisher	1	9	0	9

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
Mark Spencer	1	45	45.0	45
Adam Finley	2	50	25.0	37

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT	
Steve Breaston	4-105	--	--	
Jon Shaw	--	--	1-0	
Leon Hall	1-3	--	--	
Markus Curry	--	--	1-0	

MICHIGAN STATE 22, NOTRE DAME 16

SEPTEMBER 20, 2003 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — For those looking for insight into Notre Dame's 22-16 loss to Michigan State, the key number to remember was three.

Three referred to the consecutive number of home losses the Irish had suffered against the Spartans coming into this year's matchup. Only one other visiting team had ever won four in a row at Notre Dame Stadium (Purdue won five from 1954-62).

Three is the number of points awarded for a field goal. Three also was the number of field goals booted by Irish senior kicker Nicholas Setta (on three attempts) against Michigan State, pulling him within six of the school record for career field goals made.

Three was the number of takeaways Notre Dame's defense was able to record for the third consecutive game. However, it also denoted the number of giveaways the Irish had, with the last of those three being particularly painful.

Another three Notre Dame did not enjoy against Michigan State was the phrase "three-and-out". That was the result on three of the first four Irish possessions, although Notre Dame did parlay a first-quarter fumble recovery into a 35-yard Setta field goal. That offset a 51-yard field goal by MSU's Dave Rayner, the longest kick by an Irish opponent in 12 years.

Setta and Rayner continued their three-point duel in the second quarter, as the Notre Dame striker connected from 29 yards and his Spartan counterpart responded from 30 yards out. The 6-6 halftime tie marked the first

time this season the Irish had not trailed at the intermission.

Notre Dame appeared ready to break the stalemate on its first possession of the third quarter, methodically driving 49 yards in 12 plays to the MSU 35-yard line. However, the march died when junior running back Marcus Wilson was hit and fumbled the ball away.

After trading punts, Michigan State delivered the first offensive blow of the contest, as Jaren Hayes sliced off tackle and darted 71 yards for a touchdown. It was the longest scoring run by an Irish opponent in nearly two years.

Unfazed, Notre Dame came back and went 68 yards downfield, converting twice on third down, before stalling at the MSU 12-yard line. Setta came on to kick his third field goal and the Irish trailed by four entering the final quarter.

The Spartans tried to milk the clock and wound up using more than six minutes before Rayner tallied a 30-yard field goal to give the visitors a 16-9 lead. Once more, Notre Dame tried to respond, but this time, the Irish rally would come up short.

MSU defensive lineman Greg Taplin picked off a pass by Irish senior quarterback Carlyle Holiday and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown with 6:55 to play, giving the Spartans a two-score advantage.

Behind freshman quarterback Brady Quinn, Notre Dame made a valiant attempt to remain alive. Quinn drove his troops 85 yards before hooking up with sopho-

more wideout Rhema McKnight on a 29-yard scoring toss at the 2:29 mark. However, the Irish couldn't recover the ensuing onside kick and the Spartans held on to earn their sixth win over Notre Dame in the last seven meetings.



Wide receiver Rhema McKnight had eight catches for 104 yards and a touchdown against the Spartans. Photography by Joe Raymond.

SCORING SUMMARY

	3	3	7	9	—	22
Michigan State	3	3	7	9	—	22
Notre Dame	3	3	3	7	—	16

First Quarter

MSU: Dave Rayner 51-yard field goal, 11:18 left. Drive: 22 yards, five plays, 2:48 elapsed since ND punt goes out of bounds at MSU 45. Key play: Jeff Smoker 16-yard run to the ND 39 on first play after punt. Score: Michigan State 3, Notre Dame 0.

ND: Nicholas Setta 35-yard field goal, 2:05 left. Drive: minus-3 yards, four plays, 2:05 elapsed since Kyle Budinscak recovered Jaren Hayes fumble at MSU 16. Score: Notre Dame 3, Michigan State 3.

Second Quarter

ND: Nicholas Setta 29-yard field goal, 14:11 left. Drive: 17 yards, seven plays, 2:37 elapsed since Vontez Duff returned MSU punt 46 yards to MSU 29. Key play: Julius Jones four-yard run on third and two at the MSU 21. Score: Notre Dame 6, Michigan State 3.

MSU: Dave Rayner 30-yard field goal, 7:43 left. Drive: 35 yards, nine plays, 3:49 elapsed since ND punt goes out of bounds at ND 49. Key play: Jeff Smoker eight-yard pass to Kyle Brown on third and five at the ND 28. Score: Notre Dame 6, Michigan State 6.

Third Quarter

MSU: Jaren Hayes 71-yard run (Dave Rayner kick), 5:25 left. Drive: 71 yards, one play, 0:13 elapsed since ND punt goes out of bounds at MSU 29. Score: Michigan State 13, Notre Dame 6.

ND: Nicholas Setta 30-yard field goal, 0:30 left. Drive: 68 yards, 11 plays, 4:55 elapsed since MSU kickoff. Key play: Carlyle Holiday 23-yard pass to Rhema McKnight on third and 15 at the ND 44. Score: Michigan State 13, Notre Dame 9.

Fourth Quarter

MSU: Dave Rayner 30-yard field goal, 9:10 left. Drive: 69 yards, 17 plays, 6:20 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: Jeff Smoker 15-yard pass to Kyle Brown on third and five at the ND 33. Score: Michigan State 16, Notre Dame 9.

MSU: Greg Taplin 40-yard interception return (Brandon Fields pass failed), 6:55 left. Score: Michigan State 22, Notre Dame 9.

ND: Brady Quinn 29-yard pass to Rhema McKnight (Nicholas Setta kick), 2:29 left. Drive: 85 yards, nine plays, 1:41 elapsed since MSU punt goes out of bounds at ND 15. Key play: Brady Quinn 19-yard pass to Jeff Samardzija to the MSU 34. Score: Michigan State 22, Notre Dame 16.

Attendance — 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	MSU	ND
First Downs	15	20
Rushing	9	7
Passing	5	10
Penalty	1	3
Rushing Attempts	39	37
Yards Rushing	198	120
Yards Lost Rushing	17	20
Net Yards Rushing	181	100
Net Yards Passing	119	202
Passes Attempted	27	42
Passes Completed	13	17
Had Intercepted	2	2
Total Offensive Plays	66	79
Total Net Yards	300	302
Average Gain Per Play	4.5	3.8
Fumbles: Number — Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties: Number — Yards	9-70	8-55
Number of Punts — Yards	5-269	7-270
Average Yards Per Punt	53.8	38.6
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	3-27	3-59
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	2-32	1-24
Interceptions: Number — Yards	2-40	2-18
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	1-2	0-0
Time of Possession	28:08	31:52
Third Down Conversions	7-16	6-18
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	2-2
Sacks By: Number — Yards	3-18	0-0

MICHIGAN STATE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Jaren Hayes	19	113	4	109	1	71
Tyrell Dortch	13	64	0	64	0	19
Jeff Smoker	3	21	0	21	0	16
Team	3	0	5	-5	0	0
Agim Shabaj	1	0	8	-8	0	0
PASSING						
Jeff Smoker	27	13	2	119	0	19

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Kyle Brown	3	26	0	15
Jason Randall	2	18	0	14
Jaren Hayes	2	18	0	9
Aaron Alexander	2	13	0	9
Jerramy Scott	1	19	0	19
Agim Shabaj	1	11	0	11
Matt Trannon	1	9	0	9
Tyrell Dortch	1	5	0	5
PUNTING				
Brandon Fields	5	269	53.8	79
RETURNS				
PR				
Greg Taplin	--	--	1-40	
Mike Labinjo	--	--	1-0	
DeAndre Cobb	--	2-32	--	
Ziehl Kavanagh	3-27	--	--	

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Julius Jones	14	33	1	32	0	8
Carlyle Holiday	8	40	11	29	0	12
Ryan Grant	10	22	1	21	0	5
Marcus Wilson	3	11	0	11	0	5
Brady Quinn	2	14	7	7	0	14
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Carlyle Holiday	25	10	2	99	0	23
Brady Quinn	17	7	0	103	1	29
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Rhema McKnight	8	104	1	29		
Omar Jenkins	3	33	0	17		
Jeff Samardzija	1	19	0	19		
Anthony Fasano	1	15	0	15		
Billy Palmer	1	13	0	13		
Josh Schmidt	1	10	0	10		
Ryan Grant	1	7	0	7		
Dan Stevenson	1	1	0	1		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
Nicholas Setta	7	270	38.6	50		
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Glenn Earl	--	--	1-0			
Vontez Duff	3-59	1-24	--			
Quentin Burrell	--	--	1-18			

(22) PURDUE 23, NOTRE DAME 10

SEPTEMBER 27, 2003 • ROSS-ADE STADIUM

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Notre Dame hoped that a change at the quarterback position against Purdue might serve to spark a reversal of fortune for the Irish. And while true freshman Brady Quinn did show flashes of promise, the end result was still not what the Notre Dame faithful desired.

The Boilermakers converted four interceptions by Quinn into 10 points that proved to be crucial as Purdue held on for a 23-10 win over the Irish at Ross-Ade Stadium. It was the third time in the last 18 series meetings that the Boilers had come away victorious and it came despite the fact that the hosts were outgained by more than 100 yards in the contest.

Quinn, the seventh freshman quarterback since 1951 to start for the Irish, completed 29 of 59 passes for 297 yards with one touchdown and those four interceptions. His 29 completions were the most by a Notre Dame signal-caller since 1997 and his 297 yards were the highest by the Irish since 1999. They also were the most yards a Notre Dame freshman QB has thrown for in his debut in the past 53 seasons.

Purdue wasted little time in getting on the scoreboard, driving 56 yards in four plays on its initial possession before Kyle Orton found Ray Williams on a 36-yard scoring strike. Less than four minutes into the game, the Boilermakers had a 7-0 lead and the Irish were once again forced to play from behind.

The lead ballooned to 10 points later in the first quarter when Ben Jones kicked the first of his three field

goals, a 46-yarder, after an Irish turnover.

Notre Dame came back in the second period, as Quinn directed his charges on a nine-play, 61-yard drive that lasted nearly four minutes. However, the drive stalled at the Purdue two-yard line and senior kicker Nicholas Setta trotted in to boot a 19-yard field goal, his ninth consecutive successful kick.

After Jones added a 31-yard field goal with just over two minutes to go before halftime, it appeared Notre Dame was going to be burdened with a double-digit halftime deficit for the third time this year. That's when Quinn and sophomore wideout Maurice Stovall hooked up to quickly shift the momentum in favor of the Irish. The youthful tandem combined for an 85-yard scoring play, the third-longest touchdown pass in school history, and it brought Notre Dame within 13-10 at the intermission.

It appeared the Irish would hold Purdue on its first drive of the second half, as the Boilers stalled at the Notre Dame 25-yard line. Then, Notre Dame was flagged for a 15-yard facemask penalty, keeping the drive alive and leading to Jones's third field goal of the day.

The game then developed into a field position battle, with Purdue getting the better of the struggle throughout the third quarter. On the second play of the final period, the Boilermakers intensified that advantage by intercepting a pass at the Irish 12-yard line.

Four plays later, Orton tossed a two-yard touchdown pass to Shaun Phillips for the final points of the day.

Notre Dame tried valiantly to come back, driving into Boilermaker territory twice in the fourth period, but both marches ended on failed fourth down attempts inside the Purdue 35-yard line and the Irish suffered their third loss of 2003.



Maurice Stovall had 171 yards receiving on nine catches, including an 85-yard touchdown catch. Photography Lighthouse Imaging.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	10	0	0	—	10
Purdue	10	3	3	7	—	23

First Quarter

PUR: Ray Williams 36-yard pass from Kyle Orton (Ben Jones kick), 11:48 left. Drive: 56 yards, four plays, 2:00 elapsed since ND punt returned to PUR 44. Score: Purdue 7, Notre Dame 0.

PUR: Ben Jones 46-yard field goal, 4:04 left. Drive: minus-8 yards, four plays, 1:20 elapsed since Niko Koutouvides returned interception eight yards to ND 20. Score: Purdue 10, Notre Dame 0.

Second Quarter

ND: Nicholas Setta 19-yard field goal, 7:57 left. Drive: 61 yards, nine plays, 3:47 elapsed since PUR punt returned to ND 37. Key play: Brady Quinn 27-yard pass to Maurice Stovall to the PUR 36. Score: Purdue 10, Notre Dame 3. PUR: Ben Jones 31-yard field goal, 2:16 left. Drive: 33 yards, 12 plays, 5:41 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: Kyle Orton 24-yard pass to John Standeford on third and 19 at the PUR 44. Score: Purdue 13, Notre Dame 3. ND: Maurice Stovall 85-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Nicholas Setta kick), 1:11 left. Drive: 80 yards, three plays, 1:05 elapsed since PUR kickoff. Score: Purdue 13, Notre Dame 10.

Third Quarter

PUR: Ben Jones 35-yard field goal, 10:24 left. Drive: 50 yards, 11 plays, 4:36 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: ND penalized 13 yards for face mask after seven-yard sack on third and 11 at the ND 25. Score: Purdue 16, Notre Dame 10.

Fourth Quarter

PUR: Shaun Phillips two-yard pass from Kyle Orton (Ben Jones kick), 12:38 left. Drive: 12 yards, four plays, 1:35 elapsed since Gilbert Gardner intercepted Brady Quinn pass at ND 12. Score: Purdue 23, Notre Dame 10.

Attendance — 64,614 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	PUR
First Downs	18	13
Rushing	6	9
Passing	11	3
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	25	41
Yards Rushing	59	139
Yards Lost Rushing	10	43
Net Yards Rushing	49	96
Net Yards Passing	297	127
Passes Attempted	62	24
Passes Completed	29	12
Had Intercepted	4	0
Total Offensive Plays	87	65
Total Net Yards	346	223
Average Gain Per Play	4.0	3.4
Fumbles: Number — Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number — Yards	9-68	7-48
Number of Punts — Yards	6-243	9-359
Average Yards Per Punt	40.5	39.9
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	5-25	2-(-1)
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	3-40	3-108
Interceptions: Number — Yards	0-0	4-32
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	28:22	31:38
Third Down Conversions	7-22	2-15
Fourth Down Conversions	3-5	1-1
Sacks By: Number — Yards	5-33	1-3

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	8	28	3	25	0	9
Ryan Grant	9	21	2	19	0	8
Julius Jones	7	10	4	6	0	4
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	59	29	4	297	1	85
Team	3	0	0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Maurice Stovall	9	171	1	85		
Omar Jenkins	5	29	0	11		
Rhema McKnight	4	32	0	10		
Jeff Samardzija	4	18	0	6		
Jared Clark	3	23	0	16		
Matt Shelton	1	9	0	9		
Josh Schmidt	1	9	0	9		
Jeff Jenkins	1	7	0	7		
Chinedum Ndukwe	1	-1	0	0		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
Nicholas Setta	6	243	40.5	52		
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Vontez Duff	5-25	--	--			
Julius Jones	--	3-40	--			
PURDUE						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Jerod Void	17	70	1	69	0	12
Jerome Brooks	3	13	0	13	0	7
Brandon Jones	3	10	0	10	0	4
Kyle Orton	12	36	33	3	0	13
Ray Williams	1	3	0	3	0	3
Brandon Kirsch	4	7	7	0	0	7
Team	1	0	2	-2	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Kyle Orton	24	12	0	127	2	36
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
John Standeford	6	63	0	24		
Taylor Stubblefield	3	21	0	9		
Ray Williams	2	41	1	36		
Shaun Phillips	1	2	1	2		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
Brent Slaton	9	359	39.9	46		
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Stuart Schweigert	--	--	2-24			
Anthony Chambers	2-(-1)	--	--			
Gilbert Gardner	--	--	1-0			
Niko Koutouvides	--	--	1-8			
Jerome Brooks	--	3-108	--			

NOTRE DAME 20, (15)PITTSBURGH 14

OCTOBER 11, 2003 • HEINZ FIELD

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Notre Dame turned in a true blue-collar effort to defeat 15th-ranked Pittsburgh, 20-14, before a crowd of 66,421 at Heinz Field.

The Irish did much of their damage on the ground, rushing for a season-high 352 yards, their highest single-game output in more than four years. Senior running back Julius Jones was the main culprit, putting his footprints on every inch of the Heinz Field turf en route to a school-record 262 yards rushing, breaking Vagas Ferguson's mark of 255 yards set nearly 25 years earlier.

Not to be overlooked, the Notre Dame defense was so firm and unyielding it would have made the father of the steel industry, Andrew Carnegie, proud. The Irish carded eight sacks and held Pittsburgh to an opponent season-low 175 yards of total offense, including eight net yards rushing, the lowest by a Notre Dame opponent since 1996.

The Irish came into the contest not having scored a first quarter touchdown in nine games. That streak ended less than three minutes into the game, as Jones raced 25 yards around the right side for the first score of the night. The touchdown was set up when Pittsburgh's William Ferguson muffed a Nicholas Setta punt and Jared Clark fell on the pigskin at the Panther 34-yard line.

The Irish would begin their next two drives in Pittsburgh territory, but could not add to the lead, as D.J. Fitzpatrick missed wide right on a 52-yard field goal attempt and Notre Dame misfired on a fourth down try

the next time around.

The Panthers finally answered the early Irish score with one of their own at the end of the first quarter. Bolstered by a short Fitzpatrick punt, quarterback Rod Rutherford drove Pittsburgh 52 yards in six plays, capping the drive with a 23-yard touchdown pass to wideout Larry Fitzgerald.

The Panthers' special teams helped them take their first lead in the second quarter. Ferguson atoned for his earlier miscue by returning a Fitzpatrick punt 71 yards to the Notre Dame four-yard line. Two plays later, Rutherford and Fitzgerald hooked up again and within a span of two minutes, Pittsburgh was ahead, 14-7.

Undaunted, the Irish fought back and tied the game midway through the second quarter. Beginning at their own 30-yard line, the Irish went 70 yards in four plays, with Jones doing the bulk of the heavy lifting. His 49-yard touchdown jaunt through the right side of the Panther defense capped the march and squared matters once more.

The Irish then caught another break right before half-time, as Rutherford coughed up the ball at his own eight-yard line after being sacked by Derek Curry. Nose guard Derek Landri came up with the loose ball for Notre Dame and the Irish parlayed that turnover into a 19-yard field goal by Fitzpatrick.

The Notre Dame defense would do the rest, not allowing Fitzgerald to catch a pass the entire second half while forcing Rutherford to misfire on 12 of his 15 pass

attempts. Fitzpatrick tacked on a 34-yard field goal midway through the third quarter to bump the Irish lead to six points.



Julius Jones rushed for a school-record 262 yards as Notre Dame upset Pittsburgh. Photography by Lighthouse Imaging.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	10	3	0	—	20
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	0	—	14

First Quarter

ND: Julius Jones 25-yard run (Nicholas Setta kick), 12:08 left. Drive: 34 yards, three plays, 1:20 elapsed since Jared Clark recovers Pittsburgh fumble at PITT 34. Score: Notre Dame 7, Pittsburgh 0.

PITT: Larry Fitzgerald 23-yard pass from Rod Rutherford (David Abdul kick), 0:00 left. Drive: 54 yards, six plays, 2:14 elapsed since ND punt goes out of bounds at PITT 48. Key play: Rod Rutherford 21-yard pass to Princell Brockenbrough to the ND 23. Score: Notre Dame 7, Pittsburgh 7.

Second Quarter

PITT: Larry Fitzgerald four-yard pass from Rod Rutherford (David Abdul kick), 13:05 left. Drive: four yards, two plays, 0:09 elapsed since William Ferguson returned ND punt 71 yards to ND 4. Score: Pittsburgh 14, Notre Dame 7.

ND: Julius Jones 49-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:54 left. Drive: 70 yards, four plays, 1:23 elapsed since PITT punt downed at ND 30. Key play: Ryan Grant 12-yard run to the ND 42. Score: Notre Dame 14, Pittsburgh 14.

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 19-yard field goal, 0:33 left. Drive: seven yards, four plays, 0:24 elapsed since Derek Landri recovered Rod Rutherford fumble at PITT 8. Score: Notre Dame 17, Pittsburgh 14.

Third Quarter

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 34-yard field goal, 7:10 left. Drive: 52 yards, six plays, 3:14 elapsed since PITT missed 48-yard field goal attempt. Key play: Julius Jones 39-yard run to the PITT 15. Score: Notre Dame 20, Pittsburgh 14.

Attendance — 66,421 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	PITT
First Downs	14	9
Rushing	12	2
Passing	2	6
Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	56	27
Yards Rushing	384	78
Yards Lost Rushing	32	70
Net Yards Rushing	352	8
Net Yards Passing	33	167
Passes Attempted	17	30
Passes Completed	5	12
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	73	57
Total Net Yards	385	175
Average Gain Per Play	5.3	3.1
Fumbles: Number — Lost	2-0	3-2
Penalties: Number — Yards	6-50	6-40
Number of Punts — Yards	6-224	9-391
Average Yards Per Punt	37.3	43.4
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	5-96	3-76
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	2-33	4-51
Interceptions: Number — Yards	0-0	1-0
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	36:46	23:14
Third Down Conversions	7-20	2-15
Fourth Down Conversions	0-2	0-0
Sacks By: Number — Yards	8-66	2-16

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Julius Jones	24	266	4	262	2	61
Ryan Grant	27	96	12	84	0	13
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	7	0	7	0	7
Marcus Wilson	1	3	0	3	0	3
Brady Quinn	3	0	16	-16	0	0
Jared Clark	0	12	0	12	0	0

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	17	5	1	33	0	19
RECEIVING						
Anthony Fasano	2	15	0	11		
Omar Jenkins	1	19	0	19		
Rhema McKnight	1	6	0	6		
Julius Jones	1	-7	0	0		
PUNTING						
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	187	37.4	44		
Nicholas Setta	1	37	37.0	37		
RETURNS						
Rhema McKnight	2-29	--	--			
Julius Jones	1-4	1-16	--			
Vontez Duff	2-63	--	--			
Matt Shelton	--	1-17	--			

PITTSBURGH

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Jawan Walker	10	41	4	37	0	31
Lousaka Polite	2	4	0	4	0	3
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0
Rod Rutherford	14	33	65	-32	0	10
PASSING						
Rod Rutherford	30	12	0	167	2	29
RECEIVING						
Larry Fitzgerald	5	79	2	29		
Princell Brockenbrough	3	61	0	27		
Lousaka Polite	2	14	0	8		
Kris Wilson	1	9	0	9		
Joe Stephens	1	4	0	4		
PUNTING						
Andy Lee	9	391	43.4	62		
RETURNS						
Shawntae Spencer	--	--	1-0			
William Ferguson	3-76	--	--			
Terrell Allen	--	4-51	--			

(5) USC 45, NOTRE DAME 14

OCTOBER 18, 2003 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Early on, it appeared as though the matchup between Notre Dame and Southern California was going to resemble an old Western movie, with two gunfighters blasting back and forth at one another on a deserted, dusty street. However, it was the Trojans who wound up riding off into the sunset with the victory.

USC scored 31 unanswered points to break away from an early tie and defeat Notre Dame, 45-14 at Notre Dame Stadium. It was the second consecutive win for the Trojans over the Irish and marked only the second time in the last 11 visits to South Bend that USC had left victorious.

Trojan quarterback Matt Leinart turned in a stellar performance, completing 26 of 34 passes for 351 yards and tying a Notre Dame opponent record with four touchdown passes. As a team, USC amassed 551 yards of total offense and held the ball for more than 33 minutes.

Senior running back Julius Jones shined in defeat for the Irish, piling up 84 yards on 18 carries, including a 22-yard run in the first quarter that tied the game at 7-7. Sophomore tight end Anthony Fasano added the best outing of his young career, catching four passes for 33 yards and his first-ever touchdown, a diving two-yard grab that evened the score at 14-14 late in the first period.

USC set the tone for this game from the outset, moving 80 yards in eight plays before Leinart found Keary

Colbert on an 18-yard touchdown strike at the 12:25 mark. Colbert finished with eight catches for 120 yards in the contest.

Following Jones' score, the Trojans needed four plays to regain the lead, with Reggie Bush doing much of the work on a 58-yard TD run. Jones took some of the sting out of that score by returning the ensuing kickoff 51 yards to give the Irish good field position. The runback also made Jones the school's career leader in kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage, passing 1987 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown on both lists. Fasano capitalized on Jones' return with his two-yard TD catch moments later.

However, that would be the last bright spot for Notre Dame, as USC put together its third 80-yard drive of the opening quarter, covering that distance in 10 plays before Mike Williams caught a seven-yard touchdown pass from Leinart to cap the march. Williams wound up with nine receptions for 112 yards, making USC the first Irish opponent to have two 100-yard receivers in the same game since 1999.

Notre Dame had a pair of chances to tie the score in the second quarter, but came away empty both times. The Irish drove to the USC 35-yard line three minutes into the period, but lost the ball on downs. Then, after junior free safety Quentin Burrell recovered a Leinart fumble near midfield, Notre Dame could only get as far as the Trojan 44-yard line before having to punt the ball away.



Julius Jones scored Notre Dame's first touchdown on a 22-yard run in the first quarter. Photography by Lighthouse Imaging.

SCORING SUMMARY

USC	21	7	10	7	—	45
Notre Dame	14	0	0	0	—	14

First Quarter

USC: Keary Colbert 18-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 12:25 left. Drive: 80 yards, eight plays, 2:35 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: Matt Leinart 17-yard pass to Steve Smith to the ND 38. Score: USC 7, Notre Dame 0.

ND: Julius Jones 22-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:34 left. Drive: 73 yards, 10 plays, 3:51 elapsed since USC kickoff. Key play: Julius Jones 20-yard run to the USC 42. Score: Notre Dame 7, USC 7.

USC: Reggie Bush 58-yard run (Ryan Killeen kick), 7:07 left. Drive: 80 yards, four plays, 1:27 elapsed since ND kickoff. Score: USC 14, Notre Dame 7.

ND: Anthony Fasano two-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 4:02 left. Drive: 43 yards, seven plays, 3:05 elapsed since Julius Jones returned USC kickoff 51 yards to USC 43. Key play: Brady Quinn 17-yard pass to Rhema McKnight on third and three at the USC 36. Score: Notre Dame 14, USC 14.

USC: Mike Williams seven-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 0:37 left. Drive: 80 yards, 10 plays, 3:25 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: Matt Leinart 29-yard pass to Keary Colbert on third and 10 at the USC 40. Score: USC 21, Notre Dame 14.

Second Quarter

USC: Hershel Dennis three-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 5:32 left. Drive: 80 yards, seven plays, 2:27 elapsed since ND punt goes into end zone for touchback. Key play: Matt Leinart 38-yard pass to Reggie Bush to the ND 5. Score: USC 28, Notre Dame 14.

Third Quarter

USC: Gregg Guenther, Jr. seven-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 11:09 left. Drive: 61 yards, four plays, 1:13 elapsed since ND punt returned to USC 39. Key play: Reggie Bush six-yard run and ND 15-yard face-mask penalty puts ball on the ND 19. Score: USC 35, Notre Dame 14.

USC: Ryan Killeen 29-yard field goal, 6:58 left. Drive: 42 yards, eight plays, 2:25 elapsed since ND punt downed at USC 47. Key play: Matt Leinart 24-yard pass to Mike Williams on first play of series. Score: USC 38, Notre Dame 14.

Fourth Quarter

USC: Hershel Dennis two-yard run (Ryan Killeen kick), 5:38 left. Drive: 80 yards, 13 plays, 6:46 elapsed since ND turns ball over on downs at USC 20. Key play: Matt Leinart 31-yard pass to Keary Colbert on third and 11 at the USC 19. Score: USC 45, Notre Dame 14.

Attendance — 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	USC	ND
First Downs	29	16
Rushing	10	4
Passing	16	11
Penalty	3	1
Rushing Attempts	45	36
Yards Rushing	213	142
Yards Lost Rushing	18	31
Net Yards Rushing	195	111
Net Yards Passing	356	168
Passes Attempted	36	34
Passes Completed	27	15
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	81	70
Total Net Yards	551	279
Average Gain Per Play	6.8	4.0
Fumbles: Number — Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties: Number — Yards	6-42	9-85
Number of Punts — Yards	1-24	7-246
Average Yards Per Punt	24.0	35.1
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	3-11	0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	4-115
Interceptions: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	33:30	26:30
Third Down Conversions	4-11	7-16
Fourth Down Conversions	2-4	0-2
Sacks By: Number — Yards	4-17	3-6

USC

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Reggie Bush	6	89	0	89	1	58
LenDale White	16	76	1	75	0	16
Hershel Dennis	10	39	1	38	1	12
Chauncey Washington	6	9	1	8	0	4
Andre Woodert	1	0	3	-3	0	0
Team	2	0	3	-3	0	0
Matt Leinart	4	0	9	-9	0	0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Matt Leinart	34	26	0	351	4	38
John David Booty	1	1	0	5	0	5
Keary Colbert	1	0	0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Mike Williams	9	112	1	24
Keary Colbert	8	120	1	31
Brandon Hancock	3	28	0	22
Hershel Dennis	2	23	1	20
Gregg Guenther, Jr.	2	13	1	7
Reggie Bush	1	38	0	38
Steve Smith	1	17	0	17
David Kirtman	1	5	0	5

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
Team	1	24	24.0	24

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Greig Carlson	3-11	--	--

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Julius Jones	18	95	11	84	1	22
Ryan Grant	12	30	3	27	0	8
Brady Quinn	6	17	17	0	0	15

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	34	15	0	168	1	22

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Anthony Fasano	4	33	1	12
Rhema McKnight	3	46	0	22
Josh Schmidt	2	25	0	15
Ryan Grant	2	21	0	11
Omar Jenkins	2	17	0	13
Maurice Stovall	1	20	0	20
Jared Clark	1	6	0	6

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
D.J. Fitzpatrick	7	246	35.1	44

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Julius Jones	--	3-97	--
Vontez Duff	--	1-18	--

BOSTON COLLEGE 27, NOTRE DAME 25

OCTOBER 25, 2003 • ALUMNI STADIUM

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — The way Notre Dame and Boston College have been matching up in recent years, their fans might not have any nails left to chew on.

For the fourth time in the last five years, the Irish and Eagles provided another heart-stopping finish, with BC coming out on top for the third consecutive year, 27-25, on Sandro Sciortino's 26-yard field goal with 38 seconds remaining. It spoiled a dramatic comeback by Notre Dame, which had wiped out an 18-point third quarter deficit and seemed poised to earn its first win in Chestnut Hill since 1998.

Freshman quarterback Brady Quinn put on a strong aerial display for the Irish in the loss, completing 23 of 39 passes for a career-high 350 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. It was the highest yardage total by a Notre Dame quarterback since Joe Montana threw for 358 yards at USC in 1978, and it was the first two-touchdown game of Quinn's career.

