

A Review of the Notre Dame
Football Season
1985

Future Notre Dame Schedules

1986

September 13—Michigan
September 20—at Mich. State
September 27—Purdue
October 4—at Alabama
→ **October 11—Pittsburgh**
October 18—Air Force
November 1—at Navy (Baltimore)
November 8—SMU
November 15—Penn State
November 22—at LSU
November 29—at USC

1988

September 10—Michigan
September 17—at Mich. State
September 24—Purdue
October 1—Stanford
October 8—at Pittsburgh
October 15—Miami
October 22—Air Force
October 29—at Navy
November 5—at SMU
November 19—Penn State
November 26—at USC

1990

September 15—Michigan
September 22—at Mich. State
September 29—Purdue
October 6—Stanford
October 13—Air Force
October 20—Miami
October 27—at Pittsburgh
November 3—at Navy
November 10—at Tennessee
November 17—Penn State
December 1—at USC

1987

September 12—at Michigan
September 19—Michigan State
September 26—at Purdue
October 10—at Pittsburgh
October 17—at Air Force
October 24—USC
October 31—Navy
November 7—Boston College
November 14—Alabama
November 21—at Penn State
November 28—at Miami

1989

September 16—at Michigan
September 23—Michigan State
September 30—at Purdue
October 7—at Stanford
October 14—at Air Force
October 21—USC
October 28—Pittsburgh
November 4—Navy
November 11—SMU
November 18—at Penn State
November 25—at Miami

1991

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September 21—Michigan State
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October 5—at Stanford
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Glory Days That Never Were

By JOHN HEISLER

*You're having a hard time and lately
you don't feel so good
You're getting a bad reputation
in your neighborhood
It's alright, it's alright
Sometimes that's what it takes
You're only human, you're allowed
to make your share of mistakes.*

New Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz came up with a funny line recently when asked about the first group of high school seniors to sign national letters of intent to play for the Irish.

"Let's not get carried away," he suggested. "All these players are from this planet. We didn't sign anybody from Krypton."

Holtz' comment rang all too true — especially considering how media hype during the recruiting season turns anyone 6-4 and 255 into a high school All-American and just about every player into an all-something or all-somewhere prospect.

Think back to 1981 when Gerry Faust put together his initial class of incoming freshmen. There was no one from Krypton in that group, either, but that didn't stop Faust from suggesting to at least one writer that it might be the best class of players ever signed anytime, anywhere, by any school. Notre Dame's rookie coach learned quickly not to make such remarks in haste, yet that typified the emotionalism that accompanied the start of the Faust era.

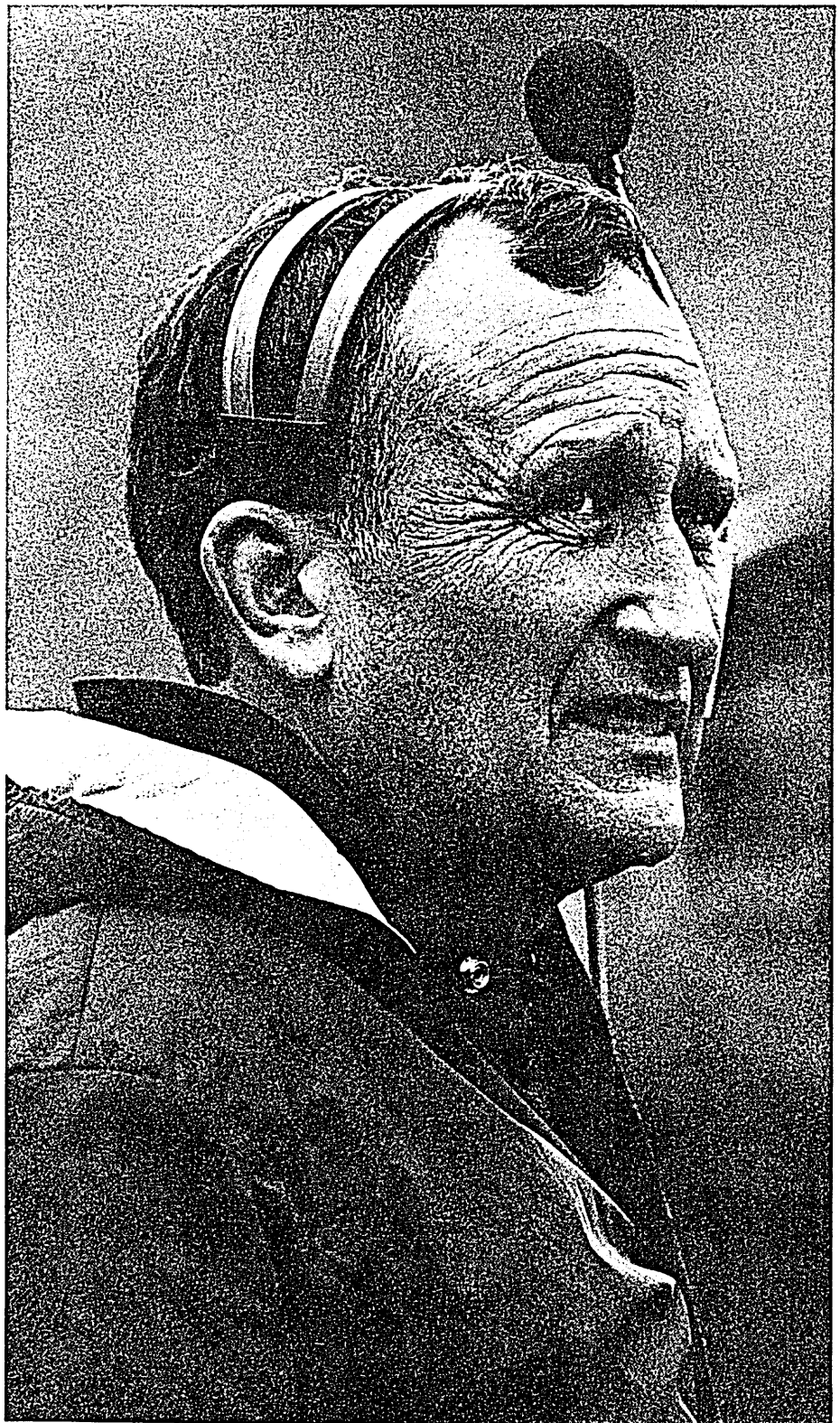
Mark Bavaro, Mark Brooks, Tom Doerger, Mike Gann, Mike Golic, Joe Howard, Joe Johnson, Mike Larkin, Chris Smith, Larry Williams and others all turned out to be solid football players — but they weren't helped by the burgeoning expectations.

None of those players came from Krypton, either, nor did Faust. In fact, it's probably too bad a few more people didn't suggest, as Billy Joel points out in his recent hit song, that Faust was only human and it was okay for him to make his share of mistakes.

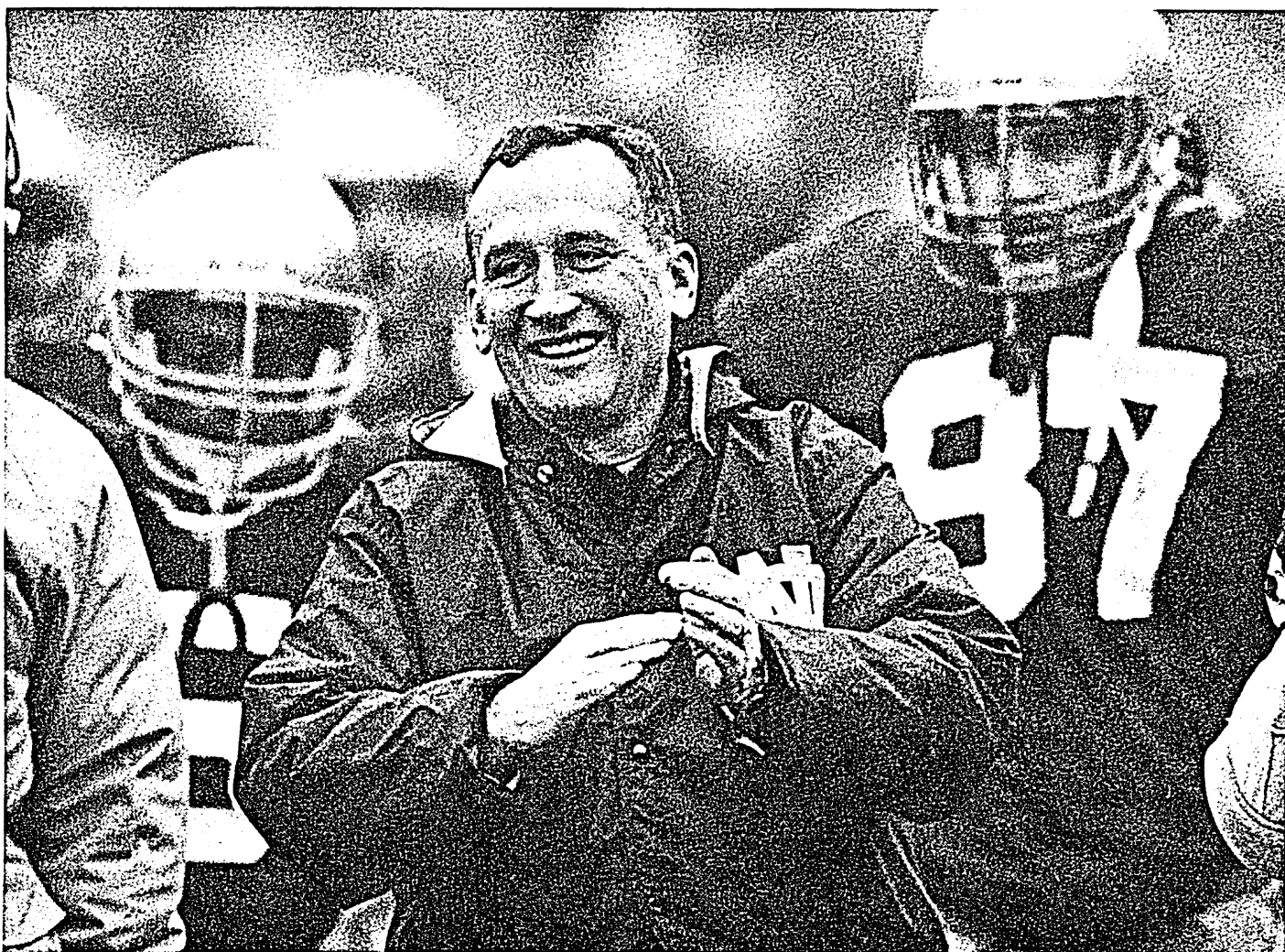
Faust certainly did — and that somehow seemed to surprise some people.

Go back to November of 1980 when this phenom from Moeller High School in Cincinnati came on board. Despite that glossy record in 18 years of coaching, why weren't a few more of the so-called experts a little more hesitant before nominating Faust as the next saint?

The headlines blazed in the *Chicago Tribune* — "Already Gerry Faust is stuff of which legends are made" and "Faust



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Becomes Knute VI of ND" and "Faust prayers are answered by Notre Dame." It was no different in the *Chicago Sun-Times* — "New worry: Will Irish become TOO good?" and "Ex-players certain Faust up to the task." If there were naysayers who wondered about the likelihood of knighting this 45-year-old dynamo — who had never coached a college football game in his life — their concerns were lost.

There's really no one to blame. After all, weren't all of us swept up at least a little bit in the euphoria that permitted pondering of the thought that Notre Dame might never lose again?

Someone should have noticed the absence of the red cape and the big red "S" on his chest.

In the end, Gerry Faust was only human. That turned out to be his biggest mistake.

*It's not always easy to be
living in this world of pain
You're gonna be crashing into
stone walls again and again
It's alright, it's alright
Though you feel your heart break
You're only human, you're gonna
have to deal with heartache.*

One of Gerry Faust's favorite phrases from beginning to end of his five-year tenure

involved getting over the hump. It was a goal of his that never would be accomplished.

"If we just get over the hump," he would say, "we'll be alright. Then people will quit asking me this kind of stuff if we just go 8-3 or 9-2. Once we do that, people will quit worrying about Gerry Faust."

Trouble was, Notre Dame never went 8-3 or 9-2. A couple of 7-5 seasons were the closest the Irish would come.

Anyone familiar with athletics by now understands how little coaching contracts mean these days. Coaches are signed to multiyear agreements — yet they're often torn up or ignored or renegotiated with little consternation.

Yet, thanks to that "hump" that always seemed to loom in the distance, there couldn't have been more than a few dozen people left — either on this planet or Krypton — who weren't aware of Faust's contract situation.

From the moment back in '81 when the Irish lost to Michigan and it became apparent that the Irish, indeed, weren't going to go 11-0 from now until the year 2000, the five-year contract became an issue.

Unfortunately, the Irish never won enough to eliminate it from the campaign.

Witness the 1985 season. Notre Dame had the pleasure of showcasing a senior tailback named Allen Pinkett, a glib, impressive

young man whose talents as a running back and as an interviewee might have made him a Heisman Trophy winner in many seasons. There were others, too — the Eric Dorseys and Tim Scannells and Tony Furjanics and Mike Larkins, the seniors who somehow deserved better than to have to be hidden by the Faust hubbub that never seemed to go away.

Once upon a time, Notre Dame football players became looked upon as outstanding interview targets by the media. They were accessible, they were intelligent, they had worthwhile things to say — and they generally made life easy for writers and broadcasters who covered Irish teams.

But not in 1985.

The Pinketts and Scannells of the Irish squad became merely pawns in a chess game in which Faust became far and away the biggest piece on the board. That fact wasn't lost on the players.

A few days after the Army game, in which Pinkett had passed Vagas Ferguson to become the all-time rushing leader in Notre Dame history, Scannell sat in front of his locker, shaking his head at the response to Pinkett's feat.

"Of all the records here at Notre Dame, the career rushing one probably means the most of all," said the senior guard. "But did you see the headline in the Chicago papers



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the next day? We play well and Allen breaks the record, and the headline says, 'Irish Win Eases Pressure on Faust.' The fact that Allen sets this record is buried way down in the story while everyone worries about the coaching situation.

"For as much as Allen Pinkett has contributed here, he deserves better than this."

Alas, that incident was more the product of a 1-3 start than anything else. When the Irish didn't win to begin the '85 season, the contract talks only began anew. That put all the focus on Faust and took it away from Notre Dame's team and players.

Each week when visiting writers called to line up interviews with Irish players, they weren't asking about Pinkett's life story or Furjanic's consistency or Dorsey's stellar senior performance. Instead, they asked the Irish players about Faust. Why hasn't he won? How has he changed? What do you think of him now? The questions never ended, and even Faust admitted the players had been cheated because of it.

*I had a friend was a big baseball
player back in high school
He could throw that speedball
by you
Make you look like a fool
Saw him the other night
at this roadside bar
I was walking in and he
was walking out
We went back inside sat down,
had a few drinks but all
he kept talking about was*

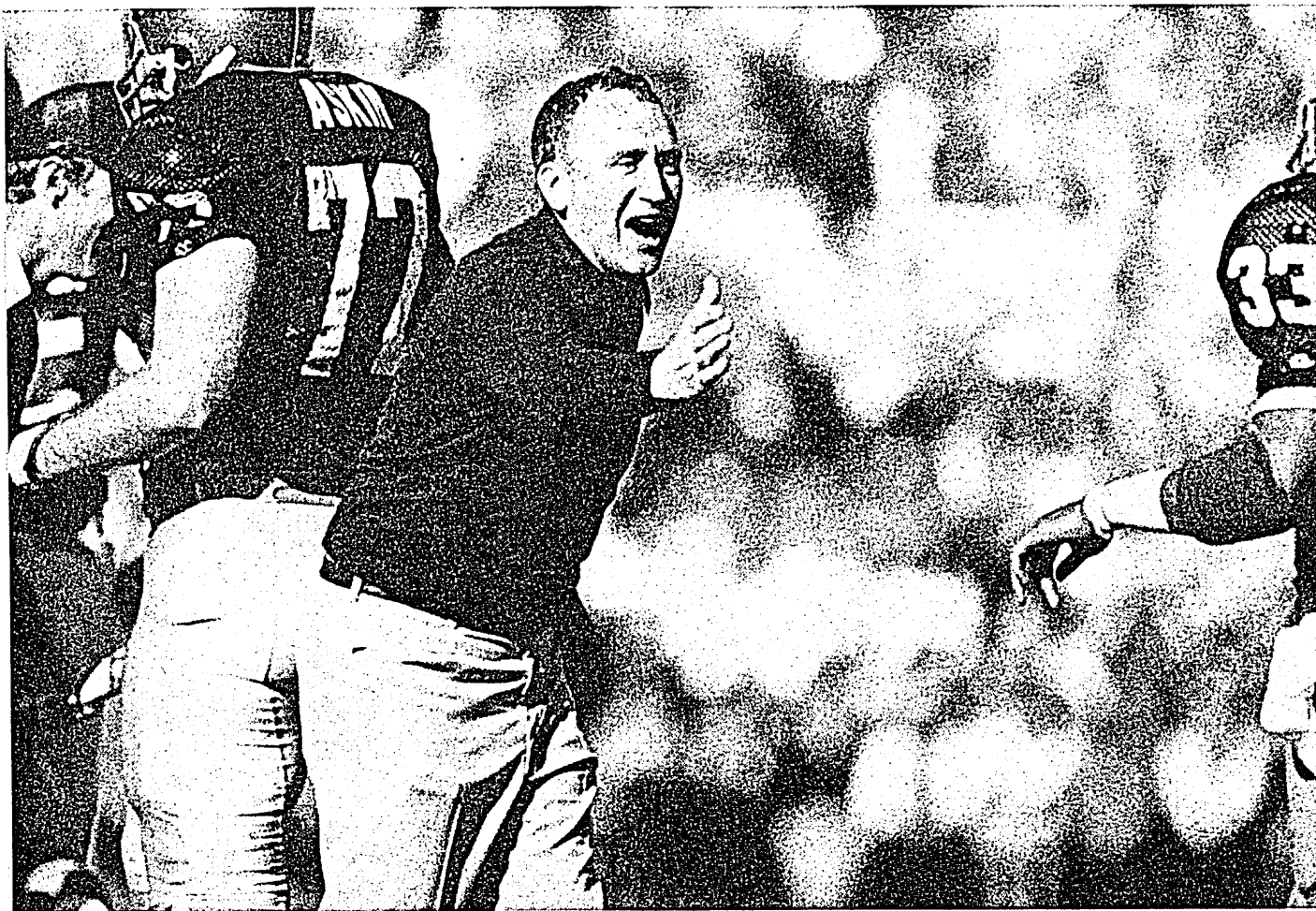
*Glory days well they'll pass you by
Glory days in the wink of a young
girl's eye
Glory days, glory days*

When Bruce Springsteen sings about the glory days, it's tough to figure where Gerry Faust fits into the storyline.

When Faust assumed the head coaching duties three months after Dan Devine announced his resignation, he and plenty of Irish fans thought the glory days were just beginning. Five years later, Notre Dame fans might beg to differ.

Who ever imagined back then that it would be those 18 eminently successful seasons at Moeller High School that would rank as the glory years? Who ever imagined that the upset of unbeaten and top-ranked Pittsburgh in '82 and the three straight wins over perennial rival USC would be the exceptions rather than the rule? Who ever imagined that Faust's teams would lose four straight games to Air Force, four of five to Penn State and Miami and two of three to Michigan?

Who ever imagined that the luck of the Irish would roll so sour that Faust's Irish teams would lose 15 times by a touchdown or less. Who ever imagined that in November, when rankings and bowl bids are on the



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The glory days like this one simply didn't come along often enough.

line, that Notre Dame would go no better than 8-11 over five seasons?

Faust probably was right when he suggested the night of his resignation that the stigma of finishing 5-6 that first season in '81 never seemed to go away. That losing campaign — Notre Dame's first in 18 years — put Faust and his team behind the eight ball, a position from which they never could completely escape.

Oh, sure, there were more than a few bright spots during the Faust years. Five of those six losses that first year came to top 20 teams, but in '82 the tide seemed to turn. The Irish played awfully well in beating 10th-ranked Michigan in the opener under the lights at Notre Dame Stadium. They bounced off the carpet to beat 17th-ranked Miami three weeks later on a late Mike Johnston field goal. And a month later they shocked unbeaten and top-ranked Pittsburgh 31-16 in the game that made Pinkett a household name.

In '83, the Irish rebounded from a disappointing regular-season finish to hold off 13th-ranked Boston College and magical quarterback Doug Flutie in the cold at the Liberty Bowl. A year later, they pulled off another shocker on the road by soundly whipping unbeaten LSU — and later defeated a USC team that would impressively win the

Rose Bowl a month later.

Yes, Notre Dame had its share of bright moments in the sun. But some of the darker moments proved to be frustratingly inexplicable. Just when Irish fans were convinced their team was finally on a roll, Notre Dame would promptly pull an about-face and leave those same fans scratching their heads.

How could the Irish look like top 10 material in that emotional triumph at LSU in '84 — and then just a week later look absolutely dreadful for 55 minutes in barely avoiding the first loss in 21 years against Navy? How could the Irish roar to four straight wins and a top 10 ranking to start the '82 campaign — and then somehow manage only a tie against a winless Oregon team that finished 2-8-1.

Notre Dame, indeed, was a complete mystery team at times.

Bill Dwyre, sports editor of the *Los Angeles Times* and a Notre Dame graduate, had those same thoughts last October when trying to explain how the Irish could totally dominate USC after losing three of its first four games:

"The only thing obvious about the current Fighting Irish team is that nothing is obvious. On any given day, Notre Dame can beat anybody. Or lose to them. It can win a game like a prince or lose like a pauper. With this team, it just figures that nothing

figures . . . Notre Dame is as easy to calculate as the new math. If the Irish were an Apple, they wouldn't compute."

The continual ups and downs on the field never did much to help the team's overall confidence level.

"At the end, in critical situations there was this slippage in confidence in ourselves, in the coaches, in everybody," quarterback Steve Beuerlein told John Feinstein of the *Washington Post*. "It wasn't a lot, but it was enough."

So, now, the torch has been passed.

It is Lou Holtz' task to rebuild that confidence. It is Holtz' job to renew the Fight in the Irish. It is Holtz' mission to wake up the echoes.

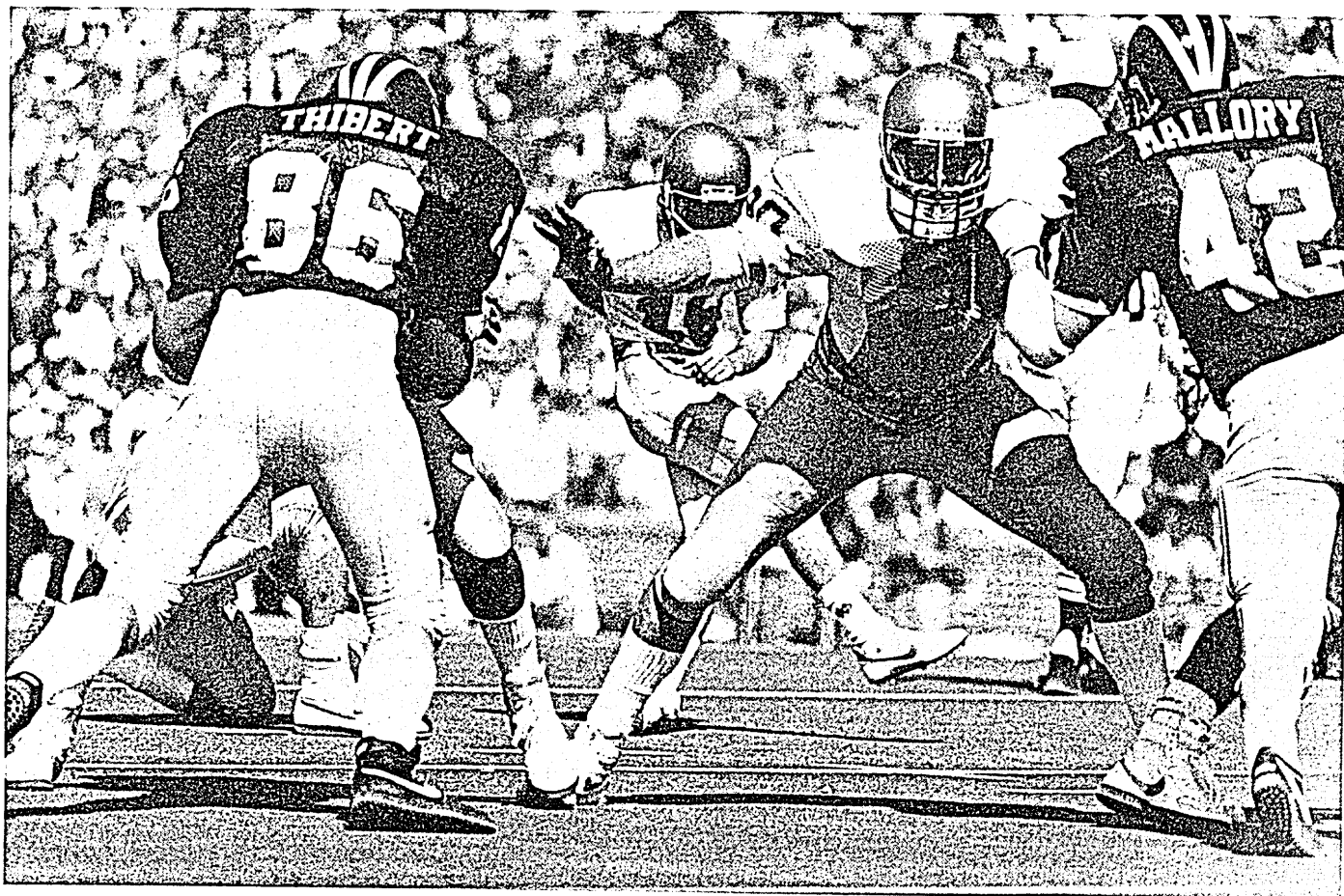
"It's been six years since Notre Dame was in the top 20," he told Feinstein. "The kids we're recruiting now were in the sixth grade back then."

"Yeah, they all know the name Notre Dame. But lately, a lot of them have been misspelling it."

Only time will tell if Holtz' glory days at Notre Dame produce better memories than Faust's.

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Will Real Michigan Stand Up?



VINCE WEHBY

John Carney's record-tying four field goals provided all the Irish scoring in the '85 season opener. Against the rugged Michigan defense, only Ohio State (17) and Indiana (15) scored more than Notre Dame's 12 points in '85.

By JOHN HEISLER

Imagine Gary Moore playing the host on his old "To Tell the Truth" series.

Imagine Gary quizzing Bo Schembechler and a couple of imposters and finally asking, "Will the real Michigan football team please stand up?"

Notre Dame didn't manage to solve that mystery, at least not in the 20-12 Fighting Irish season-opening loss to the Wolverines.

Was this the same Michigan passing attack that couldn't produce 100 yards four times after Jim Harbaugh broke his arm in 1984—or was this the Harbaugh who would lead the nation in passing efficiency in '85?

Was this the Michigan defense that found itself outgained by eight of 12 opponents in 1984—or was this the one that would lead the nation in scoring defense (only 75 regular-season points) and finish second in total defense in '85?

Was this the Michigan team that lost three of its last four games en route to a 6-6 record

in 1984—the only non-winning season in Schembechler's 16 in Ann Arbor and the nearest thing to a losing record since 4-6 in '67?

Or was this the Michigan team that rolled to five straight wins, shut out three teams, held two others to a lone field goal and eventually zapped always-tough Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl?

The Wolverines, who ended up second in the final polls behind Oklahoma, lost their only game of '85 on an afternoon when they didn't even give up a touchdown.

Four field goals by Iowa were enough that afternoon in Iowa City. Four by Notre Dame in Ann Arbor were not.

In retrospect, Irish coach Gerry Faust didn't feel so bad about his team's performance after he watched what Michigan did in succeeding weeks. But he admitted the early defeat threw Notre Dame off kilter and, considering the eventual 1-3 Irish start, it took a good month to recover.

In any event, it wasn't the sort of debut the Irish needed.

It wasn't so much that Notre Dame played badly. The worst adjective with which critics might have tagged the Irish was conservative.

It wasn't so much the glaring errors as it was the Irish inability to take the bull by the horns. In a year in which every Monday morning quarterback, media member or otherwise, knew that Faust was entering the final season of a five-year contract, the Irish figured to come out charging. But it simply didn't happen that way.

Instead of racing for the red cape, Notre Dame played it cozy and close to the vest by settling for three field goals on possessions that began inside the Michigan 20.

That's not always bad strategy. After all, four field goals in Michigan Stadium in '79 were enough for a 12-10 win over a Wolverine team that won its next seven games. But in a season in which coming close wasn't going to count for anything,

Notre Dame left too little margin for error.

When Alonzo Jefferson fumbled away the second-half kickoff—with a severe knee injury ending his season in the process—the complexion of the contest changed dramatically.

Maybe the Irish had hoped to lull the usual assembled 100,000 fans to sleep by quietly building their first-half advantage. But the quick turnover seemed only to awaken the slumbering Wolverines. If Notre Dame somehow had managed to take the second-half kickoff and move in for a touchdown, it would have snared a more comfortable 16-3 lead and maybe even gone on to win comfortably.

Instead, Harbaugh pulled off a nifty quarterback draw on third down and the margin that the Irish had patiently built over the first 30 minutes of the game suddenly vanished in one fell swoop.

Actually, the Irish should have seen what was coming for a couple of reasons.

First, the Michigan players didn't bother to try to hide the fact that practices with Schembechler hadn't exactly been picnics. The resolve to better that 6-6 mark from '84 was strong.

Second, Michigan Stadium hardly qualified as a happy hunting ground for Faust, whose initial collegiate defeat in '81 had been rudely administered in Ann Arbor after his Irish had risen to the top of the polls after the first week of the season. And Bo

had never ever lost a season opener on the artificial turf of his home field.

Still, Notre Dame came out on the road and played noteworthy defense in the first half, didn't commit a turnover and put some kind of points on the board on each legitimate scoring opportunity.

Harbaugh completed only two passes in the first half (on 10 throws), and the Wolverines only twice threatened in Notre Dame territory. First, with the Irish on top 3-0 Michigan freshman Mike Gillette misfired on a 47-yard field goal after reaching the Notre Dame 30. In fact, Michigan's only first-half points came with barely a minute left in the half—after the Wolverines had driven from their own 41 with seven straight running plays (good for 49 yards) beginning the march.

Notre Dame's offensive concern revolved around junior quarterback Steve Beuerlein, whose throwing shoulder had been the target of April surgery, leaving him with less time than desired to get the Irish passing attack in gear. Yet he showed no ill effects early on—twice running for first downs on Notre Dame's first scoring foray and hitting five of his seven first-half passes.

But the shadow of the Michigan goalposts seemed to signify a change in policy.

First, the Irish maneuvered to a first down at the Wolverine 14—before three straight Allen Pinkett carries for three net yards were negated by a costly procedure penalty on a

third-and-five attempt. The first of a record-tying four John Carney field goals ensued.

On their next possession, the Irish again drove to a first down at the home team's 14. Again Pinkett carried three straight times, but as the down marker flipped to four Notre Dame was still at the 14. Carney converted for a second time.

The third Carney three-pointer came just prior to the halftime gun, after the Irish hurry-up troops took advantage of a soft Michigan defensive formation to get 38 yards for Pinkett on three quick carries.

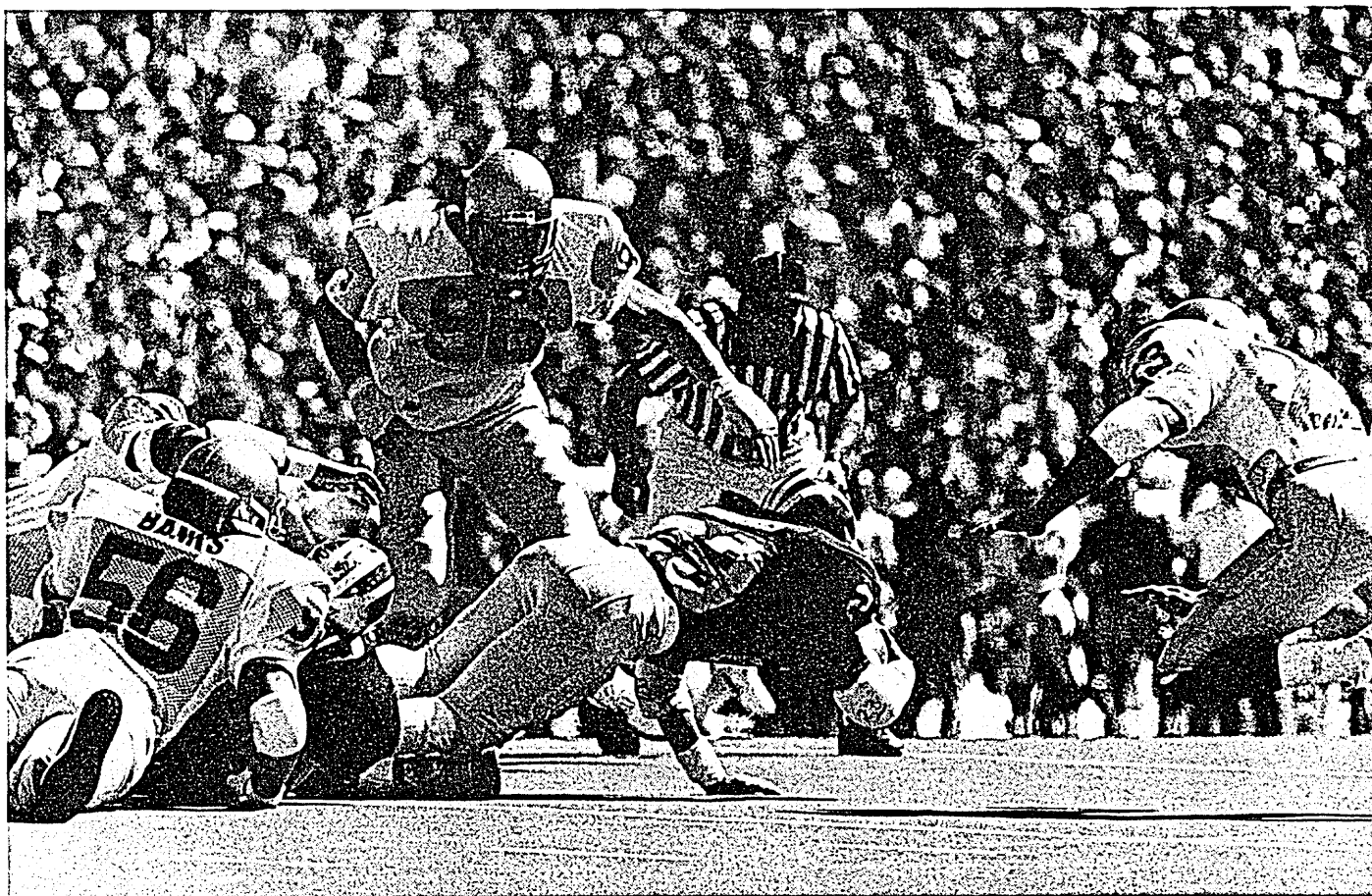
But whatever confidence and momentum Faust's crew had built for itself in those opening 30 minutes disappeared awfully quickly when Jefferson couldn't find the handle on a shorter-than-expected second-half kickoff.

"I thought it was going deep, but then it dropped," said Jefferson, who had figured to be a substantial part of the Notre Dame rushing attack, too, as Pinkett's top assistant at tailback.

"I tried to come up hard to get it, but their guy dove for the ball and his helmet went right into my knee. I misjudged the play. I should have read it better."

Beuerlein said it better: "The second-half kickoff was a big, big factor. I'm sure it left a few guys thinking, 'Here we go again.'"

Said Schembechler, "It was the one time the Lord looked down on somebody other than Notre Dame."



Robert Banks (56), Wally Kleine (96) and Steve Lawrence keep watch on Wolverine running back Jamie Morris for a Notre Dame defense that asserted itself impressively to start the year.

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— Steve Beuerlein

The Irish might have held on the possession that began at the Irish 14. But Harbaugh—executing what Notre Dame linebacker Mike Kovaleski called the “perfect play”—found lots of daylight up the middle on a third-and-six call that produced six points.

“They just suckered us into that one,” lamented Irish defensive tackle Wally Kleine.

Still, the visitors weren’t finished—or at least Carney wasn’t.

The Irish found themselves with a chance to regain the lead after Matt Dingens recovered a fumbled Michigan punt return at the Wolverine 29. But Notre Dame found only frustration once it neared the Wolverine goal. From a first down at the 15, Pinkett again carried three straight times—gaining nothing on third and three from the eight. Carney again converted for three points, but they would be Notre Dame’s last of the afternoon. Michigan played ball control the

rest of the way.

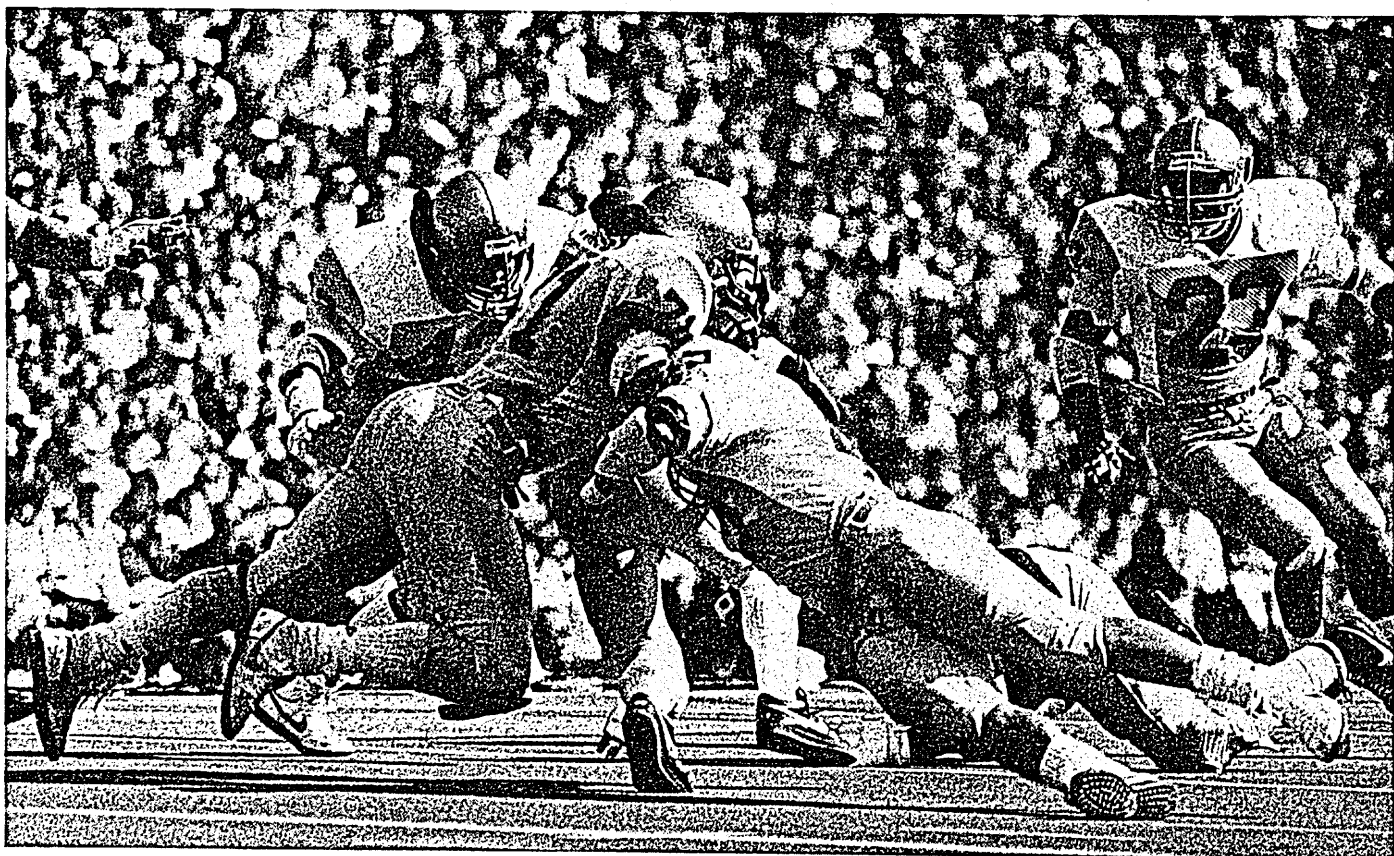
If the Wolverines thought of panicking after Notre Dame regained the lead, they didn’t show it. They promptly reeled off the two most impressive drives of the contest. The first lasted 7:02, the second 7:18. The first accounted for 80 yards in 13 plays, the second 74 yards in 14 plays. Nineteen of those 27 plays were running plays—yet Harbaugh always seemed to be able to find a seam in the Notre Dame secondary when he needed it. He was effective enough to hit five of his seven throws during those two scoring marches.

Key penalties against the Irish played a role in each drive. Tight end Eric Kattus dropped a third-down throw on the initial possession after Michigan had reached the Irish 26. But Wally Kleine was called for roughing the passer—and the Wolverines had a first down at the 13.

“The call surprised me,” said Kleine. “If it was a penalty, then it was a stupid mistake.”

Cornerback Marv Spence found himself called for pass interference on the next Michigan drive—on a second-and-six pass to Paul Jokisch in the end zone. Two plays later, Harbaugh threw to Gerald White for 15 yards, good for a first down at the Notre Dame four. Only a goalline stand—including a snazzy stop by Cedric Fiagro, who stopped Harbaugh for a four-yard loss on third and goal from the two—limited the Wolverines to a field goal.

Michigan’s two drives took so much time off the clock that the Irish had precious few



Rick DiBernardo (43), Eric Dorsey (71), Mike Larkin (42) and Steve Lawrence (23) converge on a hidden Michigan ballcarrier. Larkin and Lawrence each made 10 stops against the Wolverines, while Dorsey added nine.

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opportunities on offense in the second half. Both Notre Dame attempts after the long Michigan drives ended with Irish punts from their own end of the field. Beuerlein took over for a final shot from his own 27, down eight points with 3:43 remaining—with 10 of the 23 throws he made all day coming during this foray. The Irish junior connected on a key fourth-down aerial to Pinkett for 22 yards and eventually took his team as far as the Michigan 11. But on fourth and 16, Doug Mallory intercepted to preserve the victory for the home team.

Of greatest concern to Faust was the way Michigan dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. Pinkett's 89 rushing yards certainly proved acceptable, but his only carries of 10 yards or more came in the three-play series just before the half, with the Wolverines primed to keep the Irish from throwing. Meanwhile, Beuerlein found himself sacked six times—and Notre Dame never once got to Harbaugh.

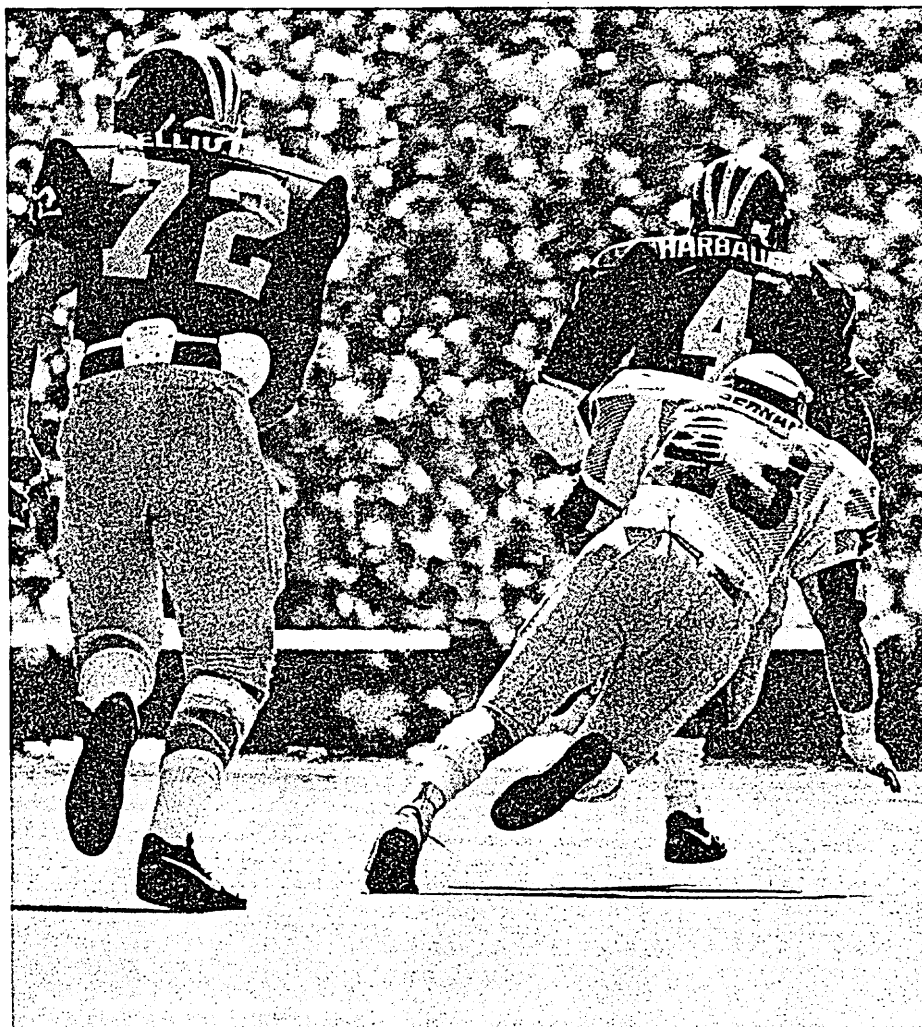
"I'm tired of this horsecrap of not moving people off the ball," lamented Faust. "You're not going to win football games if they control the line of scrimmage the way they did."

Even Schembechler admitted he was surprised at how well his rushing attack worked, led by Jamie Morris' 119 yards. "We figured to run, but I didn't think we'd be able to run the ball as well as we did."

"All it means is we're decent. We're not the dog people think we are."

Will the real Michigan football team please stand up?

Jim Harbaugh, Jamie Morris, Mike Hammerstein (he had three sacks, 13 tackles plus four stops for lost yardage) and their Wolverine mates did just that.



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Wolverine quarterback Jim Harbaugh finds daylight up the middle — much as he did on the scoring run that gave Michigan its first lead.

Scoring Summary				Team Statistics				Individual Statistics							
First Quarter	Time	UM	ND	Notre Dame		UM		Notre Dame							
ND—John Carney 34 FG	3:05	0	3	3	6	3	0—12	Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Drive: 34 yards in 12 plays in 5:45 following Michigan punt.				0	3	14	3—20	Allen Pinkett	22	94	5	89	0	23	
Second Quarter								Frank Stams	5	15	2	13	0	6	
ND—John Carney 31 FG	9:47	0	6					Alonzo Jefferson	2	7	0	7	0	6	
Drive: 56 yards in 9 plays in 4:56 following Michigan missed field goal.								Tim Brown	1	7	0	7	0	7	
UM—Mike Gillette 21 FG	1:04	3	6					Steve Beuerlein	9	23	42	—19	0	13	
Drive: 55 yards in 11 plays in 3:36 following Notre Dame punt.								Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
ND—John Carney 47 FG	:08	3	9					Steve Beuerlein	23	11	1	160	0	23	
Drive: 50 yards in 5 plays in :56 following Michigan kickoff.								Pass Receiving				No. Yards	TD	Long	
Third Quarter								Reggie Ward				2	37	0	20
UM—Jim Harbaugh 10 run	13:20	10	9					Tim Brown				2	32	0	23
(Mike Gillette kick)								Allen Pinkett				2	29	0	22
Drive: 14 yards in 3 plays in 1:37 following Dieter Heren recovery of Notre Dame on second-half kickoff.								Pat Cusack				1	19	0	19
ND—John Carney 25 FG	8:14	10	12					Joel Williams				1	15	0	15
Drive: 21 yards in 7 plays in 3:01 following Matt Dingens recovery of Michigan fumble on Notre Dame punt.								Tom Rehder				1	14	0	14
UM—Gerald White 3 run	1:12	17	12					Tony Eason				1	11	0	11
(Mike Gillette kick)								Frank Stams				1	3	0	3
Drive: 80 yards in 12 plays in 7:02 following Notre Dame kickoff.															
Fourth Quarter															
UM—Mike Gillette 23 FG	5:12	20	12												
Drive: 74 yards in 14 plays in 7:18 following Notre Dame punt.															
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Brown Turns Night Into Light

By CHUCK FREEBY

In the middle of this September night, Tim Brown saw daylight.

A lot of daylight.

In fact, the Notre Dame sophomore saw enough daylight to take the second-half kickoff 93 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown to spark the Irish to a 27-10 victory over Michigan State before the usual capacity crowd of 59,075 at Notre Dame Stadium.

"There was just a big hole," noted the speedy Brown. "I didn't have to do anything but run. The blockers did a great job, because nobody touched me."

Maybe so, but Brown's speed had a lot to do with the play as well.

"I was on the left side on that play," recalled Spartan safety Todd Krumm afterwards. "I thought we closed up the play but he snuck through. I was the last hope and I thought I could catch him, but at about the 20-yard line he put on the speed and scored the touchdown."

