



CHARLIE WEIS

Head Football Coach
30th year coaching • Fourth year at Notre Dame

A record combined win total for the first two seasons of any University of Notre Dame head football coach, consecutive Bowl Championship Series appearances for the first time in Irish history, and the two most accomplished passing seasons in Notre Dame football annals – those are the most notable by-products of the first three seasons of the Charlie Weis era in South Bend.

Weis, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate and owner of four Super Bowl-champion rings as products of a stellar 15-season career as a National Football League assistant coach, wasted no time putting his signature stamp on his alma mater's program in his first two years as Irish head coach in 2005 and 2006.

Weis and his Irish followed up a 9-3 record in '05 and BCS appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl with a 10-3 overall mark in '06 and a second consecutive BCS invitation, this time to the Allstate Sugar Bowl. Those 19 combined wins (including eight straight in the middle of the '06 regular season) qualified as most in a two-year period by the Irish since they collected 21 in 1992-93. It was also the first time Notre Dame played in BCS games in successive years and the most prominent two-season bowl qualification since the Irish played in the Fiesta and Orange Bowls after the 1994 and '95 campaigns. The only schools to play in BCS games after both the '05 and '06 seasons were Notre Dame, Ohio State and USC.

Notre Dame's 10 regular-season wins in '06 marked the ninth time that figure had been achieved in Irish history. Weis' 19 combined wins in his first two seasons were the most by a Notre Dame head football coach in his first two years (the previous high was 17 by both Terry Brennan in 1954-55 and Dan Devine in 1975-76). For the second straight season in '06 Weis was one of three finalists for the George Munger Award presented by the Maxwell Football Club (of Philadelphia) to the college coach of the year.

Irish Post Gaudy Offensive Numbers

The architect in '05 and '06 of the two most prolific passing seasons in Notre Dame football history, Weis effectively transformed the Irish offense into one of the most productive in the country, as Notre Dame scored more points in '05 (440) than in any previous season in school history – and also qualified as the most improved offensive attack in the nation, jumping its total offense production (477.33 yards per game) a national-best 131.8 yards per game better than in '04. The Irish followed that up with another strong passing attack in '06, with Notre Dame's average of 264.1 passing yards per contest ranking 13th nationally and second all-time in the Notre Dame record book (behind only the 330.3 mark from '05). The Irish protected the football nearly as well as any team in the coun-

try in '06, with their 14 overall turnovers in 13 games ranking tied for fourth of the 119 NCAA I-A teams.

On a combined basis in 2005 and '06 under Weis, Notre Dame led the nation in interception avoidance with only 1.6 percent of Irish passes picked off over those two years. The Irish, thanks in large part to the play of quarterback Brady Quinn, finished third in TD passes with 69 and sixth in passing yards per game (295.8) and passing rating (151.7). In '05 and '06 combined, compared to the previous two seasons, the Irish improved their points per game by 11.5, and their total yards per game by 90.9.

Offensive productivity, coupled with an opportunistic, physical defense that forced eight red-zone turnovers, and vastly-improved special teams, equated to a 9-3 mark in '05 that was good for a number-six ranking in the BCS final regular-season standings and a guaranteed at-large BCS berth in the '06 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl opposite Big Ten co-champion Ohio State. Notre Dame's only losses in '05 came by three points in overtime to then-unbeaten Michigan State, by three points to top-ranked and unbeaten USC on a last-second Trojan touchdown, then to fourth-rated Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Irish again picked up an at-large BCS position in '06 after their final 11th-place standing in the BCS poll. Notre Dame's 10 wins included two of the most dramatic comeback victories in Irish history – a 40-37 win at Michigan State after trailing by 16 points with nine minutes remaining and a 20-17 win over UCLA thanks to a three-play, 80-yard drive that resulted in the winning points with 27 seconds left. Notre Dame's only defeats in '06 came at the hands of fifth-rated USC (the Trojans finished 11-2 after winning the Rose Bowl), third-ranked Michigan (winner of 11 straight games to open the '06 campaign) and fourth-rated LSU (the Tigers finished 11-2).

Notre Dame finished ninth in the final Associated Press poll for '05 (its first AP top 10 finish since the Irish were runnersup following the '93 season), 11th according to USA Today. The Irish ended the '06 season rated 17th by AP and 19th by USA Today.

Football Writers Honor Irish Coach

His team's '05 success helped make Weis winner of the 2005 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, as national college coach of the year as selected by the Football Writers Association of



America. He also was one of three finalists for the '05 Munger Award, one of five finalists for the '05 Schutt Division I-A Sports Coach of the Year (presented by *American Football Monthly*) and finished third in the balloting for the AP college football coach-of-the-year award.

Weis saw his Irish offense flourish right out of the gate in '05 -- as Notre Dame set a school record by scoring at least 30 points in all but two outings and tied another record by scoring 40 points on six occasions. He helped put a handful of Irish players in contention for major national awards, as Quinn was a finalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year Award, one of three finalists for the Davey O'Brien Award presented to the top quarterback in the country – and finished fourth in the '05 Heisman Trophy voting. In addition, consensus first-team All-America wide receiver Jeff Samardzija was one of three finalists for the Fred Biletnikoff Award as the top receiver nationally, as was tight end Anthony Fasano for the John Mackey Award as the top tight end in the country.

Weis' charges added to that list of individual accomplishments in '06 – as Quinn won the Maxwell Award as the outstanding player in the country and the Johnny Uitas Golden Arm Award (as the top senior quarterback), took third in the Heisman Trophy race (only the second time a Notre Dame player ever had finished fourth or better in consecutive seasons) and again was a finalist for the O'Brien Award and the Walter Camp Foundation Player of the Year Award. Meanwhile, Samardzija was a Biletnikoff finalist and first-team All-American for the second straight season – and tight end John Carlson was a finalist for the Mackey Award (as well as a first-team Academic All-American). Safety and kick returner Tom Zbikowski won third-team AP All-America honors in both '05 and '06.

Quinn A Star Under Weis' Guidance

Quinn, turned into a star in '05 and '06 under Weis' tutelage, as he set 36 career, single-season, single-game and miscellaneous records after breaking 25 in that '05 season alone. Quinn qualifies as the Notre Dame career and single-season leader in passing yards (3,919 in '05; 11,762 in his career), pass completions (292 in '05; 929 in his career) and touchdown passes (37 in '06; 95 in his career). He ranked third in the country in '06 with those 37 TD passes (behind only Hawaii's Colt Brennan with 58 and Texas Tech's Graham Harrell with 38). He also ranked third in '05 with 32 TD passes (behind only Brennan with 35 and UCLA's Drew Olson with 34) -- and he set an Irish single-game record with his six TD passes versus BYU in '05. During the middle of the '06 season, Quinn threw a best-in-the-nation 226 consecutive passes without an interception (that streak ended in the 11th game of the season vs. Army).

Meanwhile, Samardzija (an '05 NCAA consensus first-team All-American, based on his selection by *The Sporting News* and the Football Writers Association of America team – then a first-team pick again in '06 by the FWAA) finished as runnerup for the '05 NCAA title in TD receptions with 15. He and Rhema McKnight finished one-two on Notre Dame's career pass reception chart (with 179 and 170, respectively), after both surpassed Tom Gatewood (he'd held the record with 157 since 1971) during the '06 season. Meanwhile, McKnight's 15 TD receptions in '06 tied Samardzija's single-season Irish mark from '05 and ranked him tied for second nationally in that category (behind only Rice's Jarrett Dillard with 21). Samardzija's season total of 78 receptions in '06 broke the season mark of 77 he tied in '05 (Gatewood caught 77 in '70).

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Weis guided the '05 Irish offense to final national rankings of fourth in passing offense (330.25 yards per game), eighth in scoring (36.67 points per game) and 10th in total offense (477.33 yards per game). Then, in '06, the Irish finished 13th in passing (264.1 yards per game) and 16th in scoring (31.0 points per game). In '07, his pass defense ranked second in the nation in average yards allowed per game (161.6), while defensive tackle Trevor Laws led the nation in tackles by a lineman (112).

On an individual basis in '05, Quinn ranked fifth nationally in total offense (334.08 yards per game) and seventh in passing efficiency (158.40 rating points), and Samardzija stood fourth in receiving yards per game (104.08). Quinn in '06 ended up 11th in total offense (269.0 yards per game) and 19th in passing efficiency (146.66 points). Samardzija in '05 broke the Notre Dame season marks for receiving yardage (1,249) and TD receptions (15) and tied Gatewood's 35-year-old single-season record of 77 receptions from '70, before claiming the single-season reception mark for himself in '06 and the career pass receiving yards record (2,593) and the career TD reception mark (27).

Quinn finished 10th all-time among NCAA I-A quarterbacks in passing yards (11,762), 11th in completions (929) and tied for seventh in TD passes (95).

Weis' Irish are Passing Fancies

The Irish in 2005 and '06 were easily the two most productive passing teams in Notre Dame history, with their '05 average of 330.25 passing yards per game shattering the previous high of 252.7 aerial yards per game from 1970 (and the '06 mark of 264.1 easily breaking the record as well).



Notre Dame set another school record by topping the 500-yard mark in total offense seven times in '05, including a 663-yard performance against Stanford in the regular-season finale that marked the fifth-best single-game effort in the Irish record book. Notre Dame in '05 became the first Irish team in history to boast a 3,000-yard passer (Quinn with 3,919), a 1,000-yard rusher (Darius Walker with 1,196) and two 1,000-yard receivers (Samardzija with 1,249 and Maurice Stovall with 1,149). Notre Dame in '05 set 11 sin-

gle-season offensive team records, nine career individual records, 14 season individual records, seven single-game individual records, plus six other miscellaneous records.

With the season-opening Irish victories at 23rd-ranked Pittsburgh and at third-rated Michigan in '05, Weis became the first Irish head coach to win his first two career games on the opponents' home fields since Knute Rockne in 1918 and the first Notre Dame head football coach ever to open with two victories over ranked opponents. The Irish also won at 22nd-rated Purdue in '05 to post three wins over ranked opponents (all on the road) in their first five games of the campaign. Notre Dame in '06 added a season-opening victory over a solid Georgia Tech team that eventually finished 9-5 (and 25th in the *USA Today* final regular-season poll) and played in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game – as well as wins over '06 postseason participants Penn State (9-4 and 24th in the final AP poll), Purdue (8-6), UCLA (7-6) and Navy (9-4).

Irish Achieve in Classroom as Well

Weis has impacted the Irish program off the field as well, with his football players combining to top the 3.0 grade-point average mark in a record six straight semesters. His players achieved a then-program-record 3.044 combined grade-point average during the '05 fall semester, with 56 of 97 players earning a 3.0 average or better -- and added another 3.0 semester in the spring of '06 with a program-best 3.072 mark.

Notre Dame's team produced a third-straight 3.0 semester with a 3.041 GPA for the '06 fall semester -- including 61 of 104 players (and 17 of 24 starters, including punter and placekicker) achieving a 3.0 or better average. Ten Irish players were enrolled in graduate studies during the fall of '06 – five others graduated in December '06 after only three and a half years of study. Notre Dame produced its first football Academic All-American in 13 years in Carlson in '06. The fourth 3.0 semester came in spring 2007 with a combined 3.041 GPA (59 players finished at 3.0 or better).

Notre Dame's fifth consecutive 3.0 semester came in fall 2007, with 51 players individually achieving that level or better. Carlson and Laws both were second-team Academic All-Americans in '07, with Carlson winning postgraduate scholarships from both the NCAA and the National Football Foundation.

The 2008 spring semester marked the sixth straight semester with a team GPA over 3.0. Fifty-four members of the team recorded a GPA over 3.0 and 14 players were named to the dean's list.

In addition, Notre Dame received the 2007 Academic Achievement Award (shared with Northwestern) from the American Football Coaches Association – with both schools graduating 95 percent of their freshman classes that entered in 2001. That made Notre Dame a seven-time winner of the AFCA award.

Midway through the '05 season Weis agreed to a new 10-year contract that took effect in 2006 and extends through the 2015 season. He ranked 53rd on *The Sporting News* Power 100 list of the most powerful people in sports, as the highest-ranked individual associated with college athletics (Jan. 13, 2006, issue of *The Sporting News*). The Notre Dame Monogram Club presented him with an honorary monogram prior to the '07 Blue-Gold game.

Super Bowls Mark Weis Era with Pats

A widely-respected disciple of professional coaching standouts Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick, Weis concluded his first year at Notre Dame in 2005 (he was hired Dec. 12, 2004, as the 28th Notre Dame head football coach, signing an original six-year contract) – after spending the previous five years as the highly-regarded offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots (under Patriot head coach Belichick). He played an integral role in New England's victories in three of the previous four Super Bowls, including a 24-21 victory over Philadelphia in Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville to cap the 2004 season. That run by Weis and the Patriots marked the most sustained Super Bowl success in the history of that event -- matching Dallas' three wins in a four-year period following the 1992 through '95 seasons.

Weis currently is one of seven former Belichick assistants now serving as head coaches – with the list also including Romeo Crennel (Cleveland Browns), Kirk Ferentz (Iowa), Al Groh (Virginia), Pat Hill (Fresno State), Eric Mangini (New York Jets) and Nick Saban (Alabama).