The Irish came out firing from the opening snap, as Quinn connected with sophomore Maurice Stovall on a 51-yard pass play, the second-longest of the year for Notre Dame. However, in a precursor of things to come, the Irish had to settle for a 38-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick and a 3-0 lead.

BC came back late in the first quarter, as Quinton Porter directed the Eagles 63 yards in seven plays. David Kashetta capped the drive with a 26-yard reception from Porter to put the hosts in front.

Boston College added to its advantage early in the second quarter, as Horace Dodd scampered into the end zone from four yards out. Fitzpatrick countered with his second field goal, this one from 27 yards out, and the score was 14-6 BC at the half.

The Eagles looked to put the game out of reach in the third quarter, thanks in part to some excellent field position. BC started in Irish territory on consecutive possessions midway through the quarter and parlayed that good fortune into 10 points and a 24-6 lead with 3:27 left in the period.

The Irish bounced back as Quinn guided his troops on a 10-play, 78-yard drive that included a pair of fourth down conversions. The rookie quarterback finished off the march by tossing a high-arching touchdown pass to senior wideout Omar Jenkins, who just managed to get one foot down in the back of the end zone.

A bad snap on a BC punt helped the Irish creep closer in the fourth quarter. Eagles punter Jeff Gomulinski was tackled at his own 23-yard line and on the next play, Quinn and Stovall hooked up for the touchdown.

BC tried to sit on its lead, but Notre Dame wouldn't be denied. Nate Schiccato broke through the Eagles' punt protection and blocked Gomulinski's kick. Carlos Campbell scooped up the ball and raced 25 yards to give the Irish the lead with 3:34 to play.

That set the stage for BC's last-gasp drive, which began with good field position following a 42-yard return

by Will Blackmon on the ensuing kickoff. The Eagles then came up with two long third down conversions and positioned themselves for Sciortino's winning kick.



Brady Quinn passed for 350 yards and two touchdowns, the highest yardage total by an Irish QB since 1978. Photography by Joe Raymond.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	3	6	13	—	25
Boston College	7	7	10	3	—	27

First Quarter

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 38-yard field goal, 12:29 left. Drive: 58 yards, five plays, 2:31 elapsed since BC kickoff. Key play: Brady Quinn 51-yard pass to Maurice Stovall to the BC 27 on first play of the game. Score: Notre Dame 3, Boston College 0.

BC: David Kashetta 26-yard pass from Quinton Porter (Sandro Sciortino kick), 0:21 left. Drive: 63 yards, seven plays, 2:22 elapsed since ND punt goes out of bounds at BC 37. Key play: Quinton Porter 12-yard run to the ND 40. Score: Boston College 7, Notre Dame 3.

Second Quarter

BC: Horace Dodd four-yard run (Sandro Sciortino kick), 11:21 left. Drive: 39 yards, six plays, 1:54 elapsed since Nate Hasselbeck returned ND punt 43 yards to ND 39. Key play: Horace Dodd 24-yard run to the ND 4. Score: Boston College 14, Notre Dame 3.

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 27-yard field goal, 6:34 left. Drive: 56 yards, 11 plays, 4:47 elapsed since BC kickoff. Key play: Brady Quinn 15-yard pass to Rashon Powers-Neal to the BC 13. Score: Boston College 14, Notre Dame 6.

Third Quarter

BC: Sandro Sciortino 30-yard field goal, 9:12 left. Drive: 35 yards, eight plays, 3:06 elapsed since Ryan Glasper returned interception three yards to ND 48. Key play: Quinton Porter 23-yard pass to Grant Adams to the ND 10. Score: Boston College 17, Notre Dame 6.

BC: Quinton Porter one-yard run (Sandro Sciortino kick), 3:27 left. Drive: 44 yards, eight plays, 3:23 elapsed since ND fake punt attempt stopped for no gain at ND 44. Key play: Quinton Porter 28-yard pass to Grant Adams on fourth and seven at the ND 31. Score: Boston College 24, Notre Dame 6.

ND: Omar Jenkins 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Brady Quinn pass failed), 0:03 left. Drive: 78 yards, 10 plays, 3:24 elapsed since BC kickoff. Key play: Brady Quinn 32-yard pass to Rhema McKnight to the BC 35. Score: Boston College 24, Notre Dame 12.

Fourth Quarter

ND: Maurice Stovall 23-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 12:42 left. Drive: 23 yards, one play, 0:08 elapsed since BC bobbled punt snap and was downed at BC 23. Score: Boston College 24, Notre Dame 19.

ND: Carlos Campbell 25-yard blocked punt return (Julius Jones rush failed), 3:34 left. Score: Notre Dame 25, Boston College 24.

BC: Sandro Sciortino 26-yard field goal, 0:38 left. Drive: 43 yards, 10 plays, 2:56 elapsed since Will Blackmon returned ND kickoff 42 yards to BC 49. Key play: Quinton Porter 26-yard pass to Grant Adams on third and 12 at the BC 47. Score: Boston College 27, Notre Dame 25.

Attendance — 44,500 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	BC
First Downs	20	18
Rushing	4	9
Passing	15	9
Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	34	53
Yards Rushing	90	188
Yards Lost Rushing	43	41
Net Yards Rushing	47	147
Net Yards Passing	350	199
Passes Attempted	39	25
Passes Completed	23	13
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	73	78
Total Net Yards	397	346
Average Gain Per Play	5.4	4.4
Fumbles: Number — Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties: Number — Yards	2-20	6-40
Number of Punts — Yards	5-165	6-196
Average Yards Per Punt	33.0	32.7
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	3-59	1-43
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	3-68	4-102
Interceptions: Number — Yards	0-0	2-8
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	28:23	31:37
Third Down Conversions	3-16	7-18
Fourth Down Conversions	3-4	2-3
Sacks By: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Julius Jones	15	47	7	40	0	12
Ryan Grant	10	36	8	28	0	9
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	3	0	3	0	3
Team	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jared Clark	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brady Quinn	6	4	28	-24	0	2
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	39	23	2	350	2	51

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Rhema McKnight	4	121	0	38
Anthony Fasano	4	48	0	15
Omar Jenkins	4	35	1	14
Maurice Stovall	3	80	1	51
Josh Schmidt	2	16	0	8
Julius Jones	2	10	0	10
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	15	0	15
Carlyle Holiday	1	10	0	10
Jared Clark	1	9	0	9
Ryan Grant	1	6	0	6

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
PUNTING				
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	165	33.0	44

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Julius Jones	--	1-18	--
Carlos Campbell	0-25	--	--
Nate Schiccato	1-21	--	--
Vontez Duff	2-13	2-50	--

BOSTON COLLEGE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Horace Dodd	12	67	3	64	1	24
Derrick Knight	23	58	15	43	0	9
Quinton Porter	16	57	16	41	1	12
Larry Lester	1	6	0	6	0	6
Team	1	0	7	-7	0	0

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Quinton Porter	25	13	0	199	1	28

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Grant Adams	4	103	0	28
Derrick Knight	3	23	0	9
David Kashetta	2	41	1	26
Greg Toal	2	2	0	2
Sean Ryan	1	25	0	25
Larry Lester	1	5	0	5

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
PUNTING				
Jeff Gomulinski	5	196	39.2	52
Team	1	0	0.0	0

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Nate Hasselbeck	1-43	--	--
Ryan Glasper	--	--	1-3
Patrick McShane	--	1-7	--
Josh Ott	--	--	1-5
Will Blackmon	--	3-95	--

(5) FLORIDA STATE 37, NOTRE DAME 0

NOVEMBER 1, 2003 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — The learning process often is a long and painful one. That's something Notre Dame continued to learn as Florida State handed the Irish a 37-0 loss at Notre Dame Stadium.

It was the first home shutout against the Irish in 25 years and marked the third consecutive loss for Notre Dame in front of its customary crowd of 80,795 fans, who represented the 219th sellout in the last 220 games at Notre Dame Stadium.

Senior linebacker Courtney Watson maintained his outstanding play, rolling up a game-high 11 tackles and adding a season-best three tackles for loss. It marked the sixth double-digit tackles outing in seven games by Watson.

Senior running back Julius Jones also had a solid performance against FSU, carrying 18 times for 74 yards to move into sixth place on Notre Dame's career rushing list.

Florida State used a vertical passing game to keep the Irish off balance throughout the day. A 38-yard pass from Chris Rix to Craphonso Thorpe on the game's first play set the tone and led to a 40-yard field goal by Xavier Beitia less than five minutes into the game.

After Notre Dame went three-and-out on their initial series, FSU went 73 yards in only six plays, with Rix and Thorpe providing the bulk of the distance on a 51-yard connection. Rix then found P.K. Sam for a six-yard touchdown and the visitors led 10-0 midway through the first quarter.

Notre Dame had a chance to get on the board later in the period when Vontez Duff intercepted a Rix pass and returned it 55 yards to the FSU nine-yard line. But a pair of penalties thwarted the Irish touchdown hopes and, when D.J. Fitzpatrick attempted a 24-yard field goal, it was blocked by the Seminoles' B.J. Ward to quash the scoring threat.

Florida State immediately capitalized on its defensive stop, driving 83 yards in six plays. Rix and Sam got the Seminoles out of trouble early in the drive, as Rix appeared to be trapped in the end zone for a safety, but wriggled free and found Sam for a backbreaking 48-yard reception. Rix and Thorpe then hooked up on a 35-yard scoring pass and the lead was 17-0 for FSU with 39 seconds still remaining in the first quarter.

Beitia helped add to the Seminoles' lead in the second quarter, kicking a pair of field goals from 44 and 22 yards out. Meanwhile, the Irish offense continued to have its troubles, managing just one first down in the opening half and finding itself on the short end of a 23-0 score.

Fortunes didn't improve for Notre Dame early in the second half as freshman quarterback Brady Quinn threw the first of his three interceptions deep in his own territory. Two plays later, Florida State was in the end zone again, as Thorpe caught his second touchdown pass from 38 yards away.

FSU tacked on one more score in the fourth quarter and helped dash Notre Dame's best scoring chance of the half in the process. Leroy Smith stepped in front of

Quinn's pass at the Seminoles' 10-yard line and went untouched 90 yards to put the final stamp on the Florida State victory.



Vontez Duff intercepted an FSU pass and returned it 55 yards in the first quarter. Photography by Joe Raymond.

SCORING SUMMARY

Florida State	17	6	7	7	—	37
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	—	0

First Quarter

FSU: Xavier Beitia 40-yard field goal, 10:42 left. Drive: 49 yards, seven plays, 4:18 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: Chris Rix 38-yard pass to Craphonso Thorpe to the ND 34 on the first play of the game. Score: Florida State 3, Notre Dame 0.

FSU: P.K. Sam six-yard pass from Chris Rix (Xavier Beitia kick), 8:01 left. Drive: 73 yards, six plays, 1:36 elapsed since ND punt is downed at FSU 27. Key play: Chris Rix 51-yard pass to Craphonso Thorpe on third and 10 at the FSU 27. Score: Florida State 10, Notre Dame 0.

FSU: Craphonso Thorpe 35-yard pass from Chris Rix (Xavier Beitia kick), 0:39 left. Drive: 87 yards, five plays, 2:45 elapsed since ND 24-yard field goal attempt is blocked. Key play: Chris Rix 48-yard pass to P.K. Sam to the ND 39. Score: Florida State 17, Notre Dame 0.

Second Quarter

FSU: Xavier Beitia 44-yard field goal, 9:49 left. Drive: 37 yards, five plays, 1:47 elapsed since ND turns ball over on downs at FSU 36. Key play: Chris Rix 18-yard pass to Craphonso Thorpe to the ND 46 on first play of series. Score: Florida State 20, Notre Dame 0.

FSU: Xavier Beitia 22-yard field goal, 0:55 left. Drive: 69 yards, 13 plays, 3:45 elapsed since ND punt downed at FSU 27. Key play: Chris Rix 24-yard pass to Chris Davis to the ND 14. Score: Florida State 23, Notre Dame 0.

Third Quarter

FSU: Craphonso Thorpe 38-yard pass from Chris Rix (Xavier Beitia kick), 11:34 left. Drive: 33 yards, two plays, 0:17 elapsed since Jeff Womble intercepted Brady Quinn pass at ND 33. Score: Florida State 30, Notre Dame 0.

Fourth Quarter

FSU: Leroy Smith 90-yard interception return (Xavier Beitia kick), 8:59 left. FSU: Florida State 37, Notre Dame 0.

Attendance — 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	FSU	ND
First Downs	18	15
Rushing	7	5
Passing	9	9
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Attempts	37	30
Yards Rushing	139	150
Yards Lost Rushing	41	4
Net Yards Rushing	98	146
Net Yards Passing	327	175
Passes Attempted	31	52
Passes Completed	17	20
Had Intercepted	3	3
Total Offensive Plays	68	82
Total Net Yards	425	321
Average Gain Per Play	6.2	3.9
Fumbles: Number — Lost	3-0	3-0
Penalties: Number — Yards	6-50	8-77
Number of Punts — Yards	4-146	8-329
Average Yards Per Punt	36.5	41.1
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	4-13	2-10
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	1-13	7-124
Interceptions: Number — Yards	3-120	3-55
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	28:42	31:18
Third Down Conversions	4-13	6-21
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	0-5
Sacks By: Number — Yards	0-0	3-16

FLORIDA STATE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Lorenzo Booker	12	41	6	35	0	17
Leon Washington	4	31	8	23	0	12
Chris Davis	1	21	0	21	0	21
Greg Jones	7	15	6	9	0	6
Chris Rix	8	22	16	6	0	7
Lorne Sam	1	6	0	6	0	6
Ernie Sims	1	2	0	2	0	2
Marcus Napier	2	1	2	-1	0	1
Team	1	0	3	-3	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Chris Rix	31	17	3	327	3	51

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Craphonso Thorpe	7	217	2	51
P.K. Sam	2	54	1	48
Willie Reid	2	11	0	8
Lorenzo Booker	2	-3	0	5
Chris Davis	1	24	0	24
Leon Washington	1	16	0	16
B.J. Dean	1	9	0	9
Greg Jones	1	-1	0	0
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
Jesse Stein	4	146	36.5	38
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT	
Leon Washington	4-13	--	--	
Stanford Samuels	--	--	1-30	
Jeff Womble	--	--	1-0	
Antonio Cromartie	--	1-13	--	
Leroy Smith	--	--	1-90	

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Julius Jones	18	79	3	76	0	31
Ryan Grant	8	43	1	42	0	28
Brady Quinn	4	28	0	28	0	14
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	52	20	3	175	0	42
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Omar Jenkins	5	73	0	42		
Rhema McKnight	3	23	0	12		
Maurice Stovall	3	21	0	9		
Anthony Fasano	3	18	0	11		
Julius Jones	2	24	0	14		
Ryan Grant	2	5	0	9		
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	6	0	6		
Jared Clark	1	5	0	5		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
D.J. Fitzpatrick	8	329	41.1	49		
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Preston Jackson	--	--	1-0			
Matt Shelton	--	2-26	--			
Dwight Ellick	--	2-40	--			
Vontez Duff	2-10	3-58	1-55			
Jason Beckstrom	--	--	1-0			

NOTRE DAME 27, NAVY 24

NOVEMBER 8, 2003 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Several times in recent years, Navy has come agonizingly close to ending its long losing streak against Notre Dame, only to end up pulling its collective hair out at another miraculous Irish comeback victory. One would think that after so many close calls, the Midshipmen wouldn't have much hair left to pull.

Junior walk-on kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick booted a 40-yard field goal as time expired to give Notre Dame a 27-24 victory over Navy before another capacity crowd of 80,795 fans at Notre Dame Stadium. The kick snapped a three-game losing streak for the Irish and extended their NCAA-record winning streak over the Midshipmen to 40 games, dating all the way back to 1964.

Fitzpatrick wasn't the only hero for Notre Dame, as senior running back Julius Jones had another dominating performance on the ground. The Big Stone Gap, Va., native rushed a career-high 33 times for 221 yards and two touchdowns, becoming the fourth player in school history to post multiple 200-yard games in a single season.

Freshman quarterback Brady Quinn also showed remarkable poise in the closing moments, leading the Irish on an 11-play, 62-yard drive in the final two minutes to set up Fitzpatrick's winning kick. Quinn wound up connecting on 14 of 27 passes for 137 yards with one touchdown.

It was evident from the outset that this game would be decided on the offensive side of the ball. Both teams

drove into opposing territory on their first possessions, but came away empty. Notre Dame was the first to crack the scoreboard, as Jones bounced off a pair of would-be tacklers and scurried 48 yards off the left side for the score with 5:06 left in the first quarter.

That lead lasted all of 12 seconds, as Navy's Tony Lane knotted the game with a 65-yard TD run on the Mids' first play after the Jones score. From there, the game was a battle for field position, with Navy holding an edge for much of the first half, pinning the Irish inside their 20-yard line twice.

The Midshipmen took a 10-7 lead when Eric Rolfs kicked a 35-yard field goal early in the second quarter and it appeared that margin would hold up going into halftime, but Quinn had other ideas. He piloted the Irish offense 58 yards in 10 plays before lofting a two-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Rhema McKnight with 14 seconds left in the half.

Navy countered and regained the lead early in the third quarter. Thanks to a short punt by Fitzpatrick, the Mids were set up at the Irish 40-yard line and they needed just six plays to find the end zone. Fullback Kyle Eckel scored from five yards out to give his team a three-point lead with 5:50 left in the third quarter.

Again, that edge didn't last as the Irish went right back downfield, taking just over three minutes to move in front. Jones did the honors with his second TD of the day from 12 yards out.

For a third time, Navy tried to deliver the knockout

punch, using another short field to set up a one-yard plunge by Eckel with 9:53 to play. However, the Irish wouldn't falter, as Fitzpatrick kicked a 30-yard field goal four minutes later to tie the game and set the stage for his last-second heroics.



Defensive end Justin Tuck made a career-high 14 tackles in the victory over Navy. Photography by Joe Raymond.

SCORING SUMMARY

Navy	7	3	7	7	—	24
Notre Dame	7	7	7	6	—	27

First Quarter

ND: Julius Jones 48-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 5:06 left. Drive: 68 yards, four plays, 1:57 elapsed since Navy turns the ball over on downs at ND 32. Score: Notre Dame 7, Navy 0.

NAVY: Tony Lane 65-yard run (Eric Rolfs kick), 4:54 left. Drive: 65 yards, one play, 0:12 elapsed since ND kickoff. Score: Notre Dame 7, Navy 7.

Second Quarter

NAVY: Eric Rolfs 35-yard field goal, 11:45 left. Drive: 23 yards, six plays, 3:06 elapsed since ND punt returned to ND 41. Key play: Trey Hines 14-yard run to the ND 24. Score: Navy 10, Notre Dame 7.

ND: Rhema McKnight two-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 0:14 left. Drive: 58 yards, 10 plays, 2:45 elapsed since Navy punt downed at ND 42. Key play: Brady Quinn two-yard run on fourth and one at the Navy 33. Score: Notre Dame 14, Navy 10.

Third Quarter

NAVY: Kyle Eckel five-yard run (Eric Rolfs kick), 5:50 left. Drive: 40 yards, six plays, 2:40 elapsed since ND punt goes out of bounds at ND 40. Key play: Kyle Eckel 16-yard run to the ND 3. Score: Navy 17, Notre Dame 14.

ND: Julius Jones 12-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 2:35 left. Drive: 66 yards, seven plays, 3:15 elapsed since Navy kickoff. Key play: Brady Quinn 17-yard pass to Jared Clark to the Navy 49. Score: Notre Dame 21, Navy 17.

Fourth Quarter

NAVY: Kyle Eckel one-yard run (Eric Rolfs kick), 9:53 left. Drive: 39 yards, seven plays, 3:30 elapsed since ND punt downed at ND 39. Key play: Craig Candeto 12-yard run to the ND 27 on first play of series. Score: Navy 24, Notre Dame 21.

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 30-yard field goal, 5:10 left. Drive: 63 yards, 12 plays, 4:43 elapsed since Navy kickoff. Key play: Julius Jones 16-yard run to the ND 41. Score: Notre Dame 24, Navy 24.

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 40-yard field goal, 0:00 left. Drive: 62 yards, 11 plays, 1:54 elapsed since Navy punt returned to ND 15. Key play: Brady Quinn 18-yard pass to Rhema McKnight to the Navy 30. Score: Notre Dame 27, Navy 24.

Attendance — 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	NAVY	ND
First Downs	14	24
Rushing	11	15
Passing	3	8
Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	53	48
Yards Rushing	276	308
Yards Lost Rushing	38	28
Net Yards Rushing	238	280
Net Yards Passing	46	137
Passes Attempted	5	27
Passes Completed	4	14
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	58	75
Total Net Yards	284	417
Average Gain Per Play	4.9	5.6
Fumbles: Number — Lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties: Number — Yards	6-26	6-50
Number of Punts — Yards	5-207	4-148
Average Yards Per Punt	41.4	37.0
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	1-9	4-19
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	3-46	5-84
Interceptions: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	30:51	29:09
Third Down Conversions	3-12	5-15
Fourth Down Conversions	2-3	1-2
Sacks By: Number — Yards	0-0	2-18

NAVY

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Tony Lane	8	96	4	92	1	65
Kyle Eckel	13	54	1	53	2	16
Craig Candeto	19	71	24	47	0	12
Eric Roberts	10	38	8	30	0	11
Trey Hines	1	14	0	14	0	14
Michael Brimage	1	3	0	3	0	3
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Craig Candeto	5	4	0	46	0	18
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Amir Jenkins	2	31	0	18		
Eric Roberts	2	15	0	12		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
John Skaggs	5	207	41.4	54		
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Jeremy McGowan	--	2-32	--			
Brian Hampton	--	1-14	--			
Jason Tomlinson	1-9	--	--			

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Julius Jones	33	239	18	221	2	48
Brady Quinn	7	33	9	24	0	12
Carlyle Holiday	1	16	0	16	0	16
Ryan Grant	6	17	1	16	0	6
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	3	0	3	0	3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	27	14	0	137	1	18

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Rhema McKnight	4	50	1	18		
Jared Clark	3	32	0	17		
Omar Jenkins	3	27	0	12		
Julius Jones	2	10	0	7		
Josh Schmidt	1	11	0	11		
Ryan Grant	1	7	0	7		

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
D.J. Fitzpatrick	4	148	37.0	50		

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Vontez Duff	4-19	3-58	--			
Matt Shelton	--	2-26	--			

NOTRE DAME 33, BYU 14

NOVEMBER 15, 2003 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — During some of the most trying times of the season, Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham told his team the story of a young boy who had to fetch water for his grandmother. The boy had trouble drawing water, but was told to "keep pumping" and the water would eventually flow.

For the Irish, the water trickled for a while this season, but against BYU, it gushed forth and produced a 33-14 victory, by far the most convincing win of the season for Notre Dame. It also gave the Irish seniors a strong farewell in front of another capacity crowd of 80,795 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Senior running back Julius Jones continued his late-season surge by rushing a career-high 35 times for 161 yards and a career-best three touchdowns. It was the first time an Irish back had rushed for three scores since Autry Denson turned the trick against Georgia Tech in the 1999 Gator Bowl.

The Notre Dame defense also proved to be tough against the pass-happy BYU offense. The Irish forced a season-high four turnovers and sacked Cougar quarterback Matt Berry four times while holding BYU to just 53 yards rushing all day long.

The first of those four Notre Dame takeaways would produce the opening points of the contest, as Greg Pauly scooped up a BYU fumble and returned it to the Cougar 14-yard line. D.J. Fitzpatrick came on to convert the first of his four field goal attempts, hitting from 27 yards out midway through the first quarter.

The Cougars came right back, needing four plays to take the lead. A 46-yard pass from Berry to Justin Jory set up an 18-yard TD run by Rey Brathwaite at the 6:17 mark of the first period.

Fitzpatrick tacked on two more field goals from 31 and 34 yards away, the second coming after Derek Curry picked off a Berry pass and brought it back to the BYU 32-yard line. The Irish drove down to the five-yard line on that possession, but had to settle for their third field goal of the day.

After the Notre Dame defense forced BYU to go three-and-out on its next possession, the Irish took control late in the first half, as freshman quarterback Brady Quinn marched his team 52 yards in seven plays before Jones bulled over from the one-yard line with 25 seconds left in the quarter.

The teams traded punts to start the second half before the Notre Dame offense heated up again. Starting at their own 41-yard line, the Irish quickly covered the distance in four plays, with the highlight coming when Quinn hit sophomore wideout Rhema McKnight for a 33-yard gain. Jones scored on the next play from 23 yards out to build a 23-7 Notre Dame lead less than four minutes into the third quarter.

Notre Dame came back and added another Fitzpatrick field goal early in the fourth period before BYU capitalized on a short field and went 39 yards in three plays to close within 26-14. Berry capped off the short Cougar drive with a one-yard sneak at the 7:27 mark.

However, BYU couldn't muster any further offense and Jones sealed the Irish win with his third score, a 13-yard scamper directly towards the student section at Notre Dame Stadium with 47 seconds to play.



Tailback Julius Jones rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns on a career-high 35 carries against BYU. Photography by Joe Raymond.

SCORING SUMMARY

BYU	7	0	0	7	—	14
Notre Dame	6	10	7	10	—	33

First Quarter

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 27-yard field goal, 7:38 left. Drive: five yards, four plays, 2:04 elapsed since Greg Pauly returned BYU fumble five yards to BYU 14. Score: Notre Dame 3, BYU 0.

BYU: Rey Brathwaite 18-yard run (Matt Payne kick), 6:17 left. Drive: 76 yards, four plays, 1:21 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: Matt Berry 46-yard pass to Justin Jory to the ND 18. Score: BYU 7, Notre Dame 3.

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 31-yard field goal, 0:56 left. Drive: 56 yards, 11 plays, 5:21 elapsed since BYU kickoff. Key play: Julius Jones 20-yard run to the BYU 18. Score: BYU 7, Notre Dame 6.

Second Quarter

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 34-yard field goal, 3:38 left. Drive: 16 yards, 10 plays, 4:45 elapsed since Derek Curry returned interception 11 yards to BYU 32. Key play: Julius Jones 14-yard run to the BYU 25. Score: Notre Dame 9, BYU 7.

ND: Julius Jones one-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 0:25 left. Drive: 52 yards, seven plays, 1:36 elapsed since BYU punt goes out of bounds at ND 48. Key play: Brady Quinn 16-yard pass to Rhema McKnight to the BYU 4. Score: Notre Dame 16, BYU 7.

Third Quarter

ND: Julius Jones 23-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 11:31 left. Drive: 59 yards, four plays, 0:59 elapsed since BYU punt goes out of bounds at ND 41. Key play: Brady Quinn 33-yard pass to Rhema McKnight on third and seven at the ND 44. Score: Notre Dame 23, BYU 7.

Fourth Quarter

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 38-yard field goal, 12:23 left. Drive: 44 yards, seven plays, 3:00 elapsed since BYU punt returned to ND 36. Key play: Julius Jones 27-yard run to the BYU 26. Score: Notre Dame 26, BYU 7.

BYU: Matt Berry one-yard run (Matt Payne kick), 7:27 left. Drive: 39 yards, three plays, 0:48 elapsed since ND punt returned to ND 39. Key play: Matt Berry 32-yard pass to Naufahu Tahī to the ND 7 on first play of series. Score: Notre Dame 26, BYU 14.

ND: Julius Jones 13-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 0:47 left. Drive: 21 yards, four plays, 1:47 elapsed since BYU turns the ball over on downs at BYU 21. Score: Notre Dame 33, BYU 14.

Attendance — 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	BYU	ND
First Downs	13	19
Rushing	4	10
Passing	8	7
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	26	50
Yards Rushing	106	231
Yards Lost Rushing	53	27
Net Yards Rushing	53	204
Net Yards Passing	250	156
Passes Attempted	30	30
Passes Completed	18	15
Had Intercepted	3	1
Total Offensive Plays	56	80
Total Net Yards	303	360
Average Gain Per Play	5.4	4.5
Fumbles: Number — Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: Number — Yards	5-40	3-30
Number of Punts — Yards	6-218	6-206
Average Yards Per Punt	36.3	34.3
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	3-14	2-12
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	8-150	2-46
Interceptions: Number — Yards	1-4	3-11
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	1-5
Time of Possession	23:04	36:56
Third Down Conversions	2-11	8-21
Fourth Down Conversions	0-2	2-2
Sacks By: Number — Yards	2-18	4-25
BYU		
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN
Rey Brathwaite	14	82
Marcus Whalen	1	11
Tafui Vakapuna	1	5
Naufahu Tahī	2	4
Chris Hale	1	0
Matt Berry	7	4
PASSING	ATT	COMP
Matt Berry	29	17
Lance Pendleton	1	1

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Justin Jory	3	81	0	46
Naufahu Tahī	3	71	0	35
Toby Christensen	3	24	0	17
Rey Brathwaite	3	7	0	9
Rod Wilkerson	2	28	0	27
Matt Berry	1	19	0	19
Brett Cooper	1	8	0	8
Ryan Slater	1	8	0	8
Chris Hale	1	4	0	4
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
Matt Payne	6	218	36.3	53
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT	
Toby Christensen	3-14	--	--	
Brett Cooper	--	7-139	--	
Micah Alba	--	1-11	--	
Colby Bockwoldt	--	--	1-4	
NOTRE DAME				
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET
Julius Jones	35	170	9	161
Ryan Grant	10	39	0	39
Brady Quinn	5	22	18	4
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS
Brady Quinn	30	15	1	156
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Rhema McKnight	8	98	0	33
Omar Jenkins	4	30	0	12
Julius Jones	1	15	0	15
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	8	0	8
Josh Schmidt	1	5	0	5
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
D.J. Fitzpatrick	6	206	34.3	41
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT	
Vontez Duff	2-12	1-23	--	
Quentin Burrell	--	--	1-0	
Matt Shelton	--	1-23	--	
Derek Curry	--	--	1-11	
Courtney Watson	--	--	1-0	

NOTRE DAME 57, STANFORD 7

NOVEMBER 29, 2003 • STANFORD STADIUM

Stanford, Calif. — For the only time in the 2003 season, Notre Dame put everything together in all areas winning its third consecutive game in easily defeating Stanford 57-7 at Stanford Stadium in front of 46,500 fans.

The Irish got their running game going quickly as Julius Jones led the Irish down the field, amassing 74 yards on the opening drive and finishing with a 10-yard touchdown run as the Irish marched 90 yards on 10 plays. Jones went on to have another huge game as the senior from Big Stone Gap, Va., rushed for 106 yards in the first quarter, had 171 by the half, and finished with 218 yards on 23 carries. He became the first player in Irish history to rush for three 200-yard plus games in a season and a career.

Then, it was the passing game that stepped to the forefront as quarterback Brady Quinn found receiver Matt Shelton on a 65-yard scoring strike to put the Irish up 14-0 with 2:27 to go in the first quarter. For Shelton, it was the first TD catch of his career.

