

WEEK THREE
NEW MEXICO at NOTRE DAME

Book throws for 5 TDs as No. 7 Notre Dame routs New Mexico

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Ian Book threw a career-high five touchdown passes and Notre Dame's defense came up with three first-half interceptions as the seventh-ranked Fighting Irish rolled past New Mexico 66-14 on Saturday in the final tuneup for a showdown at No. 3 Georgia.

The senior quarterback rebounded from a lackluster opening performance in a victory at Louisville to complete 15 of 24 passes for 360 yards. Book finished with another 46 yards rushing yards and a 1-yard TD. He sat the final 1 1/2 quarters.

"It felt good getting the confidence up for everybody," Book said. "To come in here and get the win that we wanted felt really good. We'll enjoy it tonight and once tomorrow hits it's Georgia week and everyone knows that."

Brian Kelly's Fighting Irish (2-0) had their way with the Lobos (1-1), who were without head coach Bob Davie. Saga Tuitele acted as head coach for Davie, the former Irish head coach from 1997-2001 who was hospitalized following New Mexico's opening victory Aug. 31 against Sam Houston State and did not make the trip.

Notre Dame finished with 591 total yards to 363 by New Mexico, which got touchdown runs by Bryson Carroll (47 yards) and Bobby Cole (37). The Lobos outrushed the Irish 212-157. "When you turn the ball over and give anybody a chance, it's going to be a tough uphill swing," Tuitele said. "Against a good team like that, it could've gotten uglier, but our kids fought our tails off. They didn't give in."

Three of Book's "long" scoring passes were short throws that receivers turned into big plays. Avery Davis went 59 yards, Javon McKinley went 65 and Chris Finke had a 54-yarder. The touchdowns by Davis and Finke came on shovel passes while McKinley turned a 3-yard crossing pass into his score.

McKinley added another TD on a 20-yard scoring reception in the third quarter after Chase Claypool had a 37-yard TD reception in Notre Dame's 31-point second quarter.

Freshman safety Kyle Hamilton opened the scoring with a 34-yard interception return for a touchdown. Notre Dame later got interceptions from Jalen Elliott and Shaun Crawford in the second quarter that the offense converted into touchdowns while taking a 38-7 halftime lead.

THE TAKEAWAY

New Mexico: The Lobos struggled offensively in the first half, gaining just 80 yards on 35 plays in their seven possessions before going 75 yards on five plays, three of them rushes, the last being Carroll's 47-yard TD run. Starting quarterback Sheriron Jones, who was 4-of-15 passing for 19 yards with three interceptions in the first half, was replaced by sophomore Tekava Tuioti at the start of the second half.

Notre Dame: The Irish were outgained 136-54 on the ground in the first half. Book threw for 251 yards and three touchdowns as offensive coordinator Chip Long had the Irish senior throwing from the start to build his confidence for next Saturday night's rumble between the hedges in Athens.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UNM	0	7	0	7	14
ND	7	31	14	14	66

Scoring Summary -----

	UNM	ND
FIRST QUARTER		
ND TD 10:09 Kyle Hamilton 34 Yd Interception Return (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	7
4 plays, 28 yards, 1:15		
SECOND QUARTER		
ND TD 11:47 Ian Book 1 Yd Run (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	14
10 plays, 49 yards, 3:59		
ND TD 6:34 Avery Davis 59 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	21
1 play, 59 yards, 0:10		
ND TD 3:21 Javon McKinley 65 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	28
2 plays, 80 yards, 0:28		
ND TD 1:50 Chase Claypool 37 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	35
2 plays, 54 yards, 0:11		
UNM TD 0:29 Bryson Carroll 47 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	7	35
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:21		
ND FG 0:00 Jonathan Doerer 36 Yd Field Goal	7	38
4 plays, 46 yards, 0:29		
THIRD QUARTER		
ND TD 13:24 Chris Finke 54 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	7	45
2 plays, 60 yards, 0:39		
ND TD 7:19 Javon McKinley 20 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	7	52
6 plays, 65 yards, 1:58		
FOURTH QUARTER		
ND TD 14:25 C'Bo Flemister 1 Yd Run (Harrison Leonard Kick)	7	59
9 plays, 58 yards, 4:01		
ND TD 7:14 Braden Lenzy 22 Yd pass from Brendon Clark (Harrison Leonard Kick)	7	66
10 plays, 88 yards, 3:49		
UNM TD 6:26 Bobby Cole 37 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	14	66
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:48		
Team Stats		
First Downs	UNM 22	ND 25
Passes for First	7	12
Rushes for First	11	9
Penalties for First	4	4
Third Down Efficiency	4-18	1-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	5-5
Total Yards	363	591
Total Plays	75	65
Avg Gain Per Play	4.8	9.1
Net Yards Rushing	212	157
Rushes	46	38
Yards Per Rush	4.6	4.1
Net Yards Passing	151	434
Comp-Att	10-29	17-27
Yards Per Pass	5.2	16.1
Times Sacked	0	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-7
Interceptions	3	0
Punts	6	4
Punt Average	46.5	40.8
Penalties	5	7
Penalty Yards	39	53
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	35:06	24:54

Individual Stats

RUSHING

NEW MEXICO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Bryson Carroll	6	69	11.5	1	47
Bobby Cole	1	37	37.0	1	37
Sheriron Jones	8	23	2.9	0	17
Ahmari Davis	9	22	2.4	0	7
Daevon Vigilant	3	19	6.3	0	15
Kentraill Moran	5	16	3.2	0	8
Trae Hall	2	15	7.5	0	11
Javohn Jones	5	15	3.0	0	11
Lawrence Johnson	3	9	3.0	0	4
Jay Griffin IV	1	8	8.0	0	8
Tevaka Tuioti	1	5	5.0	0	5
Tyson Dyer	1	2	2.0	0	2

NOTRE DAME

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ian Book	9	46	5.1	1	24
Kyren Williams	4	26	6.5	0	14
Brendon Clark	4	24	6.0	0	14
Phil Jurkovec	3	17	5.7	0	23
Tony Jones Jr.	6	17	2.8	0	9
Braden Lenzy	1	14	14.0	0	14
Mick Assaf	3	8	2.7	0	8
Lawrence Keys III	1	7	7.0	0	7
C'Bo Flemister	7	-2	-0.3	1	3

PASSING

NEW MEXICO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tevaka Tuioti	6	13	132	10.2	0	0	
Sheriron Jones	4	15	19	1.3	0	3	
Q' Drennan	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	
NOTRE DAME	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ian Book	15	24	360	15.0	5	0	
Phil Jurkovec	1	1	52	52.0	0	0	
Brendon Clark	1	2	22	11.0	1	0	

RECEIVING

NEW MEXICO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Aaron Molina	2	79	39.5	0	41
Jay Griffin IV	3	27	9.0	0	14
Elijah Lilly	1	24	24.0	0	24
Jeffrey Jones Jr.	1	8	8.0	0	8
Bryson Carroll	1	7	7.0	0	7
Javohn Jones	1	6	6.0	0	6
Daevon Vigilant	1	0	0.0	0	0
NOTRE DAME	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Chase Claypool	4	96	24.0	1	37
Javon McKinley	2	85	42.5	2	65
Braden Lenzy	2	74	37.0	1	52
Avery Davis	1	59	59.0	1	59
Chris Finke	2	57	28.5	1	54
Tommy Tremble	1	29	29.0	0	29
Lawrence Keys III	2	20	10.0	0	15
Tony Jones Jr.	1	6	6.0	0	6
Brock Wright	1	5	5.0	0	5
Kyren Williams	1	3	3.0	0	3