



NOTRE DAME

2006 OUTLOOK

Charlie Weis and His '06 Fighting Irish Look To Build on Success That Marked '05 Debut

17 starters, 36 monogram winners return as Notre Dame enters '06 with high hopes and expectations

When Charlie Weis was introduced as Notre Dame's head football coach in December of 2004, one of his first stated goals was to raise the expectations of the football program – both internally and externally. After an impressive debut season in 2005 that saw the Irish return to the nation's top 10 with a 9-3 record and a berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, one could make a strong argument that Weis has accomplished that.

But that would be an incorrect assumption. Weis and the Irish enter the 2006 campaign with a simple mantra that refutes that assumption – in Weis' world, 9-3 isn't good enough. It's just a start.

True to his word, Weis and his coaching staff produced a team in '05 that was tough and intelligent and gave maximum effort. And, yes, these Irish were even a little nasty at times. That mix of moxie, intelligence and effort produced a noticeably improved squad last season. But the Irish were not satisfied with a season where they came within an overtime loss to Michigan State and a last-second loss to reigning national champ USC from an appearance in the national title game. And that dissatisfaction may say more than anything about the change in outlook for the Irish football program.

The challenge in 2006 is to build on that success and take the next step up the ladder. Thirty-six monogram winners and 17 position starters return for the Irish. Nine starters and 20 monogram winners return to the defense while the offense returns seven starters and 15 monogram winners, including consensus All-America receiver Jeff Samardzija and Heisman Trophy candidate

Brady Quinn at quarterback (he was fourth in the Heisman voting in '05).

Based on the returning experience from the most explosive offense in Irish history, the unit appears primed to carry the team again this season. Losing veteran starters at right tackle, right guard, receiver and tight end are significant, but plenty of veteran experience returns at every spot but tackle. Developing cohesion among the returnees and improving depth across the board will be vital during preseason camp.

The entire starting backfield returns as tailback Darius Walker and fullback Asaph Schwapp join Quinn. The receivers corps lost ace Maurice Stovall and veteran Matt Shelton, along with tight end Anthony Fasano, but plenty of talent and experience returns with fifth-year wideout Rhema McKnight returning to action after missing much of '05 with an injury. He will join Samardzija to comprise as solid a veteran unit of receivers as can be found in college football.

The success of the offense will largely depend on the prowess of an experienced offensive line. Three starters from '05 return: left tackle Ryan Harris, center John Sullivan



Senior Brady Quinn once again will lead a potent Irish offensive attack that set numerous school records a year ago. The owner of 30 school records, he is regarded by many to be the nation's top returning quarterback. He finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a junior and is considered to be one of the leading candidates in 2006.



One of the top collegiate tailbacks, junior Darius Walker rushed for 1,196 yards and nine touchdowns in 2005, in addition to setting an Irish single-season record for catches by a running back. His 1,982 career rushing yards places him 13th on the career rushing yard list.

and left guard Dan Santucci. They will be joined by veteran lineman Bob Morton, who has started at both guard and center in his career. This group has started a combined total of 91 games in their careers.

Special teams will remain a point of emphasis for the Irish. The kicking and punting duties will see new players manning the starting jobs after the graduation of D.J. Fitzpatrick, who handled both the placement and punting duties the last three seasons. J.J. Jansen returns to handle the snapping duties, and features the return game, which improved dramatically last season, brings back veterans Tom Zbikowski (punt returns), David Grimes (kickoffs) and D.J. Hord (kickoffs).

Defensively, the Irish return nine starters and a host of reserves. Returning for the Irish in '06 are eight of the top 10 tacklers from last season led by cornerback Ambrose Wooden and safety Tom Zbikowski, a third-team All-American in 2005 by

the Associated Press. All four starters return in the line as ends Victor Abiamiri and Ronald Talley join veteran tackles Derek Landri and Trevor Laws. The secondary returns intact as cornerback Mike Richardson and safety Chinedum Ndukwe join Wooden and Zbikowski. Junior Maurice Crum, Jr., is the lone returning starter in the linebacker corps, but there is intrigue there as veteran Travis Thomas will be given a shot to start at weakside linebacker after serving as a solid tailback reserve and a standout on special teams.

Six of Notre Dame's 12 '06 opponents (Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Stanford, Navy and USC) were on the '05 schedule. Six of Notre Dame's opponents in '06 played in bowl games last season (Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, UCLA, Navy and USC) with three of them (Penn State, Navy and UCLA) emerging victorious in those post-season encounters. The schedule includes seven home games for the Irish

and a neutral-site visit to Baltimore to take on Navy.

The second year of the Weis era brings with it hopes and expectations not seen around South Bend in quite some time. Now it's up to Weis, his staff and the Irish players to take the next step in Notre Dame's return to elite status. That's just what Weis had in mind when he promised to raise the expectations of the program upon his arrival.

Here's a position-by-position look at the '06 Irish entering preseason practice:

QUARTERBACK: Senior Brady Quinn (292 of 450 for 3,919 yards, 32 TDs, 7 interceptions) enters his fourth season as the Irish starter after a record-shattering season in '05 in which he placed fourth in voting for the Heisman Trophy. Quinn thrived in Weis' offense, showing poise, maturity and consistent improvement as the season progressed. Quinn enters his final season with the Irish as the owner of virtually every Notre Dame passing record for a season or a career and he figures to enter the year as a frontrunner for national honors and All-America status. He was a third-team All-America selection by the Associated Press last year. There is little playing experience behind Quinn. Sophomore Evan Sharpley will battle with freshmen Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones for the backup slot.

Quarterbacks

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|----------|
| Frazer, Zach | 6-4 | 215 | Fr. | --- |
| + Gillett, Justin | 5-11 | 171 | Jr. | --- |
| + Gorski, Dan | 6-3 | 196 | So. | --- |
| Jones, Demetrius | 6-4 | 202 | Fr. | --- |
| *** Quinn, Brady | 6-4 | 227 | Sr. | 355:42 |
| Sharpley, Evan | 6-2 | 204 | So. | --- |

RUNNING BACK: Junior Darius Walker (1,196 yards on 253 carries, 9 TDs) surpassed 100 yards rushing in seven games in '05 and cemented his status as an every down back by setting an Irish mark for receptions by a back with 43 for 351 yards and two TDs. The move of veteran Travis Thomas to linebacker creates an immediate opportunity for several freshmen. James Aldridge, one of a trio of January enrollees (the first in Notre Dame football history), will compete with fellow first-year players Munir Prince and Luke Schmidt for a significant role.

Tailbacks

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|----------|
| Aldridge, James | 6-0 | 209 | Fr. | --- |
| Jabbie, Junior | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | --- |
| + Lyons, John | 6-1 | 200 | Sr. | --- |
| Prince, Munir | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | --- |
| Schmidt, Luke | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | --- |
| ** Walker, Darius | 5-10 | 207 | Jr. | 275:29 |

Fullbacks

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| + Augustyn, Matt | 6-3 | 220 | Sr. | --- |
| McConnell, Ashley | 6-0 | 256 | Sr. | 9:25 |
| Schmidt, Luke | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | --- |
| * Schwapp, Asaph | 6-0 | 250 | So. | 111:35 |

FULLBACK: Sophomore Asaph Schwapp returns as the starter after taking over that job midway through the '05 campaign. He showed ability as a strong short-yardage runner, proved to be a solid blocker and can help in the passing game. Senior Ashley McConnell was a seldom-used backup a year ago who will look for an expanded role this season. Freshman Luke Schmidt can contribute at both tailback and fullback, and may be called upon to do both.

WIDE RECEIVER: The Irish return a consensus first team All-American at the "Z" position in senior Jeff Samardzija (77 catches for 1,249 yards and 15 TDs), who set school single-season marks for catches (tied the mark set by Tom Gatewood in 1970), yards and TDs in '05. Behind Samardzija on the depth chart will be sophomore David Grimes (two catches for 19 yards in '05) and freshman George West. Look for Grimes to be the team's third receiver in multiple-receiver sets. At the "Y" position, fifth-year senior Rhema McKnight missed the final 10 games of '05 due to an injury, creating an opportunity for Samardzija to star. McKnight, the team's leading receiver in '03 and '04, gives the Irish what is perhaps the most proven starting receiver duo in college football. Behind McKnight at the "Y" spot will be senior Chase Anastasio (one career catch) and sophomore D.J. Hord (no catches in '05). Three more freshmen (Barry Gallup Jr., Richard Jackson and Robby Parris) will get a chance for playing time this fall.

Wide Receivers

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----|----------|
| ** Anastasio, Chase | 6-2 | 201 | Sr. | 5:54 |
| Bragg, Darrin | 6-1 | 192 | Jr. | --- |
| + Cardillo, Craig | 6-0 | 170 | Sr. | --- |
| + Erickson, Brandon | 6-0 | 188 | Jr. | --- |
| Gallup Jr., Barry | 5-11 | 175 | Fr. | --- |
| * Grimes, David | 6-0 | 168 | So. | 26:06 |
| Hord, D.J. | 6-1 | 192 | So. | 3:47 |
| Jackson, Richard | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. | --- |
| **** McKnight, Rhema | 6-2 | 212 | Sr. | 28:12 |
| Parris, Robby | 6-4 | 185 | Fr. | --- |
| + Possley, Nick | 6-1 | 191 | Jr. | --- |
| *** Samardzija, Jeff | 6-5 | 218 | Sr. | 332:01 |
| West, George | 5-8 | 179 | Fr. | --- |

TIGHT END: The departure of starter Anthony Fasano (47 for 576, 2 TDs in '05) creates an opportunity for both senior John Carlson and fifth-year senior Marcus Freeman. Carlson (seven for 56 and one TD in '05) was the primary backup to Fasano the last two seasons and could have the skills to take on that primary role this fall. Freeman has been primarily a blocking tight end the last two seasons, but appears ready to battle



A consensus All-American a year ago and the nation's top returning receiver in 2006, senior Jeff Samardzija enjoyed a record-setting season a year ago in which he tied Notre Dame's single-season record for catches (77) and established new marks for receiving yards (1,249) and touchdown catches (15).

