



**Notre Dame
2005 OUTLOOK**

2005 Irish Football Outlook

The Charlie Weis Era Begins For Notre Dame



Senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte is the most experienced player returning on the Irish defense in 2005. The fifth-year senior has played in 36 games, starting 16, in his career. (photo by Lighthouse Imaging)

The 2005 season marks the dawn of a new era in Notre Dame football as head coach Charlie Weis takes over the Irish program. A Notre Dame graduate (Class of 1978), Weis brings a reputation as one of football's brightest tacticians with him to the Irish.

Weis has injected enthusiasm and energy into the Irish while raising the expectations of the football program, and the famous Irish fan base has responded by building a sense of anticipation not seen in the program in years. Weis seeks nothing less than to bring the Irish back to their traditional spot among the elite. While he makes no promises of an immediate return to dominance, Weis fully expects to field a tough, smart team that will be fully prepared each Saturday.

The task at hand doesn't figure to be easy. Weis inherits an experienced team that returns 33 lettermen, 13 position starters and three starters in the kicking game, but those veterans have struggled through consecutive losing seasons. The Irish are particularly well-stocked with experience on the offensive side of the ball, where 10 starters and 20 lettermen return. The defense returns three starters and 14 lettermen, from a unit that struggled throughout the last half of the season. The kicking game welcomes back kicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick.

Based on the returning experience, the offense would seem primed to be the standard bearer for the Irish in '05. While toughness and consistency in the running game will be focal points of preseason preparation, a passing game that averaged 281 yards per game in '04 should have the added benefit of Weis' offensive expertise.

Plenty of experience returns at every offensive position including tailback, where Darius Walker returns after splitting starting duties with Ryan Grant (the lone lost starter from '04). Four of the five skill position starters return, led by receivers Rhema McKnight, Maurice Stovall and Matt Shelton, tight end Anthony Fasano and running back Rashon Powers-Neal.

The success of the offense will largely depend on an experienced offensive line. All five starters return: LT Ryan Harris, LG Bob Morton, C John Sullivan, RG Dan Stevenson and RT Mark LeVoit. In terms of games started, this group has started 101 games in their careers, including 24 by LeVoit. A year ago the group had a total of only 42, led by LeVoit's 12.

Special teams will be a point of emphasis this season, particularly the return game. The Irish are well-stocked with experience at kicker and punter. Fitzpatrick, who handled both the placement and punting duties in '04, returns for his final season. Snapper Scott Raridon (placements) returns to the field goal team and he figures to battle for the job on long snaps in the punting game.

Defensively, the Irish return only three regular starters from a unit that ranked fourth nationally against the rush (88.2 yards allowed per game), but was 116th in passing yards allowed. There is experienced help on board, particularly along the front line, but the Irish are very green in the secondary.

The departure of defensive end Justin Tuck (the '04 Irish most valuable player and ND's career sacks leader) was the headline blow, but also missing will be end Kyle Budinscak (played in 44

games), tackle Greg Pauly (17 starts and 36 games played), linebacker Mike Goolsby (leading tackler in '04 who started 25 games) and linebacker Derek Curry (three-year starter who made 167 career tackles).

Returning for the Irish in '05 are three of the top 10 tacklers from last season in linebacker Brandon Hoyte, defensive tackle Derek Landri and safety Tom Zbikowski.

True to their heritage, the Irish showed the potential to compete with the nation's best last season, defeating two teams ranked in the top 10 (Michigan and Tennessee). Notre Dame also notched victories over three teams that played in bowl games (Michigan, Tennessee and Navy).

Seven '05 Irish opponents played in bowl games a year ago (three of the seven were winners), highlighted by BCS participants Michigan (Rose Bowl), USC (won Orange Bowl), Pittsburgh (Fiesta Bowl) and Tennessee (won Cotton Bowl). Add to that list Purdue (Sun Bowl), Navy (won Emerald Bowl) and Syracuse (Champs Sports Bowl), and Notre Dame's '05 opponents combined for a 78-53 mark (.595) in '04. Five '05 foes won eight or more games last year and 10 of 11 were on the '04 Irish slate.



Senior tight end Anthony Fasano could contend for national acclaim in 2005.

(photo by Lighthouse Imaging)



Sophomore Darius Walker, who broke the Irish freshman rushing record in 2004, hopes to become the team's featured back in Charlie Weis' offense this season. (photo by Lighthouse Imaging)

Here's a position-by-position look at Notre Dame fortunes for the coming season:

Quarterbacks					
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time	
+ Gillett, Justin	5-11	175	So.	---	
+ Mooney, Marty	6-2	202	Sr.	---	
** Quinn, Brady	6-4	232	Jr.	250:53	
+ Warren, J.J.	6-1	184	Jr.	---	
Wolke, David	6-2	195	So.	2:00	

QUARTERBACK: Junior **Brady Quinn** (191 of 353 for 2,586 yards, 17 TDs, 10 interceptions) has posted impressive numbers in nearly two full seasons as the Irish starter. He showed improvement across the board in '04, including his touchdown-to-interception ratio (going from 9-to-15 in '03 to 17-to-10 in '04). Among his credits from '04 included a career-high 432-yard effort against Purdue and an Irish record-tying four TD passes versus Washington. He also finished as Notre Dame's second-leading single-season passer (only Jarious Jackson passed for more with 2,753 yards in 1999).

Experience behind Quinn was tough to come by last year. Sophomore **David Wolke** (played 2:00 in '04) will be looking for playing experience.

Tailbacks

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
Hoskins, Justin	5-10	195	So.	2:40
Jenkins, Jeff	6-0	215	Sr.	6:50
* Thomas, Travis	6-0	212	Jr.	20:39
* Walker, Darius	5-11	205	So.	150:05

RUNNING BACK: Sophomore **Darius Walker** (185 for 786, 7 TDs) made a memorable debut in '04, splitting time with veteran starter Ryan Grant and posting the finest freshman rushing season in Notre Dame history. A deceptively fast runner with great vision and quick feet, Walker returns as the probable starter after posting two 100-yard efforts in '04, one of those a 115-yard effort against Michigan in his debut for the Irish.

Three veterans return, led by junior **Travis Thomas**, who will be complemented by senior **Jeff Jenkins** and sophomore **Justin Hoskins**.

Fullbacks

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
McConnell, Ashley	5-11	252	Jr.	---
*** Powers-Neal, Rashon	6-2	240	Sr.	119:37

FULLBACK: Experience is not a problem here, thanks to the return of fifth-year senior starter **Rashon Powers-Neal** (two receiving TDs in '04). Powers-Neal provides a nice combination of elusiveness, power and blocking ability. And his prowess as a receiver out of the backfield has been a crucial component to the offense in recent years.

Junior reserve Ashley McConnell hopes to become a factor in the rotation this season. McConnell did not play as a freshman in '03 and sat out last season due to a suspension, but he is back in the mix this fall and could be a contributor.

