



# NOTRE DAME

## 2007 OUTLOOK

# Weis, Fighting Irish Set to Build On Notre Dame Football Tradition

*Nine fifth-year seniors set to lead young but talented team*

Under the guidance of head coach Charlie Weis, the University of Notre Dame football team has won 19 games the last two seasons and appeared in Bowl Championship Series games both years. The 19 victories dwarf the 11 wins in the two seasons preceding Weis' arrival and are the most in consecutive seasons at Notre Dame since 1992-93. The Irish also appeared in BCS games in consecutive seasons for the first time since the format was introduced in 1998. The 2006 Fiesta Bowl and 2007 Sugar Bowl were the two highest-profile bowl games for Notre Dame in back-to-back years since the 1995 Fiesta Bowl and 1996 Orange Bowl.

The challenge ahead for Notre Dame is maintaining the tradition forged the last two years. Externally, much attention has been brought to the fact that the Irish lost 15 starters and 28 lettermen from the 2006 squad that included All-Americans, national award winners and school record holders. However, Weis has implored a simple mantra with the 2007 Irish, "Tradition never graduates."

Notre Dame returns 10 starters (including punter and long snapper) and 30 lettermen to a team that has arguably more mystery and intrigue to it than any other collegiate team in the nation. Eight starters have to be replaced on offense including quarterback, running back, both wide receivers and three members of the offensive line. Defensively, Corwin Brown was hired as defensive coordinator

after previously serving as defensive backs coach of the New York Jets and has been given the task of making Notre Dame's defense as successful as Weis has made the offense. On special teams, the Irish return an All-America caliber punter and very consistent long snapper but have a vacancy at kicker.

Notre Dame enters the 2007 campaign with a very unique roster that includes more fifth-year seniors than fourth-year seniors and 27 sophomores who will be called upon to contribute. Of the nine fifth-year seniors, eight have been major contributors thus far in their collegiate careers and combined to start 150 games entering 2007. A top-10 recruiting class from 2006 has a season under its belt and is loaded with talented players who will push for starting jobs throughout the season.

One of the top questions in college football this year is who will replace Brady Quinn as quarterback at Notre Dame. After starting 46 consecutive games and setting 36 school records, the most prolific passer in Irish history graduated, leaving a



*Charlie Weis has won more games through his first two seasons at Notre Dame than any previous Irish head coach in his first two years. The 19 victories under Weis are the most by a Notre Dame team in consecutive seasons since 1992-93.*

#### QUARTERBACK

Jimmy Clausen, 6-3, 207, Fr.  
+Justin Gillett, 5-11, 180, Sr.  
Demetrius Jones, 6-4, 210, So.  
Evan Sharpley, 6-2, 212, Jr.

#### HALFBACK

James Aldridge, 6-0, 213, So.  
Armando Allen, Jr., 5-10, 190, Fr.  
Robert Hughes, 5-11, 230, Fr.  
Junior Jabbie, 5-11, 201, Sr.  
+Nikolas Rodriguez, 5-11, Jr.  
\*\*\*Travis Thomas, 6-0, 218, Sr.

#### FULLBACK

+Dex Cure, 6-0, 220, So.  
+Mike Narvaez, 5-11, 231, So.  
Luke Schmidt, 6-4, 252, So.  
\*Asaph Schwapp, 6-0, 255, Jr.

#### WIDE RECEIVER

+Brandon Erickson, 6-0, 185, Sr.  
Barry Gallup, Jr., 5-11, 181, So.  
\*\*David Grimes, 5-10, 174, Jr.  
D.J. Hord, 6-1, 192, Jr.  
\*Richard Jackson, 6-3, 204, So.  
Duval Kamara, 6-4, 205, Fr.  
Robby Parris, 6-3, 201, So.  
+Kris Patterson, 5-11, 185, Sr.  
+Nick Possley, 6-0, 208, Sr.  
+Jake Richardville, 6-1, 180, Jr.  
Golden Tate, 6-0, 190, Fr.  
+Sam Vos, 5-10, 199, So.  
\*George West, Jr., 5-8, 188, So.

#### TIGHT END

+Kevin Brooks, 6-2, 241, So.  
\*\*\*JOHN CARLSON, 6-6, 259, Sr.  
+Michael Planalp, 6-4, 248, Sr.  
Mike Ragone, 6-5, 230, Fr.  
Konrad Reuland, 6-6, 255, So.  
+Mike Talerico, 6-5, 250, Sr.  
\*Will Yeatman, 6-6, 263, So.

#### OFFENSIVE TACKLE

Taylor Dever, 6-5, 275, Fr.  
\*Paul Duncan, 6-7, 292, Jr.  
Matt Romine, 6-5, 275, Fr.  
+Jeff Tisak, 6-5, 300, Jr.  
Michael Turkovich, 6-6, 299, Jr.  
Bartley Webb, 6-7, 291, So.  
\*SAM YOUNG, 6-8, 315, So.

#### OFFENSIVE GUARD

Matt Carufel, 6-5, 295, So.  
Eric Olsen, 6-4, 300, So.  
Chris Stewart, 6-4, 340, So.  
Mike Turkovich, 6-6, 299, Jr.  
Dan Wenger, 6-4, 282, So.

#### OFFENSIVE CENTER

Thomas Bemenderfer, 6-5, 285, Jr.  
\*\*\*JOHN SULLIVAN, 6-4, 290, Sr.  
Dan Wenger, 6-4, 282, So.

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ALL CAPS - Returning Starter

major void that three players will compete in the pre-season to fill. Notre Dame's high-octane offense from the last two years will also be without wide receivers Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight while running back Darius Walker opted to leave school a year early for the National Football League. Ryan Harris and his left tackle position that he manned for 45 straight contests has to be filled as do both guard positions as Dan Santucci and Bob Morton both graduated following fine careers.

The Irish counter these losses with talented but comparatively inexperienced student-athletes looking to etch their name in Notre Dame football lore. John Carlson returns for a fifth season after one of the best statistical seasons by a tight end in school history in 2006. Carlson recorded the second-most receiving yards in a single season by a tight end in school history while tying for the second-most receptions in a season by a tight end at Notre Dame last year. The 2006 Mackey Award finalist is one of the top returning players at his position in the nation and has earned numerous preseason All-America accolades. Fifth-year senior John Sullivan will anchor a young, but talented offensive line that will also help break in a new quarterback. The 2006 and 2007 Rimington Award watch list member has started 21 consecutive games at center and will serve as one of the leaders of the offense this year.

Brown was hired during the offseason to instill a new philosophy and scheme for the Notre Dame defense. A disciple of Bill Belichick, Brown brings a similar no-nonsense personality to that of Weis, along with a defensive plan that has enthused Notre Dame players. Brown has played in and coached both the 4-3 and 3-4 as base defenses and the variety of looks the Irish can implore in 2007 should be both exciting and interesting to watch.



Ambrose Wooden has started 15 games over the last two seasons and enters the 2007 campaign with 100 career tackles and two interceptions.



Named to the watch lists for the Outland Trophy and Rimington Award, John Sullivan returns for his fifth year in 2007. The All-America candidate has started 21 consecutive games at center and will anchor the Irish offensive line.

Five starters return on defense from 2006, highlighted by fifth-year seniors Tom Zbikowski and Trevor Laws as well as senior Maurice Crum. Zbikowski will be the leader in the secondary and will be joined by senior Terrail Lambert who started 10 games last year and recorded three interceptions. Ambrose Wooden also returns for his fifth season and has started 15 games for Notre Dame since 2005. Laws is the lone returning starter on the defensive line and also has to deal with a position change. Crum paced the Irish in tackles last year and holds down an interior linebacker position with Joe Brockington who started nine games in 2006.

Special teams is highlighted by the return of Price who set the Notre Dame single-season record for best punting average in 2006 at 45.4 yards per punt. Price also qualified to become the career leader in the same category at Notre Dame and is one of the top returning punters in the nation. J.J. Jansen has been a model of consistency as a long snapper and is back for his senior year. Jansen took over the duties midway through the 2005 campaign and has not looked back as he helped the Irish rank 11th in the country last year in net punt average. The biggest question mark on special teams this fall surrounds the kicking game, as Ryan Burkhart, Nate Whitaker and Brandon Walker will battle for the job. None has ever attempted a field goal in college although Burkhart served as the kickoff specialist for much of last season. The return game appears to be in good hands heading into the season as Zbikowski's return answers any questions about punt returns and David Grimes and George West both performed well as kick returners in '06.

