

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

QUARTERBACKS - Since Lou Holtz left following 1996, the Irish have signed a total of 16 QB's. Just 3 - Jimmy Clausen, Evan Sharpley and Brady Quinn played their entire college career as a ND QB. Quinn left after '06 as the career passing leader. With a veteran offense in '06 he threw for 3,426 (62%, 37-7). Quinn's backup, Sharpley (PS#13) played in 8 (2 att) and battled true frosh Clausen (PS#5) in '07. Clausen underwent elbow surgery in June and was not 100% in Aug. Demetrius Jones (PS#6) started the opener but was benched and then transferred to Cincy to play for Brian Kelly. Clausen (8th frosh QB to start S/'51) started in Wk2. Clausen (1254, 56%, 7-6) became physically worn down and was benched for a few games. Sharpley had 2 sts (736, 55%, 5-3). Clausen added 20 lbs in '08 and threw for 3,172 (61%, 25-17). Sharpley played in just 3 (5 att). Clausen played his way into being an AA contender in '09 throwing for 3,722 (68%, 28-4) despite a nagging foot inj. RfR Dayne Crist (PS#5) was the backup (4 gm, 20 att) before a torn ACL vs Wash St. Sharpley had 0 att. This year they lose Clausen (#2DC CAR) and Sharpley. Battling Crist will be true frosh Tommy Rees (IFS) and Andrew Hendrix (PS#12) along with soph Nate Montana who opted to play at Pasadena CC last year but could not win the starting job (31-88 for 324, 2-5). He did receive 40% of the snaps in spring with Kelly wanting to prep 3 QB's and Crist was less than 100%. Not listed below are Matt Mulvey (6'2" 191 Jr) and Brian Castello (6'2" 210 Sr). Naturally there is a large drop off but do keep in mind that Brian Kelly (great QB developer) won the Big East Title playing 4 different QB's in 2008 and Crist is talented enough to become the 4th QB to stick in South Bend.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006, Darius Walker led with 1,267 (5.0) however the top RB has not come close to reaching 1,000 the last 3 yrs. In '07 the leading rusher was James Aldridge (PS#2) who had just 463 (3.8) while Armando Allen (PS#13, 348, 4.0) was #2. Powerful Robert Hughes (PS#9) had 294 (5.5). In '08 Allen led with 585 (4.4) and had 50 rec's while Hughes added 382 (3.4) and Aldridge had 357 (3.9). Last year Allen missed 3 but still led with 697 (4.9). Hughes had 131 (5.5) vs



Wash St and finished #2 (416, 4.7). Aldridge moved to FB (17 yds, 6 gm, inj). Jonas Gray (5'10" 225 Jr, PS#5) has 209 (3.8) in 2 years. This year the only loss is Aldridge and added to the mix is rfR Cierre Wood (PS#4). Just once at Cincy did Kelly have a back avg more than 10 att's per game but this should be the most productive ND RB corps since '06.

RECEIVERS - The Irish's career reception leader was Tom Gatewood (1969-'71) and he was also the team's last 1,000 yard rec until Weis arrived in '05. Weis produced five 1,000 yard receivers in his 5 years. Jeff Samardzija left after '06 as the school's career leader. In '07 ND had inexp'd WR's and was led by TE John Carlson (372, 9.3). In '08 WR Golden Tate (PS#27) led with 1,080 (18.6) and 6'3" Michael Floyd (PS#2) was #2 with 719 (15.0). TE Kyle Rudolph had 340 (11.7). Last year I called them the #1 receiving corps in the country. Tate became the first Irish WR to win the Biletnikoff Award (1496, 16.1). Some of ND's struggles happened after Floyd was inj'd against Michigan (miss last 6:00) and again vs MSU (collarbone) and he DNP

