

# NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

RB JOSH ADAMS



## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2016

**QUARTERBACKS** - Everett Golson had every QB pass att in '14 until he was pulled in the 1H vs USC (down 35-0). Malik Zaire took over then started the bowl (21-35-266-1-0, 187 rush). Golson threw for 3,445 (60%, 29-14, #3, 283 rush) but transferred to Florida St for 2015. Zaire was back in '15 and following the 2nd best comp % in a single game (19-22 86%, 313) vs Texas, he was then OFY vs Virginia with rFr DeShone Kizer (PS#13) hitting 8-12-92 including the game winning td (39 yd, :12 left). Kizer went on to have a better season than anyone expected. His first road start was at Clemson in a downpour. Kizer had 321 pass (Clemson QB Deshaun Watson had 97) but fell short in the comeback attempt. Kizer also rushed for 143 yards vs Temple (3 yds short of QB school rec, Bill Etter 1969). Kizer threw for 2,884 (63%, 21-10, 520 rush, 3.9) which were improved numbers over '14. Brandon Wimbush got in 2 games and has the best arm (he could RS '16). This year all 3 return and I will call the ND QB unit one of the best in the country.

**RUNNING BACKS** - In 2013 true frosh Tarean Folston (PS#19) had 354 yards over the last 5 (#3, 470, 5.3). In 2014 Folston had just 165 in the first 5 before four late 100 yard efforts to lead w/889 (5.1). RFr Greg Bryant (PS#6) was #2 (289, 5.4). Last year both were back but Bryant was ineligible in August and Folston was OFY in Wk 1. HC Brian Kelly luckily moved WR CJ Prosise to RB in the spring and he had 155 yards vs UVA, 198 vs GT (91 yd TD, longest ND Stadium history, later broken) and 149 vs UMass in his first 3 starts. He added 129 vs Navy and 143 vs USC but was injured and missed 3 of the last 6 (1032, 6.6). True frosh Josh Adams had 133 vs UMass and then 147 vs Pitt, 141 vs WF and 168 vs Stanford (835, 7.1). His 98 yard TD run vs WF reset the above mentioned record. They took the RS off Dexter Williams (PS#11) but he played in just 7 (81 yds). Prosise left early for the NFL (#3DC SEA) but this unit has 4 VHT's in the group including PS#16 Justin Brent (61" 220 So) who moves from WR.

**RECEIVERS** - WR Will Fuller was by far their #1 man (1094, 14.4) in '14. Chris Brown was a distant #2 (548, 14.1) and soph Corey Robinson finished #3 (539, 13.5). Last year Fuller became the first ND player s/1970 (Tom Gatewood) to open the year with three 100 yard receiving games. He led with 1,258 (20.3, 14 td) and was the #1DC of HOU. This year they also lose #2 Brown (13 st, 597, 12.4, UFA DAL), #4 Amir Carlisle (9 st, 355, 11.1, UFA ARZ) and blocking TE Chase Hounshell (3 st). The leading returnee is Torii Hunter Jr (#3, 363, 13.0). Also back is Corey Robinson (NBA David's son) who had 539 (13.5) in '14 but just 200 (12.5) in '15. Equanimous St Brown (PS#14) played 7 games as a true (inj) and should have a big soph season. Last year top TE Durham Smythe was injured after 2 sts and a

Soph, rFr, and true handled the duties. All 4 TE's are VHT's (ND produces NFL TE's). They lose 3 of the top 4 including their star but will be better than most expect.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - ND had not had a 1st Tm AA OL in 12 years (C Jeff Faine) but LT Ronnie Stanley broke thru in '15. Last year they lost a 2Y RT and their C. With 3 starters back (68 car sts) I looked for improved numbers as they added in rFr Quenton Nelson (PS#6), who is a Mauler. ND improved to 208 ypg rush (5.6, 26 sk). This year they lose 2nd Tm AA LT Stanley (13/39, #1DC BAL), 1st Tm Ind G Steve Elmer (13/30) and 3rd Tm AA C Nick Martin (13/37, #2DC HOU). They only return 2 st's (27 car sts) and figure to be down a notch.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - ND had an exceptional Din '12 allowing just 106 ypg rush (3.5, best s/'04) with 34 sks (best s/'03) but they have slipped ever since. In '14 they had to replace 3 starters (#2 & #3 DC's) and yielded 171 rush ypg (4.2, 26 sk). They had allowed just 103 ypg rush (3.1) in the first 7 before a banged up D all'd 251 ypg over the final 6. Last year all 4 starters were back but they lost NT Jarron Jones (OFY Aug). I was surprised the numbers were similar (176, 4.6, 25 sk). This year they lose 2Y st'r DE Romeo Okwara (13 st, 49 tkl, 9 sk, UFA NYG) and 3Y st'r DT Sheldon Day (13 st, 45 tkl, 4 sk, 11.5 tfl, 13 qbh, #4DC JAX). Getting Jones back is like having 3 ret st's and I look for the improved numbers that I expected in '15.

