

WEEK SIX
BOWLING GREEN at NOTRE DAME

Book throws 5 TDs as No. 9 Notre Dame routs Bowling Green

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Ian Book threw five touchdown passes and had only four incomplete passes in a little more than two quarters of work as No. 9 Notre Dame rolled over Bowling Green 52-0 on Saturday.

The Fighting Irish (4-1) had their way with the Falcons, a first-time opponent from the Mid-American Conference whose campus is just 164 miles away. The winning margin matched Notre Dame's winning difference in a 66-14 victory over New Mexico earlier this season and was Notre Dame's first shutout since 2014.

"I thought Ian did a nice job," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "Obviously a lot of good things happened as we had an opportunity to do things against an undermanned Bowling Green team today."

The Irish had 573 total yards, with senior Tony Jones Jr. rushing over 100 for the third time this season. Jones had 102 yards on seven carries. Notre Dame limited the Falcons (1-4) to 228 yards.

Book, who matched his previous high of five touchdown passes against New Mexico last month, completed 16 of 20 for 261 yards before giving way to backup Phil Jurkovec at the 4:11 mark of the third quarter. Jurkovec, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, added a TD pass in the third quarter, a 7-yarder to Avery Davis.

"I am definitely happy with the performance this week," Book said after not throwing a touchdown pass last week in Notre Dame's 35-20 victory over Virginia. "We wanted to go out there and put up some points and have an attention to details."

After going three-and-out on their first possession, the Irish drove 80 yards in six plays and 1:58, culminating with Book's 17-yard scoring pass to Tommy Tremble. Scoring passes to Cole Kmet (21 yards) and Chase Claypool (34 yards) made it 21-0 after the first quarter. Book then hit Claypool (8 yards) and Javon McKinley (25 yards) with scoring passes in the second quarter for a 35-0 halftime lead.

Meanwhile, the Irish defense, which had eight sacks and produced five turnovers in a 35-20 victory over Virginia last week, earned its first shutout since a 31-0 blanking of Michigan. The Irish managed two sacks and one takeaway but had seven quarterback hurries of Bowling Green's two quarterbacks.

"I think there's not a hole on their defense," Falcons coach Scot Loeffler said. "They'll be a top-five team. They're a great football team in my opinion."

Grant Loy completed 13 of 25 passes for 106 yards and Quintin Morris had 10 receptions for 92 yards for the Falcons.

THE TAKEAWAY

Bowling Green: The rebuilding Falcons, who came into the game being outscored 149-27 in losses to Kansas State (52-0), Louisiana Tech (35-7) and Kent State (62-20), managed 136 yards in the first half on seven drives, the first three of which were three-and-outs. They had a 14-play drive that reached the Irish 22. But QB Grant Loy was called for intentional grounding and a loss of 21 yards when pressured by Julian Okwara.

Notre Dame: The Irish offense was hardly tested against the Falcons' defense coordinated by Brian VanGorder, who spent 2 1/4 years as Brian Kelly's defensive coordinator at Notre Dame from 2014-16. The Irish had 339 of their yards by halftime.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Notre Dame: The ninth-ranked Irish, who moved up a spot in last week's poll, probably will remain there after entering the game as 45 1/2 -point favorites and leading 35-0 at halftime.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
BGSU	0	0	0	0	0
ND	21	14	10	7	52

Scoring Summary -----

		BGSU	ND
FIRST QUARTER			
ND TD 9:32	Tommy Tremble 17 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	7
6 plays, 80 yards, 1:58			
ND TD 6:51	Cole Kmet 21 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	14
3 plays, 46 yards, 0:59			
ND TD 4:44	Chase Claypool 34 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	21
4 plays, 50 yards, 1:20			
SECOND QUARTER			
ND TD 6:49	Chase Claypool 8 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	28
4 plays, 53 yards, 1:27			
ND TD 1:24	Javon McKinley 25 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)	0	35
6 plays, 78 yards, 3:03			
THIRD QUARTER			
ND FG 7:12	Jonathan Doerer 27 Yd Field Goal	0	38
6 plays, 68 yards, 1:42			
ND TD 2:23	Avery Davis 7 Yd pass from Phil Jurkovec (Harrison Leonard Kick)	0	45
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:48			
FOURTH QUARTER			
ND TD 6:56	C'Bo Flemister 1 Yd Run (Harrison Leonard Kick)	0	52
12 plays, 79 yards, 5:50			

Team Stats	BGSU	ND
First Downs	14	27
Passes for First	7	13
Rushes for First	7	13
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	8-19	8-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	0-0
Total Yards	228	573
Total Plays	69	61
Avg Gain Per Play	3.3	9.4
Net Yards Rushing	118	233
Rushes	42	34
Yards Per Rush	2.8	6.9
Net Yards Passing	110	340
Comp-Att	15-27	21-27
Yards Per Pass	4.1	12.6
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-25	0
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	8	2
Punt Average	43.3	45.5
Penalties	6	1
Penalty Yards	39	5
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	33:20	26:40

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
BOWLING GREEN					
Davon Jones	16	59	3.7	0	17
Bryson Denley	13	57	4.4	0	16
Grant Loy	8	6	0.8	0	9
Nigel Sealey	3	3	1.0	0	3
RB Marlow III	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Darius Wade	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
NOTRE DAME					
Tony Jones Jr.	7	102	14.6	0	36
Phil Jurkovec	4	42	10.5	0	19
C'Bo Flemister	8	30	3.8	1	7
Jahmir Smith	3	29	9.7	0	24
Mick Assaf	4	15	3.8	0	13
Brendon Clark	1	9	9.0	0	9
Ian Book	2	5	2.5	0	3
Braden Lenzy	1	3	3.0	0	3
Avery Davis	3	0	0.0	0	6
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
BOWLING GREEN							
Grant Loy	13	25	106	4.2	0	1	
Darius Wade	2	2	4	2.0	0	0	
NOTRE DAME							
Ian Book	16	20	261	13.1	5	0	
Phil Jurkovec	5	7	79	11.3	1	0	

RECEIVING							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
BOWLING GREEN							
Quintin Morris	10	92	9.2	0	24		
Bryson Denley	2	11	5.5	0	12		
RB Marlow III	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Christian Sims	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Davon Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0		
NOTRE DAME							
Javon McKinley	5	104	20.8	1	26		
Chase Claypool	3	61	20.3	2	34		
Brock Wright	1	40	40.0	0	40		
Avery Davis	3	39	13.0	1	32		
Tommy Tremble	4	38	9.5	1	17		
Cole Kmet	2	31	15.5	1	21		
Chris Finke	1	24	24.0	0	24		
Braden Lenzy	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Michael Young	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		