

GOLDEN TATE ... GOLDEN IS THY FAME

Awards & Honors

- ▶ Biletnikoff Award Finalist
- ▶ Walter Camp Player Of The Year Award Semifinalist
- ▶ Maxwell Award Semifinalist
- ▶ CBSSports.com First Team Midseason All-American
- ▶ SI.com Second Team Midseason All-American

Tidbits

- ▶ Tate has registered eight 100-yard receiving games in 2009. He equals Tom Gatewood's (1970) single-season school record for 100-yard receiving games. No other FBS player has more 100-yard receiving games than Tate.
- ▶ Tate has registered 54 catches that have resulted in first downs this season. He also has 18 receptions of over 20 yards, including 10 of over 30 yards. Tate has now recorded 41 receptions of at least 20 yards and 27 catches have gained at least 30 yards over his career.
- ▶ Tate has five multi-touchdown games in 2009.
- ▶ Tate was the first Irish wideout to surpass 100 yards receiving in three consecutive games since Derrick Mayes in 1995.
- ▶ Tate ranks among the top FBS receivers (among qualifiers on the NCAA receiving report) in the nation in the following categories:

Category	#	NCAA Rank
Total Touchdowns	15	2nd
Scoring	90	2nd
Scoring/Game	8.18	2nd
Touchdown Receptions	12	t-3rd
Total Receiving Yards	1295	4th
Receiving Yards/Game	117.73	4th
Total Receptions	83	8th
Receptions/Game	7.55	9th
All-Purpose Yards	154.18	9th
Yards/Catch	15.60	10th

- ▶ Tate had nine catches for 123 yards and one touchdown against UConn.
- ▶ Tate surpassed single-season school records for receptions and receiving yards on the same play late in the first quarter against the Huskies. He bested former All-American Jeff Samardzija in each category.
- ▶ Tate has registered a touchdown reception in seven consecutive games. He is now one game shy of Samardzija's school record of eight straight games with a touchdown catch.
- ▶ Tate has scored a touchdown, either rushing, receiving or punt return, in 10 consecutive games. The streak of 10 straight games with a touchdown is the longest in a single season for a Notre Dame player since Autry Denson had touchdowns in the first 10 games of the 1998 season.
- ▶ The 100-yard receiving game was Tate's eighth of the season and the 14th of his career. He surpassed Tom Gatewood (1969-71) for the school record in career 100-yard receiving games. The eight 100-yard receiving games in a single season is tied for the single-season mark.
- ▶ Tate has 12 touchdown receptions this season rank tied for third in single-season Notre Dame history, while his 23 career touchdown receptions rank second in Irish history.
- ▶ Tate's 1,696 all-purpose yards this season rank fifth-best in single-season Notre Dame history. He and former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown are the only players in Irish history to eclipse 1,600 all-purpose yards in both multiple and back-to-back seasons.

- ▶ Tate was the 12th player in Irish history to ever record 3,000 career all-purpose yards. Thanks to his 155 all-purpose yards against UConn, Tate (3,911) stands seventh on the Notre Dame career list.
- ▶ Tate registered 216 all-purpose yards and 113 yards receiving on nine grabs, including a receiving and punt return TD, against No. 8 Pittsburgh.
- ▶ Tate recorded a 87-yard TD punt return — Notre Dame's first TD punt return since Tom Zbikowski against North Carolina in 2006. The TD punt return was the longest since Ricky Watters' school-record 97-yard TD punt return against SMU in 1989. Tate's return was the sixth-longest punt return in school history and second-longest on the road.
- ▶ Tate finished with nine catches for 132 yards and a TD against Navy. Eight of his receptions and 127 of his yards came in the second half.
- ▶ Tate torched Washington for a career-best 244 yards receiving on a career-high tying nine catches. The 244 yards are the third most by an FBS receiver this season and second most in single-game school history.

Season Highs

- Receptions** — 11, vs. Boston College (10.24)
- Receiving Yards** — 244, Washington (10.3)
- Longest Reception** — 77, Washington (10.3)
- Receiving TDs** — 2, three times
- Rushing Yards** — 61, vs. Washington State (10.31)
- Longest Rush** — 33, vs. Washington State (10.31)
- Rushing TDs** — 1, twice
- Punt Return Yards** — 101, at Pittsburgh (11.14)
- Longest Punt Return** — 87, at Pittsburgh (11.14)
- Punt Return TDs** — 1, at Pittsburgh (11.14)
- Most All-Purpose Yards** — 275, Washington (10.3)

Receiving Stats

G-S	Rec	Yds	TD	LG	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
11-11	83	1295	12	77	7.5	15.6	117.7

All-Purpose Stats

Rush	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G
171	1295	168	62	0	1696	154.2

Game-by-Game

2009	Receiving				Rushing				LG	TD
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	LG		
NEV	3	59	19.7	0	36	1	3	3.0	3	0
at UM	9	115	12.8	2	27	1	5	5.0	5	0
MSU	7	127	18.1	1	54	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
at PUR	5	57	11.4	0	17	9	55	6.1	15	1
WASH	9	244	27.1	1	77	1	31	31.0	31	0
USC	8	117	14.6	2	45	1	3	3.0	3	0
BC	11	128	11.6	2	36	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
vs. WSU	4	80	20.0	1	50	4	61	15.2	33	1
NAVY	9	132	14.7	1	31	2	2	1.0	3	0
at PITT	9	113	12.6	1	22	2	2	1.0	2	0
UCONN	9	123	13.7	1	39	1	12	12.0	12	0
at STAN										

What They're Saying

▶ "I would say without a doubt Golden (Tate) is the best player that we have faced. He does it all. This guy is exceptional at catching the ball, exceptional at making guys miss, he's a tough guy. Wherever they line him up, whatever responsibility they give him, this guy is special. He is very impressive."

Dave Wannstedt, Nov. 9, 2009

▶ "He's a great player. He really is. He's a true play maker. Extraordinary confidence in his own ability to make things happen. The catch he makes over the middle when he holds the ball away from T.J. or Josh, that's an amazing grab. The presence to know to keep the ball away, that was big time. His ability to play with great speed on the deep ball. But the best part of the deep ball that he caught was he elevated at the end of all of that. He was running full speed 40 yards down the field, and he hit it and got up off the ground and needed every bit of that elevation to make the play. That's big time stuff. That's reminiscent of Lynn Swann going over the top of guys in Super Bowls. Those are fantastic athletic demonstrations. He's a great player."

Pete Carroll, Oct. 19, 2009

... ALL-AMERICA & BILETNIKOFF CANDIDATE