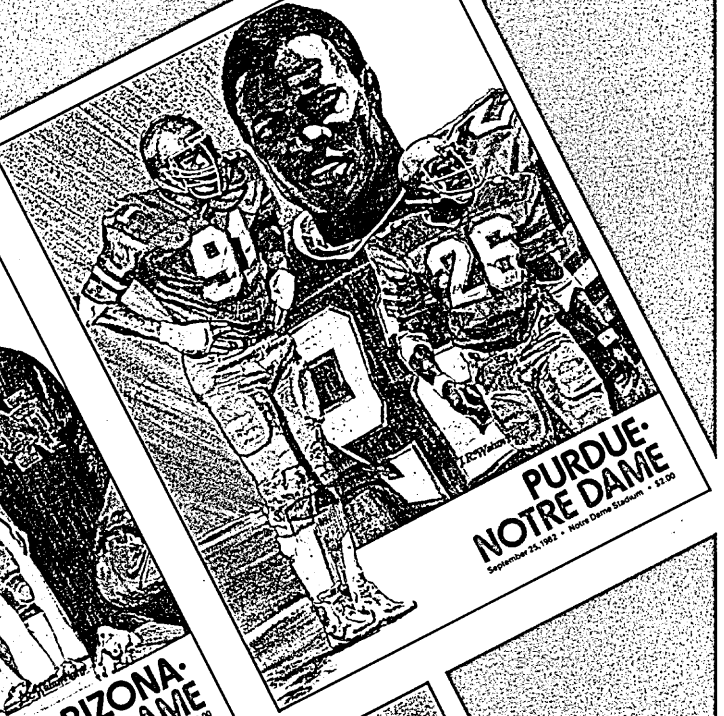


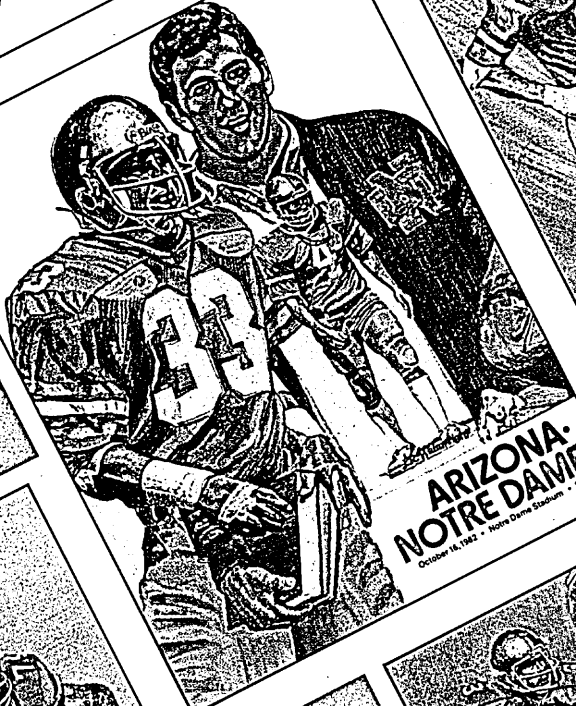


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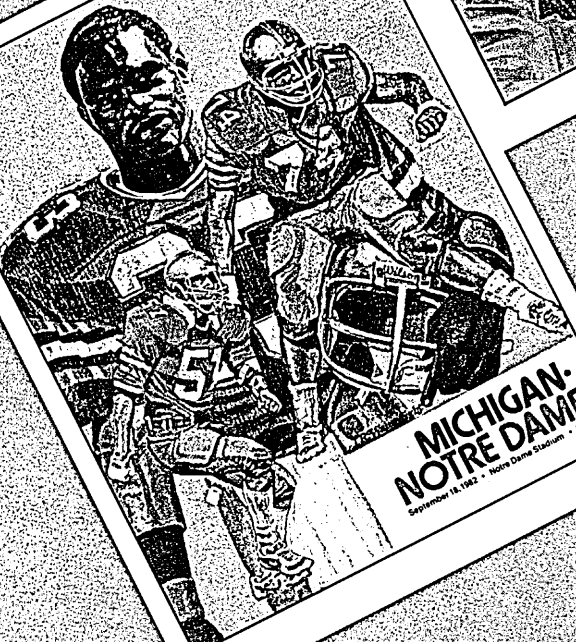
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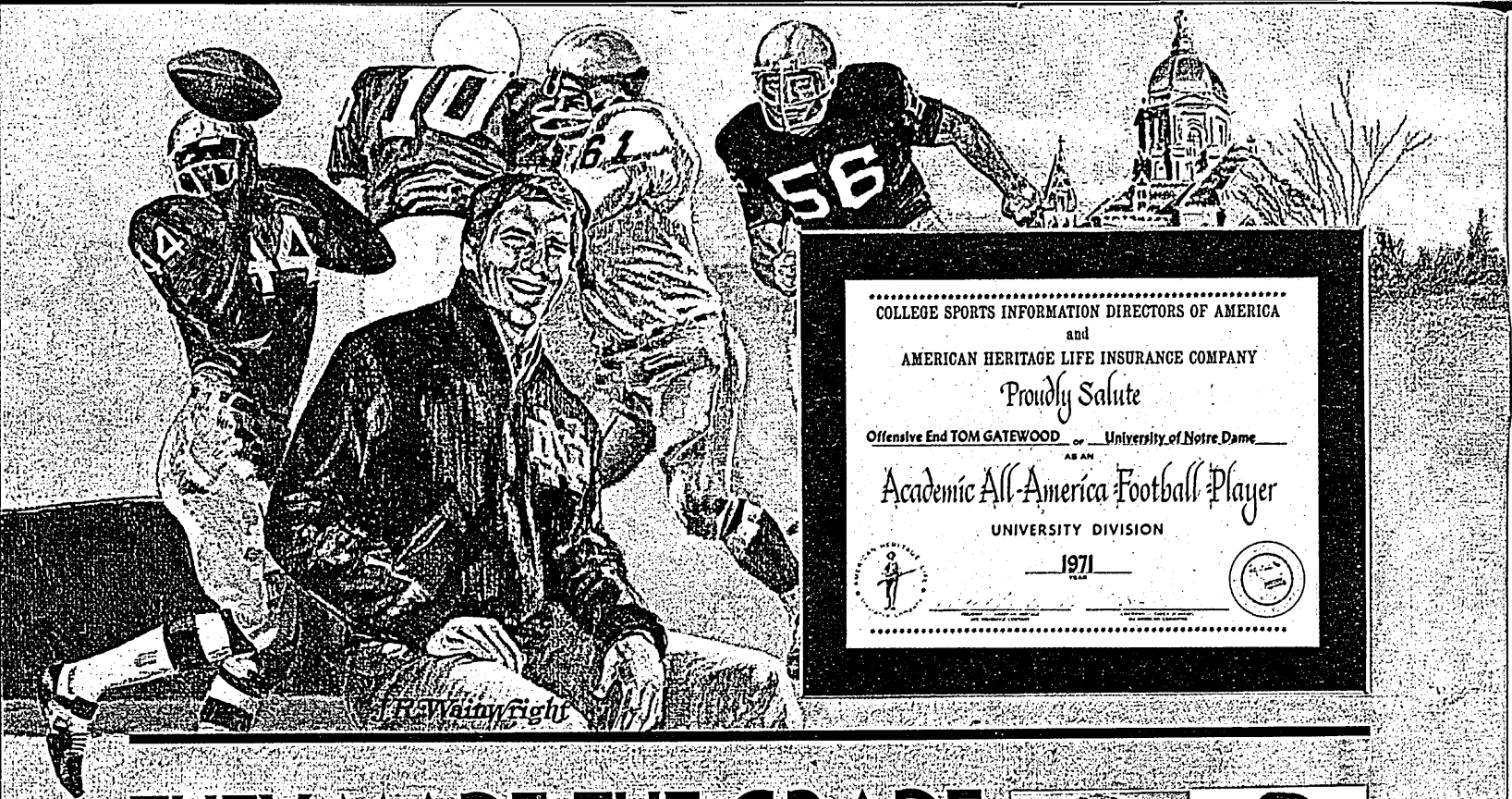
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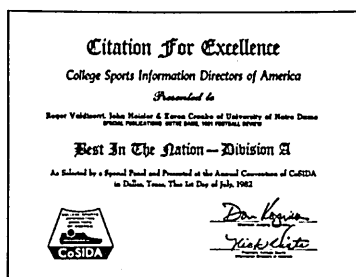
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Getting Over the Hump

By JOHN HEISLER

*Baby, all the lights are turned on you
Now you're in the center of the stage
Ev'rything revolves on what you do
Ah, you are in your prime
You've come of age*

Steak, chicken, pasta, salad, dessert.

The spread looked impressive — especially for a Sunday morning — on white tablecloths in the lobby area of the Notre Dame football offices.

It was all part of a little celebration Gerry Faust had planned.

"I told our coaches if we beat Pitt, I'd have a steak dinner for them," said Faust, a bit sheepish yet still a bit giddy from the heady triumph in Pitt Stadium.

So, a little after eleven o'clock that morning — amidst the film sessions and interviews and preparations for Penn State the following week — the Irish staff enjoyed a gourmet brunch while savoring for a few more minutes the delicious upset of the top-ranked Panthers.

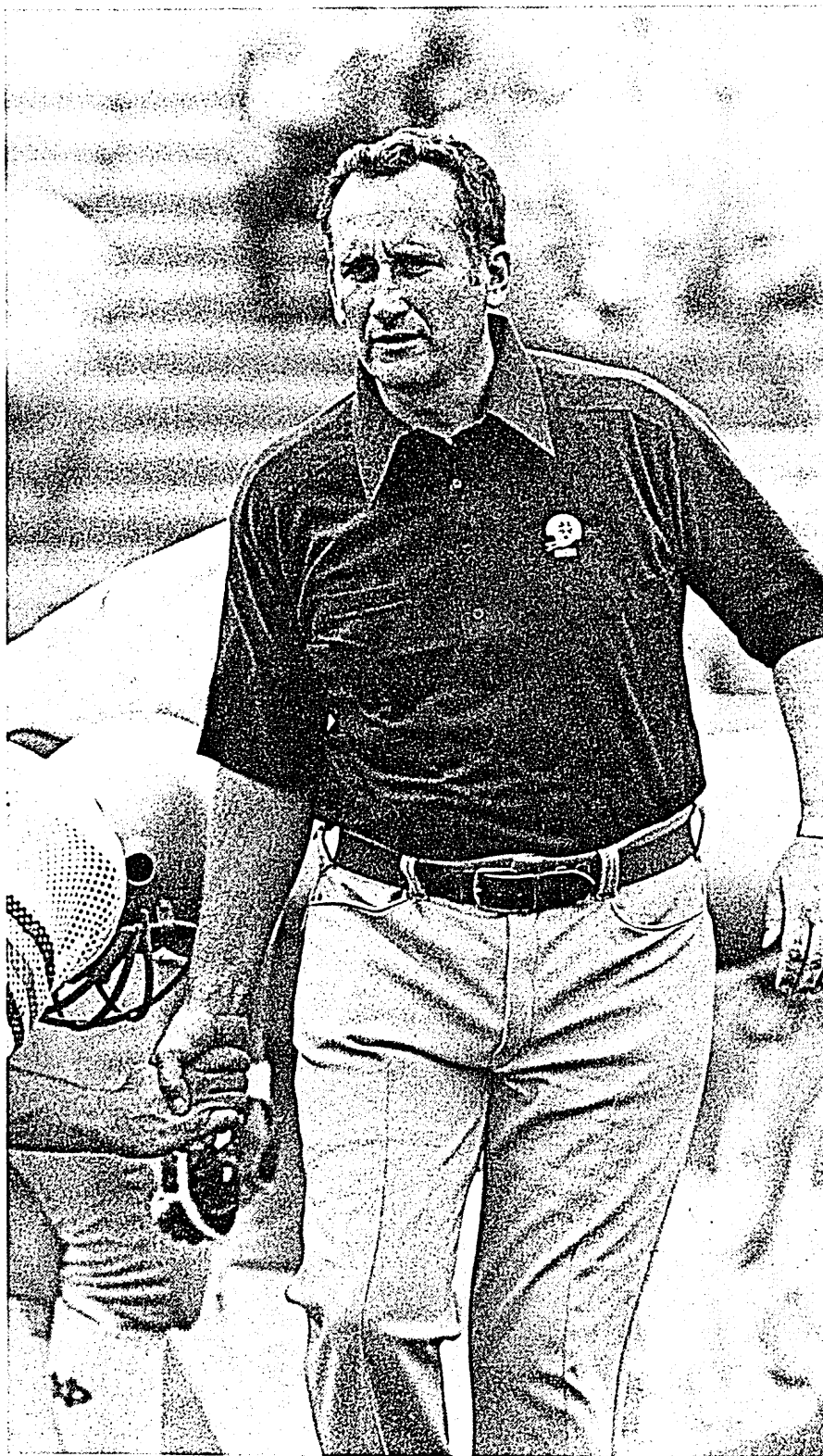
As Faust freely admitted, "I wouldn't mind doing this every week if things would go the way they did yesterday."

But, things didn't go at all like that the rest of November. Quarterback Blair Kiel had bruised a shoulder while skidding out of bounds against Pitt, and he ended up missing the next two games. Even though he returned to duty in the finale at USC, Notre Dame would end up losing its last three games after winning its first four. It was a back-to-reality thud for a campaign that began with the assertiveness of a convincing victory over Michigan.

Nevertheless, that domination of the Wolverines — followed up by a scintillating, last-second triumph over Miami plus the win at Pitt — proved to be the fruit of the football vine that was missing from Faust's freshman year diet.

"That's why the Michigan game meant so much to the team and to me," Faust said. "We hadn't won a big game that first year over a great team. Those are the kind of games Notre Dame had become famous for over the years, the kind of games the fans remember. We needed to go out there and beat some teams that people didn't think we could beat."

The Michigan win under the lights started it. The come-from-behind,



If Gerry Faust has added one thing to the Notre Dame program, it has been personal contact between the players and the head coach.

against-all-odds Miami finish continued it. Following a period in which the Irish offense struggled due to key injuries to Mark Fischer, Larry Moriarty and Greg Bell, the Pittsburgh success story clinched it. The 6-4-1 final ledger would have been even better if Notre Dame had pulled off wins over eventual national champion Penn State or USC. Both were near misses that qualified in the "what if" department.

What if Kiel had been healthy against the Nittany Lions? The Irish might have seized that early 7-0 lead and never looked back. What if the officials had called the final minute of the USC game differently? The Irish might finally have won at the Coliseum for the first time since 1966.

Faust tasted it all in '82 — the good (Michigan, Pitt), the bad (Air Force) and the ugly (a tie with Oregon certainly qualifies).

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Notre Dame associate athletic director Joe O'Brien still remembers that Monday morning following Notre Dame's season-opening win over LSU that kicked off the Faust era in 1981. O'Brien, like most everyone else who had viewed the first-year Irish coach from near or far, was caught up in the

euphoria.

"The reaction to that first Saturday was just amazing," O'Brien remembers. "We had to go up to Ann Arbor to play Michigan the next week after Michigan had lost its first game to Wisconsin. I can remember thinking, and even telling people, that if we went up and beat Michigan we might never lose again. That's the kind of effect Gerry had when things started back then."

The effect Faust produces on people really hasn't changed. Oh, sure, the Irish and their fans were banged hard back to earth that next Saturday in Ann Arbor by the 25-7 Wolverine victory. Now, after two years, Faust's career record at the collegiate level stands at 11-10-1 — nothing awesome, yet nothing of which to be ashamed, either.

Yet, if anything has remained the same over Faust's initial two seasons, it is the continual admiration so many have for Faust's dogged determination.

Jim Murray, the sage *Los Angeles Times* columnist, wished Faust success as a present in his Christmas column, suggesting that anyone who works as hard as Gerry does surely deserves it. And that's been the general consensus.

That's exactly the sort of reaction the Irish win over Pittsburgh produced

among the Notre Dame players.

"If it means one thing," fullback Larry Moriarty told another *Los Angeles Times* writer following the Pitt game, "it's getting the public to believe in him. The team has believed in him from day one. It's the biggest thrill for me to see that man walking around with a smile that big on his face."

Veteran defensive end Kevin Griffith echoed those same thoughts:

"This means everything in the world to him. This is his biggest payday and I think it's right. I think he deserves it. This is his life, he cashed in everything for this, and he's got his big payday now."

Even the final three losses in '82 couldn't dissuade Faust from feeling like things were beginning to fall into place.

"I really feel like things are starting to come now," he told many people not long after the USC finale. "I'm encouraged. I think I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We're not there yet, but I think we know where we need to be."

Several months later, Faust reiterated the patience that has characterized the way in which he has attacked the Notre Dame challenge.



Gerry Faust visits with ABC's Anne Simon at halftime of the Michigan game.



"I think we've accomplished some things," he said.

"I don't think I've really changed in the last two years. I don't feel like I'm any more or less optimistic about things than I was before.

"I guess I'll always reflect back on the way it all started at Moeller. We didn't build that overnight. We needed four years to get to the success we enjoyed the last 10 years or so."

And it didn't take Gerry long to appreciate the what-have-you-done-for-us-lately attitude of some fans.

"We lost to Arizona on a field goal with no time left on the clock, so I get a letter from a fan in Tucson," Faust recalled. "He said we should have won and he was so embarrassed that he thought it would be the noble thing for me to do to step down.

"Then, after we beat Pitt three weeks later, the same guy sent me a telegram. It says, 'Disregard the first letter. You're the greatest and I apologize.' Those are fans for you."

One of the by-products of the great upsets architected over the years by the Irish has been the tumultuous welcomes back to campus provided the team by the Notre Dame students. Faust had the pleasure of enjoying his first of that sort a few hours after his team defeated Pitt.

"It's a great experience," remembered Moriarty. "Since it was my second time, I decided to watch some of the younger players. Coach Faust was on our bus and I could see the tears in his eyes as the bus crawled through the cheering students.

"He's a great man to be around when he wins, because he's so happy. Everybody wants to see him succeed, because he loves Notre Dame so much and works so hard, and I sincerely mean that."

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With the emotion of the season behind him, Faust reflected on his start at Notre Dame:

"I can see our program starting to come. A couple of breaks last fall and we would have had a tremendous year. We lost some we shouldn't have, and we won some that people didn't think we should. Now we've got to eliminate the ones we shouldn't lose.

"I've seen vast improvement, even as close as I am to the whole situation. It's harder for me than for an outsider. But I've had coaches who have seen it and told me about it.

"We're going in the direction we want. And I think we've accomplished some things. I feel a lot more comfortable than I did. . . .

"You look back at the whole year, and the one that hurt was the Air Force game. It's tough to analyze why



Reactions like this one will produce more steak dinners for Faust and his staff.

it happened. They got hot and we couldn't catch 'em. But we can't let things like that happen.

"The Air Force game was kind of like the Miami game my first year. It hurt us because we thought we were over the hill, and that kind of stopped us. If we win at Air Force, the year takes on a completely different look.

"If your program is established, no one worries about a game like that. It's the temporary sort of setback I hope we don't see anymore. After two years now, we should be past that stage.

"When you think about it, we haven't had what I would call a senior team yet. It'll be the same way this year. But our seniors this year are the only ones who have been to a bowl game. That'll help us because I feel like we'll have a chance to go somewhere this time.

"Like I said before, I think the light at the end of the tunnel is there. I can see the difference and I think the kids can see the difference. After two years, I think they have a better idea of where we want to be. I think we're all over the hump now."

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It has been a poorly-kept secret ever

since he came to Notre Dame.

He knows it. His assistant coaches and players know it. The administration knows it. Even the alumni and fans know it.

All Gerry Faust has to do is win.

It's all very simple, really. Faust was hired as football coach—to a larger extent than many realize—because he succeeded so often in winning the game of life. He made believers of people, and he made doing that a way of life. He did it at Notre Dame the same way he did it at Moeller 18 years before. He did it by being more down to earth—and sometimes more naive—than a college head coach is supposed to be. He did it with his enthusiasm and personality—traits that made it nearly impossible not to like him. He did it by making himself accessible to anyone who wanted a piece of his time.

His life is a little more hectic than it was at Moeller. The datebook is a little more cluttered and the quiet moments to spend by himself or with his family are fewer in number now.

But Faust is where he wants to be. He wants to change the image. He's a coach for the common man. He's try-

ing to prove that nice guys can finish first. He's made the big time now, but he's not interested in playing the role. And that's a bit refreshing these days.

He hasn't read *The Official Preppy Handbook*. He barely tolerates ties. Long live permanent press.

He doesn't summer on Nantucket. You won't find him lunching at the club. A single from Wendy's and a can of Tab is a more likely sight.

Faust is anything but Madison Avenue. Notre Dame Avenue is more like it. He's still the small-town, Ohio boy trying his best to make good as the Notre Dame coach.

Faust's goal for '83 is steak-dinner-style performances every Saturday, not just two or three times a season. All he has to do is win.

It's that simple.

*You can always have your way somehow
'Cause everybody loves you now
You can walk away from your mistakes
You can turn your back on what you do
Just a little smile is all it takes
And you can have your cake and eat it too*

Reviving Those Echoes

By KELLY SULLIVAN

It was on September 18, 1982, that Notre Dame became number one again — in the hearts of its fans, if not in the polls.

Musco Portable Lighting Company supplied the equipment that illuminated the Notre Dame Stadium field for the school's historical, first-ever, night game at home.

But it was Irish head coach Gerry Faust, who was in the spotlight after debuting at the college of his dreams with a 5-6 record.

And with a capacity crowd, plus a national-television audience of judges, staring him in the face, he refused to bat an eyelash.

Notre Dame's emotional 23-17 victory over Michigan helped its faithful followers erase the memory of 1981, avenge a loss to the team that had introduced Faust to college defeat a year ago — and put the players back on the road to respectability.

Man for man, the Irish will remember their "Saturday Night Special" as the time they were able to shake loose the burden of the previous season.

"We will never forget what happened last year," proclaimed tri-captain Dave Duerson. "But until kickoff tonight, we were still living in it. It was a deadening feeling. Whatever happens now, at least we'll be able to say we played a great

game September 18."

"We embarrassed ourselves and our school last year," said quarterback Blair Kiel. "We all had 5-6 in the back of our minds. We refused to be in that situation again."

"We all just felt this game was going to determine the direction of our season," added senior tailback Phil Carter. "We knew we had to start off on the right track."

Just as important, the victory belonged as much to Faust, who won a big game over a big name for the first time since his jump to the college ranks. "I thought the new season would never start," said the second-year head man.

"No one works harder than he does," praised senior fullback Larry Moriarty. "It's great to finally see this."

"Coach needed this very much," noted Duerson. "He hasn't been this happy since we beat LSU in the opener last year."

What a difference that year had produced. Between his first and second seasons at Notre Dame, Faust did considerable retooling with the Irish — bringing new additions to his staff, changing assignments among the coaches and adopting a tougher policy with his players.

Faust was the first to admit he had room to improve.

"I love the players like sons, but I

realized I had to be tough with them. I just wasn't that tough last year.

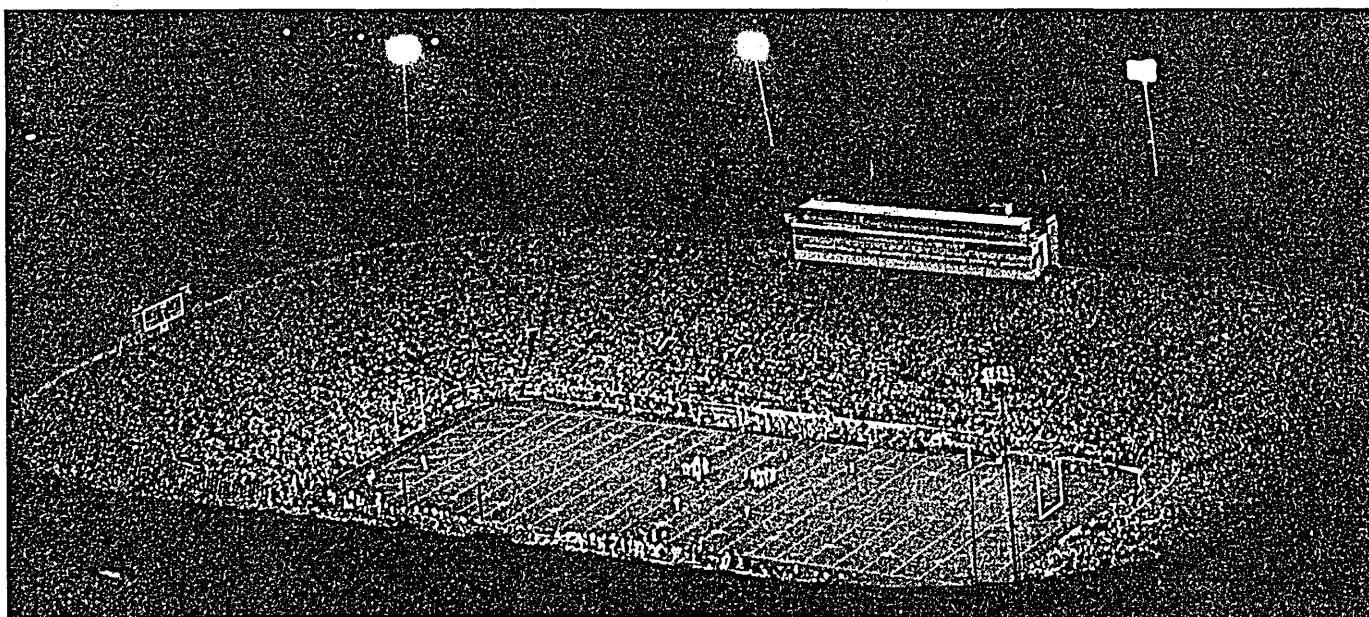
"We didn't hit enough in practice. We didn't work as hard as we should. We have unique people playing at Notre Dame, but I think I gave them too much freedom."

The full impact of his old attitude finally hit Faust a few days before the Michigan game. He witnessed a premier showing of the film, "Wake Up the Echoes," a 50-minute documentary of Notre Dame football. He admits being moved to tears.

"I cried as I watched the screen. After I saw the movie, I felt I really knew what Notre Dame football was all about. For the first time in a year and a half, since I took this job, the weight of it finally fell on my shoulders."

The hallowed tradition of the University, the achievements of Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, highlights from national championship seasons of the past — Faust felt these couldn't help but make a deep impression on his players, too.

He arranged for the team to see the movie the day of the Michigan game. When it ended, about two hours before kickoff, the Irish marched in silence over to the Stadium locker room. "I wanted the impact of the film to be with them," explained Faust. And his play worked flawlessly.



Historic Notre Dame Stadium took on a whole new look on the evening of September 18 as the Irish took to their home turf under lights for the first time in the 53-year history of the structure.

"Not one word was spoken on the way over to the Stadium," said Carter. "That movie said it all."

"The mood of the team had been intense all week," Duerson explained. I hadn't seen preparation like that since the week of practice before the Alabama game in 1980.

"But that movie — it really moved us, sort of put us in touch with our purpose of upholding Notre Dame's tradition. We realized what Notre Dame football looked like to other schools, other people — we wanted to be like those great Notre Dame teams of the past."

"You can't imagine how inspiring the film was," agreed Zavagnin. "The impact was tremendous. We just wanted to bring back the tradition and excitement of Notre Dame football."

There were so many heroes in the Michigan manhandling.

Senior Mike Johnston, a one-time walk-on who had kicked only two field goals before in his life — both in high school — connected on placements of 35, 37, and 41 yards.

Larry Moriarty, whose rushing total the previous season amounted to 94 yards in 11 games, bruised for 116 yards in 16 carries and the night's first touchdown.

Junior quarterback Blair Kiel, much-maligned in the past, was never better. He completed 15 of 22 passes — seven to tight end Tony Hunter — for 141 yards and ABC's player of the game honor.

The defense was just as outstanding.

It sacked Michigan quarterback Steve Smith eight times for minus 34 yards — and Irish defensive end Kevin Griffith had three of those drops.

Sophomore linebacker Mike Larkin hadn't donned pads since the first day of preseason practice, when he bruised his shoulder — but he led the team with 11 tackles, two of them behind the line of scrimmage.

Senior defensive tackle Bob Clasby set the tempo of the game on the Wolverines' opening drive when he jarred the ball from Smith on third down, setting up a Jon Autry recovery on Michigan's 22-yard line.

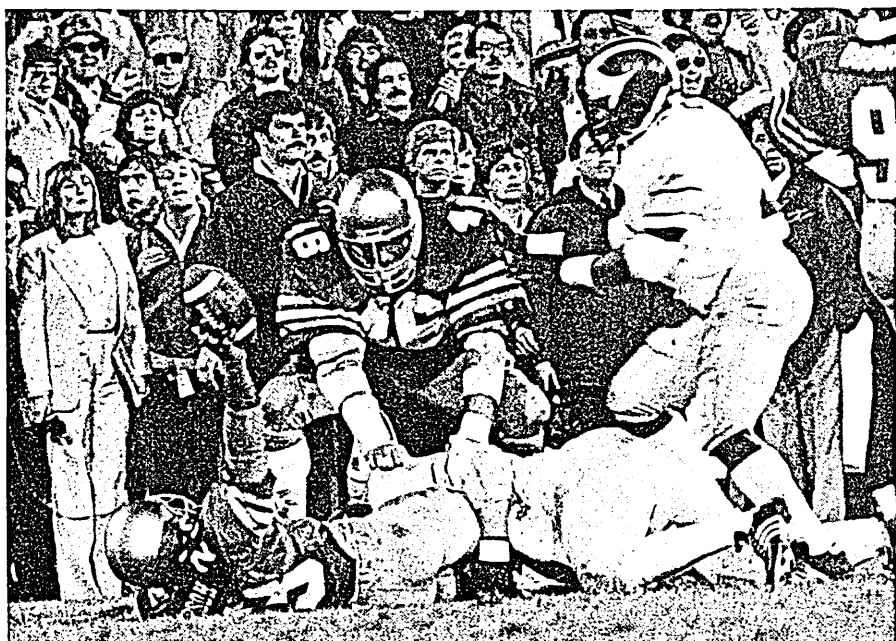
Three plays later, Johnston split the goal posts to give the Irish a lead they would never surrender.

"You never know how you are going to be able to handle them until the game begins," offensive guard Tom Thayer said. "After that first drive, we realized we could take them, we had no doubts. Our confidence built up from that."

It never came down, While Michigan's touted offense could net minus seven yards on its next three possessions, the Irish groundgainers were on their



Bruising senior fullback Larry Moriarty accounts for Notre Dame's first touchdown of '82 with a nifty 24-yard sideline excursion, as Gerry Faust urges him on in the background.



Senior free safety Dave Duerson holds the football aloft (above) following his game-saving steal in the final minutes. Duerson had plenty of reason to celebrate his lead-protecting takeaway with secondary mate Joe Johnson (below).



way to a fabulous night. Besides Moriarty's triple-figure performance, Greg Bell amassed 95 yards, and Carter 56.

Another Wolverine fumble right before the second quarter set up another Notre Dame score. Smith collided with his tailback, Lawrence Ricks, and linebacker Mark Zavagnin put the Irish offense back to work with his recovery 46 yards from the end zone.

Four running plays later — after Bell sprints of seven and 10 yards, and Moriarty jaunts of five and then 24 yards — the Irish hit paydirt.

Johnston's second kick widened the lead—and Notre Dame rode into halftime with a 13-0 advantage and all the momentum in the world.

"I don't think the halftime score surprised us," Kiel said. "Not after the job our offensive line did. I had all the time in the world to throw. They have confidence in what I can do, and they take care of me. And the coaches had us so well prepared. Our consistency on offense, that was just plain hard work and intensity — and we knew if it worked in the first half, it would work in the second."

"It was a great feeling to be in complete control, to dominate that way," added Duerson. "We told each other the only way Michigan could get back in the game was if we let them."

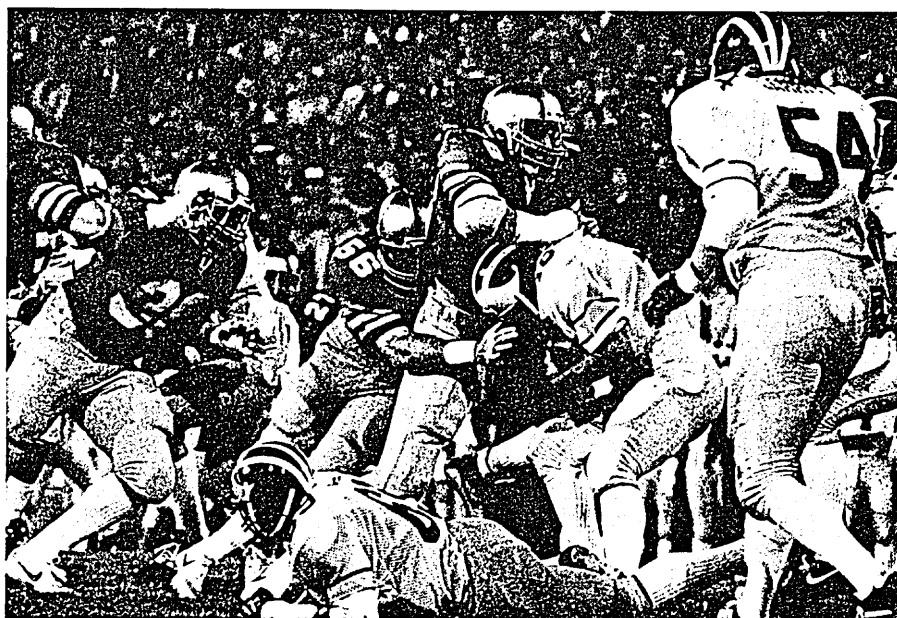
From statistical indications, that didn't appear likely. Notre Dame had allowed the Wolverines to cross midfield just once the first 30 minutes. Michigan, outgained 207-74 yards offensively, hadn't made a single third-down conversion yet — and it wouldn't all night.

"I didn't recognize that team out there," Wolverine coach Bo Schembechler said. "The offensive line got whipped. They simply played terrible. The defensive line didn't tackle well. We just made too many mistakes. We couldn't run the ball and we couldn't stop their backs. Still, we had a chance to win the game. Two wild plays gave us the opportunity, but we really didn't deserve to be in the game at all."

One of those wild plays followed Notre Dame's opening second-half drive. The Irish punted to Michigan game-breaker Anthony Carter, who hadn't been a factor the entire contest. The senior speedster raced 72 yards for the Wolves' first score.

Carter's spectacular jaunt got Michigan close, but that was about the extent of the maize-and-blue offense for the night. The wide receiver stood on the sidelines the final two quarters with a muscle pull.

The Irish, meanwhile, answered with a third Johnston field goal. Then when Michigan managed just one yard in three plays, Notre Dame orchestrated a



Notre Dame's defense shows little patience with Michigan's running game, as Mike Gann (78) and Kevin Griffith (56) halt Steve Smith, the Wolverine quarterback.

62-yard touchdown march capped by Bell's seven-yard blast off left tackle.

But the 23-7 Irish lead melted when Michigan got a 49-yard Ali Haji-Sheikh field goal, and a freak touchdown off its second "wild play" of the game.

Smith faked a handoff to tailback Rick Rogers. He tossed to Gilvanni Johnson, who was superbly double-teamed by Duerson and Stacey Toran. As Duerson got a hand on the ball, it rolled onto Toran's back. Rogers was there to pluck it off and zoom 27 yards into the end zone.

"We thought of last year's Purdue game all over again," remembered Zavagnin. "About how we thought we had the game won, and blew the lead.

"Yet we all had confidence in ourselves this year — something we didn't have last season. We just knew the way the line was playing, and the way everyone was getting to the ball, something was bound to happen."

Faust was optimistic too. "I would have put my head down after that kind of thing last year," he said. "I never saw a play like that in my life. Sure I got concerned, but I knew I had to keep my head up. I called the players over to the sidelines and told them to forget about that play real quick."

Duerson gave further instruction in the huddle during the Wolverines' last gasp, when they appeared to be driving for a possible go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

"I told the defense, 'Okay, we bent on that touchdown play, but let's not break.' We still felt that we had them."

The senior safety took his own advice. After Smith completed a pass to Vince Bean at the Notre Dame 30,

Duerson stripped the ball right out of his hands.

"They had run that pass route the whole game," he explained. "It's their favorite, and we knew that. We'd been preparing for it in practice all week. Actually, we came very close to batting it away on that route earlier in the game, so I knew how to play it. It was just a matter of timing."

It was a matter of perfect timing for the Irish. "We knew we couldn't let them score that late," Duerson continued. "Then we would have had to rely on a last-second score to win, the way Notre Dame-Michigan games are usually won. But this one had been our game the whole night. We just couldn't give it away, and that's what it would have been if they won — a gift."

The final score was close. The game wasn't.

Evidence of the Notre Dame destruction included the numbers for the Irish offense — 419 yards, 20 more plays than Michigan and possession time of 36 minutes and 18 seconds, holding the ball 12 of the third quarter's 15 minutes.

"Their 17 points were no indication of the game our defense played," said Faust. "They were outstanding."

Michigan, which last season averaged 274 yards rushing per game, netted just 41 — its lowest output since a loss to Ohio State back in 1970.

"It was a game a player dreams about," offered Duerson. "We seniors needed one like this, one we totally controlled, one where there was no question who the victor was."

There was no question Faust justifiably could proclaim, "We woke up the echoes a little bit tonight."

Michigan	0	0	7	10	17
Notre Dame	3	10	10	0	23

Scoring Summary				
First Quarter			Time	UM ND
ND—Mike Johnston 35 FG			12:38	0 3
Drive: Four yards in three plays following Jon Autry recovery of Michigan fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:01.				
Second Quarter				
ND—Larry Moriarty 24 run			14:01	0 10
(Mike Johnston kick)				
Drive: 46 yards in four plays following Mark Zavagnin recovery of Michigan fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:32; Big Play: Greg Bell run for 10 yards.				
ND—Mike Johnston 37 FG			:02	0 13
Drive: 65 yards in nine plays following Michigan punt; Elapsed Time: 2:29; Big Play: Blair Kiel passes to Joe Howard for 22 yards and Milt Jackson for nine yards.				
Third Quarter				
UM—Anthony Carter 72 punt return			13:10	7 13
(Ali Haji-Sheikh kick)				
ND—Mike Johnston 41 FG			7:22	7 16
Drive: 49 yards in 12 plays following Michigan kickoff; Elapsed Time: 5:48; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Joe Howard for nine yards.				
ND—Greg Bell 10 run			1:55	7 23
(Mike Johnston kick)				
Drive: 62 yards in eight plays following Michigan punt; Elapsed Time: 4:22; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 15 yards.				
Fourth Quarter				
UM—Ali Haji-Sheikh 42 FG			13:00	10 23
Drive: 45 yards in 10 plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:55; Big Play: Steve Smith pass to Vince Bean for 16 yards.				
UM—Rick Rogers 39 pass from Steve Smith			7:38	17 23
(Ali Haji-Sheikh kick)				
Drive: 82 yards in seven plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 2:23; Big Play: Steve Smith pass to Vince Bean for 32 yards.				
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Team Statistics			UM	ND
First Downs			14	22
Rushing			4	18
Passing			8	4
Penalty			2	0
Rushing Attempts			36	55
Yards Rushing			90	288
Yards Lost Rushing			49	10
Net Yards Rushing			41	278
Net Yards Passing			186	141
Passes Attempted			21	22
Passes Completed			12	15
Had Intercepted			1	0
Total Offensive Plays			57	77
Total Net Yards			227	419
Average Gain Per Play			4.0	5.4
Fumbles: Number—Lost			2—2	2—1
Penalties: Number—Yards			3—15	7—66
Interceptions: Number—Yards			0—0	1—0
Number of Punts—Yards			7—276	7—294
Average Per Punt			39.4	42.0
Punt Returns: Number—Yards			2—77	3—8
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards			5—87	3—52

Individual Statistics							
Michigan							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Larry Ricks	13	51	4	47	0	19	
Rick Rogers	6	19	0	19	0	4	
Anthony Carter	1	11	0	11	0	11	
Eddie Garret	1	2	0	2	0	2	
Greg Armstrong	2	4	0	4	0	2	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Steve Smith	21	12	1	186	1	39	
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long	
Vince Bean			4	64	0	32	
Craig Dunaway			4	45	0	14	
Anthony Carter			2	34	0	18	
Rick Rogers			1	39	1	39	
Larry Ricks			1	4	0	4	
Notre Dame							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Larry Moriarty	16	116	0	116	1	37	
Greg Bell	20	95	0	95	1	11	
Phil Carter	14	58	2	56	0	16	
Mark Brooks	3	10	0	10	0	4	
Blair Kiel	2	9	8	1	0	9	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Blair Kiel	22	15	0	141	0	25	
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long	
Tony Hunter			7	76	0	25	
Joe Howard			2	31	0	22	
Greg Bell			2	13	0	7	
Larry Moriarty			2	7	0	6	
Phil Carter			1	5	0	5	
Milt Jackson			1	9	0	9	

Call It Carter Country

By RICK CHRYST

Maybe it was an omen of things to come.