WIDE RECEIVER: The Irish return the top four wideouts from a year ago, led by seniors **Rhema McKnight** (42 for 610, 3 TDs in '04) and **Maurice Stovall** (21 for 313, 1 TD in '04). It will be interesting to see how Weis's new offense implements the talents of this deep, veteran group of pass catchers.

McKnight has led the Irish in receptions and yards the last two seasons and has shown the ability to be a big-play threat from any spot on the field. Stovall (21 for 313, 1 TD in '04) has battled injuries and inconsistency, but has shown glimpses of great potential the last three seasons. His knack for making difficult big plays is a key

Wide Receivers

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
* Anastasio, Chase	6-1	207	Jr.	41:47
Bragg, Darin	6-1	190	So.	---
*** McKnight, Rhema	6-1	211	Sr.	218:46
+ O'Hara, Mike	5-10	180	So.	4:17
** Samardzija, Jeff	6-5	220	Jr.	175:37
*** Shelton, Matt	6-0	175	Sr.	159:51
*** Stovall, Maurice	6-5	220	Sr.	131:18
+ Woods, Rob	6-2	207	Sr.	3:45

factor for this offense. The primary big-play threat for the Irish in '04 came from senior **Matt Shelton** (20 for 515, 6 TDs in '04) who set a new Irish record for yards per catch in a season (25.8 ypc). Shelton missed the spring while recovering from knee surgery, but is expected back in the fall. **Jeff Samardzija** (17 for 274 in '04) also returns. The lanky junior had a breakout game in the Insight Bowl versus Oregon State, making five grabs for 89 yards, and is a prototypical "possession" receiver.

TIGHT END: The Irish figure to continue to expand the use of tight ends in the passing game in Weis' new offense and the chief beneficiary in '05 figures to be returning starter **Anthony Fasano** (27 for 367, 4 TDs in '04). The senior was second on the team in catches last season, including a 155-yard, two-TD effort against Purdue that earned him Mackey Award Tight End of the Week honors. He figures to make a serious run at national accolades this season with his blend of speed, reliable pass-catching ability and toughness.

There's experience and talent behind Fasano, led by senior **Marcus Freeman** (five for 50 in '04) and junior **John Carlson** (six for 31 in '04). Freeman played in eight games (starting four times) last season while Carlson played every game (starting twice) and was a special teams standout. Walk-on **Tim Gritzman** also could work into the rotation.



Senior receiver Rhema McKnight has led the Irish in receptions and receiving yards the last two seasons. (photo by Lighthouse Imaging)

Tight Ends

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
* Carlson, John	6-6	250	Jr.	29:55
** Fasano, Anthony	6-4	257	Sr.	136:49
** Freeman, Marcus	6-3	250	Sr.	75:18
+ Gritzman, Tim	6-4	250	So.	---

Centers

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
** Morton, Bob	6-4	294	Sr.	310:11+
* Sullivan, John	6-4	300	Jr.	367:24

+ playing time at guard in '04

CENTER: The return of junior starter **John Sullivan** (12 starts in '04 playing a team-leading 367:24) provides the Irish with a strong foundation up front. Sullivan matured in his first season of action as the full-time starter last year. His continued development will be a key to the success of the offense this season. Guard **Bob Morton** could slide over to help. Morton, the starter at left guard in '04, started 11 games at center for the Irish in '03.

Offensive Guards

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
Bonelli, James	6-4	290	Sr.	---
** Morton, Bob	6-4	294	Sr.	310:11
** Santucci, Dan	6-4	297	Sr.	80:51
*** Stevenson, Dan	6-6	302	Sr.	348:05

OFFENSIVE GUARD: The Irish have enough experience and depth at the guard spots to have four players who can contribute. Both starters return in fifth-year senior RG **Dan Stevenson** (12 starts in '04, 23 career starts) and senior LG **Bob Morton** (11 starts in '04, 22 career starts on the OL).

Both Stevenson and Morton have all-star potential. Stevenson settled in at guard in '04 after starting six games (three in '03) while Morton successfully transitioned from center to start the entire regular season in '04.

Senior **Dan Santucci** (11 games, 1 start in '04) started at guard in the Insight Bowl and could challenge for the starting job this fall after impressive work as a reserve and in the starting role in the bowl game.

OFFENSIVE TACKLE: Both starters return at tackle as LT **Ryan Harris** and RT **Mark LeVoir** bring a combined 44 career starts between them.

Offensive Tackles

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
+ Bent, James	6-2	265	Sr.	---
Fitzgerald, David	6-4	295	Sr.	---
** Harris, Ryan	6-5	292	Jr.	362:45
Incarnato, Chauncey	6-5	275	So.	---
*** LeVoir, Mark	6-7	315	Sr.	365:30
* Mattes, Brian	6-6	295	Sr.	8:01



Junior tackle Ryan Harris anchors a veteran Irish offensive line. (photo by Lighthouse Imaging)

Senior LeVoir (24 career starts over last two seasons) provides the most experience with 32 career games played and more than 700 minutes logged the last two seasons. A freshman All-American in '03, junior Harris (20 career starts, 24 games played) continued to develop into a dominant college lineman in his second season and figures to emerge as a star this season.

Two players appear likely to contribute at tackle, led by sophomore **Chauncey Incarnato** (did not play in '04). Senior **Brian Mattes** (10 games in '04) also figures to be in the mix.

Defensive End

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
** Abiamiri, Victor	6-4	265	Jr.	193:37
Brown, Justin	6-4	243	So.	---
Frome, Chris	6-5	271	Sr.	27:05
Talley, Ronald	6-4	255	So.	---

DEFENSIVE END: Gone from Notre Dame's defensive end ranks is veteran **Justin Tuck** (22 career starts, 47 tackles in '04), who set the Irish career quarterback sacks record (24.5) in only three years of action and **Kyle Budinscak** (34 career starts, 25 tackles and 5 sacks in '04).

There is experience returning in junior **Victor Abiamiri** and senior **Chris Frome**. Abiamiri (played in 12 games, 15 tackles and 2 sacks in '04) enters fall practice listed as the starting left end. He has been a consistent pass rushing threat

in a reserve role the last two seasons. Frome (played in 7 games, 7 tackles in '04) enters fall drills listed as the starting right end. He had an excellent spring and hopes to continue to seize the opportunity to make his mark. Two sophomores – **Justin Brown** and **Ronald Talley** – will contend for playing time after watching all of their rookie seasons from the sidelines.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE: The Irish should be solid up the middle in '05, thanks to the return of three experienced veterans – senior nose guard starter **Derek Landri** (40 tackles, 7 TFL, 4 PBU in '04), talented junior nose guard **Trevor Laws** (17 tackles, 1 sack, 2 TFL in '04), plus senior tackle **Brian Beidatsch** (8 games, 3 tackles in '04).