Running back Ryan Grant also found his groove against the Cardinal as the Irish closed out the first quarter with a 21-0 lead on his four-yard run. The junior, who found the endzone for the first three times of the season, scored his second TD on a two-yard run with 3:34 left in the first half.

The defense got on the scoreboard to closeout the first half as junior safety Quentin Burrell had a loose ball pop into his arms and took it 65 yards for a score to give

the Irish a convincing 34-0 lead at the half.

The Irish opened the third period where they left off as Quinn once again stretched the field and found sophomore receiver Maurice Stovall all alone for a 45-yard scoring strike and a 41-0 Irish lead.

After Stanford answered 10 seconds later with a 65-yard scoring pass from Chris Lewis to Mark Bradford, the Irish defense was again on the offensive as safety Garron Bible scooped up a loose ball and went 48 yards for a touchdown.

The Irish then posted a safety before Grant closed out the scoring with his third rushing TD for the 57-7 final. The Irish posted a season-best 512 yards of total offense, marking the most yards during Tyrone Willingham's tenure. The 57 points were also the most in the Willingham era and the most since recording 62 against Rutgers to close out the 1996 season.

Defensively, Notre Dame held Stanford to only 20 yards rushing and 251 total yards in completely dominating the Cardinal. The Irish recorded seven sacks in the game, including a career-high four for junior end Justin Tuck, who became the Notre Dame single-season sack leader with 13.5 on the season, breaking the previous record of 10 set twice. Notre Dame also forced three turnovers in the contest for 14 points - two fumble recoveries and an interception.



Defensive end Justin Tuck was credited with 3.5 quarterback sacks against Stanford. Photography by Lighthouse Imaging.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	21	13	23	0	—	57
Stanford	0	0	7	0	—	7

First Quarter

ND: Julius Jones 10-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 10:17 left. Drive: 80 yards, 10 plays, 4:43 elapsed since STAN kickoff. Key play: Julius Jones 25-yard run to the ND 35 on first play of game. Score: Notre Dame 7, Stanford 0.
ND: Matt Shelton 65-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 2:27 left. Drive: 78 yards, four plays, 1:39 elapsed since STAN punt downed at ND 22. Score: Notre Dame 14, Stanford 0.
ND: Ryan Grant four-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 0:00 left. Drive: 14 yards, two plays, 0:35 elapsed since Vontez Duff returned STAN punt 44 yards to STAN 14. Score: Notre Dame 21, Stanford 0.

Second Quarter

ND: Ryan Grant two-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick blocked), 3:34 left. Drive: 72 yards, eight plays, 3:31 elapsed since STAN punt returned to ND 28. Key play: Julius Jones 34-yard run to the STAN 2. Score: Notre Dame 27, Stanford 0.
ND: Quentin Burrell 65-yard fumble return (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 0:36 left. Score: Notre Dame 34, Stanford 0.

Third Quarter

ND: Maurice Stovall 45-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 12:20 left. Drive: 71 yards, four plays, 1:03 elapsed since STAN punt returned to ND 29. Key play: Julius Jones 23-yard run to the STAN 48 on first play of series. Score: Notre Dame 41, Stanford 0.
STAN: Mark Bradford 65-yard pass from Chris Lewis (Michael Sgroi kick), 12:10 left. Drive: 65 yards, one play, 0:10 elapsed since ND kickoff. Score: Notre Dame 41, Stanford 7.
ND: Garron Bible 48-yard fumble return (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 7:23 left. Score: Notre Dame 48, Stanford 7.
ND: Team safety (high punt snap rolls out back of end zone). Score: Notre Dame 50, Stanford 7.
ND: Ryan Grant 46-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 2:13 left. Drive: 66 yards, six plays, 2:52 elapsed since STAN free kick following safety. Key play: Brady Quinn 18-yard pass to Rhema McKnight on third and four at the ND 40. Score: Notre Dame 57, BYU 7.

Attendance — 46,500

STATISTICS

	ND	STAN
First Downs	20	17
Rushing	12	6
Passing	6	10
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Attempts	50	35
Yards Rushing	334	121
Yards Lost Rushing	14	101
Net Yards Rushing	320	20
Net Yards Passing	192	231
Passes Attempted	16	39
Passes Completed	10	22
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	66	74
Total Net Yards	512	251
Average Gain Per Play	7.8	3.4
Fumbles: Number — Lost	2-0	4-2
Penalties: Number — Yards	7-55	3-24
Number of Punts — Yards	5-143	8-308
Average Yards Per Punt	28.6	38.5
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	5-92	1-5
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	3-51	8-150
Interceptions: Number — Yards	1-0	1-28
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	2-113	0-0
Time of Possession	32:24	27:36
Third Down Conversions	7-14	2-16
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	2-5
Sacks By: Number — Yards	7-41	0-0

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Julius Jones	23	218	0	218	1	34
Ryan Grant	14	90	6	84	3	46
Marcus Wilson	8	21	3	18	0	8
Nate Schiecatano	1	2	0	2	0	2
Brady Quinn	2	1	1	0	0	1
Carlyle Holiday	2	2	4	-2	0	2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	13	8	1	177	2	65
Carlyle Holiday	2	1	0	1	0	1
D.J. Fitzpatrick	1	1	0	14	0	14

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Rhema McKnight	2	35	0	18		
Chinedum Ndukwe	2	15	0	14		
Matt Shelton	1	65	1	65		
Maurice Stovall	1	45	1	45		
Omar Jenkins	1	15	0	15		
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	10	0	10		
Josh Schmidt	1	8	0	8		
Julius Jones	1	-1	0	0		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
D.J. Fitzpatrick	4	139	34.8	48		
Team	1	4	4.0	4		
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Rhema McKnight	3-42	--	--			
Matt Shelton	--	3-51	--			
Quentin Burrell	--	--	1-0			
Vontez Duff	2-50	--	--			
STANFORD	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Kenneth Tolon	9	39	0	39	0	9
David Marrero	5	27	2	25	0	12
J.R. Lemon	5	13	3	10	0	9
Chris Lewis	13	42	39	3	0	15
Luke Powell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Matter	1	0	24	-24	0	0
Team	1	0	33	-33	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Chris Lewis	29	14	1	168	1	65
Kyle Matter	10	8	0	63	0	13
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Mark Bradford	7	129	1	65		
Luke Powell	5	39	0	15		
Gerren Crochet	2	17	0	10		
David Lofton	2	10	0	9		
Alex Smith	2	10	0	7		
Justin McCullum	2	8	0	4		
David Marrero	1	9	0	9		
Greg Camarillo	1	9	0	9		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG		
Eric Johnson	8	308	38.5	51		
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Luke Powell	1-5	--	--			
Nick Sebes	--	4-61	--			
Trevor Hooper	--	--	1-28			
T.J. Rushing	--	4-89	--			

SYRACUSE 38, NOTRE DAME 12

DECEMBER 6, 2003 • CARRIER DOME

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Both Notre Dame and Syracuse came into their season finale at the Carrier Dome looking to end the year with a .500 record. For the Irish, a victory would mean a four-game winning streak to close out the 2003 campaign. However, Syracuse running back Walter Reyes had other ideas.

Reyes served as a one-man wrecking crew, rushing for a game-high 189 yards and five touchdowns, including four second half scores as the Orange pulled away for a 38-12 victory over the Irish. It marked the first time an opposing player had run for four or more touchdowns in a game since Stanford's Tommy Vardell scored four times on the ground in 1990.

In his final game with the Irish, running back Julius Jones came into the game with an outside shot at breaking the school's single-season rushing record. Although he fell short of that goal with 54 yards on 20 carries, he did move into a tie for fourth place on the single-season charts with 1,268 yards. He also wound up with 3,018 career rushing yards, making him the fourth player in school history to crack the 3,000-yard barrier.

Freshman quarterback Brady Quinn completed 18 of 34 passes for 199 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions in the loss. Quinn ended his rookie season by setting Notre Dame freshman passing records for completions (157), attempts (332) and yardage (1,831), while his attempts total also established a school record, regardless of classification.

Turnovers proved to be Notre Dame's downfall

against the Orange, as the Irish gave up the pigskin four times and Syracuse turned those miscues into 21 points. The first sign of trouble came on Notre Dame's opening possession, when Quinn's third down pass was picked off by Anthony Smith and returned to the Irish 24-yard line. Six plays later, Reyes bulled in from two yards out for a 7-0 lead.

On its next possession, Notre Dame moved down to the Syracuse 35-yard line, but Jones was stopped for a two-yard loss on fourth down to end the drive. SU then came back with a seven play, 38-yard march that led to a 43-yard field goal by Collin Barber and a 10-0 advantage.

D.J. Fitzpatrick got the Irish on the board just before the end of the first quarter, as he booted a career-long 50-yard field goal with 1:09 remaining for a 10-3 deficit. Notre Dame had a chance to pull even the next time it got the ball, but after getting to the Orange 14-yard line in only three plays, Jones fumbled and SU's Steve Gregory recovered to stop another Irish threat.

Neither team scored again until the opening moments of the third period. After Corey Mays partially blocked a Syracuse punt, the Irish got down to the SU 22-yard line before settling for a 40-yard field goal by Fitzpatrick.

The Orange then put the game away by scoring on three of their four remaining drives in the quarter, two of which took three plays or less. Reyes scored on runs of one, 15 and 71 yards to offset a five-yard scoring connection from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano midway

through the period.

Reyes then added a three-yard scamper early in the fourth quarter for the final margin as the Orange posted their first-ever home win over Notre Dame.



Tight end Anthony Fasano caught a five yard touchdown pass in the third quarter against Syracuse. Photography by Joe Raymond.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	0	9	0	—	12
Syracuse	10	0	21	7	—	38

First Quarter

SU: Walter Reyes two-yard run (Collin Barber kick), 11:55 left. Drive: 24 yards, five plays, 2:07 elapsed since Anthony Smith returned interception to ND 24. Key play: Walter Reyes 11-yard run to the ND 1. Score: Syracuse 7, Notre Dame 0.

SU: Collin Barber 43-yard field goal, 4:28 left. Drive: 38 yards, seven plays, 2:16 elapsed since ND turns the ball over on downs at SU 37. Key play: R.J. Anderson 15-yard pass to Thump Belton to the ND 31. Score: Syracuse 10, Notre Dame 0.

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 50-yard field goal, 1:09 left. Drive: 42 yards, eight plays, 3:19 elapsed since SU kickoff. Key play: Brady Quinn 25-yard pass to Maurice Stovall on third and 10 at the ND 25. Score: Syracuse 10, Notre Dame 3.

Third Quarter

ND: D.J. Fitzpatrick 40-yard field goal, 12:44 left. Drive: eight yards, four plays, 0:52 elapsed since Corey Mays blocked SU punt at SU 30. Score: Syracuse 10, Notre Dame 6.

SU: Walter Reyes three-yard run (Collin Barber kick), 8:09 left. Drive: 59 yards, nine plays, 4:35 elapsed since ND kickoff. Key play: R.J. Anderson 20-yard pass to Johnnie Morant on third and two at the ND 23. Score: Syracuse 17, Notre Dame 6.

SU: Walter Reyes 15-yard run (Collin Barber kick), 6:34 left. Drive: 36 yards, two plays, 0:36 elapsed since Louis Gachelin recovered Brady Quinn fumble at ND 36. Key play: Walter Reyes 21-yard run to the ND 15 on first play of series. Score: Syracuse 24, Notre Dame 6.

ND: Anthony Fasano five-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Brady Quinn pass failed), 0:28 left. Drive: 23 yards, five plays, 2:36 elapsed since Courtney Watson returned interception 48 yards to SU 23. Key play: Julius Jones 11-yard run to the SU 9. Score: Syracuse 24, Notre Dame 12.

SU: Walter Reyes 71-yard run (Collin Barber kick), 0:11 left. Drive: 71 yards, one play, 0:17 elapsed since ND kickoff. Score: Syracuse 31, Notre Dame 12.

Fourth Quarter

SU: Walter Reyes three-yard run (Collin Barber kick), 10:27 left. Drive: 85 yards, nine plays, 3:14 elapsed since Anthony Smith intercepted Brady Quinn pass at SU 15. Key play: R.J. Anderson 44-yard pass to Johnnie Morant on third and 13 at the SU 42. Score: Syracuse 38, Notre Dame 12.

Attendance — 48,170

STATISTICS

	ND	SU
First Downs	14	21
Rushing	5	11
Passing	9	10
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	36	45
Yards Rushing	112	280
Yards Lost Rushing	50	33
Net Yards Rushing	62	247
Net Yards Passing	199	209
Passes Attempted	34	27
Passes Completed	18	17
Had Intercepted	2	3
Total Offensive Plays	70	72
Total Net Yards	261	456
Average Gain Per Play	3.7	6.3
Fumbles: Number — Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties: Number — Yards	2-10	4-25
Number of Punts — Yards	5-201	3-108
Average Yards Per Punt	40.2	36.0
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	4-32
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	6-121	4-84
Interceptions: Number — Yards	3-48	2-3
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	1-6
Time of Possession	28:46	31:14
Third Down Conversions	4-16	5-13
Fourth Down Conversions	0-2	1-2
Sacks By: Number — Yards	3-19	3-24

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Julius Jones	20	65	11	54	0	26
Ryan Grant	10	44	12	32	0	21
Team	1	0	1	-1	0	0
Brady Quinn	5	3	26	-23	0	3
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	34	18	2	199	1	35
PUNTING						
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	201	40.2	47		

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Rhema McKnight	4	41	0	17
Josh Schmidt	3	34	0	15
Anthony Fasano	3	21	1	11
Maurice Stovall	2	60	0	35
Ryan Grant	1	16	0	16
Omar Jenkins	1	10	0	10
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	6	0	6
Matt Shelton	1	6	0	6
Carlyle Holiday	1	3	0	3
Julius Jones	1	2	0	2

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Matt Shelton	--	2-31	--
Dwight Ellick	--	4-90	--
Vontez Duff	--	--	1-0
Quentin Burrell	--	--	1-0
Courtney Watson	--	--	1-48

SYRACUSE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Walter Reyes	19	194	5	189	5	71
Tim Washington	15	60	7	53	0	22
Thump Belton	2	10	0	10	0	8
Darryl Kennedy	2	8	0	8	0	6
Alex Ridore	1	4	0	4	0	4
Greg Hanoian	1	2	0	2	0	2
Team	1	0	2	-2	0	0
R.J. Anderson	4	2	19	-17	0	2

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
R.J. Anderson	27	17	3	209	0	44

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Johnnie Morant	6	103	0	44
Thump Belton	3	26	0	15
Walter Reyes	3	24	0	10
Lenny Cusumano	2	41	0	30
Jared Jones	2	9	0	6
Andre Fontenette	1	6	0	6

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG
PUNTING				
Brendan Carney	2	88	44.0	53
Team	1	20	20.0	20

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Anthony Smith	--	--	2-3
Steve Gregory	--	4-84	--
Marcus Clayton	2-16	--	--
Rashard Williams	2-16	--	--

2003 Final Notes



Tailback Julius Jones finished the season averaging 141 yards rushing per game over the last eight games and averaged over six yards per carry. Photo by Joe Raymond.

RYAN HARRIS NAMED FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN

Offensive tackle Ryan Harris was named to The Sporting News' freshman All-America second team for 2003. Harris, who joined former Irish players Brad Williams and Mike Rosenthal as the only true freshmen in school history to start on the offensive line, made his first career start against Pittsburgh, and helped senior tailback Julius Jones set a school record that night with 262 rushing yards. Harris, who started the final eight games for the Irish at right tackle, also helped Jones rush for 221 yards against Navy, 218 versus Stanford and 161 versus BYU. Jones became only the eighth player in Notre Dame history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, finishing the year with 1,268 yards - tying the fourth-highest single-season total in the Irish record books.



EIGHT IRISH PLAYERS INVITED TO NFL COMBINE

Eight former Irish football players participated in the 2004 National Football League Combine held Feb. 28-March 4, at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Receiving invitations were DT Darrell Campbell, CB Vontez Duff, FS/SS Glenn Earl, NG Cedric Hilliard, RB Julius Jones, OT Jim Molinaro, K/P Nicholas Setta and ILB Courtney Watson.

FOOTBALL AWARDS RECAP

Running back Julius Jones was named the 2003 Notre Dame National Monogram Club Most Valuable Player, while Darrell Campbell, Vontez Duff, Omar Jenkins and Jim Molinaro earned captain honors for the 2003 Irish squad. Both the MVP award and the captains' award were determined by a vote of the players. 2003 marked is the second season head coach Tyrone Willingham had his team elect official captains at season's end.

The MVP and captains' awards were among others presented at the 83rd Notre Dame Football Banquet. Former Irish and NFL quarterback great Joe Montana served as the guest speaker in front of a crowd of 1,300.

Jones, from Big Stone Gap, Va., finished his career ranked fourth on the Notre Dame all-time rushing list with 3,018 yards and tied for fourth on the single-season rushing list with 1,268 yards in 2003. He was one of only two players nationally to rush for 200 or more yards in three or more games in 2003 and set the Notre Dame single-game rushing record with 262 yards against Pittsburgh. He averaged 5.5 yards per carry in 2003 and scored 10 touchdowns, finishing his career with 29. He also became Notre Dame's all-time kick returner, finishing his career with 1,660 yards.



Campbell, from South Holland, Ill., was the leader of the Notre Dame defensive line in 2003 recording 25 tackles, 6.5 for loss and three sacks. Campbell also won the Nick Pietrosante Award, which is presented each year to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride of the late Irish All-America fullback Nick Pietrosante.



Duff, a third-team Associated Press All-American in 2002, led the Irish secondary in 2003. The native of Copperas Cove, Texas, finished the year with 33 tackles, two interceptions, four pass breakups and two fumble recoveries. He also was one of Notre Dame's leading special teams players, finishing his career with the all-time record for number of kicks returned (120), while ranking third on the all-time Notre Dame total kick return list with 1,955 yards and fourth in all-time kickoff return yards at 1,230.



Jenkins, from Dallas, Texas, started 24 games the past two years for the Irish and finished 2003 with 36 receptions for 344 yards and one touchdown. He became the 21st person in Notre Dame history to have over 1,000



yards receiving in his career and finished 18th on the all-time list with 1,088 yards.

Molinaro, who also won the Guardians Life Insurance Guardian of the Year Award as the top offensive lineman, was the leader of Notre Dame's young 2003 offensive line that featured four new starters. The senior from Bethlehem, Pa., started all 12 games and played the second-most minutes of anyone on the offensive line in 2003, helping lead the way for Jones' record-breaking season.



Defensive end Kyle Budinscak won the Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Year Award. He was one of 12 weekly winners announced during Westwood One national radio broadcasts of Irish games in 2003. Budinscak, who had 17 tackles including four for loss and three sacks before his season ended early due to a knee injury against Navy, earned first-team academic all-district accolades for the third time in his career and was nominated for Academic All-America honors. The native of Bridgewater, N.J., carried a 3.53 grade-point average as a finance major in the Mendoza College of Business.



Other weekly winners of the Westwood One/State Farm Award included QB Pat Dillingham, FS/SS Glenn Earl, DE Chris Frome, ILB Brandon Hoyte, OL Brian Mattes, ILB Corey Mays, CB Mike Richardson, DE Dan Santucci, OL Dan Stevenson and OL Jeff Thompson.

Josh Schmidt, from Germantown, Tenn., was the winner of the Knute Rockne Scholar-Athlete Award presented by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley. The junior fullback earned everyone's respect on and off the football field, as the walk-on became a starter by year's end. He caught 13 passes in 2003 for an average of 9.6 yards per catch in 12 games, while recording a 3.53 grade-point average in the Mendoza College of Business, majoring in finance.



Nose guard Cedric Hilliard won the Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation and the Hall of Fame. The Arlington, Texas, product recorded 27 tackles in 2003, including 1.5 for loss. The senior also had two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and one pass breakup. Hilliard started 24 games in his career and was a preseason All-American in 2003.



MONOGRAM WINNERS

Sixty-five members of the University of Notre Dame football squad were awarded monograms for the 2003 season. Here is the complete list of those given monograms:

Seven players garnered their fourth monogram with the Irish including CB Jason Beckstrom, DT Darrell Campbell, CB Vontez Duff, FS/SS Glenn Earl, RB Julius Jones, P/K Nicholas Setta and ILB Courtney Watson.

Earning their third monogram in 2003 were SS Garron Bible, DE Kyle Budinscak, OLB Derek Curry, CB Dwight Ellick, RB Ryan Grant, NG Cedric Hilliard, WR/QB Carlyle Holiday, CB Preston Jackson, WR Omar Jenkins and OG Sean Milligan.

The following garnered their second award as members of the Irish including DL Brian Beidatsch, SS Lionel Bolen, FS Quentin Burrell, CB Carlos Campbell, TE Jared Clark, OLB/DE Jerome Collins, ILB Brandon Hoyte, ILB Corey Mays, WR Rhema McKnight, DE Jim Molinaro, TE Billy Palmer, DT Greg Pauly, FB Rashon Powers-Neal, WR Matt Shelton, OG Dan Stevenson, WR Maurice Stovall, DE Justin Tuck and RB Marcus Wilson.

The 30 players earning their first monogram included DE Victor Abiamiri, SS David Bemenderfer, OL/SNP Casey Dunn, TE Anthony Fasano, P/K D.J. Fitzpatrick, TE Marcus Freeman, C Zachary Giles, OT Ryan Harris, OL David Kowalski, QB Matt Krueger, FB Cole Laux, NG Derek Landri, DE Travis Leitko, OG Mark LeVoi, OG Darin Mitchell, C Bob Morton, TE Patrick Nally, WR Chinedum Ndukwe, DB Freddie Parish IV, FB Mike Profeta, QB Brady Quinn, OL/SNP Scott Raridon, CB Mike Richardson, OL Jamie Ryan, LB Anthony Salvador, WR Jeff Samardzija, DE Dan Santucci, DE Jason Sapp, FB Josh Schmidt and WR Nate Schomas.

KEEPING UP WITH JONES

Julius Jones broke into the Notre Dame starting lineup Oct. 11 at #15 Pittsburgh and ripped off an outstanding streak of individual performances. He finished the season averaging 141 yards per contest over the last eight games, including 262 yards against Pittsburgh and 221 yards vs. Navy. Over that same stretch, he scored nine touchdowns and averaged over six yards per carry (6.05).

Here are some highlights from Jones' rushing surge:

- Oct. 11 at #15 Pittsburgh — Jones carries 24 times for a school-record 262 yards and two touchdowns as the Irish toppled the 15th-ranked Panthers, 20-14. Jones broke Vagas Ferguson's 25-year-old record of 255 yards (Nov. 18, 1978 at Georgia Tech), became the first 200-yard rusher for the Irish in nearly 11 years (227 by Reggie Brooks at USC in 1992) and his total ranked as the fifth-highest single-game mark in the nation for 2003. His performance was good enough for the Big Stone Gap, Va., native to be named the national player of the week by three media outlets: The Sporting News, USA Today.com and CollegeSportsNews.com.
- Nov. 8 vs. Navy — Jones rushes a (then) career-high 33 times for 221 yards and two touchdowns as the Irish rally in fourth quarter and beat the Midshipmen on a last-second field goal, 27-24. Jones becomes only the fourth player in school history to post multiple 200-yard games in a season,

joining Brooks (1992), Ferguson (1978) and Jim Stone (1980) in that elite group. His effort vs. Navy is the sixth-best in school history and 26th-best in the country in 2003.

- Nov. 15 vs. BYU — Jones totes the ball a career-high 35 times for 161 yards and three touchdowns in his final game at Notre Dame Stadium as the Irish defeat the Cougars, 33-14. His three scores are the most by an Irish back in one game since Autry Denson also had three touchdowns vs. Georgia Tech in the 1999 Gator Bowl.
- Nov. 29 vs. Stanford — Jones has 106 yards on nine carries in the first quarter and 171 yards at the half on his way to 218 yards in only three quarters of action against the Cardinal.

For the season, Jones led Notre Dame and ranked 23rd in the nation with 229 carries for 1,268 yards (5.5 yards per carry) and 10 TDs. He moved from 13th to fourth on the Notre Dame single-season rushing list during the year and finished with 3,091 yards - good enough for fourth on the Notre Dame all-time list. He also finished fifth on the Notre Dame charts for single-season rushing totals with 1,268 yards. The complete single season list:

Player	Year	Yards
1. Vagas Ferguson	1979	1,437
2. Allen Pinkett	1983	1,394
3. Reggie Brooks	1992	1,343
4. Julius Jones	2003	1,268
Autry Denson	1997	1,268

Jones posted three 200-yard games during the 2003 season and was one of only two players in the country who could boast such a feat. The other was Patrick Cobbs of North Texas who had four 200-yard games in 2003. Jones also was the first player in Notre Dame history to have three 200-yard games in a season or a career.

THE MIGHTY QUINN

Quarterback Brady Quinn opened some eyes with his poise and confidence under center during the 2003 season. The Dublin, Ohio, native was one of only six true freshmen in the nation to start a game



Quarterback Brady Quinn rewrote the freshman passing records in 2003. Photo by Lighthouse Imaging.

at quarterback in 2003, having completed 157 of a school-record 332 passes for 1,831 yards and nine touchdowns with 15 interceptions. His completions, attempts and passing yards were the most by an Irish quarterback in his freshman season since 1951, topping the previous marks held by Steve Beuerlein in 1983 (75 of 145 for 1,061 yards). Quinn's nine passing TDs ended up second only to Matt LoVecchio's 11 scoring tosses in 2000. Quinn's 157 completions also ranked third in school history.

His strongest performance of the season came at Boston College, when the Irish rookie completed 59 percent of his passes (23 of 39) for a career-best 350 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions. His 350 yards through the air were the most by a Notre Dame quarterback since Nov. 25, 1978, when Joe Montana threw for 358 yards in a loss at USC.

Quinn made his first career start at Purdue, completing 29 of 59 passes for 297 yards and one touchdown with four interceptions. His 29 completions were the most by an Irish quarterback since Ron Powlus connected 31 times at Purdue in 1997 and the 59 attempts were the second-most in school history behind Terry Hanratty's 63 passes at Purdue in 1967. In addition, Quinn's passing yardage total was the best by a Notre Dame quarterback in his first start since Hanratty threw for 304 yards in that game at Purdue in 1967. Quinn's yardage total also was the best by an Irish first-time freshman starting QB in the last 53 seasons.

Quinn also had two touchdown strikes against Stanford as he found Matt Shelton on a 65-yard aerial and Maurice Stovall on a 45-yard score. Against the Cardinal, Quinn was an efficient eight of 13 for 177 yards.

JENKINS ENDS UP 18TH ON CAREER RECEIVING CHARTS

Wide receiver Omar Jenkins completed his career with a reputation of being a reliable sure-handed pass catcher and finished second on the team with 36 receptions for 344 yards and one touchdown in 2003. He finished his climb up the Notre Dame career receiving yardage ladder, ending up 18th with 1,088 yards through the air. He became the 21st Irish player to amass 1,000 career receiving yards with 73 vs. Florida State.

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Notre Dame had a season-high 10 different players catch passes in its 2003 loss at Boston College. It was the most pass catchers the Irish had in a single game since Oct. 16, 1999, when 10 Notre Dame players had a reception in a 25-24 come-from-behind win over USC at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Irish had eight different players with a reception on Nov. 29 vs. Stanford, marking the sixth time in 2003 that the Irish had at least eight players catch a pass. All told, 16 different players had at least one reception in 2003, including quarterback Carlyle Holiday (2-13), who spent some time at wide receiver toward the end of the season, and right guard Dan Stevenson, who caught a deflected pass for a one-yard gain vs. Michigan State. It marked the second consecutive season in which Notre Dame had 16 players with a reception. The last time the Irish had more than 16 pass catchers in a season was 1986, when 17 different players caught a pass during Lou Holtz's first campaign at Notre Dame.

TUCK-ING THEM IN

Defensive end Justin Tuck was a menace for opposing quarterbacks in 2003. For the season, Tuck led the Irish in sacks (13.5), tackles for loss (19.0), forced fumbles (three) and finished third on the team with 73 tackles. The Kellyton, Ala., product broke the Notre Dame single-season sack record against Stanford and ranked sixth in the nation with 1.13 sacks per game. Tuck broke the single-season sack record previously held by both Bertrand Berry (10 sacks in 1996) and Mike Gann (10 sacks in 1984) (sack records at Notre Dame go back to 1982). Meanwhile, Tuck's tackles for loss total were the highest since Anthony Weaver had 21 stops behind the line in 2001.

Tuck's best performance came at #15 Pittsburgh, when he wound up with a career-high 10 tackles, a then career-best 3.5 sacks (part of an eight-sack night by the Irish) and a forced fumble in Notre Dame's 20-14 win over the Panthers. He then added a career-high 14 tackles, including two for loss and 1.5 sacks, as well as another forced fumble vs. Navy. At Stanford, Tuck surpassed his career-high with 4.0 sacks and led the Irish with seven tackles, including five solos and four for loss.

CLOSE SHAVES

Notre Dame's 27-24 win over Navy in 2003 continued a trend of remarkable Irish victories that began in 2002. The Irish are 9-3 (.750) in games decided by eight points or less since Tyrone Willingham took over as the Notre Dame head coach prior to the 2002 season. The only times the Irish have not won a close ball game under Willingham's guidance were against Boston College in 2002 (14-7) and 2003 (27-25), as well as the 2003 matchup vs. Michigan State (22-16).

Fourth-quarter comebacks also aren't anything new to Notre Dame in the Willingham era. After rallying from a 24-21 deficit to beat Navy, the Irish now have won six times during the past two seasons when they were tied or trailing in the fourth quarter. That includes a 29-26 overtime win over Washington State in the 2003 season opener. Notre Dame nearly added a third comeback win to that total at Boston College, rallying from a 24-12 fourth-quarter deficit to take a 25-24 lead before the Eagles kicked the game-winning field goal with 38 seconds remaining.