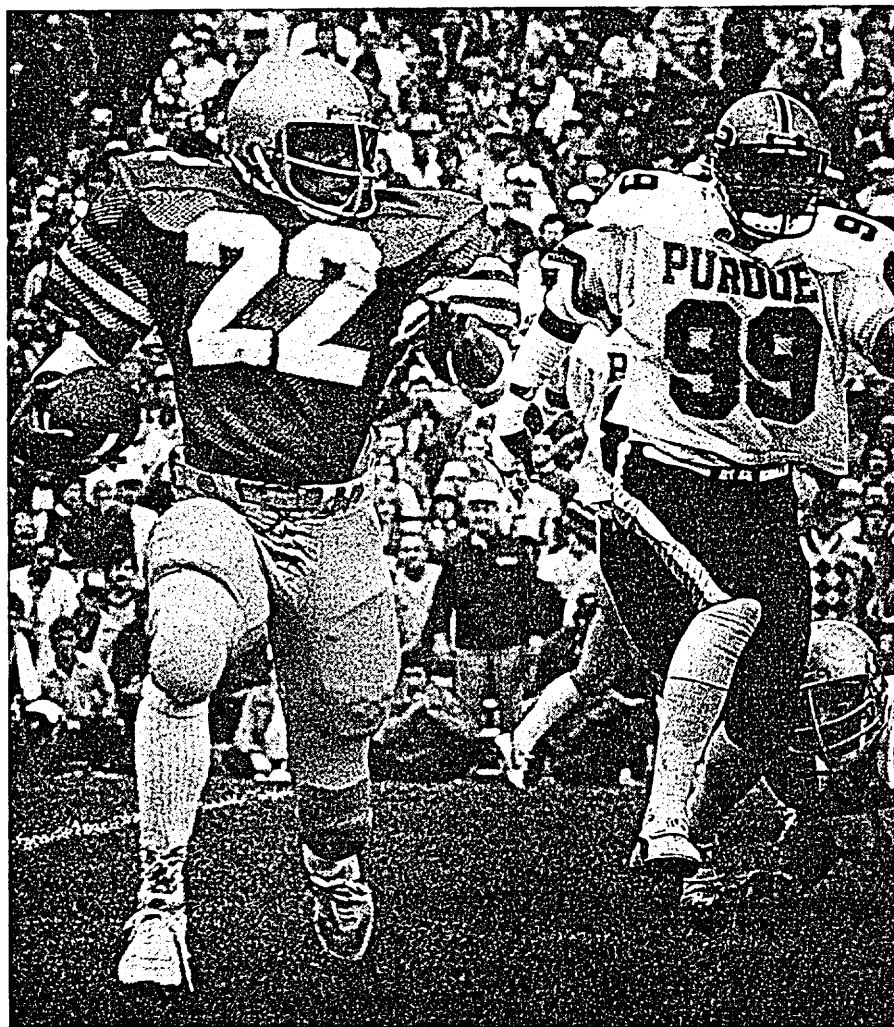
The famous Purdue drum — reputed to be the largest such instrument in the world — suddenly found itself run off the road en route to South Bend early on this overcast September Saturday, the victim of a speeding Indiana motorist.

Fortunately for the band members driving the truck, no one was seriously hurt. The group, drum included, arrived by kickoff. Yet little did they realize that less than two hours later they would witness another speeding driver, this one in a sub-compact from Tacoma, Washington, who not only would sideswipe the new '82 model from West Lafayette — but also would run it right out of Notre Dame Stadium. And the total damages inflicted on "owner" Leon Burtneff's gold and black machine? A 28-14 beating from 10th-ranked Notre Dame that gave the Irish their second convincing win in as many games, while at the same time handing the Boilermakers their seventh straight loss over the past two seasons.

The driver later was identified as one Philip V. Carter, and before the day was over Notre Dame's senior tri-captain had logged a game-high 154 yards, 57 of them coming on a crucial third-period drive that finally gave the Irish the momentum — and the lead — for good over the persistent Boilermakers.

It didn't appear either of those two considerations would be a problem for Gerry Faust's squad. Throughout the week, signs in the Irish locker room made Notre Dame players painfully aware of the fact that, since 1950, a total of 12 Irish teams had won their season opener only to lose the following week. Moreover, in 10 of those 12 losses Purdue had been the culprit. If that wasn't incentive enough, the memory of the last-second 15-14 Boilermaker victory the previous season had not been quickly forgotten under the Golden Dome.

All this was clearly evident as the Irish high-stepped to a leisurely 14-0 advantage midway through the second quarter. Senior fullback Larry Moriarty's blasts — from two and three yards out — were responsible, as the stocky senior finished the first half with



A couple of second-half scoring runs by senior tailback Phil Carter made all the difference for the Irish.

56 yards on just eight carries. For the game, the Santa Barbara native totaled 106 yards on 19 tries, marking the second time in as many games that he surpassed the century mark — a trick not turned by an Irish fullback since Jerome Heavens in 1978.

But just as Irish fans started to relax, Purdue's Scott Campbell decided that two could play that imitation game. Conjuring up images (or were they nightmares?) of the afternoons when the likes of Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps and Mark Herrmann dissected Notre Dame defenses, Campbell passed his way to 177 first-half yards on 15 completions in 18 attempts. And it was two of his passing touchdowns in the closing six minutes of the

first half that had Faust concerned.

"I simply squared with the players at halftime," related the relieved second-year coach. "I told them they were a different team from last year — they wanted to win. The coaches can only call the plays; the players have to execute. It's their job. We had prepared them for what Purdue was going to do. It was up to them to go out there and win. And they did."

Which brings us back to that sub-compact from the state of Washington. After splitting time with Greg Bell against Michigan, Carter soon found himself alone at the tailback slot, after the explosive Bell fractured his right fibula on Notre Dame's second scoring drive.

With only 4:31 remaining in the third quarter and the contest still very much in doubt, Carter slipped a tackler at the line of scrimmage and then skipped out to the left sideline for a 35-yard gain deep into Purdue territory.

"Yeah, it was jammed up," recalled Carter about the pivotal run. "It was an isolation play and when it's clogged up you just want to bounce it out. I was able to do it this time . . . I'd like to do it some more."

Two plays later, Carter found the middle anything but clogged as he sprinted 16 yards on a counter play to the Purdue 10-yard line. A blast up the middle by Moriarty netted four yards before the 5-10 Carter took a pitchout and swept the remaining six yards for six points.

Two costly Purdue mistakes and two superlative efforts by Irish quarterback Blair Kiel set up Carter's game-sealing fourth-quarter touchdown jaunt. With Notre Dame stymied on its own 12-yard line, Kiel boomed a 60-yard punt. A subsequent Purdue clipping penalty (mistake number one) pushed the ball back to the Boilermaker 14 for a 74-yard exchange, all told.

Then, on third and 25, Purdue freshman Rodney Carter fumbled a Camp-

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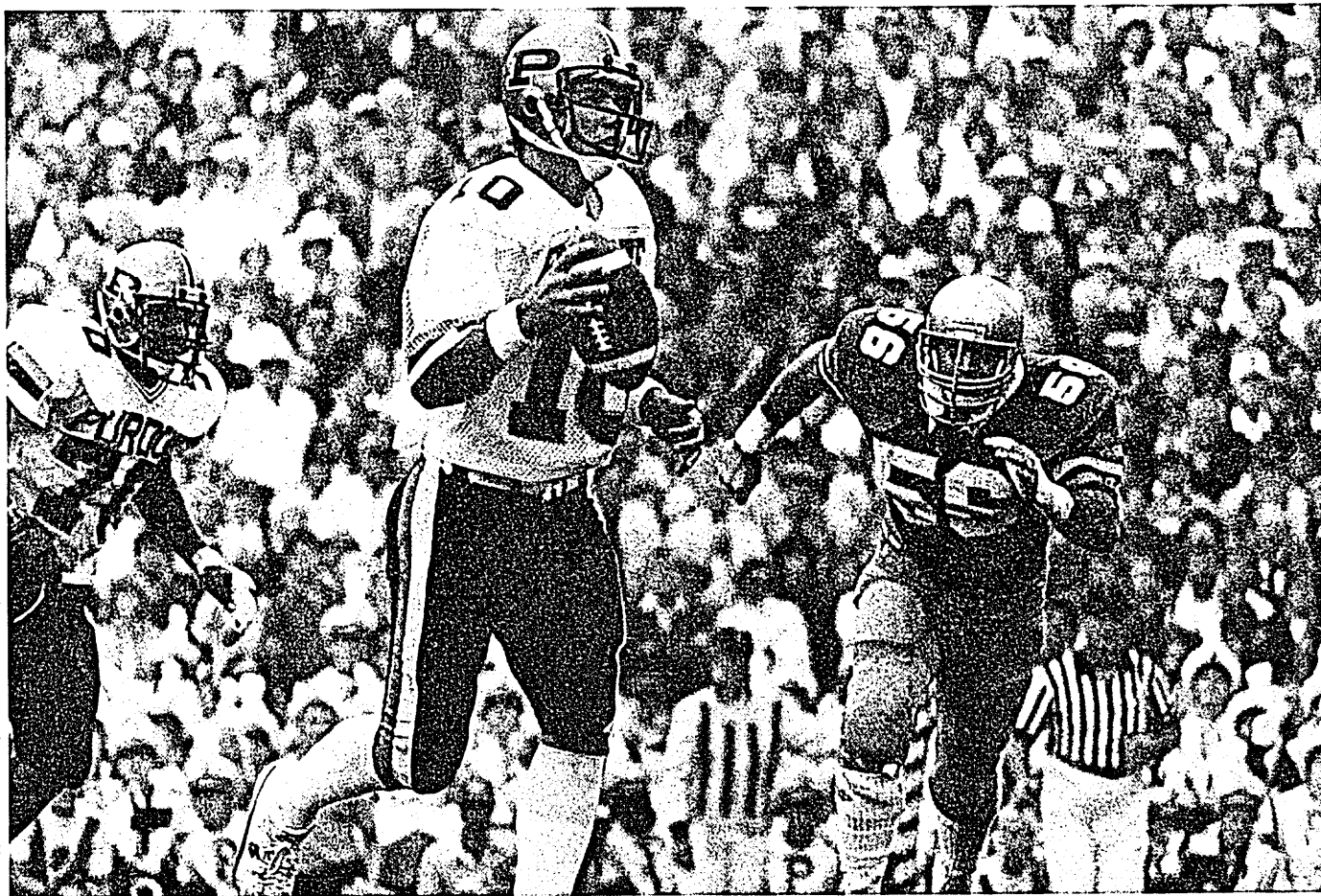
bell pass (mistake number two), and the game's only turnover was recovered by Mark Zavagnin on the Purdue 24.

"They definitely had the momentum coming out in the second half," commented the unselfish middle linebacker. "But all the credit has to go to the offense. They took up a lot of time and penetrated so that we got them in a hole which they weren't able to get out of."

And nowhere did that offense, led by Kiel (nine of 17 passing for 115 yards), prove its mettle more than on its final scoring drive. Facing a third and 18 call, the junior quarterback found tight end Tony Hunter alone down the middle for a very tidy 19-yard gain and a first down. It was Hunter's fourth grab of the afternoon, prompting Burnett to label him "the best tight end in the country."

Three Carter carries later and Mike Johnston's fourth consecutive conversion provided the final margin of victory for the Irish. But Campbell wasn't finished.

Despite the two-touchdown deficit, the junior continued to pick apart the Irish secondary. In the 26 minutes that Purdue had the ball, Campbell (now the all-time Irish opponent passing leader with 703 yards in three



Irish defensive end Kevin Griffith did everything he could to make things difficult for Purdue quarterback Scott Campbell. But the Boilermaker junior still threw for 278 yards and now boasts 703 passing yards in three appearances against Notre Dame.

games) completed 25 of 39 passes for 278 yards, and completions of 17, 10 and 37 yards — brought the ball to the Notre Dame 16-yard line with six minutes to play.

Mike Gann's 12-yard sack left Campbell with a fourth and 19, but the Hershey, Pa., native still found flanker Everett Pickens alone on the goal line. Yet, the diving Pickens saw the ball glance off his fingertips, and the Boilers' comeback hopes slipped away right along with it.

"We switched our strategy in the second half," detailed Gann. "The first half we had a bullish attitude; we tried to use our strength to shrink the pocket. In the second half, we used more stunts and slants — we tried to take advantage of our quickness and finesse."

While the Irish defense switched its pass-rushing scheme at the half, its defense against the run remained its usual stingy self. Purdue managed a microscopic 11 yards rushing.

In contrast, the Irish rushing rolled for 288 yards, the highest rushing total since the 300 compiled in the '81

Michigan State contest.

"We are playing much better this year," analyzed senior guard Tom Thayer. "We are playing well as a unit, and that comes from knowing our assignments. Things are so much simpler this year . . . they are simple enough not to make mistakes."

But while the Irish domination on the stat sheet was pleasing, the fact that it wasn't reflected to the same extent on the scoreboard bothered at least one Notre Dame standout.

"We've got to develop a killer instinct," concluded captain Dave Duereson. "We came out strong, dominated the game early, but then sat on it. Let us let them right back in it. That worries me. As much as some people dislike Notre Dame already, there are going to be times when we are just going to have to keep scoring the touchdowns."

Should hit-and-run suspect Phil Carter continue along his present course, than those opportunities might not lie far ahead on the road the Irish have yet to travel.



Senior tight end Tony Hunter pivots away from a would-be Boiler tackler on one of his four receptions that produced 72 yards.

Purdue	0	14	0	0	14
Notre Dame	7	7	7	7	28

Scoring Summary				
First Quarter	Time	PU	ND	
ND—Larry Moriarty 2 run (Mike Johnston kick)	1:43	0	7	
Drive: 80 yards in 12 plays following Purdue punt; Elapsed Time: 4:24; Big Play: Blair Kiel passes to Tony Hunter for 14 yards and to Joe Howard for 19 yards, Larry Moriarty run for 30 yards.				
Second Quarter	9:05	0	14	
ND—Larry Moriarty 3 run (Mike Johnston kick)				
Drive: 51 yards in eight plays following Purdue punt; Elapsed Time: 3:22; Big Play: Greg Bell run for 19 yards.				
PU—Bruce King 2 pass from Scott Campbell (Tim Clark kick)	5:08	7	14	
Drive: 80 yards in 10 plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:57; Big Play: Scott Campbell passes to Joe Linville for 17 yards.				
PU—Cliff Benson 5 pass from Scott Campbell (Tim Clark kick)	:57	14	14	
Drive: 50 yards in nine plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 2:41; Big Play: Scott Campbell passes to Scott Craig for nine yards and David Retherford for 17 yards.				
Third Quarter	2:34	14	21	
ND—Phil Carter 6 run (Mike Johnston kick)				
Drive: 62 yards in five plays following Purdue punt; Elapsed Time: 1:57; Big Play: Phil Carter run for 16 yards.				
Fourth Quarter	8:41	14	28	
ND—Phil Carter 10 run (Mike Johnston kick)				
Drive: 24 yards in six plays following Mark Zavagnin recovery of Purdue fumble; Elapsed Time: 3:42; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 19 yards.				

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Team Statistics		PU	ND
First Downs		16	18
Rushing		2	12
Passing		14	6
Penalty		0	0
Rushing Attempts		24	54
Yards Rushing		51	294
Yards Lost Rushing		40	6
Net Yards Rushing		11	288
Net Yards Passing		278	115
Passes Attempted		39	17
Passes Completed		25	9
Had Intercepted		0	0
Total Offensive Plays		63	71
Total Net Yards		289	403
Average Gain Per Play		4.6	5.7
Fumbles: Number—Lost		1-1	0-0
Penalties: Number—Yards		2-19	5-42
Interceptions: Number—Yards		0-0	0-0
Number of Punts—Yards		8-378	7-301
Average Per Punt		47.2	43.0
Punt Returns: Number—Yards		3-6	5-53
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards		4-86	3-62

Individual Statistics		Purdue					
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Mel Gray	11	32	0	32	0	6	
Rodney Carter	5	12	1	11	0	4	
Tim Richardson	3	5	3	2	0	3	
Scott Campbell	5	2	36	-34	0	2	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Scott Campbell	39	25	0	278	2	37	
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Cliff Benson	8	92	1	30			
Mel Gray	5	30	0	37			
Rodney Carter	4	42	0	17			
Joe Linville	3	33	0	17			
Scott Craig	2	32	0	23			
Everett Pickens	1	31	0	31			
David Retherford	1	16	0	16			
Bruce King	1	2	1	2			
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long			
Matt Kinzer	8	378	47.2	62			

Notre Dame							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Phil Carter	27	155	1	154	2	25	
Larry Moriarty	19	108	2	106	2	30	
Greg Bell	4	28	0	28	0	19	
Allen Pinkett	1	1	0	1	0	1	
Blair Kiel	3	2	3	-1	0	1	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Blair Kiel	17	9	0	115	0	23	
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tony Hunter	4	72	0	23			
Joe Howard	2	27	0	19			
Larry Moriarty	2	8	0	4			
Greg Bell	1	7	0	7			
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long			
Blair Kiel	7	301	43.0	60			

The Defense Never Rested

By KELLY SULLIVAN

You have to pardon Gerry Faust for neglecting to commend the offense after his team's 11-3 struggle over Michigan State.

In a relieved Irish postgame locker room it was the defense that took the credit and the bows for Notre Dame's hard-fought win.

Faust, who had nothing but compliments for the stonewall Michigan State defense, had equal praise for his own — and game balls for Irish defensive coaches Jim Johnson, George Kelly, Greg Blache and Jay Robertson.

"Michigan State's defense played great, and shut down our offense in key situations," he stated. "But ours really rose to the occasion and won the game for us today."

Neither the Irish nor the Spartans allowed any touchdowns during their 48th meeting — that explains why Faust almost forgot how his team came by those 11 hard-earned points.

But Notre Dame mustered just enough offense to let its perfect place-kicker Mike Johnston do his thing, and he connected on first-half placements of 33, 29 and 42 yards to keep his collegiate field-goal record — as well as his team's season slate — unblemished.

"Hey, listen up, you guys," said Faust after realizing his error. "I neglected to give someone a game ball. Where's Mike Johnston?"

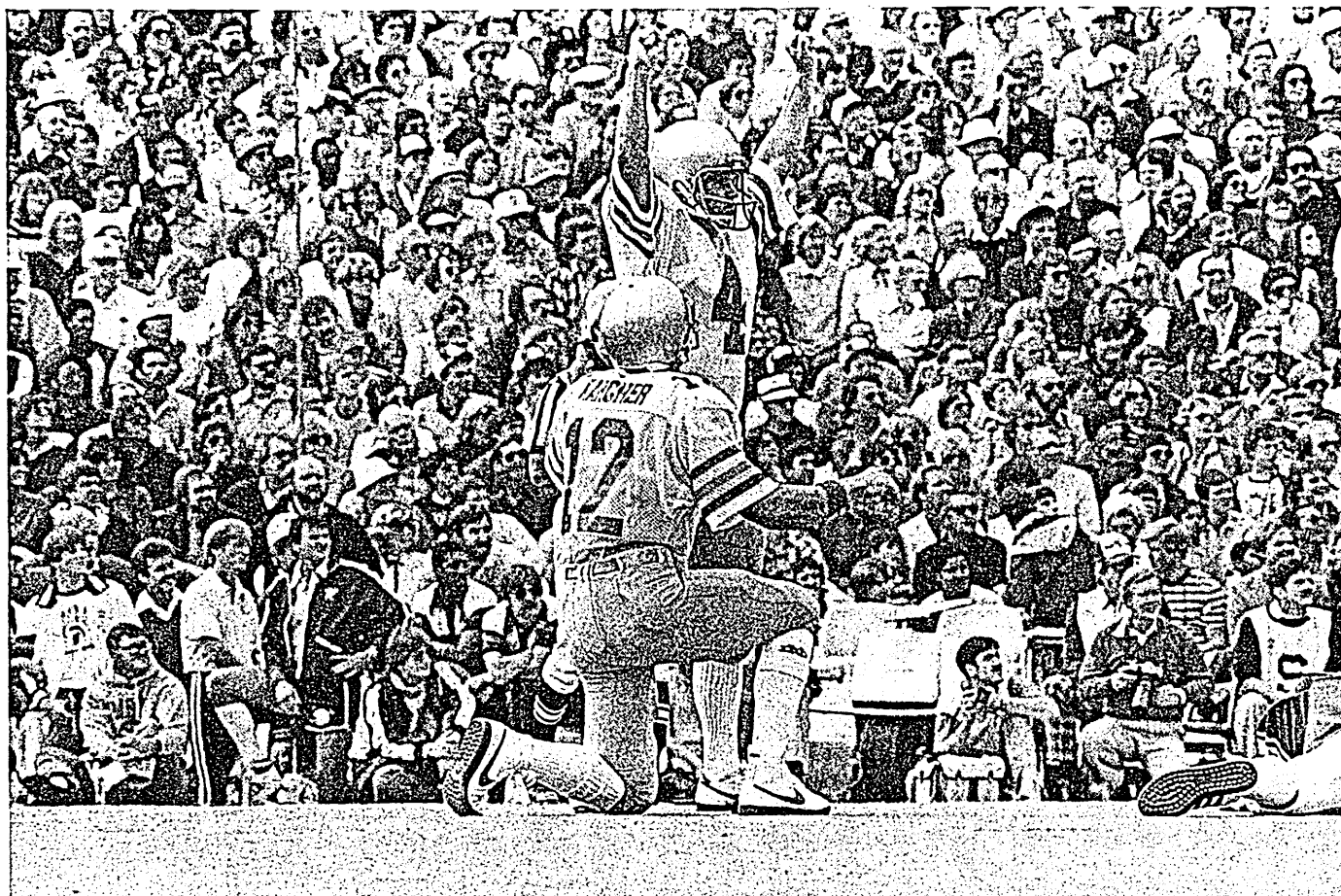
That the Michigan State contest was so tight came as no surprise to Faust. Despite a schedule that read like a who's who of college football — with Michigan, Miami, Pittsburgh, Penn State and USC on the agenda — it was Michigan State that probably gave the coach more sleepless nights than any other foe.

"I feared them the most of anyone we played," he admitted. "They worried me all summer. It was our first road trip, number one. And they're always tough to play in East Lansing — I remember the trouble Notre Dame had up here two years ago. Plus, I didn't want our players looking past them to the Miami game, or taking them too lightly after Michigan and Purdue."

Faust's anxieties proved justifiable. In spite of repeated warnings from the coaching staff, the players admitted they did a little looking ahead.



Mike Gann (78) and captain Mark Zavagnin proved two of the leading culprits as Notre Dame's defense became tops in the nation in halting the run by limiting Michigan State to 19 ground yards.



Out of Ken Karcher's hold, kicker Mike Johnston accounted for all of Notre Dame's offensive output with three field goals from distances of 33, 29 and 42 yards.

"I guess we thought since we were playing a team that was 0-3 we treated them a little lackadaisically," confessed guard Tom Thayer. "It won't happen again. But the best thing about today was when the offense was having one of those days, those eleven guys on defense did it for us."

Those 11 guys, ranked first nationally against the rush, lived up to their billing. Here's what they did: snatch away six Michigan State turnovers, record a safety, and allow the Spartans a measly 19 yards rushing against a unit that's yielded just 71 yards on the ground in three games.

"They bottled us up," lamented Spartan coach Muddy Waters. "That's a fine Notre Dame team. It'll be tough for anybody to lick 'em."

The Irish realized, though, that wouldn't be such a tough chore if their offense, which sputtered all afternoon, didn't regain its firepower.

"The way we played will make us hungrier," promised tailback Phil Carter. "Against Miami we're going to have to make up for what we didn't do here. We can't rely on the defense to carry us through again. We can't allow it to happen. We have to do something offensively."

"We had a flat week in practice and we play the way we practice," ex-

plained quarterback Blair Kiel. "We didn't practice that well and we didn't play that well. We've got some work to do."

But because the Irish defenders did their work all week long, Notre Dame remained unbeaten.

The coaching staff had Michigan State well-scouted before the October 3 matchup. They saw to it the players were prepared for every formation the Spartans would show.

"Our coaches picked up that they were a tendency team," explained stand-out defensive end Kevin Griffith, who had three tackles for losses, teamed with Mike Gann for a first-quarter safety and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter.

"Whenever they went split backfield or had one back, we knew they were going to pass. If they lined up in the I, we knew it would be a run."

Everything the Irish studied about the Spartans paid off. The only points Michigan State managed came on a third-quarter 50-yard field goal by Ralf Mojsiejenko.

The Spartans' total offensive output in the game's first 30 minutes was just 25 yards. Quarterbacks John Leister and Rick Kolb were just six-of-seven for 39 yards after two periods. The running statistics were worse — a minus-12

on 14 plays.

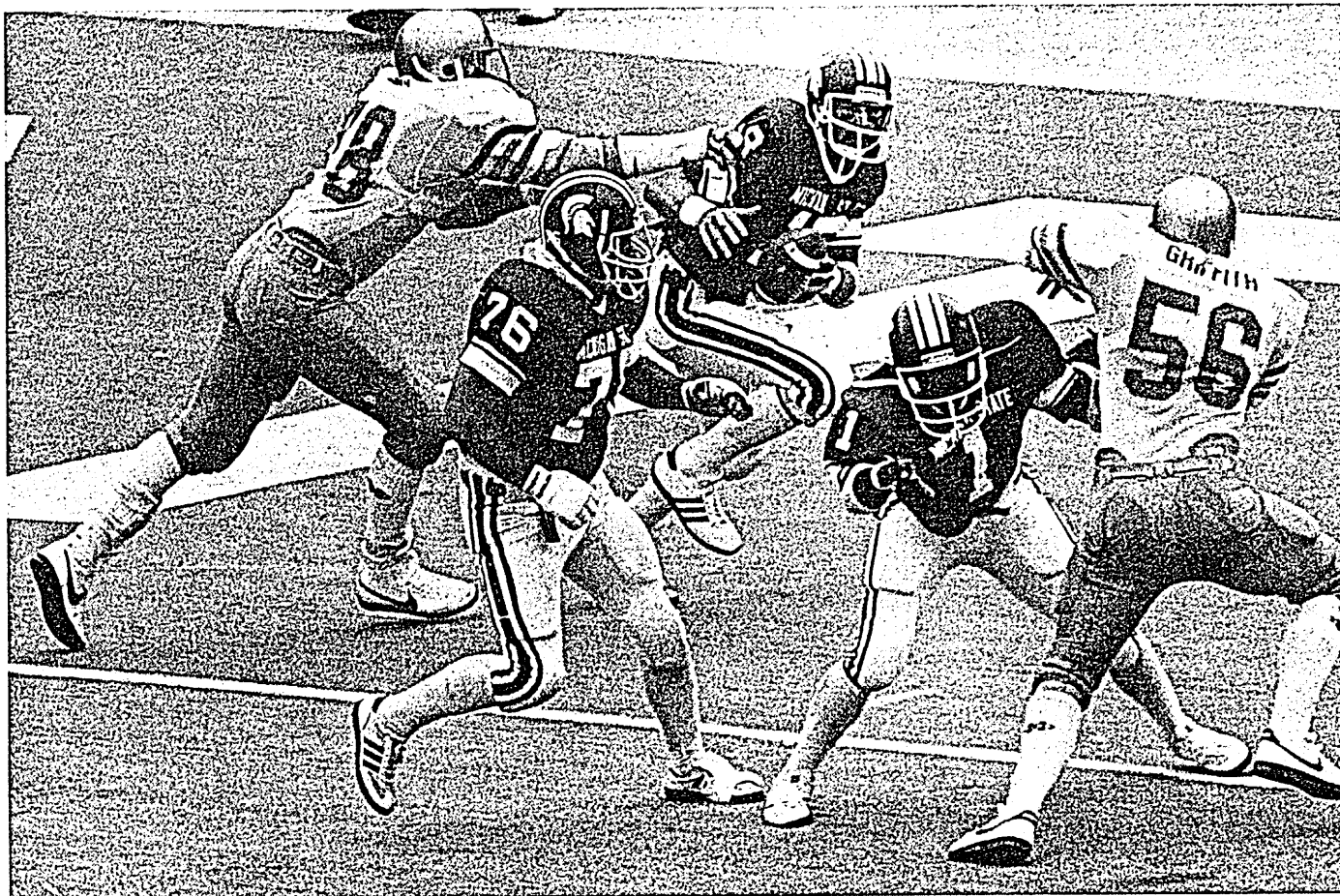
"The key was our attitude," explained linebacker Mark Zavagnin, who recorded both a fumble recovery and an interception. "It was team defense all the way — we didn't just rely on one or two people to make the play. Everyone was getting to the ball."

All told, Notre Dame recorded 10 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for a negative 74 yards. Linebacker Mike Larkin led the charge with 11 stops; Stacey Toran contributed 10 to go with his three pass break-ups.

"We were so ready," added Griffith. "Everything we were told about them by our coaches in practice was right. . . . It was like a rerun out on the field of somewhere we'd been before."

Griffith literally experienced a line-man's dream during the plays leading up to the final-quarter safety. With the Spartans lined up at their own 29, the 6-3, 245-pound senior dropped ball-carrier Tony Ellis for a five-yard loss on first down, sacked Leister for a 14-yard loss on second down, and combined with Gann to catch the retreating signal-caller in the end zone for the first points of the game.

Gann remembered the play vividly: "I stunted inside over their guard and got past the tackle. Then I grabbed Leister by the shirt, and Griff finished



Mike Gann puts a jersey hold on Spartan quarterback John Leister, as Kevin Griffith maneuvers past a Michigan State defender to apply the finishing touches. The first-period play produced the first points of the afternoon.

him off."

The two Irish "G-Men" made it a long day for the Michigan State backfield. Gann dumped a Spartan for negative turf on two other occasions, and forced the fumble that Griffith recovered in the fourth quarter.

"We came into the game thinking pass rush," said the sophomore tackle, "because we had worked so hard on our rushing technique in practice all week. We knew we'd have to put pressure on the passers, or they'd hurt us, so we did."

And that strategy made things a whole lot easier for the Irish secondary, which allowed the two Spartan quarterbacks 16 of 40 connections up top for 121 yards.

Those numbers also included four interceptions—a pair by cornerback Chris Brown and one each by safety Dave Duerson and Zavagnin—and a longest passing gain of just 14 yards.

It was a pretty impressive performance by a unit that a week earlier surrendered 278 yards to Purdue's premier passer, Scott Campbell. Brown accounted for the difference.

"We changed our coverage so we would have more reaction to the ball. We used to lay back and wait, then punish the receiver, give him a warning so he wouldn't come into that area the

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"Now we emphasize going for the ball and going for the interception. We had four today, so I guess it's working."

But the Michigan State defense wasn't exactly out of order, either. It kept the Irish at bay most of the game and held them to 154 yards on the ground—far below its 238-yard per game average.

And junior quarterback Blair Kiel completed only nine of 20 pass attempts, along with being intercepted three times, after completing 61 percent of his tosses without a pick-off his first two games.

Michigan State linebackers James Neely and Jim Morrissey were two big reasons the Irish had trouble. The pair combined for 41 tackles, pretty much taking away Notre Dame's bread-and-butter running attack.

"Our coaches had Notre Dame very well scouted," said defensive tackle Howard MacAdoo, who had nine tackles. "They had no surprises."

Poor field position, too, dictated conservative play-calling on the part of the Irish offensive braintrust. There simply was no finding an Achilles' heel on the Spartan defense.

"I didn't know what to call in the fourth quarter," admitted quarterback coach Ron Hudson. "They had everything shut off; they were very well pre-

pared.

"It was tough because when you're protecting a slim lead you don't want to go nuts throwing the ball. They took everything else away from us. I honestly wasn't sure what would work."

"With our offense, I was sure we could score a touchdown," stated Kiel. "And we should have. It was just one of those things where we didn't execute like we should have. We know we're human like everyone else, but we feel we have a potent enough offense that we should score at least one touchdown."

Kiel and Joe Howard teamed up for what turned out to be the closest thing to a touchdown in the third quarter. After engineering an Irish drive down to the enemy 44, Kiel rolled left and threw an apparent scoring strike to Howard, but the junior slinger was ruled beyond the line of scrimmage when he released the ball.

Then there was another opportunity to cross the goal line late in the fourth period, when Notre Dame had maneuvered to a first-and-goal situation at the Spartan 10. On fourth down, inches from the end zone, Kiel gave the ball to Phil Carter on a slant off left tackle. The stubborn Spartans refused to break, though, and restrained the senior tailback at the one.

"Their defense is comparable to any one I've ever played against," praised Carter, who averaged just 2.8 yards per carry all afternoon. He finished with 101 yards, but it took him 36 carries to do so.

"They were so quick I couldn't get outside or inside. Usually, you can see the holes, but there just weren't any there today."

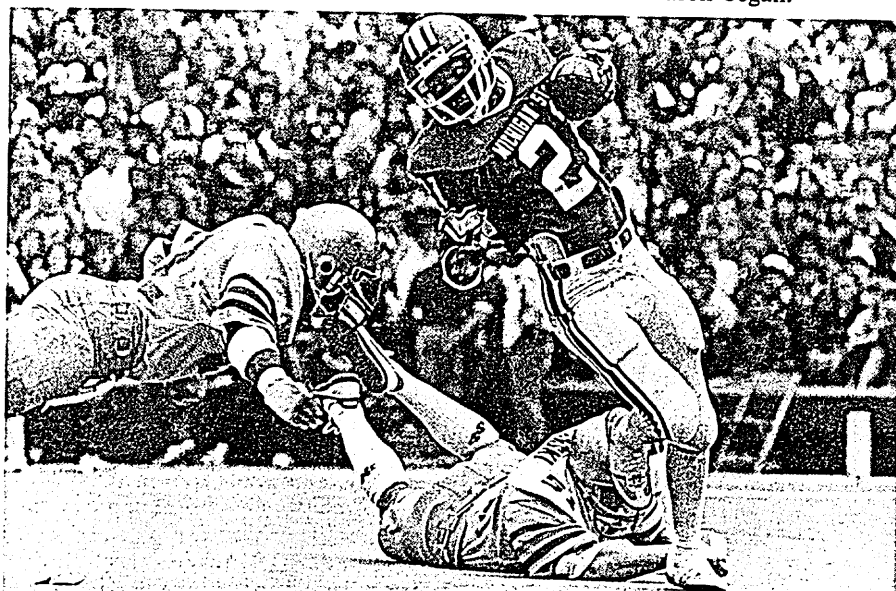
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Down by only eight points, the Spartans got five more opportunities to make it a game, but as long as the Irish defense was available, Notre Dame's lead remained in good hands.

Two Michigan State possessions ended in punts; three others ended in turnovers.

"The defense and Mike Johnston won the game for us," complimented Kiel. "They played to their potential today."

And their performance sent the Irish into the Miami game with a 3-0 record — something few people thought possible when the season began.



Spartan ballcarriers had all they could do to avoid the legions of Irish tacklers, as Ted Jones attempts to sidestep Joe Rudzinski on this occasion.

Michigan State	0	0	3	0	3
Notre Dame	2	9	0	0	11

Scoring Summary				
First Quarter	Time MS ND			
ND—Safety, John Leister tackled in end zone by Mike Gann	6:20	0	2	
Second Quarter				
ND—Mike Johnston 33 FG	11:00	0	5	
Drive: 79 yards in 11 plays following Michigan State punt; Elapsed Time: 4:00; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 19 yards.				
ND—Mike Johnston 29 FG	5:08	0	8	
Drive: 42 yards in eight plays following Michigan State punt; Elapsed Time: 3:49; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Van Pearcy for 15 yards, Larry Moriarty run for 18 yards.				
ND—Mike Johnston 42 FG	:04	0	11	
Drive: 40 yards in three plays following Mark Zavagnin recovery of Michigan State fumble; Elapsed Time: :39; Big Play: Phil Carter run for 15 yards.				
Third Quarter				
MSU—Ralf Mojsiejenko 50 FG	7:25	3	11	
Drive: eight yards in four plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: :48.				
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Team Statistics				
	ND	MSU		
First Downs	16	13		
Rushing	7	4		
Passing	7	7		
Penalty	2	2		
Rushing Attempts	59	28		
Yards Rushing	180	93		
Yards Lost Rushing	26	74		
Net Yards Rushing	154	19		
Net Yards Passing	126	121		
Passes Attempted	20	40		
Passes Completed	9	16		
Had Intercepted	3	4		
Total Offensive Plays	79	68		
Total Net Yards	280	140		
Average Gain Per Play	3.54	2.06		
Fumbles: Number—Lost	0-0	4-2		
Penalties: Number—Yards	5-45	5-61		
Interceptions: Number—Yards	4-67	3-8		
Number of Punts—Yards	11-457	10-485		
Average Per Punt	41.5	48.5		
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	5-17	7-43		
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	1-13	2-43		

Individual Statistics									
Michigan State									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Marcus Toney	3	20	0	20	0	17			
Aaron Roberts	5	18	4	14	0	8			
Lance Hawkins	2	14	0	14	0	8			
Tony Ellis	9	25	19	6	0	11			
Rich Kolb	2	0	13	-13	0	0			
John Leister	7	16	38	-22	0	9			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
John Leister	21	8	2	101	0	14			
Rich Kolb	18	8	2	20	0	7			
Marcus Toney	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long					
Marcus Toney	4	27	0	10					
Tony Ellis	3	17	0	10					
Daryl Turner	2	20	0	13					
Tom Robinson	2	19	0	14					
Butch Rolle	2	9	0	5					
Ted Jones	1	12	0	12					
John Hurt	1	9	0	9					
Otis Grant	1	8	0	8					
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long					
Ralf Mojsiejenko	10	485	48.5	63					
Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long						
Ralf Mojsiejenko	1	1	63						

Notre Dame									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Phil Carter	36	107	6	101	0	17			
Larry Moriarty	12	59	2	57	0	18			
Allen Pinkett	5	11	0	11	0	5			
Mark Brooks	1	1	0	1	0	1			
Blair Kiel	5	2	18	-16	0	2			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
Blair Kiel	20	9	3	126	0	20			
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long					
Tony Hunter	3	46	0	19					
Joe Howard	2	39	0	20					
Mike Favorite	1	17	0	17					
Van Pearcy	1	15	0	15					
Phil Carter	1	7	0	7					
Larry Moriarty	1	2	0	2					
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long					
Blair Kiel	11	457	41.5	59					
Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long						
Mike Johnston	3	3	42						

Making True Believers

By KAREN CROAKE

When Miami cornerback Rodney Bellinger intercepted a Blair Kiel pass in the end zone with just 2:58 left on the Notre Dame Stadium clock, the Hurricanes thought their slim 14-13 advantage was safe.

The visitors' bench, awash with white and orange jerseys on the south side of the field, erupted in jubilation. The Miami players, and maybe even their coaching staff, believed they finally had earned their first win in six visits to the hallowed brick structure on Juniper Road.

Middle guard Tony Fitzpatrick, who had been trying to engage Notre Dame center Tom Thayer in a friendly, intellectual conversation all afternoon, hollered, "There goes your game; it's over."

But the feisty Fitzpatrick failed to

get a rise out of the calm, cool and confident senior.

"I just looked at him and said, 'This is Notre Dame, and it's never over,'" replied Thayer.

Although the 59,075 fans in the cold and damp Stadium seats might not admit it now, most probably agreed with Fitzpatrick as they shivered in the growing darkness enveloping the field and Notre Dame's hopes for its fourth consecutive win. But Thayer and his teammates knew differently.