in 5 gms. Floyd finished with 795 (18.1) while Rudolph added 364 (11.0) despite missing 2. This year they lose their top guy Tate (#2DC SEA) and Robby Parris (6 st, 227, 9.1). They have plenty of VHT's ready to step in including Duval Kamara (PS#8) who has 781 (10.4) in 3 yrs plus 3 who played as frosh last year (comb 20 rec, 11.2). Not listed below are Dan Franco (5'10" 188 Sr), Chris Gurries (5'10" 186 Sr), Patrick Coughlin (6'0" 195 Sr), Derry Herlihy (6'0" 198 Sr) and TE's Bobby Burger (6'2" 245 Sr, 1 st) and Jake Golic (6'4" 230 rF, PS#21). This still looks like a premier group even with the loss of their top guy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Irish OL is made up almost exclusively of VHT's but despite fielding exp'd fronts from '02-'06, their best year was '03 with 157 ypg and 4.0 ypc. The other 4 yrs were just 3.4, 3.3, 3.6 and 3.9 ypc. In '07 they had to replace 3 st's (#3, #7 DC's) and 2 bkps. They had three first time st's and the inexp'd OL struggled. They set a school record by allowing an NCAA worst 58 sks (14.9%) and only avg 75 ypg (2.1) rush. That total was 50 ypg less than in any other season in the last 60 years. In '08 they had to replace 2 st's and they improved (110 yds, 3.3, 22 sk). Last year they only had to replace 1 st'r (1 st'r lost to inj). In Weis' schemes the RG was the most isolated position and he felt Trevor Robinson was best suited for that spot. Robinson did miss Navy and parts of others. They only improved to 128 ypg rush (3.8) with 25 sks (5.6%). This year they lose RT Sam Young (12 st, 4Y st'r, #6DC DAL), LT Paul Duncan (12 st, 2Y st'r) and C Eric Olsen (12 st, 3Y st'r, #6DC DEN). Naturally 9 of the 10 in the 2 deep are VHT's. This is a less exp'd line and must learn new schemes but this is also the top OL talent-wise that Kelly has coached and he usually produces a solid group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 the Irish had to replace 3 st's (#2, #5DC's) and switched to a 3-4 (2 ret st's). The less exp'd front allowed 195 ypg rush (4.3) which was the most here since 1991 (D just 19 sks). In '08 they only had 18 sks until they added 8 in the bowl. They did improve the rush D to 134 ypg (4.1). Last year they moved back to a 4-3 and had to replace 2 st's but added in rfR Kapron Lewis-Moore (PS#40), who coaches compared to former #1 overall NFL DC Steve Emtman. The D played well early but collapsed over the final 4 giving up 263 rush ypg and 5.7 ypc. That dropped the season totals to 170 ypg (4.8). This year they lose DE John Ryan (7 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk) and again switch back to the 3-4. I would expect significant improvement from the Irish front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Irish had just 1 ret st'r ('08's #5 tkl'r) to a new 3 man LB unit. They added in PS#1 true frosh Manti Te'o and he lived up to his advanced billing starting 9 gms with 57 of his 63 tkls (#4 tkl'r) in the last 8 gms. This year they only lose Toryan Smith (3 st, 15 tkl) and Scott Smith (21 tkl). Three st's return (#2, #4, #10 tkl'r) to the much improved new 4 man group which made my Top 20 (see pg 14).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 ND had to replace 2 st's (#6 & #7 DC's) but moved up to #26 in my PDR allowing just 162 ypg (53%), their lowest total since 1996. In '08 they had to replace one starter (#3DC) and then CB Darrin Walls (11 st '07) DNP. The Irish slipped to #32. LY they had to replace 2 st's (#4DC) but moved LB Harrison Smith (#4 tkl'r '08) to FS. They also faced 3 true frosh QB's but unfortunately 2 of them (Forcier and Barkley) earned the Davey O'Brien QB of the Week Award vs them. The veteran unit dropped to #81. This year they lose S Kyle McCarthy (12 st, 101 tkl, 5 int, 5 pbu) and CB Raeshon McNeil (1 st, 9 tkl) but return 4 who started 7+ last year. Adding depth are James Redshaw (5'9" 175 Sr) and Ryan Sheehan (5'10" 177 Sr). They can only improve upon LY's PDR.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Charlie Weis' units finished #39, #64, #93, #30 and #74 in my ST rankings. P Eric Maust (35.1 net '08) struggled and split duties with true frosh Ben Turk (PS#10) LY. The 2 combined to avg just 37.2 (33.6 net). K Brandon Walker (14-24 in '08) had back problems and lost his job to true frosh Nick