GETTING THEIR KICKS

Prior to 2003, only seven Notre Dame wins since 1961 had occurred on the game's final play. That heart-stopping feat happened twice in 2003, thanks to a 40-yard field goal each time. Nicholas Setta did the honors in the season-opening overtime win over Washington State and D.J. Fitzpatrick got his turn in the spotlight with his game-winning boot vs. Navy. The last time the Irish won twice on the last play of the game was 2000, when Setta kicked a 38-yard field goal as time expired to beat Purdue and Joey Getherall scored on a nine-yard run in overtime to defeat Air Force. Here's a rundown of the nine "walk-off" wins for Notre Dame since 1961:

- Joe Perkowski - 41-yard field goal vs. Syracuse (17-15) in 1961
- Joe Unis - extra point following Joe Montana's eight-yard TD pass to Kris Haines in Cotton Bowl vs. Houston (35-34) in 1979
- Harry Oliver - 51-yard field goal vs. Michigan (29-27) in 1980
- John Carney - 19-yard field goal vs. USC (38-37) in 1986
- Jim Sanson - 39-yard field goal vs. Texas (27-24) in 1996
- Nicholas Setta - 38-yard field goal vs. Purdue (23-21) in 2000
- Joey Getherall - nine-yard run in overtime vs. Air Force (34-31) in 2000
- Nicholas Setta - 40-yard field goal in overtime vs. Washington State (29-26) in 2003
- D.J. Fitzpatrick - 40-yard field goal vs. Navy (27-24) in 2003

RETURN TO SENDER

The return game has been a source of strength for Notre Dame over the past five seasons. The Irish have logged 26 returns (punts, kickoffs, fumbles, interceptions) for touchdowns in that time, a figure that ranks ninth in the country. Here's a look at the national leaders in touchdown returns since 1999 (research courtesy of the University of Colorado athletic media relations office — bowl games counted separately):

Team	1999	'00	'01	'02	'03	Bowls
Total						
Miami (Fla.)	3	13	11	5	9	1 42
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	0 38
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	5	0 33
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	3 30
N. Carolina State	3	2	4	9	10	1 29
Colorado	5	4	7	7	1	4 28
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	3	4 28
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	1 27
NOTRE DAME	4	6	4	9	2	2 26
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	2 24
TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1 22

THEY SHALL RETURN

• During the past 18 seasons ('86-2003), Notre Dame has produced 80 TDs via kickoff, punt, interception and fumble returns — including Quentin Burrell's 65-yard and Garron Bible's 48-yard fumble returns against Stanford, Carlos Campbell's 25-yard blocked punt return at Boston College in 2003 and the following returns from 2002: Vontez Duff's 76-yard punt return vs. Maryland, Duff's 33-yard interception return, Gerome Sapp's 54-yard fumble return and Lionel Bolen's four-yard fumble return vs. Purdue, Shane Walton's 18-yard interception return and Courtney Watson's 34-yard interception return against Stanford, Duff's 92-yard kickoff return vs. Navy, Walton's 45-yard interception return against Rutgers and Carlos Pierre-Antoine's 27-yard blocked punt return at USC.

- Irish opponents in the past 18 seasons have combined for just 22 total returns for touchdowns.
- Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM
1986	0	2	0	0
1987	3	0	1	0
1988	2	2	3	0
1989	2	2	3	0
1990	0	2	0	0
1991	1	1	2	0
1992	0	1	0	0
1993	2	1	2	1
1994	0	0	1	1
1995	1	0	2	1
1996	4	1	0	2
1997	0	2	1	0
1998	0	0	2	3
1999	1	0	2	1
2000	2	1	1	2
2001	0	1	2	1
2002	2	1	4	2
2003	1	0	0	2
ND (80)	21	17	26	16
Opp. (22)	6	2	9	5

WORKING OVERTIME

The Washington State game in 2003 was the fifth overtime contest in Notre Dame history and the first since a 34-31 win over Air Force on Oct. 28, 2000. The Irish are 2-3 when they are pushed to an extra session (2-2 at home) and have won both games in which they won the overtime coin toss.

One other OT tidbit: safety Glenn Earl played a key role in each of the last two overtime wins for the Irish. Against Air Force in 2000, Earl blocked a potential game-winning field goal attempt at the end of regulation, allowing Notre Dame to win on Joey Getherall's nine-yard TD run in the extra period. Against Washington State in 2003, Earl broke up a third-down pass intended for WSU's Scott Lunde, forcing the Cougars to try a 34-yard field goal that missed which opened the door for the Irish to win on Nicholas Setta's 40-yard field goal.

TAKEAWAYS

Notre Dame recorded 28 takeaways (15 FUM, 13 INT) in 2003, coming up with three turnovers in seven outings (Washington State, Michigan, Michigan State, Florida State, BYU, Stanford and Syracuse) and averaging more than two takeaways per game. However, that shouldn't come as any surprise to recent followers of Irish football. Over the past three seasons (2001-03) Notre Dame has forced two or more turnovers in 26 of its last 36 games, including 21 contests where they came up with at least three takeaways. The Irish forced a season-high four turnovers in 2003 vs. BYU and Syracuse, matching their best performance in Tyrone Willingham's two seasons at Notre Dame (also achieved in '02 vs. Purdue, Michigan and Florida State).

FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTE EARLY AND OFTEN

Six freshmen played important minutes for Notre Dame in 2003. Defensive end Victor Abiamiri, offensive tackle Ryan Harris, wide receiver Chinedum Ndukwe, defensive back Freddie Parish IV, quarterback Brady Quinn and wide receiver Jeff Samardzija all made significant contributions, giving Irish fans good reason to feel optimistic about the future.

Abiamiri made 22 tackles (four for loss), including a career-high seven tackles in his first start vs. Michigan State. The Randallstown, Md., native earned Rivals.com freshman All-America honorable mention honors. He also picked up the first sack of his career at Pittsburgh and with an injury to Kyle Budinscak, Abiamiri started the last four games of the season at defensive end for the Irish (Navy, BYU, Stanford and Syracuse). Meanwhile, Parish made six tackles in nine games and Samardzija caught seven passes for 53 yards, including a career-high four receptions at Purdue (the same game that saw Ndukwe catch his first career pass).

Perhaps the most high-profile rookie starter for the Irish was Quinn, who cracked the lineup for the first time vs. Washington State and made his first start at Purdue, becoming only the seventh freshman starting QB for Notre Dame in the last 53 seasons. Quinn was 29 of 59 for 297 yards with one touchdown and four interceptions against the Boilermakers, posting the most passing yards by any rookie signal-caller since 1951. He then threw for 350 yards and had his first two-TD game at Boston College, piling up the most passing yardage by an Irish quarterback in 25 years. For the season, Quinn was 157 of a school-record 332 for 1,831 yards with nine touchdowns and 15 interceptions. His pass completions, attempts and yardage all ranked as the most ever by a Notre Dame freshman quarterback since 1951, and his nine TD passes were second only to Matt LoVecchio's 11 scoring tosses in 2000.

Harris was the latest Irish freshman to make his debut, but what a debut it was, coming on the scene

at #15 Pittsburgh. After not appearing in Notre Dame's first four games, the St. Paul, Minn., native not only saw action against the Panthers, but started at right tackle and was part of the Irish offensive line that helped roll up a season-high 352 yards rushing, the most by Notre Dame in four years. Counting the Pittsburgh game, he started the final eight games for the Irish and was named a first-team freshman All-American by Rivals.com. Harris also joined an elite club against Pittsburgh, becoming just the third Irish freshman to start on the offensive line in the last 30 years — Mike Rosenthal started against Ohio State, USC and Air Force in 1995, while Brad Williams made starts against Navy and Boston College in 1996.

One other freshman note: five of the aforementioned rookies (all but Harris) played against Washington State, marking the first time five freshmen played for the Irish in a season opener since Aug. 28, 1999. On that afternoon, Jason Beckstrom, Joey Hildbold, Julius Jones, Gerome Sapp and Chris Yura all participated in a 48-13 Irish rout of Kansas in the State of Indiana Eddie Robinson Classic.

QUINN IN SELECT GROUP

Notre Dame's Brady Quinn was one of only six true freshmen in the nation who started at quarterback in 2003. Quinn made his first start as the Irish signal-caller at Purdue, completing 29 of 59 passes for 297 yards and one touchdown with four interceptions in a 23-10 loss to the Boilermakers. The Dublin, Ohio, native also was the seventh freshman in the last 53 years to start at quarterback for the Irish (first since Matt LoVecchio in 2000), and his 297-yard effort in the best by any Notre Dame rookie QB in his debut over that time.

A look at how Quinn matched up against the nation's other first-year starters in 2003:

Brady Quinn, Notre Dame

- Record as starter: 4-5
- Passing stats: 332-157-15, 1831 yards, 9 TD
- Rushing stats: 48-25, 0 TD
- Total offense: 1856 yards, 9 TD

Reggie Ball, Georgia Tech

- Record as starter: 7-6
- Passing stats: 350-181-11, 1996 yards, 10 TD
- Rushing stats: 139-384, 3 TD
- Total offense: 2380 yards, 13 TD

John Beck, BYU

- Record as starter: 1-3
- Passing stats: 145-73-5, 864 yards, 5 TD
- Rushing stats: 54-21, 1 TD
- Total offense: 885 yards, 6 TD

Kris Heavner, Arizona

- Record as starter: 1-7
- Passing stats: 237-121-15, 1501 yards, 8 TD
- Rushing stats: 31-33, 0 TD
- Total offense: 1534 yards, 8 TD

Kevin Kolb, Houston

- Record as starter: 6-6
- Passing stats: 360-220-6, 3131 yards, 25 TD
- Rushing stats: 139-346, 7 TD
- Total offense: 3477 yards, 32 TD

Chris Leak, Florida

- Record as starter: 6-3
- Passing stats: 320-190-11, 2435 yards, 16 TD
- Rushing stats: 68-(-53), 2 TD
- Total offense: 2382 yards, 18 TD

ABIAMIRI MAKES RARE FRESHMAN DEFENSIVE LINE STARTS

Victor Abiamiri started six times in 2003 (Michigan State, Florida State, Navy, BYU, Stanford and Syracuse), marking the first time a Notre Dame freshman started on the defensive line since Anthony Weaver got the call against Georgia Tech in the 1999 Gator Bowl. Abiamiri made the most of his first starting assignment, rolling up seven tackles, including six solo stops against MSU. Prior to Weaver's start against Georgia Tech, the last Irish freshmen to start on the defensive line were Germaine Holden and John Taliaferro, who both were in the lineup against Tennessee on Nov. 9, 1991.

HARRIS HAD AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Ryan Harris made a huge difference in the Notre Dame running attack after entering the lineup against Pittsburgh in the fifth game of the 2003 season. Harris was only the third freshman to start on the offensive line in Notre Dame history (joining Brad Williams and Mike Rosenthal) and helped create huge openings for Julius Jones against the Panthers as he gained a school-record 262 yards. Jones also posted rushing games of 221 against Navy, 161 against BYU and 218 versus Stanford, becoming the first player in Irish history to rush for over 200 yards in three games in both a season and a career.

HARRIS AND ABIAMIRI NAMED FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICANS

Ryan Harris and Victor Abiamiri were named 2003 freshman All-Americans by Rivals.com. Harris was named to the first team after starting the last eight games for the Irish, while Abiamiri was an honorable mention recipient. Harris joined the likes of fellow freshmen Chris Leak (Florida), Channing Chowder (Florida), Laurence Maroney (Minnesota) and Brian Smith (Missouri) on the first team. After Harris entered the starting lineup, Julius Jones rushed for 1,127 of his 1,341 (83.5%) yards.

BUDINSCAK AND HOYTE NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Defensive end Kyle Budinscak and inside linebacker Brandon Hoyte were named CoSIDA first-team Academic All-District V selections in 2003.

A native of Bridgewater, N.J., Budinscak is a three-time academic all-district first-team honoree. He started all eight games he played in 2003 before his season ended abruptly with a knee injury against Florida State. The senior registered 17 tackles, including three sacks and one fumble recovery, and he was a mainstay on the Irish defense, which ranked among the top 35 in the nation in rushing and total defense.

Budinscak posted a 3.53 overall grade-point average as a finance major in the Mendoza College of Business. He has been on the Dean's List four times during his career and has been a three-time State



Freshman offensive lineman Ryan Harris made an immediate impact on the Irish offense. Harris was only the third freshman to start on the offensive line in Notre Dame history, joining Brad Williams and Mike Rosenthal. Photo by Joe Raymond.

Farm/Westwood One Student-Athlete of the Game. Budinscak is also active in the community participating in the Boys and Girls Club of South Bend and the Tackle The Arts program. He returns for a fifth year of eligibility in 2004.

Hoyte earned his second academic all-district nod and his initial first-team selection in 2003 after garnering second-team accolades in '02. The native of Parlin, N.J., Hoyte has a 3.21 grade-point average in psychology and is a two-time State Farm/Westwood One Student-Athlete of the Game. He is also extremely active in the community as he is a primary contributor to Notre Dame's Tackle the Arts program, volunteers at a local community center and hospital

in South Bend, is a student assistant at the Kaneb Center of Teaching and Learning on campus, is a board representative for the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley and runs his own snack bar out of his dorm (Dillon Hall) called Bullwinkle's.

On the field, Hoyte is just as talented as he started nine of 12 games for the Irish in 2003 with 74 tackles, including 48 solos. He has 7.5 tackles for loss and finished the season second on the team in stops. He recorded a career-high 11 tackles versus Washington State and four tackles for loss against Purdue.

SETTA, FITZPATRICK DRAW DOUBLE DUTY

Before an injury ended his season, Nicholas Setta was serving as the starting placekicker and punter for the Irish, marking the first time a Notre Dame player regularly filled both roles since Craig Hentrich turned the trick from 1989-92. Hentrich is now an all-pro punter with the NFL's Tennessee Titans and even booted three field goals as the Titans' emergency kicker in their season opening win over Oakland in 2003.

Setta completed his fourth year as the Irish placekicker, having twice been named to the Lou Groza Award Watch List. He finished second in career field goal attempts (66), career field goals made (46) and third in career points by kicking. John Carney holds both the career field goal attempts (69) and field goals made (51), while Hentrich is first in points scored by kicking with 294. Setta made 92 consecutive PAT kicks during his career, the second-longest streak in school history behind Hentrich's run of 136 straight PATs from 1989-92. Setta's last missed PAT kick came on Oct. 7, 2000 vs. Stanford.

Setta was one of the primary sources of offense for Notre Dame through the first six games of the 2003 season. He connected on nine of 10 field-goal attempts (making his last nine in a row), including a



Linebacker Brandon Hoyte (39) causes a fumble against Stanford. The junior was an Academic All-District selection in 2003. Photograph by Lighthouse Imaging.

perfect seven of seven on kicks inside of 40 yards and finished third on the team with 32 points in 2003.

Setta got his final season at Notre Dame off to a flying start against Washington State, matching his career high (and tying the school record) with five field goals in six attempts, including the game-winning 40-yard boot in overtime. He also set a new personal best with 17 points by kicking (five field goals, two PAT), one better than his previous high of 16, set in last year's season opener vs. Maryland (five field goals, one PAT).

While he had a wealth of experience as a placekicker, Setta came into the 2003 season having only served as a backup punter behind two-time Ray Guy Award semifinalist Joey Hildbold. However, while filling in for the injured Hildbold against Boston College in 2000, Setta did punt four times for 160 yards (a 40-yard average), including a career-long 47-yard boot in a 28-16 Irish victory. Setta was one of 32 candidates named to the 2003 Ray Guy Award preseason watch list and backed up that selection through the first six weeks of the season, averaging 40.9 yards on 26 punts with three kicks dropped inside the opponents' 20-yard line and six kicks of 50+ yards. He also boomed a career-long 54-yard punt on his first try of the season vs. Washington State and carded a career-high nine punts at Michigan for a 43.9-yard average (including a 51-yard kick).

It should also be noted that D.J. Fitzpatrick stepped into Setta's role for the final six games of the season and eventually finished second on the team in scoring with 53 points (12 field goals, 17 PATs) and posted a 36.8 punt average on 44 kicks.

COURTNEY WATSON NAMED TO AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

All-America linebacker Courtney Watson was one of 11 people named to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Football Team in 2003. The award recognizes players for their dedication and commitment to community service and all nominees must display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations in which they were involved.



Watson, who joins former defensive end Grant Irons as the only Irish players to win the award, was recognized for his extensive work within the University and South Bend communities. A native of Sarasota, Fla., Watson was responsible for creating and developing the football team's community service initiative entitled Tackle The Arts. The program, now in its second year, partners with the St. Joseph Country Public Library in South Bend, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and the Notre Dame Marching Band in providing an interactive approach helping inspire children to explore different areas of the arts including reading, creative writing and poetry, drawing and music. In addition to providing scholastic support with area children, Watson also installed a food drive dimension to the event to benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

In conjunction with the 2003 Tackle the Arts event, Watson, along with teammates Brandon Hoyte and

Dan Stevenson, also played host to a picnic for at-risk children in the South Bend area. The children, who attended the picnic and later Tackle the Arts, were identified through the NCAA's National Youth in Sports Program, the South Bend Housing Authority, the Robinson Community Learning Center and the Urban League of South Bend.

Additionally, Watson has made many surprise visits to the pediatric floor at Memorial Hospital in South Bend and has addressed the Jackson Middle School football team at its end of the year banquet. He has participated in the St. Joseph County City Bureau Youth Fest and made hospital visits while the Irish were in Jacksonville, Fla., playing in the 2003 Toyota Gator Bowl.

Watson has also been very active in the Notre Dame community as he was nominated and then elected a member of the Notre Dame Student Senate in 2002-03. Meeting every Wednesday night, Watson and his fellow senators would discuss issues pertinent to the University community. He also served as a member of the Residence Life and Academic Council committees.

Watson also was a four-year participant, and two-time champion, in Notre Dame's student-run basketball tournament called Bookstore Basketball, which is the largest five-on-five outdoor basketball tournament in America.

BUZZ PRESTON CHOSEN FOR NCAA ADVANCED COACHING PROGRAM

Notre Dame running backs/special teams coach Buzz Preston was one of 20 ethnic minority football coaches who were selected to participate in the first NCAA Advanced Coaching Program Jan. 2-4, 2004 in Orlando.

The program was developed through the recently created NCAA Coaches Academy, which is one of the NCAA's initiatives to attempt to address the critical shortage of ethnic minorities in head coaching positions in the sport of football. The Academy's mission is to assist ethnic minority coaches in excelling in head coaching positions, enhance and strengthen the skills many ethnic minority coaches currently possess and provide exposure and networking opportunities for these coaches.

The 20 coaches selected for the program took part in an intensive three-day training session focusing on areas such as communication, fiscal responsibilities, building a successful program, moral/ethical considerations and academic issues. The Advanced Coaching Program was held just prior to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Convention and receives support from both the AFCA and the Black Coaches Association (BCA).

NOTRE DAME ALUMS IN RARE NFL COMPANY

Notre Dame is the only school to boast three former players who have totaled 10,000-plus rushing or receiving yards in NFL history. Through the end of the 2003 season, Jerome Bettis ranked sixth on the NFL all-time rushing yards list and second among active rushers (behind Arizona's Emmitt Smith) with 12,353 yards, while Ricky Watters retired with 10,741 yards (good for 13th place). Meanwhile, Tim Brown ranks second on the NFL all-time receiving yards list (14,734), trailing only his current Oakland Raiders teammate, Jerry Rice.



Only one other Division I-A school — Syracuse (Jim Brown and Art Monk) — has produced both an NFL 10,000-yard rusher and receiver. Three other schools — Oklahoma State (Barry Sanders and Thurman Thomas), Pittsburgh (Tony Dorsett and Curtis Martin) and USC (Marcus Allen and O.J. Simpson) — have produced two 10,000-yard NFL rushers.

BIG CROWDS

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 161 of its previous 185 games, including 25 of its last 26 games (the '03 Stanford game was not a sellout). At Michigan in 2003, the Irish and Wolverines helped bring in the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of that series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the sixth time in the last three seasons that Notre Dame has been a part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002).

TICKET UPDATE

Demand for tickets to two of Notre Dame's six home games in 2003 ranked among the top five in the history of Notre Dame Stadium. The Notre Dame ticket office received 54,244 ticket requests for the game vs. USC, making it the fourth highest requested Irish home game in history. In addition, the Notre Dame-Florida State game garnered 51,051 requests, placing it fifth on the all-time list. In fact, Notre Dame set a record by refunding \$5.1 million to lottery losers in the University's ticket distribution for contributing alumni. That total easily exceeded the 2002 mark of \$2.1 million and outdistanced the old refund record of \$3.8 million in 2001.

The Notre Dame Stadium record of 59,368 ticket requests was set in '01 when the Irish took on West Virginia. Demand for that game was based on parents of current Notre Dame students being guaranteed four tickets for that contest — plus contributing alumni having the opportunity to apply for four tickets instead of the usual two, based on its designation as an alumni family game.

The Irish have posted 173 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 221 in their last 222 home games.

Here are the top 10 games in terms of alumni ticket demand at Notre Dame Stadium:

1. West Virginia	2001	59,368
2. USC	1997	57,048
3. Boston College	2002	55,482
4. USC	2003	54,244
5. Florida State	2003	51,051
6. Michigan	2002	50,883
7. Michigan State	2001	48,404
8. Nebraska	2000	47,865
9. Michigan State	1997	47,681
10. Michigan	1998	47,233

THE 2003 SCHEDULE

Once again, Notre Dame faced one of the nation's toughest schedules, as the Irish played four of their first eight games against teams that ended the season ranked in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls (No. 1/2 USC, No. 6/7 Michigan, No. 11/10 Florida State, No. 18/19 Purdue, No. 9/9 Washington State). Nine of the 12 foes on Notre Dame's 2003 schedule went to bowl games, highlighted by three Bowl Championship Series qualifiers (Michigan, USC, Florida State).

According to the final NCAA rankings, Notre Dame faced the third-toughest schedule in the nation. Here's a look at the teams with the 10 toughest schedules for the past season (rankings take into account the cumulative performance of all opponents during the 2003 season):

Rk.	Team	'03 Opponent Record
1.	Alabama	98-50 (.662)
2.	Florida	89-48 (.649)
3.	NOTRE DAME	89-49 (.645)
4.	Texas A&M	82-53 (.607)
5.	Arizona	84-55 (.604)
6.	Iowa State	76-50 (.603)
7.	Bowling Green	77-51 (.602)
8.	Kansas State	86-59 (.593)
9.	Ohio State	87-60 (.591)
10.	South Carolina	80-56 (.588)

RANK AND FILE

Notre Dame's penchant for playing the best teams in the country is well known. In fact, over the last 17 seasons (1987-2003), the Irish have played 82 games against ranked opponents, an average of nearly five games per season. Notre Dame has posted a record of 43-37-2 (.537) in these games, including a 22-12-1 (.643) mark against ranked teams at home. Here's a breakdown of how the Irish have done against Top 25 teams over the past 17 years:

Season	Home	Road/Neutral	Total
1987	2-0	1-2	3-2
1988	2-0	2-0	4-0
1989	3-0	3-1	6-1
1990	2-1	3-1	5-2
1991	1-1	1-2	2-3
1992	2-1-1	2-0	4-1-1
1993	1-1	2-0	3-1
1994	0-1	0-2-1	0-3-1
1995	2-0	1-2	3-2
1996	1-1	1-0	2-1
1997	1-1	1-3	2-4
1998	1-0	0-1	1-1
1999	1-1	0-3	1-4
2000	2-1	0-2	2-3
2001	0-1	0-2	0-3
2002	1-0	3-2	4-2
2003	0-2	1-2	1-4
Totals	22-12-121	25-1	43-37-2

THE 2003 CAPTAINS

For the second consecutive season and the third time in the 115-year history of football at Notre Dame, the Irish designated captains on a game-by-game basis in 2003. Darrell Campbell, Vontez Duff, Omar Jenkins and Jim Molinaro were eventually named the permanent '03 captains at the team's season-ending awards banquet. The '03 captains were named as follows (career captain selections in parentheses):

Washington State: CB Vontez Duff (3), FS Glenn Earl (2), WR Omar Jenkins (1), OT Jim Molinaro (1)

Michigan: DT Darrell Campbell (3), LB Derek Curry (1), QB Carlyle Holiday (1), K/P Nicholas Setta (3)

Michigan State: RB Ryan Grant (1), NG Cedric Hilliard (3), TE Billy Palmer (1), LB Courtney Watson (4)

Purdue: CB Vontez Duff (4), SS Glenn Earl (3), WR Omar Jenkins (2), OT Jim Molinaro (2)

Pittsburgh: SS Glenn Earl (4), OT Jim Molinaro (3), K/P Nicholas Setta (4), LB Courtney Watson (5)

USC: DT Darrell Campbell (4), RB Julius Jones (1), OT Jim Molinaro (4), LB Courtney Watson (6)

Boston College: LB Derek Curry (1), CB Vontez Duff (5), WR Omar Jenkins (3), TE Billy Palmer (2)

Florida State: CB Vontez Duff (6), WR Omar Jenkins (4), OT Jim Molinaro (5), LB Courtney Watson (7)

Navy: DT Darrell Campbell (5), NG Cedric Hilliard (4), RB Julius Jones (2), OT Jim Molinaro (6)

BYU: CB Vontez Duff (7), RB Julius Jones (3), OT Jim Molinaro (7)

Stanford: CB Vontez Duff (8), OT Jim Molinaro (8), DT Darrell Campbell (6), WR Omar Jenkins (5)

Syracuse: CB Vontez Duff (9), OT Jim Molinaro (9), RB Julius Jones (4), LB Courtney Watson (8)

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

The 2003 Syracuse game was covered on a national basis by ABC and the Irish extended their streak of appearances on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) to 136 straight games, a stretch that spans 10 full seasons (1993-2003). The last time the Irish didn't appear on one of those four networks was more than 11 years ago (Oct. 31, 1992), when Notre Dame downed Navy, 38-7, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That game was shown locally in the South Bend area on WNDU-TV. Here's a breakdown of the networks on which the Irish have played during this impressive streak:

YEAR	GAMES	NBC	ABC	CBS	ESPN
1992	4	3	1	—	—
1993	12	7	4	—	1
1994	12	7	5	—	—
1995	12	6	4	1	1
1996	11	6	2	2	1
1997	13	6	3	2	2
1998	12	7	3	2	—
1999	12	7	3	1	1
2000	12	6	3	3	—
2001	11	6	4	—	1
2002	13	7	4	1	1
2003	12	6	5	—	1
Totals	136	74	41	12	9

NOTRE DAME REACHES TV MILESTONE IN 2003

The Notre Dame game vs. Florida State in 2003 was broadcast nationally by NBC, marking the 250th national television appearance for the Irish in their history. Notre Dame is 166-84-3 (.662) all-time when it is playing in front of a nationwide audience.

The '03 game at Michigan was another milestone for the Irish program — it was the 300th time a Notre Dame football game appeared on national or regional television.

During their 115-year history, the Irish have posted a combined 194-111-4 (.634) record in these TV games, beginning with a 27-21 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma on Nov. 8, 1952 in a game that was shown nationwide on ABC.

A breakdown of Notre Dame's success over the years when appearing on each of the various networks on both a national and regional basis (the current Irish win/loss streak on the four major networks is listed in parentheses):

NATIONAL TELEVISION	
NBC (won 2)	63-24-1 (.722)
ABC (lost 3)	44-36-2 (.549)
CBS (won 6)	22-11-0 (.667)
ESPN/ESPN2 (won 2)	19-10-0 (.655)
WGN	10-2-0 (.833)
SportsChannel	4-1-0 (.800)
Raycom	2-0-0 (1.000)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Katz	1-0-0 (1.000)
Totals	166-84-3 (.662)

REGIONAL TELEVISION	
ABC (lost 2)	23-24-1 (.490)
CBS (won 1)	4-2-0 (.667)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Big Ten Syndication	0-1-0 (.000)
Totals	28-27-1 (.509)

ND FEATURED PROMINENTLY ON TV IN 2003

In addition to continuing its streak of consecutive games played on one of the four major television networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN), Notre Dame was spotlighted on the small screen in several other ways during the 2003 season. Here's a thumbnail look at each of the individual TV projects that featured the Irish in '03:

- ESPN filmed "The Season: Notre Dame Football" in South Bend throughout the '03 campaign. Crews from the network attended practice sessions, team meals and other team-related activities and conducted regular interviews with Irish players and coaches.
- ESPN "College GameDay" celebrated its 10th season of live remotes from college football's top games. In recognition of its first-ever road trip (a Nov. 13, 1993 journey to South Bend for the game between No. 1 Florida State and No. 2 Notre Dame) aired weekly all-access features on the Irish adapted from its feature presentation, "The Season: Notre Dame Football." Former Irish flanker and two-time All-American Raghib "Rocket" Ismail added more of a Notre Dame flavor to "College GameDay" in 2003 as he joins the crew for regular contributions.
- College Sports Television (CSTV), the nation's new 24-hour cable channel devoted exclusively to college sports, highlighted Irish athletics on Sunday nights (8-9 p.m. ET) in a show called "Notre Dame Primetime." The program, which was co-hosted by former Irish split end Derrick Mayes, focused on all 26 Notre Dame sports and the continuing growth of Irish athletics. In addition to its regular Sunday night broadcast, the show also aired on a delayed basis Mondays at 7 p.m. (ET) on WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend.
- Besides these features, Notre Dame enjoyed the 13th season of its unique relationship with NBC. All Irish home football games since 1991 have been televised on the network, with the current agreement slated to continue through 2010. Tom Hammond (play-by-play) and Pat Haden (analysis) completed their third full season broadcasting the action for NBC in 2003.

GRADUATION RATES, PART ONE

The University of Notre Dame compiled the nation's highest overall graduation rate for Division I-A student-athletes to take top honors in the 2003 USA Today/NCAA Academic Achievement Awards.

Ninety-two percent of the Fighting Irish student-athletes who enrolled in 1996 earned a degree from the University, three percentage points higher than second-place Tulsa. Duke and Wisconsin finished third at 88 percent, followed by Northwestern, 87; Boston College, 86; Stanford, 84; Western Michigan, 83; Michigan, 82; and Syracuse, Rice and Utah State, 81.

In addition to the overall rate, Academic Achievement Awards are presented to the institutions with the best student-athlete graduation rates in comparison to the overall student body and to those that show the most improvement from the previous year.

Now in their third year, the awards include a \$20,000 prize for the top institutions in each category. They are based on federally compiled figures submitted by NCAA member institutions.

The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates. Notre Dame's graduation rate for student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility is 99 percent.

GRADUATION RATES, PART TWO

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top 10 Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduate rate categories -- overall, football, men, women and African-American - according to statistics released in September 2003 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated 2003 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 13th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1993 and 1996 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Among student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, 99 percent earned their degrees. The national average was 83 percent.