Weis qualifies as the first Notre Dame graduate to hold the football head coaching position at his alma mater since Hugh Devore (a '34 graduate) served as interim coach in 1963 (the Irish finished 2-7 that year – Devore also coached the Irish to a 7-2-1 mark as interim coach in 1945). Weis is the first Notre Dame graduate to serve as the Irish football coach on a full-fledged basis since '38 graduate Joe Kuharich did it from 1959 through '62.

Now pointing for his 30th season overall in coaching in 2008, Weis spent nine seasons with the Patriots and five as the team's offensive coordinator – plus three seasons each with the New York Giants (1990-92) and New York Jets (1997-99). In those 15 NFL seasons, his coaching contributions helped produce those four Super Bowl championships (Giants following 1990 season, Patriots following '01, '03 and '04 seasons), five conference titles, six division titles and a 15-3

THE WEIS FILE

Year	School/Team	Assignment
1979	Boonton (N.J.) High School	Assistant Coach
1980-84	Morristown (N.J.) High School	Assistant Coach
1985	South Carolina	Graduate Assistant Coach/Defensive Backs
1986	South Carolina	Graduate Assistant Coach/Linebackers
1987	South Carolina (8-4, Gator Bowl)	Volunteer Coach/Defensive Ends
1988	South Carolina (8-4, Liberty Bowl)	Assistant Recruiting Coordinator
1989	Franklin Township (N.J.) High School	Head Coach
1990	New York Giants (13-3, Super Bowl champion)	Defensive Assistant, Asst. Special Teams
1991	New York Giants (8-8)	Running Backs
1992	New York Giants	Running Backs
1993	New England Patriots	Tight Ends
1994	New England Patriots (10-6, lost Wild Card game)	Tight Ends
1995	New England Patriots	Running Backs
1996	New England Patriots (11-5, lost Super Bowl)	Wide Receivers
1997	New York Jets (9-7)	Wide Receivers
1998	New York Jets (12-4, lost AFC title game)	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
1999	New York Jets (8-8)	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
2000	New England Patriots	Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs
2001	New England Patriots (11-5, Super Bowl champion)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks/RBs
2002	New England Patriots (9-7)	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2003	New England Patriots (14-2, Super Bowl champion)	Offensive Coordinator
2004	New England Patriots (14-2, Super Bowl champion)	Offensive Coordinator
2005	University of Notre Dame (9-3, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl)	Head Coach
2006	University of Notre Dame (10-2, Allstate Sugar Bowl)	Head Coach
2007	University of Notre Dame	Head Coach
	Notre Dame Total (3 seasons)	22-15-0 (.595)

playoff record. Weis has been a winner everywhere he has coached – and he has received widespread notice as one of the most creative and innovative offensive coordinators in football.

All along the way, Weis has displayed the ability to develop successful offensive players. He helped advance the careers of New York Jets' running back Curtis Martin, Jets' wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, Patriots' tight end Ben Coates and, most notably, Patriots' two-time Super Bowl MVP quarterback Tom Brady. Under Weis' tutelage, the former sixth-round draft choice became one of the NFL's premier signal-callers in just four seasons as a starter. Including the playoffs, Brady compiled a 57-14 record as a starting quarterback after stepping in early in 2001, when Weis also was serving as the New England quarterbacks coach, through the end of the '04 campaign.

Weis Tutors Brady To All-Star Status

In addition to his offensive coordinator responsibilities, Weis mentored the Patriot quarterbacks both in 2001 and 2002. In '01, Drew Bledsoe started the first two games of the season before being sidelined with a serious chest

injury. By the third week of the season, Weis was preparing Brady for his first NFL start and, over the course of the season, Brady blossomed into a Pro Bowl performer and earned the MVP award in Super Bowl XXXVI. Brady only continued to improve, leading the NFL with 28 TD passes in 2002, then turning in a second Super Bowl MVP performance in '03.

Weis' offense permitted youthful Patriot offensive stars such as Brady, Deion Branch, Notre Dame graduate David Givens and Kevin Faulk to flourish. His offense also allowed New England veterans such as Troy Brown, Christian Fauria and David Patten to enjoy resurgences in their careers. Brown established a New England record with 101 receptions in 2001, earning his initial Pro Bowl invitation in his ninth NFL season. Fauria led the Patriots with seven TDs in 2002 (his eighth pro campaign), while Patten's 61 catches in '02 were the most of his seven-year career.

Weis also made great use of contributions from a pair of 2002 draft picks to help the team to its second Super Bowl championship in 2003. Branch led the team with 57 receptions in his second pro season, while fellow second-year player Givens paced New England with six receiving TDs. In the postseason, Givens added a pair of scores, while Branch's 10 catches in Super Bowl XXXVIII tied for the third-most in Super Bowl history. Givens, who played for the Irish in 1998-2001, led the '04 Patriots in receptions with 56 for 874 yards and three TDs.

The Patriots finished 2004 with a franchise-record 20 consecutive homefield victories (regular-season and postseason combined) over three seasons, the longest current streak in the NFL at that time. Meanwhile, Patriot running back Cory Dillon rushed for 1,635 yards and 12 TDs (ranking third in the league and including nine 100-yard games) in '04 – then added a 144-yard effort versus Indianapolis in the playoffs. New England enjoyed a 21-game unbeaten streak, including the final 15 games in 2003 (including three in the playoffs) and the first six in '04 and had won 32 of its last 34 games overall through the end of the '04 season.

Weis Begins NFL Tour with Giants

Weis started his professional coaching career with the New York Giants in 1990. After assisting in the Giants pro personnel department while also coaching high school football in '89, Weis a year later was named defensive assistant and assistant special teams coach (under eighth-year Giants head coach Parcells). In his first season on the Giants coaching staff, the Giants claimed the Super Bowl title with a 16-3 overall record. In 1991, Ray Handley took over as coach of the Giants and named Weis his running backs coach. After two seasons on Handley's staff, Weis began a four-year stint in New England – all four of those seasons under Parcells.

In Weis' first tenure with the Patriots from 1993-96, he assisted in the development of some of New England's all-time best individual season performances from Coates, Martin and Terry Glenn, respectively. During his first four seasons in New England, he coached three different positions. In 1993 and '94, Weis served as the Patriots' tight ends coach and, in his second season at the position, Coates set an NFL record for receptions by a tight end with 96 and earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl. In '95, Weis

coached the Patriots' running backs and was credited with developing Martin, a third-round '95 draft pick, into one of the premier running backs in the NFL. That year, Martin won league rookie-of-the-year honors and set franchise rushing records with 1,487 yards and 14 TDs. In '96, Weis coached the New England receivers, with Glenn leading the team and setting an NFL rookie reception record with 90 catches for 1,132 yards and six TDs.

From 1997 to '99 (with Parcells as head coach and Belichick as assistant head coach), Weis called offensive plays for the New York Jets. In his first season, the Jets improved from 1-15 in 1996 to 9-7 in '97. The eight-game improvement ranked as the best in franchise history. In '98, Weis was named the offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach. By season's end, his offense ranked among the greatest in franchise history and led the Jets to their first division title. The team scored 416 points, second-highest total in franchise history (after 419 points in '68) and averaged 357.2 yards per game. It marked the second-best total-offense season average in Jets history (368.5 yards per game in '85). Both of Weis' starting receivers, Johnson (1,131) and Wayne Chrebet (1,083), eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving plateau for the first time in their careers. It marked the first time since '86 that two Jets receivers reached that milestone in the same season.

In '99, Weis' offense produced the NFL's second-leading rusher and the AFC's fourth-ranked receiver. Martin rushed for 1,464 yards, falling only 90 yards shy of the rushing title (won by Indianapolis' Edgerrin James). Johnson led the Jets and established career highs with 89 receptions for 1,170 yards, earning his second consecutive Pro Bowl nod.

Begins at South Carolina and New Jersey Prep Level

Weis has enjoyed tremendous coaching success at all levels, including high school, college and in the NFL. The Trenton, N.J., native began his coaching career in 1979 at Boonton High School in New Jersey, then spent the next five seasons at Morristown (N.J.) High School as a football assistant. In '85, he was hired by head coach Joe Morrison at the University of South Carolina, where he served four seasons -- with the Gamecocks finishing 8-4 and playing in the Gator and Liberty Bowls, respectively, following the '87 and '88 seasons.

He returned to New Jersey as head coach at Franklin Township High School in '89. That year,

he directed Franklin Township to the New Jersey state championship while also assisting in the Giants' pro personnel department. In '90, he launched his professional coaching career with the New York Giants and celebrated the first of his four Super Bowl championships.

Weis was born March 30, 1956, in Trenton, N.J. After graduation from Middlesex (N.J.) High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in speech and drama from Notre Dame in 1978. While coaching at South Carolina, he earned his master's degree in education in 1989.

In 2003, Weis and his wife Maura established the Hannah & Friends Foundation, dedicated to children affected by developmental disorders. The foundation funds Hannah's Helping Hands, which provides quality of life grants to families in Indiana and Rhode Island that care for children and adults with special needs. The Weis family, through Hannah & Friends, also has purchased 30 acres of land in the South Bend area and is in the process of building a farm and residential center for special needs adults age 18 and older. On June 26, 2008, Weis was sworn in as a member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. He was appointed by President George W. Bush in the spring and serves a two-year term on the committee.

Hannah & Friends Enjoys Wide Support

In the spring of '08, the fifth annual Hannah & Friends Celebrity Golf Classic was held in South Bend to benefit the foundation. Weis also joined with former Notre Dame football coaches Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz in a dinner the past three summers to benefit the three coaches' charitable interests. The Notre Dame Coaches' Kickoff for Charity was first held in 2006 in New York City, then was followed by the 2007 dinner in Beverly Hills, Calif. Chicago hosted the most recent fundraiser on July 31, 2008.

Weis is the author of a 2006 autobiography (written with Vic Carucci) titled "No Excuses: One Man's Incredible Rise Through the NFL to Head Coach of Notre Dame." His wife, Maura, is author of a 2008 book (written with Jessica Trobaugh Temple) titled "Miles from the Sideline" – a journey with the Weis' special needs daughter.

Weis traveled to the Middle East (Bahrain, UAE, Qatar, USS Nassau) in the spring of '08 with a contingent of college football coaches to visit United States military troops.

Charlie and Maura have two children, Charles Joseph and Hannah Margaret.

The Weis Years at Notre Dame

2005 (9-3)

Sept. 3	at Pittsburgh (23)	W	42-21
Sept. 10	(20) at Michigan (3)	W	17-10
Sept. 17	(10) Michigan State	L (ot)	41-44
Sept. 24	(16) at Washington	W	36-17
Oct. 1	(13) at Purdue (22)	W	49-28
Oct. 15	(9) USC (1)	L	31-34
Oct. 22	(9) BYU	W	49-23
Nov. 5	(8) Tennessee	W	41-21
Nov. 12	(7) Navy	W	42-21
Nov. 19	(6) Syracuse	W	34-10
Nov. 26	(6) at Stanford	W	38-31
Tostitos Fiesta Bowl			
Jan. 2	(5) Ohio State (4)	L	20-34

2006 (10-3)

Sept. 2	(2) at Georgia Tech	W	14-10
Sept. 9	(4) Penn State (19)	W	41-17
Sept. 16	(2) Michigan (11)	L	21-47
Sept. 23	(12) at Michigan State	W	40-37
Sept. 30	(12) Purdue	W	35-21
Oct. 7	(12) Stanford	W	31-10
Oct. 21	(10) UCLA	W	20-17
Oct. 28	(11) vs. Navy (Baltimore)	W	38-14
Nov. 4	(11) North Carolina	W	45-26
Nov. 11	(9) at Air Force	W	39-17
Nov. 18	(6) Army	W	41-9
Nov. 25	(6) at USC (3)	L	24-44
Allstate Sugar Bowl			
Jan. 3	(11) ISU (4)	L	14-41

2007 (3-9)

Sept. 1	Georgia Tech	L	3-33
Sept. 8	at Penn State (14)	L	10-31
Sept. 15	at Michigan	L	0-38
Sept. 22	Michigan State	L	14-31
Sept. 29	at Purdue	L	19-33
Oct. 6	at UCLA	W	20-6
Oct. 13	Boston College (4)	L	14-27
Oct. 20	USC (13)	L	0-38
Nov. 3	Navy	L (3ot)	44-46
Nov. 10	Air Force	L	24-41
Nov. 17	Duke	W	28-7
Nov. 24	at Stanford	W	21-14

Number in parentheses in front of opponent name indicates Notre Dame Associated Press ranking coming into the game. The number following the opponent indicates the opponent AP ranking.



The Weis family (from left): Charlie, Maura, Charlie Jr. and Hannah



JOHN LATINA

Assistant Head Coach (Offense)/Offensive Line
30th year coaching • Fourth year at Notre Dame

Entering his fourth season as Notre Dame's assistant head coach for offense as well as the offensive line coach, John Latina has worked with seasoned veterans as well as talented but inexperienced players.

He has molded offensive lineman into solid players who then were drafted into the NFL. Over the past three seasons, four Irish offensive linemen have been selected in the NFL draft, more than any other position group on the team.