Tight Ends

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| ** Carlson, John | 6-6 | 250 | Sr. | 165:32 |
| *** Freeman, Marcus | 6-3 | 245 | Sr. | 63:23 |
| Reuland, Konrad | 6-6 | 239 | Fr. | --- |
| + Talerico, Mike | 6-5 | 241 | Jr. | --- |
| Yeatman, Will | 6-6 | 250 | Fr. | --- |

for the starting job. Two rookies – Konrad Reuland and Will Yeatman – join the team this fall and could compete for a significant role.

CENTER: The Irish return an established starter in senior John Sullivan (20 career starts over the last two seasons) who provides the Irish with a strong foundation up front. Sullivan, the full-time starter in '04, re-established that role over the last eight games last season and enters his third season of action (he did not play as a rookie in '03). Guard Bob Morton provides valuable versatility with the ability to play guard and center. He started the season's first four games of the '05 season

Centers

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| + Chervanick, Dan | 6-1 | 255 | Sr. | 8:40 |
| *** Morton, Bob | 6-4 | 298 | Sr. | 172:52+ |
| ** Sullivan, John | 6-4 | 280 | Sr. | 273:30 |
| Wenger, Dan | 6-4 | 285 | Fr. | --- |

+played both center and guard

at center. Freshman Dan Wenger and veteran walk-on Dan Chervanick also can contribute this season.

OFFENSIVE GUARD: The Irish lost starting right guard Dan Stevenson (35 career starts) but return experienced veterans in a pair of fifth-year men, left guard Dan Santucci (13 career starts, started all 12 in '05) and right guard Bob Morton (26 career starts including 11 at guard in '04). Both players have all-star potential. Freshman Chris Stewart enters the fall as the backup at left guard and figures to play as a reserve. Fifth-year senior Brian Mattes can play both guard and tackle as he enters fall camp listed as the backup to Morton at right guard. Look for freshman Matt Carufel to make a push for playing time at right guard.

Offensive Guards

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Carufel, Matt | 6-5 | 288 | Fr. | --- |
| * Mattes, Brian | 6-6 | 287 | Sr. | 21:06 |
| *** Morton, Bob | 6-4 | 298 | Sr. | 172:52 |
| Olsen, Eric | 6-4 | 290 | Fr. | --- |
| *** Santucci, Dan | 6-4 | 296 | Sr. | 288:22 |
| Stewart, Chris | 6-5 | 367 | Fr. | --- |
| + Tisak, Jeff | 6-3 | 289 | So. | --- |



Senior left tackle Ryan Harris returns for his fourth season as a starter and is expected to contend for All-America honors. He has earned 32 starts during career and has been an anchor on the Irish offensive line since his freshman season.

OFFENSIVE TACKLE: Veteran left tackle Ryan Harris figures to contend for All-America recognition this fall, his fourth season as a starter. The talented Harris (32 career starts) has anchored the line since his freshman campaign. The loss of right tackle Mark LeVoi (36 starts over three seasons) provides a chance for a new name to join an otherwise veteran list of starters. Sophomore Michael Turkovich (played in six games in '05) figures to be the primary backup to Harris at left tackle, but could get competition from freshman Bartley Webb. Sophomore Paul Duncan (played in five games in '05) enters the fall as the top name at right tackle. He figures to get a challenge from freshman Sam Young. Also look for freshman Eric Olsen to compete for playing time at tackle or guard this fall.

Offensive Tackles

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Duncan, Paul | 6-7 | 290 | So. | 23:45 |
| *** Harris, Ryan | 6-5 | 292 | Sr. | 358:10 |
| Young, Sam | 6-7 | 292 | Fr. | --- |
| + Tisak, Jeff | 6-3 | 289 | So. | --- |
| Turkovich, Michael | 6-6 | 292 | So. | 23:45 |
| Webb, Bartley | 6-7 | 290 | Fr. | --- |

DEFENSIVE END: At left end, senior Victor Abiamiri (48 tackles, eight sacks, 15 tackles for loss in '05) returns after an unheralded but excellent performance in '05. Abiamiri could be ready for all-star acclaim in his fourth season with the Irish. He ranks among the all-time Notre Dame leaders in sacks and tackles for loss, but is looking for more consistency this season. Senior Dwight Stephenson, Jr., provides position flexibility at tackle or end. At right end, juniors Ronald Talley (23 tackles, one sack in '05) and Justin Brown (12 tackles in '05) return along with senior Chris Frome (six tackles, one sack in '05). Talley will

Defensive Ends

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| *** Abiamiri, Victor | 6-4 | 270 | Sr. | 261:57 |
| * Brown, Justin | 6-3 | 254 | Jr. | 75:38 |
| * Cullen, Casey | 6-1 | 234 | Sr. | 5:14 |
| * Frome, Chris | 6-5 | 262 | Sr. | 97:55 |
| Ryan, John | 6-5 | 240 | Fr. | --- |
| Stephenson, Dwight Jr. | 6-2 | 248 | Sr. | 10:30 |
| * Talley, Ronald | 6-4 | 262 | Jr. | 162:43 |
| Wade, Kallen | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | --- |

hold the starting role entering fall camp. Senior Casey Cullen can help at end or tackle. Freshmen Kallen Wade and John Ryan will get an opportunity to contribute at end.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE/NOSE GUARD: The Irish figure to have one of the nation's toughest and most experienced defensive tackle duos with the return of fifth-year senior starter Derek Landri (43 tackles, eight tackles for loss, three sacks in '05) and senior starter Trevor Laws (33 tackles, 1.5 sacks, three tackles for loss in '05). Landri is a legitimate all-star candidate entering his third season as a starter, while Laws could justify similar acclaim. Landri and Laws forged perhaps the unheralded core of a sturdy Irish defense last season. Weis has high expectations for two sopho-

Defensive Tackles

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|----------|
| Hand, Derrell | 6-3 | 285 | So. | --- |
| + Kennedy, Neil | 5-11 | 256 | Jr. | --- |
| Kuntz, Pat | 6-2 | 270 | So. | 11:49 |
| *** Landri, Derek | 6-3 | 277 | Sr. | 246:46 |
| ** Laws, Trevor | 6-1 | 283 | Sr. | 235:05 |
| Mullen, Paddy | 6-5 | 265 | Fr. | --- |



Maurice Crum, Jr., the starter at strongside linebacker in '05, will move to middle linebacker this fall. He made 57 tackles last season, which ranked sixth on the team.



A standout as both a safety and a punt return man, Tom Zbikowski earned third-team All-America honors in 2005 after scoring four touchdowns (two via interceptions and two via punt returns).

mores – Derrell Hand and Pat Kuntz – who will be the primary backups to Landri and Laws. Hand did not see game action in '05, but Kuntz played in nine games (four tackles in '05).

LINEBACKER: Starter Maurice Crum, Jr., (57 tackles, three tackles for loss in '05), the starter at strongside linebacker in '05, moves to middle linebacker in '06 and is far and away the most experienced returning Irish linebacker. Senior Nick Borseti and freshman Toryan Smith will compete for a significant role behind Crum while sophomore Scott Smith has the tools to be a fac-

Linebackers

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Borseti, Nick | 6-4 | 235 | Sr. | 10:51 |
| ** Brockington, Joe | 6-1 | 220 | Sr. | 11:29 |
| * Crum, Maurice Jr. | 6-0 | 220 | Jr. | 262:56 |
| * Quinn, Steve | 6-2 | 214 | So. | 108 app. |
| Richardson, Morrice | 6-2 | 228 | Fr. | --- |
| Smith, Scott | 6-3 | 242 | So. | 5:57 |
| Smith, Toryan | 6-0 | 230 | Fr. | --- |
| * Thomas, Mitchell | 6-3 | 232 | Sr. | 84 app. |
| ** Thomas, Travis | 6-0 | 209 | Sr. | 65:43+ |
| Vernaglia, Anthony | 6-3 | 230 | Jr. | 14:59 |
| Washington, Kevin | 6-1 | 239 | So. | --- |

+ played at tailback in '05

tor. The loss of veteran starter Brandon Hoyte (92 tackles in '05) creates a huge void at weakside linebacker where senior captain Travis Thomas will get a look this fall following his move from tailback after spring ball. Junior veteran Joe Brockington (23 games played) enters fall camp listed behind Thomas and in a battle with sophomore Steve Quinn for the backup role. Senior Mitchell Thomas enters fall camp as the starter at strongside linebacker but could get a challenge from junior Anthony Vernaglia, sophomore Kevin Washington and freshman Morrice Richardson.

CORNERBACK: Both '05 starters return at the cornerback slots as fifth-year senior boundary corner Michael Richardson (66 tackles, seven pass breakups, three interceptions, three sacks in '05) and senior field corner Ambrose Wooden (74 tackles, five passes broken up, two interceptions in '05) return. Wooden is the leading returning

tackler for the Irish after emerging from obscurity in '05 to become what Weis described as the team's best surprise. Richardson has shown a knack for big plays and figures to improve his overall game in his final year with the Irish. Junior Leo Ferrine (22 tackles, one interception, two passes broken up in '05) and Terrail Lambert (eight tackles, one pass broken up in '05) enter the fall as the primary backups behind Wooden and Richardson, respectively. Freshmen Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil could make an impact on the depth chart this fall.