All Student-Athletes

1. (tie) Duke	89%
(tie) Northwestern	89
3. (tie) Notre Dame	87
(tie) Stanford	87

Football Student-Athletes

1. Vanderbilt	84%
2. (tie) Duke	83
(tie) Northwestern	83
(tie) Syracuse	83
7. Notre Dame	81

Male Student-Athletes

1. Duke	88%
2. Notre Dame	85
3. Stanford	83
4. Northwestern	82

Female Student-Athletes

1. Northwestern	98%
2. (tie) Notre Dame	92
(tie) Duke	92
(tie) Stanford	92

African-American Student-Athletes

1. Rice	87%
2. (tie) Stanford	85
(tie) Vanderbilt	85
4. Northwestern	83
5. Duke	82
6. Notre Dame	78

MAKING THE GRADE

The Notre Dame football squad has had four of the most successful semesters in the classroom in the history of the program, based on final grades from the past four semesters (2001-03). In the fall of 2001, the Irish team finished (at the time) with its second-highest combined grade-point average on record (2.685) since statistics were kept beginning in 1992. A total of 12 players earned Dean's List recognition and 38 players posted a "B" average or higher last fall. Then, in the spring of 2002, the Irish topped that mark with a record-setting 2.911 combined team GPA, with 13 players making the Dean's List and another 47 averaging a "B" or better. In the fall of '02, the Irish logged a 2.835 team GPA, followed by a 2.79 average in the spring of '03. Eight players made the Dean's List in both of the last two semesters, while 43 players had a "B" or better during the fall of 2002, and 50 more reached that mark in the spring of 2003.



Defensive end Justin Tuck (44) ranked among the national leaders in quarterback sacks in 2003. Photograph by Lighthouse Imaging.

NEW FACILITIES APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame approved the construction of two new buildings and resumption of construction of a third at its fall meeting in October 2003.

Ground was broken over the winter on the Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Family Athletics Center and Jordan Hall of Science, and work has resumed on a new facility for the Notre Dame Security/Police Department and campus post office.

The \$21.25-million Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Family Athletics Center will adjoin the west side of the Loftus Center. A 95,840-square-foot facility, it will house the football locker rooms, offices and meeting rooms, as well as provide Notre Dame's 800 student-athletes with enhanced space for training and sports medicine, strength and conditioning programs, and equipment. The designer/builder on the project is McShane Construction of Chicago and construction will be completed in the fall of 2005.

The center has been underwritten with a gift from the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife, Flora. A longtime supporter of Notre Dame, Guglielmino attended the University in the 1939-40 academic year and previously made gifts to the Notre Dame Club of

Los Angeles scholarship fund, the University's Institute for Church Life, and the football program. He was recognized as an honorary alumnus in 1996 and was inducted into the Notre Dame National Monogram Club after his death May 31, 2001. He is survived by Flora and their three children.

The Jordan Hall of Science will be underwritten with a leadership gift from John W. "Jay" Jordan II, a 1969 Notre Dame graduate and a member of the University's Board of Trustees since 1993. He is founder of The Jordan Company (TJC), a private investment firm that acquires, manages and builds companies for the TJC partnership account, and is chairman and CEO of the Chicago-based holding company Jordan Industries Inc. He previously funded construction of the Jordan Auditorium in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and currently chairs the Board of Trustees' investment committee, which oversees the University endowment.

The science hall will be a 201,783-square-foot building that will cost \$70 million. It will include 40 undergraduate laboratories for biology, chemistry and physics; two 250-seat lecture halls; a 150-seat multimedia lecture hall; two classrooms; 22 faculty offices; offices for preprofessional (pre-med) studies; and a greenhouse, herbarium and observatory. To be built on Juniper Road in front of the Rolfs Sports

Recreation Center, the center was designed by S/L/A/M Collaborative of Glastonbury, Conn., and will be completed in 2006. It will be constructed by Geupel Demars Hagerman of Indianapolis.

The third project to receive approval, the 40,000-square-foot, \$10.97-million building for security/police and the post office, is located next to the Stepan Center. Work on the project began in 2002 but was put on hold due to the sluggish economy. The Moake-Park Group of Fort Wayne, Ind., is the architect and Ziolkowski Construction of South Bend is the construction manager.

FINAL 2003 NCAA STATISTICS REPORT

The season-ending NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame in 2003 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame
Rushing Defense	29th at 127.17
Pass Defense	48th at 213.00
Total Defense	33rd at 340.17
Punt Returns	21st at 12.29
Individual Rankings	Rank/Avg.
Rushing	
Julius Jones	23rd at 105.67
Interceptions	
Quentin Burrell	50th at 0.33
Punt Returns	
Vontez Duff	34th at 10.83
All-Purpose Runners	
Julius Jones	25th at 130.67
Pass Sacks Per Game	
Justin Tuck	6th at 1.13
Tackles For Loss Per Game	
Justin Tuck	15th at 1.58



2003 Final Depth Chart

Notre Dame Offense

WR	80	Omar Jenkins ***	6-1	205
	21	MAURICE STOVALL **	6-5	221
	81	CHINEDUM NDUKWE	6-3	190
	18	Ronnie Rodamer *	6-4	211
LT	70	Jim Molinaro **	6-6	301
	79	BRIAN MATTES	6-6	266
LG	73	MARK LeVOIR *	6-7	320
	69	DARIN MITCHELL *	6-3	280
	71	JAMES BONELLI	6-6	282
C	76	BOB MORTON *	6-4	299
	55	ZACHARY GILES *	6-3	287
RG	74	DAN STEVENSON **	6-4	297
	65	Sean Milligan ***	6-4	291
	51	JAMIE RYAN *	6-5	290
	72	JEFF THOMPSON	6-4	287
RT	68	RYAN HARRIS *	6-5	270
	79	BRIAN MATTES	6-6	266
TE	85	BILLY PALMER **	6-4	251
	or 88	ANTHONY FASANO *	6-4	253
	1	JARED CLARK **	6-4	242
	87	MARCUS FREEMAN *	6-4	242
	88	Patrick Nally *	6-3	243
WR	5	RHEMA McKNIGHT **	6-2	207
	83	JEFF SAMARDZIJA *	6-4	190
	82	MATT SHELTON **	5-11	177
QB	10	BRADY QUINN *	6-4	211
	7	CARLYLE HOLIDAY ***	6-3	221
	9	PAT DILLINGHAM *	6-1	211
	8	Matt Krueger *	5-10	177
FB	16	RASHON POWERS-NEAL **	6-2	227
	or 12	JOSH SCHMIDT *	6-1	220
	25	NATE SCHICCATANO *	6-3	224
	28	Cole Laux *	5-10	229
RB	22	Julius Jones ****	5-10	205
	4	RYAN GRANT **	6-1	209
	11	MARCUS WILSON **	5-11	199
	32	JEFF JENKINS	6-0	211

Notre Dame Defense

LE	44	JUSTIN TUCK **	6-5	246
	75	Chris Frome	6-5	264
DT	60	Darrell Campbell ****	6-4	296
	90	BRIAN BEIDATSCH **	6-4	283
	93	DAN SANTUCCI *	6-5	270
NG	50	Cedric Hilliard ***	6-2	295
	77	GREG PAULY **	6-6	291
	66	DEREK LANDRI *	6-2	265
RE	92	KYLE BUDINSCAK ***	6-4	270
	95	VICTOR ABIAMIRI *	6-5	245
	97	TRAVIS LEITKO *	6-6	264
ILB	39	BRANDON HOYTE **	6-0	225
	46	COREY MAYS **	6-1	246
	43	ANTHONY SALVADOR *	6-2	220
ILB	33	Courtney Watson ****	6-1	232
	46	COREY MAYS **	6-1	246
OLB	49	DEREK CURRY ***	6-3	228
	48	JEROME COLLINS **	6-4	256
LCB	34	Vontez Duff ****	5-11	194
	15	PRESTON JACKSON **	5-9	177
	6	CARLOS CAMPBELL **	5-11	186
FS	8	QUENTIN BURRELL **	6-0	180
	2	FREDDIE PARISH IV *	6-1	205
	31	JAKE CARNEY	6-0	190
SS	19	Glenn Earl ****	6-1	204
	26	Garron Bible ***	5-10	197
	27	LIONEL BOLEN **	6-0	206
RCB	24	DWIGHT ELICK ***	5-10	177
	30	MIKE RICHARDSON *	6-1	188

Notre Dame Specialists

KO	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK *	6-1	192
	or 13	Nicholas Setta ****	5-11	175
PK	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK *	6-1	192
	or 13	Nicholas Setta ****	5-11	175
P	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK *	6-1	192
	or 13	Nicholas Setta ****	5-11	175
HLD	8	Matt Krueger *	5-10	177
SNP	64	CASEY DUNN * (Long)	6-4	255
	or 62	SCOTT RARIDON * (FG/PAT)	6-7	300
PR/KR	34	Vontez Duff ****	5-11	194
	22	Julius Jones ****	5-10	205
	82	MATT SHELTON **	5-11	177
	24	DWIGHT ELICK ***	5-10	177

* Includes every player who played one second or more in 2003. Returnees in all caps. Bold indicates starters returning. Italics indicates walk-on members of the squad.

2003 Honors and Awards

DE VICTOR ABIAMIRI

Rivals.com Freshman All-America honorable mention

DE KYLE BUDINCAK

CoSIDA Academic All-District V First Team
Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Year
Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

DT DARRELL CAMPBELL

Notre Dame Team Captain
Notre Dame Nick Pietrosante Award
Lindy's, ranked 19th nationally among defensive linemen
2004 Senior Bowl Participant
2004 Gridiron Classic Participant

SS JAKE CARNEY

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

QB PAT DILLINGHAM

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

CB VONTEZ DUFF

Notre Dame Team Captain
Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
Street & Smith's preseason first-team All-American
Athlon preseason second-team All-American
Chosen by Street & Smith's as Jim Thorpe Award candidate
Lindy's, ranked seventh nationally among cornerbacks
Lindy's, ranked ninth nationally among all-purpose players
The Sporting News, ranked 10th nationally among cornerbacks
The Sporting News, ranked 10th nationally among kick returners
2004 East-West Shrine Game Participant
2004 NFL Draft Pick of the Houston Texans

FS/SS GLENN EARL

Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American
Chosen by Street & Smith's as Jim Thorpe Award candidate
The Sporting News, ranked 14th nationally among free safeties
Lindy's, ranked 19th nationally among free safeties
Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week
2004 NFL Draft Pick of the Houston Texans

DE CHRIS FROME

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

RB RYAN GRANT

Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American
Lindy's, ranked 18th nationally among running backs

LB MIKE GOOLSBY

Butkus Award Watch List
Lindy's, ranked 12th nationally among inside linebackers

OT RYAN HARRIS

Rivals.com Freshman All-America First Team
The Sporting News Freshman All-America Second Team

NG CEDRIC HILLIARD

Notre Dame Lineman of the Year
2004 Gridiron Classic Participant
Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American

QB CARLYLE HOLIDAY

Davey O'Brien Award Watch List

LB BRANDON HOYTE

CoSIDA Academic All-District V First Team
Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

WR OMAR JENKINS

Notre Dame Team Captain
2004 Paradise Bowl Participant

RB JULIUS JONES

Notre Dame National Monogram Club Most Valuable Player
USA Today.com National Player of the Week (Oct. 12)
The Sporting News National Player of the Week (Oct. 12)
CollegeSportsNews.com National Player of the Week (Oct. 12)
ESPN/Russell Athletic Player of the Game at Pittsburgh (Oct. 11)
NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Navy (Nov. 8)
NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. BYU (Nov. 15)
2004 Capital One College Football All-Star Challenge Champion
2004 Senior Bowl Participant
2004 NFL Draft Pick of the Dallas Cowboys

OL BRIAN MATTES

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

LB COREY MAYS

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

WR RHEMA MCKNIGHT

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Michigan State (Sept. 20)

OT JIM MOLINARO

Notre Dame Team Captain
Notre Dame Guardian of the Year Award
2004 Blue-Gray Game Participant
2004 NFL Draft Pick of the Washington Redskins

QB BRADY QUINN

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game at Boston College (Oct. 25)
Offensive Most Valuable Player for 2004 Blue-Gold Game

CB MIKE RICHARDSON

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

DE DAN SANTUCCI

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

FB JOSH SCHMIDT

Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award

K/P NICHOLAS SETTA

Ray Guy Award Watch List
NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Washington State (Sept. 6)
Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American
Street & Smith's Lou Groza Award candidate

OG DAN STEVENSON

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

WR MAURICE STOVALL

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game at Purdue (Sept. 27)

OL JEFF THOMPSON

Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Week

DE JUSTIN TUCK

Ted Hendricks Award Watch List

LB COURTNEY WATSON

Butkus Award Semifinalist
AFCA Good Works Team
Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year Watch List
ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game at Michigan (Sept. 13)
Street & Smith's preseason first-team All-American
The Sporting News preseason first-team All-American
Chosen by Street & Smith's as Butkus Award candidate
Chosen by Street & Smith's as Bednarik/Nagurski Award candidate
Chosen by Lindy's as Butkus Award candidate
Chosen by Lindy's as Bednarik/Nagurski Award candidate
The Sporting News, ranked fourth nationally among inside linebackers
Lindy's, ranked fourth nationally among inside linebackers
2004 Senior Bowl Participant
2004 East-West Shrine Game Participant
2004 NFL Draft pick of the New Orleans Saints

DB TOM ZBIKOWSKI

Defensive Most Valuable Player for 2004 Blue-Gold Game

2003 Final Statistics

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	5-7-0	3-3-0	2-4-0	0-0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-7-0	3-3-0	2-4-0	0-0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Sept. 6, 2003	Washington State	W	29-26 (OT)	80,795
Sept. 13, 2003	at #5 Michigan	L	0-38	111,726
Sept. 20, 2003	Michigan State	L	16-22	80,795
Sept. 27, 2003	at #22 Purdue	L	10-23	64,614
Oct. 11, 2003	at #15 Pittsburgh	W	20-14	66,421
Oct. 18, 2003	#5 USC	L	14-45	80,795
Oct. 25, 2003	at Boston College	L	25-27	44,500
Nov. 1, 2003	#5 Florida State	L	0-37	80,795
Nov. 8, 2003	Navy	W	27-24	80,795
Nov. 15, 2003	Brigham Young	W	33-14	80,795
Nov. 29, 2003	at Stanford	W	57-7	46,500
Dec. 6, 2003	at Syracuse	L	12-38	48,170

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	206	201
Rushing	92	88
Passing	97	102
Penalty	17	11
RUSHING YARDAGE	1887	1526
Yards gained rushing	2236	2022
Yards lost rushing	349	496
Rushing Attempts	472	486
Average Per Rush	4.0	3.1
Average Per Game	157.2	127.2
TDs Rushing	13	19
PASSING YARDAGE	2149	2556
Att-Comp-Int	411-195-19	337-194-13
Average Per Pass	5.2	7.6
Average Per Catch	11.0	13.2
Average Per Game	179.1	213.0
TDs Passing	10	16
TOTAL OFFENSE	4036	4082
Total Plays	883	823
Average Per Play	4.6	5.0
Average Per Game	336.3	340.2
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	46-893	40-780
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	31-381	32-346
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	13-132	19-235
FUMBLES-LOST	18-7	26-15
PENALTIES-YARDS	75-612	77-563
PUNTS-AVG	71-37.9	66-39.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:09	29:51
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	65/207	55/175
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	12/30	12/23

RUSHING	G	Att.	Yds	YL	Net	Yds/Car	TD	Long	Yds/Gm
Jones, Julius	12	229	1341	73	1268	5.5	10	61	105.7
Grant, Ryan	12	143	567	57	510	3.6	3	46	42.5
Wilson, Marcus	11	14	35	6	29	2.1	0	8	2.6
Holiday, Carlyle	11	28	114	85	29	1.0	0	28	2.6
Quinn, Brady	12	48	150	125	25	0.5	0	15	2.1
Powers-Neal, Rashon	12	4	15	0	15	3.8	0	7	1.2
Clark, Jared	12	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	12	1.0
Schiccatano, Nick	6	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Team	6	4	0	3	-3	-0.8	0	0	-0.5
Total	12	472	2236	349	1887	4.0	13	61	157.2
Opponents	12	486	2022	496	1526	3.1	19	71	127.2
PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G	
Quinn, Brady	12	93.53	332-157-15	47.3	1831	9	85	152.6	
Holiday, Carlyle	11	77.11	75-37-4	49.3	304	1	29	27.6	
Team	6	0.00	3-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	11	217.60	1-1-0	100.0	14	0	14	1.3	
Total	13	109.23	341-172-13	50.4	2264	11	67	174.2	
Opponents	13	98.28	452-223-21	49.3	2662	12	52	204.8	
RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G		
McKnight, Rhema	12	47	600	12.8	3	38	50.0		
Jenkins, Omar	12	36	344	9.6	1	42	28.7		
Stovall, Maurice	12	22	421	19.1	3	85	35.1		
Fasano, Anthony	11	18	169	9.4	2	18	15.4		
Clark, Jared	12	15	142	9.5	0	23	11.8		
Schmidt, Josh	12	13	125	9.6	0	15	10.4		
Jones, Julius	12	10	53	5.3	0	15	4.4		
Grant, Ryan	12	9	64	7.1	0	16	5.3		
Samardzija, Jeff	12	7	53	7.6	0	19	4.4		
Powers-Neal, Rashon	12	7	50	7.1	0	15	4.2		
Shelton, Matt	11	3	80	26.7	1	65	7.3		
Ndukwe, Chinedum	12	3	14	4.7	0	14	1.2		
Holiday, Carlyle	11	2	13	6.5	0	10	1.2		
Palmer, Billy	12	1	13	13.0	0	13	1.1		
Jenkins, Jeff	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8		
Stevenson, Dan	10	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.1		
Total	12	195	2149	11.0	10	85	179.1		
Opponents	12	194	2556	13.2	16	65	213.0		
FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Setta, Nicholas	9-10	90.0	1-1	1-1	5-5	2-3	0-0	47	0
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	12-17	70.6	1-1	2-3	6-7	2-3	1-3	50	1
SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
Jones, Julius	10	0-0	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Fitzpatrick, D.J.	0	12-17	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	60
Setta, Nicholas	0	9-10	17-18	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	53
Stovall, Maurice	3	0-0	5-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	32
McKnight, Rhema	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Grant, Ryan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Fasano, Anthony	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Bible, Garron	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Campbell, Carlos	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Shelton, Matt	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Burrell, Quentin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jenkins, Omar	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Team	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Quinn, Brady	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	0
Total	26	21-27	22-23	0-1	0	0-2	0	1	243
Opponents	38	17-20	36-37	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	315

SCORE BY QUARTERS		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	
Notre Dame		64	59	61	56	3	243	
Opponents		108	53	79	75	0	315	
INTERCEPTIONS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Burrell, Quentin		4	18	4.5	0	18		
Curry, Derek		2	11	5.5	0	11		
Watson, Courtney		2	48	24.0	0	48		
Duff, Vontez		2	55	27.5	0	55		
Beckstrom, Jason		1	0	0.0	0	0		
Jackson, Preston		1	0	0.0	0	0		
Earl, Glenn		1	0	0.0	0	0		
Total		13	132	10.2	0	55		
Opponents		19	235	12.4	2	90		
PUNTING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20
Fitzpatrick, DJ		44	1621	36.8	50	3	6	7
Setta, Nicholas		26	1064	40.9	54	2	1	3
Total		71	2689	37.9	54	5	7	10
Opponents		66	2616	39.6	79	7	2	22
PUNT RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Duff, Vontez		24	260	10.8	0	47		
McKnight, Rhema		5	71	14.2	0	22		
Schiccatano, Nick		1	21	21.0	0	0		
Jones, Julius		1	4	4.0	0	4		
Campbell, Carlos		0	25	0.0	1	25		
Total		31	381	12.3	1	47		
Opponents		32	346	10.8	0	71		
KICK RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Duff, Vontez		16	346	21.6	0	43		
Jones, Julius		13	243	18.7	0	51		
Shelton, Matt		11	174	15.8	0	23		
Ellick Dwight		6	130	21.7	0	29		
Total		46	893	19.4	0	51		
Opponents		40	780	19.5	0	50		
ALL PURPOSE		G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot
Jones, Julius		12	1268	53	4	243	0	1568
McKnight, Rhema		12	0	600	71	0	0	671
Duff, Vontez		12	0	0	260	346	55	661
Grant, Ryan		12	510	64	0	0	0	574
Shelton, Matt		11	0	80	0	174	0	254
Clark, Jared		12	12	142	0	0	0	154
Ellick, Dwight		10	0	0	0	130	0	130
Powers-Neal, Rashon		12	15	50	0	0	0	65
Holiday, Carlyle		11	29	13	0	0	0	42
Campbell, Carlos		11	0	0	25	0	0	25
Schiccatano, Nick		6	2	0	21	0	0	23
Total		13	1812	2264	518	877	314	5785
Opponents		13	1238	2662	288	621	182	4991
TOTAL OFFENSE		G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G	
Quinn, Brady		12	380	25	1831	1856	154.7	
Jones, Julius		12	229	1268	0	1268	105.7	
Grant, Ryan		12	143	510	0	510	42.5	
Holiday, Carlyle		11	103	29	304	333	30.3	
Wilson, Marcus		11	14	29	0	29	2.6	
Powers-Neal, Rashon		12	4	15	0	15	1.2	
Fitzpatrick, D.J.		11	1	0	14	14	1.3	
Clark, Jared		12	1	12	0	12	1.0	
Schiccatano, Nick		6	1	2	0	2	0.3	
Team		6	7	-3	0	-3	-0.5	
Total		12	883	1887	2149	4036	336.3	
Opponents		12	823	1526	2556	4082	340.2	

2003 NOTRE DAME FINAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles			TFL-Yds	Sacks- No-Yards	Pass Def		QBH	Fumbles		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total			Int-Yds	BrUp		Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
33	Watson, Courtney	11	69	48	117	15-70	3.5-25	2-48	3	.	1	.	.
39	Hoyte, Brandon	12	48	26	74	7.5-17	2.0-6	.	2	1-0	1	.	.
44	Tuck, Justin	12	43	30	73	19.0-117	13.5-106	.	2	.	3	.	.
49	Curry, Derek	12	42	24	66	6.5-35	4.5-33	2-11	1	1-0	2	.	.
8	Burrell, Quentin	12	39	19	58	1.5-1	0.5-1	4-18	2	2-65	.	.	.
19	Earl, Glenn	6	23	12	35	1.5-13	1.0-10	1-0	2	1-0	1	.	.
26	Bible, Garron	12	20	13	33	2.0-5	0.5-2	.	.	2-48	1	.	.
34	Duff, Vontez	12	26	7	33	2.0-8	.	2-55	4	1-0	1	.	.
50	Hilliard, Cedric	11	13	14	27	1.5-2	.	.	1	1-4	2	.	.
46	Mays, Corey	12	19	7	26	4.0-16	1.0-5	.	.	1-0	1	2	.
60	Campbell, Darrell	12	15	20	25	6.5-32	3.0-15	.	1	.	.	.	.
15	Jackson, Preston	12	18	6	24	1.0-1	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
95	Abiamiri, Victor	12	16	6	22	4.0-17	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Beckstrom, Jason	10	16	6	22	1.0-3	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
24	Ellick, Dwight	10	16	5	21	.	.	.	2	1	1	.	.
77	Paul, Greg	11	8	12	20	2.5-9	2.0-8	.	.	1-5	.	.	.
92	Budinscak, Kyle	8	10	7	17	4.0-18	3.0-16	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
30	Richardson, Michael	12	10	6	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Landri, Derek	10	7	6	13	4.0-8	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
97	Leitko, Travis	10	5	7	12	1.5-9	1.0-8	.	.	.	1	.	.
27	Bolen, Lionel	8	6	6	12	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Campbell, Carlos	11	4	8	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Stovall, Maurice	12	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Salvador, Anthony	5	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Collins, Jerome	10	7	2	9	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Jenkins, Omar	12	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Clark, Jared	12	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
2	Parrish, Freddie	10	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	11	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Beidatsch, Brian	9	2	3	5	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
85	Palmer, Billy	12	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Wilson, Marcus	11	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	Dunn, Casey	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Setta, Nicholas	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Schmidt, Josh	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Holiday, Carlyle	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	McKnight, Rhema	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Freeman, Marcus	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Powers-Neal, Rashon	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65	Milligan, Sean	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Frome, Chris	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Harris, Ryan	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Quinn, Brady	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Sapp, Jason	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Molinaro, Jim	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Ryan, Jamie	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Shelton, Matt	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Team	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
25	Schiccatano, Nick	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total		12	526	318	844	87-385	39-261	13-132	22	1	15-122	15	3
Opponents		12	478	431	909	89-319	24-148	19-235	35	1	7-39	9	3

2003 NOTRE DAME GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OPPONENT	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	TB
Washington State	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Milligan	Stevenson	Palmer	Stovall	Holiday	Powers-Neal	Grant
Michigan	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Milligan	Stevenson	Palmer	McKnight	Holiday	Powers-Neal	Grant
Michigan State	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Giles	Mitchell	Stevenson	Palmer	McKnight	Holiday	Powers-Neal	Grant
Purdue	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Ryan	Stevenson	Clark	McKnight	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Grant
Pittsburgh	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Stevenson	Harris	Fasano	McKnight	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Grant
USC	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Stevenson	Harris	Palmer	McKnight	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Jones
Boston College	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Stevenson	Harris	Palmer	Stovall	Quinn	Fasano*	Jones
Florida State	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Stevenson	Harris	Palmer	McKnight	Quinn	Stovall**	Jones
Navy	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Ryan	Harris	Palmer	McKnight	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Jones
BYU	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Ryan	Harris	Clark	McKnight	Quinn	Schmidt	Jones
Stanford	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Stevenson	Harris	Palmer	Holiday	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Jones
Syracuse	O. Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Stevenson	Harris	Palmer	Holiday	Quinn	Fasano*	Jones

* - opened game in two tight end formation, ** - opened game in three receiver formation

OPPONENT	DE	DT	NG	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	FS	SS	CB
Washington State	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Mays	Duff	Earl	Bible	Jackson
Michigan	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Earl	Bible	Jackson
Michigan State	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Abiamiri	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Earl	Bible	Jackson
Purdue	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Beckstrom*	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Earl	Jackson
Pittsburgh	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Pauly	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Earl	Ellick
USC	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Pauly	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Earl	Ellick
Boston College	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Bible	Ellick
Florida State	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Abiamiri	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Bolen	Ellick
Navy	Abiamiri	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Bible	
Beckstrom											
BYU	Abiamiri	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Jackson*	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Bible	
Beckstrom											
Stanford	Abiamiri	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Jackson*	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Bible	Ellick
Syracuse	Abiamiri	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Burrell	Bible	Ellick

* - opened game in nickel defense

2003 NOTRE DAME GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

NOTRE DAME	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Washington State	45-167-1	34-21-1-149-1	79-316	19-8-6-5	5-3	29:13
Michigan	25-49-0	24-8-2-91-0	49-140	7-4-3-0	0-0	22:13
Michigan State	37-100-0	42-17-2-202-1	79-302	20-7-10-03	1-1	31:52
Purdue	25-49-0	62-29-4-297-1	87-346	18-6-11-1	1-0	28:22
Pittsburgh	56-352-2	17-5-1-33-0	73-385	14-12-2-0	2-0	36:46
USC	36-111-1	34-15-0-168-1	70-279	16-4-11-1	1-1	26:30
Boston College	34-47-0	39-23-2-350-2	73-397	20-4-15-1	1-0	28:23
Florida State	30-146-0	52-20-3-175-0	82-321	15-5-9-1	3-0	31:18
Navy	48-280-2	27-14-0-137-1	75-417	24-15-8-1	0-0	29:09
BYU	50-204-3	30-15-1-156-0	80-360	19-10-7-2	0-0	36:56
Stanford	50-320-4	16-10-1-192-2	66-512	20-12-6-2	2-0	32:24
Syracuse	36-112-0	34-18-2-199-1	70-261	14-5-9-0	1-1	28:46

OPPONENT	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Washington State	31-55-0	39-22-1-274-2	70-329	15-2-13-0	2-2	30:47
Michigan	51-188-4	24-17-0-251-1	78-439	19-8-10-1	3-3	37:47
Michigan State	39-181-1	27-13-2-119-0	66-300	15-9-5-1	1-1	28:08
Purdue	41-96-0	24-12-0-127-2	65-223	13-9-3-1	0-0	31:38
Pittsburgh	27-8-0	30-12-0-167-2	57-175	9-2-6-1	3-2	23:14
USC	45-195-2	36-27-0-356-4	81-551	29-10-16-3	2-1	33:30
Boston College	53-147-2	25-13-0-199-1	78-346	18-9-9-0	2-1	31:37
Florida State	37-98-0	31-17-3-327-3	68-425	18-7-9-2	3-0	28:42
Navy	53-238-3	5-4-0-46-0	58-284	14-11-3-0	4-1	30:51
BYU	26-53-2	30-18-3-25-0	56-303	13-4-8-1	1-1	23:04
Stanford	35-20-0	39-22-1-231-1	74-251	17-6-10-1	4-2	27:36
Syracuse	45-280-5	27-17-3-209-0	72-456	21-11-10-0	0-0	31:14

2003 NOTRE DAME GAME-BY-GAME INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Grant	Holiday	Jones	Powers-Neal	Quinn	Schiccatano	Wilson	TOTAL
Washington State	17-98-0	14-(-8)-0	11-72-1	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	45-163-1
Michigan	10-20-0	3-(-10)-0	11-42-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-3)-0	25-49-0
Michigan State	10-21-0	8-29-0	14-32-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	0-0-0	3-11-0	37-100-0
Purdue	9-19-0	0-0-0	7-6-0	0-0-0	8-25-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	24-49-0
Pittsburgh	27-84-0	0-0-0	24-262-2	1-7-0	3-(-16)-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	56-352-2
USC	12-27-0	0-0-0	18-84-1	0-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	36-111-1
Boston College	10-28-0	0-0-0	15-40-0	1-3-0	6-(-24)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	34-47-0
Florida State	8-42-0	DNP	18-76-0	0-0-0	4-28-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	30-146-0
Navy	6-16-0	1-16-0	33-221-2	1-3-0	7-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	48-280-2
BYU	10-39-0	0-0-0	35-161-3	0-0-0	5-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	50-204-3
Stanford	14-84-3	2-(-2)-0	23-218-1	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-2-2	8-18-0	50-320-4
Syracuse	10-44-0	0-0-0	20-65-0	0-0-0	5-(-23)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	36-112-0

PASSING

(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD)	Holiday	Quinn	TOTAL
Washington State	34-21-1-149-1	0-0-0-0-0	34-21-1-149-1
Michigan	14-5-1-55-0	10-3-1-36-0	24-8-2-91-0
Michigan State	25-10-2-99-0	17-7-0-103-1	42-17-2-202-1
Purdue	0-0-0-0-0	59-29-4-297-1	62-29-4-297-1
Pittsburgh	0-0-0-0-0	17-5-1-33-0	17-5-1-33-0
USC	0-0-0-0-0	34-15-0-168-1	34-15-0-168-1
Boston College	0-0-0-0-0	39-23-2-350-2	39-23-2-350-2
Florida State	DNP	52-20-3-175-0	52-20-3-175-0
Navy	0-0-0-0-0	27-14-0-137-1	27-14-0-137-1
BYU	0-0-0-0-0	30-15-1-156-0	30-15-1-156-0
Stanford	2-1-0-1-0	13-8-1-177-2	16-10-1-192-2
Syracuse	0-0-0-0-0	34-18-2-199-1	34-18-2-199-1

