



# Georgia Tech 33 • Notre Dame 3

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(AP) -- Tashard Choice helped Georgia Tech fans forget about the loss of Calvin Johnson.

Choice rushed for a career-high 196 yards and two touchdowns and the Georgia Tech defense had little trouble with Notre Dame's new passers, forcing two fumbles by Demetrius Jones, sacking Evan Sharpley seven times and keeping Jimmy Clausen from doing any damage in a 33-3 victory.

"I did not see this coming," Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey said. "I thought we would play pretty well defensively. I did not know we would run the ball as well as we ran it today."

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis didn't see it coming either. He said one of the biggest problems was the Irish weren't ready for the speed of the game, and blamed himself for not having the team prepared.

"Who else are you going to blame but yourself? I'm the head coach," he said. "It's my responsibility."

It was just the 15th season-opening loss in Notre Dame history and the most lopsided, surpassing the 31-10 loss to Pittsburgh to start the 1976 season. It's also the first time the Irish failed to score a touchdown in a season opener since a 20-12 loss at Michigan in 1985.

The three points are the fewest points scored by the Irish under third-year coach Charlie Weis. The previous low was in a 14-10 win in the season-opener against Georgia Tech last season.

Weis said after the game he couldn't remember the last time an offense he coached had failed to score a touchdown.

"We've had some rough games in the past, but it's been a while," he said.

Weis kept his choice of starting quarterback secret until game time, hoping that preparing for three quarterbacks would make it tough on Georgia Tech's defense. It didn't work. In fact, it almost looked as if Georgia Tech knew what was coming.

Gailey said the Yellow Jackets focused on stopping the run.

"We're going to blitz you. We don't care who you are," he said. "We thought the challenge was to stop the running game to see if they could throw the ball well enough to beat us."

Choice, the leading rusher in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2006 with 1,473 yards, rushed for more than 100 yards for an eighth straight game, breaking the school record set by Eddie Lee Ivery in 1978. He scored on a 22-yard run on a direct snap and set up his other seven-yard TD -- also on a direct snap -- with a 45-yard run.

"We just wanted to make a statement and come here to Notre Dame and let everybody know that Georgia Tech is going to be a team to reckon with this year," Choice said.

The only disappointment for Georgia Tech (1-0) was it was forced to settle for four field goals by Travis Bell, who had another one blocked. Jonathan Dwyer added a seven-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

Taylor Bennett played solidly, completing 11 of 23 passes for 121 yards.

"He did some really good things, and he missed some throws that I had seen him make 50 times in practice," Gailey said. "The great thing is, he didn't have to go play great today. He could play good and we could still win."

Georgia Tech had 386 yards total offense and held the Irish to 122 yards -- the fewest yards for Notre Dame since it had 109 yards in a 44-13 loss at USC in 2002. Jones, Sharpley and Clausen were a combined 15 for 22 for 122 yards. Clausen, the celebrated freshman, was four for six for 34 yards.

Notre Dame tried to come out and play smash-mouth football -- a stark departure from the aerial attack it used the previous two seasons behind Brady Quinn.

"We were going in three determined to try to run the ball, make sure we didn't have negative plays, to make sure we played close to the vest early and got used to the speed of the game with the number of people that were relatively inexperienced," Weis said. "And when it all played out, all of a sudden a couple of bad things could happen, you turn the ball over a couple of times, and they make a couple of big plays."

The Georgia Tech offense repeatedly took advantage of good field position. The only long scoring drive for the Yellow Jackets was a 13-play, 63-yard drive in the third quarter that started on their own 16 and ended in a 39-yard field goal.

Weis said he's not sure who the starter will be next week against Penn State, but said he will announce his decision by Tuesday.

"I have to wait to see how many of those errors are quarterback related and how many of them are protection related, how many of them are route related," he said. "There's a whole litany of problems right there that we have to fix."



Wide receiver Robby Parris led the Irish with 30 receiving yards and tied for team-high honors with three receptions against Georgia Tech.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score		
Georgia Tech	6	10	3	14	--	33	Record: (1-0)
Notre Dame	0	0	3	0	--	3	Record: (0-1)

### First Quarter

11:15 GT T. Bell 32 yd field goal, 5-18 2:14, GT 3 - ND 0  
06:47 GT T. Bell 29 yd field goal, 7-36 2:52, GT 6 - ND 0

### Second Quarter

09:44 GT T. Bell 40 yd field goal, 6-21 2:45, GT 9 - ND 0  
02:44 GT T. Choice 22 yd run (T. Bell kick), 7-53 2:46, GT 16 - ND 0

### Third Quarter

10:22 GT T. Bell 39 yd field goal, 13-63 4:38, GT 19 - ND 0  
04:38 ND WALKER, Brandon 24 yd field goal, 12-58 5:44, GT 19 - ND 3

### Fourth Quarter

13:06 GT T. Choice 7 yd run (T. Bell kick), 8-70 3:00, GT 26 - ND 3  
08:52 GT J. Dwyer 7 yd run (T. Bell kick), 3-17 1:04, GT 33 - ND 3

	GT	ND
FIRST DOWNS	20	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	43-259	41-8
PASSING YDS (NET)	121	130
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-11-0	22-15-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-380	63-122
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-16	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-17	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-35	8-112
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-48.0	7-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	6-53	3-25
Possession Time	29:40	30:20
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	5 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	9-69	1-10

**RUSHING:** Georgia Tech-Choice 26-196; Dwyer 5-27; Smith 1-18; Evans 5-18; Nesbitt 3-7; Evans 1-2; Bennett 2-minus 9. Notre Dame-Jones 12-28; Allen 3-25; Aldridge 6-19; Sshwapp, 1-minus 1; Thomas 7-minus 7; Clausen 2-minus 14; Sharpley 10-minus 58.

**PASSING:** Georgia Tech-Bennett 11-23-0-121; Thomas 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Sharples 10-13-0-92; Clausen 4-6-0-34; Jones 1-3-0-4.

**RECEIVING:** Georgia Tech-Smith 3-31; Choice 3-22; Johnson 2-42; Peek 1-9; Thomas 1-9; Cox 1-8. Notre Dame-Parris 3-30; Carlson 3-29; West 2-29; Kamara 2-19; Yeatman 1-10; Hord. 1-5; Grimes 1-4; Jabbie 1-3; Allen 1-1.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Georgia Tech-None. Notre Dame-None.

**FUMBLES:** Georgia Tech-None. Notre Dame-JONES, Demetrius 2-2; SHARPLEY, Evan 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Georgia Tech-Robertson 1-1; Wheeler 0-2; Richard 0-2; Lewis 1-0; Walker 0-1; Barnes 1-0; Johnson 1-0; Anyaibe 1-0; Burnett 1-0. Notre Dame-Bruton 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Georgia Tech-Lewis 7-1; Roberson 4-2; Robertson 4-2; Burnett 3-3; Guyton 2-4; Wheeler 1-4; Reese 4-0; Jones 2-2; Richard 1-3; Clark 2-1; Oliver 2-1; Walker 1-2; Johnson 2-0; Bowen 2-0; Anyaibe 1-1; Word-Daniels 1-1; Garside 1-1; Clark 1-0; Jefferson 1-0; Barnes 1-0; Griffin 0-1; Braman 0-1; Sellers 0-1; Harris 0-1. Notre Dame-Bruton 6-3; Crum 3-6; Laws 3-6; Brockington 3-4; Lambert 4-2; Zbikowski, 2-2; Smith 2-2; Williams 2-1; Vernaglia 2-1; Ryan 2-1; Stephenson 1-2; Walls 2-0; Kuntz 1-1; Herring 1-1; McCarthy 0-2; Thomas 1-0; Brown, S. 1-0; Brown J. 0-1; Mullen 0-1; Carlson 0-1; Smith, T. 0-1; Jansen. 0-1; Richardson 0-1.



# #14 Penn State 31, Notre Dame 10

Sept. 8, 2007 • State College, Pa. • Beaver Stadium



(AP) -- After choosing their words carefully all week, the Penn State Nittany Lions could finally speak freely.

They got revenge on Notre Dame.

No. 14 Penn State's defense bottled up Jimmy Clausen, the Irish freshman quarterback making his first start, Derrick Williams returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown and Austin Scott ran for two second-half scores in a 31-10 win at raucous Beaver Stadium.

Happy Valley rejoiced after the Nittany Lions got payback for Notre Dame's 41-17 win last year in South Bend, Ind.

"It's a revenge game, and you're beating one of the powerhouses of college football year in and year out," linebacker Dan Connor said. "It's something we wanted to do and we're proud of."

Anthony Morelli threw for 131 yards and a touchdown, though Penn State's offense looked shaky much of the day.

The Irish were worse, in almost every way.

Penn State held an opponent without an offensive touchdown for the second straight game. Notre Dame failed to score an offensive touchdown for the second straight game, and was held to zero yards rushing.

That left the Irish 0-2 for the first time since 2001, when Notre Dame lost its first three games.

"We thought they were pretty good going in, and they were pretty good," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said of the Penn State defense.

The much-ballyhooped Clausen finished 17 of 32 for 144 yards and an interception. Most of the freshman's completions were on swing passes or screens as Weis went conservative until midway through the fourth quarter.

"With a young quarterback, you don't want him to be comfortable. He's a talented kid," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said about Clausen.

A loud crowd of 110,078, second largest in Penn State history, appeared to lead to numerous communication problems for the Irish offense, which was whistled for several offsides and delay-of-game penalties.

"I'm not doing cartwheels," Weis said about Clausen. "But I can't say I'm displeased either. I think he wasn't the problem."

Darrin Walls staked the Irish to a 7-0 lead, returning an interception 73 yards for a touchdown and quieting a crowd dressed almost entirely in white.

However, Williams brought them back to life.

The junior, who runs track in the offseason, caught Geoff Price's punt down the right sideline and navigated through early traffic before making a cross-field dash to the end zone. Teammate A.J. Wallace delivered a key block and Notre Dame's Rasheon McNeil missed a tackle.

"You hope with the kind of speed we have that you'll get those once in a while," Paterno said.

Morelli hit Jordan Norwood for a 10-yard TD pass midway through the second quarter to give Penn State a 14-7 advantage, and a relentless defense took over from there. Scott finished with 28 carries and 116 yards along with his two scores. Morelli was 12 of 22 passing and had an interception.

Notre Dame's offensive line, which was battered for nine sacks in the season-opening loss to Georgia Tech, couldn't contain the Nittany Lions most of the game.

Trailing 17-7 early in the third quarter, Notre Dame had a golden opportunity after Tom Zbikowski returned a punt 43 yards to the Penn State seven.

From there, Penn State's defense held firm. Clausen threw an incomplection, Armando Allen was held to a two-yard gain, Clausen threw the ball away under pressure, and the Irish had to settle for a field goal.

They would not score again.

Trailing 23-10, another Irish drive ended after Clausen was sacked on a blitz by Connor, who finished with a team-high 12 tackles.

"Obviously they're known as Linebacker U. for a reason," Notre Dame center John Sullivan said.

Clausen's best drive came late in the fourth quarter, when he led Notre Dame to the Penn State 10. However, that ended on fourth down when he was forced to scramble and then threw high, a pass that was intercepted in the end zone by Justin King.

Zbikowski led the Notre Dame defense by forcing two fumbles, but Penn State's running game finally got on track in the second half.

"We didn't come out on fire, but we ended up on top," Scott said. "That's all that matters."



*Cornerback Darrin Walls, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., returned an interception 73 yards to give Notre Dame a 7-0 lead at Penn State.*

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Notre Dame	7	0	3	0	- 10	Record: (0-2)
Penn State	7	7	10	7	- 31	Record: (2-0)

### First Quarter

- 8:23 ND Darrin Walls 73 yd interception return (Brandon Walker kick), ND 7 - PS 0
- 0:52 PS Derrick Williams 78 yd punt return (Kevin Kelly kick), ND 7 - PS 7

### Second Quarter

- 6:37 PS Jordan Norwood 10 yd pass from Anthony Morelli (Kevin Kelly kick), 6-51 2:17, PS 14 - ND 7

### Third Quarter

- 13:13 PS Kevin Kelly 37 yd field goal, 4-7 1:36, PS 17 - ND 7
- 8:16 ND Brandon Walker 22 yd field goal, 4-2 0:56, PS 17 - ND 10
- 4:47 PS Austin Scott 1 yd run (Kevin Kelly kick), 7-65 3:22, PS 24 - ND 10

### Fourth Quarter

- 7:40 PS Austin Scott 5 yd run (Kevin Kelly kick), 10-62 5:12, PS 31 - ND 10

	ND	PS
FIRST DOWNS	9	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	26-0	46-164
PASSING YDS (NET)	144	131
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-17-1	22-12-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	58-144	68-295
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-47	4-100
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-101	3-96
Interception Returns-Yards	1-73	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-44.8	6-43.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	14-97	7-65
Possession Time	26:00	34:00
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 16	9 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-18	6-50

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Thomas 6-12; Allen 8-11; Jabbie 1-5; Aldridge 1-minus 3; Clausen 10-minus 25. Penn State-Scott 28-116; Kinlaw 9-49; Hahn 4-22; TEAM 1-minus 1; Morelli 3-minus 11; Butler 1-minus 11.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-Clausen 17-32-1-144. Penn State-Morelli 12-22-1-131.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Allen 6-38; Grimes 5-45; West 2-9; Parris 1-35; Kamara 1-6; Yeatman 1-6; Carlson 1-5. Penn State-Norwood 3-20; Hahn 2-16; Golden 2-15; Williams 2-14; Bell 1-51; Butler 1-16; Scott 1-minus 1.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-Walls 1-73. Penn State-King 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-TEAM 1-0; Aldridge 1-0; Tate 1-0. Penn State-Scott 1-1; Morelli 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Richardson 1-0; Brown 0-1; Ryan 0-1. Penn State-Evans 1-0; Maybin 1-0; Sales 1-0; Gaines 0-1; Lee 0-1; Connor 1-0; Hayes 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Brockington 6-4; Laws 6-4; Kuntz 3-5; Zbikowski 4-2; Crum, Jr. 3-3; Ryan 0-4; Brown 2-1; Vernaglia 1-2; Williams 1-2; Ferrine 2-0; Walls 2-0; Bruton 1-1; Wooden 1-1; T. Smith 1-1; S. Smith 1-0; Price 1-0; Lambert 1-0; McCarthy 1-0; Tate 1-0; Richardson 1-0; Yeatman 0-1; Jansen 0-1; Stephenson, Jr. 0-1; Herring 0-1; Neal 0-1; Gaines 0-1; Quinn 0-1; S. Brown 0-1. Penn State-Connor 8-4; Scirrotto 3-2; Sales 3-1; Lee 2-2; Sargeant 1-3; Davis 3-0; Evans 2-1; Gaines 0-3; Taylor 2-0; Hayes 1-1; Bowman 1-1; Baker 0-2; Wallace 1-0; King 1-0; Odrick 1-0; Maybin 1-0; Brackett 1-0; Golden 1-0; Timmons 0-1; Latham 0-1.