The Irish face many familiar foes in 2007 as 10 of the 12 schools on the regular season schedule were also on

the 2006 slate. Notre Dame was 8-2 in those games last year with the only losses coming to Michigan and USC. Eight opponents participated in bowl games last year (Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, Purdue, UCLA, Boston College, USC and Navy) and three of those teams won their bowl game (Penn State, Boston College and USC). Of the first nine games in 2007, all but Michigan State appeared in a post-season bowl game. The Irish play seven home games and travel for five games but only two of the first six games are at Notre Dame Stadium. Starting Oct. 13, Notre Dame will enjoy a rare five-game home stand before closing the regular season at Stanford on Nov. 24.

As the Irish take part in training camp they are constantly reminded that expectations will never be diminished and that perfection is the ultimate goal. While high-profile players may have graduated, an opportunity for the next wave of Notre Dame stars has been presented for those who want to carry on the tradition started before them.

Here is a position-by-position breakdown of the 2007 Irish entering training camp:

**QUARTERBACK:** Talented but inexperienced is the best way to describe the three-way derby set up to determine who replaces Brady Quinn as the next Notre Dame quarterback. After starting the last 46 games, Quinn is off to the National Football League and the Irish will have a new signalcaller under center when they open the season against Georgia Tech. Following the completion of spring drills, head coach Charlie Weis narrowed the field to three contestants: junior Evan Sharpley, sophomore Demetrius Jones and freshman Jimmy Clausen. "Each of these three young men brought something unique to the QB competition. Evan ran the operation the best, Jimmy threw the ball the best, and Demetrius made the most plays. For these reasons, they will compete for playing time," Weis said. Sharpley (1 of 2 for 7 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs) has the most experience in Weis' offense and served as Quinn's understudy in 2006, appearing in eight contests. Jones was an all-state quarterback at Morgan Park High School (he did not play as an Irish freshman in 2006) in Chicago and featured a dual-threat option that allowed him to record 2,300 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing as a junior in high school. Clausen was widely considered the number-one recruit in the nation this past year. He was one of three early enrollees at Notre Dame in January after posting a 42-0 career record as a starting quarterback while setting the California state high school record with 146 career touchdown passes at Oaks Christian High School in Westlake Village, Calif.

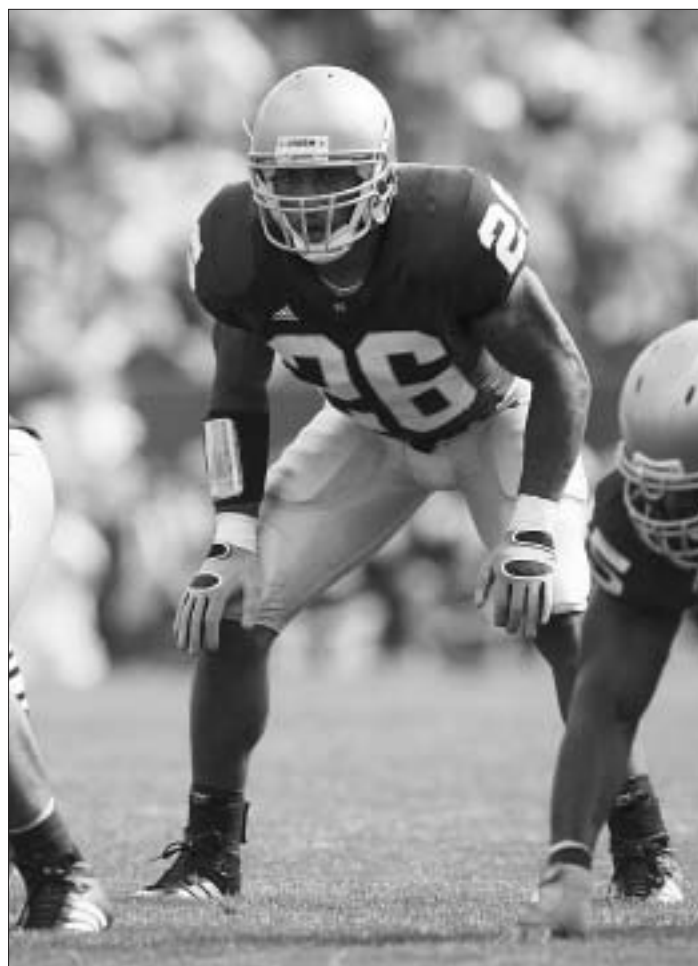
**HALFBACK:** Similar to quarterback, a young and talented but inexperienced group will be counted on to replace Darius Walker, the fourth-leading rusher in school history. Arguably the deepest position in terms of talent on the team, one potential option at running back could be a familiar face to the offensive huddle, fifth-year senior Travis Thomas. After moving to linebacker during the spring of 2006, Thomas enters training camp at running back and brings both a powerful and elusive rushing style to the table. Senior Junior Jabbe was great in spring drills and won the offensive player of the game award at the 2007 Blue-Gold Spring Game. Sophomore James Aldridge (37 carries for 142 yards) is the leading returning rusher from 2006 and showed flashes of his tremendous potential last year in seven games of action. Freshmen Armando Allen and Robert Hughes bring a "thunder and lightning" dynamic to this year's recruiting class and appear to complement each other well. Allen was one of three freshmen on the football team to enroll in January after graduating from his high school in Miami. Hughes packs a powerful punch and was an all-state running back at Hubbard High School in Chicago after rushing for 1,780 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior.

**FULLBACK:** Junior Asaph Schwapp started the first two games last year before injuring a knee against Penn State and missing the rest of the season. Schwapp, possibly the strongest player on the Irish roster, has fully recovered from mid-season surgery last season and will be called upon to serve as lead blocker for this year's running backs.

Sophomore Luke Schmidt will also compete for playing time after not seeing the field in his first year.

**WIDE RECEIVER:** The departure of starters Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight, two of the most prolific receivers in Notre Dame history, creates opportunities for a bevy of players on this year's roster. Junior David Grimes (26 catches for 336 yards and two TDs) started seven games in 2006 and is the top returning wide receiver. Grimes blossomed as the third receiver option for the Irish as a sophomore, recording career highs in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns. Junior D.J. Hord returns after an Achilles injury robbed him of his sophomore season and is expected to compete for the starting spot opposite Grimes this year. Sophomores George West (two catches for 14 yards) and Robby Parris (one catch for seven yards) are the only other returning wide receivers that registered receptions in 2006. Sophomores Barry Gallup Jr. and Richard Jackson will fight for playing time this year after seeing limited playing time primarily on special teams last season. Freshman Duval Kamara was a *Parade* All-American last year at Hoboken High School in New Jersey and will push for playing time early along with Golden Tate who was named Mr. Football for the state of Tennessee as a junior and senior.

**TIGHT END:** Possibly the only position on offense that has its starter sewn up is tight end as John Carlson returns following one of the best seasons by a tight end in school history. Carlson, who was named first-team Academic All-America in 2006, earned second-team All-America accolades from SI.com after posting 47 receptions for 634 yards and



After starting nine games as an outside linebacker in 2006, Travis Thomas returns to the offensive huddle in 2007 as a running back. Named a captain for the second straight year, Thomas enters the season with 351 career rushing yards and seven touchdowns.

#### NOSE TACKLE

+Neil Kennedy, 5-11, 266, Sr.  
\*Pat Kuntz, 6-2, 285, Jr.  
Ian Williams, 6-2, 295, Fr.

#### DEFENSIVE END

\*Justin Brown, 6-3, 255, Sr.  
Derrell Hand, 6-3, 287, Jr.  
\*\*\*TREVOR LAWS, 6-1, 295, Sr.  
Paddy Mullen, 6-3, 285, So.  
Andrew Nuss, 6-5, 285, Fr.  
Emeka Nwankwo, 6-4, 280, Fr.  
Dwight Stephenson, Jr., 6-2, 275, Sr.  
Kallen Wade, 6-5, 240, So.

#### INSIDE LINEBACKER

\*\*\*JOE BROCKINGTON, 6-2, 235, Sr.  
\*\*MAURICE CRUM, JR., 6-0, 225, Sr.  
+Alex Lough, 5-11, 200, So.  
Aaron Nagel, 6-1, 215, Fr.  
Steve Paskorz, 6-2, 215, Fr.  
\*\*Steve Quinn, 6-2, 231, Jr.  
+Kevin Smith, 5-8, 200, Jr.  
Scott Smith, 6-3, 244, Jr.  
\*Toryan Smith, 6-1, 244, So.

#### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

Kerry Neal, 6-3, 230, Fr.  
Brian Smith, 6-3, 230, Fr.  
Scott Smith, 6-3, 244, Jr.  
Morrice Richardson, 6-2, 235, So.  
\*John Ryan, 6-5, 244, So.  
Anthony Vernaglia, 6-3, 233, Sr.  
Kevin Washington, 6-1, 240, Jr.

#### DEFENSIVE CORNERBACK

+Mike Anello, 5-10, 170, Jr.  
\*\*Leo Ferrine, 6-0, 189, Sr.  
Leonard Gordon, 5-11, 190, So.  
Gary Gray, 5-11, 180, Fr.  
+Wade Iams, 5-9, 183, Sr.  
\*\*TERRAIL LAMBERT, 5-11, 191, Sr.  
\*Raeshon McNeil, 6-0, 184, So.  
Munir Prince, 5-10, 184, So.  
\*Darrin Walls, 6-0, 180, So.  
+William David Williams, 5-9, 173, Sr.  
\*\*Ambrose Wooden, 5-11, 190, Sr.

#### DEFENSIVE SAFETY

\*Sergio Brown, 6-2, 196, So.  
\*\*David Bruton, 6-2, 202, Jr.  
Jashaad Gaines, 6-0, 196, So.  
Leonard Gordon, 5-11, 190, So.  
\*\*Ray Herring, 5-10, 190, Jr.  
\*Kyle McCarthy, 6-0, 200, Jr.  
Harrison Smith, 6-2, 205, Fr.  
\*\*\*TOM ZBIKOWSKI, 6-0, 210, Sr.

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*Trevor Laws has started every game over the last two seasons as a defensive tackle and will play more defensive end under new defensive coordinator Corwin Brown. Laws recorded career-highs in 2006 of 62 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks.*

four TDs. He was a finalist for the Mackey Award, presented annually to the nation's top collegiate tight end. Prior to injuring a knee that caused him to miss the final two and a half games of the regular season, Carlson was on pace to shatter Notre Dame's single-season marks for most receptions and yards by a tight end. As it turned out, he had to settle for the second-most receptions and yards in school history. Sophomores Konrad Reuland and Will Yeatman both saw action in their rookie campaigns and while neither recorded a catch last year, both will have the opportunity to earn the second tight end position behind Carlson. Mike Ragone will join the team this fall after being one of the top high school tight ends in the country last year.

**CENTER:** John Sullivan, chosen to the watch list of the 2006 and 2007 Rimington Award, returns for his fifth season and will be the lone senior on the offensive line. Sullivan has started 21 consecutive games and will anchor the offensive line as well as help break in a new quarterback. Junior Thomas Bemenderfer, a product of Penn High School in Mishawaka, Ind., regains eligibility after transferring from Northwestern and could compete for the backup position. Sophomore Dan Wenger, a high school teammate of Sam Young, will get an opportunity to play both offensive guard and center this year.

**OFFENSIVE GUARD:** Both guard spots are open this season as last year's incumbents, Dan Santucci and Bob Morton, have both graduated. Junior Mike Turkovich is a versatile option, as he can play both guard and tackle. A trio of talented sophomores figures to be in the mix, as well, as Wenger along with Matt Carufel and Eric Olsen, all highly touted as high school seniors, will battle for the starting spots. Chris Stewart moved to nose tackle on defense during the spring but will start training camp back at offensive guard.

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE:** Sophomore Sam Young started all 13 games last year at right tackle and was the only non-senior to start on the offensive line at Notre Dame in 2006. A member of several Freshman All-America teams last season, Young figures to have a stronghold on one of the offensive tackle positions and is one of two returning starters on the offensive line. Junior Paul Duncan substituted for Young throughout the season and will probably get the first opportunity to replace Ryan Harris as starting left tackle this year. Junior Jeff Tisak is a walk-on who is familiar with the system while sophomore Bartley Webb possesses the natural size that could make him a force at tackle. Freshman Matt Romine could also have an impact on the tackle position once he joins the Irish this fall, as could classmate Taylor Dever.

**DEFENSIVE END:** A new defensive scheme and personality means learning new positions for some players on defense and the defensive line is one of the biggest adjustments. Trevor Laws recorded a career-best 62 tackles in 2006 as a defensive tackle and returns for his fifth year as a defensive end in Notre Dame's 3-4 personnel. Fellow fifth-year senior Dwight Stephenson and senior Justin Brown are two other upperclassmen who are potential options to play opposite Laws. Junior Derrell Hand and sophomore Paddy Mullen provide strength and size at the position while sophomore Kallen Wade's quickness could be his biggest asset as a defensive end.

**NOSE TACKLE:** The nose tackle position switches from the quick player who could knife through a defense like Derek Landri did in 2006 to a larger, more stout player apt to require double-teams from the opposing center and guard on each play. Junior Pat Kuntz played in 12 games last year behind Landri and could get the first chance to play nose tackle this fall. Hand will also get a chance to slide to the middle of the defensive line as he is a versatile option in the trenches for the Irish defense. Senior Neil Kennedy will add depth to the position and incoming freshman Ian Williams could make an impact once he arrives this fall.

**INSIDE LINEBACKER:** Senior Maurice Crum moved to middle linebacker in 2006 and responded to the

challenge of a position change by pacing the Irish defense with 100 tackles. Crum will now have to adjust to a new defensive scheme but will still be called upon to be the leader of the linebacker corps. Lining up alongside him could be fifth-year senior Joe Brockington who returns to the team after recording career highs of 59 tackles and nine starts last year. Solid tacklers with good instincts, Brockington and Crum will have to lead a talented but relatively inexperienced group of inside and outside linebackers. Juniors Steve Quinn and Scott Smith have played on special teams while sophomore Toryan Smith has flashed tremendous potential and could push for more playing time. Freshmen Aaron Nagel and Steve Paskorz are two players that could develop into inside linebackers.

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER:** With the Irish switching to a 3-4 personnel defense, the outside linebackers consist of players that would have been considered "tweeners" in the old 4-3 defense. The ability to get added speed and athleticism on the field should help Notre Dame as this group of players possesses the talent to elevate the skill of the defense. Anthony Vernaglia is the lone senior of the bunch and has played in 13 career games, primarily on special teams, and competed for a starting linebacker spot last year. Junior Kevin Washington did not see the field last year and will be learning the position along with sophomores John Ryan and Morrice Richardson. Both Ryan and Richardson played as reserve defensive ends last year and are players who could potentially thrive in the new scheme. Freshman Brian Smith, son of former Irish fullback Chris Smith, will add depth to the position this fall as will fellow freshman Kerry Neal.

**DEFENSIVE CORNERBACK:** The secondary is the deepest position on Notre Dame's defense in terms of experience. The cornerback position is home to players who have started 25 games in their careers and many others that have contributed in their brief Notre Dame careers. Ambrose Wooden returns for his fifth season and will battle for one of the cornerback positions while senior Terrail Lambert will be the favorite at the other spot. Wooden, who started all 12 games in 2005 and three games in 2006, provides veteran leadership and will continue to serve as a role model for many of the young cornerbacks. Lambert started 10 games in 2006 and had a breakthrough season as he ranked second on the team with three interceptions and ninth on the squad with 40 tackles. He provided one of the highlights of the Notre Dame season when he capped Notre Dame's furious rally at Michigan State by intercepting a pass late in the fourth quarter and returning it 27 yards for what proved to be the winning score. Senior Leo Ferrine played in 10 games last year and saw his playing time increase throughout 2006 to the point where he became the third cornerback in the nickel package last year. Sophomores Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil both lettered as freshmen, as Walls saw action early in the season at cornerback while McNeil was a solid special teams contributor. With a full year under their belts, both are expected to challenge for more playing time and even push for a starting spot. Sophomore Munir Prince moved from running back to defensive cornerback in the spring in hopes of getting on the field more in 2007. Prince was an all-state defensive back as a junior in high school and is one of the quickest players on the Irish roster.