Tausch (PS#6). Tausch missed his first FG but then connected on a school record 14 in a row. He missed his last 2 and DNP in the final 3 when David Ruffier hit 5-5 FG's. The Irish have had just 4 TB's in the last 3 yrs (2nd fensed in FBS). Theo Riddick was the top KR (22.9) while Golden Tate improved his PR avg to 14.2. This year they only lose Tate. Brian Kelly's ST units at Cincy were #21, #1 and #8 in his 3 yrs there! The Irish should have their best finish in my ST rankings since 2000 (#2).

COACHES - Charlie Weis' 3 Super Bowl rings didn't spell success in the college game and he was ousted after a mediocre 35-27 record in 5 years. Brian Kelly takes over after leading Cincinnati to B2B BCS bowls including a 12-0 regular season last year and he was named the BE COY all 3 seasons there. He boasts a 171-57-2 record in 19 years as a HC with 13 yrs as HC of Grand Valley St (Div II), 3 yrs at C Mich and then 3 yrs at Cincy. Kelly hired Charley Molnar as his OC. Molnar has coached with Kelly the last 3 yrs at Cincy (WR cch/pass gm coor) and was the QB/WR coach at CM under Kelly in '06. Bob Diaco takes over as DC after leading a Cincy defense with 1 returning starter in '09 to 110 tfl (#3 NCAA). Prior to that he was the LB coach/ST coor at Virginia for 3 years. Diaco also coached under Kelly as co-DC of CM in '05.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Ty Willingham took over in '02, he converted the team from an option-style rush attack to a pro-style pass attack and that is usually a 3-to-4 year process. In '05 Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation as it was the 4th year after the change of offense and the team possessed a pro-style QB, pro-style WR's and an OL that was used to pass blocking. He also inherited 10 ret st's on offense and they rolled up 36.7 ppg. They upended #3 Mich on the road, the highest ranked team that ND had beaten since 1993, and got the Irish to a BCS bowl (Fiesta) where they were outgained by Ohio St 617-348 in their 8th straight bowl loss. Weis was named the FWAA COY. In '06 they had 16 ret st's and the Irish opened at #2 (AP). The Irish rolled to a 10-1 record (#6) but lost to #3 USC by 20 then were thrashed in the bowl by 27 vs LSU. They also had a 26 pt home loss to Mich. It looked like a rebuilding year in '07 but Weis refused to use those words. The Irish went from a veteran unit to one with just 9 ret st's and a true frosh QB. It ended up being a record breaking year for all of the wrong reasons. They opened the season 0-5 (all 5 by DD) and finished 3-9. Nine true frosh started at some point. It was their 4th losing season since 1999 (13th school hist). In '08 the Irish were my #1 Most Improved Team and went from a losing season to a bowl. Three times however the Irish blew a DD lead. They did get their first bowl win since 1993. Heading into last year their 15 losses the previous 2 years were the most in school history and Weis had 15 ret st's and a very manageable schedule. It was another frustrating year for the Irish. Things started out well with a 35-0 shutout of Nevada but then despite outplaying Michigan, they allowed a late TD and lost by 4. They had a narrow escape vs Mich St and then got a TD with :25 left to escape at Purdue (Clausen missed about half). They had another narrow escape vs Wash with the Huskies blowing 11 shots at the EZ from inside the 5 on 2 pass which could have put it away and ND won in OT. Against USC they were at the 4 and fired incomplete 3 times to end it. After escaping vs BC, they steamrolled Wash St and were talking BCS bowl (6-2). Amazingly they blew 3 chances inside the 10 vs Navy and lost by 2 and came up 5 pts short vs Pitt. They led Conn 14-0 but lost in 2OT and once again vs Stanford, had the ball at the end but came up short. At 6-6 they opted not to go to a bowl and got rid of Weis, who actually had a weaker win percentage than his predecessors, Bob Davie and Tyrone Willingham. All six of the Irish's losses were by 7 or less but they did also have 4 close wins. The D with veteran DC Tenuta calling the plays allowed a program worst 398 ypg. This year they do have 14 ret st's incl WR Floyd. Of course Kelly knows how to produce top-notch QB's and has a solid talent to work with in Dayne Crist. I feel he steps into a tremendous situation here after the Irish have underperformed the last 3 seasons. ND has only had 2 DD winning seasons since '93 while their new HC Kelly has produced 3 straight 10+ winning years at Cincy, a team that had only one (1951) in their 120 year history prior to his arrival.