# Michigan 38 • Notre Dame 0

Sept. 15, 2007 • Ann Arbor, Mich. • Michigan Stadium



(AP) -- Michigan took care of Mike Hart's guarantee with ease.

Hart ran for 187 yards on 35 carries and scored two touchdowns, and Ryan Mallett threw for three scores, leading the Wolverines to a 38-0 win over Notre Dame.

Michigan handed the Fighting Irish their worst loss since beating them by the same score in 2003.

The Wolverines (1-2) avoided their first 0-3 start in seven decades.

Notre Dame (0-3) is winless after three games for just the second time in school history, putting coach Charlie Weis in unwanted company with Bob Davie.

The Fighting Irish have lost five straight for the first time since the 1985-86 seasons, Gerry Faust's last year and Lou Holtz's first.

In an unprecedented matchup of the storied programs, Michigan looked like it might not be that bad while the Fighting Irish appeared to be even worse than expected after losing to Penn State and Georgia Tech by a combined 51 points.

Hart backed up his prediction of a win with a sensational performance, even against a defense stacked to stop him. His freshman quarterback was efficient in his first career start.

Michigan's defense suddenly was swarming to the football after giving up 73 points in losses to Appalachian State and Oregon.

Freshman Jimmy Clausen was 11 of 17 for just 74 yards and an interception. He was sacked seven times, leading to Notre Dame's rushing total of minus-six.

Notre Dame prevented Clausen from taking more abuse in the fourth quarter, and had to use Evan Sharpley because backup quarterback Demetrius Jones stunned the team by not showing up for a team meal or the bus trip to Ann Arbor. Fittingly, Sharpley threw an interception just as it seemed that Notre Dame might avoid a shutout.

The Fighting Irish did move the ball enough on the ground on their final drive, however, to avoid breaking their school record of minus-12 yards rushing.

In three games, Notre Dame's offense hasn't scored.

Mallett was asked to throw just 15 times, and he connected on seven passes for 90 yards and TDs to receivers Mario Manningham, Adrian Arrington and Greg Mathews.

Senior quarterback Chad Henne, who had started each of his 39 games at Michigan, is out with what appears to be a knee injury. Coach Lloyd Carr has refused to give details, but Henne watched the game with a brace that seemed to be protecting his right knee.

It was ugly right from the start for Notre Dame.

The first snap sailed over running back Armando Allen's head, and the Fighting Irish lost 27 yards on their first two drives.

Notre Dame fumbled five times in the first half, losing two of them, and Clausen threw an interception, helping Michigan take a 31-0 lead.

The Wolverines just coasted in the second half, perhaps ending their stay in the national spotlight.

For the first time since the Associated Press started ranking teams in 1936, Michigan and Notre Dame were both unranked. They also entered the game winless for the first time, not counting openers.

Hart guaranteed a win over Notre Dame soon after Oregon beat the Wolverines 39-7, handing them their worst loss since 1968, and a week after being upset by Appalachian State and becoming the butt of Jay Leno's jokes.



Safety David Bruton recorded a game-high nine tackles including one tackle for loss at Michigan.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	- 0	Record: (0-3)
Michigan	10	21	7	0	- 38	Record: (1-2)

### First Quarter

- 10:53 UM Gingell 39 yd field goal, 7-21, 2:35
- 07:34 UM Hart 2 yd run (Gingell kick), 5-21, 2:37

### Second Quarter

- 14:39 UM Hart 3 yd run (Gingell kick), 3-38, 0:22
- 11:34 UM Mathews 26 yd pass from Mallett (Gingell kick), 5-48, 1:22
- 00:25 UM Arrington 5 yd pass from Mallett (Gingell kick), 11-56, 2:32

### Third Quarter

- 04:10 UM Manningham 13 yd pass from Mallett (Gingell kick), 11-79, 4:55

	ND	UM
FIRST DOWNS	10	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33--6	61-289
PASSING YDS (NET)	85	90
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-13-2	16-7-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	55-79	77-379
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-26	5-30
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-133	1-17
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-26
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-43.3	4-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	6-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	7-51	4-37
Possession Time	26:16	33:44
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	11 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	8-48

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Aldridge 10-51; Allen 9-24; Thomas 1-13; Tate 1-4; Jabbie 1-minus 2; Team 2-minus 31; Clausen 9-minus 65. Michigan-Hart 35-187; Minor 17-82; Brown 4-10; Potempa 2-9; Mallett 3-1.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-Clausen 11-17-1-74; Sharpley 2-5-1-11. Michigan-Mallett 7-15-0-90; Arrington 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Grimes 3-10; West 2-23; Carlson 2-13; Schmidt 2-11; Allen 2-7; Kamara 1-14; Parris 1-7. Michigan-Manningham 2-35; Arrington 2-15; Hart 2-14; Mathews 1-26.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-None. Michigan-Brown 1-26; Thompson 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-Clausen 2-1; Allen 2-1; Team 2-0. Michigan-Mallett 2-1; Brown 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Notre Dame-None. Michigan-Graham 3-1; Crable 1-2; Harrison 0-1; Englemon 1-0; Jamison 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Bruton 5-4; Zbikowski 5-3; Brown 4-4; Ryan 6-1; Laws 4-3; Crum 1-6; Stephenson 5-1; Kuntz 3-3; McNeil 4-1; Brockington 2-3; Williams 4-0; Smith, B. 1-1; Walls 1-1; Anello 1-0; Quinn 1-0; Grimes 1-0; Carlson 1-0; Lambert 1-0; Richardson 1-0; McCarthy 0-1; Vernaglia 0-1; Wooden 0-1. Michigan-Graham 5-2; Thompson 5-1; Chambers 4-1; Warren 4-1; Crable 3-2; Englemon 3-2; Harrison 2-3; Graham 3-1; Jamison 2-1; Trent 1-2; Brown 2-0; Johnson 2-0; Adams 2-0; Taylor 1-0; Panter 1-0; Logan 1-0; Dutch 1-0; McLaurin 1-0; Stewart 0-1; Webb 0-1.

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(AP) -- Notre Dame's offense got into the end zone -- twice, in fact. It wasn't nearly enough to end the misery for the Fighting Irish.

For the first time in 119 seasons of Notre Dame football, the Irish are 0-4.

Michigan State, which blew a big lead to Notre Dame a year ago in a loss that sent its season in a tailspin, got a measure of revenge against the floundering Fighting Irish with a 31-14 victory.

Now it's Notre Dame's season that's spinning out of control. The Irish have lost six in a row, the second longest losing streak in school history, and allowed at least 30 points in each game.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said he wasn't focusing on the worst start ever.

"Records to me is not the critical factor," he said. "I'll critically evaluate this game and get ready for Purdue."

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio, who became the first Spartans coach to win his first four games, called the victory a statement. He said the painful 40-37 loss last year in East Lansing had taken a toll on the players and the program.

"Our guys have been mocked, and our guys have been made fun of, and we lost coaches; there was a coaching change, and a lot of things happened," he said. "So we internalized this and turned it to our favor today."

Brian Hoyer threw four touchdown passes -- two to Kellen Davis and one each to Devin Thomas and Mark Dell -- and Javon Ringer rushed for 144 yards on 26 carries and Jehuu Caulcrick ran for 83 yards on 20 carries to pace the Spartans.

"It was an emotional win for us," Davis said. "Getting this victory here was kind of like vindication or redemption for us, especially for those who started last year."

Michigan State also became the first opponent to win six in a row at Notre Dame Stadium.

Last season, Brady Quinn led the Irish back from a 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter. This season it was the Michigan State quarterback who was the star.

Hoyer was 11 of 24 passing for 135 yards as the Spartans amassed 354 yards total offense.

"Anytime you throw four touchdown passes you have to be pretty pleased," Hoyer said. "It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

The most memorable play was the final touchdown. On fourth and two from the 30-yard line, Hoyer fumbled the snap -- on purpose, as it turns out -- picked it up and threw a TD pass to Davis.

"We've practiced that thing since the spring," Dantonio said.

Hoyer said he was worried doing it on fourth down, but said the Irish fell for it.

"I guess it helped that I fumbled on the second play of the game," he said.

Notre Dame finally found some offense, scoring two TDs and finishing in the black in yards rushing for the first time this season, but the Irish defense was woeful.

Notre Dame scored its first offensive touchdown of the season on a one-yard run by Travis Thomas to cap a nine-yard drive in the first quarter. The score was set up by a Michigan State fumble.

Notre Dame later added an 80-yard scoring drive highlighted by a 43-yard run by James Aldridge, who ran for 104 yards on 18 carries. The Irish ran for 117 yards; Michigan State 219 yards.

Freshman Jimmy Clausen was 7 of 13 passing for 53 yards for Notre Dame. Evan Sharpley, who played the fourth quarter, was four of seven passing for 33 yards. The Irish, who had given up 23 sacks through their first three games, were sacked four times by the Spartans. Michigan State defensive end Jonal Saint-Dic sacked Clausen for a 17-yard loss and stripped the ball from the quarterback.

The Irish played their best game of the season but couldn't keep up. They have now scored 27 points through four games -- the third fewest ever in school history. The 1933 team managed just 12 points and the 1928 team coached by Knute Rockne scored 25.

Notre Dame scored both of its touchdowns in the first half and trailed 17-14 at halftime. The first came on a short drive after Hoyer fumbled the snap and Irish defensive end Trevor Laws recovered. The second touchdown came on a three-yard run by Robert Hughes.

The Irish have only had 12 losing seasons in the history of the program -- though three have come in the past nine years. With Purdue, UCLA, Boston College and USC up next for the Irish, losing season No. 13 will be tough to avoid.

"You keep going until there's a payoff," Weis said. "Hopefully it's against Purdue."



*Running back James Aldridge rushed 18 times for a team-high 104 yards against Michigan State. Aldridge averaged 5.8 yards per rush and broke off a long run of 43 yards.*

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Michigan State	14	3	14	0	31	Record: (4-0)
Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	14	Record: (0-4)

### First Quarter

10:01 ND Travis Thomas 1 yd run (Brandon Walker kick), 3-9 0:54  
 7:05 MSU Devin Thomas 7 yd pass from Brian Hoyer (Brett Swenson kick), 8-67 2:56  
 0:22 MSU Kellen Davis 3 yd pass from Brian Hoyer (Brett Swenson kick), 5-45 1:31

### Second Quarter

12:19 MSU Brett Swenson 27 yd field goal, 4-5 1:24  
 10:41 ND Robert Hughes 3 yd run (Brandon Walker kick), 5-80 1:38

### Third Quarter

12:05 MSU Mark Dell 16 yd pass from Brian Hoyer (Brett Swenson kick), 8-45 2:55  
 2:45 MSU Kellen Davis 30 yd pass from Brian Hoyer (Brett Swenson kick), 10-67 4:15

	MSU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	19	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	49-219	35-117
PASSING YDS (NET)	135	86
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-11-1	20-11-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-354	55-203
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-28	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-98	5-100
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-41.4	9-38.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-20	4-35
Possession Time	33:29	26:31
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 15	4 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-32	1-8

**RUSHING:** Michigan State-Ringer 26-144; Caulcrick 20-83; Team 1-minus 1; Hoyer 2-minus 7. Notre Dame-Aldridge 18-104; Hughes 6-33; Allen 3-13; Thomas 1-1; Schwapp 1-0; Jabbie 1-minus 2; Sharley 1-minus 2; Clausen 4-minus 30.

**PASSING:** Michigan State-Hoyer 11-24-1-135. Notre Dame-Clausen 7-13-0-53; Sharpley 4-7-0-33.

**RECEIVING:** Michigan State-Thomas 4-55; Davis 2-33; Hawken 2-14; Dell 1-16; Ringer 1-11; Caulcrick 1-6. Notre Dame-West 3-25; Grimes 3-24; Carlson 1-16; Kamara 1-9; Allen 1-5; Schmidt 1-5; Jabbie 1-2.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Michigan State-None. Notre Dame-Bruton 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Michigan State-Hoyer 1-1. Notre Dame-Clausen 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Michigan State-Saint-Dic 1-0; Davis-Clark 1-0; Kershaw 1-0; Gordon 1-0. Notre Dame-Neal 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Michigan State-Wiley 3-3; Thornhill 2-4; Key 1-5; Baldwin 2-3; Gordon 2-3; Adams 1-4; Saint-Dic 4-0; Davis-Clark 3-1; Kershaw 2-2; Nwagbuo 1-3; Jones 2-1; Rucker 2-1; Henderson 2-0; Misch 1-1; Williams 1-0; Davis 0-1; Fortener 0-1; Jenrette 0-1. Notre Dame-Crum, Jr. 6-10; Bruton 8-7; Laws 0-9; Brockington 3-4; Zbikowski 2-3; Smith 2-2; Williams 1-3; Smith 0-3; Hand 0-3; Kuntz 0-3; Wooden 2-0; Jabbie 2-0; Walls 2-0; Stephenson, Jr. 1-1; Vernaglia 1-1; Neal 1-1; Lambert 1-0; Quinn 1-0; Thomas 1-0; Jansen 1-0; Smith 0-1; Yeatman 0-1.



# #25 Purdue 33 • Notre Dame 19

Sept. 29, 2007 • West Lafayette, Ind. • Ross-Ade Stadium



(AP) -- Charlie Weis was looking for something he recognized as winning football. He finally saw it ... just not enough of it.

Purdue extended the worst start in Notre Dame history to five losses when Curtis Painter threw two touchdown passes and Chris Summers hit four field goals in a 33-19.

The Irish fell behind 23-0 at the half, and Weis let his players know he's tired of playing catch-up.

"This time, I was maybe a little more rough at halftime," he said. "I'd had about enough. It was a collective effort. Offense, defense, special teams."

Notre Dame outscored Purdue 19-10 in the second half, something Weis hopes to build on.

"For the first time this year, we played a half of football where you could win," he said. "That's closer to winning football."

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw his first career touchdown pass before leaving with an injured hip, and the Irish gained 426 yards, by far their best output of the season.

It's a start.

Meanwhile, the Boilermakers (5-0) are off to their best start since 2004.

Kory Sheets had 141 yards rushing and Dorien Bryant caught eight passes for 82 yards for Purdue, which hosts No. 8 Ohio State next week.

With Purdue seemingly in control, Notre Dame's Tom Zbikowski intercepted a pass by Painter early on in the second half, and the Irish took advantage. On a fourth and goal at the Purdue five-yard line, Clausen completed a pass to John Carlson to cut the lead to 23-6.

Purdue got a few gifts from Notre Dame on its next possession. The Irish bailed the Boilermakers out on a third and 21 with a late hit and Summers' 29-yard field goal gave the Boilermakers a 26-6 lead. The Irish committed three penalties for 35 yards on the possession.

Clausen limped often in the game, and at times was shuffled in and out of the lineup. Weis expects him to play next week against UCLA. Backup quarterback Evan Sharpley completed 16 of 26 passes for 208 yards, and Golden Tate caught three passes for 104 yards.

