



Air Force at Notre Dame October 8, 2011 Fighting Irish Post Game Notes



A VICTORY OVER AIR FORCE ...

- ▶ Improves Notre Dame's overall record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 at home.
- ▶ Gives the Irish four straight victories overall and two consecutive wins at home.
- ▶ Gives Notre Dame a four-game winning streak for the second time under second-year head coach Brian Kelly.
- ▶ Gives the Irish a victory over Air Force in 12 of the last 14 meetings, including four of the last five.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 23-6 (.793) in the all-time series with the Falcons.
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 11-4 (.733) in the all-time series with Air Force at Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 21-5 (.808) all-time against unranked Air Force.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 11-4 (.733) all-time against the unranked Falcons at home.
- ▶ Improves the unranked Irish (post 1936) to 4-4 (.500) all-time against Air Force.
- ▶ Improves unranked Notre Dame (post 1936) to 3-3 (.500) all-time against the Falcons at home.
- ▶ Improves the unranked Irish (post 1936) to 4-3 (.571) all-time against unranked Air Force.
- ▶ Improves unranked Notre Dame (post 1936) to 3-3 (.500) all-time against the unranked Falcons at home.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame's all-time record to 849-297-42 (.732).
- ▶ Improves the all-time record for the Irish at home to 459-117-13 (.790).
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame's all-time record at Notre Dame Stadium to 312-105-5 (.745).
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 25-6 (.806) all-time against the Mountain West Conference, including 13-4 (.765) at home.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 132-26-5 (.825) all-time against the Service Academies, including 45-10 (.818) at home.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 183-64-2 (.739) overall.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 65-29 (.691) in FBS games.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 55-17 (.764) over the last six seasons.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 1-0 (1.000) all-time against Air Force, including 1-0 (1.000) at home.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 2-0 (1.000) all-time against the Mountain West Conference, including 2-0 (1.000) at home.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 3-1 (.750) all-time against the Service Academies, including 1-0 (1.000) at home.

ON THIS DATE

- ▶ Notre Dame has played 15 previous games in its history on Oct. 8. The Irish are 11-4 all-time on this date.

| Season | Site | ND Coach | W/L/T | Score | ND Rank | Opponent | Opp. Coach | Opp. Rank |
|--------|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1896 | HOME | Hering | L | 0-4 | No Poll | Chicago Physicians | Unknown | No Poll |
| 1898 | AWAY | Hering | W | 5-0 | No Poll | Illinois | Fred Smith | No Poll |
| 1904 | HOME | Salmon | W | 44-0 | No Poll | American Medical | Unknown | No Poll |
| 1910 | HOME | Longman | W | 48-0 | No Poll | Olivet | Unknown | No Poll |
| 1921 | AWAY | Rockne | L | 7-10 | No Poll | Iowa | Howard Jones | No Poll |
| 1927 | AWAY | Rockne | W | 20-0 | No Poll | Detroit | Charles "Gus" Dorias | No Poll |
| 1932 | HOME | Anderson | W | 73-0 | No Poll | Haskell | William Dietz | No Poll |
| 1938 | AWAY | Layden | W | 14-6 | No Poll | Georgia Tech | William Alexander | No Poll |
| 1949 | AWAY | Leahy | W | 35-12 | 2 | Purdue | Stu Holcomb | Not Ranked |
| 1960 | AWAY | Kuharich | L | 7-12 | Not Ranked | North Carolina | Jim Hickey | Not Ranked |
| 1966 | HOME | Parseghian | W | 35-0 | 3 | Army | Tom Cahill | Not Ranked |
| 1983 | AWAY | Faust | W | 30-6 | Not Ranked | South Carolina | Joe Morrison | Not Ranked |
| 1988 | AWAY | Holtz | W | 30-20 | 5 | Pittsburgh | Mike Gottfried | Not Ranked |
| 1994 | AWAY | Holtz | L | 11-30 | 8 | Boston College | Dan Henning | Not Ranked |
| 2011 | HOME | KELLY | W | 59-33 | Not Ranked | Air Force | Troy Calhoun | Not Ranked |

NT indicates night game. R indicates game played in rain.