SAFETY: The Irish return both starters in boundary safety Tom Zbikowski, a third-team All-America by AP in '05, and free safety Chinedum Ndukwe. Zbikowski (71 tackles, five intercep-

Cornerbacks

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----|----------|
| * Ferrine, Leo | 6-0 | 189 | Jr. | 102:34 |
| + Iams, Wade | 5-9 | 183 | Jr. | --- |
| * Lambert, Terrail | 5-11 | 188 | Jr. | 27:02 |
| McNeil, Raeshon | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | --- |
| *** Richardson, Mike | 5-11 | 188 | Sr. | 286:25 |
| Walls, Darrin | 6-1 | 175 | Fr. | --- |
| * Wooden, Ambrose | 5-11 | 193 | Sr. | 284:26 |

Safeties

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | '05 Time |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----|----------|
| Brown, Sergio | 6-1 | 184 | Fr. | --- |
| * Bruton, David | 6-2 | 192 | So. | 43:55 |
| Gaines, Jashaad | 6-0 | 195 | Fr. | --- |
| Gordon, Leonard | 5-11 | 195 | Fr. | --- |
| * Herring, Ray | 6-0 | 189 | So. | 5:23 |
| McCarthy, Kyle | 6-0 | 184 | So. | --- |
| *** Ndukwe, Chinedum | 6-2 | 218 | Sr. | 298:38 |
| ** Zbikowski, Tom | 6-0 | 210 | Sr. | 298:38 |

tions, four passes broken up in '05) has a deserved reputation as a ball hawk in the secondary after making several big plays on defense and in the punt game the last two seasons. He could push for higher acclaim nationally this fall. Ndukwe (52 tackles in '05) showed a remarkable sense for the football last season, producing four fumble recoveries, causing another fumble and intercepting two passes. Sophomores Ray Herring and David Bruton (a special-teams standout on coverage in '05) enter fall camp as the safety backups. Sophomore Kyle McCarthy, freshmen Sergio Brown, Jashaad Gaines and Leonard Gordon figure to compete for playing time.

KICKER/PUNTER: Notre Dame starts over in the kicking game as punter/kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick has graduated after handling both jobs the last three seasons. Senior Geoff Price (44.5 avg. on two punts in '04 but no action in '05) is a strong-legged veteran who enters fall camp as the leader for the punting job. Carl Gioia and Bobby Renkes have experience handling the kickoff duties, if needed. They will battle freshman Ryan Burkhardt for the placement job. Tom Zbikowski was among the nation's best punt return men in '05, averaging 14 yards per return and taking two back for touchdowns. David Grimes and D.J. Hord handled the kickoff return duties in '05 and both could return to their spots this fall. Long snapper J.J. Jansen took over the snapping duties for both kicks and punts midway through the '05 season and handled the job flawlessly. He returns for his junior season in '06 and figures to handle all of the snaps again.

Kickers/Punters

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | App. |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----|---------|
| Burkhardt, Ryan (K) | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. | --- |
| Gioia, Carl (K) | 5-11 | 170 | Sr. | 21 app. |
| Price, Geoff (P) | 6-3 | 197 | Sr. | --- |
| + Renkes, Bobby (K) | 6-0 | 200 | Sr. | --- |

Long Snapper

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | App. |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| * Jansen, J.J. | 6-3 | 242 | Jr. | 71 app. |

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| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | DOB | Hometown | High School | HS Coach |
|-----|----------------------|------|------|-----|-----|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 95 | *** Abiamiri, Victor | DL | 6-4 | 270 | Sr. | 1-14-86 | Randallstown, Md. | Gilman School | Biff Poggi |
| 34 | Aldridge, James | RB | 6-0 | 209 | Fr. | 7-6-87 | Crown Point, Ind. | Merrillville | Jeff Yelton |
| 23 | ** Anastasio, Chase | WR | 6-2 | 201 | Sr. | 12-11-84 | Burke, Va. | Robinson | Mark Bendorf |
| 43 | + Annello, Mike | P | 5-10 | 180 | So. | 1-20-87 | Orland Park, Ill. | Carl Sandburg | Marty Balle |
| 49 | + Augustyn, Matt | RB | 6-3 | 220 | Sr. | 7-5-84 | Chevy Chase, Md. | Our Lady of Good Counsel | Bob Malloy |
| 56 | * Borseti, Nick | LB | 6-4 | 235 | Sr. | 4-5-85 | Saugus, Mass. | St. John's Prep | Jim O'Leary |
| 81 | Bragg, Darrin | WR | 6-1 | 192 | Jr. | 3-16-86 | San Jose, Calif. | Bellarmine Prep | Mike Janda |
| 52 | ** Brockington, Joe | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Sr. | 6-16-84 | Palmyra, Pa. | Palmyra | Don Fureman, Jr. |
| 39 | + Brooks, Kevin | TE | 6-2 | 230 | Fr. | 7-9-87 | Thousand Oaks, Calif. | Crespi Carmelite | Jeremiah Ross |
| 94 | * Brown, Justin | DL | 6-3 | 254 | Jr. | 3-27-86 | Clinton, Md. | Bishop McNamara | Bernard Joseph |
| 31 | Brown, Sergio | DB | 6-1 | 184 | Fr. | 5-22-88 | Maywood, Ill. | Proviso East | Aaron Peppers |
| 27 | * Bruton, David | DB | 6-2 | 192 | So. | 7-23-87 | Miamisburg, Ohio | Miamisburg | Tim Lewis |
| 39 | Burkhart, Ryan | K | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. | 3-30-87 | Wakarusa, Ind. | Northwood | Rich Dodson |
| 7 | + Cardillo, Craig | WR | 6-0 | 170 | Sr. | 11-1-83 | Hauppauge, N.Y. | Happauge | Steve Atkinson |
| 89 | ** Carlson, John | TE | 6-6 | 250 | Sr. | 5-12-84 | Litchfield, Minn. | Litchfield | Jon Johnson |
| 73 | Carufel, Matt | OL | 6-5 | 288 | Fr. | 11-20-87 | Forest Lake, Minn. | Cretin-Derham Hall | Mike Scanlan |
| 46 | + Charters, Kyle | LB | 5-11 | 195 | Jr. | 2-23-85 | Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. | Trabuco Hills | Jason Negro |
| 64 | + Chervanick, Dan | OL | 6-1 | 255 | Sr. | 7-5-83 | Leesport, Pa. | Holy Name | Rick Keeley |
| 42 | + Costanzo, David | WR | 5-9 | 170 | So. | 6-29-87 | El Paso, Texas | Chapin | Daren Walker |
| 40 | * Crum Jr., Maurice | LB | 6-0 | 220 | Jr. | 5-29-86 | Riverview, Fla. | Tampa Bay Tech | John Colbert |
| 60 | * Cullen, Casey | DL | 6-1 | 234 | Sr. | 10-15-84 | Victoria, Texas | St. Joseph | John Mares |
| 36 | + Cure, Dex | RB | 6-1 | 215 | Fr. | 2-13-87 | Wray, Colo. | Wray | Neal Rusher |
| 72 | Duncan, Paul | OL | 6-7 | 290 | So. | 6-18-87 | Dallas, Ga. | East Paulding | Tim Glanton |
| 24 | + Erickson, Brandon | WR | 6-0 | 188 | Jr. | 4-19-86 | Marlboro, N.J. | Marlboro | Bobby Acosta |
| 15 | * Ferrine, Leo | DB | 6-0 | 189 | Jr. | 9-22-96 | Springfield, N.J. | St. Peter's Prep | Rich Hansen |
| 12 | Frazer, Zach | QB | 6-4 | 215 | Fr. | 2-23-88 | Mechanicsburg, Pa. | Mechanicsburg | Rich Lichtel |
| 87 | *** Freeman, Marcus | TE | 6-3 | 245 | Sr. | 10-24-83 | St. Paul, Minn. | Cretin-Derham Hall | Rick Kallok |
| 75 | * Frome, Chris | DL | 6-5 | 262 | Sr. | 1-2-84 | Saugus, Calif. | Newhall Hart | Mike Herrington |
| 29 | Gaines, Jashaad | DB | 6-0 | 195 | Fr. | 12-19-86 | Las Vegas, Nev. | Las Vegas | Chris Faircloth |
| 21 | Gallup Jr., Barry | WR | 5-11 | 175 | Fr. | 10-14-87 | Wellesley, Mass. | Belmont Hill | Kevin Fleming |
| 16 | + Gillett, Justin | QB | 5-11 | 171 | Jr. | 1-16-86 | Santa Barbara, Calif. | San Marcos | Will Gonzales |
| 45 | Gioia, Carl | K | 5-11 | 170 | Sr. | 1-24-85 | Valparaiso, Ind. | Valparaiso | Mark Hoffman |
| 24 | Gordon, Leonard | DB | 5-11 | 195 | Fr. | 5-29-88 | Clarksville, Tenn. | Fort Campbell (Ky.) | Shawn Berner |
| 17 | + Gorski, Dan | QB | 6-3 | 196 | So. | 5-13-86 | Omaha, Neb. | Creighton Prep | Tom Jaworski |
| 11 | * Grimes, David | WR | 6-0 | 168 | So. | 12-31-86 | Detroit, Mich. | DePorres | Greg Carter |
| 92 | Hand, Derrell | DL | 6-3 | 285 | So. | 6-19-87 | Philadelphia, Pa. | West Catholic | Brian Fluck |
| 68 | *** Harris, Ryan | OL | 6-5 | 292 | Sr. | 3-11-85 | St. Paul, Minn. | Cretin-Derham Hall | Rich Kallok |
| 6 | * Herring, Ray | DB | 6-0 | 189 | So. | 9-15-86 | Melbourne, Fla. | Holy Trinity | John Thomas |
| 1 | Hord, D.J. | WR | 6-1 | 192 | So. | 1-31-87 | Lee's Summit, Mo. | Kansas City (Mo.) | Tony Severino |
| 26 | + Iams, Wade | DB | 5-9 | 183 | Jr. | 11-8-85 | Mishawaka, Ind. | Penn | Cory Yeoman |
| 37 | Jabbie, Junior | RB | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | 12-25-84 | Parlin, N.J. | The Hun School | Dave Dudeck |
| 80 | Jackson, Richard | WR | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. | 9-25-87 | Clermont, Fla. | East Ridge | Bud O'Hara |
| 61 | +* Jansen, J.J. | SNP | 6-3 | 242 | Jr. | 1-20-86 | Phoenix, Ariz. | Brophy Prep | Jeff Kearin |
| 4 | Jones, Demetrius | QB | 6-4 | 202 | Fr. | 1-3-88 | Chicago, Ill. | Morgan Park | Lexie Spurlock |
| 69 | + Kennedy, Neil | DL | 5-11 | 256 | Jr. | 8-21-85 | Phoenix, Ariz. | Brophy Prep | Jeff Kearin |
| 35 | + Kenney, Tim | DB | 6-0 | 180 | Jr. | 8-3-85 | Belvidere, Ill. | Belvidere | Mike Hearn |
| 96 | Kuntz, Pat | DL | 6-2 | 270 | So. | 4-15-86 | Indianapolis, Ind. | Roncalli | Bruce Scifres |
| 20 | * Lambert, Terrail | DB | 5-11 | 188 | Jr. | 12-1-85 | Oxnard, Calif. | St. Bonaventure | Jon Mack |
| 66 | *** Landri, Derek | DL | 6-3 | 277 | Sr. | 9-21-83 | Concord, Calif. | De La Salle | Bob Ladouceur |
| 98 | ** Laws, Trevor | DL | 6-1 | 283 | Sr. | 6-14-85 | Burnsville, Minn. | Apple Valley | Mike Fritze |