They gave Notre Dame a chance early in the fourth quarter with a 43-yard completion on a fourth and 5 from the Notre Dame 37. Sharpley eventually threw a seven-yard touchdown pass to Duval Kamara with 12:43 left to cut Purdue's lead to 26-12.

On Notre Dame's next possession, Sharpley completed a 25-yard touchdown pass to a falling Tate to cut Purdue's lead to 26-19 with 7:58 to go.

Purdue righted itself on the next possession. Four running plays netted 35 yards before Painter connected with tight end Dustin Keller for a 14-yard touchdown.

Notre Dame then drove to the Purdue 18, but Terrell Vinson intercepted Sharpley in the end zone to end the threat. It was Vinson's second pick of the game.

The Irish converted four of six fourth downs, including two in their territory in the fourth quarter. Weis said he was playing for the win, no matter what.

"I told them with seven minutes to go if we cut it to seven, if we scored again, we were going to go for two and try and win in regulation," he said. "Why not go for two?"

Notre Dame will focus on playing a complete game after Weis said they showed potential in the second half.

"If we can do 60 minutes of that, maybe we can come away with a victory," Sharpley said.

Perhaps, but things don't get any easier for the Irish who face UCLA, No. 12 Boston College and top-ranked Southern California the next three weeks.

"It's been tough," Notre Dame defensive end Trevor Laws said, "but you just have to keep playing and show the young guys how to fight."



Wide receiver Golden Tate tallied a game-high 104 receiving yards and one touchdown on three receptions at Purdue. Tate gained 43, 36 and 25 yards on his three catches.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score		
Notre Dame	0	0	6	13	-	19	Record: (0-5)
Purdue	10	13	3	7	-	33	Record: (5-0)

### First Quarter

- 10:45 PU Chris Summers 27 yd field goal, 10-54 4:15
- 5:49 PU Kory Sheets 1 yd run (Chris Summers kick), 8-80 2:43

### Second Quarter

- 11:54 PU Chris Summers 34 yd field goal, 6-8 1:19
- 4:46 PU Dorien Bryant 11 yd pass from Curtis Painter (Chris Summers kick), 11-81 4:46
- 2:50 PU Chris Summers 26 yd field goal, 4-5 1:20

### Third Quarter

- 7:55 ND John Carlson 5 yd pass from Jimmy Clausen (Brandon Walker kick failed), 6-37 2:06
- 0:28 PU Chris Summers 29 yd field goal, 11-56 3:21

### Fourth Quarter

- 12:43 ND Duval Kamara 7 yd pass from Evan Sharpley (Nate Whitaker kick failed), 11-81 2:45
- 7:58 ND Golden Tate 25 yd pass from Evan Sharpley (Nate Whitaker kick), 14-79 3:40
- 5:33 PU Dustin Keller 14 yd pass from Curtis Painter (Chris Summers kick), 5-59 2:25

	ND	PU
FIRST DOWNS	21	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	26-49	42-119
PASSING YDS (NET)	377	252
Passes Att-Comp-Int	52-34-2	37-22-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	78-426	79-371
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-6	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-132	4-83
Interception Returns-Yards	2-(-2)	2-6
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-44.0	3-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	11-110	9-67
Possession Time	26:54	33:06
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 16	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	4 of 6	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	7-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-22	2-14

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Allen 6-25; Jabbie 4-16; Clausen 3-13; Aldridge 5-9; Hughes 1-0; Thomas 1-0; Team 1-minus 7; Sharpley 5-minus 7. Purdue-Sheets 27-141; Dierking 4-9; Painter 5-1; Bryant 1-minus 8; Team 5-minus 24.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-Clausen 18-26-1-169; Sharpley 16-26-1-208. Purdue-Painter 22-37-2-252.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Parris 7-93; Kamara 6-68; Carlson 5-30; West 4-37; Jabbie 4-15; Tate 3-104; Grimes 3-34; Schwapp 1-5; Allen 1-minus 9. Purdue-Bryant 8-82; Keller 5-36; Orton 3-55; Lymon 2-28; Whittington 1-24; Standeford 1-14; Sheets 1-8; Tardy 1-5.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-McCarthy 1-0; Zbikowski 1-minus 2. Purdue-Vinson 2-6.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-Aldridge 1-0; Allen 1-1. Purdue-Team 1-0.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Ryan 1-0; Laws 1-0. Purdue-Williams 1-0; Avril 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Brockington 6-3; Zbikowski 7-0; Ryan 6-0; Laws 5-1; Lambert 3-0; Bruton 3-0; McCarthy 3-0; Wooden 3-0; Stephenson 3-0; Richardson 2-1; Walls 2-1; Smith 2-0; Brown 2-0; Kuntz 1-1; Crum, Jr. 1-1; Carlson 1-0; Clausen 1-0; S. Smith 1-0; McNeil 0-1; Williams 0-1. Purdue-Keplar 5-4; Ferguson 3-5; Bick 3-3; Vinson 5-0; Scott 4-1; Heygood 3-1; Williams 3-1; King 2-2; Avril 3-0; Lane 2-1; Adams 2-1; Green 2-0; Haston 2-0; Magee 1-1; Bright 1-1; Brown 1-0; Dierking 1-0; Williams 1-0; Keller 1-0; Halliburton 0-1.

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(AP) -- Jimmy Clausen scored on a quarterback sneak and Maurice Crum returned a fumble 34 yards for another touchdown during a 50-second span of the third quarter as Notre Dame fought its way out of one of the worst slumps in school history with a 20-6 victory over UCLA.



*Linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. was named national defensive player of the week after he recorded seven tackles, one sack, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions against the Bruins. Crum Jr. returned one of the fumble recoveries 34 yards for a touchdown.*

It was only the second time Notre Dame had played in Pasadena. Knute Rockne's "Four Horsemen" defeated coach Pop Warner's Stanford team 27-10 in the 1925 Rose Bowl to give the Irish their first undisputed national championship.

This win was significant in quite a different way. It was Notre Dame's first victory of the season and assured the Fighting Irish they won't equal the longest losing streak in school history.

Coach Charlie Weis obviously was relieved.

"When you're 0-5, everyone in the country is laughing at you," Weis said. "The only thing you can do is do something about it on the field. I'm really happy for the kids.

"We never had a better week of practice since I've been here. I said good things will happen, and it happened."

After a school record 0-5 start, the Irish avoided tying their longest losing streak. The victory was their first in eight games dating back to last season. The only other time the Irish lost eight straight was in 1960, when they won their opener and didn't win again until the final game of the season.

This time, Notre Dame (1-5) knocked UCLA quarterback Ben Olson out with a knee injury late in the first quarter, then hounded redshirt freshman McLeod Bethel-Thompson into a string of mistakes.

A walk-on pressed into the backup role for UCLA (4-2, 3-0 Pac-10) because of an injury to Patrick Cowan, Bethel-Thompson had not thrown a pass in a college game.

The Irish picked off four of his throws, with Crum getting two of them. He also recovered the quarterback's fumble and ran it in for a touchdown.

"It's unfortunate that Ben went down early in the game," UCLA coach Karl Dorrell said. "It's the kind of game where Notre Dame played everything close to the vest and didn't make any mistakes. They put some pressure on our offense, and our offenses made some mistakes.

"Mac (Bethel-Thompson) did a nice job, given the circumstances with the type of game and his experience. I give credit to Notre Dame. When they don't have any turnovers and you have six, that's unfortunate."

Clausen put the Irish ahead 13-6 when he bulled over from one yard out, with 1:53 left in the third quarter. David Bruton set up the score when he intercepted a pass at the UCLA 21 and returned it to the four.

The Irish players began to celebrate a bit on the sidelines when Clausen scored, and Weis said he told them to tone it down.

"It's been a while since we've been up in the second half," he said. "So I told my guys to act like they've been there before. Don't make me look an idiot."

Crum gave the Irish a 14-point pad when he scooped up the fumble and scored with 1:03 remaining in the third.

Notre Dame's Brandon Walker kicked a 26-yard field goal in the first quarter and a 48-yarder that bounced off the cross bar and went over to tie it 6-6 midway through the third quarter. UCLA's Kai Forbath kicked a 29-yarder in the first quarter, then gave the Bruins a 6-3 lead with a 49-yarder late in the first half.

Bethel-Thompson completed 12 of 28 for 139 yards. Brandon Breazell and Joe Cowan each had five receptions for 69 yards for the punchless Bruins.

Clausen, a freshman who was a high school standout in the Los Angeles suburb of Westlake Village, completed 17 of 27 for 84 yards, with no touchdowns and no interceptions.

John Carlson had six catches for 38 yards for Notre Dame.

The oft-injured Olson left the game when Tom Zbikowski sacked him, twisting the quarterback's left knee, late in the first quarter. Olson fumbled on the play and Kerry Neal picked up the ball to give Notre Dame the ball at the Bruins' one-yard line and set up Walker's first field goal.

Last year, Olson went out with a knee injury in the fifth game and Cowan was the quarterback the rest of the season. Olson missed this year's game against Washington because of concussion-like symptoms.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score		
Notre Dame	3	0	17	0	--	20	Record: (1-5)
UCLA	3	3	0	0	--	6	Record: (4-2)

### First Quarter

3:06 UCLA Kai Forbath 29 yd field goal, 13-42 4:59  
 0:23 ND Walker, Brandon 26 yd field goal, 4-4 0:57

### Second Quarter

0:32 UCLA Kai Forbath 49 yd field goal, 9-40 3:16

### Third Quarter

6:24 ND Brandon Walker 48 yd field goal, 13-29 6:42  
 1:53 ND Jimmy Clausen 1 yd run (Brandon Walker kick), 3-2 1:14  
 1:03 ND Maurice Crum 34 yd fumble recovery (Brandon Walker kick)

	ND	UCLA
FIRST DOWNS	12	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-46	37-89
PASSING YDS (NET)	94	193
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-18-0	38-16-4
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-140	75-282
Fumble Returns-Yards	2-45-1	0-0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-1-0	2-4-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-73-0	5-100-0
Interception Returns-Yards	4-64-0	0-0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-40.3	5-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-3
Penalties-Yards	8-61	11-93
Possession Time	32:02	27:58
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 17	4 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-40	3-19

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Aldridge 22-52; Allen 3-19; Schwapp 1-2; Thomas 2-1; Team 2-minus 7; Clausen 8-minus 21. UCLA-Bell 18-64; Moline 6-21; Breazell 1-18; Cowan 1-8; Olson 2-1; Bethel-Thompson 9-minus 23.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-Clausen 17-27-0-84; Allen 1-1-0-10.  
 UCLA-Bethel-Thompson 12-28-4-139; Olsen 4-10-0-54.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Carlson 6-38; Aldridge 3-18; Parris 3-13; Kamara 2-20; Allen 2-3; Hord 1-2; Tate 1-0. UCLA-Cowan 5-69; Breazell 5-69; Johnson 3-37; Bell 2-6; Paulsen 1-12.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-Crum 2-46; Bruton 1-17; Lambert 1-1. UCLA-None.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-Jimmy Clausen 1-0. UCLA-Bethel-Thompson 3-1; Olson 1-1; Bell 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Smith 1-0; Zbikowski 1-0; Crum 1-0; Ryan 1-0; Laws 1-0. UCLA-Davis 3-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Kuntz 6-2; Crum 5-2; Brockington 4-2; Wooden 3-3; Laws 4-1; Zbikowski 2-3; Bruton 4-0; Vernaglia 1-3; Neal 3-0; Stephenson 2-1; Toryan Smith 2-1; Lambert 1-2; Ryan 1-1; Williams 1-0; Quinn 1-0; Jabbe 1-0; Anello 1-0; Thomas 1-0; Smith 1-0; Jansen 1-0; Brown 1-0; McCarthy 0-1. UCLA-Brown 7-3; Horton 7-1; Keyes 6-1; Verner 5-1; Taylor 4-2; Bosworth 4-0; Davis 3-1; Brown 3-1; Blake 1-2; Carter 2-0; Team 2-0; Ward 2-0; Whittington 2-0; Van 1-0; Reed 1-0; Slater 1-0; Johnson 1-0; Cowan 1-0; Hale 1-0.



# #4 Boston College 27 • Notre Dame 14

Oct. 13, 2007 • Notre Dame, Ind. • Notre Dame Stadium



(AP) -- Matt Ryan kept Notre Dame from getting pay-back on unbeaten Boston College.

Ryan used a series of screens and short passes to keep the blitzing Irish off balance and threw two touchdowns to lead the fourth-ranked Eagles to a 27-14 victory over Notre Dame.

The Irish were hoping to put a damper on Boston College's national title hopes as the Eagles had done when they cost Notre Dame a national championship in 1993. They threatened, but just couldn't pull it out.

Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski said he never viewed the game against the Irish (1-6) as a trap game because he knew his team wouldn't take Notre Dame lightly.

"Our kids were so excited about coming out here and playing this football game. It's a great rivalry," he said.

Jagodzinski said his message has stayed consistent against each opponent.

"I told our guys we can't get to where we want to go unless we keep taking care of business every week," he said.

Boston College is 7-0 for just the fifth time in 107 seasons, the first time since 1942, and beat its rival Notre Dame for the fifth straight time. The Irish lead the series between the only two Catholic schools to play major college football 9-8, but the Eagles have won six of the last seven.

The Eagles appeared ready to blow the game open when Ryan threw a 9-yard scoring pass to Andre Callender to make it 20-0 with 11:42 left in the third quarter. The score was set up when Tyrone Pruitt intercepted a pass by Jimmy Clausen and returned it 30 yards to the Notre Dame 11.

However, the Irish scored a pair of touchdowns 95 seconds apart to cut it to 20-14. Evan Sharpley, who replaced the ineffective Jimmy Clausen at quarterback, threw a 19-yard TD pass to Robby Parris and linebacker Brian Smith returned an interception 25 yards for a touchdown.

The Eagles quickly regained control after the Irish were called for excessive celebration and penalized 15 yards on the kickoff. Brad Newman returned the kick 18 yards to the Notre Dame 44 and the Eagles needed only five plays to score. Ryan, throwing quickly to beat the blitz, hit Kevin Challenger for a 13-yard TD to make it 27-14.

Ryan said he wasn't flustered after throwing the interception for a Notre Dame TD.

"Right after you throw a pick that goes for six you want to come right back out fighting," Ryan said. "At this point in my career I've thrown plenty of picks. You just have to block it out. As a quarterback you definitely have to have temporary amnesia and go out there and keep chucking it. That's what we did."

Despite the constant blitzing, the Irish didn't sack Ryan.

"He's got a really quick release," Notre Dame nose tackle Pat Kuntz said. "He's good, and there's nothing much else I can say about that. He's probably the best quarterback we've seen."

Ryan, 21-4 as a starter, was 32-of-49 passing. Callender caught 10 passes for 91 yards and rushed for 90 yards on 23 carries, including TD runs of 7 and 1 yards.

The Irish offense struggled again, managing just 222 yards total offense. BC, which entered as the No. 3 defense against the run holding opponents to 49.7 yards a game, held the Irish to 27 yards rushing. It was the fifth time this season the Irish were held to less than 50 yards rushing.