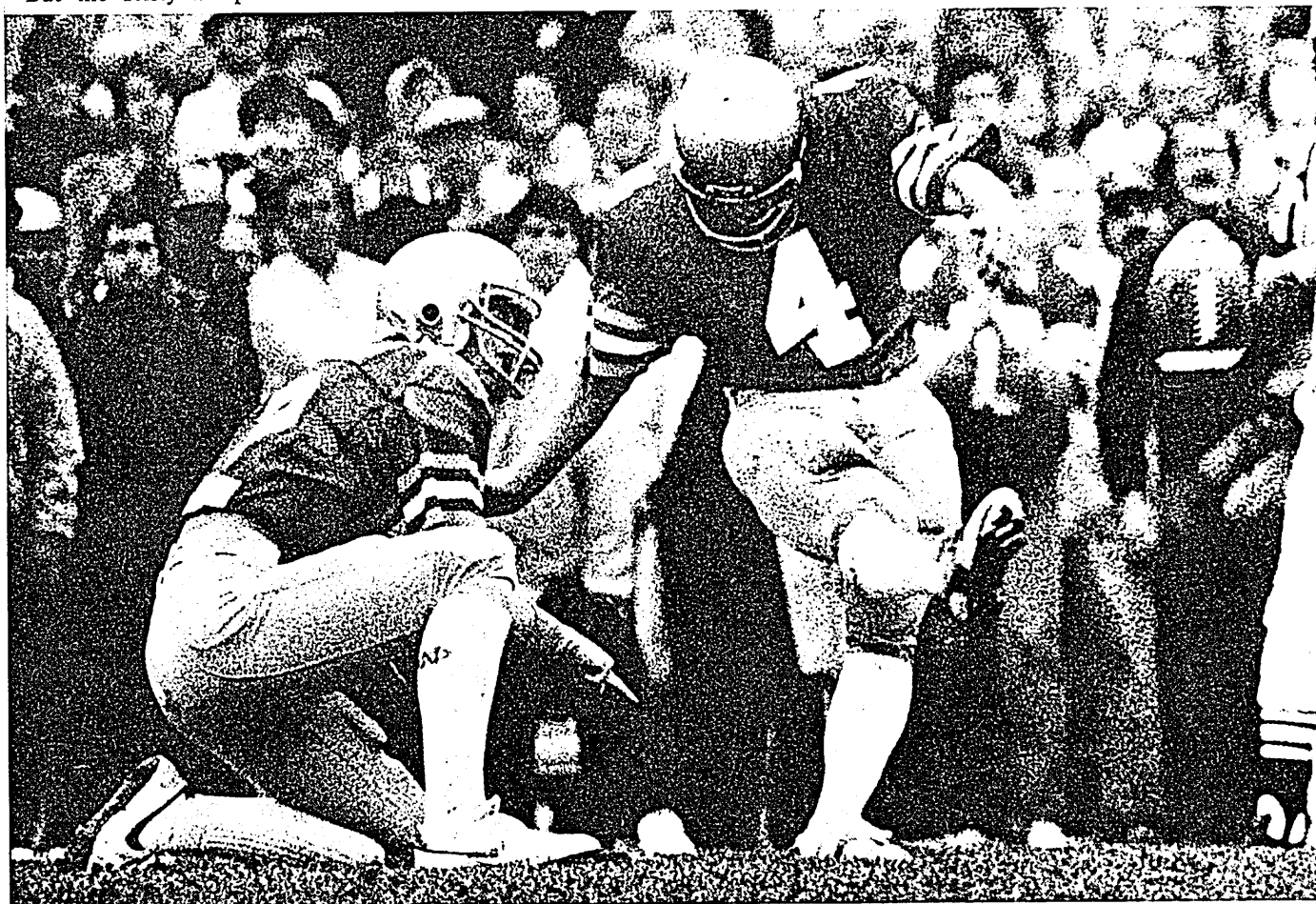
"We knew there was time left if we got the ball back," said Irish tri-captain Mark Zavagnin. "And if we got the ball back, the offense would go in and score. I guess by the time you get to be a senior around this place nothing ever surprises you."

And so, for the first time since he arrived on the Notre Dame campus two

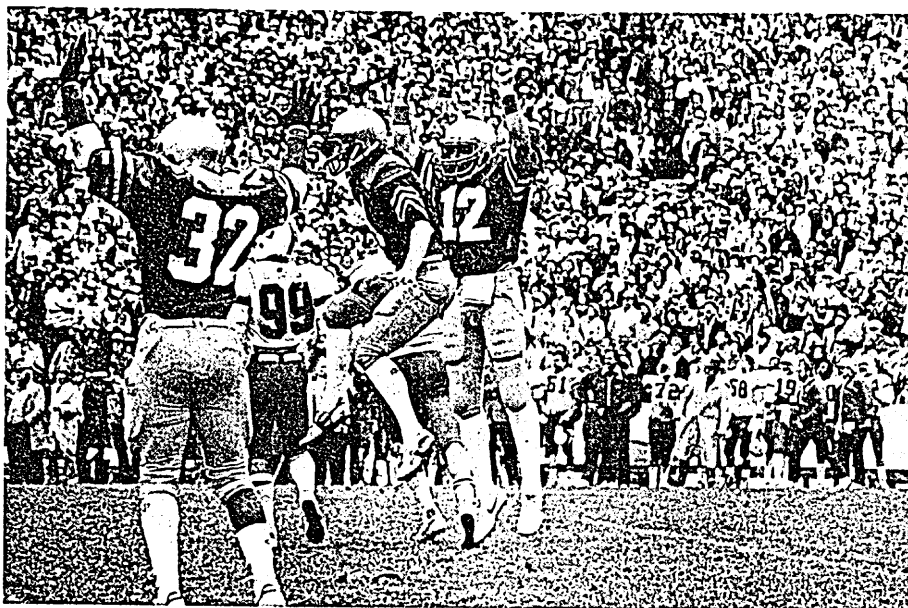
years ago, Gerry Faust — who has heard the tales of past gridiron glories — finally witnessed his own version of those patented Irish come-from-behind, last-second rallies that Notre Dame fans have come to expect as commonplace, every-game happenings.

The hero's role in this award-winning drama was played by kicker Mike Johnston, who calmly booted a 32-yard field goal from the left hash mark with just 11 ticks remaining to give Notre Dame a 16-14 victory and preserve its unblemished record at 4-0.

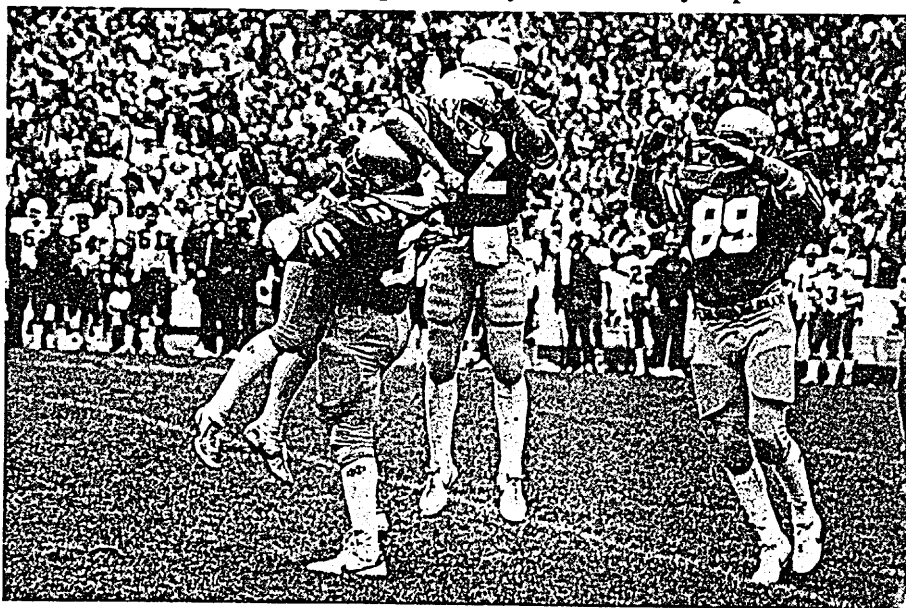
"It was a great comeback effort by the whole team," said an elated and relieved Faust. "But that's what Notre Dame football is all about. Our football team showed a lot of heart and character. Coming from behind like that showed we have matured as a team. Everyone believes again."



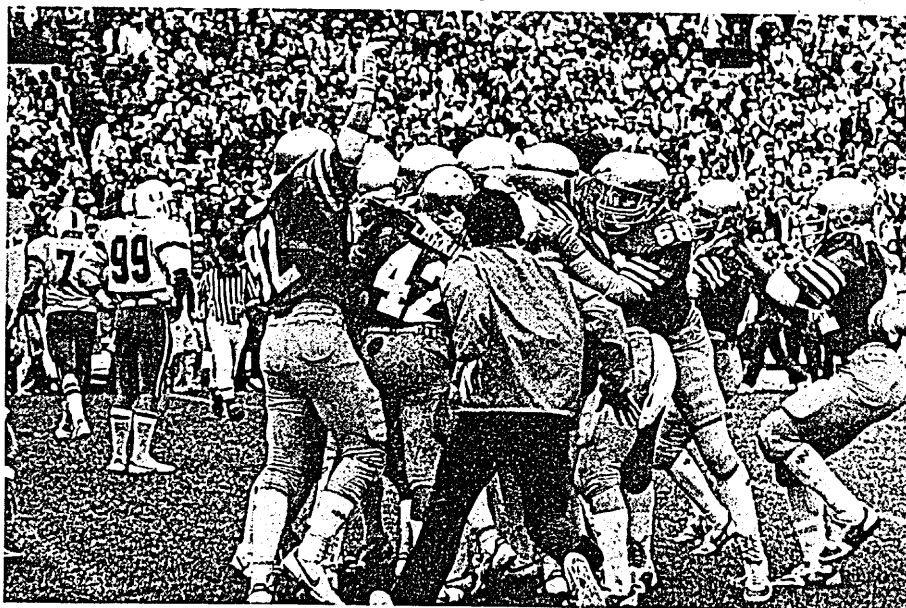
Mike Johnston's ninth consecutive field goal of the young season proved to be his biggest yet — as his 32-yarder with only 11 seconds remaining provided the critical margin in the 16-14 Irish victory over Miami. Johnston had been successful from 42 and 29 yards earlier in the afternoon.



Mike Johnston's heroics produced a justifiable victory leap . . .



. . . and his teammates quickly joined the celebration . . .



. . . as Hurricane players watched in dazed disbelief.

"And I'm sure glad I gave that number four (Johnston) a scholarship this fall!"

But Johnston, who established a Notre Dame record for most consecutive field goals on his last kick — his ninth in nine attempts this season — almost didn't get the chance to don his hero's apparel.

Bellinger's theft in the end zone wiped out a Notre Dame rally that had started on the Irish 43-yard line. Thanks to some punishing running by tailback Phil Carter, who picked up 24 yards on five carries in the series, and a 21-yard burst up the middle by fullback Larry Moriarty, the Irish bulldozed their way to the six-yard line while consuming five precious minutes on the clock. But on second and goal, Kiel — who tallied personal bests in the passing department with 21 completions in 33 attempts — looked in the end zone to pass for the first time in the drive and lofted the ball into the waiting arms of the 5-9 Bellinger, instead of his intended receiver, 6-3 fullback Mark Brooks.

"It's a play designed to fake a wide sweep, and then I'm supposed to follow the fake on a sprintout," explained Kiel. "I had to pull up because I thought they had the sprintout contained. It was a very, very bad mistake on my part. As I left the field, I was praying for another chance."

His prayers were answered, via the Notre Dame defense.

With just under three minutes remaining, Miami seemed destined for its fifth win of the season, while the Irish were staring their first defeat of the '82 campaign right in the face. The Hurricanes needed to control possession of the football and run out the clock — two relatively simple tasks — and their mission would be complete.

On the first play from scrimmage, Miami halfback Keith Griffin, who finished as the Hurricanes' top ground gainer in the game with a paltry 48 yards, slammed through the Notre Dame defense for a gain of eight. But on the next snap of the ball, the Notre Dame stop troops came alive and refused to let Speedy Neal past the line of scrimmage. Facing a third-and-two situation, quarterback Mark Richt — a fifth-year senior who stepped into the starting spot after All-America candidate Jim Kelly was injured and lost for the season three weeks earlier — decided to go for it himself. He was met at the line by a Notre Dame welcoming committee of Mike Gann, Bob Clasby and Zavagnin.

"It was strictly my decision to go for the sneak," admitted Richt. "I'm the man to pin the loss on. I did it because I figured there wouldn't be anybody

in the middle to stop me. If I had executed, we would have won."

"I couldn't believe it, he ran right into me," said Zavagnin, who accounted for nine tackles and Notre Dame's only interception. "That play is something they'll have to live with."

Richt had underestimated the Notre Dame defense, which continued its nation-leading effort against the run by limiting the Hurricanes to just 67 yards rushing, 218 total offensive yards and 15 first downs.

So with 1:37 showing on the clock, the Irish were back in business. The stage was set, and the smell of sweet revenge for the previous year's 37-15 drubbing in the Orange Bowl was in the crisp autumn air.

Starting from his own 30-yard line, Kiel — obviously not gun-shy after his interception and ready to make amends — rifled a pass to Carter, who side-stepped tackle Joe Kohlbrand and turned the catch into a 25-yard gain. Kiel then ticketed passes to tight end Tony Hunter for nine yards and split end Joe Howard for seven. Carter, playing with a broken thumb on his right hand and a fractured middle finger on his left, bullied his way up-field on a counter play for another 10 yards. After a two-yard gain and a five-yard penalty, one of 10 whistled against the Irish during the afternoon, Carter brought the Irish into field goal range by breaking a tackle and scooting 11 yards up the left side. After both teams used their last timeouts, Johnston trotted on the field.

"Sure, I was a little nervous," confessed Johnston, who accounted for 34 of Notre Dame's 78 points through

the Miami contest. "When you get into a situation like that, you just have to let your mind go blank and concentrate on kicking the ball. When we were marching downfield, I tried not to think about what was going on out there. I just kept kicking the ball into the net on our sideline and tried to stay loose. I knew it was good when I kicked it. Then I went crazy."

"I was not thinking about the mystique of Notre Dame at the end of the game," revealed Miami linebacker Jay Brophy, who collared 15 stops while his linemate Greg Brown turned in a game-high 17 tackles. "But I never counted Notre Dame out. You never know if you have a team beaten. This loss really hurts."

Miami coach Howard Schnellenberger couldn't hide his disappointment or explain his team's downfall as the Hurricanes slipped to 4-2.

"Notre Dame had a well-conceived game plan. They just took it to us. There at the end, I don't know if Notre Dame outexecuted us or if it was our own ineptness that beat us. But they drove on us, so give them credit. We had a chance to win the ball game, but we blew it."

The fourth-quarter fireworks redeemed a lackluster showing by the offensive units of both teams in the first half. Kiel and Miami's Greg LaBelle conducted a punting clinic throughout much of the initial 30 minutes as both squads had trouble maintaining a drive. The Hurricanes failed to cross midfield in the first quarter, while Notre Dame couldn't take advantage of a Miami gift. Zavagnin intercepted Richt's first pass of the game

and returned it to the Hurricane 47-yard line, but the offense stalled five plays later on the 38.

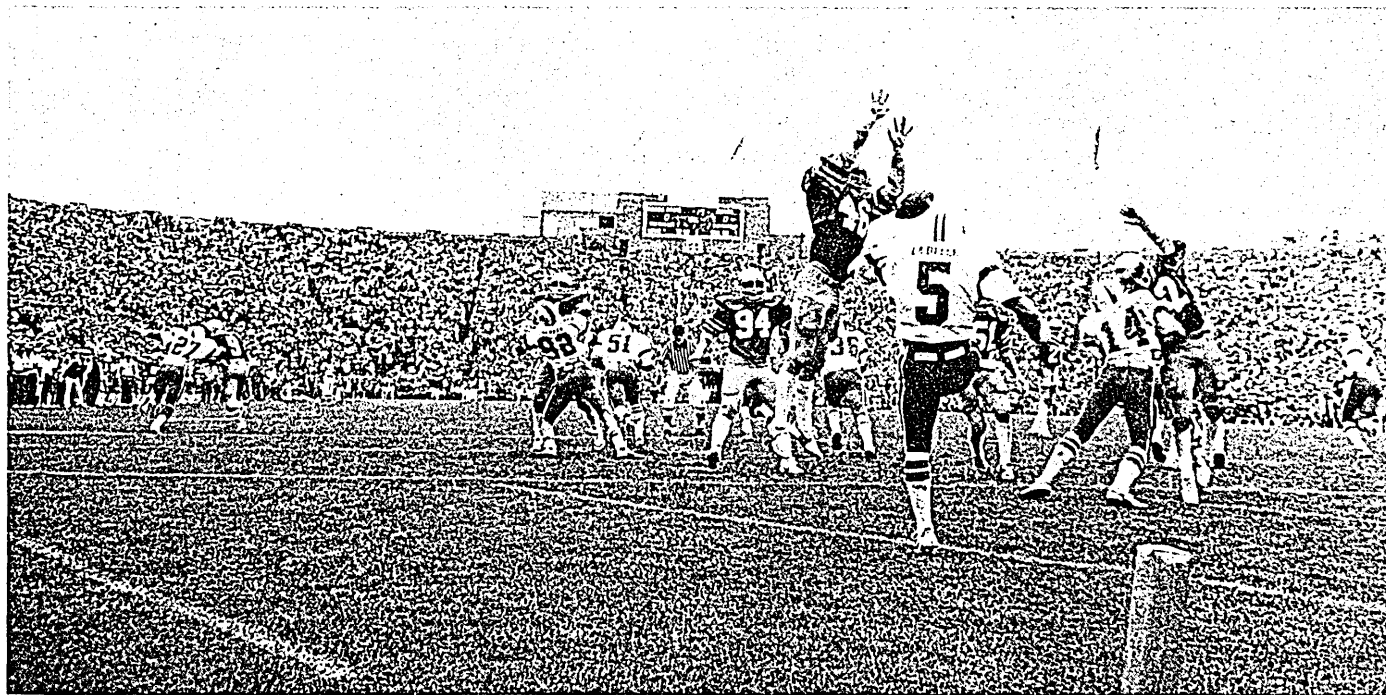
The Irish finally ended the drought late in the second period. Defensive end Kevin Griffith, who bruised his right knee later in the quarter and sat out the remainder of the game, sacked Richt and forced the Hurricane quarterback to cough up the ball for the second time in the game. This time tackle Mike Gann pounced on the ball at the Miami 12-yard line.

Kiel, who finished the day with 167 yards through the airwaves, completed a pop pass over the middle to Hunter for a seven-yard gain and then scrambled right and dove into the end zone for Notre Dame's only touchdown of the afternoon and its first since the fourth quarter of the Purdue game. Johnston's PAT put the Irish on top, and Notre Dame took that lead to the locker room at halftime.

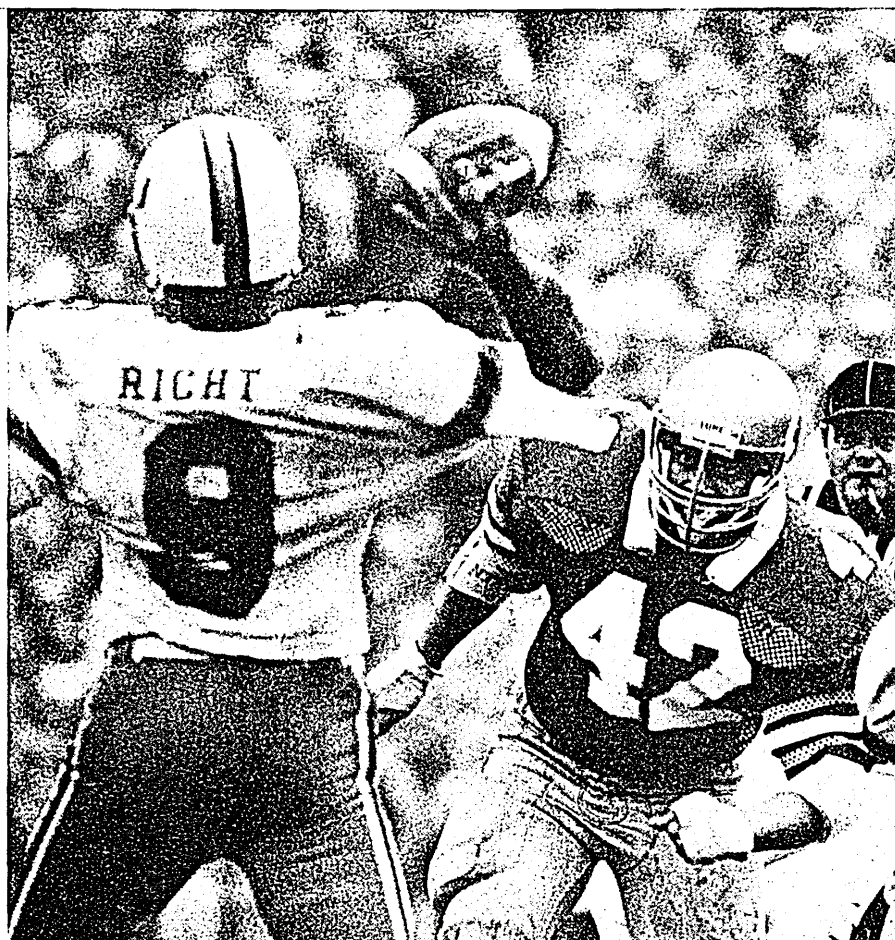
Miami knotted the score on its first possession of the second half with the help of two costly Notre Dame penalties. A pass interference call gave the Hurricanes a 34-yard advance, and a whistle for a personal foul tacked nine more yards onto the drive. Richt hit tight end Glenn Dennison for a 17-yard gain and then hooked up with him again on a one-yard scoring strike. Jeff Davis converted the extra point.

Notre Dame took the lead back later in the third period when Johnston kicked a 29-yard field goal. Moriarty, who ended the day as the game's second-leading rusher with 66 yards, gained 21 of them on a play up the middle during the 52-yard drive.

But Miami, with Richt still at the



Irish linebacker Mark Zavagnin came ever so close to blocking this first-period punt by Miami's Greg LaBelle. Notre Dame's tri-captain finished with a team-high nine tackles to go with an interception against the Hurricanes.



All eyes, including those of sophomore linebacker Mike Larkin, are on the football as Miami quarterback Mark Richt prepares to uncork one.

controls, rebounded from that short-lived setback with some razzle-dazzle. Since the Irish defense had constructed a roadblock that stymied the Miami ground game, Richt piloted Miami to the end zone with a trio of passes. Beginning operations on his own 11-yard line, Richt hit Neal over the middle for a three-yard gain and then found wide receiver Rodney Belk for a seven-yard completion. Richt then unloaded a bomb to Belk, who managed to turn defender Dave Duerson around near the 30-yard line and waltz into the end zone untouched.

"That's the first time I've ever given up a touchdown pass in my life," sighed Duerson. "I thought I had him covered. We were running toe-to-toe, and I misjudged the ball. He cut under me, and that was that."

Richt, who had prepared for the rainy day contest by dipping the football into a bucket of water before each throw during a Friday workout, completed 12 of 25 passes for 151 yards.

Behind for the first time in the fourth quarter this season, Notre Dame pulled back to within striking distance with Johnston's 42-yard field goal at the 8:27 mark. Carter, who was limited to just 17 yards rushing in the first

half, managed 19 in this 45-yard drive and ended the afternoon as the game's top ground gainer with 92 yards. That total upped his career figure to 2,097, good for fifth place on the all-time Irish rushing list.

"Phil played a great game for us and has really been a great captain this year," praised Faust. "He's a team player and has geared his efforts toward helping the team. Holding onto the ball wasn't easy with two broken fingers, but he did a heckuva job."

As the celebration quieted down in the locker room after the victory, Faust presented game balls to Johnston, his snapper Kevin Kelly, his holder Ken Karcher and Thayer, who had moved from his regular guard spot to the center position after regular Mark Fischer went down with an injury the previous Saturday against Michigan State. The team awarded another game ball to offensive line coach Carl Selmer, who had served a two-year stint at Miami as head coach in 1975 and 1976.

"Coach Selmer told me earlier that when Miami let him go he told them he'd be back," said Thayer. "That's when I knew how much this game meant to him. We wanted to win this for him."

Miami	0	0	7	7	14
Notre Dame	0	7	3	6	16

Scoring Summary					
First Quarter	Time	UM	ND		
ND—Blair Kiel 6 run (Mike Johnston kick) Drive: 12 yards in three plays following Mike Gann recovery of Miami fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:24.	2:25	0	7		
Thrd Quarter					
UM—Glenn Dennison 1 pass from Mark Richt (Jeff Davis kick) Drive: 74 yards in seven plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:13; Big Play: 34-yard pass in- terference penalty against Notre Dame.	11:47	7	7		
ND—Mike Johnston 29 FG Drive: 52 yards in nine plays following Miami punt; Elapsed Time: 3:46; Big Play: Larry Moriarty run for 21 yards.	2:53	7	10		
Fourth Quarter					
UM—Rocky Belk 79 pass from Mark Richt (Jeff Davis kick) Drive: 89 yards in three plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:14;	13:03	14	10		
ND—Mike Johnston 42 FG Drive: 45 yards in 10 plays following Miami kickoff; Elapsed Time: 4:36; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 11 yards.	8:27	14	13		
ND—Mike Johnston 32 FG Drive: 55 yards in eight plays following Miami punt; Elapsed Time: 1:36; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Phil Carter for 25 yards.	:11	14	16		

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Team Statistics				
	UM	ND		
First Downs	10	21		
Rushing	1	12		
Passing	7	7		
Penalty	2	2		
Rushing Attempts	31	50		
Yards Rushing	82	221		
Yards Lost Rushing	15	24		
Net Yards Rushing	67	197		
Net Yards Passing	151	167		
Passes Attempted	26	33		
Passes Completed	12	21		
Had Intercepted	1	1		
Total Offensive Plays	57	83		
Total Net Yards	218	364		
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	4.4		
Fumbles: Number—Lost	4-2	1-0		
Penalties: Number—Yards	5-46	10-105		
Interceptions: Number—Yards	1-0	1-16		
Number of Punts—Yards	8-342	9-402		
Average Per Punt	42.7	44.6		
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	2-8	4-31		
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	4-85	2-51		

Individual Statistics									
Miami									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Keith Griffin	10	49	1	48	0	9			
Robert Neal	10	19	0	19	0	6			
Mark Rush	2	5	0	5	0	3			
Albert Bentley	2	2	0	2	0	1			
Mark Richt	7	7	14	-7	0	3			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
Mark Richt	25	12	1	151	2	79			
Mark Rush	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Robert Neal				4	25	0	13		
Rocky Belk				3	90	1	79		
Glenn Dennison				3	30	1	17		
Stanley Shakespeare				1	5	0	5		
Mark Rush				1	1	0	1		
Punting				No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Greg LaBelle				8	342	42.7	54		
Notre Dame									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Phil Carter	24	96	4	92	0	10			
Larry Moriarty	9	69	3	66	0	21			
Blair Kiel	6	25	4	21	1	12			
Allen Pinkett	6	22	2	20	0	15			
Mark Brooks	4	9	0	9	0	3			
Van Percy	1	0	11	-11	0	-11			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
Blair Kiel	33	21	1	167	0	25			
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Larry Moriarty				6	34	0	15		
Phil Carter				4	46	0	25		
Joe Howard				4	46	0	20		
Tony Hunter				3	27	0	11		
Van Percy				3	20	0	11		
Allen Pinkett				1	-6	0	-6		
Punting				No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Blair Kiel				9	402	44.6	60		
Field Goals				Att.	Made	Long			
Mike Johnston				3	3	42			

New Winner for Old Script

By JOHN LEWANDOWSKI

Turnabout is fair play.

The Fighting Irish had won their fourth consecutive game of the 1982 season in a typical Notre Dame story-book finish the previous weekend. Mike Johnston preserved the unbeaten record with a 32-yard field goal with 11 ticks remaining on the clock to complete a 16-14 come-from-behind victory over Miami.

But the tables were turned on this overcast and rainy Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium as freshman place-kicker Max Zendejas connected on a 48-yard field goal into the wind as time expired, giving Arizona a dramatic 16-13 upset victory over ninth-ranked Notre Dame.

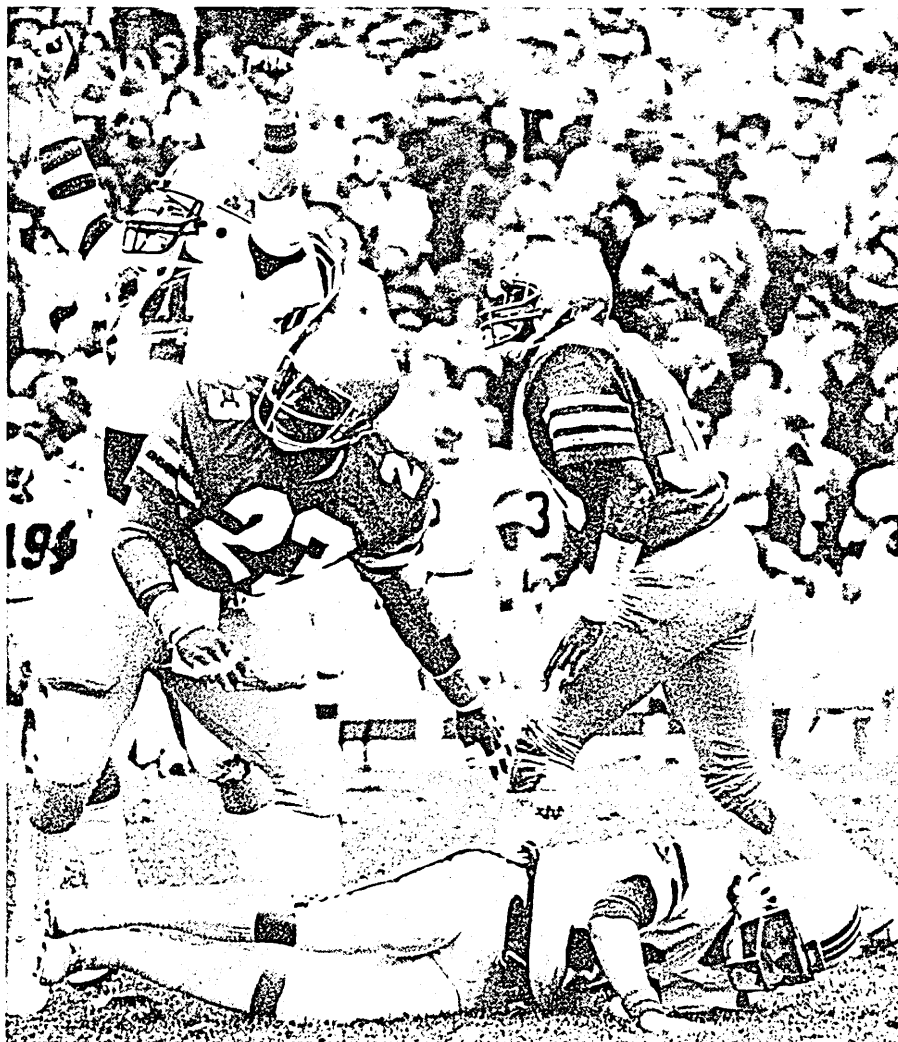
"I told my team today that this was the most prestigious victory for the University of Arizona," said third-year Arizona coach Larry Smith, whose team had managed an encouraging 24-24 stalemate the previous Saturday with eighth-ranked (and eventual Rose Bowl winner) UCLA in the Rose Bowl.

"We've been through this before," continued Smith, whose Wildcats knocked off second-ranked UCLA 23-17 in '80 and shocked then top-ranked USC 13-10 in Los Angeles in '81. "It was just a matter of believing in ourselves, believing we could do it and executing."

Smith, a former assistant under Bo Schembechler at Michigan and Jim Young at Arizona, must have had his doubts about an upset 11-and-a-half minutes into the contest when Notre Dame roared to a 10-0 advantage.

After three incomplete pass attempts on the opening series by junior quarterback Tom Tunnicliffe and a 24-yard punt by Craig Schiller, the Irish offense took possession at the Arizona 44. Junior quarterback Blair Kiel had the hot hand in the first half, completing eight of 11 for 59 yards. The Columbus, Ind., native directed the Irish 39 yards to the Arizona five before the drive stalled. The time-consuming march (6:48) culminated in a 22-yard field goal by Mike Johnston, giving Notre Dame a 3-0 lead. Kiel was four for four throwing the football during the scoring drive.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Wildcats ran four plays from scrimmage and once again were forced to punt.



Max Zendejas didn't get to see the culmination of his game-winning kick, but his teammate quickly got the message, as did Irish defenders Dave Duerson and Stacey Toran.

The Irish started their second drive of the afternoon from their own 33. Mixing the run and pass well, Kiel directed the Fighting Irish to the Arizona 25. On a first-down call, Kiel pitched left to freshman Allen Pinkett who broke to the center of the field against the flow of the defensive pursuit and high-stepped into the end zone to increase Notre Dame's lead to 9-0. Johnston tacked on the conversion and with 3:37 remaining in the first quarter the Irish enjoyed a comfortable 10-0 advantage.

Pinkett's first collegiate scoring run was just a sample of the explosiveness he would add to the Irish offense as the season progressed. His speed and

agility gave the Irish tailback slot the game-breaking threat that it had prior to Greg Bell's season-ending injury.

But a scoreless second quarter was the beginning of the problems for the Fighting Irish. The offense began to sputter as Kiel suffered two interceptions. Arizona, however, was unable to capitalize on the initial miscue. After the first pickoff by John Kaiser at the Notre Dame 23, the Irish defense refused to yield and Zendejas' first field goal try of the afternoon fell short from 38 yards away.

The Wildcats were hapless in the first half, picking up only 75 yards total offense and four first downs. However, aided by two Notre Dame turn-

overs, Arizona clawed to within four points early in the third quarter. Ray Moret's interception of a Kiel pass one minute into the half set up a 38-yard field goal for Zendejas. Joe Howard fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Don Be'Ans recovered for the Wildcats, setting the stage for Zendejas' second field goal within a span of 59 seconds, this one from 32 yards out.

"We had too many turnovers and gave them too much field position too many times," said Irish coach Gerry Faust, who saw his team stumble for the first time in 1982. "You can't keep a defense on the field that long and have it be effective."

The Fighting Irish chalked up 176 yards in total offense in the first half while controlling the clock for 20:18. However, the second half proved to be a complete reversal. The Irish could muster just 52 yards after intermission as the Wildcats ate up 19-and-a-half minutes of the 30 following intermission.

Johnston provided Notre Dame's only offense of the second half. With 14:11 remaining in the contest, the Rochester, N.Y., native connected on a 43-yard field goal, his 11th consecutive three-pointer of the season, establishing a career standard for Irish placekickers. Chuck Male had converted a string of

10 straight field goals during the '78 and '79 seasons.

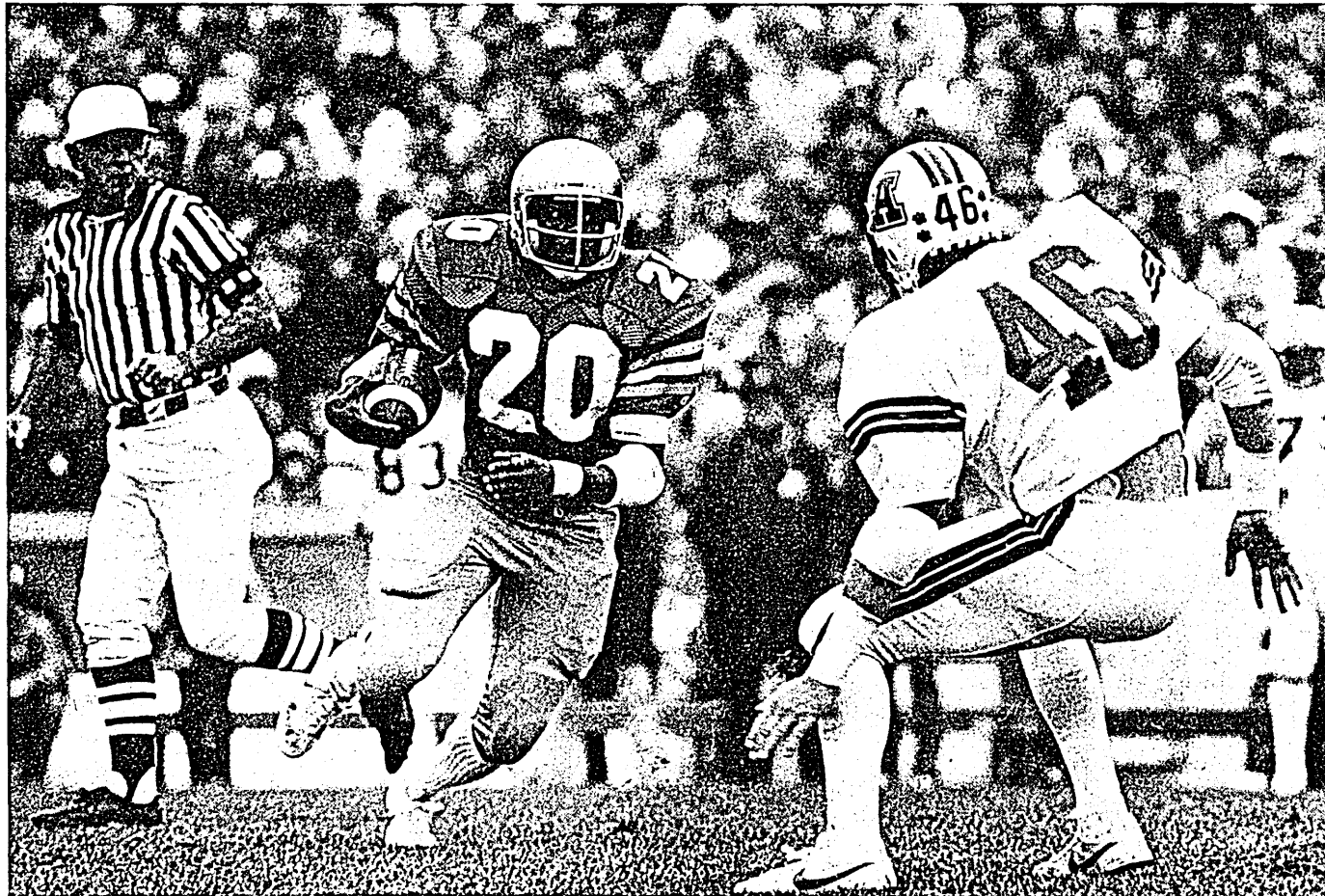
Trailing 13-6, Tunncliffe and Co. responded to the challenge. Tunncliffe, who made his first collegiate start in '80 against Notre Dame in Tucson, completed seven of nine throws during the scoring march — accounting for

78 of the 79 yards. The key completion proved a 14-yarder to tight end Mark Keel on a third-and-four play from the Irish 18. Sophomore tailback Phil Freeman toted the ball the final yard to cap the tying drive that knocked 5:31 off the clock.

Notre Dame made a bid to break

Max Zendejas:

'I never really saw the ball go through. I was knocked down as soon as I kicked it. Then my teammates started yelling and jumping on me, so I knew that I had made it. I was kind of nervous because I'd missed two already so I just concentrated harder. I knew I would make it, though.'



Irish freshman tailback Allen Pinkett attempts to elude Arizona linebacker John Kaiser during the Wildcats' 16-13 triumph. Pinkett's first touchdown in a Notre Dame uniform came on a 25-yard, first-period run against Arizona.

the tie. A pair of completions by Blair Kiel and Phil Carter's 17 rushing yards gave the Irish a first-and-10 at the Arizona 39 with fewer than six minutes remaining on the scoreboard clock. However, the Wildcat defense—led by safeties Alfred Gross and Tony Neely and linebackers Glenn Perkins and Ricky Hunlay—put the clamps on the Irish aerial attack. On a third-and-13 attempt, Kiel was flushed out of the pocket and his toss down the right sideline for Joe Howard fell incomplete at the Wildcat 15.

Mike Viracola's punt sailed into the end zone and the stage was set for Arizona's upset bid. With 4:16 left and the goal line 80 yards away, Tunnicliffe instigated the game-winning drive. He quickly picked up 29 yards via the air, then scrambled for 10 more. In seven plays, the Wildcats were just 33 yards from paydirt. On a second-and-16 call, Tunnicliffe was forced out of the pocket and used his resourcefulness to salvage a three-yard gain after nearly being sacked at the Irish 40. Smith then allowed the clock to run down to six seconds before calling timeout.

On came Zendejas to attempt a 48-yard field goal into the face of a north-west wind that fluctuated between five and 15 miles an hour. Zendejas already had missed a 48-yarder with the wind

in the third quarter. Faust called time-out hoping to ice the Arizona soccer-style kicker. But neither the timeout nor crosswind broke Zendejas' concentration. His boot floated end over end through the uprights as time ran out.

"I never really saw the ball go through," explained the freshman placekicker. "I was knocked down as soon as I kicked it. Then my teammates started yelling and jumping on me, so I knew that I had made it. I was kind of nervous because I'd missed two already so I just concentrated harder. I knew I would make it, though."

The Wildcats won on execution. After an unproductive first half, the offense churned out 272 yards in total offense and lost the ball only once. "The offense kept the defense off the field in the second half," explained Smith whose team improved to 2-2-1 on the season. "Although we missed some field goal opportunities, we ate up time on the clock and the defense came up with the big play.

