

WEEK TWELVE
NAVY at NOTRE DAME

Claypool catches 4 TDs as No. 16 Notre Dame rout Navy 52-20

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Chase Claypool caught four touchdown passes to match a school record and No. 16 Notre Dame shut down Navy's triple-option in a 52-20 rout on the 21st-ranked Midshipmen on Saturday.

The 17th straight home victory for Brian Kelly's Fighting Irish did not sell out Notre Dame Stadium. It was the first time since 1973 Thanksgiving Day against Air Force, a string of 273 sold-out games. A crowd of 74,080, 3,542 below capacity, saw Notre Dame win for the 79th time in the 93-game series that has been played continuously since 1927.

"We executed flawlessly in the first half against a really good Navy team," Kelly said. "Chase was outstanding, and the defense stopped a very difficult offense."

Ian Book completed 14 of 20 passes for 284 yards and five touchdowns before exiting midway through the third quarter and the Irish (8-2, No. 16 CFP) up 45-3. It was his third game with five touchdown passes this season and followed a 38-7 victory at Duke in which he rushed for 139 yards and threw for four touchdowns, a Notre Dame first.

"I think we can safely assume he is the guy we thought he would be," Kelly said. "He started slowly but has now found himself. He is the leader of our offense and our offense is playing at a high level now."

But Book turned the high praise toward his wide receiver, who had seven receptions for 117 yards and now has 49 for 768 yards this season.

"Chase is having an awesome year," Book said. "It's starting to show on Saturdays by how hard he's working in practice."

Claypool had scoring receptions of 7, 47 and 3 yards from Book to give the Irish a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. Book threw a 70-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Braden Lenzy later in the quarter as Notre Dame took a 38-3 halftime lead and then hit Claypool with a 20-yard scoring pass on their final play of the game together. Claypool's TD haul matched Maurice Stovall, who caught four TD passes against BYU in 2005.

The loss ended a five-game winning streak for the Midshipmen (7-2, No. 23 CFP), who entered leading the nation in rushing with 357.9 yards per game.

"We got our butts whipped and it started with me," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "They had a great plan on both sides of the ball and we just got a total butt-whipping."

The Irish defense forced three first-half fumbles by Navy's shifty quarterback Malcolm Perry, who rushed 25 times for 117 yards before being replaced in the third quarter by freshman Perry Olsen, who had a 43-yard TD pass to Mychal Cooper and a 2-yard TD run.

Irish defensive end Khalid Kareem forced two fumbles and line-backer Drew White had 10 tackles. Notre Dame turned four fumble recoveries into 24 points.

THE TAKEAWAY

Navy: Perry was averaging 130.2 rushing yards entering the game. He managed a 46-yard run late in the first half that set up a Bijan Nichols' 27-yard field goal, but for the most part was contained. Meanwhile, the Midshipmen's defense, allowing just 310.6 yards a game, allowed 300 at halftime by the Irish and 415 for the game.

Notre Dame: After throwing incomplete on his second attempt, Book completed 10 passes in a row. He also added 31 yards on five carries.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Navy: The Midshipmen, who had climbed to No. 21 with five straight victories, could fall out of the AP Top 25.

Notre Dame: The Irish, who fell a spot to No. 16 despite beating Duke 38-7, could move up with one of their more complete games of the season.

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NAVY	0	3	7	10	20
ND	14	24	7	7	52

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		NAVY	ND
ND TD 9:39	Chase Claypool 7 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 5:21		0	7
ND TD 3:11	Chase Claypool 47 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
2 plays, 73 yards, 0:23		0	14
SECOND QUARTER		NAVY	ND
ND TD 12:32	Chase Claypool 3 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
4 plays, 39 yards, 1:35		0	21
ND TD 10:27	Braden Lenzy 70 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
1 play, 70 yards, 0:09		0	28
ND FG 4:45	Jonathan Doerer 32 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 29 yards, 3:23		0	31
ND TD 1:30	Tony Jones Jr. 2 Yd Run (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
8 plays, 24 yards, 3:04		0	38
NAVY FG 0:00	Bijan Nichols 27 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 72 yards, 0:59		3	38
THIRD QUARTER		NAVY	ND
ND TD 9:55	Chase Claypool 20 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
7 plays, 78 yards, 2:09		3	45
NAVY TD 1:42	Mychal Cooper 43 Yd pass from Perry Olsen (Bijan Nichols Kick)		
7 plays, 74 yards, 3:36		10	45
FOURTH QUARTER		NAVY	ND
ND TD 14:39	Paul Moala 27 Yd Fumble Return (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
2 plays, -6 yards, 0:13		10	52
NAVY TD 5:31	Perry Olsen 2 Yd Run (Bijan Nichols Kick)		
18 plays, 75 yards, 9:08		17	52
NAVY FG 1:18	Bijan Nichols 36 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 25 yards, 2:01		20	52

Team Stats	NAVY	ND
First Downs	20	18
Passes for First	3	11
Rushes for First	17	6
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	5-16	4-9
Fourth Down Efficiency	4-5	1-2
Total Yards	360	410
Total Plays	77	53
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	7.7
Net Yards Rushing	281	105
Rushes	64	31
Yards Per Rush	4.4	3.4
Net Yards Passing	79	305
Comp-Att	4-13	16-22
Yards Per Pass	6.1	13.9
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	3	2
Punt Average	41.7	35.0
Penalties	2	2
Penalty Yards	20	15
Fumbles	4	0
Fumbles Lost	4	0
Time of Poss	36:00	24:00

Individual Stats

RUSHING

NAVY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Malcolm Perry	25	117	4.7	0	46
Isaac Ruoss	9	44	4.9	0	26
Jamale Carothers	11	41	3.7	0	9
Myles Fells	3	25	8.3	0	23
Perry Olsen	10	17	1.7	1	8
CJ Williams	2	14	7.0	0	13
Tazh Maloy	2	12	6.0	0	10
Nelson Smith	1	7	7.0	0	7
Keoni-Kordell Makekau	1	4	4.0	0	4
NOTRE DAME	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ian Book	5	31	6.2	0	15
Tony Jones Jr.	9	26	2.9	1	6
C'Bo Flemister	3	16	5.3	0	12
Lawrence Keys III	1	11	11.0	0	11
Jafar Armstrong	7	11	1.6	0	5
Braden Lenzy	1	10	10.0	0	10
Phil Jurkovec	2	3	1.5	0	3
Jahmir Smith	1	2	2.0	0	2
Team	2	-5	-2.5	0	0

PASSING

NAVY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Perry Olsen	1	5	43	8.6	1	0	33.6
Malcolm Perry	3	7	36	5.1	0	0	6.7
Chance Warren	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	3.7
NOTRE DAME	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ian Book	14	20	284	14.2	5	0	98.8
Phil Jurkovec	2	2	21	10.5	0	0	3.5

RECEIVING

NAVY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Mychal Cooper	3	73	24.3	1	43
CJ Williams	1	6	6.0	0	6
NOTRE DAME	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Chase Claypool	7	117	16.7	4	47
Braden Lenzy	2	87	43.5	1	70
Chris Finke	3	57	19.0	0	28
Lawrence Keys III	2	32	16.0	0	27
Jafar Armstrong	2	12	6.0	0	8