| No. | Name | Pos. | No. | Name | Pos. | No. | Name | Pos. | No. | Name | Pos. |
|-----|----------------------|------|-----|------------------------|------|-----|---------------------|------|-----|---------------------|------|
| 1 | Hord, D.J. | WR | 18 | *** Ndukwe, Chinedum | DB | 31 | Brown, Sergio | DB | 43 | Maust, Eric | P |
| 2 | Walls, Darrin | DB | 19 | West, George | WR | 32 | Schmidt, Luke | RB | 44 | * Schwapp, Asaph | RB |
| 3 | ** Walker, Darius | RB | 20 | * Lambert, Terrail | DB | 33 | + Whitaker, Nate | K | 45 | Gioia, Carl | K |
| 4 | Jones, Demetrius | QB | 21 | Gallup Jr., Barry | WR | 34 | Aldridge, James | RB | 45 | + Patterson, Kris | WR |
| 5 | **** McKnight, Rhema | WR | 22 | * Wooden, Ambrose | DB | 35 | + Kenney, Tim | DB | 46 | Charters, Kyle | LB |
| 6 | * Herring, Ray | DB | 23 | ** Anastasio, Chase | WR | 35 | McConnell, Ashley | RB | 46 | + Planalp, Michael | TE |
| 7 | + Cardillo, Craig | WR | 23 | + Williams, William D. | DB | 36 | Cure, Dex | RB | 47 | * Thomas, Mitchell | LB |
| 8 | McNeil, Raeshon | DB | 24 | + Erickson, Brandon | WR | 37 | Jabbie, Junior | RB | 48 | * Quinn, Steve | LB |
| 9 | ** Zbikowski, Tom | DB | 24 | Gordon, Leonard | DB | 38 | + Possley, Nick | WR | 49 | + Augustyn, Matt | RB |
| 10 | *** Quinn, Brady | QB | 25 | Prince, Munir | RB | 38 | + Iams, Wade | DB | 49 | Smith, Toryan | LB |
| 11 | * Grimes, David | WR | 26 | ** Thomas, Travis | LB | 39 | Burkhart, Ryan | K | 50 | *** Santucci, Dan | OL |
| 12 | Frazer, Zach | QB | 27 | * Bruton, David | DB | 39 | + Brooks, Kevin | TE | 51 | Wenger, Dan | OL |
| 13 | Sharpley, Evan | QB | 27 | + Lyons, John | RB | 40 | * Crum Jr., Maurice | LB | 52 | ** Brockington, Joe | LB |
| 15 | * Ferrine, Leo | DB | 28 | McCarthy, Kyle | DB | 41 | Smith, Scott | LB | 53 | Richardson, Morrice | LB |
| 16 | + Gillett, Justin | QB | 29 | Gaines, Jashaad | DB | 42 | Washington, Kevin | LB | 54 | Vernaglia, Anthony | LB |
| 17 | + Gorski, Dan | QB | 29 | + Richardville, Jake | WR | 42 | Costanzo, David | WR | 55 | Olsen, Eric | OL |
| 17 | Price, Geoff | P | 30 | *** Richardson, Mike | DB | 43 | + Annello, Mike | P | 56 | * Borseti, Nick | LB |