"I felt at the end of the game that if we kept it within the 35-yard line we had a chance to win it with a field goal," reflected Smith. "The wind was a factor. We wanted to get it as close as possible while staying in the middle of the field."



On the lookout for an open receiver, Irish quarterback Blair Kiel rolls right in search of yardage. Kiel completed 13 of his 21 throws, five of them to Mark Brooks.

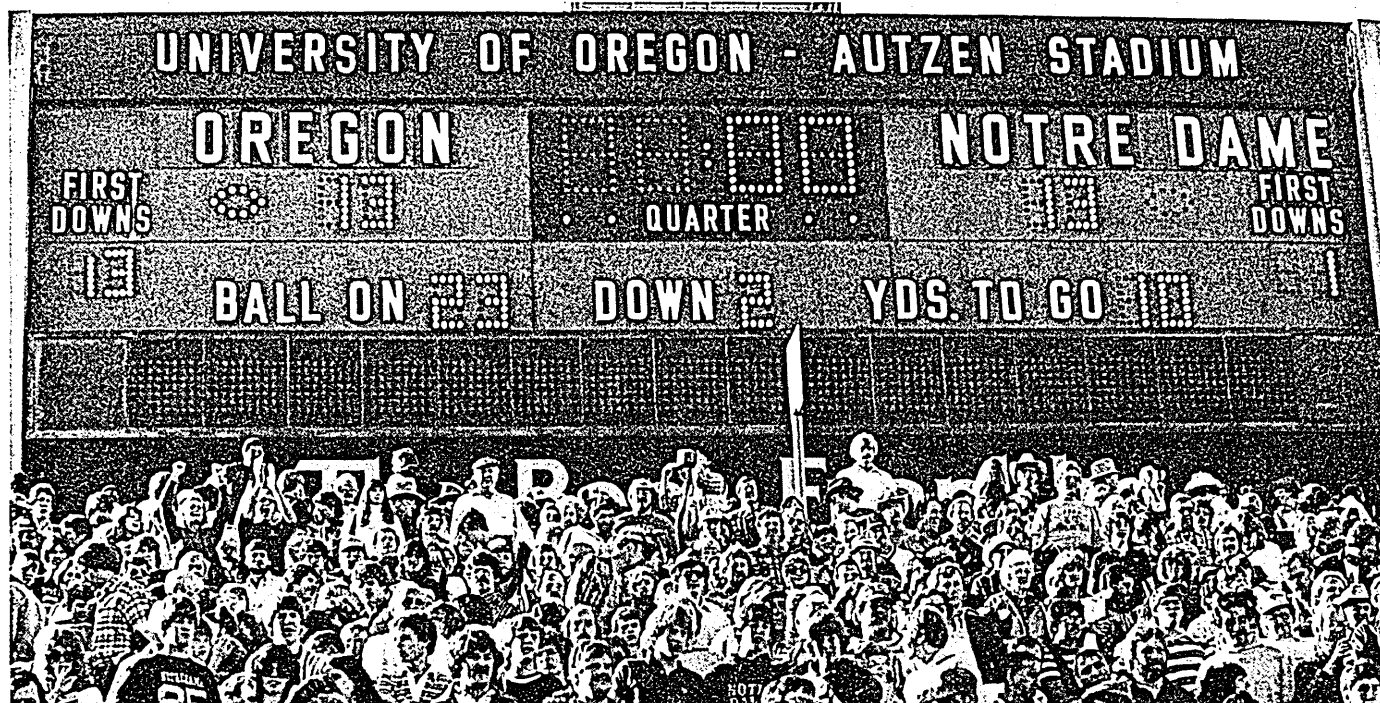
Arizona	0	0	6	10	16
Notre Dame	10	0	0	3	13

Scoring Summary				
First Quarter	Time	UA	ND	
ND—Mike Johnston 22 FG	7:48	0	3	
Drive: 44 yards in 13 plays following Arizona kickoff; Elapsed Time: 6:48; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 13 yards.				
ND—Allen Pinkett 25 run (Mike Johnston kick)	3:37	0	10	
Drive: 67 yards in seven plays following Arizona punt; Elapsed Time: 2:29; Big Play: Allen Pinkett run for 11 yards.				
Third Quarter				
UA—Max Zendejas 38 FG	10:18	3	10	
Drive: 18 yards in seven plays following Ray Moret interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: 3:42; Big Play: Five yard illegal procedure penalty against Notre Dame gives Arizona first down.				
UA—Max Zendejas 32 FG	9:19	6	10	
Drive: one yard in three plays following Don Be'Ans recovery of Notre Dame fumble; Elapsed Time: :53.				
Fourth Quarter				
ND—Mike Johnston 43 FG	14:11	6	13	
Drive: nine yards in three plays following Mike Golic recovery of Arizona fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:52.				
UA—Phil Freeman 1 run (Max Zendejas kick)	8:40	13	13	
Drive: 79 yards in 14 plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 5:31; Big Plays: Tom Tunnicliffe passes to Jay Dobyns for 11 yards and to Mark Keel for 14 yards.				
UA—Max Zendejas 48 FG	:00	16	13	
Drive: 49 yards in nine plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 4:16; Big Play: Tom Tunnicliffe pass to Brad Anderson for 19 yards.				
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Team Statistics			
	UA	ND	
First Downs	19	15	
Rushing	5	10	
Passing	11	4	
Penalty	3	1	
Rushing Attempts	34	42	
Yards Rushing	94	163	
Yards Lost Rushing	21	15	
Net Yards Rushing	73	148	
Net Yards Passing	199	80	
Passes Attempted	38	21	
Passes Completed	19	13	
Had Intercepted	0	3	
Total Offensive Plays	72	63	
Total Net Yards	272	228	
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	3.6	
Fumbles: Number—Lost	3-1	3-1	
Penalties: Number—Yards	4-20	7-30	
Interceptions: Number—Yards	3-2	0-0	
Number of Punts—Yards	5-188	4-156	
Average Per Punt	37.6	39.0	
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	0-0	0-0	
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	1-21	4-95	

Individual Statistics						
Arizona						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Phil Freeman	11	33	3	30	1	16
Courtney Griffin	7	14	0	14	0	5
Vance Johnson	5	14	2	12	0	6
Tom Tunnicliffe	7	25	16	9	0	10
William Redman	4	8	0	8	0	3
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Tom Tunnicliffe	38	19	0	199	0	21
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Brad Anderson	5	61	0	19		
Mark Keel	4	36	0	14		
Vance Johnson	3	30	0	14		
Courtney Griffin	3	29	0	18		
Kevin Ward	2	28	0	21		
Jay Dobyns	2	15	0	11		
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Craig Schiller	5	188	37.6	49		
Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long			
Max Zendejas	5	3	48			
Notre Dame						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Phil Carter	15	55	3	52	0	8
Mark Brooks	13	51	4	47	0	10
Allen Pinkett	10	44	7	37	1	25
Blair Kiel	6	13	1	12	0	5
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Blair Kiel	21	13	3	80	0	13
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Mark Brooks	5	28	0	13		
Joe Howard	4	33	0	10		
Van Percy	2	10	0	8		
Tony Hunter	1	13	0	13		
Phil Carter	1	—4	0	—4		
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Blair Kiel	3	114	38.0	43		
Mike Viracola	1	42	42.0	42		
Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long			
Mike Johnston	2	2	43			

Can't Get No Satisfaction



By JOHN HEISLER

They came from Reedsport and Roseburg, from Coos Bay and Coquille and Cottage Grove.

They came from Oregon and Washington and Idaho and just about everywhere in the Pacific Northwest. They came to see Notre Dame's first visit to that part of the country to play football in 33 years.

They filled several thousand hotel rooms in the Eugene area and they helped pump several million dollars into the depressed Oregon economy. They ate and drank and reveled in a scenario that Oregon football hadn't seen in years.

The crowd of 40,381 marked Oregon's largest ever for a non-Pacific-10 game, and the \$15.50 ticket price (\$4.00 more than any of the other Duck home games) helped produce the largest gate in Oregon football history.

The Irish gridders, however, went a little too far in their effort to send everyone home happy. Their offense sputtered and coughed its way to a 13-13 tie that provided an amazing high-water mark in an otherwise dismal 2-8-1 Oregon season. On the other hand, it proved to be a game Notre Dame would look upon as the low point of its campaign.

For the Irish, who came in 4-1 and ranked 13th in the United Press Inter-

national poll, it was a tough tie to stomach.

"A tie for us is like a loss," admitted Irish safety Dave Duerson.

"I'm disappointed that we tied, but the way the offense played I'm glad we got out with it," added quarterback Blair Kiel.

For the still winless Ducks, who came into the game at 0-6, the game proved to be a triumphant occasion everywhere but on the scoreboard.

"If there is any satisfaction to be gained from a tie it has to be theirs," chimed in Duck fullback Terrance Jones, who scored the lone Oregon touchdown. "We kicked their butts all day and they are the ones who have to feel lucky to get out of here with a tie."

There were no secrets involved in the football game.

Notre Dame ended up with a tie because its sporadic offense again failed to generate any momentum. The Irish converted only twice all afternoon on third down and 11 of Notre Dame's 16 possessions produced drives of 15 yards or less.

The visitors hardly had to work for the 13 points they did garner. A pair of nifty, back-to-back runs by freshman Allen Pinkett covered 30 yards to the end zone after Oregon botched a long snap to the punter on fourth down. And a third-period blocked punt by the Irish

put them in position to move only 15 yards before Mike Johnston booted a field goal. Only on the final Notre Dame possession of the day—when the Irish absolutely had to have yardage—did the offense show any spunk.

Oregon ended up with a tie only because its specialty team miscues put Gerry Faust's crew in position for 10 points. Rich Brooks' running game managed all of 111 net rushing yards—no awesome figure in itself, but not bad considering the Irish had ranked first in the nation in rushing defense with a 42.2-yard average and also considering Notre Dame managed only 80 ground yards itself. Jones' scoring run marked only the second rushing touchdown allowed by the Irish all season long.

"A week ago, I guess we were the only guys who believed we could win," said Oregon defensive end Mike Walter. "I got tired of people on campus, even friends, saying, 'You guys are going to get killed this weekend.'"

It didn't turn out that way because Notre Dame could never quite get its offensive machinery into gear—even after changing quarterbacks at halftime.

The football was exchanged five times in the first period before either team managed a first down. That fifth possession, however, put Oregon in a hole. With the Ducks ready to punt for the third time in the first half of the

first period, punter Kevin Hicks couldn't find the handle on the snap from center. Mansel Carter battled Hicks for possession, but it made no difference. The Ducks were stuck with a 20-yard loss on fourth down and it was Notre Dame's ball.

Pinkett did his thing from that point. He fumbled out of bounds after a 24-yard gain, then went six yards for six points on the following play. In 12 seconds the Irish had gained 30 yards and a 7-0 advantage—and it looked like the beginning of what Notre Dame fans had hoped would be a romp over a winless opponent. But that was about all the romping the Irish would do.

Notre Dame managed only three first downs the remainder of the first half and didn't come particularly close to putting any more points on the board.

Oregon really wasn't any more efficient. The Ducks missed two field goals, and didn't accomplish much other than keep the Irish out of Oregon territory.

The home team's impressive kick-return game did as much as anything to put the Ducks in position for their only first-half points. Immediately following Notre Dame's touchdown, return specialist Steve Brown zipped up the middle for 38 yards with a Hal Von Wyl boot. Junior tailback Ladaria Johnson motored for 22 yards through the right side on first down to move Oregon all the way to the Irish 40.

Eight more plays produced only 20 yards and on fourth and 16 from the 20, Todd Lee—on his first attempt of the season—booted a three-pointer from 37 yards out. That made it 7-3 at the halftime break after a second period in which neither team made anything close to an offensive foray onto the other's turf.

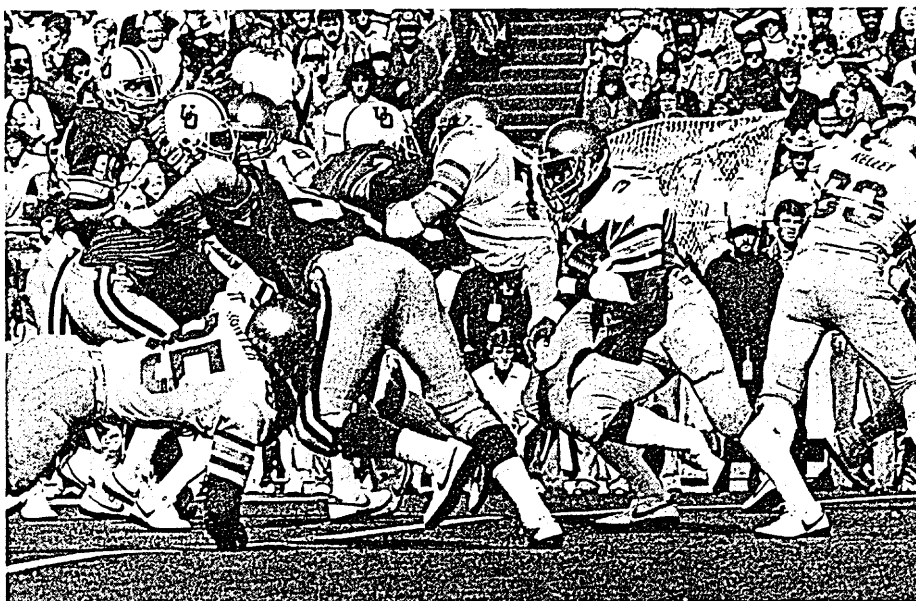
Irish fans may have been satisfied with that halftime advantage, but Gerry Faust wasn't.

"I felt we just needed a spark," he said. "When things are not going well, you have to do things to spark the offense."

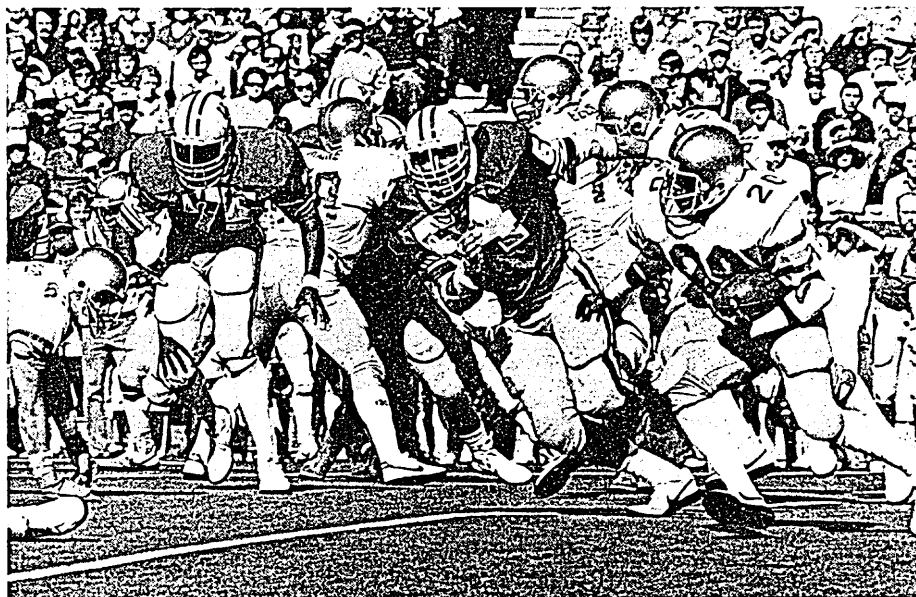
Sophomore quarterback Ken Karcher was to be the spark—and Blair Kiel was relegated to the bench for the next period and a half. Despite the spark, not much of a fire resulted.

Karcher did complete his first three passes, including a roll-out that produced a 53-yard sideline grab by Joe Howard—the longest Irish pass completion of the season to that point.

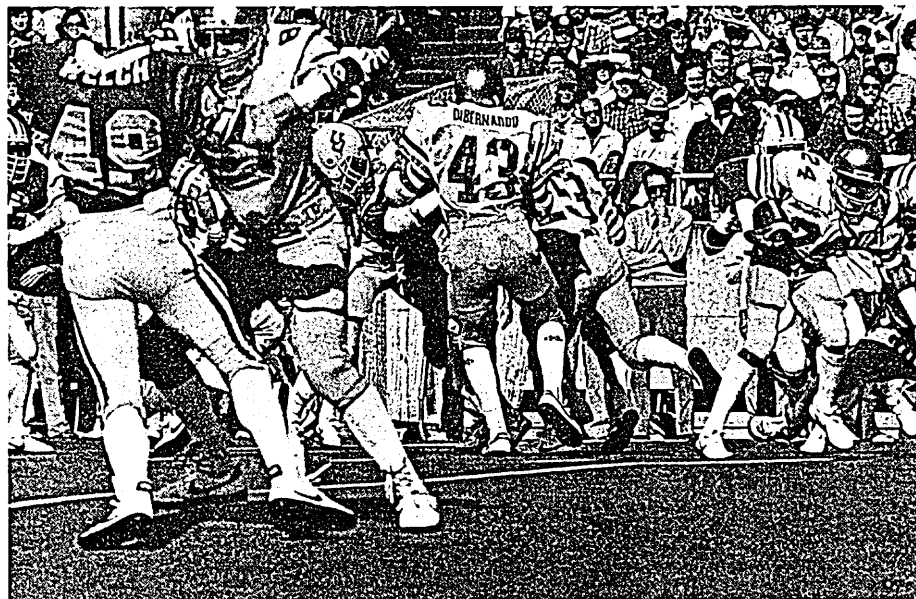
But Karcher's inexperience proved evident, and the Irish paid for his rustiness. The first possession produced minus two yards. The next one ended in a Karcher fumble on a snap—after Notre Dame had moved to the Oregon 32 on the pass to Howard. The next one produced minus two yards, again.



Oregon's feisty defense made groundgaining tough, whether it was Mark Brooks...



... or Allen Pinkett ...



... or Joe Howard looking for holes in the line of scrimmage.

Meanwhile, Oregon had cut the Irish advantage to 7-6 on its initial fling with the football in the third period. A Kiel punt of only 33 yards from the Irish 18 left the Ducks on the Notre Dame 44. The nine-play drive gained half its 22 yards on a first-down pass to split end Eugene Young — then Lee eventually knocked through a 39-yard field goal.

While the Notre Dame offense continued to spin its wheels, its defensive counterpart put the Irish in position for an answering score. Stacey Toran broke through to partially block a Hicks punt, a play that created the most confusion of the afternoon. The ball crossed the line of scrimmage since it was only partly tipped, and Oregon's Steve Johnson eventually ended up with it. But the officials gave the Irish possession and penalized Oregon for interference, handing Notre Dame the football at the Duck 40.

"I'll be anxious to see films of that one," said Oregon coach Rich Brooks. "To me, that was a controversial call. I saw it as the Notre Dame man touching the ball first and us taking it away from him. In that case, it's our ball, first down. The officials said we touched it first and if they are right the call is correct."

The Irish moved in as far as the Oregon 16 before a Walter sack (he made five tackles, recovered a fumble and made two other stops for losses in earning the Pacific-10 defensive player of the week honor) pushed them back to the 25 and forced a Mike Johnston field goal that made it 10-6.

As the final minute of the third quarter ticked away, the home forces initiated what proved to be the most noteworthy offensive excursion of the day.

With quarterbacks Mike Jorgensen and Dana Hill both working effectively, the Ducks impressively marched the length of the field to take the lead. They produced rushing gains of six, seven, eight, seven and 12 yards against an Irish defense that normally had been allowing that much ground yardage in an entire game.

"Their backs ran hard," remembered Irish linebacker Mark Zavagnin, "and our tackling was a little sloppy. I don't know if they wore us down or not. But we've got to be able to rise to the occasion."

The clinching blow proved to be a first-down pass from Jorgensen to flanker Osborn Thomas who somehow hauled in the 23-yarder barely inbounds at the one despite the efforts of Duerson.

"We had two people in short coverage and I was playing the deep half of the field," Duerson recalled. "I went for the ball and I was just amazed that he had the ball and I didn't. He made a super catch."

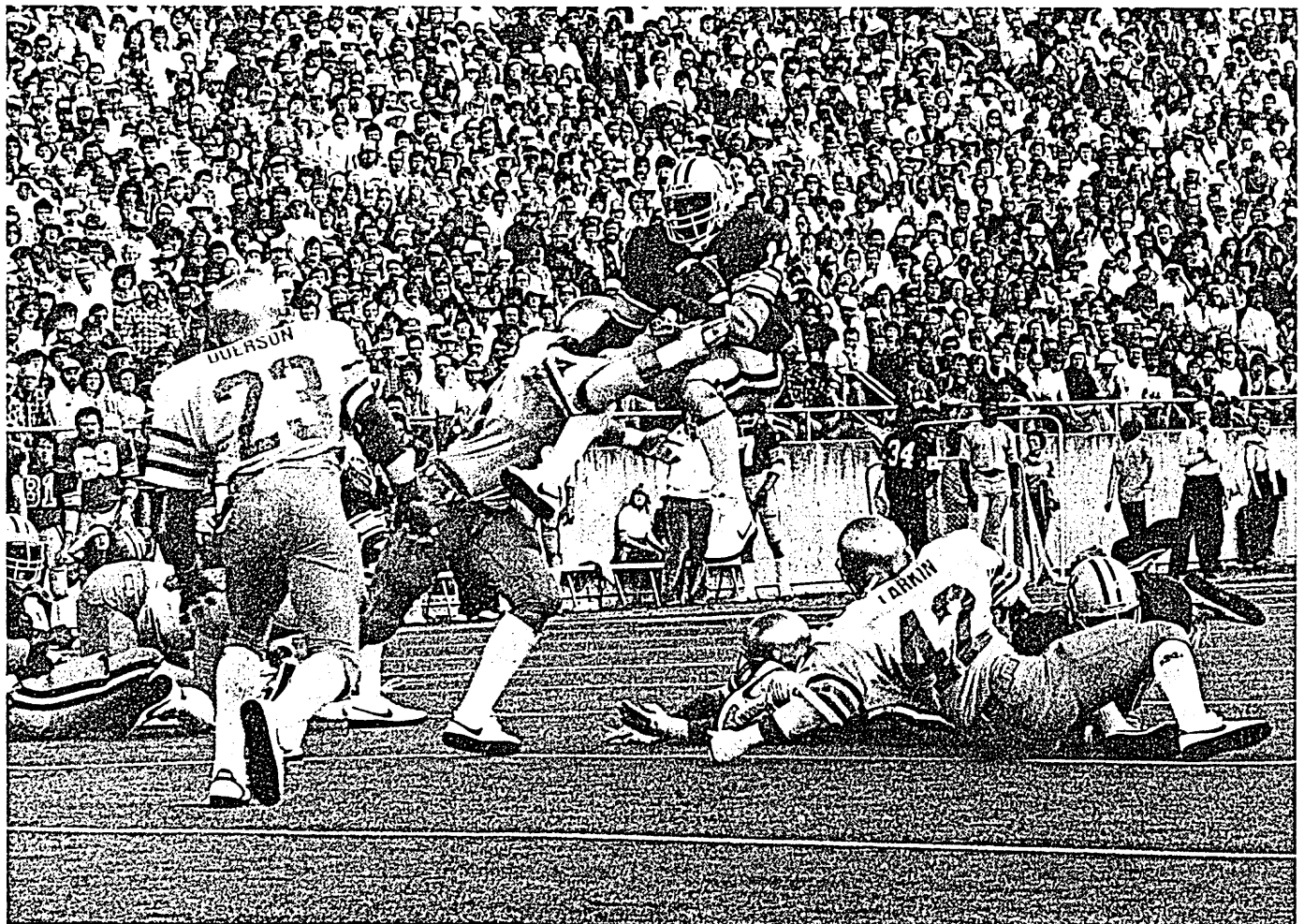
"Choo Choo Young did a quick slant to bring the corner down," Thomas said. "Then I go to the sideline and up the field. Jorgy threw the ball right where it had to be."

Jones took it in on the following play and the Irish—now trailing 13-10—knew it was time for some serious Duck hunting.

After one more three-play-and-punt attempt with Karcher under center, the Irish went back to Kiel at quarterback. The junior delivered with Notre Dame 73 yards from the end zone, 1:24 on the clock and no time remaining.

"Blair is the more experienced guy," noted Irish quarterback coach Ron Hudson. "We had to come back with him and I think he did a marvelous job."

Kiel threw once to Tony Hunter for 12 yards—but the two completions that loomed largest in the Ducks' eyes went to freshman Milt Jackson, who hadn't caught a pass since the opener against Michigan. The second of his grabs set



Oregon backup quarterback Dana Hill receives a rude mid-air awakening from Irish linebacker Mark Zavagnin, as Dave Duerson prepares to lend a hand if needed.

the Irish up with a first down on the Oregon 18.

From there, the Ducks got tough. Kiel threw the ball out of bounds to stop the clock on first down. Dwight Ford and Walters came ever so close to sacking him on second and third down, respectively. With 13 seconds to go, Johnston calmly booted his 13th consecutive field goal, this one from 35 yards away.

Oregon ran off two more plays before the finish, but Joe Johnson intercepted a Jorgensen pass on the final one.

For an Oregon team that had yet to put up a "W" in the win-loss column, it had to be considered a moral victory of sorts. But there were few smiles on either sideline as the contest ended. There was plenty of frustration to go around in the tomb-like Irish dressing quarters.

Faust found himself justifying the late Irish three-pointer, but he would have none of the media suggestions that the tie didn't help the visitors.

"We've got too much at stake this year to risk going for the touchdown on fourth down. We're still in the picture

in a lot of things. You just don't want to throw that away."

Added Brooks, "I thought there was a chance of them going for it. Notre Dame tying Oregon isn't exactly my idea of a great game."

The Ducks considered all kinds of plays which—if they had made just one—might have made them winners.

Included were the missed field goals, the near sacks and especially a fight for the football with a minute and a half remaining when Duerson lost track of the Oregon punt and he and Oregon's Steve Johnson dove for it.

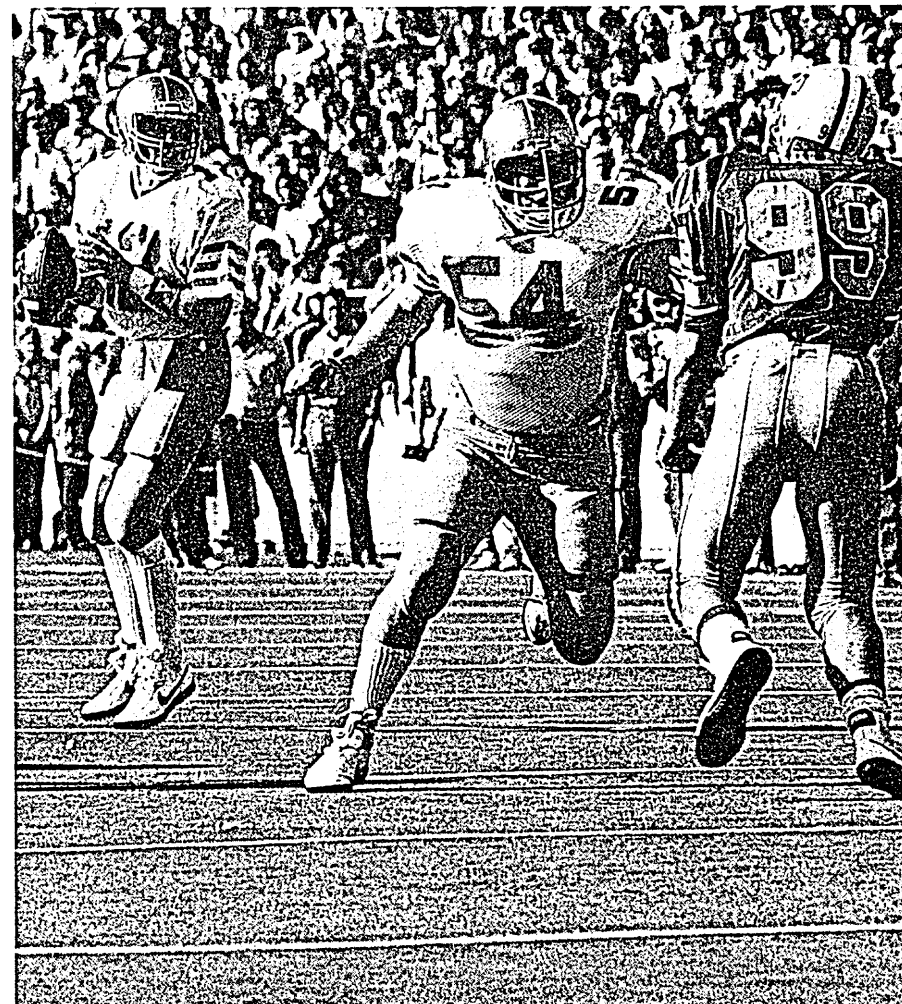
More than anything, credit Brooks with convincing his players they weren't attacking the Irish legends.

"The media tried to talk us into being intimidated, but I told the players that on each play they were lining up against just one man, not the Four Horsemen."

A friendly Oregon fan had given Brooks a yellow-and-green T-shirt that read, "Today I'm the Gipper."

"If it had ended 13-10, I'd have worn it," Brooks said.

He darn near earned that chance.



The Irish looked to sophomore Ken Karcher to open the second half against the Ducks in hopes of revving up the bogged-down Notre Dame offense. Karcher responded with five completions in his seven pass attempts for 76 yards.

Oregon	3	0	3	7	13
Notre Dame	7	0	3	3	13

Scoring Summary				
First Quarter			Time	UO ND
ND—Allen Pinkett 6 run (Mike Johnston kick)			7:27	0 7
Drive: 30 yards in two plays following Oregon loss of ball on downs; Elapsed Time: :12; Big Play: Allen Pinkett run for 24 yards.				
UO—Todd Lee 37 FG			3:52	3 7
Drive: 42 yards in 10 plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:35; Big Play: Terrance Jones run for 16 yards.				
Third Quarter				
UO—Todd Lee 39 FG			9:37	6 7
Drive: 22 yards in nine plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 3:05; Big Play: Mike Jorgensen run for one yard on fourth down.				
ND—Mike Johnston 42 FG			:46	6 10
Drive: 15 yards in eight plays following Stacy Toran block of Oregon punt; Elapsed Time: 3:38; Big Play: Phil Carter run for 12 yards.				
Fourth Quarter				
UO—Terrance Jones 1 run (Todd Lee kick)			10:27	13 10
Drive: 80 yards in 10 plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 5:19; Big Play: Mike Jorgensen pass to Osborn Thomas for 23 yards.				
ND—Mike Johnson 35 FG			:11	13 13
Drive: 55 yards in 10 plays following Oregon punt; Elapsed Time: 1:13; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Milt Jackson for 23 yards.				
A—40,381				

Team Statistics			
	ND	UO	
First Downs	11	13	
Rushing	4	8	
Passing	7	5	
Penalty	0	0	
Rushing Attempts	31	54	
Yards Rushing	119	160	
Yards Lost Rushing	39	49	
Net Yards Rushing	80	111	
Net Yards Passing	173	101	
Passes Attempted	28	22	
Passes Completed	14	9	
Had Intercepted	1	1	
Total Offensive Plays	59	76	
Total Net Yards	253	212	
Average Gain Per Play	4.3	2.8	
Fumbles: Number—Lost	2-1	3-1	
Penalties: Number—Yards	4-35	2-32	
Interceptions: Number—Yards	1-38	1-5	
Number of Punts—Yards	10-406	9-292	
Average Per Punt	40.6	32.4	
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3-4	8-110	
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	2-34	2-56	

Individual Statistics									
Oregon									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Terrance Jones	14	62	0	62	1	16			
Ladaria Johnson	8	30	2	28	0	22			
Mike Jorgensen	17	39	15	24	0	7			
Dana Hill	7	16	1	15	0	6			
Todd Bland	4	8	0	8	0	7			
Dwight Robertson	2	5	0	5	0	4			
Greg Hicks	1	0	20	-20	0	-20			
Henry Billups	1	0	11	-11	0	-11			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
Mike Jorgensen	21	8	1	96	0	27			
Kevin Lusk	1	1	0	5	0	5			
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Doug Herman			3	38	0	27			
Eugene Young			3	22	0	11			
Osborn Thomas			2	36	0	23			
Ladaria Johnson			1	5	0	5			
Notre Dame									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Phil Carter	13	61	11	50	0	16			
Allen Pinkett	7	44	0	44	1	24			
Mark Brooks	4	12	1	11	0	7			
Blair Kiel	1	2	0	2	0	2			
Larry Moriarty	2	0	1	-1	0	-1			
Ken Karcher	4	0	26	-26	0	-4			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
Blair Kiel	21	9	1	97	0	23			
Ken Karcher	7	5	0	76	0	53			
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tony Hunter			4	34	0	17			
Joe Howard			3	67	0	53			
Milt Jackson			2	38	0	23			
Phil Carter			2	9	0	9			
Mark Brooks			1	10	0	10			
Allen Pinkett			1	9	0	9			
Van Percy			1	6	0	6			

One Finally Won by Air

By MICHAEL KEANE

First, there had been a disappointing, home-field loss to Arizona. Then came a frustrating tie at Oregon.

Despite a staunch defense, the Irish suddenly were struggling to put points on the board. They needed a bit of relief, and they spelled it N-A-V-Y.

The Middies proved game — thanks especially to a game plan that featured quick throws by fill-in quarterback Tom Tarquinio. But an opportunistic Notre Dame secondary and the arm of Blair Kiel outmatched Navy for a 27-10 Irish success in an every-so-often visit to Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

In defeating the Middies, the Irish won for the 46th time in the 56-game series, the longest continuous intersectional rivalry in football. Notre Dame

also extended its unbeaten string over Navy to 19. Most importantly, however, the Irish scored their most points since the Purdue game, including the first two touchdown passes of the year by any Notre Dame quarterback.

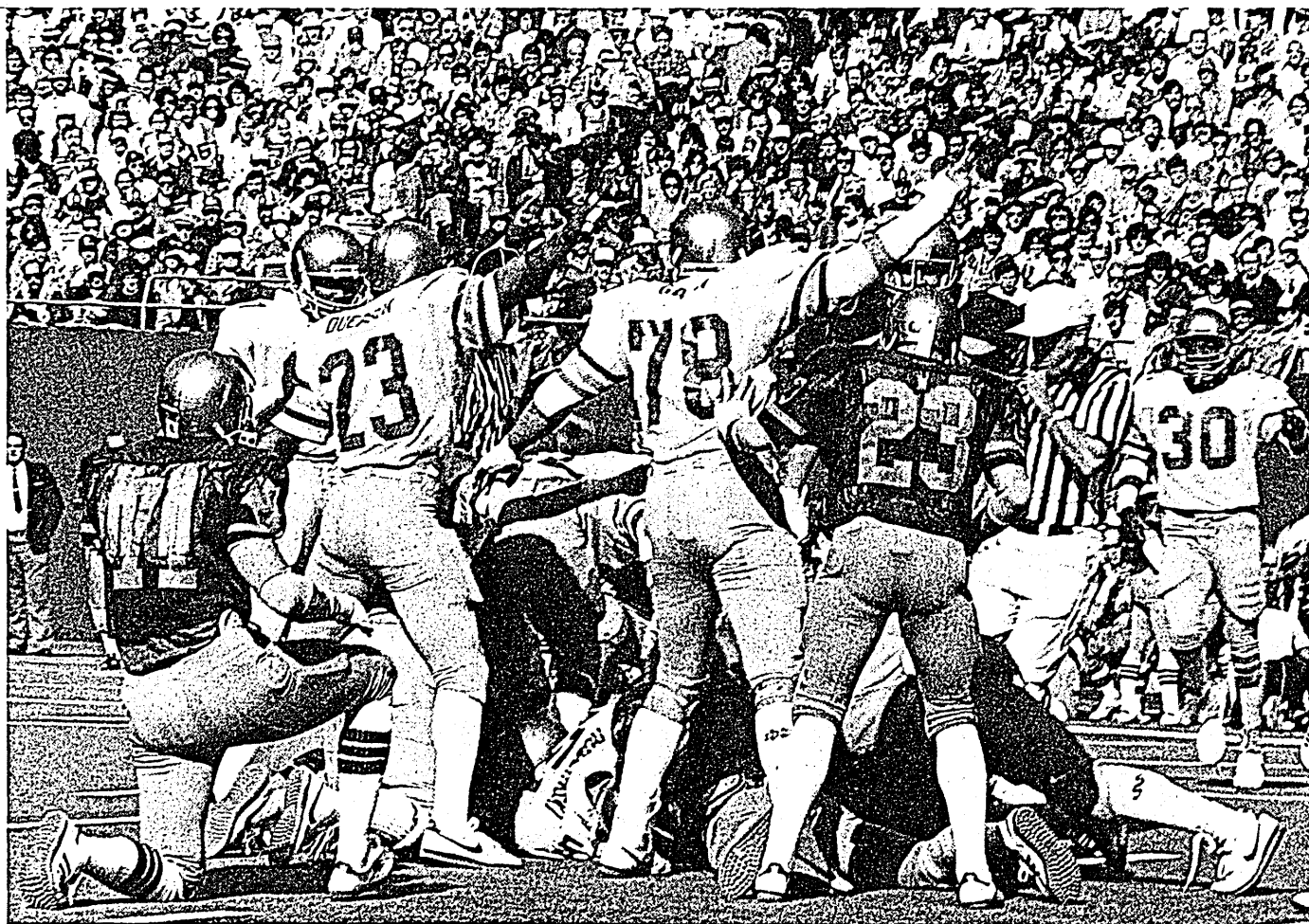
The Irish headed into the contest hoping to improve their offensive proficiency after failing to score more than 16 points in each of their last three games. The subject of touchdown passes was a popular topic as the NCAA statistics showed only two Division I teams — Oklahoma and Notre Dame — without a touchdown pass.

Due to injuries and other factors, Gerry Faust started three freshmen on the offensive unit to open the game — tailback Allen Pinkett (subbing for the injured Phil Carter) and wide receivers Mike Haywood and Milt Jackson. The

offense looked smooth in securing two first downs on its initial possession before stalling. The drive proved futile when Mike Johnston's 34-yard field goal attempt was blocked, marking the senior's first miss of the year.

Navy put together a fine drive after taking over, before the Irish defense came through with the first of six interceptions. Dave Duerson, who had three himself, stepped in front of a Tom Tarquinio pass at the 13 and returned it 46 yards to get the Irish out of trouble.

Notre Dame's first possession of the second quarter saw the Irish put together an eight play, 80-yard drive which ended in a three-yard scoring toss from Kiel to Chris Smith, a blocking back in the Irish goal-line offense. Irish fans would see that same play



Turnovers proved to be Navy's undoing, as six intercepted passes and a lost fumble made it nearly impossible for the Middle troops to mount an offensive. Jack Shields recovered this one for the Irish, setting up a second-quarter Mike Johnston field goal.

two weeks later against Penn State. Kiel was immaculate on the drive, hitting all six of his tosses for 73 yards.

Notre Dame's defense stiffened considerably and the offense moved impressively to a 40-yard field goal by Johnston with only 35 seconds left in the half. At one point in that second drive, Kiel — on his way to a first half featuring 13-of-21 throwing for 157 yards — had completed nine straight attempts. The Irish specialty teams helped the offense on the ensuing kick-off as Navy returner Napoleon Mc-

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Callum lost the ball after a vicious hit by Tony Furjanic and Jack Shields recovered at the Middle 22. A 48-yard field goal by Johnston was the result as the Irish secured a 13-0 halftime lead.

Navy had been relatively effective moving the ball with those short passes in the first two quarters, getting 103 yards on seven completions in 15 attempts. But the Irish defense blitzed much more in the second half, forcing Tarquinio to throw five interceptions and 22 incompletions in 33 attempts in the last half. The defense was par-



Some helpful sideline consultation paid noteworthy dividends for the Irish against the Midshipmen. Quarterback Blair Kiel (above) picks up some hints from Gerry Faust and offensive coordinator Tom Lichtenberg, while Larry Moriarty (39, below) and Mark Brooks listen to line coach Jim Higgins and Lichtenberg.



ticularly tough in the third quarter as it intercepted four passes and forced two punts on Navy's six possessions of the period.

After Kiel was sacked in the end zone for Navy's first points against the Irish in four years, he returned to connect with Larry Moriarty for his second touchdown pass, an 18-yard completion which gave the Irish a 20-2 advantage. On Navy's next possession Duerson took away another Tarquinio pass and returned it to Navy's 12, giving the offense what anybody would call good field position. A 12-yard burst by Pinkett on second down gave the Irish their final points of the afternoon.

