

# NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

TE Tyler Eifert



## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2012

### QUARTERBACKS

In '09 rFr Dayne Crist (PS#5) was Jimmy Clausen's bkp and had 20 att's, the unit's only exp into '10. HC Kelly was reluctant to call planned runs (a staple in the spread) due to the lack of exp behind Crist and his lack of mobility but Crist's 4 rush td's were the most here s/99 (Jarious Jackson 7). Crist was having a fine season (2033, 59%, 15-7) when he was OFY early 1Q vs Tulsa (gm 9). Tommy Rees (PS#49) hit 33-54 vs the Golden Hurricane and became the first ND frosh to have 4 td's in a game. Rees would go 4-0 as a starting QB (1,106, 61%, 12-8) as two Irish QB's topped 1,000 for the first time s/83. Rees avg 205 ypg in the L5 while Crist had 254 ypg in his first 8 sts. LY they added the more athletic Kelly recruits Andrew Hendrix (PS#12) who was impressive on the scout team in '10 and true frosh Everett Golson (PS#20). Hendrix may have the most complete skill set among the 4 QB's and Golson is the most explosive athlete. Crist won the job in Aug but when ND trailed USF 16-0 at HT in the opener, Kelly went with Rees who started the rest of the year. Rees threw for 2,871 (65.5%, 20-14) but has struggled with TO's despite his 12-4 career record as a str. Hendrix (249, 48.6%, 1-2) played the 2H vs Stanford and led a pair of scoring drives and was brought in as a change of pace QB in the bowl. Crist opted to transfer (164, 63%, 0-1) and Kelly then signed PS#1 Gunner Kiel. Now in the 3rd year of Kelly's system, I look for by far the best production from this unit no matter which QB wins the job.

**RUNNING BACKS** - From '07-'10 the top RB had not come close to 1,000 yds with the highest total being 697 in '09. Cierre Wood (PS#4) was #1 in '10 with 603 (5.1). LY they had to replace their #2 and #3 rushers. Jonas Gray (PS#5) finally lived up to his potential with 791 (6.9) but tore his ACL vs BC (gm 11). His 12 rush td's were the most s/98 (Autry Denson). At midseason his 8.4 ypc was better than George Gipp's 91 year old rec of 8.1, but he finished with 6.9 which still was in the top 5. Wood (1102, 5.1) became the 10th Irish 1,000 yd rusher (first s/06 Darius Walker). TY they lose Gray (4 st) but Theo Riddick will play both RB and WR. Not listed below are PS#13 USC transfer Amir Carlisle (5'10" 185 So) and Cameron Roberson (6'0" 218 So, PS#36). I'll call the unit down a notch with the loss of its most explosive player but there's talent across the board and they add in 2 more VHT true frosh.

**RECEIVERS** - In '09 I called the Irish the #1 rec corps in the country and the top 3 rec's were all #1 or #2 DC's. Golden Tate became the first Irish WR to win the Biletnikoff Award (1496, 16.1). Michael Floyd (PS#2) DNP in 5 (795, 18.1). TE

