

# Super Seasons

In 117 seasons of football beginning in 1887, Notre Dame has had 100 winning years, only 11 seasons with a losing record (1887, '88, 1933, '56, '60, '63, '81, '85, '86, '99, '01) and only four others with a .500 mark (1950, '59, '61, '62).

The Fighting Irish have had 12 unbeaten, untied seasons, 10 others in which they were unbeaten but suffered one or more ties—and 28 seasons in which only a single loss spoiled an unbeaten record.

Here is a compilation of Notre Dame's outstanding seasons in its football history:

## UNBEATEN, UNTIED

Year	Record	Coach
1889	1-0	None
1912	7-0	John L. Marks
1913	7-0	Jesse Harper
1919	9-0	Knute Rockne
1920	9-0	Knute Rockne
1924	10-0	Knute Rockne
1929	9-0	Knute Rockne
1930	10-0	Knute Rockne
1947	9-0	Frank Leahy
1949	10-0	Frank Leahy
1973	11-0	Ara Parseghian
1988	12-0	Lou Holtz

## UNBEATEN

Year	Record	Tie
1892	1-0-1	Hillsdale (10-10)
1903	8-0-1	Northwestern (0-0)
1907	6-0-1	Indiana (0-0)
1909	7-0-1	Marquette (0-0)
1911	6-0-2	Pittsburgh (0-0) Marquette (0-0)
1941	8-0-1	Army (0-0)
1946	8-0-1	Army (0-0)
1948	9-0-1	USC (14-14)
1953	9-0-1	Iowa (14-14)
1966	9-0-1	Michigan State (10-10)

## ONE LOSS

Year	Record	Loss
1887	0-1	Michigan (8-0)
1893	4-1	Chicago (8-0)
1894	3-1-1	Albion (19-12)
1895	3-1	Indiana Artillary (18-0)
1897	4-1-1	Chicago (34-5)
1901	8-1-1	Northwestern (2-0)
1906	6-1	Indiana (12-0)
1908	8-1	Michigan (12-6)
1910	4-1-1	Michigan State (17-0)
1915	7-1	Nebraska (20-19)
1916	8-1	Army (30-10)
1917	6-1-1	Nebraska (7-0)
1918	3-1-2	Michigan State (13-7)
1921	10-1	Iowa (10-7)
1922	8-1-1	Nebraska (14-6)
1923	9-1	Nebraska (14-7)
1926	9-1	Carnegie Tech (19-0)
1927	7-1-1	Army (18-0)
1935	7-1-1	Northwestern (14-7)
1938	8-1	USC (13-0)
1943	9-1	Great Lakes (19-14)
1954	9-1	Purdue (27-14)
1964	9-1	USC (20-17)
1970	10-1	USC (38-28)
1977	11-1	Mississippi (20-13)
1989	12-1	Miami (27-10)
1992	10-1-1	Stanford (33-16)
1993	11-1	Boston College (41-39)

# Irish 2nd On All-Time Winning Percentage List

Notre Dame ranks as the second-winningest team in college football history based on its .7435 winning percentage over 117 seasons of football and a 811-266-42 record during that period. Michigan (849 wins) is the only team with more overall wins than Notre Dame.

Here's the NCAA top 25 teams in terms of winning percentage heading into the 2006 season:

Team	Years	W	L	T	Pct.	Bowl Games		
						W	L	T
1. Michigan	126	849	280	36	.7425	18	19	0
<b>2. Notre Dame</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>.7435</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
3. Texas	113	800	310	33	.7143	22	21	2
4. Oklahoma	111	757	289	53	.7129	24	13	1
5. Alabama	111	774	301	43	.7115	29	20	3
6. Ohio State	116	774	300	53	.7103	18	19	0
7. Nebraska	115	794	321	40	.705	22	20	0
8. USC	113	732	298	54	.700	28	16	0
9. Tennessee	109	751	312	53	.697	24	21	0
10. Penn State	119	771	339	41	.688	24	12	2
11. Boise State (1996)	38	304	140	2	.684	3	2	0
12. Florida State	59	436	205	17	.676	18	12	2
13. Georgia	112	693	375	54	.642	19	16	3
14. Miami (Florida)	79	525	291	19	.640	18	14	0
15. Miami (Ohio)	116	639	352	44	.639	6	3	0
16. LSU	112	669	374	47	.635	18	18	1
17. Auburn	113	656	382	47	.629	17	13	2
18. Washington	116	641	372	50	.627	15	14	1
19. South Florida	9	61	39	0	.610	0	1	0
20. Arizona State	93	523	318	24	.6184	12	9	1
21. Florida	99	606	367	40	.6179	15	19	0
22. Colorado	116	650	402	36	.614	12	15	0
23. Central Michigan	105	532	338	36	.607	0	2	0
24. UCLA	87	521	338	37	.6021	13	13	1
25. Texas A&M	111	639	415	48	.6016	13	15	0

Here's the NCAA top 20 teams in victories heading into 2006:

1. Michigan	849
<b>2. Notre Dame</b>	<b>811</b>
3. Texas	800
4. Nebraska	794
5. Alabama	774
Ohio State	774
7. Penn State	771
8. Oklahoma	757
9. Tennessee	751
10. USC	732
11. Georgia	693
12. LSU	669
13. Syracuse	665
14. Auburn	656
15. Colorado	650
16. West Virginia	642
17. Washington	641
18. Texas A&M	639
Miami (Ohio)	639
20. Georgia Tech	637