The Middies hit the scoreboard only late in the game when Tarquinio, who finished with 18 completions on 44 attempts for 208 yards and the half dozen interceptions, completed a 26-yard touchdown pass. "They're a real good defensive club," Tarquinio later claimed. "I had a little trouble throwing today, I forced the ball a couple of times too many."

The defense, as usual, was the most discussed aspect of the Irish after the game. Middle coach Gary Tranquill, having experienced his first game against Notre Dame, declared, "Notre Dame is a great defensive club. You have to earn everything against them offensively, and you can't turn the ball over like that to them."

The offense, with its 27-point showing, was not neglected, however. Faust said, "We were concerned about our offense since we've been banged up a

little the last few weeks as far as injuries. But I thought the offense did an excellent job in the second and third periods when we had opportunities to put points on the board."

The play of Kiel and Pinkett was an important part of the offense's play. Kiel finished with 18 completions in 34 attempts for 221 yards, the pair of touchdowns, and no interceptions, helping to set a Notre Dame team record for most attempts in a game (37) without an interception. "We had to have more intensity in order to knock out the mistakes which have hurt our scoring opportunities the last few weeks," he stated. "We definitely worked with the pass today to help us for the next few weeks," Kiel remarked, in reference to the consecutive upcoming contests against Pitt and Penn State.

Pinkett was coming off his third straight impressive showing, although better things would follow. He finished this game with his best totals ever, 129 yards on 27 carries, and he scored a touchdown for the third straight game. Familiarity with the offense played a large part in this increasing proficiency. "I have been gaining confidence since the Arizona game, and I'm becoming more relaxed with each game," he related.

The Irish headed off to their showdown with top-rated Pitt, with a definite boost in offensive confidence. Faust concluded, "We're pleased overall, but we've still got a long way to go. We still have to improve."

The Navy game was a step in that direction.

Navy	0	0	2	8	10
Notre Dame	0	13	14	0	27

Scoring Summary

Second Quarter	Time	NA	ND
ND—Chris M Smith 3 pass from Blair Kiel	7:32	0	7
(Mike Johnston kick)			
Drive: 80 yards in eight plays following Navy punt; Elapsed Time: 3:44; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Joe Howard for 18 yards.			
ND—Mike Johnston 40 FG	:35	0	10
Drive: 46 yards in 13 plays following Navy punt; Elapsed Time: 4:27; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Allen Pinkett for 13 yards.			
ND—Mike Johnston 48 FG	:01	0	13
Drive: 22 yards in four plays following Jack Shields recovery of Navy fumble; Elapsed Time: :27.			
Thlrd Quarter			
NA—Safety, Blair Kiel tackled in end zone by Eric Rutherford	10:49	2	13
ND—Larry Moriarty 18 pass from Blair Kiel	2:28	2	20
(Mike Johnson kick)			
Drive: 47 yards in five plays following Mark Zavagnin interception of Navy pass; Elapsed Time: 1:39; Big Play: Allen Pinkett run for 18 yards.			
ND—Allen Pinkett 12 run	2:04	2	27
(Mike Johnson kick)			
Drive: 12 yards in two plays following Dave Duerson interception of Navy pass; Elapsed Time: :13.			
Fourth Quarter			
NA—Bill Cebak 26 pass from Tom Tarquinio	4:06	10	27
(Rich Clouse 2 pass Tom Tarquinio)			
Drive: 51 yards in four plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: :23; Big Play: 25-yard pass interference penalty against Notre Dame.			
A—72,201			

Team Statistics

	ND	NA
First Downs	24	17
Rushing	11	3
Passing	13	11
Penalty	0	3
Rushing Attempts	48	25
Yards Rushing	186	79
Yards Lost Rushing	92	6
Net Yards Rushing	94	73
Net Yards Passing	234	199
Passes Attempted	37	44
Passes Completed	19	18
Had Intercepted	0	6
Total Offensive Plays	85	69
Total Net Yards	328	272
Average Gain Per Play	3.9	3.9
Return Yards	118	183
Fumbles: Number—Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties: Number—Yards	7-86	5-54
Interceptions: Number—Yards	6-63	0-0
Number of Punts—Yards	8-337	7-299
Average Per Punt	42.1	43.0
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	5-55	6-52
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	1-0	7-131

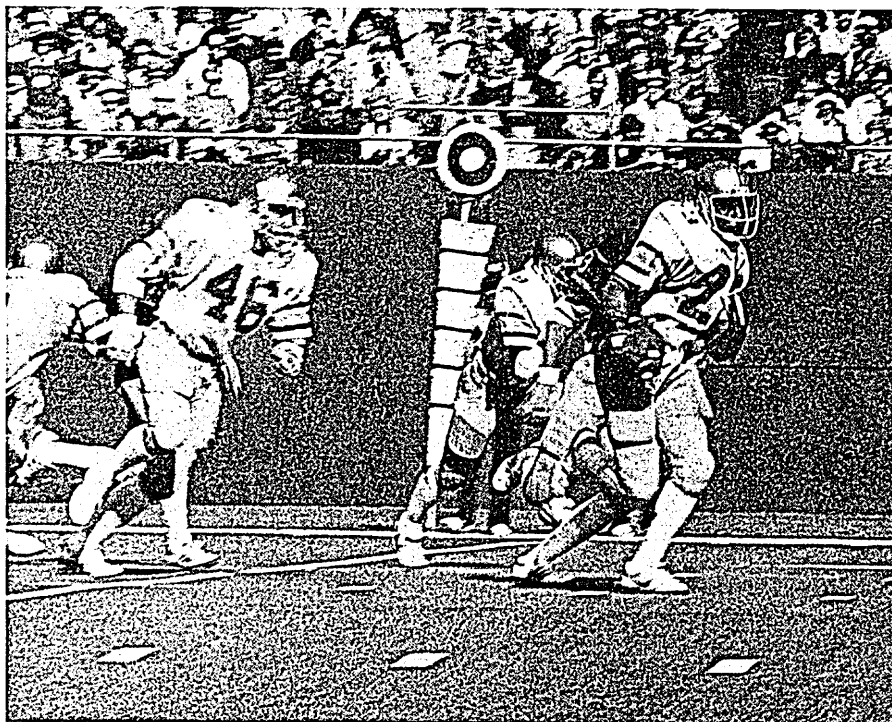
Individual Statistics

Navy

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Rich Clouse	14	39	1	38	0	7
Tom Tarquinio	4	17	0	17	0	9
Andy Skehan	3	12	0	12	0	5
Bryan Caraveo	2	11	0	11	0	8
Napoleon McCallum	2	0	5	-5	0	-5
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Tom Tarquinio	44	18	6	199	1	30
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Mark Stevens	4	83	0	30		
Bill Cebak	4	40	1	26		
Bryan Caraveo	4	26	0	10		
Rich Clouse	3	23	0	13		
Ken Heine	2	17	0	10		
Greg Brand	1	10	0	10		

Notre Dame

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Allen Pinkett	27	133	4	129	1	18
Rodney Morris	3	28	0	28	0	24
Larry Moriarty	5	17	0	17	0	4
Chris M. Smith	1	4	0	4	0	4
Lester Flemons	1	0	1	-1	0	-1
Phil Carter	1	0	1	-1	0	-1
Ken Karcher	3	0	21	-21	0	-5
Blair Kiel	7	4	65	-61	0	2
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Blair Kiel	34	18	0	220	2	21
Ken Karcher	2	1	0	0	0	0
Jim O'Hara	1	1	0	14	0	14
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Tony Hunter	7	85	0	21		
Joe Howard	3	50	0	19		
Larry Moriarty	3	36	1	18		
Mike Haywood	2	28	0	19		
Chris Stone	1	14	0	14		
Allen Pinkett	1	13	0	13		
Mark Brooks	1	5	0	5		
Chris M. Smith	1	3	1	3		



Senior captain Dave Duerson sets sail following one of his three interceptions against Navy. Duerson finished his career with more interception return yardage than any other player in Notre Dame history.

Add One to the List

By JOHN LEWANDOWSKI

Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps has called Notre Dame "the world's greatest underdog institution."

So prior to Notre Dame's date with unbeaten and number-one ranked Pittsburgh, football coach Gerry Faust decided to relive a little bit of that tradition with his '82 squad.

Faust read down a list of fabled Irish upsets: the 7-0 shutout that snapped Oklahoma's 47-game winning streak in 1957; the 1971 Cotton Bowl triumph ending Texas' 31-game win streak; the 1973 one-point decision over previously-unbeaten Alabama in the Sugar Bowl, the 38-10 ambush of number-one Texas in the 1977 Cotton Bowl that vaulted Notre Dame to the top of the polls.

The list rolled on — and it would

include one more item before the day was through.

History repeated itself this clear and chilly November afternoon. Before a stunned, capacity crowd of 60,162, the Fighting Irish used the big play to shock the Panthers 31-16.

"Our kids played their hearts out today," said an ecstatic Faust. "We've had to overcome some adversity the last few weeks. We thought we had great game plans both offensively and defensively, and I thought we executed very well."

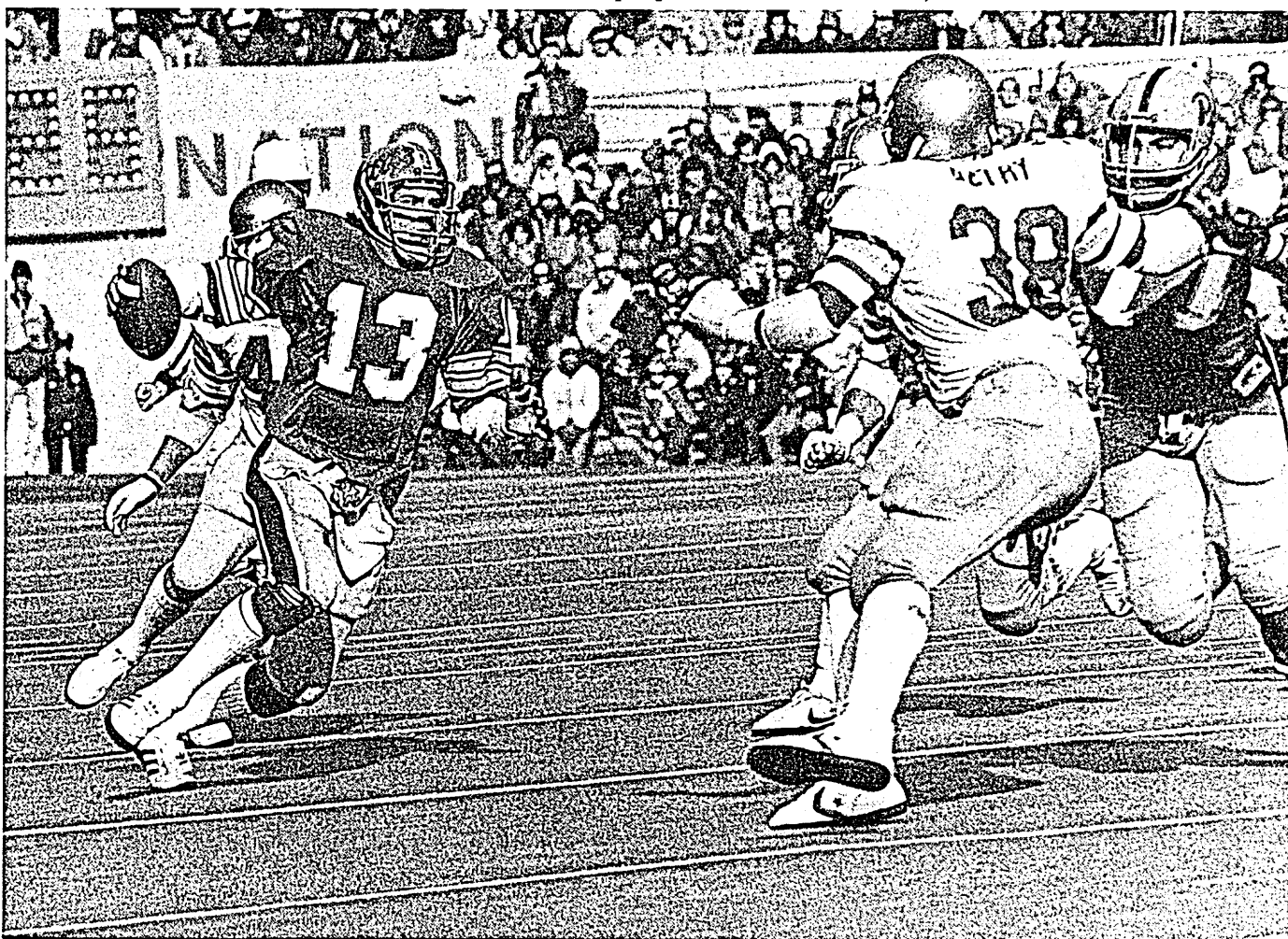
"I don't know what to say," explained first-year Pitt coach Foge Fazio. "This is the first time I've had this experience. We moved the ball well, but we couldn't put it in the end zone."

The Panthers put points on the board

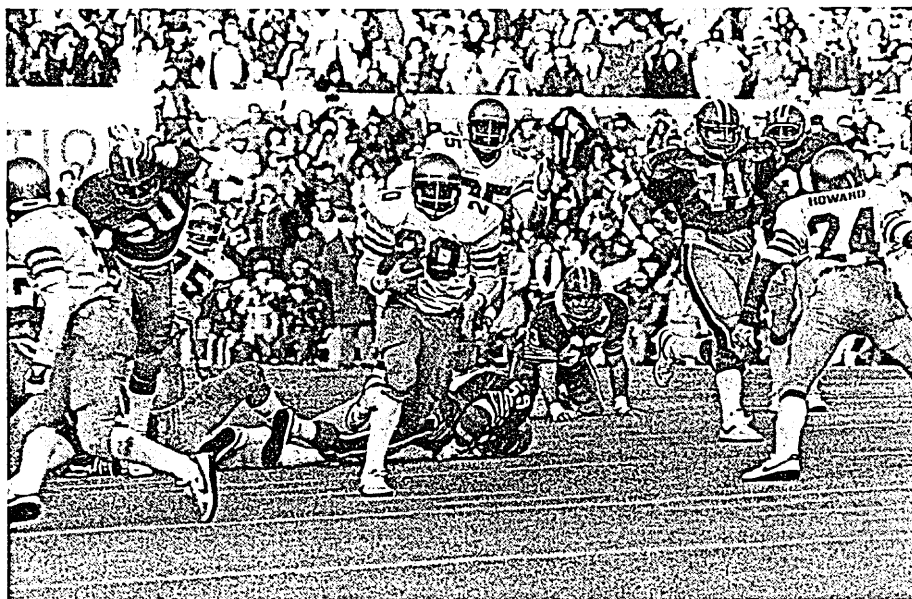
early. On their first possession of the afternoon, quarterback Dan Marino orchestrated a 12-play, 44-yard drive which resulted in a 48-yard field goal by Eric Schubert. Pitt's scoring drive was highlighted by Marino passes of 20 yards to Barry Compton and 19 to Julius Dawkins.

The second quarter opened with Pitt once again knocking on the door. Marino threw short to Dwight Collins three times on the drive and the junior flanker, who hauled in eight passes for 109 yards in the losing effort, picked up gains of 14, 14 and eight yards. A 12-yard pass to tight end Clint Wilson on the third play of the second quarter gave Pitt a first down on the Notre Dame four.

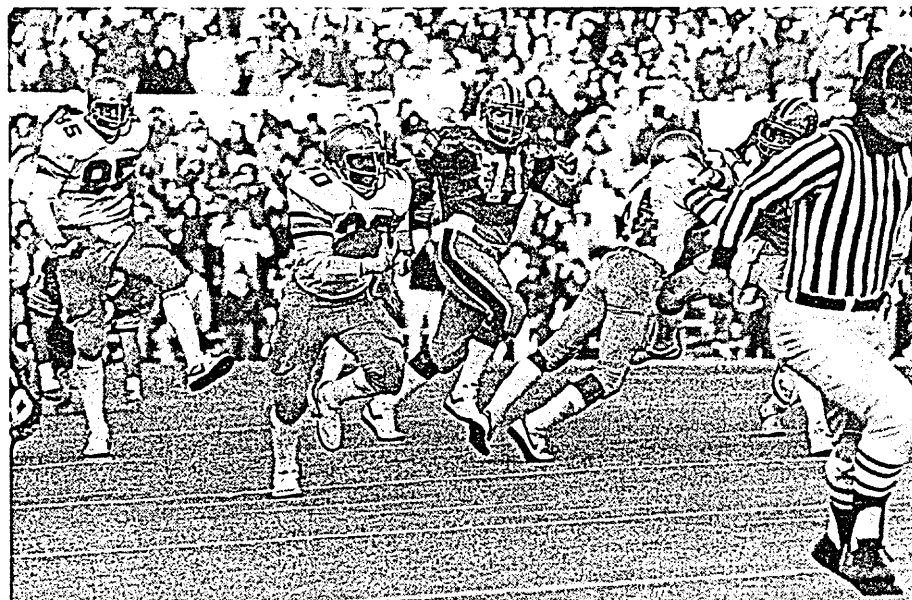
On first down, Bryan Thomas swept left, but Chris Brown and Mike Larkin



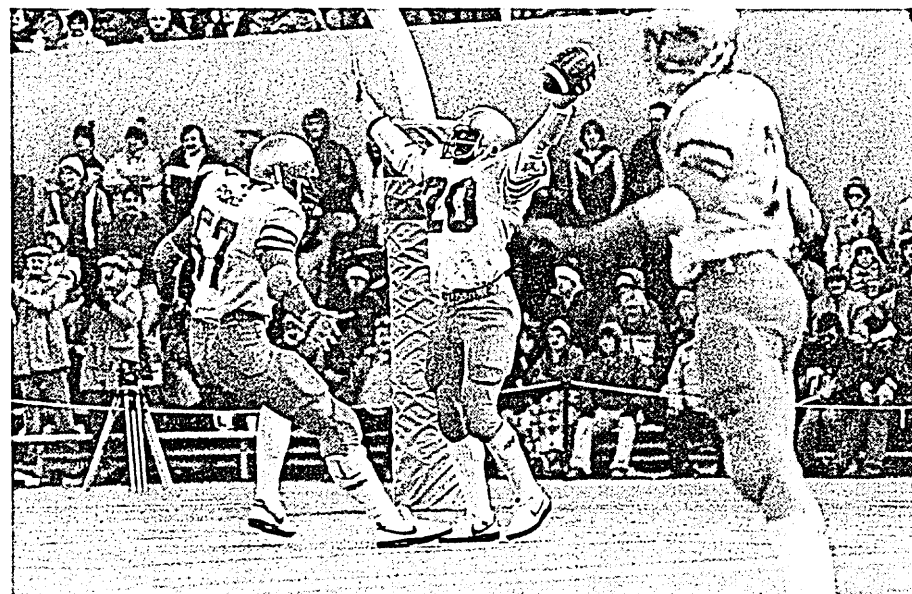
Notre Dame's fired-up defense pushed Pitt quarterback Dan Marino out of the pocket all afternoon long during the Irish upset. Mark Zavagnin pursues on this occasion, while Jon Autry (38) forces Marino back inside.



Scatback Allen Pinkett finds the hole he wants in the Pitt line . . .



. . . heads for daylight behind Joe Howard's block . . .



. . . and prepares to enjoy his 76-yard romp with center Mark Fischer.

met him at the corner resulting in a yard loss. On successive plays, Marino threw incomplete passes as the Irish applied heavy pressure. Schubert came on and booted his second field goal of the afternoon — this one from 22 yards out — to extend the Panther lead to 6-0.

It would prove a game of big plays by Notre Dame, but that goal-line stand 2:06 into the second quarter might have been the critical series. Instead of being down 10-0, the Irish were less than a touchdown from taking the lead. Pitt's offense rolled as it did for most of the contest, but the 60-yard, 11-play drive produced only three points.

The Irish failed to get a first down on their next possession. But Blair Kiel pinned Pitt back on its own nine-yard line with a 49-yard punt, and the Panthers were unable to wedge out a first down. Standing in his own end zone, Greg Ganzer shanked a 23-yard punt. Joe Johnson, while attempting a fair catch at the Pitt 36, was interfered with by Darnell Stone for a personal foul that moved the ball to the 21.

Notre Dame lost two yards in three plays, but Mike Johnston cut the Panther lead in half with 8:53 left in the second quarter on a 38-yard field goal.

Four minutes later, Kiel punted to Jeff Casper, who fumbled near mid-field, and Rick Naylor recovered for Notre Dame on the Pitt 45. Casper, ironically, was subbing for return specialist Tom Flynn, who suffered an ankle injury earlier in the game.

On first down, Kiel lofted a 30-yard pass down the middle of the field to a streaking Larry Moriarty, who got behind Rick Dukovich to make a spectacular leaping catch at the 15.

"I've been waiting for that all season," Moriarty said of the pass that set up Notre Dame's first touchdown. "I get so excited, I can't breathe. I'm just a wild person after a play like that. I think it affects the team, too."

"We borrowed that play from the San Diego Chargers," explained quarterback coach Ron Hudson. "We knew that with Larry's speed we could beat their coverage for a big gainer."

Freshman Allen Pinkett raced around left end for 11 yards on the next play. On a first-and-goal call from the five, Moriarty bulled into the end zone following the right side of the Irish line. In 55 seconds, Notre Dame had its first lead of the afternoon at 10-6.

Pittsburgh regained the lead with 3:42 remaining in the third quarter. Marino directed a classic 18-play drive that traversed 98 yards. The march consumed 8:42 on the clock as the

Panthers moved mainly via the ground route against the Irish defense. Thomas darted for 38 yards during the drive and backfield mate Joe McCall hammered for 12 more. Marino, meanwhile, kept the defense honest with passes of 11 yards to Collins, 14 to Dawkins and 15 to Keith Williams. On third and goal from the one, Thomas slanted right for Pitt's first and only touchdown of the day. Schubert's conversion put the Panthers out in front 13-10.

"I was worried after that long, time-consuming, 98-yard drive," said Notre Dame linebacker Mark Zavagnin, who led the defense with 16 tackles. "We may have finally gotten a little tired on that drive. But then our offense came right back and scored."

The Fighting Irish exploded for 21 fourth-quarter points against the highly regarded Panther defense. The quarter was only 1:16 old when Kiel pitched right to Phil Carter, who started what looked like a sweep. But Carter pivoted and pitched back to Kiel, who lofted a 54-yard bomb to Joe Howard. Howard, who was well behind Dukovich and Troy Hill, gathered the ball in at the seven and scored untouched. Johnston added the extra point and in a matter of eight seconds Notre Dame regained a 17-13 lead it wouldn't relinquish.

"I came up," said Dukovich about the touchdown pass. "They disguised it well. It looked like a sweep. It was so good. That's no excuse. You stay deep. It was a hell of a play."

It was a flea-flicker play that Kiel couldn't wait to use. "I was pretty excited about it," said the Columbus, Ind., junior, who proved he, indeed, could come up with the big play. "I had to check it off a couple of earlier times, because I read a blitz situation, and I would have gotten stoned. It wasn't a perfect pass, but I'm glad that ball had a little wobble on it or I might have thrown it into the end zone."

Marino kept Pitt's hopes for an unbeaten season alive. Short tosses to Thomas and McCall out of the backfield netted 42 yards. On third-and-four from the Irish 31, Marino went for Dawkins on a deep post-pattern. Cornerback Chris Brown came out of nowhere to tip the pass out of Dawkins' reach. A 47-yard field goal by Schubert with 12:14 showing on the clock brought Pitt to within a single point.

One series later, the Panthers once again were driving for the lead. From the Notre Dame 33, Marino found Dawkins open over the middle. However, with Mike Larkin in pursuit, Dawkins lost the handle and John Mosley recovered for the Irish at the 24. With the fumble, the momentum

belonged to Notre Dame.

After an incomplete pass, Pinkett showed Pitt his Tony Dorsett moves by dodging five defenders and motoring 76 yards for the score. The Sterling, Va., native tried the left side of the Panther line before cutting back into the center of the field for daylight to up Notre Dame's lead to 24-16 with 8:09 remaining.

"It was a sprint-draw play on which I have the option to go out or cut across," said Pinkett, who riddled the Pitt defense for 112 yards on only 10 carries. "I saw the two guys collapsing on me, but I saw a little bubble between them. I just decided to get through there as quickly as I possibly could."

The Irish defense forced Pitt to punt on the next series. Notre Dame then put together one of its most impressive drives of the 1982 campaign to seal the Panthers' fate.

Joe Howard raced around end for 18 yards on first down from the Irish 35. After Pinkett picked up four more yards, Moriarty exploded into the secondary on a quick opener for 29 yards to the Pitt 14. Pinkett, who registered his second consecutive 100-yard game, capped off the six-play, 65-yard drive with a seven-yard scoring romp. Johnston's conversion finished the scoring with 4:06 left.

The Pitt offense racked up 438 yards total offense with Marino passing for 314 yards on the day. Although the Panthers' offense managed 40 more offensive plays and controlled the clock for almost 15 more minutes, the Irish defense gave up only 16 points.

"When you've got the athletes like they have and you hold Pitt under 21 points," Zavagnin said, "you've done a heckuva job. They're a great football team and they're going to get their yards. But when we had to, we sucked it up. We would bend, but we wouldn't break."

"This is the biggest win I've ever experienced in my career at Notre Dame," continued the Evergreen Park, Ill., native. "Sure we beat Michigan and Alabama in 1980, but this is the best as far as I'm concerned."

Senior guard Tom Thayer echoed Zavagnin's sentiments. "I'll remember this forever," said Thayer. "We've had some big wins since I've been here, like Michigan at the start of this season. But I can't even remember the scores of those games. But 31-16. I'll never forget that score."

Faust can add the 31-16 victory over Pittsburgh to that list of upsets. Call it tradition. Call it mystique. It's Notre Dame.

Pittsburgh	3	3	7	3	16
Notre Dame	0	10	0	21	31

Scoring Summary					
First Quarter			Time	UP	ND
UP—Eric Schubert 48 FG			4:58	3	0
Drive: 76 yards in 12 plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 5:51.					
Second Quarter					
UP—Eric Schubert 22 FG			12:54	6	0
Drive: 60 yards in 11 plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 4:43.					
ND—Mike Johnston 38 FG			8:53	6	3
Drive: 21 yards in four plays following Pittsburgh punt; Elapsed Time: :56.					
ND—Larry Moriarty 3 run (Mike Johnston kick)			3:35	6	10
Drive: 45 yards in three plays following Pittsburgh punt; Elapsed Time: :55; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Larry Moriarty for 30 yards.					
Third Quarter					
UP—Bryan Thomas 1 run (Eric Schubert kick)			3:42	13	10
Drive: 98 yards in 18 plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 8:42; Big Play: Dan Marino passes to Julius Dawkins for 14 yards and to Keith Williams for 15 yards.					
Fourth Quarter					
ND—Joe Howard 54 pass from Blair Kiel (Mike Johnston kick)			14:36	13	17
Drive: 54 yards in one play following Pittsburgh punt; Elapsed Time: :08.					
UP—Eric Schubert 48 FG			12:14	16	17
Drive: 79 yards in eight plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 2:22; Big Play: Dan Marino pass to Bryan Thomas for 22 yards.					
ND—Allen Pinkett 76 run (Mike Johnston kick)			8:09	16	24
Drive: 76 yards in two plays following John Mosley recovery of Pittsburgh fumble; Elapsed Time: :19.					
ND—Allen Pinkett 7 run (Mike Johnston kick)			4:06	16	31
Drive: 65 yards in six plays following Pittsburgh punt; Elapsed Time: 3:03; Big Play: Larry Moriarty run for 29 yards.					
A—60,162					

Team Statistics			
	ND	UP	
First Downs	10	25	
Rushing	7	9	
Passing	3	15	
Penalty	0	1	
Rushing Attempts	33	46	
Yards Rushing	221	147	
Yards Lost Rushing	9-24	9-23	
Net Yards Rushing	197	124	
Net Yards Passing	126	314	
Passes Attempted	15	42	
Passes Completed	6	26	
Had Intercepted	0	0	
Total Offensive Plays	48	88	
Total Net Yards	323	438	
Average Gain Per Play	6.7	5.0	
Return Yards	85	117	
Fumbles: Number—Lost	0	6-2	
Penalties: Number—Yards	5-36	4-30	
Interceptions: Number—Yards	0-0	0-0	
Number of Punts—Yards	8-349	6-242	
Average Per Punt	43.6	40.3	
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	2-24	5-20	
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	2-61	5-97	

Individual Statistics							
Pittsburgh							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Bryan Thomas	27	100	7	93	1	14	
Joe McCall	6	19	1	18	0	6	
Marlon McLntyre	6	17	0	17	0	5	
Dan Marino	7	11	15	-4	0	10	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Dan Marino	42	26	0	314	0	33	
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Dwight Collins	8	109	0	33			
Joe McCall	4	69	0	32			
Julius Dawkins	4	47	0	19			
Bryan Thomas	3	29	0	22			
Marlon McLntyre	3	9	0	4			
Clint Wilson	2	16	0	12			
Barry Compton	1	20	0	20			
Keith Williams	1	15	0	15			
Notre Dame							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Allen Pinkett	10	115	3	112	2	76	
Larry Moriarty	9	58	3	55	1	28	
Joe Howard	1	18	0	18	0	18	
Phil Carter	6	13	3	10	0	8	
Blair Kiel	7	17	15	2	0	7	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Blair Kiel	15	6	0	126	1	54	
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tony Hunter	2	16	0	12			
Joe Howard	1	54	1	54			
Larry Moriarty	1	30	0	30			
Allen Pinkett	1	17	0	17			
Mike Haywood	1	9	0	9			

Two in a Row Won't Go

By EDDIE WHITE

Gerry Faust had said his team would have to play perfect, mistake-free football to defeat top-ranked Pittsburgh. And the Irish were just about flawless in their conquest of the Panthers.

Faust reiterated those same feelings while preparing for Penn State — adding that although the Nittany Lions weren't ranked as high nationally as Pitt, they just might comprise the best team in the state of Pennsylvania. The Irish didn't figure to be able to afford any miscues against the well-coached units of veteran Penn State mentor Joe Paterno, who — after being a bridesmaid for so many years — was beginning to get a special feeling about his 1982 club.

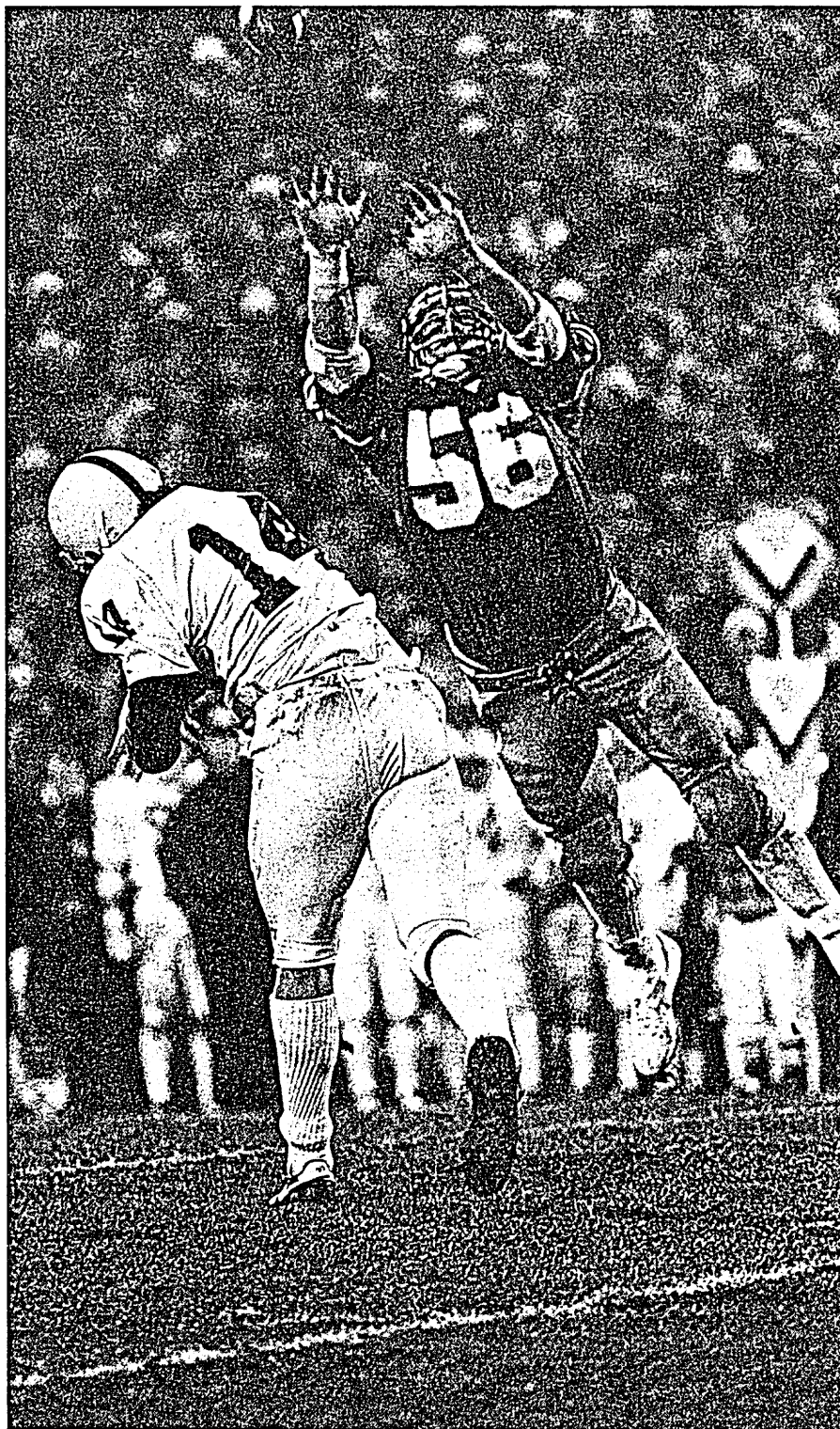
"I think we have a great football team," said the bespectacled Paterno before the game. "I don't know if we're the best in the country, but it would take an excellent team to beat us." Paterno would be able to answer that question with certainty the evening of January 1, but for now it was the Irish who were looking to see what Penn State was really made of.

Mistakes — and a key injury — played the leading roles in this late afternoon drama at Notre Dame Stadium. Before still another capacity crowd and a regional television audience, the Lions roared to a 24-14 victory and notched another mark on their ride toward the national title.

Notre Dame was forced to play all but the first seven plays without veteran signalcaller Blair Kiel, who had injured his throwing shoulder against Pitt. Kiel started for the Irish but after six running plays, he misfired on a pass attempt and headed for the sidelines — his face etched in pain.

"I didn't have any strength on the ball," affirmed Kiel, who did not practice all week. "I couldn't hold it and I was pushing it too much with my body. It hurt, but I've played with pain before and if it was only pain I would have played. But when you can't throw the ball, you can't help your team."

"We thought he'd (Kiel) be ready," mentioned Faust who had backup Ken Karcher work with the first team throughout the week's practice sessions. "But he just couldn't throw and that's (injuries) part of the game. We knew after the first pass that we'd have to



Penn State quarterback Todd Blackledge found himself looking into the face of Irish end Kevin Griffith most of the afternoon. Blackledge left the game temporarily after one crunching hit from Griffith, but he returned to throw a lead-grabbing touchdown pass to Curt Warner early in the final period.

go with Kenny."

Even though he had worked with the first team in drills, Karcher — a native of western Pennsylvania — felt Kiel would play. "I still figured Blair would be in there," stated the sophomore quarterback. "But for the sake of the team he wasn't going to stand out there when he couldn't throw. I was a little nervous, but I gave it my best shot."

In the early going, it looked like that was all the Irish were going to need.

When Kiel went out on the game's opening drive, the Irish were on the Lion 47-yard line. Seven plays later, on a fourth-and-one situation, Karcher lofted an eight-yard scoring strike to Chris Smith. Mike Johnston's conversion bolted Notre Dame to the 7-0 advantage. Despite the loss of their only experienced quarterback, the Irish appeared to be well-enough prepared — both physically and emotionally — to overcome that deficit.

But Penn State stormed back and — aided by two very costly second-quarter Irish mixups — took control. The mistakes — an errant lateral and a collision between Karcher and freshman tailback Allen Pinkett — led to Lion fumble recoveries that set up field goals by Nick Gancitano.

The first miscue came with the score tied at seven and the Irish on the move, working from their own 47. Pinkett had just gained 17 on a scamper, and on the next play Karcher pitched to the

Blair Kiel:
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flashy tailback — or at least to the spot where he thought Pinkett was.

Penn State inside linebacker Steve Sefter, who doubles as a wrestling champion for the Lions, pounced on the ball at the Irish 32. Three plays later, Gancitano split the uprights with a 41-yard field goal to push the Lions on top 10-7.

"Kenny called an audible," explained

Faust afterwards. "And Allen didn't hear it. Ken's voice is different than Blair's — it's softer."

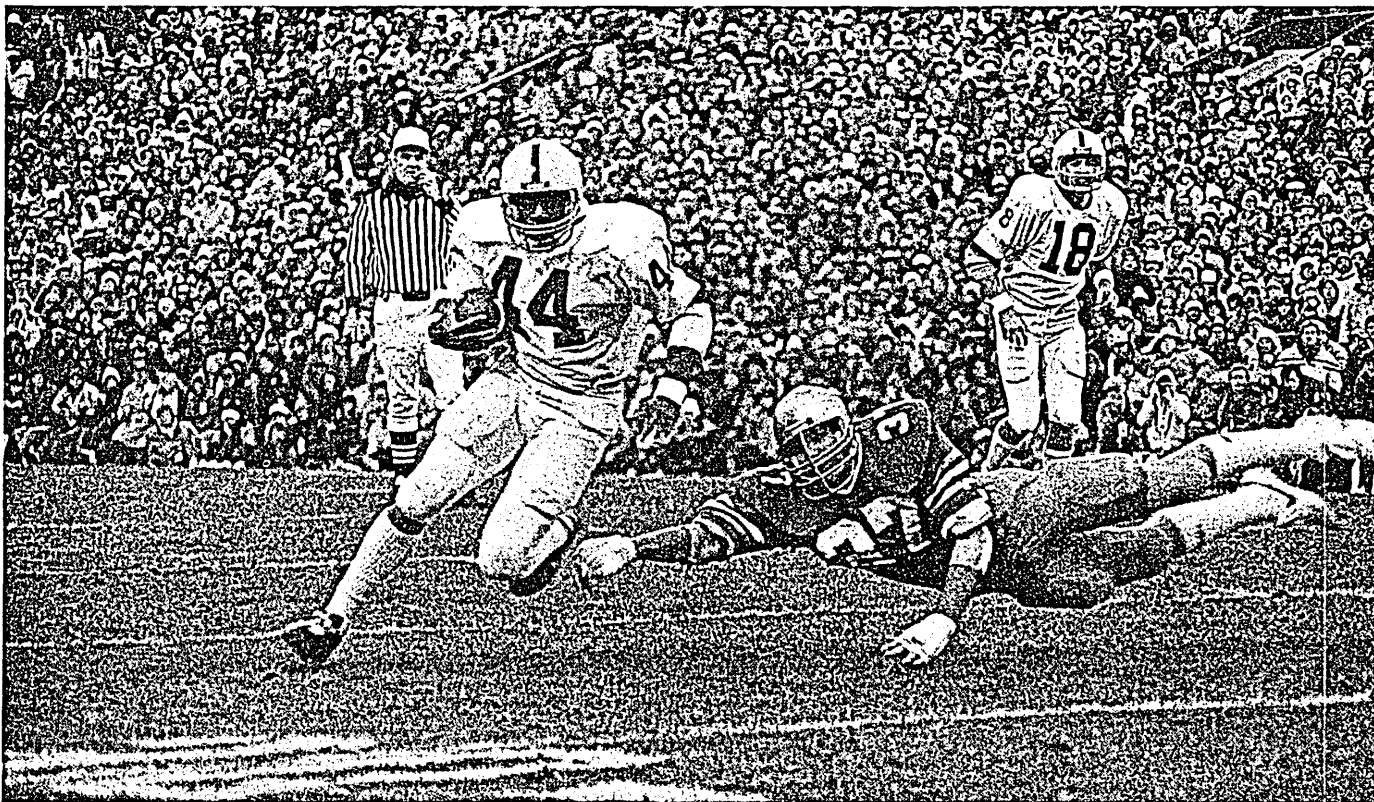
"I heard the wrong number," was Pinkett's explanation. "It sounded like a pass play. It was my fault."

But Karcher wouldn't let Pinkett accept all the blame. "I'm just as much at fault as anyone. But we're both young. He's (Pinkett) a freshman and I'm a sophomore. We're going to make mistakes. Some days they don't hurt as much. But today, they hurt bad."