**LINEBACKERS** - In 2014 ND had to replace all 3 LB starters (#1, #2, #8 tkl'r, #4DC) yet had an intriguing combo with 6'2" 235 Jaylon Smith (PS#1) and walk-on Joe Schmidt. Schmidt was the team's signal caller. With Schmidt as starting LB and playing the entire time (first 7 gms), they allowed just 19.1 ppg. He was OFY and over the last 6, ND allowed 40.8 ppg, even though Schmidt was replaced by a PS#7 true frosh, Nyles Morgan. Last year the unit returned intact (#1, #4 & #7 tkl'r's). My computer (pg 43) projected 22.1 ppg allowed and they gave up 22.4 (reg ssn). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are Butkus Award Winner Jaylon Smith (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 9 tfl, #2DC DAL), Schmidt (13 st, #2 tkl'r) and Jarrett Grace (26 tkl'). The leading returnee was just the #11 tkl'r. They do have 3 LB's who have started 4 or more but are clearly weaker.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 2014 the Irish had a veteran secondary but also a lot of injuries. CB Cole Luke held Stanford's Ty Montgomery to 4 rec's for 12 yds and his 11 pbu were the most here s/'08. True frosh Drue Tranquill earned N'cmr POY taking over as starting S late before tearing his ACL. ND slipped to #70 (60%, 23-16) in my PDR. Last year they lost 1 starter but returned 5 DB's that had started 10 or more in a season and added Cal transfer Avery Sebastian (PS#25, 6 st at Cal L3Y). Injuries hit again with both Tranquill and Sebastian OFY early and Max Redfield and KeiVarae Russell missing 2 full games. ND only moved up to #72 (55.3%, 18-9). This year they lose CB Russell (11 st, #6 tkl'r, 2 int, 4 pbu, #3DC KC), S Elijah Shumate (12 st, #3 tkl'r, 6.5 tfl, UFA TB) and S Matthias Farley (3 st, #9 tkl'r, UFA ARZ). Despite having less ret st's, they should make a good sized climb in my PDR if they finally stay healthy.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Brian Kelly's ST units at Cincy finished #21, #1 and #8. His first 2 units here were #33 and #45 so the rankings from '12-'14 surprised me (see box). Last year they got back to my expectation level (#25). True frosh Justin Yoon (PS#1) hit 15 of 17 FG's (long 52). RFr P Tyler Newsome (PS#16) averaged 44.5 (tm net 38.1) and had 21 TB on 84 KO. The return game was average although their 215 yds (8.0) on PR's was best in 6 years. With those frosh specialists back and a stronger return game, this unit has Top 10 potential.

**COACHES** - Brian Kelly has totaled 55 wins over his first 6 years as ND HC. Only Lou Holtz (56 wins '86-'91) won more in the same time span. Kelly led Cincinnati ('07-'09) to B2B BCS

bowls, C Mich ('04-'06) to their 1st bowl in 12Y and Grand Valley St ('91-'03) to a pair of DII Nat'l Titles. The 2nd year OC is Mike Sanford (Boise St OC '14) while '14 OC Mike Denbrock (now assoc HC), is still involved in the offense. 3rd year DC Brian VanGorder spent '13 as the NY Jets LB coach. In '12 he was Aub's DC (NFL DC '08-'11). VanGorder was also a HC at GSthrn ('06) and Wayne St ('92-'94) as well as DC at UGA ('01-'04). Scott Booker has been TE/ST cch s/'12.