Landri may have been the team's most improved player in '04 when he emerged as a force, starting all 12 games and providing a push in the middle of the line, but he missed the spring with an injury. Laws has undeniable talent and ability. He enters fall practice as the starting left tackle after an inconsistent debut season in '04. Beidatsch is a fifth-year man and three-time monogram winner who is a former end. He earned the starting nod at right tackle entering the fall in Landri's absence.

Defensive Tackles

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
*** Beidatsch, Brian	6-3	294	Sr.	32:12
Chervanick, Dan	6-1	258	Sr.	0:14
** Landri, Derek	6-3	285	Sr.	241:01
* Laws, Trevor	6-1	290	Jr.	121:39
Nicolas, Brandon	6-3	263	So.	---
Stephenson, Dwight Jr.	6-2	260	Jr.	---

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER: Most of the buzz at linebacker in the spring focused on the "Apache" linebacker spot, a hybrid position designed to provide added versatility to the defense. Fifth-year senior **Brandon Hoyte** (74 tackles, 8 TFL, 3 sacks in '04) was second on the team in tackles last season and will be the unit's veteran leader this fall, and should start at the "Will" position. Sophomore **Joe Brockington** (11 games, 3 tackles in '04) was the primary backup to Hoyte last year and will provide experienced help as a reserve. Sophomore **Maurice Crum, Jr.** enters the fall as the starter at the "Apache" slot but

Outside Linebackers

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
Banda, Abdel	6-1	208	So.	---
* Brockington, Joe	6-2	225	Jr.	3:30
Crum, Maurice Jr.	6-0	221	So.	---
*** Hoyte, Brandon	5-11	235	Sr.	199:15
* Salvador, Anthony	6-2	230	Sr.	7:24
Vernaglia, Anthony	6-3	227	So.	---

after a strong spring, but he has not played a down of college ball to this point. Fellow sophomores **Abdel Banda** and **Anthony Vernaglia** (a convert from safety in the spring) also will get a look after sitting out all of the '04 season.

Middle Linebackers

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
* Borseti, Nick	6-4	240	Jr.	2:50
*** Mays, Corey	6-1	242	Sr.	46:18
Thomas, Mitchell	6-3	225	Jr.	1:54

MIDDLE LINEBACKER: The departure of veteran **Mike Goolsby** forces the Irish to replace their leading tackler from a year ago, as well as the defense's emotional leader. There are several candidates to replace Goolsby led by fifth-year senior **Corey Mays** (33 career games, 15 tackles, 1 sack in '04), a special teams stalwart who has the skill and experience to handle the job and figures to play a prominent role.

Junior **Mitchell Thomas** (11 games, 2 tackles, 1 TFL in '04) rose to backup status at outside linebacker last year and could be a major contributor this season. Veteran reserve **Nick Borseti** (9 games, 7 tackles in '04) was a special teams standout before a knee injury sidelined him in '04.

Cornerbacks

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
Ferrine, Leo	6-0	181	So.	---
+ Harris, Brandon	6-0	197	Sr.	---
Hedgemon, LaBrose	5-9	190	Jr.	---
Jabbie, Junior	5-10	188	So.	---
Lambert, Terrail	5-11	191	So.	---
- Mitchell, Matt	5-9	194	Sr.	---
** Richardson, Mike	5-11	188	Sr.	133:21
Wooden, Ambrose	6-0	195	Jr.	6:52

CORNERBACK: Both starting jobs at cornerback open. One player (**Mike Richardson**) who has earned a monogram returns, along with another who played sparingly in '04 (**Ambrose Wooden**). Richardson (12 games, 5 starts, 33 tackles in '04) started as a nickel back last season and enters the fall listed as the starter at the boundary corner ahead of sophomore **Terrail Lambert**.

The field cornerback spot figures to be a battle between Wooden (9 games, 5 tackles in '04), walk-on **Brandon Harris** and sophomore **Leo Ferrine**, who enters the fall listed as the leader for the starting job.

SAFETY: The Irish return a potential star at

Safeties

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	'04 Time
Carney, Jake	6-0	189	Sr.	---
** Ndukwe, Chinedum	6-2	225	Jr.	12:06
* Parish, Freddie IV	6-0	200	Jr.	26:27
* Zbikowski, Tom	5-11	202	Jr.	330:35

boundary safety in junior **Tom Zbikowski** (70 tackles, 1 INT, 1 fumble recovery, 2 forced fumbles in '04). Zbikowski was fourth on the Irish in tackles while developing a reputation as a ballhawk in the secondary.

There are several candidates for a prominent role at safety – junior **Chinedum Ndukwe** (9 games, 7 tackles in '04), and junior **Freddie Parish IV** (12 games, 18 tackles in '04) could be the main contenders from the ranks of the veterans. Ndukwe enters fall as the starter at field safety while Parish is behind Zbikowski at the other spot.

KICKER/PUNTER: Plenty of experience returns at punter and placekicker, all in the person of fifth-year senior **D.J. Fitzpatrick**. Fitzpatrick averaged

41.8 yards per punt in '04, while placing 29 of 76 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line. He also was a consistent kicker, making 11-of-15 field goal attempts (73.3 percent). He already ranks eighth in Notre Dame history for field goals made with 23 (in 32 attempts). **Geoff Price** (44.5 avg. on 2 punts in '04) is a strong-legged veteran who could compete for the punting job. **Carl Gioia** and **Bobby Renkes** shared kickoff duties with Fitzpatrick in '04, while **Craig Cardillo** could step in, if needed.

The competition for starting jobs as return men will be an intriguing part of preseason camp. At punt returner, walk-on **Brandon Harris**, **Tom Zbikowski** and **Rhema McKnight** enter the fall listed as top contenders. At kickoff returner, **Travis Thomas**, **Brandon Harris**, **Terrail Lambert** and **Chase Anastasio** figure to start out the preseason vying for spots. Anastasio was the team's leading kickoff man last season. Look for



Senior placekicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick capably filled both roles last season and hopes to handle placements, kickoffs and punts again this season. (photo by Lighthouse Imaging)

Long/Short Snappers

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	App.
** Raridon, Scott	6-6	310	Sr.	45 app.
+ Jansen, J.J.	6-3	241	So.	---

competition from the freshman class to shape the outcome before preseason drills conclude.

The Irish will look to solidify the deep snapper and short snapper spots in the preseason. Long snapper **Casey Dunn** must be replaced in the punting game, but **Scott Raridon** returns to handle the snaps for field goals and conversion kicks after 50 flawless snaps at that position last season. Walk-on **J.J. Jansen** enters fall drills in competition with Raridon for both jobs. While Raridon has more game experience, Jansen figures to be a threat for a starting spot on punts.