In his first two years, Latina had an offensive line of juniors, seniors and fifth-year seniors who had all played together. The successes experienced by the offense in 2005 and 2006 can be partially credited to the play of the offensive line those years. In 2007, Latina was forced to quickly develop three new starters and a sophomore who surrounded fifth-year senior starter John Sullivan. The progress made by the offensive line in '07 was a microcosm of the progress attained by the rest of the offense. Over the last four games last year, the Irish offense averaged 157.5 rushing yards per game while converting 41.5 percent on third down en route to averaging 29.3 points per game during that stretch. Two of the three best rushing totals of the season came during the last two games of '07 when the starting offensive line consisted of three sophomores and two juniors. Left tackle Sam Young and left guard Mike Turkovich started every game last year and lined up next to each other for the final 10 contests. Right tackle Paul Duncan started all 12 contests as well and returns in '08 as does right guard Eric Olsen who started the final six games. Dan Wenger opened the '07 campaign as the starting right guard before an injury sidelined him. Wenger returned to start the final two contests at center, his natural position, and enters training camp as the starting center.

The 2006 season was Latina's 25th as an assistant coach. He coached an offensive line that started four seniors and a freshman in every game and helped open holes for Darius Walker who gained over 1,000 yards for the second year in a row. Walker's 1,310 yards were the fourth most in school history and

he became just the fourth Irish running back to eclipse 1,000 rushing yards in consecutive seasons. The offensive line also helped protect quarterback Brady Quinn as he surpassed 3,000 passing yards for the second-straight season en route to receiving the Maxwell Award and the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. The line was led by left tackle Ryan Harris who started the final 45 games of his career along with guards Bob Morton and Dan Santucci. Sullivan was named to the Rimington Award Watch List last year and Young earned first-team freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* and *Rivals.com*.

A key figure in Notre Dame's offensive explosion in 2005, Latina assisted head coach Charlie Weis as the Irish attack shattered numerous records. Meanwhile, his work with the Irish offensive line was a key component in yielding those impressive results. The 2005 Irish offense averaged 36.7 points per game. Notre Dame scored 58 touchdowns (just one shy of the Notre Dame single-season mark) and 440 points (a Notre Dame single-season record) and was the nation's most improved offensive unit, in terms of yardage per game. The 2005 Irish offense produced two 1,000-yard receivers (Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall), a 1,000-yard rusher (Walker) and a 3,000-yard passer (Quinn) — one of only two schools to do that in '05 (along with Miami of Ohio).

Latina joined the Irish in '05 after spending six seasons at the University of Mississippi as offensive line coach and coordinated the Rebels' highly successful offense for five years. He directed the most prolific attack in Ole Miss history in 2003, as the Rebels set school records for points scored (442) and total offense (5,631) on the way to a final ranking of 13th in the Associated Press poll. Ole Miss led the Southeastern Conference that season in passing offense (286.0), scoring (34.0) and total offense (433.2). Quarterback Eli Manning was the SEC Offensive Player of the Year and was the number-one overall pick in the NFL draft.

In addition, receiver Chris Collins and offensive guard Doug Buckles earned first-team all-SEC honors (Buckles added second-team all-league honors in 2004 and guard Marcus Johnson also was a 2004 second-team pick). Three other Ole Miss players from that squad signed NFL contracts. There were two seasons during Latina's stay at Ole Miss that the Rebel offensive line allowed the fewest quarterback sacks in the SEC.



Latina helped groom some of the best offensive linemen ever to play at Ole Miss. Center Ben Claxton was all-SEC and was a fifth-round draft pick by the Denver Broncos in 2003. He also developed tackle Terrence Metcalf into an All-America selection chosen the SEC's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman in 2001 and picked in the third round of the 2002 NFL draft.

His first season at Ole Miss (1999) produced a trio of all-SEC picks and All-America accolades for tackle Todd Wade and Metcalf, while Claxton was chosen Freshman All-America. The Rebels finished 22nd in the final AP poll that season. During his tenure at Ole Miss, Latina coached 11 offensive linemen who went on to sign NFL contracts, including first and second-round selections in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Prior to joining the Ole Miss staff, Latina was an assistant coach at Clemson for five years (1994-98), working with the offensive line and helping teams to three bowl appearances. During his time with the Tigers, Latina coached six all-ACC offensive linemen and helped Clemson rank among the top two in the ACC in rushing from 1995-97.

A 1981 graduate of Virginia Tech (earning a bachelor of science degree in education, with a major in therapeutic recreation), Latina lettered four years as an offensive lineman for the Hokies. He joined the Virginia Tech coaching staff as a graduate assistant and helped lead the Hokies to the 1981 Peach Bowl. After spending one season (1982) as an assistant at Pittsburgh (the Panthers finished 10th nationally that season) under head coach Foge Fazio (later defensive coordinator at Notre Dame), Latina became the offensive line coach at Temple (1983-88) under head coach Bruce Arians. His offensive line blocked for

first-team All-America tailback Paul Palmer, who led the nation in rushing in 1986. At Temple, Latina coached three players who were drafted by the NFL and four others who signed free-agent contracts.

Latina joined the Kansas State staff in 1989 as offensive line coach and running game coordinator. He spent five seasons with the Wildcats, where he coached two future NFL draft picks and five others who inked free-agent contracts. His 1993 Kansas State team won the Copper Bowl and finished 9-2-1 and 20th in the final AP poll.

Born Sept. 18, 1957, John Joseph Latina is a native of New Castle, Pa. He is married to the former Michele Veltre (also of New Castle). They are parents of two sons, John and Michael.

THE LATINA FILE

Year	School	Assignment
1979-80	Virginia Tech	Undergraduate Assistant
1981	Virginia Tech	Graduate Assistant
1982	Pittsburgh	Tight Ends
1983-88	Temple	Offensive Line
1989-93	Kansas State	Offensive Line/
1994-98	Clemson	Offensive Line
1999	Ole Miss	Offensive Line
2000-04	Ole Miss	Offensive Coordinator/ Offensive Line
2005-present	Notre Dame	Assistant Head Coach (Offense)/Offensive Line



The Latina family (from left): John, John, Michele and Michael



JON TENUTA

Assistant Head Coach (Defense)/Linebackers
28th year coaching • First year at Notre Dame

On Jan. 31, 2008, Jon Tenuta was named assistant head coach/defense at the University of Notre Dame and brings an aggressive, attacking scheme to the Irish, forged in his 27 years as a defensive coach.

One of the top defensive coaches in the country, Tenuta will coach the linebackers at Notre Dame.

One of the most experienced defensive coaches in college football, Tenuta has served as defensive coordinator at six schools: Georgia Tech (2002-07), North Carolina (2001), Ohio State (2000), SMU (1990-94), Kansas State (1988) and Marshall (1987).

Several players have become first-round National Football League draft picks while playing under Tenuta, including defensive end Julius Peppers, defensive tackle Ryan Sims and defensive backs Shawn Springs, Antoine Winfield, Ahmed Plummer and Nate Clements.

In the six years prior to Notre Dame, Tenuta served as Georgia Tech's defensive coordinator and helped Tech win at least seven games in every season while playing in bowl games following all six regular seasons. In 2006, Tenuta was promoted to associate head coach - and he also coached the Yellow Jackets' defensive backs.

In his six seasons in Atlanta, 18 Yellow Jacket defenders earned first- or second-team all-ACC recognition, and 18 players from his first four units were either drafted or signed NFL free-agent contracts.

From 2004-07, the Yellow Jackets ranked in the top 30 nationally in total defense, scoring defense and rushing defense, including 20th or higher against the run all four years.

In 2007, Georgia Tech led the nation in sacks, averaging 3.69 per game, and ranked fourth in tackles for loss per game. His overall defense ranked 20th in the country, allowing 330.4 yards per game,

and the rushing defense ranked 20th (allowing 114.5 yards). The Rambling Wreck allowed fewer than 21 points per game, as the defense ranked 21st nationally in scoring defense. Junior defensive tackle Vance Walker was named first-team all-ACC and a third-team All-American by Rivals.com, while linebacker Philip Wheeler and defensive end Darrell Robertson were each named all-ACC second-team performers.

Tenuta assembled another outstanding defense in 2006, despite losing six starters from the previous year. That unit ranked ninth in the nation in pass efficiency defense, 20th in rushing defense, 27th in total defense and 27th in scoring defense. The '06 Tech defense held eight opponents to one offensive touchdown or less.

In '06 senior tackle Joe Anoi and junior safety Jamal Lewis were named first-team all-ACC, linebacker Philip Wheeler and defensive end Adamm Oliver, both juniors, made the all-ACC second team, and senior linebacker KaMichael Hall earned honorable mention recognition.

In 2005, defense keyed the Jackets' road victories at Auburn and Miami in 2005 as Tech allowed a combined total of 80 yards rushing to the two top 10 teams while collecting 10 sacks and forcing six turnovers. Tech held the Hurricanes to 237 total yards and one-for-14 success on third downs, while limiting Georgia, another top 10 foe, to 266 total yards.

Following the Miami game, Tenuta was named national coordinator of the week by Rivals.com as well as national defensive coordinator of the week by the Master Coaches Survey. Tenuta's unit grabbed 21 interceptions, the most by a Tech defense since 1990, and led the ACC in turnover margin.

The 2005 defense featured a trio of all-ACC honorees in defensive end Eric Henderson, a three-time selection, linebacker Gerris Wilkinson, a two-time all-ACC pick, and safety Dawan Landry, honored for the first time. All three moved on to the NFL. Wilkinson was drafted by the New York Giants in the second round and Landry was selected by Baltimore in round four. Henderson signed as a free agent with the Cincinnati Bengals, as did safety Chris Reis

with the Atlanta Falcons, cornerback Reuben Houston with Tampa Bay and cornerback Dennis Davis with Oakland.

Tech's 2004 defense, which started only one senior, ranked 12th in the nation in total defense at 297.9 yards per game. The Jackets also stood 13th in rushing defense, 21st in pass defense and 21st in scoring defense and held five teams to one offensive touchdown. That unit was led by standout free safety James Butler, a first-team all-Atlantic Coast Conference selection and semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back for the second straight year. Butler now plays for the New York Giants.

From Tech's 2003 defense, linebacker Daryl Smith was a second-round selection by Jacksonville and linebacker Keyaron Fox was a third-round pick by Kansas City. Tony Hargrove, a defensive end for Tenuta in 2002, was drafted in the third round by St. Louis.

Tenuta's defensive unit also performed very well in 2003, particularly in victories over bowl-bound Auburn (three points, 230 yards allowed) and Maryland (three points, 253 yards) and a one-point loss to ACC champion Florida State (251 yards). Tech led the ACC and ranked 12th in the nation in rushing defense while ranking 20th in total defense and 27th in scoring defense.

Tech's 2003 defense featured three first-team all-ACC selections in Fox, who led the league in tackles, Henderson, who led in sacks, and Butler, who was second in the ACC in interceptions. Two Tech defenders also earned all-ACC honors in 2002 in free safety Jeremy Muyres and linebacker Recardo Wimbush.

Tenuta came to Tech in 2002 after one season at North Carolina, which he guided to become the top-rated defense, statistically, in the ACC in 2001. Under Tenuta, the Tar Heels led the ACC in total defense and pass defense while ranking third in run defense and scoring defense. Defensive end Julius Peppers and defensive tackle Ryan Sims were two of the top three defensive players



drafted in 2002. Peppers was the second overall selection by the Carolina Panthers while Sims was taken with the sixth pick by the Kansas City Chiefs.

He helped develop several defensive backs into NFL players, including first-round draft picks Shawn Springs, Antoine Winfield, Ahmed Plummer and Nate Clements from Ohio State. Springs was the 1996 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and a first-team All-America, while Winfield won the 1998 Jim Thorpe Award. Ohio State's pass defense was consistently ranked among the nation's best during Tenuta's tenure.

Tenuta began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Virginia (1981-82) and Maryland (1983), and then served as an assistant coach at Vanderbilt (1984-85), Marshall (1986-87), Kansas State (1988), SMU (1989-94) and Oklahoma (1995). At SMU, Tenuta was the defensive backs coach in 1989 before being promoted to defensive coordinator in 1990. At Ohio State, he was the defensive backs coach from 1996-1999 before being elevated to the defensive coordinator post in 2000.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Tenuta is a graduate of Virginia. He lettered three years as a defensive back for the Cavaliers and earned the team's John Acree Memorial Football Trophy and Kevin Bowie Award. Born Feb. 25, 1957, he and his wife, Dori, are the parents of three sons: Zach, Matt and Luke.

THE TENUTA FILE

Year	School	Assignment
1981-82	Virginia	Graduate Assistant
1983	Maryland	Graduate Assistant
1984-85	Vanderbilt	Defensive Backs
1986	Marshall	Defensive Backs
1987	Marshall	Defensive Coordinator
1988	Kansas State	Defensive Coordinator
1989	SMU	Defensive Backs
1990	SMU	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1991-94	SMU	Defensive Coordinator
1995	Oklahoma	Defensive Backs
1996-99	Ohio State	Defensive Backs
2000	Ohio State	Defensive Coordinator
2001	North Carolina	Defensive Coordinator
2002	Georgia Tech	Defensive Coordinator
2003-07	Georgia Tech	Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
2008	Notre Dame	Assistant Head Coach (Defense)/Linebackers Coach

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CORWIN BROWN

Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
Eighth year coaching • Second year at Notre Dame

In his first season as Irish defensive coordinator in 2007, Corwin Brown led Notre Dame to its best total defensive ranking since 2002.

The Irish ranked 39th in total defense in '07, 26 places higher than when it finished 65th in 2006, and allowed 357.0 yards per game. The strength of the defense was its secondary, demonstrated by the second-ranked pass defense in the Football Bowl Subdivision. Only Ohio State allowed fewer than the 161.58 yards per game the Irish permitted. In fact, the 161.58 yards passing allowed per game ranked as the best by an Irish defense since 1996 and the fifth best average in the past 25 years.