**THIS DECADE 55-23 (70.5%) #17** - ND was just 16-21 the 3 seasons prior to Brian Kelly including their disastrous 3-9 year ('07). In Kelly's first year, ND was not ranked all season and finished 8-5. In '11 after a bowl loss to Florida St, ND finished NR a 5th straight year (32-31 5 year span). In '12 I called for the most wins here s/'06. ND exceeded everyone's expectations (5 net close wins) getting to the BCS National Title game (whipped by Bama). After my magazine went to press in '13, they lost QB Golson (12 ret st's) and tumbled to 9-4. For half of 2014, they resembled the ride of '12. At 6-0 they led #2 Fla St 17-10 at half and got the GW td in the final seconds but it was wiped out by off PI and despite a 470-323 yd edge, they lost. ND was hit hard by injuries on D and went 1-4 after that until Kyle Brindza's 32 yd fg w/00 left gave them a 31-28 win over LSU in the bowl. The Irish went 10-3 last year, which puts them at 55-23 (70.5%) for the decade, 17th best.

**2015 ANALYSIS 10-3** - Last year ND had 16 starters back plus some st's who missed '14. They rated a +2.5 in my Stock Market Indicator. I said I would favor the '15 Irish by at least 10 over the injury plagued squad of the 2H of '14. ND did lose their QB, top 2 RB's, a DB and a DL by Wk 2. ND blew out Texas 38-3 then needed a 4th down 39 yd TD pass to escape Virginia. At 4-0 they outgained Clemson 432-296 in a downpour but came up a 2 pt conv short (rallied 21-33Q, 3-TO's). ND won their next 6 then Stanford got a 45 yd FG w/00 left to win by 2 (ND 533-422 yd edge). ND had losses to teams that finished #2, #3, and then #4 Ohio St in the bowl.

**ALSO ON ROSTER:** RB Josh Anderson '59" 202 Sr DL Marquis Dickerson 6'1" 285 Jr QB Montgomery VanGorder '59" 215 So TE Ben Suttman 6'2" 240 Sr QB Nolan Henry '61" 155 Fr TE Jacob Matsuda 6'5" 275 Jr QB Brian Ball 5'11" 185 Fr RB Austin Ross '10" 200 Sr DL Ryan Kilander 5'11" 210 So QB Drew Recker 5'11" 205 Jr RB Bailey Ross '5'10" 202 Sr DL Lincoln Field '61" 315 Jr

## PHIL'S FORECAST

**OFFENSE** - The Irish improved their ppg a 3rd straight year in '15 (25.8, 27.2, 32.8, 34.2) despite losing their QB and top 2 RB's by Wk 2. While they only technically have 4 returning starters, they do have two RB's that have been a feature back, 2 QB's that have started and 2 WR's that have been #3 rec. If the O-line gels quickly they could continue that upward ascent.

**DEFENSE** - Injuries have hurt this unit and they have allowed 404 and 373 ypg the last 2 years. This year they have just 5 returning starters but do get back DL Jarron Jones and numerous other players that were injured. I see them as improved across the board on defense despite losing their top 3 tacklers.

**2016** - Notre Dame was a surprise team reaching the National Title game in 2012 and nearly did it again last year. They were in the mix until a Stanford comeback (FG :00) beat them. This year they have just 9 returning st's but are much more exp'd than that. They do only play 3 teams in their opp's home stadium with 3 neutral site games. I thought Brian Kelly did a great job in '15 surviving some crippling injuries and keeping them in the National Title chase. Despite being #121 on my Experience Chart, this is a team that will likely be favored in their first 11 games. That could put them 11-0 when they travel to USC for a game with probable playoff implications (just like Stanford last year). While less experienced than last year, they can only stay healthier and are a legitimate National Title contender.