Punter **Geoff Price** and receiver **Jeff Samardzija** enter fall drills listed as the top contenders to be the holder on placements. Neither has game experience at the job, but both handled the task capably during spring drills. Receiver **Matt Shelton** handled those duties flawlessly in '04 and could return to the job, if needed.

Kickers/Punters

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	App.
Cardillo, Craig	6-0	175	Sr.	---
** Fitzpatrick, D.J.	6-1	208	Sr.	138 app.
Gioia, Carl	5-10	183	Jr.	24
Price, Geoff	6-3	198	Jr.	2
Renkes, Bobby	6-0	195	Jr.	21

2005 Notre Dame Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
95	** Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	265	Jr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School	Biff Poggi
23	* Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-1	207	Jr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
40	+ Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	220	Jr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy
58	Banda, Abdel	LB	6-1	208	So.	11-14-86	Orange, N.J.	Delbarton	Brian Bowers
90	*** Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	Dick Basham
59	+ Bent, James	OL	6-2	265	Sr.	9-6-83	Mishawaka, Ind.	Mishawaka	Jim Aldrich
53	+ Boland, Joe	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	10-21-83	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Monsignor Bonner	Mike Coyne
71	Bonelli, James	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	5-6-84	Camarillo, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
56	* Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	240	Jr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	190	So.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmino Prep	Mike Janda
52	* Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
94	Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	243	So.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
27	Bruton, David	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg	Tim Lewis
91	+ Cardillo, Craig	K	6-0	175	Sr.	11-1-83	Happauge, N.Y.	Happauge	Steve Atkinson
89	* Carlson, John	TE	6-6	250	Jr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield	Jon Johnson
31	Carney, Jake	DB	6-0	189	Sr.	4-28-83	Lexington, Ky.	Catholic	Bob Sphire
59	+ Chervanick, Dan	DL	6-1	258	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	221	So.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	John Colbert
60	+ Cullen, Casey	LB	6-1	227	Jr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph	John Mares
72	Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	270	Fr.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding	Tim Glanton
24	+ Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	178	So.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
88	** Fasano, Anthony	TE	6-4	257	Sr.	4-20-84	Verona, N.J.	Verona	Lou Racioppe
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	181	So.	9-22-96	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
54	+ Fitzgerald, David	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	1-27-84	Godfrey, Ill.	Marquette Catholic	Maki Slaughter
19	** Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-1	208	Sr.	11-15-82	Granger, Ind.	Marian	Reggie Glon
87	** Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	250	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
75	Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	271	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart	Mike Herrington
18	+ Gillett, Justin	QB	5-11	175	So.	1-16-86	Santa Barbara, Calif.	San Marcos	Will Gonzales
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-10	183	Jr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
17	+ Gorski, Dan	QB	6-4	194	Fr.	5-13-86	Omaha, Neb.	Creighton Prep	Tom Jaworski
11	Grimes, David	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres	Greg Carter
86	+ Gritzman, Tim	TE	6-4	250	So.	2-3-86	Lockport, Ill.	Lockport	Bret Kooi
92	Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	300	Fr.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic	Brian Fluck
36	+ Harris, Brandon	DB	6-0	197	Sr.	4-5-84	New Orleans, La.	Benjamin Franklin	Chris Fernino
68	** Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	292	Jr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	5-9	190	Jr.	1-8-85	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover	Rush Propst
6	Herring, Ray	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity	John Thomas
85	Hiben, Joey	TE	6-4	248	Fr.	12-9-86	Chaska, Minn.	Waconia	Pat Foley
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst	Tony Severino
33	Hoskins, Justin	RB	5-10	195	So.	2-27-85	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Creston	Sparky McEwen
39	*** Hoyte, Brandon	LB	5-11	235	Sr.	9-26-83	Parlin, N.J.	Sayreville War Memorial	George Najjar
26	+ Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	188	So.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	Cory Yeoman
70	Incarinato, Chauncey	OL	6-5	275	So.	12-26-85	Dover, Ohio	Dover	Dan Ifft
8	Jabbie, Junior	DB	5-10	188	So.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School	Dave Dudeck
61	+ Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	241	So.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6-0	215	Sr.	2-22-84	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Huron	Paul Verska
69	+ Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	260	So.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
35	+ Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere	Mike Hearn
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	261	Fr.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli	Bruce Scifres
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	191	So.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
66	** Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	285	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
98	* Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	290	Jr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
73	** LeVoi, Mark	OL	6-7	315	Sr.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	16	*** Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB	27	Bruton, David	DB	39	*** Hoyte, Brandon	LB
2	* Parish IV, Freddie	DB	17	+ Gorski, Dan	QB	27	+ Lyons, John	RB	40	+ Augustyn, Matt	RB
3	* Walker, Darius	RB	17	Price, Geoff	P	28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB
4	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	18	+ Gillett, Justin	QB	29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	40	+ Talerico, Mike	TE
5	*** McKnight, Rhema	WR	18	** Ndukwu, Chinedum	DB	30	** Richardson, Mike	DB	41	Smith, Scott	LB
6	Herring, Ray	DB	19	** Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	31	Carney, Jake	DB	42	Washington, Kevin	LB
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	20	Lambert, Terrail	DB	32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	43	** Salvador, Anthony	LB
8	Jabbie, Junior	DB	21	*** Stovall, Maurice	WR	32	+ Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB
8	+ Mooney, Marty	QB	22	Wooden, Ambrose	DB	33	Hoskins, Justin	RB	45	Gioia, Carl	K
9	* Zbikowski, Tom	DB	23	* Anastasio, Chase	WR	33	+ Shapot, Bret	DB	45	+ Whitney III, Rich	DB
10	** Quinn, Brady	QB	23	+ Williams, William David	DB	35	+ Kenney, Tim	DB	46	*** Mays, Corey	LB
11	Grimes, David	WR	24	+ Erickson, Brandon	WR	35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	25	Schiccatano, Nate	LB	36	+ Harris, Brandon	DB	48	Quinn, Steve	LB
14	Wolke, David	QB	26	+ Iams, Wade	DB	37	+ Mitchell, Matt	DB	50	** Santucci, Dan	OL
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	26	* Thomas, Travis	RB	38	+ Possley, Nick	WR	52	* Brockington, Joe	LB