"There was a breakdown between the second and third man and we missed a tackle," explained Michigan State coach George Perles. "It's a game of emotion and everybody was in the tank for a little while after that."

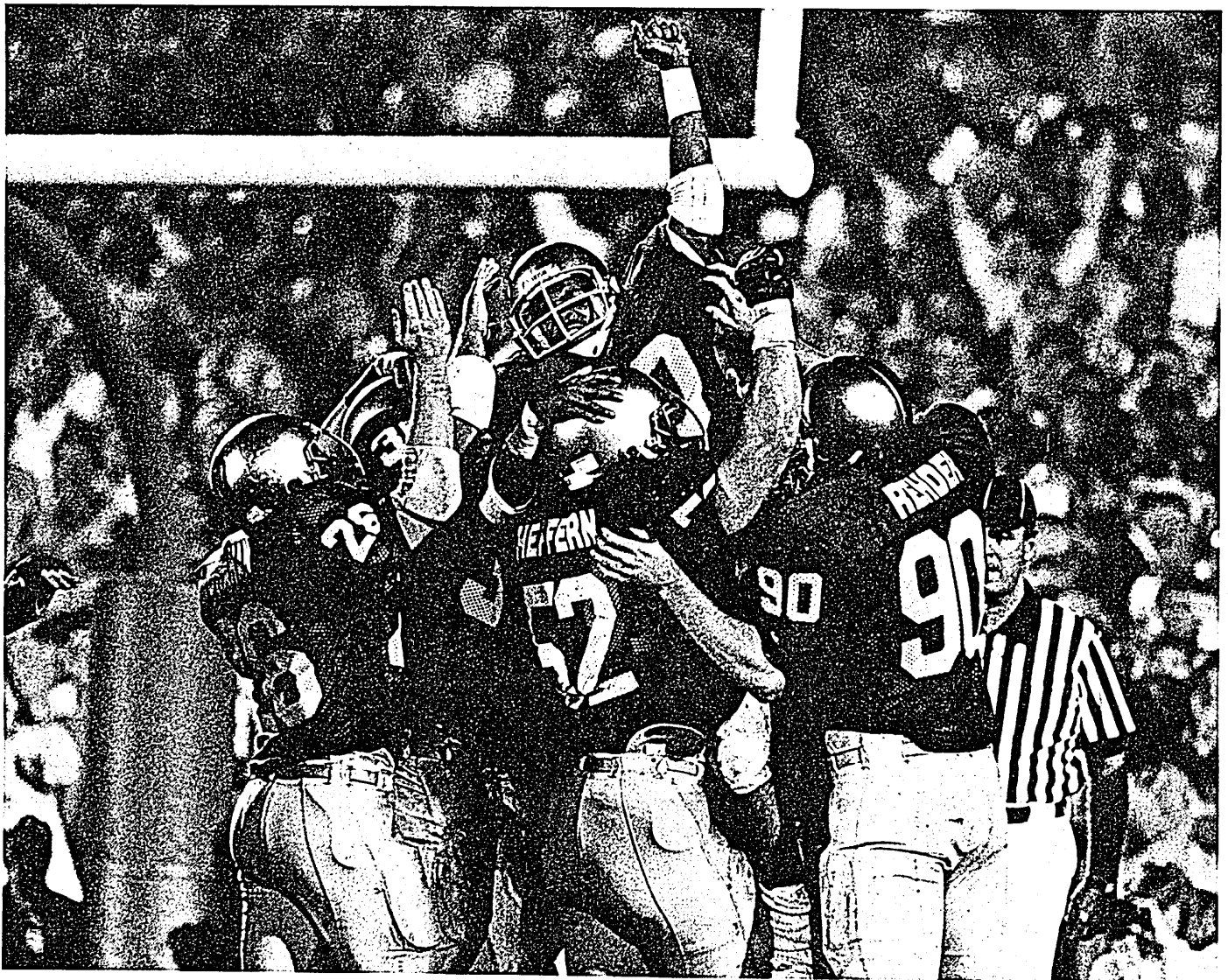
Meanwhile, the Irish emotions stayed high throughout the evening. After receiving some criticism for its conservative performance against Michigan the previous week, Notre

Dame was determined not to let the same thing happen again.

"I think what made us win this game was that our hearts were fully into it," noted Irish safety Pat Ballage. "We played this game differently than Michigan; we went out and had some fun. I feel that there was a lot more emotion behind the playing of this game. Everyone was psyched going in and we went out and did the job."

That was basically the theme of Faust's pre-game talk, as captain Mike Larkin explained.

"Coach Faust told us going into the game, 'Forget about last week and what we did at Michigan. Let's go out and win this one.' We were at the bottom of the hill and climbing in



Notre Dame's home opener proved to be a cause for Irish celebration.

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this game. Now I feel we are heading a lot faster up it."

Still, it was an uphill struggle for the Irish, as the offense seemed to be in the dark throughout the first half, despite the presence of the Musco portable lights on this 70-degree September evening. In fact, it looked to be a long evening when Michigan State freshman quarterback Bobby McAllister's first collegiate drive ended in a touchdown.

McAlister, who was filling in for injured veteran passer Dave Yarema, didn't look like a freshman as he led the Spartans on a 10-play, 82-yard drive. He completed all three of his passes in the series, helping set up Lorenzo White's four-yard jaunt into the end zone to give Michigan State a 7-0 lead.

"I was pretty excited on the first drive," admitted McAllister who became only the second freshman to start a game at quarterback in Spartan history. "We moved the ball well, and things seemed to be going our way."

The Irish responded on their second possession, though, thanks to the efforts of their own All-America tailback, Allen Pinkett. On second and 22 from the Irish 30, Pinkett bulled up the middle, broke two tackles and cut to the left side on his way to a 35-yard romp into Spartan territory.

Pinkett's run gave Notre Dame quarterback Steve Beuerlein room to operate, and he performed with clinical precision. First, he threaded the needle to Brown on a 15-yard completion, before finding a lonely Tony Eason for an 18-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 7-7.

From that point, the Irish defense made some adjustments and dominated the line of scrimmage, not allowing Michigan State to cross midfield for the rest of the first half.

"He (McAllister) hurt us a couple of times on the outside in the first drive," said Faust. "We tried to negate him by going to what we call our sub-defense and using (Mike) Haywood as an extra backer to use his speed."

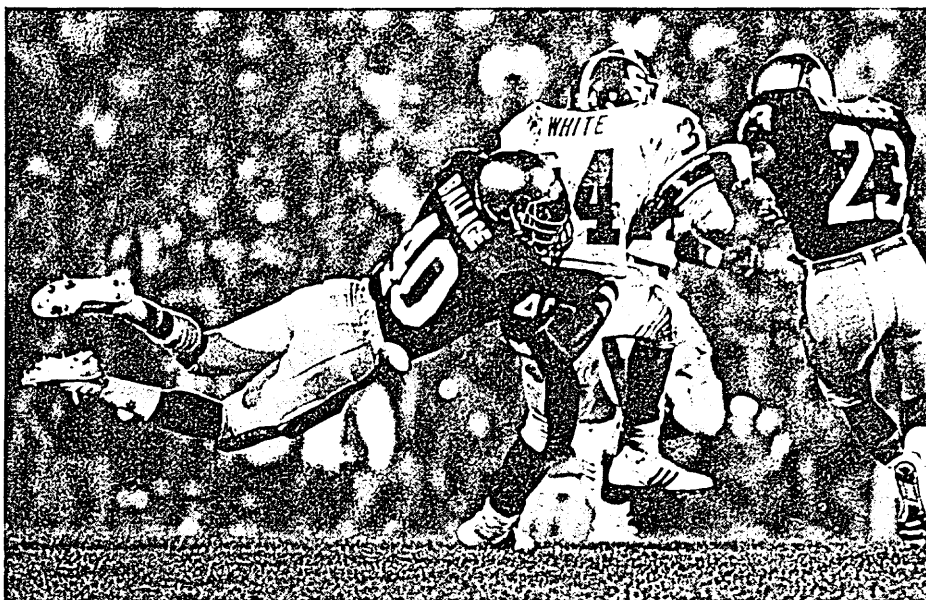
Perles saw it from a different viewpoint. "After the first drive of the game, it wasn't a matter of Notre Dame adjusting to our game as it was our team not sticking with the game plan. We just didn't execute."

Whatever the case, the Irish defense was doing its best to take Michigan State out of the game. Unfortunately, the offense seemed to be doing its best to keep the Spartans in the game, wasting scoring opportunities in every way imaginable.

First, Notre Dame gambled on fourth and one at the Michigan State 27. Beuerlein had fullback Frank Stams open in the right flat, but overthrew his man.

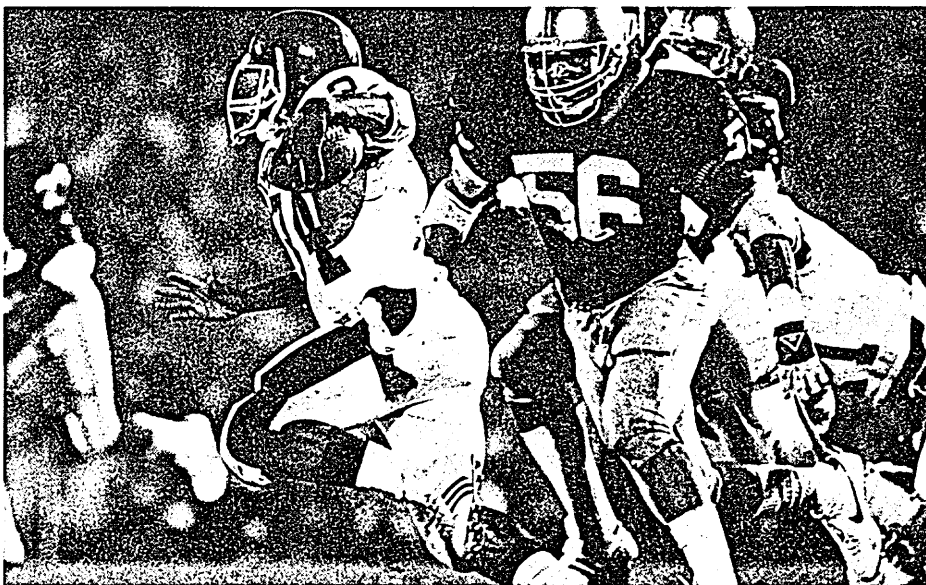
"I could have shot myself on that one," said Beuerlein. "All I had to do was to get it over one little defender, and I just put too much on it."

It was the beginning of a disastrous second quarter for Notre Dame. The Irish continued to get good field position and drive the ball into Spartan territory, but they found a different way to come up empty each time. A



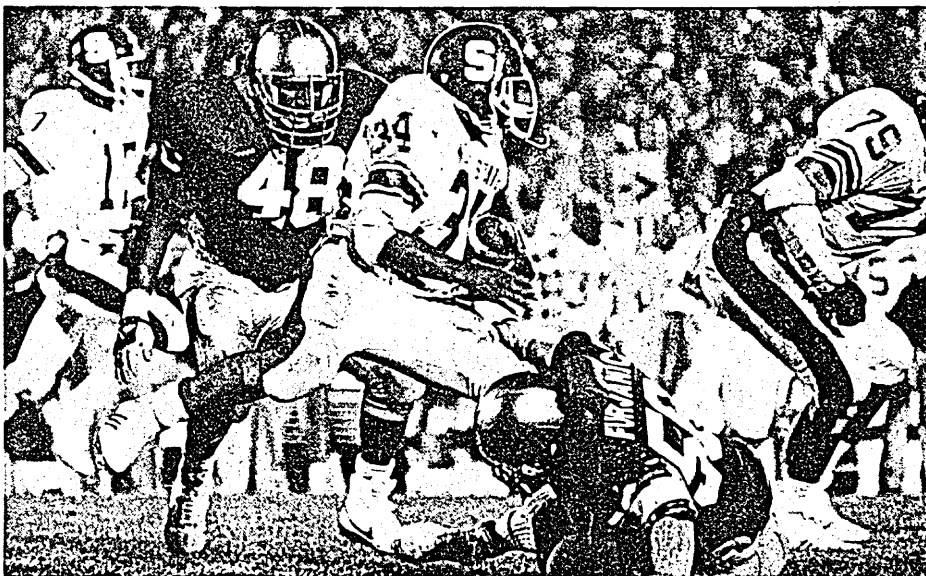
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Defenders Pat Ballage and Steve Lawrence . . .



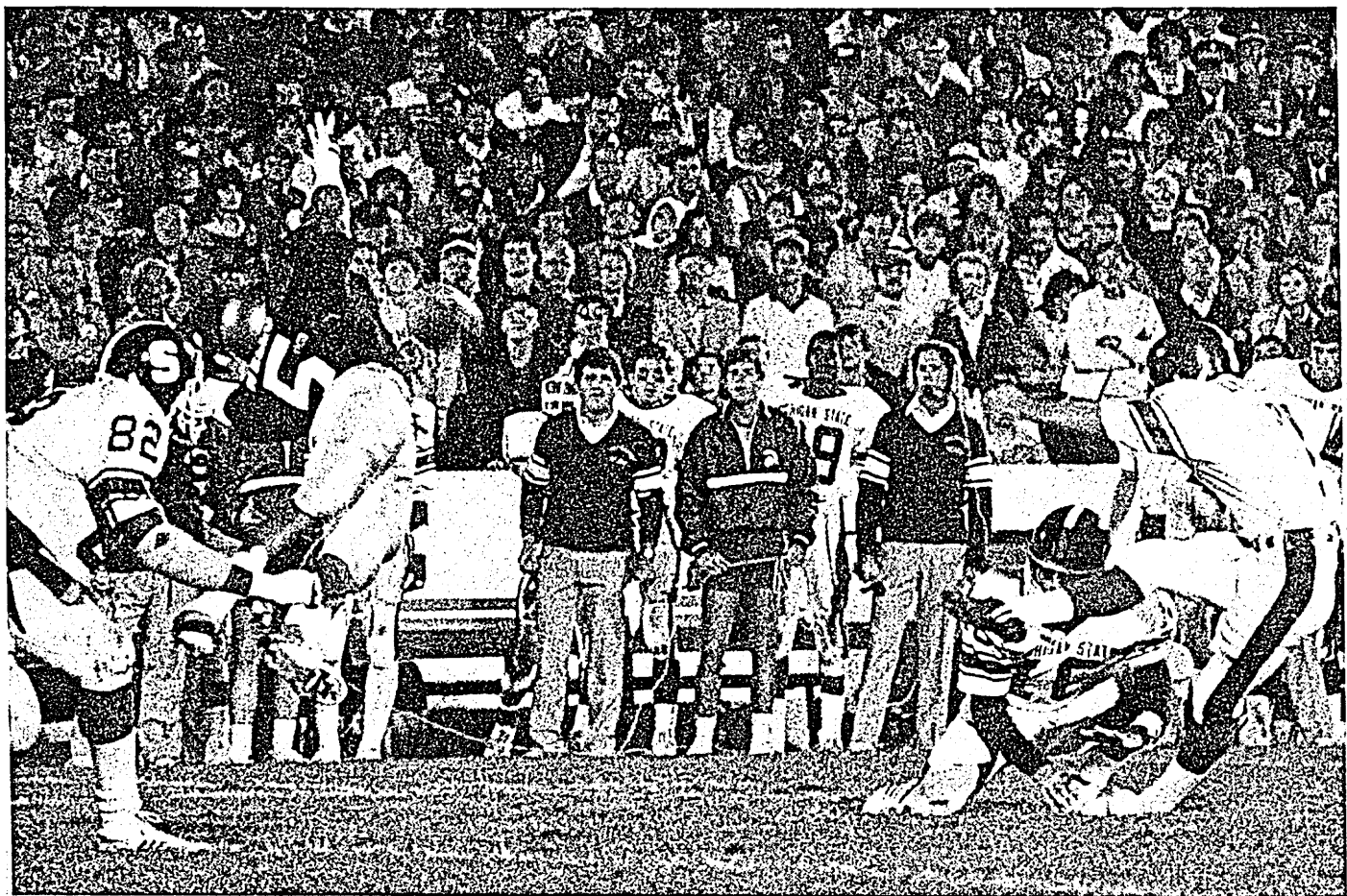
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. . . along with Robert Banks . . .



NICK GRIFFIN

. . . and Cedric Figaro and Tony Furjanic make sure Lorenzo White earns his 123 yards.



MIKE BENNETT

Brandy Wells ensures the verdict with this block of a fourth-period Spartan field-goal attempt.

miscue in the backfield, an ineligible receiver penalty, and an interception of a Beuerlein pass in the end zone squelched scoring opportunities on the next three Notre Dame possessions, leaving the game tied at 7-7 at halftime.

"I was disturbed that we didn't score more in the first half," understated Faust, who had to wonder what his offense had to do to put points on the board.

The answer was to get the ball into Brown's hands. Eleven seconds and 93 yards later it was 14-7.

It came just in time, too, as the Irish continued to miss opportunities and began to give them to the Spartans. John Carney missed a 53-yard field-goal attempt, before the usually sure-handed Pinkett fumbled on the next possession to give Michigan State the ball on the Irish 35.

White and McAllister began to use their speed to poke away at the Irish defense. First, White turned the corner on the left side to pick up 11 of his 124 yards, leaving Faust to exclaim, "He's not a good running back. He's a great one."

McAllister then used a block from White on 17-yard scramble to the Irish nine. However, the Irish defense stiffened, and the Spartans called on Chris Caudell to boot a 21-yard field goal and narrow the margin to 14-10.

"We were stopped on the five and it could

“ When I started my dive the ball was still on the tee and I knew I had it. I really smothered it. I got it with my chest. That kind of broke their backs as far as coming back was concerned. ”

— Brandy Wells

have been a big play for us to get in at that point,” remarked Perles.

Instead, the Irish answered with a big play, and once again they turned to Tim Brown. On the second play of the fourth quarter, Beuerlein used play action and hit Brown in midstride on a fly pattern for a 49-yard gain to the Spartan two. It was a pass which made both receiver and quarterback very happy.

"We felt we could go deep against them," noted Brown. "Their corner speed is not the best, and we thought we could take advantage of that."

"We learned a few things last week," added Beuerlein, who felt the pass answered any questions about his injured right shoulder.

"Teams are going to be stacked to stop the man up the middle, but we've got the talent to overcome that. We've got guys who can catch the ball, and we just have to get it to them."

He did just that, and on Pinkett's school-record 674th career carry, the Irish scored. Carney ended a string of 27 consecutive PATs by missing the extra point, but the Irish held a comfortable 20-10 lead.

The Spartans threatened to make that lead uncomfortable one more time, as Phil Parker intercepted Beuerlein and returned the ball 20 yards to the Irish 31. Three plays resulted in no gain, though, and Brandy Wells settled the matter by blocking Caudell's 49-yard

field-goal attempt.

"We noticed that their kicker didn't approach the ball very quickly," commented Wells. "When I started my dive the ball was still on the tee and I knew I had it. I really smothered it. I got it with my chest. That kind of broke their backs as far as coming back was concerned."

Indeed, the Spartan offense was never heard from again, while the Irish were able to tack on another touchdown, even without the aid of Brown. Instead, Pinkett did most of the work, carrying five times in the eight-

play drive before Stams scored on a five-yard burst up the middle to account for the final score.

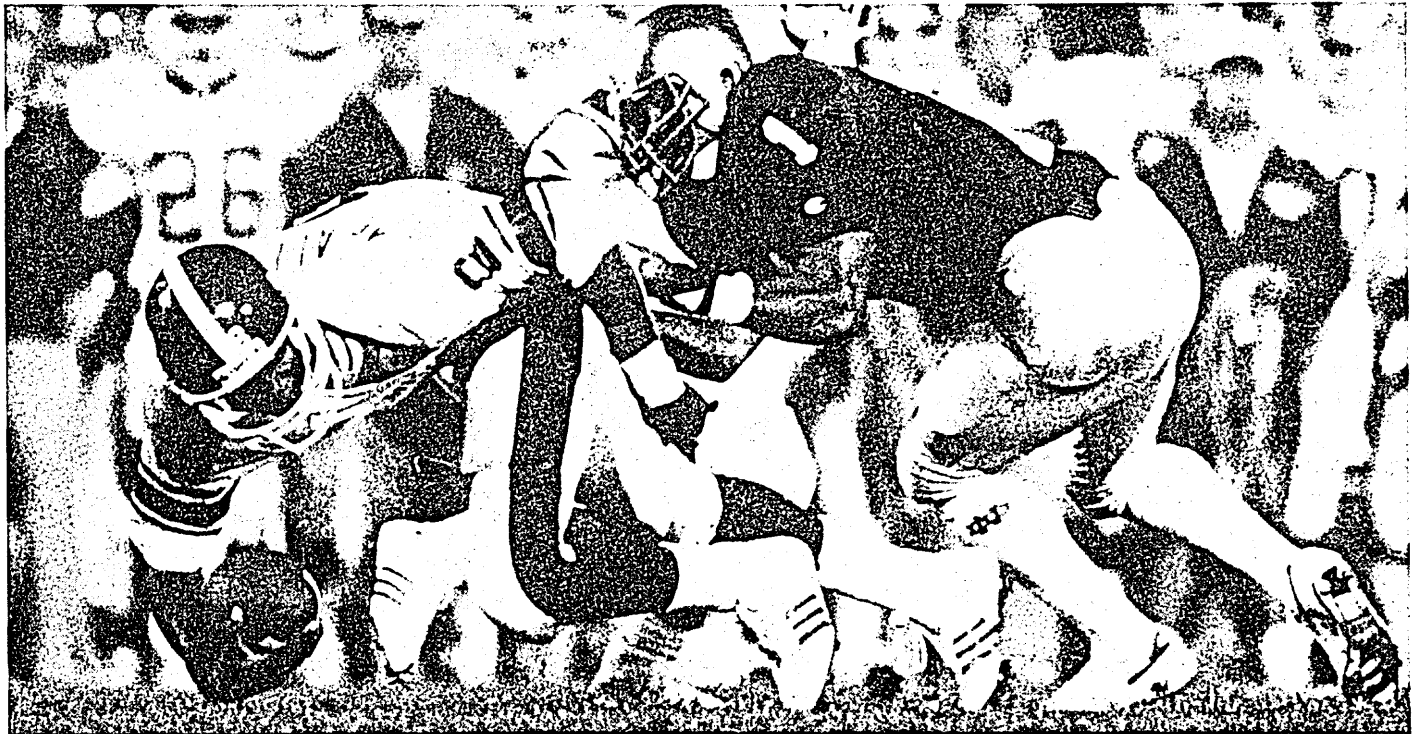
While the Irish offense sputtered at times, nobody seemed to mind after the game.

"We kept to our gameplan tonight," said Faust. "It was just a matter of settling down after the first touchdown."

"I think we played a superb game on both sides of the line," added Pinkett, who rushed for 116 yards on 25 carries. "The defense played an exceptional game, and I think Tim (Brown) had the best game of the day.

"We're pumped for next week, and I think we all have the mental part of next week's game fully prepared. We'll enter next week's game with the same attitude we had going into this week's game. We knew we had to go out and play a great game and we did."

So after a dark week at Ann Arbor, the Irish seemed to be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel after beating Michigan State. Unfortunately, it only turned out to be the oncoming Boilermaker Special.



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Mike Haywood's weakside support made life difficult for Michigan State rookie quarterback Bobby McAllister.

Scoring Summary					Team Statistics					Passing				
Michigan State	7	0	3	0-10	MSU	ND	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long		
Notre Dame	7	0	7	13-27										
First Quarter					Rushing					Pass Receiving				
MS—Lorenzo White 4 run	10:28	0	7		First Downs	11	19			B. McAllister	17	4	2	55
(Chris Caudell kick)					Rushing	8	7			Mark Ingram			3	47
Drive: 82 yards in 10 plays in 4:32					Passing	3	12			Bobby Morse			1	8
following opening kickoff.					Penalty	0	0							
ND—Tony Eason 17 pass	2:45	7	7		Rushing Attempts	49	43							
from Steve Beuerlein					Yards Rushing	201	197							
(John Carney kick)					Yards Lost Rushing	33	15							
Drive: 54 yards in 6 plays in 3:08					Net Yards Rushing	168	182							
following Michigan State punt.					Net Yards Passing	55	217							
Third Quarter					Passes Attempted	17	29							
ND—Tim Brown 93 kickoff return	14:49	14	7		Passes Completed	4	15							
(John Carney kick)					Had Intercepted	2	2							
MS—Chris Caudell 21 FG	5:04	14	10		Total Offensive Plays	66	72							
Drive: 30 yards in 7 plays in 2:58					Total Net Yards	223	399							
following Shane Bullough recovery					Average Gain Per Play	3.4	5.5							
of Notre Dame fumble.					Fumbles: Number—Lost	1-0	2-1							
Fourth Quarter					Penalties: Number—Yards	7-50	6-63							
ND—Allen Pinkett 2 run	13:54	20	10		Interceptions: Number—Yards	2-36	2-0							
(John Carney kick fails)					Number of Punts—Yards	9-392	4-169							
Drive: 68 yards in 4 plays in 1:25					Average Per Punt	43.5	42.2							
following Michigan State punt.					Punt Returns: Number—Yards	1-6	4-44							
ND—Frank Stams 5 run	4:22	27	10		Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	2-21	3-125							
(John Carney kick)					Third-Down Conversions	3-15	5-13							
Drive: 45 yards in 8 plays in 3:10														
following Brandy Wells block of														
Michigan State field goal attempt.														
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A Bonanza for the Boilers

By KAREN CROAKE

The dazed look on Allen Pinkett's face was a dead giveaway. It had not been a pleasant afternoon for Notre Dame's senior tailback and his Irish teammates.

Standing in the anteroom of Purdue's Ross-Ade Stadium locker area, Pinkett found himself speechless as he gazed aimlessly into space and pondered what he had seen during the previous three and a half hours.

Why had the Irish running game managed a measly 56 yards on 41 attempts, far and away its lowest rushing output of the season?

Why had quarterback Steve Beuerlein completed only seven of 25 passes for 88 yards and been sacked five times in a performance he freely admitted was the worst he could remember?

Why had the Irish defense proven totally incapable of dealing with Jim Everett's passing to the Purdue running backs—as he parlayed 27 completions into 368 passing yards, the most ever against a Notre Dame team?

How was it that all these things could go so wrong against a Purdue team that would go on to finish 5-6 and end up one of only four teams on the Irish schedule to finish out of the money in the bowl bonanza?

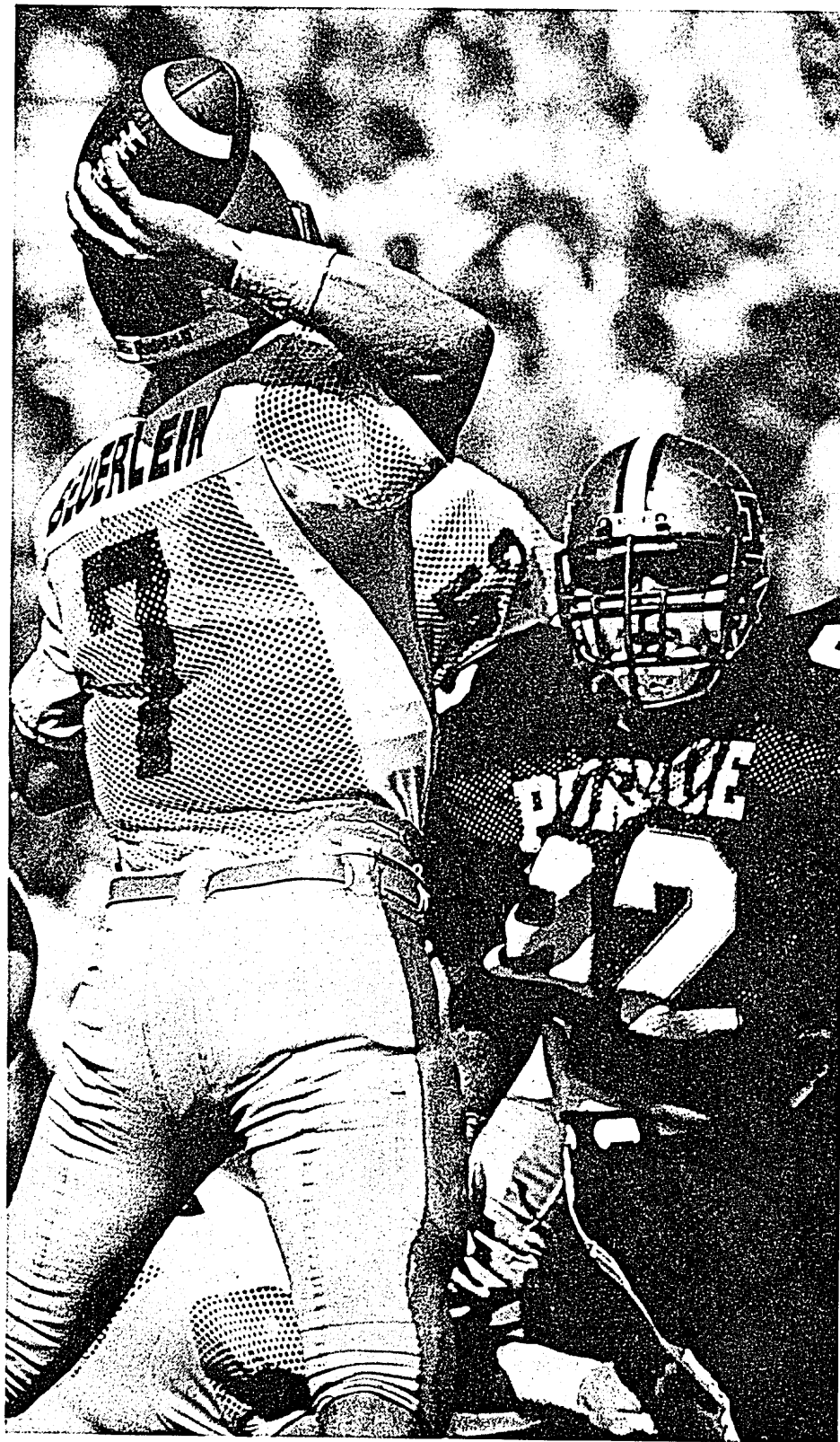
The aftereffects of the 35-17 Purdue victory—that dropped the Irish to 1-2—left Pinkett and many of his cohorts visibly stunned. The silence in the Notre Dame lockerroom was deafening.

Even more stunning were the comments emanating from the winners' dressing quarters. On an afternoon when Everett had firmly etched his name into the Notre Dame record section, both he and Boiler coach Leon Burtnett suggested that it really hadn't been one of Everett's better days. If this was just another day at the office for Everett, the Irish certainly didn't want to see him at his peak.

"I don't know if the offense was hitting on all eight cylinders today," wondered Everett, who admitted to feeling a bit woozy after a first-quarter hit by Irish linebacker Tony Furjanic. "I had some trouble focusing in my right eye for awhile. I was throwing the ball high all day. I wasn't following through like I should."

Indeed, it could have been worse for the Irish. Despite throwing three touchdown passes and engineering a 482-yard attack, Everett had one scoring strike dropped. Several other throws were just beyond the fingertips of Boilermaker receivers.

"Our passing philosophy is to take what the defense gives us," explained Everett.



Quarterback Steve Beuerlein never had time to throw without a Boilermaker in his face.

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"They were trying to take away our outside receivers and give us the backs. That was fine because we wanted to make their linebackers run."

Notre Dame's linebackers, along with the rest of the defense, were chasing Everett and company all afternoon long—to no avail. Everett, who mostly operated out of the shotgun, connected with six different receivers. Coming out of the backfield, Rodney Carter and Ray Wallace combined for 12 catches, while tight end Marty Scott grabbed five.

"Everett just picked us apart," admitted Irish coach Gerry Faust. "We tried everything. You've got to give him credit. He's one of the best quarterbacks we've faced since I've been at Notre Dame."

Everett, who became the first Purdue quarterback to notch back-to-back victories over Notre Dame since Mike Phipps turned the hat trick in the late 1960s, wasn't bothered by Notre Dame's defensive scheme at all. When he didn't like what he saw at the line of scrimmage, the 6-5 senior routinely called an audible. When his receivers were covered, he tucked the ball under his arm and ran. On two of his three touchdown passes, Everett withstood the charge of an Irish blitz and waited until the last possible moment to unleash the ball. Both times he was right on target.

"We tried to do some things to confuse him, but Everett did a heckuva job picking them up," said Faust. "We tried to get a rush from the outside, but when we flushed him out, he's got the ability to run. We'd have good coverage downfield, but then they'd slip that guy out of the backfield—and boom."

Although Everett's mastery of the airwaves attracted most of the cheers from the sellout crowd of 69,338, Purdue's unheralded defense reaped its share of hoots and hollers, thanks to Burnett's towel-waving. In fact, the Boiler stop troops really stole the show.

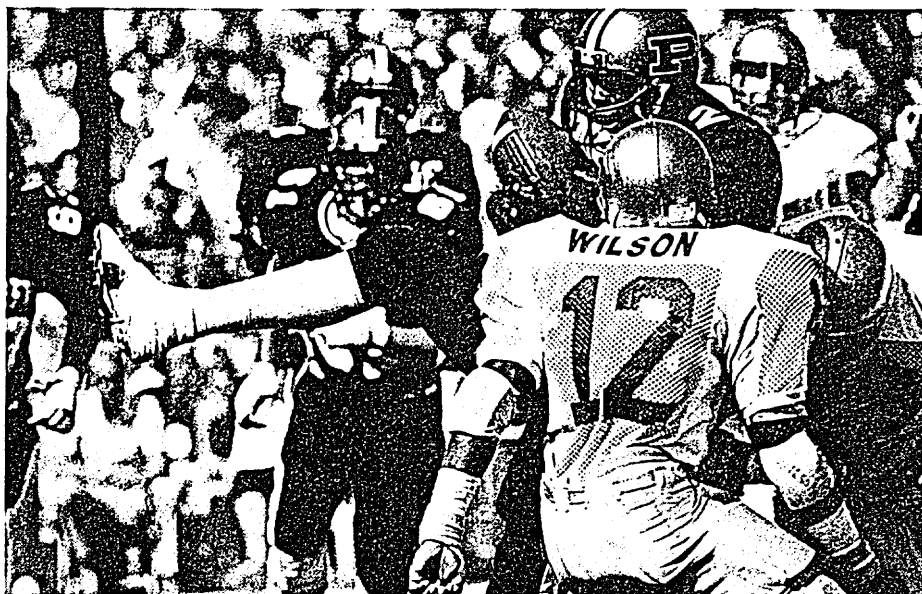
"I heard all week long it was going to be an offensive game, and we were going to need 100 points to win," said Burnett. "But I said, 'Mark my words, it will be a defensive win.' Our defense won the game."

Burnett, architect of Purdue's fabled "Junk Defense" in the late 1970s, installed his "Guard-Scheme" attack for the Irish. The G-Scheme formation used linemen over both offensive guards, but no player over center. It befuddled, confused and wore down the Irish bulk and brawn.

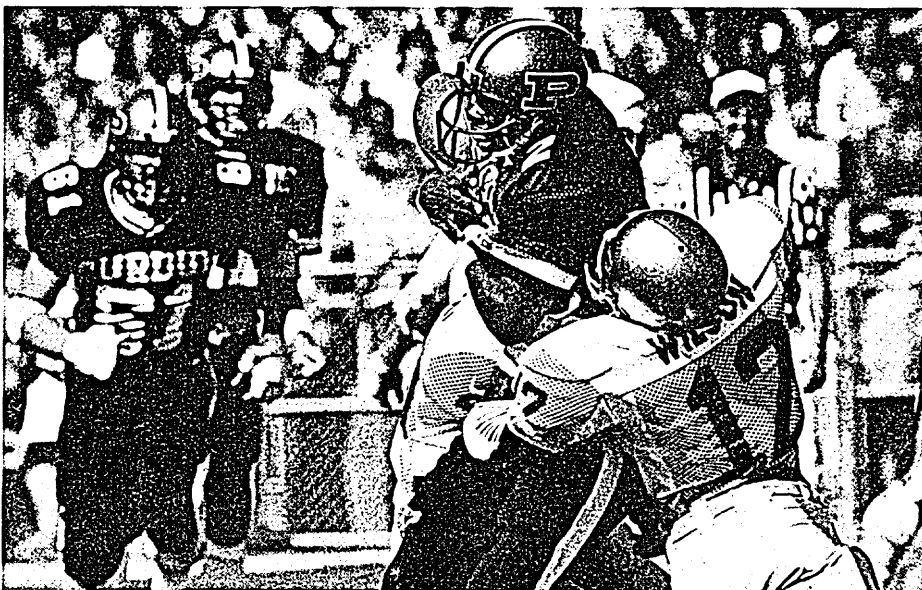
"Notre Dame's offensive line is huge so we couldn't afford to pound away at them," explained Burnett who now owns two straight wins over the Irish. "We had to use our quickness. The G-Scheme helped us in our stunting, which allowed us to get to the quarterbacks."

Purdue's defensive front neutralized Pinkett, Notre Dame's bread and butter, and harassed Beuerlein and back-up Terry Andrysiak into total ineffectiveness.

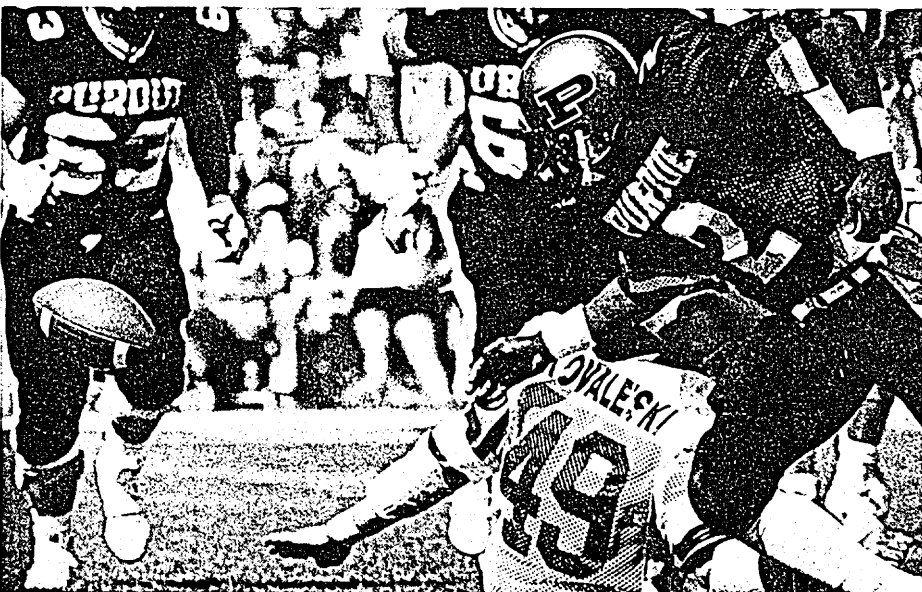
Pinkett managed just 45 yards in 21 carries—his lowest total since his freshman



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Coverage on Steve Griffin by Troy Wilson and Mike Kovalski produces one of Jim Everett's few incompletions.

season, while the two quarterbacks were sacked six times for losses of 53 yards and forced into throwing two interceptions, including one that was returned for a touchdown.

"Defense was supposed to be Purdue's weakness," said Faust. "They showed us some things we hadn't seen before, and we tried to adjust at halftime. But their defensive front controlled our offensive front. That was the difference."

Purdue's defense knew that oftentimes the Irish were only as good as Pinkett. Heading into the Purdue contest, the Irish stood 13-5 in games in which their star tailback had topped the 100-yard rushing mark.

"We knew we had a good chance at winning if we kept him under 100 yards," said Burtnett. "That was our goal."

"We figured if we hit Pinkett a few good times, he wouldn't want to run with the ball," said Boiler defensive tackle Don Baldwin. "After we took Pinkett away, they were frustrated."

"We were whipped," admitted Pinkett, blinking back tears of frustration. "We just couldn't get it going."

But Pinkett need not shoulder all the blame for this debacle. The Boilers thoroughly corralled Notre Dame's passing game as well.

"I played lousy," admitted Beuerlein. "It was the worst game of my life. They always seemed to be in the right coverage when we'd expect them to do one thing and they'd

do something else."

Purdue knew early on it had Beuerlein's number.

"Beuerlein's a fine quarterback," said defensive tackle Kevin Holley. "But we would get in his face and he would just crumble."

"Beuerlein didn't seem to have much zip on the ball," said Boiler safety Ron Woodson, who made 10 tackles and broke up two passes, to compliment his 30-yard interception return that accounted for Purdue's final touchdown. "He was a predictable passer. We knew where we had to be."

But as good as Purdue's offense and defense were on this glorious fall afternoon, the Irish also played a big part in their own demise. Critical mental mistakes and costly penalties gave the Boilers momentum and confidence as well as poise. Purdue's second touchdown, which came with just 57 seconds remaining in the first half, resulted directly from an Irish faux pas. Notre Dame appeared to have halted Purdue on the Irish 43-yard line. But the Irish had needed 12 men to pull that off, and the officials caught them. That 15-yard penalty for illegal participation gave Everett another chance. He didn't waste it, lofting a perfect arch to Wallace for the 15-yard touchdown. Two other times Notre Dame tried to run its offensive alignment with just 10 men.

The last and, probably, most important part of Purdue's game plan had been to take the lead first. Burtnett had done his home-

work.

"History tells you that Notre Dame doesn't come back very well," said Burtnett. "I wanted to jump on them. We did that and, yet, I was somewhat surprised by the way things went."

Everything seemed to go Purdue's way from the opening kickoff.

On the Boilermakers' first possession, Everett completed three straight passes, including a 32-yarder to Scott, to move to the Notre Dame 15-yard line. Everett then exhibited one of the many traits that figure to make him a valuable pro draft choice. With all his receivers blanketed by defenders, the savvy Everett bulled his way up the middle for a 14-yard gain. Only Furjanic's bone-jarring tackle kept him out of the end zone. But on the next play, Carter sneaked in over right guard for the score.

Purdue failed to cash in on two prime scoring opportunities in the first quarter when wide receiver Mark Jackson dropped a pass all alone at the Notre Dame 10 and when holder Lance Schieb fumbled the snap on a field-goal attempt.

But the Boilers did double that 7-0 lead with Wallace's touchdown reception following the 12-men penalty.

In the first half, Notre Dame's offense ran the ball 11 of its first 14 first-down plays, netting a total of just seven yards. And Pinkett, who carried on five straight first-down tries, accounted for six of those yards.

Only John Carney's 48-yard field goal on



The Irish pass rush, here by senior Mike Kiernan, didn't usually prove enough to keep Boilermaker Jim Everett from his appointed rounds.

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the last play of the half kept the Irish from walking into the lockerroom with a goose egg around their necks.

"I really felt we were still in the ballgame," said Faust.

But Purdue's domination continued into the second half. On their first possession, the Boilermakers marched 80 yards in 12 plays. Everett capped the drive with a 12-yard scoring strike to Steve Griffin. Jonathan Briggs' PAT gave Purdue a 21-3 lead.

After that score, the Boilers decided to play it relatively conservative until midway through the fourth quarter when the Irish mounted a comeback attempt.

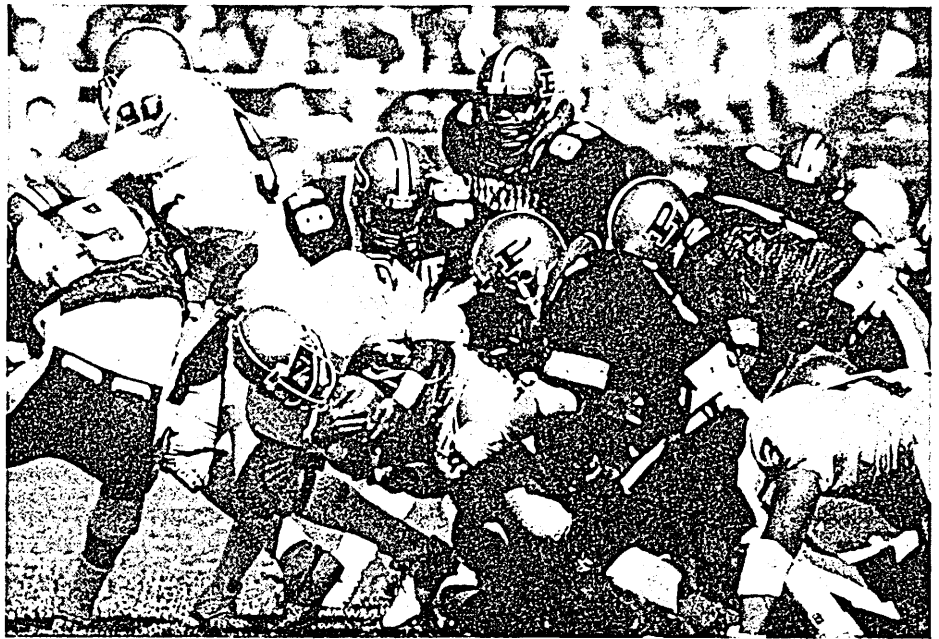
Thanks to a sideline-to-sideline 33-yard pass from Beuerlein to Tony Eason, Notre Dame moved to the Boilers' three-yard line. From there, Pinkett ran over the middle for the touchdown. The two-point conversion pass from Beuerlein to Pat Cusack brought Notre Dame back to within 10 at the 8:53 mark.

But the Boilers weren't about to let this one slip away. Everett quickly hooked up with Wallace for a 33-yard touchdown to move ahead 28-11.

Then, on the first play from scrimmage after the kickoff, Woodson intercepted Andrysiak's pass and returned it 30 yards for the last Purdue touchdown.

Notre Dame added another score of its own—a one-yard run by Hiawatha Francisco—but that touchdown didn't account for much more than six points and respectability.

Purdue then mercifully ran out the clock. "Notre Dame didn't do enough playing," said Wallace, who paced Purdue's adequate



Allen Pinkett seldom went anywhere without a host of black jerseys surrounding him.

running game with 65 yards. "They just weren't ready. You could see it in their eyes."

Sadly enough, no one on the Notre Dame team bothered to disagree.

"I felt our intensity level wasn't there," said cornerback Pat Ballage.

Notre Dame had few highlights to point to in this game film. Purdue gained more than twice as many yards as Notre Dame (482 to 217), had 11 more first downs (27 to 16), ran a dozen more offensive plays (86 to 74), controlled the ball for seven more minutes

and converted nearly half of its third-down conversion attempts.

"Last year our team motto was 'Tough times never last, tough people do,'" said Burtnett. "This year it's 'Tough people did, tough people will.' We wanted our kids to remember that and remember the kind of enthusiasm they had when we beat Notre Dame a year ago."

The Boilers got the message, and so did the Irish—loud and clear.

Scoring Summary			ND—Hiawatha Francisco 1 run		1:23 35 17		Individual Statistics					
First Quarter	Time	PU ND	(Terry Andrysiak pass fails)				Notre Dame					
PU—Rodney Carter 1 run (Jonathan Briggs kick) Drive: 79 yards in 8 plays in 2:12 following Notre Dame punt	10:34	7 0	Drive: 80 yards in 5 plays in :55 following Purdue kickoff.		A-69,338(c)		Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD Long
							Allen Pinkett	21	53	8	45	1 9
							Terry Andrysiak	6	23	7	16	0 7
							H. Francisco	3	11	0	11	1 8
							Frank Stams	2	5	0	5	0 5
							Tom Monahan	1	4	0	4	0 4
Second Quarter							Steve Beuerlein	8	22	47	-25	0 16
PU—Ray Wallace 15 pass from Jim Everett (Jonathan Briggs kick) Drive: 73 yards in 11 plays in 2:38 following Notre Dame missed field goal.	:57	14 0			0 3 0 14-17		Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD Long
					Purdue 7 7 7 14-35		Steve Beuerlein	25	7	1	88	0 33
							Terry Andrysiak	8	5	1	73	0 29
							Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD Long
							Tim Brown			3	30	0 13
							Allen Pinkett			3	26	0 17
							Tony Eason			2	50	0 33
							Mark Green			2	48	0 29
							Alvin Miller			1	9	0 9
							Tom Monahan			1	-2	0 -2
							Purdue					
							Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD Long
							Ray Wallace	17	65	0	65	0 9
							Jim Everett	8	42	19	23	0 19
							Rodney Carter	8	20	3	17	1 4
							James Medlock	2	11	0	11	0 7
							Walt Foster	1	11	0	11	0 11
							Team	1	0	13	-13	0 -13
							Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD Long
							Jim Everett	49	27	1	368	3 32
							Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD Long
							Rodney Carter			8	58	0 16
							Marty Scott			5	85	0 32
							Ray Wallace			4	77	2 32
							Steve Griffin			4	48	1 16
							Mark Jackson			3	52	0 19
							Jon Hayes			3	48	0 20
							Team Statistics					
							ND	PU				
							First Downs	16	27			
							Rushing	6	8			
							Passing	7	17			
							Penalty	3	2			
							Rushing Attempts	41	37			
							Yards Gained Rushing	118	149			
							Yards Lost Rushing	62	35			
							Net Yards Rushing	56	114			
							Net Yards Passing	161	368			
							Passes Attempted	33	49			
							Passes Completed	12	27			
							Had Intercepted	2	1			
							Total Offensive Plays	74	86			
							Total Net Yards	217	482			
							Average Gain Per Play	2.9	5.6			
							Return Yards	37	69			
							Fumbles: Number—Lost	1-0	3-1			
							Penalties: Number—Yards	8-61	8-68			
							Interceptions: Number—Yards	1-25	2-30			
							Number of Punts—Yards	9-425	6-169			
							Average Per Punt	47.2	28.2			
							Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3-12	4-39			
							Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	1-24	0-0			
							Possession Time	26:59	33:01			
							Third-Down Conversions	5-19	7-15			
							Sacks By	2-13	6-53			

Not Supposed to be This Way

By MIKE McCALL

Carney's kick will come from the Falcon 27-yard line.

