



Notre Dame Postgame Notes

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Navy won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. Notre Dame received and the Midshipmen defended the goal to the South.

TODAY'S DEFEAT

- Drops Notre Dame to 6-3 (.667) on the season for the first time since 2004.
- Drops Notre Dame to 4-2 (.667) this season inside Notre Dame Stadium.
- Drops Notre Dame to 71-11-1 (.861) in the all-time series with Navy.
- Drops the Irish to 26-5-0 (.839) in the all-time series with the Midshipmen at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Drops a ranked Notre Dame squad to 47-4-1 (.913) all-time against Navy.
- Drops a ranked Notre Dame squad to 41-2 (.953) all-time against an unranked Navy.
- Drops a ranked Notre Dame squad to 15-2 (.882) all-time against the Middies in Notre Dame Stadium.
- Drops Notre Dame to 59-7 (.894) all-time against Navy when the Middies are unranked.
- Drops Notre Dame to 22-3 (.880) all-time against Navy in Notre Dame Stadium when the Middies are unranked.
- Drops Notre Dame to 130-25-5 (.828) all-time against the Service Academies (Army, Air Force and Navy).
- Drops Notre Dame's all-time home record against the Service Academies to 44-10 (.815).
- Drops Notre Dame's all-time record to 837-287-42 (.736).
- Drops Notre Dame's all-time record at Notre Dame Stadium to 306-100-5 (.751).
- Drops Weis' Notre Dame record to 35-24 (.593) overall, 3-2 (.600) against Navy and 5-3 (.625) against Service Academies.
- Drops Weis' home record to 19-13 (.593) overall, 3-3 (.500) against the Service Academies and 1-2 (.333) against Navy.
- Drops Weis' record to 10-8 (.556) in November games.
- Drops Weis' record to 27-19 (.587) in afternoon games.

PLAYING STREAKS

- The following players extended active starting streaks against Navy: senior OT Sam Young 47, senior OC Eric Olsen 28, junior QB Jimmy Clausen 25, sophomore TE Kyle Rudolph 22 and senior SS Kyle McCarthy 22.

IRISH MISSED RED ZONE OPPORTUNITIES

- Notre Dame failed to register a single point on four of its first five red zone opportunities this afternoon. The Irish were stopped on a fourth down play, missed a field goal, fumbled on the Navy one-yard line and had an interception at the Navy four-yard line.

WHO NEEDS A PUNTER?

- Notre Dame has had little difficulty mounting up points (172) and yards (2,203) in its meetings with Navy the past five seasons. The Irish were not forced to punt against the Midshipmen in the 2005, 2006 and 2007, and 2009 games. Notre Dame ran 90 plays over nine drives in 2007, 62 plays over 10 drives in 2006 and 70 plays over nine drives in 2005. The Irish continued the trend this afternoon, notching 512 yards of total offense over 11 drives (71 total plays).

NOTRE DAME'S LONG MARCHES

- Notre Dame has registered 20 touchdown drives of 70 or more yards and eight of 80 yards or longer this season. Here's the breakdown:

Nevada: 67 yards on 12 plays, 78 yards on nine plays, 79 yards on two plays, 80 yards on eight plays and 99 yards on four plays.

Michigan: 76 yards on seven plays, 69 yards on seven plays and 80 yards on 14 plays.

Michigan State: 84 yards on four plays, 55 yards on five plays, 70 yards on six plays and 73 yards on eight plays.

Purdue: 73 yards on nine plays, 62 yards on seven plays and 72 yards on 12 plays.

Washington: 78 yards on three plays, 63 yards on five plays.

USC: 56 yards on nine plays, 78 yards on four plays and 68 yards on seven plays.

Boston College: 74 yards on 12 plays and 49 yards on three plays.

Washington State: 80 yards on six plays, 71 yards on eight plays, 80 yards on eight plays and 75 yards on six plays.