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Clark	Fasano	Holiday	O. Jenkins	McKnight	Palmer	Samardzija	Shelton	Stovall	TOTAL
Washington State	4-28-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-46-0	5-33-1	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	3-24-0	21-149-1
Michigan	2-39-0	1-19-0	0-0-0	2-10-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	8-91-0
Michigan State	0-0-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	3-33-0	8-104-1	1-13-0	1-19-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	17-202-1
Purdue	3-23-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-29-0	4-32-0	0-0-0	4-18-0	1-9-0	9-171-1	29-297-1
Pittsburgh	0-0-0	2-15-0	0-0-0	1-19-0	1-6-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-33-0
USC	1-6-0	4-33-1	0-0-0	2-17-0	3-46-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-20-0	15-168-1
Boston College	1-9-0	4-48-0	1-10-0	4-35-1	4-121-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-80-1	23-350-2
Florida State	1-5-0	3-18-0	DNP	5-73-0	3-23-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-21-0	20-175-0
Navy	3-32-0	DNP	0-0-0	3-27-0	4-50-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	14-137-1
BYU	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-30-0	8-98-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	15-156-0
Stanford	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-15-0	2-35-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-65-1	1-45-1	10-192-1
Syracuse	0-0-0	3-21-1	1-3-0	1-10-0	4-41-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-6-0	2-60-0	18-199-1

FIELD GOALS

(x-missed FG)	WSU	UM	MSU	PUR	PITT	USC	BC	FSU	NAVY	BYU	STAN	SYR
Nicholas Setta	47x, 37, 32, 39, 47, 40	None	35,29,30	19	None	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
D.J. Fitzpatrick	None	None	None	None	52x, 19, 34, 32x	None	38, 27	24x	50x, 42x, 30, 40	27, 31, 34, 38	None	50, 40

TACKLES

(TK-TFL-SK)	Abiamiri	Beckstrom	Bible	Budinscak	Burrell	D. Campbell	Curry	Duff	Earl	Ellick
Washington State	0-0-0	2-0-0	7-0-0	4-2-2	2-0-0	4-0-0	7-0-0	4-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0
Michigan	1-1-0	3-0-0	7-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	10-0-0	DNP
Michigan State	7-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	3-0-0	6-0-0	DNP
Purdue	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	5-2-0.5	4-2-0	4-2-2	1-0-0	7-1-0	2-0-0
Pittsburgh	1-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-1	3-1-1	5-0-0	2-1-1	1-0-0
USC	0-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	5-0-0	1-0-0	8-0-0	6-0-0	7-0-0	9-0-0
Boston College	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-1	6-0-0	2-1-0	11-0-0	3-1-0	DNP	1-0-0
Florida State	1-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	3-1-1	5-1-0	5-1-0	DNP	1-0-0
Navy	4-0-0	4-1-0	6-1-0	DNP	10-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0	DNP	0-0-0
BYU	2-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	DNP	8-0-0	2-1-0	6-1-0.5	3-0-0	DNP	3-0-0
Stanford	1-1-0.5	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	2-0-0	1-0-0	5-2-1	0-0-0	DNP	3-0-0
Syracuse	4-1-0	DNP	6-2-0.5	DNP	9-1-0	1-1-1	5-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-0-0

TACKLES

(TK-TFL-SK)	Hilliard	Hoyte	Jackson	Landri	Mays	Pauly	Tuck	Watson
Washington State	4-0.5-0	11-1.5-0	6-1-0	0-0-0	2-0.5-0	2-0.5-0	4-1-1	DNP
Michigan	4-0-0	10-0-0	8-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0	5-0-0	12-1-0
Michigan State	5-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	12-1-0
Purdue	0-0-0	6-2-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-2-1.5	11-0-0
Pittsburgh	DNP	4-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	3-0.5-0.5	10-3.5-3.5	7-1-0
USC	0-0-0	5-0-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	8-2-1	14-1-0
Boston College	2-0-0	6-1-0	1-0-0	DNP	1-1-0	4-1-1	2-1-0	13-1-1
Florida State	3-0-0	7-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	5-2-0	11-3-0
Navy	6-1-0	7-0.5-0	0-0-0	DNP	3-1-0	DNP	14-2-1.5	10-1.5-0.5
BYU	1-0-0	2-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	8-2-1	12-5-1.5
Stanford	1-0-0	6-0-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	5-1-1	0-0-0	7-4-3.5	5-1-0.5
Syracuse	1-0-0	8-0-0	0-0-0	4-2-0	2-1-0	5-1-0.5	DNP	10-1-0

Departed Monogram Winners

#9

JASON BECKSTROM

CORNERBACK

5-10 • 186

Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)



Returned as a regular at right cornerback for Notre Dame in '03 after missing entire 2002 season due to a biceps injury ... also was a major player on special teams for the Irish throughout his career ... finished his tenure with 61 tackles, including 48 solos ... also wound up with seven pass breakups and two interceptions ... earned four monograms in his career ... solid tackler who became more physical as he matured ... competed as a member of the Notre Dame indoor track and field team in '02 and '03.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Registered a career-high 22 tackles during his final campaign ... made career-high six tackles versus Michigan State ... made 40th appearance for Notre Dame against Florida State ... tallied four solo tackles against Navy, including his first-ever tackle for loss ... played a total of 88:10 in '03.

AS A SENIOR: Missed entire 2002 season due to a torn biceps sustained in August.

AS A JUNIOR: Irish reserve cornerback in 2001 ... played in every game in 2001, including starting versus West Virginia and Boston College as Notre Dame opened with five defensive backs ... made key block downfield on Julius Jones' 53-yard punt return which led to Notre Dame's only touchdown of the game vs. Michigan State ... part of the Notre Dame defense which finished ranked 20th in the nation ... recorded three tackles and recovered a fumble vs. Tennessee ... recorded first career interception vs. Purdue and featured a 29-yard runback.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Irish reserve cornerback in 2000 ... played on special teams in every game and appeared in secondary in 11 games (missed only vs. West Virginia), including 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State ... made first two career starts vs. Stanford and Rutgers as Irish opened in nickel package and also started vs. USC after regular Shane Walton broke his arm the previous week vs. Rutgers ... matched career high with five tackles vs. Air Force and Rutgers ... had three solo tackles and broke up two passes vs. Boston College ... played every defensive snap vs. Rutgers ... made two tackles as reserve corner in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State and also recovered a fourth-period fumble that led to Notre Dame's only touchdown drive of the game ... made 127 regular-season special teams appearances, then five more vs. Oregon State.

AS A FRESHMAN: Won a monogram as rookie Irish cornerback in '99, playing in 10 games ... missed only Pittsburgh and Boston College games, due to ankle sprain ... earned playing time in secondary in eight games ... made five tackles vs. Stanford, two vs. Michigan State ... played extensively in secondary vs. USC, Tennessee and Stanford ... qualified as third Irish corner behind starters Deveron Harper and Clifford Jefferson ... made 73 special teams appearances.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Helped Jenks High School team in Jenks, Okla., to 12-2 final record in '98 third straight Oklahoma Class 6A state title and seventh straight district championship ... won three letters in football as tailback, cornerback and kick returner ... helped Jenks defense that didn't permit more than nine total yards in a game over last four regular-season contests ... helped Jenks become first Oklahoma large class school to win three straight Class 6A state crowns since Tulsa Washington in 1967-68-69 ... caught two passes for 61 yards in 41-28 win over top-ranked and unbeaten Tulsa Union in state title game, avenging a 55-45 regular-season loss to Union ... ranked among the top five players in Oklahoma in scoring with 15 touchdowns in '98 ... played both tailback and corner as a senior in '98 ... rushed for 743 yards in '98 on 105 attempts ... rated special mention as running back on Daily Oklahoman all-state team for '98 ... captain of team as senior ... averaged 8.8 yards per carry as a junior in '97 while rushing 113 times for 1,008 yards and 13 TDs ... returned two of his 10 kickoffs for TDs ... made 34 tackles and broke up 11 passes in '97 as Jenks, defense limited opponents to 79.5 yards per game and 29 percent pass completion rate during unbeaten season ... career totals include 29 TDs ... earned letters in track and field as junior and senior sprinter ... ran 100 meters in 10.48 to qualify for the '98 state finals in that event but did not run in finale after hamstringing pull in 4x100 relay ... from the same high school that produced '97-'98 Irish offensive line starter Jerry Wisne (he was a fifth-round pick of the Chicago Bears in '99 NFL draft and played with Bears in '99 and '00), defensive lineman Andy Wisne and offensive lineman Sean Mahan (a 2002 draftee by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers) ... attended Notre Dame summer football camp ... father Bob competed in track at Midland Lutheran College ... full name is Jason Michael Beckstrom ... youngest of three children ... born April 10, 1981 in Rochester, Mich. ... graduated in May '03 from the Mendoza College of Business, majoring in marketing ... did an internship with adidas USA ... earned a 3.167 grade-point average during 2000 fall semester and a 3.333 GPA during the fall of 2002.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	FF	PBU	FR	Yds.	Int-Yds
1999	10-0	8	1	9	0-0	1	1	0	0	0-0
2000	11-3	16	1	17	0-0	0	3	0	0	0-0
2001	11-2	8	5	13	0-0	0	2	1	0	1-29
2002	injured -DNP									
2003	10-3	16	6	22	1-3	0	1	0	0	1-0
TOT	41-8	48	13	61	1-3	1	7	1	0	2-29



Cornerback Jason Beckstrom

#39 DAVID BEMENDERFER

STRONG SAFETY
5-11 • 195

Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn)



A walk-on strong safety who added depth to the Irish secondary ... also provided support on special teams and was a valuable member of the scout team .

AS A SENIOR: Did not see time in '03 ... did garner a service monogram following the 2003 season.

AS A JUNIOR: Did not see action in defensive backfield in '02.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Did not see action as a strong safety in '01.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see action as a rookie in '00.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Earned all-conference honors at Penn High School ... team won the Indiana Division 5A state champion in 1996 and 1997 and was runner up in 1999 ... two-year defensive and special teams starter ... academic all-state as a senior ... also participated in wrestling and rugby ... two-year starter for rugby team which finished ranked seventh nationally in 1998 and 11 nationally in 1999 ... both mother, Judy, and father, Todd, attended Notre Dame ... full name is David Ian Bemenderfer ... is oldest of three boys ... graduated in May 2004 from the Mendoza College of Business, majoring in management systems ... posted a 3.467 grade-point average in the fall of 2002 and finished his college career with a 4.0 GPA and Dean's List honors in the spring of '04.

#26 GARRON BIBLE

STRONG SAFETY
5-10 • 197

Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood)



Talented strong safety who was forced to end his career prematurely due to shoulder injury ... played in 36 games, starting 10 times during his tenure at Notre Dame ... carded 69 tackles, including 39 solo stops and three for loss in his career ... put a stamp on his career in his final two games, logging a 48-yard fumble return for his first-ever touchdown at Stanford, then adding a half-sack in the '03 season finale at Syracuse ... earned his third monogram in 2003 after playing a career-best 168:09 ... a highly versatile player who could play any of the defensive secondary positions ... former running back made switch from offense to corner early during 2001 spring drills ... moved to safety in spring '02 ... solid athlete who came a long way in adjusting to the defensive side of things.

AS A SENIOR: Took over as starting strong safety, replacing departed Gerome Sapp ... made eight starts against Washington State, Michigan, Michigan State, Boston College, Navy, BYU, Stanford and Syracuse ... chalked up career-high 33 tackles, including two tackles for loss ... also came up with a half-sack in his final collegiate game at Syracuse ... matched his career high with seven tackles in each of his first two games versus Washington State and Michigan ... added six stops, including one for loss in win over Navy ... scooped up a fumble at Stanford and returned it 48 yards for his first career touchdown ... also made 26 appearances on special teams.

AS A JUNIOR: Reserve defensive back for Irish in 2002 ... was primary backup to Gerome Sapp at strong safety, earning two starts against Navy and Rutgers ... was Notre Dame's dime back in '02 ... recorded a tackle and broke up a pass vs. Purdue ... after

having four tackles in all of '01, recorded four tackles vs. Michigan ... recorded two tackles vs. Michigan State ... made four tackles vs. Pittsburgh ... recorded four tackles vs. Florida State ... recorded five tackles vs. Navy, then a career-high, in his first career start ... tied for the team lead with career-high seven tackles, including first career tackle for a loss (a nine-yard sack) vs. Rutgers ... also had first career fumble recovery vs. Rutgers ... recorded three tackles vs. USC ... had a pass deflection against North Carolina State in the '03 Gator Bowl.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Former tailback who moved to cornerback during the off-season ... backup cornerback for the Irish in 2001 ... played in all 11 games, exclusively with the kicking teams ... made 105 special teams appearances in '01, including 12 vs. West Virginia and a career-high 18 vs. Navy ... recorded the first four tackles of his career vs. Navy.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see game action in 2000, working as reserve running back.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Rated one of top 100 players in state by Dallas Morning News (one of 20 running backs) and Houston Chronicle (one of 18 running backs) ... Texas District 22-5A offensive MVP in '99 - and also earned first-team all-district running back honors ... earned three letters in football as running back and cornerback at Kingwood High School in Kingwood, Texas ... rushed school record 220 times for school record 1,516 yards and 18 TDs in nine games as senior in '99 ... caught 10 passes for 145 yards and one TD in '99 ... helped Kingwood to eight victories in '99 and to league title as sophomore in '97 ... first-team all-district pick at cornerback as junior in '98 ... two-time all-conference pick who was captain and team MVP as senior in '99 ... set school single-game record with 320 rushing yards on 14 carries in one game ... also scored five TDs in that game ... career totals included 1,756 rushing yards and 22 rushing TDs, plus 105 receiving yards and one TD ... nominated for Texas all-star football game ... earned one letter in track as senior ... lived in Denver before moving to Texas in 1998 ... full name is Garron Charles Bible ... cousin Fred Burris played football at Oklahoma ... born Dec. 22, 1981, in Heidelberg, Germany ... older of two children ... graduated in May 2004 with degrees in political science and computer applications.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks	FF	PBU	FR-Yds.
2001	11-0	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
2002	13-2	17	15	32	1-9	1-9	0	2	1-0
2003	12-8	20	13	33	2-5	0.5-2	1	0	2-48
TOT	36-10	39	30	69	3-14	1.5-11	1	2	3-48



Strong Safety Garron Bible

#60 DARRELL CAMPBELL

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-4 • 288

South Holland, Ill. (Thornwood)



A mainstay on the Irish defensive line during the last three seasons, starting his final 25 games (and 34 of his last 36) at defensive tackle in a Notre Dame uniform ... appeared in 44 games and made 34 starts during his career ... piled up 87 career tackles, including 48 solos, with 23.5 tackles for loss and 11 sacks ... a four-year monogram winner ... played both end and tackle for Irish during his career ... boasted excellent strength and size as well as a tremendous work ethic ... played with great effort and quickness ... signed a free-agent contract with the Chicago Bears in May 2004.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Remained a constant presence at defensive tackle for Notre Dame, starting all 12 games in '03 ... led all defensive linemen in minutes played, logging 234:23 in his final campaign ... tied for fourth on the team with 6.5 tackles for loss and three sacks ... collected four tackles and first career pass breakup versus Washington State ... registered four tackles at Purdue, including first two tackles for loss in '03 ... added three tackles and a sack against both Pittsburgh and Florida State ... ranked 19th nationally among defensive linemen by Lindy's in 2003 ... named winner of the Notre Dame Nick Pietrosante Award, given each year to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride of the late Irish All-America fullback Nick Pietrosante ... served as team captain for the Michigan, USC, Navy and Stanford games and was later voted a team captain by his teammates at season's end.

AS A SENIOR: Starter at defensive tackle in all 13 games for Irish in 2002 ... served as a game captain vs. Michigan and Boston College ... recorded one tackle vs. Purdue ... helped defense hold Michigan to under 100 yards rushing for the first time in '02 ... had two tackles, including first sack of the season vs. Michigan State ... posted another sack, this one for an 11-yard loss, against Stanford ... had a career-high seven tackles vs. Pittsburgh, including one sack and two tackles for a loss ... helped Irish defense hold Air Force, which was ranked #1 in rushing offense in the nation, to 104 yards rushing, its lowest rushing total of the season ... recorded two tackles vs. Florida State as the Notre Dame defense held Florida State to 93 yards rushing, its lowest rushing total of the season ... recorded four tackles vs. Boston College, including one sack for a loss of eight yards ... posted five tackles vs. Navy ... made 30th career appearance for Irish vs. Rutgers ... posted another sack vs. USC for a loss of 10 yards ... had three tackles and one sack for eight yards vs. North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl ... named to the Football News Preseason All-Independent team.

AS A JUNIOR: Irish starter at defensive tackle in 2001 ... starter in nine of 11 games in '01 ... recorded first two tackles of season against Michigan State ... recorded four tackles vs. Texas A&M ... recorded two tackles for a loss vs. Pittsburgh ... did not start vs. West Virginia after suffering neck spasms during the week, but did record two tackles, including first career sack off the bench in that contest ... returned to starting lineup vs. USC ... recorded two tackles, including one for loss, and his first career forced fumble ... had three tackles, including one for loss vs. Boston College ... had two tackles vs. Tennessee ... recorded five tackles, including two for a loss, vs. Navy ... return to action in a reserve role vs. Purdue and recorded three tackles, including one sack.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Irish contributor at defensive end in 2000 after not seeing action as a freshman ... named to the 2000 preseason All-Independent team by The Sporting News ... moved from end to tackle during preseason drills, then back to end after injury loss of end starter Grant Irons ... played in his first career game vs. Texas A&M ... played defensively in nine games (not vs. Nebraska, Air Force, USC), including vs. Oregon State in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl ... recovered a fourth-quarter fumble vs. Michigan State ... made two tackles for loss vs. West Virginia, the first two stops of his career ... also had a tackle vs. Rutgers ... made one solo tackle vs. Oregon State.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see varsity action as rookie defensive end in '99.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: USA Today honorable mention prep All-America pick ... rated 82nd nationally on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 players ... first-team all-state pick in Illinois by Chicago Tribune ... named top player in SICA Blue for '98 at Thornwood High School in South Holland, Ill. ... earned three letters in football, serving as captain and earning team MVP honors each of the last three seasons ... made 67 solo tackles as senior in '98, along with 13 tackles for loss and four sacks ... played defensive end as sophomore, inside linebacker as junior and nose guard as senior ... state qualifier in track and field ... full name is Darrell Campbell ... born July 6, 1981 in Chicago ... graduated in December 2003 with degrees in English and computer applications.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	FF	FR	PBU	TFL	Sacks
2000	8-0	3	0	3	0	1-0	0	2-3	0-0
2001	11-9	12	14	26	1	0-0	0	7-29	3-18
2002	13-13	18	15	33	0	0-0	0	8-47	6-44
2003	12-12	15	10	25	0	0-0	1	6.5-32	3-15
TOT	44-34	48	39	87	1	1-0	1	23.5-111	11-71



Defensive Tackle Darrell Campbell

#34

VONTEZ DUFF

CORNERBACK/KICK RETURNER

6-1 • 194

Copperas Cove, Texas (Copperas Cove)

Speedy cornerback who started the final 33 games of his career ... played in 47 contests for the Irish, carding 98 tackles, 18 pass breakups and six interceptions ... a four-year monogram winner (one of three true freshmen to earn monogram in 2000) ... named a third-team All-American by Associated Press in 2002 ... also was one of the most dangerous kick returners in the country ... finished first on Notre Dame's career kick return list (120), third on the all-time Irish total kick return yardage chart (1,955) and fourth on the Notre Dame career kickoff return yardage list (1,230) ... as a junior in 2002, he became the first player in school history to return a kick, punt and interception for a touchdown in the same season — was only two yards away from becoming the first player in NCAA history to bring back a kick, punt, interception and fumble for a touchdown in the same season (tackled at two-yard line on fumble return at Florida State) ... ranked eighth in the nation in kickoff return yardage as junior (27.94) ... set school record for most kick returns in a season with 59 in 2002 ... scored four career touchdowns despite not playing a single offensive down (three kick returns, one interception return) ... returned kicks for TDs in two consecutive games (Purdue in '01 finale; Maryland in '02 opener) ... no Irish player has done that dating back to at least 1920 (records incomplete prior to that point) ... selected in the sixth round of the 2004 NFL Draft (170th overall pick) by the Houston Texans ... one of two Irish defensive backs taken by the Texans in '04 — Glenn Earl was a fourth-round choice.

AS A SENIOR: Manned the left cornerback position for the third year in a row ... started all 12 games for the Irish, leading Notre Dame defenders in minutes played (281:31) ... also made 100 special teams appearances, pacing team in punt return yardage (24-260) and kick return yardage (16-346) ... logged 33 tackles (26 solo), while leading team with four pass breakups ... named captain for six games (Washington State, Purdue, Boston College, Florida State, BYU and Stanford) and was elected a season captain by his teammates at the conclusion of the season ... during preseason, was ranked seventh nationally among cornerbacks by Lindy's ... also tabbed as 10th-best cornerback and No. 10 kick returner in nation during preseason by The Sporting News ... had first career forced fumble versus Washington State, which the Irish recovered to turn the momentum in their favor in an eventual 29-26 overtime win ... held Pittsburgh's All-America receiver Larry Fitzgerald to just 79 yards on five catches, both season lows at the time ... came up with season-high six tackles against USC ... returned interception 55 yards versus Florida State.

AS A JUNIOR: Starting cornerback for second consecutive year for the Irish ... named a third-team All-American by Associated Press ... named preseason honorable mention All-America candidate by Street & Smith's ... ranked eighth in the nation in kickoff return average with 27.94 yards per return ... served as a game captain vs. Michigan and Boston College ... recorded 36 tackles, including 31 solos, and seven pass break-ups in 2002 ... set a Notre Dame record for most kick returns in a season with 59 ... finished fourth on the single-season kickoff return list with 526 yards ... played in a team-high 347:53 minutes and made 138 special teams appearances ... had first career punt return for a touchdown vs. Maryland for 76 yards ... also made four tackles vs. Maryland ... recorded first career interception return for a touchdown (33-yard return) vs. Purdue ... also made career-high six tackles and broke up two passes vs. Purdue ... made first career fumble recovery on a fumble forced by fellow starting cornerback Shane Walton vs. Michigan ... first player in Irish history to return an interception, punt and kickoff in consecutive games for a touchdown ... recorded five tackles and ran punt back 92 yards for a touchdown against Stanford, but was called back because of a penalty ... recorded (then) season-long 42-yard kickoff return ... also recorded three tackles and broke up a pass vs. Stanford ... recorded three kickoff returns for 63 yards vs. Pittsburgh ... had three kickoff returns for 74 yards vs. Air Force ... also posted two tackles vs. Air Force, including first career tackle for a loss ... made 30th career appearance for Irish vs. Florida State ... recorded three tackles and recovered a fumble vs. Florida State ... also returned two kickoffs for 44 yards vs. Florida State ... returned a

kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown vs. Navy ... returned only punt return 52 yards and tied a career-high with six tackles vs. USC ... also broke up a pass vs. USC ... first player in Notre Dame history to return a punt, interception, and kickoff for a touchdown in the same season.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Reserve cornerback to start 2001 ... moved into starting lineup beginning with fourth game of season vs. Pittsburgh ... recorded two tackles vs. Nebraska ... made two tackles vs. Michigan State and broke up third-down pass late in third quarter to keep game tied at 10 ... returned first kickoff of career for 30 yards vs. Michigan State ... recorded a career-high four tackles vs. Texas A&M ... made three tackles and a 10-yard kickoff return vs. West Virginia ... had three kick returns for 89 yards, including a career-long kickoff return of 39 yards vs. USC ... pulled in his first interception of the season vs. USC and had a pass breakup vs. the Trojans ... pulled down another interception vs. Boston College and returned it 24 yards ... tied his career-high with four tackles vs. Navy and recorded his longest career punt return for 12 yards ... recorded an interception and broke up three passes vs. Stanford ... had a career-long punt return of 17 yards vs. Stanford ... recorded first career touchdown on career-high 96-yard kickoff return vs. Purdue ... recorded a career-high five tackles vs. Purdue.

AS A FRESHMAN: Reserve cornerback in 2000 ... was only freshman to appear on defense in 2000 and one of just four to see action overall ... joined linebacker Mike Goolsby and quarterback Matt LoVecchio as only rookies to earn monograms in 2000 ... played on special teams in each game, making 77 appearances ... played in first career game vs. Texas A&M, making one special team appearance ... made first career tackle vs. Stanford ... made first career appearance at corner vs. Navy, recording a tackle ... after just one defensive appearance for less than two minutes in first nine games, saw over 15 minutes of playing time vs. Rutgers after injury to starter Shane Walton ... had first career interception in fourth quarter vs. Scarlet Knights.



Cornerback/Kick Returner Vontez Duff

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Rated 12th on The Sporting News list of top 101 prospects ... 61st on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 prospects ... named to list of top 100 national prospects by Fort Worth Star-Telegram (one of 15 running backs) and Dallas Morning News (one of 12 running backs) ... rated one of top 100 players in Texas by Houston Chronicle (one of 18 running backs) ... carried 194 times for 1,145 yards and 12 touchdowns as senior in '99, also catching two passes for six yards ... two of his eight punt returns went for scores and he also threw for two TDs out of the backfield (he threw for three as junior) ... earned three letters in football as running back, receiver and quarterback at Copperas Cove High School in Copperas Cove, Texas ... helped team to 9-2 mark in '99, including district title and first-round state playoff loss ... rushed for 2,256 yards and scored 26 TDs as junior in '98 while serving as team captain and helping squad to conference title ... set school records for most rushing yards and carries in a game and for longest punt and kickoff returns ... chosen for California-Texas Shrine all-star game where he was named most valuable player after rushing for 109 yards on 22 carries ... tied that game at 7-7 in the third quarter with a three-yard touchdown run ... helped Bulldogs to Texas Class 5-A state playoffs in '98 for first time in 37 years ... played free safety on defense ... also a standout in basketball and track, earning four letters in track as sprinter and one in basketball as guard ... has run a 10.5 100 meters and long-jumped 23 feet ... full name is Vontez Douglas Duff ... oldest of four children ... born March 8, 1982 in Kentucky.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	TFL	PBU	Int.-Yds.	FF	FR
2000	11-0	3	1	4	0-0	1	1-4	0	0
2001	11-8	14	11	25	0-0	6	3-37	0	0
2002	13-13	31	5	36	1-3	7	1-33	0	2
2003	12-12	26	7	33	2-8	4	1-55	1	1
TOT	47-33	74	24	98	3-11	18	6-129	1	3

	KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	LG	PR	Yds	Avg.	LG
2001	12	358	29.8	1	96	9	80	8.9	17
2002	19	526	27.7	1	92	40	385	9.6	76
2003	16	346	21.6	0	43	24	260	10.8	47
TOT	47	1,230	26.2	2	96	73	725	9.9	76

#19

GLENN EARL

FREE SAFETY/STRONG SAFETY
6-1 • 205

Lisle, Ill. (Naperville North)

One of the hardest-hitting defensive backs in college football ... a four-year monogram winner ... ended his career with 169 tackles, including 109 solo stops ... also charted 9.5 tackles for loss, five fumble recoveries and four interceptions ... also was a major contributor on special teams, making 179 appearances ... biggest special teams play was block of potential game-winning Air Force field goal in 2000, sending contest to overtime (where Irish eventually prevailed) ... one of two Irish defensive backs selected by the Houston Texans in the 2004 NFL Draft, going in the fourth round (Vontez Duff was a sixth-round pick).

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Opened the season as the starting free safety before sliding over to strong safety in fourth game of year ... started first six games of campaign before suffering season-ending knee injury vs. USC ... preseason Jim Thorpe Award candidate (top defensive back in nation) ... preseason honorable mention All-America selection by Street & Smith's ... ranked 14th nationally among free safeties by The Sporting News coming into the season ... pegged as 19th-best free safety in nation during preseason by Lindy's ... served as game captain for Washington State and Michigan State contests ... finished sixth on team with 35 tackles despite missing second half of season ... had critical fourth-quarter fumble recovery versus Washington State, helping turn the momentum in Notre Dame's favor ... later came up with crush-

ing third-down hit in overtime to hold WSU short of a first down and forced a Cougar field goal try (which missed, leading to an Irish game-winning kick) ... registered season-high 10 tackles at Michigan ... had six tackles and an interception (fourth of his career) versus Michigan State ... made seven tackles at Purdue, including one for a loss of three yards ... honored as Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Game during Syracuse contest.

AS A SENIOR: Starting free safety for Irish in 2002 ... second on team in tackles with 81 ... served as a game captain vs. Michigan State ... tied for team lead in tackles vs. Maryland with eight ... recorded seven tackles and broke up one pass vs. Purdue ... recorded five tackles and a fumble recovery vs. Michigan ... had six tackles vs. Michigan State ... recorded seven tackles vs. Stanford ... recovered fumble caused by his first career forced fumble vs. Pittsburgh late in game, putting Irish in position to score a touchdown ... also posted five tackles vs. Pittsburgh ... recorded three tackles vs. Air Force, including one for a loss ... led team in tackles vs. Florida State with a season-high 11 tackles, including one sack for a loss of nine yards ... also made first interception since '00, forced a fumble, and broke up three passes vs. Florida State ... named ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Florida State ... tied for team lead with seven tackles vs. Boston College ... recorded six tackles and made second interception of the season vs. Navy ... had four tackles vs. Rutgers ... tied for team lead vs. USC with nine tackles.

AS A JUNIOR: Reserve defensive back for Irish in 2001 ... missed Michigan State game after injuring a quadriceps muscle early vs. Nebraska ... played vs. Texas A&M after missing a week due to injury ... played vs. Pittsburgh and recorded first four tackles of the season ... returned to full-time playing duties vs. USC ... had five tackles, including his first career tackle for loss vs. USC ... recorded three tackles vs. Boston College ... recorded season-high six tackles vs. Tennessee ... made second start of the season vs. Stanford ... played and made third start of the season vs. Purdue, leading the Irish with a career-high 12 tackles, including first two career sacks ... also recovered a fumble vs. Purdue.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Reserve defensive back in 2000 after not seeing game action as a freshman flanker ... played on special teams in each game, making 167 regular-season appearances — then 12 more in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State ... appeared in secondary in eight games (not vs. Texas A&M, Nebraska, Purdue and Boston College), including starts vs. Air Force and Oregon State ... played in first career game vs. Texas A&M, making 16 special-team appearances ... blocked Travis Dorsch's punt on first drive of the game vs. Boilermakers, setting up Notre Dame's first touchdown ... registered first four career tackles vs. Spartans ... had three stops vs. Navy ... blocked 28-yard Dave Adams field goal attempt as time expired in regulation vs. Air Force, sending the game to overtime where the Irish won 34-31 ... this marked the first Notre Dame field goal block since Tyreo Harrison blocked a first-quarter field goal vs. Tennessee in 1999 ... also made first career start vs. Falcons (with regular Ron Israel idled by injury) and played every defensive snap, registering career-high eight tackles and recovering a fumble ... logged 28:30 vs. Air Force after having just 21:51 in the previous seven games ... started at free safety vs. Oregon State in Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and made three tackles.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see game action as rookie flanker in '99.