Clausen started but failed to lead the Irish to a score. He was 7-of-20 for 60 yards and was pulled after he threw his second interception on Notre Dame's first offensive play of the second half. That set up BC's third touchdown.

Sharpley was 11-of-29 for 135 yards. Coach Charlie Weis said he would have to review the tape before deciding who will start against USC next week.

"I'm never big on blaming the quarterback for the lack of production on the offense," Weis said.

Weis said the biggest problem for the Irish were too many mistakes. The Irish had the excessive celebration penalty set up one score, the interception set up another and the punter's knee touching the ground another.

"I think we had a chance in this game, but the bottom line is they won 27-14," he said. "If I sit there and say, 'God if we were just better on that snap, or if we would have hit this one pass or if we didn't get a penalty. ...' But the thing is, we did."

Notre Dame has lost five straight to Top 5 teams since beating fifth-ranked Michigan in 2005 in Weis' second game as coach of the Irish.

Notre Dame is 1-6 for just the third time in school history. The other two times were in 1956 and 1960.



*Freshman linebacker Brian Smith intercepted a Matt Ryan pass attempt and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown. Smith became the first Notre Dame freshman to return an interception for a touchdown since Bobby Leopold in 1976.*

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Boston College	7	6	14	0	27	Record: (7-0)
Notre Dame	0	0	14	0	14	Record: (1-6)

### First Quarter

11:38 BC Callender 7 yd run (Aponavicius kick failed), 5-73 1:24

### Second Quarter

1:32 BC Callender 1 yd run (Aponavicius kick), 8-41 4:43

### Third Quarter

11:26 BC Callender 9 yd pass from Ryan (Aponavicius, kick), 3-11 0:54

10:27 ND Parris 19 yd pass from Sharpley (Walker kick), 7-79 0:59

8:52 ND B. Smith 25 yd interception return (Walker kick)

7:00 BC Challenger 13 yd pass from Ryan (Aponavicius kick), 5-44 1:52

	BC	ND
FIRST DOWNS	21	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-168	21-27
PASSING YDS (NET)	291	195
Passes Att-Comp-Int	49-32-1	49-18-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	83-459	70-222
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-34
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-43	4-74
Interception Returns-Yards	2-30	1-25
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-41.4	6-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	15-131	7-64
Possession Time	39:03	20:57
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 17	6 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 3	1 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-6	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-11	0-0

**RUSHING:** Boston College-Callender 23-90; Whitworth 7-68; Ryan 3-10; Team 1-0. Notre Dame-Aldridge 5-17; Allen 3-9; Hughes 5-6; Clausen 1-4; Schwapp 1-4; Sharpley 4-0; Team 1-minus 1; Price 1-minus 12.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Ryan 32-49-1-291. Notre Dame-Sharpley 11-29-0-135; Clausen 7-20-2-60.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Callender 10-91; Gunnell 7-37; Megwa 5-56; Purvis 5-52; Challenger 2-22; Whitworth 1-18; Robinson 1-12; Jarvis 1-3. Notre Dame-Parris 4-94; Carlson 4-29; Allen 3-16; Schwapp 2-22; Kamara 2-19; Yeatman 1-7; Aldridge 1-5; West 1-3.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-Pruitt 1-30; Tribble 1-0. Notre Dame-B. Smith 1-25.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Boston College-Brace 1-0; Albright 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Boston College-Herzlich 2-5; Silva 4-2; Dunbar 3-3; Morris 3-1; Akins 1-2; McLaughlin 1-2; Ramella 1-2; Francois 0-3; Pruitt 2-0; Albright 2-0; Anderson 1-1; Larkin 1-1; Rossi 1-1; Geiser 1-0; Smith 1-0; Willette 1-0; Tribble 1-0; Brace 1-0; Smith 0-1; Giles 0-1; Newman 0-1. Notre Dame-Brockington 10-3; Laws 4-7; Bruton 6-0; Zbikowski 3-3; Wooden 5-0; Vernaglia 4-1; Kuntz 2-3; Lambert 2-2; Ryan 1-3; Williams 3-0; Smith 0-3; Walls 2-0; B. Smith 1-1; Neal 1-1; Stephenson 0-2; S. Smith 1-0; Carlson 1-0; McCarthy 1-0; Jabbie 1-0; Ragone 0-1; Richardson 0-1; Brown 0-1.



# #13 USC 38, Notre Dame 0

Oct. 20, 2007 • Notre Dame, Ind. • Notre Dame Stadium



(AP) -- Mark Sanchez threw four touch-down passes - two on short drives after miscues by the Fighting Irish - and No. 13 USC beat the Fighting Irish 38-0, the largest margin of victory for the Trojans' in the 79-game history of the storied rivalry.

Notre Dame can still claim the most-lopsided victory in the history of the series, a 51-0 win over the Trojans in 1966.

The Irish also lost 38-0 to Michigan earlier this season. The two 38-point losses are tied for the eighth worst losses in Notre Dame history.

Sanchez threw TD passes of 10, eight, five and 48 yards and the Trojans won their sixth straight over the Irish, the longest streak for USC against Notre Dame. The Irish won 11 straight from 1983-93.

USC (6-1), coming off three lackluster games - including a stunning 24-23 loss to Stanford - started slowly, but got rolling when a punt by Notre Dame's Geoff Price struck teammate Munir Prince and USC's Vincent Joseph recovered at the Irish 10. The Trojans scored on the next play on a pass from Sanchez to Fred Davis.

The loss ensures Notre Dame its 13th losing season since it started playing football in 1887, and its fourth losing season since 1999. It also is the fourth straight home loss, tying a school record.

The game was competitive for a while. The Trojans, who got back many players who had been out with injuries, didn't go ahead 14-0 until Allen Bradford caught an eight-yard TD pass with 3:55 left in the second quarter. The Trojans went ahead 17-0 with 11 seconds left in the half on a 30-yard field goal by David Buehler.

USC quickly turned it into a blowout in the second half after Travis Thomas fumbled on the Notre Dame 13. Sanchez threw a five-yard scoring pass to Stanley Havili.

Vidal Hazelton scored a 48-yard touchdown, catching the pass from Sanchez at the 30-yard line and breaking three tackles en route to the end zone. Joe McKnight scored on a 51-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The game was a stark contrast to the classic two years ago when top-ranked USC beat ninth-ranked Notre Dame 34-31 in the closing seconds as the teams traded great plays in the final minutes.

The closest Notre Dame came to scoring came in the second quarter when David Bruton caught the ball off Woidneck's foot at the USC 29. The Irish managed only six yards on the drive and Brandon Walker's 40-yard field-goal attempt was blocked by Clay Matthews.

The Irish were held to 48 yards rushing on 30 carries, although those stats were slightly skewed because Evan Sharpley was sacked five times for a loss of 36 yards. The Irish have now given up a school-record 39 sacks -- one more than in 2002 -- and still have four games left to play.

Sanchez, making his second start for the injured John David Booty, got off to a bit of a shaky start as he had to call timeout twice during the first four plays because of confusion. But he showed his calm even when things didn't go well and was 21 of 38 passing for 235 yards with no interceptions or sacks.

Sharpley, making his first start in place of freshman Jimmy Clausen, was 17 of 33 passing for 117 yards.

USC had 462 yards total offense compared with 165 yards for Notre Dame. The Trojans, who have been struggling with injuries, got back several key players who had missed time, including tailback Stafon Johnson, who rushed for 47 yards on eight carries.

The Irish wore green jerseys and yellow pants that were replicas of what the 1977 wore when 11th-ranked Notre Dame, with Charlie Weis in the stands as a college senior, warmed up in blue then came out for the game in the brightly colored garb and upset No. 5 USC 49-19. The Irish continued to wear the uniforms the rest of the season en route to winning the national championship.

The Trojans still trail in the series 32-42-5.



Safety Tom Zbikowski totaled a game-high 10 tackles against the Trojans. The 10 tackles were a season-best for the fifth-year senior.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score		
USC	7	10	14	7	-	38	Record: (6-1)
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	-	0	Record: (1-7)

### First Quarter

3:40 USC Davis 10 yd pass from Sanchez (Buehler kick), 1-10 0:03

### Second Quarter

3:55 USC Bradford 8 yd pass from Sanchez (Buehler kick), 10-79 5:00  
0:11 USC Buehler 30 yd field goal, 9-57 1:21

### Third Quarter

12:56 USC Havili 5 yd pass from Sanchez (Buehler kick), 3-13 1:06  
8:48 USC Hazelton 48 yd pass from Sanchez (Buehler kick), 3-55 1:45

### Fourth Quarter

10:57 USC McKnight 51 yd run (Buehler kick), 2-67 0:30

	USC	ND
FIRST DOWNS	24	10
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-227	30-48
PASSING YDS (NET)	235	117
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-21-0	33-17-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	74-462	63-165
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	7-34	3-13
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-37	5-92
Interception Returns-Yards	1-9	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-31.7	10-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-52	3-35
Possession Time	30:15	29:45
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 14	4 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	7-40	0-0

**RUSHING:** USC-McKnight 7-65; Washington 12-64; Johnson 8-47; Havili 6-31; Sanchez 1-11; Dennis 2-9. Notre Dame-Allen 11-58; Thomas 4-11; Schmidt 2-6; Hughes 4-3; Schwapp 1-1; Sharpley 8-minus 31.

**PASSING:** USC-Sanchez 21-38-0-235. Notre Dame-Sharpley 17-33-1-117.

**RECEIVING:** USC-Davis 5-40; Turner 4-42; Hazelton 3-80; Ausberry 3-28; Havili 3-18; Reed 1-14; Bradford 1-8; Washington 1-5. Notre Dame-Kamara 4-33; Carlson 4-28; Parris 3-15; Yeatman 3-14; Tate 1-22; West 1-6; Thomas 1-minus 1.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** USC-Ellison 1-9. Notre Dame-None.

**FUMBLES:** USC-McKnight 1-0; Dennis 1-1. Notre Dame-Prince 1-1; Thomas 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** USC-Ellis 1-1; Mauluga 2-0; Morrow 2-0; Moala 1-0; Moore 0-1. Notre Dame-None.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** USC-Brown 2-4; Moore 1-5; Ellis 3-2; Ellison 3-2; Moala 3-2; Mays 1-4; Maiava 1-4; Wright 1-3; Mauluga 3-0; Morrow 2-1; Spicer 2-1; Jackson 0-3; Harris 2-0; Cushing 1-1; Bradford 1-0; Williams 1-0; Smith 1-0; Morgan 1-0; Abbott 1-0; Rivers 1-0; Matthews 1-0; Buehler 1-0; Griffen 1-0. Notre Dame-Zbikowski 5-5; Laws 3-6; Lambert 2-5; Brockington 2-4; Walls 4-1; Kuntz 2-3; Bruton 2-3; Wooden 2-2; Ryan 2-2; Gaines 1-3; Stephenson 1-3; J. Brown 2-1; McCarthy 2-1; Crum 1-2; Neal 1-2; Prince 1-1; Anello 1-1; Yeatman 1-0; Whitaker 0-1; S. Brown 0-1; McNeil 0-1.



# Navy 46 • Notre Dame 44 (3OT)

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(AP) -- It's over. After 44 years and three overtimes.

Navy finally beat Notre Dame 46-44 in triple overtime, ending the Fighting Irish NCAA-record winning streak against the Midshipmen at 43 games.

"It's a big win for our program. It's a big win for the academy," Navy coach Paul Johnson said. "I'm happy I don't have to answer anything else about the streak every time we play."

Roger Staubach was quarterback for the Midshipmen in 1963 when they beat Notre Dame 35-14. Since then, the Irish have had their way -- that is until now.

Seven times during the streak the Midshipmen had chances to win in the fourth quarter only to be thwarted by bad luck, questionable calls or big plays by the Irish. A few times it looked as though the win would elude them again. But this time it was the Midshipmen who managed to make the decisive plays.

Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada threw a 25-yard TD pass to Reggie Campbell on the first play of the third overtime, then found him again for the two-point conversion.

Notre Dame (1-8) cut the lead to two on a five-yard TD run by Travis Thomas. But after a pass interference call gave Notre Dame a second chance at the two-point conversion, defensive lineman Michael Walsh and linebacker Irv Spencer tackled Thomas well short of the end zone on the final play.

"Honestly, this win hasn't even hit me yet," linebacker Matt Wimsatt said. "I can't wait to talk to everybody back home. This is definitely bigger than just one football game."

For Notre Dame, it was its school-record fifth straight home loss, another low point in a season of lows. Weis said the 43-game winning streak had no meaning to him or the team.

"They're worried about here and now. These kids are 17. You think they're worrying about 43 years?" he said.

"To be honest, I don't even know what the streak was at before it ended," linebacker Joe Brockington said.

Weis said the home losing streak was much more important to the players. It also is the first time the Irish have lost five at home in one season.

Notre Dame did have its best game offensively, rushing for 235 yards, nearly doubling their season output, and James Aldridge ran for 125 yards. It wasn't enough.

The Irish, who did little to slow Navy's option offense, held the Midshipmen to three and out late in the fourth quarter with the score tied at 28. Greg Veteto had the first punt of the game, and Tom Zbikowski returned it 32 yards to the Navy 38.

The Irish drove to the 24, but on fourth and eight Weis decided to go for it rather than attempt a field goal. Chris Kuhar-Pitters, who earlier returned a fumble 16 yards for a touchdown, sacked Evan Sharpley with 45 seconds left.

It was the fourth sack for Navy, which entered the game with five.

Notre Dame, which hadn't scored more than 20 points this season, led 21-14 at halftime, the first halftime lead for the Irish.

The two teams traded touchdowns most of the day and had just traded missed field goals when Kuhar-Pitters came up with his big play early in the fourth quarter. Sharpley dropped back to pass and was wrapped up by nose guard Nate Frazier and defensive end Michael Walsh knocked the ball loose. Kuhar-Pitters scooped up the loose ball and rumbled into the end zone.

Kaheaku-Enhada ran in the two-point conversion to give the Midshipmen a 28-21 lead.

The Irish responded, though, with a touchdown of their own as Thomas went in from three yards out with 3:25 remaining to tie it.

In the first overtime, Navy's Eric Kettani scored from a yard out and Notre Dame tied it with Duval Kamara's eight-yard touchdown catch. The teams traded field goals in the second OT.

Weis was asked whether the game, following a 38-0 loss to USC, was a low point for the Irish.

"A low point is when you get beat 38-0. That's a low point," he said. "A low point is when the game is going OK and one team is pulling away from you and making plays when you're not making plays. The low point for me is we didn't win the game."

Robert Hughes, whose brother Tony was fatally shot earlier in the week, scored Notre Dame's first touchdown on a three-yard run. Irish players, some of whom attended the funeral Friday, swarmed Hughes. He ran over to the sideline and got a hug from Weis.

Weis said the biggest disappointment for him is the Irish couldn't win the game for Hughes and his family.