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | DOB | Hometown | High School | HS Coach |
|-----|---------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 91 | + Leitko, Travis | DL | 6-7 | 270 | Sr. | 8-9-83 | The Woodlands, Texas | The Woodlands | Weldon Willig |
| 27 | + Lyons, John | RB | 6-1 | 200 | Sr. | 8-3-84 | Sioux Falls, S.D. | O'Gorman | Steve Kueter |
| 79 | * Mattes, Brian | OL | 6-6 | 287 | Sr. | 12-28-83 | Larksville, Pa. | Wyoming Valley West | Ed Michaels |
| 43 | + Maust, Eric | P | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | 1-19-88 | Roswell, GA | Blessed Trinity | Ricky Turner |
| 28 | McCarthy, Kyle | DB | 6-0 | 184 | So. | 9-30-86 | Youngstown, Ohio | Cardinal Mooney | P.J. Fecko |
| 35 | McConnell, Ashley | RB | 6-0 | 256 | Sr. | 10-20-84 | Adairsville, Ga. | Adairsville | Johnny Gullledge |
| 5 | **** McKnight, Rhema | WR | 6-2 | 212 | Sr. | 3-6-84 | Inglewood, Calif. | La Palma Kennedy | Mitch Olson |
| 8 | McNeil, Raeshon | DB | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | 12-25-87 | Cooleemee, N.C. | Davie County | Doug Illing |
| 76 | *** Morton, Bob | OL | 6-4 | 298 | Sr. | 9-19-84 | McKinney, Texas | McKinney | Ron Poe |
| 93 | Mullen, Paddy | DL | 6-5 | 265 | Fr. | 8-15-87 | St. Louis, Mo. | DeSmet Jesuit | Pat Mahoney |
| 18 | *** Ndukwe, Chinedum | DB | 6-2 | 218 | Sr. | 3-4-85 | Powell, Ohio | Coffman | Mark Crabtree |
| 55 | Olsen, Eric | OL | 6-4 | 290 | Fr. | 6-16-88 | Staten Island, N.Y. | Brooklyn Poly Prep | Craig Jacoby |
| 82 | Parris, Robby | WR | 6-4 | 185 | Fr. | 12-3-87 | Olmsted Falls, Ohio | St. Ignatius | Chuck Kyle |
| 45 | + Patterson, Kris | WR | 5-11 | 174 | So. | 1-18-87 | Seattle, Wash. | O'Dea | Monte Kohler |
| 46 | + Planalp, Michael | TE | 6-4 | 230 | So. | 9-7-85 | Cincinnati, Ohio | Wyoming | Bernie Barre |
| 38 | + Possley, Nick | WR | 6-1 | 191 | Jr. | 5-12-86 | Wheaton, Ill. | Warrenville South | Ron Muhitch |
| 17 | Price, Geoff | P | 6-3 | 197 | Sr. | 8-29-84 | Hurst, Texas | Colleyville Heritage | Chris Cunningham |
| 25 | Prince, Munir | RB | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | 3-15-88 | Florissant, Mo. | St. Louis DeSmet Jesuit | Pat Mahoney |
| 10 | *** Quinn, Brady | QB | 6-4 | 227 | Sr. | 10-27-84 | Dublin, Ohio | Coffman | Mark Crabtree |
| 48 | * Quinn, Steve | LB | 6-2 | 214 | So. | 5-14-86 | Cherry Hill, N.J. | Philadelphia (Pa.) St. Joseph's | Gil Brooks |
| 96 | + Renkes, Bobby | K | 6-0 | 200 | Sr. | 8-12-84 | Dallas, Texas | Lake Highlands | Jerry Gayden |
| 88 | Reuland, Konrad | TE | 6-6 | 239 | Fr. | 4-4-87 | San Capistrano, Calif. | Mission Viejo | Bob Johnson |
| 30 | *** Richardson, Mike | DB | 5-11 | 188 | Sr. | 2-18-84 | Warner Robins, Ga. | Warner Robins | Richard Fendley |
| 53 | Richardson, Morrice | LB | 6-2 | 228 | Fr. | 1-27-88 | College Park, Ga. | Westlake | Dallas Allen |
| 29 | + Richardson, Jake | WR | 6-0 | 180 | So. | 9-2-85 | Fort Wayne, Ind. | Bishop Dwenger | Chris Svarczkopf |
| 90 | Ryan, John | DL | 6-5 | 240 | Fr. | 5-7-88 | Westlake, Ohio | St. Ignatius | Chuck Kyle |
| 83 | *** Samardzija, Jeff | WR | 6-5 | 218 | Sr. | 1-23-85 | Valparaiso, Ind. | Valparaiso | Mark Hoffman |
| 50 | *** Santucci, Dan | OL | 6-4 | 296 | Sr. | 6-9-85 | Chicago, Ill. | St. Patrick's | Dan Galante |
| 44 | * Schwapp, Asaph | RB | 6-0 | 250 | So. | 1-26-87 | Hartford, Conn. | Weaver | Rob Fleeting |
| 13 | Sharpley, Evan | QB | 6-2 | 204 | So. | 11-4-86 | Marshall, Mich. | Marshall | Rich Hulkow |
| 32 | Schmidt, Luke | RB | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | 4-22-87 | Jasper, Ind. | Jasper | Tony Ahrens |
| 41 | Smith, Scott | LB | 6-3 | 242 | So. | 7-16-86 | Highland Park, Ill. | Highland Park | Kurt Weinberg |
| 49 | Smith, Toryan | LB | 6-0 | 230 | Fr. | 9-14-87 | Rome, Ga. | Rome | Sid Fritts |
| 57 | Stephenson Jr., Dwight | DL | 6-2 | 248 | Sr. | 9-11-84 | Delray Beach, Fla. | Pope John Paul II | Dave Dunn |
| 59 | Stewart, Chris | OL | 6-5 | 367 | Fr. | 9-12-87 | Spring, Texas | Klein | Stan Labay |
| 78 | ** Sullivan, John | OL | 6-4 | 280 | Sr. | 8-8-85 | Old Greenwich, Conn. | Greenwich | Rich Albonizio |
| 86 | + Talerico, Mike | TE | 6-5 | 241 | Jr. | 7-30-86 | St. Louis, Mo. | University | Gary Kornfeld |
| 99 | * Talley, Ronald | DL | 6-4 | 262 | Jr. | 2-21-86 | Detroit, Mich. | Renaissance | William Hill |
| 47 | * Thomas, Mitchell | LB | 6-3 | 232 | Sr. | 12-14-84 | Opelika, Ala. | Smiths Station | Trey Holladay |
| 26 | ** Thomas, Travis | LB | 6-0 | 209 | Sr. | 12-3-84 | Washington, Pa. | Washington | Guy Montecalvo |
| 63 | + Tisak, Jeff | OL | 6-3 | 289 | So. | 10-18-86 | Ambridge, Pa. | Duluth East (Minn.) | Joe Heitala |
| 77 | Turkovich, Michael | OL | 6-6 | 292 | So. | 11-27-86 | Bedford, Pa. | Valley Forge Military Academy | Jim Burner |
| 54 | Vernaglia, Anthony | LB | 6-3 | 230 | Jr. | 9-20-85 | Anaheim Hills, Calif. | Orange Lutheran | Jim Kunau |
| 97 | Wade, Kallen | DL | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | 4-3-88 | Cincinnati, Ohio | Withrow | Doc Gamble |
| 3 | ** Walker, Darius | RB | 5-10 | 207 | Jr. | 10-21-85 | Lawrenceville, Ga. | Buford | Dexter Wood |
| 2 | Walls, Darrin | DB | 6-1 | 175 | Fr. | 6-20-88 | Pittsburgh, Pa. | Woodland Hills | George Novak |
| 42 | Washington, Kevin | LB | 6-1 | 239 | So. | 4-13-87 | Sugar Land, Texas | Austin | Tom Stuart |
| 71 | Webb, Bartley | OL | 6-7 | 290 | Fr. | 3-19-88 | Springdale, Ark. | Springdale | Gus Malzahn |
| 51 | Wenger, Dan | OL | 6-4 | 285 | Fr. | 3-16-88 | Coral Springs, Fla. | St. Thomas Aquinas | George Smith |
| 19 | West, George | WR | 5-8 | 179 | Fr. | 8-27-88 | Spencer, Okla. | Northeast Academy | Ron Kroeger |
| 23 | + Williams, William David | DB | 5-9 | 170 | Jr. | 12-2-85 | Raleigh, N.C. | Millbrook | Clarence Inscore |
| 33 | + Whitaker, Nate | K | 5-9 | 165 | Fr. | 8-29-88 | San Diego, Calif. | St. Augustine | Jerry Ralph |
| 22 | * Wooden, Ambrose | DB | 5-11 | 193 | Sr. | 2-22-84 | Baltimore, Md. | Gilman | Biff Poggi |
| 84 | Yeatman, Will | TE | 6-6 | 250 | Fr. | 4-10-88 | San Diego, Calif. | Rancho Bernardo | Ron Hamamoto |
| 74 | Young, Sam | OL | 6-7 | 292 | Fr. | 6-24-87 | Coral Springs, Fla. | St. Thomas Aquinas | George Smith |
| 9 | ** Zbikowski, Tom | DB | 6-0 | 210 | Sr. | 5-22-85 | Arlington Heights, Ill. | Buffalo Grove | Rich Roberts |

* indicates number of monograms won; + indicates non-scholarship (walk-on) player

| No. | Name | Pos. | No. | Name | Pos. |
|-----|------------------------|------|-----|----------------------|------|
| 57 | Stephenson Jr., Dwight | DE | 80 | Jackson, Richard | WR |
| 59 | Stewart, Chris | OL | 81 | Bragg, Darrin | WR |
| 60 | * Cullen, Casey | DL | 82 | Parris, Robby | WR |
| 61 | *+ Jansen, J.J. | SNP | 83 | *** Samardzija, Jeff | WR |
| 63 | + Tisak, Jeff | OL | 84 | Yeatman, Will | TE |
| 64 | + Chervanick, Dan | OL | 86 | + Talerico, Mike | TE |
| 66 | *** Landri, Derek | DL | 87 | *** Freeman, Marcus | TE |
| 68 | *** Harris, Ryan | OL | 88 | Reuland, Konrad | TE |
| 69 | + Kennedy, Neil | DL | 89 | ** Carlson, John | TE |
| 71 | Webb, Bartley | OL | 90 | Ryan, John | DL |
| 72 | Duncan, Paul | OL | 92 | Hand, Derrell | DL |
| 73 | Carufel, Matt | OL | 93 | Mullen, Paddy | DL |
| 74 | Young, Sam | OL | 94 | * Brown, Justin | DL |
| 75 | * Frome, Chris | DL | 95 | *** Abiamiri, Victor | DL |
| 76 | *** Morton, Bob | OL | 96 | Kuntz, Pat | DL |
| 77 | Turkovich, Michael | OL | 96 | + Renkes, Bobby | K |
| 78 | ** Sullivan, John | C | 97 | Wade, Kallen | DL |
| 79 | * Mattes, Brian | OL | 98 | ** Laws, Trevor | DL |
| | | | 99 | * Talley, Ronald | DL |

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Abiamiri | Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee |
| Anastasio | ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh |
| Asaph Schwapp | A-sopp shwopp |
| Bruton | BREW-ton |
| Derrell | duh-RELL |
| Ferrine | Fuh-REEN |
| Kuntz | Koontz |
| Landri | LAN-dree |
| Leitko | LIGHT-ko |
| Mattes | MATT-is |
| Chinedum Ndukwe | SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way |
| Rhema | RAY-ma |
| Samardzija | suh-MARR-zhuh |
| Turkovich | Turk-uh-vitch |
| Vernaglia | ver-NAG-lee-uh |
| Zbikowski | zib-uh-COW-ski |

2006 PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

IRISH OFFENSE

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|-------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|
| X | 5 | **Rhema McKnight | 6-2 | 212 | Sr. | |
| | 23 | Chase Anastasio | 6-2 | 201 | Sr. | |
| | 1 | D.J. Hord | 6-1 | 192 | So. | |
| | 80 | Richard Jackson | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. | |
| | 82 | Robby Parris | 6-4 | 185 | Fr. | |
| LT | 68 | RYAN HARRIS | 6-5 | 292 | Sr. | |
| | 77 | Michael Turkovich | 6-6 | 292 | So. | |
| | 71 | Bartley Webb | 6-7 | 290 | Fr. | |
| LG | 50 | DAN SANTUCCI | 6-4 | 296 | Sr. | |
| | 59 | Chris Stewart | 6-5 | 367 | Fr. | |
| | 55 | Eric Olsen | 6-4 | 290 | Fr. | |
| C | 78 | JOHN SULLIVAN | 6-4 | 280 | Sr. | |
| | 51 | Dan Wenger | 6-4 | 285 | Fr. | |
| | 64 | Dan Chervanick | 6-1 | 255 | Sr. | |
| RG | 76 | Bob Morton | 6-4 | 298 | Sr. | |
| | 79 | Brian Mattes | 6-6 | 287 | Sr. | |
| | 73 | Matt Carufel | 6-5 | 288 | Fr. | |
| RT | 72 | Paul Duncan | 6-7 | 290 | So. | |
| | 74 | Sam Young | 6-7 | 292 | Fr. | |
| | 63 | Jeff Tisak | 6-3 | 289 | So. | |
| TE | 89 | John Carlson | 6-6 | 250 | Sr. | |
| | 87 | Marcus Freeman | 6-3 | 245 | Sr. | |
| | 88 | Konrad Reuland | 6-6 | 239 | Fr. | |
| | or | 84 | Will Yeatman | 6-6 | 250 | Fr. |
| | 86 | Mike Talerico | 6-5 | 241 | Jr. | |
| Z | 83 | JEFF SAMARDZIJA | 6-5 | 218 | Sr. | |
| | 11 | David Grimes | 6-0 | 168 | So. | |
| | 19 | George West | 5-8 | 179 | Fr. | |
| | 21 | Barry Gallup | 5-11 | 175 | Fr. | |
| | 81 | Darrin Bragg | 6-1 | 192 | Jr. | |
| QB | 10 | BRADY QUINN | 6-4 | 227 | Sr. | |
| | 13 | Evan Sharpley | 6-2 | 204 | So. | |
| | or | 12 | Zach Frazer | 6-4 | 215 | Fr. |
| | or | 4 | Demetrius Jones | 6-4 | 202 | Fr. |
| FB | 44 | ASAPH SCHWAPP | 6-0 | 250 | So. | |
| | 35 | Ashley McConnell | 6-0 | 256 | Sr. | |
| | 32 | Luke Schmidt | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | |
| HB | 3 | DARIUS WALKER | 5-10 | 207 | Jr. | |
| | 34 | James Aldridge | 6-0 | 209 | Fr. | |
| | or | 25 | Munir Prince | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. |
| | or | 32 | Luke Schmidt | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. |