Kyle Rudolph added 364 (11.0). In '10 they had to replace Tate (#2DC) and Floyd led with 1,025 (13.0). Rudolph (#2DC) was the nation's top TE but played in just 6 (328, 11.7, inj) and was replaced by Tyler Eifert who was #3 (352, 13.0). Converted RB Theo Riddick (PS#24) was #2 (414, 10.4) despite missing 4 and true frosh TJ Jones (PS#20) was #5 (306, 13.3). LY Floyd broke Tate's '09 ssn mark for rec's with 100 and was #1 (1147, 11.5). Eifert (803, 12.7) was a finalist for the Mackey Award and set the ND ssn record for rec's by a TE with 63 (Ken MacAfee '77). Riddick was #3 (436, 11.5) and Jones #4 (366, 9.6). I like the talent of this unit but with the loss of a player like Floyd (#1DC ARZ), who was the Irish's highest drafted player s/94, I'll call it down a notch.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - ND O-lines are usually loaded with VHT's but the OL stats haven't reflected it recently. In '07 they allowed an NCAA worst 58 sks (14.9%) and only avg 75 ypg rush (2.1). They showed some gradual improvement in '08 (110, 3.3, 22 sk) and in '09 (128, 3.8, 25 sks). In '10 they had to replace 3 multi-yr str's (105 sts lost) and learn new schemes. ND's numbers were similar (127 ypg, 4.0, 20 sks). LY they only had to replace one 3Y str. They had 9 of their top 10 back (63 car st) and the Irish's numbers (160 ypg, 4.8) were their best s/01 while the 17 sacks allowed (3.6%) were the fewest s/98. TY they lose RG Trevor Robinson (13 st, 3Y str) and RT Taylor Dever (13 st, 2Y str). While they drop from 4 to 3 ret sts, their 65 car sts surpasses LY and in the 3rd year of Kelly's system should be just as strong.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The D played well early in '09 but collapsed over the final 4 (263 rush ypg, 5.7) which dropped the season totals to 170 ypg (4.8). In '10 they switched back to the 3-4 and only lost 1 DL (7 st). They improved to 142 ypg (4.0, 27 sk) including just 92 ypg (2.9) in the last 4 yrs. LY they had 5 of their top 6 back and had the NCAA's best Fr DL class. Kelly said that Aaron Lynch, Stephon Tuitt, Troy Niklas and Louis Nix are physically imposing and get your attention right away. Lynch's 14 QBH were the most s/06 (Victor Abiamiri 14). Four of their top 6 were frosh and the unit improved to 139 ypg (3.8, 25 sk). TY they lose DE Ethan Johnson (9 st, 14 tkl), DE Lynch (6 st, 33 tkl, 5.5 sk, April trans) and Niklas (1 st, 20 tkl) moves to TE. Even with the unexpected loss of their top pass rusher, this unit should impress again in the 3-4.

**LINEBACKERS** - In '09 the Irish had just 1 ret str' (#5 tkl'r) to a new 3 man LB unit. True frosh Mantie Te'o lived up to his PS#1 billing starting 9 with 57 of his 63 tkl's (#4) in the last 8 games. In '10 they had to replace 2 LB (3 sts, 36 tkl) and ret'd their #2, #4 and #10 tkl'rs. They switched back to a 4 man group and Te'o had led again (133, 9.5 tfl). The D improved to allowing 20.2 ppg (best s/02). LY they had to replace their #7 and #10 tkl'rs but did have 2.5 str's back (#1, #5 tkl'rs). ND allowed 20.7 ppg. Te'o had some ankle issues and differences with Kelly so it was surprising that he opted to return passing up the chance to be a likely #1 DC. TY they lose OLB Darius Fleming (13 st, #5 tkl'r, 7 tfl, #5DC SF) and Steve Filer (PS#1, 5 tkl) but have 5 of their top 6 back (#1, #6, #10, #13). This group has 11 VHT's and should be one of the top LB units in the country.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In '10 the Irish had to replace 1 str' and they improved from #81 in my PDR to #37 (62%, 11-18). Last year they had 7 of their top 8 back and surprisingly only finished #73 (59.7%, 23-8). TY they lose S Harrison Smith (#2 tkl'r, 10 pbu, #1DC MIN), CB Robert Blanton (13 st, #3 tkl'r, 2 int, 6 pbu, #5DC MIN) and CB Gary Gray (13 st, #4 tkl'r, 2 int, 5 pbu). They did start 5 DB's often so despite the loss of 3 who each st'd all 13, they have 2 S's back with 10 and 8 sts (#7, #9 tkl'rs). Even though this unit is less experienced, they should improve in my PDR.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Charlie Weis' units finished #39, #64, #93, #30 and #74 in my ST rankings. Brian Kelly's ST units at Cincy were #21, #1 and #8, but #33 here in '10. LY it was surprising that a veteran unit dropped to #45. True frosh Kyle Brindza had a 65.3 KO avg, the best ever here and also made a td saving tkl vs Mich St on a KR. David Ruffer (10-16) became only the 2nd K here with at least 3 career FG's of 50+ (Harry Oliver). KR George Atkinson had 2 td's (avg 26.1), becoming the 1st Irish player with multiple KR td's in a ssn s/97. In the reg ssn the Irish had as many muffed punts as they had in PR yds (3) ranking dead last in the FBS at 0.3 per PR. Ben Turk improved his avg to 40.3 (34.6 tm net). TY they lose Ruffer but should improve in my ST rankings.