2005 Notre Dame Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
27	+ Lyons, John	RB	6-1	205	Jr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman	Steve Kueter
79	* Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	295	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West	Ed Michaels
46	*** Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	242	Sr.	11-27-83	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney	P.J. Fecko
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	5-11	252	Jr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville	Johnny Gullledge
65	+ McInerney, Patrick	DL	6-4	230	So.	3-23-86	Downers Grove, Ill.	Oak Park Fenwick	Paul Connor
5	*** McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-1	211	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy	Mitch Olson
37	+ Mitchell, Matt	DB	5-9	194	Sr.	4-23-84	Memphis, Tenn.	Christian Brothers	Pete Crodelli
8	+ Mooney, Marty	QB	6-2	202	Sr.	10-8-83	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier	Steve Rasso
76	** Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	294	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney	Ron Poe
18	** Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-3	225	Jr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
93	Nicolas, Brandon	DL	6-3	263	So.	4-6-86	Santa Ana, Calif.	Mater Dei	Bruce Rollinson
84	+ O'Hara, Michael	WR	5-10	180	Sr.	3-17-83	Bellevue, Wash.	Newport	Gary Taller
2	* Parish IV, Freddie	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	5-29-84	Redondo Beach, Calif.	Long Beach Poly	Raul Lapa
38	+ Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	183	So.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South	Ron Muhitch
16	*** Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB	6-2	240	Sr.	4-3-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kalko
17	Price, Geoff	P	6-3	198	Jr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage	Chris Cunningham
10	** Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	232	Jr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
48	Quinn, Steve	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	Philadelphia (Pa.) St. Joseph's	Gil Brooks
62	** Raridon, Scott	SNP	6-7	315	Sr.	6-2-84	Mason City, Iowa	Mason City	John Lee
96	+ Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	195	Jr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands	Jerry Gayden
32	+ Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	5-10	186	So.	9-12-85	Terre Haute, Ind.	Charlotte (N.C.) Country Day	Bob Whitman
30	** Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	188	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins	Richard Fendley
43	** Salvador, Anthony	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	5-4-84	Brentwood, Calif.	Concord De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
83	** Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	220	Jr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
50	** Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	297	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's	Dan Galante
25	Schiccatano, Nate	LB	6-2	241	Sr.	9-3-82	Coal Township, Pa.	Southern Columbia	Jim Roth
44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-2	230	Fr.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver	Rob Fleeting
33	+ Shapot, Bret	DB	5-8	170	So.	11-23-85	West Chester, Pa.	B. Reed Henderson	Joe Walsh
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	212	Fr.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall	Rich Hulow
82	*** Shelton, Matt	WR	6-0	175	Sr.	4-1-82	Collierville, Tenn.	Collierville	Paul Cox
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park	Kurt Weinberg
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II	Dave Dunn
74	*** Stevenson, Dan	OL	6-6	302	Sr.	10-4-82	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
21	*** Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	220	Sr.	2-21-85	Philadelphia, Pa.	Archbishop Carroll	Dan Bielli
78	* Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich	Rich Albonizio
40	+ Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	245	So.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University	Gary Kornfeld
99	Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	255	So.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance	William Hill
47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station	Trey Holladay
26	* Thomas, Travis	RB	6-0	212	Jr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington	Guy Montecalvo
77	Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-7	290	Fr.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge Military Academy	Jim Burner
4	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6-3	222	So.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
3	* Walker, Darius	RB	5-11	205	So.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
42	Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
45	+ Whitney III, Rich	DB	6-3	213	Sr.	6-22-84	Warminster, Pa.	Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst	Tony Severino
23	+ Williams, William David	DB	5-10	170	So.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
14	Wolke, David	QB	6-2	195	So.	4-16-85	Mount Juliet, Tenn.	Smyrna	Philip Shadowens
22	Wooden, Ambrose	DB	6-0	195	Jr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
81	+ Woods, Rob	WR	6-2	207	Sr.	12-15-83	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic	Gaylord Schelling
9	* Zbikowski, Tom	DB	5-11	202	Jr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts

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No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
53	+ Boland, Joe	LB	72	Duncan, Paul	OL	88	** Fasano, Anthony	TE
54	+ Fitzgerald, David	OL	73	** LeVoi, Mark	OL	89	* Carlson, John	TE
56	* Borsetti, Nick	LB	74	*** Stevenson, Dan	OL	90	*** Beidatsch, Brian	DL
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	75	Frome, Chris	DL	91	+ Cardillo, Craig	K
58	Banda, Abdel	LB	76	** Morton, Bob	OL	92	Hand, Derrell	DL
59	+ Bent, James	OL	77	Turkovich, Michael	OL	93	Nicolas, Brandon	DL
59	+ Chervanick, Dan	DL	78	* Sullivan, John	OL	94	Brown, Justin	DL
60	+ Cullen, Casey	LB	79	* Mattes, Brian	OL	95	** Abiamiri, Victor	DL
61	+ Jansen, J.J.	SNP	81	+ Woods, Rob	WR	96	Kuntz, Pat	DL
62	** Raridon, Scott	SNP	82	*** Shelton, Matt	WR	96	+ Renkes, Bobby	K
65	+ McInerney, Patrick	DL	83	** Samardzija, Jeff	WR	98	* Laws, Trevor	DL
66	** Landri, Derek	DL	84	+ O'Hara, Michael	WR	99	Talley, Ronald	DL
68	** Harris, Ryan	OL	85	Hiben, Joey	TE			
69	+ Kennedy, Neil	DL	86	+ Gritzman, Tim	TE			
70	Incarnato, Chauncey	OL	87	** Freeman, Marcus	TE			
71	Bonelli, James	OL						

Pronunciation Guide

Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Asaph Schwapp	A-sopp shwopp
Beidatsch	BY-datsch
Bruton	BREW-ton
Derrell Hand	duh-RELL
Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Frome	Fr-ROEN
Hiben	HIGH-ben
Incarnato	in-car-NOT-oh
Kuntz	Koontz
Landri	LAN-dree
LeVoi	le-VORE (as is FORE)
Mattes	MATT-is
Chinedum Ndukwe	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Raridon	RARE-I-don
Rashon	ruh-SHON
Rhema	RAY-ma
Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Schiccatano	shick-a-TAWN-o
Turkovich	Turk-uh-vitch
Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Wolke	WOL-key
Zbikowski	zib-uh-COW-ski

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Personnel by Position – Offense

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"X" Receiver

21 – MAURICE STOVALL . . .6-5, 220SR-3L131:18
81 – Rob Woods6-2, 207Sr-Sq–
 83 – Jeff Samardzija6-5, 220Jr-2L175:37
84 – Mike O'Hara5-10, 180So-Sq4:17
 1 – D.J. Hord6-2, 185Fr-HS

Left Tackle

79 – Brian Mattes6-5, 292Sr-1L8:01
68 – RYAN HARRIS6-5, 292JR-2L362:45
 77 – Mike Turkovich6-7, 290Fr-HS

Left Guard

54 – David Fitzgerald6-4, 295Sr-Sq–
 79 – Brian Mattes6-6, 295Sr-1L8:01
76 – BOB MORTON6-4, 294SR-3L310:11
 50 – Dan Santucci6-4, 297Sr-2L80:51

Center

59 – James Bent6-1, 271Sr-Sq–
 76 – Bob Morton6-4, 294Sr-3L+310:11
78 – JOHN SULLIVAN6-4, 300JR-1L367:24

Right Guard

71 – James Bonelli6-4, 290Sr-Sq–
74 – DAN STEVENSON6-6, 302SR-3L348:05

Right Tackle

73 – MARK LEVOIR6-7, 315SR-3L365:30
 70 – Chauncey Incarnato6-5, 275So-Sq–
 72 – Paul Duncan6-7, 270Fr-HS