## OFFENSE

### JERSEY # IN BLUE

## 2016 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

### JERSEY # IN BLUE

## DEFENSE

**QB 14 DeShone KIZER SO.** 6-4 242 **PS#13.** L/11 st, 2884 (63%, 21-10), 520 rush **8** Malik Zaire (6'0" 225 Jr) **PS#15.** Lefty, 452 tkl yd '14, Bowl MVP 2 st (428, 65%, 4-0), OFY LY. **12** Brandon Wimbush (6'1" 216 So) **PS#7.**  
**RB 33 Josh Adams So.** 6-1 219 **PS#44.** 2 st, 835 (7.1), **2nd Tm Ind true.** **25** Tarean Folston (5'9" 214 Jr) **PS#19.** 470 (5.3) true, 10 sts, 889 (5.1) '14, Inj LY. **34** Dexter Williams (5'10" 210 So) **PS#11.** 81 (3.9) as true.  
**WR 16 Torii Hunter Jr.** 6-0 195 **PS#36.** 10 gm, 65 (9.3) '14, 1 st, 363 (13.0) LY. **9** CJ Sanders (5'8" 185 So) **PS#41.** 13 gm, 182 PR (7.3), 640 KR (22.9). Kevin Stepherson **PS#105** IFS. Omar Hunter (5'9" 195 Jr).  
**WR 86 Equanimous St. Brown So.** 6-4 205 **PS#14.** 7 gm, 1 rec as true. **15** Corey Holmes (6'0" 190 So) **PS#31.**  
**27** Chris Finkle (5'9" 175 Jr). **89** Hunter Sheridan (6'3" 200 Sr). Keenan Centivire (6'5" 224 So). Austin Webster (5'11" 195 So).  
**WR 88 Corey Robinson Sr.** 6-4 215 **PS#87.** 3 st, 157 (17.4) '13, 3.2 st, 539 (13.5) '14, 12 gm, 200 (12.5) LY. '16 (conc). **81** Miles Boykin (6'3" 225 Jr) **PS#21.** Javon McKinley (6'3" 205 Jr) **PS#18.** Chase Claypool is **PS#45.**  
**TE 10 ALIZE JONES SO.** 6-4 240 **PS#1.** 5 st, 190 (14.6), **1st Tm Ind** as true. **80** Durham Smythe (6'4" 245 Jr) **PS#13.** 3 st, 14 yd. **82** Nic Weisner (6'4" 241 So) **PS#11.** 2 st, 19 (6.3) LY. Tyler Luatua (6'3" 255 Jr) **PS#6.**  
**C 53 Sam Mustipher So.** 6-2 305 **PS#31.** 9 gm LY. **66** Tristen Hoge (6'4" 300 Jr) **PS#6.** Scout TM OPOY LY. **69** Logan Plantz (6'2" 310 So). **LS 61** Scott Daly (6'1" 250 Sr) 39 gm L3Y. John Shannon is **PS#1.**  
**RG 62 Colin McGovern Jr.** 6-4 315 **PS#10.** RS '13. F/2 gm bkp '14. 8 gm last season. **75** Mark Harrell (6'4" 306 Sr) **PS#61.** DNP '13. F/2 gm as bkp C '14. 5 gm last season. Parker Boudreaux (6'3" 300 Fr) **PS#27.**  
**LG 56 QUINTON NELSON SO.** 6-4 325 **PS#6.** 11 st, 12 gm, **2nd Tm Ind** last season. **57** Trevor Ruhland (6'3" 300 rFr) **PS#85.** 1st Tm All-Illinois as HS Sr. **63** Sam Bush (6'3" 305 So) **PS#45.** DNP as pre'd walk-on LY.  
**RT 71 Alex Bars So.** 6-6 320 **PS#15.** RS '14. 2 st, 6 gm then OFY (broken ankle) LY. **70** Hunter Bivin (6'1" 308 Jr) **PS#14.** RS '13. 5 gm bkp OT '14. 12 gm LY. Liam Eichenberg (6'6" 280 Fr) **PS#14.**  
**LT 68 MIKE MCLINCHEY JR.** 6-7 315 **PS#26.** RS '13. 1 st at RT, 13 gm '14. 13 st at RT, 2nd Tm Ind last season. **67** Jimmy Byrne (6'4" 300 So) **PS#37.** DNP last season. Tommy Kraemer (6'5" 310 Fr) **PS#3.**  
**K 19 JUSTIN YOON SO.** 5-9 190 **PS#1.** 13 st, 15-17 fgs, L/52, 50-52 PAT LY. **43** John Chereson (5'9" 178 Jr) no action in 3Y. **85** Tyler Newsome (6'2" 210 So) **PS#16.** 13 gm, 84KO/21TB LY. Sam Kohler (6'0" 175 Jr),