**COACHES** - Brian Kelly who led Cincinnati to B2B BCS bowls incl a 12-0 reg season in '09 replaced Charlie Weis after the Irish went 16-21 from '07-'09. OC Charley Molnar ('10-'11) left for the UMass HC job. New OC Chuck Martin coached under Kelly at Grand Valley St and was the HC there from '04-'09. He coached DB and S's his first 2 seasons here. DC Bob Diaco led a Cincy defense with 1 ret str' in '09 to 110 tfl (#3 FBS). Prior to that he was the LB/ST cch at Virginia (3 yr). Diaco was named asst HC TY and will be co-DC along with Kerry Cooks (LB cch LY) who was previously at Wisc (DB cch '06-'09).

**ALSO ON ROSTER:**  
QB Charlie Fessinger 6'11" 185 So  
QB Arturo Martinez 6'4" 250 So  
DB Will Salvi 5'10" 176 Jr  
QB Blake Brestau 5'10" 185 So  
DB Blake Brestau 5'10" 185 So  
DB Connor Cavallini 5'10" 194 Jr  
RB Tyler Plantz 5'9" 202 Jr  
DB Joe Romano 5'9" 170 Jr

## PHIL'S FORECAST

In '05 Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation as he inherited 10 ret sts on offense and led the Irish to a BCS bowl (Fiesta). Weis was named the FWAA COY. In '06 the Irish opened at #2 (AP) and got to 10-1 but then lost to #3 USC by 20 and to #4 LSU by 27 in the bowl. They also had a 26 pt home loss to Mich. With 9 ret sts and a true frosh QB in '07, it ended up being a record breaking year for all of the wrong reasons. ND opened the season 0-5 (all 5 by DD) and finished 3-9. Nine true frosh started at some point. In '08 the Irish were my #1 MIT and went from a losing season to a bowl but blew a DD lead 3 times. They did get their first bowl win s/93. Heading into '09 their 15 losses the previous 2 yrs were the most in ND history. They went just 6-6 and got rid of Weis who actually had a weaker win % than Bob Davie and Ty Willingham. All 6 of the Irish's losses were by 7 or less. In '09 at UC Brian Kelly became the first FBS HC to surpass my magazine forecast for 6 str yrs. That streak stopped in '10 as I expected a DD win season here. The Irish did improve to 8-5 (best in 4Y) and LY Kelly had a veteran squad with 17 ret str's. I mentioned they could be favored in their first 11 games and they were. Expectations were high and with a manageable schedule, I listed them in my Top 10. They had an amazing 508-254 yd edge vs USF but lost 23-20 due to -5 in TO's incl a 96 yd FR td. It was Mich's first ever night HG and the Irish led 24-7 (410-141 yd, 22-5 FD) going into the 4Q. Denard Robinson's 16 yd td pass with :02 left gave UM the miracle comeback as ND lost 35-31. The Irish then beat Mich St 31-13, got past Pitt 15-12 (398-268 yd edge) then waxed Purdue and AF to move to 4-2. They had the situational edge vs USC as they were off a bye, for a night HG while catching USC in a P12 sandwich with Stanford on deck. USC led 17-10 but ND was poised to get back in it when Crist fmb'd a snap at the USC1 and it was batted back and ret'd for a td. USC won 31-17 with a 443-267 yd edge. ND got expected wins over Navy, WF, MD and BC although they only beat WF by 7 and BC by 2 but were +140.5 ypg in those contests. They were dominated by Stanford 28-14 and blew a 14-0 2H lead in the bowl loss to Fla St. The Irish finished 8-5 once again. TY ND does have 14 ret sts and was -15 in TO's LY. Despite their killer schedule, I will call for their most wins here s/06.