"I wanted Robert Hughes standing up on the chair singing the fight song in the locker room," he said. "You want to know what's important to me? That's what's important to me."

Before the game, a moment of silence was held for Hughes' brother and the death of Ryan Shay, a former Notre Dame runner who died during the U.S. men's marathon Olympic Trials.



Wide receiver Duval Kamara notched game-high totals of five receptions for 44 yards and two touchdowns against Navy. Kamara became the first Irish freshman since Derrick Mayes in 1992 to catch multiple touchdown passes in the same game.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	[5 6 7]	Score	
Navy	0	14	6	8	18	[7 3 8]	46	Record: (5-4)
Notre Dame	7	14	0	7	16	[7 3 6]	44	Record: (1-8)

### First Quarter

11:40 ND Hughes 3 yd run (Walker kick), 9-69 3:20

### Second Quarter

14:56 NAVY Singleton 1 yd run (Bullen kick), 19-85 8:04  
 8:59 ND Thomas 1 yd run (Walker kick), 12-46 5:57  
 4:06 NAVY White 8 yd run (Bullen kick), 11-63 4:53  
 0:12 ND Kamara 21 yd pass from Sharpley (Walker kick), 10-55 3:54

### Third Quarter

6:37 NAVY Kettani 1 yd run (Bullen kick failed), 15-66 8:23

### Fourth Quarter

10:24 NAVY Kuhar-Pitters 16 yd fumble recovery (Kaheaku-Enhada rush)  
 3:25 ND Thomas 3 yd run (Walker kick), 14-76 6:59

### Overtime

15:00 NAVY Kettani 1 yd run (Bullen kick), 4-25 0:00  
 15:00 ND Kamara 8 yd pass from Sharpley (Walker kick), 4-25 0:00  
 15:00 ND Walker 26 yd field goal, 8-16 0:00  
 15:00 NAVY Bullen 32 yd field goal, 6-10 0:00  
 15:00 NAVY Campbell 25 yd pass from Kaheaku-Enhada (Campbell pass from Kaheaku-Enhada), 1-25 0:00  
 15:00 ND Thomas 5 yd run (Thomas rush failed), 6-25 0:00

	NAVY	ND
FIRST DOWNS	23	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	66-257	63-235
PASSING YDS (NET)	81	140
Passes Att-Comp-Int	9-6-0	27-17-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	75-338	90-375
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-16	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-37
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-101	5-131
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-36.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-47	4-36
Possession Time	29:19	30:41
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 16	9 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	6 of 8
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	7-8
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-35	1-1

**RUSHING:** Navy-Kettani 20-70; Campbell 9-62; White 10-56; Kaheaku-Enhada 12-47; Ballard 11-24; Singleton 4-minus 2. Notre Dame-Aldridge 32-125; Allen 16-91; Thomas 3-9; Schwapp 1-4; Sharpley 10-3; Hughes 1-3.

**PASSING:** Navy-Kaheaku-Enhada 6-8-0-81; Campbell 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Sharpley 17-27-0-140.

**RECEIVING:** Navy-Washington 2-19; Campbell 1-25; Kettani 1-18; Ballard 1-16; Barnes 1-3. Notre Dame-Kamara 5-44; Carlson 4-40; Allen 3-20; Parris 2-25; Grimes 2-4; Ragone 1-7.

**FUMBLES:** Navy-White 2-1. Notre Dame-Tate 1-0; Sharpley 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Navy-Walsh 2-0; Wimsatt 1-0; Kuhar-Pitters 1-0. Notre Dame-Stephenson 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Navy-Middleton 7-7; Carter 9-1; Thrasher 3-7; Wimsatt 5-4; Vela 5-4; Frazier 4-4; Kuhar-Pitters 4-3; Haberer 2-5; Edwards 3-3; Spencer 2-4; Pospisil 2-3; Walsh 3-1; Alvarado 1-0; Johnson 1-0; Bullen 1-0; Nechak 1-0; Singleton 1-0; Schaefer 1-0; Goss 1-0; Merchant 1-0. Notre Dame-Brockington 4-12; Laws 8-7; Crum 7-6; Williams 2-9; Zbikowski 3-7; McCarthy 3-4; Stephenson 1-6; S. Smith 1-5; B. Smith 1-4; Bruton 2-2; J. Brown 1-3; Walls 2-1; Lambert 0-2; Ragone 0-2; Vernaglia 0-2; Wooden 0-1; Parris 0-1.

(AP) -- Air Force did Navy one better against Notre Dame.

A week after the Midshipmen eked out a triple overtime victory against the Fighting Irish for the first time since 1963, Air Force beat Notre Dame 41-24.

"It's special for this program, this football team, to the seniors," Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney said. "To come into a hostile environment and get a victory against a good football team is something we needed and something that we'll always remember."

Carney threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, and Chad Hall ran for 142 yards and had 272 all-purpose yards for Air Force. The Falcons (8-3) scored three straight touchdowns after Notre Dame (1-9) tied the score at 10, and the Irish didn't get any closer than two touchdowns the rest of the way.

"Winning here, against Notre Dame, it's big," Hall said.

The loss was a school-record ninth for the Irish. Notre Dame linebacker Maurice Crum said it's hard to believe how poorly this season has gone.

"I really just don't know what happened," he said. "It's happening, but I just think it's a dream and I'm going to wake up some day."

Hall did most of the work for Air Force, setting up the touchdowns, but never scored himself. Carney threw a a seven-yard pass to wide-open Sean Quintana in the end zone and an eight-yard TD pass to tight end Keith Madsen. He then scored on a one-yard run on third-and-goal. Spencer Armstrong scored on an eight-yard run. Linebacker John Rabold returned a fumble 19 yards for a touchdown and Ryan Harrison kicked field goals of 19 and 37 yards.

"I thought it was a complete team effort," Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said. "That's really the way we've played here over these last six or seven games. That's the way at the Air Force Academy you have to play."

Just like against Navy a week earlier, runners repeatedly ran through Notre Dame tackles and the Irish were gashed for big plays on pitches to the outside. The Falcons rushed for 285 yards.

Air Force, which strengthened a bid for its first bowl berth since 2002, improved to 8-0 this season when it has a 100-yard rusher. Hall, who rushed for an Air Force record 275 yards a week ago, added two catches for 31 yards and 99 yards on kickoff returns.

"He's our one weapon. That's something that goes with no surprise," Calhoun said. "I think the later you get in the year, his senior year, there aren't a whole lot left, I think naturally because of that he's wearing a little heavier harness. We're going to ride him."

Carney was 10 of 16 passing for 120 yards.

Notre Dame's offensive line continued a season-long struggle, giving up six sacks. Air Force repeatedly pressured Jimmy Clausen, once with just two rushers. Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said the sacks weren't all the fault of the line, saying backs missed some blitzes.

He said the Falcons didn't do anything surprising, but the Irish simply didn't adjust correctly. It's the type of problem that's plagued the Irish all season, Weis said.

"I'm still feeling we're way too inconsistent in how we play. Therefore you have to evaluate the teaching and then you have to evaluate the students," Weis said. "You have to evaluate the teacher and the teaching to see why you can't progress."

Making his first start after sitting for two games, Clausen was 22 of 40 for a career-high 246 yards. He threw three touchdown passes after throwing just one in seven previous games, six of them starts.

Clausen was one of the few bright spots for the Irish, especially in the second half when he was 17 of 29 for 192 yards with two touchdowns.

"I'd say if there's one thing you walked out of that game saying, 'We've got ourselves a quarterback,'" Weis said. "He was slinging it pretty good."

The Irish, who were held to 58 yards rushing, had lost eight games in a season twice before, going 2-8 in 1956 and 1960.

It was also the school-record sixth straight home loss. Notre Dame could finish the season winless at home if it doesn't beat Duke next week. The only other times that has happened were in 1887 (0-1), 1918 (0-0-1) and 1933 (0-3-1).

"As a team, we're at that low point, basically the lowest of lows," safety David Bruton said. "But we've got to keep plugging."



*Defensive end Trevor Laws recorded a career-high 17 tackles against Air Force to eclipse 200 tackles for his career. It was the most stops by an Irish defensive lineman since Melvin Dansby had 18 in 1997.*

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Air Force	10	7	14	10	--	41 (Record: 8-3)
Notre Dame	0	10	0	14	--	24 (Record: 1-9)

### First Quarter

8:31 AF Harrison 19 yd field goal, 14-56 6:11  
 0:40 AF Rabold 19 yd fumble recovery (Harrison kick)

### Second Quarter

8:29 ND Walker 28 yd field goal, 13-52 4:27  
 2:32 ND Carlson 2 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 7-50 3:06  
 1:09 AF Armstrong 8 yd run (Harrison kick), 7-66 1:23

### Third Quarter

12:49 AF Quintana 7 yd pass from Carney (Harrison kick), 7-67 2:11  
 1:31 AF Madsen 10 yd pass from Carney (Harrison kick), 9-65 4:14

### Fourth Quarter

13:31 ND Grimes 21 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 10-57 3:00  
 10:07 AF Harrison 37 yd field goal, 7-13 3:24  
 7:56 ND Allen 9 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 8-71 2:11  
 1:55 AF Carney 1 yd run (Harrison kick), 7-25 2:52

	AF	ND
FIRST DOWNS	23	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	63-285	38-58
PASSING YDS (NET)	120	246
Passes Att-Comp-Int	16-10-0	40-22-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	79-405	78-304
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-19	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	2-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-125	6-117
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-44.8	5-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-40	2-30
Possession Time	34:06	25:54
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 14	4 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 5
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	6-47	0-0

**RUSHING:** Air Force-Hall 32-142; Ollis 7-53; Carney 9-41; Armstrong 2-20; Newell 4-16; Williams 6-14; Smith 2-1; Team 1-minus 2. Notre Dame-Aldridge 14-62; Allen 9-27; Jabbie 1-4; Hughes 1-3; Schwapp 3-1; Clausen 10-minus 39.

**PASSING:** Air Force-Carney 10-16-0-120. Notre Dame-Clausen 22-40-0-246.

**RECEIVING:** Air Force-Root 2-36; Hall 2-31; Madsen 2-20; Quintana 2-15; Armstrong 1-12; Newell 1-6. Notre Dame-Grimes 6-67; Parris 5-49; Carlson 4-57; Jabbie 4-51; Allen 2-17; West 1-5.

**FUMBLES:** Air Force-Madsen 1-1; Carney 1-1. Notre Dame-Schwapp 1-1; Carlson 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Air Force-Kemp 1-1; Bird 1-0; Shanor 0-1; Thomas 1-0; Rabold 1-0; Garland 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Air Force-Rabold 6-3; Shanor 1-8; Giannini 6-2; Fowler 3-5; Thomas 5-0; Kirchoff 4-0; Altman 3-1; Hennessey 3-0; Garland 2-1; Rybak 2-0; Larson 2-0; Ricketts 1-1; Marvin 1-1; Paffett 1-1; Kemp 1-1; Paulson 0-2; Bird 1-0; Rembert 0-1; Hyder 0-1. Notre Dame-Laws 6-11; Bruton 7-6; Brockington 5-8; Crum 5-6; Brown 2-4; Williams 2-4; Ryan 2-3; Zbikowski 1-4; Kuntz 2-2; B. Smith 3-0; Neal 0-3; Lambert 1-1; Stephenson 0-2; Thomas 1-0; Jabbie 1-0; Walls 1-0; Ragone 0-1; Washington 0-1; S. Smith 0-1; Gaines 0-1.



# Notre Dame 28 • Duke 7

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(AP) -- Notre Dame's freshmen made sure the Fighting Irish seniors wouldn't go their final season without a victory at home.

Jimmy Clausen threw for 194 yards and three touchdowns, Robert Hughes ran for 110 yards and a touchdown, Duval Kamara had a touchdown catch and the Notre Dame defense came within 72 seconds of its first shutout in five years as the Irish beat Duke 28-7.

"It's like a weight has been lifted," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "I feel happy, especially for the seniors."

The Irish (2-9) broke the game open by forcing two fumbles late in the second quarter that led to a pair of 25-yard touchdown passes by Clausen 73 seconds apart in a mistake-filled first half by both teams.

"It's very disappointing," Duke coach Ted Roof said. "It's 0-0 and what did they get, 14 points in the last minute in the first half? You were talking about a one-play game that could go either way. What happened happened. It was certainly a great opportunity for us that didn't work out."

Duke quarterback Thaddeus Lewis, who had a fumble, said the slickness of the field was a factor in the fumbles.

"But we need to take care of the ball," he said.

Weis said it was important to send the seniors off with a victory.

"It's not just the fact that they're 0-6 at home going into this game. It was the fact it was their last game ever in the stadium," he said. "Sometimes you don't understand the magnitude of that statement."

Duke, playing on national TV for the first time since 1996, lost its eighth straight. It has just two wins against Bowl Subdivision teams the past four seasons: against Northwestern earlier this season and against Clemson in 2004.

Roof described it as a "frustrating and disappointing loss."

"The turnovers were huge, like they always are," he said.

Hughes added a 13-yard TD run for the Irish, David Grimes had a 25-yard TD catch and John Carlson had a nine-yard scoring catch.

Hughes became the first Irish freshman to run for 100 yards since Darius Walker ran for 112 against Pittsburgh on Nov. 13, 2004.

Notre Dame rushed for more than 100 yards for just the third time, finishing with 220 on 48 carries.

Clausen was 16 for 32 for 194 yards and had his second straight three-touchdown game. Weis said watching from the sidelines for two weeks helped Clausen immensely.

"Not only was he getting better physically, but he got to really see the game from a different perspective," Weis said. "And I think that the game to him is happening a lot slower and any time the game slows down, you're starting to understand how to play."

Duke entered the game last in the nation in rushing at 52.9 yards a game and did nothing to move up with 94 yards on 27 carries. Thaddeus Lewis was 16 of 33 passing for 121 yards. Duke avoided the shutout when backup quarterback Zack Asack scored on a six-yard run with 1:12 left.

Weis had some fun at the end of game, putting in seniors who didn't play much, including playing starting safety Tom Zbikowski at quarterback.

"He's been on me for three years about getting a few snaps in there," Weis said.

Zbikowski, an option quarterback in high school, ran for two yards on the first play and lost four on the next, but got a first down when the Blue Devils were called for a personal foul. After a two-yard run by Zbikowski, tailback Travis Thomas fumbled the ball away at the 49.

Weis said he was happy the seniors got to play.

"You don't want to give up a shutout, but I'd rather get those kids in the game than worry about a shutout," he said.

Irish players said they were happy to be able to celebrate a win at home.

"It was awesome being with all the fans," defensive end Trevor Laws said. "It was just pure joy."

Zbikowski said winning at home was even sweeter because of all the team has been through.

"We've had our ups and downs. You get a lot closer to each other when your backs are against the wall during a season like this," he said. "It was a rough season, but you'll always remember your last game at home."