Navy: 80 yards on 10 plays, 90 yards on nine plays.

TEAM NOTES

- The Irish had four players catch at least five passes against Navy: Floyd (10), Tate (9), Hughes (6) and Parris (5). The last time Notre Dame had at least four players with 5+ catches was against North Carolina last season (Armando Allen 7, Floyd 6, Tate 5, Duval Kamara 5).
- Floyd and Tate both registered 100-yard receiving games, marking the second time this season the duo has accomplished the feat in the same game (Tate had 115 yards and Floyd notched 131 at Michigan).
- Five Irish players either tied or surpassed their career-highs in tackles against Navy. Brian Smith tied his career-high with 10, Sergio Brown set a new career-high with nine, Darius Fleming had a career-best seven, Kerry Neal matched his career-high with seven and Kapron Lewis-Moore also tied his career-best with seven.
- The Irish finished with 512 yards of total offense, the fourth time this season Notre Dame has eclipsed 500 yards.



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INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Jimmy Clausen, Jr., QB

- Clausen registered career-highs in pass attempts (51), completions (37) and passing yards (452).
- Clausen's 452 passing yards rank as the fourth-highest in single-game Notre Dame history and are the most by an Irish signal caller since Brady Quinn threw for 467 against BYU on Oct. 22, 2005.
- Clausen set a new school record with the 37 completions. He bested the previous record of 33 set by Joe Theismann (Nov. 28, 1970 against USC) and Brady Quinn (Sept. 17, 2005 against Michigan State).
- Clausen's 51 attempts rank as the sixth-highest in single-game Irish history and are the most since Quinn had 60 pass attempts against Michigan State in 2005.
- Clausen eclipsed 300 yards passing for the fifth time this season and the eighth time in his career.
- Clausen surpassed 400 yards for the second time this season and the third time in his career. He is the second Irish quarterback with three or more 400-yard passing games (Quinn).
- Clausen completed his first 10 passes this afternoon. The 10-straight passes to open a game ranks as the third-best in Irish history to ever open a game. He completed 11 consecutive passes to open the Michigan State game earlier this season and Jarious Jackson owns the school record with 12 straight completions to open the game against Navy on Nov. 14, 1998.
- Clausen actually completed 12 consecutive passes when you factor in the Washington State game. The 12 consecutive completions rank tied for the third-best in Irish history.
- Clausen went 160 consecutive passes, including 36 this afternoon, without an interception before Navy picked off a pass early in the fourth quarter.
- Clausen moved past Steve Beuerlein (1986), Joe Montana (1978), Joe Theismann (1970), Ron Powlus (1997) and Joe Montana (1978) into seventh place on the Notre Dame single-season pass attempts list with 308.
- Clausen moved past Steve Beuerlein (1983-86) and Rick Mirer (1989-92) into third place on the Notre Dame career total yards list.
- Clausen moved past Ron Powlus (1994-97) into second place on the Notre Dame career pass attempts list.
- Clausen moved past Brady Quinn (2004) into fourth place on the Notre Dame single-season pass completions list with 209.
- Clausen moved past Joe Theismann (1970), Brady Quinn (2004) and Jarious Jackson (1999) into fourth place on the Notre Dame single-season passing yards list with 2770.
- Clausen moved past Rick Mirer (1991) into seventh place on the Notre Dame single-season total yards list.
- Clausen moved past Ron Powlus (1994) into fourth place on the Notre Dame single-season passing touchdowns list with 20.
- Clausen moved past Brady Quinn (2004) into sixth place on the Notre Dame single-season total yards list.
- Clausen moved past Brady Quinn (2004) and Joe Theismann (1970) into eighth place on the Notre Dame single-season points responsibility list.
- Clausen moved past Allen Pinkett (1982-85) into fourth place on the Notre Dame career points responsibility list.
- Clausen has been tremendous in the clutch for the Irish this season. He has recorded 15 touchdowns and one turnover when Notre Dame has been tied or trailing (14 passing TDs, one rushing TD).
- Clausen was 13-for-21 for 225 yards and two touchdowns passing in the fourth quarter against Navy. He has been at the top of his game in the fourth quarter and overtime all season. Clausen is 56-for-93 for 786 yards with nine touchdowns (one on the ground) and one interception in the final quarter and overtime this season. Here is Clausen's breakdown in the fourth quarter and overtime:

Game	Comp.	Att.	Comp. %	INT	Yds	TDs
Nevada	1	1	100.0	0	15	0
Michigan	9	17	52.9	0	77	1
Michigan State	5	8	62.5	0	113	1
Purdue	7	10	70.0	0	72	1
Washington	7	9	77.8	0	119	1
USC	11	21	52.4	0	117	2*
Boston College	3	6	50.0	0	48	1
Washington State	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navy	13	21	61.9	1	225	2
Totals	56	93	60.2	1	786	9*

*includes a two-yard touchdown rush

Golden Tate, Jr., WR

- Despite not catching a pass until over six minutes had elapsed in the second quarter, Tate finished with nine catches for 132 yards and a score. Eight of his catches and 127 of his yards came in the second half. He moved past Amaz Battle (2002), himself (2008) and Jack Snow (1964) into sixth place on the Notre Dame single-season receptions list with 65.
- Tate has already registered 42 catches that have resulted in first downs this season, including his final eight catches against Navy. He also has 14 receptions of over 20 yards, including nine of over 30 yards. Tate has now recorded 37 receptions of at least 20 yards and 26 catches have gained at least 30 yards over his career.
- He has eclipsed 120 all-purpose yards eight times in 2009 and 16 times over his Irish career.
- The 100-yard receiving game is Tate's sixth of the season and the 12th of his career. He is alone in second place on Notre Dame's all-time 100-yard receiving games list.
- No other FBS player has more 100-yard receiving games than Tate.
- Tate now has 21 career touchdown receptions (fourth all-time) and 10 this season (tied for sixth all-time). He has recorded a touchdown reception in five straight games.

Kyle McCarthy, Sr., DB

- McCarthy moved past Deke Cooper (1997-99) and Brian Magee (1992-95) into fifth place on the Notre Dame career tackles by a defensive back list.

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Nick Tausch, Fr., PK

- Tausch missed a 41-yard field goal with 2:50 remaining in the first quarter. The miss snapped his school-record streak of 14 consecutive field goals made.
- Tausch missed his second consecutive field goal, this time from 30 yards out, with 4:12 to go before halftime.

Robert Hughes, Jr., RB

- Hughes registered his fifth rushing touchdown of the season and the 13th of his career.
- Hughes' one-yard TD plunge with 5:03 to go in the third quarter cut the Navy lead to 14-7.
- Hughes has recorded a touchdown run in five of Notre Dame's last six games.
- Hughes also set new career-bests with six receptions and 59 yards receiving.

Mike Ragone, Jr., TE

- Ragone's 30-yard reception early in the fourth quarter was the longest of his career. He set career highs in receptions (two) and receiving yards (33).

Michael Floyd, So., WR

- Floyd surpassed 100 yards receiving for the third time this season and the seventh time in his career. The seven career 100-yard receiving games is tied with Maurice Stovall (2002-05) for fifth in Notre Dame career history.
- Floyd finished with a career-high tying 10 receptions for 141 yards. The 10 receptions ties for the sixth-most in Irish single-game history. Floyd becomes the fourth player in school history to register 10+ catches in a game multiple times, joining Jim Seymour (1966-68), Tom Gatewood (1969-71), and Arnaz Battle (2002-05). Only Gatewood (three) has more career games with 10+ catches.
- Floyd hauled in his 13th career touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, moving him into sole possession of ninth place on the Irish all-time touchdown receptions list.
- The 10 receptions are the most ever for an Irish receiver in the series against Navy.