

NOTRE DAME, COLORADO RETURN TO MIAMI FOR 1991 FEDERAL EXPRESS ORANGE BOWL

THE GAME: Notre Dame Fighting Irish (9-2) vs. Colorado Buffaloes (10-1-1).

THE SITE: The Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla., where the game is sold out in the 74,224-seat home of the Miami Hurricanes. The all-time record crowd for the Orange Bowl Classic is 81,191 in 1990 for Notre Dame's 21-6 win over Colorado. The all-time record crowd for any event in the Orange Bowl is the 81,634 who saw Miami's 27-10 win over Notre Dame on Nov. 25, 1989.

THE TIME: 8:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1991.

THE EXPOSURE: NBC Sports will televise the game live nationally. NBC Radio will carry the game to its list of approximately 350 stations nationally.

THE TICKETS: Notre Dame received an allotment of 12,500 tickets for the Orange Bowl.

THE SERIES: Notre Dame leads it 3-0, following wins in 1983 (27-3 in Boulder), 1984 (55-14 in South Bend) and 1989 (21-6 in 1990 Orange Bowl). Overall, Notre Dame boasts a 22-10-2 record vs. Big Eight teams, including 3-0 vs. Colorado, 3-1-1 vs. Kansas, 2-2 vs. Missouri, 7-6-1 vs. Nebraska and 7-1 vs. Oklahoma.

THE STAT COMPARISON: Here's a comparison of team statistical averages and NCAA stats rankings of Notre Dame and Colorado in the various team categories:

Category	ND Avg.	NCAA Rank	CU Avg.	NCAA Rank
Passing Offense	166.7	68th	160.3	76th
Rushing Offense	250.3	12th	271.2	6th
Pass Efficiency Defense	267.1	90th	195.1	48th
Rushing Defense	123.2	24th	114.2	19th
Turnover Margin	minus-2	59th	even	52nd
Total Offense	417.0	17th	431.4	14th
Total Defense	390.3	73rd	309.3	25th
Scoring Offense	31.8	19th	32.4	15th
Scoring Defense	22.6	50th	18.3	29th
Net Punting	36.5	27th	37.2	22nd
Punt Returns	11.2	28th	14.9	4th
Kickoff Returns	17.2	97th	17.2	98th

THE LAST YEAR: Notre Dame finished with the best record in the country in 1989 at 12-1, including an Orange Bowl triumph over unbeaten and top-ranked Colorado. The Irish came into the season as the defending national champions and carried the number-one ranking throughout the regular season—only to have a loss to Miami in the regular-season finale end Notre Dame's record 23-game winning streak and catapult the 'Canes to the national title. Colorado finished 11-1 in 1989, ending up fourth in both final wire-service polls following the Buff loss to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl.

AP POLL

Here's the final regular-season Associated Press poll:

1. Colorado (42)	10-1-1	1476
2. Georgia Tech (16)	10-0-1	1397
3. Texas (2)	10-1-0	1338
4. Miami	9-2-0	1303
5. Notre Dame	9-2-0	1252
6. Florida State	9-2-0	1196
7. Penn State	9-2-0	1125
8. Washington	9-2-0	1117
9. Houston	10-1-0	945
10. Tennessee	8-2-2	944
11. Florida	9-2-0	905
12. Michigan	8-3-0	833
13. BYU	10-2-0	786
14. Clemson	9-2-0	737
15. Mississippi	9-2-0	535
16. Illinois	8-3-0	500
17. Iowa	8-3-0	461
18. Louisville	9-1-1	450
19. Nebraska	9-2-0	406
20. Oklahoma	8-3-0	360
21. USC	8-3-1	352
22. Michigan State	7-3-1	260
23. Southern Miss	8-3-0	226
24. Ohio State	7-3-1	197
25. Alabama	7-4-0	115

Bold indicates Irish opponents in 1990

THE RANKINGS: Here's a week-by-week look at Notre Dame and Colorado wire-service poll rankings so far in 1990:

WEEK	NOTRE DAME		COLORADO	
	AP	UPI	AP	UPI
Preseason	2nd	2nd	5th	5th
Sept. 4	2nd	2nd	6th	7th
Sept. 11	1st	1st	9th	9th
Sept. 18	1st	1st	20th	18th
Sept. 25	1st	1st	20th	16th
Oct. 2	1st	1st	12th	9th
Oct. 9	8th	7th	14th	11th
Oct. 16	6th	6th	14th	14th
Oct. 23	3rd	4th	10th	8th
Oct. 30	2nd	3rd	9th	7th
Nov. 6	1st	1st	4th	3rd
Nov. 13	1st	1st	2nd	2nd
Nov. 20	7th	8th	1st	1st
Nov. 27	7th	7th	1st	1st
Dec. 4	5th	6th	1st	1st

THE COACHES: Lou Holtz is in his fifth season with the Irish with an overall 162-78-5 (.671) career mark. His 21-year collegiate mark includes three years at William & Mary (13-20, .394, 1969-71), four at North Carolina State (33-12-3, .719, 1972-75), seven at Arkansas (60-21-2, .735, 1977-83), two at Minnesota (10-12, .455, 1984-85) and five at Notre Dame (46-13, .780, 1986-present). He has directed the Irish to four straight Jan. 1 bowl appearances, including wins in the '89 Fiesta Bowl over West Virginia for the national title and the '90 Orange Bowl over top-ranked Colorado. Bill McCartney is in his eighth season as head coach at Colorado with a 56-46-2 record (.548). In addition to Colorado's meetings with the Irish in '83, '84 and '89, McCartney also coached against Notre Dame during his tenure as an assistant coach at Michigan (1974-81).

AT THE ORANGE BOWL: The Orange Bowl has been the site of some of the highs and lows in Notre Dame football history, as well as in Irish bowl history. Notre Dame's three previous appearances in the Orange Bowl game produced the worst loss in Notre Dame bowl history (40-6 to Nebraska in 1973), followed exactly two years later by one of its great wins (a 13-11 win over top-ranked Alabama in Ara Parseghian's final game as head coach) and 15 years later by another win over a top-ranked team (1990 vs. Colorado). The Orange Bowl stadium itself has seen both ends of the spectrum as far as Notre Dame's appearances, with the Irish holding an overall 8-7-1 mark in games played there:

Oct. 7, 1955	#5 Notre Dame vs. #15 Miami	W	14-0
Nov. 12, 1960	Notre Dame vs. Miami	L	21-28
Nov. 27, 1965	#6 Notre Dame vs. Miami	T	0-0
Nov. 24, 1967	#6 Notre Dame vs. Miami	W	24-22
Oct. 9, 1971	#7 Notre Dame vs. Miami	W	17-0
Jan. 1, 1973	#12 Notre Dame vs. #9 Nebraska	L	6-40
Dec. 1, 1973	#5 Notre Dame vs. Miami	W	44-0
Jan. 1, 1975	#9 Notre Dame vs. #2 Alabama	W	13-11
Nov. 22, 1975	Notre Dame vs. Miami	W	32-9
Dec. 3, 1977	#5 Notre Dame vs. Miami	W	48-10
Nov. 27, 1981	Notre Dame vs. #9 Miami	L	15-37
Sept. 24, 1983	#13 Notre Dame vs. Miami	L	0-20
Nov. 30, 1985	Notre Dame vs. #4 Miami	L	7-58
Nov. 28, 1987	#10 Notre Dame vs. #2 Miami	L	0-24
Nov. 25, 1989	#1 Notre Dame vs. #7 Miami	L	10-27
Jan. 1, 1990	#4 Notre Dame vs. #1 Colorado	W	21-6
Jan. 1, 1991	#5 Notre Dame vs. #1 Colorado	???	???

THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Notre Dame's 27-3 victory over Colorado in 1983 at Folsom Field marked freshman Steve Beuerlein's first start as quarterback at Notre Dame. Beuerlein completed eight of 12 passes for 133 yards, Allen Pinkett ran for 132 yards and Chris Smith for 70 as Notre Dame rolled up 334 rushing yards. The Irish managed 343 total yards in the first half alone, while limiting the Buffs to 236 overall. The 52,692 fans who watched marked the largest crowd ever to watch a game against a non-Big Eight team. The following year in Notre Dame Stadium, Notre Dame scored on eight of its first 10 possessions in roaring to a 38-0 halftime advantage and an eventual 52-0 lead. Beuerlein completed 10 of 11 passes for 122 yards and one TD—while Pinkett rushed for 70 yards and three TDs. Alonzo Jefferson rushed for two TDs and Mark Brooks one. See the full page elsewhere in this publication on the 1990 Orange Bowl for complete details on that game.

THE ANGLE: This marks the first time in history Notre Dame has gone to postseason bowl games in four straight seasons. The Irish twice previously have gone to three straight, once in Ara Parseghian's last three seasons and once during the Devine era. Following the '72, '73 and '74 seasons, the Irish advanced to the Orange, Sugar and Orange Bowls, respectively, playing top-ranked Alabama teams in the last two. Following the '76, '77 and '78 campaigns, Notre Dame advanced to the Gator, Cotton and Cotton Bowls—winning the national crown in '77 with a win over top-ranked Texas.

LOU HOLTZ IN BOWL ACTION (7-5-2)

School	Date	Bowl	Opponent	Result
William & Mary	Dec. 28, 1970	Tangerine	Toledo	L 12-40
North Carolina St.	Dec. 29, 1972	Peach	West Virginia	W 49-13
North Carolina St.	Dec. 17, 1973	Liberty	Kansas	W 31-18
North Carolina St.	Dec. 23, 1974	Astro-Bluebonnet	Houston	T 31-31
North Carolina St.	Dec. 31, 1975	Peach	West Virginia	L 10-13
Arkansas	Jan. 2, 1978	Orange	Oklahoma	W 31-6
Arkansas	Dec. 25, 1978	Fiesta	UCLA	T 10-10
Arkansas	Jan. 1, 1980	Sugar	Alabama	L 9-24
Arkansas	Dec. 27, 1980	Hall of Fame	Tulane	W 34-15
Arkansas	Dec. 28, 1981	Gator	No. Carolina	L 27-31
Arkansas	Dec. 31, 1982	Bluebonnet	Florida	W 28-24
Notre Dame	Jan. 1, 1988	Cotton	Texas A&M	L 10-35
Notre Dame	Jan. 2, 1989	Fiesta	West Virginia	W 34-21
Notre Dame	Jan. 1, 1990	Orange	Colorado	W 21-6
Notre Dame	Jan. 1, 1991	Orange	Colorado	???

THE BOWLS: Here's a quick review of Notre Dame and Colorado's bowl history:

Notre Dame (10-5)

1925 Rose	Stanford	W 27-10
1970 Cotton	Texas	L 17-21
1971 Cotton	Texas	W 24-11
1973 Orange	Nebraska	L 6-40
1973 Sugar	Alabama	W 24-23
1975 Orange	Alabama	W 13-11
1976 Gator	Penn State	W 20-9
1978 Cotton	Texas	W 38-10
1979 Cotton	Houston	W 35-34
1981 Sugar	Georgia	L 10-17
1983 Liberty	Bost. College	W 19-18
1984 Aloha	SMU	L 20-27
1988 Cotton	Texas A&M	L 10-35
1989 Fiesta	West Va.	W 34-21
1990 Orange	Colorado	W 21-6

Colorado (4-10)

1938 Cotton	Rice	L 14-28
1957 Orange	Clemson	W 27-21
1962 Orange	LSU	L 7-25
1967 Bluebonnet	Miami	W 31-21
1969 Liberty	Alabama	W 47-33
1970 Liberty	Tulane	L 3-17
1971 Bluebonnet	Houston	W 29-17
1972 Gator	Auburn	L 3-24
1975 Bluebonnet	Texas	L 21-38
1977 Orange	Ohio State	L 10-27
1985 Freedom	Washington	L 17-20
1986 Bluebonnet	Baylor	L 9-21
1988 Freedom	BYU	L 17-20
1990 Orange	Notre Dame	L 6-21

THE THREE-YEAR RECORD: Notre Dame now stands 33-3 overall since the beginning of the 1988 season, including a national title in '88 and a record 23-game winning streak. The only Irish losses during that period have come in '89 to Miami at the Orange Bowl and in '90 to Stanford and Penn State in Notre Dame Stadium. Among those 36 games, the Irish have faced 17 top 25 teams (defeating 15 of them) and 12 top 10 teams (winning 11 of those games). Since midway through the '88 season, Notre Dame has been ranked #1 coming into 21 of its last 28 games. The only exceptions have been the '89 Kickoff Classic when the AP had Notre Dame second but UPI had the Irish #1, the '90 Orange Bowl when the Irish faced #1 Colorado—and the '90 Air Force, Miami, Pittsburgh, Navy and USC games after the Irish fell from the top spot following their defeats against Stanford and Penn State.

THE RANKED WINS: Notre Dame has won 15 of the last 17 games it has played against teams ranked in the Associated Press poll that week over the last three seasons—

1988	#9 Michigan	W 19-17
	#1 Miami	W 31-30
	at #2 USC	W 27-10
	#3 West Virginia (Fiesta Bowl)	W 34-21
1989	at #2 Michigan	W 24-19
	at #17 Air Force	W 41-27
	#9 USC	W 28-24
	#7 Pittsburgh	W 45-7
	at #17 Penn State	W 34-23
	at #7 Miami	L 24-10
	#1 Colorado (Orange Bowl)	W 21-6
1990	#4 Michigan	W 28-24
	at #24 Michigan State	W 20-19
	#2 Miami	W 29-20
	at #9 Tennessee	W 34-29
	#18 Penn State	L 24-21
	at #18 USC	W 10-6
	#1 Colorado (Orange Bowl)	???

Of the 46 victories chalked up by Lou Holtz in his five seasons at Notre Dame, 19 have come against teams then ranked in the Associated Press top 20, 13 of them ranked in the top 10.

THE SENIOR CLASS: As Notre Dame's current senior class points for its final appearance, that group of Irish players ranks as the winningest class in Notre Dame history and has won nearly as many games as any other team in the nation over four years—including 18 over ranked teams (most by any Notre Dame class ever):

Overall Victories by Notre Dame Teams

1. Class of '90	41-7	.854
2. Class of '76	38-8	.826
3. Class of '77	38-9	.809
4. Class of '89	37-11	.771
5. Class of '75	37-8	.822

Notre Dame Teams vs. Ranked Foes

1. Class of '90	18-4
2. Class of '55	15-3-2
3. Class of '89	14-7
4. Class of '80	14-7
5. Class of '54	14-3-2

THE IRISH VS. #1: Notre Dame's matchup with Colorado marks the 22nd time overall that the Irish have faced the number-one team since the Associated Press poll began in 1936. Amazingly, it also marks the eighth time Notre Dame has faced a number-one opponent in a bowl game, with all of them coming since the 1969 season. The Irish are 5-2 in those bowl battles with top-ranked foes, 7-13-1 overall (not including '75 Orange Bowl in which Alabama came in ranked #2 in AP poll) against number-one teams, including its 31-30 win over Miami in 1988. Here are the Irish bowl results versus number-one-ranked opponents:

Jan. 1, 1970	Cotton Bowl	Notre Dame (#8) vs. Texas (#1)	L 17-21
Jan. 1, 1971	Cotton Bowl	Notre Dame (#6) vs. Texas (#1)	W 24-11
Dec. 31, 1973	Sugar Bowl	Notre Dame (#3) vs. Alabama (#1)	W 24-23
Jan. 1, 1975	Orange Bowl	Notre Dame (#3) vs. Alabama (#1 UPI)	W 13-11
Jan. 2, 1978	Cotton Bowl	Notre Dame (#5) vs. Texas (#1)	W 38-10
Jan. 1, 1981	Sugar Bowl	Notre Dame (#7) vs. Georgia (#1)	L 10-17
Jan. 1, 1990	Orange Bowl	Notre Dame (#4) vs. Colorado (#1)	W 21-6
Jan. 1, 1991	Orange Bowl	Notre Dame (#7) vs. Colorado (#1)	???

