

INSIDE DISH

'Ty Bowl' now a thing of past for Weis, Irish

Just like three years ago, Notre Dame coach **Charlie Weis** is playing down any added pressure from facing his predecessor, Washington coach **Tyrone Willingham**, on Saturday.

This time, though, it's a little more believable.

"In 2005, it was definitely there," Weis said Tuesday. "I think that was probably the one hurdle we had to get through just to get through it."

When the teams met in 2005, some still were questioning whether Notre Dame did the right thing in firing Willingham after three seasons with a 21-15 record, and the Irish were loaded with players who had been recruited or coached by Willingham. Weis referred to the game as the "Ty Bowl."

There's no Ty Bowl this time. Only three players are left on the Irish roster who played under Willingham, and Weis—whose record at the end of three seasons was 22-15, only one win better than Willingham—said he doesn't feel there's any added significance to this game.

"I've gone my way and he's gone his way. Our programs have as well," he said.

After having a few days to let the 32-7 loss to TCU sink in, BYU quarterback **Max Hall** had one thing to say.

"We're not as good as we thought we were," the Cougars QB told the



Washington's Tyrone Willingham, left, and Notre Dame's Charlie Weis face off again Saturday.

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BYU was undefeated and in the top 10 before the loss, which likely ruined any hopes of playing in a BCS game.

"I don't like to lose," Hall said. "I think this is the first time in my life that I've really just been flat-out beat and beat bad."

New Mexico State DE **Rhyan Anderson** was placed on probation after a judge imposed a 364-day deferred sentence on two misdemeanor battery charges involving his girlfriend.

Anderson was arrested July 24 and charged with two counts of battery upon a household member in an on-campus incident. One count was dismissed by prosecutors at arraignment, where Anderson pleaded guilty to the remaining count.

Anderson transferred from Miami before the 2007 season, starting all 13 games for the Aggies (3-3, 1-1 WAC). He has started five games this season.

Chattanooga athletic director **Rick Hart** says **Rodney Allison** is out as coach at the end of the season.

Allison is in his sixth season at Chattanooga and has a record of 17-47, including a 1-7 record this season. The only win was Sept. 6 against Cumberland, an NAIA school.

Middle Tennessee State starting cornerback **Alex Suber** is out for the season with a broken jaw.

Suber, a junior and two-year starter, suffered the injury in Saturday's 42-23 loss at Louisville. He has 26 tackles and leads the team with two interceptions and four pass breakups.

Marketing yourself pays off in recruiting game



Purdue QB Curtis Painter took the proactive route in his recruiting process by giving schools highlight tapes of his handiwork.

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Recruiting is an interesting game when you're a quarterback. I wasn't a really highly recruited guy, but people around my hometown area knew me. I did a lot of my recruiting on my own.

I put highlight tapes together and had a friend who helped me out with that. I sent them out to schools that I was interested in, and the summer before my senior year, I went around to schools and did a lot of the one-day camps. I would spend a day with them working out and talking to them. That's what got me out there more than anything. I kind of showcased myself there.

I committed pretty early to Purdue. I had a few offers, a few to choose from, but once Purdue called, and after thinking about it for a while, I felt like it was the best situation. I verbally committed

right there in the middle of the summer before my senior year, and that was pretty much it.

I think when you're a quarterback, you look at who they've got and your odds of playing early and what your future is there. I think sometimes when you're a defensive or offensive lineman, it may take a while to mature physically, so you may not play early. But as a quarterback, I don't think it's as much a physical thing as it is picking up the offense and studying it.

I guess if I were to give any advice to high school quarterbacks out there who are going through the process, I'd tell them you've got to enjoy it a little bit; you're going to make some great trips. My advice would be to try to sell yourself and get yourself out there to as many places as you can, so you have options. When it comes down to making that decision, you just have to feel right

about it.

You want to see how you would work in their system, what kind of offense they run. It's tough to give much more advice than just go with what feels right. Some guys like to have options and leave it open, but for me, it helped to put it all aside before my senior season. I ended up being able to enjoy my senior year because of it.

—As told to Brian McLaughlin

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Curtis Painter
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Painter, a senior, threw for 273 yards and

a touchdown in a 48-26 loss to Northwestern last weekend. This week, he is preparing for a home game against No. 25-ranked Minnesota.