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

2010 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DEFENSE

QB 10 Dayne Crist So. 6-4 235 **PS#5**. 4 gm (ACL), 130 (50%), 1-1 ratio as rF.
13 Tommy Rees PS#49. IFS. Andrew Hendrix **PS#12**. 16 Nate Montana (6'4" 215 Jr), #2 spg.
HB 5 ARMANDO ALLEN SR. 5-10 201 **PS#13**. 12 st, 933 (4.2) 2Y. 7 st, 697 (4.9) LY. **20** Cierre Wood (6'0" 210 rF) **PS#4**. **33** Robert Hughes (5'11" 245 Sr) **PS#9**. 6 st, 1092 (4.3) 3Y.
WR 3 MICHAEL FLOYD JR. 6-3 220 **PS#2**. 10 st, 719 (15.0), 2nd Tm FRAA true. 7 st (inj), 795 (18.1) LY. **11** Shaquille Evans (6'1" 205 So) **PS#9**. 61 (8.7) true. Barry Gallun (5'11" 185 Sr) **PS#16**.
WR 18 Duval Kamara Sr. 6-4 220 **PS#8**. 15 st, 563 (10.8) 2Y. 5 st, 12 gm, 218 (9.5) LY. **32** Theo Riddick (5'11" 190 So) **PS#24**. 1 st RB, 160 rush (5.5), 43 rec (7.2) true.
WR 7 Tai-Ier Jones Fr. 5-11 185 **PS#20**. **81** John Goodman (6'3" 205 So) **PS#10**. 1 st, 104 (17.3) rF. 1 Deion Walker (6'3" 195 So) **PS#13**. 1 rec rF. Roby Toma (5'9" 175 So).
TE 9 KYLE RUDOLPH JR. 6-6 265 **PS#2**. 13 st, 340 (11.7), 1st Tm FRAA true. 9 st (inj), 364 (11.0) LY. **83** Mike Ragone (6'4" 250 Jr) **PS#2**. ACL. '08. 7 st LY. Tyler Eifert (6'6" 240 rF) **PS#24**.
C 52 Braxton Cave So. 6-3 309 **PS#39**. 12 gm rF. **51** Dan Wenger (6'4" 297 Sr) **PS#24**. 5 st rF. 13 st C '08. 1 st RG LY. **LS** Jordan Cowart (6'2" 215 So) **PS#326**. 11 gm true.
RG 75 Taylor Dever Jr. 6-5 301 **PS#149**. 12 gm rF. 6 gm LY. **66** Chris Watt (6'3" 313 rF) **PS#6**. **57** Mike Golic, Jr (6'3" 283 So) **PS#38**. 3 gm at C rF. Bill Flavin (6'3" 260 Sr).
LG 59 CHRIS STEWART SR. 6-5 344 **PS#14**. 6 gm rF. 10 st RG '08. 12 st LG LY.
76 Andrew Nuss (6'5" 303 Jr) **PS#58**. 12 gm 2Y. **65** Mike Hernandez (6'2" 275 Jr) **PS#430**.
RT 78 TREVOR ROBINSON JR. 6-5 300 **PS#13**. 3 st RG, 11 gm true. 11 st RG (inj) LY.
68 Alex Bullard (6'3" 290 rF) **PS#28**. Christian Lombard **PS#14**. Tate Nichols **PS#123**.
LT 70 Zack Martin rF. 6-4 280 **PS#32**. **77** Matt Romine (6'5" 298 Jr) **PS#18**. 5 gm rF. 8 gm mostly special tm's LY. **73** Lane Clelland (6'5" 290 So) **PS#19**. 5 gm rF.
K 40 NICK TAUSCH SO. 6-0 190 **PS#6**. 14-17 FG's, L46, 35 KO's in 10 gm as true. **14** Brandon Walker (6'3" 210 Jr) **PS#5**. 20-36 FG's 2Y. RS LY. David Ruffier (6'1" 176 Sr).