Notre Dame's other victories over top-ranked teams came in 1936 vs. Northwestern (26-6 at Notre Dame Stadium), 1982 vs. Pittsburgh (31-16 at Pitt Stadium) and 1988 vs. Miami (31-30 at Notre Dame Stadium).

Best Four-Year Records (1987-90)

1. Miami	43-4
2. Notre Dame	41-7
Florida State	41-6
4. Nebraska	40-8
5. Clemson	39-8
6. BYU	38-13
7. Auburn	36-8-3
Colorado	36-10-1
9. Wyoming	35-14
Fresno State	35-10-1
Oklahoma	35-11
Syracuse	35-10-3
Michigan	35-11-1
USC	35-11-2

The current Irish seniors over four years have posted:

- * 41 victories, most ever in a four-year period at Notre Dame.
- * 18 victories over teams ranked in the Associated Press top 25, also a record.
- * 13 wins over top 10 AP teams.
- * Four straight postseason bowl invitations, also a first.
- * A record 23-game winning streak through the entire '88 season and the first 11 games of 1989.
- * A consensus national championship in 1988 and a number-two final ranking in the '89 AP poll.
- * The number-one ranking in the AP poll for 25 weeks (seven in '88, 12 in '89, six in '90).
- * A 21-2 record in Notre Dame Stadium.
- * An overall 41-7 record while playing against what the NCAA rated the most difficult schedule in the country in 1987 and 1989—with the 1990 schedule also rated the most difficult coming into the season.

THE ROAD RECORD: Notre Dame has won 17 of its last 18 road games over the last two seasons, with the loss to Miami in '89 ending an 11-game streak. That was its best streak in that category since 12 straight back in 1952-55 (last one in '52, all five in both '53 and '54 plus first one in '55). The all-time Notre Dame record for consecutive road wins is 15 back in 1929-31 (all nine in '29 while Notre Dame Stadium was being built, all five in '30 and first one in '31). In 1989 the Irish finished a streak in which they played seven of eight games away from home dating back to '88. The '88 Notre Dame team ended its year by playing at USC and then in Tempe in the Fiesta Bowl. The '89 squad began by playing Virginia in the Kickoff Classic, at Michigan, at home against Michigan State—then on the road at Purdue, Stanford and Air Force. That leaves the current Irish win streak away from home at six. The '90 perfect mark away from home marks the 14th time since 1912 that Notre Dame has not lost a road game in a given season—and only the third time since 1954. In seven of those 14 seasons—1924-29-30-47-49-73-88—Notre Dame claimed the national championship.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDERS: Here are records of the top five teams in the current Associated Press poll against other AP top 25 teams, against bowl teams and against all teams with winning records:

Team	vs. AP Top 25	vs. Bowl Teams	vs. Teams With Winning Records
Notre Dame	5-1	6-1	6-1
	* wins over #4 Miami (Cotton), #10 Tennessee (Sugar), #12 Michigan (Gator), #21 USC (Hancock), #22 Michigan State (Hancock), Air Force (Liberty); loss to #7 Penn State (Blockbuster)		
Colorado	4-1-1	3-1-1	4-1-1
	* wins over #3 Texas (Cotton), #8 Washington (Rose), #19 Nebraska (Citrus), #20 Oklahoma, tie with #10 Tennessee (Sugar); loss to #16 Illinois (Hall of Fame)		
Georgia Tech	1-0	4-0	6-0-1
	* wins over #14 Clemson (Hall of Fame), Virginia (Sugar), North Carolina State (All-American), Maryland (Independence)		
Texas	2-1	2-1	5-1
	* wins over #7 Penn State (Blockbuster), #9 Houston, Texas A&M (Holiday); loss to #1 Colorado (Orange)		
Miami	2-2	4-2	5-2
	* wins over #6 Florida State (Blockbuster), #17 Iowa (Rose), California (Copper), Syracuse (Aloha); losses to #5 Notre Dame (Orange), #13 BYU (Holiday)		

THE SCHEDULES: Here's the agenda for Notre Dame and Colorado in 1990:

NOTRE DAME (9-2)	KICKOFF (TV)	DATE	COLORADO (10-1-1)
Open Date		Aug. 26	Tennessee (T 31-31)
Open Date		Sept. 6	STANFORD (W 21-17)
MICHIGAN	W 28-24	Sept. 15	at Illinois (L 23-22)
at Michigan State	W 20-19	Sept. 22	at Texas (W 29-22)
PURDUE	W 37-11	Sept. 29	WASHINGTON (W 20-14)
STANFORD	L 36-31	Oct. 6	at Missouri (W 33-31)
AIR FORCE	W 57-27	Oct. 13	IOWA STATE (W 28-12)
MIAMI	W 29-20	Oct. 20	at Kansas (W 41-10)
at Pittsburgh	W 31-22	Oct. 27	OKLAHOMA (W 32-23)
Navy (Meadowlands)	W 52-31	Nov. 3	at Nebraska (W 27-12)
at Tennessee	W 34-29	Nov. 10	OKLAHOMA STATE (W 41-22)
PENN STATE	L 24-21	Nov. 17	KANSAS STATE (W 64-3)
at USC	W 10-6	Nov. 24	Open Date
Colorado	8:00 EST (NBC)	Jan. 1	Notre Dame

THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE: Notre Dame played the most difficult schedule in college football in 1990, according to preseason ratings issued by the NCAA. The Irish, who also played the most difficult schedule in 1989 based on postseason rankings, were the only team in 1990 to play eight bowl teams from '89. Here's the NCAA listings, based on 1989 records (including bowl games) of each opponent against other Division 1-A opponents (bowl foes in parentheses):

1. Notre Dame (8)	81-32-4	.709
2. Florida (5)	67-37-0	.644
3. Miami (6)	76-46-2	.621
4. Stanford (6)	71-44-3	.614
5. Auburn (6)	67-44-2	.602
and Texas (5)	67-44-2	.602

8. Purdue, 9. USC, 11. Penn State, 15. Air Force, 17. Michigan, 25. Pittsburgh, 26. Tennessee

The .709 percentage recorded by the '90 Irish opponents ranks as the highest mark in the history of the toughest schedule survey which began in 1979. Notre Dame's schedules in 1985, 1987 and 1989 all were rated the most difficult in the country by the NCAA. Here's a look at the 1990 schedule, including '89 results and '90 progress:

Date	Opponent	'89 Record	'89 Bowl	'90 Record	'90 Bowl
Sept. 15	Michigan	10-2	Rose	8-3	Gator
Sept. 22	Mich. State	8-4	Aloha	7-3-1	Hancock
Sept. 29	Purdue	3-8	none	2-9	none
Oct. 6	Stanford	3-8	none	5-6	none
Oct. 13	Air Force	8-4-1	Liberty	6-5	Liberty
Oct. 20	Miami	11-1	Sugar	9-2	Cotton
Oct. 27	Pittsburgh	8-3-1	Hancock	3-7-1	none
Nov. 3	Navy	3-8	none	5-6	none
Nov. 10	Tennessee	11-1	Cotton	8-2-2	Sugar
Nov. 17	Penn State	8-3-1	Holiday	9-2	Blockbuster
Nov. 24	USC	9-2-1	Rose	8-3-1	Hancock
TOTALS		82-44-4 (.646)		70-48-5 (.589)	

THE MIRER START: Irish sophomore quarterback Rick Mirer is off to an impressive start, leading Notre Dame to victory in nine of his first 11 starting assignments and bringing the Irish from behind in the wins over Michigan and Michigan State that opened the campaign. He nearly was architect of a third comeback against Stanford, taking the Irish the length of the field in 36 seconds, only to see a potential game-winning pass as time ran out fall out of the hands of tight end Derek Brown in the end zone. His 265 passing yards vs. Navy Saturday marked a career high. Here's a comparison of Mirer's numbers through the first 11 games compared with the first 11 starts of recent Irish quarterbacks from the last 25 years:

Quarterback	PA	PC	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.
Rick Mirer ('90)	200	110	.550	6	8	1824
Tony Rice ('87)	112	52	.464	7	4	855
Steve Beuerlein ('83)	171	96	.561	8	7	1396
Blair Kiel ('80)	162	69	.426	5	2	831
Joe Montana ('75-77)	207	102	.493	12	8	1619
Tom Clements ('72)	174	92	.529	14	9	1264
Joe Theismann ('68-69)	180	106	.589	15	14	1582

THE HENTRICH NUMBERS: Irish sophomore punter Craig Hentrich, who set a single-season punting average record in 1989 with his 44.6-yard average, produced even better numbers again in 1990. Hentrich produced punts of 50 and 53 yards vs. Michigan, 50 vs. Michigan State, 52 and 63 vs. Purdue, 51 and 56 vs. Stanford, 50 vs. Penn State, 57, 53 and 52 vs. USC. He also kicked a Notre Dame record five field goals in six attempts vs. Miami and connected on 16 of 20 overall in '90. He also boasts a current streak of 73 straight PATs, an all-time Notre Dame record (breaking Bob Thomas' mark of 62 straight from 1971-75). Here's a look at Hentrich's career punting numbers:

Year	Punts	Yards.	Average
1989	26	1159	44.6
1990	34	1526	44.88
Total	60	2685	44.75

Hentrich's 16 field goals in '90 rank him fifth on the single-season chart behind John Carney's record 21 in 1986. His 24 career field goals tie him for fourth on the career list behind Carney's 51 in

1984-86. His 89 points are the most ever scored by a Notre Dame kicker in a single season.

THE RETURN GAME: Notre Dame's kick return game under Lou Holtz has ranked as the most impressive in the country. Since Holtz has taken over as head coach (now 59 games), Notre Dame has returned 13 punts or kickoffs for touchdowns:

- 1986—95-yard KO return vs. Air Force by Tim Brown
- 96-yard KO return vs. LSU by Tim Brown
- 1987—66-yard punt return vs. Michigan State by Tim Brown
- 71-yard punt return vs. Michigan State by Tim Brown
- 74-yard punt return vs. Air Force by Tim Brown
- 1988—81-yard punt return vs. Michigan by Ricky Watters
- 66-yard punt return vs. Purdue by Ricky Watters
- 87-yard KO return vs. Rice by Raghieb Ismail
- 83-yard KO return vs. Rice by Raghieb Ismail
- 1989—89-yard KO return vs. Michigan by Raghieb Ismail
- 92-yard KO return vs. Michigan by Raghieb Ismail
- 56-yard punt return vs. Air Force by Raghieb Ismail
- 97-yard punt return vs. SMU by Ricky Watters
- 1990—94-yard KO return vs. Miami by Raghieb Ismail
- 53-yard KO return vs. Navy by Todd Lyght

THE ATTENDANCE: Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 27 of the last 28 games coming into the 1990 Orange Bowl. Every game in the 1989 season was a sellout, only the second time that happened in Notre Dame football history (1987 was the other year). Notre Dame now has played in front of capacity crowds in 46 of its last 48 games and in 99 of 117 in the decade of the 1980s.

THE TRADITION: Notre Dame boasts the best winning percentage of any team in college football, with its .760 mark (692-205-40), with Michigan second at .742 (711-236-33). Michigan boasts 19 more victories than the Irish simply because the Wolverines have played nine more seasons. Notre Dame also has won more national championships (11 consensus crowns, eight since the Associated Press poll began in 1936), more Heisman Trophy

awards (seven), more unanimous first-team All-Americans (27, including FL Raghieb Ismail and DT Chris Zorich in 1990) and more consensus first-team All-Americans (75, including Ismail, Zorich and LB Michael Stonebreaker in 1990) than any other school.

THE RUSHING ATTACK: Notre Dame's rushing attack has been absolutely dominant the last seven weeks thanks to maturation of a young offensive line with three new starters. The Irish have averaged 261.7 yards per game while accounting for 18 rushing TDs in the last seven contests. Notre Dame ranked 12th nationally in rushing in the final NCAA stats at 250.3 per game. Here's how the '90 Notre Dame rushing attack compares to those of recent seasons since Lou Holtz took over as head coach:

Year	Rushing Percentage	NCAA Ranking	Yards Per Game	Rushing TDs
1986	65.4	33rd	189.4	18
1987	78.8	14th	252.1	33
1988	77.7	11th	258.0	30
1989	79.6	8th	287.7	42
1990	74.0	12th	250.3	33

THE PERSONNEL UPDATE: Here are some notes on the Irish in 1990—

Offense....The Irish have used a variety of people at TB in '90, including veteran seniors Ricky Watters and Tony Brooks along with sophomore Dorsey Levens. Watters started the first two games and Brooks the next two, with Levens earning the nod vs. Air Force with Brooks down with an ankle sprain. Brooks came back to start vs. Miami, Pittsburgh and Navy, gaining a season-high 88 yards vs. Pitt to go with a pair of TD runs. Brooks moved over to start at FB vs. Tennessee, enabling Watters to start for the first time since Michigan State and gain a career-high 174 rushing yards (most since Allen Pinkett ran for 189 vs. Penn State in 1984) Watters' 174 yards came after he'd gained only 230 combined yards in his first eight games, with a season high of only 43 vs. Michigan State. Watters added to that spree with 114 yards vs. Penn State, marking the first time in his career he has recorded back-to-back 100-yard games....Veteran offensive lineman Winston Sandri moved in for Gene McGuire at offensive tackle following McGuire's knee injury vs. Purdue that required arthroscopic knee surgery. Sandri played for the first time vs. Purdue after missing the first two games following a knee sprain suffered the week of the Michigan game, then started vs. Stanford and Air Force. McGuire made an amazing recovery from the surgery and came back to start and play the whole game vs. Miami after sitting out two weeks. Sandri also opened at guard vs. Navy

in place of Mirko Jurkovic, who missed the game due to a sprained knee, at tackle vs. Tennessee and Penn State in place of Justin Hall, who had a back problem. Sandri now has started at three different positions so far in '90.....All-star FL Raghieb Ismail was involved in only one play vs. Stanford (an Irish kickoff return that turned into a touchback) due to a thigh bruise originally suffered vs. Michigan State. He rebounded vs. Air Force with 223 all-purpose yards and added 268 more vs. Miami, 214 vs. Pittsburgh, 219 vs. Navy and 141 vs. Tennessee. He averaged 194.7 all-purpose yards per game over those last seven games. Shawn Davis, who caught three passes and also rushed for a TD vs. Purdue, replaced him in the starting lineup vs. Stanford.....Notre Dame's offense turned the ball over only 12 times in the last 10 games (not including the three fumbled punts vs. Stanford). Rick Mirer had thrown 87 straight passes without an interception before misfiring early vs. Miami.