IRISH SPECIALISTS

| | | | | | | |
|-----|----|-----------------|----------------|------|-----|-----|
| K | 45 | Carl Gioia | 5-11 | 170 | Sr. | |
| | or | 39 | Ryan Burkhardt | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. |
| | 96 | Bobby Renkes | 6-0 | 200 | Sr. | |
| P | 17 | Geoff Price | 6-3 | 197 | Sr. | |
| | 43 | Eric Maust | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | |
| KO | 45 | Carl Gioia | 5-11 | 170 | Sr. | |
| | or | 39 | Ryan Burkhardt | 5-11 | 185 | Fr. |
| HLD | 83 | JEFF SAMARDZIJA | 6-5 | 218 | Sr. | |
| | 13 | Evan Sharpley | 6-2 | 204 | So. | |

IRISH DEFENSE

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|------------------------|------|-----|-----|
| LE | 95 | VICTOR ABIAMIRI | 6-4 | 270 | Sr. |
| | 57 | Dwight Stephenson, Jr. | 6-2 | 248 | Sr. |
| | 60 | Casey Cullen | 6-1 | 234 | Sr. |
| | 90 | John Ryan | 6-5 | 240 | Fr. |
| LT | 98 | TREVOR LAWS | 6-1 | 283 | Sr. |
| | 92 | Derrell Hand | 6-3 | 285 | So. |
| | 69 | Neil Kennedy | 5-11 | 256 | Jr. |
| RT | 66 | DEREK LANDRI | 6-3 | 277 | Sr. |
| | 96 | Pat Kuntz | 6-2 | 270 | So. |
| | 93 | Paddy Mullen | 6-5 | 265 | Fr. |
| RE | 99 | RONALD TALLEY | 6-4 | 262 | Jr. |
| | 75 | Chris Frome | 6-5 | 262 | Sr. |
| | 94 | Justin Brown | 6-3 | 254 | Jr. |
| | 97 | Kallen Wade | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. |
| WLB | 26 | Travis Thomas | 6-0 | 209 | Sr. |
| | 52 | Joe Brockington | 6-1 | 220 | Sr. |
| | 48 | Steve Quinn | 6-2 | 214 | So. |
| MLB | 40 | MAURICE CRUM, JR. | 6-0 | 220 | Jr. |
| | 49 | Toryan Smith | 6-0 | 230 | Fr. |
| | 56 | Nick Borseti | 6-4 | 235 | Sr. |
| | 41 | Scott Smith | 6-3 | 242 | So. |
| SLB | 47 | Mitchell Thomas | 6-3 | 232 | Sr. |
| | 54 | Anthony Vernaglia | 6-3 | 230 | Jr. |
| | 42 | Kevin Washington | 6-1 | 239 | So. |
| | 53 | Morrice Richardson | 6-2 | 228 | Fr. |
| CB | 22 | AMBROSE WOODEN | 5-11 | 193 | Sr. |
| | 15 | Leo Ferrine | 6-0 | 189 | Jr. |
| | 2 | Darrin Walls | 6-1 | 175 | Fr. |
| S | 18 | CHINEDUM NDUKWE | 6-2 | 218 | Sr. |
| | 27 | David Bruton | 6-2 | 192 | So. |
| | 28 | Kyle McCarthy | 6-0 | 184 | So. |
| | 29 | Jashaad Gaines | 6-0 | 195 | Fr. |
| S | 9 | TOM ZBIKOWSKI | 6-0 | 210 | Sr. |
| | 6 | Ray Herring | 6-0 | 189 | So. |
| | 31 | Sergio Brown | 6-1 | 184 | Fr. |
| | 24 | Leonard Gordon | 5-11 | 195 | Fr. |
| CB | 30 | MIKE RICHARDSON | 5-11 | 188 | Sr. |
| | 20 | Terrail Lambert | 5-11 | 188 | Jr. |
| | 8 | Raeshon McNeil | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. |

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|-----|----|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| SNP | 61 | J.J. JANSEN | 6-3 | 242 | Jr. |
| | 72 | Paul Duncan | 6-7 | 290 | So. |
| PR | 9 | TOM ZBIKOWSKI | 6-0 | 210 | Sr. |
| | 19 | George West | 5-8 | 179 | Fr. |
| KR | 11 | DAVID GRIMES | 6-0 | 168 | So. |
| | 19 | George West | 5-8 | 179 | Fr. |

ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2005 (min. six regular-season starts)
 ** indicates was a starter in 2004

HOW THE 2006 IRISH WERE BUILT

(*indicates monograms won; scholarship players only)

OFFENSE (38)

Freshmen (17)

RB James Aldridge
 OL Matt Carufel
 QB Zach Frazer
 WR Barry Gallup
 WR Richard Jackson
 QB Demetrius Jones
 OL Eric Olsen
 WR Robby Parris
 RB Munir Prince
 TE Konrad Reuland
 RB Luke Schmidt
 OL Chris Stewart
 OL Bartley Webb
 OL Dan Wenger
 WR George West
 TE Will Yeatman
 OL Sam Young

Sophomores (6)

OL Paul Duncan
 *WR David Grimes
 WR D.J. Hord
 *FB **ASAPH SCHWAPP**
 QB Evan Sharpley
 OL Michael Turkovich

Juniors (3)

WR Darrin Bragg
 RB **DARIUS WALKER

Seniors (7)

**WR Chase Anastasio
 **TE John Carlson
 ***OT **RYAN HARRIS**
 FB Ashley McConnell
 ***QB **BRADY QUINN**
 ***WR **JEFF SAMARDZIJA**
 C **JOHN SULLIVAN

5th Year Seniors (5)

***TE Marcus Freeman
 ****WR Rhema McKnight
 *OL Brian Mattes
 ***OL Bob Morton
 ***OG **DAN SANTUCCI**

DEFENSE (37)

Freshmen (10)

DB Sergio Brown
 DB Jashaad Gaines
 DB Leonard Gordon
 DB Raeshon McNeil
 DL Paddy Mullen
 LB Morrice Richardson
 DL John Ryan
 LB Toryan Smith
 DL Kellen Wade
 DB Darrin Walls

Sophomores (8)

*DB David Bruton
 DL Derrell Hand
 *DB Ray Herring
 DL Pat Kuntz
 DB Kyle McCarthy
 *LB Steve Quinn
 LB Scott Smith
 LB Kevin Washington

Juniors (6)

*DE Justin Brown
 *LB **MAURICE CRUM JR.**
 *DB Leo Ferrine
 *DB Terrail Lambert
 *DE Ronald Talley
 DB Anthony Vernaglia

Seniors (10)

***DE **VICTOR ABIAMIRI**
 *LB Nick Borseti
 **LB Joe Brockington
 *DT Casey Cullen
 DT **TREVOR LAWS
 ***S **CHINEDUM NDUKWE**
 DE Dwight Stephenson Jr.
 *LB Mitchell Thomas
 **LB Travis Thomas
 *CB **AMBROSE WOODEN**
 S **TOM ZBIKOWSKI

5th Year Seniors (3)

*DE **CHRIS FROME**
 ***DT **DEREK LANDRI**
 ***CB **MIKE RICHARDSON**

SPECIALISTS (3)

Freshmen (1)

K Ryan Burkhart

Sophomores (0)

Juniors (1)

*SNP **J.J. JANSEN**

Seniors (1)

P Geoff Price

5th Year Seniors (0)

BOLD CAPS indicates returning starters

THE '06 IRISH BY CLASS

| Class | Offense | Defense | Specialists | Total |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Freshman | 17 | 10 | 1 | 28 |
| Sophomore | 6 (2 lettermen) | 8 (3 lettermen) | 0 (0 lettermen) | 14 (5 lettermen) |
| Junior | 3 (1 lettermen) | 6 (5 lettermen) | 1 (1 letterman) | 10 (7 lettermen) |
| Senior | 7 (6 lettermen) | 10 (9 lettermen) | 1 (0 lettermen) | 18 (16 lettermen) |
| 5th Year Senior | 5 (5 lettermen) | 3 (3 lettermen) | 0 (0 lettermen) | 8 (8 lettermen) |
| Total | 38 (14 lettermen) | 37 (21 lettermen) | 3 (1 letterman) | 78 (36 lettermen) |