DE 89 KAPRON LEWIS-MOORE SO. 6-4 275 **PS#40**. 9 st, 46 tkl, 7 tfl rF. **91** Emeke Nwankwo (6'4" 280 Jr) **PS#27**. 2 tkl. **27** Brandon Newman (6'0" 297 So) **PS#46**. **62** Christopher Skubis (6'2" 232 Sr).
NG 95 IAN WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 301 **PS#5**. 9 st, 25 gm, 85 tkl 2Y. 10 st, 39 tkl LY.
98 Sean Cwynar (6'4" 281 So) **PS#13**. 1 st, 3 tkl rF. **92** Tyler Stockton (6'0" 290 rF) **PS#17**.
DE 90 ETHAN JOHNSON JR. 6-4 280 **PS#11**. 4 st, 18 tkl true. 11 st, 32 tkl LY. **79** Hafis Williams (6'1" 290 So) **PS#33**. 6 gm rF. Louis Nix **PS#19**. **61** Martin Quintana (6'0" 232 Sr).
OLB 45 DARIUS FLEMING JR. 6-2 245 **PS#26**. 3 st, 24 tkl true. 8 st, 29 tkl LY. **56** Kerry Neal (6'2" 244 Sr) **PS#38**. 14 st, 45 tkl, 6 tfl, 2Y. 6 st, 25 tkl LY. **48** Dan Fox (6'3" 230 rF) **PS#35**.
LB 5 MANTI TE'O SO. 6-2 250 **PS#1**. 9 st, 63 tkl true. **44** Carlo Calabrese (6'1" 245 rF) **PS#27**. **30** Steve Paskorz (6'1" 245 Jr) **PS#30**. 12 gm FB 2Y. ILB spg. Evan Wray (6'0" 215 Sr).
64 Anthony McDonald So. 6-2 230 **PS#14**. 10 tkl rF. **36** David Poslusznny (6'0" 225 So) **PS#82**. 3 tkl rF. Kendall Moore **PS#27**. Prince Shembo **PS#36**. Sean Oxley (6'2" 227 So).
OLB 56 BRIAN SMITH SR. 6-3 234 **PS#34**. 12 st, 79 tkl, 2Y. 12 st, 71 tkl LY. **46** Steve Filer (6'3" 235 Jr) **PS#1**. 1 tkl true. 18 tkl LY. Danny Spond **PS#32**. Steve Botsford (6'2" 220 Sr).
CB 4 GARY GRAY JR. 5-11 190 **PS#12**. 15 tkl rF. 7 st, 28 tkl LY. **12** Robert Blanton (6'1" 190 Jr) **PS#22**. 3 st, 33 tkl true. 9 st, 38 tkl LY. Lo Wood is IFS. Andrew Plaska (5'11" 185 Jr).
CB 2 DARRIN WALLS SR. 6-0 185 **PS#5**. 13 st, 36 tkl, 2Y. RS '08. 7 st, 27 tkl LY.
ED Banks (5'11" 180 rF) **PS#52**. 6 Spencer Boyd is IFS. **42** Nick Lezynski (5'9" 180 Jr).
22 TJ HARRISON SMITH JR. 6-2 212 **PS#22**. 9 st, 57 tkl rF. 11 st, 69 tkl rF. **17** Zeke Motta (6'2" 210 So) **PS#17**. 12 tkl true. **24** Chris Badger is IFS. Thomas Smith (6'1" 215 Sr).
FS 26 JAMORIS SLAUGHTER SO. 6-0 195 **PS#35**. 1 st, 14 tkl rF. **15** Dan McCarthy (6'2" 205 So) **PS#6**. 5 gm, 1 tkl rF. **29** Michael Garcia (6'2" 195 Sr). **33** Chris Salvi (5'10" 180 Sr).
P 35 BEN TURK SO. 5-11 196 **PS#10**. 26 punts (38.2), 2 TB, Tm net 33.6 true.
43 Eric Maust (6'2" 190 Sr) **PS#357**. 94 punts (40.2), L54, 11 TB 3Y. Pat Kramer (5'11" 160 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2010