On senior day, tight end John Carlson led the Irish with 58 receiving yards and recorded one touchdown catch. His 41-yard reception on the opening drive was his longest catch of the season and second-longest of his career.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score		
Duke	0	0	0	7	--	7	Record: (1-10)
Notre Dame	0	14	7	7	--	28	Record: (2-9)

### Second Quarter

1:17 ND Grimes 25 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 5-58 1:12  
0:04 ND Kamara 25 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 2-25 0:14

### Third Quarter

0:25 ND Hughes 13 yd run (Walker kick), 13-69 6:02

### Fourth Quarter

6:51 ND Carlson 9 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 4-46 2:19  
1:12 DU Asack 6 yd run (Maggio kick), 8-49 2:30

	DU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	16	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-94	48-220
PASSING YDS (NET)	138	194
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-18-0	32-16-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-232	80-414
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-9	3-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-65	2-31
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-36.7	5-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-55	11-103
Possession Time	24:25	35:35
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 16	10 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-13	2-10

**RUSHING:** Duke-Boyle 8-45; Boyette 8-35; Harris 2-12; Asack 1-6; Drummer 2-4; Lewis 6-minus 8. Notre Dame-Hughes 17-110; Allen 9-42; Aldridge 8-27; Thomas 1-17; Jabbie 2-14; Clausen 7-12; Zbikowski 3-0; Team 1-minus 2.

**PASSING:** Duke-Lewis 16-33-0-121; Asack 2-5-0-17. Notre Dame-Clausen 16-32-0-194.

**RECEIVING:** Duke-Wright 5-11; Riley 3-50; Drummer 3-15; Harris 2-24; Bell 2-16; Boyle 2-10; Kelly 1-12. Notre Dame-West 4-24; Carlson 3-58; Kamara 2-32; Grimes 2-26; Allen 2-17; Jabbie 1-17; Hughes 1-13; Aldridge 1-7.

**FUMBLES:** Duke-Lewis 2-1; Wright 1-1. Notre Dame-Thomas 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Duke-Oghobaase 1-0; Tautilili 1-0. Notre Dame-Laws 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Duke-Tautilili 6-6; Gainey 5-5; Rey 3-7; Davis 2-5; Williams 1-5; Robinson 2-3; Oghobaase 2-3; Okpokowuruk 2-3; Marshall 1-4; Wright 2-2; Oglesby 1-3; Rucker 2-1; Akinbiyi 1-2; Respress 0-2; Morgan 0-2; Radloff 0-2; Jones 0-2; Ball 1-0; Harris 1-0; Ezzard 0-1. Notre Dame-Brockington 2-5; Bruton 3-3; Laws 3-3; Walls 2-4; Zbikowski 2-3; B. Smith 2-1; S. Smith 1-2; Neal 1-2; Williams 0-3; Crum, Jr. 0-3; Wooden 2-0; J. Brown 0-2; Talerico 1-0; Ferrine 1-0; Williams 1-0; Washington 1-0; McNeil 1-0; McCarthy; Prince 1-0; Lambert 0-1; Erickson 0-1; Stephenson, Jr. 0-1; Jansen 0-1; Ryan 0-1; Anello 0-1; T. Thomas 0-1.



# Notre Dame 21 • Stanford 14

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(AP) - Robert Hughes helped Notre Dame put a positive finish on the 2007 season for the Irish.

Hughes ran for 136 yards and the go-ahead six-yard touchdown with 6:06 remaining to help the Fighting Irish (3-9) end the season with consecutive wins for the first time in 15 years by beating Stanford 21-14.

This was a mistake-filled game by all parties involved, with six turnovers, five missed field goals, four plays overturned by instant replay and a number of personal foul penalties.

After Derek Belch missed his fourth field goal of the game for Stanford (3-8), a 49-yarder following an interception by Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame drove for the winning score. Hughes broke off a 44-yard run down to the Cardinal eight and scored two plays later to make it 21-14.

Doug Baldwin returned the ensuing kickoff 42 yards to the Stanford 48. T.C. Ostrander, who replaced an injured Tavita Pritchard earlier in the half, drove the Cardinal down to the seven. Evan Moore could not hold onto a pass in the end zone on third down and Ostrander couldn't connect with Richard Sherman on fourth down in the final minute to end Stanford's comeback attempt.

Both teams missed chances to break the tie earlier in the second half. Tom Zbikowski set up the Irish early in the third quarter with a 60-yard punt return to the 31. Notre Dame lost 16 yards on three plays, but kept the ball when Kelton Lynn was called for roughing the punter. Three plays later, Brandon Walker's 44-yard field-goal attempt went wide right.

Later in the third quarter, the Cardinal appeared to turn the ball over when Terrail Lambert drilled Pritchard in the helmet, causing a fumble. After a replay review, Pritchard was ruled down before the fumble and Ostrander drove the Cardinal down for the go-ahead score but Belch was wide right on a 30-yard field goal attempt. Belch's miss later in the quarter was his eighth in his last 10 attempts.

The overturned fumble was one of three replay reviews to go against the Irish. One erased a 29-yard diving touchdown catch by David Grimes in the third quarter and the other gave Anthony Kimble a one-yard touchdown after he appeared to be stopped short of the goal line on a second-down carry in the first quarter.

Stanford had an interception by Nick Sanchez overturned by a replay review in the second quarter.

Notre Dame lost three fumbles, and was stopped on a fourth and one from its own 36 in the first 19 minutes of the game but was tied at 14 at the half because the Cardinal had nearly as many miscues.

Belch missed a pair of long field goals and Pritchard threw an interception deep in Cardinal territory to set up Notre Dame's first touchdown, a two-yard sneak by Clausen. Stanford also allowed a 44-yard screen pass to Junior Jabbie on a third and 20 to set up Travis Thomas' one-yard run that tied the game at 14 with 48 seconds left in the half.

Notre Dame almost added another score on what would have been a spectacular finish to the half. David Bruton intercepted Pritchard's last-play heave at the three and began a multi-lateral return to the end zone that was called back on a personal foul on Trevor Laws.

Zbikowski ran the final 30 yards after a lateral from Darrin Walls and the only thing missing was the band on the field as it was 25 years ago when California shocked Stanford with The Play.

In between Notre Dame's two scores, Kimble ran for a pair of touchdowns for Stanford from one and 11 yards out.



*Freshman running back Robert Hughes gained a game-high 136 rushing yards on 18 carries and scored one touchdown at Stanford. Hughes became the first Notre Dame freshman to eclipse 100 rushing yards in consecutive games since Allen Pinkett in 1982.*

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score		
Notre Dame	7	7	0	7	--	21	Record: (3-9)
Stanford	7	7	0	0	--	14	Record: (3-8)

### First Quarter

4:57 ND Clausen, Jimmy 2 yd run (Walker, Brandon kick), 2-14 0:12  
 1:36 STAN Kimble, Anthony 1 yd run (Belch, Derek kick), 8-69 3:14

### Second Quarter

2:54 STAN Kimble, Anthony 11 yd run (Belch, Derek kick), 7-49 3:12  
 0:48 ND Thomas, Travis 1 yd run (Walker, Brandon kick), 7-75 2:01

### Fourth Quarter

6:06 ND Hughes, Robert 6 yd run (Walker, Brandon kick), 6-68 1:55

	ND	STAN
FIRST DOWNS	19	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-117	44-175
PASSING YDS (NET)	196	152
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-19-1	33-15-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	70-313	77-327
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	3-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-64	3-16
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-46	4-110
Interception Returns-Yards	2-46	1-5
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-38.4	6-42.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-46	8-81
Possession Time	25:45	34:15
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	6 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	2-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-23	5-37

**RUSHING:** ND-Hughes 18-136; Allen 6-4; Schwapp 3-3; Thomas 1-1; Clausen 8-minus 22. STAN-Kimble 20-80; Stewart 13-54; Pritchard 9-35; Gatewood 1-9; Ostrander 1-minus 3.

**PASSING:** ND-Clausen 19-32-1-196. STAN-Pritchard 10-24-2-102; Ostrander 5-9-0-50.

**RECEIVING:** ND-Kamara 6-93; Jabbie 3-35; Carlson 3-29; Grimes 2-10; Hughes 2-4; West 1-11; Allen 1-9; Tate 1-5. STAN-Bradford 7-111; Moore 1-8; Gunder 1-7; Marecic 1-7; Ladner 1-5; Gatewood 1-5; Sherman 1-5; Kimble 1-3; Stewart 1-1.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** ND-Bruton 1-3; Zbikowski 1-43. STAN-Awofadeju 1-5.

**FUMBLES:** ND-None. STAN-Amajoyi 1-0; Udofia 1-0; Rydstedt 1-0.

**SACKS (UA-A):** ND-Brockington 1-0; Laws 1-0; McNeil 1-0; Neal 1-0; Brown 0-1; B. Smith 0-1. STAN-Egboh 2-0; Bulcke 1-0; Amajoyi 1-0; Snyder 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** ND-Bruton 8-1; Zbikowski 6-3; Brockington 5-4; Laws 6-2; Stephenson 3-3; I. Williams 3-3; Crum 2-4; Walls 3-1; B. Smith 0-4; Lambert 3-0; Neal 1-2; Brown 0-3; Ryan 0-3; Anello 2-0; Carlson 1-1; Ragone 0-2; T. Smith 1-0; McNeil 1-0; Wooden 0-1; S. Quinn 0-1. STAN-McNally 7-1; Sanchez 6-0; Evans 4-2; Snyder 4-1; Amajoyi 4-0; Lorig 3-1; Egboh 2-2; Yancy 3-0; Maynor 3-0; Bulcke 2-1; Udofia 2-1; Sims 2-0; Awofadeju 1-0; Horn 1-0; Gunder 1-0; Skaufel 1-0; Ladner 0-1; Griffin 0-1; Chase 0-1; Rydstedt 0-0.

# NOTRE DAME 2007 TEAM STATS

## Notre Dame Overall Defensive Statistics

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP-GS	Tackles			TFL/Yds	Sacks			Pass Def			Fumbles			Blkd
		Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rev-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf		
98 LAWS, Trevor	12-12	53	59	112	8.0-44	4.0-31	.	5	7	2-0	.	3	.		
52 BROCKINGTON, Joe	12-10	52	56	108	8.5-13	1.0-1	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.		
27 BRUTON, David	12-11	55	30	85	4.5-16	1.0-10	3-20	2	.	1-0	1	1	.		
40 CRUM, Maurice	12-12	35	49	84	4.5-21	1.0-8	2-46	5	.	2-34	3	.	.		
9 ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	12-12	42	38	80	1.5-9	1.0-8	2-41	1	.	2-0	3	.	.		
95 WILLIAMS, Ian	12-2	19	26	45	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
96 KUNTZ, Pat	10-10	19	23	42	2.5-3	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.		
57 STEPHENSON, Dwight	12-4	17	23	40	4.0-6	1.0-1	.	2	2	.	1	.	.		
90 RYAN, John	12-10	20	19	39	5.0-30	2.5-23	.	.	2	.	1	.	.		
20 LAMBERT, Terrail	12-12	19	15	34	.	.	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.		
2 WALLS, Darrin	12-11	23	9	32	2.5-17	.	1-73	9	.	.	2	.	.		
94 BROWN, Justin	10-5	11	19	30	3.5-18	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
22 WOODEN, Ambrose	12-4	19	8	27	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.		
58 SMITH, Brian	11-3	11	14	25	4.0-16	1.5-7	1-25	.	1	.	1	.	.		
54 VERNAGLIA, Anthony	10-4	9	11	20	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
28 MCCARTHY, Kyle	12-1	11	9	20	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	1	.	.		
56 NEAL, Kerry	12-5	8	12	20	2.0-9	2.0-9	.	3	2	2-11	.	.	.		
41 SMITH, Scott	12-0	7	11	18	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.		
49 SMITH, Toryan	11-2	6	8	14	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
8 McNEIL, Raeshon	11-1	6	3	9	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	3	.	.	.	.	.		
31 BROWN, Sergio	9-0	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
53 RICHARDSON, Morrice	9-0	4	3	7	1.5-13	1.0-13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.		
83 RAGONE, Mike	11-0	.	6	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
89 CARLSON, John	12-12	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
29 GAINES, Jashaad	4-0	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
4B ANELLO, Mike	8-0	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
61 JANSEN, J.J.	12-0	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
37 JABBIE, Junior	12-0	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
26 THOMAS, Travis	12-2	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
48 QUINN, Steve	12-0	3	2	5	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
15 FERRINE, Leo	6-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.		
92 HAND, Derrell	4-1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
25 PRINCE, Munir	10-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.		
84 YEATMAN, Will	12-3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
6 HERRING, Ray	4-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	2-0	.	.	.		
42 WASHINGTON, Kevin	4-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
86 TALERICO, Michael	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
2B ERICKSON, Brandon	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
2A WILLIAMS, William D.	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.		
93 MULLEN, Paddy	3-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
11 GRIMES, David	10-8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
35 WHITAKER, Nate	10-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
82 PARRIS, Robby	12-4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
23 TATE, Golden	12-2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
17 PRICE, Geoff	9-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
7 CLAUSEN, Jimmy	10-9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
TM TEAM	7-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.		
Total.....	12-0	487	482	969	57-234	19-132	11-206	44	21	14-45	13	4	.		
Opponents.....	12-0	484	342	826	112-567	58-415	9-76	42	18	16-51	18	3	.		

## Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics

TEAM STATISTICS	UND	OPP
SCORING	197	345
Points Per Game	16.4	28.8
FIRST DOWNS	187	255
Rushing	73	132
Passing	89	99
Penalty	25	24
RUSHING YARDAGE	903	2345
Yards gained rushing	1513	2603
Yards lost rushing	610	258
Rushing Attempts	437	548
Average Per Rush	2.1	4.3
Average Per Game	75.2	195.4
TDs Rushing	11	20
PASSING YARDAGE	2004	1939
Att-Comp-Int	389-217-9	344-181-11
Average Per Pass	5.2	5.6
Average Per Catch	9.2	10.7
Average Per Game	167.0	161.6
TDs Passing	12	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	2907	4284
Total Plays	826	892
Average Per Play	3.5	4.8
Average Per Game	242.2	357.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	58-1142	40-910
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	26-237	32-238
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-206	9-76
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.7	22.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.1	7.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	18.7	8.4
FUMBLES-LOST	26-16	21-14
PENALTIES-YARDS	78-693	85-741
Average Per Game	57.8	61.8
PUNTS-YARDS	76-3178	57-2296
Average Per Punt	41.8	40.3
Net punt average	37.9	34.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	28:03	31:57
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	60/193	78/185
3rd-Down Pct.	31%	42%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	19/35	5/16
4th-Down Pct.	54%	31%
SACKS BY-YARDS	19-132	58-415
MISC YARDS	0	-36
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	26	42
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-13	17-26
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	25-34 74%	46-53 87%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	20-34 59%	33-53 62%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	23-25 92%	38-40 95%
ATTENDANCE	565745	411002
Games/Avg Per Game	7/80821	5/82200
Neutral Site Games	0/0	

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Notre Dame	31	52	50	48	16	197
Opponents	80	102	85	60	18	345

# 2007 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

## Individual Statistics

<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>GP-GS</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Gain</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>
ALDRIDGE, James	11-5	121	488	25	463	3.8	0	43	42.1
ALLEN, Armando	12-4	86	370	22	348	4.0	0	15	29.0
HUGHES, Robert	11-1	53	305	11	294	5.5	4	45	26.7
THOMAS, Travis	12-2	27	74	16	58	2.1	5	13	4.8
JABBIE, Junior	12-0	10	39	4	35	3.5	0	10	2.9
JONES, Demetrius	1-1	12	39	11	28	2.3	0	10	28.0
SCHWAPP, Asaph	12-7	12	19	5	14	1.2	0	4	1.2
SCHMIDT, Luke	11-0	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	5	0.5
TATE, Golden	12-2	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	12-12	3	4	4	0	0.0	0	2	0.0
PRICE, Geoff	9-0	1	0	12	-12	-12.0	0	0	-1.3
TEAM	7-0	9	0	53	-53	-5.9	0	0	-7.6
SHARPLEY, Evan	8-2	38	68	163	-95	-2.5	0	13	-11.9
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	10-9	62	97	284	-187	-3.0	2	11	-18.7
Total.....	12	437	1513	610	903	2.1	11	45	75.2
Opponents.....	12	548	2603	258	2345	4.3	20	52	195.4

<b>PASSING</b>	<b>GP-GS</b>	<b>Effic</b>	<b>Cmp-Att-Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Lng</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	10-9	103.85	138-245-6	56.3	1254	7	44	125.4
SHARPLEY, Evan	8-2	106.66	77-140-3	55.0	736	5	43	92.0
JONES, Demetrius	1-1	44.53	1-3-0	33.3	4	0	4	4.0
ALLEN, Armando	12-4	184.00	1-1-0	100.0	10	0	10	0.8
Total.....	12	104.61	217-389-9	55.8	2004	12	44	167.0
Opponents.....	12	111.80	181-344-11	52.6	1939	19	51	161.6

<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>GP-GS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Avg/G</b>
CARLSON, John	12-12	40	372	9.3	3	41	31.0
KAMARA, Duval	11-5	32	357	11.2	4	35	32.5
PARRIS, Robby	12-4	29	361	12.4	1	35	30.1
GRIMES, David	10-8	27	224	8.3	2	25	22.4
ALLEN, Armando	12-4	24	124	5.2	1	16	10.3
WEST, George	12-7	21	172	8.2	0	20	14.3
JABBIE, Junior	12-0	14	123	8.8	0	44	10.2
TATE, Golden	12-2	6	131	21.8	1	43	10.9
YEATMAN, Will	12-3	6	37	6.2	0	10	3.1
ALDRIDGE, James	11-5	5	30	6.0	0	11	2.7
SCHWAPP, Asaph	12-7	3	27	9.0	0	15	2.2
HUGHES, Robert	11-1	3	17	5.7	0	13	1.5
SCHMIDT, Luke	11-0	3	16	5.3	0	10	1.5
HORD, D.J.	6-0	2	7	3.5	0	5	1.2
RAGONE, Mike	11-0	1	7	7.0	0	7	0.6
THOMAS, Travis	12-2	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1
Total.....	12	217	2004	9.2	12	44	167.0
Opponents.....	12	181	1939	10.7	19	51	161.6

<b>PUNT RETURNS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	23	234	10.2	0	60
BRUTON, David	1	11	11.0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
PRINCE, Munir	1	-8	-8.0	0	0
Total.....	26	237	9.1	0	60
Opponents.....	32	238	7.4	1	78

<b>KICK RETURNS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>
ALLEN, Armando	33	704	21.3	0	38
TATE, Golden	15	326	21.7	0	40
HUGHES, Robert	5	41	8.2	0	15
JABBIE, Junior	3	40	13.3	0	20
OLSEN, Eric	1	9	9.0	0	9
WEST, George	1	22	22.0	0	22
Total.....	58	1142	19.7	0	40
Opponents.....	40	910	22.8	0	40

<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>
BRUTON, David	3	20	6.7	0	17
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	2	41	20.5	0	24
CRUM, Maurice	2	46	23.0	0	33
WALLS, Darrin	1	73	73.0	1	73
LAMBERT, Terrail	1	1	1.0	0	1
McCARTHY, Kyle	1	0	0.0	0	0
SMITH, Brian	1	25	25.0	1	25
Total.....	11	206	18.7	2	73
Opponents.....	9	76	8.4	0	30

<b>FUMBLE RETURNS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	1	25	25.0	1	25
LAMBERT, Terrail	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	1	25	25.0	2	25
Opponents.....	1	54	54.0	1	54

<b>FG</b>	<b>FGM-FGA</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>01-19</b>	<b>20-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-99</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Blkd</b>
WALKER, B.	6-12	50.0	0-0	5-5	0-2	1-5	0-0	48	2
WHITAKER	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0

<b>FG SEQUENCE</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>OPPONENTS</b>
Georgia Tech	(24)	(32),(29),29,(40),(39)
Penn State	50,(22)	(37)
Michigan	-	(39)
Michigan State	-	(27),20
Purdue	35	(27),(34),(26),(29)
UCLA	(26),(48)	(29),(49)
Boston College	41	34
USC	40	(30)
Navy	40,(26)	47,(32)
Air Force	(28)	(19),(37)
Duke	30	42
Stanford	44	48,48,30,49

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

<b>PUNTING</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>I20</b>	<b>Blkd</b>
PRICE, Geoff	54	2260	41.9	57	2	12	11	0
MAUST, Eric	21	884	42.1	53	1	6	9	1
TEAM	1	34	34.0	34	0	0	0	0
Total.....	76	3178	41.8	57	3	18	20	1
Opponents.....	57	2296	40.3	53	5	10	19	1

<b>KICKOFFS</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>OB</b>	<b>Retn</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>YdLn</b>
WHITAKER, Nate	28	1647	58.8	0	1			
WALKER, Brandon	13	733	56.4	0	0			
Total.....	41	2380	58.0	0	1	910	35.9	34
Opponents.....	68	4066	59.8	6	1	1142	41.2	28

# 2007 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

## Individual Statistics

### FUMBLE RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CRUM, Maurice	1	34	34.0	34	
NEAL, Kerry	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total.....	2	45	22.5	1	34
Opponents.....	3	51	17.0	2	19

### SCORING

	TD	FGs	PATs					Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
WALKER, Brandon	0	6-12	22-23	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	40
THOMAS, Travis	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	30
KAMARA, Duval	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
HUGHES, Robert	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
CARLSON, John	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
GRIMES, David	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
ALLEN, Armando	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
PARRIS, Robby	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
SMITH, Brian	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
WALLS, Darrin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TATE, Golden	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CRUM, Maurice	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
WHITAKER, Nate	0	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	1
Total.....	26	6-13	23-25	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	197
Opponents.....	42	17-26	38-40	1-1	1	1-1	0	0	345

### TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
CLAUSEN, Jimmy	10	307	-187	1254	1067	106.7
SHARPLEY, Evan	8	178	-95	736	641	80.1
ALDRIDGE, James	11	121	463	0	463	42.1
ALLEN, Armando	12	87	348	10	358	29.8
HUGHES, Robert	11	53	294	0	294	26.7
THOMAS, Travis	12	27	58	0	58	4.8
JABBIE, Junior	12	10	35	0	35	2.9
JONES, Demetrius	1	15	28	4	32	32.0
SCHWAPP, Asaph	12	12	14	0	14	1.2
SCHMIDT, Luke	11	2	6	0	6	0.5
TATE, Golden	12	1	4	0	4	0.3
PRICE, Geoff	9	1	-12	0	-12	-1.3
TEAM	7	9	-53	0	-53	-7.6
Total.....	12	826	903	2004	2907	242.2
Opponents.....	12	892	2345	1939	4284	357.0



Armando Allen set Notre Dame single-season school records for kickoff returns (33) and kickoff return yards (704) in 2007. He broke Julius Jones' record of 26 and the 33 kickoff returns already rank seventh on Notre Dame's career list.



In his first season starting, David Bruton paced the Irish with three interceptions and recorded 85 tackles to rank third on the squad. Bruton was also a special teams stalwart as a gunner on the punt coverage team.

# NOTRE DAME 2007 GAME-BY-GAME LINE-UPS

## OFFENSIVE STARTERS BY GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	RB	FB
9/1	vs GT	West	Duncan	Turkovich	Sullivan	Wenger	Young	Carlson	Grimes	Jones	Thomas	Schwapp
9/8	at PSU	West	Duncan	Turkovich	Sullivan	Wenger	Young	Carlson	Grimes	Clausen	Allen	Schwapp
9/15	at MICH	West	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Wenger	Duncan	Carlson	Grimes	Clausen	Allen	Parra (WR)
9/22	vs MSU	West	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Carufel	Duncan	Carlson	Grimes	Clausen	Aldridge	Schwapp
9/29	at PUR	West	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Carufel	Duncan	Carlson	Grimes	Clausen	Aldridge	Schwapp
10/6	at UCLA	Tate	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Carufel	Duncan	Carlson	Yeatman (TE)	Clausen	Aldridge	Schwapp
10/13	vs BC	West	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Olsen	Duncan	Carlson	Parris	Clausen	Aldridge	Kamara (WR)
10/20	vs USC	Tate	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Olsen	Duncan	Carlson	Kamara	Sharpley	Thomas	Schwapp
11/3	vs NAVY	Kamara	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Olsen	Duncan	Carlson	Parris	Sharpley	Allen	West (WR)
11/10	vs AF	Grimes	Young	Turkovich	Sullivan	Olsen	Duncan	Carlson	Parris	Clausen	Aldridge	Yeatman (TE)
11/17	vs DUKE	Kamara	Young	Turkovich	Wenger	Olsen	Duncan	Carlson	Grimes	Clausen	Allen	Yeatman (TE)
11/24	at STAN	Kamara	Young	Turkovich	Wenger	Olsen	Duncan	Carlson	Grimes	Clausen	Hughes	Schwapp

## DEFENSIVE STARTERS BY GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	DE	NT	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	CB	SS	FS
9/1	vs GT	Lewis	Kurtz	Brown	Ryan	Crum	Brockington	Vernaglia	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
9/8	at PSU	Lewis	Kurtz	Stephenson	Ryan	Crum	Brockington	Woodes (CB)	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
9/15	at MICH	Lewis	Kurtz	Stephenson	Ryan	Crum	Brockington	Vernaglia	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
9/22	vs MSU	Lewis	Kurtz	Hand	Ryan	Crum	Brockington	Vernaglia	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
9/29	at PUR	Lewis	Kurtz	Ryan	Neal	Crum	Brockington	McNeil (CB)	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
10/6	at UCLA	Lewis	Kurtz	Stephenson	Ryan	Crum	T. Smith	Neal	Wooden	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
10/13	vs BC	Lewis	Kurtz	Ryan	Neal	Crum	Brockington	Woodes (CB)	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
10/20	vs USC	Lewis	Kurtz	Brown	Ryan	Crum	Brockington	Woodes (CB)	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
11/3	vs NAVY	Lewis	Kurtz	Stephenson	Ryan	Crum	Brockington	Vernaglia	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	McCarthy
11/10	vs AF	Lewis	Kurtz	Brown	Ryan	Crum	Brockington	B. Smith	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
11/17	vs DUKE	Lewis	I. Williams	Brown	Neal	Crum	Brockington	B. Smith	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton
11/24	at STAN	Lewis	I. Williams	Brown	Neal	Crum	Brockington	B. Smith	Walls	Lambert	Zbikowski	Bruton

## SPECIALISTS BY GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	K	P
9/1	vs GT	Walker	Price
9/8	at PSU	Whicker/Walker	Price/Maest
9/15	at MICH	Walker	Price
9/22	vs MSU	Walker	Price/Maest
9/29	at PUR	Walker	Maest
10/6	at UCLA	Walker	Price
10/13	vs BC	Walker	Price
10/20	vs USC	Walker	Price
11/3	vs NAVY	Walker	Price
11/10	vs AF	Walker	Maest
11/17	vs DUKE	Walker	Maest
11/24	at STAN	Walker	Maest

# NOTRE DAME 2007 GAME-BY-GAME OFFENSIVE STATS

	GT	@FSU	@MICH	MSU	@PUR	@UCLA	BC	USC	NAVY	AFR	DUKE	@STAN	Season
	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29	10/6	10/13	10/20	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24	Totals
<b>First Downs</b>	13	9	10	9	21	12	14	10	27	19	24	19	187
Rushing	5	2	4	5	3	4	3	3	17	8	14	5	73
Passing	5	3	5	4	17	5	7	6	9	9	8	9	89
Penalty	3	2	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	2	2	5	25
<b>Third Downs</b>	16	16	13	15	16	17	18	17	19	15	18	13	193
Converted	5	2	4	4	5	3	6	4	9	4	10	4	60
Efficiency	31.2%	12.5%	30.8%	26.7%	31.3%	17.6%	33.3%	23.5%	47.4%	26.7%	55.6%	30.8%	31.1%
<b>Fourth Downs</b>	2	1	1	2	6	2	4	1	8	5	2	1	35
Converted	2	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	6	2	1	0	19
Efficiency	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%	66.7%	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	75.0%	40.0%	50.0%	0.0%	54.3%
<b>Total Net Yards</b>	122	144	79	203	426	140	222	105	575	505	414	313	2906
Plays	63	59	55	55	78	66	70	63	90	78	80	70	826
Avg. Per Play	1.9	2.5	1.4	3.7	5.5	2.1	3.2	1.6	6.3	6.5	5.2	4.5	3.5
<b>Net Yards Rushing</b>	-8	0	-8	117	49	46	27	48	235	98	220	117	963
Attempts	41	26	33	35	36	30	21	30	63	36	48	38	437
Avg. Per Rush	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	3.3	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.6	3.7	2.7	4.6	3.1	2.1
Touchdowns	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	3	11
<b>Net Yards Passing</b>	130	144	87	86	377	94	195	117	140	246	194	196	2044
Attempts	32	32	22	30	52	28	49	33	27	40	32	32	389
Completions	18	17	13	11	34	18	18	17	17	22	16	19	217
Completion Pct.	56.2%	53.1%	59.1%	36.7%	65.4%	64.3%	36.7%	51.5%	63.0%	55.0%	50.0%	59.4%	55.8%
Yards Per Attempt	4.06	4.50	3.95	2.87	7.25	3.36	3.98	3.55	5.19	6.15	6.06	6.13	5.15
Touchdowns	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	3	3	0	12
Interceptions	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	9
Sacked	9	4	8	4	2	3	2	7	4	6	2	5	58
Yards Lost	69	50	48	32	14	19	11	40	35	47	12	37	415
<b>Touchdowns</b>	0	1	0	2	3	2	2	0	8	3	4	3	26
Rushing	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	3	11
Passing	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	3	3	0	12
Returns	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Penalties</b>	3	14	7	4	11	8	7	2	4	2	11	4	77
Yards Lost	20	97	51	30	110	61	64	20	36	30	103	46	678
<b>Fumbles</b>	3	3	8	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	3	26
Fumbles Lost	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	16
<b>Punts</b>	7	10	7	9	3	9	6	10	0	5	5	5	76
<b>Total Yards</b>	268	448	305	348	132	363	283	450	0	215	205	162	3178
Gross Avg.	35.3	44.8	43.3	38.8	44.0	40.3	42.2	40.0	0.0	43.0	41.0	38.4	41.2
Net Avg.	35.9	34.8	39.0	37.7	37.3	37.7	42.3	39.6	0.0	43.0	39.2	35.3	37.9
Inside-the-20	0	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	0	2	2	3	20
Touchbacks	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
<b>FGs Attempted</b>	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	13
FGs Made	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
<b>PRTs Made-Miss</b>	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	1-3	2-2	2-2	0-0	5-6	3-3	4-4	3-3	23-25
Kicking M-A	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	1-3	2-2	2-2	0-0	5-5	3-3	4-4	3-3	23-25
2-pt Rushing M-A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
2-pt Passing M-A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
<b>Kickoffs-EZ-TB</b>	2-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	4-0-0	5-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	5-0-0	5-0-0	5-0-0	4-0-0	41-1-0
<b>Safeties</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Points Scored</b>	3	10	0	14	19	20	14	0	44	24	28	21	197
<b>Time of Possession</b>	30:20	26:00	26:18	26:31	26:54	32:02	20:57	22:45	30:41	23:54	30:35	25:45	28:03
<b>Net Turnover Ratio</b>	-3	+2	-3	+1	-1	+7	-1	-3	0	0	1	-2	Even
	GT	@FSU	@MICH	MSU	@PUR	@UCLA	BC	USC	NAVY	AFR	DUKE	@STAN	Season
	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29	10/6	10/13	10/20	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24	Totals