2006 IRISH LETTERMEN BREAKDOWN

Offense

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|------|
| Lost (12 lost, 15 returning) | | |
| **** MAURICE STOVALL | WR | **** |
| **** Matt Shelton | | *** |
| * Rob Woods | | ** |
| * <i>Michael O'Hara</i> | | * |
| *** ANTHONY FASANO | TE | *** |
| **** MARK LeVOIR | T | *** |
| **** DAN STEVENSON | G | *** |
| * James Bent | | *** |
| * <i>David Fitzgerald</i> | | ** |
| * Marty Mooney | QB | *** |
| **** Rashon Powers-Neal | FB | ** |
| * Jeff Jenkins (5) | RB | ** |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-----|
| Returning | | |
| **** Rhema McKnight | | *** |
| JEFF SAMARDZIJA | | ** |
| Chase Anastasio | | * |
| David Grimes | | *** |
| Marcus Freeman | | ** |
| John Carlson | | *** |
| RYAN HARRIS | | * |
| Brian Mattes | | *** |
| Bob Morton | | *** |
| DAN SANTUCCI | | ** |
| JOHN SULLIVAN | | *** |
| BRADY QUINN | | * |
| ASAPH SCHWAPP | | ** |
| DARIUS WALKER | | ** |
| Travis Thomas* | | |
| *played at runningback in 2005 | | |

Defense

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Lost (9 lost, 20 returning) | | |
| ** <i>Nate Schiccatano</i> | DE | ** |
| ** Brian Beidatsch | DT | *** |
| **** BRANDON HOYTE | WLB | ** |
| ** Anthony Salvador | | ** |
| **** COREY MAYS | MLB | * |
| | SLB | * |
| * Brandon Harris | CB | ** |
| * <i>Matt Mitchell</i> | | * |
| * <i>Jake Carney</i> | SS | ** |
| * <i>Rich Whitney III</i> | FS | *** |

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|---------------------------|--|-----|
| Returning | | |
| ** VICTOR ABIAMIRI | | * |
| * CHRIS FROME | | * |
| * Justin Brown | | * |
| * Ronald Talley | | *** |
| DEREK LANDRI | | ** |
| TREVOR LAWS | | * |
| * Casey Cullen | | ** |
| * Joe Brockington | | * |
| * Mitchell Thomas | | * |
| * Nick Borseti | | * |
| * MAURICE CRUM JR. | | * |
| * Steve Quinn | | ** |
| * Travis Thomas | | *** |
| MIKE RICHARDSON | | * |
| AMBROSE WOODEN | | * |
| * Leo Ferrine | | * |
| * Terrail Lambert | | * |
| * Ray Herring | | ** |
| TOM ZBIKOWSKI | | *** |
| CHINEDUM NDUKWE | | * |
| * David Bruton | | |

Specialists

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Lost (2 lost, 1 returning) | | |
| *** D.J. FITZPATRICK | K/P | *** |
| ** Scott Raridon | SNP | ** |

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|----------------------|--|---|
| Returning | | |
| * J.J. JANSEN | | * |

2005 STARTERS IN ALL CAPS • RETURNING STARTERS IN **BOLD** CAPS • walk-ons in *italics* • positions based on 2005 depth chart

Irish by State

| Player | Hometown | High School | Player | Hometown | High School | Player | Hometown | High School |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Alabama (1) Mitchell Thomas | Opelika | Smiths Station | Indiana (8) James Aldridge Ryan Burkhart Carl Gioia <i>Wade Iams</i> Pat Kuntz <i>Jake Richardville</i> Jeff Samardzija Luke Schmidt | Crown Point Wakarusa Valparaiso Mishawaka Indianapolis Fort Wayne Valparaiso Jasper | Merrillville Northwood Valparaiso Penn Roncalli Bishop Dwenger Valparaiso Jasper | North Carolina (2) Raeshon McNeil <i>William David Williams</i> | Coolesmeemee Raleigh | Davie County Millbrook |
| Arizona (2) <i>J.J. Jansen</i> <i>Neil Kennedy</i> | Phoenix Phoenix | Brophy Prep Brophy Prep | Maryland (4) Victor Abiamiri <i>Matt Augustyn</i> Justin Brown Ambrose Wooden | Randallstown Chevy Chase Clinton Baltimore | Gilman School Our Lady of Good Counsel Bishop McNamara Gilman School | Ohio (8) David Bruton Kyle McCarthy Chinedum Ndukwe Robby Parris <i>Michael Planalp</i> Brady Quinn John Ryan Kallen Wade | Miamisburg Youngstown Powell Olmsted Falls Cincinnati Dublin Westlake Cincinnati | Miamisburg Cardinal Mooney Dublin Coffman St. Ignatius Wyoming Coffman St. Ignatius Withrow |
| Arkansas (1) Bartley Webb | Springdale | Springdale | Massachusetts (2) Nick Borseti Barry Gallup Jr. | Saugus Wellesley | St. John's Prep Belmont Hill | Oklahoma (1) George West | Spencer | Northeast Academy |
| California (12) Darrin Bragg <i>Kevin Brooks</i> <i>Kyle Charters</i> Chris Frome <i>Justin Gillett</i> Terrail Lambert Derek Landri Rhema McKnight Konrad Reuland Anthony Vernaglia <i>Nate Whitaker</i> Will Yeatman | San Jose Thousand Oaks Rancho Santa Margarita Saugus Santa Barbara Oxnard Concord Inglewood San Capistrano Anaheim Hills San Diego San Diego | Bellarmino Prep Crespi Carmelite Trabuco Hills Newhall Hart San Marcos St. Bonaventure De La Salle La Palma Kennedy Mission Viejo Orange Lutheran St. Augustine Rancho Bernardo | Michigan (3) David Grimes Evan Sharpley Ronald Talley | Detroit Marshall Detroit | DePorres Marshall Renaissance | Pennsylvania (9) Joe Brockington <i>Dan Chervanick</i> Zach Frazer Derrell Hand Brian Mattes Travis Thomas Jeff Tisak Michael Turkovich | Palmyra Leesport Mechanicsburg Philadelphia Larksville Washington Ambridge Bedford | Palmyra Holy Name Mechanicsburg West Catholic Wyoming Valley West Washington Duluth (Minn.) East Valley Forge Military Academy Woodland Hills |
| Colorado (1) <i>Dex Cure</i> | Wray | Wray | Minnesota (5) John Carlson Matt Carufel Marcus Freeman Ryan Harris Trevor Laws | Litchfield Forest Lake St. Paul St. Paul Burnsville | Litchfield Cretin-Derham Hall Cretin-Derham Hall Cretin-Derham Hall Apple Valley | South Dakota (1) <i>John Lyons</i> | Sioux Falls | O'Gorman |
| Connecticut (2) Asaph Schwapp John Sullivan | Hartford Old Greenwich | Weaver Greenwich | Missouri (4) D.J. Hord Paddy Mullen Munir Prince <i>Mike Talerico</i> | Lee's Summit St. Louis Florissant St. Louis | Kansas City Rockhurst DeSmet Jesuit St. Louis DeSmet Jesuit University | Tennessee (1) Leonard Gordon | Clarksville | Fort Campbell (Ky.) |
| Florida (6) Maurice Crum, Jr. Ray Herring Richard Jackson Dwight Stephenson, Jr. Dan Wenger Sam Young | Riverview Melbourne Clermont Del Ray Beach Coral Springs Coral Springs | Tampa Bay Tech Holy Trinity East Ridge Pope John Paul II St. Thomas Aquinas St. Thomas Aquinas | Nebraska (1) <i>Dan Gorski</i> | Omaha | Creighton Prep | Texas (7) <i>David Costanzo</i> Casey Cullen Bob Morton Geoff Price <i>Bobby Renkes</i> Chris Stewart Kevin Washington | El Paso Victoria McKinney Hurst Dallas Spring Sugar Land | Chapin St. Joseph McKinney Colleyville Heritage Lake Highlands Klein Austin |
| Georgia (7) Paul Duncan <i>Eric Maust</i> Ashley McConnell Mike Richardson Morrice Richardson Toryan Smith Darius Walker | Dallas Roswell Adairsville Warner Robins College Park Rome Lawrenceville | East Paulding Blessed Trinity Adairsville Warner Robins Westlake Rome Buford | New Jersey (4) <i>Brandon Erickson</i> Leo Ferrine Junior Jabbie Steve Quinn | Marlboro Springfield Parlin Cherry Hill | Marlboro Prep St. Peter's Prep The Hun School Philadelphia (Pa.) St. Joseph's | Virginia (1) Chase Anastasio | Burke | Robinson |
| Illinois (8) <i>Mike Anello</i> Sergio Brown Demetrius Jones <i>Tim Kenney</i> <i>Nick Possley</i> Dan Santucci Scott Smith Tom Zbikowski | Carl Sandberg Maywood Chicago Belvidere Wheaton Chicago Highland Park Arlington Heights | Orland Park Proviso East Morgan Park Belvidere Warrenville South St. Patrick's Highland Park Buffalo Grove | New York (2) <i>Craig Cardillo</i> Eric Olsen | Hauppauge Staten Island | Hauppauge Brooklyn Poly Prep | Washington (1) <i>Kris Patterson</i> | Seattle | O'Dea |

(non-scholarship players in *italics*)

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL FACTS

Coaching Staff



Head Coach:

Charlie Weis (Notre Dame '78)

Record at Notre Dame:

9-3 (.750, one season)

Career Record:

9-3 (.750, one season)