**DE 98 Andrew Trumbetti Jr.** 6-3 260 **PS#37.** 1 st, 21 tkl, 5.5 tfl as true. 3st, 16 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **92** Grant Blankenship (6'4" 278 Jr) **PS#63.** 12 tkl, sk as true. 3 gm, 1 tkl LY. **9** Daelin Hayes (6'3" 257 Fr) **PS#13.** IFS. Khalid Kareem is **PS#32.**  
**NT 94 Jarron Jones Sr.** 6-5 315 **PS#20.** 11 st, 40 tkl, 7.5 tfl '14. 1 gm, tore ACL LY. **58** Elijah Taylor (6'2" 285 Fr) **PS#54.** **96** Peter Mokwahu (6'2" 317 So) **PS#148.** 2 gm LY. **77** Brandon Tiaassum (6'3" 302 Fr) **PS#73.**  
**DT 75 DANIEL CATER JR.** 6-0 315 **PS#66.** 11 gm, 4 tkl as true. 7 st, 18 tkl, 4 tkl LY. **99** Jerry Tillery (6'6" 310 So) **PS#26.** 3 st, 12 tkl, 2 tfl as true LY. **60** John Montelus (6'4" 310 Jr) **PS#13.** 4 gm 2Y. Micah Dew-Treadway (6'4" 300 Fr) **PS#82.**  
**DE 90 ISAAC ROCHELL SR.** 6-3 287 **PS#23.** 13 st, 39 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 10 qbh '14. 12 st, 63 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 2 pbu LY. **93** Jay Hayes (6'3" 285 So) **PS#39.** 3 gm, 2 tkl as true. RS LY. **55** Jonathan Bonner (6'3" 286 So) **PS#54.** 10 gm, 5 tkl LY. **WL8 27 Asmar Bilal rFr.** 6-2 230 **PS#16.** Sct TM DPOY last season. **4** TeVon Coney (6'0" 235 So) **PS#31.** 12 gm, 13 tkl as true LY. **51** Devyn Spruell (6'1" 240 Fr) **PS#571.** **40** Kier Murphy (6'0" 230 Fr) **PS#571.**  
**MLB 5 Nyles Morgan Jr.** 6-0 245 **PS#7.** 4 st, 12 gm, 47 tkl, 3.5 tfl as true. 13 gm, 17 tkl LY. **30** Josh Barajas (6'1" 240 Fr) **PS#17.** RS LY. Jamir Jones (6'3" 220 Fr) **PS#122.** **49** Brandon Hutson (6'2" 230 Fr) **PS#571.**  
**SLB 17 JAMES ONWUALU SR.** 6-1 232 **PS#43.** 8 st, 24 tkl '14. 9 st, 38 tkl, 3 sk, 3 tfl, 2 pbu LY. **90** Greer Martini (6'2" 245 Jr) **PS#48.** 4 st, 35 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. Jonathan Jones (6'0" 200 Fr) **PS#56.** **42** Jimmy Thompson (6'0" 215 Fr).  
**CB 21 Nick Watkins Jr.** 6-0 200 **PS#32.** 11 gm ST as true. 1 st, 12 gm, 8 tkl LY. **14** Shaun Crawford (5'8" 180 rFr) **PS#18.** ACL LY (RS). **24** Nick Coleman (5'11" 190 So) **PS#108.** 13 gm, 5 tkl as true. Julian Love is **PS#60.**  
**CB 36 COLE LUKE SR.** 5-11 193 **PS#32.** 26 st, 89 tkl, 3 tfl, 16 pbu, 6 int LY. **2X** All-Ind. **12** Devin Butler (6'0" 200 Sr) **PS#63.** 2 st, 23 tkl, 4 pbu '14. 1 st, 11 tkl LY. **26** Ashton White (5'11" 190 Fr) **PS#89.** Grant Hammann (5'11" 192 So).  
**SS 8 Avery Sebastian Sr.** 5-10 200 **PS#25.** 5 st, 96 tkl 4Y at Cal. 1 gm here, OFY LY. Granted 6th year.  
**FS 12** Drue Tranquill (6'1" 225 So) **PS#51.** 3 st, 33 tkl true. 1 st, 9 tkl, OFY LY. RS. Spencer Perry is **PS#79.** Donte Vaughn is **PS#33.**  
**FS 10 MAX REDFIELD SR.** 6-1 205 **PS#7.** 1 st, 11 tkl as true. 11 st, 68 tkl '14. 11 st, 64 tkl, 2 tfl, 3 pd LY. Devin Studdis is **PS#127.** **28** Nicco Ferritta (5'8" 185 So) **PS#110.** 11 gm, 1 tkl as true LY. **28** Robert Regan (6'2" 200 rFr).  
**RB 85 TYLER NEWSOME SO.** 6-2 210 **PS#16.** 55 punts, L/62 (44.5), tm net 38.1, 2nd Tm IND LY. **42** Jeff Riney (5'9" 175 rFr) **PS#151.** **29** Sam Kohler (6'0" 175 Jr). **43** John Chereson (5'9" 178 Jr) no action over 3 seasons.