"We know we have a score to settle with them, but we can't get caught up in that," said a determined Steve Beuerlein. "It's something you can't avoid thinking about. If anybody had beaten us the last three games it would be on our minds. It makes you more determined."

Three straight times the Falcons of Air Force had struck down the big kid on the block, Notre Dame.

Three straight times Notre Dame had to face those awful postgame questions. How? Why?

And three straight times Notre Dame couldn't come up with the right answers.

"They present a lot of problems," said a determined Gerry Faust. "The biggest one is we can't seem to be able to beat 'em."

For the first time in the series, the shoe was on the other foot. It was the high-flying, and undefeated, 17th-ranked Falcons who were the favorites. And just three games into its season, Notre Dame was stumbling, struggling, and searching for answers at 1-2.

"I think it's a general lack of confidence," suggested a determined Mike Perrino.

"We're more worried about making mistakes than just going out and dominating people."

"We're definitely a better club than what we've shown. We've got to stop worrying about what happens and go out and play."

The stakes were as high as the Colorado Springs altitude. A Notre Dame loss would mean its worst start since the 1962 campaign when the Irish started 1-4 and finished 5-5.

A Falcon win would give the Air Force a shot at becoming the Academy's finest team in its 30-year football history and a chance at a major bowl bid.

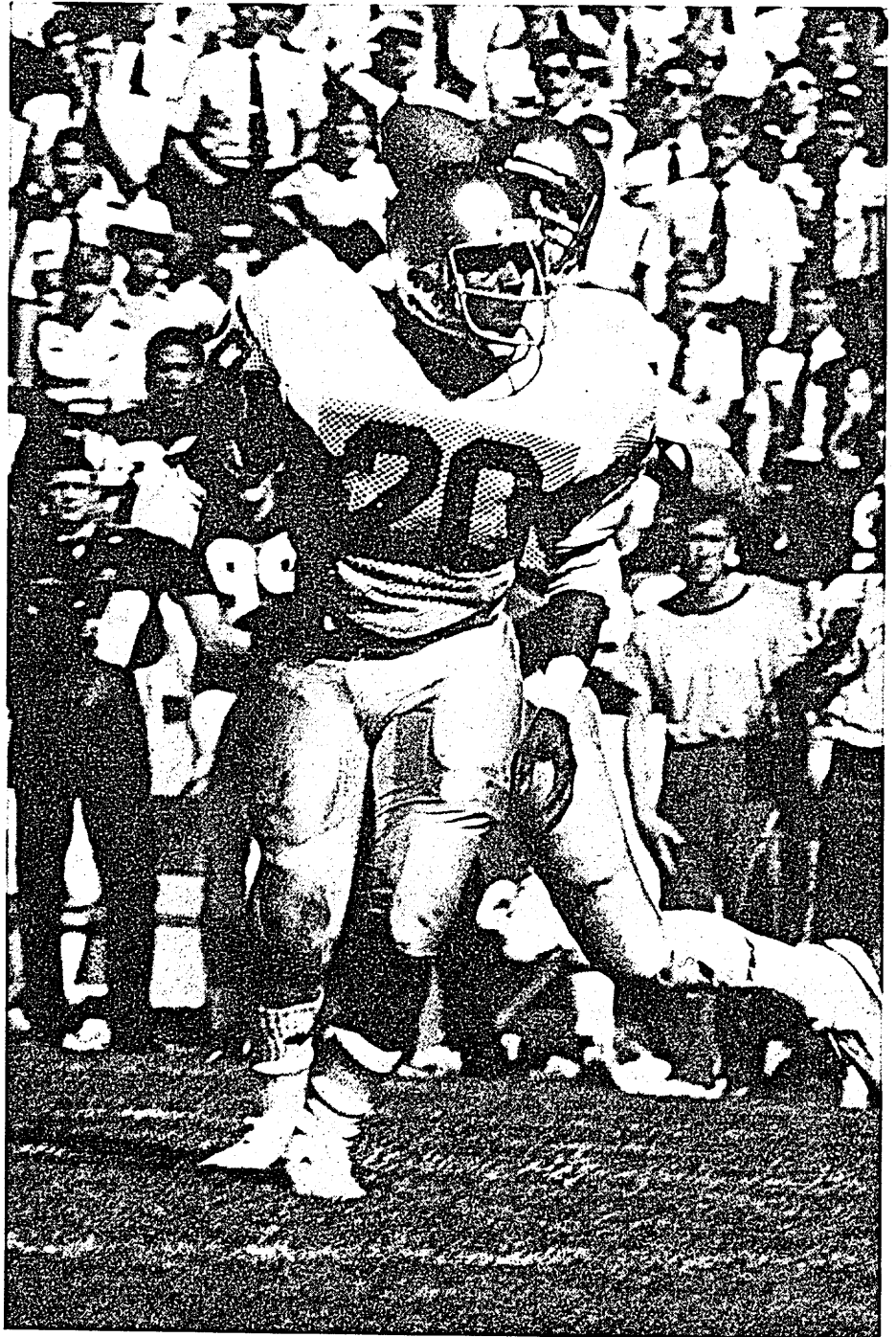
And, perhaps, more than anything else, four straight wins over the Irish.

"There's no use kidding ourselves," said Air Force athletic director Colonel John Clune. "The first thing out of the mouths of people around the country is, 'You guys have beaten Notre Dame three straight years.' That's all they want to talk about."

"From the standpoint of national prominence, prestige and recognition, those wins are the most significant things ever to happen to our football program."

This time, however, things would be different. This time the Irish wouldn't be caught looking ahead at another opponent on the schedule, or at possible bowl prospects.

No, not this time. This time there wouldn't



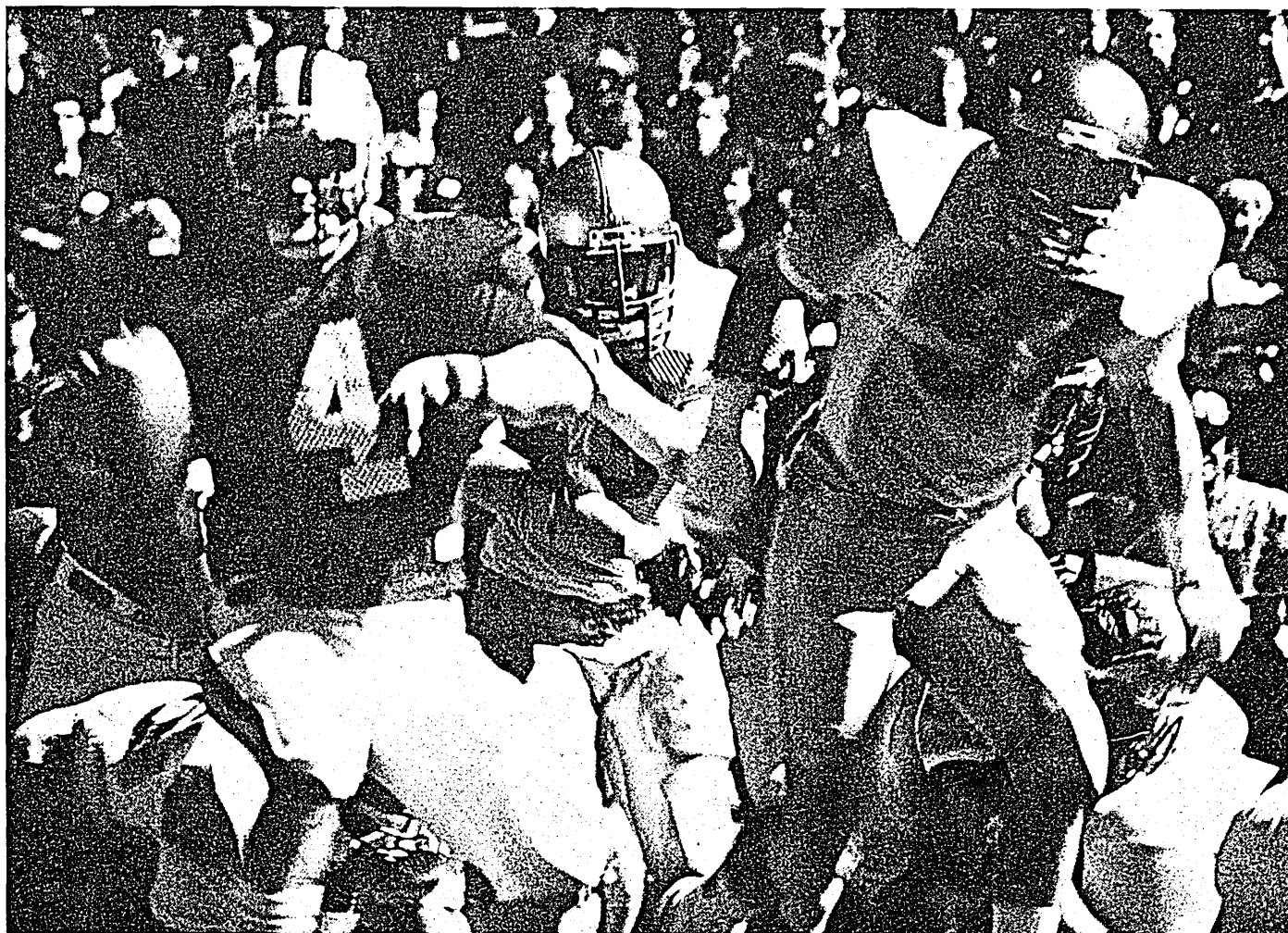
Allen Pinkett blocks as Steve Beuerlein prepares to throw.

be any 30-17 or 21-7 humiliations as in '82 and '84. This time there wouldn't be a heartbreaking last-second blocked field goal as in the 23-22 loss in '83.

This time, finally, after three years of

frustration, things would be different.

"It's a pride factor for all the seniors right now," said a determined Allen Pinkett. "It's a matter of pride just knowing that we beat the Force, that's what I call Air Force, one



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Falcon quarterback Bart Weiss darts away from Irish defenders Rick DiBernardo (43) and Matt Dingens (97).

time before we're finished.

"They've just outplayed us and whipped us. But I really don't think we've taken them seriously before. I know we've never looked at them like we do opponents like the Penn States and Michigans. I wouldn't say beating Air Force is our biggest goal, but it's a big goal. It's been downright embarrassing the last three years."

ABC Sports, Keith Jackson, Frank Broyles, a national television audience and the largest crowd in Air Force history would be there . . . ready and waiting to bury or praise the Irish.

"I think we can shut down anybody," said Air Force outside linebacker Pat Malackowski. "I believe we'll be ready to go. Notre Dame had better know that to beat us, they'll need 60 minutes of great football. I'm sure they want us real bad. Years from now, it'd be great to say we beat Notre Dame four years in a row."

"All I can say is I sure hope this game means something to our guys," said Faust. "I hope it means something to 'em every time they step on the field. I think Air Force will be up and we'll be up. I think it'll be a great football game."

This time things would be different.

Carney has already connected from 28, 33 and 40 yards out this afternoon. His 37-yard

try will give the Irish an 18-13 lead and probably seal a hard-fought Irish win.

A full house of 52,153 had barely settled in when Air Force quarterback Bart Weiss and fullback Johnny Smith botched the opening play from scrimmage. When Notre Dame linebacker Robert Banks fell on the loose ball at the Falcon 16-yard line, Irish eyes were smiling from coast to coast.

This time things would be different. This time the Irish would drive those 16 yards and put the ball in the end zone. This time the Irish would take advantage of golden opportunities and end their three-year torment at the hands of Air Force.

Instead, it was the start of a frustrating afternoon when chance and luck slipped through Notre Dame hands as it had time and time before.

Pinkett raced 11 yards to the Falcon five to set up a first-and-goal situation, but then the Irish offense stuttered, stalled, blundered and finally hit reverse.

On first down, tight end Joel Williams jumped offside. Trying again on first and goal from the 10, Beuerlein was forced from the pocket and scrambled for three yards.

On second and goal from the seven, Beuerlein's pass deflected off the hands of a diving Tony Eason in the end zone.

On third and seven, Beuerlein tripped over

fullback Frank Stams, who had already slipped.

The Irish had to settle for a 28-yard John Carney field goal.

"My tight end was wide open, and I tripped over my own fullback," said Beuerlein. "They didn't stop us. We did it to ourselves. We should have scored about four more times than we did. But we had breakdowns. They always seem to happen when we can't afford them."

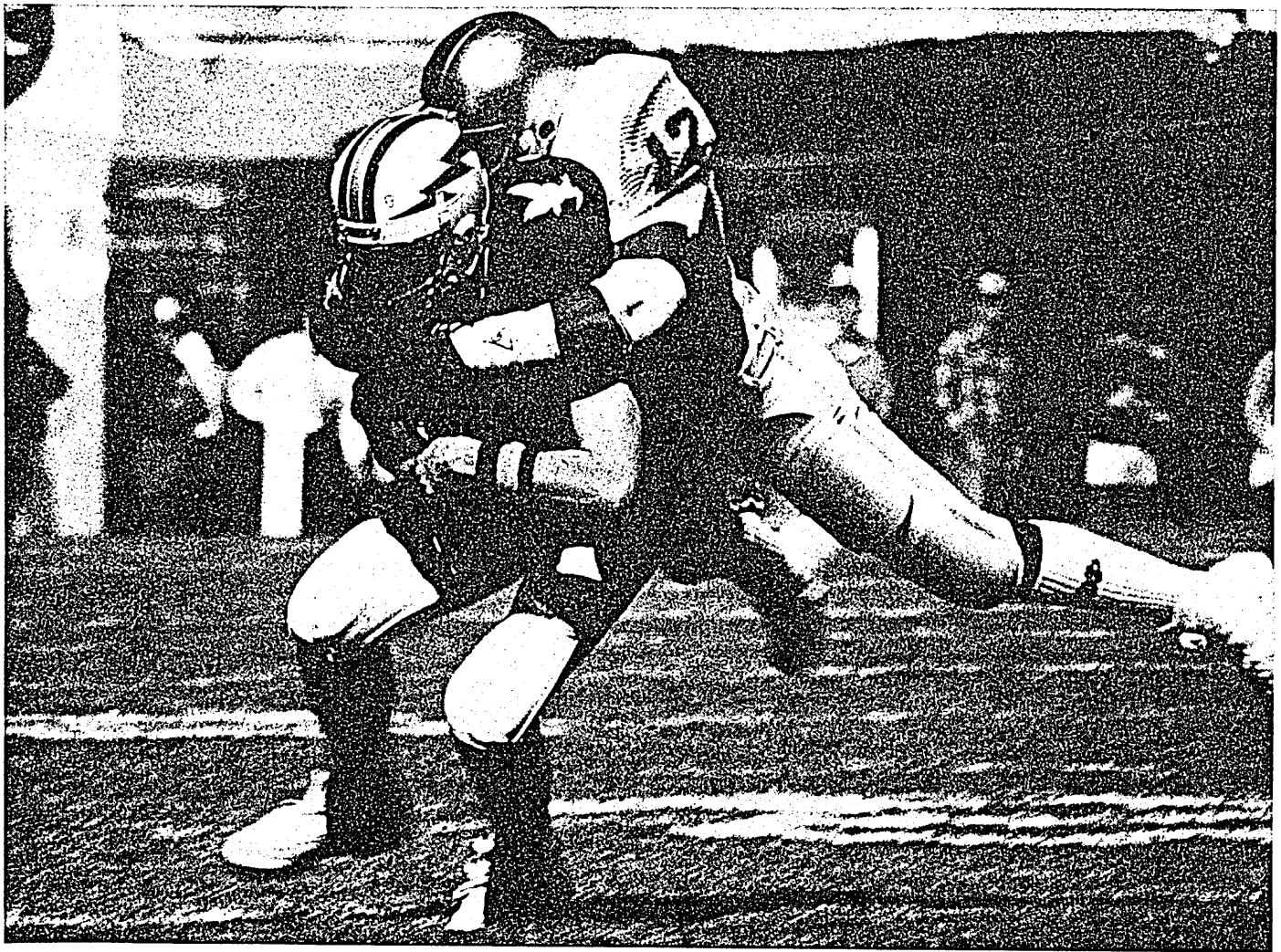
Still, Air Force did its very best . . . or worst, to give Notre Dame every chance to break its run of bad luck.

The high-flying Falcon offense was grounding itself with three fumbles in its first seven plays, losing two. Yet the Irish could only put three points on the scoreboard.

Carney is three of three this year and seven of eight during his career between 30 and 39 yards.

Notre Dame took a 6-0 lead after halting the Falcon offense on downs on the Irish 35-yard line. Notre Dame moved methodically downfield with Beuerlein hitting Reggie Ward for 14 yards plus Mark Green for nine to go with a Pinkett plunge to the Falcon 38-yard line.

Another first down and the Irish were threatening on the Air Force 16. Four plays later . . . stutter, stall, blunder and the Irish



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The Falcons didn't throw a lot of passes, but the ones they did were effective, as Troy Wilson discovers.

led 6-0 after a Carney 33-yard boot.

Air Force wiped out that lead quickly on its next possession on a six-play, 80-yard march aided by two Irish penalties.

Weiss capped the march with a 24-yard scoring strike to halfback Kelly Pittman, who was all alone in the right corner of the end zone.

Tom Ruby added a 20-yard field goal to make it 10-6 but Carney added his third kick of the day to make it 10-9.

Notre Dame bungled another chance at taking the lead just before intermission. With the clock stopped for a first down at the Air Force 41 with 18 seconds left in the half, the Irish, with no timeouts, decided to forego another opportunity to get better field position. Instead, Carney was sent in to try a 59-yard field goal.

"I imagine it's my fault for not being prepared," said Carney.

"I thought we would run one more play and then throw the ball out of bounds to make it easier on John," said Beuerlein. "But the coaches wanted to make sure we had a chance for three points."

Not much of a chance. Carney's kick fell painfully short.

Asked why his team, which had managed one first-half touchdown in four games, has had so much trouble when it gets close to the goal line, Faust said, "If I knew the answer to that, we'd be a winner."

Beuerlein will hold with DiBernardo snapping.

Still, Air Force was willing to play the perfect host for an Irish upset. On its initial play of the second half, Weiss fumbled into the waiting hands of Rick DiBernardo at the Falcon 42-yard line to set up Notre Dame's only touchdown.

But even that score didn't come without some help from the Falcons.

The Irish offense moved to the Falcon four-yard line on eight plays. Two plays later the Irish faced a third and goal from the seven-yard line, but Notre Dame was given new life when a holding call went against the Falcons on Beuerlein's third-down pass attempt.

Two plays later Pinkett, who finished with 142 yards on 31 carries, squirmed into the end zone from the two. When a wide-open Williams dropped a Beuerlein two-point conversion pass, Faust dropped to the ground.

"There are a lot of mistakes in a football game," said guard Tim Scannell. "It happens ours came at bad times."

DiBernardo's snap is good.

A 35-yard field goal by Ruby late in the third quarter cut the Irish lead to 15-13 after an illegal-man-downfield penalty against the Falcons wiped out an apparent touchdown.

With 10:16 to play, Notre Dame began moving. Maybe, just maybe things would be different this time.

"Things didn't look good for us," said Falcon coach Fisher DeBerry. "But our ball players don't ever give up."

It was simple football. Pinkett right. Pinkett left. And Pinkett up the middle.

"We decided to play power football and we took the ball and just jammed it down their throat," said Pinkett. "We were pretty efficient until we got down to the goal line and then we had a couple of breakdowns."

Pinkett got the call on six of seven plays with Stams picking up 17 yards on the second play of the drive. The Irish moved 57 yards to a first and goal at the Air Force two.

Beuerlein's place is perfect.

"We're not going to let it happen! We're not going to let it happen!" said Falcon

linebacker Terry Maki who terrorized the Irish all afternoon with 30 tackles — 19 solos and 11 assists.

And the Irish offense helped out.

Pinkett was tripped up for a loss of one. Running for the seventh straight time Pinkett was nailed for a six-yard loss when blocker Stams ran right on a sweep left. On third down, Beuerlein was called for intentionally grounding the ball.

In three easy steps, the Irish went from first and goal at the two-yard line, to fourth and goal at the 20.

Stutter, stall, blunder and the Irish had to hope a Carney field goal could clinch the game.

Carney kicks.

"Air Force was waiting for us to crack," said Beuerlein. "And we did it today, too many times."

Too many is right. The Falcons had four turnovers but the Irish could turn them into just nine points. Notre Dame had first-and-goal chances at the two and at the five, and came away with just a first-quarter field goal. Beuerlein had a pass intercepted at the four, another dropped at the five and another dropped in the end zone on a two-point conversion attempt.

Despite those blunders, the Irish still had a chance to win with 5:16 left to play.

Air Force had to kick from the 25-yard line because of an unsportsmanlike penalty following Carney's blocked field-goal attempt that was returned for a touchdown, but the Irish couldn't take advantage of those extra yards. Instead of excellent field position, the Irish bobbled their way to their own 24-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, Notre

Dame was whistled for illegal procedure.

The Irish recovered from that goof long enough for Beuerlein to connect on a 16-yard toss to Ward and for Pinkett to gallop 20 yards to the Air Force 45. Runs by Hiawatha Francisco and Stams moved the Irish five yards closer.

Notre Dame could get no further.

On fourth and five from the Falcon 40 with three minutes left, Beuerlein needed a replacement for an exhausted Stams. With players running on and off the field, the Irish had to waste a timeout.

It didn't matter. The Irish were called for offside after the timeout. On fourth and 10, Notre Dame punted away any hopes for a comeback win.

It's blocked.

"I kept saying to myself over and over, 'Somebody has got to come up with the big play. Somebody has got to give us a lift,'" said DeBerry.

That somebody was the hard-hitting Maki.

"I knew we were going to get one," said Maki. "We had watched their films and we knew they had some flaws. They weren't protecting well on that side of the line. We went past their tight end and I just stuck my hand straight out."

When the ball finally came down to earth it plopped right into the hands of a waiting A.J. Scott. For Scott, it was a dream come true.

"It was the longest 77 yards of my life," said Scott.

Part of those 77 yards took him in front of a stunned Irish bench.

"I was close to being out of bounds, I sure was," said Scott. "I was angling towards the corner of the end zone and I ran right in

front of the Notre Dame bench. I was sweating it, believe me. I was saying, 'Stay in, stay in, stay in.' I'm glad my legs listened."

It was Carney's first blocked field goal attempt during his Irish career.

"I couldn't tell what happened," said Carney. "I had my head down. But I thought everything went as scheduled with the snap, hold and kick. It felt good. I didn't think the kick was low. I guess we had some sort of breakdown up front."

Things were supposed to be different this time. The Irish defense had kept the Falcon wishbone in check. Allen Pinkett had rushed for over 100 yards. Steve Beuerlein had passed for over 200 yards. It should have been different.

But it all boiled down to one thing. "We screwed up and they didn't," said Scannell.

"It seems like every time we need a big play something happens," said a dejected Beuerlein. "The receivers slip, or the fullback slips and trips me. Or the tailback and fullback run the wrong direction on a big play. Hey, I threw an interception down close to the goal line, and there's no excuse for that."

"Now that stuff is going to happen from time to time, but it seems like it always happens to us. The fact is, we had our chances. We just didn't do it."

"If we lose to Air Force, it will be very difficult to pick ourselves up," said Perrino before the game. "If we're 1-3, we're in serious trouble."

When A.J. Scott danced in the end zone and Terry Maki danced at midfield, the Irish were 1-3 . . . and in serious trouble.

Scoring Summary				Fourth Quarter				Individual Statistics							
First Quarter	Time	AF	ND	AF—A.J. Scott 77 blocked field-goal 5:16 21 15				Notre Dame							
ND—John Carney 28 FG	12:46	0	3	return (Bart Weiss run)				Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Drive: 5 yards in 5 plays in 2:09 following Robert Banks recovery of Air Force fumble.				A-52.153(c)				Allen Pinkett	31	156	14	142	1	26	
Second Quarter								Steve Beuerlein	4	3	10	7	0	3	
ND—John Carney 33 FG	14:12	0	6	Notre Dame 3 6 6 0—15				Frank Stams	6	34	0	34	0	17	
Drive: 49 yards in 12 plays in 4:49 following Air Force loss of ball on downs.				Air Force 0 10 3 8—21				Mark Green	1	2	0	-2	0	2	
AF—Kelly Pittman 24 pass	11:47	7	6	Team Statistics				H. Francisco	1	2	0	2	0	2	
from Bart Weiss				ND	AF			Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
(Tom Ruby kick)				24	21			Steve Beuerlein	36	20	1	223	0	26	
Drive: 80 yards in 6 plays in 2:29 following Notre Dame kickoff.				Rushing	11	13			Pass Receiving	No. Yards TD Long					
AF—Tom Ruby 20 FG	4:47	10	6	Passing	12	7			Tony Eason			1	15	0	15
Drive: 61 yards in 12 plays in 5:16 following Dwan Wilson interception of Notre Dame pass.				Penalty	1	1			Pat Cusack			1	14	0	14
ND—John Carney 40 FG	2:04	10	9	Rushing Attempts	43	49			Reggie Ward			4	57	0	26
Drive: 58 yards in 10 plays in 2:48 following Air Force kickoff.				Yards Gained Rushing	197	292			Frank Stams			4	34	0	25
Third Quarter				Yards Lost Rushing	24	22			Alvin Miller			4	51	0	19
ND—Allen Pinkett 2 run	7:33	10	15	Net Yards Rushing	173	270			Mark Green			4	39	0	16
(Steve Beuerlein pass fails)				Net Yards Passing	223	142			Joel Williams			1	8	0	8
Drive: 42 yards in 13 plays in 5:11 following Rick DeBernardo recovery of Air Force fumble.				Passes Attempted	36	20			Allen Pinkett			1	5	0	5
AF—Tom Ruby 35 FG	2:53	13	15	Passes Completed	20	11			Air Force						
Drive: 15 yards in 7 plays in 4:21 following Steve Sigler recovery of Notre Dame fumble on Air Force punt.				Had Intercepted	1	1			Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
				Total Offensive Plays	79	69			Bart Weiss	17	122	15	107	0	39
				Total Net Yards	396	412			Johnny Smith	9	72	3	69	0	25
				Average Gain Per Play	5.01	5.97			Kelly Pittman	6	26	1	25	0	11
				Return Yards	93	109			Randy Jones	6	30	3	27	0	15
				Fumbles: Number—Lost	1-1	4-3			Pat Evans	9	36	0	36	0	16
				Penalties: Number—Yards	13-97	6-43			Greg Pshnsiak	1	2	0	2	0	2
				Interceptions: Number—Yards	1-0	1-18			Chris Vellanti	1	4	0	4	0	4
				Number of Punts—Yards	6-225	3-142			Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
				Average Per Punt	37.5	47.3			Bart Weiss	20	11	1	142	1	30
				Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3-35	4-17			Randy Jones	1	0	0	0	0	0
				Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	4-63	0-0			Pass Receiving	No. Yards TD Long					
				Possession Time	31:42	25:18			Ken Carpenter			5	62	0	17
				Third-Down Conversions	8-17	5-13			Kelly Pittman			2	24	1	24
									Greg Pshnsiak			2	17	0	10
									Randy Jones			1	30	0	30
									Tyrone Jeffcoat			1	9	0	9

A Matter of Respectability

By EDDIE WHITE

There was nowhere to go but up.
But, it wouldn't be easy.

Notre Dame, off to its worst start in more than 20 years after losing three of its first four games, saw vultures flying above Notre Dame Stadium.

This weekend the Irish were home (the site of their only win so far in '85) but they had to battle the undefeated and 19th-ranked Cadets of Army, the top-ranked rushing team in the nation.

The Army-Notre Dame series had seen some classic confrontations. There had been plenty of special moments in this glittering series. And this afternoon's matchup would be no different. When the contest had ended, the Irish had made amends for their slow start with a 24-10 victory and standout Notre Dame tailback Allen Pinkett had made history.

For it was on this day, against one of its most famous opponents, that Notre Dame saw the senior from Sterling, Va., become the school's all-time leading groundgainer. Pinkett now had more yardage than any other Irish runner.

Think about it.

Vagas Ferguson, Jerome Heavens, Phil Carter, Emil Sitko, Joe Heap, Johnny Lattner, Jim Crowley and Don Miller. Even George Gipp. Pinkett had passed them all.

In another time, in another game, his feat

would have made headlines. Today it was the Irish victory which got the coverage.

"The game is most important," said the always-humble Pinkett afterward. "The fact that we won, that we've gotten our confidence back, is more important than any records."

The special moment, when Pinkett became Notre Dame's own number one, came on a first-and-10 play from the Irish 37. With about six minutes to play in the first half, Pinkett ran a sprint draw and followed linemen Tim Scannell and Tom Doerger for a 17-yard scamper. He ended the day with 133 yards and one touchdown and had now gained 3,566 yards on the ground — just ahead of Vagas Ferguson's second-place career total of 3,472 yards.

After being pressured by the media, Pinkett finally commented on the record. "The full effect hasn't hit me yet," he said after rushing over the century mark for the 20th time in an Irish uniform. "I think about records after the season. The thing I'm thinking about now is just winning. Every time I step on the field, all I want is for Notre Dame to win. I'm just glad it came in a victory."

"We're all proud of it (the record)," said Scannell. "I'm happy for Allen and I'm happy for the offensive linemen. We've all worked hard for it. We take pride in every yard he gains."

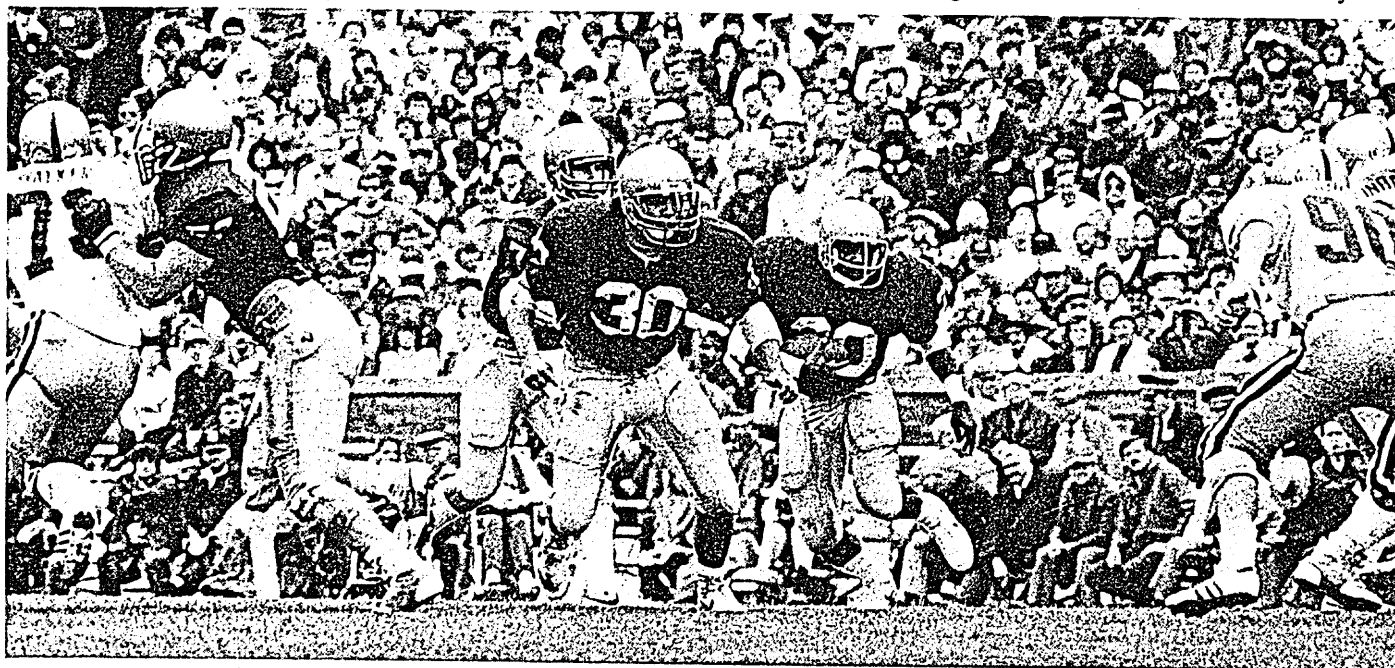
"I'd sort of like to do something nice for

them (linemen)," added Pinkett. "When you think of it, I'm the one who receives all the recognition and they do all the work. They get all the blame if things go bad and I get all the credit when they go well. It's only right that I do something nice for them."

While Pinkett's record was indeed a special Notre Dame moment, it was the men on the other side of the ball who really sparked the Irish win. Notre Dame's defense, which had allowed 74 points in the three previous losses, came through with a yeoman effort, holding Army's wishbone offense to only 196 yards on the ground — almost 200 below its average and 32 points below its scoring average. The Irish defense also stiffened when the Cadets got close — holding Army to only three points in two of the three times Army got inside the Notre Dame five-yard line.

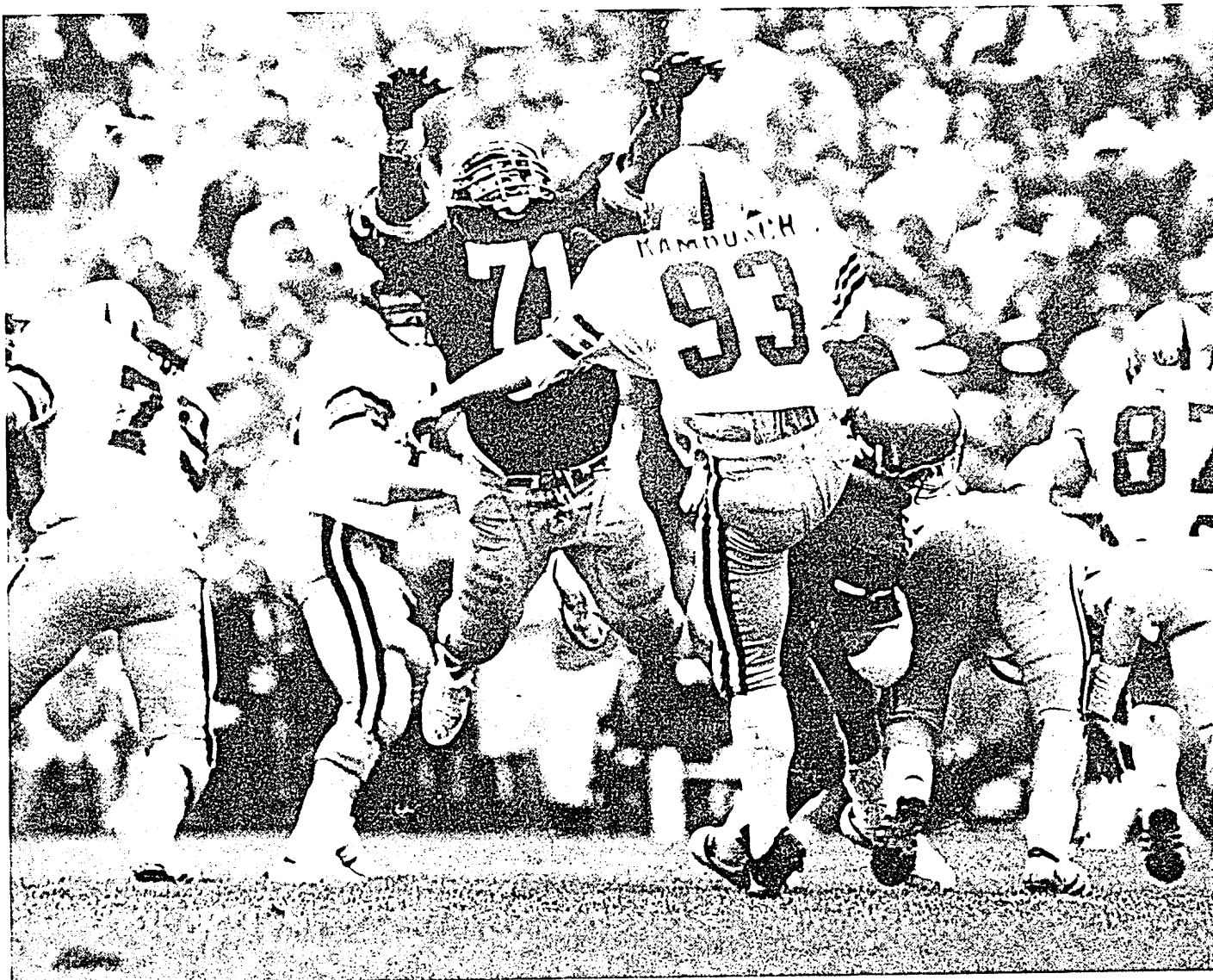
"I thought our defense played very well," said a relieved Gerry Faust. "In the last two games we've only given up two touchdowns to the wishbone (the Irish faced Air Force two weeks before) and one was passing. I thought our staff did an excellent job in preparation for this game."

Army coach Jim Young, who had faced the Irish before when he was at Purdue, was not puzzled after the loss. "Most teams don't get to play against the wishbone that much," said Young. "I guess Notre Dame has had time to prepare after facing Air Force. They played good basic defense. We came here ready to



Allen Pinkett was the first to credit the opening of holes like this one for his Notre Dame all-time rushing record.

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Eric Dorsey's rushing tactics make life interesting for Army punter Harold Rambusch.

play but Notre Dame played errorless football," added Young, who would eventually lead his team to a Peach Bowl triumph over Illinois.

Irish defensive tackle Eric Dorsey admitted the experience against Air Force had helped against Army. "We learned a lot about the wishbone from the Air Force game," said Dorsey, who had to pick up the slack up front when Wally Kleine was injured in practice the week before. "In fact the Army players were a little bigger than Air Force and couldn't get under us so easily. We practiced against the option since last spring, so we were ready for it.

"Against Air Force, the key was stopping the quarterback. With Army, the key was stopping the fullback (Doug Black). We just hit him every play, whether he had the ball or not."

Black, who began the game with a string of three straight 100-yard efforts, was held to just 93 yards on 21 carries.

"That was a key," admitted Faust. "We knew going in we had to do a job on Black. He's a heckuva runner, a definite All-

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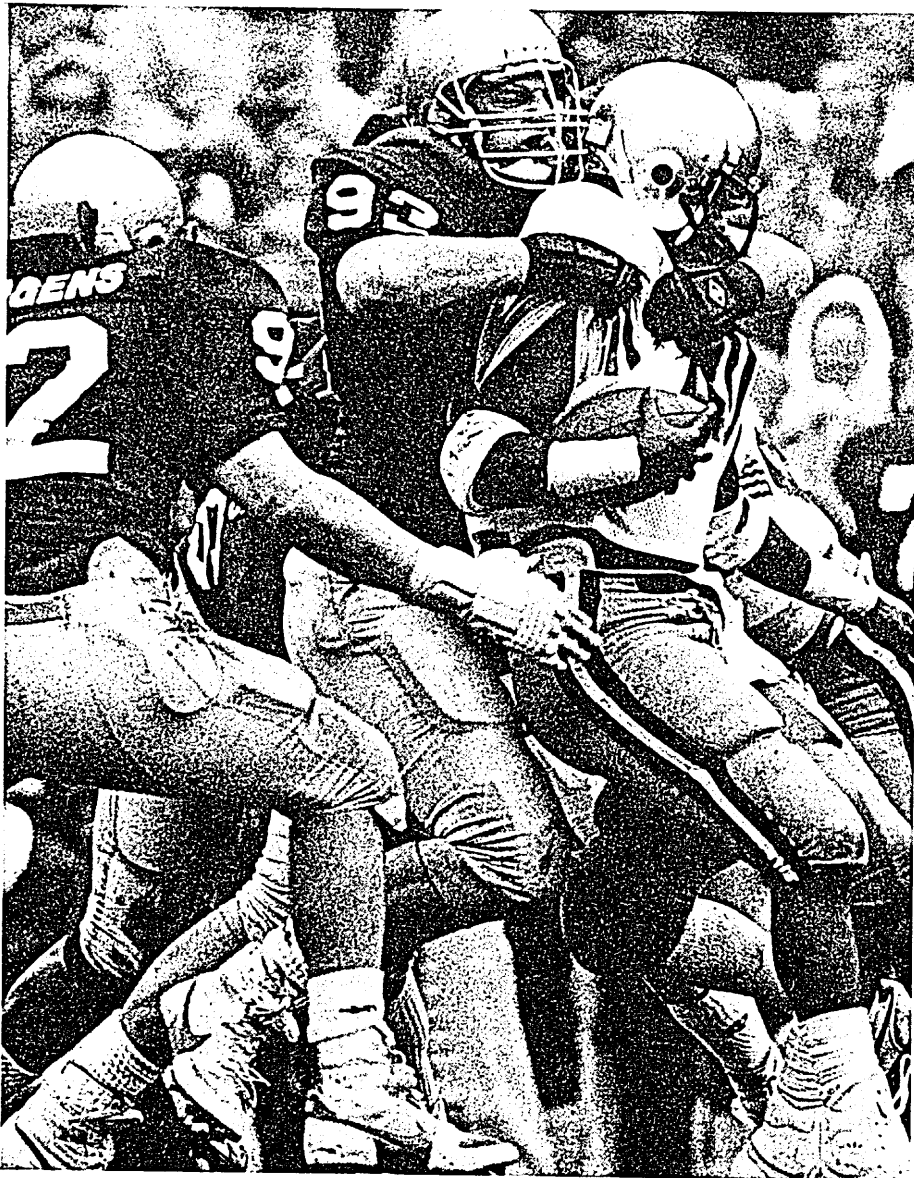
American. I'm really proud of our defense and the way the young men battled back. They were down after the Air Force game but they showed what kind of heart they have by coming back and battling today. This is a second season for us."

"We approached this with the idea that we were going to try to put behind us everything that happened so far this year," added junior quarterback Steve Beuerlein, who was 12 of 20 for 186 yards and one score. "I'm sitting here all happy. We came into this game with the right attitude."

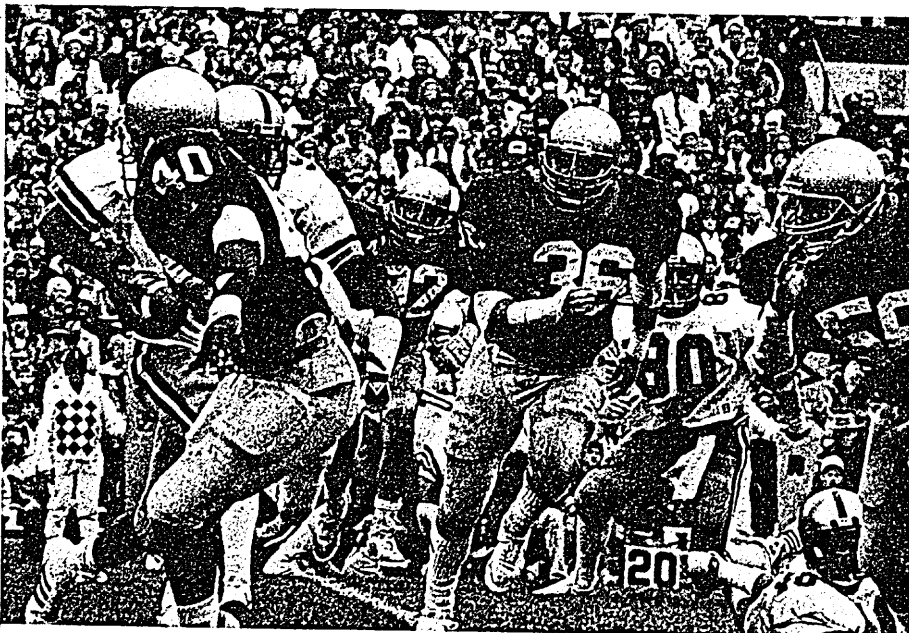
Notre Dame got a break early when Steve Lawrence recovered an Army fumble on the game's third play. Six plays later, on a fourth-and-one attempt at the one, burly fullback Pernell Taylor steamrolled in for the Irish touchdown. John Carney's PAT gave the Irish a 7-0 advantage.

"That touchdown gave us lots of confidence," said Pinkett. "Our offense has lots of talent, and when you don't get touchdowns, it is extremely frustrating."

Just ask Irish fans . . . and Gerry Faust. "Once we got that touchdown," Pinkett



The Irish seldom permitted quarterback Tory Crawford much breathing room, whether it was Jeff Kunz (93) and Greg Dingens (above) or Pat Ballage (40), Ron Weissenhofer (36) and Robert Banks (56, below).



went on, "it broke the frustration. We weren't so worried, and we just went out and played."

Notre Dame didn't waste any time putting more points on the board as the Irish took the ball on their next possession and marched 86 yards in 11 plays. Beuerlein capped the picture-perfect drive with a 19-yard scoring toss to Tim Brown. Carney's second PAT booted Notre Dame to a 14-0 lead.

"I just told the guys, 'Hey, we're not coming out of here empty-handed,' " said Beuerlein of the first score.

Notre Dame had seen five scoring opportunities turn up empty inside the opponents' 15-yard line so far in '85.

"Our offensive linemen were the key today," added Beuerlein. "Army left a lot of stuff open underneath and outside because they didn't have the speed to stay with (Reggie) Ward and (Tim) Brown. But our linemen dominated everything. They never let anybody near me all afternoon and they gave Pinkett a chance to squeeze through some pretty good holes."

On the first series of the second quarter, Notre Dame's defense again sparkled. Army had driven to the Irish eight and had a first down. But four cracks at the goal line could only muster six yards and the Irish took over at the two.

Unfortunately, Notre Dame's offense sputtered and Army took over at the Irish 41 after a short punt. Army signalcaller Tory Crawford, who was held to just 60 yards rushing (he had 130 in a win over Boston College the week before), made the big play on first down when he connected with Benny White for a 37-yard gain to the four. On the next play, Crawford again shined. Being dragged down by Irish linebacker Cedric Figaro, Crawford pitched to William Lampley, who danced in for the score. Craig Stopa's PAT pulled the Cadets within seven at the half, 14-7.

"They (Notre Dame's defense) used many different stunts and formations on us," said Crawford. "They are easily the largest team we have faced this year. Their size is incredible. We were confident at halftime. All we needed was a good start in the third quarter."

Army's defense rose to the occasion on the second half's first drive, holding the Irish to three plays and forcing a punt. Taking the ball at their own 42, the Cadets moved 53 yards in 13 plays before being stopped at the four when Irish tackle Eric Dorsey tied up Crawford for a loss on third down. Stopa then nailed a 22-yard field goal to pull the Cadets within four. Army had some points, but the Irish defense won another battle.

"That hurt us," admitted Young of the near miss. "It was the same kind of defense they used against Air Force. They had good quickness and strength. Against the wish-bone, you've got to run and get there." And Notre Dame got there.

When Notre Dame took over on its own 18 following the Army score, the Irish put together one of their finest drives of the

season. It started with a four-yard Pinkett run and 13 plays later Pinkett galloped in from a yard out for the score. All totaled, the march covered 82 yards in 14 plays and took 6:15 off the clock. Beuerlein was four for four throwing for 46 yards in the drive that offensive coordinator Mike Stock labeled, "a picture-perfect performance. We can't diagram them better than that."

Pinkett's score seemed to take the air out of Army's black-and-gold balloon. The Cadets had good field position (Army 48) on the next drive but the Irish defense again held. Then Army reached the Irish 48 on its next possession only to be stopped again.

Notre Dame finished the day's scoring when Carney booted a 21-yard field goal with 6:23 left to play. The scoreboard at Notre Dame Stadium read 24-10 and the Irish had a victory.

"When you beat a good football team that's ranked like that, you get respectability back," said Faust. "We've had the opportunity most of the first part of the season to get respectability because we've played some pretty good football teams."

This afternoon, for a change, the Irish beat one of those pretty good football teams.

"All the talk, all the pressure has been wearing on our nerves," said Pinkett. "Maybe this game was our chance to shut the critics up. It was a win, something we needed."

"I'm sure everybody was waiting for us to fold our tents," added Scannell. "But everyone on this team just went out there with a loose attitude. We just played smart."

Added senior linebacker Mike Larkin, "That's what we needed—a win. It was nothing spectacular."

And really, it wasn't. Pinkett was, however, but on this day, that was another story.



STEVEN NAVRATIL

Pat Ballage and Steve Lawrence helped limit Army to just over half their average of 373 rushing yards per game.