NOTRE DAME IN OCTOBER

- ▶ Notre Dame is 375-91-8 (.800) all-time during the month.
- ▶ The Irish are 231-48-4 (.823) in October home games.
- ▶ The Irish are 85-23-2 (.782) in October games at Notre Dame Stadium.

COIN TOSS

- ▶ Notre Dame won the opening coin toss and elected to receive. Air Force defended the South end zone.

TAILS IT IS

- ▶ Notre Dame opened each of its first 11 games in 2010 with the football. The Irish won the coin toss and elected to receive against USF, Michigan State and Air Force in 2011. Notre Dame has opened 16 of its last 19 games with the football. The only exceptions? Notre Dame won the coin toss against USC in '10, Michigan in '11 and Purdue in '11, but elected to defer each time.

WHO DIDN'T SCORE?

- ▶ Notre Dame had seven different players register a touchdown. The last time the Irish had at least seven different players score touchdowns – Oct. 9, 1999 against Arizona State.
- ▶ The 59 points for the Irish were the most since Nov. 23, 1996, when Notre Dame shutout Rutgers, 62-0, in Lou Holtz's last game as head coach at Notre Dame Stadium.

Notre Dame's Record When...

| | Kelly Career | Kelly at ND | 2011 |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------|
| At Home | 99-25-1 | 6-4 | 2-1 |
| On The Road | 79-36-1 | 4-2 | 2-1 |
| Neutral Site Games | 5-3 | 2-1 | 0-0 |
| In Overtime | 4-3 | 0-1 | 0-0 |
| Coming off a loss | 37-20 | 3-4 | 1-1 |
| Coming off a win | 132-34-1 | 8-3 | 3-0 |
| Coming of an open date | 12-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Vs. AP top 25 | 10-5 | 2-1 | 1-0 |
| Both teams are AP-ranked | 4-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Neither team is ranked | 40-21 | 9-5 | 2-1 |
| Ranked higher | 23-4 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Opponent is ranked higher | 5-5 | 2-1 | 1-0 |
| Vs. In-state Opponents | 72-22 | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| In August | 3-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| In September | 54-28 | 3-5 | 2-2 |
| In October | 63-21 | 5-2 | 2-0 |
| In November | 51-13 | 3-0 | 0-0 |
| In December | 9-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| In January | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| On Television | 42-15* | 12-7 | 4-2 |
| On NBC | 7-4 | 7-4 | 2-1 |
| On ABC | 5-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 |
| On ESPN | 9-3 | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| On ESPN2 | 7-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| On CBS | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Afternoon Games | 124-48-2 | 8-5 | 3-1 |
| Night Games | 56-15 | 4-2 | 1-1 |
| Decided By 3 or Less | 34-14-2 | 1-3 | 1-1 |
| Decided By 7 or Less | 58-28-2 | 3-5 | 1-2 |
| Scoring First | 121-22 | 7-4 | 3-1 |
| Opponent Scores First | 60-42-2 | 5-3 | 1-1 |
| Leading At Halftime | 144-12 | 12-2 | 4-1 |
| Tied At Halftime | 25-46-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 |
| Trailing At Halftime | 11-6 | 0-4 | 0-1 |
| Leading After 3 Qtrs. | 155-10 | 10-2 | 3-1 |
| Tied After 3 Qtrs. | 8-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 |
| Trailing After 3 Qtrs. | 18-52 | 1-4 | 1-1 |
| Scoring 40+ Points | 49-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| Scoring 30-39 Points | 50-6 | 4-2 | 2-1 |
| Scoring 20-29 Points | 47-26-1 | 5-3 | 0-1 |
| Scoring 0-19 Points | 16-33-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 |
| Allowing 40+ Points | 6-14 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Allowing 30-39 Points | 12-15 | 1-4 | 1-1 |
| Allowing 20-29 Points | 49-20 | 1-3 | 0-1 |
| Allowing 0-19 Points | 116-5-1 | 10-0 | 3-0 |
| Outrushing Opponent | 147-22-1 | 10-1 | 3-1 |
| Getting Outrushed | 33-40-2 | 2-6 | 1-1 |
| Passing For More Yds | 118-39-1 | 5-6 | 3-1 |
| Passing For Fewer Yds | 64-23-1 | 7-0 | 1-0 |
| Outgaining Opponent | 152-21-1 | 7-4 | 2-2 |
| Getting Outgained | 29-40-1 | 5-3 | 2-0 |
| Winning Time of Poss. | 94-23 | 5-1 | 2-1 |
| Losing Time of Poss. | 87-39-2 | 7-6 | 2-1 |
| Scoring a Def./ST TD | 61-4 | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| Allowing a Def./ST TD | 14-23 | 0-4 | 0-1 |
| Fewer Penalty Yards | 45-29-1 | 7-4 | 2-1 |
| More Penalty Yards | 130-33-1 | 5-3 | 2-1 |
| Winning Turnover Battle | 111-12 | 8-1 | 2-0 |
| Losing Turnover Battle | 45-34-1 | 4-6 | 2-2 |
| Individual 100-yard rusher | 85-19-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 |
| Individual 100-yard receiver | 73-23 | 3-6 | 1-2 |
| Individual 200-yard passer | 122-31-1 | 8-6 | 2-2 |
| Opponent 100-yard rusher | 33-32-1 | 1-4 | 1-0 |
| Opponent 100-yard receiver | 58-29 | 2-4 | 1-1 |