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# OPPONENT 2007 GAME-BY-GAME OFFENSIVE STATS

	GT	@PSU	@MICH	MSU	@PUR	@UCLA	BC	USC	NAVY	AFA	DUKE	@STAN	Season Totals
	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29	10/6	10/13	10/20	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24	
<b>First Downs</b>	20	19	25	19	27	20	21	24	23	23	16	18	255
Rushing	12	10	18	11	7	6	5	11	17	10	9	11	132
Passing	7	6	5	7	14	11	15	12	4	8	3	7	99
Penalty	1	3	2	1	6	3	1	1	2	0	4	0	24
<b>Third Downs</b>	13	16	17	10	15	15	17	14	16	14	16	17	185
Converted	4	9	11	6	6	4	7	5	9	7	4	6	78
Efficiency	30.8%	56.3%	64.7%	40.0%	40.0%	26.7%	41.2%	35.7%	56.3%	50.0%	25.0%	35.3%	42.2%
<b>Fourth Downs</b>	0	0	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	16
Converted	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	5
Efficiency	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	31.3%
<b>Total Net Yards</b>	380	295	379	354	371	282	409	462	338	405	232	327	4204
Plays	67	68	77	73	79	75	83	74	75	79	65	77	892
Avg. Per Play	5.7	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.7	3.8	5.5	6.2	4.5	5.1	3.6	4.2	4.8
<b>Net Yards Rushing</b>	289	164	289	219	119	89	168	237	287	285	94	175	2345
Attempts	43	46	61	49	42	37	34	36	66	63	27	44	548
Avg. Per Rush	6.0	3.6	4.7	4.5	2.8	2.4	4.9	6.3	3.9	4.5	3.5	4.0	4.3
Touchdowns	3	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	4	2	1	2	20
<b>Net Yards Passing</b>	121	131	90	135	252	193	291	225	81	120	138	152	1939
Attempts	24	22	16	24	37	38	49	38	9	18	38	33	344
Completions	11	12	7	11	22	16	32	21	6	10	18	15	181
Completion Pct.	45.8%	54.5%	43.8%	45.8%	59.5%	42.1%	65.3%	55.3%	66.7%	62.5%	47.4%	45.9%	52.6%
Yards Per Attempt	5.04	5.95	5.63	5.63	6.81	5.08	5.94	6.18	9.00	7.50	3.63	4.61	5.64
Touchdowns	0	1	3	4	2	0	2	4	1	2	0	0	19
Interceptions	0	1	0	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	11
Sacked	1	2	0	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	2	5	19
Yards Lost	10	18	0	8	22	40	0	0	1	0	10	23	132
<b>Touchdowns</b>	3	4	5	4	3	0	4	5	6	5	1	2	42
Rushing	3	2	2	0	1	0	2	4	4	2	1	2	23
Passing	0	1	3	4	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	16
Returns	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
<b>Penalties</b>	6	7	4	3	9	11	15	8	5	3	6	8	85
Yards Lost	53	65	37	20	67	83	131	52	47	40	55	81	741
<b>Fumbles</b>	0	2	3	1	1	5	0	2	2	2	3	0	21
Fumbles Lost	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	1	2	2	0	14
<b>Points</b>	3	6	4	5	3	5	5	7	2	4	7	6	57
<b>Total Yards</b>	144	209	160	207	127	200	207	222	78	179	257	207	2296
Gross Avg	48.0	43.2	40.0	41.4	42.3	41.0	41.4	31.7	26.0	44.8	36.7	42.8	40.3
Net Avg	38.7	32.0	33.5	37.4	40.3	40.8	34.6	29.9	17.5	39.2	32.7	32.3	34.4
Inside-the-20	2	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	0	2	1	0	19
Touchbacks	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	5
<b>FGs Attempted</b>	5	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	2	2	1	4	26
FGs Made	4	1	1	1	4	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	17
<b>PATs Made-Att.</b>	3-3	4-4	2-2	4-4	3-3	0-0	3-4	2-2	4-4	2-2	1-1	2-2	39-41
Kicking M-A	3-3	4-4	2-2	4-4	3-3	0-0	3-4	2-2	4-4	2-2	1-1	2-2	38-40
2-pt Rushing M-A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2-pt Passing M-A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
<b>Kickoffs-EZ-TB</b>	8-1-0	6-2-2	7-1-0	6-3-1	8-2-0	3-0-0	5-0-0	7-4-2	5-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	68-17-5
<b>Safeties</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Points Scored</b>	33	31	38	31	33	6	27	38	46	41	7	14	345
<b>Time of Possession</b>	29:40	34:00	33:44	33:29	33:06	27:38	29:03	32:12	29:19	34:06	34:25	34:15	11:57

# NOTRE DAME 2007 INDIVIDUAL GAME-HIGHS

IRISH				OPPONENTS				
Date	Opponent	Player	No	PASSING	No	Player	Opponent	Date
11/10	vs AFA	Jimmy Clausen	40	Attempts	49	Matt Ryan	vs BC	10/13
11/10	vs AFA	Jimmy Clausen	22	Completions	32	Matt Ryan	vs BC	10/13
11/10	vs AFA	Jimmy Clausen	246	Yards	291	Matt Ryan	vs BC	10/13
11/24	at STAN	Jimmy Clausen	44	Long	51	Anthony Morelli	at PSU	9/8
11/17	vs DUKE	Last; Jimmy Clausen	3	TDs	4	Last; Mark Sanchez	vs USC	10/20
10/13	vs. BC	Jimmy Clausen	2	INTs	4	M. Bethel-Thompson	at UCLA	10/6
Date	Opponent	Player	No	RECEIVING	No	Player	Opponent	Date
9/29	at PUR	Robby Parris	7	Receptions	10	Andre Callender	vs BC	10/13
9/29	at PUR	Golden Tate	104	Yards	111	Mark Bradford	at STAN	11/24
11/24	at STAN	Junior Jabbie	44	Long	51	Chris Bell	at PSU	9/8
11/3	vs NAVY	Duval Kamara	2	TDs	2	Kellen Davis	vs MSU	9/22
Date	Opponent	Player	No	RUSHING	No	Player	Opponent	Date
11/3	vs NAVY	James Aldridge	32	Rushes	35	Mike Hart	at MICH	9/15
11/24	at STAN	Robert Hughes	136	Yards	196	Tashard Choice	vs GT	9/1
11/24	at STAN	Robert Hughes	44	Long	52	L.V. Whitworth	vs BC	10/13
11/3	vs NAVY	Travis Thomas	3	TDs	2	Last; Anthony Kimble	at STAN	11/24
Date	Opponent	Player	No	TACKLES	No	Player	Opponent	Date
11/10	vs AFA	Trevor Laws	17	Total Tackles	14	Wyatt Middleton	vs NAVY	11/3
10/13	vs BC	Joe Brockington	10	Solos	9	Blake Carter	vs NAVY	11/3
11/10	vs AFA	Trevor Laws	11	Assists	8	Aaron Shanor	vs AFA	11/10
11/24	at STAN	Last; Kerry Neal	1	Sacks	3.5	Brandon Graham	at MICH	9/15
9/29	at PUR	Trevor Laws	3	TFLs	5	Shawn Crable	at MICH	9/15
Date	Opponent	Player	No	INTERCEPTIONS	No	Player	Opponent	Date
10/6	at UCLA	Maurice Crum	2	INTs	2	Terrell Vinson	at PUR	9/29
9/8	at PSU	Darrin Walls	73	Long Return	26	Stevie Brown	at MICH	9/15
10/13	vs BC	Last; Brian Smith	1	TDs	None			
Date	Opponent	Player	No	PUNT RETURNS	No	Player	Opponent	Date
11/24	at STAN	Tom Zbikowski	4	Returns	5	Greg Mathews	at MICH	9/15
11/24	at STAN	Tom Zbikowski	64	Yards	85	Derrick Williams	at PSU	9/8
11/24	at STAN	Tom Zbikowski	60	Long	78	Derrick Williams	at PSU	9/8
		None		TDs	1	Derrick Williams	at PSU	9/8
Date	Opponent	Player	No	KICKOFF RETURNS	No	Player	Opponent	Date
11/10	vs AFA	Armando Allen	6	Returns	4	Last; Doug Baldwin	at STAN	11/24
9/15	at MICH	Golden Tate	133	Yards	110	Doug Baldwin	at STAN	11/24
9/15	at MICH	Golden Tate	40	Long	68	A.J. Wallace	at PSU	9/8
		None		TDs	None			
Date	Opponent	Player	No	FIELD GOALS	No	Player	Opponent	Date
11/3	vs NAVY	Last; Brandon Walker	2	Attempts	5	Travis Bell	vs GT	9/1
10/6	at UCLA	Brandon Walker	2	Made	4	Last; Chris Summers	at PUR	9/29
10/6	at UCLA	Brandon Walker	48	Long	49	Kai Forbath	at UCLA	10/6
Date	Opponent	Player	No	PUNTS	No	Player	Opponent	Date
10/20	vs USC	Geoff Price	10	Punts	7	Kevin Jones	vs DUKE	11/17
10/20	vs USC	Geoff Price	450	Yards	259	Jeremy Boone	at PSU	9/8
10/20	vs USC	Last; Geoff Price	45.0	Average	48.0	Durant Brooks	vs GT	9/1
9/8	at PSU	Geoff Price	57	Long	53	Durant Brooks	vs GT	9/1
11/24	at STAN	Last; Eric Maust	3	In-20	4	Greg Woidneck	vs USC	10/20
10/20	vs USC	Last; Geoff Price	1	Touchbacks	1	Last; Aaron Bates	vs MSU	9/22

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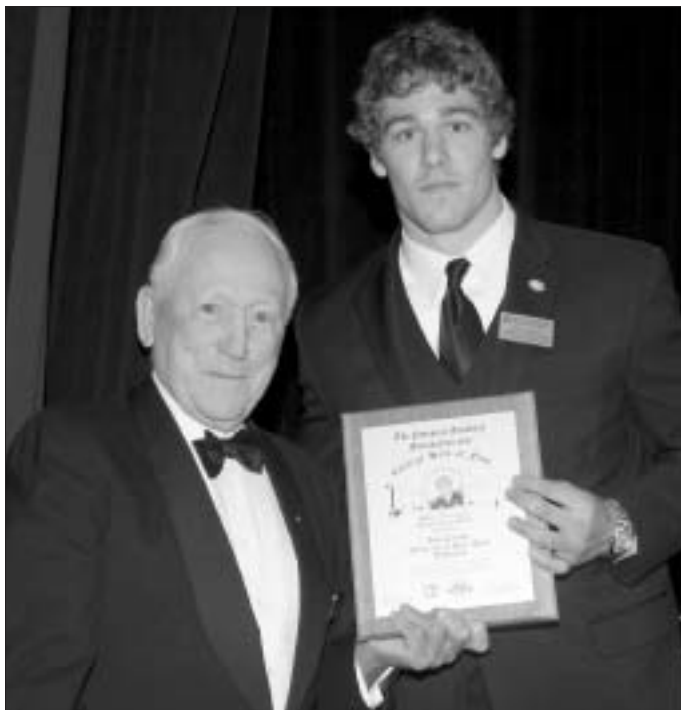
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# 2007 Individual/Team Honors & Awards



## **John Carlson**

- National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete
- NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Recipient
- Nick Pietrosante Award Winner
- Notre Dame's Westwood One/  
State Farm Student-Athlete of the Year
- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- *Athlon Sports* First Team Preseason All-American
- Phil Steele's First Team Preseason All-American
- *Lindy's* Second Team Preseason All-American
- *Street & Smith's* Second Team Preseason All-American

## **Maurice Crum Jr.**

- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team
- Walter Camp National Defensive  
Player of the Week (Oct. 7)
- Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
- Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Lott Award Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List

## **Duval Kamara**

- *The Sporting News* All-Freshman  
Team Honorable Mention
- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team

## **Pat Kuntz**

- Notre Dame's Lineman of the Year
- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team

## **Trevor Laws**

- Team MVP
- Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley  
Rockne Student-Athlete Award
- Phil Steele's All-America Fourth Team
- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team
- Lombardi Award Watch List

## **Geoff Price**

- Ray Guy Award Watch List
- Phil Steele's Third Team Preseason All-American
- *Street & Smith's* Honorable Mention Preseason All-American

## **Brian Smith**

- *The Sporting News* All-Freshman Team  
Honorable Mention

## **John Sullivan**

- Guardian of the Year
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Rimington Award Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- *Street & Smith's* First Team Preseason All-American
- Phil Steele's Second Team Preseason All-American
- *Athlon Sports* Third Team Preseason All-American

## **Darrin Walls**

- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team

## **Ian Williams**

- FWA Freshman All-America First Team
- CollegeFootballNews.com All-Freshman Third Team
- *The Sporting News* All-Freshman Team  
Honorable Mention

## **Ambrose Wooden**

- *Street & Smith's* Honorable Mention  
Preseason All-American

## **Sam Young**

- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team
- *Street & Smith's* Honorable Mention  
Preseason All-American

## **Tom Zbikowski**

- Phil Steele's All-America Fourth Team
- Phil Steele's All-Independent First Team
- Lott Trophy Quarterfinalist
- AFCA Good Works Team
- Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
- Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Lott Trophy Watch List