



## NOTRE DAME POSTGAME NOTES

*Citrus Bowl vs. LSU \* Camping World Stadium \* Orlando, Florida \* January 1, 2018*

### TEAM NOTES

- Notre Dame is 18-18 all-time in bowl games. The Irish are 2-2 against LSU in postseason play.
- The Irish are 2-2 in Camping World Stadium. The previous victory was over Navy during the 2000 regular season. Losses came to Florida State during the 1994 season and in the Champs Sports Bowl at the end of the 2011 campaign.
- The bowl marked Notre Dame's seventh game of the season against a team that was ranked in the AP Top 25 poll at the end of the regular season. The Irish went 4-3 in those contests Notre Dame's captains for the coin toss were LB **Greer Martini**, OL **Mike McGlinchey**, OL **Quenton Nelson** and LB **Drue Tranquill**. LSU won the toss and deferred to the second half. Notre Dame received the opening kickoff in 12 of 13 games this season (the only exception was at Boston College where Notre Dame won the toss and deferred) while going 7-5 on the coin toss.
- With big rushes from QB Brandon Wimbush (31 yards) and RB Dexter Williams (31 yards), Notre Dame finished the year with 28 rushes of at least 30 yards. That ties for the lead in FBS with Arizona.
- QB **Ian Book's** 21-yard rush to convert a 3-and-19 in the second quarter was the longest third-down conversion by Notre Dame this season. It was just the sixth time this year the Irish were faced with a third-down attempt of longer than 14 yards to convert.
- Prior to today's scoreless first quarter, Notre Dame had played just two quarters this season where neither team scored a point. Neither the Irish or North Carolina scored in the opening quarter of Notre Dame's 33-10 win at UNC. The fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 35-14 win over then-No. 14 NC State was also scoreless. Had the first half been scoreless, it would've been the first time Notre Dame played in a game with no score at halftime since Nov. 28, 1998, when the Irish were tied at zero with Southern Cal (10-0 USC win).
- It is exactly nine months (243 days) until Notre Dame hosts Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium to open the 2018 season. The Irish and Wolverines kickoff on Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. on NBC.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Louisiana native WR **Michael Young** had his first career touchdown catch in the fourth quarter.
- LB **Te'von Coney** recorded his 100th tackle of the year on his first tackle of the game. The junior finished with a career-best 17 to give him 116 for the year.
- Coney's 116 tackles this season are the most by an Irish player in one year since LB **Manti Te'o** had 133 in 2012.
- Coney's 17 total tackles were one shy of the Notre Dame bowl record. **Rod Smith** had 18 total tackles in a win over Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 1992.
- K **Justin Yoon's** 49-yard field goal late in the third quarter was his longest of the season, topping two 46-yard makes earlier in the game and against Michigan State. He improved to 5-for-9 on attempts of 40 yards or longer on the year.
- OL **Robert Hainsey** made his first career start. He continued to split time at right tackle with **Tommy Kraemer**, who started all 12 regular season games.
- QB **Ian Book** saw action for the 10th game this season. Wimbush played in all 13, starting 12th today.



## **BOWL NOTES**

- Notre Dame's honorary captains were retired Navy captains Beci and Kevin Brenton, both members of the Notre Dame Class of 1985 with 60 combined years of active duty Naval service. Beci was a public affairs officer and veteran of the Persian Gulf War who was the spokesperson for two Secretaries of the Navy. Kevin was a submarine commander who led two fast attack submarines and a squadron of ballistic missile submarines. Beci's father was a career Naval officer and member of the Notre Dame Class of 1946 and Kevin's brother is a member of the Class of 1987 and flies F-16 fighters in the Air Force. Their son, Cutter, is a member of the Class of 2010.
- Honored during the the third quarter along with local educators in conjunction with the College Football Playoff's Extra Yard For Teachers initiative was Keith Galley, product of the Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) who works at St. Patrick's School in Largo, Florida.