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South Bend, Indiana

WEATHER ZIP: 46556

Enrollment: 12,126 (#3/#113)

## Phil's Homefield Edge - 5.0

### 2016 Schedule Difficulty - #22

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	LINE	FINAL SCORE	W
Sep. 4	at Texas (Sun)	A			
Sep. 10	Nevada	A			
Sep. 17	Michigan St	A			
Sep. 24	Duke	A			
Oct. 1	† Syracuse (E Rutherford)	A			
Oct. 8	at NC State	G			
Oct. 15	Stanford	A			
Oct. 22					
Oct. 29	Miami, FL	A			
Nov. 5	† Navy (Jacksonville)	G			
Nov. 12	† Army West Point (San Antonio)	A			
Nov. 19	Virginia Tech	A			
Nov. 26	at USC	G			
Dec. 3					

## CAREER PASSING LEADERS

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## ND IS 9-2 ALL-TIME VS UT WINNING 5 STR. LTH ('96) #9 ND BEAT #6 UT 27-24 GETTING A 39 YD FG ON THE FINAL PLAY. SINCE LOU HOLTZ LEFT THE IRISH SIDELINES IN '96, ND IS JUST 5-14 IN THEIR FIRST 'TRUE' AWAY GM.

ND beat Nevada 35-0 ('09) in the schools only prior mtg. ND led 28-0 at HT w/a 305-142 yd edge opening the gm w/3 str td drives (UN missed a fg & was int'd). The Fighting Irish are 16-4 in home openers.

ND has won 3 str (4-10 from '97-'10) incl a 17-13 win in the L/mtg ('13). ND didn't have a B10 foe on their reg ssn slate LY (first time in over 100 yrs). ND hosts tms TY that went a comb 54-26 LY (all in bowls).

ND is 3-1 but this is just the 2nd mtg s/67. In '07 (home finale) ND won 28-7 in a ssn they won just 3 tll gms. Kelly moved into 5th place in all-time wins at ND at 55, passing Dan Devine LY (53 wins, 1975-'80).

This marks the 2nd str mtg at MetLife Stadium (home to the NFL NY Giants/Jets). LTH ('14) ND won 31-15. ND led 21-3 into the 4Q. SU did go 72/71 for a td & had a 29 yd IR td but never got closer than 12 pts.

The only prior mtg was in the '02 Gator Bowl, #17 NC State beat #11 ND 28-6. Into '16, the Fighting Irish have gone just 3-7 in 'true' road gms. Wins all came LY at UVA, Temple & Pittsburgh.

LY's gm had 10 lead changes (8 in L/H scores). Trailing by 6 w/6:48 left, ND went 88/15pl (td w/30). up 36-35. SU began L/Drive at the SU27 & after a 15yd FM pen & 27 yd pass hit a GW 45 yd ft ssn exp'd.

**Bonus:** ND is 16-1 in the reg ssn s/00 at a neutral site (9 str wins by 19 ppg; loss vs Navy in '10).

The L/mtg ('12) was ply'd at historic Soldier Field (home to the NFL CHI Bears), ND won 41-3. Miami's only score came on a fg w/5:32 1Q. ND had a 587-285 yd edge (+21 FD) w/7 scoring drives of 65+ yds.

ND is 76-12-1 all-time. In '14 (Landover, MD) the Irish led 28-7 in the 2Q but found themselves down 31-28 in the 4Q. They outscored Navy 21-8 in the final stanza to win their 4th str (now 5) in the series.

ND has won 14 str incl a 27-3 win in the L/mtg ('10 at Yankee Stadium in Bronx). ND trailed 3-0 into the 2Q (+195 yds/gm).

First mtg. VT is the last ACC school ND hasn't faced (5th on slate TY). ND is 5-1 in home finales under HC Kelly.

After USC won 8 str from '01-'09, the Irish have won 4 of the L/6. LTH, however, ND suffered their 2nd most lopsided loss in the 87 gm series losing 49-14 as USC had 6 td passes.