**DEFENSIVE SAFETY:** All-America safety Tom Zbikowski surprised some NFL scouts but excited all Irish fans this spring when he decided to apply for a fifth year of eligibility. Named a third-team All-American the last two seasons by the Associated Press, Zbikowski returns following a season where he ranked third on the team with 79 tackles, returned a fumble 25 yards for a touchdown and ran a punt back 52 yards for a touchdown. A tri-captain in 2006, Zbikowski enters the season as one of top safeties in the nation and an explosive and electrifying punt returner. With the graduation of Chinedum Ndukwe, the safety position opposite Zbikowski is open this year and competitors include juniors David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy and sophomores Sergio Brown and Jashaad Gaines. Bruton was a special teams stalwart in 2006 while McCarthy and Brown also won letters because of their solid special teams performances. Freshman Harrison Smith, the Gatorade player of

the year for Tennessee, could also challenge for playing time this fall.

**SPECIALISTS:** All-America candidate Geoff Price returns for his fifth year following the best statistical season by a punter in Notre Dame history. Price set the school record for best single-season punting average (45.4 yards per punt) in 2006 and also qualified to become the career leader in the same category. A Ray Guy semifinalist last year, Price will continue receiving snaps from long snapper J.J. Jansen. Jansen assumed the snapping duties midway through the 2005 campaign and has been a model of consistency since then. He will continue handling both the short snapping and long snapping this year. Eric Maust will back up Price as punter after splitting his time last spring between football practice and baseball where he was a pitcher for the Irish. Sophomores Ryan Burkhart and Nate Whitaker will battle to fill the vacancy at kicker during training camp. Burkhart handled the kickoff duties for the final nine games averaging 59.3 yards but did not attempt any field goals. Whitaker made the team as a walk-on last year and has displayed a strong leg despite his 5-9 frame. Freshman Brandon Walker enters the mix this fall and will certainly compete for the position if neither of the returning players claims the job.

**LONG SNAPPER**

+\*\*J.J. JANSEN, 6-3, 242, Sr.

**PUNTER**

+ Xavier Burton, 6-4, 185, So.  
 +Eric Maust, 6-2, 177, So.  
 \*GEOFF PRICE, 6-3, 196, Jr.  
 Brandon Walker, 6-3, 200, Fr.

**KICKER**

+Joe Bizjak, 6-2, 165, So.  
 Ryan Burkhart, 5-11, 196, So.  
 +Nate Whitaker, 5-9, 165, So.  
 Brandon Walker, 6-3, 200, Fr.

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			<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Class.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
1	Hord, D.J.	WR							
2	Walls, Darrin	DC	34	Aldridge, James	HB	6-0	213	So.	Crown Point, IN/Merrillville
3	Jones, Demetrius	QB	5	Allen Jr., Armando	HB	5-10	190	Fr.	Opa Locka, FL/Hialeah-Miami Lakes
4	Gray, Gary	DC	43	Anello, Mike+	DC	5-10	170	Jr.	Orland Park, IL/Carl Sandburg
5	Allen, Jr., Armando	HB	67	Bemenderfer, Thomas+	OC	6-5	285	Jr.	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
6	Herring, Ray	DS	35	Bizjak, Joe+	K	6-2	165	So.	Kokomo, IN/Kokomo
7	Clausen, Jimmy	QB	52	Brockington, Joe***	ILB	6-2	235	Sr.	Palmyra, PA/Palmyra
8	McNeil, Raeshon	DC	39	Brooks, Kevin+	TE	6-2	241	Jr.	Thousand Oaks, CA/Crespi Carmelite
9	Zbikowski, Tom	DS	94	Brown, Justin**	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Clinton, MD/Bishop McNamara
11	Grimes, David	WR	31	Brown, Sergio*	DS	6-2	196	So.	Maywood, IL/Proviso East
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	27	Bruton, David**	DS	6-2	202	Jr.	Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg
14	Walker, Brandon	K/P	39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	5-11	196	So.	Wakarusa, IN/Northwood
15	Ferrine, Leo	DC	91	Burton, Xavier+	P	6-4	185	So.	Sydney, Australia/Saint Joseph's College
16	Gillett, Justin	QB	89	Carlson, John***	TE	6-6	259	Sr.	Litchfield, MN/Litchfield
17	Price, Geoff	P	73	Carufel, Matt	OG	6-5	295	So.	Forest Lake, MN/Cretin Derham
18	Kamara, Duval	WR	7	Clausen, Jimmy	QB	6-3	207	Fr.	Westlake Village, CA/Oaks Christian
19	West, Jr., George	WR	40	Crum Jr., Maurice**	ILB	6-0	225	Sr.	Tampa, FL/Tampa Bay Tech
20	Lambert, Terrail	DC	36	Cure, Dex+	FB	6-0	220	So.	Wray, CO/Wray
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR	75	Dever, Taylor	OT	6-5	275	Fr.	Grass Valley, CA/Nevada Union
22	Wooden, Ambrose	DC	72	Duncan, Paul*	OT	6-7	292	Jr.	Dallas, GA/East Paulding
23	Tate, Golden	WR	24	Erickson, Brandon+	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	Marlboro, NJ/Marlboro
23	Williams, William David	DC	15	Ferrine, Leo**	DC	6-0	189	Sr.	Springfield, NJ/Saint Peter's
24	Erickson, Brandon	WR	29	Gaines, Jashaad	DS	6-0	196	So.	Las Vegas, NV/Las Vegas
24	Gordon, Leonard	DS/DC	21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR	5-11	181	So.	Wellesley, MA/Belmont Hill
25	Prince, Munir	DC	16	Gillett, Justin+	QB	5-11	180	Sr.	Goleta, CA/San Marcos High
26	Thomas, Travis	HB	24	Gordon, Leonard	DS/DC	5-11	190	So.	Clarksville, TN/Fort Campbell
27	Bruton, David	DS	4	Gray, Gary	DC	5-11	180	Fr.	Columbia, SC/Richland Northeast
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DS	11	Grimes, David**	WR	5-10	174	Jr.	Detroit, MI/Saint Martin De Porres
29	Gaines, Jashaad	DS	92	Hand, Derrell	DE/NT	6-3	287	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA/West Philadelphia Catholic
29	Richardville, Jake	WR	6	Herring, Ray**	DS	5-10	190	Jr.	Melbourne, FL/Holy Trinity Episcopal
30	Smith, Harrison	DS	1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	192	Jr.	Lee's Summit, MO/Rockhurst
31	Brown, Sergio	DS	33	Hughes, Robert	HB	5-11	230	Fr.	Chicago, IL/Hubbard
32	Schmidt, Luke	FB	38	Iams, Wade+	DC	5-9	183	Sr.	Mishawaka, IN/Penn
33	Hughes, Robert	HB	37	Jabbie, Junior	HB	5-11	201	Sr.	Parlin, NJ/The Hun School Of Princeton
33	Whitaker, Nate	K	80	Jackson, Richard*	WR	6-3	204	So.	Minneola, FL/East Ridge
34	Aldridge, James	HB	61	Jansen, J.J. +**	LS	6-3	242	Sr.	Phoenix, AZ/Brophy
35	Bizjak, Joe	K	3	Jones, Demetrius	QB	6-4	210	So.	Chicago, IL/Morgan Park
35	Smith, Kevin	ILB	18	Kamara, Duval	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	Hoboken, NJ/Hoboken
36	Cure, Dex	FB	69	Kennedy, Neil+	NT	5-11	266	Sr.	Phoenix, AZ/Brophy
36	Lough, Alex	ILB	96	Kuntz, Patrick*	NT	6-2	285	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN/Roncalli
37	Jabbie, Junior	HB	20	Lambert, Terrail**	DC	5-11	191	Sr.	Bakersfield, CA/Saint Bonaventure
38	Iams, Wade	DC	98	Laws, Trevor***	DE	6-1	295	Sr.	Burnsville, MN/Apple Valley
38	Possley, Nick	WR	45	Leonis, John+	DB	5-9	169	Jr.	Medford, OR/Saint Mary's
39	Brooks, Kevin	TE	36	Lough, Alex+	ILB	5-11	200	So.	Crawfordsville, IN/North Montgomery
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	43	Maust, Eric+	P	6-2	177	So.	Atlanta, GA/Blessed Trinity
40	Crum, Jr., Maurice	ILB	28	McCarthy, Kyle*	DS	6-0	200	Jr.	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
41	Rodriguez, Nikolas	HB	8	McNeil, Raeshon*	DC	6-0	184	So.	Cooleemee, NC/Davie
41	Smith, Scott	ILB	93	Mullen, Paddy	DE	6-3	285	So.	St. Louis, MO/De Smet Jesuit
42	Washington, Kevin	OLB	47	Nagel, Aaron	ILB	6-1	215	Fr.	Lemont, IL/Lemont
43	Anello, Mike	DC	47	Narvaez, Mike+	FB	5-11	231	So.	Ridgewood, NJ/Ridgewood
43	Maust, Eric	P	56	Neal, Kerry	OLB	6-3	230	Fr.	Bunn, NC/Bunn
			76	Nuss, Andrew	DE	6-5	285	Fr.	Ashburn, VA/Stone Bridge
			91	Nwankwo, Emeka	DE	6-4	280	Fr.	Miramar, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep
			55	Olsen, Eric	OG	6-4	300	So.	Staten Island, NY/Poly Prep Ctry.
			82	Parris, Robby	WR	6-3	201	So.	Olmsted Falls, OH/Saint Ignatius
			50	Paskorz, Steve	ILB	6-2	215	Fr.	Allison Park, PA/Hampton