Tight End

88 – ANTHONY FASANO . . .6-4, 257SR-2L136:49
 87 – Marcus Freeman6-3, 250Sr-2L75:18
 89 – John Carlson6-5, 248Jr-1L29:55
86 – Tim Gritzman6-4, 250So-Sq–
40 – Mike Talerico6-5, 245So-Sq–
 85 – Joey Hiben6-4, 248Fr-HS

"Z" Receiver

82 – Matt Shelton6-0, 175Sr-3L159:51
5 – RHEMA MCKNIGHT . . .6-1, 211SR-3L218:46
 23 – Chase Anastasio6-1, 207Jr-1L41:47
 7 – Darrin Bragg6-1, 190So-Sq–
24 – Brandon Erickson6-0, 178So-Sq–
38 – Nick Possley6-1, 183So-Sq–
 11 – David Grimes5-10, 165Fr-HS

Quarterback

8 – Marty Mooney6-2, 202Sr-Sq–
10 – BRADY QUINN6-4, 232JR-2L250:53
18 – Justin Gillett5-11, 175So-Sq–
 14 – David Wolke6-2, 195So-Sq2:00
 13 – Evan Sharpley6-2, 212Fr-HS
17 – Dan Gorski6-4, 194Fr-HS

Fullback

16 – R. POWERS-NEAL . . .6-2, 240SR-3L119:37
40 – Matt Augustyn6-3, 220Jr-Sq–
 35 – Ashley McConnell5-11, 252Jr-Sq–
 44 – Asaph Schwapp6-2, 230Fr-HS

Halfback

32 – Jeff Jenkins6-0, 215Sr-Sq6:50
27 – John Lyons6-1, 205Jr-Sq–
 26 – Travis Thomas6-0, 212Jr-1L20:39
 33 – Justin Hoskins5-10, 195So-Sq2:40
 3 – Darius Walker5-11, 205So-1L150:05

Specialists

Placekicker

19 – D.J. FITZPATRICK . . .6-1, 208SR-2L138 app.
96 – Bobby Renkes6-0, 195Jr-Sq21 app.
91 – Craig Cardillo6-0, 175Sr-Sq–

Punter

19 – D.J. FITZPATRICK . . .6-1, 208SR-2L138 app.
 17 – Geoff Price6-3, 198Jr-Sq2 app.

Holder

17 – Geoff Price6-3, 198Jr-Sq2 app.
 83 – Jeff Samardzija6-5, 220Jr-2L70 app.

Snaps

62 – SCOTT RARIDON, . . .6-7, 315SR-2L45 app.
61 – J.J. Jansen6-3, 241So-Sq–

Punt Returns

36 – Brandon Harris6-0, 197Sr-Sq–
 5 – Rhema McKnight6-1, 215Sr-3L33 app.
 9 – Tom Zbikowski5-11, 202Jr-1L24 app.

Kickoff Returns

36 – Brandon Harris6-0, 197Sr-Sq–
23 – CHASE ANASTASIO . . .6-1, 202JR-1L165 app.
 26 – Travis Thomas6-0, 212Jr-1L105 app.
 20 – Terrail Lambert5-11, 191So-Sq–

Personnel by Position – Defense

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Left End

95 – Victor Abiamiri6-4, 265Jr-2L193:37
 60 – Casey Cullen6-1, 227Jr-Sq–
 99 – Ronald Talley6-4, 255So-Sq–
 25 – Nate Schiccatano6-2, 241Sr-Sq–

Left Tackle

98 – Trevor Laws6-1, 290Jr-1L121:39
 57 – Dwight Stephenson6-2, 260Jr-Sq–
 93 – Brandon Nicolas6-5, 263So-Sq–

Right Tackle

90 – Brian Beidatsch6-2, 295Sr-3L32:12
 59 – Dan Chervanick6-1, 258Sr-Sq0:14
66 – DEREK LANDRI6-3, 285SR-2L241:01
 92 – Derrell Hand6-3, 300Fr-HS

Right End

75 – Chris Frome6-5, 271Sr-Sq27:05
 94 – Justin Brown6-3, 243So-Sq–
 96 – Pat Kuntz6-2, 261Fr-HS

“Apache” Linebacker

58 – Abdel Banda6-2, 208So-Sq–
 40 – Maurice Crum6-0, 221So-Sq–
 4 – Anthony Vernaglia6-3, 222So-Sq–
 42 – Kevin Washington6-1, 215Fr-HS

Middle Linebacker

46 – Corey Mays6-1,242Sr-3L46:18
 56 – Nick Borseti6-4, 238Jr-1L2:50
 47 – Mitchell Thomas6-3, 225Jr-Sq1:54
 41 – Scott Smith6-3, 235Fr-HS

Weakside Linebacker

39 – BRANDON HOYTE .5-11, 235SR-3L199:15
 43 – Anthony Salvador6-2, 230Sr-1L7:24
 52 – Joe Brockington6-1, 225Jr-1L3:30
 48 – Steve Quinn6-3, 215Fr-HS

Right Cornerback

36 – Brandon Harris6-0, 197Sr-Sq–
 37 – Matt Mitchell5-9, 194Sr-Sq–
 35 – Tim Kenney6-0, 180Jr-Sq–
 22 – Ambrose Wooden6-0, 195Jr-Sq6:52
 15 – Leo Ferrine6-0, 181So-Sq–
 26 – Wade Iams5-9, 188So-Sq–
 8 – Junior Jabbie5-10, 188So-Sq–

Field Safety

31 – Jake Carney6-0, 189Sr-Sq–
 45 – Rich Whitney6-3, 213Sr-Sq–
 18 – Chinedum Ndukwe6-3, 225Jr-2L12:06
 2 – Freddie Parish6-0, 200Jr-1L26:27
 27 – David Bruton6-1, 185Fr-HS
 28 – Kyle McCarthy6-0, 185Fr-HS

Safety

31 – Jake Carney6-0, 189Sr-Sq–
 2 – Freddie Parish6-0, 200Jr-1L26:27
9 – TOM ZBIKOWSKI5-11, 202JR-1L330:35
 6 – Ray Herring5-11, 190Fr-HS

Left Cornerback

30 – Mike Richardson5-11, 188Sr-2L133:21
 29 – LaBrose Hedgemon5-9, 190Jr-Sq–
 20 – Terrail Lambert5-11, 191So-Sq–
 32 – Alvin Reynolds5-10, 186So-Sq–
 33 – Bret Shapot5-8, 170So-Sq–
 23 – David Williams5-10, 170So-Sq–

How The Irish Were Built

OFFENSE (33)

Freshmen (7)