As a coordinator, Brown helped put defensive end Trevor Laws in position to record a breakthrough season as he registered 112 tackles, the second-most ever by a Notre Dame defensive lineman. Laws led the nation in tackles by a defensive lineman and increased his draft value in the eyes of National Football League scouts. He wound up being selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round with the 47th pick overall, the earliest an Irish defensive tackle had been drafted in 14 years. Safeties Tom Zbikowski and David Bruton both flourished from Brown's teaching as they each set career highs for tackles. Zbikowski left Notre Dame as just the eighth player to reach the 300-tackle plateau and is the career leader for tackles by an Irish defensive back. He was selected in the third round of the NFL draft by the Baltimore Ravens, and became the third Irish defensive back drafted in the last two years. Bruton had never started prior to the start of the '07 season and started 11 games at free safety while ranking third on the team and first in the secondary with 85 tackles.

Brown worked primarily the outside linebackers in '07, and the growth made by multiple players in that position group is one reason why there's optimism about the future of the Notre Dame defense. John Ryan started eight games in '07 as a sophomore at outside linebacker and ranked ninth on the team with 39 tackles. Two freshmen also saw their playing time increase during the '07 season as Kerry Neal and Brian Smith showed flashes of bright futures. Neal started five games at out-

side linebacker, while Smith started the final three contests and both made an impact every in game they appeared. The duo combined to record 45 tackles for the season including 3.5 sacks, six tackles for loss, one interception, two passes broken up, one forced fumble and two recovered fumbles.

On Jan. 19, 2007, Brown was hired as defensive coordinator at Notre Dame, highlighting his meteoric rise in the coaching profession. In the 14 years that preceded Notre Dame, Brown had the privilege to either play for or coach under some of the best defensive minds in collegiate and professional football. The list of Brown's mentors includes Bill Parcells, Bill Belichick, Romeo Crennel, Herm Edwards, Al Groh and Eric Mangini.

Brown moved to South Bend after coaching the defensive backs of the New York Jets for three years. During that span, the Jets intercepted 56 passes, tied for the fifth-most in the NFL from 2004-06. Of those 56 picks, Brown's defensive backs were responsible for 46. By contrast, in the three seasons prior to Brown's arrival, the Jets secondary had accounted for 36 interceptions. He helped turn veteran cornerbacks, such as Ty Law, into Pro Bowl cornerbacks and took one rookie in 2004 (Erik Coleman) and 2005 (Kerry Rhodes) and developed them into solid contributors who started all 16 games in their first years.

In 2006, Brown was one of a few select coaches retained by first-year head coach Mangini. Brown was part of a coaching staff with the Jets that generated six more wins than in 2005, tied for the second-best improvement in the 46-year history of the franchise. His defensive secondary accounted for 14 of the team's 16 interceptions, led by cornerback Andre Dyson and second-year safety Kerry Rhodes who each tallied four picks. Brown's defensive backs also prevented the big play as they allowed just 21 pass plays of 25 yards or longer. Only six NFL teams permitted fewer big plays.

In 2005, Brown oversaw a secondary that allowed an average of only 172.2 passing yards per game, second-best in the NFL, and recorded 18 of the team's 21 interceptions. Only one Jets team in the previous 17 seasons intercepted more passes in a single season than the 2005 squad. Law was selected for the Pro Bowl after he recorded a career-high 10 interceptions, tied for most in the league. Law's 10 pilfers were the third-most in Jets history and the best single-season total in 41 years. Brown also helped break two rookies into the starting line-up as Rhodes started all



16 games at safety and Justin Miller started the final eight contests at cornerback. Rhodes ranked third on the team with 108 tackles and was named to the All-Rookie Team by *Pro Football Weekly* and the Pro Football Writers of America.

Hired as the assistant special teams/assistant defensive backs coach by the Jets on Feb. 17, 2004, Brown was elevated to defensive backs coach by head coach Herm Edwards prior to the start of training camp. Brown's defensive backfield was credited with 14 of the team's 19 interceptions, a 40 percent increase from the previous season. He helped develop 2004 fifth-round selection Coleman into a solid player who started all 16 games at safety for the Jets in his rookie campaign, becoming the first Jets player to accomplish that feat since 1988. He led the secondary while ranking third on the team with 88 tackles, adding four interceptions and nine pass break-ups. Brown prepared Coleman well enough that he earned AFC Rookie Defensive Player of the Week honors after his first game and he was tabbed the AFC Rookie Defensive Player of the Month for September.

Brown received his first full-time coaching job on Jan. 12, 2001, as Groh hired him to be special teams coach at the University of Virginia. He was one of the initial hires announced to Groh's coaching staff as Brown moved into coaching following his retirement from the NFL. He coached the Cavaliers' special teams unit for three seasons, helping punter Mike Abrams earn all-ACC honors in 2001.

Brown retired in 2000 following an eight-year NFL career where he was a safety and special teams stalwart for three teams, starting 20 of the 120 games he played. He totaled 177 tackles in his NFL career and was credited with at least 10 special teams tackles in each season except his rookie year. He was drafted by the New England Patriots in the fourth round of the 1993 NFL Draft and played four seasons for the

Patriots. Brown then signed with the New York Jets and played there from 1997-98 as Parcells, Belichick, Crennel, Groh and Weis all moved to the Jets from New England. While with the Jets, he was selected as the first alternate for the 1998 Pro Bowl as a special teams player. Brown finished his career playing two seasons with the Detroit Lions.

Brown got his first taste of coaching in 1996 as he served as a volunteer coach at Boston University while playing for the Patriots. After moving to the Jets, he was able to develop player evaluation skills as he worked with the Jets' coaches and scouts at the 1997 and 1998 NFL scouting combines.

A member of four Big Ten Conference championship teams at Michigan, Brown played in three Rose Bowls during his time in Ann Arbor (1989-1992). Recruited to the Wolverines by legendary head coach Bo Schembechler, Brown was a four-year letter-winner who played on teams that finished with a 38-7-3 record and never finished a season ranked lower than seventh in the Associated Press poll. He was a tri-captain of the 1992 Wolverine team and also earned first-team all-Big Ten honors that season after ranking second on the squad with 82 tackles. Brown started every game as a junior and received second-team all-Big Ten accolades following a 71-tackle season. He majored in English and received his degree in 1994.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Brown was an all-state football player and lettered in track and field at Julian High School. Both of his parents taught in the Chicago Public School system and are now retired. His father, Albert, turned down the chance at a professional baseball career because of his fear of flying. As a matter of fact, Albert took the train to all three of Corwin's Rose Bowl Games. Born April 25, 1970, he and his wife Melissa are the parents of one son, Corwin, Jr., and two daughters, Tayla and Jaedan.

THE BROWN FILE

Year	School/Team	Assignment
2001-03	University of Virginia	Special Teams
2004-06	New York Jets	Defensive Backs
2007	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator/ Outside Linebackers
2008	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator/ Defensive Backs



MIKE HAYWOOD

Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs
21st year coaching • Fourth year at Notre Dame

Through three seasons as the offensive coordinator and running backs coach at Notre Dame, Mike Haywood has proven that he can not only develop talent in veteran players but also do it with inexperienced players as well.

Heading into his fourth season in 2008, Haywood not only coaches a backfield full of more talent than he's had during his tenure at Notre Dame, but he will also take over a large portion of the play calling.

Haywood has coached running backs since 1994 at four different schools and tutored rushers that received All-America and all-conference accolades. He helped develop the talent in players that etched their name in their respective school's records book and produced future National Football League players in Darius Walker, Cedric Benson, LaBrandon Toefield, Domanick Davis, Kevin Faulk, Rondell Mealey and Cecil Collins.

Now Haywood has James Aldridge, Armando Allen Jr. and Robert Hughes, the top rushers in 2007, back for 2008. Aldridge started five games as a sophomore last year and registered the most carries and most yards for the Irish. Allen started four games during his first season and proved to be a rushing and receiving threat out of the backfield as he ranked second in carries and fifth in receptions. Hughes started one game as a freshman in '07 and had the highest average yards per rush on the team and scored four touchdowns. The three players combined to rush for 1,105 yards on 260 attempts (4.3 avg.), adjusting on the fly to the rigors of the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Haywood returned leading Irish rusher Walker in 2006 and watched him become just the fourth player in Notre Dame history to post consecutive seasons with over 1,000 rushing yards. Under Haywood's tutelage, Walker posted two of the 10-best single-season rushing

totals each of Walker's last two campaigns as he gained 1,106 yards in 2005 and 1,267 yards in 2006. Walker also became a great receiving option out of the backfield as he recorded the most single-season receptions in school history by a running back in '05 and '06 and owns Notre Dame's career record for catches by a running back. Haywood helped with the development of Aldridge to the college game in 2006 as Aldridge was Notre Dame's second-leading rusher with 142 yards gained on 37 carries. Haywood also aided the growth of full-back Ashley McConnell after starting fullback Asaph Schwapp was lost for the 2006 season because of a knee injury in the second game.

A key figure in Notre Dame's offensive explosion in 2005, Haywood was named NCAA Division I-A Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association. The honor recognized not only Haywood's outstanding coaching credentials, but also his stellar work in the community throughout his coaching career.

Haywood's return to familiar turf in South Bend was the latest stop in a successful career as one of college football's top assistant coaches.

A four-year football letterman at Notre Dame (1982, 1984-86), Haywood joined the Irish staff after serving two highly successful seasons at the University of Texas. Now entering his 21st season as a coach, he served as Texas' running backs coach and co-special teams coordinator for two seasons – and was promoted to recruiting coordinator for 2004.

Haywood tutored All-America running back and 2004 Doak Walker Award winner Benson, who finished the 2004 regular season ranked first in the Big 12 Conference and fourth nationally in rushing at 160.4 yards per game. Benson led the conference and finished fourth nationally in scoring with 20 touchdowns (19 on the ground) – and set an NCAA record by rushing for at least one score in 37 straight games. The Longhorns ranked second nationally in rushing in 2004 (302.4 yards per game), ninth in total offense (466.3) and 14th in scoring (35.0 points).

In his first season at Texas in 2003, the Longhorns ranked fifth nationally (and first in the Big 12) in rushing at 241.0 yards per game. Texas'



2,892 rushing yards were the most for the Longhorns since 1977 and Benson rushed for 1,277 yards (seventh on the Texas all-time single-season list) and 20 touchdowns (third on the Texas all-time single-season list) en route to all-Big 12 honors. Benson led the nation in scoring at 11.6 points per game and was selected with the fourth overall pick in the first round by the Chicago Bears.

Haywood previously served as LSU running backs coach from 1995-2002 and also was the Tigers' special teams coordinator in 1996-98 and 2001-02. During his time in Baton Rouge, Haywood helped produce some of the finest running backs in LSU history – and in those eight seasons the Tigers played in six bowl games and won five of them.

In 2001 and 2002, Haywood developed Toefield into one of the Southeastern Conference's top backs. Toefield tied an SEC record with 19 rushing touchdowns in 2001 and finished the year with 992 rushing yards on 230 carries en route to first-team all-SEC honors. The 2000 Freshman All-American ran for 475 yards in 2002 despite missing four games due to a broken forearm. Davis proved to be the perfect complement to Toefield as he rushed for a team-high 931 yards and seven scores in 2002. In 2001, Davis recorded 406 yards and five TDs during the regular season and added 122 yards and a Sugar Bowl-record four rushing scores in Toefield's absence. Toefield (Jacksonville Jaguars) and Davis (Houston Texans) were both selected in the fourth round of the 2003 NFL draft. Davis went on to become NFL Rookie of the Year in 2003 after leading the Texans with 1,031 yards rushing and eight TDs.

Haywood also was instrumental in developing Faulk, Mealey and Collins into three of the most productive running backs in school histo-

ry. Faulk left LSU with virtually every rushing record, while Mealey capped his career ranked in the top 10 in both rushing yards and rushing scores. Both were selected in the NFL draft following their respective senior seasons. The New England Patriots chose Faulk in the second round, Mealey was drafted by the Green Bay Packers (seventh round) and Collins was drafted in the fifth round to the Miami Dolphins.

As special teams coordinator, Haywood had LSU among the best in the SEC in nearly every statistical category. In 2002, the Tigers led the SEC and ranked seventh nationally with a 24.1-yard kickoff return average and third in the league in punt returns (13.9-yard average). Led by punter Donnie Jones' 44.0-yard average (fifth NCAA, second SEC), they also stood 12th nationally in net punting on the year. In 2001, LSU ranked eighth in the NCAA in net punting (39.6 avg.) and the Tigers were tops

in the league in kickoff coverage, allowing just 15.2 yards per return. Individually, Davis earned second-team all-SEC honors after leading the league in punt returns (13.8 avg.).

Prior to his stint at LSU, Haywood was the position coach for three all-Mid-American Conference players at Ball State from 1993-94, while helping the Cardinals claim the 1993 MAC crown. Wide receiver Brian Oliver earned all-MAC honors and was tabbed the league's freshman of the year in 1993 and, one year later, running backs Tony Nibbs and Michael Blair earned all-conference honors. He also served as the Cardinals' co-special teams coordinator during his two seasons. In 1993, the Cardinals punt return team not only led the MAC but was the best in the nation.