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	Hometown/High School		
45	Patterson, Kristopher+	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Seattle, WA/O' Dea	44 Schwapp, Asaph	FB
46	Planalp, Michael+	TE	6-4	248	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH/Wyoming	45 Leonis, John	DB
38	Possley, Nick+	WR	6-0	208	Sr.	Wheaton, IL/Wheaton-Warrenville	45 Patterson, Kristopher	WR
17	Price, Geoff*	P	6-3	196	Sr.	Plano, TX/Colleyville Heritage	46 Planalp, Michael	TE
25	Prince, Munir	DC	5-10	184	So.	Florissant, MO/De Smet Jesuit	47 Nagel, Aaron	ILB
48	Quinn, Steve**	ILB	6-2	231	Jr.	Cherry Hill, NJ/Saint Joseph's Prep	47 Narvaez, Mike	FB
83	Ragone, Mike	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Cherry Hill, NJ/Camden Catholic	48 Quinn, Steve	ILB
88	Reuland, Konrad	TE	6-6	255	So.	San Capistrano, CA/Mission Viejo	49 Smith, Toryan	ILB
53	Richardson, Morrice	OLB	6-2	235	So.	College Park, GA/Westlake	50 Paskorz, Steve	ILB
29	Richardville, Jake+	WR	6-1	180	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger	51 Wenger, Dan	OG/OC
41	Rodriguez, Nikolas+	HB	5-11	205	Jr.	San Antonio, TX/Cornerstone Christian	52 Brockington, Joe	ILB
70	Romine, Matt	OT	6-5	275	Fr.	Tulsa, OK/Union	53 Richardson, Morrice	OLB
90	Ryan, John*	OLB	6-5	244	So.	Westlake, OH/Saint Ignatius	54 Vernaglia, Anthony	OLB
32	Schmidt, Luke	FB	6-4	252	So.	Jasper, IN/Jasper	55 Olsen, Eric	OG
44	Schwapp, Asaph*	FB	6-0	255	Jr.	Hartford, CT/Weaver	56 Neal, Kerry	OLB
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	212	Jr.	Marshall, MI/Marshall	57 Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DE
58	Smith, Brian	OLB	6-3	230	Fr.	Overland Park, KS/Saint Thomas Aquinas	58 Smith, Brian	OLB
30	Smith, Harrison	DS	6-2	205	Fr.	Knoxville, TN/Knoxville Catholic	59 Stewart, Chris	OG
35	Smith, Kevin+	ILB	5-8	200	Jr.	Gainesville, FL/F.W. Buchholz	61 Jansen, J.J.	LS
41	Smith, Scott	ILB	6-3	244	Jr.	Highland Park, IL/Highland Park	63 Tisak, Jeff	OT
49	Smith, Toryan*	ILB	6-1	244	So.	Rome, GA/Rome	67 Bemenderfer, Thomas	OC
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DE	6-2	275	Sr.	Delray Beach, FL/Pope John Paul II	69 Kennedy, Neil	NT
59	Stewart, Chris	OG	6-5	340	So.	Spring, TX/Klein	70 Romine, Matt	OT
78	Sullivan, John***	OC	6-4	290	Sr.	Old Greenwich, CT/Greenwich	71 Webb, Bartley	OT
86	Talerico, Michael*	TE	6-5	250	So.	Chesterfield, MO/Saint Louis University High	72 Duncan, Paul	OT
23	Tate, Golden	WR	6-0	190	Fr.	Hendersonville, TN/Pope John Paul II	73 Carufel, Matt	OG
26	Thomas, Travis***	HB	6-0	218	Sr.	Washington, PA/Washington	74 Young, Sam	OT
63	Tisak, Jeff+	OT	6-5	300	Jr.	Duluth, MN/Duluth East	75 Dever, Taylor	OG
77	Turkovich, Mike	OG/OT	6-6	299	Jr.	Bedford, PA/Valley Forge Military College	76 Nuss, Andrew	DE
85	Vos, Sam+	WR	5-10	199	So.	Burlington, WI/Catholic Central	77 Turkovich, Mike	OG/OT
54	Vernaglia, Anthony	OLB	6-3	233	Sr.	Anaheim Hills, CA/Lutheran	78 Sullivan, John	OC
97	Wade, Kallen	DE	6-5	240	So.	Cincinnati, OH/Withrow	80 Jackson, Richard	WR
14	Walker, Brandon	K/P	6-3	200	Fr.	Findlay, OH/Findlay	82 Parris, Robby	WR
2	Walls, Darrin*	DC	6-0	180	So.	Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills	83 Ragone, Mike	TE
42	Washington, Kevin	OLB	6-1	240	Jr.	Sugar Land, TX/Stephen F. Austin	84 Yeatman, Will	TE
71	Webb, Bartley	OT	6-7	291	So.	Springdale, AR/Springdale	85 Vos, Sam	WR
51	Wenger, Dan	OG/OC	6-4	282	So.	Coral Springs, FL/Saint Thomas Aquinas	86 Talerico, Michael	TE
19	West, Jr., George*	WR	5-8	188	So.	Spencer, OK/Northeast	88 Reuland, Konrad	TE
33	Whitaker, Nate+	K	5-9	165	So.	San Diego, CA/Saint Augustine	89 Carlson, John	TE
95	Williams, Ian	NT	6-2	295	Fr.	Altamonte Springs, FL/Lyman	90 Ryan, John	OLB
23	Williams, William David+	DC	5-9	173	Sr.	Raleigh, NC/Millbrook	91 Burton, Xavier	P
22	Wooden, Ambrose**	DC	5-11	190	Sr.	Baltimore, MD/Gilman School	91 Nwankwo, Emeka	DE
84	Yeatman, Will*	TE	6-6	263	So.	San Diego, CA/Rancho Bernardo	92 Hand, Derrell	DE/NT
74	Young, Sam*	OT	6-8	315	So.	Coral Springs, FL/Saint Thomas Aquinas	93 Mullen, Paddy	DE
9	Zbikowski, Tom***	DS	6-0	210	Sr.	Arlington Heights, IL/Bufalo Grove	94 Brown, Justin	DE
							95 Williams, Ian	NT
							96 Kuntz, Patrick	NT
							97 Wade, Kallen	DE
							98 Laws, Trevor	DE

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

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Bruton, David – BREW-tun	Reuland, Konrad – ROO-land
Carufel, Matt – CARE-you-fell	Richardson, Morrice – mo-REESE
Dever, Taylor – dev-er (rhymes with never)	Romine, Matt – ro-MINE
Ferrine, Leo – Fuh-REEN	Schwapp, Asaph – shwopp, A-sopp
Hand, Derrell – duh-RELL	Talerico, Mike – tal-ruh-co
Kamara, Duval – kuh-MARE-uh, doo-VALL	Tisak, Jeff – TEE-sack
Kuntz, Pat – Koontz	Turkovich, Michael – turk-uh-vitch
Nwankwo, Emeka – nuh-WONK-wo, uh-MEK-uh	Vernaglia, Anthony – ver-NAG-lee-uh
Prince, Munir – moo-NEAR	Yeatman, Will – YATE-mun
	Zbikowski, Tom – zib-uh-COW-ski