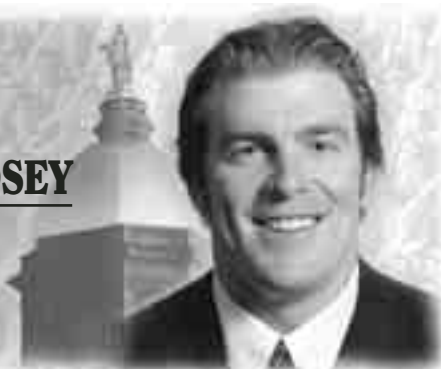
HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: USA Today honorable mention All-America pick ... played wide receiver and defensive back while earning two letters at Naperville North High School in Naperville, Ill. ... played cornerback as senior in '98 ... helped team to 10-3 mark as senior, making 56 tackles, breaking up 17 passes and intercepting four passes ... caught 38 passes, six for touchdowns, for 650 yards in '98 ... first-team all-state pick in '98 by Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune ... named DuPage Valley conference's top defensive player in '98 ... claimed all-conference and team MVP honors as senior and helped '97 team to league title ... won two letters in basketball, winning all-league recognition as senior and helping team to conference title as junior ... cousin Acie played basketball at Iowa and professionally for the Boston Celtics ... father Glenn played football at Indiana State ... second oldest of three children ... born June 10, 1981 in Southfield, Mich. ... had 3.333 grade-point average during '99 fall semester ... graduated from Notre Dame in December '03 with degrees in economics and computer applications.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	TFL	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	PR	Yds.
2000	11-1	14	6	20	0-0	0-0	1	2	1-0	1	23
2001	8-3	21	12	33	4-14	2-11	1	0	0-0	0	0
2002	13-13	51	30	81	4-18	1-9	2	4	2-9	0	0
2003	6-6	23	12	35	1.5-13	1-10	1	2	1-0	0	0
TOT	38-23	109	60	169	9.5-45	4-30	5	8	4-9	1	23

#14 GARY GODSEY

TIGHT END
6-6 • 259

Tampa, Fla. (Jesuit)



Gifted tight end whose career was cut short by untimely injuries ... appeared in 29 games for Notre Dame, starting 17 times ... started every game during Irish 2002 Gator Bowl campaign after making smooth transition from quarterback to tight end in '01 ... earned a place in Irish lore as a quarterback when he led Notre Dame to a 23-21 victory over Rose Bowl-bound Purdue in his first start in '00 ... tall player who was a tremendous athlete ... had excellent hands ... his size also made him a tremendous blocker ... his teammates raved about his athletic ability ... had strong physical presence and brought solid competitiveness to the game ... a team leader who showed great character and mental toughness in the face of adversity during '03 season.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Missed his final season with the Irish after re-injuring knee during preseason camp ... petition for medical hardship season and additional year of eligibility was denied by NCAA.

AS A SENIOR: Irish starting tight end in 2002 earning his third monogram as a member of the Irish ... pulled in 16 catches for 155 yards in '02, an average of 9.7 yards a catch ... served as a game captain vs. Purdue ... had one catch vs. Maryland for seven yards ... led Irish in receiving vs. Purdue with career-high four receptions for 30 yards ... had one catch vs. Michigan for 16 yards ... had two receptions for 24 yards vs. Michigan State, including an 18-yard catch ... made key block to enable Arnaz Battle to score winning touchdown vs. Michigan State taking out two Spartan blockers ... pulled in three receptions for 32 yards vs. Boston College ... had a season-long 20-yard reception vs. Navy ... pulled in one catch for five yards before suffering a knee injury in first



Tight End Gary Godsey

quarter of the Gator Bowl.

AS A JUNIOR: Irish reserve tight end in 2001 after seeing time as quarterback in 2000 ... made first start in two-tight end set vs. Nebraska, joining John Owens in the starting lineup ... also started vs. Michigan State ... made first two catches of his career in the fourth quarter against Navy ... was Irish leader in receiving yards vs. Navy with 50.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Began season as number-two Irish quarterback ... played in first career game vs. Purdue, starting in place of injured Arnaz Battle and played every offensive snap ... scrambled nine yards for first career touchdown on first Irish offensive series, giving Notre Dame a 7-0 lead after Irish had blocked a punt on game's opening series ... was 14 for 25 for 158 yards passing vs. the Boilermakers, finishing with more completions and attempts than Purdue standout Drew Brees ... led Irish 59 yards in final 3:39 to set up game-winning Nicholas Setta field goal in Notre Dame's 23-21 win against Purdue ... became the 11th Irish quarterback out of the last 12 to win in debut start ... threw first career touchdown pass, six yards to Jason Murray in first quarter of start against Michigan State, giving Irish 7-0 lead ... threw 46-yard TD pass to Jay Johnson on only attempt vs. Navy for final Irish score and 45-7 lead at that time ... Irish coaches announced day after Air Force game that he would move back to tight end ... made debut at tight end vs. Rutgers and also saw time vs. USC ... played reserve role at tight end in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see varsity action as rookie Irish signalcaller in '99.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: USA Today honorable mention All-America pick ... rated 55th on list of top 100 national prospects by The Sporting News ... rated 25th nationally on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 players ... one of five tight ends on Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100 team ... rated one of top 25 Florida prospects by Palm Beach Post ... had solid senior season at quarterback in '98, throwing for more than 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns, with only four interceptions at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla. ... won four letters while playing as quarterback ('97 and '98), tight end ('95 and '97), defensive end ('95 and '97) center ('96) and long snapper ('95 through '97) ... helped team to three straight league crowns ... team captain and MVP as senior ... two-time all-state and all-league pick ... threw for more than 400 yards against Miami Pace in one '98 state playoff contest and also set single-game record with 448-yard effort ... also set record for single game with five TD passes ... won all-Hillsborough County honors as both junior and senior ... won Guy Toph Award as top player in Hillsborough County ... split time between quarterback and tight end as a junior in '97 ... had nine touchdown receptions as a junior to go with eight sacks while also playing defensive end ... won four letters in basketball, twice earning both all-state and all-conference recognition ... averaged 22.1 points and 14.2 rebounds as junior ... set single-game scoring record in basketball with 42 points ... team captain as senior and two-time team MVP pick in basketball ... helped basketball team to league title as freshman, sophomore and senior ... earned one letter as pitcher in baseball as sophomore ... brother George was starting quarterback at Georgia Tech for 2000 and 2001 seasons ... another brother Greg played football at Air Force ... attended Notre Dame summer football camp ... full name is Gary Michael Godsey ... youngest of five children ... born March 16, 1981 in Tampa, Fla. ... graduated from the Mendoza College of Business with degree in management information systems ... enrolled in graduate studies at Notre Dame.

	G-GS	PA	PC	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	LG
2000	5-2	41	19	2	.463	224	2	46
2001	11-2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0
2002	13-13	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0
2003	DNP - injured							
TOT	29-17	41	19	2	.463	224	2	46

	TC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	9	2	0.2	1	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	50	25.0	0	26
2002	0	0	0.0	0	0	16	155	9.7	0	20
2003	DNP - injured									
TOT	9	2	0.2	1	9	18	205	11.4	0	26

#50

CEDRIC HILLIARD

NOSE GUARD
6-2 • 290

Arlington, Texas (Lamar)



Strong, physical defender who was starting nose guard for the Irish during his final two seasons ... team leader for the Notre Dame defensive line, pairing with Darrell Campbell to provide an imposing wall up front ... played in 35 games for the Irish, starting 24 times, all in his final three seasons ... recorded 87 career tackles, including 15.5 for loss and four sacks ... also had a nose for the ball, forcing four fumbles and adding three pass breakups in his career ... signed free-agent contract with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in May 2004, joining Irish teammate Julius Jones, who was the Cowboys' second-round draft pick in '04.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Held down starting spot at nose guard for second consecutive season in 2003 ... third-team preseason All-American by Athlon ... ranked sixth nationally among defensive tackles during preseason by The Sporting News ... tied career-high with 27 tackles ... started eight times and played in 11 games, missing only the Pittsburgh contest (illness), although injuries also forced him into a reserve role for Washington State and USC games ... selected as team captain for Michigan State and Navy games ... had four tackles, including one for loss, and came up with first career fumble recovery against Washington State ... made four tackles at Michigan ... registered five tackles and caused a fumble vs. Michigan State ... part of Irish defense that limited BC running back Derrick Knight to 43 yards on the ground (Knight was nation's leading rusher entering game) ... posted season-high six tackles and forced his second fumble of season in home finale against Navy ... played 188:12 in '03 campaign ... earned Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame.

AS A SENIOR: Starting nose guard for Irish in 2002 ... recorded 31 tackles, including five for loss and two sacks ... played 212:05 minutes in '02 and made nine special teams appearance, all on field goal unit ... served as a game captain vs. Purdue and Pittsburgh ... recorded three tackles, including one sack vs. Maryland ... blocked a 32-yard field goal attempt vs. Michigan ... broke up a pass at the line of scrimmage on a Michigan first and goal in the fourth quarter as Shane Walton intercepted the ball to clinch the game for the Irish ... also recorded two tackles, including a sack, and forced a fumble vs. Michigan ... had two tackles for a loss vs. Michigan State ... posted three tackles vs. Stanford, including one for a loss ... recorded six tackles vs. Pittsburgh, including one sack ... registered a career-high seven tackles vs. Air Force ... helped Irish defense hold Air Force, which was ranked #1 in rushing offense in the nation, to 104 yards rushing, its lowest rushing total of the season ... returned to action vs. USC recording three tackles including one tackle for a loss ... was voted the Notre Dame Player of the Game at the 2003 Gator Bowl.

AS A JUNIOR: Reserve nose guard for Irish in 2001, until assuming starting role with five games left to play after injury to Andy Wisne before the Boston College game ... finished fifth on the team with eight tackles for loss in '01 ... recorded first career sack vs. Pittsburgh ... recorded one tackle for loss vs. West Virginia ... registered a tackle vs. USC ... made two tackles vs. Boston College ... had two tackles and broke up a pass vs. Tennessee ... recorded a career-high five tackles vs. Stanford ... recorded four tackles, including one sack, vs. Purdue.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Reserve nose guard for Irish in 2000 ... played in first career game on defense vs. Navy, notching two tackles including one for loss ... also saw time on defense vs. West Virginia and Rutgers and vs. Oregon State in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl ... made one tackle for two-yard loss vs. Oregon State.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see varsity action as rookie defensive lineman in '99.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: USA Today first-team All-America defensive lineman ... listed by Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Dallas Morning News as one of top 100 national prospects ... listed 21st nationally on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 players ... rated 50th on list of top 100 national prospects by The Sporting News ... rated 34th among Texas prep prospects by Austin American-Statesman ... honorable mention pick on Orlando Sentinel All-Southern team ... had 72 tackles, 11 for losses, in '98 as senior at Lamar High School in Arlington, Texas ... won three letters in football as defensive tackle ... made 70 tackles, 20 for losses, and had eight sacks as junior ... team captain and MVP as senior ... two-time all-conference and all-city selection ... selected for Texas-California all-star game ... earned three letters in track, winning all-state honors as junior ... finished third in shot put in '98 Texas state track meet at 58-11 ... won two letters in basketball ... attended Notre Dame summer football camp ... full name is Cedric Darnell Hilliard ... born Nov. 19, 1980 in Memphis, Tenn. ... graduated from Notre Dame in December 2003 with a degree in sociology.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks	PBU	FF	FR
2000	3-0	2	0	2	1-3	0-0	0	0	0-0
2001	11-5	13	14	27	8-25	2-17	1	1	0-0
2002	10-10	19	12	21	5-18	2-9	1	1	0-0
2003	11-9	13	14	27	1.5-2	0-0	1	2	1-4
TOT	35-24	47	40	87	15.5-48	4-26	3	4	1-4



Nose Gard Cedric Hilliard

#80 OMAR JENKINS

WIDE RECEIVER
6-1 • 204

Dallas, Texas (Jesuit)



Heady pass catcher who was a key component in evolving Irish receiving corps during 2002 and 2003 seasons ... started 24 of his final 25 games at Notre Dame and proved to be a strong mentor for younger receivers, including Rhema McKnight and Maurice Stovall ... played in 42 games for the Irish (25 starts) and recorded 80 catches for 1,088 yards with five touchdowns ... finished career ranked 18th in school history for receiving yardage ... earned three monograms at Notre Dame ... inked free-agent contract with NFL's Minnesota Vikings in May 2004.

AS A SENIOR: Started all 12 games at wide receiver for Notre Dame in 2003 ... ranked second on team in receiving with 36 catches for 344 yards ... served as game



Wide Receiver Omar Jenkins

captain vs. Washington State, Purdue, Boston College, Florida State and Stanford ... later selected as a season captain for 2003 through a vote of his teammates ... led team with five catches for 73 yards against Florida State, including season-long reception of 42 yards ... also went over the 1,000-yard mark in receiving yardage for his career against FSU, becoming the 18th player in school history to reach that milestone ... hauled in 10-yard touchdown pass from Brady Quinn at Boston College ... played career-high 250:54 in '03, the most playing time of any Irish receiver.

AS A JUNIOR: Irish starting wide receiver in 2002 ... played 219:22 minutes and made 102 special teams appearances ... second on the team in receiving with 37 receptions for 633 yards ... served as a game captain vs. Stanford ... made team-leading and career-high five receptions vs. Maryland for 87 yards, then a career-high ... led team in receiving vs. Michigan with 83 yards on three receptions ... also matched (then) career-long reception with a 47-yard catch from Carlyle Holiday in the fourth quarter against the Wolverines ... tied for team lead in receptions vs. Stanford with three for 64 yards ... made four catches vs. Pittsburgh ... posted three receptions vs. Florida State, including first touchdown catch this season a 16-yarder from Holiday ... made four receptions for 34 yards vs. Boston College ... recorded a career-high 166 yards receiving on four receptions vs. Navy, a average of 41.5 yards a catch ... the Navy game was the most receiving yards since Rocket Ismail had 173 yards receiving vs. the Midshipmen on Nov. 3, 1990 ... also recorded a career-long reception vs. Navy with a 67-yard touchdown pass from Holiday, the game-winning score with just over two minutes remaining ... tied for team lead with three receptions for 61 yards vs. Rutgers ... caught a 37-yard touchdown pass from Holiday vs. Rutgers ... led team in receptions vs. USC with three receptions for 33 yards ... pulled in three catches for 42 yards vs. North Carolina State in 2003 Gator Bowl.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Irish reserve flanker ... saw an increased role in offense after injuries to Arnaz Battle and David Givens ... made first career start vs. Pittsburgh ... recorded first career touchdown on (then) career-high 47-yard reception vs. Stanford.

AS A FRESHMAN: Irish reserve flanker in 2000 ... one of just two freshmen to play on offense in 2000 (quarterback Matt LoVecchio was the other) and one of four overall ... played in first career game vs. Texas A&M ... also played as reserve receiver against Nebraska, Stanford, Navy, West Virginia and Rutgers.

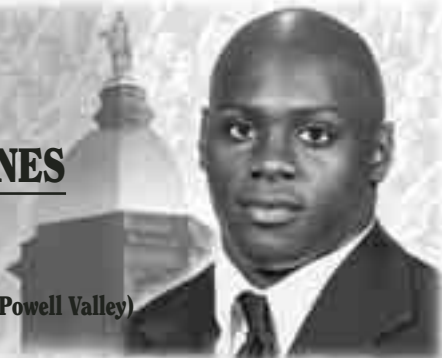
HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Earned Texas all-state honors as senior in '99, winning league MVP honors ... won two letters in football as receiver at Jesuit College Prep in Dallas, Texas ... rated one of top 100 players in state by Fort Worth Star-Telegram (one of 13 wide receivers) ... listed as one of top 100 players in area by Dallas Morning News (one of 12 wide receivers) ... caught 45 passes for 811 yards and nine touchdowns in '99 ... as junior in '98 caught 33 passes for 543 yards and five TDs ... helped team to state titles as junior and senior ... offensive MVP of first DFW All-Star Classic for private schools ... won a letter in baseball as junior outfielder ... won a letter in track as senior sprinter, helping 4x400 relay team to 3:18.0 time at Texas Relays and running best of 48.1 in 400 ... younger of two children ... brother DeVon ran track at Houston ... full name is Omar Rasheed Jenkins ... born May 8, 1981 in Dallas ... graduated in May 2004 from the Mendoza College of Business with a degree in management information systems.

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	6-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	11-1	7	111	15.9	1	47
2002	13-12	37	633	17.1	3	67
2003	12-12	36	344	9.6	1	42
TOT	42-25	80	1,088	14.2	5	67

#22 JULIUS JONES

RUNNING BACK
5-10 • 210

Big Stone Gap, Va. (Powell Valley)



A dangerous ground gainer and kick returner for the Irish who made impressive comeback after missing the 2002 season ... appeared in 45 games during his career with 17 starts to his credit ... finished fourth on Notre Dame's all-time rushing list with 3,018 yards ... owns Irish career records for total kick return yardage (2,104), kickoff returns (72) and kickoff return yardage (1,678), passing 1987 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown in all three categories ... also stands second behind teammate Vontez Duff in career kick returns (110) ... scored 29 career touchdowns (26 rushing, one each via receiving, kickoff return and punt return) ... in 2000, he was named by Athlon to its National Football League All-Decade team for 2000-09 — joining Indianapolis' Peyton Manning at quarterback and Edgerrin James as the other running back ... chosen in the second round of the 2004 NFL Draft (43rd overall selection) by the Dallas Cowboys.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: 2003 Notre Dame National Monogram Club Most Valuable Player ... played in all 12 games at running back for the Irish, starting final seven games ... piled up 1,268 yards rushing, tying Autry Denson for the fourth-best single-season mark in Notre Dame history ... also placed second on team with 243 yards on kickoff returns ... ranked 22nd in the nation in rushing (105.67) and 27th in all-purpose yardage (130.67) ... became the eighth player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season ... averaged 141 yards rushing and scored nine touchdowns in his final eight games ... set Notre Dame record for rushing yards in a game with 262-yard effort (on 24 carries) at Pittsburgh, breaking Vagas Ferguson's old standard of 255 yards set against Georgia Tech in 1978 ... named the national College Football Player of the Week by The Sporting News, USA Today.com and Collegesportsnews.com ... also earned ESPN/Russell Athletic Player of the Game honors for performance vs. Pittsburgh ... went over 200-yard mark for second time with 221 yards on the ground and two TDs against Navy ... was selected as NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game for Navy outing ... added 161 yards and three touchdowns on career-high 35 carries vs. BYU, repeating as NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game ... it was the first three-TD game by an Irish back since Autry Denson also had three scores against Georgia Tech in the '99 Gator Bowl ... became first player in Notre Dame history to rush for 200 yards three times in one season when he rang up 218 rushing yards at Stanford ... was one of only two players in the nation (North Texas' Patrick Cobbs was the other) to have three 200-yard games in '03 ... became fourth player in school history to eclipse 3,000 career rushing yards with 54-yard outing in his final game at Syracuse ... served as team captain for games against USC, Navy, BYU and Syracuse ... led team in scoring with 60 points (10 TD), becoming first non-kicker to pace Irish in that category since Tony Fisher in 1999 — 60 points were most by Notre Dame position player since Autry Denson had 90 points in 1998.

AS A SENIOR: Did not play for the Irish in 2002.

AS A JUNIOR: Irish starter at tailback in 2001 ... also was Notre Dame's top kick returner ... led the team in rushing with 718 yards ... named to collegefootballnews.com all-independent team ... ranked 34th nationally in all-purpose yardage ... 53-yard punt return set up only Irish touchdown of game vs. Michigan State, a six-yard Matt LoVecchio-to-Tony Fisher pass ... 53-yard return was the second longest punt return of his career ... scored first two touchdowns of the season vs. Pittsburgh ... recorded season-high 25 carries vs. Pittsburgh, the third-highest number of carries in his career ... recorded season-long kickoff return with 58-yarder vs. West Virginia ... rushed for two TDs vs. West Virginia — second consecutive week he had two TDs ... recorded his third-straight game with a rushing touchdown, a five-yard TD run vs. USC ... made first touchdown reception of his career, a 21-yard catch, vs. Boston College ... finished the Boston College game with 87 rushing yards ... led the Irish in rushing vs. Navy with 24 carries for 117 yards ... record career-long rush of 59 yards vs. Stanford ... recorded 106 yards in the first half against the Cardinal, but suffered an ankle injury and did not play in the second half ... saw limited action vs. Purdue in season finale due to same ankle injury.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Notre Dame's leading ground gainer in 2000 campaign ... big reason why Irish ranked 12th in the country in punt returns (15.13) and third in kick returns (24.92) ... led team in rushing attempts (162), rushing yards (657) and rushing TDs (seven), as well as all-purpose yards (1,169), ... all-Independent pick by Collegefootballnews.com ... named the best kickoff returner in the country, according to CNNI.com's "Half-America Team" — a list of the nation's top players in the first half of the season ... ranked 19th nationally among running backs in preseason listing by The Sporting News ... also named to the preseason all-independent team by The Sporting News ... led Irish in rushing with 14 carries for 60 yards and one touchdown vs. Texas A&M ... made first career start against Nebraska and responded with 227 all-purpose yards ... with 8:30 remaining in the third quarter, he fielded a kickoff in the end zone and returned it 100 yards it for a TD (first of his career by kickoff return) to bring the Irish to within seven at 21-14 ... became just the fourth player in Notre Dame history to return a kickoff 100 yards and the first since Clint Johnson did it against Stanford in 1993 ... named NBC Sports/Chevrolet Player of the Game for his efforts against the Huskers ... led Irish with 56 yards rushing against Purdue, including two key third-down conversions on final drive that led to game-winning field goal ... rushed for team-high 126 yards vs. Michigan State ... scored on two-yard plunge on second play of fourth quarter to pull Notre Dame to within 21-14 against the Spartans and then added another two-yard score seven minutes later after Anthony Weaver's interception, giving the Irish 21-20 lead ... named ABC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game for his efforts against Michigan State ... had 50-yard kickoff return to open second half vs. Stanford, but saw limited action due to hamstring injury ... had 18 carries for 105 yards vs. Navy, including a one-yard scoring run in first period that made it 14-0 for Irish ... had fourth career 100-yard rushing game vs. Air Force, compiling 111 yards on career-high 27 carries ... scored one-yard touchdown on opening Irish drive vs. Boston College ... vs. USC rushed for team-high-tying 71 yards on 20 carries ... Notre Dame's leading rusher in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State with team-high 13 carries for 30 net yards in reserve effort ... also caught one pass for 10 yards and returned four kickoffs for 88 yards in Fiesta Bowl ... received Art Bodine Sportsmanship Award at conclusion of Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State.



Running Back Julius Jones

AS A FRESHMAN: Rookie tailback made major contributions for Irish in '99 ... served as top Irish kick returner, leading Notre Dame in both kickoff and punt return yardage ... set Notre Dame single-season record in '99 with his 26 kickoff returns — and his 603 kickoff return yards in '99 ranked behind only Heisman winner Tim Brown's 698 from '86 on single-season basis ... his 798 overall kick return yards (195 punt, 603 kickoff) ranked second all-time in a season behind Brown's 857 in '87 ... rushed for 36 yards overall and a 13-yard, third-quarter touchdown vs. Arizona State ... led Notre Dame rushers with 35 yards vs. USC and also had a 49-yard reception ... had only 105 rushing yards through seven games before gaining (then) career-high 146 yards on 19 carries vs. Navy, marking most rushing yards by a freshman since Jerome Heavens' 148 yards vs. Georgia Tech in 1975 ... named NBC Sports/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. the Mids ... led Irish in rushing with 46 yards against Tennessee ... had seven kick returns (second most in a game by a Notre Dame player — George Gipp had eight vs. Army in 1920) for 163 yards (23.3) vs. Pittsburgh ... after averaging just nine yards per return heading into the game, took a fourth-quarter punt 67 yards for a touchdown to bring the Irish within two, 31-29, vs. Boston College ... that marked Notre Dame's first punt return for a touchdown since Autry Denson's vs. Pittsburgh in '96 ... named NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame MVP vs. the Eagles ... had 897 all-purpose yards over his last five games (179.4 per game) ... took over top punt returning assignment after Joey Getherall was injured in Michigan game ... led Irish freshmen in playing time ... made 109 special teams appearances.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Honorable mention USA Today prep All-American ... listed 88th nationally on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 players ... rated one of top 40 players in Virginia and one of top six running backs by Richmond Times-Dispatch ... named to Orlando Sentinel All-Southern team ... rushed for 2,564 yards and 36 touchdowns as senior in '98 at Powell Valley High School in Big Stone Gap, Va. ... earned four letters in football, captaining team as a senior ... named Virginia Group A offensive player of the year in '97 and '98 by Associated Press and Virginia High School Coaches Association ... Virginia Region D and Lonesome Pine District player of the year as junior and senior ... career totals included 614 carries for 5,803 yards and 86 TDs ... intercepted 10 career passes as a safety ... helped Powell Valley to 28 straight victories and Virginia Group A-Division 2 state titles in 1997 and 1998 ... set Virginia record with 321 rushing yards in one state playoff game, on 19 carries, while also scoring five TDs ... selected for Virginia High School Coaches Association all-star game ... won four letters in basketball, serving as captain as senior and leading team to league titles as sophomore and junior ... won four letters in track and field, captaining team as senior and earning all-state honors his last three seasons while competing in hurdle and jump events ... helped team to four straight conference titles in track and field ... set state record with 38.7 in the 300 hurdles in '98 and has run a 14.2 in 110 hurdles ... brother Thomas earned All-America football honors as senior in '99 while leading Virginia in rushing with 1,798 yards (163.45 per game to rank third nationally) that set an Atlantic Coast Conference record ... Thomas ended up as sixth pick in first round of 2000 National Football League draft by Arizona Cardinals (now playing for Chicago Bears) ... twin sister Knetris attended Virginia as well ... full name is Julius Andre Maurice Jones ... born Aug. 14, 1981 ... fourth oldest of seven children.

	G-GS	TC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	TD	LG
1999	12-0	75	375	5.0	3	37	3	90	0	49
2000	10-4	162	657	4.1	7	56	6	50	0	29
2001	11-6	168	718	4.3	6	59	9	57	1	21
2002	Did not play									
2003	12-7	229	1,268	5.5	10	61	10	53	0	15
TOT	45-17	634	3,018	4.8	26	61	28	250	1	49

	PR	Yds	Avg.	LR	TD	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LR
1999	15	195	13.0	67	1	26	603	23.2	0	36
2000	4	35	8.8	16	0	15	427	28.5	1	100
2001	18	192	10.7	53	0	18	405	22.5	0	58
2002	Did not play									
2003	1	4	4.0	4	0	13	243	18.7	0	51
TOT	38	426	11.2	67	1	72	1,678	23.3	1	100

#71 DAVID KOWALSKI

OFFENSIVE GUARD 6-2 • 249

Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle)



A walk-on offensive lineman for the Irish added needed depth to a very young and inexperienced offensive line ... played in one game for Notre Dame, taking the field for the 2002 home finale vs. Rutgers.

AS A SENIOR: Did not see action as a senior offensive lineman in '03.

AS A JUNIOR: Saw first playing action of his career against Rutgers ... played 15 seconds against the Scarlet Knights.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Did not see action as a second-year offensive lineman in '01.

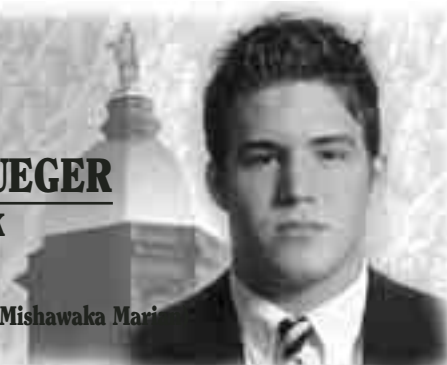
AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see action as a rookie in '00.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Named a first-team all-conference and honorable mention all-area pick as a senior ... was captain of De La Salle team which was the runner up of the Chicago Prep Bowl City Championship ... named most valuable offensive player as a senior ... received Brother I. Austin award in high school for student-athlete of the year ... was valedictorian with a 4.92 grade-point average ... also played baseball at De La Salle ... team was ranked 11th nationally by USA Today ... attended same high school as former Irish standout Renaldo Wynn ... born Sept. 5, 1982 ... graduated in May 2004 with a degree in pre-professional studies ... had over a 3.0 grade-point average in the fall of '02.

#8 MATT KRUEGER

QUARTERBACK 5-10 • 180

South Bend, Ind. (Mishawaka Mari



A walk-on quarterback who added depth to the position ... earned first career monogram in 2003 ... was the primary scout team QB in 2002 and 2003 ... stepped in as holder on extra points and field goals midway through '03 season when former holder D.J. Fitzpatrick became everyday placekicker.

AS A SENIOR: Served primarily as holder on placement kicks for D.J. Fitzpatrick in 2003 ... was holder on Fitzpatrick's game-winning 40-yard field goal as time expired vs. Navy ... saw 1:58 of game action at Stanford ... made 37 special teams appearances ... awarded his first monogram in '03.

AS A JUNIOR: Did not see action in 2002.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Did not see action as a second-year quarterback.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see action as a rookie.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: First-team all-state and all-area selection as a senior ... threw for 907 yards and nine touchdowns, while rushing for 1,034 yards on 134 carries as a senior ... led team to a 13-1 record and a semi-state berth ... captain and team MVP as a senior ... earned three letters in football and baseball ... set school record for total offense in a season, fewest interceptions in a season and best passing percentage in a season as a senior ... was honorable mention all-state as a junior after throwing for 646 yards and rushing for another 705 yards ... second oldest of five children ... brother Ryan was a walk-on quarterback for the Irish from 1998-2001 ... name is Matthew John Krueger ... born May 23, 1982 ... graduated in May 2004 with a degree in marketing.

	G-GS	Time
2003	1-0	1:58

#65

SEAN MILLIGAN

OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-4 • 291

Norcross, Ga. (Norcross)



Solid offensive lineman with excellent technique ... a starter at right guard his final three seasons before being sidelined by an injury early in the '03 season ... a three-year monogram winner who started 19 of 26 games in his career, including starts in all 13 games during Notre Dame's Gator Bowl season of 2002 ... played 445:12 in his career ... served as mentor to younger Irish offensive linemen in '03, helping refine their technique.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Started first two games of season vs. Washington State and Michigan ... played a total of 28:57 ... also made three special teams appearances, all in the WSU game ... missed remainder of final season with back injury.