IRISH COME OUT OF THE LOCKEROOM ON FIRE

- ▶ Notre Dame registered touchdowns on each of its first six possessions in the first half.
- ▶ Notre Dame scored 42 points in the first half. The 42 points in today's opening half are the most for the Irish in any half since Nov. 3, 1990, when Notre Dame registered 42 points in the second half against Navy (52-31).
- ▶ The Irish have not scored 42 points in an opening half since Nov. 11, 1989. Notre Dame registered 42 points in the first half of a 52-6 rout of SMU.
- ▶ The school record for points in a half is 111 against American Medical on Oct. 28, 1905. The modern school record is 49 points in first half against Pittsburgh on Nov. 9, 1968.
- ▶ The last time Notre Dame exceeded 42 points in any half was Nov. 5, 1977, against Georgia Tech. The Irish registered a second-half school record 48 points in a 69-14 rout of the Yellow Jackets.
- ▶ The last time Notre Dame exceeded 42 points in the first half was Nov. 4, 1968, against Pittsburgh. The Irish registered a first-half school record 49 points in a 56-7 rout of the Panthers.

CONTINUED THIRD QUARTER

- ▶ Notre Dame has now outscored its opponents, 42-6, in the third quarter this season. The Irish have held five of their six opponents scoreless in the third quarter this year.

OFFENSIVE FIREWORKS

- ▶ Notre Dame and Air Force combined for 60 first downs, 1,125 total yards and 92 points.
- ▶ The 92 combined points are the most in Notre Dame Stadium history. The previous mark was 90 combined points, which happened on two different occasions. The Irish knocked off SMU, 61-29, in 1986 and Navy bested Notre Dame, 46-44, in three overtimes in 2007.

OFFENSIVE ONSLAUGHT

- ▶ Notre Dame totaled 560 yards of total offense. The Irish have now registered 500 yards or more of total offense in back-to-back weeks. It was the most yards for Notre Dame since Oct. 31, 2009, when Notre Dame had 592 against Washington State.
- ▶ Notre Dame has eclipsed 500 yards of total offense in four of its first six games. Notre Dame has registered 500 or more total yards against USF, Michigan, Purdue and Air Force.
- ▶ Notre Dame's 2005 offensive totaled 500 or more total yards in four of its first five games and five of its first seven. The '05 Irish finished the season with seven games of at least 500 total yards, including 621 and 663 against BYU and Stanford, respectively.
- ▶ In 1970, when Notre Dame set its all-time single-season record by averaging 510.5 yards per game (behind quarterback Joe Theismann), they had only two in their first five contests and finished with five 500-yard days for the season.
- ▶ More recently, in 2009 when the Irish ranked eighth nationally with 451.75 yards per contest, they finished with four 500-yard efforts (with Jimmy Clausen at the helm). In 1968 – the only other year the Irish averaged 500 yards a game for the full season (504.4 to rate second nationally) – Terry Hanratty and Company accounted for five 500-yard efforts.