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Scoring Summary				Army				Individual Statistics							
First Quarter	Time	ND	AR	Army	0	7	3	0-10	Army						
ND—Pernell Taylor 1 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 16 yards in 6 plays in 2:45 following Steve Lawrence recovery of Army fumble.	11:36	7	0	Notre Dame	14	0	7	3-24	Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
ND—Tim Brown 19 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick) Drive: 86 yards in 11 plays in 3:20 following Army punt.	4:46	14	0	Team Statistics					Doug Black	21	93	0	93	0	10
Second Quarter									Tory Crawford	26	83	23	60	0	16
AR—William Lampley 4 run (Craig Stopa kick) Drive: 41 yards in 2 plays in :25 following Notre Dame punt.	6:37	14	7						Clarence Jones	6	24	0	24	0	8
Third Quarter									Scott Spellmon	2	23	7	16	0	23
AR—Craig Stopa 22 FG Drive: 53 yards in 13 plays in 6:15 following Notre Dame punt.	7:41	14	10						W. Lampley	7	15	12	3	1	10
ND—Allen Pinkett 1 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 82 yards in 14 plays in 6:15 following Army kickoff.	1:26	21	10						Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Fourth Quarter									Tory Crawford	9	5	0	98	0	37
ND—John Carney 21 FG Drive: 47 yards in 10 plays in 4:31 following Army loss of ball on downs.	6:23	24	10						W. Lampley	1	0	0	0	0	0
A-59,075(c)									Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long
									Benny White			2	45	0	37
									William Lampley			1	22	0	22
									Rob Dickerson			1	17	0	17
									Scott Spellmon			1	14	0	14
									Notre Dame						
									Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
									Allen Pinkett	27	141	8	133	1	22
									H. Francisco	8	37	0	37	0	9
									Frank Stams	4	15	0	15	0	8
									Steve Beuerlein	4	16	6	10	0	9
									Tom Monahan	6	9	1	8	0	4
									Pernell Taylor	2	4	0	4	1	3
									Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
									Steve Beuerlein	20	12	0	186	1	39
									Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long
									Alvin Miller			3	74	0	39
									Reggie Ward			2	37	0	19
									Tim Brown			2	29	1	19
									Tom Rehder			2	21	0	16
									Andy Heck			1	12	0	12
									Frank Stams			1	7	0	7
									Allen Pinkett			1	6	0	6

Turning the Trojans Green

By JOHN HEISLER

Here's your trivia question for the day: Which two opponents did Gerry Faust's Notre Dame teams defeat in each of his last three seasons as Notre Dame head coach?

If you voted for Navy, you answered the easier half of the daily double. And that one should have come as no surprise. After all, Notre Dame now has beaten Navy 22 straight times. Faust, Dan Devine and Ara Parseghian never once lost to the Mids. In fact, no Navy team has beaten the Irish since Roger Staubach played quarterback in 1963.

The other team to lose to Notre Dame in '83, '84 and '85 was none other than USC. Surprised? You should be. Three straight victories over the Trojans is something neither Parseghian nor Devine managed—in fact, those two combined to defeat USC only four total times in 17 attempts. The last Irish coach to win that many consecutive times over the Trojans was Joe Kuharich, who won in his first three years as Irish coach between 1959 and '61.

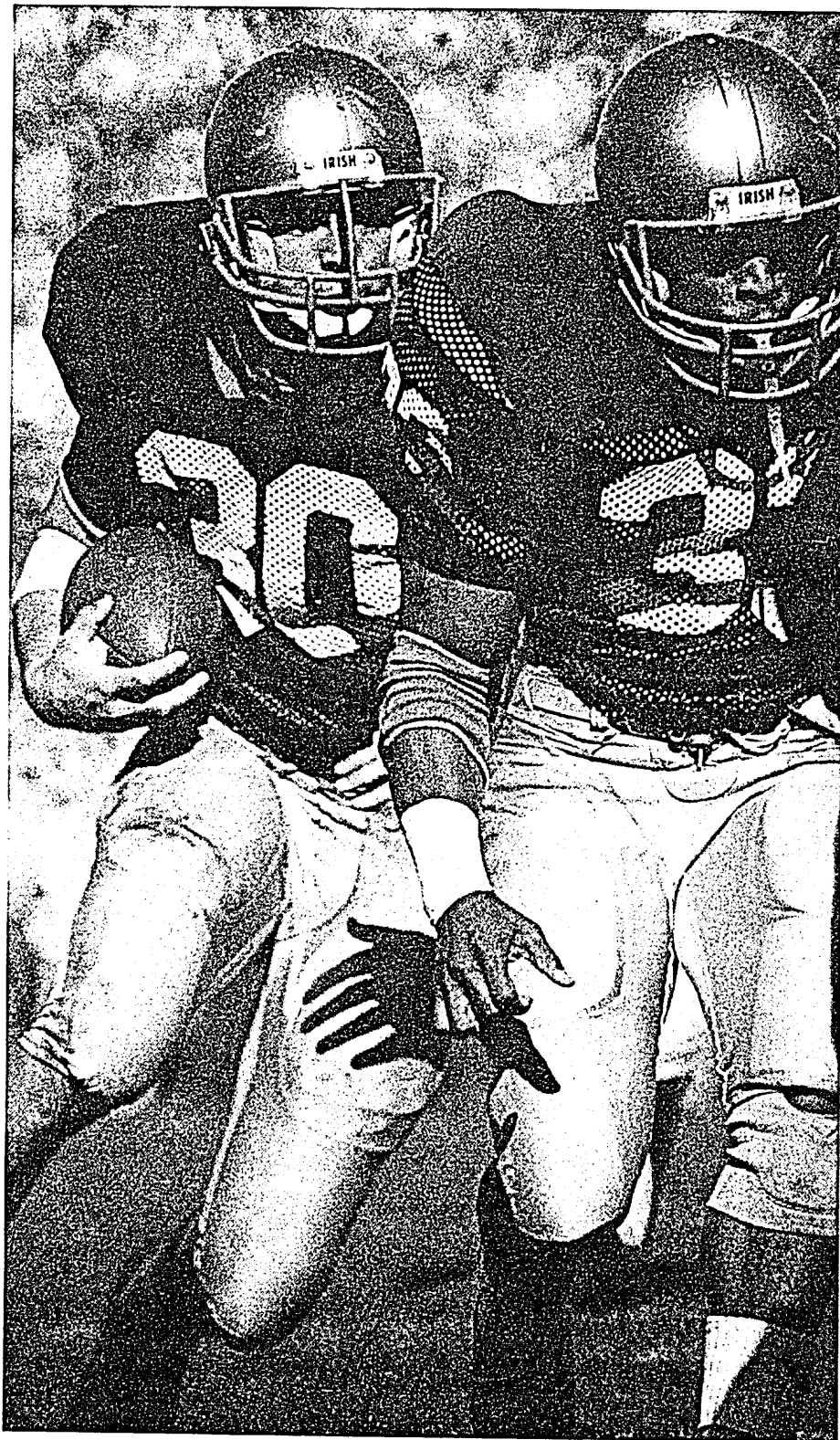
Faust's last three teams didn't just defeat USC—they thoroughly dominated them. In those three games against Notre Dame, USC managed a combined total of only 16 points on two touchdowns and a field goal. The Irish forced 14 Trojan turnovers, while committing just four themselves.

The '85 Notre Dame triumph? Well, it just happened to produce the widest victory margin of the season for the Irish as well as the best defensive performance of the campaign.

Critics might argue that these USC teams of the past three years haven't been any more awesome than Notre Dame's (each school produced 19 combined victories over that period)—though the Trojans did just happen to go 9-3 in '84 on their way to the Rose Bowl.

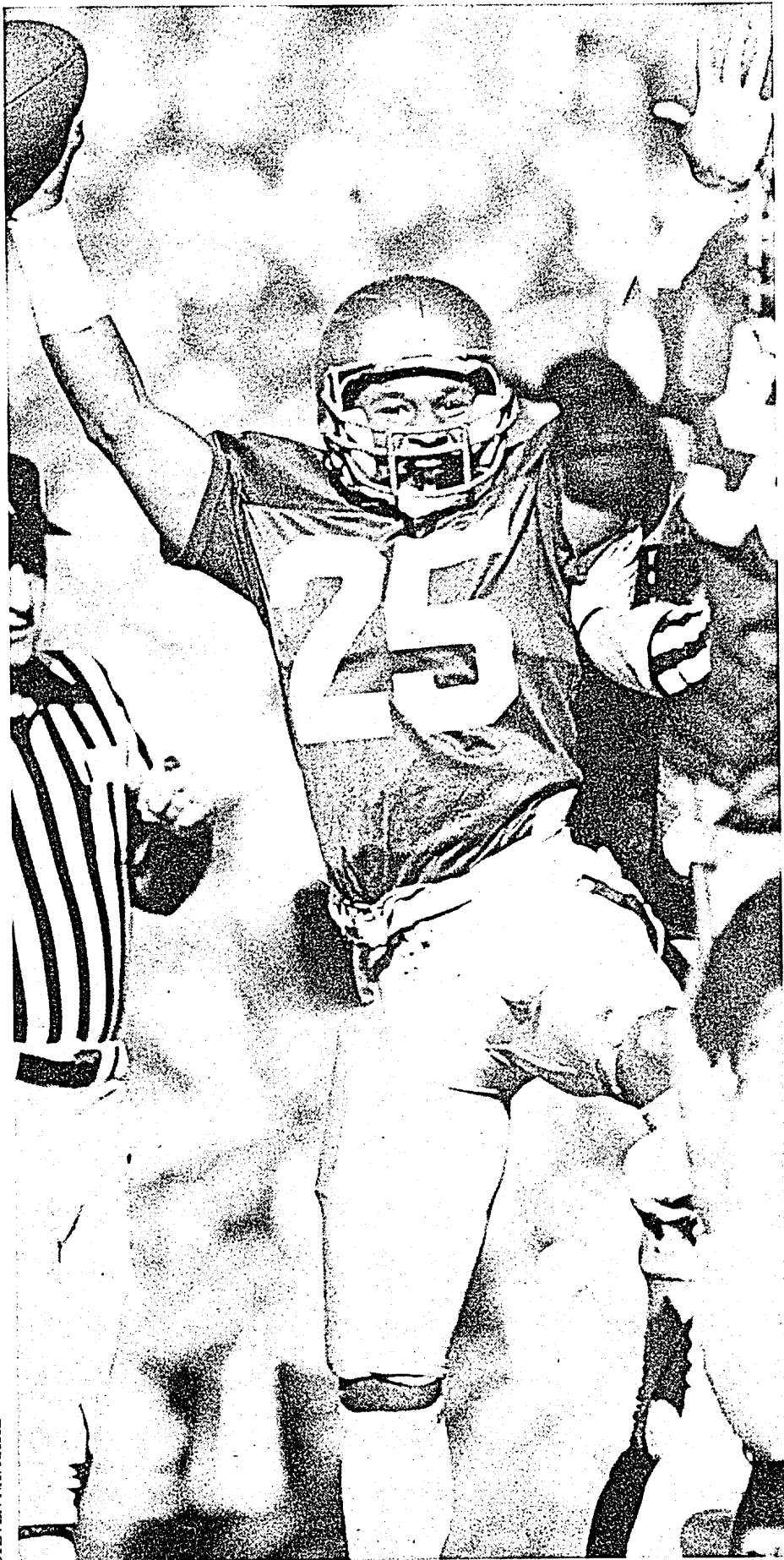
In any event, it was impossible to ignore the manner in which Notre Dame knocked off USC this time—from the shocking hit Irish rookie George Streeter put on returner Randy Tanner on the opening kickoff to the impressive 64-yard touchdown drive pulled together by Terry Andrysiak and his number-two offense in the closing minutes. In between, the Irish did everything necessary to pin a 37-3 defeat on the visitors from Southern California—in a victory that appreciated in value considering the Trojans had scored 93 combined points of their own the previous two Saturdays.

In a series replete with history and tradition, both sides trotted out their own motivational touches.



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Fullback Frank Stams, here led by Hiawatha Francisco, looks for daylight.



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Marv Spence's fumble recovery marks just one of four costly turnovers by the Trojans, who also missed twice on fourth-down conversion attempts.

The Trojans brought along former coach John McKay, who lost to the Irish only once in the last nine games he coached against them. He addressed the USC squad just prior to kickoff.

The Irish brought along their green jerseys, just in case—borrowing a story line from Dan Devine, who first made use of them in '77 in a key victory over USC from that national title season, and from Faust himself, who utilized them in '83, six years to the day after that '77 meeting.

This time Notre Dame didn't try the wearin' of the green until halftime, and it made little difference since the Irish already were ahead 27-0 by that time.

What really set the tone for the day's proceedings was Streeter's tackle just seconds after John Carney's opening kickoff landed five yards past the goal line in the arms of Tanner. The USC sophomore disdained the touchback before he literally ran into Streeter at the 12-yard line. Streeter's helmet knocked the ball back to the two, Troy Wilson recovered—and Allen Pinkett swept over the left side for a 7-0 lead just 10 seconds and a single play into the contest. Tanner's season was finished—with surgery scheduled the following day to mend a torn knee tendon suffered on the play.

"There was more to it than fumbling the kickoff," said USC cornerback Matt Johnson. "Good teams don't let that kind of thing distract them . . . but maybe we're not a good team right now."

USC coach Ted Tollner had his own view: "He never should have run it out. We practice that situation every day. That set the stage for the whole game. You try to get prepared for things to go wrong in the opening kickoff situation. If something bad happens, you try to overcome it. We never did."

Indeed they didn't. Notre Dame scored the first three times it had the football—and five of the first six times it had it—became the first team to score first-quarter points versus the Trojans all season and eventually became the first Notre Dame team to hold USC without a touchdown since 1966 (the 51-0 Irish win that clinched a national championship).

Amazingly, USC ended up outgaining the Irish (346-335 in total yards), but the Trojan yardage seldom mattered much. It could have been a day to remember for senior quarterback Sean Salisbury, who broke Paul McDonald's career records for both pass completions and passing yardage during the game. Yet, the second-period drive on which Salisbury eclipsed the pass completion mark proved cruelly ironic. He completed three straight passes good for 51 total yards, only to see Don Shafer miss a 34-yard field goal after the march stalled at the Irish 17. That marked as close as the Trojans would get to the Notre Dame goal line until the middle of the fourth period.

The next two USC drives ended under even more discouraging circumstances. Once from the Notre Dame 42 and again from the

Irish 45, the Trojans attempted to run for the necessary yardage on fourth down. First Robert Banks and then Cedric Figaro nailed Kennedy Pola and then Aaron Emanuel short of the 10-yard stripe.

The visitors drove 42 yards to get a field goal on their first possession of the third period—but, as Tollner was quick to point out later, touchdowns and not field goals were the desired ingredients at that juncture. Two of the next three Trojan possessions collapsed due to lost fumbles to thwart whatever comeback hopes USC might have held.

Notre Dame's offense ran efficiently early, late and often.

Following Pinkett's one-play, one-touchdown drive, the Irish made effective use of sophomore fullback Frank Stams on possession number two. After gaining 15 yards on a screen pass, Stams rambled 23 yards (his longest gain of the season) on a third-and-four opportunity. Quarterback Steve Beuerlein scored the touchdown himself (the first rushing score of his career) on a play in which he took a wicked hit at the goal line.

After Shafer's missed field goal, the home team went back to work. Though Pinkett carried on seven of the 12 plays during the next march, it was another noteworthy play

by Beuerlein that set the tone. On third and four from his own 28, Beuerlein dropped back, started to run as the Trojan rush forced him out of the pocket—then stopped just short of the line of scrimmage for a quick toss to Tom Rehder. Though he was only a few yards away from Beuerlein when the pass was thrown, Rehder's reception fooled USC and he turned the play into a 28-yard gainer.

USC's pair of strikeouts on fourth down followed—with Faust electing to give his backup offensive troops a shot midway through the second period. As had become the rule rather than the exception, he wasn't disappointed. Sophomore Terry Andrysiak quickly rolled out and hit rookie tight end Andy Heck for 23 yards—and Hiawatha Francisco zipped past a couple of would-be tacklers for 16 yards on the following play. Stams scored three plays later for a 24-0 lead—and it was obvious what sort of day it was slated to be for the Irish.

A Pat Ballage interception set up another Carney field goal just prior to halftime—as Notre Dame put 20 of their 37 points on the scoreboard following Trojan turnovers.

If USC had any plans for a second-half change of momentum, they didn't last long. The Trojans—needing desperately to throw a couple of sevens—got only three out of their

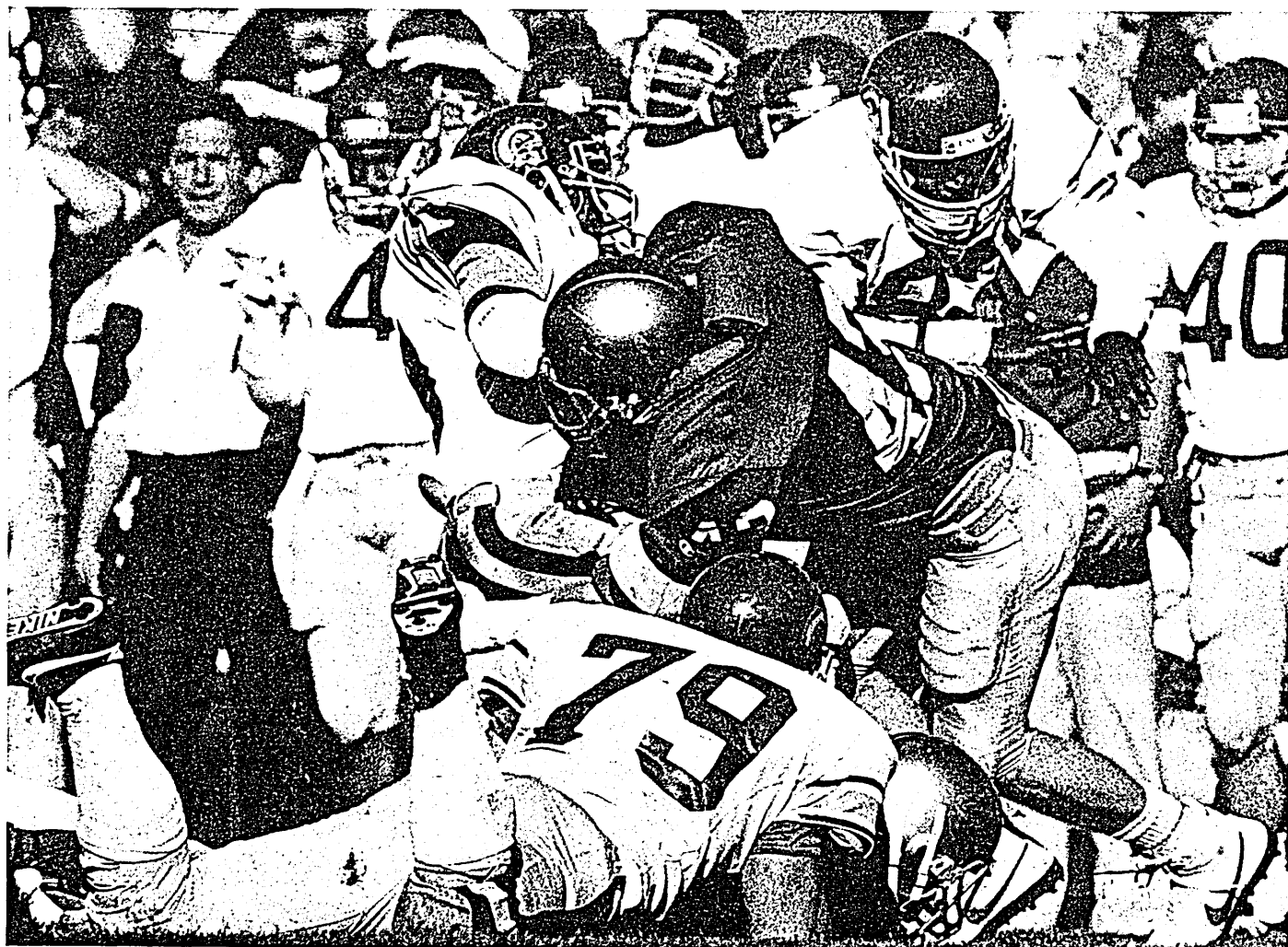
first second-half attempt on offense. And when Fred Crutcher fumbled deep in his own territory on the next try (with Marv Spence recovering), the visitors' cause suffered a little more.

The generally-dependable USC running attack accounted for only three rushing first downs all afternoon—and no USC back managed more than 50 yards. Salisbury's final passing numbers (21 of 34 for 191 yards) and those of backup Rodney Pete (four of seven for 53) certainly proved respectable—but the four turnovers (added to the two misses on fourth-down runs) thwarted the Trojans every time they were in a position to threaten.

Tollner had little option but to ruefully face the music:

"I don't know what to say. We were whipped in every phase of the game. There are no excuses for losing like we did today. We worked hard during the week and we were mentally and physically ready to play. Notre Dame came out and pounded us with the run and made some plays with the pass and took us out of our game."

Once the Irish had taken their 27-point halftime lead, the jersey caper marked one of the few second-half occurrences of note. And though the switch from blue to green seemed



None of the USC tailbacks managed more than 50 rushing yards. Veteran Irish linebacker Mike Larkin delivers his own personal message on this Trojan foray.

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anticlimactic and unnecessary, Faust was quick to point out the lack of wisdom in taking any win over the Trojans for granted. His players—though most were only 10 years old at the time—had been duly informed of the '74 game in which Anthony Davis' second-half scoring spree turned a 24-6 Irish halftime lead into a 55-24 Trojan success. Even Tollner didn't appear concerned about the green:

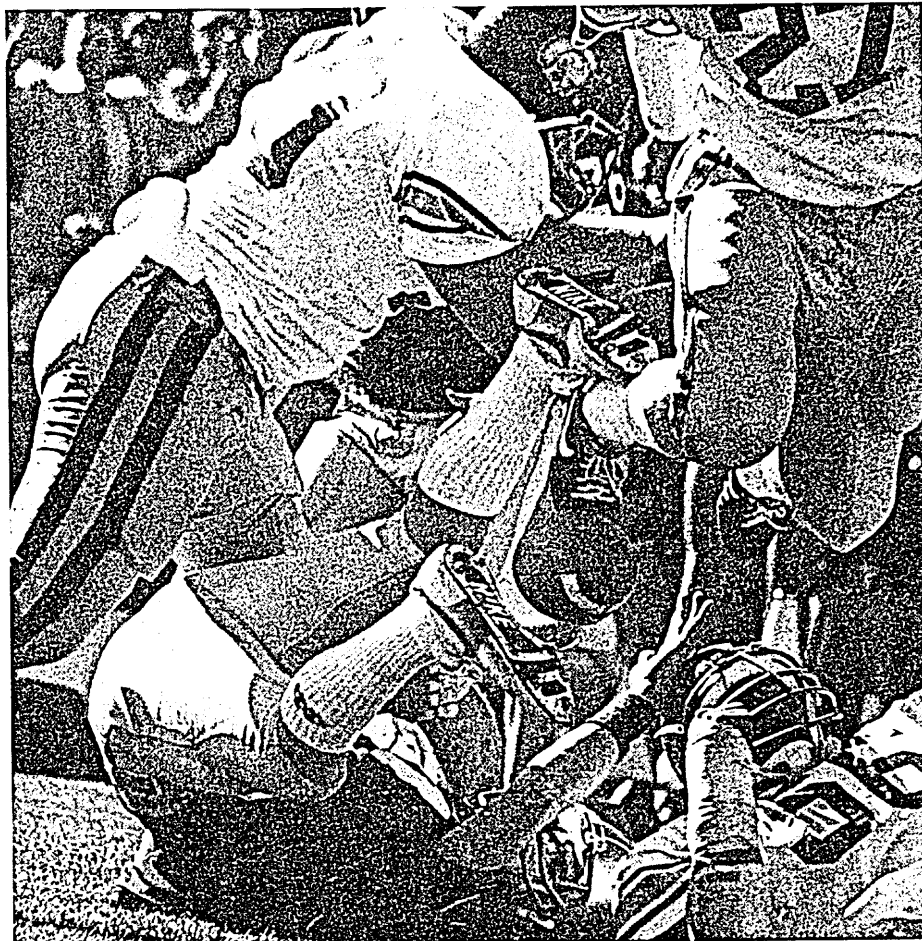
"I think they had planned to wear the green jerseys no matter what the score was. We were responsible for our own embarrassment. If we had taken care of our own program, we wouldn't have been behind 27-0 at halftime."

The mysterious part of watching the Irish rout involved whether this could actually be the same Notre Dame team that had passed on opportunities to win at Michigan and had admittedly performed miserably a month earlier at Purdue.

"We're making less mistakes," suggested Pinkett, who finished his career with 373 rushing yards and five touchdowns versus the Trojans. "We're not turning the ball over like we did earlier in the year. People say our offense is predictable. Well, you're darn right, it's predictable. We want to go out and try to run the ball down a team's throat. It's simply a matter of our execution."

"We have a more relaxed attitude," added guard Tim Scannell. "We're not uptight about anything right now. We're just playing football and not worrying about making mistakes."

And that was enough to make all the difference.



A heels-over-head Steve Beuerlein reaches for the football as Trojan bodies go flying everywhere. His first-period drive produced the first rushing score of his Notre Dame career.

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Scoring Summary				Team Statistics						Passing									
First Period	Time	ND	SC	USC	0	0	3	0-3	Sean Salisbury	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long				
ND—Allen Pinkett 2 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 2 yards in 1 play in :05 following Troy Wilson recovery of USC fumble on opening kickoff.	14:50	7	0	Notre Dame	14	13	3	7-37	Rodney Peete	7	4	0	53	0	31				
ND—Steve Beuerlein 6 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 71 yards in 9 plays in 4:25 following USC punt.	6:58	14	0						Kennedy Pola	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Second Quarter																			
ND—John Carney 26 FG Drive: 71 yards in 12 plays in 5:52 following USC missed field goal.	12:19	17	0																
ND—Frank Stams 5 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 55 yards in 7 plays in 3:04 following USC loss of ball on downs.	3:27	24	0																
ND—John Carney 33 FG Drive: 0 yards in 3 plays in 1:22 following Pat Ballage interception of USC pass.	:35	27	0																
Third Quarter																			
SC—Don Shafer 39 FG Drive: 42 yards in 8 plays in 3:31 following Notre Dame punt.	9:53	27	3																
ND—John Carney 43 FG Drive: 12 yards in 7 plays in 3:53 following Marv Spence recovery of USC fumble.	2:27	30	3																
Fourth Quarter																			
ND—Joel Williams 8 pass from Terry Andrysiak (John Carney kick) Drive: 64 yards in 9 plays in 4:26 following USC punt.	1:49	37	3																
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Individual Statistics				Passing						Pass Receiving									
USC				Notre Dame						Notre Dame									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Fred Crutcher	15	54	4	50	0	11	Allen Pinkett	28	113	3	110	1	13						
Aaron Emanuel	13	48	0	48	0	9	H. Francisco	10	57	0	57	0	16						
Kennedy Pola	3	8	0	8	0	6	Frank Stams	4	31	0	31	1	23						
Sean Salisbury	3	8	12	-4	0	6	Tom Monahan	4	14	0	14	0	7						
							Steve Beuerlein	2	6	3	3	1	6						
							Tim Brown	1	2	0	2	0	2						

A New Debate for Irish Fans

By CHUCK FREEBY

The continuing saga of the 1985 Notre Dame football team added yet another chapter.

A season already filled with ups and downs, green jerseys and black rumors, thickened its plot with a quarterback controversy as Notre Dame sunk Navy's hopes of an upset with a 41-17 triumph at Notre Dame Stadium.

During the week of practice before the game, reserve quarterback Terry Andrysiak ran the club, while starter Steve Beuerlein

nursed a bruised shoulder he suffered in the USC game the previous Saturday. By Friday, however, Beuerlein was pronounced ready to play, and Irish coach Gerry Faust decided to go with the veteran.

"I called both of the quarterbacks into my office separately on Friday and told them the situation," explained Faust. "We wanted Beuerlein in for the first few series to see if Navy changed anything. He's got a lot of defensive checks and Steve's got about 27 starts. We wanted his experience in there."

That would seem to settle the matter,

right?

Wrong.

Beuerlein didn't remain in the lineup for long. Notre Dame committed two turnovers and punted on its first three possessions, while Navy posted a 7-0 lead on Napoleon McCallum's one-yard touchdown run.

Exit Beuerlein, stage left. Enter Andrysiak, stage right.

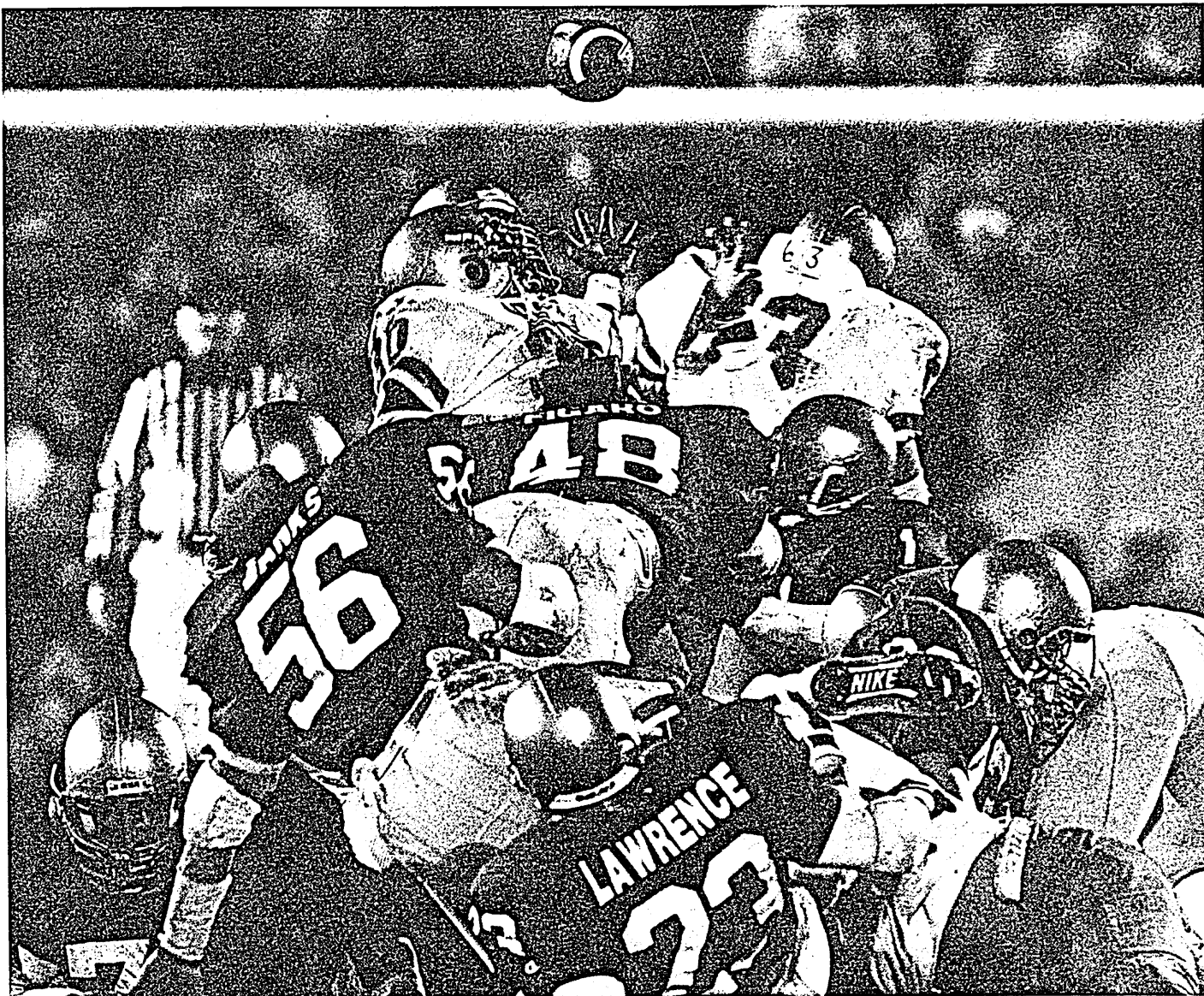
"All the guys on the first offense were looking for an answer," noted Andrysiak.

"When I came in they were really hepped up trying to make it work."



A flying Mike Kovalski tries to get a grip on Navy tailback Napoleon McCallum.

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Three second-half fumbles by Napoleon McCallum did little to help the Midshipman cause.

They did just that, with Andrysiak leading the way. All the sophomore signalcaller did was complete 11 of 17 passes for 195 yards, guide the Irish to touchdowns on five of his eight possessions, and lead Notre Dame to its greatest offensive output (544 yards) in Faust's five years.

"Things worked with him in there," understated offensive captain Tim Scannell. "We weren't doing anything up to that point. When he came in, he served as the catalyst, he got things going. I can't say enough about the job he did."

Andrysiak probably wishes Scannell would have kept talking, though, as his performance was not enough to wrest the starting job from Beuerlein in Faust's opinion.

"Steve Beuerlein is our starting quarterback," said Faust after the game. "It's probably coincidence that our offense got started when it did. Don't take anything away from Terry. He threw well, ran well, ran the club well. He did a super job."

Tailback Allen Pinkett, who did his own super job of rushing for a season-high 161

yards and three touchdowns, agreed with Faust's assessment of the situation.

"I think he was in the right place at the right time. Our offense just woke up. We knew if we let Navy keep building its confidence, it would be a long evening. But I think our offense would have done the same even if Beuerlein would have stayed in."

There was no question that Andrysiak did exceptionally well. Beuerlein's absence from the practice field necessitated some changes in the Notre Dame gameplan, and Andrysiak took advantage of those alterations.

"We planned a roll-out type of offense," noted Faust. "We couldn't wait until Thursday to see if Beuerlein would be okay."

"Basically you saw more roll-outs today, more bootlegs and more naked bootlegs where Terry has no protection," added Scannell. "Terry has good feet and good athletic ability. Those kinds of plays are his forte and he took advantage of them"

In fact, Andrysiak rolled out on nearly every pass he threw, as he sprinted left and right to find open receivers all afternoon. On

his first drive, he completed three passes, including a nine-yard aerial to Mark Green at the Navy 35. From that point, the rushing attack took over the next five plays, with Pinkett capping the drive on a two-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7-7.

The stage was now set for the turning point of the ball game. However, this play would not involve Andrysiak, but another reserve, cornerback Marv Spence. Facing a fourth-and-four situation on the Irish 42, Navy coach Gary Tranquill decided to take an early gamble and go for the first down.

"I thought we were going to make it," said Tranquill.

"Before the play started I didn't feel they would make it," dissented Irish linebacker Tony Furjanic. "I was surprised they went for it, especially after we shut down USC a couple of times on fourth down early in the game."

Furjanic proved to be right this time. Navy quarterback Bill Byrne rolled left, firing for McCallum in the flat. Spence came over quickly, though, knocking the ball—and the

Navy momentum—away.

The Irish wasted little time cashing in on the opportunity. First, Andrysiak hit Tim Brown on a 13-yard gain to the Navy 45. Then, the speedy Green took a reverse down the right sideline, picked up a great block from Reggie Ward, and brought the ball to the Middle five. Three plays later, Pinkett did a classic swan dive into the end zone from the one, and the Irish took a 13-7 lead.

Navy answered on its next possession with a field goal to narrow the margin to 13-10, but the Irish responded just as quickly by using what was given them. The Navy defense had been spreading out to try and stop Andrysiak's sprints, leaving the middle vulnerable, and it was only a matter of time before Notre Dame broke off the big play.

Andrysiak started the drive by tying a Notre Dame record with his 10th consecutive completion—a 16-yarder to Ward. Three plays later, Pinkett took advantage of the Navy weakness, smashing through the line like it was crepe paper on a 43-yard romp to the Middle four. Two plays later, fullback Frank Stams took the honors on a one-yard run and the Irish had a 20-10 halftime lead.

While Andrysiak continued his show in the second half, the Irish defense tightened its

grip on Navy's offense, especially McCallum. The All-American and Heisman Trophy candidate had not fumbled in his team's first seven games, while averaging 112 yards per game. While he did gain 124 yards against the Notre Dame defense, McCallum also fumbled three times in the last two quarters, and all three fumbles led to scores.

“He (McCallum) took some good hits out there and not many backs in the nation could keep from fumbling.”

—Eric Dorsey

The reasons behind the fumbles depended upon to whom you talked. Irish defensive tackle Eric Dorsey felt the Notre Dame defense had a lot to do with McCallum's problems.

“I have to give him credit; he's a great running back. But he took some good hits out there today, and not many backs in the

nation could keep from fumbling.”

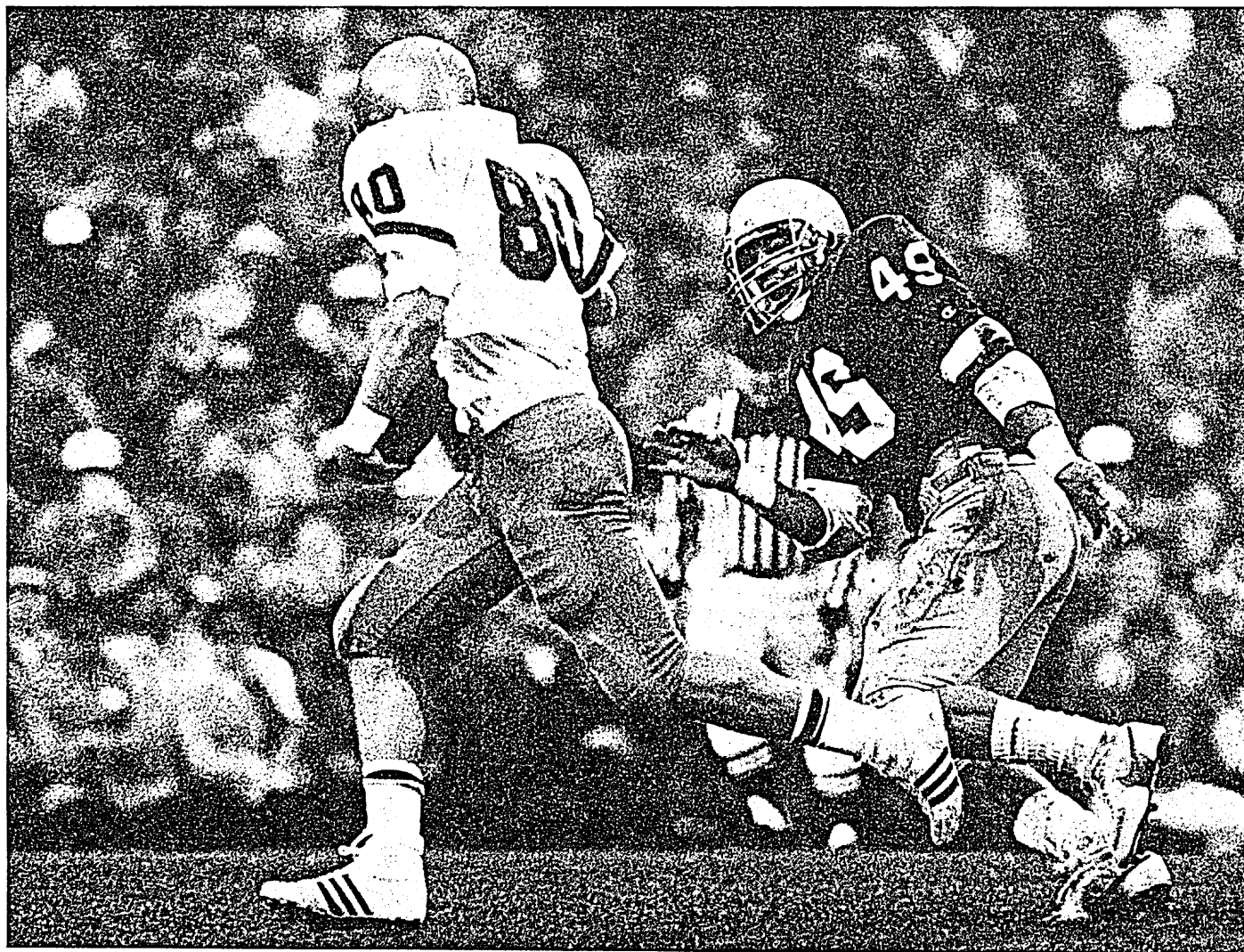
McCallum didn't quite see it that way, though, feeling he just had a bad day.

“The hitting really had nothing to do with it,” noted the Navy tailback. “The times I fumbled, I just lost control of the football. It's just one of those things I'm going to have to work on.”

Whatever the reason, Notre Dame was quick to use the charity provided, and it received more help from some shoddy Navy tackling. First, Pinkett broke six tackles on a 29-yard run destined for the highlight film and the end zone midway through the third quarter. Then, early in the fourth quarter, Andrysiak connected with Brown, who eluded three tackles on a 48-yard touchdown play. Finally, the reserves came on, and Hiawatha Francisco broke two tackles on a 15-yard burst for another score.

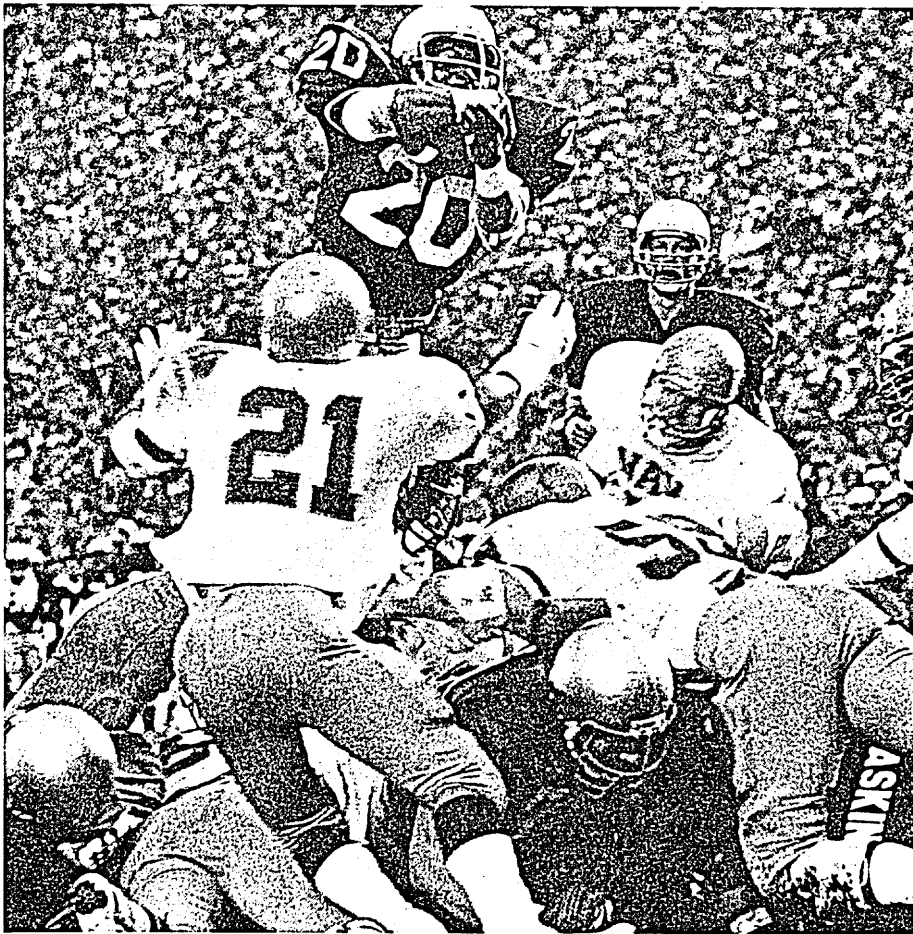
Eleven missed tackles, 92 yards, and 21 points later, it was 41-10.

Navy did manage to make the score a little more respectable, as Don Holl's one-yard touchdown run provided the final scoring of the day. Still, it was not enough to keep the Middies from falling to 3-5 and dropping their 22nd consecutive decision to Notre Dame.



Navy tight end John Sniffen attempts to elude Notre Dame's Mike Kovaleski on one of his three receptions.

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One of Allen Pinkett's season-high 161 rushing yards produces one of his three touchdowns.

"At the half, I thought we were in pretty good shape," said Tranquill. "It's always a shock to lose by that score. Every time we got something going, we turned it over. We couldn't come up with any big plays. We didn't tackle. That and turning the ball over are why we looked so bad."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the field, Notre Dame celebrated its third straight win, and its fifth in a row at home. The Irish raised their record to 4-3 and lifted the spirits of Faust.

"We're getting better each week," said the Irish coach. "We played a good football team today. We got off to a slow start, but then we got on track."

"Confidence is the thing with this team right now. The kids are believing in themselves. This was a good win for them."

Indeed, it was a convincing win for the Irish. Nevertheless, Notre Dame still couldn't manage to avoid turmoil, even in victory. The plot of this continuing drama had thickened with a quarterback controversy—a familiar twist to Irish fans.

Debates have raged throughout Notre Dame football over who was the best signalcaller. In the '40s, it was Lujack or Bertelli. In the '60s, the decision was Hanratty or O'Brien. In the '70s, the argument was Lisch or Montana—and in the early '80s, Koegel, Kiel and Beuerlein all battled.

Now it's Beuerlein or Andrysiak.

QB or not QB. For Gerry Faust, that is the question.

Scoring Summary

First Quarter	Time	ND	NA
NA—Napoleon McCallum 1 run (Todd Solomon kick) Drive: 74 yards in 8 plays in 3:14 following John Carroll recovery of Notre Dame fumble.	8:06	0	7
Second Quarter			
ND—Allen Pinkett 2 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 70 yards in 9 plays in 3:19 following Navy punt.	13:04	7	7
ND—Allen Pinkett 1 run (John Carney kick fails) Drive: 58 yards in 5 plays in 1:53 following Navy loss of ball on downs.	8:59	13	7
NA—Todd Solomon 42 FG Drive: 53 yards in 9 plays in 4:32 following Notre Dame kickoff.	4:27	13	10
ND—Frank Stams 1 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 75 yards in 6 plays in 2:16 following Navy kickoff.	2:11	20	10
Third Quarter			
ND—Allen Pinkett 29 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 46 yards in 2 plays in :24 following Pat Ballage recovery of Navy fumble.	11:41	27	10
Fourth Quarter			
ND—Tim Brown 48 pass from Terry Andrysiak Drive: 76 yards in 9 plays in 3:46 following Marv Spence recovery of Navy fumble.	13:17	34	10
ND—Hiawatha Francisco 15 run (John Carney kick) Drive: 38 yards in 6 plays in 1:50 following Steve Lawrence recovery of Navy fumble.	7:37	41	10

NA—Don Holl 1 run
(Todd Solomon kick)
Drive: 66 yards in 9 plays in 3:09
following Notre Dame loss of
ball on downs.
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Navy	7	3	0	7-17
Notre Dame	0	20	7	14-41

Team Statistics

	Navy	ND
First Downs	23	27
Rushing	10	15
Passing	12	12
Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	38	56
Yards Rushing	164	341
Yards Lost Rushing	22	27
Net Yards Rushing	142	314
Net Yards Passing	246	230
Passes Attempted	42	23
Passes Completed	26	14
Had Intercepted	2	1
Total Offensive Plays	80	79
Total Net Yards	388	544
Average Gain Per Play	4.9	6.9
Fumbles: Number—Lost	6-4	2-2
Penalties: Number—Yards	1-5	6-32
Interceptions: Number—Yards	1-1	2-13
Number of Punts—Yards	3-111	4-130
Average Per Punt	37.0	32.5
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3-17	3-17
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	4-99	2-43
Third-Down Conversions	2-10	6-12

Individual Statistics

	Navy				
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD Long
N. McCallum	24	124	0	124	1 14
John Berner	5	15	0	15	0 5

Mike Smith	3	11	0	11	0	6
Don Holl	2	7	0	7	1	6
John McKenna	1	7	0	7	0	7
Vernon Wallace	1	0	3	-3	0	-3
Bill Byrne	2	0	19	-19	0	-7
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Bill Byrne	36	22	2	192	0	22
Bob Misch	6	4	0	54	0	22
Pass Receiving				No. Yards	TD	Long
Napoleon McCallum				6 30	0	7
Greg Schildmeyer				3 46	0	22
John Sniffen				3 30	0	17
John Berner				3 29	0	14
Mike Smith				3 6	0	7
Ken Kmiec				2 39	0	22
Mike Ray				2 25	0	17
Troy Saunders				2 14	0	8
John Lobb				1 19	0	19
Don Holl				1 8	0	8

	Notre Dame				
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD Long
Allen Pinkett	27	168	7	161	3 43
Mark Green	2	52	0	52	0 40
H. Francisco	5	34	0	34	1 15
Tom Monahan	4	21	0	21	0 11
Frank Stams	5	18	0	18	1 9
Terry Andrysiak	4	30	14	16	0 18
Corny Southall	2	8	0	8	0 8
Ray Carter	4	6	1	5	0 3
Pernell Taylor	2	4	0	4	0 4
Steve Beuerlein	1	0	5	-5	0 -5
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD Long
Terry Andrysiak	17	11	0	195	1 48
Steve Beuerlein	6	3	1	35	0 3
Pass Receiving				No. Yards	TD Long
Tim Brown				5 111	1 46
Reggie Ward				3 48	0 17
Tony Eason				2 27	0 19
Tom Rehder				2 21	0 12
Alvin Miller				1 14	0 14
Mark Green				1 9	0 9

Two QBs Too Many for Rebels

By KAREN CROAKE

Gerry Faust always has been good at juggling.