# IRISH BY STATE AND COUNTRY

Player	Hometown	High School
<b>Arkansas (1)</b>		
Bartley Webb	Springdale	Springdale
<b>Australia (1)</b>		
<i>Xavier Burton</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Saint Joseph's College</i>
<b>California (9)</b>		
<i>Kevin Brooks</i>	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	<i>Crespi Carmelite</i>
Jimmy Clausen	Westlake Village	Oaks Christian
Taylor Dever	Grass Valley	Nevada Union
<i>Justin Gillett</i>	<i>Santa Barbara</i>	<i>San Marcos</i>
Terrail Lambert	Oxnard	St. Bonaventure
Konrad Reuland	San Capistrano	Mission Viejo
Anthony Vernaglia	Anaheim Hills	Orange Lutheran
<i>Nate Whitaker</i>	<i>San Diego</i>	<i>Saint Augustine</i>
Will Yeatman	San Diego	Rancho Bernardo
<b>Colorado (1)</b>		
<i>Dex Cure</i>	<i>Wray</i>	<i>Wray</i>
<b>Connecticut (2)</b>		
Asaph Schwapp	Hartford	Weaver
John Sullivan	Old Greenwich	Greenwich
<b>Florida (10)</b>		
Armando Allen Jr.	Opa Locka	Hialeah-Miami Lakes
Maurice Crum Jr.	Riverview	Tampa Bay Tech
Ray Herring	Melbourne	Holy Trinity
Richard Jackson	Minneola	East Ridge
Emeka Nwankwo	Miramar	Chaminade-Madonna Prep
<i>Kevin Smith</i>	<i>Gainesville</i>	<i>F.W. Buchholz</i>
Dwight Stephenson, Jr.	Del Ray Beach	Pope John Paul II
Dan Wenger	Coral Springs	Saint Thomas Aquinas
Ian Williams	Altamonte Springs	Lyman
Sam Young	Coral Springs	Saint Thomas Aquinas
<b>Georgia (4)</b>		
Paul Duncan	Dallas	East Paulding
<i>Eric Maust</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Blessed Trinity</i>
Morrice Richardson	College Park	Westlake
Toryan Smith	Rome	Rome
<b>Illinois (8)</b>		
<i>Mike Anello</i>	<i>Orland Park</i>	<i>Sandburg</i>
Sergio Brown	Maywood	Proviso East
Robert Hughes	Chicago	Hubbard
Demetrius Jones	Chicago	Morgan Park
Aaron Nagel	Lemont	Lemont
<i>Nick Possley</i>	<i>Wheaton</i>	<i>Warrenville South</i>
Scott Smith	Highland Park	Highland Park
Tom Zbikowski	Arlington Heights	Buffalo Grove
<b>Indiana (9)</b>		
James Aldridge	Crown Point	Merrillville
<i>Thomas Bemenderfer</i>	<i>Mishawaka</i>	<i>Penn</i>
<i>Joe Bizjak</i>	<i>Kokomo</i>	<i>Kokomo</i>
Ryan Burkhardt	Wakarusa	Northwood
<i>Wade Iams</i>	<i>Mishawaka</i>	<i>Penn</i>
Pat Kuntz	Indianapolis	Roncalli
<i>Alex Lough</i>	<i>Crawfordsville</i>	<i>North Montgomery</i>
<i>Jake Richardville</i>	<i>Fort Wayne</i>	<i>Bishop Dwenger</i>
Luke Schmidt	Jasper	Jasper
<b>Kansas (1)</b>		
Brian Smith	Overland Park	St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>Maryland (2)</b>		
Justin Brown	Clinton	Bishop McNamara
Ambrose Wooden	Baltimore	Gilman School

Player	Hometown	High School
<b>Massachusetts (1)</b>		
Barry Gallup Jr.	Wellesley	Belmont Hill School
<b>Michigan (2)</b>		
David Grimes	Detroit	DePorres
Evan Sharpley	Marshall	Marshall
<b>Minnesota (4)</b>		
John Carlson	Litchfield	Litchfield
Matt Carufel	Forest Lake	Cretin-Derham
Trevor Laws	Burnsville	Apple Valley
<i>Jeff Tisak</i>	<i>Duluth</i>	<i>Duluth East</i>
<b>Missouri (4)</b>		
D.J. Hord	Lee's Summit	Kansas City Rockhurst
Paddy Mullen	St. Louis	De Smet Jesuit
Munir Prince	Florissant	De Smet Jesuit
<i>Mike Talerico</i>	<i>Chesterfield</i>	<i>Saint Louis University</i>
<b>Nevada (1)</b>		
Jashaad Gaines	Las Vegas	Las Vegas
<b>New Jersey (7)</b>		
<i>Brandon Erickson</i>	<i>Marlboro</i>	<i>Marlboro Prep</i>
Leo Ferrine	Springfield	St. Peter's Prep
Junior Jabbie	Parlin	The Hun School of Princeton
Duval Kamara	Hoboken	Hoboken
<i>Mike Narvaez</i>	<i>Ridgewood</i>	<i>Ridgewood</i>
Steve Quinn	Cherry Hill	Philadelphia (Pa.) St. Joseph's
Mike Ragone	Cherry Hill	Camden Catholic
<b>New York (1)</b>		
Eric Olsen	Staten Island	Poly Prep Country Day
<b>North Carolina (3)</b>		
Raeshon McNeil	Coolemeem	Davie
Kerry Neal	Bunn	Bunn
<i>William David Williams</i>	<i>Raleigh</i>	<i>Millbrook</i>
<b>Ohio (7)</b>		
David Bruton	Miamisburg	Miamisburg
Kyle McCarthy	Youngstown	Cardinal Mooney
Robby Parris	Olmsted Falls	Saint Ignatius
<i>Michael Planalp</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Wyoming</i>
John Ryan	Westlake	Saint Ignatius
Kallen Wade	Cincinnati	Withrow
Brandon Walker	Findlay	Findlay

Player	Hometown	High School
<b>Oklahoma (2)</b>		
Matt Romine	Tulsa	Union
George West Jr.	Spencer	Northeast Academy
<b>Oregon (1)</b>		
<i>John Leonis</i>	<i>Medford</i>	<i>Saint Mary's</i>
<b>Pennsylvania (6)</b>		
Joe Brockington	Palmyra	Palmyra
Derrell Hand	Philadelphia	West Catholic
Steve Paskorz	Allison Park	Hampton
Travis Thomas	Washington	Washington
Michael Turkovich	Bedford	Valley Forge Military Academy
Darrin Walls	Pittsburgh	Woodland Hills
<b>South Carolina (1)</b>		
Gary Gray	Columbia	Richland Northeast
<b>Tennessee (3)</b>		
Leonard Gordon	Clarksville	Fort Campbell
Harrison Smith	Knoxville	Knoxville Catholic
Golden Tate	Hendersonville	Pope John Paul II
<b>Texas (4)</b>		
Geoff Price	Hurst	Colleyville Heritage
<i>Nikolas Rodriguez</i>	<i>San Antonio</i>	<i>Cornerstone Christian</i>
Chris Stewart	Spring	Klein
Kevin Washington	Sugar Land	Austin
<b>Virginia (1)</b>		
Andrew Nuss	Ashburn	Stone Bridge
<b>Washington (1)</b>		
<i>Kristopher Patterson</i>	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>O'Dea</i>
<b>Wisconsin (1)</b>		
Sam Vos	Burlington	Catholic Central

(non-scholarship players in italics)



# 2007 PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

## IRISH OFFENSE

X	19	George West Jr.	5-8	188	So.
	1	D.J. Hord	6-1	192	Jr.
	80	Richard Jackson	6-3	204	So.
	18	Duval Kamara	6-4	205	Fr.
LT	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	Jr.
	71	Bartley Webb	6-7	291	So.
	70	Matt Romine	6-5	275	Fr.
LG	77	Mike Turkovich	6-6	299	Jr.
	55	Eric Olsen	6-4	300	So.
C	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-4	290	Sr.
	51	Dan Wenger	6-4	282	So.
	67	Thomas Bemenderfer	6-5	285	Jr.
RG	73	Matt Carufel	6-5	295	So.
	or 51	Dan Wenger	6-4	282	So.
	59	Chris Stewart	6-5	340	So.
RT	74	SAM YOUNG	6-8	315	So.
	63	Jeff Tisak	6-5	300	So.
	75	Taylor Dever	6-5	275	Fr.
TE	89	JOHN CARLSON	6-6	259	Sr.
	88	Konrad Reuland	6-6	255	So.
	or 84	Will Yeatman	6-6	263	So.
	83	Mike Ragone	6-5	230	Fr.
Z	11	*David Grimes	5-10	174	Jr.
	82	Robby Parris	6-3	201	So.
	21	Barry Gallup Jr.	5-11	181	So.
	23	Golden Tate	6-0	190	Fr.
QB	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	Jr.
	or 3	Demetrius Jones	6-4	210	So.
	or 7	Jimmy Clausen	6-3	207	Fr.
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	6-0	255	Jr.
	or 32	Luke Schmidt	6-4	252	So.
HB	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	218	Sr.
	34	James Aldridge	6-0	213	So.
	or 5	Armando Allen Jr.	5-10	190	Fr.
	or 37	Junior Jabbie	5-11	201	Sr.
	33	Robert Hughes	5-11	230	Fr.
PK	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	So.
	or 33	Nate Whitaker	5-9	165	So.
	or 14	Brandon Walker	6-3	200	Fr.
P	17	GEOFF PRICE	6-3	196	Sr.
	43	Eric Maust	6-2	177	So.
	14	Brandon Walker	6-3	200	Fr.
KO	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	So.
	or 33	Nate Whitaker	5-9	165	So.
	or 14	Brandon Walker	6-3	200	Fr.
HLD	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	Jr.
	17	Geoff Price	6-3	196	Sr.

ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2006 (min. six regular season starts)

## IRISH DEFENSE

LDE	98	TREVOR LAWS	6-1	294	Sr.
	94	Justin Brown	6-3	255	Sr.
	or 93	Paddy Mullen	6-3	285	So.
	76	Andrew Nuss	6-5	285	Fr.
NT	96	Pat Kuntz	6-2	285	Jr.
	92	Derrell Hand	6-3	287	Jr.
	95	Ian Williams	6-2	295	Fr.
RDE	57	Dwight Stephenson Jr.	6-2	275	Sr.
	94	Justin Brown	6-3	255	Sr.
	or 97	Kallen Wade	6-5	240	So.
	91	Emeka Nwankwo	6-4	280	Fr.
OLB	90	John Ryan	6-5	244	So.
	53	Morrice Richardson	6-2	235	So.
	42	Kevin Washington	6-1	240	Jr.
ILB	40	MAURICE CRUM JR.	6-0	225	Sr.
	48	Steve Quinn	6-2	231	Jr.
	47	Aaron Nagel	6-1	215	Fr.
ILB	52	JOE BROCKINGTON	6-2	232	Sr.
	or 49	Toryan Smith	6-1	244	So.
	50	Steve Paskorz	6-2	215	Fr.
OLB	54	Anthony Vernaglia	6-3	233	Sr.
	or 41	Scott Smith	6-3	244	Jr.
	56	Kerry Neal	6-3	230	Fr.
	or 58	Brian Smith	6-3	230	Fr.
LCB	20	TERRAIL LAMBERT	5-11	191	Sr.
	2	Darrin Walls	6-0	180	So.
	15	Leo Ferrine	6-0	189	Sr.
FS	27	David Bruton	6-2	202	Jr.
	28	Kyle McCarthy	6-0	200	Jr.
	29	Jashaad Gaines	6-0	196	So.
	30	Harrison Smith	6-2	205	Fr.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	210	Sr.
	6	Ray Herring	5-10	190	Jr.
	31	Sergio Brown	6-1	196	So.
	24	Leonard Gordon	5-11	190	So.
RCB	22	**Ambrose Wooden	5-11	190	Sr.
	8	Raeshon McNeil	6-0	184	So.
	25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	So.
	4	<i>Gary Gray</i>	5-11	178	Fr.
SNP	61	J.J. JANSEN	6-3	242	Sr.
	39	Kevin Brooks	6-2	241	Jr.
PR	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	210	Sr.
	19	George West Jr.	5-8	188	So.
	5	Armando Allen	5-10	190	Fr.
KR	11	DAVID GRIMES	5-10	174	Jr.
	19	George West	5-8	188	So.
	2	Darrin Walls	6-0	174	So.
	5	Armando Allen Jr.	5-10	190	Fr.
	37	Junior Jabbie	5-11	201	Sr.
25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	So.	

\* - started seven games as the No. 3 wide receiver in 2006

\*\* - started 12 games in 2005

*Italics* - indicates injured player

# NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL ... AT A GLANCE

**Location:** Notre Dame, Ind.

**Founded:** 1842

**Nickname:** Fighting Irish

**Colors:** Gold and Blue

**Enrollment:** 8,332 (undergraduates), 11,479 (total)

**Stadium:** Notre Dame Stadium (Natural Grass/80,795)

**President:** Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

**Provost:** Thomas Burish

**Executive Vice President:** John Affect-Graves

**NCAA Faculty Representative:** Don Pope-Davis

**Athletics Director:** Kevin White

**Sr. Associate Athletics Director/Media Relations and Broadcast**

**Properties:** John Heisler

**Director of Football Media Relations:** Brian Hardin

**Athletic Department Website:** www.und.com

## FOOTBALL INFORMATION

**Offensive Formation:** Pro Set

**Defensive Formation:** Multiple

**2006 Overall Record:** 10-3

**Final Ranking:** No. 17 (AP), No. 19 (USA Today/Coaches)

## COACHING STAFF

Name (Alma Mater, Year)	Title
Charlie Weis (Notre Dame '78)	Head Coach
John Latina (Virginia Tech '81)	Assistant Head Coach (Offense)/ Offensive Line
Bill Lewis (E. Stroudsburg State '63)	Assistant Head Coach (Defense)/ Defensive Backs
Corwin Brown (Michigan '94)	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers
Mike Haywood (Notre Dame '86)	Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs
Rob Ianello (Catholic '87)	Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
Jappy Oliver (Purdue '78)	Defensive Line
Bernie Parmalee (Ball State '91)	Tight Ends/Special Teams
Brian Polian (John Carroll '97)	Inside Linebackers/Special Teams
Ron Powlus (Notre Dame '94)	Quarterbacks
Patrick Graham (Yale '02)	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
Shane Waldron (Tufts '02)	Graduate Assistant (Offense)

## 2007 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Series	Time (Network)	Site
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>GEORGIA TECH</b>	<b>27-5-1</b>	<b>3:30 p.m. EDT (NBC)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Sept. 8	at Penn State	9-8-1	6:00 p.m. EDT (ESPN)	Beaver Stadium, State College, PA
Sept. 15	at Michigan	14-19-1	3:30 p.m. EDT (ABC)	Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>MICHIGAN STATE</b>	<b>44-25-1</b>	<b>3:30 p.m. EDT (NBC)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
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## RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yards/Game	Long
James Aldridge	37	142	3.8	0	20.3	13
Travis Thomas	13	78	6.0	2	7.1	43

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Eff.
Evan Sharpley	1	2	0	50.0	7	0	79.4

Receiving	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yards/Game	Long
John Carlson	47	634	13.5	4	57.6	62
David Grimes	26	336	12.9	2	28.0	36

Tackles	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Int	Sacks	PBU	FF	FR
Maurice Crum	47	53	100	10-55	1-0	4-38	3	1	0-0
Tom Zbikowski	44	35	79	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	1-25

## Returning In 2007

### OFFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING (10)

TE John Carlson, OL Paul Duncan, WR David Grimes, WR Richard Jackson, FB Asaph Schwapp, OL John Sullivan, RB Travis Thomas, WR George West Jr., TE Will Yeatman, OL Sam Young

### DEFENSIVE LETTERMEN RETURNING (18)

LB Joe Brockington, DL Justin Brown, DB Sergio Brown, DB David Bruton, LB Maurice Crum Jr., DB Leo Ferrine, DB Ray Herring, DL Pat Kuntz, DB Terrail Lambert, DL Trevor Laws, DB Kyle McCarthy, DB Raeshon McNeil, LB Steve Quinn, DL John Ryan, LB Toryan Smith, DB Darrin Walls, DB Ambrose Wooden, DB Tom Zbikowski

### SPECIAL TEAMS LETTERMEN RETURNING (2)

SNP J.J. Jansen, P Geoff Price

### LETTERMEN LOST (28)

DE Victor Abiamiri, WR Chase Anastasio, RB Matt Augustyn, LB Nick Borseti, WR Craig Cardillo, LB Kyle Charters, OL Dan Chervanick, DL Casey Cullen, TE Marcus Freeman, DE Chris Frome, K Carl Gioia, OT Ryan Harris, DL Tim Kenney, DT Derek Landri, DL Travis Leitko, RB John Lyons, OL Brian Mattes, FB Ashley McConnell, WR Rhema McKnight, G Bob Morton, FS Chinedum Ndukwe, QB Brady Quinn, K Bobby Renkes, CB Mike Richardson, WR Jeff Samardzija, G Dan Santucci, LB Mitchell Thomas, RB Darius Walker