Defense....Notre Dame's defense took some time to come together in '90, thanks to the loss of three secondary starters from '89, the addition of two new defensive coaches including defensive coordinator Gary Darnell and the addition of Michael Stonebreaker and George Williams as regulars after both sat out the entire '89 season.....All-America CB Todd Lyght came back to start the last seven games coming off a hamstring problem that kept him out of uniform vs. Michigan State and Purdue. His spot had been held down by freshman Greg Lane. Lane also opened at the other CB slot in four games ahead of Reggie Brooks, and rookie Tom Carter made six starts at FS. The Irish made several other changes vs. Tennessee, starting Rod Smith at corner for the first time since the Michigan game and starting George Poorman at free safety for the first time since Michigan State. Notre Dame also moved two true freshman tailbacks to the secondary that week, shifting Jeff Burris to corner (he saw substantial action vs. Tennessee) and Willie Clark to free safety. Clark started at FS for the first time vs. Penn State and USC, while Smith opened for the third straight week at CB vs. USC....Sophomore ILB Demetrius DuBose earned his first starting assignment of his career vs. Air Force, splitting time with Donn Grimm and Michael Stonebreaker at the two ILB slots. He also earned starts vs. Tennessee, Penn State and USC....Position changes prior to the Air Force game included sophomore Nick Smith from ILB to OLB where he backs up Andre Jones, freshman Bryant Young from OLB to DT where he backed up George Williams, sophomore Junior Bryant from DT to NT where he worked behind Chris Zorich.....Notre Dame permitted 18 rushing TDs in '90 after only giving up four in all of '89....Notre Dame's bend-but-don't-break defense played well enough for the Irish to win nine of 11 games—despite the fact they were outgained in five of 11 games in '90: 443-399 in beating Michigan, 313-311 in beating Michigan State, 473-429 in beating Miami, 468-381 in

THE OFFENSIVE EXECUTION: Notre Dame has managed to score 87.8 percent of the times it has moved the football inside the opponents' 20-yard line so far during the '90 season. The Irish have put points on the board in 43 of 49 chances—missing out only when they couldn't convert on fourth down vs. Michigan State, missed a field goal vs. Stanford, lost a fumble vs. Air Force, threw an interception vs. Navy, lost a fumble vs. Tennessee and couldn't convert vs. USC. Here's the breakdown:

Game	TDs	Lost		Int.	Missed		Total	
		FGS	on Downs		Fumble	FG		
Michigan	4	0			0	0		4-4
Michigan State	3	0			0	0		3-4
Purdue	3	1			0	0		4-4
Stanford	4	1			0	0	1	5-6
Air Force	6	2			1	0		8-9
Miami	0	4			0	0		4-4
Pittsburgh	2	1			0	0		3-3
Navy	4	1			0	1		5-6
Tennessee	1	2			1	0		3-4
Penn State	2	0			0	0		2-2
USC	1	1			0	0		2-3
Total	30	13			2	1	1	43-49 (.878)

beating Pittsburgh and 516-408 in beating Tennessee....Prior to the USC contest, Notre Dame allowed 20 or more points in seven straight games, the first time in Irish history that happened. Notre Dame's defensive scoring average of 22.6 marks its highest since 1956 (28.9, 101st nationally).

THE BIG PLAYS ON DEFENSE: Here are some of the game-saving big plays made by Notre Dame on defense in 1990—

* **MICHIGAN**—Michael Stonebreaker intercepted a pass in the end zone at the 10:00 mark of the final period to prompt the winning TD drive and Reggie Brooks did the same at 1:21 to preserve Notre Dame's 28-24 win.

* **MICHIGAN STATE**—Michael Stonebreaker intercepted a pass at his own 26 at the 10:23 mark of the fourth period to help set up the winning drive in the 20-19 victory.

* **MIAMI**—Todd Lyght intercepted a pass at his own 18 to thwart one Miami drive, and Greg Davis forced a Leonard Conley fumble that Michael Stonebreaker recovered at the Irish two at the 4:44 mark of the final period to enable Notre Dame to prevail 29-20.

* **TENNESSEE**—Donn Grimm intercepted a pass at his own 42 at the 4:18 mark, and Rod Smith did the same at his own two with 45 seconds left to enable Notre Dame to hold on for a 34-29 win.

THE STAT LEADERS: Here are current NCAA statistical leaders—Notre Dame 12th in rushing offense (250.3), 17th in total offense (417.0), 19th in scoring offense (31.8); Colorado 4th in punt returns (14.9), 6th in rushing offense (271.2), 14th in total offense (431.42), 15th in scoring offense (32.4), 19th in rushing defense (114.2); Notre Dame's Raghieb Ismail 9th among all-purpose runners (156.91), Rick Mirer 10th in passing efficiency (138.8), Craig Hentrich 19th in scoring (8.09); Colorado's Dave McCloughan 1st in punt returns (16.38), Eric Bieniemy 2nd in rushing (148.00), 4th in all-purpose running (165.27) and 7th in scoring (9.27).

THE DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT: The Irish have made strides since permitting 253 rushing yards to Michigan in the '90 season opener—since that time stopping four teams short of the 100-yard mark and limiting seven to 118 yards or less. Included in the streak is a four-quarter period in which Notre Dame gave up only two net rushing yards (one net yard in final two period on 16 attempts vs. Michigan State, one net yard on 13 attempts in first two periods vs. Purdue):

Opponent	Rush Attempts	Net Yards	Average Per Rush
Michigan	40	253	6.3
Michigan State	43	117	2.9
Purdue	19	24	1.3
Stanford	31	87	2.8
Air Force	62	244	3.9
Miami	34	118	3.5
Pittsburgh	29	84	2.9
Navy	57	221	3.9
Tennessee	32	117	3.7
Penn State	30	61	2.0
USC	28	29	1.0
Avg. Per Game	36.8	123.2	3.3

THE ASSISTANT COACHES: When Irish quarterback coach Pete Cordelli was named head coach at Kent University on Dec. 3, it marked the fourth time a member of Lou Holtz's staff has been promoted to a head coaching position during his five-year tenure at Notre Dame. Last year, the Irish lost three coaches to head jobs—offensive coordinator Jim Strong to UNLV, defensive coordinator Barry Alvarez to Wisconsin and defensive line coach

John Palermo to Austin Peay. The Irish also have lost four coaches to the NFL—Mike Stock to Cincinnati, Foge Fazio to Atlanta, Kurt Schottenheimer to Cleveland (now Kansas City), George Stewart to Pittsburgh.

THE MONOGRAM WINNERS: Fifty-nine members of Notre Dame's 1990 football squad were awarded monograms at the 71st annual Notre Dame Football Banquet: **SENIORS (17)**—OG Joe Allen, TB Tony Brooks, DT Bob Dahl, ILB Donn Grimm, C Mike Heldt, OLB Andre Jones, OLB Scott Kowalkowski, CB Todd Lyght, FB Ryan Mihalko, OG Tim Ryan, OT Winston Sandri, P Jim Sexton, ILB Michael Stonebreaker, TB Ricky Watters, DT George Williams, DT Chris Zorich. **JUNIORS (15)**—TB Walter Boyd, TE Derek Brown, FB Rodney Culver, FL Shawn Davis, DT Marc deManigold, OT Justin Hall, FL Raghieb Ismail, OG Mirko Jurkovic, OT Lindsay Knapp, OLB Devon McDonald, OT Gene McGuire, FS George Poorman, CB Rod Smith, SE Tony Smith, FB Kenny Spears. **SOPHOMORES (16)**—CB Reggie Brooks, DT Junior Bryant, ILB Demetrius DuBose, SE Ray Griggs, K/P Craig Hentrich, FL Adrian Jarrell, C Lance Johnson, DT Eric Jones, TB Dorsey Levens, QB Rick Mirer, SE William Pollard, ILB Brian Ratigan, OLB Erik Simien, TE Irv Smith, OLB Nick Smith, OLB Shawn Smith. **FRESHMEN (11)**—ILB Pete Bercich, FB Jerome Bettis, CB Jeff Burris, FS Tom Carter, FS Willie Clark, SS John Covington, SE Lake Dawson, ILB Jim Flanigan, CB Greg Lane, OLB Anthony Peterson, DT Bryant Young. Six Irish players earned monograms in each of their four seasons of play—Grimm, Andre Jones, Kowalkowski, Lyght, Ryan and Watters. In addition, eight other graduating senior players were awarded service monograms for their contributions over at least three seasons—CB Jerry Bodine, DT Mike Callan, C Jim Kinshurf, FB Craig Lanigan, DT George Marshall, DT Peter Rausch, FB Andy Smith, OT Darryl Wodecki.