Assistant Coaches: John Latina (Virginia Tech '79), offensive line/assistant head coach (offense); Bill Lewis (East Stroudsburg State '63), assistant head coach (defense)/defensive backs; Rick Minter (Henderson State '77), defensive coordinator/linebackers; Mike Haywood (Notre Dame '86), offensive coordinator/running backs; Rob Ianello (Catholic University of America '87), receivers/recruiting coordinator; Jappy Oliver (Purdue '78), defensive line; Bernie Parmalee (Ball State '91), tight ends/special teams; Brian Polian (John Carroll '97), special teams coordinator/assistant linebackers; Peter Vaas (Holy Cross '74), quarterbacks

Director of Football Operations: Chad Klunder (Wartburg '95)

Director of Football Personnel Development: Ron Powlus (Notre Dame '97)

Coordinator of Football Personnel Development: David Peloquin (Notre Dame '03)

Graduate Assistant Coaches: Jeff Burrow (Cincinnati '99), defense (defensive backs); Shane Waldron (Tufts '02), offense (offensive line)

Coordinator of Quality Control: Tim McDonnell (Holy Cross '05)

Intern: Jesse Minter (College of St. Joseph's '05)

2006 Outlook

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 4-3

2005 Record: Won 9, Lost 3 (Home 4-2, Away 5-0, Neutral 0-1)

Lettermen Lost: 23 overall: 12 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists

Lettermen Returning: 36 overall: 15 offense, 20 defense, 1 specialist

Starters Lost: 7; OFFENSE (4): TE Anthony Fasano, RT Mark LeVoi, RG Dan Stevenson, WR Maurice Stovall. **DEFENSE (2):** LB Brandon Hoyte, LB Corey Mays. **SPECIALISTS (1):** K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick

Starters Returning: 17; OFFENSE (7): QB Brady Quinn, WR Jeff Samardzija, LT Ryan Harris, LG Dan Santucci, C John Sullivan, RB Darius Walker, FB Asaph Schwapp. **DEFENSE (9):** DE Victor Abiamiri, DT Derek Landri, DT Trevor Laws, DE Ronald Talley, LB Maurice Crum, Jr., CB Mike Richardson, CB Ambrose Wooden, S Chinedum Ndukwe, S Tom Zbikowski. **SPECIALISTS (1):** SNP J.J. Jansen

Top Losses

- **TE Anthony Fasano** (47 catches for 576 yards in '05... two-year starter ... played in 34 games in career ... second-most catches in career for an Irish tight end with 92 for 1,112 yards ... 2005 Mackey Award finalist ... shared 2005 Nick Pietrosante Award)
- **LB Brandon Hoyte** (team captain in '05 ... three-year starter ... led team in tackles in '05 (92) ... started 27 games, playing in 49 games in career ... winner of the 2005 Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award)
- **RT Mark LeVoi** (three-year starter ... played in 44 games in career, started 36 ... played 360:45 in '05 – most on team – and 1,047:37 in his career)

- **LB Corey Mays** (played in 46 games in career ... made 125 tackles in career... shared 2005 Nick Pietrosante Award)
- **WR Matt Shelton** (played in 46 games in career ... 11th in Notre Dame history with seven career TD catches ... set Irish record for yards per catch at 25.8 in '04 ... career totals: 52 catches for 942 yards and seven TDs)
- **RG Dan Stevenson** (three-year starter ... played in 45 games in career, started 35 ... played 331:20 in '05 and 969:01 in his career ... won the 2005 Guardian Life Insurance Guardian of the Year Award)
- **WR Maurice Stovall** (three-year starter ... played in 46 games in career, started 23 ... 69 catches for 1,149 yards and 11 TDs in '05 ... third-most catches in a season in Irish history in '05 with 69 ... his 1,149 yards receiving in '05 rank second in Irish history ... his 11 TD catches in '05 rank second in Irish history ... ranks fourth in Notre Dame history for career catches with 130 and receiving yards with 2,195 ... ranks third in Irish history for career TD catches with 18 ... shared 2005 Nick Pietrosante Award)

Top Returnees

- **QB Brady Quinn** (three-year starter ... has started 33 games in career ... fourth in '05 Heisman Trophy voting ... third-team All-America by Associated Press in '05 ... 292 of 450 for 3,919 yards and 32 TDs with seven interceptions in '05 ... broke every single-season Irish passing record in '05 ... holds 30 season or career Notre Dame records ... has started Notre Dame's last 33 games at quarterback ... shared '05 Irish MVP award with WR Jeff Samardzija)
- **WR Jeff Samardzija** ('05 consensus first-team All-American ... Biletnikoff Award finalist ... tied Irish single-season record with 77 catches in '05 ... set Notre Dame record with 1,249 yards and 15 TDs in '05 ... ranks ninth in Irish history for career receptions with 101 and receiving yards with 1,576 ... tied for fifth in school history in TD catches with 15 ... shared '05 Irish MVP award with quarterback Brady Quinn)
- **RB Darius Walker** (rushed for 1,196 yards and nine TDs in '05 ... has rushed for 1,982 yards and 16 TDs in his career ... has played in 23 games, starting 14)
- **WR Rhema McKnight** (has played in 38 games in career, 20 starts ... led Notre Dame in catches in '03 and '04 ... has 103 career catches, 10th in Irish history ... has 1,370 receiving yards, 11th in Notre Dame history)
- **LT Ryan Harris** (three-year monogram winner ... has started 32 games in career ... played 358:10 in '05)
- **DE Victor Abiamiri** (started 12 games in '05 ... has played in 36 games in career ... three-year monogram winner ... 48 tackles, eight sacks, 15 tackles for losses in '05 ... ranks 11th in Irish history for career sacks with 11 ... winner of the 2005 Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame)
- **DT Derek Landri** (34 games played in career ... 25 games started ... 43 tackles, eight tackles for losses, three sacks in '05)
- **DT Trevor Laws** (24 games played in career ... 12 games started, all in '05 ... 33 tackles, three tackles for losses and 1.5 sacks in '05 ... blocked two field goals in '05 ... shared with offensive lineman Dan Santucci the 2005 Westwood One/State Farm Student Athlete of the Year Award)
- **SS Tom Zbikowski** (third-team All-American by the Associated Press in '05 ... fourth on Irish in '05 with 71 tackles – 42 solos, five interceptions, one forced fumble ... scored four TDs in '05 - two via interception, two via punt ... shared the 2005 Nick Pietrosante Award)

2006-07 SCHEDULES/2005 RESULTS

2006 Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Series | Time | Site |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--|
| Sept. 2 | Georgia Tech | 26-5-1 | 8:00 p.m. EDT (ABC) | Bobby Dodd Stadium at Grant Field, Atlanta, GA |
| Sept. 9 | PENN STATE | 8-8-1 | 3:30 p.m. EDT (NBC) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Sept. 16 | MICHIGAN | 14-18-1 | 3:30 p.m. EDT (NBC) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Sept. 23 | Michigan State | 43-25-1 | 8:00 p.m. EDT (ABC) | Spartan Stadium, East Lansing, MI |
| Sept. 30 | PURDUE | 50-25-2 | 2:30 p.m. EDT (NBC) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Oct. 7 | STANFORD | 14-6-0 | 2:30 p.m. EDT (NBC) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Oct. 21 | UCLA | 2-0-0 | 2:30 p.m. EDT (NBC) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Oct. 28 | Navy | 69-9-1 | Noon EDT (CBS) | M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, MD |
| Nov. 4 | NORTH CAROLINA | 15-1-0 | 2:30 p.m. EST (NBC) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 11 | Air Force | 21-5-0 | 2:00 p.m. MST (CSTV) | Falcon Stadium, Colorado Springs, CO |
| Nov. 18 | ARMY | 36-8-4 | 2:30 p.m. EST (NBC) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 25 | USC | 42-30-5 | 5:00 p.m. PST (ABC) | Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, CA |

2007 Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Site |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sept. 1 | GEORGIA TECH | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Sept. 8 | Penn State | Beaver Stadium, State College, PA |
| Sept. 15 | Michigan | Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI |
| Sept. 22 | MICHIGAN STATE | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Sept. 29 | Purdue | Ross-Ade Stadium, West Lafayette, IN |
| Oct. 6 | UCLA | Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA |
| Oct. 13 | BOSTON COLLEGE | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Oct. 20 | USC | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 3 | NAVY | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 10 | AIR FORCE | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 17 | DUKE | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 24 | Stanford | Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto, CA |

2005 Results 9-3 Overall, 4-2 Home, 5-0 Away, 0-1 Neutral

| Date | Opponent | Result | Attendance | Site |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sept. 3 | Pittsburgh | W, 42-21 | 66,451 (c) | Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, PA |
| Sept. 10 | Michigan | W, 17-10 | 111,386 (c) | Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI |
| Sept. 17 | MICHIGAN STATE | L, 41-44 (ot) | 80,795 (c) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Sept. 24 | Washington | W, 36-17 | 71,473 | Husky Stadium, Seattle, WA |
| Oct. 1 | Purdue | W, 49-28 | 65,491 (c) | Ross-Ade Stadium, West Lafayette, IN |
| Oct. 15 | USC | L, 31-34 | 80,795 (c) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Oct. 22 | BYU | W, 49-23 | 80,795 (c) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 5 | TENNESSEE | W, 41-21 | 80,795 (c) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 12 | NAVY | W, 42-21 | 80,795 (c) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 19 | SYRACUSE | W, 34-10 | 80,795 (c) | NOTRE DAME STADIUM |
| Nov. 26 | Stanford | W, 38-31 | 56,057 | Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto, CA |
| Jan. 2 | *Ohio State | L, 20-34 | 76,196 (c) | Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, AZ |

*Tostitos Fiesta Bowl