OFFENSE		JERSEY # IN BLUE	2012 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP										JERSEY # IN BLUE	DEFENSE		
QB	12 ANDREW HENDRIX SO.	6-2 220	PS#12.	5 gm, 249 (49%, 1-2), 162 rush (6.5) LY. 5 Everett Golson (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#20. 11 Tommy Rees (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#49. 12 st, 2871 (66%, 20-14) LY. 1 Gunner Kiel PS#1. IFS.	DE	89 KAPRON LEWIS-MOORE SR.	6-4 306	PS#40.	RS '08. 9st, 46 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. 13 st, 62 tkl, 2.5 tfl '10. 7 st, 32 tkl, 4 tfl, OFY (MCL). 91 Sheldon Day (6'2" 286 Fr) PS#23. IFS. Jarron Jones (6'6" 298 Fr) PS#20. 67 Kevin Carr (6'7" 325 Jr).	NG	9 LOUIS NIX SO.	6-3 326	PS#19.	11 st, 13 gm, 45 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. 69 Tony Springmann (6'6" 290 rFr).		
TB	20 CIERRE WOOD JR.	6-0 215	PS#4.	5 st, 603 (5.1) rFr. 9 st, 13 gm, 1102 (5.1) LY. 6 Theo Riddick (5'11" 199 Sr) PS#24. 789 (4.7), 457 rec (9.9) '09-10. 9 st WR, 436 (11.5) LY. 34 George Atkinson (6'1" 210 So) PS#20. 27 (3.0) LY.	DE	7 STEPHON TUITT SO.	265 So	PS#77.	7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.		
WR	9 ROBBY TOMA SR.	5-9 185	PS#109.	21 (7.0) true. 2 st, 187 (13.4) '10. 4 st, 13 gm, 207 (10.9) LY.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.
Davonte Neal (5'10" 175 Fr) PS#8.	Justin Ferguson PS#43.	Andre Smith (6'2" 190 So) PS#38.	Nick Fitzpatrick (5'8" 170 Jr) PS#10.	31 st, 146 (9.7) '10. 1 st, 65 (9.3) LY. 14 Luke Massa (6'4" 225 So) PS#86. 8 gm LY. ACL. 39 Ryan Liebscher (5'11" 205 So) DNP LY.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.
WR 16 DaVaris Daniels rFr.	6-2 190	PS#15.	#1 tm, 38" VL. 81 John Goodman (6'3" 207 Sr) PS#10. 3 st, 146 (9.7) '10. 1 st, 65 (9.3) LY. 14 Luke Massa (6'4" 225 So) PS#86. 8 gm LY. ACL. 39 Ryan Liebscher (5'11" 205 So) DNP LY.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
WR 7 TJ JONES JR.	5-11 190	PS#20.	7 st, 12 gm, 306 (13.3) true. 12 st, 366 (9.6) LY. 87 Daniel Smith (6'4" 215 Jr) PS#61. 7 gm true. 2 gm, inj'd LY. Chris Brown (6'2" 175 Fr) PS#77. 37 Eric Lee (5'9" 180 Fr).	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
TE 80 TYLER EIFERT JR.	6-6 251	PS#24.	8 st, 352 (13.0) rFr. 13 st, 803 (12.7). 1st Tm AA LY. 85 Troy Niklas (6'7" 252 So) PS#49DL. 1 st, 20 tkl LB LY. 18 Ben Koyack (6'5" 253 So) PS#2. 1 st true. 82 Alex Welch (6'4" 250 So) PS#10.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
C 52 BRAXSTON CAVE SR.	6-3 304	PS#39.	13 st '10. 9 st, OFY LY. 77 Matt Hegarty (6'5" 291 rFr) PS#4.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
TE 88 Jake Golie (6'4" 245 Jr) PS#21.	RS '09.	2 gm 2Y. LS 80 Jordan Cowart (6'2" 230 Sr) PS#326.	33 gm 3 years.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
RG 57 Mike Golie Sr.	6-3 295	PS#38.	L/3 gm at C '09. 12 gm bkp '10. ST/OG. L/4 st C LY. 72 Nick Martin (6'4" 285 Fr) PS#71. #2 LT Aug, but RS LY. Can play G/OT. 56 Brad Carrico (6'5" 290 Jr) PS#86DL. RS LY.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
LG 66 CHRIS WATT JR.	6-3 310	PS#6.	RS '09. 13 gm bkp OG '10. 13 st LG LY. Powerful interior player.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
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RT 74 Christian Lombard So.	6-5 309	PS#14.	RS '10. 13 gm LY. 64 Tate Nichols (6'8" 320 So) DNP LY (shoulder sur). Ronnie Stanley (6'6" 285 Fr) PS#20. 62 Matt Tansey (6'6" 265 Jr) LY. LS Scott Day (6'3" 245 Fr).	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
LT 70 ZACK MARTIN JR.	6-4 304	PS#32.	13 st (11LT, 2RT) 1st Tm IND '10. 13 st, Guardian of Yr Award LY. 79 Jordan Prestwood (6'5" 284 rFr) PS#23. Trans from Fla St, sat out LY. 71 Dennis Mahoney (6'7" 294 Sr.) 2 gm LY.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	
K 27 Kyle Brindza So.	6-1 225	PS#1.	71 KO/12 TB, 13 gm true LY. Best KO distance (65.3) s/198. have kept track of stat ('98). 40 Nick Tausch (6'0" 201 Sr) PS#6. 14-17 FG, L/46 true. 1-1 FG, L/34 '10. DNP LY.	DE	5 Limited spg '12. 96 Kona Schwenke (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#56. 92 Tyler Stockton (6'0" 285 Jr) PS#17. 6 gm. '10. DNP LY.	DE	7 Stephon Tuitt So.	6-2 295	PS#6.	3 st, 30 tkl, 3 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. 50 Chase Hounshell (6'4" 265 So) PS#77. 7 gm, inj'd, 4 tkl LY. 94 Dominic Romeo (6'6" 245 Jr) Walk-on in spg. 63 Grant Patton (6'6" 256 Sr).	LB	55 PRINCE SHEMAJO JR.	6-2 250	PS#36.	15 tkl, 4.5 sk true. 8 st (7LB, 1DE), 12 gm, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY.	