Haywood started his coaching career at Minnesota as a graduate assistant in 1988, and then went to Army as an assistant coach from 1989-90. He served as the Cadets' assistant defensive backs coach and special teams assistant his first year before assisting the defensive ends coach and coordinating the special teams in 1990. Haywood then moved to Ohio University in 1991 where he tutored outside linebackers and assisted with special teams for two seasons.

Born Michael Anthony Haywood on Feb. 26, 1964, in Houston, Texas, he played flanker during his freshman season at Notre Dame (started five games and caught 13 passes for 128 yards in 1982), then moved to cornerback where he was a significant contributor and starter from 1984-86 (13 career starts, 78 tackles, five interceptions, two blocked kicks).

Haywood is a 1986 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Letters.

THE HAYWOOD FILE

Year	School	Assignment
1988	Minnesota	Graduate Assistant
1989	Army	Defensive Backs/ Special Teams Assistant
1990	Army	Defensive Ends/ Special Teams Coordinator
1991-92	Ohio	Outside Linebackers/ Special Teams Assistant
1993	Ball State	Receivers/Co-Special Teams Coordinator
1994	Ball State	Running Backs/ Co-Special Teams Coordinator
1995	LSU	Running Backs
1996-98	LSU	Running Backs/ Special Teams Coordinator
1999-2000	LSU	Running Backs
2001-02	LSU	Running Backs/ Special Teams Coordinator
2003	Texas	Running Backs/ Co-Special Teams Coordinator
2004	Texas	Recruiting Coordinator/Running Backs/ Co-Special Teams Coordinator
2005-present	Notre Dame	Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs

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ROB IANELLO

Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
22nd year coaching • Fourth year at Notre Dame

Through three seasons as the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at Notre Dame, Rob Ianello has shown why he's one of the most respected assistant coaches in college football.

As a coach, he has helped develop three of the most prolific wide receivers in Irish history and also has looked out for the best interests of assistant coaches throughout the country as the chairman of the assistant coaches committee of the American Football Coaches Association. As a recruiting coordinator, Ianello has helped Notre Dame attain three consecutive top-10 recruiting classes since 2006, something only three other schools (USC, Florida, Georgia) can claim including a unanimous number-two class in '08.

Ianello, who came to Notre Dame following two seasons as tight ends coach at Wisconsin, has been a major contributor to Notre Dame's aerial success since 2005 as he developed a wide receivers corps that posted record numbers. Ianello played a crucial role in the two-most prolific passing offenses in Notre Dame history (330.2 yards per game in 2005 and 264.1 yards per game in 2006).

The spectacular performances of Rhema McKnight, Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall captivated Irish followers in 2005 and 2006. Both Samardzija and Stovall exceeded the 1,000-yard mark in receiving yards and combined for 26 touchdowns in 2005, while Samardzija surpassed 1,000 receiving yards again in 2006 and McKnight finished with 907 yards in '06. Samardzija set school records for receiving yards in a season (1,249) and receiving TDs (15) while tying the school mark for catches in a season (77). He also became Notre Dame's career leader during the 2006 campaign in receptions (179), yards (2,593) and receiving TDs (26). Stovall posted sensational numbers in 2005 (69 catches for 1,149 yards and 11 TDs) as he recorded the second-most receiving yards in a single season in school history. In 2006, McKnight and Samardzija led the nation with 26 combined TD receptions by the tandem and rank first and second, respectively, on Notre Dame's career receptions list. McKnight also tied Samardzija's single-season school record with

15 TD receptions and McKnight ended his Notre Dame career tied for the second-most TD receptions and with the fourth-most receiving yards. Ianello also helped develop David Grimes in 2006 as he burst onto the scene and grabbed 26 passes for 336 yards with two TDs as Notre Dame's number-three wide receiver.

Ianello helped mold and develop a young but talented group of wide receivers in 2007. Freshmen and sophomores combined to make 18 starts in '07 and caught 88 passes for 1,021 yards with six TDs while Grimes – the lone upperclassman in the group – recorded a career-high 27 receptions for 224 yards and two TDs. Duval Kamara made some of the biggest strides in '07 and wound up setting a pair of freshman receiving records. Kamara had just five catches for 48 yards through the first four games but finished the season with 32 receptions for 357 yards and four TDs. His 32 catches broke Tim Brown's previous school record while the four receiving TDs were also the most ever by an Irish freshman. Kamara started five games for Notre Dame and had the second-most receptions and third-most receiving yards on the team. Robby Parris ranked second in receiving yards and third in receptions on the squad after posting 361 yards on 29 receptions. Parris made four starts in his first real action of his Irish career and led the team (minimum 12 receptions) by averaging 12.4 yards per catch. George West started seven contests and set career bests with 21 receptions for 172 yards while Golden Tate added 131 yards and a TD on six catches in his first season.

In 1999, Ianello was named one of the top 10 recruiters in the nation by ESPN.com and one of the top six recruiters in the country by *The Sporting News*.

Ianello's acumen as a top recruiter was recognized once again in 2008 when Rivals.com ranked him as one of the top 25 college football recruiters in the nation for the fifth-consecutive year. Ianello was also included on Tom Lemming's (CBS College Sports) top 10 list for the third-straight year.

At Wisconsin, Ianello served as the Badgers' recruiting coordinator in 2004 and was named Wisconsin's tight ends coach prior to the 2003 season following nine years on the Arizona football staff – all nine seasons as recruiting coordinator (1994-2002) and the last six as wide receivers coach.

He helped the Badgers to post-season bowl contests in 2003 and 2004 –



including a 7-6 record and Music City Bowl appearance following the 2003 campaign and a 9-3 mark and Outback Bowl slot in 2004. Wisconsin in 2004 won its first nine games (tying a Badger record for consecutive wins) and ranked fourth in both national polls at that point (its highest ranking since 2000).

Promoted to the position of Arizona's passing game coordinator just before coming to Wisconsin, Ianello coached 2002 Pacific-10 receiving leader Bobby Wade, who caught 93 passes for 1,389 yards and eight TDs. Wade teamed with Andrae Thurman for 154 catches in 2002, the most in Arizona history by a receiving duo.

The Wildcats' 1998 squad was 12-1, finished as the Pac-10 runner-up, ranked fourth nationally and defeated Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl. That team's offense was the first in Pac-10 history to register five straight games of 500 yards or more of total offense. Arizona's 1999 offense

ranked first in the Pac-10 and third nationally (Dennis Northcutt caught 88 passes, then a school record) at 472.9 yards per game.

Ianello was the on-campus recruiting coordinator at Wisconsin from 1990-91 and the recruiting coordinator for the Badgers from 1992-93. It was during those years that Wisconsin built its 1994 Rose Bowl and Big Ten Conference co-champion squad (the Badgers finished fifth in the final 1993 CNN/USA Today poll).

Prior to joining Barry Alvarez's first staff at Wisconsin, Ianello was assistant recruiting coordinator with head coach Bill Curry at Alabama in 1988-89 (the Crimson Tide shared the 1989 Southeastern Conference title and earned a Sugar Bowl berth). That staff signed 17 of the eventual 22 starters on Alabama's 1992

national championship team. Ianello was a graduate assistant for the Crimson Tide in 1987 on an Alabama team that earned a Hall of Fame Bowl invitation.

Ianello was elected to the board of trustees of the AFCA in January 2003 (the only assistant coach on the board). The board formulates policy and provides direction for the AFCA. Ianello also chairs the AFCA's assistant coaches committee and is the general chairman of the AFCA's all-division assistant coaches committee.

A native of Port Chester, N.Y., Robert S. Ianello is a 1987 graduate of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., with a bachelor's degree in English. He and his wife, the former Denise Dove, have one son, Zachary (6), and two daughters, Ashley (17-months) and Courtney (newborn). Denise is a former assistant women's basketball coach at Arizona and Wisconsin and is now a scout in the WNBA.

THE IANELLO FILE

Year	School	Assignment
1987	Alabama	Graduate Assistant
1988-89	Alabama	Assistant Recruiting Coordinator
1990-91	Wisconsin	On-Campus Recruiting Coordinator
1992-93	Wisconsin	Recruiting Coordinator
1994-96	Arizona	Recruiting Coordinator
1997-2002	Arizona	Wide Receivers/ Recruiting Coordinator
2003	Wisconsin	Tight Ends
2004	Wisconsin	Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator
2005-present	Notre Dame	Wide Receivers/ Recruiting Coordinator



The Ianello family (from left): Denise, Ashley, Rob and Courtney



JAPPY OLIVER

Defensive Line

31st year coaching • Fourth year at Notre Dame

Through three years on the Irish coaching staff, Jerome "Jappy" Oliver has shown the ability to not only coach seasoned veterans but also adjust to a new defensive front while retooling the defensive line.

Oliver has helped develop experienced players into National Football League drafted players and he has coached young players into freshman All-Americans.

Since 2005, Oliver helped the growth of defensive ends Victor Abiamiri and Chris Frome as well as defensive tackles Derek Landri and Trevor Laws. Abiamiri was a second-round pick in the 2007 NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles, while Landri was chosen that same year in the fifth round by the Jacksonville Jaguars. Laws was drafted by the Eagles in the second round of the 2008 draft and became the earliest Irish defensive tackle selected since Bryant Young was taken in the first round 14 years earlier. Frome was signed the day after the '07 draft as an undrafted free agent by the Chicago Bears and went to camp with the then-defending NFC champions.

The '07 season saw the emergence of Laws, coupled with the growth of Pat Kuntz and Ian Williams at nose tackle in a season where the Irish switched its defensive front from four men to three. Laws arguably had one the best seasons ever by a Notre Dame defensive lineman. The fifth-year senior earned team MVP honors after recording 112 tackles, four sacks, eight tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries, three blocked kicks and five pass breakups. Laws led the country in tackles by a defensive lineman, recording 37 more than the next closest player (through the regular season). His 112 tackles were the second-most ever by a Notre Dame defensive lineman (Steve Niehaus had 113 in 1975) and he ranked 41st in the nation for tackles, averaging 9.3 per game.

Kuntz had served as a backup defensive tackle behind Landri and Laws for two years and entered the '07 season with only 11

tackles. Despite the limited playing time, Kuntz quickly emerged as one of the unsung heroes as he totaled 43 tackles in the first 10 games before missing the last two because of injury. Kuntz also proved to have impeccable timing as he knocked down nine passes at the line of scrimmage, the most ever by an Irish defensive lineman.

Substituting for Kuntz at nose tackle was freshman Williams who ranked sixth on the '07 team with 45 tackles despite playing most of the season in a reserve role. Williams showed incredible tenacity on the field and recorded 26 tackles over the final four contests en route to recording the third-most tackles by a freshman defensive lineman in school history. Following the season, Williams was honored for his fantastic first year by being named a first-team freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America.

A senior-laden defensive line created a great push upfield in a number of games, helping the 2006 defense allow 56.7 less total yards than in 2005. Abiamiri posted a career- and team-high 10 sacks as he tied for 15th nationally and paced the Irish defense with 14 quarterback hurries. One of the most disruptive forces in all of college football, Landri exploded on the scene, recording seven sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss which tied him for second in the country among defensive tackles. Landri's partner in crime was Laws, who ranked fifth on the team with 61 tackles in 2006.

Oliver's linemen were vital to the team's success in 2005. The three-man rotation of defensive tackles Landri, Laws, and Brian Beidatsch combined for 90 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, 5.5 quarterback sacks, 11 quarterback hurries and two blocked field goals in 2005. The defensive ends rotation of Abiamiri, Justin Brown, Frome and Ronald Talley also blossomed, combining for 89 tackles, 18.5 tackles for loss (15 by Abiamiri), 10 quarterback sacks (eight by Abiamiri), eight quarterback hurries, one fumble recovery and seven pass deflections.

The line was a key factor in Notre Dame's defensive resurgence in 2005, as the Irish produced 24 turnovers (13 interceptions and 11 fumble recoveries) while limiting opponents to only a 35 percent success rate on third downs and touchdowns on only 56 percent of red zone opportunities.



Oliver spent 2003-04 as defensive line coach under former Irish head coach Lou Holtz at South Carolina, teaming with former Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter to achieve a noteworthy turnaround on the defensive side in 2004 as the Gamecocks finished with a national ranking of 20th in total defense (315.18 yards per game).

Oliver previously served on the staff of Air Force's Fisher DeBerry for eight seasons from 1995 through 2002, helping the Falcons to five postseason bowl appearances including wins in the Oahu Bowl (1998) and the Silicon Valley Bowl (2000).

During Oliver's eight years as defensive line coach at Air Force, the Falcons finished a combined 65-33 – and ended up 25th in the final *USA Today*/ESPN poll in 1997 after finishing 10-3, then 10th in *USA Today*/ESPN in 1998 after finishing 12-1. Air Force in 1998 won the Western Athletic Conference Mountain Division title.

One of Oliver's prize pupils, Bryce Fisher, earned WAC Mountain Division Defensive Player of the Year honors in 1998. Fisher was also the team's most outstanding player in the 1997 Las Vegas Bowl, and was later drafted in the seventh round by the Buffalo Bills. Oliver also helped turn Shawn Thomas into one of the Academy's best defenders. Thomas finished his career ranked fourth in school history in tackles for loss and quarterback sacks. In 2000, one of his players, Zach Johnson, was named all-conference and played in the East-West Shrine All-Star game. In addition to his work with the defensive line, Oliver also worked with the Falcon kickoff team as well as the extra point and field goal blocking units.