OL Paul Duncan
WR David Grimes
TE Joey Hiben
WR D.J. Hord
FB Asaph Schwapp
QB Evan Sharpley
OL Michael Turkovich

Sophomores (5)

WR Darrin Bragg
RB Justin Hoskins
OL Chauncey Incarnato
*RB Darius Walker
QB David Wolke

Juniors (8)

*WR Chase Anastasio
*TE John Carlson
OT **RYAN HARRIS
FB Ashley McConnell
QB **BRADY QUINN
**WR Jeff Samardzija
*C **JOHN SULLIVAN**
*RB Travis Thomas

Seniors (9)

OL James Bonelli
TE **ANTHONY FASANO
**TE Marcus Freeman
RB Jeff Jenkins
***WR **RHEMA MCKNIGHT**
*OL Brian Mattes
OG **BOBBY MORTON
**OG Dan Santucci
***WR **MAURICE STOVALL**

5th Year Seniors (4)

***OT **MARK LeVOIR**
***FB **RASHON POWERS-NEAL**
***WR Matt Shelton
***OG **DAN STEVENSON**

DEFENSE (37)

Freshmen (8)

DB David Bruton
DL Derrell Hand
DB Ray Herring
DL Pat Kuntz
DB Kyle McCarthy
LB Steve Quinn
LB Scott Smith
LB Kevin Washington

Sophomores (9)

LB Abdel Banda
DE Justin Brown
LB Maurice Crum, Jr.
DB Leo Ferrine
DB Junior Jabbie
DB Terrail Lambert
DL Brandon Nicolas
DE Ronald Talley
DB Anthony Vernaglia

Juniors (11)

**DE Victor Abiamiri
*LB Nick Borseti
*LB Joe Brockington
CB LaBrose Hedgemon II
*DL Trevor Laws
**S/LB Chinedum Ndukwe
*DB Freddie Parish IV
LB Dwight Stephenson, Jr.
LB Mitchell Thomas
CB Ambrose Wooden
*S **TOM ZBIKOWSKI**

Seniors (6)

FS Jake Carney
DE Chris Frome
NG **DEREK LANDRI
**CB Mike Richardson
*LB Anthony Salvador
DE Nate Schiccatano

5th Year Seniors (3)

***DE Brian Beidatsch
***LB **BRANDON HOYTE**
***LB Corey Mays

SPECIALISTS (5)

Freshmen (0)

Sophomores (0)

Juniors (3)

K Carl Gioia
P Geoff Price
K Bobby Renkes

Seniors (1)

LS (K) **SCOTT RARIDON

5th Year Seniors (1)

KP **D.J. FITZPATRICK

* - indicates monograms won

BOLD CAPS indicates returning starters

THE '05 IRISH BY CLASS

Class	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total
Freshman	7	8	0	15
Sophomore	5 (1 letterman)	9 (0 lettermen)	0	14 (1 letterman)
Junior	8 (7 lettermen)	11 (7 lettermen)	3 (0 lettermen)	22 (14 lettermen)
Senior	9 (7 lettermen)	6 (3 lettermen)	1 (1 letterman)	16 (11 lettermen)
5th Year Senior	4 (4 lettermen)	3 (3 lettermen)	1 (1 letterman)	8 (8 lettermen)
Total	33 (19 lettermen)	37 (13 lettermen)	5 (2 lettermen)	75 (34 lettermen)

2005 Lettermen Breakdown

Offense

Lost	(12 lost, 19 returning)	Returning
*** Carlyle Holiday	WR	*** MAURICE STOVALL ** Jeff Samardzija * Chase Anastasio
	LT	** RYAN HARRIS * Brian Mattes
* Darin Mitchell	LG	** BOB MORTON ** Dan Santucci
* Zach Giles	C	* JOHN SULLIVAN
* Jamie Ryan	RG	*** DAN STEVENSON (5)
* Jeff Thompson	RT	*** MARK LeVOIR (5)
*** Billy Palmer	TE	** ANTHONY FASANO ** Marcus Freeman * John Carlson
*** Jerome Collins		
** Jared Clark	WR	*** RHEMA McKNIGHT *** Matt Shelton (5)
* Pat Dillingham	QB	** BRADY QUINN
** Josh Schmidt	FB	*** RASHON POWERS-NEAL (5)
**** RYAN GRANT	RB	* Darius Walker
*** Marcus Wilson		* Travis Thomas

Defense

Lost	(11 lost, 13 returning)	Returning
*** JUSTIN TUCK	LE NG	** DEREK LANDRI * Trevor Laws
*** GREG PAULY	DT	*** Brian Beidatsch (5)
*** KYLE BUDINSCAK	RE	** Victor Abiamiri
** Travis Leitko		
*** DEREK CURRY	OLB	* Anthony Salvador
**** MIKE GOOLSBY	MLB	*** Corey Mays (5) * Nick Borseti
	OLB	*** BRANDON HOYTE (5) * Joe Brockington
*** PRESTON JACKSON	LCB	** Mike Richardson
** Carlos Campbell		
*** DWIGHT ELLICK	RCB	
** Lionel Bolen	SS	* TOM ZBIKOWSKI * Freddie Parish IV
** QUENTIN BURRELL	FS	* Chinedum Ndukwe

Specialists

Lost	(1 lost, 2 returning)	Returning
	K/P	** D.J. FITZPATRICK (5)
	S-SNP	** SCOTT RARIDON
** CASEY DUNN	L-SNP	

2004 STARTERS IN ALL CAPS • RETURNING STARTERS IN **BOLD** CAPS
walk-ons in *italics* • (5) — eligible for fifth year

Geographic Roster

Alabama (2): Hedgemon, M. Thomas

Arizona (2): *Jansen, Kennedy*

California (11): Bonelli, Bragg, Frome, *Gillett*, Lambert, Landri, McKnight, Nicolas, Parish, Salvador, Vernaglia

Connecticut (2): Schwapp, Sullivan

Florida (3): Crum, Herring, Stephenson

Georgia (4): Duncan, McConnell, Richardson, Walker

Illinois (10): *Fitzgerald, Gritzman, Kenney*, Mays, *McInerney, Possley*, Santucci, Smith, Stevenson, Zbikowski

Indiana (7): *Bent*, Fitzpatrick, Gioia, *Iams*, Kuntz, *Reynolds*, Samardzija

Iowa (2): Raridon, *Woods*

Kentucky (1): *Carney*

Louisiana (1): *B. Harris*

Maryland (4): Abiamiri, *Augustyn*, Brown, *Wooden*

Massachusetts (1): Borseti

Michigan (5): Grimes, Hoskins, Jenkins, Sharpley, Talley

Minnesota (7): Carlson, Freeman, R. Harris, Hiben, Laws, LeVoi, Powers-Neal

Missouri (2): Hord, *Talerico*

New Jersey (7): Banda, *Erickson*, Fasano, Ferrine, Hoyte, Jabbie, S. Quinn

New York (1): Cardillo

North Carolina (1): *Williams*

Ohio (6): Bruton, Incarnato, McCarthy, *Mooney*, Ndukwe, B. Quinn

Pennsylvania (11): Boland, Brockington, *Chervanick*, Hand, Mattes, Schiccatano, *Shapot*, Stovall, T. Thomas, Turkovich, *Whitney*