The second mistake came with 4:15 remaining in the half when Karcher and Pinkett collided on a handoff and Lion defensive tackle Greg Gattuso recovered at the Irish 33. Six plays later, it was again Gancitano — this time with a 29-yard boot to increase the visitors' margin to 13-7 just before halftime.

"At that point we seemed to have taken the momentum," said Paterno. "Then came the kickoff. . . ."

Oh yes, the kickoff. . . . Following the field goal, which came with only 1:27 left in the half, lightning struck when Pinkett fielded Massimo Manca's boot at the seven and, aided by a superb block by special team captain John Sweeney, blasted up the right sideline for a 93-yard touchdown return. The dramatic run, which had one Penn State press box prophet looking around for George Gipp's ghost, was the first time an opponent had returned a kickoff for a score against Penn State since 1973.



Irish junior linebacker Rick Naylor reaches in vain as Nittany Lion tailback Jon Williams turns the corner for some of his 53 rushing yards.

"It seemed to take forever to get to the end zone," admitted Pinkett, who helped silence the "Luv Ya Blue" Lion fans who had made the long trek on Route 80 to attend the game, and spring the Irish to a 14-13 advantage at the half. "My teammates blocked it beautifully, blocked it the way it is done on paper." Unfortunately for the Irish, Pinkett's blast marked the final points of the afternoon for Notre Dame.

"The mistake I made there was kicking off to Pinkett," Paterno smiled afterwards. "I'm serious. We should have kicked that ball along the ground. Pinkett played a great game for them. He's been the difference in this team."

Heading into the locker room at intermission, Penn State players found themselves looking over their shoulders for the ghosts of Rockne, Gipp and Leahy, the ghosts they had been hearing about. "After Pinkett's run, I was standing there, thinking about the tradition and the ghosts of Notre Dame," admitted Lion linebacker Scott Rade-cic. "It had happened so quick, maybe they were here."

Penn State's outstanding junior quarterback, Todd Blackledge, agreed. "Walking around here, the mystique got to me. But then I thought it over, and, hey, Penn State has great tradition."

Notre Dame's one-point margin stood for only one more quarter as Penn State, whose only loss was at Alabama, failed to reach midfield on its first three possessions of the second half. With 14:15 remaining to play, Penn State finally began to move, starting from its own 20.

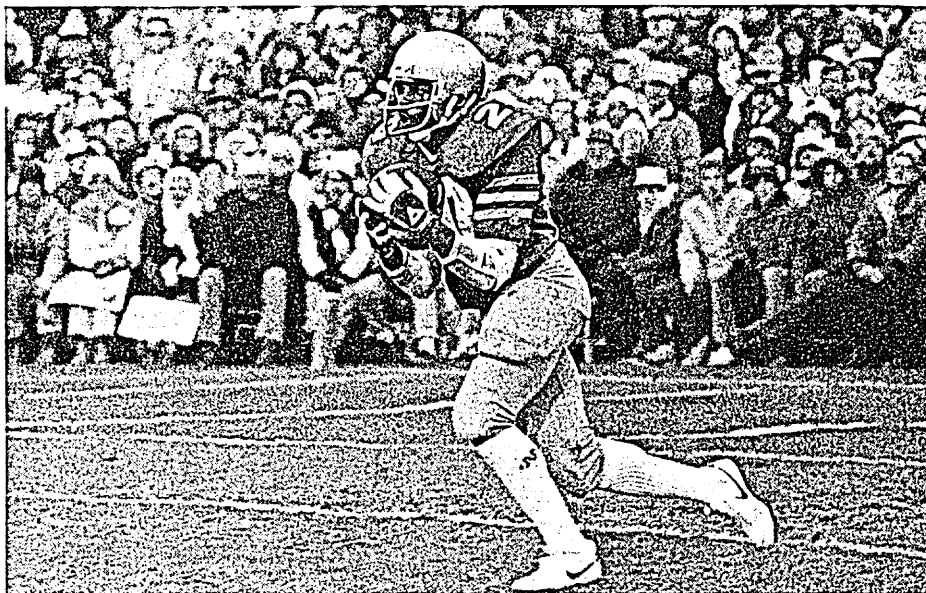
Blackledge, who had been knocked out of the game in the second quarter after a strong hit by Irish end Kevin Griffith, shook off the cobwebs and began to get on track.

"I've been hit a lot this year," admitted Blackledge, "but that's by far the worst hit I've taken." Griffith's hit forced the Penn State quarterback to miss only one play, but it did leave him groggy for the rest of the game. "Todd was kind of funny the whole game after that hit," said Lion back Curt Warner. "He'd get in the huddle and forget what the play was. He had these lapses.

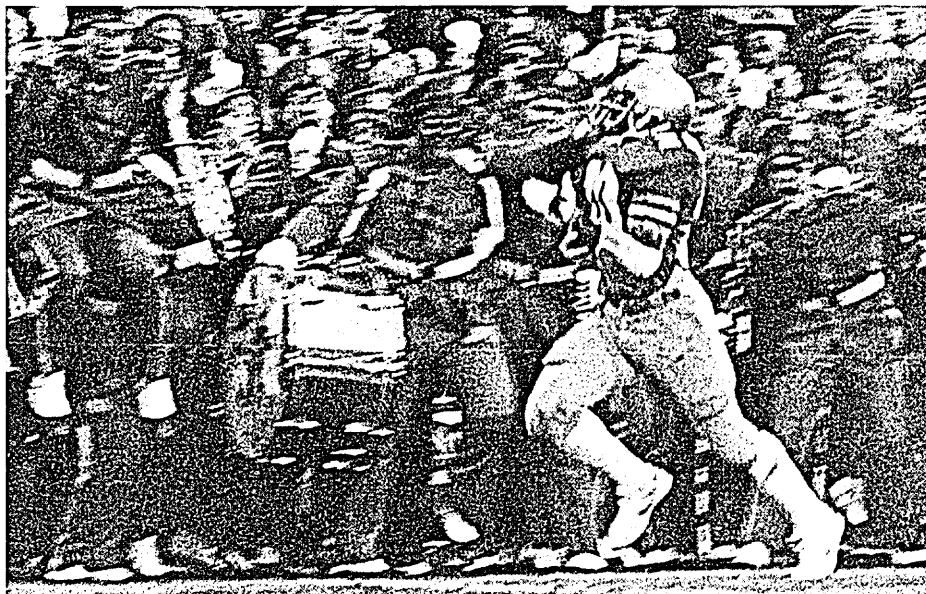
"He'd know the play, but then all of a sudden it'd leave him. We had to help him," added Warner.

"You could see he was groggy," Paterno said. "He couldn't recognize some things. I kept checking with the doctor to make sure he was okay."

"I was having a few problems," admitted Blackledge. "I was getting plays, but I couldn't keep them straight. They signal them in from the sidelines, which gets confusing, anyway."



A 93-yard kickoff return by Allen Pinkett . . .



. . . delighted Irish band members . . .



. . . as well as Tom Lichtenberg, Gerry Faust and Joe Howard.

But after missing on his first four attempts of the second half, Blackledge began to click. He connected with Kenny Jackson, who set a school mark with his third straight game with over 100 yards in receptions, for a 28-yard gain to the Irish 48.

On the next play, Blackledge called a running play from a formation in which Warner lines up on the weak side. As he approached the line of scrimmage, he saw Warner was not covered and switched to a passing play. "I don't know if it was mind-reading or what," said Warner who rooms with Blackledge, "but I knew he was going to call it. Maybe we caught them by surprise."

On a quick slant, Warner cut behind Irish safety Dave Duerson, grabbed Blackledge's toss and raced 48 yards for the score. "It was a great pass. The guy wasn't there," Warner said.

"That pass play was called at the perfect time," confessed Duerson. "It was perfect against the type of defense we were in."

"By that point, I think I had my stuff together pretty much," commented Blackledge. Added Paterno, "That's when he was solid again." And so was Penn State.

Although Paterno and Co. were unsuccessful on a two-point conversion attempt, the Irish bumbled the ensuing kickoff, resulting in a first down at the one. On the first play Pinkett was pinned in the end zone for a safety and the visitors led 21-14 with 13:17 remaining.

Following the free kick, the Irish held the Nittany Lions and began a late, furious march of their own. Mov-

ing from the 26, Karcher led Notre Dame to the Lion 36, where on a gutsy fake punt called by Faust, Sweeney gained 10 yards for a first down. But Karcher then misfired on three straight attempts and when Mike Johnston's 43-yard field goal attempt fell short, the Lions knew they were in the driver's seat.

On its next possession, Penn State sealed the victory with a time-consuming drive to the Irish 10, where Gancitano added a 27-yard field goal at the 4:19 mark to set the 24-14 final score. A big play on the march was a 44-yard scamper by Warner, who finished with 143 rushing yards.

After the game both coaches agreed that Penn State could be in for a very special season. "At the end of last year —when they beat Pitt and USC so decisively, I felt they were as good as any team in the country," said Faust.

"At this time, they're better and I think they feel the same way. This could well be Penn State's year to win it all."

Paterno commented, "I think we're playing the best ball that any Penn State team has. I think we're a very good football team. We planned to do a lot of moving on defense, and with the young quarterback (Karcher) in there, it was tough for him to handle it.

"It was a shame Kiel didn't play. I don't want to take anything away from our players, but Kiel really seemed to be coming on lately."

Penn State, which became only the fourth team since 1943 to emerge victorious on its initial visit to Notre Dame Stadium, did, too.



Graduating Penn State standout Curt Warner (right) shares some postgame secrets with Irish tailback Allen Pinkett, who looks forward to three more clashes with the Nittany Lions.

Penn State	0	13	0	11	24
Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	14

Scoring Summary					Time	PS	ND
First Quarter							
ND—Chris M. Smith 8 pass from Ken Karcher (Mike Johnston kick)							
Drive: 76 yards in 15 plays following opening kickoff; Elapsed Time: 7:33; Big Play: Ken Karcher pass to Allen Pinkett for 10 yards.							
Second Quarter							
PS—Todd Blackledge 1 run (Doug Strang kick)							
Drive: 59 yards in eight plays following Notre Dame loss of ball on downs; Elapsed Time: 2:45; Big Play: Todd Blackledge pass to Kenny Jackson for 16 yards.							
PS—Nick Gancitano 41 FG							
Drive: seven yards in three plays following Steve Selter recovery of Notre Dame fumble; Elapsed Time: :53.							
PS—Nick Gancitano 29 FG							
Drive: 21 yards in six plays following Greg Gattuso recovery of Notre Dame fumble; Elapsed Time: 2:34.							
ND—Allen Pinkett 93 kickoff return (Mike Johnston kick)							
Fourth Quarter							
PS—Curt Warner 48 pass from Todd Blackledge (pass failed)							
Drive: 80 yards in three plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:09; Big Play: Todd Blackledge pass to Kenny Jackson for 28 yards.							
PS—Safety, Allen Pinkett tackled in end zone by Walker Lee Ashley							
PS—Nick Gancitano 27 FG							
Drive: 64 yards in eight plays following Notre Dame missed field-goal attempt; Elapsed Time: 4:19; Big Play: Curt Warner run for 44 yards.							
A—59,075							

Team Statistics				PS	ND
First Downs				17	18
Rushing				8	10
Passing				8	8
Penalty				1	0
Rushing Attempts				43	46
Yards Rushing				204	185
Yards Lost Rushing				11	48
Net Yards Rushing				193	137
Net Yards Passing				189	131
Passes Attempted				27	28
Passes Completed				11	9
Had Intercepted				7	0
Total Offensive Plays				70	74
Total Net Yards				382	268
Average Gain Per Play				5.5	3.5
Fumbles: Number—Lost				0-0	3-2
Penalties: Number—Yards				1-5	3-13
Interceptions: Number—Yards				0-0	1-18
Number of Punts—Yards				6-216	5-199
Average Per Punt				36.0	39.8
Punt Returns: Number—Yards				3-24	3-28
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards				3-44	5-164

Individual Statistics							
Penn State							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Curt Warner	25	145	2	143	0	44	
Jon Williams	12	53	0	53	0	8	
Joel Coles	2	0	1	-1	0	-1	
Todd Blackledge	4	6	8	-2	1	4	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Todd Blackledge	27	11	1	189	1	48	
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kenny Jackson	6	114	0	28			
Curt Warner	3	51	1	48			
Gregg Garrity	1	16	0	16			
Jon Williams	1	8	0	8			
Notre Dame							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Allen Pinkett	19	87	17	70	0	16	
Phil Carter	13	65	0	65	0	11	
Larry Moriarty	3	12	0	12	0	6	
John Sweeney	1	10	0	10	0	10	
Mark Brooks	2	8	0	8	0	5	
Ken Karcher	8	3	31	-28	0	2	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Blair Kiel	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Ken Karcher	24	9	0	131	1	26	
Jim O'Hara	3	9	0	0	0	0	
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Joe Howard	2	41	0	21			
Allen Pinkett	2	25	0	15			
Larry Moriarty	1	26	0	26			
Tony Hunter	1	13	0	13			
Mike Haywood	1	12	0	12			
Chris M. Smith	1	8	1	8			
Phil Carter	1	6	0	6			

Power of Positive Thinking

By KELLY SULLIVAN

Everyone called it an upset. But not Air Force coach Ken Hatfield. He knew this would be the year it would happen. He knew 1982 would be the season his outmanned Falcons would end 11 years of Notre Dame domination. He was sure enough to predict it, without the slightest hesitation, to his former coach at Arkansas, Frank Broyles, a week before the game.

Hatfield was scouting the Irish during their contest with Penn State when he ran into Broyles, who was doing color commentary for ABC, in the Notre Dame press box.

"Do you think you can keep it close against Notre Dame?" Broyles asked Hatfield.

"Coach, I think we will beat Notre Dame," Hatfield answered.

Broyles "just laughed," according to Hatfield.

But it was no joke. The Falcons enjoyed the laughter and celebration after picking off the Irish 30-17 in Colorado Springs — ending any Notre Dame dreams for a berth in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

A crowd of 46,712, fifth largest ever at Air Force Stadium, watched the Falcon wishbone offense and spirited defense ambush a Notre Dame squad that just two weeks earlier had toppled unbeaten and top-ranked Pitt by 15 points.

"I think I knew, the team knew, the coaching staff knew we could beat Notre Dame for the first time ever," related a jubilant Hatfield. "It wasn't any wishful thinking, that maybe they'd drop the ball or something like that. They really believed they could do it without it being a fluke."

Air Force's victory, the most imposing in the 27-year history of the pro-

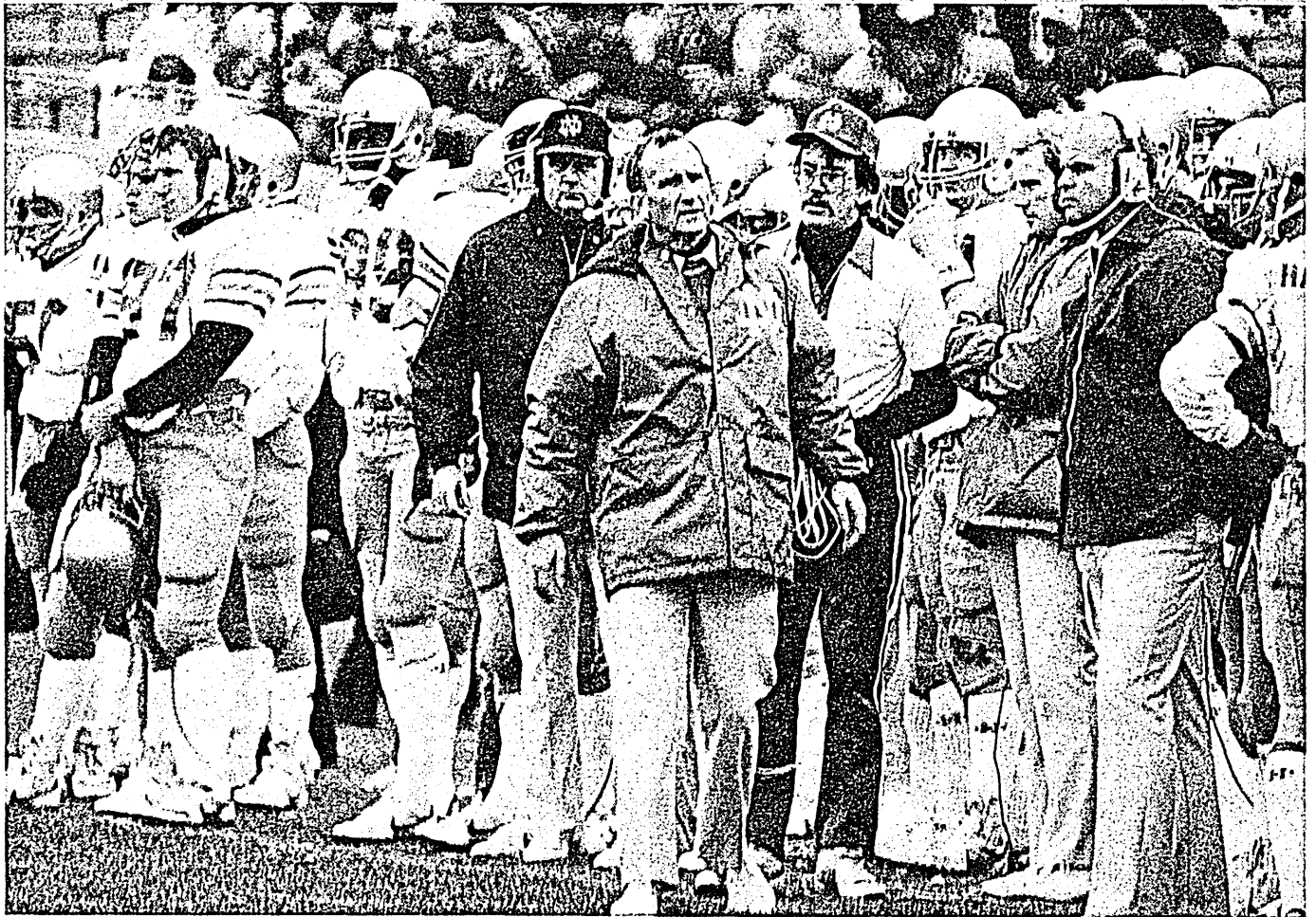
gram, marked the first service academy win over the Irish since 1963 — spanning a string of 38 games.

"The conditions were right," he continued. "From day one we felt we could win this football game."

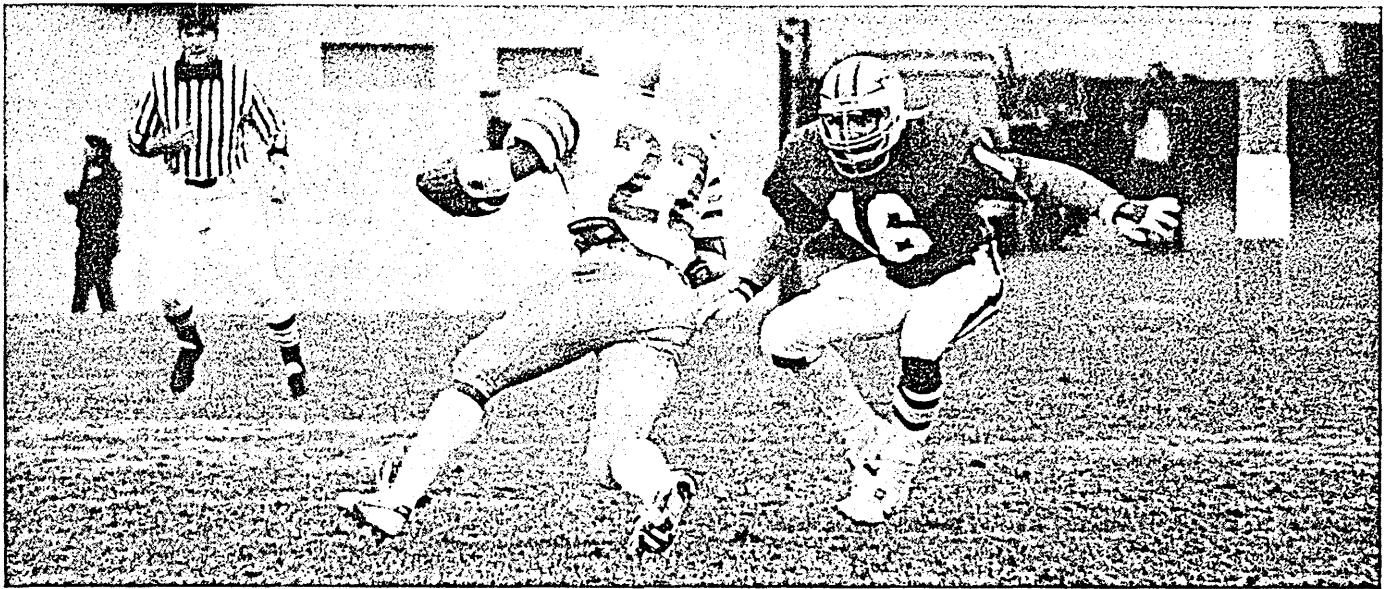
Notre Dame's loss, its worst since a season-ending defeat in '81 at Miami, seemed to defy explanation by the players.

"It wasn't a disappointment," stated tailback Phil Carter. "It was an embarrassment. There's no explanation. We just didn't perform, and when you don't perform, you don't win. It's by far our worst performance as a team I can remember. We came out here and we laid an egg."

"I'm not sure I can even say what happened," linebacker Mark Zavagnin admitted honestly. "This was especially hard to take because we came into the game with a major goal and a specific



The face of Gerry Faust mirrors the frustration and disappointment that characterized Notre Dame's trip to Air Force.



Irish ballcarriers found Falcon tacklers waiting everywhere they went, as Phil Carter did on this attempt.

purpose — to get a bowl bid — and we failed to achieve it. It hurts.”

You couldn’t tell a whole lot by the statistics. Air Force had just three more first downs than the Irish, and Notre Dame actually outgained its opponent in total yardage, 382-366. But the Falcons controlled the game from beginning to end. They moved the ball when they needed to. They stopped the Irish when they had to.

“You have to give Air Force credit,” said Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust. “They played super football. We got down and just didn’t have the opportunity to get back.”

The loss of quarterback Blair Kiel for the second straight Saturday put a wrench in Notre Dame’s offensive schemes. With Kiel on the bench nursing a shoulder bruise, the signalcalling

again shifted to sophomore Ken Karcher. And Hatfield figured the Irish game plan might be kept uncomplicated because of the situation.

“We suspected they would put in about nine plays for their young quarterback, try to keep it simple, and win on physical ability.”

Having Air Force sandwiched in between three gigantic games — Pitt, Penn State and USC — didn’t help.

“When you play a schedule like the one we play, it’s tough to get up for every game,” pointed out Faust, whose counterpart also knew the Irish were bound to be down.

“There was no way Gerry Faust could have gotten those kids up this week,” Hatfield noted. “It was an impossible job. And we all knew that.”

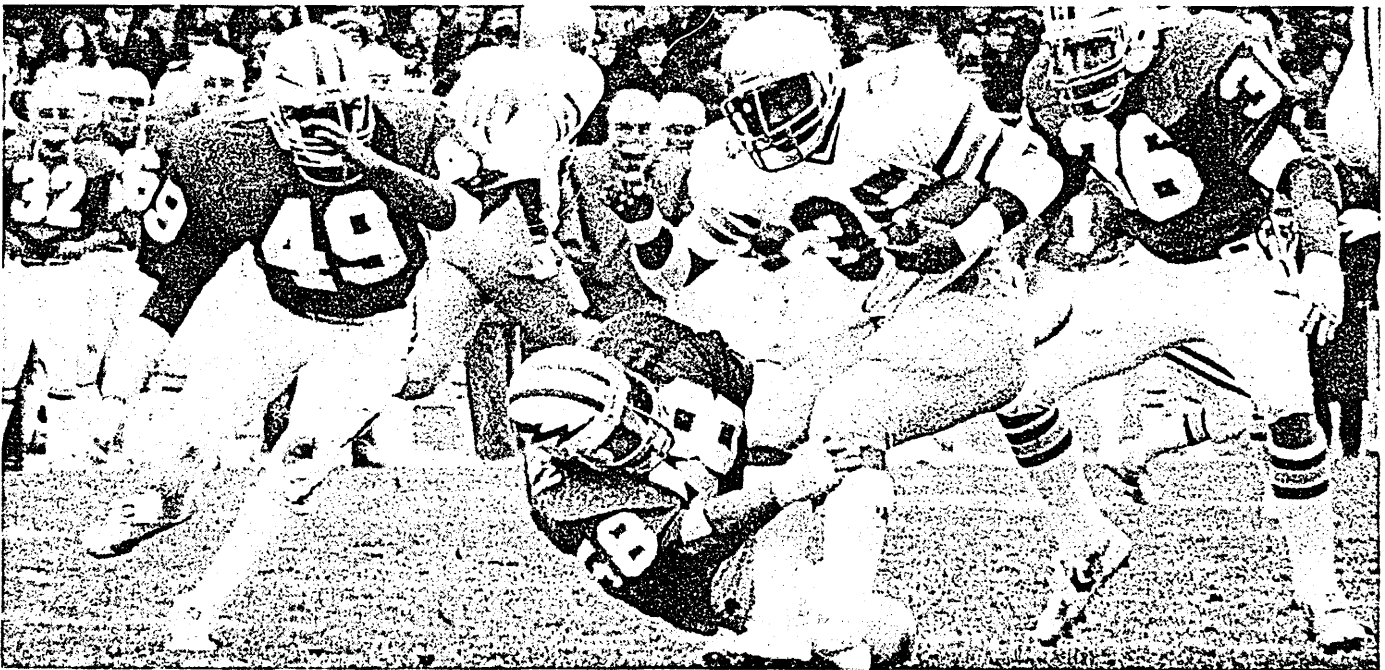
The Irish players, as well, realized

the emotional intensity — the kind that had propelled them through monumental triumphs over Michigan, Miami, Pittsburgh, and a near-miss with Penn State — was lacking.

Reserve quarterback Jim O’Hara, who replaced Karcher midway between the first half, hit the nail on the head.

“When we played Michigan, we had that feeling,” explained the senior walk-on. “It was such a high, such a great feeling, that you know you’re going to go out and do it. We got that feeling back for the Pitt game. We knew we were ready. Well, today, we didn’t have that feeling and Air Force did. They were high, the way we were for those other games. They had it, and we didn’t.”

And it seemed nothing the Irish did could get it back for them. The balls



Whether it was Carter, Larry Moriarty, Allen Pinkett or Mark Brooks (above), moving the ball on the ground proved difficult.

and the breaks refused to bounce Notre Dame's way.

Things started out right for the home team and only got better as the game progressed.

The tempo was established early when Air Force drove down to the Notre Dame 36 on its opening possession, before being stopped by cornerback Stacey Toran's interception at the five.

"We knew right away that we could move on them, and we just stuck it to them the rest of the way," explained Falcon fullback John Kershner, who bulled his way for 89 yards on this afternoon.

"That's the type of team Air Force has always been," offered Zavagnin. "If you let them believe in themselves early in the game, they'll gain confidence as time goes on."

Before battling the Falcon wishbone, Zavagnin and his supporting cast on defense listed third in the nation against the run. Yet the impenetrable unit which had kept the Irish in games all season couldn't find a way to untrack the Air Force attack.

"That was the most effective wishbone we've faced, and that includes Alabama's in 1980," remembered safety Dave Duerson. "Everything worked for them, in all aspects of their game, while none of ours worked for us."

"The wishbone was something we hadn't seen all year," echoed Faust.

"And they played errorless football. Plus we had some turnovers that really hurt us — and you just can't do those types of things."

The first turnover was the spark that ignited the Falcon scoring explosion. When Irish tight end Tony Hunter coughed up the football on his own 35, Air Force went to work. Quarterback Marty Louthan scampered 30 yards on a keeper to the 10, tailback Jody Simmons took a pitch-out to the two, and the Falcons were up 7-0 on a Louthan plunge.

Louthan would prove to be the biggest thorn in Notre Dame's side. The cool Cadet amassed 115 rushing yards in 15 carries to go along with his two touchdowns. His poised performance helped the Air Force offense roll up 292 yards on the ground against an Irish contingent that had yielded a mere 79 average yards rushing the previous nine games.

Notre Dame struggled on its next series and punted. Air Force had better luck when it got the ball next, marching all the way to the Irish 12. On fourth and two, the Cadets opted for a touchdown attempt, but safety Joe Johnson made a great play to stop ball-carrier Mike Brown cold on a sweep.

The decision to pass up the probable three points seemed costly later in the second quarter, when Notre Dame tackle Bob Clasby tipped a Louthan pass into Duerson's hands on the Irish

29, halting a third Falcon march.

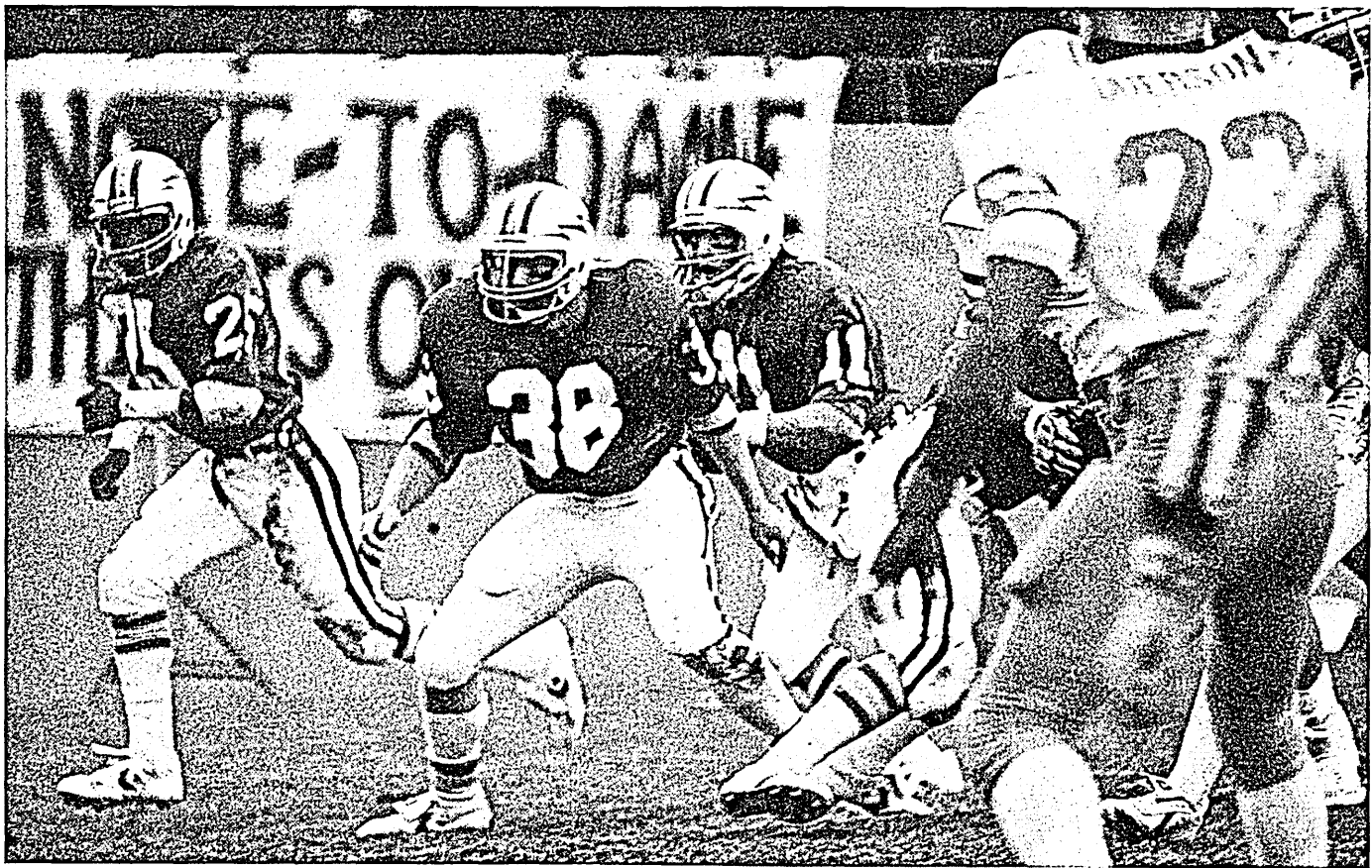
But Air Force didn't bat an eye when Notre Dame took over, continuing its pressure defense on the next Irish series that prompted Karcher's early trip to the sidelines. He forced a pass to a swarmed-over Hunter, allowing Greg Zolninger to grasp the ball and race to the Notre Dame 16. Two plays later, Louthan picked up both his, and his team's, second touchdown when he plunged over from the one.

The confident field general orchestrated another second-quarter scoring drive, setting up kicker Sean Pavlich's 40-yard boot that put the Falcons up 17-0 at halftime.

It was a deficit from which the Irish would never recover. Notre Dame, which had produced just four first downs before the break, had yet to touch enemy territory. The closest the Irish came was their own 49.

"We never expected to be down like that at halftime," said linebacker Mike Larkin, who led the team with his 13 tackles. "We just weren't prepared for that kind of thing. It really shook our confidence."

Could Air Force maintain its intensity? The answer came soon after the second-half kickoff. A regrouped Irish unit seemed to gain a little poise back when it put together its first consistent drive of the day. Freshman ballcarrier Allen Pinkett, who finished with 65 yards in 13 attempts, broke off



Air Force quarterback Marty Louthan (11) ran the Falcon wishbone to perfection, scoring twice and gaining 115 yards.

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runs of seven and 14 yards. Fullback Larry Moriarty bruised for another 21. Joe Howard snared a 15-yard toss from O'Hara, and Mike Haywood grabbed a five-yard strike to the Falcon 16.

But Air Force rose to its sternest challenge when it halted both Notre Dame's drive and momentum—and forced the Irish to settle for kicker Mike Johnston's 38-yard connection.

The next series produced Louthan's best, and most important, play of the game. The Irish had made a dent in the scoring margin, while Air Force seemed to be losing a little of its colossal punch.

The Falcons faced a third and two on their 42. Louthan was under orders to run an outside option. But he and center Ricard Smith noticed the Notre Dame defensive front spread out in preparation for the wishbone attack. They spotted a wide gap in the middle and thought a quarterback sneak would work.

"It was something Ricard and I had talked about earlier in the game," Louthan explained. "They were split so wide that we talked about me just keeping the ball if we ever got in a situation where we only needed two or three yards."

Louthan would get his two yards—plus 53 more—as he rambled to the Notre Dame three before Stacey Toran tackled him from behind.

Louthan had thought a quarterback

sneak would work.

"The signal to Smith was a tap. I stepped up and decided to try it—he and I were the only two who knew I was going to keep the ball."

Irish tackle Bob Clasby tried to explain why the play caught the defense by such surprise.

"We were in a special defense we'd designed for the wishbone. We were supposed to stuff the guards back into the line and then hit the fullback. So we hit our guys and looked for the fullback, but by that time Louthan was gone."

That romp set up another Pavlich field goal—this time a 42-yarder—and made it all too apparent this wasn't going to be Notre Dame's day.

O'Hara finally warmed up and tried to get the Irish back in the game, connecting on seven straight aerials during a 92-yard scoring drive, capped by a 28-yard end zone reception by Moriarty. Karcher completed a two-point conversion pass to John Sweeney.

The Falcons answered with a 57-yard Pavlich boot, his career best, to close out their scoring spree.

The outcome had long been decided when O'Hara hooked up on a 55-yard touchdown toss to Howard with 33 seconds remaining. His relief effort produced 14-of-23 throwing for 216 yards.

In a somber Notre Dame locker room, players tried desperately to account for what had happened on the field.

"When you play against a team that's fired up as they were today, it's tough," noted guard Tom Thayer. "I'm not just making excuses. They were sky-high. You could tell that from the first play of the game."

"We could feel the frustration as early as the first quarter," agreed Hunter. "I'm baffled. I don't know what happened. Lack of execution, I guess. They played a good game and should be commended for it."

Besides its two costly turnovers, Notre Dame was guilty of 59 yards in penalties.

"Those things hurt," Thayer continued. "When you get a big completion, those holding calls take away your momentum—it really plays mind games with you."

"I think we have a good offense. I still do. But when you get into those third-and-one situations and don't make it, it tears you apart mentally."

Hanging in the Stadium's north end zone was a sign that read, "Note to Notre Dame—this is OUR game."

"They didn't use any tricks," concluded Zavagnin. "It was nothing but good football."

And maybe the power of positive thinking.

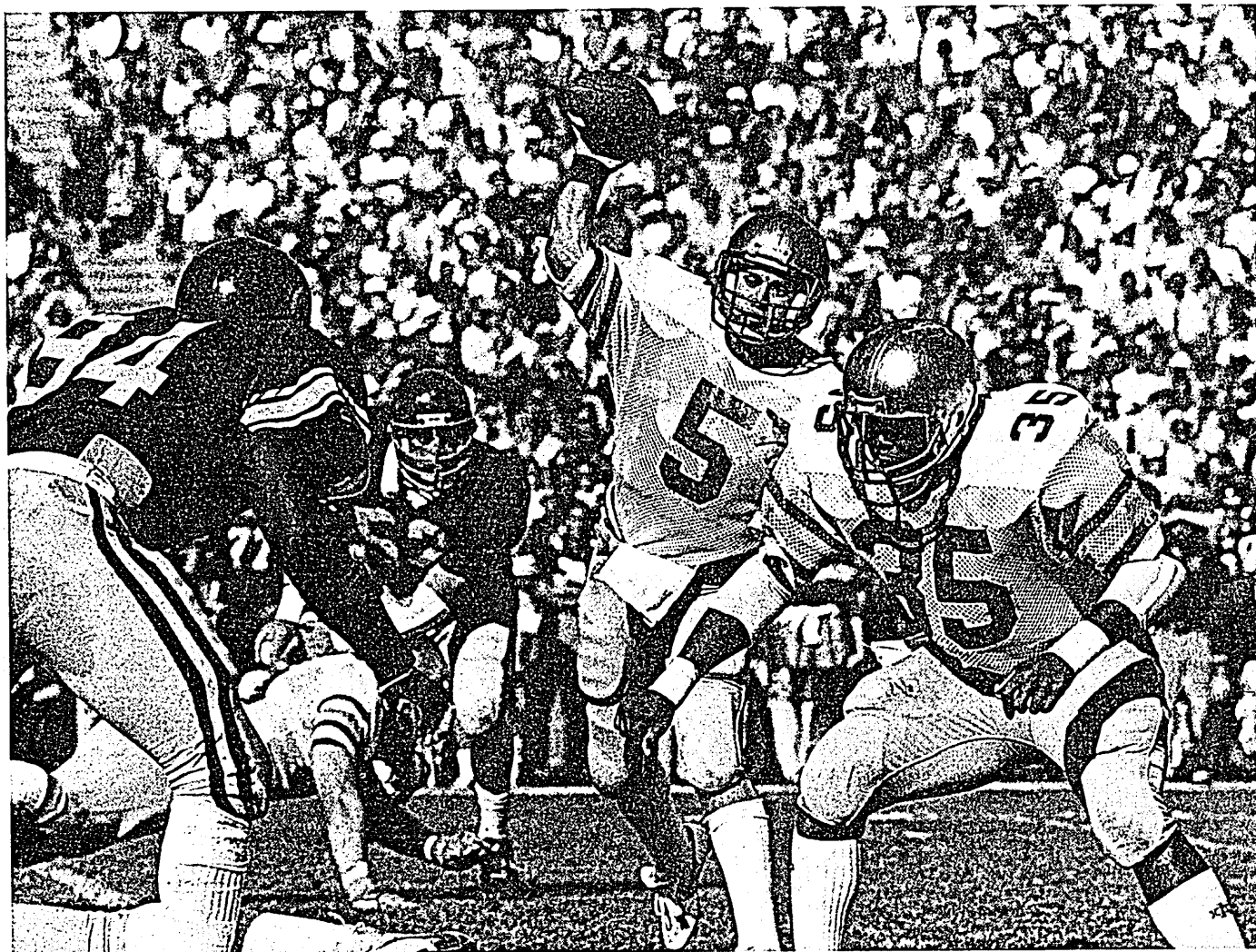
Air Force	7	10	7	16	30
Notre Dame	0	0	3	14	17

Scoring Summary					Time	AF	ND
First Quarter							
AF—Marty Louthan 2 run (Sean Pavlich kick)							
Drive: 36 yards in five plays following Hugh Funk recovery of Notre Dame fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:20.							
Second Quarter							
AF—Marty Louthan 2 run (Sean Pavlich kick)						8:08	14 0
Drive: 16 yards in three plays following Greg Zolniger interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: :16.							
AF—Sean Pavlich 40 FG						:00	17 0
Drive: 25 yards in five plays following Notre Dame loss of ball on downs; Elapsed Time: :35.							
Third Quarter							
ND—Mike Johnston 38 FG						9:05	17 3
Drive: 61 yards in nine plays following Air Force punt; Elapsed Time: 3:55.							
AF—Jody Simmons 3 run (Sean Pavlich kick)						6:47	24 3
Drive: 80 yards in six plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 2:18.							
Fourth Quarter							
AF—Sean Pavlich 42 FG						11:11	27 3
Drive: 42 yards in 14 plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 7:16.							
ND—Larry Moriarty 28 pass from Jim O'Hara (John Sweeney pass from Ken Karcher)						7:08	27 11
Drive: 91 yards in 10 plays following Air Force kickoff; Elapsed Time: 4:03.							
AF—Sean Pavlich 57 FG						1:22	30 11
Drive: 32 yards in 12 plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 5:41.							
ND—Joe Howard 55 pass from Jim O'Hara (pass failed)						:33	30 17
Drive: 80 yards in seven plays following Air Force kickoff; Elapsed Time: :49.							
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Team Statistics					ND	AF
First Downs					16	19
Rushing					6	14
Passing					10	4
Penalty					0	1
Rushing Attempts					35	66
Yards Rushing					181	296
Yards Lost Rushing					36	12
Net Yards Rushing					145	284
Net Yards Passing					237	82
Passes Attempted					27	10
Passes Completed					16	5
Had Intercepted					1	2
Total Offensive Plays					62	76
Total Net Yards					382	366
Average Gain Per Play					6.2	4.8
Fumbles: Number—Lost					1	0
Penalties: Number—Yards					7-59	3-15
Interceptions: Number—Yards					2-0	1-39
Number of Punts—Yards					5-235	2-100
Average Per Punt					47	50
Punt Returns: Number—Yards					1-3	4-34
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards					3-63	2-0

Individual Statistics						
Air Force						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Marty Louthan	15	120	5	115	2	55
John Kershner	26	91	2	89	0	8
Jody Simmons	12	65	2	63	1	13
Ted Sundquist	3	12	0	12	0	7
Mike Brown	5	7	0	7	0	4
Gerry Mason	1	1	0	1	0	1
Mike Hoolihan	1	0	1	-1	0	-1
Derek Foster	3	0	2	-2	0	0
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Marty Louthan	9	4	2	47	0	28
Von Cameron	1	1	0	35	0	35
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Mike Kirby	2	26	0	14		
Jeff Huff	1	35	0	35		
Mike Brown	1	28	0	28		
Jody Simmons	1	3	0	3		
Notre Dame						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Allen Pinkett	13	67	2	65	0	14
Phil Carter	11	57	3	54	0	20
Larry Moriarty	6	53	0	53	0	22
Mark Brooks	1	4	0	4	0	4
Ken Karcher	1	0	10	-10	0	-10
Jim O'Hara	3	0	21	-21	0	-1
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Jim O'Hara	23	14	0	216	2	55
Ken Karcher	4	2	1	21	0	13
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Mike Haywood	5	45	0	14		
Joe Howard	3	94	1	55		
Tony Hunter	3	33	0	13		
Allen Pinkett	2	17	0	11		
Larry Moriarty	1	28	1	28		
Van Percy	1	13	0	13		
John Sweeney	1	7	0	7		

It's the Same Old Song



Blair Kiel's return to active duty helped the Irish remain on top until the final minute of play.