## IRISH BY CLASS

### 5th Year Seniors (9)

ILB Joe Brockington, TE John Carlson, DE Trevor Laws, P Geoff Price, DE Dwight Stephenson, Jr., C John Sullivan, HB Travis Thomas, DC Ambrose Wooden, DS Tom Zbikowski

### Seniors (7)

DE Justin Brown, ILB Maurice Crum Jr., DC Leo Ferrine, HB Junior Jabbie, SNP J.J. Jansen, DC Terrail Lambert, OLB Anthony Vernaglia

### Juniors (14)

DS David Bruton, OT Paul Duncan, WR David Grimes, NT/DE Derrell Hand, DS Ray Herring, WR D.J. Hord, NT Pat Kuntz, DS Kyle McCarthy, ILB Steve Quinn, FB Asaph Schwapp, QB Evan Sharpley, OLB Scott Smith, OG Michael Turkovich, OLB Kevin Washington

### Sophomores (27)

HB James Aldridge, DS Sergio Brown, K Ryan Burkhart, OG Matt Carufel, DS Jashaad Gaines, WR Barry Gallup Jr., DC/DS Leonard Gordon, WR Richard Jackson, QB Demetrius Jones, DC Raeshon McNeil, DE Paddy Mullen, OG Eric Olsen, WR Robby Parris, DC Munir Prince, TE Konrad Reuland, OLB Morrice Richardson, OLB John Ryan, FB Luke Schmidt, ILB Toryan Smith, OG Chris Stewart, DE Kallen Wade, DC Darrin Walls, OT Bartley Webb, OG/OC Dan Wenger, WR George West Jr., TE Will Yeatman, OT Sam Young

### Freshmen (18)

HB Armando Allen Jr., QB Jimmy Clausen, OT Taylor Dever, DC Gary Gray, HB Robert Hughes, WR Duval Kamara, ILB Aaron Nagel, OLB Kerry Neal, DE Andrew Nuss, DE Emeka Nwankwo, ILB Steve Paskorz, TE Mike Ragone, OT Matt Romine, OLB Brian Smith, DS Harrison Smith, WR Golden Tate, K/P Brandon Walker, NT Ian Williams

# HOW THE 2007 IRISH WERE BUILT

(\*indicates monograms won; scholarship players only)

## OFFENSE (33)

<b>Freshmen (8)</b>		<b>Sophomores (15)</b>		<b>Juniors (6)</b>		<b>Seniors (1)</b>		<b>5th Year Seniors (3)</b>	
RB	Armando Allen Jr.	RB	James Aldridge	*OL	Paul Duncan	HB	Junior Jabбие	***TE	<b>JOHN CARLSON</b>
QB	Jimmy Clausen	OL	Matt Carufel	**WR	David Grimes			***C	<b>JOHN SULLIVAN</b>
OL	Taylor Dever	WR	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	D.J. Hord			***RB	Travis Thomas
RB	Robert Hughes	*WR	Richard Jackson	*FB	Asaph Schwapp				
WR	Duval Kamara	QB	Demetrius Jones	QB	Evan Sharpley				
TE	Mike Ragone	OL	Eric Olsen	OL	Michael Turkovich				
OL	Matt Romine	WR	Robby Parris						
WR	Golden Tate	TE	Konrad Reuland						
		RB	Luke Schmidt						
		OL	Chris Stewart						
		OL	Bartley Webb						
		OL	Dan Wenger						
		*WR	George West Jr.						
		*TE	Will Yeatman						
		*OL	<b>SAM YOUNG</b>						

## DEFENSE (38)

<b>Freshmen (9)</b>		<b>Sophomores (11)</b>		<b>Juniors (8)</b>		<b>Seniors (5)</b>		<b>5th Year Seniors (5)</b>	
DB	Gary Gray	*DB	Sergio Brown	**DB	David Bruton	*DE	Justin Brown	***LB	<b>JOE BROCKINGTON</b>
LB	Aaron Nagel	DB	Jashaad Gaines	DL	Derrell Hand	**LB	<b>MAURICE CRUM JR.</b>	***DT	<b>TREVOR LAWS</b>
DL	Kerry Neal	DB	Leonard Gordon	**DB	Ray Herring	**DB	Leo Ferrine	DT	Dwight Stephenson Jr.
DL	Andrew Nuss	*DB	Raeshon McNeil	**DL	Pat Kuntz	**DB	<b>TERRAIL LAMBERT</b>	**CB	Ambrose Wooden
DE	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	Paddy Mullen	*DB	Kyle McCarthy	LB	Anthony Vernaglia	***S	<b>TOM ZBIKOWSKI</b>
LB	Steve Paskorz	DB	Munir Prince	**LB	Steve Quinn				
LB	Brian Smith	LB	Morrice Richardson	LB	Scott Smith				
DB	Harrison Smith	*DL	John Ryan	LB	Kevin Washington				
DL	Ian Williams	*LB	Toryan Smith						
		DL	Kallen Wade						
		*DB	Darrin Walls						

## SPECIALISTS (4)

<b>Freshmen (1)</b>		<b>Sophomores (1)</b>		<b>Juniors (0)</b>		<b>Seniors (1)</b>		<b>5th Year Seniors (1)</b>	
K/P	Brandon Walker	K	Ryan Burkhart			**SNP	<b>J.J. JANSEN</b>	*P	<b>GEOFF PRICE</b>

**BOLD** CAPS indicates returning starters

## THE '06 IRISH BY CLASS

Class	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total
Freshmen	8	9	1	18
Sophomores	15 (4 lettermen)	11 (5 lettermen)	1 (0 lettermen)	27 (9 lettermen)
Juniors	6 (3 lettermen)	8 (5 lettermen)	0 (0 lettermen)	14 (8 lettermen)
Seniors	1 (0 lettermen)	5 (4 lettermen)	1 (1 lettermen)	7 (5 lettermen)
5th Year Seniors	3 (3 lettermen)	5 (4 lettermen)	1 (1 lettermen)	9 (8 lettermen)
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 (10 lettermen)</b>	<b>38 (18 lettermen)</b>	<b>4 (2 lettermen)</b>	<b>75 (30 lettermen)</b>

# 2007-08 SCHEDULES/2006 RESULTS

## 2007 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Series	Time (Network)	Site
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>GEORGIA TECH</b>	<b>27-5-1</b>	<b>3:30 p.m. EDT (NBC)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Sept. 8	at Penn State	9-8-1	6:00 p.m. EDT (ESPN)	Beaver Stadium, State College, PA
Sept. 15	at Michigan	14-19-1	3:30 p.m. EDT (ABC)	Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI
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## 2008 SCHEDULE

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<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>SAN DIEGO STATE</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Sept. 20	at Michigan State	Spartan Stadium, East Lansing, MI
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>PURDUE</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>STANFORD</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Oct. 11	at North Carolina	Kenan Memorial Stadium, Chapel Hill, NC
Oct. 25	at Washington	Husky Stadium, Seattle, WA
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Nov. 8	at Boston College	Alumni Stadium, Chestnut Hill, MA
Nov. 15	vs. Navy	M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, MD
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>SYRACUSE</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Nov. 29	at USC	Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, CA

## 2006 RESULTS 10-3 Overall, 6-1 Home, 3-1 Away, 1-1 Neutral

Date	Opponent	Result	Attendance	Site
Sept. 2	at Georgia Tech	W, 14-10	56,680 (c)	Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field, Atlanta, GA
<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>W, 41-17</b>	<b>80,795 (c)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>L, 21-47</b>	<b>80,795 (c)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Sept. 23	at Michigan State	W, 40-37	80,795 (c)	Spartan Stadium, East Lansing, MI
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>PURDUE</b>	<b>W, 35-21</b>	<b>80,795 (c)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>STANFORD</b>	<b>W, 31-10</b>	<b>80,795 (c)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>UCLA</b>	<b>W, 20-17</b>	<b>80,795 (c)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Oct. 28	vs. Navy	W, 38-14	71,851 (c)	M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, MD
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>W, 45-26</b>	<b>80,795 (c)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Nov. 11	at Air Force	W, 39-17	49,367	Falcon Stadium, Colorado Springs, CO
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>ARMY</b>	<b>W, 41-9</b>	<b>80,795 (c)</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME STADIUM</b>
Nov. 25	at USC	L, 24-44	91,800 (c)	Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, CA
Jan. 3	*LSU	L, 14-41	77,781 (c)	Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, LA

\*Allstate Sugar Bowl