From 1991-94 Oliver served on the staff at Vanderbilt, where he helped the Commodores defense set school records for

quarterback sacks in consecutive seasons. Vanderbilt also lowered its team rushing yards allowed each of Oliver's four seasons in Nashville under head coach Gerry DiNardo, a former Irish offensive lineman.

He began his coaching career in 1978 at Davison (Mich.) High School (near his hometown of Flint) where he coached the defensive backfield and wide receivers. He returned to his alma mater, Purdue University, as a graduate assistant coach in 1979-80 (working with the wide receivers, tight ends and offensive line) for head coach Jim Young – and helped the Boilers to wins in the Bluebonnet (1979) and Liberty (1980) Bowls and consecutive 10-2 and 9-3 marks. He then coached at Eastern Michigan (offensive backfield and receivers) from 1981-82 under former Irish assistant Mike Stock and Northeastern (outside linebackers) in 1983 under head coach Paul Pawlak. Oliver coached defensive linemen at the Naval Academy from 1984-86 under head coach Gary Tranquill. He also has coaching experience at Grand Valley State (defensive line in 1988) and Western Illinois (inside linebackers in 1989-90).

Born Jerome Wayne Oliver III on July 17, 1955, in Flint, Mich., Oliver is a 1978 graduate of Purdue University (bachelor's degree in physical education and health), where he lettered three years in football as a wide receiver (he caught 15 career passes) and also spent one season as a reserve on the Boilermakers' basketball squad.

Oliver was a standout athlete at Southwestern High School in Flint, Mich., earning all-city and all-district accolades in both football and basketball. He was the city's athlete of the year in 1973 and captained teams in football, basketball and baseball. He has one daughter, Candace, and a son, Justin.

THE OLIVER FILE

Year	School	Assignment
1978	Davison (Mich.) High School	Defensive Backs/Wide Receivers
1979	Purdue	Graduate Assistant/Offensive Line
1980	Purdue	Graduate Assistant (Receivers, Tight Ends)
1981	Eastern Michigan	Offensive Backfield
1982	Eastern Michigan	Offensive Backfield/Receivers
1983	Northeastern	Outside Linebackers
1984-86	Navy	Defensive Line
1988	Grand Valley State	Defensive Line
1989-90	Western Illinois	Inside Linebackers
1991-93	Vanderbilt	Defensive Line
1994	Vanderbilt	Linebackers
1995-2002	Air Force	Defensive Line
2003-04	South Carolina	Defensive Line
2005-present	Notre Dame	Defensive Line

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BERNIE PARMALEE

Tight Ends
Seventh year coaching • Fourth year at Notre Dame

Since Charlie Weis became the Irish head coach three seasons ago, arguably no position has enjoyed an increase in production as much as the tight end spot.

For all three of those years, Bernie Parmalee has served as the position coach of the tight ends and has seen two of his pupils become the second- and third-most prolific tight ends in school history. Based on the production of Anthony Fasano and John Carlson, coupled with the recent addition of top tight end talent such as Mike Ragone, Kyle Rudolph and Joseph Fauria, Notre Dame is on its way to becoming "Tight End U."

Over the last three National Football League drafts, there have been 11 tight ends selected in the first or second round. Notre Dame is the only school to have multiple selections of the 11 as Carlson was taken by the Seattle Seahawks with the 38th pick overall in the 2008 draft and Fasano was drafted with the 53rd selection of the 2006 draft by the Dallas Cowboys.

Carlson started the final 23 games in which he appeared and left the program with the second-most receptions and third-most receiving yards in a career by a tight end. Carlson recorded the second and fifth-most catches in a single season by an Irish tight end when he recorded 47 catches and 40 receptions in 2006 and 2007. In '07, he led the team in receptions and his 372 receiving yards also paced the Irish. Will Yeatman started two games as the Irish opened in a two-tight end package and made six catches for 37 yards. Ragone also earned playing time in his freshman season in '07 and made solid improvements under Parmalee's watch.

Carlson was on pace to shatter the school record in 2006 for receptions and receiving yards in a season by a tight end before a knee injury sidelined him for the final two and a half games of the regular season. Still, Carlson registered 47 receptions (tied for second most by a tight end in a season in school history) for 634 yards (second most by a Notre Dame tight end in a season) and four touchdowns. He was a finalist for the John Mackey Award and named a second-team All-American by SI.com. In his absence, Marcus Freeman emerged in his fifth year, totaling 98 yards on nine receptions with two touchdowns.

Fasano, a finalist for the 2005 John Mackey Award presented annually to college football's finest tight end, posted impressive numbers with 47 catches (second most in a season by an Irish tight end) for 576 yards (third most by a Notre Dame tight end) and two TDs. Fasano and Carlson combined for 54 catches for 632 yards and three TDs in 2005. Fasano finished his career at Notre Dame with 92 receptions (third most by an Irish tight end) for 1,102 yards (second best by and Irish tight end).

Parmalee's past role on special teams helped Notre Dame produce a consistent opportunistic unit that produced two TDs (both on punt returns), three blocked punts and two blocked field goals.

Parmalee finished his third season as a member of the Dolphins' staff and his first as Miami tight end coach in 2004. He spent the 2003 season as an assistant special teams/offensive assistant with the Dolphins. He embarked on his NFL coaching career in 2002 as Miami's assistant special teams coach after a nine-year playing career, including the first seven (1992-98) with the Dolphins and the final two (1999-2000) with the New York Jets.

He played from 1992-95 under legendary Dolphins coach Don Shula, 1996-98 with Miami under Jimmy Johnson and 1999-2000 with the Jets under Bill Parcells and Al Groh, respectively (Irish head coach Charlie Weis was the Jets' offensive coordinator in 1999).

In 2002, Parmalee helped the Dolphins rank second in the American Football Conference in kickoff return average (23.5), while Miami's opponents finished with the fourth-lowest punt return average (7.0) in the AFC. Meanwhile, kicker Olindo Mare connected on 24 of 31 field goals. In 2003, Miami's punt-return defense again rated among the AFC leaders (tied for second at 6.4). Under Parmalee's tutelage in 2004, third-year Dolphin Randy McMichael ranked among the league leaders in receptions by a tight end with 73 for 791 yards and four TDs.

A featured running back, starting fullback (four games in 1997), third-down back and special teams stalwart at different times during his professional career, Parmalee played in 134 NFL games, starting 26 of them (10 in 1994, 12 in 1995 and four in 1997, all for the Dolphins). He rushed for 2,179 career yards and 17 TDs on 567 carries, caught 168 career passes for 1,485 yards and three TDs and returned 16 career kickoffs for an 18.1-yard average.

Parmalee originally made Miami's roster as an undrafted rookie free agent in 1992 after sitting out of football in 1991. In his seven seasons with the club, he amassed



Detroit in 1994. Three of his 100-yard rushing efforts came in 1994, the other three in 1995. He ranked as the NFL's most improved running back in 1994, going from 14 rushing yards in 1993 to 868 in 1994.

In addition, Parmalee established himself as one of the league's premier special teams players during his tenure, recording 122 tackles on coverage units, including 31 in 1997 and 30 in 1998. He served as Dolphins special teams captain in 1997 and 1998.

Parmalee was a four-year starter (1987-90) as a running back under coach Paul Schudel at Ball State where he remains the Cardinals' all-time leading rusher with 3,483 yards and 26 TDs. He also

caught 96 career passes for 812 yards and three TDs. He earned second-team all-Mid-American Conference honors as a senior in 1990 when he rushed for 1,010 yards and caught 30 passes. The best of his 16 career 100-yard rushing days came as a senior when he gained 169 yards against Illinois State. He also had a 200-yard rushing outing as a freshman in 1987.

He became the Ball State career rushing leader as a junior when he carried for 662 yards and five TDs. Parmalee also rushed for 1,064 yards and 13 TDs as a freshman when he was named the MAC Freshman of the Year. He earned his degree in business administration from the Muncie, Ind., school in 1991.

A native of Jersey City, N.J., Bernard Parmalee lettered in football (once) and baseball (three times) at Lincoln (N.J.) High School. Born Sept. 16, 1967, he and his wife, Angela, are parents of a daughter, Nakia Marie, and two sons, Tre Bernard and Torian.

His single-game high of 150 rushing yards came against the Los Angeles Raiders in 1994 (on a career-high 30 attempts) – and he added 123 yards a week later versus New England to set a Dolphin record for combined rushing yards in consecutive games. He notched three rushing TDs in a game against

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THE PARMALEE FILE

Year	School/Team	Assignment
2002	Miami Dolphins	Assistant Special Teams
2003	Miami Dolphins	Assistant Special Teams Offensive Assistant
2004	Miami Dolphins	Tight Ends
2005-06	Notre Dame	Tight Ends/ Special Teams Assistant
2007-present	Notre Dame	Tight Ends



The Parmalee family (from left): Nakia Maire, Angela, Torian, Bernie and Tre Bernard Parmalee



BRIAN POLIAN

Special Teams Coordinator
12th year coaching • Fourth year at Notre Dame

Under special teams coach Brian Polian's guidance, the Irish special teams have been an opportunistic and aggressive component of the Notre Dame attack in recent years.

The Irish have produced three touchdowns on punt returns, caused four fumbles on punt or kick returns, blocked five punts, eight field goals and three PATs over the last three years. His punt return teams have averaged 10.4 yards per return since 2005, while the punt coverage unit has allowed just 8.2 yards per return over that span.

Polian's special teams unit were strong again in 2007 in the areas of net punting, punt coverage and attacking field goals. The Irish ranked 13th in the nation in net punting at 37.9 yards, marking the second-straight season in which they finished in the top 15 in that category. The punting combination of Geoff Price and Eric Maust landed 20 of their 76 punts inside the 20-yard line and only had three touchbacks on the season. Eighteen of their punts were fair caught and the punt coverage team allowed an average of just 7.4 yards on 32 returns. Defensive lineman Trevor Laws proved to be virtually impossible to stop at times, as he registered three blocked field goals, tying for most in the NCAA.

Polian also coached the inside linebackers in 2007 and aided the growth of Joe Brockington and Maurice Crum Jr. as well as helped develop Toryan Smith and Scott Smith. Brockington had a career season in '07 as he ranked second on the team with 108 tackles including 8.5 tackles for loss, one sack and added one pass breakup and one recovered fumble. Crum had another solid season as he notched 84 tackles with 4.5 tackles for loss and one sack while adding two interceptions, five pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and three forced fumbles.

In 2006, Polian's special teams were highlighted by the play of Price. He ranked fifth in the nation, averaging 45.4 yards per punt to set the Notre Dame single-season record for best punting average. He also reached the minimum punts required to become the school's career leader punting average at 45.4. The punt coverage unit,

under Polian's guidance, ranked 11th in the country at 37.8 yards per punt and helped Price land 12 punts inside the 20-yard line. The Irish returned one punt for a touchdown in '06 and David Grimes averaged 24.5 yards on 21 kickoff returns to rank 28th in the nation. Derek Landri blocked four kicks including tying an NCAA record when he blocked two PATs vs. North Carolina.

Polian also assisted in the coaching of linebackers in 2006. He aided in accelerating the learning curves of Travis Thomas, who was playing defense for the first time since high school, and Brockington who started for the first time in his Notre Dame career. Brockington finished the year ranked sixth on the team with 59 tackles including two tackles for loss and one sack. Thomas tallied 35 tackles, 10th-most on the squad, and added five tackles for loss and one sack.

In 2005, Polian assisted Bill Lewis in coaching the Notre Dame defensive backs. That unit produced 19 turnovers (13 interceptions and six fumble recoveries) while contributing to Notre Dame's plus-10 turnover margin. The Irish defense limited opponents to a 35 percent success rate on third downs while Notre Dame foes scored touchdowns on only 56 percent of red zone opportunities.

Polian spent 2004 as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Central Florida under head coach George O'Leary. In 2004, he tutored senior running back Alex Haynes, who became the Golden Knights' all-time leading rusher – finishing with 742 attempts for 3,356 rushing yards and 27 touchdowns, to go with a record 16 career 100-yard games.

He previously served three years at the University of Buffalo as running backs coach and special teams coordinator. In 2002, his work with tailback Aaron Leeper earned Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year honors for Leeper, the first major award won by a

Buffalo player since the Bulls joined the MAC in 1999. In 2001, he saw placekicker Dallas Pelz set a school record by booting nine straight field goals while going 12 of 18 overall.

Polian returned for his second stint at Buffalo after spending the previous two seasons at Baylor where he coached strong-



side linebackers as a defensive graduate assistant and served as special teams assistant. Twice an all-Western New York player and a 2004 inductee into the St. Francis High School Hall of Fame, Polian had previously coached at Buffalo during the 1998 season when he served as tight ends and assistant offensive line coach. Prior to joining the Buffalo staff, Polian served as offensive graduate assistant at Michigan State, as the Spartans finished 24th in the nation and played in the Aloha Bowl.

A graduate of John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, Polian earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1997. He earned a master's degree in education in 2000 from Baylor. He lettered three years at linebacker

at John Carroll and was named to the all-Ohio Athletic Conference team in 1996. Polian helped lead the 1994 and 1996 teams to top 10 finishes in the Division III rankings.