THE SPECIAL TEAMS: Here's a list of special team appearances made by Notre Dame players during the 1990 season: **OFFENSIVE LINEMEN**—Justin Hall 63 (11 games), Lance Johnson 59 (10), Joe Allen 48 (8), Lindsay Knapp 46 (9), Brian Shannon 13 (3), Gene McGuire 7 (3); **RECEIVERS**—Raghieb Ismail 120 (11 games), Irv Smith 107 (11), Lake Dawson 50 (9), Shawn Davis 39 (9), Rusty Setzer 22 (5), Adrian Jarrell 21 (6), Karmeeleyah McGill 25 (5), Derek Brown 6 (3), Martin Scruggs 5 (1), Ray Griggs 1, Tony Smith 1. **OFFENSIVE BACKS:** Jerome Bettis 103 (10), Ryan Mihalko 97 (11), Walter Boyd 61 (9), Lamar Guillory 46 (11), Kenny Spears 46 (7), Rodney Culver 34 (7), Tony Brooks 22 (6), Dorsey Levens 18 (4), Ricky Watters 8, Rick Mirer 5 (3), Clint Johnson 4. **DEFENSIVE LINEMEN:** George Williams 101 (11 games), Bryant Young 92 (9), Marc deManigold 64 (11), Bob Dahl 61 (11), Junior Bryant 60 (10), George Marshall 41 (7), Chris Zorich 38 (10), Eric Jones 25 (9), Oliver Gibson 8 (4), Peter Rausch 2, Mike Callan 1. **INSIDE LINEBACKERS:** Donn Grimm 97 (11 games), Michael Stonebreaker 66 (11), Brian Ratigan 63 (9), Jim Flanigan 55 (7), Demetrius DuBose 52 (10), Pete Bercich 46 (5), Randy Scianna 4 (2). **OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS:** Scott Kowalkowski 136 (11 games), Anthony Peterson 134 (11), Nick Smith 108 (10), Devon McDonald 93 (10), Andre Jones 74 (10), Shawn Smith 56 (6), Erik Simien 21 (3). **DEFENSIVE BACKS:** Rod Smith 125 (11 games), Greg Davis 121 (11), Todd Lyght 117 (9), Jeff Burris 119 (10), John Covington 101 (11), Tom Carter 88 (9), Greg Lane 71 (9), Reggie Brooks 58 (7), George Poorman 49 (8), Willie Clark 29 (4). **SPECIALISTS:** Craig Hentrich 174 (11 games), Jim Sexton 72.

THE PLAYING TIME: Here is final Notre Dame football playing time for the 1990 regular season: **OFFENSIVE LINEMEN**—Mike Heldt 298:27 (started 11), Tim Ryan 296:55 (started 11), Mirko Jurkovic 272:43 (started 10), Gene McGuire 220:25 (started

9), Justin Hall 205:52 (started 8, played 11), Winston Sandri 154:33 (started 5, played 8), Lindsay Knapp 59:50 (started 1, played 10), Joe Allen 16:42 (played 8), Tim Ruddy 15:22, Brian Shannon 11:34, Aaron Taylor 7:56, Peter Rausch 6:03, Darryl Wodecki 1:02, Lance Johnson :48 (played 10), Jordan Halter :34, Todd Stoker :34, Chet Lacheta :14, Jason Beckwith :14; **RECEIVERS**—Derek Brown 292:28 (started 11), Tony Smith 167:25 (started 11), Raghil Ismail 160:04 (started 9, played 11), Shawn Davis 92:46 (started 1, played 11), Adrian Jarrell 68:13 (started 1, played 11), Irv Smith 63:14 (played 11), Lake Dawson 47:41 (played 11), Ray Griggs 25:16 (played 9), William Pollard 21:19 (played 7), Karmeeleah McGill 7:52, Martin Scruggs 2:33, Rusty Setzer 1:15, Trevor Moriarty :52, Jeff Baker :14, Chris Moscardekki :14; **OFFENSIVE BACKS**—Rick Mirer 301:24 (started 11), Rodney Culver 231:22 (started 9, played 11), Ricky Watters 146:48 (started 5, played 11), Tony Brooks 134:43 (started 5, played 10), Jerome Bettis 45:28 (started 1, played 10), Dorsey Levens 13:17 (started 1, played 8), Kevin McDougal 11:00, Ryan Mihalko 6:47 (played 11), Kenny Spears 5:22 (played 7), Jeff Burris 4:42 (played 10, also at CB), Walter Boyd 3:05 (played 9), Craig Lanigan 1:29, B.J. Hawkins 1:16, Rick Lozano 1:15, Matt Johnson 1:05, Lamar Guillory :34, Willie Clark :14 (started 2, played 5, also at FS); **DEFENSIVE LINEMEN**—George Williams 235:52 (started 10, played 11), Bob Dahl 233:40 (started 11), Chris Zorich 198:25 (started 9, played 10), Eric Jones 128:39 (started 2, played 11), Bryant Young 31:48 (played 9), Junior Bryant 28:55 (played 11), Marc deManigold 10:32 (played 11), Oliver Gibson 8:28, Peter Rausch 5:56, George Marshall 2:28, Todd Norman 1:25, Mike Callan :27, Brian Hamilton :08; **OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS**—Scott Kowalkowski 199:28 (started 11), Devon McDonald 176:31 (started 2, played 11), Andre Jones 169:54 (started 9), Erik Simien 28:19, Shawn Smith 15:19, Nick Smith 14:38 (played 10), Anthony Peterson 6:42 (played 11), Karmeeleah McGill 1:13; **INSIDE LINEBACKERS**—Michael Stonebreaker 270:44 (started 11), Donn Grimm 162:57 (started 7, played 11), Demetrius DuBose 147:58 (started 4, played 11), Jim Flanigan 12:17 (played 9), Brian Ratigan 6:39 (played 9), Pete Bercich 5:08 (played 5); **DEFENSIVE BACKS**—Greg Davis 275:24 (started 11), Todd Lyght 243:16 (started 9), Tom Carter 162:59 (started 6, played 10), Greg Lane 138:43 (started 6, played 10), George Poorman 115:02 (started 3, played 8), Rod Smith 109:23 (started 4, played 11), Reggie Brooks 86:13 (started 3, played 7), Willie Clark 53:37 (started 2, played 5), Jeff Burris 12:23 (played 10, also at TB), John Covington 4:02 (played 11), Jerry Bodine 1:30, Thomas Bowers :19, Marvin Robinson :07.

THE LOMBARDI, OUTLAND, BUTKUS AND THORPE NOMINEES: Notre Dame senior Chris Zorich captured the 1990 Lombardi Award in an announcement made Dec. 6 in Houston. Zorich, one of four finalists for the award last year, joined Illinois' Moe Gardner, Miami's Russell Maryland, Auburn's David Rocker as finalists for the 21st annual award in '90. Zorich also was one of 11 semifinalists named by the Football Writers Association of America for the Outland Trophy, presented to the top collegiate lineman. Irish linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, who finished third in the '88 voting for the Butkus Award, also finished third in the 1990 voting for that same award. He was one of five finalists in '90, joining Illinois' Derrick Brownlow, Miami's Maurice Crum, Colorado's Alfred Williams and Clemson's Levon Kirkland—with Williams and Brownlow finishing first and second. Notre Dame cornerback Todd Lyght was one of 15 semifinalists for the Thorpe Award as the top defensive back nationally after ranking as one of three finalists for that award in '89.

THE PERSONNEL BESTS: Here are current games played and games started benchmarks by Notre Dame players based on the 48 games played by the Irish over the last four seasons—**GAMES PLAYED**—48-OLB Scott Kowalkowski, 47-TB Ricky Watters, 46-CB Todd Lyght, ILB Donn Grimm, 44-OLB Andre Jones, 43-OG Tim Ryan, 40-C Mike Heldt, 36-TE Derek Brown, FB Rodney Culver, FL Raghil Ismail, 35-DT Chris Zorich. **CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED**—48-OLB Scott Kowalkowski, 36-C Mike Heldt, TE Derek Brown, FB Rodney Culver, FL Raghil Ismail. **GAMES STARTED**—36-C Mike Heldt, 35-CB Todd Lyght, 33-DT Chris Zorich, OG Tim Ryan, 29-TE Derek Brown, 26-FI Raghil Ismail, 23-OLB Andre Jones, 22-TB Ricky Watters. **CONSECUTIVE GAMES STARTED**—36-C Mike Heldt, 23-TE Derek Brown.