THAT'S TWO STRAIGHT GAMES WITH NO TURNOVERS

- ▶ Notre Dame, which turned it over 15 times over its first three games, has no played consecutive games without a turnover. The Irish have not had back-to-back games without a turnover since Oct. 17 and 24, 2009 (against USC and Boston College).

IRISH MOVE THE CHAINS ON THE GROUND

- ▶ Notre Dame rushed for 266 yards on 29 carries this afternoon. The Irish have rushed for 735 yards in their last three games – all victories. The Irish have not rushed for more yards over a three-game span since 2003 when Notre Dame totaled 804 yards on the ground against Navy (280), BYU (204) and Stanford (320), respectively.

OFFENSE LINE PAVES THE WAY

- ▶ Notre Dame's offensive line allowed 1.54 sacks per game in 2010, the best by an Irish group since 1998. The position has improved this year as Notre Dame has been sacked only five times (or 0.83 per game) on 232 passes attempted or 237 actual pass attempts when including the pass plays that ultimately resulted in sacks. In other words, the Irish are yielding a sack once out of every 47.4 pass attempts or just shy of 2.1 % of true pass attempts.

IRISH DEFENSE GETS EARLY TURNOVER AGAIN

- ▶ Notre Dame has forced a turnover on its opponent's first two offensive plays in each of the last two weeks. Senior CB **Gary Gray** registered an interception last week against Purdue and senior S **Jamoris Slaughter** forced a fumble today against Air Force.

FLOYD IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

- ▶ Senior WR **Michael Floyd** hauled in a touchdown pass from sophomore QB **Tommy Rees** with 12:13 left in the opening quarter to give Notre Dame a 7-0 lead.
- ▶ The TD catch was Floyd's 32nd of his career (already a school record). He has a TD catch in each of the last two games and both came on Notre Dame's opening drive of the contest.

REES PIECES TOGETHER IRISH OFFENSE

- ▶ Sophomore QB **Tommy Rees** threw for at least three touchdown passes for the third time in 2011 and fifth time in his career.
- ▶ Rees becomes the fourth Irish quarterback in school history with multiple games of at least four touchdown passes. Rees joined **Brady Quinn** (seven), **Jimmy Clausen** (three) and **Ron Powlus** (three).
- ▶ Rees has thrown for at least two touchdown passes in four different games in 2011 and eight times over his career.
- ▶ Rees is the first Notre Dame quarterback to throw four touchdown passes in a single half since **Brady Quinn** against Washington on Sept. 25, 2004 (also in first half).
- ▶ Rees and Quinn are believed to be the only two Notre Dame signal callers to throw four touchdown passes in a single half. The only other possibility is **Angelo Bertelli** against Stanford on Oct. 10, 1942. Bertelli threw four touchdown passes in the game, but a complete box score was unavailable.
- ▶ Rees connected with senior WR **Michael Floyd** on a 34-yard touchdown pass at the 12:13 mark of the first quarter to give the Irish a 7-0 lead.
- ▶ Rees hooked up with junior TE **Tyler Eifert** on a five-yard completion with 8:21 left in the first quarter to give the Irish a 14-0 lead.
- ▶ Rees added another touchdown pass – his fourth of the game (and first half), 14th of 2011 and 26th of his career – just before halftime. He spotted junior WR **Theo Riddick** for a 24-yard score with 32 seconds left in the first half to give Notre Dame a 42-16 lead.
- ▶ Rees spotted junior WR **Robby Toma** for a 10-yard score with 4:07 left in the first quarter to give Notre Dame a 21-3 lead (his third touchdown pass of the game).
- ▶ Rees has thrown a touchdown pass in 11 straight games, which ranks as third-longest streak in school history. Brady Quinn holds the school record with a touchdown pass in 16 straight games (2004-05).