Born Brian Stewart Polian on Dec. 22, 1974, in the Bronx, N.Y., he's married to the former Laura Maggioletto of Buffalo, N.Y. His father, Bill, is the current president of the National Football League Indianapolis Colts. Older brother Chris Polian serves as the vice president of football operations for the Indianapolis Colts. Younger brother Dennis Polian is the director of quality control for the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Brian also was a contributing author to the AFCA book "A Complete Guide to Special Teams."



The Polian family (from left): Laura and Brian

THE POLIAN FILE

Year	School	Assignment
1997	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant (Offense)/Tight Ends, Offensive Line
1998	Buffalo	Tight Ends/Assistant Offensive Line
1999-2000	Baylor	Graduate Assistant
2001-03	Buffalo	Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator
2004	Central Florida	Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
2005	Notre Dame	Head Special Teams Coach/ Defensive Backs Assistant
2006	Notre Dame	Head Special Teams Coach/ Linebackers Assistant
2007	Notre Dame	Inside Linebackers/Special Teams
2008	Notre Dame	Special Teams Coordinator

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RON POWLUS

Quarterbacks

Second year coaching • Second year at Notre Dame

In his first season as Irish quarterbacks coach in 2007, Ron Powlus had a challenging job in identifying a quarterback ready to replace all-star Brady Quinn.

Powlus had all three possible candidates prepared and the improvements Jimmy Clausen and Evan Sharpley made during the season is reason why many Irish fans are excited about the future.

Clausen played in the '07 season opener and started the next week at Penn State, the earliest any Notre Dame freshman quarterback had made his first start under center. Playing in front of over 100,000 fans, Clausen completed 17 of 32 passes for 144 yards. The growth Clausen made during the season was readily apparent in the final three contests of the '07 slate as he completed 57 of 104 passes (.548) for 636 yards with six touchdowns and one interception in those contests combined. During the course of the season, Clausen etched his name into the Notre Dame record books for most starts by a freshman quarterback and ranked on the freshman quarterback single-season lists for passing yards (1,254), completions (138), attempts (245) and completion percentage (.563).

Powlus also did a great job of having Sharpley prepared and ready to enter the game at a moment's notice. A great illustration of that came against Purdue in '07 as Sharpley replaced an injured Clausen and completed 16 of 26 passes for 208 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Sharpley started against USC and Navy and wound up completing 55 percent of his passes on the season (77 of 140) for 736 yards with five TDs and three interceptions.

After working for two years in '05 and '06 as the director of personnel development for the Notre Dame football team, Powlus was named quarterbacks coach on Jan. 19, 2007. One of the more decorated quarterbacks in school history, Powlus has been able to impart the knowledge he gained as a four-year starter at Notre Dame and his three-year stint in professional football to a talented, young crop of Irish signal-callers.

Powlus played an integral role in helping the 2006 and 2007 freshmen classes rank in the top 10 in the nation. Formerly Notre Dame's career leader in football passing yardage, pass attempts, completions and TD passes, Powlus rejoined the University in his previous position in March 2005. He

worked closely with recruiting coordinator Rob Ianello as he helped direct the administrative aspects of Irish recruiting.

A four-year starter at quarterback for the Irish from 1994-97, Powlus joined the Irish football staff after spending three years in the business world, working in the health-care and home mortgage industries. Immediately before returning to Notre Dame, Powlus worked as a wholesale account executive for First Horizon Home Loans in Pittsburgh. He previously spent a year each as a loan consultant for Seattle-based Washington Mutual Home Loans/American Home Mortgage, and as a healthcare representative for Pfizer Inc.

A native of Berwick, Pa., Powlus was a two-time Irish captain who set 20 school records at Notre Dame. He started all 44 regular-season games (plus two bowl games) in which he played for the Irish and finished with 558 career completions on 969 attempts for 7,602 yards and 52 TDs. He set the Irish single-game mark for TD passes in a game with four (three times) and at one point completed 14 straight passes. He set single-season marks in 1997 as a senior with his 182 completions and 298 attempts. Powlus rebounded from a broken collarbone suffered in the pre-season of what would have been his freshman season in 1993 and then broke a bone in his upper left arm late in the 1995 season.

Powlus originally signed as a free agent in 1998 with the National Football League Tennessee Oilers and then was on the Detroit Lions' preseason roster in '99 and the Philadelphia Eagles' roster in 2000. He played with the NFL Europe Amsterdam Admirals in the spring of 2000. A high school standout at Berwick High School, Powlus was the *Parade* prep player of the year in '92 and the *USA Today* offensive prep player of the year.

Born July 16, 1974, Powlus received his Notre Dame degree from the Mendoza College of Business Administration in 1997 with a major in marketing. He also took graduate coursework during his final season with the Irish. Powlus and his wife, the former Sara Ivanina, are parents of two sons, Ronnie and Tommy. They were married prior to his final season at Notre Dame in 1997.



The Powlus family (from left): Sara, Tommy (front), Ronnie (back) and Ron

THE POWLUS FILE

Year	School/Team	Assignment
2007-present	Notre Dame	Quarterbacks



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PATRICK GRAHAM

**Graduate Assistant
(Defense)**

Entering his second year at Notre Dame, Patrick Graham brings with him six seasons worth of coaching experience at the collegiate level as well as a degree from Yale University. Graham worked with the Irish defensive coaching staff in 2007, assisting with all aspects of the defense. He worked specifically with defensive coordinator Corwin Brown and the outside linebackers, helping the development of sophomore John Ryan and freshmen Kerry Neal and Brian Smith. Ryan started eight games at outside linebacker and ranked ninth on the team with 39 tackles. Neal and Smith combined to start eight games and recorded 45 tackles with 3.5 sacks, six tackles for loss, one interception, two passes broken up, one forced fumble and two recovered fumbles.

A native of Waterbury, Conn., Graham came to Notre Dame after spending three seasons coaching at the University of Richmond. His last two years at Richmond, Graham was an assistant coach in charge of the tight ends and also directed the kickoff return unit on special teams. He was responsible for offensive film breakdown and game planning, specifically short-yardage and goal-line situations. Prior to being named tight ends coach, Graham was the Spiders' assistant defensive line coach in 2004 and worked primarily with the defensive ends. He also assisted with the video editing system and was responsible for defensive film breakdown.

Prior to his move to Richmond, Graham served the 2002 and 2003 seasons as a graduate assistant at Wagner College in New York while he pursued an MBA with a concentration in finance. Graham instructed the tight ends and assisted with the offensive line one season and worked with the defensive tackles and assisted on special teams the other season. While working with the defensive tackles, he helped one student-athlete become a Sports Network All-American. Graham coached the junior varsity football team to an undefeated season and served as strength and conditioning coach and academic coordinator at Wagner.

As a player at Yale, Graham played on the defensive line, contributing as a junior and senior.

Graham earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Yale in 2001 and had a concentration of studies in economics and African-American Studies. He was born Jan. 24, 1979.



KEVIN LONEY

**Graduate Assistant
(Offense)**

Kevin Loney is in his second season at Notre Dame and his first year as the graduate assistant for the Irish offense. His primary duty is helping the offensive staff in all aspects, while assisting John Latina with the offensive line during practice. Loney served as an intern for the offensive coaching staff in 2007. Primarily a defensive player in college, Loney provides the offensive linemen with the perspective from the defensive side of the ball to help their knowledge at the position.

Prior to joining the Notre Dame coaching staff, Loney was the defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator in '06 at Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va. He handled the daily operations and recruiting efforts for a new coaching staff and helped the team win more games in one year than they had won the previous three years. Loney worked in a variety of capacities for seven years before moving to Bethany. He was the recruiting coordinator and defensive line coach at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., for three seasons (2003-05), the graduate assistant at Southern Connecticut State in 2002, a graduate intern at Norwich (Conn.) University in 2001 and 2002 and worked at Mount St. John Home and School for Boys (in Deep River, Conn.) from 1999-2000.

Loney graduated with his bachelor's degree in religion from Dickinson College in 1999. He was a member of the football team for three years and threw the hammer and discus for the track team during his senior year. Born May 5, 1977, Loney was raised in Middletown, Conn.

DREW MCKENNA

JEFF WOLANIN

CAMERON MUHLENKAMP

Senior Managers

Three senior managers will lead the Notre Dame student managers who work with the 2008 Irish football team. Drew McKenna, the head manager for administration, is a native of Chicago, Ill., and is a finance major. Cameron Muhlenkamp, the head manager for equipment, is from Kokomo, Ind., and is majoring in computer engineering. Jeff Wolanin, the head manager for personnel, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and is an electrical engineering major. The three senior managers are responsible for overseeing the Student Manager Organization as well as tending to all matters regarding players and coaches. A group of 21 junior managers will assist the team this fall: Thomas Bacsik (Colonia, N.J.), Jody Brezette (Indianapolis, Ind.), Natalie Burke (Caymen Islands), Nicole Campo (Tampa, Fla.), Samuel Cox (Oklahoma City, Okla.), Kelly Daniels (Schaumburg, Ill.), Michael Fletcher (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Allegra Gassman (Kansas City, Mo.), Bryan Hayes (Virginia Beach, Va.), Jeremiah Herman (Little Rock, Ark.), Andrew Hermansen (Apple Valley, Minn.), David Hockridge (Dallas, Texas), Lamarr Holland (Westerville, Ohio), Nicole LeGare (Hopewell Junction, N.Y.), John Maier (Seattle, Wash.), Patrick McDowell (Aurora, Ill.), Jami Raley (Naples, Fla.), Patrick Rogers (Barrington, Ill.), Aileen Villarreal (Montebello, Calif.), Bryant Welters (McLean, Va.), John Whitty (Clive, Iowa).



(Pictured from left): Drew McKenna, Jeff Wolanin and Cameron Muhlenkamp

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RUBEN MENDOZA

Strength and Conditioning Coordinator

The 2008 football season will be Ruben Mendoza's fourth working with the Fighting Irish football team. Named Notre Dame's strength and conditioning coordinator in January 2005, Mendoza joined the Irish staff after four years as coordinator of strength and conditioning at the University of Mississippi.

Mendoza's arrival in '05 coincided with the opening of an expanded strength and conditioning facility for Notre Dame athletes. The Haggard Fitness Center more than doubled in size from the area previously located adjacent to the Loftus Sports Center. Mendoza now oversees that facility as well as a full-time staff of eight that coordinate training for all 26 Irish sports.

At Ole Miss, Mendoza spent four years overseeing a Rebel strength staff that featured four full-time assistants and three graduate assistants dealing with 500 student-athletes and 18 varsity sports. Ole Miss saw its original 10,000-square foot weight room supplemented in 2004 by a 10,000-square foot facility devoted to football. Those two areas, combined with Mendoza and his staff, provided Ole Miss with one of the top programs of its kind in the nation.

Mendoza was assistant director of strength, speed and conditioning for four years at Clemson University before taking over at Ole Miss in January 2001. His football responsibilities at Clemson included implementation of in-season strength and conditioning programs, assistant coordinator of winter conditioning as well as a speed development program, testing and monitoring all progress in strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness, and educating student-athletes on nutritional factors, including supplementation that affects health and performance.

General responsibilities at Clemson dealt with supervising the development of strength and aerobic fitness for 19 varsity sports through the use of sports-specific training programs. Mendoza managed the 14,000-square foot facility and day-to-day operations, worked closely with the Clemson head trainer in coordinating rehabilitation programs for injured athletes, and provided supervision and developed time schedules for varsity sports for use of athletic weight facilities.

Prior to joining the Clemson staff in June 1997, Mendoza served as head strength and conditioning coordinator at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga from January 1993 to April 1997. He was the defensive line coach/assistant strength and conditioning coach at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., during the 1992 season and served as graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at South Carolina from June 1990 to February 1992.

A Kodak All-America offensive lineman in 1985 while playing at Wayne State (Neb.), Mendoza also earned NAIA All-America and all-Central States Intercollegiate Conference first-team honors and was a team captain. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State in 1989 and took graduate-level coursework in education at South Carolina.

Mendoza was inducted in 2007 into the Nebraska College Hall of Fame and the Wayne State (Neb.) College Hall of Fame.



CHAD KLUNDER

Director of Football Operations

Chad Klunder is in his fourth year as director of football operations at Notre Dame. In his role, Klunder coordinates and oversees all day-to-day administrative and operational details including team travel, budgets, pre-season camp arrangements, the annual coaches clinic and summer camps.

A former graduate assistant coach at Notre Dame in 2003-04, Klunder worked with the Irish offense for two seasons. He previously served as running backs coach and coordinator of football operations at Harvard from 1998 through 2002. During his tenure at Harvard, his running backs led the Ivy League in rushing on three occasions. He coached three all-Ivy League players, including Chris Menick, Harvard's all-time leading rusher. Harvard in 2001 finished 9-0 in the Ivy League and became the first Harvard team to go unbeaten or untied in conference play since 1913.

Klunder also served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at Minnesota – and worked as a graduate assistant football coach at St. Cloud State. At St. Cloud, he coached Randy Martin, who was a finalist in 1995 and '96 for the Harlon Hill Trophy that goes to the NCAA Division II player of the year. The Waverly, Iowa, native played defensive back at Wartburg College in Waverly. He earned four letters, was twice a unanimous all-league pick and gained honorable mention All-America recognition. He served as a Wartburg co-captain in 1994 when his team advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals.

Born Aug. 28, 1972, Klunder received a degree in sports management from Wartburg in 1995 and has done master's degree coursework at St. Cloud State, Minnesota and Notre Dame. He is engaged to be married in February to Lisa Malin who is executive director of the College Football Hall of Fame.