OL Christian Lombard 6-5 293 PS#14
LB Louis Nix 6-3 315 PS#9
WR Tai-Ier Jones 5-11 185 PS#20
QB Andrew Hendrix 6-3 226 PS#12
TE Alex Welch 6-5 225 PS#10
LB Kendall Moore 6-3 235 PS#27
LB Danny Spond 6-3 232 PS#32
LB Prince Shembo 6-2 232 PS#36
RB Cameron Robertson 6-1 220 PS#36
DL Kon Schwenke 6-4 227 PS#56
WR Bennett Jackson 6-1 170 PS#49
DB Chris Badger 6-0 195 PS#62
LB Justin Utupo 6-3 250 PS#52
DL Lo Wood 5-10 175 PS#65
WR Daniel Smith 6-4 215 PS#61
QB Tommy Rees 6-2 200 PS#49
WR Austin Collinsworth 6-1 195 PS#82
DL Spencer Boyd 5-10 175 PS#94
OL Tate Nichols 6-7 291 PS#123
QB Luke Massa 6-5 205 PS#86
TE Derek Roback 6-3 225 PS#75
DL Bruce Heggie 6-6 240 PS#08
RB Nate Montana 6-4 215 PS#245

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BRIAN KELLY (Career 53-22) (Div II 118-35-2)

1st Year at Notre Dame Bowl Record: 2-1

Central Michigan '04-'06, Cincinnati Bowl '06, '07-'09

Kelly AT NOTRE DAME/OVERALL

0-0 / 53-22	SU	0-0 / 0-3	Vs Top 10
0-0 / 26-7	Home	0-0 / 8-4	Vs Top 25
0-0 / 24-13	Away	0-0 / 3-9	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 3-2	Neutral	0-0 / 9-2	Off A Bye
0-0 / 33-13	Vs Conf	0-0 / 13-8	Off A Loss

2009 RECORD: RETURNING STARTERS:

(6-6) OFFENSE: 5

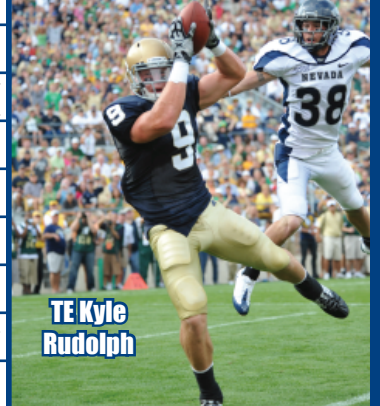
DEFENSE: 9

Returning: 44 (21,18,5)

Lost: 28 (12,14,2)

2009 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795 (#14)

INDEPENDENT



TE Kyle Rudolph

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score	W
Sep. 4	Purdue	G			
Sep. 11	Michigan	G			
Sep. 18	at Michigan St	G			
Sep. 25	Stanford	G			
Oct. 2	at Boston College	A			
Oct. 9	Pittsburgh	G			
Oct. 16	Western Michigan	G			
Oct. 23	† Navy (East Rutherford)	A			
Oct. 30	Tulsa	G			
Nov. 6					
Nov. 13	Utah	G			
Nov. 20	† Army (Bronx)	G			
Nov. 27	at USC	G			
Dec. 4					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brady Quinn 11,762 '03-'06
2. Jimmy Clausen 8,148 '07-'09
3. Ron Powlus 7,602 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Autry Denson 4,318 '95-'98
2. Allen Pinkett 4,131 '82-'85
3. Vagas Ferguson 3,472 '76-'79

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Golden Tate 2,707 '07-'09
2. Jeff Samardzija 2,593 '03-'06
3. Derrick Mayes 2,512 '92-'95

The HT is 10-4 & 6 of the L/7 gms have been decided by an avg of 17 ppg w/none closer than 13 pts. LY a hobbled QB Clausen returned and threw the GW TD w/25 to play.

There has been an upset in 5 of the L/6 yrs in this series (7 in the L/10 gms). The HT is 9-2. LY ND battled back from an 11 pt 4Q deficit but lost as UM scored a TD with :11 left.