ND is just 3-12 in 'true' away gms vs ranked tms since '06.

OL Tommy Kraemer 6-5 310 PS#3  
LB Daelin Hayes 6-3 257 PS#13 IFS  
OL Liam Eichenberg 6-6 280 PS#14  
WR Javon McKinley 6-3 205 PS#18  
RB Tony Jones 5-10 219 PS#11  
DL Khalid Kareem 6-4 245 PS#32 IFS  
OL Parker Boudreaux 6-3 300 PS#27  
WR Chase Claypool 6-4 215 PS#45  
DB Donte Vaughn 6-3 190 PS#33  
DL Julian Okwara 6-4 216 PS#48  
DB Troy Pride 5-11 175 PS#44  
DB Julian Love 5-11 175 PS#60  
DB Jalen Elliott 6-0 189 PS#67  
QB Ian Book 6-0 190 PS#35  
QB DJ Morgan 6-2 190 PS#72  
LB Jonathan Jones 6-0 200 PS#56  
DB Spencer Perry 6-2 204 PS#79 IFS  
WR Kevin Stepherson 5-11 171 PS#105 IFS  
RB Deon McIntosh 5-11 180 PS#59  
LS John Shannon 6-2 220 PS#1  
DB Devin Studstill 6-0 189 PS#127 IFS  
DL Adetokunbo Ogundiji 6-5 216 PS#116  
LB Jamir Jones 6-3 220 PS#122

## BRIAN KELLY

PLAYING EXP: LB at Assumption ('79-'82)  
PRIOR HC EXP: DI: 118-35-2 ('91-'03),  
Central Michigan ('04-'06), Cincinnati ('06 Bowl-'09)

7<sup>th</sup> Year Here / 13<sup>th</sup> Overall FBS

**2015 RECORDS**  
**10-3**  
**INDEPENDENT**

**2016 RET STARTERS:**  
**OFF: 4\*** **DEF: 5**

**LETTERMEN (O/D/ST):**  
**RET: 43** (22, 18, 3)  
**LOST: 23** (9, 14, 0)

**INDEPENDENT**

## QB DESHON KIZER



## LAST 5 BOWLS ALL-TIME RECORD 17-18

YR	BOWL/TEAM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11	Champs Sports	+3	Florida St - #25	14-18
12	BCS Championship - #1	+10	Alabama - #2	14-42
13	Pinstripe - #25	-14'	Rutgers	29-16
14	Musica City	+8	LSU - #22	31-28
15	Fiesta - #8	+6	Ohio St - #7	28-44

## NOTRE DAME STADIUM - FieldTurf

Built: 1930 - 80,795 (#18) - LY's Capacity: 100.0% (#12)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10 Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	10-3	3-9	7-6	6-6	8-5	8-5	12-1	9-4	8-5	10-3	81-47
Home	6-1	1-6	4-2	4-3	4-3	4-2	6-0	5-1	4-2	6-0	44-20
Away	3-1	2-3	2-4	1-3	2-1	3-2	4-0	2-3	0-3	3-2	22-22
Neutral	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	4-0	1-1	15-5
vs BCS/P5	7-3	3-7	4-6	5-5	5-3	6-5	10-1	6-4	6-5	7-3	59-42
vs Non-BCS/P5	3-0	0-2	3-0	1-1	3-2	2-0	2-0	3-0	2-0	3-0	22-5

## 2015 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Home Fav	2-5	1-2	2-5	1-5	1-2	5-5	2-0-1	1-2	2-5	4-7	13-25-5
Home Dog	0-0	1-3	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	6-5
Away Fav	1-1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	1-0	1-3	1-1	1-3	0-0	1-2	8-12-1
Away Dog	0-1	3-2	1-3	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-2	2-0	14-10
Neutral	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	1	2-2	0-2	10-10
vs BCS/P5	1-8-1	5-5	5-5	3-7	5-2-1	3-8	6-4-1	3-7	5-6	6-4	42-56-3
vs Non-BCS/P5	3-0	0-2	2-1	1-1	2-2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	16-10-1
Off SU Win	4-6	2-0	3-3	1-5	3-2-2	3-5	6-5-1	3-5	4-3	6-4	35-38-3
Off SU Loss	0-1-1	3-6	4-2	2-3	3-2	2-2	0-0	2-2	1-4	1-1	18-23-1