Once, on a dare from his college buddies, he took two girls to the same dance without either finding out about the other. The dance hall was big and crowded. He stationed one girl on each side of the room and navigated back and forth, splitting his time evenly with both young ladies. Surprisingly enough, and to the astonishment of his friends, Faust's plan worked beautifully. But his guilty conscience finally got the best of him. With the money he won from his pals, he bought each girl a dozen roses and 'fessed up.

Now, years later, Faust was faced with a similar task. He brought two quarterbacks to the same game and wanted to give each an ample opportunity to play. Could he do that without disrupting his team's offensive consistency and momentum? Could he do it without hurting somebody's ego and morale?

Again, Faust's balancing act succeeded. With sophomore Terry Andrysiak and senior Steve Beuerlein calling the signals, the Irish cruised to a 37-14 drubbing of Mississippi in Notre Dame Stadium. The only ones who suffered were the hapless Rebels, who couldn't find the end zone until less than eight minutes remained in the contest.

"Both Terry and Steve worked very hard in practice," said Faust, who had refused to name a starter to the press before gametime. "We talked to both of them this week, and we agreed it's a healthy situation for the team to be in with two quarterbacks."

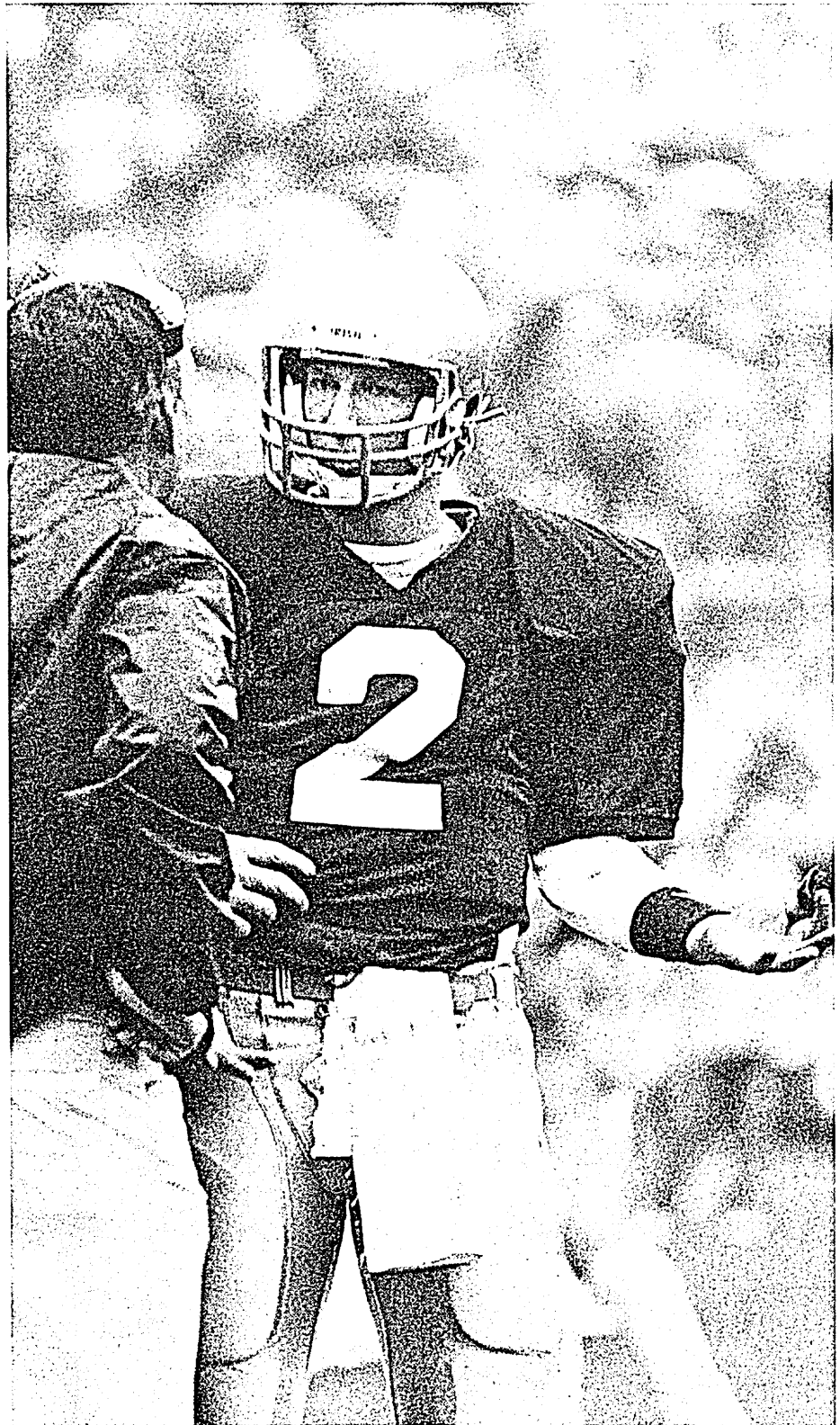
Andrysiak, who started the first game of his college career, engineered two touchdown drives and completed four of eight passes for 60 yards.

Beuerlein, who started the previous week against Navy but played sparingly because of a shoulder injury suffered against USC, led the Irish to a pair of touchdowns in the first half and completed five of eight passes for the exact same number of yards.

"I didn't realize the work load broke down so evenly," said Faust, whose team won its fourth in a row overall and sixth straight at home. "I made the decision to start Andrysiak because he played such a good football game last week. If a kid performs well, really above what you expect him to do, the kid should have the opportunity to play.

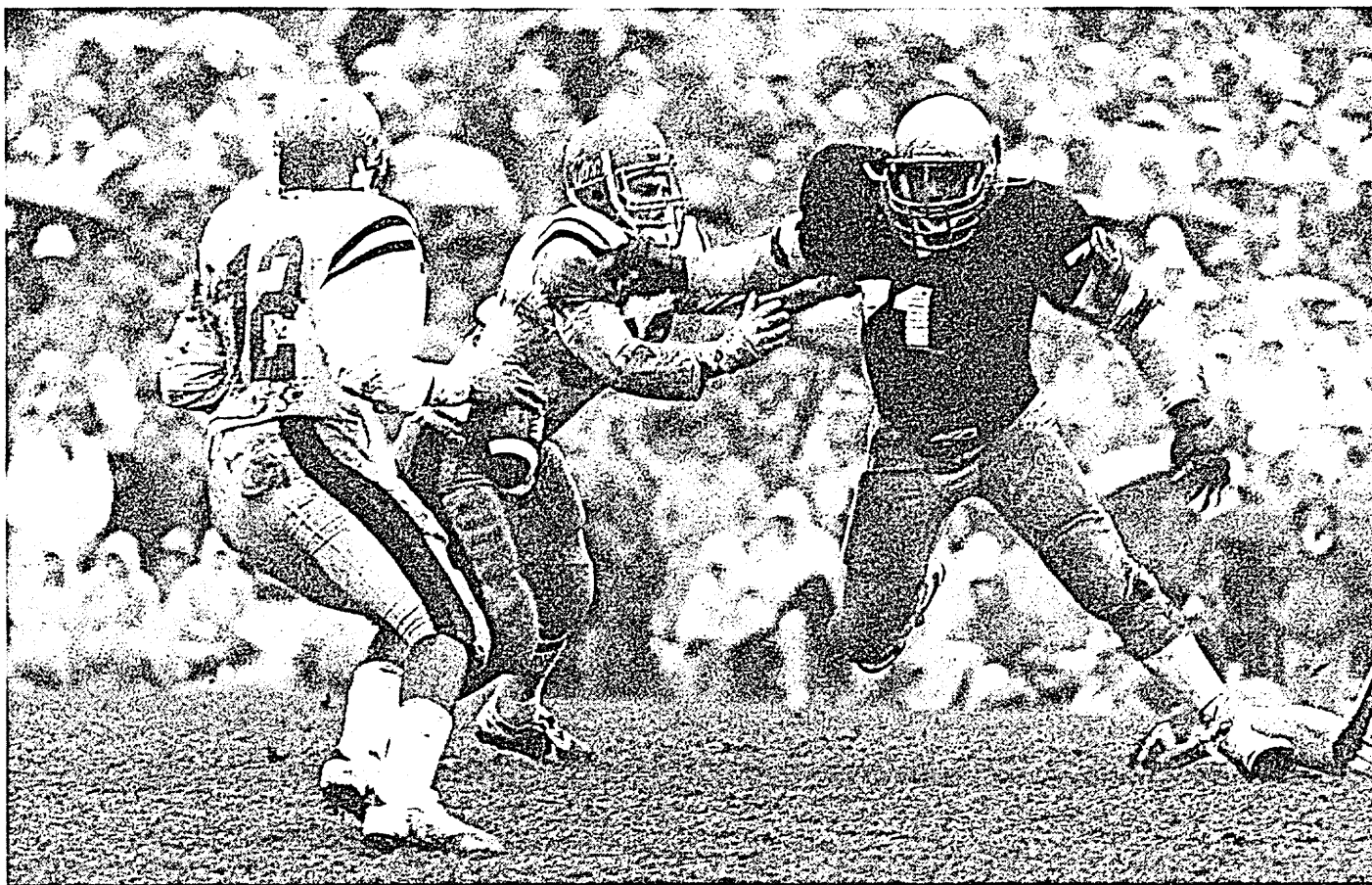
"I didn't want to go the route of bringing Terry off the bench. That would have been wrong for Steve. But they both did pretty well, didn't they?"

Although the dueling quarterbacks attracted most of the attention, Notre Dame's



Terry Andrysiak's first career start prompts a sideline discussion.

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An ominous-looking Eric Dorsey strikes a bit of fear in the heart of Ole Miss freshman Chris Osgood, who took his first collegiate snap from center against Notre Dame.

defense played just as important a role in the lopsided victory.

Free safety Steve Lawrence set up two key Irish touchdowns with a second-quarter interception return and a third-quarter fumble return.

"I was just a small part in a big win," said Lawrence. "We knew we were good enough, but we couldn't do it if we didn't pull together."

After a lackluster first quarter—the first three Irish possessions netted just 27 yards, plus a 41-yard field goal by John Carney—Notre Dame needed Lawrence's heroics.

One minute into the second period, Lawrence grabbed freshman quarterback Mark Young's errant pass at the Irish 25-yard line and returned it 27 yards to the Mississippi 48.

Faust then inserted Beuerlein in place of Andrysiak, who had gotten off to a slow start.

"I was a little shaky and confused at the beginning," admitted Andrysiak. "If I played well I probably would have stayed in longer, but I knew Steve would play, too."

Beuerlein had made no bones about wanting his starting job back, and on this series he proved he meant business. After tailback Allen Pinkett had gained nearly half of his day's total with 30 yards on three carries to help move Notre Dame to the 10-yard line, Beuerlein displayed his savvy and guts. On fourth and two, he rolled out and flipped to fullback Frank Stams for seven

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yards. Two plays later, Pinkett somersaulted into the end zone. Carney added the PAT to give the Irish a 10-0 lead.

Beuerlein continued to impress his critics on the next Notre Dame possession. He completed three big passes for 44 yards, capping the 73-yard drive with passes of 16 and 14 yards, respectively, to flanker Tim Brown. Another Carney extra point put the Irish ahead, 17-0, at halftime.

Of Ole Miss' seven first-half possessions, five ended with punts, another with an interception and the last one far from the goal line as time expired.

Most of the customary sellout crowd of 59,075 knew the rout was on. Because of the damp, driving rain, many departed for drier and warmer hideaways by the third quarter.

Since his team had managed just three first downs and 55 yards total offense in the first half, Rebels' coach Billy Brewer tried switching quarterbacks. But his exchange wasn't as nearly as smooth and successful as Faust's. Young, who opened in place of injured senior standout Kent Austin, completed only two of six passes, and one of those was to himself. After outside linebacker Cedric Figaro deflected his pass, Young grabbed the ball but was dropped for a 14-yard loss by linebacker Mike Kovaleski.

"It was pretty frustrating," said Young.

His replacement, rookie Chris Osgood, didn't find the going much easier.

"We told our defense we had to shut Mississippi's offense down," said Faust.

Mississippi had a chance to get into the game when the Rebels recovered Pinkett's fumble on the Irish 27. But Ole Miss gave the ball right back. Nathan Wonsley fumbled into the arms of Lawrence, who raced 79 yards to the Rebels' five-yard line. Only a tackle by flanker Andree Rodgers kept him out of the end zone.

"I ran out of gas," explained Lawrence. "I saw this guy coming, but I tried to stiff-arm him. I was too tired to make a move. I'll leave that to the offense."

"I told him if he had been in better shape, he would have scored," said Faust.

Three plays later, Pinkett scored his second touchdown of the day. That score—the 52nd touchdown of his career—left him just seven shy of Tony Dorsett's and Glenn Davis' NCAA career mark of 59.

"Getting the career touchdown record is a goal that's in sight for me," said Pinkett, who gained 63 yards on 14 carries before leaving the game midway through the third quarter. "But I would like to have that happen with us winning our last three games. I feel it will take a team effort to do that."

Notre Dame continued its offensive blitzkrieg. And Andrysiak maintained his race with Beuerlein by throwing his only

“ He (Dorsey) is one of the best damn guys we've seen. ”

— Billy Brewer

touchdown pass of the day on Notre Dame's next series. On first down from the Mississippi 22, Andrysiak located a wide-open Tom Rehder at the 16. Rehder rambled down the left sideline and bulldozed his way into the end zone for the score. Carney's kick gave the Irish a 31-0 lead.

"Notre Dame is a very talented football team," said Brewer, whose team fell to 3-5-1. "We were just outmanned in every position, I guess."

Faust called off the horses and began substituting freely. Fifty-three players saw action for the Irish—29 on offense and 24 on

defense.

Mississippi finally avoided the whitewash by touching the second-stringers for a pair of touchdowns in the final 15 minutes. Osgood's 10-yard scoring pass to split end Ricky Meyers snapped two dubious streaks for the Rebels.

They had not scored in 11 previous televised quarters and had gone since the third period of the 35-7 rout of Vanderbilt two games previous without a point.

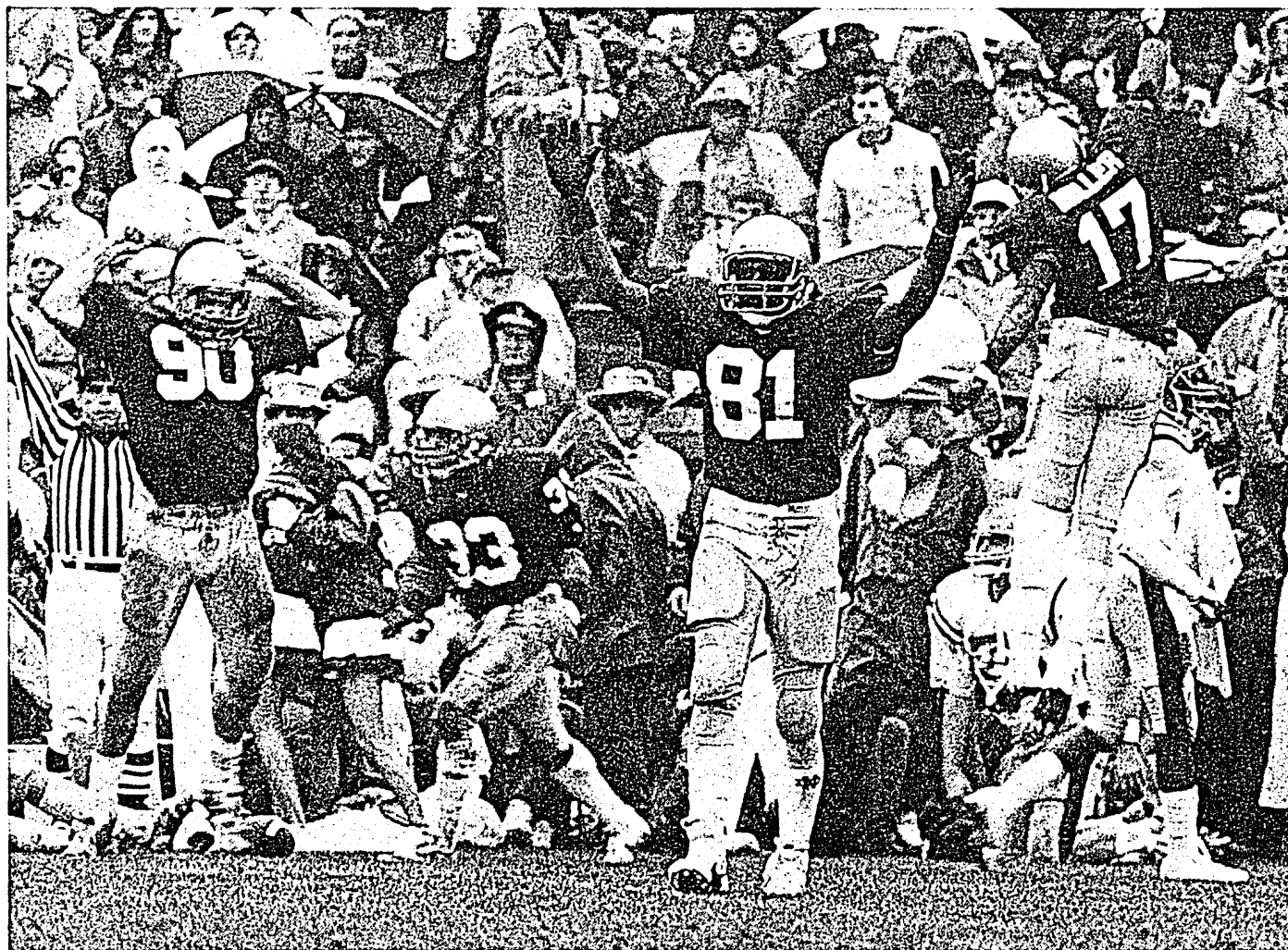
Osgood, who took the first snap of his college career late in the first half, also directed another scoring drive on the Rebels' next possession. Tailback Chuck Cleveland scored from the one-yard line, and Bryan Owen's kick accounted for Ole Miss' 14th point.

Osgood finished the day with seven completions in 13 attempts for 79 yards. He also scrambled for 13 yards on eight carries.

"Osgood was better than Young," said Irish defensive tackle Eric Dorsey. "His mobility was a lot better. He scrambled a lot better than the first guy."

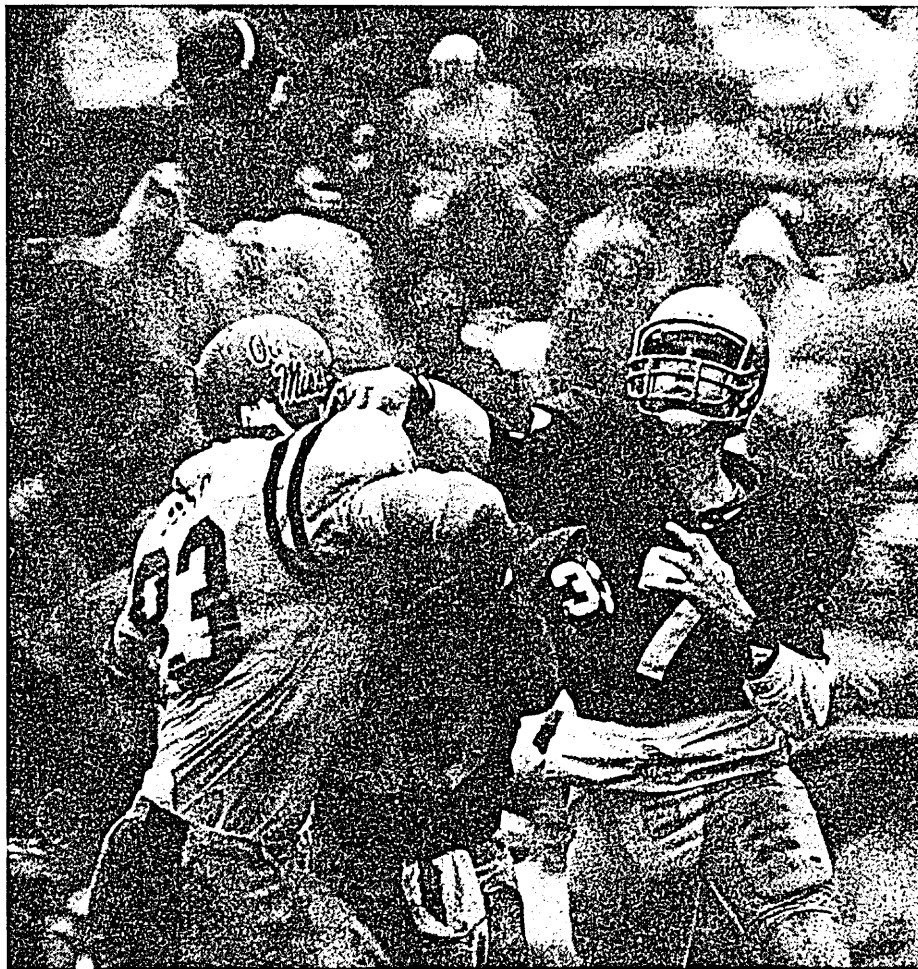
Mississippi was more impressed with Dorsey, who made six tackles, including two for losses, and harassed Rebel quarterbacks and ballcarriers all afternoon.

"He's one of the best damn guys we've



A 22-yard scoring catch by Tom Rehder (90) prompts an official's call by Tim Brown (81) and further celebration by Alvin Miller (17). Rehder's touchdown gave the Irish a commanding 31-0 advantage.

NICK GRIFFIN



Junior Steve Beuerlein came off the bench to throw for a touchdown and match Terry Andrysiak's 60 passing yards amidst the raindrops.

seen," said Brewer.

Notre Dame's third-team offense wrapped up the scoring for the Irish late in the fourth quarter. After Wes Pritchett recovered a Rebel fumble on a muffed punt return at the Mississippi eight, tailback Corny Southall ran eight yards for the last Notre Dame touchdown. Hal Von Wyl missed the extra point to account for the final 37-14 tally.

"This game really had me worried," said Faust. "We really weren't sure what kind of offense Mississippi would have, and I was afraid we might be looking ahead to Penn State. But the young men played well. We were lucky to get so far in front so early. That certainly helped. We stuck to our game plan and did pretty much what we wanted to do."

Despite Notre Dame's domination on the scoreboard, the statistics were a bit closer. The Irish accumulated 283 yards total offense (163 rushing, 120 passing) to 221 (128 rushing, 93 passing) for the Rebels. In fact, Ole Miss ran four more plays (69 to 65).

"I don't think we played that poorly," said Brewer. "At times, we performed well in spurts. We're a football team that the good bounce, the good luck, is hard to come by."

So after a successful four-game homestand that saw the Irish outscore their opponents 140-44, Notre Dame must take its game of rotating quarterbacks on the road to number-one-ranked Penn State. Will Faust be able to maintain his juggling act?

"I like where we are," he said. "We're getting better and we're developing depth. We're in a pretty good position."

Will the Nittany Lions tip the seesaw?

Scoring Summary				Ole Miss				Notre Dame			
First Quarter	Time	ND	UM	0	0	0	14-14	3	14	14	6-37
ND—John Carney 41 FG	11:44	3	0								
Drive: 1 yard in 3 plays in :55 following Ole Miss punt.											
Second Quarter	Time	ND	UM	Team Statistics							
ND—Allen Pinkett 1 run (John Carney kick)	9:38	10	0	First Downs	UM	ND		Yards Rushing	14	15	
Drive: 48 yards in 10 plays in 4:16 following Steve Lawrence interception of Ole Miss pass.				Rushing	7	8		Yards Lost Rushing	50	26	
ND—Tim Brown 14 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick)	1:24	17	0	Passing	4	7		Net Yards Rushing	128	163	
Drive: 73 yards in 12 plays in 4:50 following Ole Miss punt.				Net Yards Passing	93	120		Passes Attempted	24	17	
Third Quarter	Time	ND	UM	Interceptions: Number—Yards	0-0	1-27		Passes Completed	11	9	
ND—Allen Pinkett 2 run (John Carney kick)	8:53	24	0	Had Intercepted	1	0		Total Offensive Plays	69	65	
Drive: 5 yards in 3 plays in 1:24 following Steve Lawrence recovery of Ole Miss fumble.				Total Net Yards	221	283		Average Gain Per Play	3.2	4.4	
ND—Tom Rehder 22 pass from Terry Andrysiak (John Carney kick)	3:36	31	0	Fumbles: Number—Lost	3-1	3-2		Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3-33	5-66	
Drive: 57 yards in 6 plays in 2:31 following Ole Miss loss of ball on downs.				Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	3-81	1-7		Third Down Conversions	4-15	6-14	
Fourth Quarter	Time	ND	UM	Individual Statistics							
UM—Ricky Myers 10 pass from Chris Osgood (Bryan Owen kick)	7:49	31	7	Ole Miss							
Drive: 57 yards in 8 plays in 2:21 following Notre Dame punt.				Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
UM—Chuck Cleveland 1 run (Bryan Owen kick)	2:34	31	14	Nathan Wonsley	6	34	0	34	0	19	
Drive: 36 yards in 8 plays in 3:09 following Notre Dame punt.				Chuck Cleveland	6	28	0	28	1	14	
ND—Corny Southall 8 run (Hal Von Wyl kick fails)	:48	37	14	Joe Mickles	9	26	0	26	0	7	
Drive: 8 yards in 1 play in :04 following Wes Pritchett recovery of Ole Miss fumble.				Johnny Boatman	2	19	0	19	0	15	
A-59, 075(c)				Chris Osgood	8	23	10	13	0	11	
				Mark Young	6	25	14	11	0	10	
				Shawn Sykes	7	23	15	8	0	8	
				David McKinney	1	0	11	-11	0	-11	

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Chris Osgood	13	7	0	79	1	27
David McKinney	5	2	0	19	0	11
Mark Young	6	2	1	-5	0	9

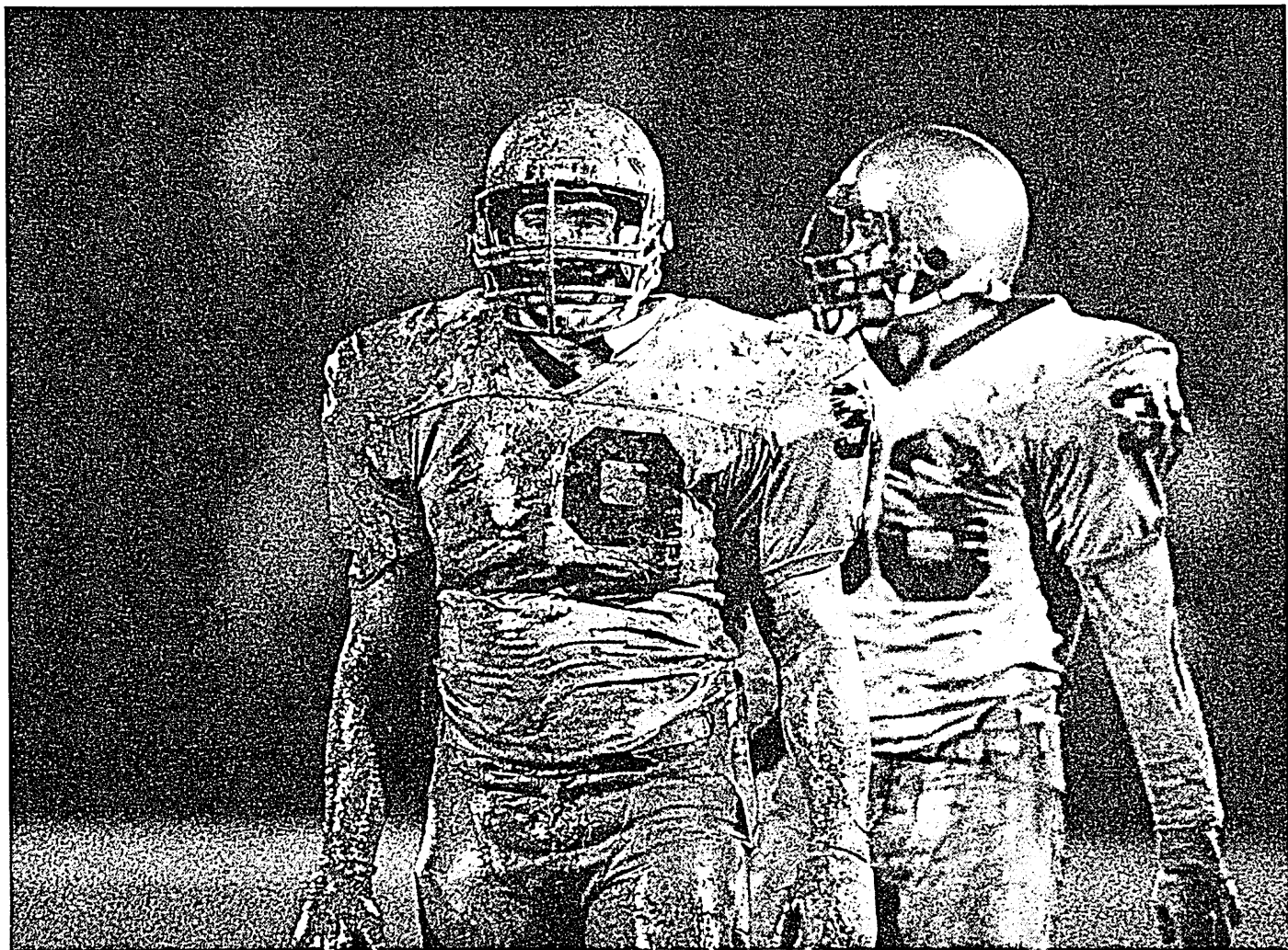
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Shawn Sykes	5	42	0	19
Ricky Myers	3	48	1	27
Mario Perry	1	9	0	9
Chuck Cleveland	1	8	0	8
Mark Young	1	-14	0	-14

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Allen Pinkett	14	63	0	63	2	15
H. Francisco	12	48	5	43	0	13
Tom Monahan	5	18	0	18	0	5
Pernell Taylor	1	18	0	18	0	18
Corey Southall	4	16	0	16	1	7
Frank Stams	5	7	1	6	0	4
Mark Green	1	5	0	5	0	5
Ray Carter	1	3	0	3	0	3
Steve Beuerlein	1	2	0	2	0	2
Terry Andrysiak	2	9	13	-4	0	9
Tom Byrne	2	0	7	-7	0	-3

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Terry Andrysiak	8	4	0	60	1	22
Steve Beuerlein	8	5	0	60	1	16
Tom Byrne	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tim Brown	3	41	1	14
Tom Rehder	2	29	1	22
Alvin Miller	1	20	0	20
Reggie Ward	1	14	0	14
Tony Eason	1	9	0	9
Frank Stams	1	7	0	7

When It Rains, It Pours



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Mike Kiernan's muddied jersey epitomizes the frustrating afternoon for the Irish.

By **EDDIE WHITE**

What a difference a year makes.

In 1984, Notre Dame played like a number-one team in rolling up 543 yards total offense, scoring on its first five possessions and controlling the clock for almost 40 minutes in a 44-7 thrashing of Penn State at Notre Dame Stadium.

This season it was different. Boy, was it different.

The undefeated and number-one-ranked Nittany Lions turned the tables, not to mention the scoreboard, on Notre Dame and handed the Irish a resounding 36-6 defeat before some 84,000 soaked fans at Beaver Stadium.

It was rainy (all through the day and game), cold (in the 30s) and windy. The weather was terrible.

And Notre Dame's play wasn't much better.

Notre Dame suffered six turnovers, including three interceptions, a blocked punt and a fumbled kickoff that set up five Penn State scores worth 19 points. It was the worst Irish loss in 11 years (since a 55-24 drubbing by USC in 1974) and made Gerry Faust the losingest coach in Notre Dame history. Faust, with his worst loss with the Irish, now owned a 30-24-1 career slate. Joe Kuharich previously held the embarrassing distinction with 23 losses.

"We really killed ourselves," said Irish tailback Allen Pinkett, who prior to 1985 had had three brilliant games versus Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions.

"Murphy's Law had a bit to do with it," added Pinkett, who could gain only 61 yards on only 12 carries. In his three previous contests against Penn State, he totaled 476 yards and eight touchdowns rushing.

"When it rains, it pours," added Pinkett.

"Anything that could go wrong, did go wrong."

Notre Dame and Irish fans should have seen a warning of things to come from the pregame words of Paterno, who usually downplays his team and promotes that week's opponent as one of the best of all time. You know how it goes.

"We're really not that good. But they are. They're great. We'll be lucky to be in the game with them." That's usually how Paterno sounds before a game. But not this time. Paterno, maybe remembering the previous year's loss, wanted this one.

"I'm looking forward to this game," said the veteran Lion coach during the week. "I like to be in these situations. And I told the squad this is a game that they should be looking forward to; I told them that several weeks ago. Now, here we are. Let's go!"

And go Penn State did. The Nittany Lions

raised their record to 10-0 by scoring on eight of their first nine possessions. The key to the game was Penn State's defense and how it stopped the Irish, namely Pinkett.

"We weren't so concerned (about Pinkett) as much as people probably thought we were," said Lion linebacker Rogers Alexander. "We more or less wanted to play solid defense, take care of our responsibilities and not give him the outside.

"I think we did a good job with that," added Alexander, who led Penn State with seven tackles.

Safety Ray Isom, who didn't see much of Pinkett because the Irish senior only broke into the secondary once, added, "He's a great running back and we knew we couldn't give him lanes. We really didn't practice on keying on him or anything. Once he got the ball, we were just going to go to the ball like we did all season and make him run east and west instead of north and south.

"We were just going to bend and bend and not break. After awhile, we just tightened up and didn't bend at all."

Really, the only time the Lions bent was on the game's first drive.

Starting at their own 17, the Irish came out throwing. Quarterback Steve Beuerlein, who was six for six for 62 yards in the drive, led the Irish to the Nittany Lion 21-yard line where the march stalled. On fourth and two, the Irish elected to try a field goal.

John Carney came in to attempt the 38-yarder but he never got a chance because holder Hal Von Wyl couldn't get the ball set

up in the slippery, muddy field. Von Wyl picked up the bobbled ball, rolled right and attempted a wobbly pass toward tight end Tom Rehder, but it was broken up by Isom.

"We put ourselves into a hole early by not scoring on that first drive," admitted Beuerlein. "They held us, got pumped up and went down and scored. We had to play catchup and they went out and made big plays. There's no way to know what would have happened if we'd scored. It might have been a different story, but they stopped us with a big play and they got us frustrated."

"Holding them to no points on the first drive was a major factor," said Isom. "They just took it to us on that first drive and moved the ball. When the field goal didn't work, it gave us momentum and confidence and we rode that."

Following the Irish miscue, Penn State quarterback John Shaffer, who hadn't lost a game (53 straight) as a starter since seventh grade, directed the Lions in an 11-play, 79-yard march that took 5:11. The former Cincinnati Moeller High School product hit all four passes in the drive — the last a 21-yard scoring toss to standout tailback D.J. Dozier.

Massimo Manca, playing his first collegiate game in front of his mother who flew in from Italy, booted the conversion and the Lions were on their way. Manca didn't disappoint his mother as he went on to boot a school-record-tying five field goals.

"I think a lot of what we did today can be contributed to determination and mental

attitude," said Dozier, the game's top ground-gainer with 75 yards. "We just had guys saying that no matter how muddy it is, no matter how my footing is, I'm going to get the job done. And that's what we did."

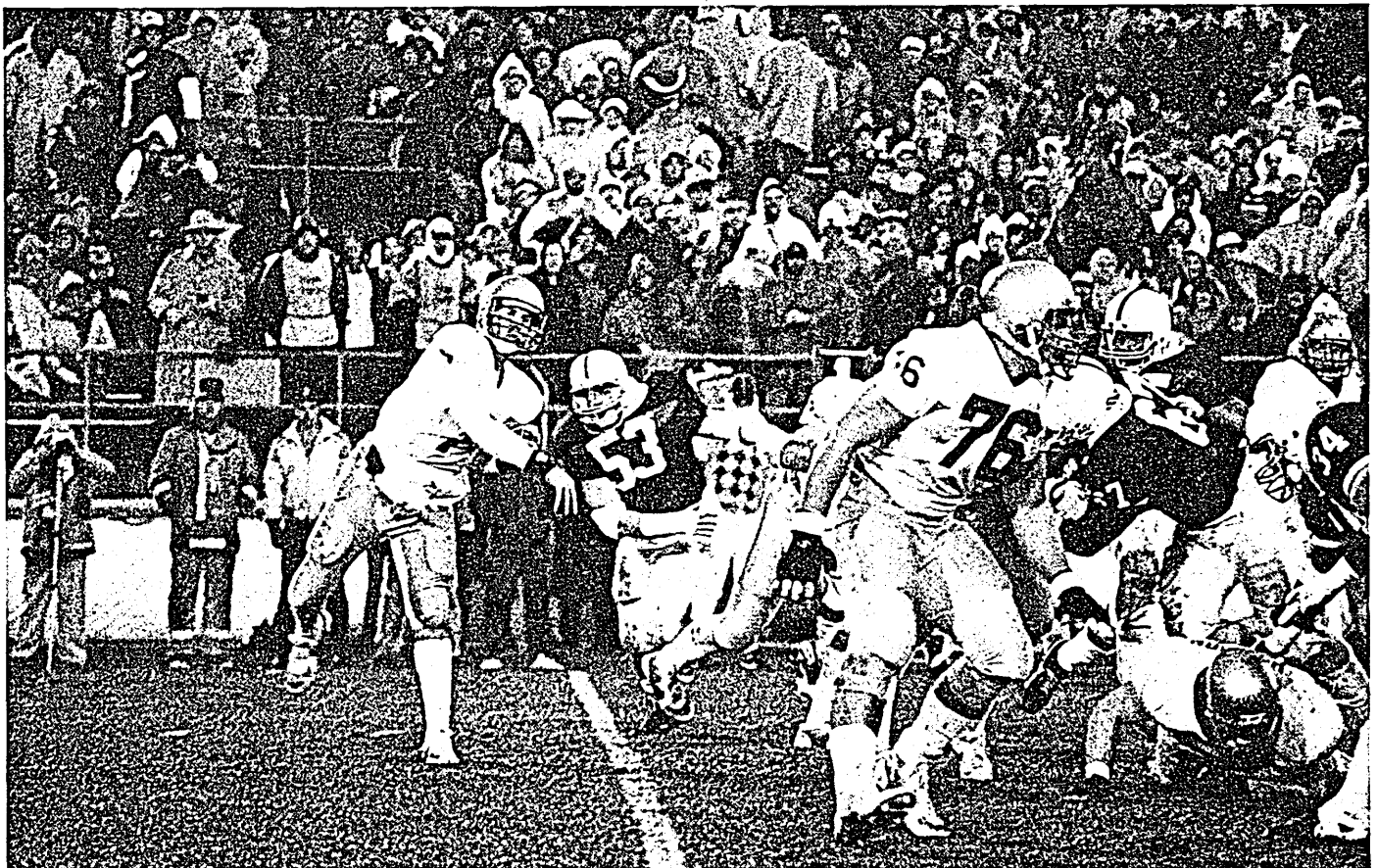
Notre Dame stopped Penn State on its next possession and then the Lions scored on eight straight drives (including the last four of the half). Field position was key for Penn State. The Lions got a 32-yard field goal from Manca after a drive started on the Irish 43-yard line; a 24-yard field goal set up after a Beuerlein interception gave the Lions a first down at the 34; a two-yard touchdown run by Steve Smith on a drive that began at the Lions 35; and a 50-yard field goal from Manca with :03 left in the half after Tim Brown fumbled the kickoff at the 29.

"Penn State caused some of our turnovers," said Faust. "The weather didn't help, but we've won in conditions like that before. They were as close to a perfect football team as you can get. They made no turnovers themselves in deplorable, almost comic conditions. When you can do that in that kind of weather, then you're playing like number one."

"I didn't mind playing in the rain and mud," said Alexander. "You get all dirty slipping and splashing around there. It was fun."

Fun is apparently doing things right.

"I think you would have to say this was our best all-around game," said Paterno, who would lead his team to a showdown with Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. "I said I



Steve Beuerlein's six straight completions to begin the game got the Notre Dame offense to a strong start.

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thought this was going to be our best game in two or three years, based on our practices this week." Before a reporter could ask, Paterno added, "Revenge is not an accurate term."

Despite being down 23-0 at the half, Faust and Co. were confident about an Irish comeback. "We felt we still had an opportunity because of the conditions," said Faust about the situation at halftime. "We knew anything could happen and I felt the team felt that way, too."

The facts showed while Penn State had come from behind at the half to win six times in '85 alone, the Irish had only come from behind once in Faust's five years.

Notre Dame's hopes for a comeback in the second half ended after only three minutes. The Irish took the kickoff and marched to midfield where Beuerlein threw his second interception—this one to Isom who returned it to Notre Dame's 32-yard line. "I was terrible and this game was miserable," commented Beuerlein, who set an unnoticed Notre Dame career record for pass completions during the game. "It was the most frustrating game of the year so far."

Shaffer, who completed seven of 16 passes for 126 yards, went up the middle for a one-yard score. Manca's PAT boosted the Lions to a commanding 30-0 lead. By this time, more than half the crowd, which had sat in the steady rain, had gone home.

"John Shaffer played a heckuva game," commented Faust. "He's a great kid. He's a winner. He comes through when it counts. I

“It's tough because we were at a point where we could control our own destiny.”

— Allen Pinkett

don't think either one of our quarterbacks (Beuerlein and Terry Andrysiak) played well. Their's did and I think that was the difference in the game. You gotta give John and Penn State the credit."

Shaffer gave a little credit to Faust. "I feel bad for coach Faust," said the Penn State signalcaller. "If the world had more Gerry Fausts, it would be a better place for everyone. I think it would have been a big game for him if he won. Unfortunately for him and fortunately for us, it didn't work out."

Penn State added two more field goals following Shaffer's score and Paterno graciously called off the dogs in the fourth quarter. It was something Irish fans wouldn't see happen in two weeks when Notre Dame visited Miami.

"I think football is a great game because you have to beat the other guy, the elements and yourself," said Paterno, who has seen just about everything in college football. "I was not concerned about the weather as far as our team was concerned. I thought it

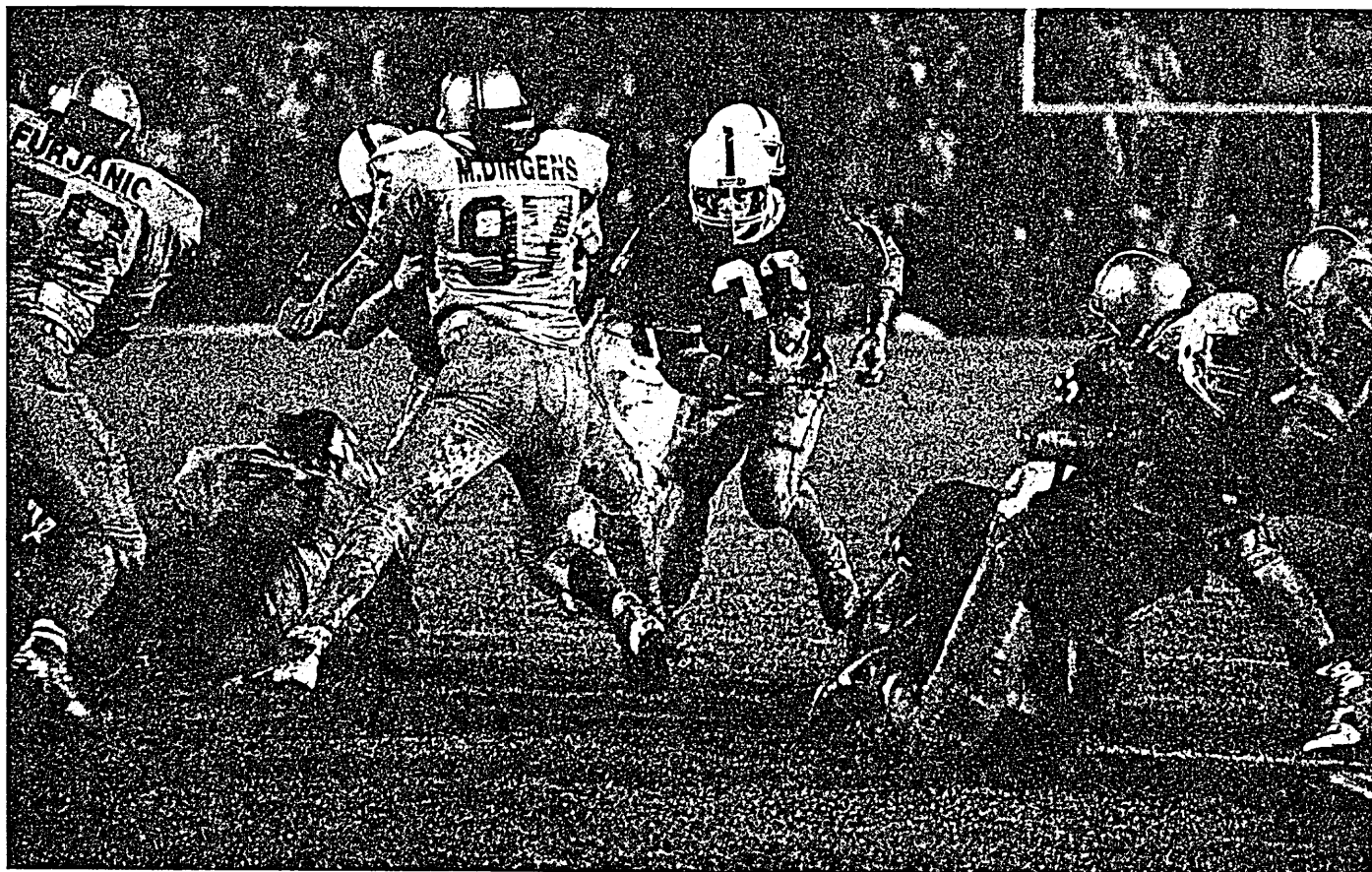
would be a question of whichever team was able to concentrate and not get careless with the football."

Notre Dame's only score came late in the game after a 52-yard drive engineered by Andrysiak. Following an incompletion at his own 48, Andrysiak hooked up with freshman Mark Green for a 12-yard gain. An Andrysiak scramble for 10 and a late-hit penalty on Penn State moved the ball to the 15. The sophomore quarterback then hit freshman tight end Andy Heck for a 13-yard gain. Junior tailback Hiawatha Francisco then sailed over from two yards out at the 3:32 mark.

As if anything else could possibly go wrong, the PAT attempt was blocked and the Irish were saddled with the 36-6 loss.

"Penn State deserves to be number one, no question," said Faust. "We just have to battle back. I'm a battler and this team likes to fight back. There's no quit in this team. We've got two tough games left (LSU and Miami) and we're going to have to play well if we want to have a good year."

Tim Scannell, senior offensive lineman and prep All-America at State College High School whose dad is a vice president at Penn State, saw his personal mark against his hometown foes end at 1-3. "This Penn State team is a lot more confident than the one we beat last year," said Scannell. "And they didn't make any mistakes and that's the sign of a championship team. We let the conditions bother us. They didn't surprise us with anything new. They just went out and



The goalline efforts at Steve Smith and Nittany Lion blockers accounted for Penn State's second touchdown.

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executed. I don't know why we allowed the weather to bother us but it did. This was as bad as it gets. But not worse than out at USC where we won last year.

"We can still salvage a nice season. There is pressure, but you have to try and ignore it. That's the nature of the place. That's Notre Dame."

Another part of Notre Dame's nature had been its tradition-rich past in meetings with teams ranked number one. The last six times the Irish had faced the number-one-ranked team, Notre Dame had come away victorious on four occasions—including its last attempt in '82 at the other end of the state at Pittsburgh (a 31-16 triumph).

The form charts made Penn State appear to be a likely accomplice thanks to its '85 history of come-from-behind wins. But it wasn't to be for the Irish in the mud and the muck of Beaver Stadium.