TIM MCDONNELL

Director of Football Personnel

Tim McDonnell enters his fourth season with the Irish football office and second year as director of football personnel. In this capacity, McDonnell covers a variety of football-related matters, serving as a liaison between the team and NFL personnel, assisting with recruiting efforts, and helping to coordinate the walk-on program.

Prior to his promotion, McDonnell served as the coordinator of quality control under head coach Charlie Weis. In this role, McDonnell assisted the head football coach in all football-related matters, handled special projects for the coaching staff and assisted with personnel development and recruiting.

A 2005 graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., and a three-year football letterman as a receiver, McDonnell was the inaugural recipient of the Daniel Allen Sportsmanship Award in 2005, presented to the Holy Cross varsity athlete who best exemplifies the qualities of sportsmanship that coach Daniel Allen exhibited throughout his life. He also received the 2004 Unsung Hero Award as the player who supported the team spiritually, emotionally and physically for the good of the team.

A native of Harrison, N.Y., McDonnell graduated from Iona Prep before starting his collegiate career at Holy Cross. Born April 15, 1983, he is the grandson of the late Wellington Mara, former president of the New York Giants who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997.



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DAVID PELOQUIN

Director of Football Development

The 2008 football season will be Dave Peloquin's fifth season with the Notre Dame football program, and his second year as director of football development. In this role, Peloquin's responsibilities deal primarily with the administration of Irish recruiting efforts. He works closely with recruiting coordinator Rob Ianello and has played an integral role as the Irish have secured top-10 recruiting classes the last two seasons.

Prior to being promoted to director of football development, Peloquin served as coordinator of player personnel development where he assisted Ron Powlus (then the director of player personnel development) for two seasons in numerous administrative duties regarding Notre Dame's recruiting. In 2004, Peloquin served in a similar capacity as a recruiting assistant, a role in which he worked with the entire coaching staff assisting in all recruiting aspects.

Before rejoining the Irish, Peloquin worked as a sales representative for State Farm Insurance and Financial Services in the Chicago area.

A 2003 Notre Dame graduate with a bachelor's degree in business marketing from the Mendoza College of Business, Peloquin served as a student manager from 2000 to 2002 and was named head senior manager for the 2002 season.

He is a native of Blue Island, Ill.



HENRY SCROOPE

Head Football Equipment Manager

The 2008 football season will be Henry Scroope's 10th year with the equipment operation at Notre Dame and his ninth as head football equipment manager. In his position, Scroope directs all facets of athletic equipment management for the Irish football team.

Scroope was a member of the McDavid Advisory Staff from 2004-08. In addition, he was part of the 2002 and 2003 Schutt Safety Council that discusses items such as helmet quality and safety, product design, and other issues important to equipment managers. He also is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association and a certified equipment manager. Additionally, Scroope served as a clubhouse assistant for the 2003 Major League Baseball All-Star Game at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

Scroope spent the 1998-99 academic year as the marketing and promotions coordinator for the athletic department at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y. At Wagner, he worked in all facets of athletic promotions and season ticket sales. From 1997-98, Scroope was an assistant manager for the American Golf Corporation on Staten Island, and was in charge of operations for Silver Lake Golf Course.

A native of Staten Island, N.Y., Scroope is a 1997 graduate of Notre Dame with a degree in government. During his undergraduate career, Scroope served in the Irish managerial program and was one of three senior managers for the football team in 1996. Married to the former Margaret Long in July of 2003, the couple has one daughter, Morgan.



KEVIN GREEN

Director of Head Football Coach Relations

Kevin Green is in his first season with the Notre Dame football office and serves as the director of head football coach relations. In this capacity, Green works directly with head football coach Charlie Weis and manages his daily schedule as well as organizing daily meetings, appointments, appearances and speaking engagements. Green acts on behalf of Weis by coordinating all University appearances, sponsorship, benefactor, alumni club, community and media requests and obligations. He schedules, plans, prepares and travels with Weis on speaking engagements and handles special projects and other personal matters.

Prior to joining Notre Dame, Green worked seven years in health care consulting, most recently as a manager for Accenture LLP in Chicago. While with Accenture, he coordinated financial and operational due diligence for mergers and acquisitions of health care providers.

A South Bend, Ind., native, Green attended LaSalle High School and later Notre Dame. He graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business and had a concentration in computer applications. Green is married to the former Sharon Bui (executive director of Hannah & Friends).



BRENDON DONOVAN

Coordinator of Quality Control

Brendon Donovan enters his second season working in the Notre Dame football office and first year as the coordinator of quality control. In his role, Donovan assists the head football coach in all football-related matters, handles special projects for the coaching staff and assists with personnel development and recruiting.

Donovan started at Notre Dame in 2007 as a senior staff assistant for the football team. His duties primarily centered on serving as the main contact for all general communication within the Notre Dame football office. He also helped with other projects assigned within the office.

A native of Piscataway, N.J., Donovan graduated in the fall of 2006 from Seton Hall University with a degree in history. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and was the 2005 Greek Man of the Year at Seton Hall.



JIM RUSS

Head Athletic Trainer/Physical Therapist

The 2008 football season will be Jim Russ's 23rd as Notre Dame's head athletic trainer and physical therapist. Since assuming that role in August 1986, Russ has been responsible for the administration of the athletic training program for all Irish men's and women's athletic teams.

The LaPorte, Ind., native boasted seven years of experience on the collegiate level prior to his three-year stint in the United States Football League as head athletic trainer of the Tampa Bay Bandits just prior to coming to Notre Dame. From 1977 through '82, Russ served as assistant athletic trainer and physical therapist at Purdue – then held the same position at Florida the following two seasons.

A graduate of Ball State with a major in physical education and minors in health science and athletic training, Russ earned his master's degree in athletic training and sports medicine from Arizona and added a bachelor's degree from Florida International in physical therapy.

Russ worked as head athletic trainer at Pueblo High School in Tucson while pursuing his master's degree. As an undergraduate at Ball State, he served as an athletic trainer and

worked with the National Football League's Detroit Lions. In 2000, the Notre Dame National Monogram Club awarded him an honorary monogram. In 2005, he was inducted into the Ball State Cardinal Sports Medicine Hall of Champions.

Russ and his wife, the former Mary Pat Shea, of St. Petersburg, Fla., are parents of four children – Jeff (a 2001 Notre Dame graduate); Laura (a 2004 Notre Dame graduate); Lisa (a senior at Notre Dame) and Mark (a freshman at Notre Dame).



TIM COLLINS

Video Coordinator

The 2008 football season will be Tim Collins' 18th year in charge of all video and filming needs for Notre Dame's athletic department as its video systems coordinator. In addition to traveling to shoot Irish football games, Collins compiles all video packages utilized by Notre Dame's football coaches in their scouting and game preparation. Collins and his staff also tape men's and women's home basketball games as well as hockey.

A native of South Bend, Collins is a 1987 graduate of John Adams High School and attended Indiana Vocational

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Technical College. He also spent three years as a part-time news photographer at WNDU-TV, the NBC affiliate in South Bend. Collins was named the independent conference video coordinator of the year in 1997, 1998, 2003 and 2004 by the Collegiate Sports Video Association.

In 2001, Collins was elected an executive officer of the CSVA, serving as secretary, and in 2002 was named treasurer of the organization. In 2004, the Notre Dame Monogram Club awarded Collins an honorary monogram in recognition of his years of service.

Collins, born Dec. 10, 1968, and his wife, the former Michelle Williamson, married in 1990, and have a son, Carson, born Nov. 15, 2003.



JOHN PALMER

Assistant Football Equipment Manager

John Palmer is entering his first season as the assistant football equipment manager, serving as the primary assistant to head football equipment manager Henry Scroope in issuing and maintaining equipment for the Notre Dame football team. Palmer is a 2005 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in finance. While a student at Notre Dame, Palmer worked as a student manager for the football team and other varsity sports. During his senior year in '04, he served as the senior student manager in charge of equipment for the Irish football team.

Upon graduation, Palmer served as an intern in the equipment department of the Detroit Lions and also assisted at Super Bowl XL in Ford Field. He then moved to New York and worked as an equipment intern with the New York Jets during the 2006 season. In 2007, Palmer worked on the New York Board of Trade and at Mainstay Investments, a mutual funds company. He returned to Notre Dame and assumed his current post.



REUEL JOAQUIN

Assistant Video Coordinator

Reuel Joaquin is entering his second season as the assistant video coordinator for the Notre Dame football team, serving as the primary assistant to video coordinator Tim Collins. In this role, Joaquin assists Collins with all video and filming needs for the football team in addition to traveling to all football games. Joaquin helps compile all video packages utilized by Notre Dame's football coaches in their scouting and game preparation and also works on special assignments within the program.

A 2005 graduate of the University of North Florida, Joaquin earned a degree in communications. While in school, he served as an intern in the Jacksonville Jaguars' broadcast department in 2003 before moving over to the Jaguars' video department in 2004. Joaquin was an intern in the Jaguars video department from 2004-06 before becoming the Jaguars.com production coordinator in 2007. Following the 2005 season, Joaquin served as the assistant video director for the Cologne Centurions of NFL Europe.

Joaquin is a member of the Collegiate Sports Video Association.



KAREN DEMETER

Senior Administrative Assistant

Entering her sixth season as senior administrative assistant to the head football coach, Karen Demeter serves as the administrative assistant to head coach Charlie Weis. Demeter is in her ninth season working in the Notre Dame football office after serving as the recruiting administrative assistant for the Irish from 2001-03. A native of Akron, Ohio, Demeter and her husband, Darryl are the parents of two daughters: Jocelyn and Lauren.



JULIE DEBUYSER

Senior Staff Assistant, Offensive Coaches

A 26-year employee of the University of Notre Dame, Julie DeBuysser is in her 24th season as the secretary for the offensive coaching staff in the Irish football office. In her role, DeBuysser serves as the primary assistant to Notre Dame's offensive coaches. A native of South Bend, DeBuysser is married to Denny DeBuysser and the couple has a son, Chris Martin, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate.



ANN KARWOSKI

Senior Staff Assistant, Defensive Coaches

Ann Karwoski is now in her 11th season in the Irish football office, and has been at the University of Notre Dame since 1994. She serves as the administrative assistant to the Notre Dame defensive coaching staff. A native of South Bend, she is married to associate athletics director Mike Karwoski.



KATHRYN SCHUESSLER

Administrative Assistant

Kathryn Schuessler is in her second year as a full-time employee with the Notre Dame football program but her fifth year of working in the Irish football office. Her duties include working closely with Chad Klunder, Tim McDonnell and Dave Peloquin. A native of Toledo, Ohio, Schuessler is a 2007 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a degree in American studies. As a student, she worked all four years in the football office, assisting in various office duties.



KINNON TATUM

Intern (Defense)

Kinnon Tatum is in his first season with the Notre Dame football program, serving as the intern for the defensive coaching staff. His primary duty is assisting the defensive coaches with all aspects of the football program. Tatum is responsible for film breakdowns, scouting reports, playbooks and other duties assigned by coach Charlie Weis and the defensive staff.

Tatum played four years at inside linebacker for Notre Dame (1993-96), starting 24 contests, and recorded 188 tackles with 3.5 sacks, 12 tackles for loss, two interceptions, four passes broken up, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. He led the Irish in tackles in 1996 with 77 stops and was selected to play in the Hula Bowl all-star game following the season.

Following his senior year, Tatum was drafted by the Carolina Panthers with the 27th selection in the third round of the 1997 National Football League draft. He played in 31 games from 1997-98 for the Panthers and spent the 1999 training camp with the club before being released due to injury on the final cut. Tatum signed with Tampa Bay in 2000 and went to training camp with the Buccaneers before being cut at the end of training camp.

Tatum entered the business world following his stint in the NFL and worked for Allstate as a claims adjuster from 2004-07. He was based out of New Orleans in 2004-05 but transferred to Charlotte, N.C., following Hurricane Katrina. While in Charlotte, Tatum returned to football as the linebackers coach at Providence High School from 2006-07.

Tatum was an all-state safety in high school who set the North Carolina state record with 12 interceptions as a junior. Born July 19, 1975, Tatum was raised in Fayetteville, N.C.



KIJUAN WARE

Intern (Offense)

Kijuan Ware is in his first season with the Irish football staff. His primary duty is assisting the offensive coaches in a variety of areas in his capacity as intern. He is responsible for film breakdowns, scouting reports, playbooks and other duties assigned by coach Charlie Weis and the offensive staff.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Ware was an assistant football coach at Georgetown University where he coached the wide receivers in '06 and '07 and was the team's recruiting coordinator in 2007. From 2004-05, he was an assistant coach at Dartmouth College where he tutored the wide receivers in 2005 and the defensive backs in 2004.

Ware received his first collegiate coaching job at his alma mater, Springfield College, and was an assistant coach from 2002-03. He spent five years as a teacher and the offensive coordinator at Weaver High School in Hartford, Conn., following graduation.

Ware graduated from Springfield (Mass.) College in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and computer science. While at Springfield, Ware was a quarterback on the football team and was a pitcher and first baseman on the baseball team. In 2004, Ware earned a master's degree from Springfield College in physical education and athletic administration.

Ware was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 2000 and studied in Japan and, in 2006, was one of 15 selected participants for the NCAA Football Coaching Academy.