| Name | Consecutive Games with TD Pass | Year(s) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Brady Quinn | 16 | (2004-05) |
| 2. Jimmy Clausen | 13 | (2008-09) |
| 3. Tommy Rees | 11 | (2010-present) |
| 4. John Huarte | 10 | (1964) |
| 5. Dayne Crist | 9 | (2009-10) |
| Rick Mirer | 9 | (1991) |

MY NAME IS JONAS

- ▶ Senior RB **Jonas Gray** collected a pair of touchdown runs in a single-game for the first time in his career.
- ▶ Gray plowed in from five yards out with 11:39 left in the first half to give the Irish a 28-9 advantage. He then registered a six-yard touchdown run with 6:49 remaining in the third quarter to push the Notre Dame lead to 49-16.
- ▶ Gray failed to register a touchdown run over the first 25 games of his career, but has now run for a touchdown in three consecutive games. Gray has a total of four touchdown runs over the same span.

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- ▶ Junior RB **Gierre Wood** registered an eight-yard touchdown run with 6:10 left in the first half to give Notre Dame a 35-9 lead.
- ▶ The touchdown run was Wood's sixth of 2011 and ninth of his career.
- ▶ Wood has a touchdown run in five of Notre Dame's six games this season. He has a rushing touchdown in six of the last seven games for the Irish.

CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK

- ▶ Junior WR **Theo Riddick** rebounded from his no-catch effort at Purdue last week. He hauled in a 24-yard touchdown pass from sophomore QB **Tommy Rees** with 32 seconds left in the first half to give the Irish a 42-16 lead.
- ▶ Riddick finished with a season-high eight catches for 83 yards. He also added a 14-yard run.

TYLER'S EIFERT NO LONGER UNNOTICED

- ▶ Junior TE **Tyler Eifert** hauled in a five-yard touchdown pass from sophomore QB **Tommy Rees** with 8:21 left in the first quarter to give Notre Dame a 14-0 lead.
- ▶ The touchdown reception was Eifert's third of the season (third in as many weeks) and fifth of his career.
- ▶ Eifert registered a career-high tying eight receptions this afternoon.
- ▶ The eight catches by Eifert ties him with himself (earlier this year at Pittsburgh), Kyle Rudolph (twice in 2010), John Carlson (2006), Anthony Fasano (2004) and Ken MacAfee (1977) for second most ever in a game by a Notre Dame tight end. The Irish single-game record is nine by MacAfee for 114 yards in a 31-24 victory at Purdue in 1977.
- ▶ Eifert entered today's game as the FBS tight ends leader in receptions, receiving yards, receiving yards per catch, receiving yards per game and receptions per game.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE TWO

- ▶ Senior S **Jamoris Slaughter** forced a fumble on Air Force's first drive of the game. The forced fumble was the first of his career.
- ▶ Slaughter added his first interception of the season and second of his career later in the game.

THE ANDREW HENDRICKS EXPERIENCE

- ▶ Sophomore QB **Andrew Hendricks** saw playing time for the first time in his Notre Dame career.
- ▶ Hendricks was the first Irish quarterback to run for 100 yards since Carlyle Holiday on Oct. 27, 2001, at Boston College.
- ▶ Hendricks' 78-yard run was the second-longest in school history by a Notre Dame quarterback. **Bill Eder** had a 79-yard touchdown run against Navy on Nov. 1, 1969.
- ▶ Hendricks finished with 111 yards rushing on six carries. It was the most rushing yards by an Irish quarterback since Holiday had 130 yards on Oct. 13, 2001, against West Virginia.

IT'S NOT A TOMA

- ▶ Junior WR **Robby Toma** collected his first career touchdown reception with 4:07 left in the first quarter to give Notre Dame a 21-3 advantage. Toma hauled in a 10-yard pass from sophomore QB **Tommy Rees**.