By **JOHN HEISLER**

Michael Harper leaped and was rewarded.

Kevin Griffith recovered and was not.

Don Mason called it and was overruled.

Charles Moffett changed it and was proven incorrect.

John Robinson dismissed it.

Gerry Faust didn't quite know who or what to believe.

And USC — again — beat Notre Dame.

In a football game that lasted 60 minutes, everything went all wrong for the Irish in the last of those. Notre Dame blocked and tackled and ran and threw and kicked the football better than USC did for the better part of the picture-perfect, Southern California-

style afternoon. But history has taught the Irish that being ahead by a few points entering the last quarter — or even the last minute — simply is not good enough against the Trojans. That's been particularly proven out in the Los Angeles Coliseum where the years of frustration number 16 since Notre Dame last won there in 1966.

Cynics suggested a Notre Dame victory this time simply wasn't in the cards. After all, it was Robinson's fareye-well as Trojan head coach and it figured to be an emotional one at that.

"Now there's no way Notre Dame is going to beat us," USC's Riki Gray said early in the week.

Truth is, Notre Dame darn near did.

The Irish, in fact, were winners everywhere but on the scoreboard. Notre Dame finished with the edge in

first downs (24 to 18), rushing yards (191 to 54), offensive plays (83 to 64) and total yards (392 to 297).

It wasn't supposed to be the usual glamour matchup between the two longtime rivals. For the first time since 1971, neither team was going to a bowl game. And for the first time in 24 years, both teams were coming off losses (USC had fallen 20-19 to UCLA the previous Saturday).

But Notre Dame played the game as if it were for the national championship.

The Irish, without question, won the battle on the line of scrimmage. And that's something that seldom occurs no matter who the Trojans are playing.

Notre Dame's defense against the run proved so dominant that Anthony Gibson's 41-yard run on USC's second play from scrimmage accounted for a

mammoth share of the Trojans' 54 net ground yards. USC ran the ball only 27 times and on eight of those attempts its efforts produced lost yardage. On 12 other occasions, the gain proved two yards or less.

Notre Dame's first-half domination was so complete that 47 of USC's 117 first-half total yards came in the final 30 seconds of the second period when Scott Tinsley completed three passes to push the Trojans into field-goal range.

Gibson's long gainer early in the game helped prod the Trojans into Irish territory — but Steve Jordan was wide left on a three-point attempt after USC reached the Notre Dame 27. The Irish then embarked on an artistic drive that featured effective short passing by Blair Kiel (back in action again after missing the previous two outings) and some even more effective up-the-middle running by Phil Carter. Native Californian Larry Moriarty bulled the last two yards.

Notre Dame did nearly the same thing midway through the second period, only this time it was freshman Allen Pinkett shouldering the tailback load. After a costly USC penalty for roughing Kiel on a punt, Pinkett did most of the damage to set up Mike Johnston for a 40-yard field goal.

In between, Notre Dame's defense

dominated most everything. USC did manage the late field goal that made it 10-3 at the half, but its only other serious move toward the end zone ended in a Dave Duerson interception there after the Trojans had reached the Irish 11 following an interception of their own.

Unfortunately, some of Notre Dame's later problems on the scoreboard related directly to its inability to take better advantage of first-half opportunities for points.

On the next possession following their initial touchdown, Kiel's throwing directed the Irish all the way to the Trojan 12 where Carter fumbled the ball away to Byron Darby. In his defense, however, Carter claimed he didn't really know what he was doing after apparently taking some sort of hit early in the initial period.

"Larry Moriarty told me he thought something was wrong with Phil," Faust later recalled. "He didn't know where he was, and we didn't know it."

Kiel had one throw picked off on a quick toss to Mike Haywood after reaching the USC 31 — and another was intercepted near midfield to begin a Trojan possession that ended in Duerson's interception.

In any event, those turnovers loomed all the larger in the final minute when

Notre Dame's 13-10 edge didn't hold up.

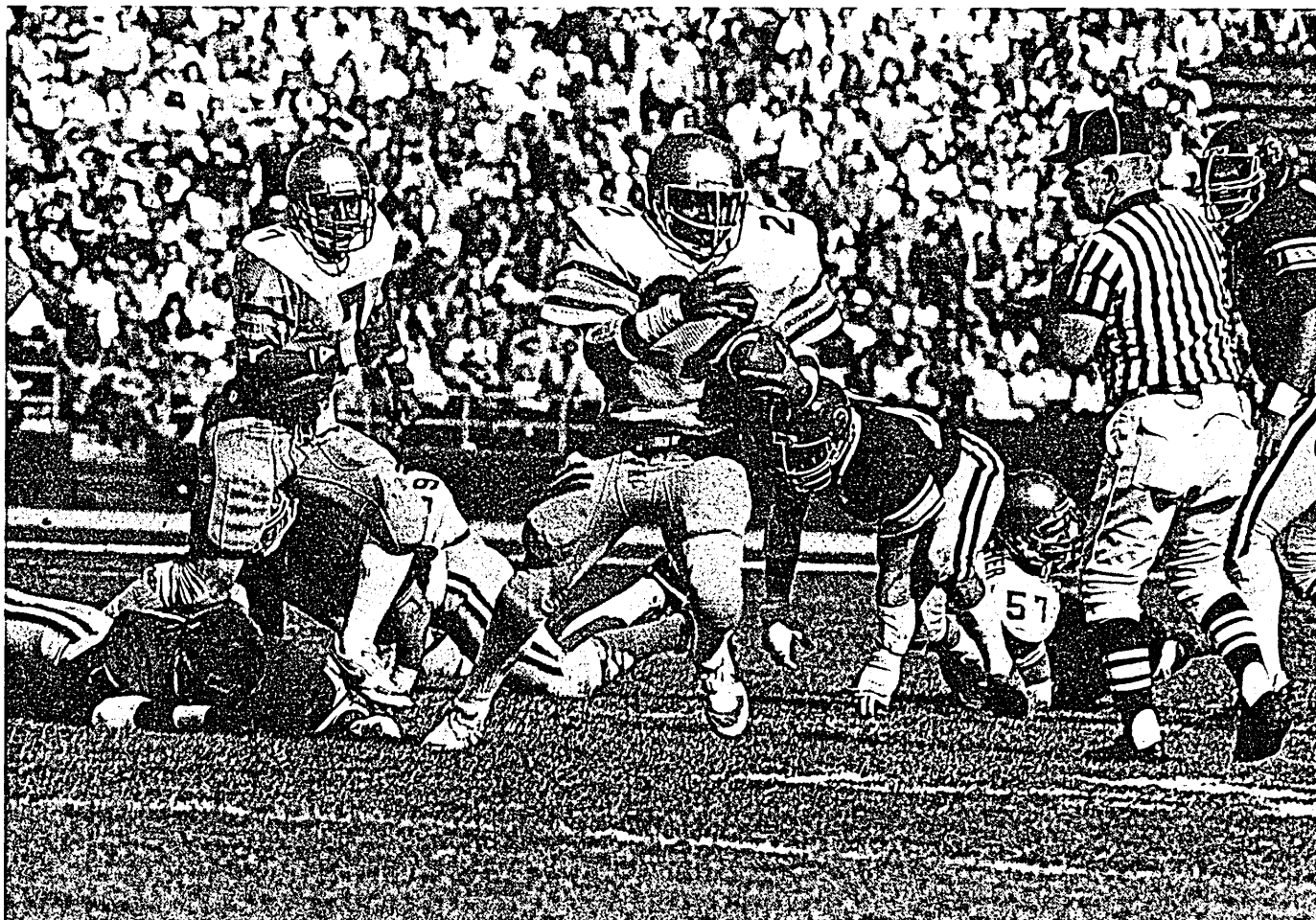
Another workmanlike Irish drive allowed Johnston to kick a 47-yard field goal — his 19th of the campaign, a Notre Dame season record — on their first second-half attempt with the football. But, from there, it was mostly a passing display by Tinley and Jeff Simmons that won it for USC.

The Trojans shunned their running game most of the second half, but the Irish still couldn't do all that much to stop them while playing zone pass defense much of the day. USC's first touchdown drive featured 49 aerial yards (24 on one pass to Simmons) — plus eight more on a pass interference call against Chris Brown on a throw to Simmons. Harper went in from five yards away to make it 13-10.

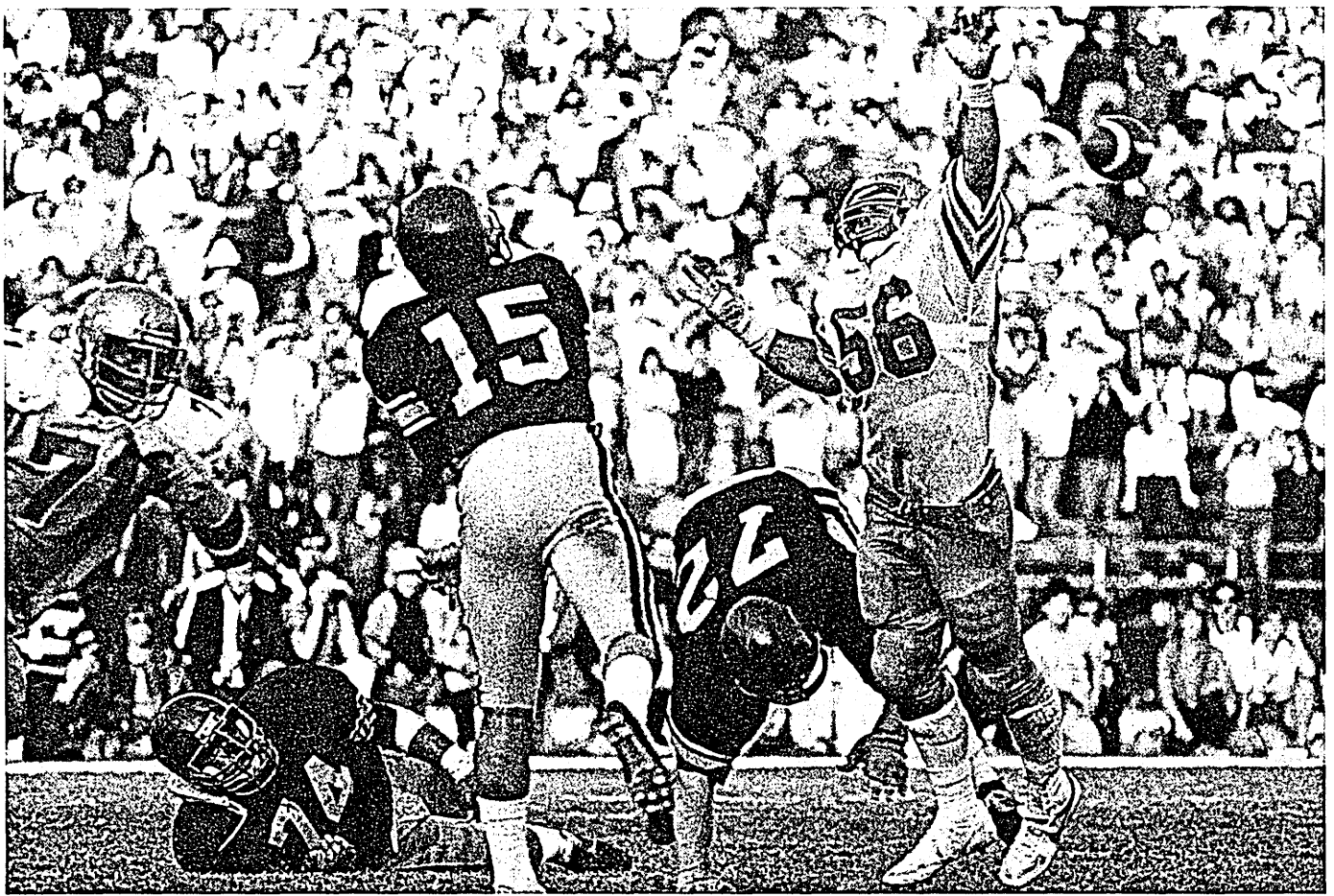
"We played tentative in the first half," allowed Simmons, whose 11 receptions for 149 yards enabled him to become USC's career, season and single-game reception leader. "In the second half, we opened up and relaxed."

"I've faced quicker receivers before," said Brown of Simmons. "But whenever he turned for the ball it was there. Their timing was perfect and their quarterback was throwing the ball helmet high."

Simmons didn't catch a thing during



Phil Carter, Notre Dame's third-best groundgainer of all time, finished his Irish career with 82 yards against the Trojans.



Putting pressure on USC quarterback Scott Tinsley kept Irish defenders like Eric Dorsey (left) and Kevin Griffith on the battle line constantly. Tinsley finished with 24 completions for 243 yards.

USC's winning drive — but his teammates did. The Trojans first did a defensive number on Notre Dame on a key series after they punted to the Notre Dame 10. Carter was stopped for no gain, Kiel threw incomplete to Tony Hunter and Carter got only two on third down. USC took over on its 49 and Tinsley went to work with 1:50 on the clock.

Tinsley — who had beaten Notre Dame in similar circumstances in '80 after Paul McDonald had been hurt — was on target to John Kamana for nine, Harper for 10 and then Timmy White for 17. Another pass interference call against the Irish put the football at the one — and Harper made his leap into the end zone from there with but 48 seconds left.

The majority of the postgame discussions involved the did-he-or-didn't-he issue as far as Harper and the ball were concerned. The reactions were many and varied, but even Los Angeles area media showed no hesitation in pointing out that replays and still photos clearly indicated Harper didn't have the football.

Here's a sampling of the responses:

- "It was a touchdown," said Robinson, the outgoing USC coach. "The guy (referee Moffett) signalled a touchdown and no one else can make those

decisions and no one else can change it. Hell no, I don't think it takes away from it. There are an awful lot of times where there is controversy involved."

- "I don't comment on that," said Faust, the Irish coach. "My players told me it was our ball on the two. A couple said he lost control of the ball at the two. That's what our players said, not what I said. I'm not getting involved in that stuff."

- "I went over clean," said Harper, the USC junior tailback. "Someone hit the ball. Whether or not I was over or not I don't know. I just saw 'TD.' I was grateful. The judges said I scored a touchdown. I don't make those decisions."

- "The two side officials said the runner was across the plane of the goal line and he lost the ball on the throw back," said Moffett, the referee. Replays clearly showed there was no "throw back." Harper landed all by himself in the end zone, without the football.

- "Nobody knew where the ball was," said Griffith, the Irish defensive end. "I just saw it on the ground and fell on it. We had one referee say it was our ball, and then they had a conference and said it was a touchdown. But the ball was behind the offensive line. We beat them and an official takes

it away from us. It upsets me a great deal."

- "Harper was heading right for me," said Notre Dame linebacker Mike Larkin. "I saw the ball rolling off his arm and I went for it. I don't think anybody even hit him. He landed on the ground and was looking for the ball like everyone else."

- An ESPN reporter suggested to Harper that one of the cable network's spare cameras showed him losing the ball before crossing the goal line. Responded Harper, "Maybe your camera's broken."

- "We ask our officials to look for leather, to see the football," said Jack Springer, head of Pacific-10 Conference officials. "Two officials signalled touchdown. If they were wrong, it's unfortunate. But officiating is part of the game and officiating errors are also part of the game."

- "It didn't seem like a tough call at the time," said Bob Zelinka, the head linesman. "It looked like an easy call. I'd bet that with the same visual evidence in front of me right now I'd call it the same way. As far as I'm concerned, he had the ball when he crossed the goal line. I was not out of position, I was not asleep"

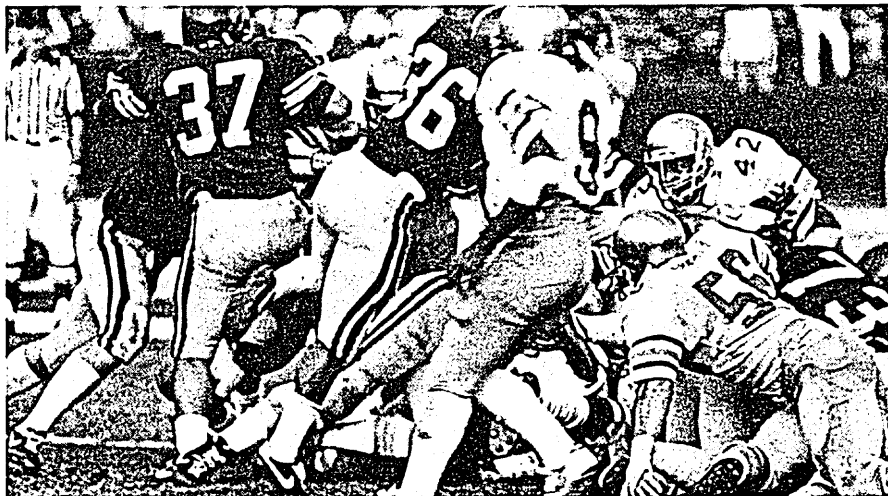
Moffett is the same Pac-10 official who served as the referee in the Cali-

fornia-Stanford game a few weeks earlier when Cal pulled off a last-play victory on a 57-yard, disputed kickoff return that featured five laterals through the Stanford band.

Mason is the same Pac-10 official who served as umpire in the 1979 Rose Bowl in which USC's Charles White scored a disputed touchdown in a 17-10 win over Michigan. On that day, Mason also ruled Michigan had recovered the fumble, but he was overruled.

Ironically, Harper's one-yard scoring play wasn't the one that most upset Faust as the game ended. Kiel had completed three passes in the final seconds, and Notre Dame stood on the USC 32 with two seconds left. Kiel fired the ball into the end zone in the neighborhood of Hunter. The ball bounced away as Hunter leaped for it along with Joe Browner and Darrel Hopper of USC.

"It was a perfect pass," said Hunter. "It would have been a touchdown. I saw the ball coming down and the next thing I knew, I was on my back. I sat there waiting for a flag, but there was nothing. They took me right out of the play."



Michael Harper (above) leaps toward the end zone in the final minute of action, but it was Kevin Griffith (below) who ended up with the football. Nevertheless, USC prevailed 17-13.



The whole scene was reminiscent of the one in '78 at the Coliseum where Notre Dame had come back from a 24-6 deficit to lead 25-24 with 46 seconds to go. On second down from the USC 40, McDonald apparently fumbled the ball away to the Irish, but officials ruled an incomplete pass and the Trojans marched on. They kicked a field goal with two seconds left and USC won that one, too.

The current Irish players were making only their first or second trip to play in the Coliseum. But it hadn't taken them long to gain a sense of the frustration that has been mirrored on Notre Dame faces for a decade and a half now.

"If anyone had told me that we would have moved the ball that well and not won, I would have called him a liar," said Irish center Mark Fischer.

Former Irish assistant Joe Yonto, who has seen every Irish-Trojan clash since '64, remembers walking out of the Coliseum tunnel after the '80 game.

"I thought about how nice it would be just once to get a good feeling after we played a game here."

The Irish are still waiting.

USC		0	3	7	7	17
Notre Dame		7	3	3	0	13
Scoring Summary						
First Quarter		Time		USC	ND	
ND—Larry Moriarty 2 run (Mike Johnston kick)		7:44		0	7	
Drive: 74 yards in eight plays following missed field goal attempt by USC. Elapsed Time: 3:16; Big Play: Phil Carter run for 21 yards.						
Second Quarter						
ND—Mike Johnston 40 FG				:46	0	10
Drive: 56 yards in 14 plays following Dave Duerson interception of USC pass; Elapsed Time: 6:04; Big Play: Larry Moriarty run for 16 yards.						
SC—Steve Jordan 35 FG				:05	3	10
Drive: 47 yards in five plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: :25; Big Play: Scott Tinsley pass to Jeff Simmons for 18 yards.						
Third Quarter						
ND—Mike Johnston 47 FG				8:14	3	13
Drive: 38 yards in 14 plays following USC punt; Elapsed Time: 3:44; Big Play: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 17 yards.						
SC—Michael Harper 5 run (Steve Jordan kick)				1:55	10	13
Drive: 70 yards in eight plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:19; Big Play: Scott Tinsley pass to Jeff Simmons for 24 yards.						
Fourth Quarter						
SC—Michael Harper 1 run (Steve Jordan kick)				:48	17	13
Drive: 51 yards in seven plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:02; Big Play: Scott Tinsley pass to Timmy White for 17 yards.						
A—76,459						
Team Statistics						
		ND		USC		
First Downs		24		18		
Rushing		11		1		
Passing		10		15		
Penalty		3		2		
Rushing Attempts		47		27		
Yards Rushing		199		80		
Yards Lost Rushing		2-8		8-26		
Net Yards Rushing		191		54		
Net Yards Passing		201		243		
Passes Attempted		36		37		
Passes Completed		18		24		
Had Intercepted		2		1		
Total Offensive Plays		83		64		
Total Net Yards		392		297		
Average Gain Per Play		4.72		4.64		
Return Yards		86		96		
Fumbles: Number—Lost		1-1		1-0		
Penalties: Number—Yards		8-63		6-60		
Interceptions: Number—Yards		1-0		2-20		
Number of Punts—Yards		4-173		7-317		
Average Per Punt		43.3		45.3		
Punt Returns: Number—Yards		5-40		3-23		
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards		3-46		3-53		
Individual Statistics						
USC						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Anthony Gibson	12	52	6	46	0	41
Michael Harper	5	19	0	19	2	5
Kennedy Pola	2	4	0	4	0	2
Zephryni Lee	1	3	0	3	0	3
Todd Spencer	1	1	0	1	0	1
Scott Tinsley	6	1	19	-20	0	1
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Scott Tinsley	37	24	1	243	0	24
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jeff Simmons			11	149	0	24
Timmy White			3	31	0	17
John Kamana			3	22	0	9
Michael Harper			2	15	0	9
Mark Boyer			2	15	0	8
Anthony Gibson			2	6	0	10
Pat McCool			1	5	0	5
Notre Dame						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Phil Carter	19	83	1	82	0	21
Allen Pinkett	11	43	0	43	0	8
Larry Moriarty	7	39	0	39	1	16
Blair Kiel	7	18	7	11	0	8
Joe Howard	1	10	0	10	0	10
Mark Brooks	2	6	0	6	0	4
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Blair Kiel	35	18	2	201	0	33
Ken Karcher	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tony Hunter			7	91	0	29
Mike Haywood			4	34	0	11
Phil Carter			3	16	0	7
Joe Howard			2	42	0	33
Allen Pinkett			1	19	0	19
Larry Moriarty			1	-1	0	-1

Irish Items: Football '82

By JOHN HEISLER

• Six different Notre Dame players received some sort of All-America mention in 1982. Senior free safety **DAVE DUERSON** was a first-team pick by both the Football Writers Association of America and *Football News*, as well as an honorable mention choice of United Press International. Senior tight end **TONY HUNTER** was a first-team pick of the Newspaper Enterprise Association and an honorable mention choice by the Associated Press. Senior linebacker **MARK ZAVAGNIN** was a second-team pick by *Football News* and a third-team choice of the Associated Press. Senior kicker **MIKE JOHNSTON** was a third-team choice by *Football News* and an honorable mention pick by both the Associated Press and *The Sporting News*. Senior offensive guard **TOM THAYER** was an honorable mention pick by United Press International, and junior cornerback **STACEY TORAN** earned honorable mention status on *The Sporting News* squad.

• At the December 8 football banquet sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, **DAVE DUERSON** was honored as the Most Valuable Player for 1982. **TOM THAYER** was chosen the Outstanding Offensive Player, while **MARK ZAVAGNIN** was named the Outstanding Defensive Player. All three awards were chosen by vote of the players, and the MVP award is presented annually by the Notre Dame National Monogram Club.

• A pair of Indiana natives — quarterback **BLAIR KIEL** and cornerback **STACEY TORAN** — have been elected co-captains of the 1983 Notre Dame squad. Ironically, the two Hoosiers earned a niche in the Irish starting lineup within a game of each other as freshmen in 1980. Toran started at cornerback in the third game of that season against Michigan State because of an injury to Dave Duerson and now has started 32 straight games in the Irish secondary. Kiel led the Irish to a come-from-behind victory in that same game at Michigan State and made his first start the following week against Miami.

• **MARK ZAVAGNIN** received the 1982 John W. McMullan Award,

named in memory of the former guard for the Irish from 1923-25. The award goes annually to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the spirit of the scholar-athlete who has contributed his skill and ability both on the field and in the classroom. Zavagnin, who merited the award on the basis of his 3.25 grade average during the spring semester is an American Studies major in the College of Arts and Letters. Senior center **MARK FISCHER** received the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Scholar-Athlete Award for 1982. An accounting major in the College of Business Administration, Fischer boasts a 3.108 grade average on a 4.00 scale.

• For the second consecutive season, **DAVE DUERSON** played more minutes than any other Notre Dame player. His total of 351 minutes on the field in '82 was followed by **STACEY TORAN** (317), strong safety **JOE JOHNSON** (302), **MARK ZAVAGNIN** (299), offensive tackle **LARRY WILLIAMS** (298), **TOM THAYER** (298), **TONY HUNTER** (289), offensive guard **MIKE KELLEY** (287), **BLAIR KIEL** (275) and cornerback **CHRIS BROWN** (271). Only 68 different Notre Dame players saw action in 1982, compared to 100 in 1981.

• Forty-eight monograms were awarded to members of the 1982 Notre Dame football team:

SENIORS (15) — Rod Bone, Phil Carter, Bob Clasby, Dave Duerson, Randy Ellis, Mark Fischer, Kevin Griffith, Tony Hunter, Mike Johnston, Larry Moriarty, Joe Rudzinski, Jack Shields, John Sweeney, Tom Thayer and Mark Zavagnin.

JUNIORS (12) — Jon Autry, Chris Brown, Mansel Carter, Blair Kiel, John Mosley, Tom Murphy, Rick Naylor, Stacey Toran, Neil Maune, Mike Shiner, Daane Spielmaker and Jerry Weinle.

SOPHOMORES (11) — Mark Brooks, Mike Gann, Mike Golic, Joe Howard, Joe Johnson, Ken Karcher, Kevin Kelly, Mike Kelley, Mike Larkin, Chris Smith and Larry Williams.

FRESHMEN (10) — Pat Ballage, Rick DiBernardo, Greg Dingens, Eric Dorsey, Tony Furjanic, Mike Haywood, Milt Jackson, Van Percy, Allen Pinkett and Tim Scannell.

Service awards went to graduating seniors Joe Batuello, Mike Boechen-

stein, Justin Driscoll, Mark LeBlanc, Tom Merrick, Bob More, Rodney Morris, Jim O'Hara, Dave Schuster, John Skronski, Chris Stone, Matt Westover and Barry Young.

• Post-season bowl participation by Irish players included appearances by **TONY HUNTER** (Hula Bowl), **TOM THAYER** (Hula Bowl), **DAVE DUERSON** (Hula Bowl), **MARK ZAVAGNIN** (East-West Shrine Game), fullback **LARRY MORIARTY** (Senior Bowl), tailback **PHIL CARTER** (Japan Bowl) and defensive end **KEVIN GRIFFITH** (Japan Bowl).

• Notre Dame's 1982 schedule ranked as the 13th toughest in the country, according to the NCAA standings in which Irish opponents compiled a .573 winning percentage (71-55-2). For the second straight year, Penn State played the toughest schedule among Division I schools — with Nittany Lion foes finishing at .646 this past fall. Other Irish opponents in the top 15 included Oregon (sixth at .621) and USC (11th at .587). In '82, the Irish faced four teams that played in bowl games — Penn State (beat Georgia in Sugar), Pittsburgh (lost to SMU in Cotton), Air Force (beat Vanderbilt in Hall of Fame) and Michigan (lost to UCLA in Rose). USC, with its 8-3 mark, likely would have qualified for an invitation had the Trojans not been on probation. Notre Dame's 1983 schedule adds Colorado (2-8-1), South Carolina (4-7) and Army (4-7) — while dropping Michigan (8-4), Arizona (6-4-1) and Oregon (2-8-1). Notre Dame will open its '83 schedule against five teams with losing records in '82 — Purdue (3-8), Michigan State (2-9), Colorado, South Carolina and Army — then close it against six teams with winning records this past fall — USC (8-3), Navy (6-5), Pittsburgh (9-3), Penn State (11-1), Air Force (8-5) and Miami (7-4).

• Here is where Notre Dame finished as a team in the NCAA statistical rankings: 42nd in rushing offense (173.5 yards per game), 64th in passing offense (157.4), 67th in total offense (330.9), eighth in rushing defense (95.5 yards allowed per game), 60th in passing defense (188.5), 10th in total defense (283.9), tied for 72nd in scoring offense (18.7 points per game), 22nd in scoring defense (15.8 points allowed per game),

10th in kickoff returns (22.1 yards per return). Individual Irish players in the NCAA rankings included **DAVE DUERSON** tied for fifth in interceptions (.64 per game), **MIKE JOHNSTON** eighth in field goals (1.74 per game), **ALLEN PINKETT** ninth in kickoff returns (25.3 yards per return) and **BLAIR KIEL** 19th in punting (42.4 yards per punt).

- Notre Dame finished 22nd in the nation among Division I schools with its attendance average of a consistent 59,075 per home game.

- Sophomore linebacker **MIKE LARKIN** was named the Associated Press Midwest Player of the Week on defense for his 12-tackle performance versus Purdue. Notre Dame received three \$1,000 scholarships in the names of **BLAIR KIEL**, **ALLEN PINKETT** and **TONY HUNTER** for their respective performances in network televised games. Kiel earned his by completing 15 of 22 passes for 141 yards against Michigan. Pinkett earned his by rushing for 70 yards and returning a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown against Penn State. Hunter earned his by catching seven passes for 91 yards against USC. ABC televised the Michigan game nationally and the Penn State game on a regional basis. CBS televised the USC game nationally.

- **PHIL CARTER** finished his Notre Dame career ranked third on the all-time Irish lists for both rushing yards (2,409) and rushing attempts (557). Carter gained 83 yards in the '82 season finale against USC to push him past the legendary George Gipp (2,341) and leave him behind only Vagas Ferguson (3,472) and Jerome Heavens (2,682).

- **BLAIR KIEL** completed 118 passes in '82 to rank fourth on the single-season completion chart behind only Joe Theismann in '70 (155), Joe Montana in '78 (141) and Tom Clements in '74 (122). Kiel, who currently stands fifth on the career completion list (233 of 494 for 2,740 yards), needs to complete only 72 passes as a senior in '83 to become the all-time leader in that category. Currently ahead of Kiel are Terry Hanratty (304), Theismann (290), Montana (268) and Clements (265). Kiel's .0506 interception percentage (25 of 494) currently stands third on the Irish career list behind John Huarte (.043) and Montana (.049).

- The 120 career pass receptions by **TONY HUNTER** left him fourth on the all-time Notre Dame receiving list behind only Tom Gatewood (157), Jim Seymour (138) and Ken MacAfee (128). Hunter's 1,897 reception yards trailed only Gatewood's 2,283 and Seymour's 2,113.

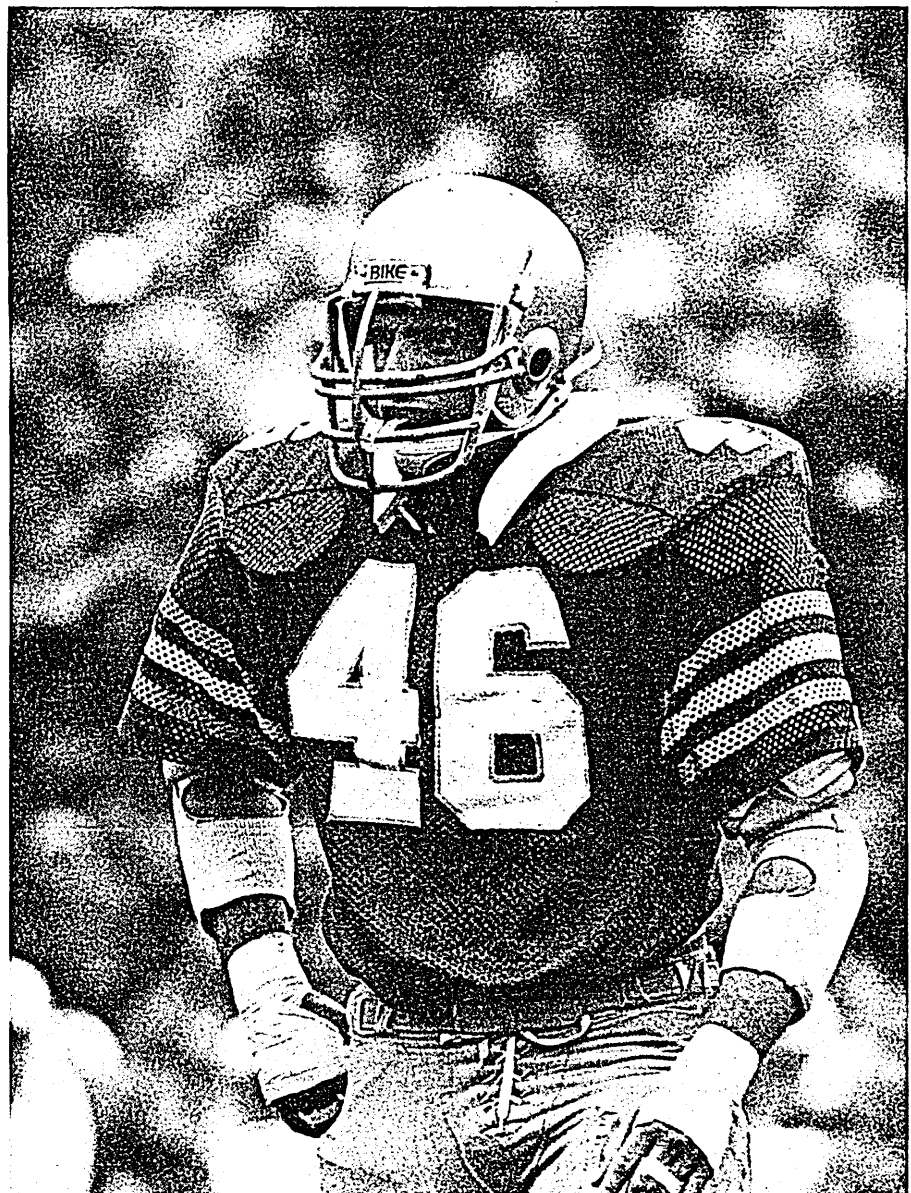
- The 19 field goals kicked by **MIKE JOHNSTON** in '82 established a Notre

Dame single-season record for three-pointers. He booted two in the season finale against USC to pass Harry Oliver's previous mark of 18 set in 1980. Johnston's .864 accuracy mark (19 of 22) established both season and career records for percentage. His 13 straight field goals to open the season also broke season and career marks in that category. Johnston, who was perfect on 19 extra-point kicks, accounted for 76 total points in '82, a record for a Notre Dame kicker.

- With two full seasons remaining Irish split end **JOE HOWARD** already owns the best reception average in Notre Dame history. Howard has averaged 21.9 yards per catch (45 for 987) over his first two seasons, topping the previous mark of 21.5 set by Kris Haines (63 for 1,353). His 18.7-yard average in '82 (28 for 524) ranked fourth best on the single-season listings.

- **DAVE DUERSON** intercepted seven passes in '82, the most by an Irish player since Mike Townsend's record 10 in 1972. Duerson's 12 career interceptions accounted for 256 return yards, also an Irish record. His 21.3-yard average on interception returns ranks fourth on the all-time list. Duerson also returned 103 punts in his career, more than any other player in Notre Dame history. His 869 return yards ranked second to Frank Carideo's 947 in 1928-30.

- The 77 punts by **BLAIR KIEL** in '82 broke his own season mark of 73 set in 1981. He also holds the career record for punts with 216. Kiel's 42.4-yard average this year ranked third on the season chart behind Joe Restic's 43.5 figure in '75 and Brian Doherty's 42.7 in '73. Kiel's 40.93-yard career average is the best in Notre Dame history.



Irish senior linebacker Mark Zavagnin led the team in tackles and received second-team All-America honors from Football News, plus third-team recognition from the Associated Press.

Remembering the Ups

By KEVIN GRIFFITH

It was Monday, I think, nearly 1:00 a.m. (West Coast time) and I was on the last leg of my Japanese journey, having just participated in the Japan Bowl college all-star game. Hovering someplace over Nebraska, I felt carefree as I cruised through the sky, having finally arrived at the end of my five-year collegiate career. And as I fumbled with my impulsively-bought Japanese Sony Walkman F-2, my thoughts continuously revolved around the 1982 season, a 6-4-1 campaign filled with memorable victories and unforgettable defeats. Thinking in retrospect, I realized it was a season I would never forget.

I'll remember my final season, my last as an Irish player, as a roller-coaster year, a year filled with the highest peaks and the lowest valleys. True, I had always hoped to reach the pinnacle of college football, the national championship, as did my teammates, coaches and fellow students. I even played an additional year on legs that flickered on and off in hope of leaving the game at the top. But the elusive number-one ranking never came my way, and I am now left to pay homage to the select Notre Dame players of the past who achieved that distinction. Yet, when I join my fellow 1982 teammates at future reunions and testimonial banquets, I will stand with pride among them. Not only did we leave our mark on the historical Notre Dame ledger, but also we were a team that was genuinely unified and a team that was a great deal of fun to be around.