AS A SENIOR: Irish starting right offensive guard in 2002 ... played 266:27 minutes on the season and has over 416:15 minutes played in his career ... helped lead the way for running back Ryan Grant to 132 yards vs. Michigan, his first career 100-yard rushing game ... helped Irish to rush for 249 yards vs. Stanford, the most rushing yards Stanford had given up at that point in the season ... allowed the Irish to have two running backs rush for over 100 yards (Rashon Powers-Neal with 108 yards and Ryan Grant with 103 yards) for the first time since 1997 against Stanford ... helped Irish rush for 335 yards vs. Air Force, a season-high and highest rushing total since the West Virginia game in '01, where the Irish gained 366 yards ... helped sophomore RB Ryan Grant gain a career-high 190 yards against Air Force, the 12th-best single-game total in Irish history ... Grant also went on to become only the seventh 1,000-yard rusher in Notre Dame history.

AS A JUNIOR: Irish starter at right offensive guard to open 2001 ... made first career start vs. Nebraska, then came off bench vs. Michigan State and Texas A&M ... played 143:41 minutes in '01 ... started for the Irish at right guard again vs. Pittsburgh and West Virginia ... helped Irish amass 345 yards rushing vs. West Virginia, Notre Dame's most since gaining 380 yards vs. Boston College last year ... Irish collected 208 yards rushing vs. USC ... helped Irish rush for 233 yards vs. Boston College.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Irish backup offensive guard in 2000 ... played in first career game vs. Navy, seeing time as backup right guard ... also played vs. Rutgers.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see game action as rookie Irish offensive lineman in '99.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: A USA Today second-team All-America offensive lineman ... rated 86th on list of top 100 national prospects by ESPN.com and 56th on a similar list published by The Sporting News ... 40th nationally on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 players ... one of 10 offensive linemen on Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100 team ... rated one of top 50 prospects in Georgia (and one of six offensive linemen) by Atlanta Journal-Constitution ... honorable mention pick on Orlando Sentinel All-Southern team ... a first-team pick on Fox Sports South Countdown to Signing Day All-South team ... earned three letters as tackle in football at Norcross High School in Norcross, Ga. ... all-state and all-league pick as senior when he captained the team as well ... graded out at 93 percent as blocker ... named Metro Atlanta lineman of the year by Atlanta Touchdown Club ... chosen Georgia's Gwinnett County lineman of the year ... selected for Georgia-Florida all-star game ... earned four letters in track and field as shot putter ... finished third in shot put at Georgia state track meet as junior at 54-6 ... set school marks indoors at 53-5 and outdoors at 56-2 as junior ... attended Notre Dame summer football camp ... full name is Sean Patrick Milligan ... second oldest of three children ... born Feb. 18, 1981 in Bellflower, Calif. ... graduated in December 2003 with degrees in history and computer applications ... enrolled in graduate studies.

	G-CS	Time
2000	2-0	6:07
2001	9-5	143:41
2002	13-12	266:27
2003	2-2	28:57
TOT	26-19	445:12



Offensive Guard Sean Milligan

#70 JIM MOLINARO

OFFENSIVE TACKLE
6-6 • 301

Bethlehem, Pa. (Catholic)

Imposing figure who stepped in on the offensive line and started the final 15 games of his career, including all 12 as a senior in 2003 ... anchored a young Irish line in '03, finishing second on the team in minutes played with 309:07 ... began his Notre Dame career as a defensive lineman, but made transition to other side of the ball during spring '01 drills ... was awarded monograms in each of his final two seasons ... extremely intelligent student-athlete who earned degrees in three fields of study at Notre Dame ... cho-



Offensive Tackle Jim Molinaro

sen in the seventh round of the 2004 National Football League Draft (180th overall pick) by the Washington Redskins.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Started all 12 games at left offensive tackle for Notre Dame ... finished second on team in minutes played (309:07) behind offensive linemate Mark LeVoi ... served as game captain against Washington State, Pittsburgh, USC, Florida State, Navy, BYU and Stanford ... was one of four players chosen as season captains by a vote of their teammates at the end of the year ... helped running back Julius Jones rush for a school-record 262 yards at Pittsburgh ... also instrumental in Jones' 221-yard effort vs. Navy and 218-yard outing at Stanford, making Jones the first player in school history to compile three 200-yard games in one season ... tapped to receive Guardians Life Insurance Guardian of the Year Award as Notre Dame's top offensive lineman ... also contributed 41 appearances on special teams ... received his second monogram.

AS A SENIOR: Reserve offensive tackle in 2002 until the last three games of the season where he moved into the starting lineup ... played 124:37 minutes in 2002 ... also made 31 plays on special teams ... played most of second half vs. Michigan State at left tackle as Notre Dame came back to defeat the Spartans 21-17 ... saw action at right tackle vs. Pittsburgh ... made his first career start vs. Rutgers at left tackle ... served as the key pass blocker as quarterback Carlyle Holiday threw for a Notre Dame record-tying four touchdowns in that game ... started at right tackle vs. USC in place of Brennan Curtin ... moved back to left tackle and started the 2003 Gator Bowl against North Carolina State where he played over 28 minutes ... garnered the first monogram of his career.

AS A JUNIOR: Reserve offensive tackle in '01 ... made 20 appearances on special teams this season ... made first appearance at right tackle vs. Navy.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Reserve defensive lineman for Irish in 2000 ... played in first career game vs. Rutgers and made one solo tackle.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see varsity action as rookie defensive lineman in '99.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: USA Today honorable mention All-America pick ... had 18 solo tackles, 29 assists, one and a half sacks, eight forced passes and four batted passes as senior in '98 while helping team to 7-4 mark at Bethlehem Catholic High School in Bethlehem, Pa. ... three-year starter earned four letters in football as offensive and defensive tackle ... first-team Associated Press big school all-state pick in '97 and '98 ... one of five finalists for Pennsylvania Lineman of the Year award ... had 46 tackles, 17 of them solo, two and a half sacks, four tackles for losses, 15 forced passes and one batted pass as junior in '97 ... named East Penn Conference outstanding offensive lineman as junior ... helped team to conference title as freshman ... captain of team as senior in '98 ... two-time all-conference and all-city selection ... named to '98 all-area teams by both Bethlehem Morning Call and Easton Express-Times ... played tight end as a freshman ... chosen for McDonald's All-Star Classic ... attended Notre Dame summer football camp ... father Jim played football at Moravian ... full name is James Anthony Molinaro, Jr. ... older of two children ... born April 27, 1981 in Hatfield, Pa. ... graduated in May 2004 with degrees in economics, sociology and computer applications.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	Time
2000	1-0	1	0	1	0:33
2001	6-0	0	0	0	2:50
2002	13-3	0	0	0	124:37
2003	12-12	0	1	1	309:07
TOT	32-15	1	1	2	437:07

#88 PATRICK NALLY

TIGHT END
6-3 • 243

Tulsa, Okla. (Bishop Kelley)



A walk-on tight end at Notre Dame for three seasons ... saw his first action in 2002, playing against Rutgers in the home finale ... returned to the gridiron at Stanford in '03 ... received a service monogram following his final campaign.

AS A SENIOR: Played in one game for the Irish, seeing 1:13 of action at Stanford.

AS A JUNIOR: Saw action versus Rutgers, playing 59 seconds.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Did not see action at tight end after joining team in spring '01.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: As a senior, caught 33 passes for 563 yards and 10 touchdowns, earning Tulsa World All-State and first-team all-city honors ... was named third-team all-state by the Daily Oklahoman ... caught 17 passes for 311 yards and three touchdowns as a junior ... first-team all-district ... offensive MVP of the Jim Thorpe all-city game ... three-year monogram winner in basketball ... team advanced to the state semifinals as a junior ... two-time first-team all-conference selection ... full name is Thomas Patrick Nally ... oldest of three children ... father Tom played football at the University of Tulsa ... part of an extensive pipeline of Notre Dame football players from Tulsa including former players Jason Beckstrom, Jerry and Andy Wisne, Sean Mahan and Justin Thomas ... graduated in May 2004 with a degree in accounting ... was a member of the Dean's List in the fall of '02 with a 3.400 grade-point average ... had a cumulative GPA of 3.431.

	G-CS	Time
2001	Did not play	
2002	1-0	0:59
2003	1-0	1:13
TOT	2-0	2:12

#27 MIKE PROFETA

RUNNING BACK
5-11 • 208

Cranberry Township, Pa.
(Seneca Valley)



A walk-on tailback for the Irish ... spent three seasons with the Irish football program, working mainly with the scout team ... added depth to a thin backfield in 2003 ... did appear in two games in 2002 ... was awarded a service monogram following the '03 season.

AS A SENIOR: Did not see action as a running back in '03.

AS A JUNIOR: Saw action in two games in '02 versus Maryland and Rutgers ... played a total of 1:29 in those two contests ... did not get a carry.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Did not see action as a rookie tailback in '01.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Named all conference AAAA North, all-area North by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Sweet 16 for Butler County ... was selected to the Northern Area Coaches All-Star Game ... led team in rushing and scoring as a senior with 1,063 yards and 18 touchdowns ... also a two-year starter on the baseball

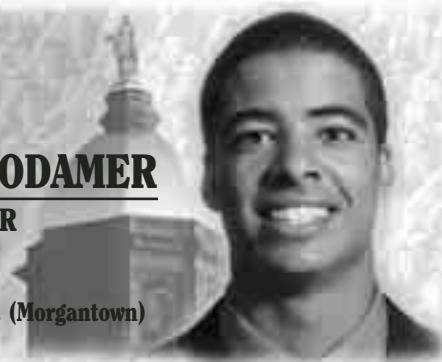
team that advanced to the WPIAL semifinals both years ... National Merit Commended Student ... named to the Highest Honor Roll his sophomore, junior and senior years at Seneca Valley ... Wendy's High School Heisman nominee ... member of National Honor Society and class vice president ... named to Dean's List at Notre Dame in fall of '00 and spring and fall of '01 ... has an overall grade-point average of 3.456 ... full name is Michael Vincent Profeta ... sister Meredith was a '01 Notre Dame graduate ... graduated from the Mendoza College of Business in May 2004 with a degree in finance ... had an overall grade-point average of 3.220.

	G-CS	Time
2002	2-0	1:29

#18 RONNIE RODAMER

WIDE RECEIVER
6-4 • 211

Morgantown, W.Va. (Morgantown)



Tall, lanky pass receiver who possessed excellent hands and solid ability to bring down the football ... had good speed ... opened eyes in the spring of 2003 as he played some of his best football since arriving at Notre Dame ... also saw action on special teams in '03 ... earned monogram following the 2002 season.

AS A SENIOR: Reserve wideout who saw action in one game ... played 1:12 in season opener vs. Washington State ... did not have a reception ... also made eight special teams appearances, all against WSU.

AS A JUNIOR: Irish reserve receiver in 2002 ... played 37:38 minutes in '02, appearing in all 13 games ... made first reception of the season vs. Navy, a nine-yard catch ... also had a five-yard reception against North Carolina State in the 2003 Gator Bowl ... made 11 appearances on special teams in 2002.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Irish reserve receiver, played in nine games ... made first career appearance vs. Michigan State ... made first career reception for seven yards vs. Navy.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see game action as rookie split end in 2000.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Gatorade player of the year for '99 in West Virginia ... honorable mention pick on USA Today prep All-America squad ... caught 35 passes for 660 yards and 15 touchdowns as senior in 1999 despite missing three games with separated shoulder ... first-team West Virginia all-state pick as senior in '99 after winning second-team honors as defensive back as junior in '98 ... earned three letters as wide receiver and defensive back at Morgantown High School in Morgantown, W.Va. ... had 30 tackles and three interceptions as free safety in '99 ... captain and team MVP as senior ... two-time all-league selection ... caught 38 passes for 961 yards and nine TDs as junior in '98, winning first-team all-state honors ... finished with career totals of 70 catches for 1,467 yards and 26 TDs ... top game featured three catches for 155 yards - all three for TDs ... selected for West Virginia North-South all-star game ... earned three letters as forward in basketball, averaging 11.0 points, 7.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.0 steals for his career ... second-team all-league pick in basketball as senior while averaging 9.2 points and 6.5 rebounds ... high school teammate of former Irish fullback Chris Yura ... won all-league honors in basketball as senior ... earned one letter in track as junior, competing in sprints and high jump ... attended Notre Dame football camp in summer of '99 ... full name is Ronald Dimitrius Rodamer ... one of three children ... born July 24, 1982 in Morgantown ... graduated in May 2004 with degrees in sociology, economics and computer applications.

	G-CS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	9-0	1	7	7.0	0	7
2002	13-0	2	14	7.0	0	9
2003	1-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOT	23-0	3	21	7.0	0	9

#99 JASON SAPP

DEFENSIVE END
6-3 • 256

Bridgeport, Conn. (Notre Dame)



Reserve defensive end who appeared in seven games during his career, mostly on special teams ... collected three tackles, including two in the 2002 season ... originally came to Notre Dame as an outside linebacker, but was converted to a down lineman shortly after his arrival ... battled lingering effects of a knee injury suffered prior to his freshman season ... was awarded a service monogram following the 2003 season.

AS A SENIOR: Did not see action at reserve defensive end in '03 ... did make 14 special teams appearances in three games (Washington State, Michigan, Boston College) ... recorded a solo tackle on special teams at Michigan ... saw season end prematurely with injury against Boston College.

AS A JUNIOR: Reserve defensive end for Irish in 2002 ... played mostly on special teams ... made 12 special teams appearances ... recorded first career tackle vs. Maryland ... played 6:48 seconds on season, including 6:23 vs. Rutgers.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Did not see action at defensive end in '01.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not play in 2000 after suffering a knee injury in preseason drills.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Honorable mention selection on USA Today prep All-America team ... earned three letters in football as defensive end and tight end at Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, Conn. ... first-team Connecticut all-state pick as a senior in '99 after helping Notre Dame to 5-5 record ... selected as defensive lineman to all-Courant high school team for '99 by Hartford Courant ... made 92 tackles, eight sacks and three interceptions as linebacker in '99 ... captain of team as senior ... two-time all-conference selection ... caught 28 passes for 389 yards and three touchdowns as tight end during senior campaign ... selected for Nutmeg Bowl county all-star game ... earned three letters in basketball, captaining 19-4 team as senior ... started at center as senior, averaging eight points and 11 rebounds ... won four letters in track, captaining team as both junior and senior while competing in shot put ... second cousin of Tampa Bay Bucs standout Warren Sapp, a former Miami Hurricane star ... full name is Jason Tarrell Sapp ... born June 11, 1982 in Bridgeport, Conn. ... graduated in May 2004 with degrees in psychology and sociology.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.
2002	4-0	1	1	2
2003	3-0	1	0	1
TOT	7-0	2	1	3

#40 NATE SCHOMAS

WIDE RECEIVER
5-11 • 165

Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton-Warrenville)



A walk-on wide receiver who added depth to the position ... joined Irish in spring of '02 and spent two seasons with team ... played in two games in 2002 ... awarded a service monogram after the '03 season.

AS A SENIOR: Did not see action as a wide receiver in '03 after suffering injury during preseason.

AS A JUNIOR: Played in two games in '02 (Maryland and Rutgers) ... saw 3:18 minutes of action, including 2:07 vs. Rutgers.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Special mention all-conference as a wide receiver at Wheaton-Warrenville High School as a senior ... led conference in receptions (46), yards (752), receiving TDs (9) and yards per catch (16.3) ... also played on the defensive side of the ball at free safety during state championship season ... was a two-year letterwinner in baseball and was special mention all-conference as a senior ... four-time academic all-conference selection ... attended the same high school as current Irish senior tight end Jerome Collins ... transferred from the University of Chicago in the fall of '01 ... member of the Dean's List at both Chicago and Notre Dame ... one of eight children and the third to attend Notre Dame ... graduated from the Mendoza College of Business in May 2004 with a degree in finance ... earned Dean's List honors his final semester with a 3.584 grade-point average ... had an overall 3.358 GPA.

	G-GS	Time
2002	2-0	3:18

#13 NICHOLAS SETTA

KICKER/PUNTER
5-11 • 184

Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township)



A three-time Lou Groza Award candidate and four-time monogram winner who possessed tremendous leg strength ... served as Notre Dame's placekicker for four years (2000-03) and also handled kickoff duties during that span ... added punting to his resume in 2003 before leg injury ended his final season early ... led Irish in scoring for three straight seasons (2000-02) ... finished his career making 46 of 66 field goal attempts and 104 of 105 extra point kicks, including the final 92 PAT tries of his tenure (second-longest run in school history) ... ranks second in school annals for field goal attempts and field goals made, while placing third on the all-time points by kicking list with 248 ... owns school record with a field goal in 16 consecutive games ... unflappable and handled pressure extremely well ... superb all-around athlete who also competed on the Notre Dame track team running middle distances and high jumping ... qualified for the 2002 BIG EAST Indoor Track and Field Championships.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Notre Dame's placekicker for the fourth consecutive season ... converted nine of 10 field goals (including all seven tries inside 40 yards) and all five PAT kicks in first five games of season ... saw season come to premature end with leg injury at Pittsburgh ... also assumed punting duties in '03 ... logged 26 punts for 1,064 yards (40.9 average) ... named to Ray Guy Award preseason watch list ... preseason honorable mention All-American and Lou Groza Award candidate by Street & Smith's ... during preseason, was named nation's fifth-best kicker by Lindy's and 13th-best kicker by The Sporting News ... served as game captain for Michigan and Pittsburgh contests ... in season opener vs. Washington State, matched his career high (and school record) with five field goals, including game-winning 40-yard kick in overtime ... also logged a career-long 54-yard punt vs. WSU on his first boot of the year ... named NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game for performance against Washington State ... punted nine times at Michigan, averaged 43.9 yards per kick.

AS A SENIOR: Notre Dame's placekicker in 2002 ... also handled kickoff duties for Irish ... preseason honorable mention All-American by Street & Smith's ... named to Lou Groza Award preseason watch list by Street & Smith's ... named the fifth-best kicker in the nation by Lindy's and 13th best by The Sporting News in preseason listing... served as a game captain vs. Purdue and Air Force ... made a career-high five field goals vs. Maryland, including a career-long 51-yarder ... named USATODAY.com National Player of the Week for his efforts vs. Maryland ... also earned MVP honors for the Kickoff Classic after setting game records for field goals and field-goal attempts ... also set Kickoff Classic record with 51-yarder in first quarter ... his 51-yard field goal tied him for the second longest field goal in Irish history ... became first kicker in Notre Dame history to kick one field goal in each quarter vs. Maryland ... barely missed a 56-yard field goal, which would have been a Notre Dame record ... had kicked a field goal in 16 consecutive games, a Notre Dame record, before failing to do so vs. Michigan State ... made a 19-yard field goal vs. Purdue ... made a 46-yard field goal vs. Michigan ... converted both of his field goal attempts vs. Florida State, a 39-yarder and a 35-yarder ... made both of his field goal attempts vs. USC, a 34-yarder and a 32-yarder.

AS A JUNIOR: Returned as Notre Dame's placekicker in 2001 and had a record-setting season ... booted a 29-yard field goal vs. Nebraska ... made 43-yard field goal vs. Michigan State ... matched his career long with a 47-yard field goal vs. Texas A&M ... added 40-yarder vs. Pittsburgh ... also handled kickoff duties for Irish ... recorded two field goals vs. West Virginia ... missed his first field goal of the season on Notre Dame's first offensive possession vs. Boston College ending his streak of 11 straight field goals ... recorded one field goal, a 42-yarder, vs. Boston College ... recorded one field goal, a 41-yarder, vs. Tennessee ... recorded two field goals, a 41-yarder and a 32-yarder, vs. Navy ... recorded two field goals vs. Stanford ... recorded a 47-yard field goal vs. Purdue ... made all eight field goal attempts of 40 yards or longer ... his .882 field goal conversion percentage in '01 was the second-best in Notre Dame history.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Notre Dame's placekicker in 2000 ... won a hard-fought bat-

tle against incumbent placekicker David Miller in the preseason ... led Notre Dame in scoring (74), marking just the second time in the past 10 seasons and the first time since 1993 (Kevin Pendergast) that a kicker was the leading Irish scorer ... helped Irish rank 10th nationally in net punting at 38.44 ... made final 32 PATs of regular season ... ranked in Irish records with 44 PATs (tied for fourth) and 68 points by kicking (tied for ninth) ... played in first career game in opener vs. Texas A&M, hitting three extra points and a 32-yard field goal with 7:17 remaining in the game ... connected on 29-yard field goal in overtime to give Irish their only lead of the game, 24-21 against Nebraska ... hit game-winning 38-yard field goal as time expired in 23-21 Irish victory over Purdue ... was three-for-four (also hit from 32 and career-high 47 yards) overall on field goals vs. Boilermakers ... named NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame MVP for his efforts against Purdue ... named USAToday.com player of the week and Collegefootballnews.com player of the week for effort vs. Purdue ... took pitch from holder Adam Tibble five yards for touchdown on fake field goal late in third quarter to give Irish 28-10 lead over Boston College ... is the only Notre Dame kicker in the last 20 years to score a touchdown ... also punted vs. Boston College for first time in his career, averaging 40.0 yards on four boots, filling in for injured Joey Hildbold ... took snap and threw 25-yard touchdown pass to Tom Lopienski on fake field goal in first quarter vs. Rutgers, giving Irish 14-3 lead ... was five for five on field goal attempts of 37 yards or fewer ... kicked 29-yard field goal on final play of first half vs. Oregon State in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see game action as rookie Irish kicker and punter in '99 ... competed with Irish indoor track team in two meets in 2000, working in high jump and long jump.



Kicker/Punter Nicholas Setta

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Parade prep All-American ... USA Today first-team All-America punter ... rated number-one kicker in the country coming out of high school ... listed by Dallas Morning News as one of top 100 national prospects (and one of only two kickers on list) ... first-team all-state punter on Chicago Tribune team in both '97 and '98 ... rated 13th on Detroit Free-Press Best of the Midwest team ... punted 39 times for 47.8-yard average as senior in '98, including boots of 68, 61 and 60 yards for Lockport Township High School in Lockport, Ill. ... won four letters in football ... hit 11 of 22 field goals in '98 (including two from 49 yards out) and 29 of 33 PATs ... threw for two touchdowns in '98 on fake field goal situations ... hit field goals from 45 and 47 yards in '98 season opener ... put 90 percent of his kickoffs into end zone ... hit 11 of 15 field goals as junior ... hit the crossbar on 72-yard field goal attempt vs. Wheaton Warrenville South in '97 Class 6A playoff opener ... kicked Illinois state record 59-yard field goal as sophomore in '96 vs. Bloom ... averaged 46.7 yards per punt as junior, with 27 of 64 kickoffs going for touchbacks ... four-time team captain in football ... three-time all-conference pick and three-time team MVP ... finished with 38 career field goals ... selected for Illinois state all-star game ... won four letters in both cross country and track and field ... finished sixth in Illinois state track and field meet in high jump as junior and also ranked as top hurdler ... four-time team captain and MVP in both cross country and track ... had bests of 1:53.4 in 800 meters, 3:59 in 1,500 meters, and 6-10 in high jump ... finished 11th in Illinois state cross country meet in '98, fifth in '97 and helped Lockport to Illinois state cross country crowns in '96 and '97 ... brother Piero played football at College of Saint Francis and soccer at Illinois Benedictine ... full name is Nicholas Setta ... younger of two children ... born May 6, 1981 ... graduated in May 2004 with a degree in finance ... recorded a 3.733 grade-point average and earned Dean's List honors in the fall of 2003.

	G-CS	FGs	LG	PATs	Pts.	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	LP
2000	11-0	8-14	47	44-45	74	4	160	40.0	47
2001	11-0	15-17	47	23-23	68	0	0	0.0	0
2002	13-0	14-25	51	32-32	74	0	0	0.0	0
2003	5-0	9-10	47	5-5	32	26	1,064	40.9	54
TOT	40-0	46-66	51	104-105	248	30	1,224	40.8	54

	TC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	PA	PC	Yds.	TD
2000	1	5	5.0	1	5	1	1	25	1
2001	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOT	2	2	1.0	1	2	1	1	25	1

#33 COURTNEY WATSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER
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Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)



Leader of the Irish defense who spent three seasons as starting middle linebacker ... a four-time monogram winner for Notre Dame ... 2002 Butkus Award finalist and '03 Butkus Award semifinalist ... first-team All-America selection in 2002 ... had tremendous confidence and good awareness on the field ... played in 43 games for the Irish, starting 32 times and piling up 294 tackles ... also had 39 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks and seven interceptions (two of which he returned for touchdowns) ... had 16 games with 10-or-more tackles in his career, including nine such contests as a senior ... a model citizen and student-athlete who help initiate Notre Dame's Tackle the Arts Program, a community service project where the Irish football team teaches children about the arts, including reading, writing, drawing and playing music ... chosen in the second round of the 2004 National Football League Draft (60th overall selection) by the New Orleans Saints ... the highest-drafted Irish linebacker since Demetrius DuBose also went in the second round (34th overall) to Tampa Bay in 1993.

AS A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR: Starting inside linebacker for third consecutive season in 2003 ... moved from the will to the mike linebacker position as a senior ... was semifinalist for '03 Butkus Award ... preseason first-team All-American by Athlon, Street & Smith's and The Sporting News ... Walter Camp Foundation Player of the Year preseason watch list choice ... The Sporting News and Lindy's both ranked him fourth nationally among inside linebackers prior to the season ... named to 2003 AFCA Good Works Football Team for his contributions to the Notre Dame and South Bend communities (one of 11 players nationally to win the award) ... led Irish with a career-high 117 tackles (10.64 stops per game) and was second on the squad with a career-best 15 tackles for loss ... posted 10-or-more tackles in nine of 11 games ... served as game captain for Pittsburgh, USC, Florida State and Syracuse games ... named ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game at Michigan with a team-high 12 tackles, including one for loss and a forced fumble ... rolled up season-best 14 tackles vs. USC ... helped limit Boston College running back Derrick Knight to season-low 43 yards on 23 carries (Knight was nation's leading rusher entering the game) ... had a career-best five tackles for loss for total of 25 yards in home finale against BYU ... returned an interception 48 yards in final collegiate game at Syracuse.

AS A SENIOR: Starting inside linebacker for Irish in 2002 ... led team with 90 tackles in only 10 games ... named a first-team All-American by ESPN.com and a third-teamer by The Sporting News and Associated Press ... preseason honorable mention All-American by Street & Smith's ... ranked as the 17th best middle linebacker nationally by The Sporting News ... served as a game captain vs. Michigan State, Florida State, Navy and Rutgers ... played in 249:02 minutes for the Irish ... part of linebacker corps that helped hold Michigan to under 100 yards rushing for the first time in '02 ... in first appearance of the season, led the team in tackles vs. Michigan with nine tackles ... led team in tackles vs. Michigan State with 15 tackles, including 12 solos and the first two sacks of the season for a total loss of 19 yards ... also broke up a pass vs. Michigan State ... recorded second career interception return for a touchdown vs. Stanford, a 34-yard

interception return that opened the flood gates against the Cardinal in the third quarter ... also recorded a team-high 11 tackles vs. Stanford ... led team with nine tackles vs. Pittsburgh ... second on team in tackles vs. Air Force with nine ... helped Irish defense hold Air Force, which was ranked #1 in rushing offense in the nation, to 104 yards rushing, its lowest rushing total of the season ... recorded 10 tackles and made second interception this season (21-yard return) vs. Florida State ... helped Notre Dame defense hold Florida State to 93 yards rushing, its lowest rushing total of the season ... posted six tackles vs. Boston College ... made 30th career appearance for Irish vs. Navy ... led team with 12 tackles vs. Navy, including one sack for a loss of eight yards ... also sealed the win vs. Navy by making third interception this season (eight-yard return) with 0:31 remaining in the fourth quarter ... recorded two tackles and broke up a pass vs. Rutgers ... had a 60-yard interception return vs. USC, his fourth interception in '02 to go with seven tackles.

AS A JUNIOR: Won starting inside linebacker job for 2001 ... second on the team in tackles with 76 ... led Irish with a career-high 18 tackles vs. Nebraska ... named ABC/Chevrolet Most Valuable Player for Notre Dame vs. Nebraska ... followed that performance in leading Irish with 10 tackles, including a sack vs. Michigan State ... recorded 10 tackles vs. Texas A&M, his third straight game in double digits ... had first career fumble recovery vs. Pittsburgh ... recorded five tackles including one for a loss of two yards vs. West Virginia ... made five tackles vs. Boston College ... had 13 tackles for loss this season ... recorded eight tackles, one sack, and a 33-yard interception return, the first of his career, for a touchdown vs. Tennessee ... recorded six tackles, including one for a loss vs. Navy.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Reserve inside linebacker for Notre Dame in 2000 ... played on defense in nine games (missed only vs. Stanford, West Virginia and Rutgers), including vs. Oregon State in 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl vs. Oregon State ... played in first career game vs. Texas A&M and made his first career tackle ... had two solo stops vs. Navy ... made one tackle vs. Oregon State ... played on special teams in each game, making 175 regular-season special team appearances to win a monogram, then 18 more vs. Oregon State in Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

AS A FRESHMAN: Did not see varsity action for Irish in '99.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Rushed for 1,220 yards on 133 carries and scored 15 touchdowns as senior running back in '98 ... earned all-Sarasota area honors at Riverview High School in Sarasota, Fla. ... added more than 1,100 rushing yards as junior in '97 to give him career totals of 2,500 yards and 25 TDs ... played wide receiver as freshman and sophomore, then switched to running back as junior and senior, while also returning kickoffs and punts ... won four letters in football, captaining team as senior ... two-time all-league and all-Sarasota selection who won team MVP honors as junior and senior ... selected for Florida Shrine Bowl all-star game ... also competed in basketball and track and field (has long jumped better than 23 feet) ... earned three letters in basketball, captaining team as senior and twice winning all-league and all-city recognition ... won two letters in track and field ... full name is Courtney Watson ... a two-time winner of the Notre Dame bookstore basketball tournament ... was a member of Student Senate in '02 ... born Sept. 18, 1980 in Sarasota, Fla. ... graduated from the Mendoza College of Business in May 2003 with a degree in management.

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks	FF	FR	PBU	INT	TD
2000	11-0	8	3	11	1-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2001	11-11	35	41	76	13-27	2-10	0	1-0	3	1-31	1
2002	10-10	51	39	90	10-39	3-27	0	0-0	8	4-123	1
2003	11-11	69	48	117	15-70	3.5-25	1	0-0	3	2-48	0
TOT	43-32	163	131	294	39-151	8.5-62	1	1-0	14	7-202	2



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