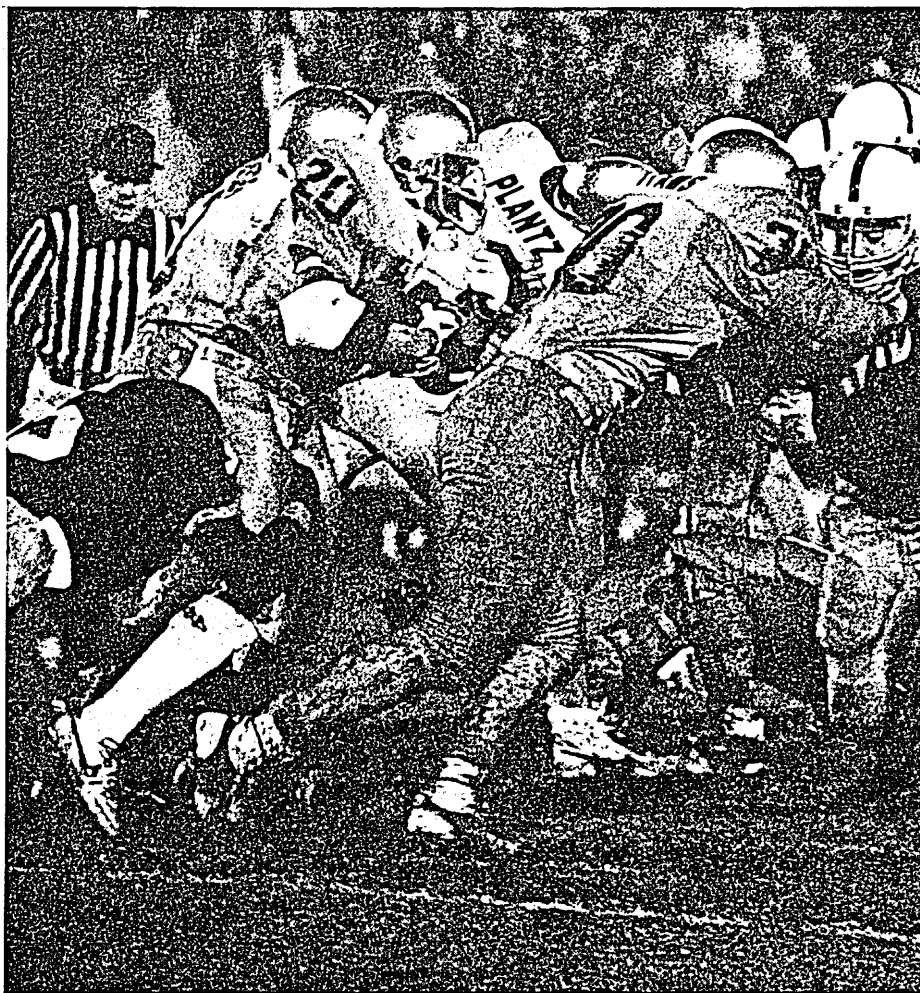
"It's tough because we were at a point where we could control our own destiny," noted Pinkett. "It's a shame we couldn't cash in."

Credit the Nittany Lions for cashing their own chips instead.

On a day when bowl pairings fell into place, it was the Irish who found themselves bowled over — and the Nittany Lions who found themselves with the postseason representatives waiting at their feet.

Color Penn State orange, as in Orange Bowl-bound against the second-ranked Oklahoma Sooners.

Color the Irish blue, as in downcast and disappointed. By the time this was over, Notre Dame's muddled uniforms effectively matched its spirit.



MIKE BENNETT

The treacherous footing provided Allen Pinkett with little chance to match his consecutive four-touchdown performances against Penn State.

Scoring Summary				Notre Dame				Penn State			
First Quarter	Time	PS	ND	0	0	0	6-6	7	16	13	0-36
PS—D.J. Dozier 21 pass from John Shaffer (Massimo Manca kick)	4:38	7	0								
Drive: 79 yards in 11 plays in 5:11 following Notre Dame loss of ball on downs.											
Second Quarter	Time	PS	ND								
PS—Massimo Manca 32 FG	11:04	10	0								
Drive: 27 yards in 5 plays in 2:33 following Notre Dame punt.											
PS—Massimo Manca 27 FG	6:38	13	0								
Drive: 27 yards in 5 plays in 1:54 following Rogers Alexander interception of Notre Dame pass.											
PS—Steve Smith 2 run (Massimo Manca kick)	:52	20	0								
Drive: 65 yards in 10 plays in 3:33 following Notre Dame punt.											
PS—Massimo Manca 50 FG	:02	23	0								
Drive: minus-4 yards in 3 plays in :46 following Eddie Johnson recovery of Notre Dame fumble.											
Third Quarter	Time	PS	ND								
PS—John Shaffer 1 run	8:56	30	0								
Drive: 32 yards in 8 plays in 3:46 following Ray Isom interception of Notre Dame pass.											
PS—Massimo Manca 26 FG	4:07	33	0								
Drive: 37 yards in 7 plays in 3:46 following Mike Zordich interception of Notre Dame pass.											
PS—Massimo Manca 35 FG	:55	36	0								
Drive: 3 yards in 3 plays in 1:32 following Penn State block of Notre Dame punt.											
Fourth Quarter	Time	PS	ND								
ND—Hiawatha Francisco 2 run (John Carney kick blocked)	3:33	36	6								
Drive: 52 yards in 5 plays in 1:20 following Penn State punt.											
A-85, 704 (tickets sold); 84,000 (estimated)											

Team Statistics				Penn State			
	ND	PS					
First Downs	14	19					
Rushing	6	8					
Passing	7	7					
Penalty	1	3					
Rushing Attempts	29	59					
Yards Rushing	107	189					
Tackles-Yards Lost	5-17	6-20					
Net Yards Rushing	90	169					
Net Yards Passing	133	126					
Passes Attempted	25	18					
Passes Completed	13	7					
Had Intercepted	3	0					
Total Offensive Plays	55	77					
Total Net Yards	223	295					
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.1	3.8					
Return Yards	0	99					
Fumbles: Number-Lost	6-2	1-0					
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-68	6-40					
Interceptions: Number-Yards	0-0	3-75					
Number of Punts-Yards	5-145	2-69					
Average Per Punt	29	34					
Punt Returns: Number-Yards	0-0	3-24					
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards	10-182	0-0					
Possession Time	25:11	34:49					
Third Down Conversions	3-10	8-19					

Individual Statistics				Penn State			
Notre Dame							
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Rushing							
Steve Beuerlein	4	5	-9	-4	0	4	
Allen Pinkett	12	61	0	61	0	15	
Frank Stams	3	13	0	13	0	7	
Terry Andrysiak	6	23	-8	15	0	10	
Tom Monahan	1	0	0	0	0	0	
H. Francisco	3	5	0	5	1	2	
Andy Heck	1	5	0	5	0	5	

Passing				Penn State			
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	
Steve Beuerlein	19	10	3	94	0	20	
Hal Von Wyl	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Terry Andrysiak	5	3	0	39	0	14	

Pass Receiving				Penn State			
	No.	Yds.	Long	TD			
Tim Brown	3	33	17	0			
Allen Pinkett	1	4	4	0			
Tom Rehder	2	32	20	0			
Frank Stams	2	11	8	0			
Reggie Ward	2	14	7	0			
Mark Green	12	12	0	0			
Tony Eason	1	14	14	0			
Andy Heck	1	13	13	0			

Rushing				Penn State			
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	Long	TD	
D. J. Dozier	17	75	0	75	17	0	
John Shaffer	4	8	0	8	4	1	
Tim Manoa	7	22	0	22	6	0	
Steve Smith	8	18	-5	13	5	1	
David Clark	3	14	0	14	7	0	
Matt Knizner	2	4	-3	1	4	0	
Kevin Woods	6	18	-3	15	6	0	
Cooper	4	10	0	10	5	0	
Blair Thomas	5	15	-4	11	6	0	
John Hornyak	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Gary Wilkerson	1	0	-5	-5	0	0	

Passing				Penn State			
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	
John Shaffer	16	7	0	126	1	37	
Matt Knizner	2	0	0	0	0	0	

Pass Receiving				Penn State			
	No.	Yds.	Long	TD			
Dean Dimidio	2	38	25	0			
D. J. Dozier	2	28	21	1			
Ray Roundtree	1	37	37	0			
Darrell Giles	1	15	15	0			
Tim Manoa	1	8	8	0			

A Miracle Finish That Wasn't

By MIKE McCALL

September 12, 1981.

On a hot and humid afternoon, with the temperature in the mid-80s, the birth of a new football era at Notre Dame began . . . against the Bayou Bengals of Louisiana State.

Gerry Faust would make his college coaching debut.

In one of the most highly anticipated games in recent Notre Dame history, the Irish would rout LSU 27-9.

"I saw him cry five times today," said Notre Dame wingback Tony Hunter.

It was a fitting climax to a day Faust later was to call "one I hope never ends; it's the biggest thrill I have ever had out of football and I doubt if there will ever be anything to match it."

The strains of the "Victory March" were still being played when Faust emerged for his first post-game interview as coach of the Irish. "They're playing our song," said Faust.

All was well.

November 23, 1985.

On a cold, gray Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium, the end of an era at Notre Dame drew near . . . against the Bayou Bengals of Louisiana State.

"I've got a lot of breaks," said Faust after the game. "I've got my health, I've got a great family, I represent a great university and I get to work with great kids. I'm happy to have that opportunity. I don't worry about the breaks."

Faust and his Irish didn't get many that day, losing to LSU 10-7.

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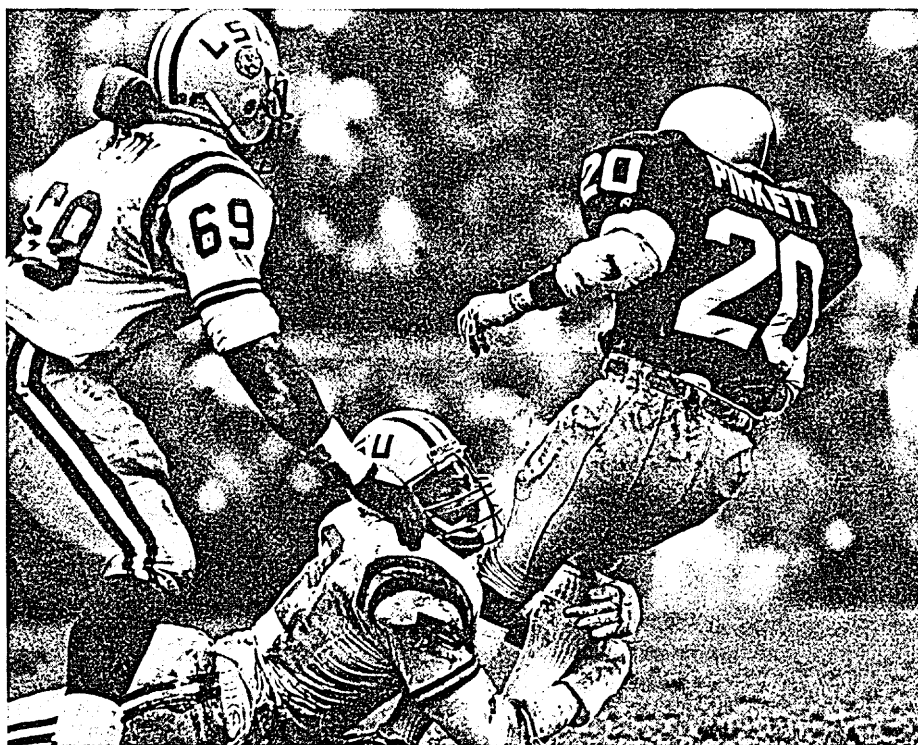
Notre Dame, the nation's fourth-ranked team, struck quickly with two first-quarter touchdowns and dominated play on both lines.

During Notre Dame's first two series, quarterback Blair Kiel threw his first college touchdown pass to fullback Larry Moriarty and later, Phil Carter scored from one yard out to cap a 72-yard drive.

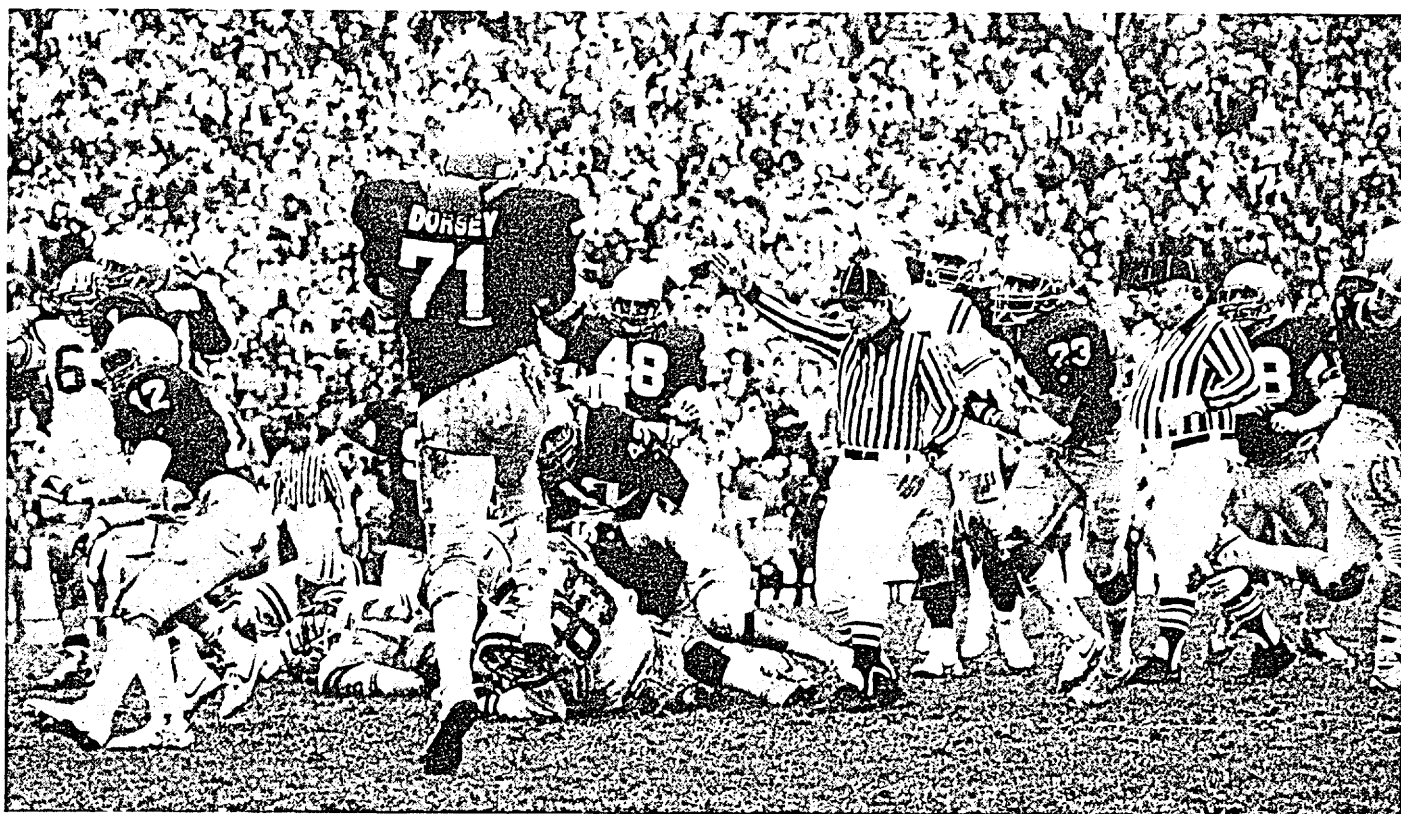
November 23, 1985.

The Irish weren't ranked fourth in the nation on this Saturday. Notre Dame was 5-4 and fighting for respectability against the 17th-ranked Tigers. The prognosis for a victory looked bleak . . . the Irish stood 7-12 (1-3 in '85) against top 20-rated teams the last five years.

On Notre Dame's first possession, the Irish put together a smooth, methodical scoring drive. With tailback Allen Pinkett picking up valuable yardage on the ground, Steve Beuerlein countered and tossed a 17-yarder



Allen Pinkett gained his 103 rushing yards, the 21st 100-yard game of his career, but they seldom came easy against LSU.



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The Irish thought they were back in business after an Eric Dorsey fumble recovery with 1:35 left in the game.

to tight end Tom Rehder that put Notre Dame in LSU territory.

The big play came on a Beuerlein sneak around end for seven yards with the Irish facing a crucial third and one from the LSU 28.

Two plays later, sophomore wide-out Tim Brown broke three tackles and scooted 18 yards into the end zone. When John Carney added the point, the Irish led 7-0.

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With the Irish holding a commanding 14-0 lead, Faust brought in fifth-year senior Tim Koegel at quarterback.

"I didn't know it before the game, but the plan was for Blair and me to alternate every two series," said Koegel. "That way we knew we weren't coming out if we made a mistake."

Seeing his first action since holding for Harry Oliver's miraculous last-second field goal over Michigan in 1980, Koegel led the Irish to their third score in the second quarter.

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This was going to be Notre Dame's day. The Irish had just marched over, around and through a very good Tiger defense led by All-American linebacker Michael Brooks.

It wasn't going to be that easy.

"It's always a thrill to play in places that you used to watch on TV when you were a little kid," said Tiger safety Steve Rehage. "It's a great thrill for me to play here at Notre Dame with all the tradition."

Later, Rehage would prevent Notre Dame from adding to that tradition.

But for now, the Irish offense was moving the ball, while the defense was limiting the

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— Gerry Faust

Tiger offense to just two missed field-goal attempts.

"Big! Huge!," said LSU noseguard Henry Thomas. "They're easily the biggest team we've played this year. The offensive team did a good job with their blocking schemes keeping us off balance."

Later, Thomas would figure out those Irish blocking schemes.

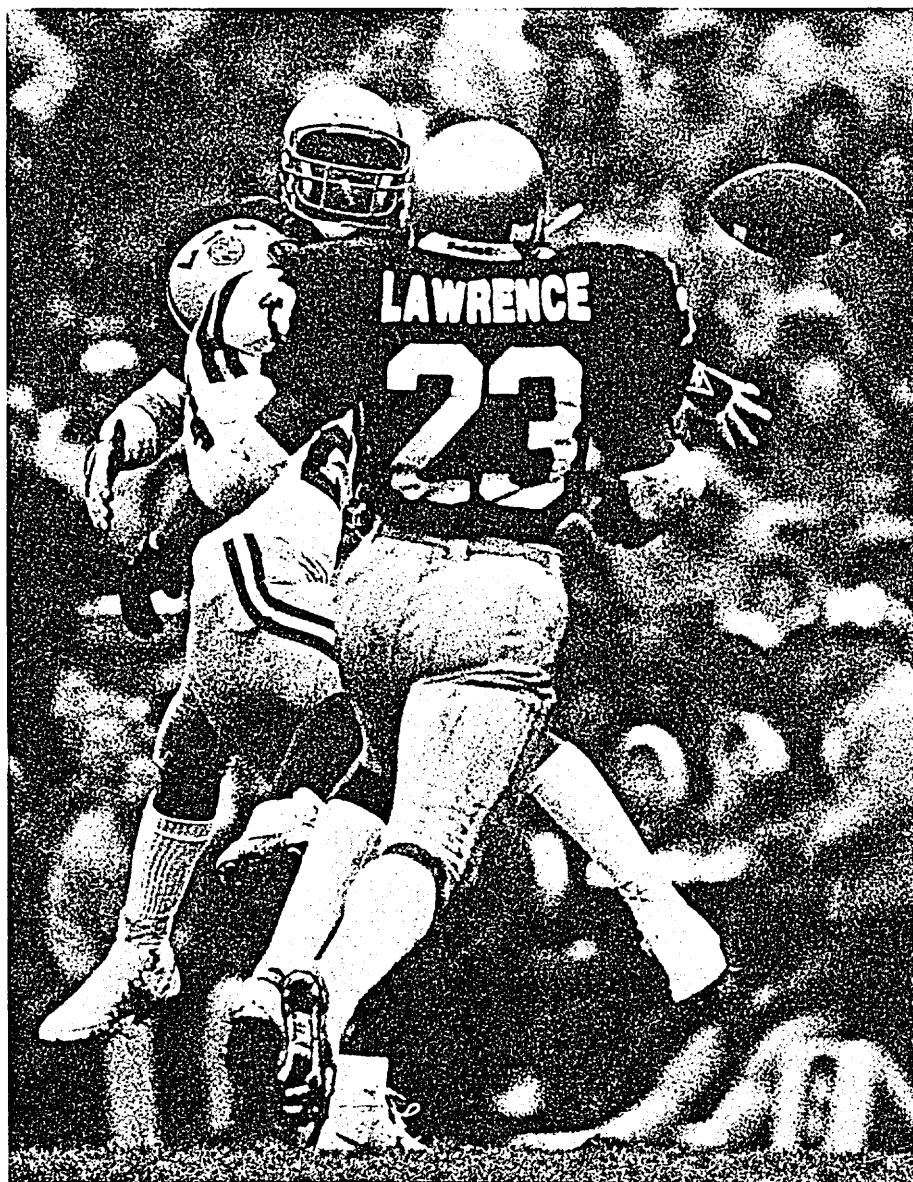
In the second quarter, the Notre Dame offense began to stall. New quarterback Terry Andrysiak tried to get back some of that momentum, directing the Irish to the Tiger 24-yard line. But a holding penalty forced Notre Dame back to the 34 where Carney attempted a 52-yard field goal.

But Thomas, who had been knocked out for the season in last year's game against the Irish, delivered the first of two knockout punches against the Irish, breaking through the middle to block Carney's attempt.

"I just was able to get through the line," said Thomas.

Carney had another chance moments later after safety Steve Lawrence intercepted a Jeff Wickersham pass and returned it 30 yards to the Tiger 39. When the Irish could only pick up five yards on a Pinkett carry, Carney was called on to try another 52-yard attempt. This time the ball was tipped at the line of scrimmage.

"I think the two field goals that were blocked had a breakdown come in the same place," explained Faust. "We had an injury, and the kid who filled that spot didn't do what he was supposed to do. On our field-goal teams we try to put kids with healthy knees on the line because of the blocking schemes. We've had a lot of kids injured



Troy Wilson and Steve Lawrence try to prevent one of Jeff Wickersham's record 31 completions.

because of the way they fall."

September 12, 1981.

At halftime, the Irish had 227 yards, LSU 96. The Irish had completed six of nine passes, LSU five of 13.

The game of rotating quarterbacks didn't seem to bother the offense.

"I thought they worked very well," Faust said.

Notre Dame led 20-0 at the half.

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LSU finally put some points on the scoreboard as time ran out in the half when Steve DeFrank booted a 27-yarder through the uprights to cut the Irish lead 7-3. The kick was DeFrank's first attempt of his career.

"He's a tough kid," said LSU coach Bill Arnswanger, about replacing regular kicker Ron Lewis. "I have all the confidence in the world in him but I just thought I'd give someone else a chance.

"Our goal is to win and we'll do what we have to do to accomplish that."

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Koegel engineered the last Irish score late in the third quarter. He concluded a 49-yard drive with a six-yard pass to Dave Condeni that gave Notre Dame a 27-3 lead.

A 23-yard field goal by David Johnston of LSU early in the third period made it 20-3 before Koegel put the game out of reach.

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Notre Dame opened the second half the way it opened the first with a smooth, methodical drive, marching 74 yards, while eating up a little more than nine minutes off the clock.

But this time the Irish couldn't punch it in.

Carney's 23-yard attempt was blocked again by Thomas. Again it was a breakdown on the line that caused Carney's failure on an almost-certain three-pointer.

"That was a real disappointment to come out of it without scoring," said offensive guard Tim Scannell. "We had a great drive and ate up a lot of time. We set the tempo and had taken control and didn't get anything

out of it."

"When it came time to put points on the board, we didn't show up," said Beuerlein.

At the end of the third quarter, the Irish still led 7-3.

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LSU added the game's final points when freshman Eric Martin broke three tackles on a 26-yard scoring play.

While the win was impressive and propelled the Irish to the number-one spot in both wire-service polls, Notre Dame was far from perfect. The Irish were hit with 106 yards in penalties.

"That concerns me but a lot of mistakes like that are because of aggressiveness," said Faust.

The Irish held the advantage in every statistical category. The Irish outgained the Tigers 376 yards to 230 yards, gaining 246 yards on the ground to LSU's 169. Notre Dame picked up 130 yards in the air while the Tigers could only muster 61.

"I can't ask for more of them" Faust said. "The kids gave 100 percent effort and that's all I ever ask. If we don't win, it wasn't meant to be."

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"These things sometimes are tough," said Faust. "That's not the end of life. You make your own breaks. We just didn't get enough of them."

Despite Notre Dame's mistakes. Despite not being able to put the ball into the end zone on more than one occasion. Despite a somewhat lackluster performance, the Irish still held a 7-3 margin in the fourth quarter.

But all that would soon change . . . for the worse.

With four minutes remaining, Dan Sorensen's punt, from deep in Notre Dame territory, gave LSU possession at its own 48-yard line.

The big play . . . on third and one from the Irish 43, Wickersham escaped a Notre Dame blitz and hit running back Dalton Hilliard, who gathered in the pass at full speed and raced 18 yards for the Tigers' only third-down conversion of the afternoon.

Then Wickersham hit tight end Mitch Andrews over the middle for 21 more. Two plays later, tailback Garry James blasted through left tackle for two yards into the end zone. DeFrank's kick gave LSU a 10-7 lead.

"We felt we were moving the ball well the whole game," said Wickersham. "We just weren't scoring points. We knew we had to turn it around and we were able to."

Wickersham was sensational. The Tiger quarterback completed 31 of 42 passes for 294 yards as he moved into third place on the Southeastern Conference career passing yardage list. Wickersham's completion total also was the most ever thrown against an Irish team.

The Irish still had time to pull this one out. Notre Dame moved to near midfield with Pinkett picking up nine yards on a pass, a four-yard run and Beuerlein adding 12 yards.

But the Irish drive stalled and ended when

Beuerlein, who finished the afternoon 11 of 25 for 106 yards, threw to Reggie Ward, who tipped the ball into the hands of Tiger outside linebacker Ron Sancho.

"It was a little bit too high," said Beuerlein. "Reggie went up for it and almost made an outstanding catch, but he just couldn't come up with it. LSU had its people in the right place at the right time."

With just 1:50 left, senior tackle Eric Dorsey gave the Irish one last chance to pull one out in the seniors' final game at Notre Dame Stadium when he forced Hilliard to fumble, and then picked up the loose ball.

"I thought that was going to be it because it aroused so much motivation at such a critical point in the game," said Dorsey. "It seemed like one of the famous Notre Dame comeback stories."

Not this time. The ghosts of past Notre Dame comebacks didn't hear Dorsey's call for help.

On the first play, Beuerlein hit flanker Tim Brown on the numbers, but Brown couldn't hang onto the football and LSU's Rehage was there to catch the deflection.

"We were thinking we finally got a break," said Beuerlein. "Forget the missed pass. That's not the issue. The thing was the guy (Rehage) was just sitting there. It seems like whenever it can go either way, it goes against us."

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"This was really a tough opener for us," said Faust. "As for the penalties, I'll just have to take a long look at the films and see what we were doing wrong."

There wasn't much wrong with the Irish that day.

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"It was a good game and a hard-hitting game," said Faust who saw his team drop to 5-5 with powerful Miami looming ahead in the Orange Bowl. "You can't fault our kids because they played hard. They did an excellent job and when it came down to the

wire we were on the short end."

But it was Notre Dame's inability to make the big play that snapped its six-game home win streak.

"We moved the ball well," said Faust. "Their defense was very tight around the goal line and they've been good inside the 20-yard line on defense all year. We had our opportunities and we just didn't cash in."

For the players, it was the same post-game questions . . . and same post-game answers.

"We moved the ball well but they came with stops when they had to," said Scannell. "They just played hard. We played well at times and had some good drives but we didn't put the ball into the end zone when we had to."

"I thought we moved the ball great," said Beuerlein. "We just couldn't get any points. The missed points on the blocked field goals hurt us but not putting the ball in the end zone was our big mistake."

"We just got some poor breaks today," said senior linebacker Tony Furjanic. "We knew they had a pair of great running backs and that they would utilize them so we tried to shut them down as much as we could. We shouldn't have given up that last touchdown."

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"Hey, how'd you like us?" asked a giddy Phil Carter following the game. "This is exciting. I'm sure glad I don't have to play defense against us."

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"It's not exactly the way we wanted to end our home careers," said Furjanic. "But we played hard and we've got one game left and we'll play harder. They might defeat us but they won't be able to take our spirit away."

Especially Allen Pinkett's.

Pinkett deserved better than his fate allowed him. He became the first Notre Dame runner to gain 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons on the first play of the second half. By game's end, he was only the 22nd Division I-A runner to gain 4,000

career yards.

Like he had done this day, all season, and for the last four years, the Notre Dame All-American carried the Irish attack on his back. He handled the ball 30 times for 103 yards and caught four passes for 24 more . . . accounting for 127 yards in total offense.

In the post-game interview, Pinkett should have been talking about his accomplishments. Instead the 5-9 fighter had to talk about defeat.

"The personal things don't mean that much to me," said Pinkett. "The bottom line, really, is winning, and we haven't done enough of it. Personal achievements don't mean that much to me in a loss."

"I'm the type of person that equates my success with the team's success. If we lose, I feel somewhere my performance was lacking."

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"He gave us a Rockne speech before the game," said Hunter. "He said this was the greatest university in the world and no other place could claim they had Rockne and the Gipper. He's living a dream now, and I'm happy for him."

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"You're always under pressure," said LSU coach Bill Arnsparger, whose Tigers improved to 7-1-1, when asked about the coaching fate of Faust. "I'll be under it next week. That's part of coaching."

September 12, 1981.

"It was a great day for me," Faust said. "It was fun. Better than I expected. When you come running out of that tunnel and into Notre Dame Stadium, it's got to be the greatest feeling in the world."

November 23, 1985.

"I never even thought about this being my last time walking off the field at Notre Dame," said Faust. "And that's the honest to God truth."

Scoring Summary					Passing					Team Statistics						
First Quarter	Time	LSU	ND		Jeff Wickersham	Att.Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD Long	Andy Heck	1	-12	0	-12		
ND—Tim Brown 18 run (John Carney kick)	9:26	0	7			42	31	1	294	0	21	1	6	0	6	
Drive: 64 yards in 9 plays in 4:04 following LSU punt.					Pass Receiving			No. Yards	TD Long							
Second Quarter					Mickey Martin			8	75	0	19					
LS—Matt DeFrank 27 FG	:00	3	7		Rogie Magee			7	78	0	16					
Drive: 54 yards in 6 plays in :44 following Notre Dame missed field goal.					Dalton Hilliard			6	53	0	18					
Fourth Quarter					Mitch Andrews			4	40	0	21					
LS—Garry James 2 run (Matt DeFrank kick)	3:26	10	7		Garry James			4	22	0	9					
Drive: 52 yards in 6 plays in 1:27 following Notre Dame punt					Darryl Owens			2	26	0	15					
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LSU		0	3	0	7-10											
Notre Dame		7	0	0	0-7											
Individual Statistics					Notre Dame					Team Statistics						
LSU					Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD Long	First Downs	LSU	ND				
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net TD Long	30	105	2	103	0 17	Rushing	21	18				
Dalton Hilliard	19	48	2	46	0 6	4	22	1	21	0 12	Yards Rushing	78	162			
Garry James	8	19	8	11	1 8	1	18	0	18	1 18	Yards Lost Rushing	12	4			
Jeff Wickersham	3	9	2	7	0 7	5	13	0	13	0 4	Net Yards Rushing	66	158			
Victor Jones	1	2	0	2	0 2	3	4	1	3	0 2	Net Yards Passing	294	136			
											Passes Attempted	42	30			
											Passes Completed	31	14			
											Had Intercepted	1	2			
											Total Offensive Plays	73	73			
											Total Net Yards	360	294			
											Average Gain Per Play	4.9	4.0			
											Fumbles: Number—Lost	3-1	0-0			
											Penalties: Number—Yards	3-25	4-47			
											Interceptions: Number—Yards	2-21	1-30			
											Number of Punts—Yards	4-163	6-239			
											Average Per Punt	40.63	39.8			
											Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3-28	1-6			
											Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	1-10	2-15			
											Third Down Conversions	1-12	10-20			

Last Stand Wasn't Much Fun

By JOHN HEISLER

When all of Miami's 534 total yards and 58 total points had been funneled through the computer, only one question remained.

Who needed more sympathy in the aftermath of Notre Dame's fourth-worst defeat in Irish football history?

Was it Gerry Faust, whose Notre Dame career came to an inglorious end thanks to the rude 58-7 shellacking administered by the Hurricanes?

Or was it Miami coach Jimmy Johnson, who took a beating of his own from media around the nation because of the way in which his Hurricanes inflicted that beating upon the Fighting Irish?

The postgame interview room hardly gave an indication of the final score because it was

Johnson who was put on the defensive simply because his team played probably as well as any team has played against Notre Dame in a decade. The Hurricanes were that good.

The game, in fact, stood as a final monument to a week that was fraught with emotion from both camps.

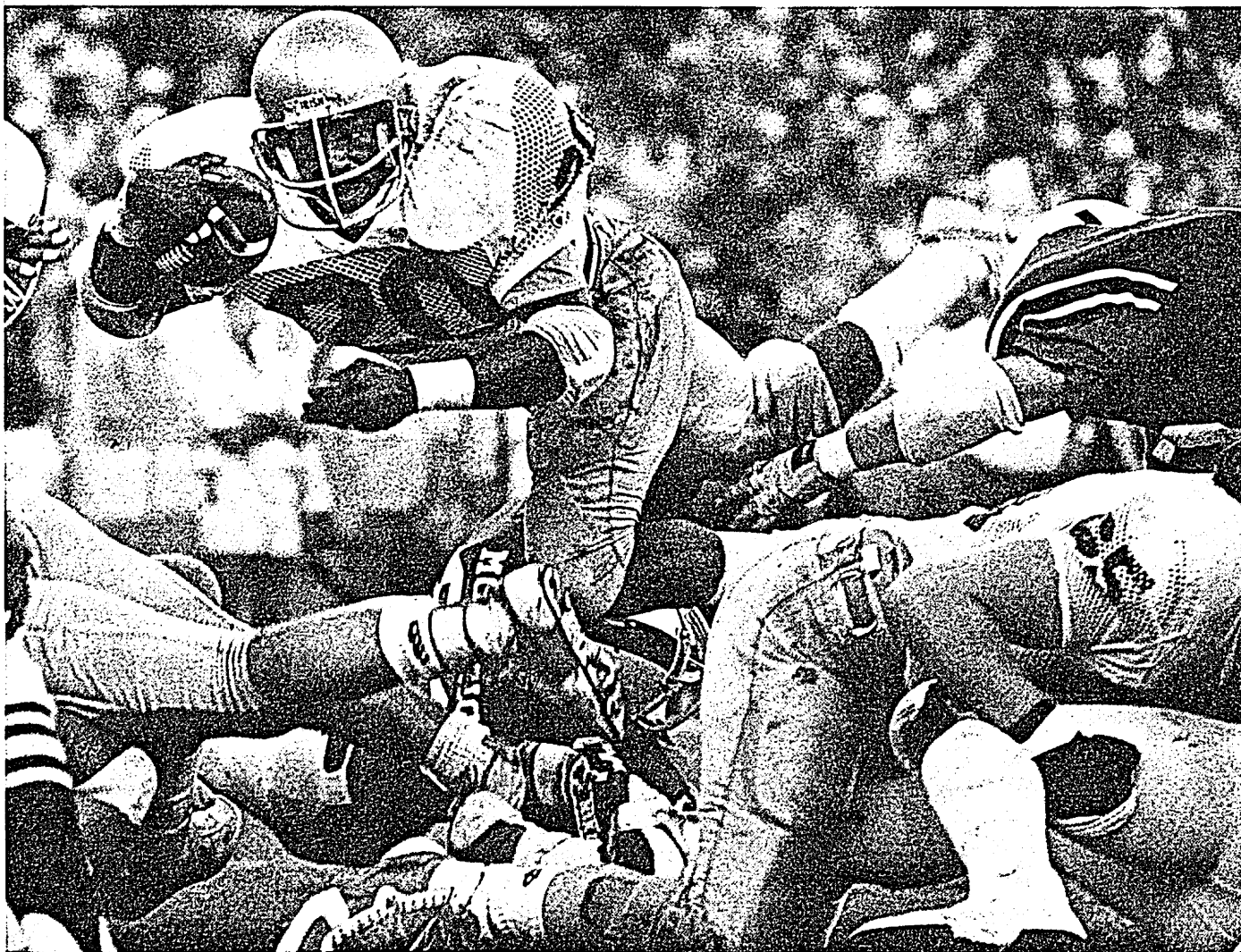
In Miami, where the Hurricanes found themselves riding an awfully impressive nine-game winning streak (following a 35-23 season-opening loss to Florida), there was consternation over the wire-service polls. Johnson and his players had a difficult time understanding how both the Associated Press poll of media and the United Press International poll of coaches could list the 8-1 Oklahoma Sooners ahead of the 9-1 Hurricanes — when a head-to-head meeting

in Norman in mid-October had produced a 27-14 Miami triumph.

With Oklahoma slated to face top-ranked Penn State in the Orange Bowl, Miami figured to have an outside shot at the national championship. That possibility became moot when the Hurricanes were thrashed by Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl — but, in the meantime, Johnson figured a convincing victory over Notre Dame on national television could do nothing but help the cause of his Hurricanes.

Still, that was nothing compared to what happened in the Notre Dame camp during Thanksgiving week.

The game figured to be tough enough for Notre Dame, a team coming off consecutive disappointing losses to Penn State and LSU



Notre Dame's only points came on this second-period three-yard run by Allen Pinkett.

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and now simply trying to salvage a winning season. The Irish found themselves returning to the Orange Bowl turf, scene of two of Faust's previous low moments — a 37-15 pummeling in '81 in a game that also was the difference between a winning and losing season, followed by a 20-0 blanking in '83. Both those contests, like the '85 game, were displayed on national television.

Add to all that the emotion produced at 11 a.m. Tuesday when Faust chose to announce his resignation at his regular weekly press conference. After steadfastly insisting to athletic department insiders that he would never resign because he didn't want anyone to look upon him as a quitter, Faust's timing caught players, assistant coaches and the Notre Dame administration by surprise. The Irish players boarded their charter flight for Miami at midday Wednesday, just a few hours before Lou Holtz was officially unveiled as Faust's successor.

Though Faust said he made his decision in hopes his team could play one last game free from the weight of questioning about their head coach's status and future, the result of the announcement might have had the opposite effect. The Irish players remained off-limits to media until after the game — so they remained alone with their thoughts of Faust and his frustrating five years, of Holtz and the promise of the future for the underclassmen. Throw in the contrast of the warmth and humidity of their Fort Lauderdale surroundings compared to the cold and snow back in South Bend — and it wasn't hard to suspect that many of the Fighting Irish didn't quite know what to think.

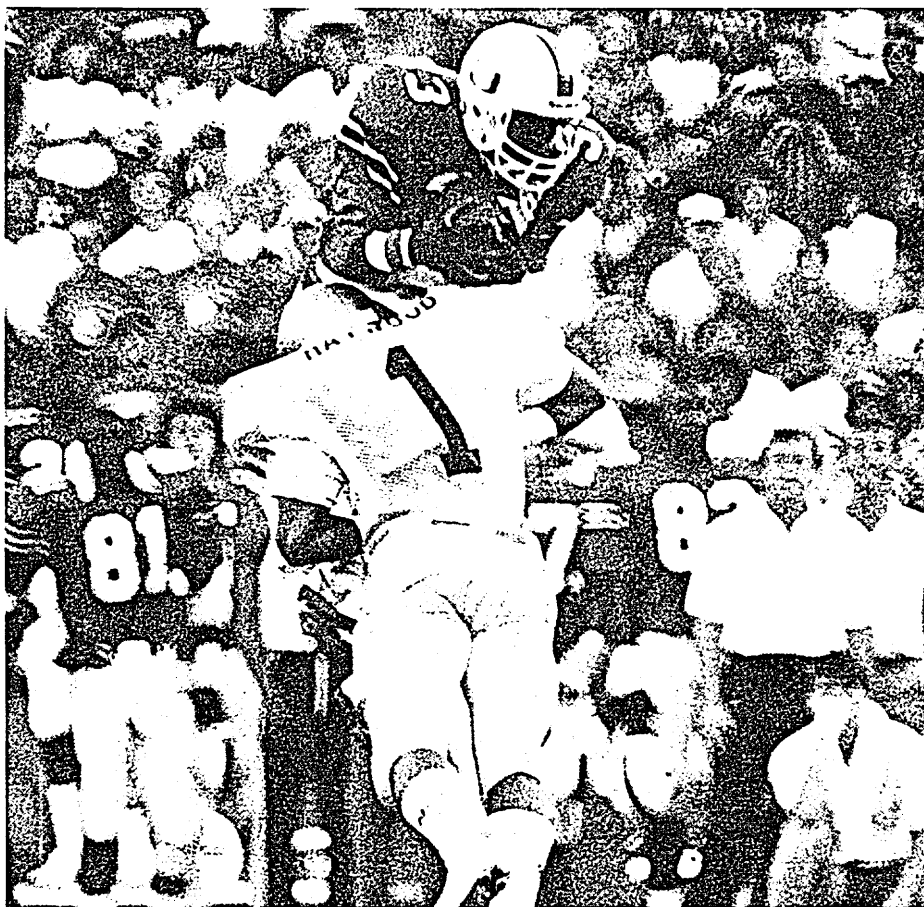
Almost to a man, the Notre Dame squad expressed surprise at Faust's timing and disappointment that his five-year tenure had to come to such an end. But whether or not the decision would affect the football game seemed to be anyone's guess.

"I think a 'Win one for Gerry' situation is possible," suggested junior quarterback Steve Beuerlein, "but we've got some kids, especially seniors, who want to win for themselves, also. We're got pride. We'd like to end this season on a winning note."

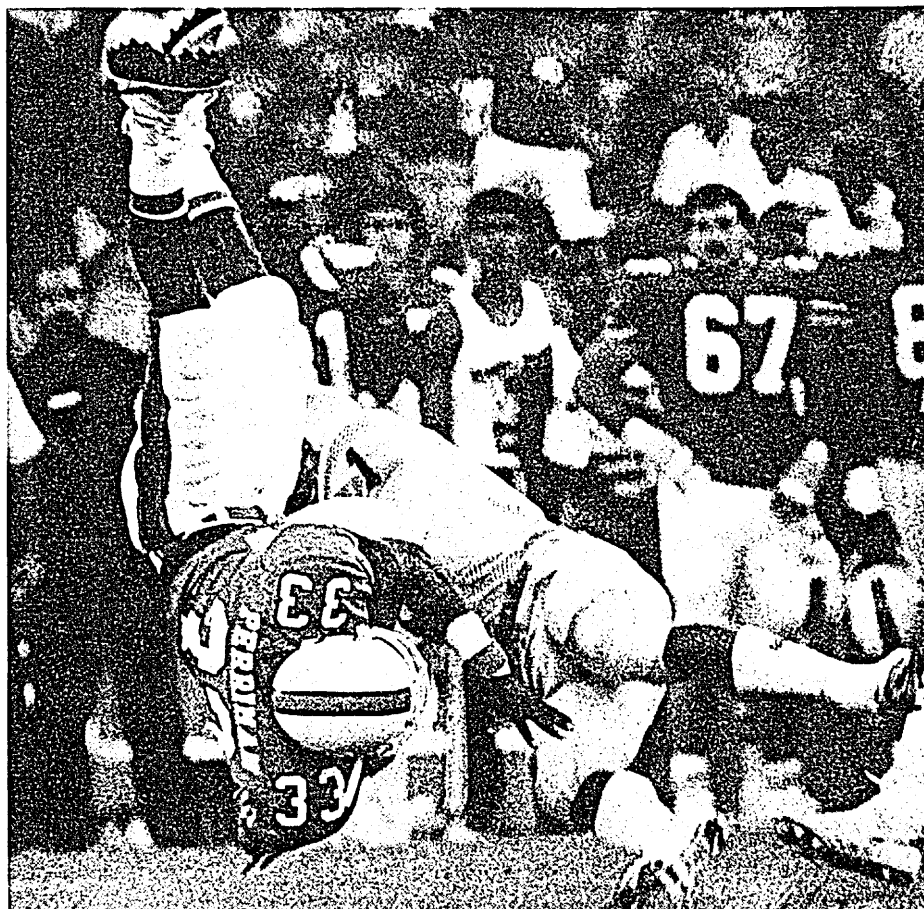
But if the Notre Dame players did indeed have any particular motivation to make up for their recent losses to Miami or to send Faust out on a winning note, they never showed it.

Despite Miami amassing five first downs and 68 total yards and hitting its first four pass attempts, Notre Dame gained as much of a moral victory as it would gain all day by holding the Hurricanes to a field goal on the first drive of the afternoon. From a first down at the Irish 22, Hurricane quarterback Vinny Testaverde threw a trio of incompletions, forcing Miami to settle for three.

Notre Dame's initial offensive attempt presaged the afternoon of frustration for the Fighting Irish. After Allen Pinkett gained the first six of his 77 yards on first down, Beuerlein fired a nifty sideline pattern to Tim Brown for an apparent first down. But the officials ruled Brown out of bounds (replays indicated Brown clearly made a legal catch),

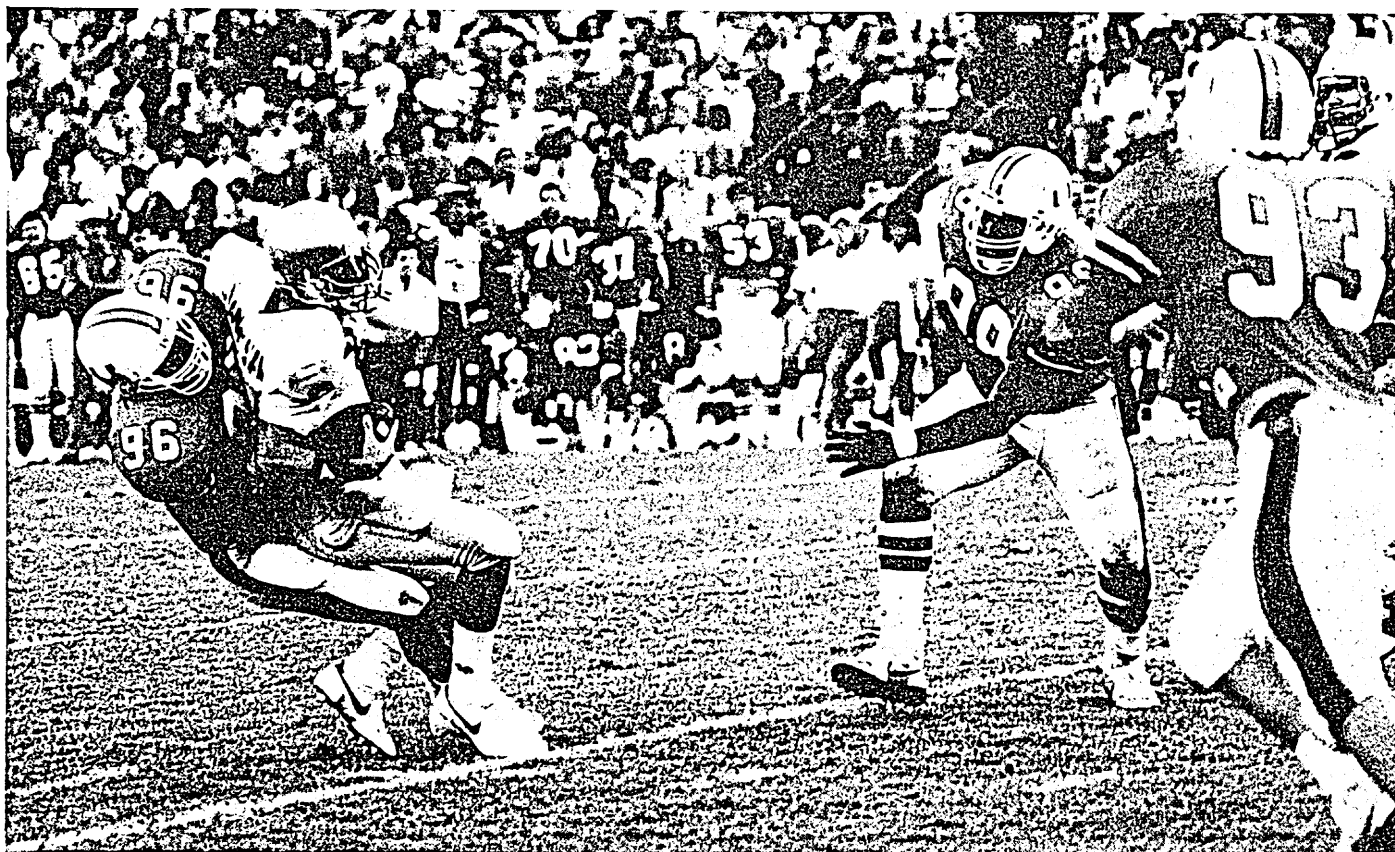


Notre Dame's secondary spent plenty of time hitting Hurricane pass receivers, as Mike Haywood does on this reception by Brett Perriman.



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Miami defensive end Dan Stubbs prepares to knock Irish quarterback Terry Andrysiak to the turf in a scene that was repeated all too often on the Orange Bowl grass.

Beuerlein threw incomplete on third down, Dan Sorensen punted the ball away — and Notre Dame didn't get its initial first down until the second-to-last-play of the first quarter. By that time Miami led 13-0 — and when Bennie Blades ran an interception 61 yards for six points on the third play of the second period, the issue for all practical purposes had been decided.