The Fighting Irish are 3-10 in road openers. The visitor is 7-2 but has dropped the L/2. ND has been outgained vs MSU in each of the last 4 years by an avg of 71 ypg.

LY ND blew an 8 pt 4Q lead as SU scored TD's on their L/2 drives (last one w/59) & the Irish ended at the SU31. The loss snapped a ND 7 gm series win streak but they have won 7 str at home vs SU.

ND snapped a 6 gm losing streak to BC LY but in their last trip to Chestnut Hill were shutout (largely due to -5 TO, as they had FD & yd edges). In the L/8 gms these tms have avg just 37 ppg.

ND is 12-4 vs Pitt S/88 but have dropped B2B gms. Four of the L/5 meetings have been upsets. LY ND trailed Pitt 27-9 in the 4Q before coming up 5 pts short on the comeback.

Just the 3rd meeting as ND is 2-3 vs current CUSA members as their last loss was to SMU in the '84 Aloha Bowl. Coming into 2010, ND is just 9-11 at home last 3 years.

BONUS: ND plays 5 non BCS teams this year which is the 1st time since 1945. **BONUS:** Notre Dame is 12-4 since 1994 in home finales.

First meeting. The Irish are 28-8 vs current MWC members. ND has gone just 1-8 the L/2 yrs in November including 0-4 LY. (LY's 4 losses were by a combined 17 pts!).

This will mark the 1st football gm played at the new Yankee Stadium. From 1924-'46 these schools played at the old Yankee Stadium 22x's. ND has beat Army 13 str gms (last loss in 1958).

ND has been dominated by USC the L8Y being outgained in 7 (yds even in '06) by 259 ypg. LY ND trailed 34-14 and after 2 TD's had 5 chances at 1st & gl but couldn't score.

STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795) (#18) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	10Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	9-3	5-6	10-3	5-7	6-6	9-3	10-3	3-9	7-6	6-6	70-52
Home	5-1	4-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-1	1-6	4-2	4-3	39-24
Away	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-4	2-2	5-0	3-1	2-3	2-4	1-3	24-23
Neutral	1-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	7-5
vs BCS	7-3	4-6	8-3	3-7	5-5	7-3	7-3	3-7	4-6	5-5	53-48
vs Non-BCS	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	2-0	3-0	0-2	3-0	1-1	17-4
ATS	8-4	4-7	9-4	4-8	6-6	7-5	4-8-1	5-7	7-6	4-8	58-63-1
Home Fav	2-2	1-3	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-5	1-2	2-3	1-5	18-29
Home Dog	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-3	1-0	1-0	9-7
Away Fav	3-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	9-6-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	3-2	1-3	2-0	17-14
Neutral	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	5-7
vs BCS	7-3	4-6	8-3	3-7	5-5	6-4	1-8-1	5-5	5-5	3-7	47-53-1
vs Non-BCS	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	0-2	2-1	1-1	11-10
Off SU Win	6-3	2-2	8-2	2-3	3-3	4-5	4-6	2-0	3-3	1-5	35-32
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-4	0-2	2-4	3-2	2-0	0-1-1	3-6	4-2	2-3	19-25-1