THE TRAVEL PLANS: The Notre Dame traveling party (mainly coaches and administration) will depart for Miami via TWA charter at 5:00 p.m. EST on Christmas Day. Irish players will fly individually from their homes to Miami in time for a 10:00 p.m. meeting on December 25. The Notre Dame party will headquarter at the Miami Airport Hilton, 5101 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami, FL 33126 (305-262-1000). The Irish will practice daily at the University of Miami practice facilities (except Dec. 26 at Coral Gables High School). **All practices will be closed to the media and to the public.** Any interview requests should be arranged through Notre Dame SID John Heisler or associate SID Jim Daves—both of whom will be headquartered at the Hilton. The Notre Dame party will depart Miami via TWA charter at 5:00 p.m. EST on Jan. 2.

1990 FOOTBALL STATISTICS FOR Notre Dame - ALL GAMES

RECORD: ALL GAMES..... OVERALL (9-2-0) HOME (4-2-0) AWAY (4-0-0) NEUTRAL (1-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Sept. 15	MICHIGAN	W	28-24	59,075
Sept. 22	at Michigan State	W	20-19	80,401
Sept. 29	PURDUE	W	37-11	59,075
Oct. 6	STANFORD	L	31-36	59,075
Oct. 13	AIR FORCE	W	57-27	59,075
Oct. 20	MIAMI	W	29-20	59,075
Oct. 27	at Pittsburgh	W	31-22	56,500
Nov. 3	vs Navy	W	52-31	70,382
Nov. 10	at Tennessee	W	34-29	97,123
Nov. 17	PENN STATE	L	21-24	59,075
Nov. 24	at USC	W	10-6	91,639

TEAM STATISTICS	Notre Dame	OPPONENTS
FIRST DOWNS	238	225
Rushing	154	83
Passing	73	131
By Penalty	11	11
RUSHING YARDAGE	2753	1355
Yards Gained Rushing	2989	1660
Yards Lost Rushing	236	305
Rushing Attempts	582	405
Average Per Rush	4.7	3.3
Average Per Game	250.3	123.2
TDs Rushing	33	18
PASSING YARDAGE	1834	2938
Att/Comp/Int	204/111/6	374/237/9
Average Per Catch	9.0	7.9
Average Per Game	166.7	267.1
TDs Passing	8	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	4587	4293
Total Plays	786	779
Average Per Play	5.8	5.5
Average Per Game	417.0	390.3
FUMBLES/LOST	17/12	18/7
PENALTIES/YARDS	62/528	54/501
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	70/153	64/160
TIME OF POSSESSION	338:37	321:23

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	YL	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Rodney Culver FB	150	725	15	710	4.7	5	41
Ricky Watters TB	108	607	28	579	5.4	8	66
Raghib Ismail FL	67	571	34	537	8.0	3	76
Tony Brooks TB	105	472	21	451	4.3	6	28
Rick Mirer QB	98	329	131	198	2.0	6	30
Jerome Bettis FB	15	115	0	115	7.7	1	30
Dorsey Levens TB	13	53	0	53	4.1	2	16
Jeff Burris TB	6	30	0	30	5.0	1	10
B.J. Hawkins QB	2	26	0	26	13.0	0	15
Ryan Mihalko FB	3	25	0	25	8.3	0	11
Kenny Spears FB	3	18	0	18	6.0	0	9
Willie Clark FL	4	6	0	6	1.5	0	4
Shawn Davis FL	4	4	1	3	0.8	1	2
Matt Johnson QB	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3
Kevin McDougal QB	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3
Walter Boyd TB	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2
Martin Scruggs SE	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	-6
NOTRE DAME TOTALS	582	2989	236	2753	4.7	33	--
OPPONENTS TOTALS	405	1660	305	1355	3.3	18	60

PASSING	EFFIC	ATT	CP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG
Rick Mirer QB	138.80	200	110	.550	1824	8	6	59
Kevin McDougal QB	92.00	2	1	.500	10	0	0	10
Matt Johnson QB	0.00	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0
B.J. Hawkins QB	0.00	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0
NOTRE DAME TOTALS	136.98	204	111	.544	1834	8	6	--
OPPONENTS TOTALS	135.13	374	237	.634	2938	12	9	58

SCORING	TD	C-R-K	P-R-K	FG	S	P	T
Craig Hentrich K/P	0	0-0-41	0-0-41	16-20	0	89	
Ricky Watters TB	8	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	48	

PASS RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Raghib Ismail FL	32	699	21.8	2	54
Tony Smith SE	15	229	15.3	2	47
Derek Brown TE	15	220	14.7	1	40
Rodney Culver FB	13	145	11.2	2	59
Shawn Davis FL	8	132	16.5	0	26
Ricky Watters TB	7	58	8.3	0	23
Lake Dawson SE	6	107	17.8	0	45
Adrian Jarrell FL	6	92	15.3	1	35
Ray Griggs SE	3	69	23.0	0	44
Tony Brooks TB	3	47	15.7	0	21
Dorsey Levens TB	1	20	20.0	0	20
William Pollard SE	1	10	10.0	0	10
Irv Smith TE	1	6	6.0	0	6
NOTRE DAME TOTALS	111	1834	16.5	8	--
OPPONENTS TOTALS	237	2938	12.4	12	58

INTERCEPTION RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Michael Stonebreaker ILB	2	23	11.5	0	23
Donn Grimm ILB	2	18	9.0	0	12
Todd Lyght CB	2	13	6.5	0	13
Rod Smith CB	1	17	17.0	0	17
Reggie Brooks CB	1	9	9.0	0	9
Greg Davis SS	1	2	2.0	0	2
NOTRE DAME TOTALS	9	82	9.1	0	--
OPPONENTS TOTALS	6	108	18.0	0	38

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BL
Craig Hentrich K/P	34	1526	44.9	63	0
Jim Sexton P	9	319	35.4	43	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	1
NOTRE DAME TOTALS	44	1845	41.9	--	1
OPPONENTS TOTALS	56	2031	36.3	61	3

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Raghib Ismail FL	13	151	11.6	0	38
Ricky Watters TB	3	25	8.3	0	11
Rod Smith CB	2	24	12.0	0	21
Ryan Mihalko FB	1	12	12.0	0	12
NOTRE DAME TOTALS	19	212	11.2	0	--
OPPONENTS TOTALS	21	241	11.5	0	38

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Raghib Ismail FL	14	336	24.0	1	94
Ryan Mihalko FB	5	61	12.2	0	20
Rodney Culver FB	5	53	10.6	0	17
Tony Brooks TB	4	67	16.8	0	20
Jeff Burris TB	3	25	8.3	0	11
Dorsey Levens TB	2	31	15.5	0	18
Walter Boyd TB	2	18	9.0	0	10
Todd Lyght CB	1	53	53.0	1	53
Rod Smith CB	1	21	21.0	0	21
Kenny Spears FB	1	7	7.0	0	7
Lake Dawson SE	1	0	0.0	0	0
NOTRE DAME TOTALS	39	672	17.2	2	--
OPPONENTS TOTALS	49	920	18.8	0	41

ALL PURPOSE	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	TOTL	AVG
Raghib Ismail FL	11	537	699	151	336	1723	156.6
Rodney Culver FB	11	710	145	0	53	908	82.5
Ricky Watters TB	10	579	58	25	0	662	66.2
Tony Brooks TB	10	451	47	0	67	565	56.5
Tony Smith SE	8	0	229	0	0	229	28.6
Derek Brown TE	9	0	220	0	0	220	24.4
Rick Mirer QB	11	198	0	0	0	198	18.0
Shawn Davis FL	5	3	132	0	0	135	27.0
Jerome Bettis FB	5	115	0	0	0	115	23.0
Lake Dawson SE	4	0	107	0	0	107	26.8
Dorsey Levens TB	4	53	20	0	31	104	26.0
Ryan Mihalko FB	5	25	0	12	61	98	19.6