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## Phil's Homefield Edge-4.0 2012 Schedule Difficulty-#1

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ND Opp	W L
Sep. 1	† Navy (Ireland)	G			
Sep. 8	Purdue	G			
Sep. 15	at Michigan St	G			
Sep. 22	Michigan	G			
Sep. 29					
Oct. 6	† Miami, FL (Chicago)	G			
Oct. 13	Stanford	G			
Oct. 20	BYU	G			
Oct. 27	at Oklahoma	G			
Nov. 3	Pittsburgh	G			
Nov. 10	at Boston College	A			
Nov. 17	Wake Forest	G			
Nov. 24	at USC	G			
Dec. 1					

## CAREER PASSING LEADERS

1. Brady Quinn 11,762 '03-'06	2. Allen Pinkett 4,131 '82-'85	3. Ron Powlus 7,602 '94-'97
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## CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

1. Autry Denson 4,318 '95-'98	2. Golden Tate 2,707 '07-'09	3. Jeff Samardzija 2,593 '03-'06
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## CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS

1. Michael Floyd 3,686 '08-'11	2. Golden Tate 2,707 '07-'09	3. Jeff Samardzija 2,593 '03-'06
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**BRIAN KELLY (Career 69-32)**  
3rd Year at Notre Dame  
Central Mich '04-'06, Cincinnati '06 Bowl, '07-'09  
Div II: 118-35-2  
Bowl: 3-2

## Kelly at NOTRE DAME/OVERALL

16-10 / 69-32 SU	0-1 / 0-4	Vs Top 10
8-5 / 34-12 Home	2-3 / 10-7	Vs Top 25
5-3 / 29-16 Away	11-8 / 14-17	Vs BCS Tms
3-2 / 6-4 Neutral	2-2 / 11-4	Off A Bye
2-1 / 35-14 Vs Ind/Conf	4-5 / 17-13	Off A Loss

**2011 RECORD:**  
(8-5)  
RETURNING STARTERS:  
OFFENSE: 8\*  
DEFENSE: 6  
LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (18,19,4)  
Lost: 31 (11,17,3)  
**INDEPENDENT**



OT Zack Martin

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	10 Yr Total
<b>STRAIGHT UP</b>	10-3	5-7	6-6	9-3	10-3	3-9	7-6	6-6	8-5	8-5	72-53
Home	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-1	1-6	4-2	4-3	4-3	4-2	38-26
Away	3-1	2-4	2-2	5-0	3-1	2-3	2-4	1-3	2-1	3-2	25-21
Neutral	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	9-6
vs BCS	8-3	3-7	5-5	7-3	7-3	3-7	4-6	5-5	5-3	6-5	53-47
vs Non-BCS	2-0	2-0	1-1	2-0	3-0	0-2	3-0	1-1	3-2	2-0	19-6
<b>ATS</b>	9-4	4-8	6-6	7-5	4-8-1	5-7	7-6	4-8	7-4-2	5-8	58-64-3
Home Fav	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-5	1-2	2-3	1-5	1-2-2	3-3	19-29-2
Home Dog	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-3	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	7-7
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	1-0	1-3	8-9-1
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	3-2	1-3	2-0	2-0	0-1	17-11
Neutral	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1	1-1	7-8
vs BCS	8-3	3-7	5-5	6-4	1-8-1	5-5	5-5	3-7	5-2-1	3-8	44-54-2
vs Non-BCS	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	0-2	2-1	1-1	2-2-1	2-0	14-10-1
Off SU Win	8-2	2-3	3-3	4-5	4-6	2-0	3-3	1-5	3-2-2	3-5	33-34-2
Off SU Loss	0-2	2-4	3-2	2-0	0-1-1	3-6	4-2	2-3	3-2	2-2	21-24-1



## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES NOTRE DAME'S ALL-TIME BOWL RECORD 15-16

NEWCOMERS

WR	Justin Ferguson	6-2 220	PS#43			
OL	Mark Harrell	6-2 205	PS#61			
DB	CJ Prossie	6-2 205	PS#66			
DB	Nick Barrett	6-2 200	PS#57			
WR	Chris Brown	6-2 175	PS#77			
LB	Romeo Okwara	6-4 240	PS#83			
DB	John Turner	6-0 206	PS#93			
OL	Scott Daly	6-3 245	PS#166			
YR	BOWL/TM	RK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
06	Fiesta - #5	+4	Ohio St - #4		20-34	
06	Sugar - #11	+8	LSU - #4		14-41	
08	Hawaii	-2	Hawaii		49-21	
10	Sun	+2	Miami, FL		33-17	
11	Champs Sports	+3	Florida St - #25		14-18	

## 2011 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	QBH
Cierre Wood	217	1186	84	1102	9	5.1	Manti Te'o	128	5	8.5	2	0	4
Jonas Gray	114	812	21	791	12	6.9	Harrison Smith	90	0	3	10	0	1
Andrew Hendrix	25	195	33	162	1	6.5	Robert Blanton	70	1	7	6	2	1
Theo Riddick	14	68	5	63	0	4.5	Gary Gray	67	0	0.5	5	2	1
George Atkinson	9	29	2	27	3	3.0	Darius Fleming	55	3.5	3.5	1	7	
Dayne Crist	5	14	30	-16	0	-3.2	Dan Fox	48	1	1.5	1	0	1
Tommy Rees	31	39	95	-56	0	-1.8	Jamoris Slaughter	45	2	2	2	1	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Louis Nix	45	0.5	4	1	0	0
Tommy Rees	411	269	65.5	2871	20	14	Zeke Moore	40	0	0	2	1	0
Andrew Hendrix	37	18	48.6	249	1	2	Carlo Calabrese	37	1	0	3	1	0
Dayne Crist	24	15	62.5	164	0	1	Aaron Lynch	32	5.5	1.5	2	0	14
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	Michael Floyd	100	1147	11.5	9	56		
Michael Floyd	100	1147	11.5	9	56	Prince Shembo	31	2	1.5	0	0	2	
Tyler Eifert	63	803	12.7	5	38	Stephon Tuitt	30	2	1	1	0	5	
Theo Riddick	38	436	11.5	3	45	Sean Cwynar	23	0	0	0	0	0	1
TJ Jones	38	366	9.6	3	26	Troy Niklas	20	0	0	0	0	0	2
Robby Toma	19	207	10.9	1	27	Austin Collinsworth	18	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cierre Wood	27	189	7.0	0	31	Bennett Jackson	18	0	0	0	0	0	1
John Goodman	7	65	9.3	0	17	Ethan Johnson	14	0	1	1	0	4	
Jonas Gray	6	38	6.3	0	15	Danny Spond	13	0	0.5	0	0	0	0
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG		
Ben Turk	53	2136	40.3	17	34.6	(1)	0	18					
Tommy Rees	3	60	20.0	0	-	0	1						
KICKING	XP	1-20	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG		
David Ruffer	47-47	3-5	3-5	3-5	1-1	10-16	52						