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Armando Allen	142	733	36	697	3	4.9	Kyle McCarthy	101	0	3	5	5
Robert Hughes	88	430	14	416	5	4.7	Brian Smith	71	1	5	4	0
Golden Tate	25	195	9	186	2	7.4	Harrison Smith	69	0	6	5	4
Theo Riddick	29	167	7	160	0	5.5	Manti Te'o	63	1	4	5	1
Jonas Gray	34	142	23	119	0	3.5	Sergio Brown	50	1	2	2	0
James Aldridge	6	17	0	17	0	2.8	Kapron Lewis-Moore	46	2	5	4	0
Jimmy Clausen	59	105	200	-95	3	-1.6	Ian Williams	39	0	6	1	1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Robert Blanton	38	0	1	2	2
Jimmy Clausen	425	289	68.0	3722	28	4	Ethan Johnson	32	4	2	5	1
Dayne Crist	20	10	50.0	130	1	1	Darius Fleming	29	3	9	0	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	Gary Gray	28	0	0	1	1	
Golden Tate	33	1496	16.1	15	78	Darrin Walls	27	0	1	6	1	
Michael Floyd	44	795	18.1	9	88	Kerry Neal	25	1	5	2	1	
Kyle Rudolph	33	364	11.0	3	52	Scott Smith	21	0	1	5	0	
Robby Parris	25	227	9.1	1	26	John Ryan	20	2	2	1	0	
Duval Kamara	23	218	9.5	1	18	Steve Filer	18	1	5	0	0	
Armando Allen	28	216	7.7	0	26	Toryan Smith	15	1	2	5	0	
Robert Hughes	19	193	10.2	0	30	Jamoris Slaughter	14	0	0	0	0	
John Goodman	6	104	17.3	1	64	Zeke Motta	12	0	5	0	0	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	Ino	Ray Herring	10	0	0	1
Ben Turk	26	994	38.2	13	33.6(f)	0	9	Anthony McDonald	10	0	0	0
Eric Maust	19	681	35.8	8	-	0	0	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	Golden Tate	12	171	14.2	1
Nick Tausch	27-30	5-6	6-7	3-4	0-0	14-17	46	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Ruffer	9-10	2-2	1-1	2-2	0-0	5-5	42	Theo Riddick	37	849	22.9	0

ND Pre-#	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-#	ND Pre-#	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-#
-	at Pittsburgh - #23	+3	42-21		#2	at Georgia Tech	-6'	14-10	
#20	at Michigan - #3	+7	17-10		#4	Penn St - #19	-8'	41-17	
#10	Michigan St	-6	41-44 OT		#2	Michigan - #11	-5'	21-47	
#16	at Washington	-12	36-17		#12	at Michigan St	-3	40-37	
#13	at Purdue - #22	+3	49-28		#12	Purdue	-14'	35-21	
#9	USC - #1	+12	31-34		#12	Stanford	-29	31-10	
#9	BYU	-18'	49-23		#10	UCLA	-12'	20-17	
#8	Tennessee	-8'	41-21		#11	† Navy	-13'	38-14	
#7	Navy	-23'	42-21		#11	North Carolina	-24'	45-26	
#6	Syracuse	-34	34-10		#9	at Air Force	-10'	39-17	
#6	at Stanford	-15	38-31		#6	Army	-29	41-9	
					#6	at USC - #3	+8'	24-44	



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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	YPC	OFF	PASS	OFF	YPP	SKS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	YPC	DEF	PASS	DEF	SKS	BY
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	VS	VS	VS	TURN	STS	PTS	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	YPP	VS	VS	BY
9*	30.1	452	128	3.8	324	67.3	15.0	25	+5	2009	6	25.9	398	170	4.8	228	58.1	15.3	19	
8*	24.7	355	110	3.3	245	60.6	14.4	22	-3	2008	6	22.2	330	134	4.1	196	54.0	14.9	26	
4	16.4	242	75	2.1	167	55.8	14.8	58	0	2007	5	28.8	357	195	4.3	162	52.6	12.4	19	
7*	31.0	390	126	3.9	264	61.6	12.6	31	+5	2006	9	23.8	340	137	3.8	203	55.2	14.3	31	
10*	36.7	477	147	3.6	330	64.8	13.0	21	+10	2005	3	24.5	397	132	3.9	265	53.2	16.2	31	
5*	24.1	346	127	3.3	218	53.9	14.3	25	+5	2004	6	24.1	369	88	2.7	281	58.2	15.3	30	
8*	20.3	336	157	4.0	179	47.4	16.6	24	+2	2003	8	26.3	340	127	3.1	213	57.6	13.0	37	

OFFENSE - 2009 STATS BY GAME - DEFENSE

Opponent	Line	S
Georgia Tech	-1	3
at Penn St - #14	+17	10
at Michigan	+9	0
Michigan St	+10	14
at Purdue	+21	19
at UCLA	+22	2
Boston College - #4	+17	14
USC - #13	+14	0
Navy	-3	44
Air Force	+4	24
Duke	+6	2
at Stanford	-6	21