NOTRE DAME LEADERS

OPPONENT	RUSHING	PASSING	RECEIVING
Michigan	Culver (19-95-1)	Mirer (23-14-1-165-1)	Ismail (4-42-0)
Michigan State	Watters (17-43-2)	Mirer (21-14-0-155-0)	Ismail (5-71-0)
Purdue	Ismail (5-82-1)	Mirer (17-11-1-130-0)	S. Davis (3-39-0)
Stanford	Culver (20-104-1)	Mirer (26-15-0-235-2)	T. Smith (5-78-2)
Air Force	Culver (10-102-0)	Mirer (15-11-0-253-2)	Ismail (6-172-1)
Miami	Ismail (13-100-0)	Mirer (16-8-1-153-1)	T. Smith (2-56-0)
Pittsburgh	Ismail (10-116-1)	Mirer (16-5-1-85-0)	Ismail (3-64-0)
Navy	Culver (9-55-1)	Mirer (20-12-1-265-1)	Ismail (6-173-1)
Tennessee	Watters (17-174-2)	Mirer (10-5-0-92-1)	Culver (3-86-1)
Penn State	Watters (19-114-1)	Mirer (21-8-2-161-0)	Ismail (4-76-0)
USC	Watters (16-61-0)	Mirer (15-7-0-130-0)	Ismail (2-70-0)

OPPONENT	SE	QT	QG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	FB	TB	FL
Michigan	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Knapp	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Watters	Ismail
Michigan State	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Watters	Ismail
Purdue	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Brooks	Ismail
Stanford	T. Smith	Sandri	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Brooks	S. Davis
Air Force	T. Smith	Sandri	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Levens	Ismail
Miami	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Brooks	Ismail
Pittsburgh	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Brooks	Ismail
Navy	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Sandri	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Brooks	Ismail
Tennessee	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Sandri	Brown	Mirer	Brooks	Watters	Ismail
Penn State	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Sandri	Brown	Mirer	Betts	Watters	Ismail
USC	T. Smith	McGuire	Ryan	Heldt	Jurkovic	Hall	Brown	Mirer	Culver	Watters	Jarrell

OPPONENT	DT	NT	DT	OLB	OLB	ILB	ILB	FCB	SCB	SS	FS
Michigan	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	Grimm	Lyght	R. Smith	Davis	Poorman
Michigan State	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	Grimm	Lane	R. Brooks	Davis	Poorman
Purdue	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	Grimm	Lane	R. Brooks	Davis	Carter
Stanford	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	Grimm	Lyght	R. Brooks	Davis	Carter
Air Force	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	DuBose	Lyght	Lane	Davis	Carter
Miami	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	Grimm	Lyght	Lane	Davis	Carter
Pittsburgh	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	McDonald	Kowalkowski	Stonebreaker	Grimm	Lyght	Lane	Davis	Carter
Navy	Williams	E. Jones	Dahl	McDonald	Kowalkowski	Stonebreaker	Grimm	Lyght	Lane	Davis	Carter
Tennessee	Williams	E. Jones	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	DuBose	Lyght	R. Smith	Davis	Poorman
Penn State	McDonald	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	DuBose	Lyght	R. Smith	Davis	Clark
USC	Williams	Zorich	Dahl	Kowalkowski	A. Jones	Stonebreaker	DuBose	Lyght	R. Smith	Davis	Clark

NOTRE DAME	RUSHING (Att.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFF. (Att.-Yds)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)
vs Michigan	50-234-3	23-14-1-165-1	73-399	23-15-8-0	2-2
vs Michigan State	49-156-3	21-14-0-155-0	70-311	16-9-7-0	1-0
vs Purdue	65-362-4	21-12-0-140-0	86-502	27-22-4-1	0-0
vs Stanford	54-198-2	26-15-0-235-2	80-443	24-13-11-0	3-3
vs Air Force	45-289-5	15-11-0-253-2	60-542	24-13-9-2	1-1
vs Miami	59-305-0	16-8-1-153-1	75-429	24-15-6-3	2-2
vs Pittsburgh	51-296-4	16-5-1-85-0	71-381	20-15-3-2	2-1
vs Navy	44-212-5	20-12-1-265-1	64-477	24-12-10-2	3-1
vs Tennessee	53-316-3	10-5-0-92-1	63-408	19-16-2-1	1-1
vs Penn State	59-206-3	21-8-2-161-0	80-367	20-12-8-0	1-0
vs USC	53-208-1	15-7-0-130-0	68-338	17-12-5-0	1-1

OPPONENTS	RUSHING (Att.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFF. (Att.-Yds)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)
by Michigan	40-253-1	30-17-2-190-2	70-443	22-13-9-0	2-1
by Michigan State	43-117-2	24-17-1-196-0	68-313	18-7-10-1	0-0
by Purdue	19-24-0	37-21-0-354-1	56-378	15-2-13-0	2-2
by Stanford	31-87-5	34-26-0-256-0	65-343	17-5-11-1	3-1
by Air Force	62-244-4	14-9-0-93-0	76-337	16-10-4-2	4-0
by Miami	34-118-2	36-20-2-355-0	70-473	24-9-15-0	2-2
by Pittsburgh	29-84-1	51-37-2-284-2	80-468	27-8-17-2	3-1
by Navy	57-221-2	14-9-0-161-2	71-382	21-14-4-3	0-0
by Tennessee	32-117-1	60-35-2-399-2	92-516	27-8-17-2	1-0
by Penn State	30-61-0	34-20-0-277-3	64-338	21-3-18-0	0-0
by USC	28-29-0	39-26-0-273-0	67-302	17-4-13-0	1-0

RUSHING (ATT-YDS-TD)	Watters	Brooks	Culver	Ismail	Mirer
vs Michigan	7-41-0	8-36-1	19-95-1	6-50-0	10-12-1
vs Michigan State	17-43-2	9-32-0	12-39-1	3-26-0	8-16-0
vs Purdue	6-41-0	11-55-0	13-46-1	5-82-1	7-48-1
vs Stanford	9-23-0	13-43-0	20-104-1	0-0-0	10-24-1
vs Air Force	6-29-2	DNP	10-102-0	5-17-0	3-7-0
vs Miami	3-17-0	11-53-0	21-72-0	13-100-0	11-34-0
vs Pittsburgh	0-0-0	18-88-2	13-71-0	10-116-1	9-2-1
vs Navy	8-36-1	7-22-1	9-55-1	8-41-0	8-34-1
vs Tennessee	17-174-2	13-41-0	10-47-0	6-44-1	7-10-0
vs Penn State	19-114-1	8-46-1	13-42-0	5-22-0	13-(-17)-1
vs USC	16-61-0	7-35-1	10-37-0	6-39-0	12-28-0

RECEIVING (NO-YDS-TD)	Ismail	Watters	Jarrell	T. Smith	Brooks	Brow	Culver	Dawson	S. Davis
vs Michigan	4-42-0	1-17-0	2-26-1	3-24-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	2-8-0	1-45-0	0-0-0
vs Michigan State	5-71-0	1-4-0	2-27-0	1-13-0	1-11-0	1-19-0	3-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs Purdue	1-7-0	2-(-11)-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-40-0	2-8-0	1-9-0	3-39-0
vs Stanford	0-0-0	2-25-0	1-35-0	5-78-2	2-36-0	1-12-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	2-34-0
vs Air Force	6-172-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	4-61-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs Miami	1-24-0	1-23-0	0-0-0	2-56-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	2-28-1	1-9-0	0-0-0
vs Pittsburgh	3-64-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-6-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-15-0
vs Navy	6-173-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-23-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-44-0	0-0-0
vs Tennessee	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-6-0	3-86-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs Penn State	4-76-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-18-0	0-0-0	1-23-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-44-0
vs USC	2-70-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	3-43-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

FIELD GOALS (x -- missed FG)	MICH.	MSU	Purdue	Stanford	AFA	Miami	PITT	Navy	TENN	Penn St.	USC	
Henrich	None	None	44,43,23	29,34(x)	28,26	25,44,34,49(x)	36,35	39	31	26,20	53(x),43(x)	30

