

JIMMY CLAUSEN ... CAPTAIN COMEBACK

Awards & Honors

- ▶ *Sporting News* First Team Midseason All-American
- ▶ Irish Offensive Co-Captain
- ▶ Davey O'Brien Award Semifinalist
- ▶ Allstate / AFCA Good Works Team® Candidate
- ▶ AT&T/ESPN All-America Player of the Week (9.7)
- ▶ SI.com First Team Midseason All-American
- ▶ Maxwell Award Semifinalist
- ▶ Manning Award Watch List
- ▶ CFPA Performer of the Week (9.6)
- ▶ Davey O'Brien QB of the Week (10.5)

What They're Saying

▶ "He's a great football player. We've known that since he was 14. You're seeing the culmination of a career, all that here. He's a great player. Fortunately we got out of here. This is the best he's been. He's extraordinary."

USC head coach Pete Carroll, Oct. 17, 2009

▶ "He's the best quarterback we've faced this year."

Washington State head coach Paul Wulff, Oct. 31, 2009

▶ "Most of the time we play I'll watch tape on quarterbacks and we try determine what throws can this guy make, what throws does he have difficulty with. We try to create a game plan around that. He can make all of the throws. There are no holes in this guy. He'll be playing on Sundays. There's no doubt about that."

Pittsburgh head coach Dave Wannstedt, Nov. 9, 2009

▶ "He's got to be the frontrunner right now."

ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit, Oct. 10, 2009

Tidbits

▶ Only four QBs in the FBS (among qualifiers on the NCAA passing report) have fewer interceptions than Clausen's four and each has over 60 fewer pass attempts. He is tied with nine other QBs for the fifth fewest interceptions in the nation — all of whom also have fewer pass attempts than Clausen.

▶ Despite missing half of the Purdue game and playing with a turf toe injury the last nine games, Clausen still ranks among the top 10 in the nation in the following passing categories:

Category	#	NCAA Rank	Category	#	NCAA Rank
Total Passing Yards	3382	4th	Passing Yards/Game	307.45	5th
Total Offense Yards	3302	5th	Fewest Interceptions	4	t-5th
Total Offense/Game	300.18	6th	Passing Efficiency	156.45	7th
Passing Touchdowns	23	t-8th	Completions/Game	24.55	9th
Completion Percentage	67.34	10th	Total Passing Completions	266	10th

- ▶ Clausen throws an interception every 98.8 pass attempts, which ranks second best among FBS qualifying QBs.
- ▶ Clausen has eclipsed 300 yards passing in a game six times in 2009 — a school record.
- ▶ Clausen has nine career 300-yard passing games, which ranks second in school history.
- ▶ Clausen has been tremendous in the clutch for the Irish this season. He has recorded 18 touchdowns and three turnovers when Notre Dame has been tied or trailing (16 passing TDs, two rushing TDs).
- ▶ Clausen was the first Irish QB to eclipse 300 yards passing in three straight games to open a season and four consecutive games overall (including last season's Hawai'i Bowl).
- ▶ Clausen is the second Irish QB to ever have multiple games with at least four touchdown passes.
- ▶ Clausen is the second Notre Dame QB to eclipse 3,000 yards passing in both multiple and consecutive seasons in Irish history (2008 and 2009). He joined former Irish All-American Brady Quinn, who eclipsed 3,000 yards in 2005 and 2006.
- ▶ Clausen is the second Notre Dame QB to throw for at least 20 touchdowns in consecutive seasons (Brady Quinn in 2005 and 2006).
- ▶ Check out the cumulative comparative stats of three of the nation's top QBs. He either leads or is tied for the lead amongst the trio in fewest interceptions, yards, TD passes, yards per game and efficiency.

Player	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Effic
Jimmy Clausen	266-395	4	67.3	3382	23	307.5	156.5
Tim Tebow	145-223	4	65.0	1945	14	176.8	155.4
Colt McCoy	286-392	9	73.0	3024	23	274.9	152.5

▶ Clausen set career-highs in attempts (51), completions (37) and passing yards (452) against Navy. His 452 passing yards rank as the fourth-highest in single-game Notre Dame history. Clausen set a school record with 37 completions.

▶ Clausen is the first Notre Dame QB to ever register four fourth quarter come-from-behind victories in a single season. He is also the first Irish QB to register five fourth quarter comebacks in a single season.

Player	4th Quarter Comebacks	4th Quarter Comeback Victories
Jimmy Clausen (2009)	5	4
Jarious Jackson (1999)	4	3
Joe Montana (1978)	3	2
Brady Quinn (2004)	3	2
Ron Plowls (1997)	3	3
Rick Mirer (1990)	3	3

▶ Clausen is now 69-for-115 for 930 yards with 12 touchdowns (two on the ground) and one interception in the final quarter and overtime this season. Here is Clausen's breakdown in the fourth quarter and overtime:

Game	Comp.	Att.	Comp. %	INT	Yds	TDs
Nevada	1	1	100.0	0	15	0
Michigan	9	17	52.9	0	77	1
Michigan State	5	8	62.5	0	113	1
Purdue	7	10	70.0	0	72	1
Washington	7	9	77.8	0	119	1
USC	11	21	52.4	0	117	2*
Boston College	3	6	50.0	0	48	1
Washington State	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navy	13	21	61.9	1	225	2
Pittsburgh	9	12	75.0	0	95	2*
UConn	4	10	40.0	0	49	1
Totals	69	115	60.0	1	930	12*

*includes two touchdown rushes

▶ Here is an interesting comparison between Clausen and the last six Heisman Trophy-winning QBs over their first 11 games of the season:

Player (Year)	Comp-Att	INT	Pct.	Yards	TD	Avg/G	Effic
Jimmy Clausen ('09)	266-395	4	67.3	3382	23	307.5	156.5
Sam Bradford ('08)	238-349	6	68.2	3710	42	337.3	193.9
Tim Tebow ('07)	198-289	6	68.5	2870	26	260.1	177.5
Troy Smith ('06)	170-256	4	66.4	2192	26	199.3	168.7
Matt Leinart ('04)	228-343	4	66.5	2772	28	252.0	159.0
Jason White ('03)	216-332	6	63.7	3052	36	277.5	177.4
Carson Palmer ('02)	256-412	8	62.1	3214	28	292.2	146.2

Season Highs

- Pass Attempts** — 51, Navy (11.7)
- Passing Yards** — 452, Washington (11.7)
- Passing TDs** — 4, Nevada (9.5)
- Completion %** — 83.3 (15-for-18), Nevada (9.5)
- Passing YPC** — 21.0, Nevada (9.5)
- Pass Completions** — 37, Boston College (11.7)
- Longest Completion** — 88, Nevada (9.5)
- Rushing TDs** — 1, three times
- Passing YPA** — 17.5, Nevada (9.5)
- Passing Efficiency** — 303.7, Nevada (9.5)

Game-by-Game

2009	Comp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	LG	Effic
NEV (9.5)	15	18	0	315	4	88	303.7
at UM (9.12)	25	42	0	336	3	37	150.3
MSU (9.19)	22	31	0	300	2	54	173.5
at PUR (9.26)	15	26	1	171	1	23	117.9
WASH (10.3)	23	31	1	422	2	77	203.4
USC (10.17)	24	43	0	260	2	45	122.0
BC (10.24)	26	39	0	246	2	36	136.6
vs. WSU (10.31)	22	27	0	268	2	50	189.3
NAVY (11.7)	37	51	1	452	2	31	156.0
at PITT (11.14)	27	42	1	283	1	45	124.0
UCONN (11.21)	30	45	0	329	2	39	142.8
at STAN (11.28)							

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