Looking back, the Michigan game was an outright blast. "We went off," so to speak. The attention on the game was intense as we prepared to play Bo and his boys. We owed the Wolverines for the beating we took in '81, a defeat that knocked us out of the number-one ranking and harshly back into reality. And on this night under the lights, in front of a national television audience, we delivered with vengeance. Our offensive line completely dominated their defense, as our backs gained yards in chunks. Our defensive line harassed their quarterback right from the start, disrupting their passing game, and enabling us to stop the vaunted Michigan

running game stone cold. After allowing Anthony Carter one of his classic "now-we-have-him, now-we-don't" punt returns, and watching the Wolverines pull off one of the freak plays of the year, we secured a victory so sweet that Coach Faust decided to entertain us with his somewhat-suspect dancing skill during the postgame celebration. The only drawback in beating Michigan under the lights was how quickly Sunday morning came.

Yet, as proud as we were after a win like the Michigan game, there were times when we hit rock bottom emotionally. When I look back on the '82 season, I try not to blot out negative slides such as Oregon and Air Force. Our tie to Oregon was felt as a loss, a sour moment that conveys the importance of coming to play every Saturday regardless of the opponent's record. I'll never forget the loathing I felt, toward myself and my teammates, as I stood at the far end of our sideline and watched our offense scrambling against the clock to secure a tie against the Ducks. In my mind, Notre Dame scrambles under the gun to beat Southern Cal, Alabama and Michigan, or to win a bowl game, but not to tie an 0-6 team.

The Air Force game was a different story. The Falcons simply beat us, playing errorless football with a gutsy quarterback who went beyond coaching, running that crazy "wishbone thing" every which way and loose. But, if we are going to come up on the short end of the score, I'd rather it be against a team like Air Force than a lot of other teams. If any team deserves the pleasure of knocking off a national power, it is the guys in razor cuts who take a rigorous academic schedule, abide by rules such as walking on designated lines while going to class, and for years have been everyone's "bye week" in the schedule. As for the Southern Cal loss, only the criminal act of a confused official forces my fingers to type l-o-s-s instead of B-I-G W-I-N.

Painful losses aside, the Pitt game proved to be my proudest moment as a Notre Dame player, the ultimate experience of the 1982 season. What makes the Pitt game so vividly memorable, other than the fact that we knocked off the number-one team from a decidedly underdog position, was that

the entire team meshed like clockwork. The coaching staff prepared us extremely well, formulating daring gameplans both offensively and defensively. Offensively, bolstered by the stabilizing return of Mark Fischer at center, we worked plays designed especially for Pitt, oftentimes keeping their nationally ranked defense off guard. Larry Moriarty had a big game, running misdirection plays against Pitt's fast-pursuing defenders and catching a momentum-changing second quarter pass down the very heart of the Pitt secondary. The famed "29 Special" flea-flicker play—of Kiel to Carter to Kiel to Howard to Irish hysteria—worked to wobbled perfection and put us in the lead to stay. Though I couldn't see much of the offense as I rested on the bench, I'll never forget seeing the wall of Irish coaches, players, managers and trainers leaping in unison when Allen Pinkett shot between two Pitt defenders and off into freshman stardom.

Coaches Johnson, Kelly, Blache and Robertson designed an all-out defensive gameplan, employing nearly everything in our arsenal to shut down Pitt's powerful offensive machine. With this holding-nothing-back attitude, we took on the Pitt offense, gambling and stunting at full throttle, the result being big play after big play. Looking back, I'll never forget Bob "House" Clasby beating "unbeatable" All-American Bill Fralic for a sack on Dan Marino. Or John Mosley, recovering two fumbles, one as a member of the punt team that led to a score and an even bigger one in the fourth quarter to stop a mounting Pitt drive while we were holding a precarious 17-16 lead. Or Mark Zavagnin, playing his Chicago hit man role again, amassing a game-leading 16 tackles, just two ahead of Stacey Toran who played possessed against Pitt's talented receivers.

Nor will I forget Mike Gann, playing in the biggest game of his young career, literally waling on Pitt's offensive linemen, and earning his stripes as a warrior of the trenches. And Chris Brown's highlight film pass deflection that saved a sure touchdown and helped snap Marino's string of 19 straight games with a touchdown pass. And of course, Mansel Carter, having played the last 30 seconds of the game, boldly proclaiming to my tired and battered self from the

safety of the winning locker room, "Ah, that Pitt 'O' line wasn't nothin'!" Indeed, and never before had I participated in such a total team effort where everyone contributed to make the team work as one.

I remember coming out of the game late in the fourth quarter, ranting and raving because I didn't want to be replaced. Coach Faust put his arm around me while looking up at the clock, smiling like a madman. I looked with him and there it was: 31 seconds remaining—Notre Dame 31, Pitt 16. All of a sudden I realized we had just knocked off the number-one-ranked team in the country, and I started giggling, amazingly proclaiming to no one in particular, "We just beat Pitt! We just beat Pitt!"

Amid fans and players, as I was leaving the field, I remember Coach Boulac running past me about two feet off the ground. I yelled to him, too tired to keep up with his enthusiastic pace, "Coach Boo, would you say this is a big one?" He turned around, smiling his assurance to me that it was, and we

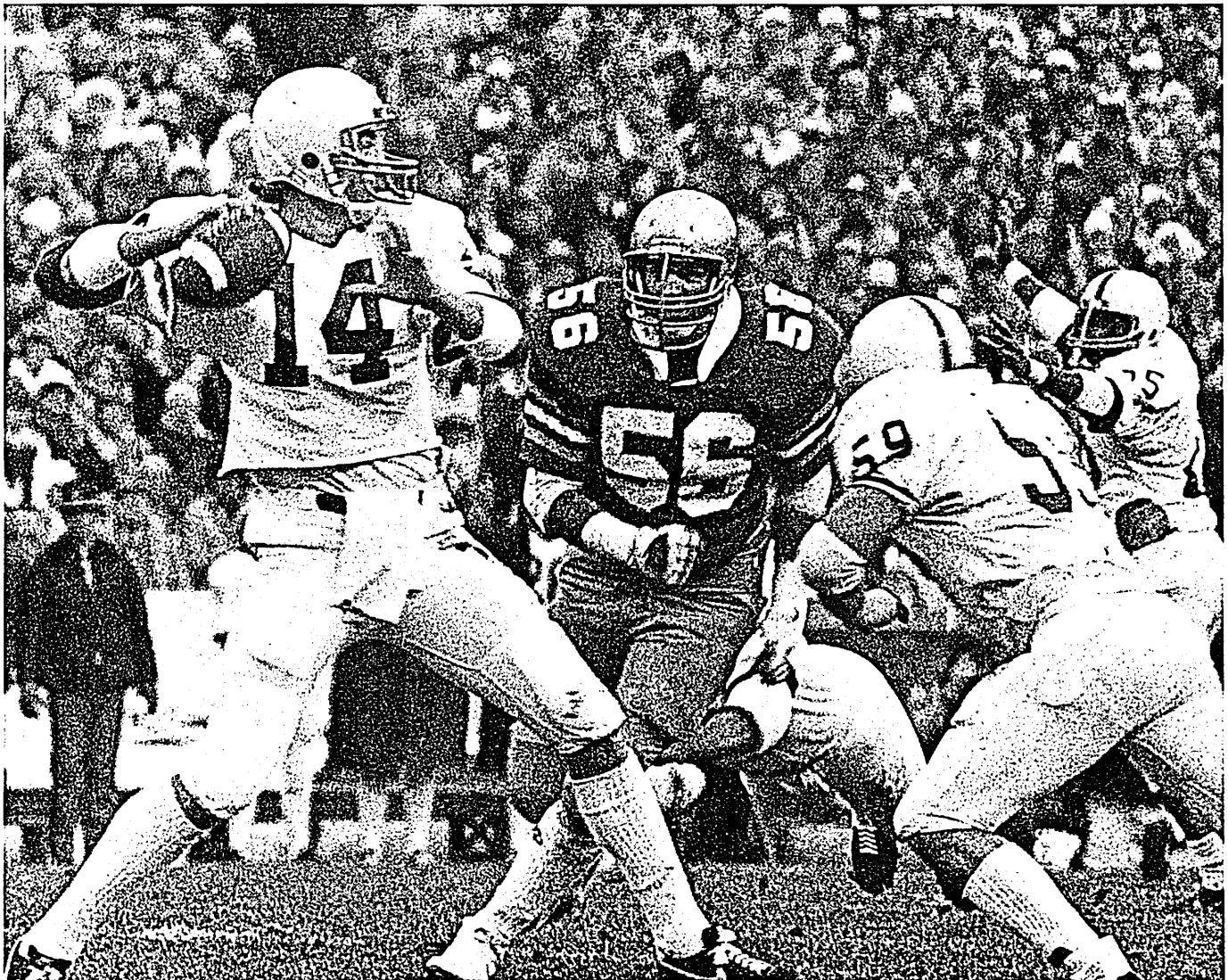
hugged each other like two five-year-olds at Christmas.

In the end, Coach Faust authored the final chapter of the storybook scenario. Earlier in the day, during our pregame breakdown, he interrupted the meetings to speak to the entire squad. Standing at the end of the partition separating the offense and defense, Coach Faust told the story of how Notre Dame's number-one fan, Keith Penrod, a victim of cerebral palsy and confined to a wheelchair, had made a secret trip to Pittsburgh to greet the team upon our arrival at Pitt Stadium. To make such an excursion took a great deal of courage and sacrifice, Coach Faust said, because Keith had to employ public transportation (a Greyhound bus and cabs) and accept the financial burden of the venture. Coach Faust suggested we would need the same kind of desire, sacrifice and courage that Keith showed if we were going to beat Pitt. Then he proclaimed, "When we win today, I think we should give the game ball to Keith." True to his word, as we gathered around the

prophetic Faust in the locker room following the game, Coach Faust called Keith over amid our wildly-cheering approval and presented him with the Pitt game ball.

So it was written, engraved into golden Notre Dame lore, another sugar-coated, magical day on the gridiron with the Fighting Irish. If I had had \$800, I would have paid for the damage to the team buses myself. It's not too often it takes a half-hour to drive down Notre Dame Avenue while discovering just how many frenzied Notre Dame students can pile atop a Transpo bus before the roof starts to cave in.

Kevin Griffith, a 6-3, 242-pound defensive end, graduated from the University of Notre Dame last May with a degree in government from the College of Arts and Letters. Granted an extra year of eligibility because of a knee injury in 1980, Griffith returned to play in '82 while attending graduate government classes. He plans to begin law school next fall.



Irish senior Kevin Griffith heads for his appointed target, as Penn State quarterback Todd Blackledge readies another aerial attempt. Griffith led Notre Dame's down linemen with 65 tackles and topped the entire squad with seven sacks.

Wet Behind the Ears

By JOHN HEISLER

Youth will be served on the Notre Dame football scene in 1983. Count on it.

Seniors certainly will play a role in Gerry Faust's third season with the Irish. Quarterback Blair Kiel and strong-side cornerback Stacey Toran — Irish co-captains for '83 — are looking forward to their fourth season as regulars, while veterans like linebacker Rick Naylor, defensive backs Chris Brown and John Mosley and offensive guard Neil Maune also are expected to be starters.

But look for as many as 16 of the 22 Irish regulars next fall to be sophomores and juniors. That doesn't even include the possibility that a freshman or two could break into the lineup.

"I think with any football team, your seniors play an awfully big role," Faust says. "They've been around and they know what to expect, so their leadership is tremendously important.

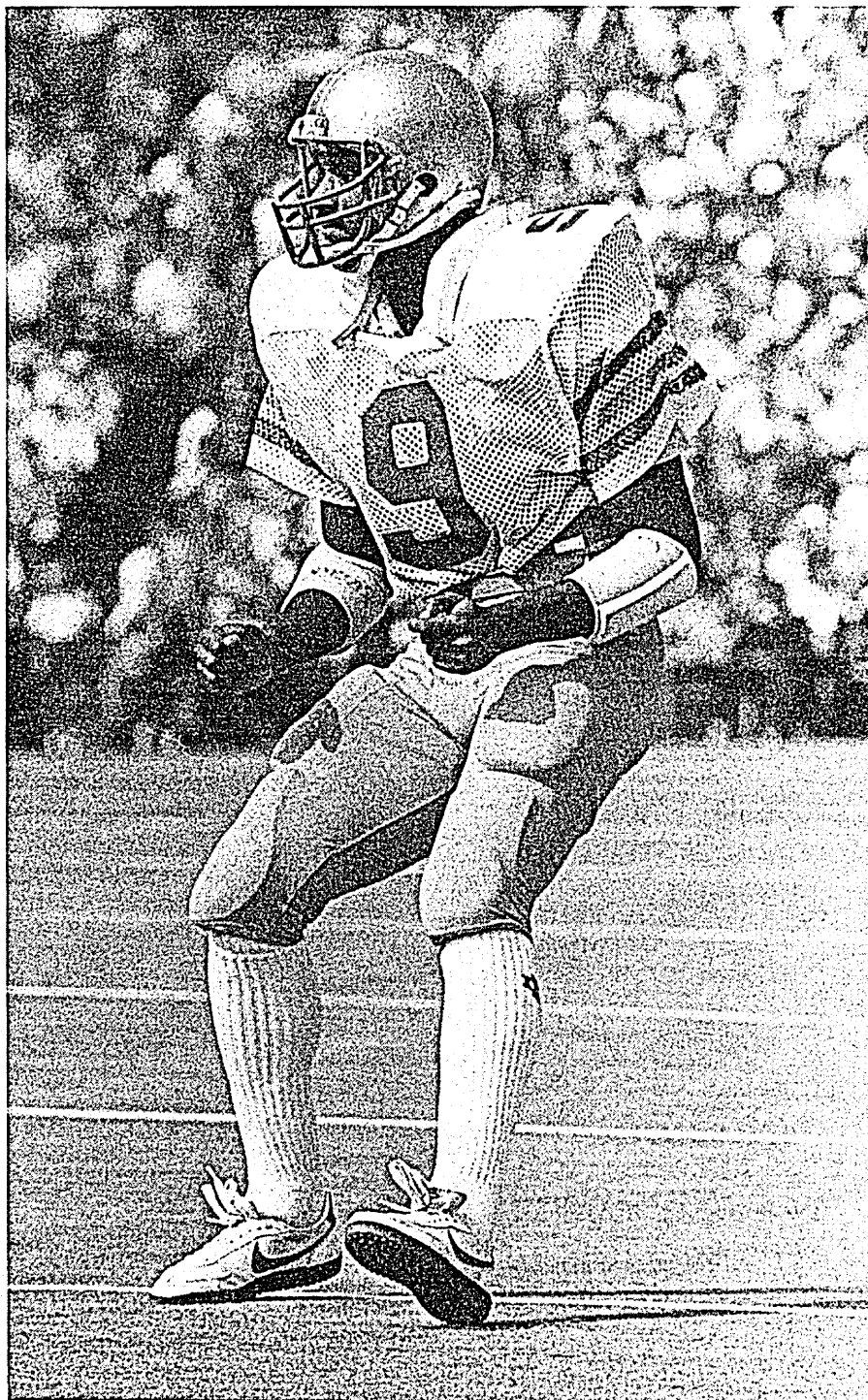
"But, even though we do have a large number of underclassmen in key spots for us, they are players with experience. We'll be young, but we won't necessarily be wet behind the ears."

On paper, the Irish will have 36 lettermen back while attempting to fill the voids left by 17 monogram-winners to graduation. Seven starters return on defense, while six others are back offensively.

"We have holes to fill," notes Faust, "but it isn't as if graduation wiped out an entire area. We need to find a tight end, a couple of linemen both offensively and defensively, a linebacker and a safety. Other than that, we've got experienced people returning."

Graduation will take its fair share of familiar names off the Notre Dame roster. Missing will be multi-year standouts Mark Zavagnin at linebacker, Tony Hunter at tight end, Phil Carter at tailback and Dave Duerson at free safety. Others who played key roles in recent seasons include Larry Moriarty at fullback, Kevin Griffith and Bob Clasby on the defensive line and Tom Thayer, Mark Fischer and Randy Ellis on the offensive line.

Missing will be two of the top three Irish rushers from '82 (Carter and Moriarty), three of the top five pass re-



Senior Chris Brown's move from cornerback to free safety will be just one adjustment planned by Gerry Faust for 1983.

ceivers (Hunter, Moriarty and Carter), Notre Dame's top punt returner and pass interception man (Duerson) and

four of the top six tacklers (Zavagnin, Griffith, Clasby and Duerson).

None of those holes will be easily

filled. Yet Faust has provided enough playing time for rookies the past two seasons so that the underclassmen moving in are hardly green.

Kiel will direct the Irish offense as the first four-year starter at quarterback in Notre Dame football history. By just past midseason, he's destined to have completed more passes than any signal-caller in the Irish record books (he needs to complete 72 to break the record held by Terry Hanratty). Battling for the backup job will be junior-to-be Scott Grooms (he's eligible again in '83 after sitting out a year following his return from Miami of Ohio) and sophomore Todd Lezon. Ken Karcher, who also would have figured in the quarterback picture, transferred to Tulane following the fall semester.

Kiel benefitted greatly from the high-percentage passing game which evolved through the input of quarterback and receiver coach Ron Hudson. At his absolute best in a 15-of-22 throwing effort for 141 yards in the season-opening upset of Michigan, the Irish offensive captain hopes to make those sorts of efforts the rule rather than the exception this fall.

The Irish go two deep impressively at both the tailback and fullback slots. The familiar names to watch will be junior Greg Bell and sophomore Allen Pinkett at tailback and juniors Mark Brooks and Chris Smith at fullback. Bell, though he'll likely stay away from spring contact drills while completing recovery from a broken foot, is a proven commodity — while Pinkett ranked as the Irish rookie of the year in '82. Brooks, always a solid runner, will benefit from increased playing time. Smith is a fulltime runner again after opening his sophomore campaign at linebacker.

Kiel has been blessed with the return of his top four wide receivers — junior Joe Howard and sophomores Mike Haywood, Milt Jackson and Van Percy — to handle the split end and flanker slots. That quartet combined to catch 52 balls last fall, 28 by Howard alone. Mark Bavaro, out most of '82 with a hand injury, headlines the tight end candidates — though Ricky Gray isn't far behind.

Junior Larry Williams, a standout starter in all 11 games at strong tackle a year ago, tops the list of offensive line returners. Mike Shiner returns at quick tackle, while leading guard candidates are veteran Neil Maune and sophomore Tim Scannell. Tackle Mike Kelley has been moved to center where he'll battle sophomore Tom Doerger for the position left by Mark Fischer's graduation.

Record-setting placekicker Mike Johnston has been granted an extra year of eligibility since he didn't re-

ceive a scholarship until last August and did not compete at all as a freshman. Johnston will receive his degree in chemical engineering in May and will attend graduate school next fall. Sophomore Hal Von Wyl also returns after handling Irish kickoff chores in '82 and booting four field goals of 42 yards or longer in junior varsity action.

Kiel, who already has punted more times than any Irish player in history, returns for his fourth season as the Notre Dame punter. His career average stands at 40.9 yards per kick.

Plenty of seasoned hands are back on all three Irish defensive levels.

Up front, count on junior Mike Golic to take over at end with support from two-time letterman Mansel Carter. Other stalwarts will be junior Mike Gann at flip tackle, senior Jon Autry and junior Tim Marshall at nose tackle and sophomore Greg Dingens at contain tackle. Sophomore Eric Dorsey can play any of the three down positions and assuredly will see his share of playing time somewhere on the line. Like Bell, Gann isn't expected to see heavy duty this spring while ensuring his knee is healed following November surgery for torn ligaments. Marshall didn't play at all in '82 because of a stubborn foot injury, but he's ready to go again.

Sophomore Tony Furjanic, a specialty team standout as a freshman, likely will be the new face on the linebacking corps as he inherits Mark Zavagnin's middle linebacking slot. Junior Mike Larkin, second in tackles in '82 behind Zavagnin, is back at weakside linebacker, while senior Rick Naylor returns on the strong side. Ample backup help is available at all three slots, led by lettermen Tom Murphy, Joe Bars and Rick DiBernardo.

Experience will be an asset in the secondary with seniors Stacey Toran and Chris Brown heading up the contingent there. Junior Joe Johnson is back at strong safety, with only Dave Duerson's free safety position to be filled. Senior John Mosley and sophomore Pat Ballage will battle for the weakside cornerback position, while Brown moves to free safety after starting at cornerback in '82.

"That old saying about the third being the charm may work for us," Faust says. "We struggled a little bit that first year. Then last year, we had some great days and some average days. But we did beat some of the great teams on our schedule for the first time since I had been at Notre Dame.

"By the end of the year, I felt like things were really starting to fall in place. And I think we'll be that much better off this fall with another year of experience behind all of us."

Count on it.

1983 Notre Dame Football National Letter-of-Intent Football Signees

ABRAHAM, Byron, RB, 5-10, 170
Cassville, NY (Notre Dame)

BANKS, Robert, DL, 6-5, 235
Hampton, VA (Hampton)

BEUERLEIN, Steve, QB, 6-3, 195
Anaheim, CA (Servite)

BOBB, James, DB, 6-1, 185
Port Arthur, TX (Thomas Jefferson)

BUTLER, Dave, LB, 6-3, 210
Toledo, OH (St. John's)

COLEMAN, Trey, RB, 5-10, 165
Dayton, OH (Chaminade)

FELITSKY, Joe, QB, 6-3, 195
Allison Park, PA (Central Catholic)

FRANCISCO, Hiawatha, RB, 5-10, 185
Cincinnati, OH (Moeller)

FREEMAN, Tom, DL, 6-4, 220
Shawnee Mission, KS (Rockhurst)

GRIFFIN, Mike, DL, 6-3, 235
Cleveland Heights, OH (Benedictine)

JEFFERSON, Alonzo, WR, 5-9, 172
West Palm Beach, FL (Cardinal Newman)

KOVALESKI, Mike, LB, 6-2, 200
New Castle, IN (New Castle)

LANZA, Charles, OL, 6-2, 226
Germantown, TN (Christian Brothers)

LAWRENCE, Steve, DB, 6-0, 180
Ypsilanti, MI (Ypsilanti)

McGLOTHEN, Art, DL, 6-3, 290
Youngstown, OH (Ursuline)

McHUGH, Tom, OL, 6-5, 225
Philadelphia, PA (Father Judge)

MARTZ, Bob, DL, 6-8, 250
Bloomfield Hills, MI (Lahser)

MILLER, Alvin, WR, 6-4, 220
Kirkwood, MO (Kirkwood)

REHDER, Tom, TE, 6-7, 220
Santa Maria, CA (St. Joseph's)

RILEY, Tom, OL, 6-5, 240
Pasadena, CA (St. Francis)

ROGERS, Scott, DB, 6-0, 180
Carmel, IN (Carmel)

ROKICH, Pete, OL, 6-7, 220
Magna, UT (Judge Memorial)

SPENCE, Mary, DB, 5-11, 180
Chester, PA (Chester)

SPRUELL, Byron, DL, 6-4, 225
Aurora, OH (Aurora)

TANCZOS, Dan, DL, 6-5, 220
Bethlehem, PA (Catholic)

TAYLOR, Pernell, RB, 5-11, 185
LaPuente, CA (Bishop Amat)

WILLIAMS, Joel, TE, 6-4, 225
Monroeville, PA (Gateway)

WILSON, Troy, DB, 5-10, 165
Frederick, MD (Thomas Jefferson)

'82 Notre Dame Statistics



TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
Total Offense Yards	3640	3123
Total Plays	785	760
Yards per Play	4.6	4.1
Yards per Game	330.9	283.9
Rushing Yards	1909	1050
Attempts	501	414
Yards per Rush	3.8	2.5
Yards per Game	173.5	95.5
Passing Yards	1731	2073
Attempts	284	346
Completions	149	177
Had Intercepted	11	17
Comp. Percentage525	.512
Touchdown Passes	6	7
Yards per Attempt	6.1	6.0
Yards per Comp.	11.6	11.7
Yards per Game	157.4	188.5
Punting Yards	3309	3135
Number of Punts	78	75
Average Punt	42.4	41.8
Had Blocked	0	1
Punt Return Yards	255	397
Number of Returns	36	43
Average Return	7.1	9.2
Kickoff Return Yards	641	703
Number of Returns	29	38
Average Return	22.1	18.5
Interception Return Yards	202	74
Number of Interceptions	17	11
Average Return	11.9	6.7
Number of Penalties	68	40
Penalty Yards	580	357
Fumbles (Lost)	17(8)	25(12)
Yards Returned	0	0
Total First Downs	195	181
By Rushing	108	59
By Passing	79	105
By Penalty	8	17
Third Down Conversions	59/178	54/169
Percentage331	.320
Possession Time	348:34	311:06
Minutes per Game	31:41	28:17

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame	43	66	43	54	—	206
Opponent	13	43	52	66	—	174

TEAM SCORING

	ND	OPP
Total Points	206	174
Average	18.7	15.8
Touchdowns	21	17
By Rushing	14	9
By Passing	6	7
By Returns	1	1
By Recovery	0	0
Field Goals (Made-Att.)	19/22	17/24
Safeties	1	2
PAT—Kick	19/19	15/15
PAT—Run	0/0	0/0
PAT—Pass	1/2	1/2

PASSING	G	No.	Cmp.	Pct.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Kiel	11	219	118	.539	10	1273	3
O'Hara	3	27	15	.556	0	230	2
Karcher	9	38	16	.421	1	228	1
Notre Dame	11	284	149	.525	11	1731	6
Opponent	11	346	177	.512	17	2073	7

RUSHING	G	TC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.
P. Carter	11	179	715	4.0	2	25
Pinkett	10	107	532	5.0	5	76
Moriarty	10	88	520	5.9	5	37
Bell	2	24	123	5.1	1	19
Brooks	10	30	96	3.2	0	10
Morris	6	3	28	9.3	0	24
Howard	11	2	28	14.0	0	18
Sweeney	8	2	9	4.5	0	10
Smith	10	1	4	4.0	0	4
Flemons	1	1	—1	—1.0	0	0
Pearcy	10	1	—11	—11.0	0	0
O'Hara	3	3	—21	—7.0	0	0
Kiel	11	44	—29	—0.7	1	12
Karcher	9	16	—85	—5.3	0	2
Notre Dame	11	501	1909	3.8	14	76
Opponent	11	414	1050	2.5	9	55

RECEIVING	G	PC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Hunter	11	42	507	12.1	0	29
Howard	11	28	524	18.7	2	55
Moriarty	10	18	170	9.4	2	30
Haywood	9	13	128	9.8	0	19
P. Carter	11	12	85	7.1	0	25
Pinkett	10	9	94	10.4	0	19
Pearcy	10	8	64	8.0	0	15
Brooks	10	7	43	6.1	0	13
Jackson	7	3	47	15.7	0	23
Bell	2	3	20	6.7	0	7
Smith	10	2	11	5.5	2	8
Favorite	3	1	17	17.0	0	17
Stone	9	1	14	14.0	0	14
Sweeney	8	1	7	7.0	0	7
Notre Dame	11	149	1731	11.6	6	55
Opponent	11	177	2073	11.7	7	79

SCORING	G	TD	PAT	R-PA	S	FG	TP
Johnston	11	0	19/19	0/0	0	19/22	76
Moriarty	10	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	42
Pinkett	10	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	36
P. Carter	11	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	12
Smith	10	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	12
Howard	11	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	12
Kiel	11	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Bell	2	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Team	11	0	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	2
Sweeney	8	0	0/0	1/1	0	0/0	2
Pearcy	10	0	0/0	0/1	0	0/0	0
Notre Dame	11	21	19/19	1/2	1	19/22	206
Opponent	11	17	15/15	1/2	2	17/24	174

PUNTING	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LP
Kiel	11	77	3267	42.4	60
Viracola	2	1	42	42.0	42
Notre Dame	11	78	3309	42.4	60
Opponent	11	75	3135	41.8	63

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Duerson	34	245	7.2	0	23
Bell	1	12	12.0	0	12
Howard	1	—2	—2.0	0	0
Notre Dame	36	255	7.1	0	23
Opponent	43	397	9.2	1	72

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Pinkett	14	354	25.3	1	93
Howard	5	111	22.2	0	30
Bell	3	50	16.7	0	18
Ballage	2	51	25.5	0	37
Stone	2	31	15.5	0	16
P. Carter	1	18	18.0	0	18
Morris	1	12	12.0	0	12
Hunter	1	0	0.0	0	0
Pearcy	0	14	—	0	14
Notre Dame	29	641	22.1	1	93
Opponent	38	703	18.5	0	38

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Duerson	7	104	14.9	0	48
Zavagnin	3	35	11.7	0	16
Johnson	2	56	28.0	0	38
Brown	2	3	1.5	0	3
Toran	2	0	0.0	0	0
Spielmaker	1	4	4.0	0	4
Notre Dame	17	202	11.9	0	48
Opponent	11	74	6.7	0	39

DEFENSIVE STATS

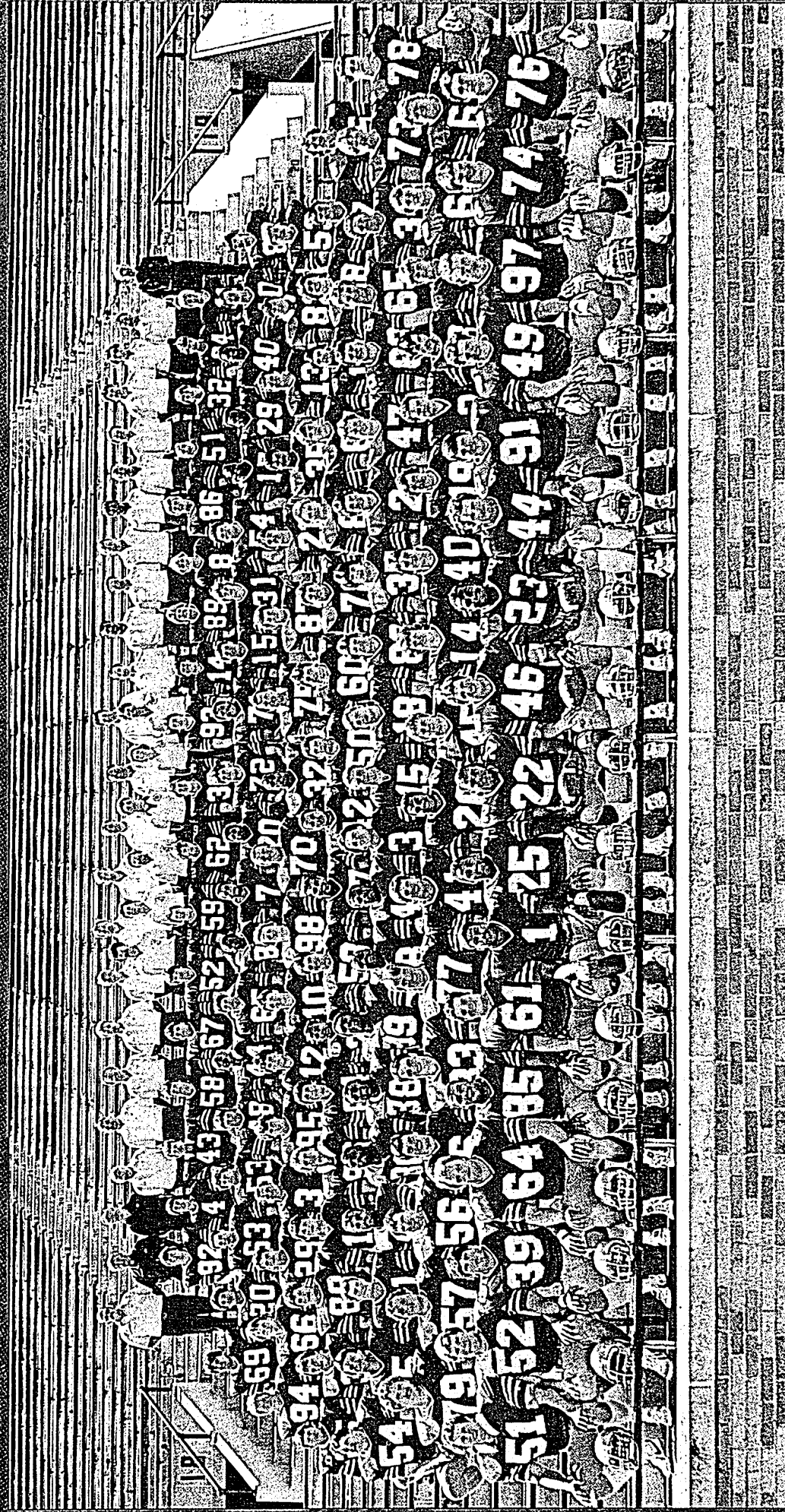
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Zavagnin	113	1-2	2	3	0
Larkin	112	8-23	3	0	0
Toran	77	7-20	6	0	1
Griffith	65	6-38	4	1	0
Clasby	65	3-6	2	0	0
Duerson	63	1-2	6	0	0
Johnson	55	6-22	2	0	0
Naylor	45	2-4	3	2	0
Autry	44	4-7	2	1	0
Gann	41	1-1	1	1	0
Brown	37	2-4	8	0	0
Rudzinski	28	1-4	1	0	0
Mosley	24	0-0	1	1	0
Dorsey	24	3-5	2	0	0
Furjanic	19	0-0	0	0	0
M. Golic	15	1-2	1	1	0
Smith	15	0-0	0	0	0
Weinle	9	1-1	0	0	0
Shields	8	0-0	0	1	0
Spielmaker	7	0-0	0	0	0
Hunter	5	0-0	0	0	0
M. Carter	4	0-0	0	1	0
Dingens	3	0-0	1	0	0
DiBernardo	3	1-1	0	0	0
Howard	3	0-0	0	0	0
Murphy	2	0-0	0	0	0
Bars	2	0-0	0	0	0
Pinkett	2	0-0	0	1	0
Ballage	1	0-0	0	0	0
Jackson	1	0-0	0	0	0
Sweeney	1	0-0	0	0	0
Stone	1	0-0	0	0	0
Bone	1	0-0	0	0	0
Team	0	1-5	0	0	0
Notre Dame	797	46-137	44	12	1
Opponent	1007	64-282	59	8	1

*Includes solos and assists

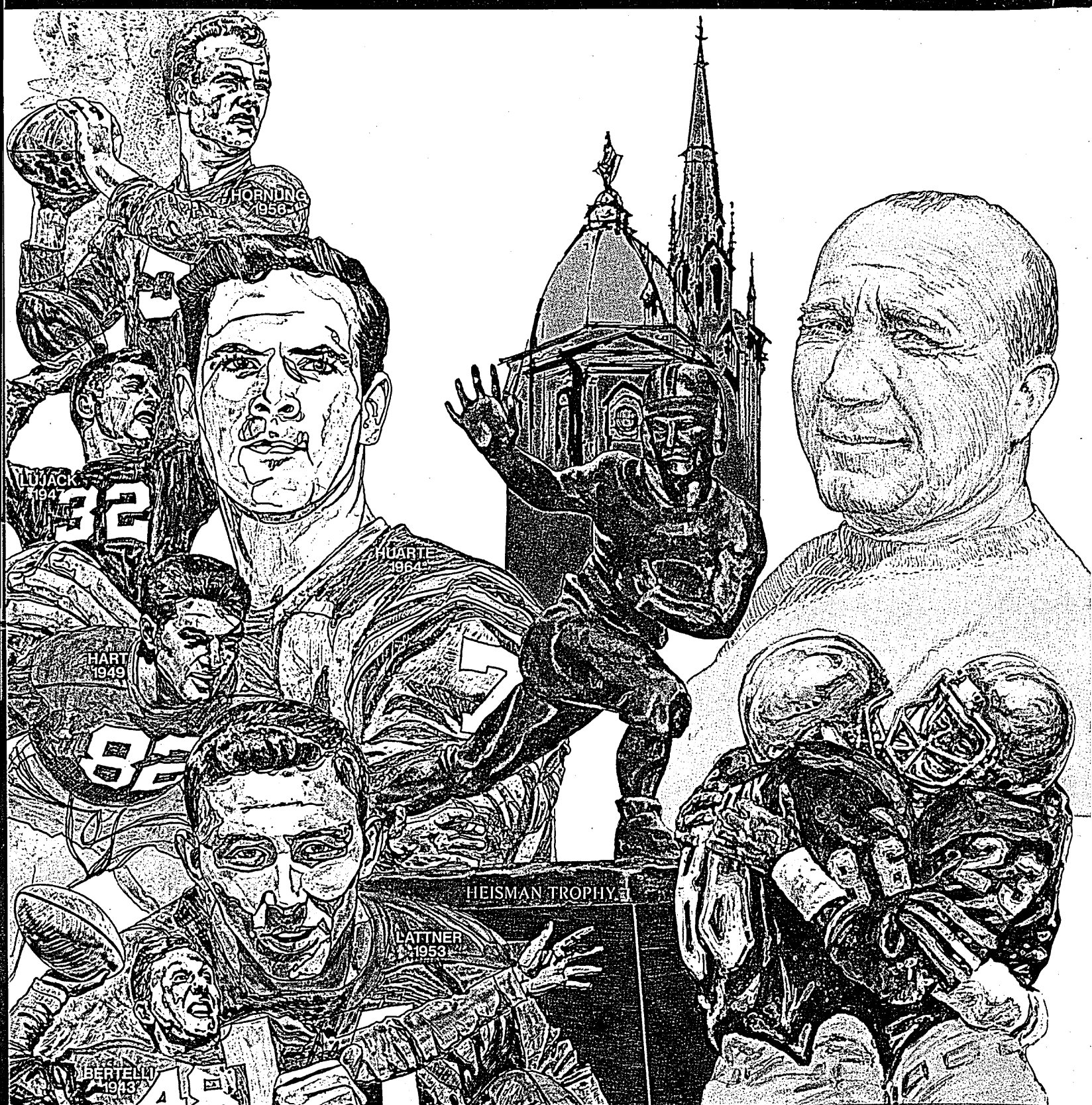
QUARTERBACK SACKS

Griffith 7-52, Clasby 6-30, Gann 5-33, Johnson 3-23, Autry 2-11, Brown 1-6, Duerson 1-6, Zavagnin 1-5, Larkin 1-5, Naylor 1-2, Team Total 28-171, Opponents 22-160

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Sep. 10—Purdue
 Sep. 17—MICHIGAN STATE
 Oct. 1—Colorado
 Oct. 8—South Carolina
 Oct. 15—Army
 Oct. 22—SOUTHERN CAL
 Oct. 29—NAVY
 Nov. 5—PITTSBURGH
 Nov. 12—Penn State
 Nov. 19—AIR FORCE
 Nov. 26—Miami (Florida)

1984

Sep. 8—PURDUE
 Sep. 15—Michigan State
 Sep. 22—COLORADO
 Sep. 29—Missouri
 Oct. 6—MIAMI (Florida)
 Oct. 13—AIR FORCE
 Oct. 20—SOUTH CAROLINA
 Oct. 27—Louisiana State
 Nov. 3—Navy
 Nov. 17—PENN STATE
 Nov. 24—Southern Cal

1985

Sep. 14—Michigan
 Sep. 21—MICHIGAN STATE
 Sep. 28—Purdue
 Oct. 5—Air Force
 Oct. 19—ARMY
 Oct. 26—SOUTHERN CAL
 Nov. 2—NAVY
 Nov. 9—MISSISSIPPI
 Nov. 16—Penn State
 Nov. 23—LOUISIANA STATE
 Nov. 30—Miami (Florida)

1986

Sep. 13—MICHIGAN
 Sep. 20—Michigan State
 Sep. 27—PURDUE
 Oct. 4—Alabama
 Oct. 11—PITTSBURGH
 Oct. 18—AIR FORCE
 Nov. 1—Navy
 Nov. 8—SO. METHODIST
 Nov. 15—PENN STATE
 Nov. 22—Louisiana State
 Nov. 29—Southern Cal

1987

Sep. 12—Michigan
 Sep. 19—MICHIGAN STATE
 Sep. 26—Purdue
 Oct. 10—Pittsburgh
 Oct. 17—Air Force
 Oct. 24—SOUTHERN CAL
 Oct. 31—NAVY
 Nov. 7—BOSTON COLLEGE
 Nov. 14—ALABAMA
 Nov. 21—Penn State
 Nov. 28—Miami (Florida)

1988

Sep. 10—MICHIGAN
 Sep. 17—Michigan State
 Sep. 24—PURDUE
 Oct. 1—STANFORD
 Oct. 8—Pittsburgh
 Oct. 15—MIAMI (Florida)
 Oct. 22—AIR FORCE
 Oct. 29—Navy
 Nov. 5—So. Methodist
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