South Dakota (1): *Lyons*

Tennessee (3): *Mitchell*, Shelton, Wolke

Texas (5): *Cullen*, Morton, Price, *Renkes*, Washington

Virginia (1): Anastasio

Washington (1): *O'Hara*

Wisconsin (1): Beidatsch

(non-scholarship players in italics)

2005 Football Facts



Junior nose guard/defensive tackle Derek Landri emerged as a force in the middle for Notre Dame in 2004. (photo by Cheryl Ertelt)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Charlie Weis (Notre Dame '78)

Record at Notre Dame: First Season

Career Record: First Season as a head coach

Assistant Coaches: John Latina (Virginia Tech '79), assistant head coach (offense/offensive line); Bill Lewis (East Stroudsburg State '63), assistant head coach (defense/defensive backs); Rick Minter (Henderson State '77), defensive coordinator/linebackers; Mike Haywood (Notre Dame '86), offensive coordinator/running backs; Rob Ianello (Catholic University of America '87), receivers/recruiting coordinator; Jappy Oliver (Purdue '78), defensive line; Bernie Parmalee (Ball State '91), tight ends/special teams assistant; Brian Polian (John Carroll '97), head special teams coach/defensive backs assistant; Peter Vaas (Holy Cross '74) quarterbacks.

Director of Football Operations: Chad Klunder (Wartburg '95).

Director of Football Personnel Development: Ron Powlus (Notre Dame '97).

Coordinator of Football Personnel Development: David Peloquin (Notre Dame '03).

Graduate Assistant Coaches: Jeff Burrows (Cincinnati '99), Shane Waldron (Tufts '02).

2005 Outlook

Offense: Multiple **Defense:** 4-3

2004 Record: Won 6, Lost 6 (Home 3-3, Away 2-2, Neutral 1-1)

Lettermen Lost: 24 overall: 12 offense, 11 defense, 1 specialist.

Lettermen Returning: 34 overall: 19 offense, 13 defense, 2 specialists.

Starters Lost: 10; **OFFENSE (1):** RB Ryan Grant. **DEFENSE (8):** DE

Justin Tuck, DT Greg Pauly, DE Kyle Budinscak, LB Mike Goolsby, LB Derek Curry, CB Dwight Ellick, CB Preston Jackson, FS Quentin Burrell. **SPECIALISTS (1):** LS Casey Dunn.

Starters Returning: 15; **OFFENSE (10):** WR Maurice Stovall, LT Ryan Harris, LG Bob Morton, C John Sullivan, RG Dan Stevenson, RT Mark LeVair, TE Anthony Fasano, WR Rhema McKnight, QB Brady Quinn, FB Rashon Powers-Neal.

DEFENSE (3): NG Derek Landri, LB Brandon Hoyte, SS Tom Zbikowski.

SPECIALISTS (2): K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick, SNP (FGs/PATs) Scott Raridon.

Top Losses

- **DE Justin Tuck** (Team captain in '04 ... voted team's MVP in '04 ... two-year starter ... ND career quarterback sacks leader with 24.5 ... started 22 games, played in 36 games in career.)

- **RB Ryan Grant** (Team captain in '04 ... three-year starter ... rushed for 2,022 yards in career – 11th in ND history).

- **DE Kyle Budinscak** (Three-year starter ... played in 44 games in career ... made 15 sacks in career ... recorded 706:42 minutes in career ... winner of 2004 Knute Rockne Scholar-Athlete Award.)

- **DT Greg Pauly** (Played in 36 games in career, starting 17 ... made 69 career tackles with four sacks ... winner of the 2004 Moose Krause Lineman of the Year Award.)

- **MLB Mike Goolsby** (Team captain in '04 ... recorded team-high 97 tackles in '04 ... two-year starter ... played in 47 games in career ... started 25 games ... made 177 career tackles.)

- **OLB Derek Curry** (Three-year starter ... played in 48 career games, starting 35 ... made 167 tackles, 13 sacks and four interceptions in career ... winner of 2004 Nick Pietrosante Award.)

- **CB Dwight Ellick** (Played in 45 games in career, starting 18 ... recorded 73 career tackles, nine pass breakups and two interceptions in career.)

- **FS Quentin Burrell** (Third on the Irish in tackles with 72 total – 42 solos, three PBUs in '04, played in 44 games in his career, starting 21.)

- **CB Preston Jackson** (Eighth on the Irish in tackles in '04 with 41 ... played in 48 games in career, starting 18.)

Top Returnees

- **QB Brady Quinn** (Started all 12 games in '04, finished 191-353 for 2,586 yards and 17 TDs with 10 INTs in '04 ... posted top totals of any sophomore QB in ND history in '04 ... already fifth on ND career passing yards list with 4,417 for career ... has started ND's last 21 games at QB.)

- **RB Darius Walker** (Set ND freshman rushing yards record in '04 with 786 yards ... started six games at RB ... scored seven rushing TDs to rank second in ND freshman annals ... earned National Player of the Week from *The Sporting News* and *Sporting News Radio* for 115-yard, 3-touchdown outing vs. Michigan.)

- **WR Rhema McKnight** (Led Irish with 42 catches for 610 yards, 14.5 avg, three TDs in '04 ... has played in 36 games in career, 18 starts ... has led ND in catches last two seasons.)

- **K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick** (11-15 FGs, 34-35 PATs and averaged 41.8 yards on 76 punts in '04 ... led team in scoring in '04 with 67 points ... for career, 23-32 FGs and 51-13 PATs ... made 11 straight FGs at one point in '03-'04.)

- **LT Ryan Harris** (Two-year monogram winner ... has started 20 games in career ... played 362:45 minutes in '04.)

- **WR Matt Shelton** (20 catches for 515 yards, 25.8 avg, six TDs in '04 ... set ND single-season record for yards per catch in '04.)

- **TE Anthony Fasano** (27 catches for 367 yards, 13.4 avg, four TDs in '04.)

- **NG Derek Landri** (Started 12 games; 40 tackles in '04 – 19 solo, 21 asst., seven tackles for loss, four deflections.)

- **ILB Brandon Hoyte** (37 career games, starting 17 ... second on team in tackles with 74 in '04 – 39 solos, 35 asst., three sacks, eight TFLs, three forced fumbles.)

- **SS Tom Zbikowski** (Fourth on Irish in '04 with 70 tackles – 37 solos, 2.5 TFLs, one interception, one fumble recovery, two forced fumbles ... National Defensive Player of the Week vs. Michigan State in '04.)