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## OFFENSE — LAST 7 YEARS — DEFENSE

PTS	RET	TOTAL	OFF	RUSH	OFF	PASS	AVG	OFF	SKS	TOTAL	BY
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34.2	466	208	5.6	259	62.6	7.0	13.6	26	-6	2015	9
32.8	445	159	4.3	285	59.8	6.1	13.5	28	-3	2014	4
27.2	406	151	4.5	255	52.7	6.1	14.9	8	0	2013	7
25.8	412	189	4.9	223	58.2	6.0	16.0	18	+8	2012	6
29.2	413	160	4.8	253	63.8	5.9	14.1	17	-15	2011	8
26.3	380	127	4.0	253	59.3	5.5	14.4	20	+1	2010	9
30.1	452	128	3.8	324	67.3	6.4	15.0	25	+5	2009	6

## 2015 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

	SCORE	TTL	FD	RUSH	ATT-YDS	AVG	PASS	ATT-YDS	VS	SBS	TTL	DEF	FD	RUSH	ATT-YDS	AVG	PASS	ATT-YDS	VS	SBS	BY	NET	YDS	TO'S	OFF	FOE	VS	DEF	FOE	VS	GM
	38-3	527	30	52-214	4.1	19-23	313	1	163	8	29-60	2.1	8-23	103	4	364	0	#4	81	#1	227	122.9									
	34-27	460	20	34-253	7.4	15-30	207	2	416	22	30-127	4.2	26-38	289	1	44	+1	#3	53	#10	-36	91.3									
	30-22	457	17	32-215	6.7	21-30	242	1	337	21	47-216	4.6	8-24	121	2	120	-1	#2	97	#4	45	93.8									
ts	62-27	681	30	51-457	9.0	18-28	224	1	450	22	29-148	5.1	28-48	302	2	231	0	#2	254	#9	-55	94.3									
	22-24	432	20	32-111	3.5	19-35	321	4	296	15	43-212	4.9	10-21	84	0	136	-3	#2	128	#1	234	108.5									
	41-24	459	27	40-178	4.5	22-31	281	2	340	16	49-318	6.5	3-6	22	1	119	+2	#2	102	#3	92	96.3									
	41-31	476	21	35-214	6.1	16-25	262	4	590	19	30-150	5.0	31-47	440	2	-114	+1	#2	81	#13	-164	87.8									
	24-20	467	20	31-168	5.4	23-36	299	0	295	16	32-107	3.3	13-30	188	2	172	-1	#3	140	#1	77	98.7									
	42-30	437	22	42-175	4.2	19-26	262	4	398	18	31-175	5.6	12-32	223	3	39	0	#4	80	#8	-22	93.0									
	28-7	282	15	30-171	5.7	13-19	111	3	340	23	44-121	2.8	19-30	219	3	-58	+1	#9	-89	#6	-7	80.1									
ge	19-16	447	22	33-123	3.7	21-39	324	0	302	13	35-211	6.0	13-23	91	2	145	-1	#2	210	#8	-29	93.9									
	36-38	533	24	35-299	8.5	13-25	234	0	422	22	43-153	3.6	17-21	269	1	111	-1	#1	177	#6	15	109.5									
	28-44	405	24	32-121	3.8	22-38	284	4	496	27	54-285	5.3	19-31	211	2	-91	-1	#1	102	#8	-67	93.0									
	445-313	6063	292	479-2699	5.6	241-385	3364	26	4845	242	496-2283	4.6	207-374	2562	25	1218	-6	#3	1416	#6	310	109.5									
	34-24	466	22	37-208	5.6	62-26	259	6.8%	373	19	38-176	4.6	55-37.9%	197	6.7%	94	-0.5	#13	109	#52	24	93.0									
5	32-24	446	22	36-190	5.3	61.4%	256	7.9%	376	19	39-171	4.4	56.2%	205	6.9%	70	-7	-	92	-	19	93.0									
NE	40-21	480	23	40-242	6.0	69.9%	239	7.7%	370	18	38-169	4.4	54.5%	201	7.9%	110	3	#22	88	#54	23	93.0									
AY	29-28	454	22	34-179	5.2	57.6%	276	6.1%	375	19	38-181	4.7	56.1%	194	5.6%	79	-9	#4	127	#46	25	93.0									