When Faust suggested following the game that his Irish "had trouble with the pure passer this year," he wasn't kidding. Notre Dame already had been forced to submit to the aerial slants of Purdue's Jim Everett (he set a Notre Dame opponents record by throwing for 368 yards) and LSU's Jeff Wickersham (he set another with 31 completions) — but Testaverde added his own name to the record book.

Miami's answer to Bernie Kosar completed 22 of 32 passes for 356 yards — and his backup, Geoff Torretta, hit three of four for 43 — making the 399 aerial yards the most ever gained against any Notre Dame team.

The Irish defense never once stopped the Hurricanes by themselves. Miami scored every time it had the ball except when the clock ran out at the end of each half. Never once did the Hurricanes have to punt, and only once did a Notre Dame turnover contribute to the carnage.

The tide of points and yardage was relentless.

After that early field goal came a 35-yarder from Testaverde to Alonzo Highsmith. Four plays later it was 10-0.

Then an uneventful 30-yard drive for a field goal that made it 13-0.

Then Blades' interception return. 20-0. Pinkett scored from the three after Terry Andrysiak had relieved Beuerlein, but Testaverde came right back with a pair of 22-yard throws within four plays. 27-7.

The second half was just as bleak.

Testaverde dropped back to pass six straight times on the first series. 30-7.

Testaverde threw 28 yards to Highsmith, then 13 to Willie Smith, then 15 to Mike Irvin. 37-7.

Then it was 45 yards to Bob Perriman and 21 to Smith. 44-7.

When Torretta came on, he threw four times during a seven-play drive. 51-7.

A blocked punt added the final indignity. 58-7.

Only on the last possession of the game, beginning with 2:30 remaining, did Miami disdain the airwaves and choose to run the ball.

It was all too painful for the Irish to recall.

If the scene in the Irish lockerroom wasn't as emotional as some might have expected, it was only because there had been so much time for the crushing defeat to sink in. The only question in the second half was waiting to see where the final score would fit into Notre Dame's list of worst defeats in history (a 59-0 loss to Army in 1944 marked the most recent larger defeat margin).

Yet reaction to the one-sided finale could be found everywhere, prompted as much by Miami's relentless point-scoring as by

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— Jim Johnson

criticism of it by CBS commentators.

Did Miami really run up the score? Or did the Hurricanes merely play a perfect football game, as many on both sidelines suggested? Did Faust deserve a better ending to his up-and-down five seasons with the Irish? Or was Notre Dame so inept on the field that it did as much to create this Miami monster as the Hurricanes did?

The debate raged for weeks. Faust refused to enter the fracas, reasoning that every coach has to make his own decisions about his own team in his own way.

Said Johnson: "It's a shame people were upset with the score and it's a shame the score got out of hand, but what am I supposed to do? Tell a kid like Geoff Torretta to go in there after he had sat on the bench the last few games and just kneel with the ball? If a baseball team put in its subs after getting a big lead, would the manager have those players strike out on purpose? It's too bad such a great game by our players has to

be overshadowed by people being upset with the score."

"We kept hearing about how Penn State beat Notre Dame so bad to prove they are number one," suggested Miami tackle Ed Davis. "Now, we've beaten Notre Dame worse. We are a team to be reckoned with."

Notre Dame's biggest misfortune probably amounted to having to face two talent-packed national title contenders — Penn State and Miami — on the road within the last three games of the season. The Irish were not in that league in 1985.

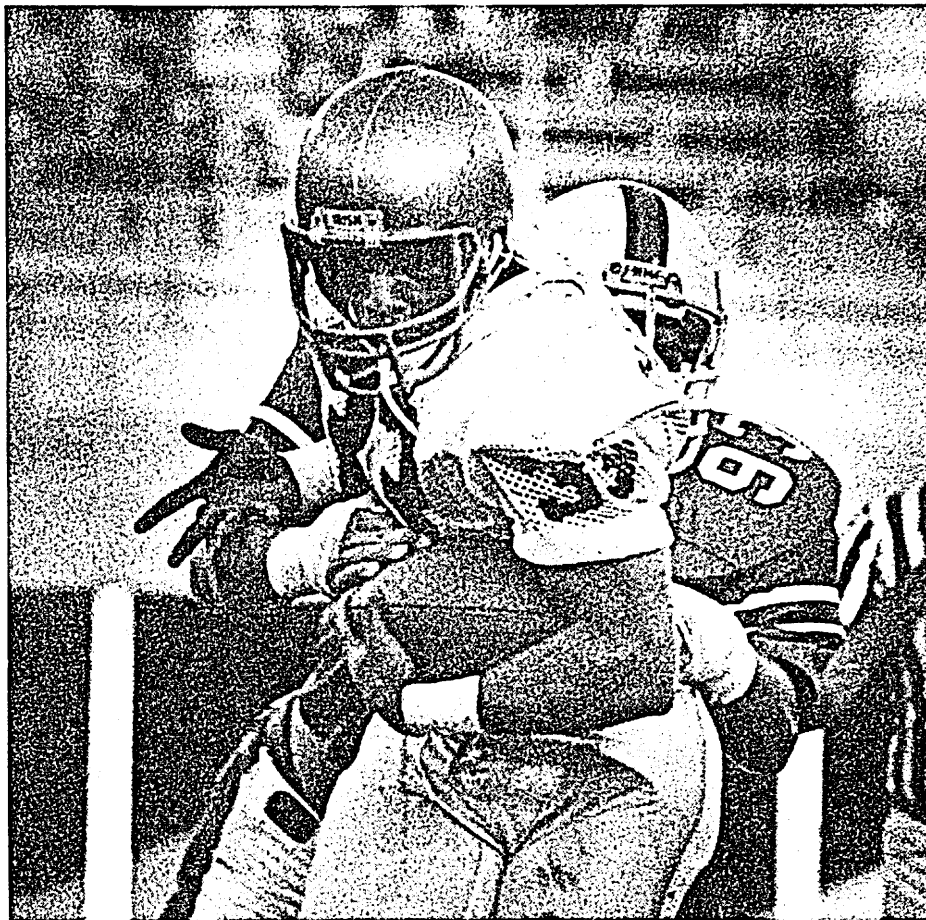
"My feeling right now is more for the players than anything," Faust offered. "I would have liked for the seniors to have gone out with a good football game. You have to bleed for them a little bit. But if you lose, you lose — it doesn't matter whether it's three points or 30."

Regardless, Faust and his players hardly left the Orange Bowl with glowing memories.

They saw 58 points rung up on the scoreboard, most by a Miami team in that stadium since a 75-7 rout of Fordham back in 1954.

They saw Bennie Blades, on his way to a 61-yard interception return for a touchdown, exchanging high-fives with a teammate even before he had crossed the goal line.

They saw a five-year era that had begun with so much promise and anticipation come to a crashing closing at the hands of a Hurricane offense that hit as hard as its nickname implied.



Junior Hiawatha Francisco looks for a way to escape the clutches of Miami end John McVeigh.

BOB ROSATO

Scoring Summary				UM—Bill Hawkins recovery in end zone of blocked punt (Greg Cox kick)		58 7		Passing		Att. Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
First Quarter	Time	ND	UM	A-49,236				Vinny Testaverde	32	22	0	356	2	45
UM—Greg Cox 39 FG	8:47	3	0					Geoff Torretta	4	3	0	43	0	19
Drive: 68 yards in 15 plays in 6:13 following opening kickoff.								Receiving				No. Yards	TD	Long
UM—Warren Williams 6 run (Greg Cox kick)	5:50	10	0					Willie Smith	6	80	0	21		
Drive: 55 yards in 5 plays in 2:12 following Notre Dame punt.								Mike Irvin	5	67	1	22		
UM—Greg Cox 47 FG	4:47	13	0					Brett Perriman	4	97	0	45		
Drive: 30 yards in 7 plays in 2:41 following Notre Dame punt.								Alonzo Highsmith	3	74	0	35		
Second Quarter								Andre Brown	1	17	0	17		
UM—Bennie Blades 61 interception return (Greg Cox kick)	14:04	20	0					Brian Blades	1	17	0	17		
ND—Allen Pinkett 3 run (John Carney kick)	10:23	20	7					Darryl Oliver	1	15	0	15		
Drive: 80 yards in 10 plays in 3:41 following Miami kickoff.								Charles Henry	1	11	0	11		
UM—Melvin Bratton 7 pass from Vinny Testaverde (Greg Cox kick)	5:26	27	7					Melvin Bratton	1	7	1	7		
Drive: 68 yards in 11 plays in 4:57 following Notre Dame kickoff.								Warren Williams	1	7	0	7		
Third Quarter								Todd Stanish	1	7	0	7		
UM—Greg Cox 48 FG	5:35	30	7					Team Statistics				ND	UM	
Drive: 52 yards in 11 plays in 3:57 following Notre Dame loss of ball.								First Downs				17	29	
UM—Mike Irvin 15 pass from Vinny Testaverde (Greg Cox kick)	1:22	37	7					Rushing				8	8	
Drive: 75 yards in 6 plays in 2:40 following Notre Dame punt.								Passing				9	21	
Fourth Quarter								Penalty				0	0	
UM—Vinny Testaverde 1 run (Greg Cox kick)	12:50	44	7					Rushing Attempts				41	37	
Drive: 80 yards in plays in 2:10 following Notre Dame punt.								Yards Gained Rushing				166	165	
UM—Andre Brown 17 pass from Geoff Torretta (Mark Seelig kick)	6:11	51	7					Yards Lost Rushing				20	30	
Drive: 47 yards in 7 plays in 3:26 following Notre Dame loss of ball on downs.								Net Yards Rushing				146	135	
								Net Yards Passing				193	399	
								Passes Attempted				24	36	
								Passes Completed				12	25	
								Had Intercepted				1	0	
								Total Offensive Plays				65	73	
								Total Net Yards				339	534	
								Average Gain Per Play				5.2	7.3	
								Return Yards				0	67	
								Fumbles: Number-Lost				1-0	3-0	
								Penalties: Number-Yards				5-48	4-30	
								Interceptions: Number-Yards				0-0	1-61	
								Number of Punt-Yards				6-201	0-0	
								Average Per Punt				33.5	0	
								Punt Returns: Number-Yards				0-0	3-6	
								Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards				5-100	2-39	
								Possession Time				24:53	35:07	
								Third-Down Conversions				5 of 14	6 of 14	
								Sacks By				2-22	5-15	

Irish Items: Football '85

By JOHN HEISLER

• Seven different Notre Dame football players earned some sort of All-America mention in 1985. Senior tailback **ALLEN PINKETT** was a first-team pick by *Football News* and an honorable mention choice by both the Associated Press and United Press International. Senior offensive guard **TIM SCANNELL** was a second-team *Football News* selection and an honorable mention choice by both AP and UPI. Senior linebacker **TONY FURJANIC** earned honorable mention notice from UPI — while senior defensive tackle **ERIC DORSEY** and junior free safety **STEVE LAWRENCE** won honorable mention billing from AP. Furjanic, Dorsey and senior offensive tackle **MIKE PERRINO** were selected as "Almost All-Americans" by *Football News*. Sophomore linebacker **CEDRIC FIGARO** was a second-team selection on the Sophomore All-America team named by *Football News*.

• At the 66th annual Notre Dame Football Banquet sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, **ALLEN PINKETT** was honored as the most valuable player for 1985 for the third straight season. **ERIC DORSEY** was chosen the outstanding defensive player, while **TIM SCANNELL** was selected the outstanding offensive player. All three awards are chosen by vote of the players — with the Notre Dame National Monogram Club presenting the MVP award.

• Senior defensive tackle **GREG DINGENS** received a quartet of academic awards following his '85 season.

First, he was one of 12 players from around the country selected to receive a \$3,000 scholarship for postgraduate study by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. Dings received his award at the annual Hall of Fame dinner December 3 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. At that same affair, Notre Dame Hall of Fame inductees Dan Devine, Paul Hornung and Fred Miller also were honored. Dings became the 13th Notre Dame player to earn one of the Hall of Fame scholarships since that program began in 1959.

Second, he was one of 25 football players granted \$2,000 postgraduate stipends by the NCAA. Dings becomes the 14th Notre Dame football player thus honored and the 25th Irish athlete honored overall since that program's inception in 1964.

Third, he was voted a first-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) on its GTE-sponsored team. He had been a second-team selection as both a sophomore

and junior.

Fourth, he was presented the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Scholar-Athlete award for the second straight year at the Notre Dame Football Banquet.

Dings achieved a 3.778 grade average through his first three years as a pre-professional candidate with a history major in the College of Arts and Letters. A Rhodes scholarship candidate, Dings will attend the University of Michigan Medical School with plans to be an orthopaedic surgeon.

The 6-5, 257-pounder from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., was a defensive tackle starter for the Irish in '85 until a knee injury against Army sidelined him during the final six games of the season.

• Fifty-five monograms were awarded to members of the '85 Notre Dame football squad:

Seniors (15)—Pat Ballage, Pat Cusack, Rick DiBernardo, Greg Dings, Tom Doerger, Eric Dorsey, Tony Furjanic, Mike Kiernan, Mike Larkin, John McCabe, Mike Perrino, Ron Plantz, Allen Pinkett, Tim Scannell, Jay Underwood.

Juniors (25)—John Askin, Robert Banks, Steve Beuerlein, Dave Butler, John Carney, Hiawatha Francisco, Tom Freeman, Mike Haywood, Shawn Heffern, Wally Kleine, Mike Kovalski, Chris Kvochak, Chuck Lanza, Steve Lawrence, Alvin Miller, Tom Monahan, Tom Rehder, Pete Rokich, Dan Sorensen, Marv Spence, Byron Spruell, Pernel Taylor, Ron Weissenhofer, Joel Williams, Troy Wilson.

Sophomores (11)—Terry Andrysiak, Tim Brown, Matt Dings, Tony Eason, Cedric Figaro, Darrell Gordon, Jeff Kunz, Wes Pritchett, Frank Stams, Reggie Ward, Brandy Wells.

Freshmen (4)—Mark Green, Andy Heck, Aaron Robb, George Streeter.

Four-time monogram-winners included Ballage, DiBernardo, Greg Dings, Dorsey, Furjanic, Larkin, Pinkett and Scannell.

Graduating seniors receiving service monograms were Ray Carter, Mike James, Todd Lezon and David McGuffey.

• Irish captain and linebacker **TONY FURJANIC** spent more minutes on the field than any other Irish player in '85 with his 327:11 playing-time figure. Here's a complete listing of playing times for the '85 season, including how many games each individual played and started:

Offensive Linemen—Ron Plantz 221:56 (started 11), Mike Perrino 212:04 (started 11), Tim Scannell 202:03 (started 10), Tom Doerger 192:37 (started 8, played 11),

Shawn Heffern 184:08 (started 10, played 11), John Askin 94:02 (started 1, played 10), Jay Underwood 80:19 (started 4, played 10), Chuck Lanza 79:57 (played 11), Byron Spruell 62:32 (played 9), Tom Freeman 60:54 (played 10), Pete Rokich 45:47 (played 10), Tom McHugh 15:13 (played 6), Tom Riley 7:40 (played 2), Mark Antonietti 3:37 (played 4), Rick Michalak :54 (played 1), Dom Prinzivalli :54 (played 1).

Receivers—Tom Rehder 195:43 (started 9, played 11), Tim Brown 158:46 (started 10), Reggie Ward 111:54 (started 10, played 11), Joel Williams 90:11 (started 2, played 11), Tony Eason 86:09 (started 1, played 11), Mark Green 78:17 (played 10), Alvin Miller 71:12 (played 10), Andy Heck 66:06 (played 10), Pat Cusack 31:31 (started 1, played 6), Mike James 6:45 (played 4), Karl Hillerman 4:17 (played 3), Todd Lezon :34 (played 1).

Offensive Backs—Allen Pinkett 215:54 (started 11), Steve Beuerlein 209:17 (started 10, played 11), Frank Stams 193:33 (started 11), Tom Monahan 83:08 (played 11), Terry Andrysiak 72:37 (started 1, played 9), Hiawatha Francisco 52:32 (played 11), Pernel Taylor 28:00 (played 11), Tom Byrne 6:37 (played 3), Corny Southall 6:25 (played 6), Ray Carter 5:28 (played 4), Alonzo Jefferson 4:32 (played 1), Pat Pesavento 1:36 (played 1), Larry Diedrick :46 (played 2).

Defensive Linemen—Eric Dorsey 261:25 (started 11), Jeff Kunz 148:14 (started 5, played 10), Wally Kleine 133:59 (started 5, played 7), Mike Kiernan 131:02 (started 3, played 9), Matt Dings 118:07 (played 11), Greg Dings 111:21 (started 5), Bob Martz 25:39 (played 4), Ted FitzGerald 13:13 (played 3), Mike Seasley 4:05 (played 2), Tony Puntillo :40 (played 1).

Linebackers—Tony Furjanic 327:11 (started 11), Robert Banks 258:04 (started 11), Cedric Figaro 225:39 (started 8, played 11), Mike Kovalski 199:43 (started 10), Mike Larkin 114:55 (started 6, played 9), Ron Weissenhofer 107:31 (started 1, played 10), Rick DiBernardo 99:50 (started 1, played 11), Wes Pritchett 46:24 (played 11), Dave Butler 44:01 (played 11), Darrell Gordon 28:29 (played 11), Greg Harris 2:43 (played 1), Tom Galloway 1:15 (played 5), John Cooney :55 (played 2).

Defensive Backs—Troy Wilson 305:58 (started 11), Pat Ballage 305:35 (started 11), Steve Lawrence 281:54 (started 11), Marv Spence 211:32 (started 3, played 11), Mike Haywood 200:36 (started 8, played 11), Brandy Wells 58:52 (played 10), Chris Kvochak 32:19 (played 9), Aaron Robb 21:17 (played 6), George Streeter 20:41

(played 11), David McGuffey 17:19 (played 5), Walter Howard 3:09 (played 1).

Specialists—Dan Sorensen 19:55 (played 11), John Carney 7:39 (played 11), John Grieb 3:55 (played 6), Hal Von Wyl 3:04 (played 7).

• Postseason bowl participation by Notre Dame players in '85 included appearances by ALLEN PINKETT (Blue-Gray and Japan Bowl games), TONY FURJANIC (Blue-Gray and Japan Bowl games), TIM SCANNELL (Blue-Gray and Japan Bowl games), PAT BALLAGE (Blue-Gray game), ERIC DORSEY (Blue-Gray game) and MIKE PERRINO (East-West Shrine game).

• Here's where Notre Dame finished in team categories in the final NCAA statistics for the '85 season: 68th in total offense (334.5 yards per game), 56th in rushing offense (163.9), 61st in passing offense (170.6), tied for 62nd in scoring offense (20.9 points per game), 56th in total defense (352.7 yards per game), 42nd in rushing defense (158.3), 65th in pass defense (194.5), 49th in scoring defense (21.3 points per game) and 40th in punt returns (8.4 yards per return).

Notre Dame's individual rankings included ALLEN PINKETT 21st in rushing (100.0 yards per game), tied for 60th in scoring (6.0 points per game) and 34th in all-purpose running (112.5 yards per game, including receptions and runbacks), STEVE BEUERLEIN 68th in passing efficiency (94.9 rating) and 81st in total offense (119.6 yards per game), STEVE LAWRENCE tied for 27th in interceptions (.45 per game), DAN SORENSEN 43rd in punting (40.9 yards per punt), TROY WILSON tied for 40th in punt returns (8.5 yards per return), TIM BROWN 11th in kickoff returns (24.1 yards per return), JOHN CARNEY tied for 38th in field goals (1.18 per game) and tied for 79th in scoring (5.5 points per game).

Notre Dame's 1985 schedule ranked as the toughest in the nation both before and after the season.

Prior to the opening of the campaign, the Irish schedule was rated tops in the country in difficulty by *College & Pro Football Newsweekly*.

The CPFN system ranked each opponent on a 1-10 scale, then also added extra points for home-field advantage by opponents and particularly difficult road foes. In '85, Notre Dame played eight teams that qualified for postseason bowl action the previous season. In fact, the Irish opened the schedule with six straight games against bowl teams from '84 — Michigan (Holiday Bowl), Michigan State (Cherry), Purdue (Peach), Air Force (Independence), Army (Cherry) and USC (Rose). No team on the '85 schedule had won less than four games in '84 and the 11 teams combined for a 71-47-4 (.598) regular-season mark. Here's how CPFN rated the 10 toughest schedules for 1985:

	Points
1. NOTRE DAME.....	105
2. Baylor	103



STEVEN NAVRATIL

Key Irish performers in '85 included (above) Ron Plantz (62), Tim Scannell (54) and Jay Underwood on offense and (below) Rick DiBernardo (43), Wally Kleine (96), Eric Dorsey (71) and Tony Furjanic on defense.



STEVEN NAVRATIL

3. Michigan	102
Florida State	102
5. Miami (Fla.)	101
Florida	101
7. Maryland	100
Pittsburgh	100
Mississippi	100
UCLA	100
Alabama	100

The NCAA preseason rankings for toughest schedules listed Notre Dame's '85 slate as the 14th toughest in terms of percentage by Irish foes against Division I-A opponents. The Irish mark was 62-47-4 from '84 for a .566 figure. Florida stood first at .661 — while Irish opponents listed included Michigan (12th at .579), USC (22nd at .548), Ole Miss (25th at .542), Penn State (43rd at .509) and Navy (46th at .506). Notre Dame, Michigan, Florida and Illinois all played eight teams in '85 that played in bowl games in '84 — and those four teams led the nation in that category.

Once the season was over, the NCAA still listed Notre Dame's schedule as the toughest. When not playing the Irish, Notre Dame's '85 opponents went 72-29-3 against other Division I-A teams for a .707 percentage. Behind the Irish were Alabama (.662), Florida (.660), Rice (.622), Auburn (.621), Illinois (.616), Boston College (.613), Rutgers (.607), Minnesota (.601) and Michigan (.600).

Among Notre Dame's '85 opponents, eight qualified for postseason bowl games — with Michigan (Fiesta Bowl), Air Force (Bluebonnet) and Army (Peach) recording victories while Michigan State (All-American), USC (Aloha), Penn State (Orange), LSU (Liberty) and Miami (Sugar) were dropping postseason contests.

• Here's an early look at Notre Dame's 1986 schedule and how the 11 teams finished in 1985:

MICHIGAN	10-1-1
at Michigan State	7-5-0
PURDUE	5-6-0
at Alabama	9-2-1
PITTSBURGH	5-5-1
AIR FORCE	12-1-0
at Navy	4-7-0
SMU	6-5-0
PENN STATE	11-1-0
at LSU	9-2-1
at USC	6-6-0
TOTAL	84-41-4
	(.667)

In '86, the Irish play seven teams that played in '85 bowl games—Michigan, Michigan State, Alabama, Air Force, Penn State, LSU and USC. On the schedule, Notre Dame trades '85 opponents Army (9-3 in '85), Miami (10-2) and Ole Miss (4-6-1) for '86 foes Pittsburgh (5-5-1), SMU (6-5) and Alabama (9-2-1).

In '85 Notre Dame played five teams that were ranked in the Associated Press top 20 when they faced the Irish—Air Force (17th), Army (19th), Penn State (1st), LSU (17th) and Miami (4th).

In '86 Notre Dame plays five teams that finished in the Associated Press final top 20 for '85—Michigan (2nd), Penn State (3rd), Air Force (8th), Alabama (13th) and LSU (20th).

Ironically, all six teams that visit Notre Dame Stadium next fall defeated the Irish the last time the teams met.

• **TONY FURJANIC** was named the Associated Press Midwest Defensive Player of the Week following Notre Dame's 37-3 victory over USC. Furjanic made 17 tackles that afternoon as the Irish kept the Trojans out of the end zone despite being outgained by 11 in the total yards department.

• **STEVE BEUERLEIN** finished the '85 season as Notre Dame's career leader in pass completions and interceptions—and he needs to throw only 19 more passes for 60 more yards to become the all-time Irish leader in those two categories.

With his senior season still remaining, Beuerlein already has completed 322 career passes, breaking Terry Hanratty's figure of 304 set in 1966-68. He also has thrown 36 career interceptions, beating Joe Theismann's old mark of 35 set in 1968-70.

Beuerlein's career pass attempt figure stands at 591, not far behind Blair Kiel's record of 609 set in 1980-83. His career passing yardage total of 4,352 is easily in reach of Theismann's record of 4,411.

Beuerlein's 214 passes attempted in 1985 marked the fifth highest single-season total in Notre Dame history, trailing Theismann's record 268 in 1970.

• Sophomore quarterback **TERRY ANDRYSIAK** tied an Irish record by completing 10 straight passes during the '85 season. He connected on his last two against Purdue, all three against USC and his first five against Navy to tie the record set in 1942 by Angelo Bertelli against Stanford and again by Joe Montana in 1978 against Georgia Tech.

• **JOHN CARNEY** tied a Notre Dame single-game record in the '85 season opener at Michigan by kicking four field goals—matching the performance of Harry Oliver against Miami in 1980 and against Michigan State in 1980 and by Chuck Male vs. Michigan in 1979.

Carney attempted 22 field goals in '85, tying Mike Johnston's '82 total for the second-best single-season total—behind Oliver's 23 in '80.

His .732 career field-goal percentage (30 of 41) remains a career record—while his career marks for field goals and attempts rank only behind the totals of Dave Reeve (39 of 64 in 1974-77) and Johnston (31 of 43 in 1982-83).

• **STEVE LAWRENCE** recovered five fumbles in 1985 to tie the single-season record set by Mike Gann in '84, Jim Browner in '77, Jim Musuraca in '71, Don Penza in '53 and Dave Flood in '52. Lawrence has eight career recoveries, within four of Ross Browner's career record of 12 set in 1973, '75-'77.

• **TIM BROWN** was named the Owens-

Corning Amateur Athlete of the Week by ESPN in honor of his performance against Michigan State in the 27-10 Irish victory September 21.

Brown returned the second-half kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown to put Notre Dame ahead for good and also caught four passes for 88 yards.

• Notre Dame saw several noteworthy opponent records set by teams playing the Irish in 1985.

Michigan State's Ed Smith held the Irish opponent mark for pass completions with his 27 in 1978 — but both Jim Everett of Purdue (27) and Jeff Wickersham of LSU (31) matched or topped that figure in '85.

Purdue's Mark Herrmann held the passing yardage mark with 351 in 1977—but both Everett (368) and Miami's Vinny Testaverde (356) surpassed him in '85.

The five field goals by Penn State's Massimo Manca marked the most ever against Notre Dame in either a game or a career—topping five other kickers who had booted three field goals in a single game against the Irish.

Also, Miami's total passing yardage figure of 399 yards stands as the best team total in Irish books, beating Purdue's 351 in 1977. Everett's five career touchdown passes against Notre Dame tie the record held by Herrmann and Len Dawson from Purdue as well as Pat Haden of USC.

• Notre Dame probably received more television exposure in 1985 than any other college football team.

Both the Michigan and Miami games were shown nationally by CBS. The Air Force game was shown nationally by ABC—and both the Navy and Penn State games were shown on a split national basis by ABC. ESPN sent the Michigan State game in prime time to its national cable audience. The Purdue game was seen in 30 markets via a TBS Sports syndication that was part of the Big 10 supplementary package. The Army, Mississippi and LSU games were telecast by TEN (Television Enterprise Network), a national syndication to 70 markets including WGN in Chicago, as well as by USA Network.

The USC game could not be televised live because of the Trojans' probationary status—but it was shown on a delayed basis in both Los Angeles and South Bend on Saturday night.

• Several Notre Dame players finished the '85 season with impressive streaks of starting assignments. **ALLEN PINKETT** finished his career with 35 straight starts, **MIKE PERRINO** with 25, **ROBERT BANKS** with 23 and **PAT BALLAGE** with 21. **TIM SCANNELL** had a string of 22 straight snapped when he did not play against Purdue.

Players who started every game for the Irish in '85 included **TONY FURJANIC**, **BANKS**, **BALLAGE**, **TROY WILSON**, **STEVE LAWRENCE**, **PERRINO**, **RON PLANTZ**, **PINKETT**, **FRANK STAMS** and **ERIC DORSEY**.

Charting Allen Pinkett

Pinkett's Career Statistics

Rushing

	G-GS	Time	TC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1982	10-1	110:08	107	532	5.0	5	76
1983	11-11	229:45	252	1394	5.5	16	53
1984	11-11	198:11	275	1105	4.0	17	66
1985	11-11	215:54	255	1100	4.3	11	43
TOTAL	43-34	753:58	889	4131	4.6	49	76

Pass Receiving

	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1982	9	94	10.4	0	19
1983	28	288	10.3	2	59
1984	19	257	13.5	1	40
1985	17	135	7.9	0	22
TOTAL	83	774	10.6	3	59

Passing

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
1982	0	0	0	0	0
1983	1	1	59	0	0
1984	2	2	30	1	0
1985	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	89	1	0

Kickoff Returns

	KO Ret.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1982	14	354	25.3	1	93
1983	0	0	0.0	0	0
1984	0	0	0.0	0	0
1985	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTAL	14	354	25.3	1	93

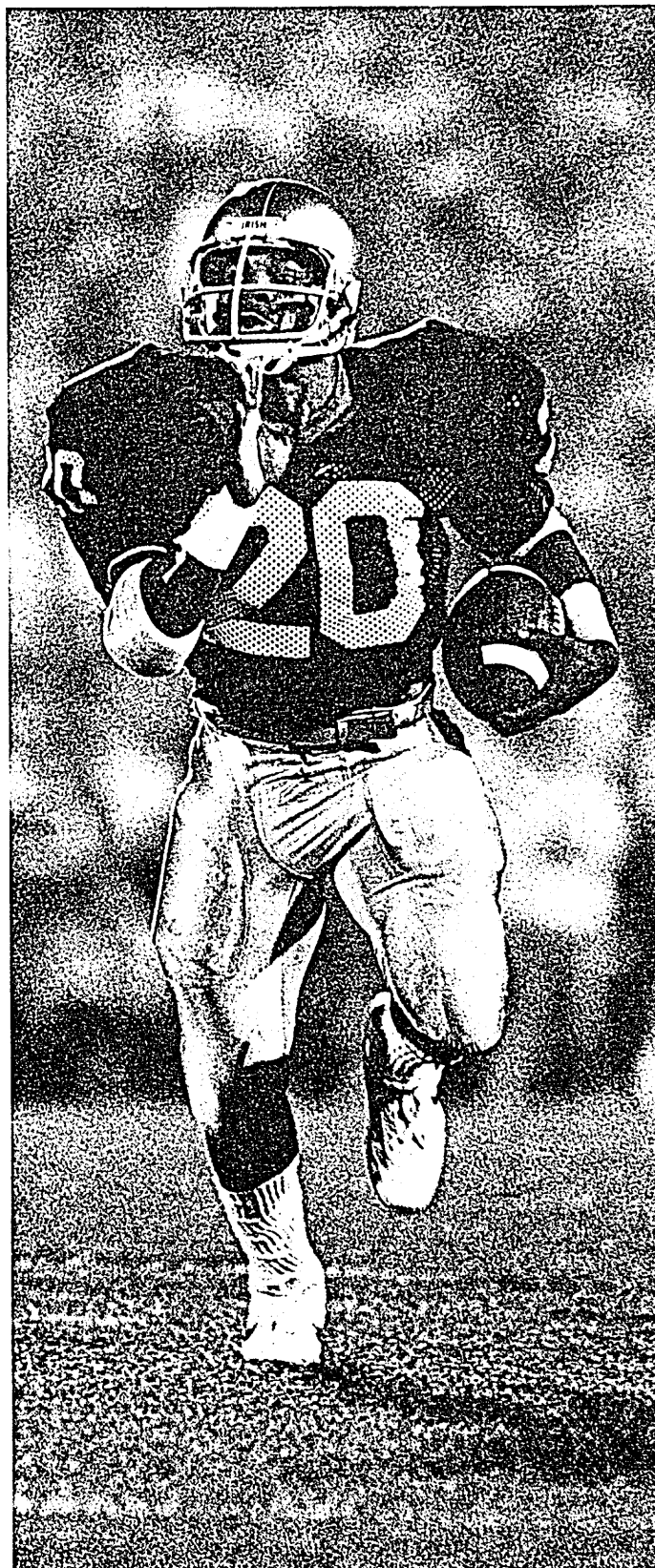
Notre Dame Career Charts

Rushing

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TD
1. ALLEN PINKETT, 1982-85	889	4131	4.6	49
2. Vagas Ferguson, 1976-79	673	3472	5.2	32
3. Jerome Heavens, 1975-78	590	2682	4.5	15
4. Phil Carter, 1979-82	557	2409	4.3	14
5. George Gipp, 1917-20	369	2341	6.3	16
6. Emil Sitko, 1946-49	362	2226	6.1	25

Pass Receiving

	PC	Yards	TD	Avg.
1. Tom Gatewood, 1969-71	157	2283	19	14.5
2. Jim Seymour, 1966-68	138	2113	16	15.3
3. Ken MacAfee, 1974-77	128	1759	15	13.7
4. Tony Hunter, 1979-81	120	1897	5	15.8
5. Joe Howard, 1981-84	85	1663	7	19.6
6. ALLEN PINKETT, 1982-85	73	774	3	10.6



STEVEN NAVRATIL

Total Offense

	Plays	Yards	Avg.
1. Joe Theismann, 1968-70	807	5432	6.7
2. Terry Hanratty, 1966-68	731	4738	6.5
3. Tom Clements, 1972-74.	760	4664	6.1
4. Joe Montana, 1975, 77-78. . .	644	4225	6.6
5. ALLEN PINKETT, 1982-85	892	4220	4.7
6. George Gipp, 1917-20.	556	4110	7.4

Scoring

	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.
1. ALLEN PINKETT, 1982-85	53	2@	0	320
2. Louis (Red) Salmon, 1900-03	36	60	2	250
3. Dave Reeve, 1974-77.	0	130	39	247
4. Stan Cofall, 1914-16.	30	60	2	246
5. Vagas Ferguson, 1976-79. . .	35	0	0	210
6. Gus Dorais, 1910-13.	12	96	11	198

@ one two-point conversion

Pinkett's Records

Irish tailback Allen Pinkett established the following records during his four seasons at Notre Dame between 1982-85.

Game

- * **Rushing Attempts:** 40 vs. LSU in '84; ties Phil Carter who also had 40 vs. Michigan State in '80

Season

- * **Touchdowns:** 18 in '83 (16 rushing, 2 receiving) and '84 (17 rushing, 1 receiving); Vagas Ferguson held previous mark with 17 in 1979
- * **Points:** 110 (18 touchdowns, 1 two-point conversion) in '83; Red Salmon held previous mark with 105 in 1903
- * **100-Yard Games:** 9 in '83; Vagas Ferguson held previous mark with 7 in 1979
- * **Consecutive 100-Yard Games:** 5 (Colorado, South Carolina, Army, USC, Navy) in '83; Jim Stone held previous mark with 4 in 1980
- * **All-Purpose Yardage:** 1,682 (1,394 rushing, 288 receiving) in '83; Bob Gladioux held previous mark with 1,512 (717 rushing, 442 receiving, 91 punt returns, 262 kickoff returns) in 1968
- * **Rushing Touchdowns:** 17 in '84; tied Vagas Ferguson's previous mark set in '79

Career

- * **Rushing Yards:** 4,131 (532 in '82, 1,394 in '83, 1,105 in '84, 1,100 in '85); Vagas Ferguson held previous mark with 3,472 in 1976-79
- * **Average Rushing Yards Per Game:** 96.1 (4,131 yards in 43 games); George Gipp held previous mark with 86.7 (2,341 in 27) in 1917-20
- * **Rushing Attempts:** 889 (107 in '82, 252 in '83, 275 in '84, 254 in '85); Vagas Ferguson held previous mark with 673 in 1973-76
- * **Average Rushing Attempts Per Game:** 20.6 (889 in 43 games); Vagas Ferguson held previous mark with 16.4 (673 in 41)
- * **100-Yard Games:** 21 (2 in '82, 9 in '83, 4 in '84, 6 in '85); Vagas Ferguson held previous mark with 13 in 1976-79
- * **Touchdowns:** 53 (6 in '82, 18 in both '83 and '84, 11 in '85); Red Salmon held previous mark with 36 in 1900-03
- * **Rushing Touchdowns:** 49 (5 in '82, 16 in '83, 17 in '84, 11 in '85); Red Salmon held previous mark with 36 in 1900-03
- * **Points:** 320 (36 in '82, 110 in '83, 108 in '84, 66 in '85); Red Salmon held previous mark with 250 in 1900-03
- * **Points Responsible For:** 326 (scored 320 points, passed for one TD); Joe Theismann held previous mark with 280 in 1968-70
- * **All-Purpose Yardage:** 5,259 (4,131 rushing, 774 receiving, 354 kickoff returns); Vagas Ferguson held previous mark with 3,838 in 1976-79
- * **Average All-Purpose Yards Per Game:** 122.3 (5,259 in 43 games); George Gipp held previous mark with 113.5 (3,064 in 27)
- * **Total Offense Attempts:** 892; Joe Theismann held previous mark with 807 in 1968-70

Pinkett Game by Game

1982

Game	Rushing			Receiving		
	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Michigan	—DID NOT PLAY—					
Purdue	1	1	0	0	0	0
Michigan State	5	11	0	0	0	0
Miami	6	20	0	1	-6	0
Arizona	8	37	1	0	0	0
Oregon	7	44	1	1	9	0
Navy	27	129	1	1	13	0
Pittsburgh	10	112	2	1	17	0
Penn State	19	70	0	2	25	0
Air Force	13	65	0	2	17	0
USC	11	43	0	1	19	0
TOTAL	107	532	5	9	94	0

1983

Purdue	15	115	1	2	23	0
Michigan State	25	104	0	2	14	0
Miami	15	58	0	5	30	0
Colorado	18	132	1	0	0	0
South Carolina	22	114	1	3	57	1
Army	22	132	3	2	22	0
USC	21	122	3	2	10	0
Navy	29	121	2	3	27	0
Pittsburgh	22	82	0	3	15	1
Penn State	36	217	4	1	-3	0
Air Force	27	197	1	5	93	0
TOTAL	252	1,394	16	28	288	2

'83 Liberty Bowl

Boston College	28	111	2	0	0	0
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1984

Purdue	22	69	2	1	14	0
Michigan State	22	60	1	3	62	1
Colorado	13	67	3	0	0	0
Missouri	20	62	0	2	15	0
Miami	13	57	0	3	18	0
Air Force	22	76	0	2	29	0
South Carolina	25	100	2	2	26	0
LSU	40	162	2	2	13	0
Navy	37	165	2	3	44	0
Penn State	34	189	4	1	36	0
USC	27	98	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	275	1,105	17	19	257	1

'84 Aloha Bowl

SMU	24	136	0	1	17	1
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1985

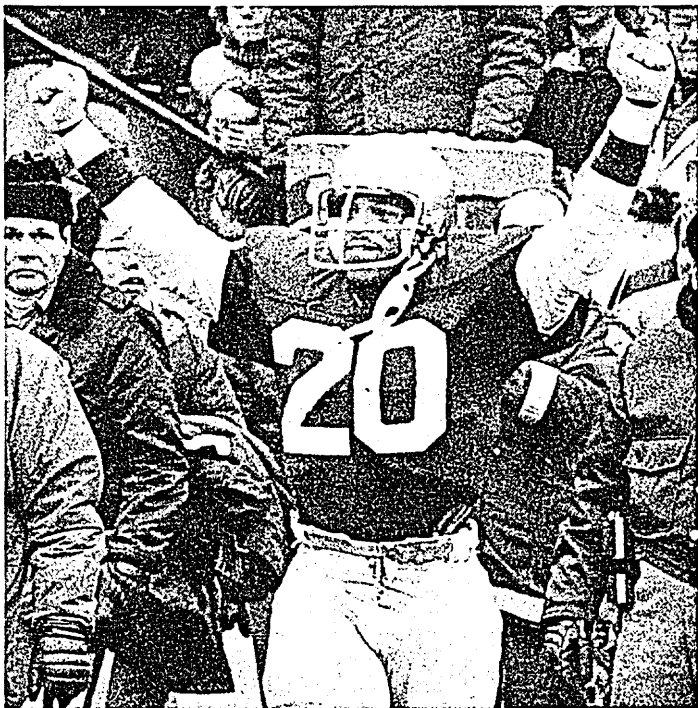
Michigan	22	89	0	2	29	0
Michigan State	25	116	1	1	6	0
Purdue	21	45	1	3	26	0
Air Force	31	142	1	1	5	0
Army	27	133	1	1	6	0
USC	28	110	1	1	-4	0
Navy	27	161	3	0	0	0
Mississippi	14	63	2	0	0	0
Penn State	12	61	0	1	4	0
LSU	30	103	0	4	24	0
Miami	18	77	1	3	39	0
TOTAL	255	1,100	11	17	135	0

Pinkett's 100-Yard Games

217 yards.....	Penn State, 1983 (36 carries)
197 yards.....	Air Force, 1983 (27 carries)
189 yards.....	Penn State, 1984 (34 carries)
165 yards.....	Navy, 1984 (37 carries)
162 yards.....	LSU, 1984 (40 carries)
161 yards.....	Navy, 1985 (27 carries)
142 yards.....	Air Force, 1985 (31 carries)
136 yards.....	SMU, 1984 (24 carries)
133 yards.....	Army, 1985 (27 carries)
132 yards.....	Army, 1983 (22 carries)
132 yards.....	Colorado, 1983 (18 carries)
129 yards.....	Navy, 1982 (27 carries)
122 yards.....	USC, 1983 (21 carries)
121 yards.....	Navy, 1983 (29 carries)
116 yards.....	Michigan State, 1985 (25 carries)
115 yards.....	Purdue, 1983 (15 carries)
114 yards.....	South Carolina, 1983 (22 carries)
112 yards.....	Pittsburgh, 1982 (10 carries)
111 yards.....	Boston College, 1983 (28 carries)
110 yards.....	USC, 1985 (28 carries)
104 yards.....	Michigan State, 1983 (25 carries)
103 yards.....	LSU, 1985 (30 carries)
100 yards.....	South Carolina, 1984 (25 carries)

1985 Heisman Trophy Voting

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
1. Bo Jackson, Auburn.....	317	218	122	1,509
2. Chuck Long, Iowa.....	266	254	98	1,464
3. Robbie Bosco, BYU.....	38	95	155	459
4. Alonzo White, Michigan State....	50	63	115	391
5. Vinny Testaverde, Miami.....	41	41	44	249
6. Jim Everett, Purdue.....	12	11	19	77
7. Napoleon McCallum, Navy.....	8	11	26	72
8. ALLEN PINKETT.....	9	13	18	71
9. Joe Dudek, Plymouth State.....	12	4	12	56
10. Brian McClure, Bowling Green...	7	10	13	54
Thurman Thomas, Oklahoma State	1	13	25	54



Allen Pinkett enjoys his final appearance at Notre Dame Stadium.

NCAA Career Scoring Leaders

	Years	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.
1. Luis Zendejas, Ariz. St.	1981-84	0	134	78	368
2. Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh...	1973-76	59	2	0	356
3. Glenn Davis, Army.....	1943-46	59	0	0	354
4. Kevin Butler, Georgia.....	1981-84	0	122	77	353
John Lee, UCLA.....	1982-85	0	116	79	353
Max Zendejas, Arizona,...	1982-85	0	122	77	353
7. Art Luppino, Arizona.....	1953-56	49	49	0	337
8. Steve Owens, Oklahoma...	1967-69	56	0	0	336
9. Wilford White, Ariz. St....	1947-50	48	27	4	327
10. ALLEN PINKETT.....	1982-85	53	2	0	320

NCAA Career Rushing Leaders

	Years	Att.	Yards	Avg.
* 1. Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh..	1973-76	1074	6082	5.66
* 2. Charles White, USC.....	1976-79	1023	5598	5.47
* 3. Herschel Walker, Georgia	1980-82	994	5259	5.29
* 4. Archie Griffin, Ohio State	1972-75	845	5177	6.13
* 5. George Rogers, South Carolina.....	1977-80	902	4958	5.50
* 6. Mike Rozier, Nebraska..	1981-83	668	4780	7.16
7. Ed Marrinaro, Cornell...	1969-71	918	4715	5.14
* 8. Marcus Allen, USC.....	1978-81	893	4682	5.24
9. Ted Brown, North Carolina State.....	1975-78	860	4602	5.35
10. Terry Miller, Oklahoma State.....	1974-77	847	4582	5.41
11. Eric Dickerson, SMU...	1979-82	790	4450	5.63
* 12. Earl Campbell, Texas....	1974-77	765	4443	5.81
13. Amos Lawrence, North Carolina.....	1977-80	881	4391	4.98
* 14. Bo Jackson, Auburn.....	1982-85	650	4303	6.62
15. Joe Morris, Syracuse....	1978-81	813	4299	5.29
16. Jerome Persell, Western Michigan.....	1976-78	842	4190	4.98
17. Napoleon McCallum, Navy.....	1981-85	908	4179	4.60
18. Curtis Adams, Central Michigan.....	1981-84	761	4162	5.47
19. ALLEN PINKETT, NOTRE DAME.....	1982-84	889	4131	4.65
20. Robert Lavette, Georgia Tech.....	1981-84	914	4066	4.45

* Heisman Trophy Winner

NCAA Career Touchdown Leaders

1. * Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1973-76.....	59
* Glenn Davis, Army 1943-46.....	59
3. * Steve Owens, Oklahoma, 1967-69.....	56
4. ALLEN PINKETT, NOTRE DAME, 1982-85.....	53
Pete Johnson, Ohio State, 1973-76.....	53
6. Ed Marinaro, Cornell, 1969-71.....	52
* Herschel Walker, Georgia, 1980-82.....	52
* Mike Rozier, Nebraska, 1981-83.....	52
9. Ted Brown, North Carolina State, 1975-78.....	51
10. Anthony Davis, USC, 1972-74.....	50
* Billy Sims, Oklahoma, 1975-79.....	50
Dalton Hilliard, LSU, 1982-85.....	50

* Heisman Trophy winner

All He Wants to Do Is Coach



BRUCE HARLAN

By **CHUCK FREEBY**

He is known as a quipster.

He is known as an amateur magician.

Now Lou Holtz wants to build another reputation.

"I'd like to be known as a fundamental football coach and not for all the other things," says Holtz, who was given that chance November 27 when he was named the head football coach at Notre Dame. "What I want to do is function as coach in a quiet, non-controversial manner."

Is this really Lou Holtz? Is this the man whose lines off the field were sometimes quicker than his lines on the field? Is this the same man who performed his magic act on "The Tonight Show"?

Yes, it is.

It is also the same man who told a slouching Irish football player at the team's first meeting to sit up straight or he might never play again. It is the same man who instituted 6:15 a.m. offseason agility sessions for his team. It is the same Lou Holtz who believes in hard work and a commitment to excellence.

"We have an awesome responsibility ahead of us, because Notre Dame has a reputation

for excellence in everything it does,"

comments Holtz. "There's more responsibility here than any other place where there is football. But I'm not a genius. I'm not a magician and I'm not a miracle worker. I'm just going to do the best job I can."

Holtz is used to the work ethic. He has lived it since his childhood in East Liverpool, Ohio, where he worked in a steel mill to pay his way through college. He lived it as an assistant coach, where he served for five different schools before landing his first head coaching job at William & Mary. And the work hasn't stopped for Holtz since becoming a head coach.

"I had to make all the stops in my coaching career," notes the 48-year-old Holtz. "I started at the bottom as an assistant and got the job at William & Mary. Then I moved up the Atlantic Coast Conference and North Carolina State. Then I went from there to Arkansas and then to Minnesota."

"There aren't many coaches who have had to go and make every stop. Some people are debonair, suave or great athletes, and their alma maters are going to take them back. My alma mater (Kent State) wouldn't even hire me."

Notre Dame did hire him, however, and Holtz promises this will be the last stop in his coaching career.

"This is a lifetime commitment," he states. "This is it. Contrary to what you think, I don't like to move."

However, Holtz' work is not over. In fact, it has only just begun. He has a tremendous task ahead of him in trying to turn around the Irish football program, which struggled to a 5-6 record in 1985. Still, Holtz believes it can be done if his team follows the coach's philosophy.

"Our program is going to be based on trust, commitment, generally caring and believing in people," notes Holtz. "You have to be trusted and you have to have people you can trust. You have to have a commitment to make your program the best it can be, and you have to believe it can be done. That's a philosophy I've carried most of my coaching career, and I'm not going to stop now."

That starts with the Notre Dame athlete. On Monday after the Miami game, Holtz held his first team meeting and left impressed with the caliber of his players.

"The number-one thing I'm pleased with is the intelligence of our athletes," comments

Holtz. "We gave them all a questionnaire, and it's necessary to give some essay answers. This is the first time I've had to read any of the essays with a dictionary."

Holtz emphasizes the intelligence and character of the Notre Dame athletes cannot be minimized. Nevertheless, he also knows Notre Dame will need some very talented players to win, and he believes the talent is there.

"At Minnesota, our defense was very weak, and we wanted to control the football with the option," recalls Holtz. "It was different and unique, and teams only had one week to prepare for it. With the excellent athletes we have, though, I have to believe we will not be an option team. That's not our best chance to win overall."