## 2011 STATS GAME BY GAME

ATT	Foe	Total	Rush	Pass	Sks	Def	FD	Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	vs
80,795	USF	508	27	29-117	4.0	31-49	391	2	254	20	42-126	3.0
114,804	at Michigan	513	28	33-198	6.0	27-39	315	0	452	16	26-114	4.4
80,795	Michigan St	275	18	32-114	3.6	18-26	161	1	358	21	23-29	1.3
65,050	at Pittsburgh	398	23	32-182	5.7	24-41	216	2	268	19	38-103	2.7
61,555	at Purdue	551	34	40-287	7.2	25-41	264	0	276	17	27-84	3.1
80,795	Air Force	560	28	29-266	9.2	27-36	294	0	565	32	60-363	6.1
80,795	USC	267	17	14-41	2.9	27-43	226	0	443	29	44-219	5.0
80,795	Navy	442	21	35-182	5.2	19-25	260	0	229	16	50-196	3.9
36,307	at Wake Forest	341	20	38-175	4.6	14-24	166	0	297	21	37-110	3.0
70,251	† Maryland	508	30	46-212	4.6	30-38	296	3	364	20	35-145	4.1
80,795	Boston College	417	21	39-161	4.1	24-39	256	0	256	14	25-80	3.2
50,360	at Stanford	309	20	31-57	1.8	17-37	252	5	429	23	42-196	4.7
68,305	† Florida St	280	19	35-93	2.7	19-35	187	4	290	13	29-41	1.4
<b>TOTALS</b>		5369	306	433-2085	4.8	302-473	3284	17	4481	261	478-1806	3.8
<b>AVERAGES</b>		413	22.5	33-160	4.8	63.8%	253	3.6%	345	20.1	37-139	3.8
80,795 (#14)	HOME	412	22.0	30-147	4.9	67.0%	265	1.4%	351	22.0	41-169	4.2
66,662 (#16)	AWAY	414	24.9	36-172	4.7	61.2%	242	5.5%	339	18.4	33-113	3.4

## OFFENSE

STTS	PTS	TOTAL	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	PASS	AVG	OFF	YPC	SKS	TOTAL
9*	29.2	413	160	4.8	253	63.8	5.9	14.1	17	-15	2011	8
5	26.3	380	127	4.0	253	59.3	5.5	14.4	20	+1	2010	9
9*	30.1	452	128	3.8	324	67.3	6.4	15.0	25	+5	2009	6
8*	24.7	355	110	3.3	245	60.6	5.2	14.4	22	-3	2008	6
4	16.4	242	75	2.1	167	55.8	3.5	14.8	58	0	2007	5
7*	31.0	390	126	3.9	264	61.6	5.7	12.6	31	+5	2006	9
10*	36.7	477	147	3.6	330	64.8	6.1	13.0	21	+10	2005	3

## DEFENSE

RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	PASS	AVG	DEF	YPC	SKS	TOTAL
8	20.7	345	139	3.8	206	59.7	5.1	16.7	25		2011	8
9	20.2	357	142	4.0	215	62.3	5.1	17.7	27		2010	6
6	25.9	398	170	4.8	228	58.1	6.2	15.3	19		2009	6
6	22.2	330	134	4.1	196	54.0	5.0	14.9	26		2008	6
5	28.8	357	195	4.3	162	52.6	4.8	12.4	19		2007	5
9	23.8	340	137	3.8	203	55.2	5.5	14.3	31		2006	9
3	24.5	397	132	3.9	265	53.2	5.9	16.2	31		2005	3

## Weekly 2012 stats on philsteele.com

Net	Yds	To's	Off	vs	Def	Net	Yds	To's	Off	vs	Def	Gm
254	-5	#2	171	#2	195	88.6	61	-2	#1	207	#9	51
130	-2	#4	51	#3	89.8	170	108.4	126	168	#1	109	108.4
-5	+2	#1	188	#11	119	88.3	118	-118	#7	15	72.9	
213	-1	#5	31	#1	184	99.6	44	-1	#10	-62	#2	77
161	-1	#6	25	#4	74.8	176	1	161	-1	#6	25	#4
-120	-1	#9	-31	#4	65	88.6	-10	-2	#8	5	#4	86
888	-15	#5	689	#4	748	88.0	88	-12	#32	53	#22	58
61	-9	#41	49	#33	59	#24	75	-6	#18	56	#20	56

## 2007 RESULTS

Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post- Opponent	Line	Score
at Georgia Tech	-1	3-33		at Penn St - #14	+17	10-31
at Michigan	+9	0-38		at Michigan St	+10	14-31
at Purdue	+21	19-33		at UCLA	+22	20-6
at Boston College - #4	+14	14-27		USC - #13	+17	0-38
Navy	-3	44-46	30T	Air Force	+4	24-41
Duke	-6	28-7		at Stanford	+4	2