“The number-one thing I’m pleased with is the intelligence of our athletes.” — Lou Holtz

"We still have to be able to run *and* throw the football to be successful. I think the talent we have at the skill positions should be a positive factor for us here at Notre Dame. I can't really say how often we'll throw or run until I see the team, but we must do both well."

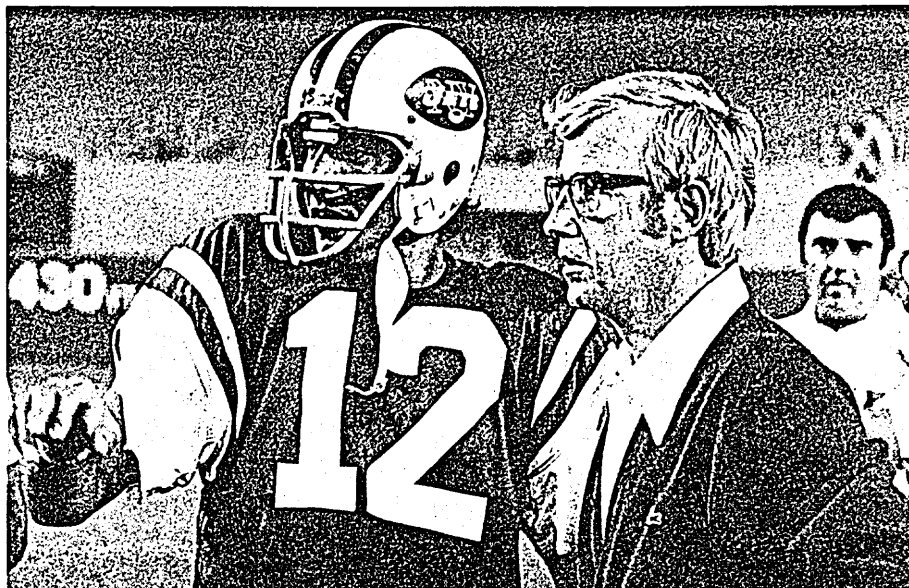
Holtz has always been recognized as an excellent offensive coach, as he has been instrumental in developing the outstanding collegiate careers of former Arkansas quarterback Ron Calcagni and current Minnesota star Rickey Foggie. Defense has been another matter, but Holtz has come to Notre Dame with some definite ideas of how to improve the Irish.

"It seems like we have some problems being able to rush the passer," notes Holtz, who is aware that the Irish only recorded 12 sacks in 1985 and return only four defensive linemen on scholarship for '86. "That's where the defense starts. You can do different things to stop the running game, but boy, it's tough to rush the passer without gambling unless you have some natural pass rushers."

Still, the Irish will stay with their basic 3-4 defense. "We're going to face such a wide variety of offenses that it's important we have a flexible defense. I don't think you can be good defensively if you adjust every week."

One adjustment Holtz will have to make is recruiting, where he has received most of his criticism. However, Holtz believes the criticism is unjustified, and he is willing and able to meet Notre Dame's high academic standards for incoming athletes.

"Notre Dame is a great school to sell to an intelligent young man for academics and football," declares the veteran of 25 years of recruiting. "Sure you can only get one out of five athletes, but you have the advantage of showing a young man what he can do



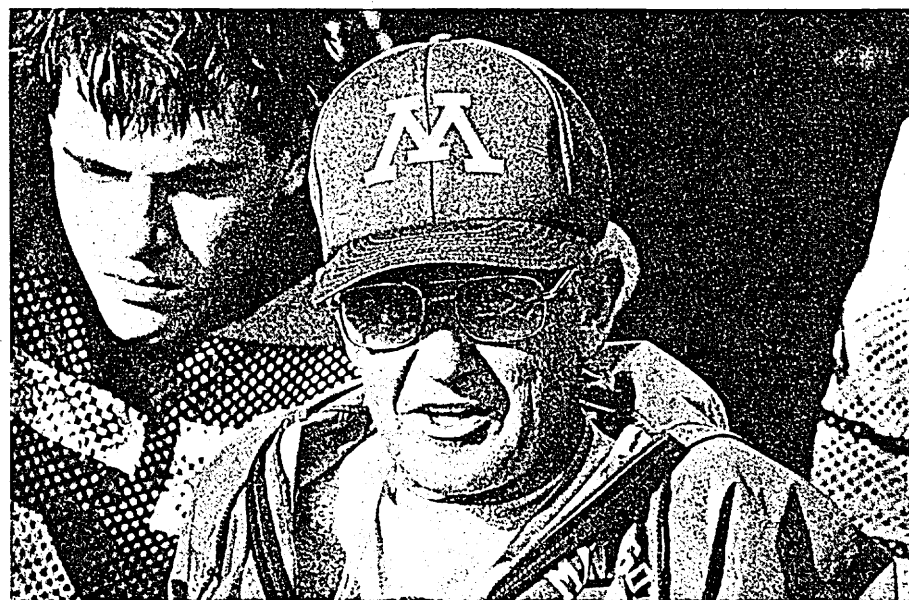
NEW YORK JETS

Lou Holtz comes to South Bend following stops with Joe Namath and the Jets . . .



PAT PATTERSON

the Razorbacks of Arkansas . . .



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

and the Golden Gophers of Minnesota.

academically and what the school can do for him. I think that's a big plus.

"I'm not willing to cheat to win. I've had a bum rap on recruiting, and it was never mentioned until I got to Arkansas. Nobody ever mentions that Arkansas has never been in an investigation by the Southwest Conference. Suffice it to say, I'm comfortable with the talent in recruiting that myself and my staff have exhibited over the years."

Recruiting will be critical to Notre Dame's success, as anyone who has looked at future schedules can tell you. If Holtz ever needs a depressant, he doesn't need to look any further than a 1986 schedule card. There he'll find home dates with Michigan, Purdue, Pittsburgh, Air Force, Southern Methodist and Penn State, as well as visits to Michigan State, Alabama, Navy, LSU and Southern Cal. With that kind of schedule awaiting him, Holtz isn't making any public promises about a win-loss record in 1986.

"I saw the schedule and thought it was a misprint," cracks Holtz. "I don't like to think in terms of negatives, but that's possible unless six teams up and forfeit right now. Our schedule is a difficult one and I don't know about our football team. I just hope we can play to the best of our capabilities."

"We don't want to stay at 5-6, but I can't say we're going to go here or go there. The only thing I'm concerned about is what direction we do go and how we're going to get there."

No matter what direction the Irish move,

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— Lou Holtz

Holtz knows he will be in the national spotlight. Notre Dame has always drawn more than its share of attention from fans and the media, and the new Irish coach knows it will be intensified in 1986.

"A success is magnified, a loss is magnified, and our ability to keep that in the proper perspective in relationship to our players and their schooling is going to be of paramount importance if we're going to have success," states Holtz. "It isn't really pressure on us, as much as it is a responsibility. So many people around the country follow Notre Dame and identify with Notre Dame. That's an awesome responsibility that so many people are going to be up or down depending on whether you throw deep or throw an out-cut."

That's the burden Lou Holtz has had cast upon him. Even he sometimes is unsure if he is ready for it.

"It's hard to imagine myself sitting here," says Holtz, as he dined at a table in the University's Morris Inn in December. "I hope I'm adequately prepared to cope. But how you prepare for Notre Dame, I don't know. It's sort of on-the-job training."

Holtz doesn't think the job will seriously change him, though. The quips will still come, and he might even perform an occasional magic trick for the squad. But Lou Holtz is serious — very serious — when he says one thing.

"I didn't come to change Notre Dame . . . and Notre Dame doesn't want to change me. All I want to do is coach football."

Holtz Concludes Staff Assembly

Three members of Notre Dame's previous staff, three members from the staff at Minnesota, three assistants from other programs, plus one former major-college head coach — those are the 10 individuals hired by new Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz to comprise the Irish staff for 1986.

From the December 9 announcement that Joe Yonto and George Kelly would be holdovers from the Notre Dame staff to the January 15 announcement that former LSU assistant Kurt Schottenheimer had been added to the list of Irish assistants, Holtz spent just over five weeks assembling his new staff.

Holtz has tabbed former Pitt head coach Foge Fazio as his defensive coordinator — but he has no immediate plans to name an offensive coordinator.

Here's a brief synopsis of the backgrounds of Holtz' staff members:

VINNY CERRATO — will split his duties between organizing Irish recruiting and working with quarterbacks . . . spent '85 season as recruiting coordinator under Holtz at Minnesota following two years as Gopher graduate assistant . . .

graduate assistant at Iowa State in '81 after starting at flanker as junior and senior . . . joined Irish staff December 9.

PETE CORDELLI — will coach Irish wide receivers . . . wide receiver coach at Minnesota under Holtz in '84 and '85 . . . coached receivers under Holtz at Arkansas in '83 . . . Dallas Cowboys scout in '82 . . . member of Memphis State staff in '80 and '81 . . . 32-year-old Blakely, Pa., native graduated from North Carolina State in '76 after playing quarterback for Wolfpack . . . spent two years as grad assistant at Arkansas under Holtz and one as grad assistant at TCU . . . named to Irish staff December 26.

FOGE FAZIO — will coordinate Notre Dame defense and coach inside linebackers after compiling 25-18-3 record as head coach at Pittsburgh since '82 . . . helped Panthers to Cotton and Fiesta Bowl bids his first two years on way to 9-3 and 8-3-1 seasons . . . took over at Pitt for Jackie Sherrill after coaching Panther defense to NCAA stat titles in both rushing defense and total

defense in both '80 and '81 . . . served as assistant at Boston University ('67, offensive line), Harvard ('68, defensive line), Cincinnati ('73-'76, defensive coordinator) plus two stops at Pitt ('69-'72 as linebacker coach, '77-'81 as linebacker coach with last three years as defensive coordinator and assistant head coach) . . . 46-year-old Diamond, West Va., native graduated from Pitt in '60 after playing linebacker and center and earning team MVP award as senior starting center . . . joined Irish staff December 26.

TERRY FORBES — will coach Irish defensive backs . . . spent last four years as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach at Akron . . . helped Zips to NCAA Division I-AA playoff berth in '85 as well as top 10 rankings in total defense and scoring defense . . . served nine years as Ohio prep head coach — '80-'81 at Canton McKinley where he went 22-2, including 13-0 mark and Ohio state crown in '81; '77-'79 at Macedonia where he finished 26-2-2, and '73-'76 at Black River where he finished



Cerrato

22-5 his last three years . . . 37-year-old Cleveland native graduated from Hiram College in '70 after calling defensive signals as linebacker for four years . . . joined Irish staff December 16.

GEORGE KELLY — will handle variety of on-and-off-the-field responsibilities on new Irish staff . . . Notre Dame's linebacker coach for last 17 years during tenures of Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Gerry Faust . . . coached long list of standouts led by consensus All-Americans Bob Golic and Bob Crable . . . came to Notre Dame in '69 following the eight years on Bob Devaney's staff at Nebraska . . . helped Huskers rank first nationally in total defense in '63 and '67 . . . coached four years at Marquette starting in '57 . . . 56-year-old Rockford, Ill. native graduated from Notre Dame in '53 after injury cut short his Irish playing career . . . spent two years at South Bend St. Joseph's High School before moving to Marquette . . . retained December 9 as part of Holtz' new staff.

KURT SCHOTTENHEIMER — will coach Irish outside linebackers . . . coached linebackers at LSU last two years, including All-American Michael Brooks . . . helped Tigers to 8-3-1 and 9-2-1 marks in '84 and '85 . . . spent '83 campaign on Tulane staff . . . at Michigan State from '78 to '82, first two years with defensive backs as grad assistant and last three years as outside linebacker coach . . . defensive coordinator at William Paterson in '74-'75 . . . on staff at Ridgely Park (N.J.) High School in '76-'77 . . . 36-year-old McDonald, Pa., native was juco



Cordelli

All-American quarterback at Coffeyville (Kan.) Junior College, then started two years as defensive back at Miami of Florida before graduating in '71 . . . brother Marty is Cleveland Browns head coach . . . joined Irish staff January 15.

GEORGE STEWART — will coach Irish offensive line and tight ends . . . offensive line coach at Minnesota under Holtz in '84 and '85 . . . grad assistant under Holtz at Arkansas in '83 . . . 27-year-old Little Rock, Ark., native played for Holtz at Arkansas . . . earned three letters, captained '80 team as senior and earned all-league honors as junior . . . helped Hogs to bowl games all three years, including 9-2-1 and 10-2 marks as sophomore and junior . . . signed as free agent with Kansas City Chiefs but knee injury projected him into private business . . . joined Irish staff December 30.

MIKE STOCK — will coach Irish running backs . . . spent last three years on Notre Dame staff as receiver coach and recruiting coordinator . . . also served as offensive coordinator in '85 . . . offensive backfield coach for USFL New Jersey Generals in '83 where he coached Herschel Walker . . . head coach at Eastern Michigan from '78-'82 . . . offensive coordinator at Wisconsin in '75-'77 . . . Irish assistant under Ara Parseghian from '69-'74, last five as receiver coach . . . Navy receiver and offensive backfield coach in '68, Univ. of Buffalo freshman coach in '66-'67 . . . 46-year-old Barberton, Ohio, native was two-year captain as player under Parseghian at



Fazio



Forbes



Kelly

Northwestern . . . all Big-Ten as fullback while leading 'Cats in rushing as junior and senior . . . won Big Ten medal of honor for academic and athletic performance . . . named to staff on January 7.

TONY YELOVICH — will coach Irish offensive linemen . . . offensive line coach at Stanford last two seasons . . . also worked with offensive line at Tulane ('80-'83), Arizona ('77-'79), Cincinnati ('74-'76), Tennessee Tech ('71-'73), Northeast Missouri State ('69-'70) and Wichita State ('68) . . . 44-year-old Paoli, Pa., native graduated from Tampa in '64 after earning four letters as center and captaining team as senior . . . grad assistant at Tampa in '64 as well as defensive coordinator at Seminole High School in Orlando . . . coached ends, linebackers and centers at Parsons (Iowa) in '65-'66 . . . joined Irish staff January 3.

JOE YONTO — will coach Irish defensive line . . . has been special assistant to athletic director Gene Corrigan on Notre Dame staff for last five years while handling football administrative duties for Gerry Faust . . . spent 17 previous years as Irish defensive line coach under Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine after coming to Notre Dame with Ara in '64 . . . Irish defensive coordinator from '77-'80 . . . tutored 12 Irish All-Americans . . . 60-year-old Orrville, Ohio, native graduated from Notre Dame in '48 . . . coached at prep level in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois prior to joining Parseghian in '64 . . . retained on '86 Irish staff on December 9.



Schottenheimer



Stewart



Stock



Yelovich



Yonto

Could Be a Whole New Game

By JOHN HEISLER

Call it the most mysterious Notre Dame football team in more than 20 years.

List the names of the 13 returning starters, then put asterisks next to them. For that matter, put question marks next to their positions.

Take all the press clippings lauding individual past performances and throw them out the window. Take all the old depth charts and position descriptions and toss them, too.

There's liable to be an entire new look for Fighting Irish football in 1986.

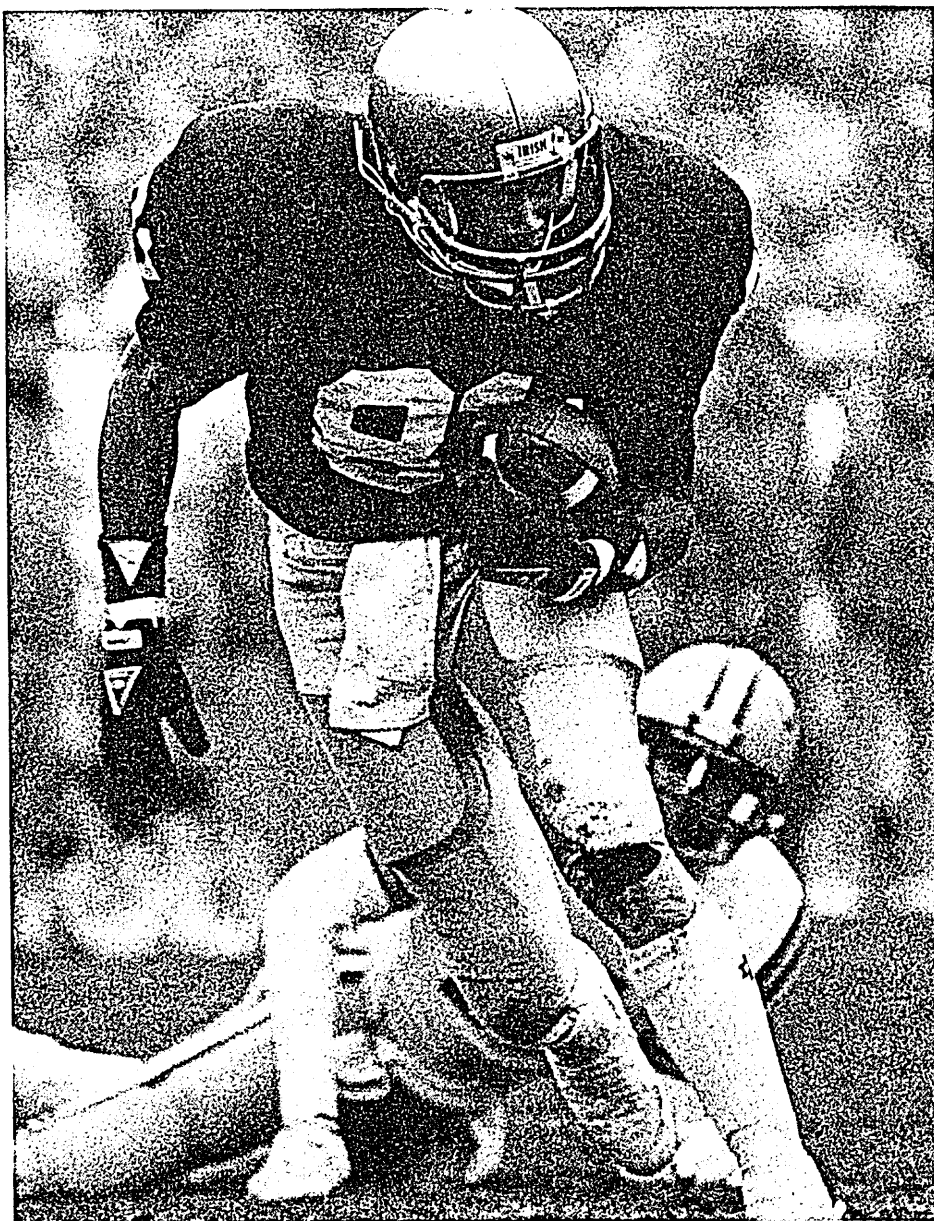
What's behind all this prospective change? Begin by checking with new coach Lou Holtz and the seven new names on his 10-man staff of aides. They don't have all the answers yet, and they still may not have them by the time Michigan comes to town September 13 for the '86 season opener. But count on Holtz and his assistants to take a long, hard look at every prospective football player in the Irish camp. They'll look at the starters and they'll look at the reserves and they'll look at the reasons these players either did or did not contribute to Notre Dame's success (or lack thereof) the last couple of seasons.

This certainly isn't the first time Notre Dame's football program has endured a coaching transition. But the in-with-the-Holtz-era and out-with-the-Faust-era change figures to be a whole lot different than the last two.

Remember back to 1981. When Gerry Faust took over, he inherited 16 starters (eight each on offense and defense) from a team that had finished 9-2-1 and played in the Sugar Bowl the previous year. Among the returnees in '81 were Bob Crable, Stacey Toran, Tom Thayer, Dave Duerson, Phil Pozderac, Tony Hunter, Larry Moriarty and Greg Bell — all of whom have advanced impressively in the professional football world.

Remember back to 1975. When Dan Devine took over, he inherited eight starters (only two on offense) from a team that had finished 10-2 and won the Orange Bowl the previous year. Among the standouts in '75 were defensive line starters Ross Browner, Steve Niehaus, Jeff Weston and Willie Fry, along with Bob Golic, Luther Bradley, Jim Browner, Al Hunter, Ernie Hughes — all of whom played professional football as well. The backup quarterback was a sophomore named Joe Montana. You've probably heard of him.

This '86 transition seems to compare favorably with the Hugh Devore-to-Ara



NICK GRIFFIN

Says Lou Holtz: "The only way they can keep us from getting the ball to Tim Brown is by intercepting the snap from center."

Parseghian switch way back in 1964.

Parseghian inherited only 16 total letterwinners from a team that finished 2-7 the previous year. He took a relatively unknown senior quarterback in John Huarte (his biography in the '64 *Notre Dame Football Dope Book* included more data on his high school accomplishments than his Notre Dame exploits) and turned him into a Heisman Trophy winner. He took a relatively unknown halfback in Jack Snow and turned him into an All-America split end.

He took a pretty good tackle in Dick Arrington and switched him to guard. He took a pretty good halfback in Joe Farrell and switched him to fullback. He was smart enough to take a bunch of unproven sophomores (freshmen then weren't eligible for varsity football) and put them in his starting lineup. Those sophomores were people like Alan Page, Jim Lynch, Nick Eddy, Kevin Hardy and Tom Regner — players who would help Parseghian win a national championship as seniors.

What changes will Holtz make? Will there be multiple position switches, as there were when Ara took over? Who will move where and how well will it all work?

All those questions remain premature. Yet, Holtz won't be quick to forget he is taking over a program that has won only four more games than it has lost over the last five years. He is inheriting a team that finished 5-6 in '85 and lost its last three games, two of them by one-sided margins. He is inheriting a team whose biggest wins in '85 were over a 6-6 USC team and over an Army team that finished its regular season by losing to Navy, something Notre Dame hasn't done in 22 seasons. He is inheriting a team that didn't win a road game in '85.

Don't expect him to stand pat. And don't expect any gaudy pronouncements from Notre Dame's new head coach. He comes from the school of low-key promotion — in sharp contrast to his predecessor's 24-hour-a-day exuberance.

When Holtz was asked about the possibility of naming an offensive coordinator, he responded, "We just lost the all-time leading rusher and scorer in Notre Dame history, we've got a quarterback situation that was up in the air the last half of the season and every offensive lineman who started last year was a senior. We're going to need all the input we can get from every coach we've got on offense."

Spring practice '86 likely will be a period

of experimentation for Holtz and his new staff. In fact, the Irish began their spring season on March 14, several weeks earlier than usual. Holtz wanted to get in five practices prior to Notre Dame's combined spring break/Easter vacation — so that he would have 10 days to evaluate the early sessions before commencing drills again.

Whatever changes are attempted, there are bound to be plenty of new faces offensively if only considering Notre Dame's graduation losses. Other than at the pass-receiving positions — where the Irish are knee deep in quality depth — there is plenty of rebuilding to do.

The offensive line might rank as the most inexperienced area of the projected '86 Notre Dame team — since that was an all-senior area last fall. Lost to graduation are veterans Tim Scannell, Mike Perrino, Ron Plantz, Tom Doerger and Jay Underwood — a quintet that combined for more than 900 minutes of playing time in '85.

Fifth-year senior Shawn Heffern ranks as the only returning starter on the line, with three-time letter winner John Askin (another fifth-year senior who played behind Heffern at strong guard last year) next in seniority. Senior Tom Freeman, Scannell's backup in '85, is the only other returning monogram-winner at guard.

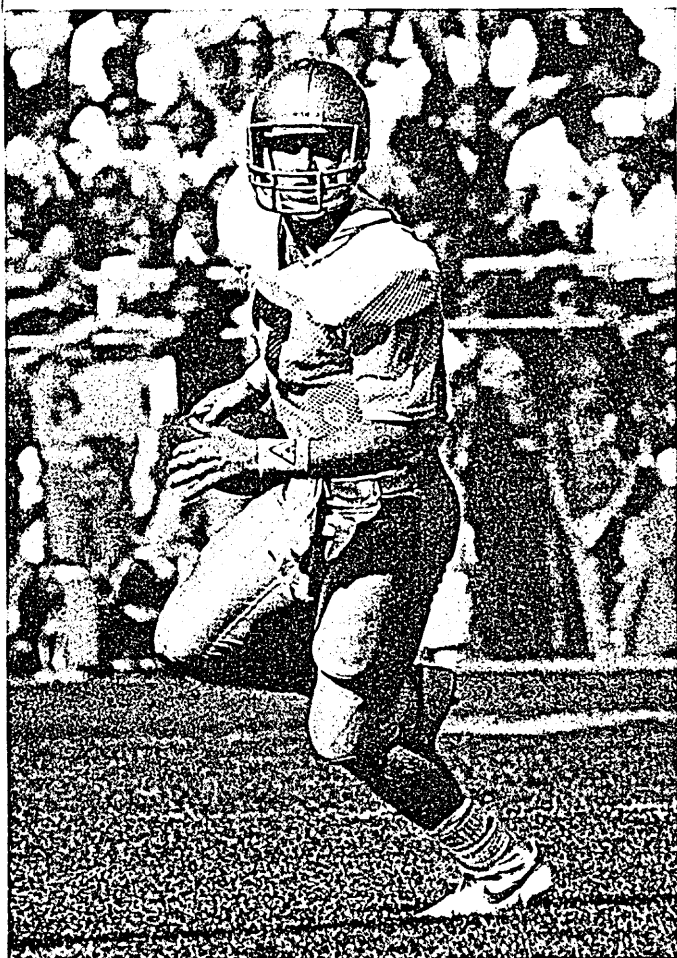
Senior Chuck Lanza is the logical candidate to take over at center, while the most experienced hands at tackle are seniors

Byron Spruell and Pete Rokich. One plus is that Faust's extensive use of his second offensive unit in '85 permitted Lanza, Rokich, Spruell, Askin and Freeman all to play 45 or more minutes.

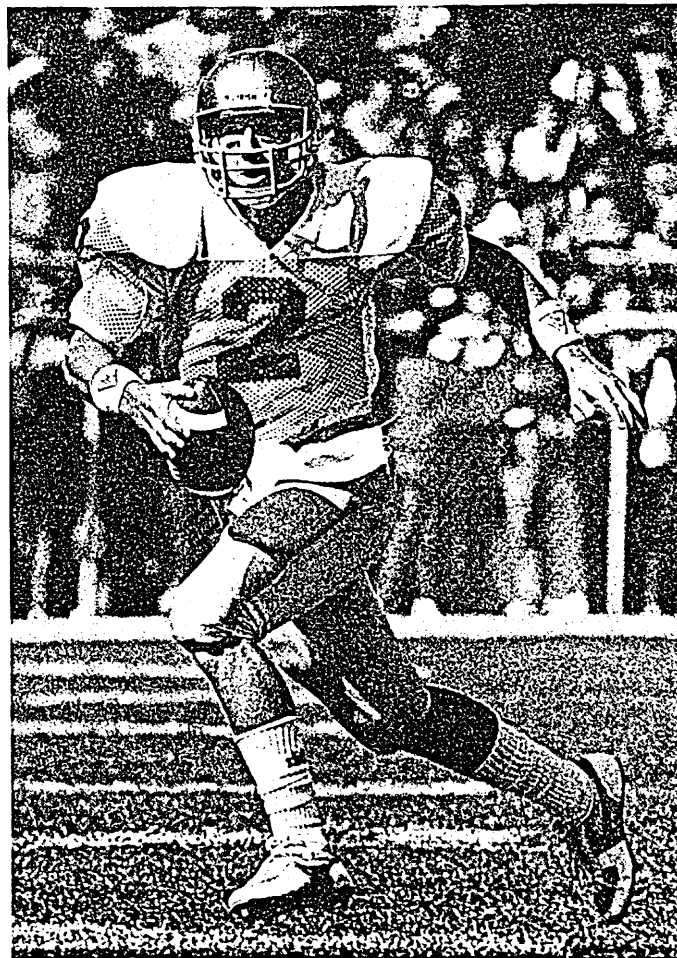
When it comes to the offensive line — and elsewhere on the team — don't forget Notre Dame's freshman class from a year ago. Eighteen of the 24 scholarship freshmen in '85 did not play a down (tight end Andy Heck, flanker Mark Green, tailback Corny Southall, defensive tackle Ted FitzGerald and defensive backs Aaron Robb and George Streeter were the only ones who did play). Four freshmen — tailback D'Juan Francisco, linebacker Ned Bolcar, offensive tackle Marty Lippincott and defensive tackle Bob Hodge — entered with *Parade* prep All-America credentials yet never played a down. That means there are plenty of untested rookies who'll get a chance to prove themselves in 1986.

Of the 13 players who caught passes last season, the only two missing this fall are all-star Allen Pinkett and one-time walk-on Pat Cusack. That will bring a smile to the face of whomever plays quarterback for the Irish.

Tight end features senior Tom Rehder and classmate Joel Williams along with sophomore Andy Heck (they combined for 22 catches for 305 yards and two TDs). The wide receiver berths can be filled by juniors Tim Brown, Reggie Ward and Tony Eason, as well as senior Alvin Miller, who has two

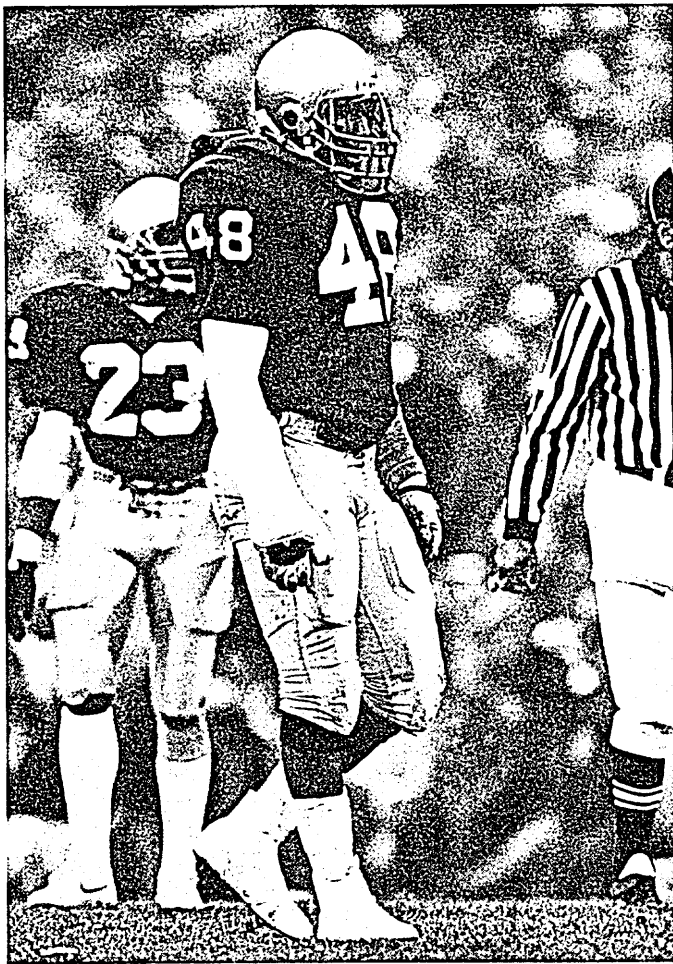


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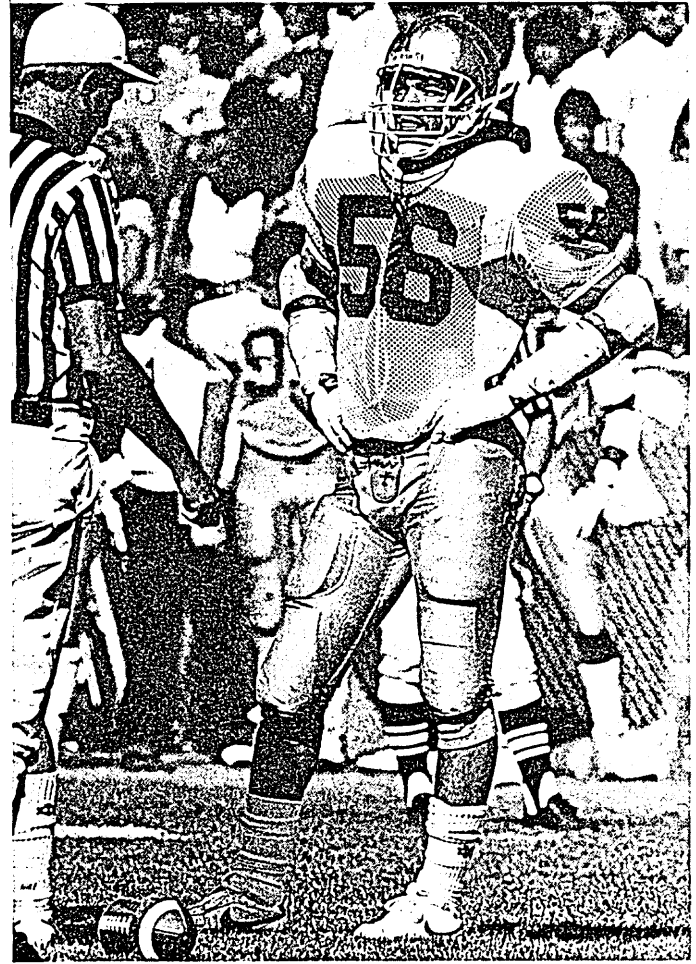


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Look for a good old-fashioned duel at quarterback between senior Steve Beuerlein (7) and junior Terry Andrysiak (2).



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The Irish have plenty of toughness returning at outside linebacker in starters Cedric Figaro (48) and Robert Banks (56).

years of eligibility remaining if he chooses to use them. Milt Jackson re-enrolled for the spring semester and might be another possibility after missing all of 1985. Sophomore Mark Green could be yet another addition — but look for him to move back to tailback where he starred as a high school player.

The tailback position — where Pinkett's name has been the only one Irish fans needed to hear the last four years — takes on something of a riches-to-rags look. It's tough enough to lose someone who scored 54 career touchdowns and gained 4,131 career rushing yards via three straight 1,000-yard seasons. Add to that the extremely questionable status of senior Alonzo Jefferson, who's still recovering from major knee surgery following the '85 opener at Michigan, and classmate Hiawatha Francisco, who's rebounding from January arthroscopic knee surgery that also revealed a serious arthritic condition in the joint.

That could leave the glamour tailback spot to one of three sophomores — Green, Corny Southall (he carried six times for 24 yards as a rookie while playing in six games) or D'Juan Francisco (he didn't play at all in '85). Without question, this will be a position battle to watch this spring.

Three letterwinners return at fullback in junior Frank Stams, who started every game last fall, and seniors Tom Monahan and

Pernell Taylor. None of the three boasts sprinter's speed, but all have contributed hard-nosed blocking to the Notre Dame attack.

Probably the biggest and most important spring contest will be at quarterback. Holtz quickly assured the returning Irish signal callers that he didn't think the current personnel merited a shift to option football — though most of his quarterbacks at Minnesota and Arkansas have been more-than-capable runners.

The main priority of Notre Dame's new head coach is to make it plain that whoever ends up playing quarterback — senior Steve Beuerlein, junior Terry Andrysiak or sophomore Steve Belles — the Irish must get better production from that position than they did in 1985.

Beuerlein, who admittedly never did hit top form last fall while working his way back from April shoulder surgery, possesses the experience of 29 starting assignments and the distinction of having completed more passes than any other quarterback in Notre Dame history. His goal is consistency and an improvement in his ratio of scoring passes to interceptions (14 to 37 through three years).

Andrysiak had more than his share of bright moments — almost all of them off the bench — in '85, and his quick-footed rollout style offers a sharp contrast to Beuerlein's drop-back ways. If Holtz and his offensive

coaches decide that a running threat is important for their quarterback, then Andrysiak will get a good look.

Though he never played in a game, Belles quickly worked his way in as the number-three quarterback as a rookie thanks to his impressive throwing abilities.

The kicking game again will make use of the legs of senior placekicker John Carney (he's in range of most every Irish career field-goal record) and walk-on senior punter Dan Sorensen, who owned a 40.7-yard average in '85. Notre Dame must improve its overall specialty team play after having two punts, three field goals and a PAT blocked in '85.

Seven starters return on defense (compared to six on offense) for a unit that appears long on depth in the secondary and short on numbers up front.

A minimum of scholarship linemen are listed on the Notre Dame defensive roster, following the loss of Eric Dorsey, Greg Dingsen and Mike Kiernan to graduation. Senior Wally Kleine is back after missing half his junior season with knee problems, while classmate Mike Griffin is bouncing back from sitting out the whole '85 campaign with a broken ankle suffered in preseason drills. Juniors Jeff Kunz and Matt Dingsen again figure to play prominent roles in the plans for '86.

Only captain Tony Furjanic is gone from

the inside linebacking crew. That still leaves senior Mike Kovalski (the top returning tackler from '85 with 95 after leading the team as a sophomore in '84), fifth-year senior Ron Weissenhofer, plus senior Dave Butler and junior Wes Pritchett. Captain Mike Larkin leaves the outside linebacking group, but senior Robert Banks and junior Cedric Figaro return as regulars — with help from junior Darrell Gordon.

The Irish defensive backfield is packed with seven returning letterwinners — with only strong safety Pat Ballage missing to graduation. Cornerback slots are in the capable hands of seniors Mike Haywood, Troy Wilson and Marv Spence, plus sophomore Aaron Robb and walk-on Chris Kvochak. At free safety will be senior Steve Lawrence, an honorable mention All-American who led the secondary with 92 tackles, five fumble recoveries and three interceptions. Ballage's strong safety slot could be filled by junior Brandy Wells or sophomore George Streeter.

Overall, there are 44 lettermen returning against 15 lost, 13 starters returning against nine lost.

In terms of statistics, the Irish return every player who threw a pass in '85, eight of the top nine rushers, 10 of the top 11 receivers, nine of the top 12 tacklers, the top punt, kickoff and interceptions returners — plus the top placekicker and punter.

Every player who scored for Notre Dame

in '85 returns except for Pinkett (11 touchdowns) and Cusack (one two-point conversion).

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Yet, where all these players performed last year and how they performed in those roles may not mean as much with a new regime in place.

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grams around.

When Holtz came to North Carolina State in 1972, the Wolfpack had won three games in each of the three previous seasons. In four years there, he averaged better than eight victories per season and took North Carolina to bowl games every season.

When Holtz came to Arkansas in 1977, the Razorbacks were coming off a 5-5-1 campaign, the closest the Hogs had been to a losing season since 4-5-1 in 1967. His first Arkansas team went 10-2 and won the Orange Bowl — and he took the Hogs to bowl games for six straight seasons.

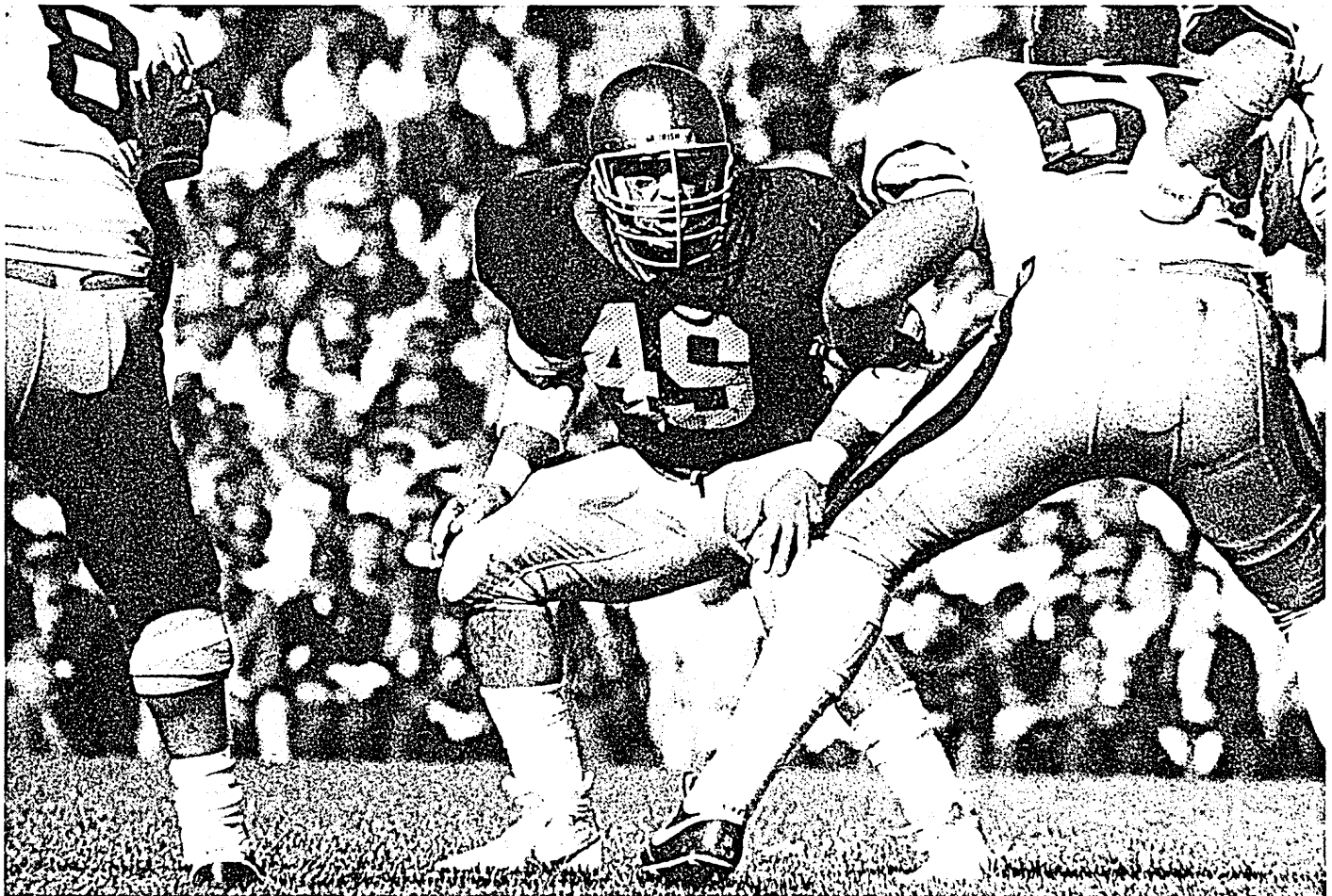
When Holtz came to Minnesota in 1983, the Gophers had lost 17 straight Big Ten games. By midseason of his second year in '85, Minnesota stood 5-1 and found itself ranked in both wire-service polls. One Gopher player said the turnaround directed by Holtz was so complete that he felt like he had recovered from a dread disease.

Back in 1966 when he was an assistant at South Carolina, Holtz made up a list of things he wanted to do before he died. There were 107 items on the list.

"Some were insane, some were good," he remembers. "Some I've accomplished, like having dinner at the White House. Some, like a hole in one, I'm still waiting for."

By 1982, the scoreboard read 72 down, 35 to go.

Figure success as head coach at Notre Dame just might be one left on the list.



Senior inside linebacker Mike Kovalski has been a starter since the first game of his freshman season.

REV. F. THOMAS LALLAK

'85 Notre Dame Statistics

Won 5, Lost 6 (Home 5-1, Away 0-5)

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
Total Offense Yards	3680	3880
Total Plays	761	810
Yards Per Play	4.8	4.8
Yards Per Game	334.5	352.7
Rushing Yards	1803	1741
Attempts	483	493
Yards Per Rush	3.7	3.5
Yards Per Game	163.9	158.3
Passing Yards	1877	2139
Attempts	277	317
Completions	142	179
Had Intercepted	14	9
Comp. Percentage	.513	.565
Touchdown Passes	6	8
Yards Per Attempt	6.8	6.7
Yards Per Comp.	13.2	11.9
Yards Per Game	170.6	194.5
Punting Yards	2342	1734
Number of Punts	61	45
Average Punt	38.4	38.5
Had Blocked	2	0
Punt Return Yards	185	193
Number of Returns	22	32
Average Return	8.4	6.0
Kickoff Return Yards	656	327
Number of Returns	35	16
Average Return	18.7	20.4
Interception Return Yards	*209	247
Number of Interceptions	*10	14
Average Return	20.9	17.6
Number of Penalties	68	45
Penalty Yards	603	340
Fumbles(Lost)	19(9)	33(16)
Yards Returned	0	0
Total First Downs	205	223
By Rushing	101	97
By Passing	98	109
By Penalty	6	17
Third Down Conversions	64/161	55/160
Percentage	.398	.344
Possession Time	320:24	339:36
Minutes Per Game	29:08	30:52

* includes one 79-yd. fumble return

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame	51	69	47	63-230
Opponent	41	63	56	74-234

TEAM SCORING

	ND	OPP
Total Points	230	234
Average	20.9	21.3
Touchdowns	28	26
By Rushing	21	14
By Passing	6	8
By Returns	1	3
By Recovery	0	1
Field Goals (Made-Att)	13/22	17/27
Safeties	0	0
PAT-Kick	21/25	25/25
PAT-Run	0/0	1/1
PAT-Pass	1/3	0/0

SCORING	GTD	Pat	R-PA	S	FG	TP
Pinkett	11 11	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	66
Carney	11 0	21/24	0/0	0	13/22	60
Brown	10 5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	30
Stams	11 3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	18
H. Francisco	11 3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	18
Eason	11 1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Taylor	11 1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Beuerlein	11 1	0/0	0/1	0	0/0	6
Williams	11 1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Southall	6 1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Rehder	11 1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Cusack	6 0	0/0	1/1	0	0/0	2
Andrysiak	9 0	0/0	0/1	0	0/0	0
Von Wyl	7 0	0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0

Notre Dame	11 28	21/25	1/3	0	13/22	230
Opponent	11 26	25/25	1/1	0	17/27	234

RUSHING...	G	TC	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Pinkett	11	255	1100	4.3	11	43
H. Francisco	11	60	252	4.2	3	16
Stams	11	44	164	3.7	3	23
Monahan	11	27	93	3.4	0	14
Green	10	5	64	12.8	0	40
Andrysiak	9	23	50	2.2	0	18
Taylor	11	7	37	5.3	1	18
Brown	10	4	30	7.5	1	18
Southall	6	6	24	4.0	1	8
Carter	4	5	8	1.6	0	3
Jefferson	1	2	7	3.5	0	6
Byrne	3	2	-7	-3.5	0	0
Beuerlein	11	43	-19	-0.4	1	16

Notre Dame	11	483	1803	3.7	21	43
Opponent	11	493	1741	3.5	14	39

PASSING ...	G	No	Comp	Pct	Int	Yds	TD
Beuerlein	11	214	107	.500	13	1335	3
Andrysiak	9	61	35	.574	1	542	3
Byrne	3	1	0	0.000	0	0	0
Von Wyl	7	1	0	0.000	0	0	0

Notre Dame	11	277	142	.513	14	1877	6
Opponent	11	317	179	.565	9	2139	8

RECEIVING	G	PC	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Brown	10	25	397	15.9	3	49
Ward	11	24	355	14.8	0	34
Pinkett	11	17	135	7.9	0	29
Stams	11	14	100	7.1	0	25
Miller	10	13	219	16.8	0	39
Rehder	11	13	182	14.0	1	28
Eason	11	11	172	15.6	1	33
Green	10	9	116	12.9	0	29
Williams	11	5	63	12.6	1	19
Heck	10	4	60	15.0	0	23
H. Francisco	11	3	41	13.7	0	27
Cusack	6	2	33	16.5	0	19
Monahan	11	2	4	2.0	0	6

Notre Dame	11	142	1877	13.2	6	49
Opponent	11	179	2139	11.9	8	45

PUNTING	G	No	Yds	Avg	LP
Sorensen	11	58	2329	40.2	57
Von Wyl	7	1	13	13.0	13
Team	11	2	0	0.0	0

Notre Dame	11	61	2342	38.4	57
Opponent	11	45	1734	38.5	59

PUNT RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Wilson	17	144	8.5	0	35
Cusack	5	41	8.2	0	19

Notre Dame	22	185	8.4	0	35
Opponent	32	193	6.0	0	29

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Brown	14	338	24.1	1	93
Miller	12	239	19.9	0	30
H. Francisco	2	34	17.0	0	18
Green	2	29	14.5	0	17
Stams	2	11	5.5	0	7
Jefferson	1	5	5.0	0	5
Monahan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rehder	1	0	0.0	0	0

Notre Dame	35	656	18.7	1	93
Opponent	16	327	20.4	0	49

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Lawrence	*4	*136	34.0	0	79
Ballage	2	35	17.5	0	35
Haywood	2	25	12.5	0	25
Spence	1	13	13.0	0	13
Wilson	1	0	0.0	0	0

Notre Dame	*10	*209	20.9	0	79
Opponent	14	247	17.6	2	61

* includes one 79-yd. fumble return

TACKLES	S	FH	A	*TOT	Sacks	TL-Yds
Furjanic	35	57	55	147		2-7
Kovaleski	20	27	48	95		2-20
Lawrence	27	31	34	92		2-7
Dorsey	29	24	34	87	3-15	15-73
Figaro	17	22	23	62		2-5
Wilson	19	16	22	57		4-10
Ballage	16	15	26	57		1-3
Banks	11	18	21	50	1-13	3-15
Haywood	18	13	17	48	1-3	2-6
Weissenhofer	9	18	14	41		1-7
Spence	13	15	13	41		
Kunz	15	12	13	40	1-7	5-23
Larkin	10	7	23	40		3-6
Kleine	11	15	10	36	5-21	6-25
M. Dingsen	1	10	13	24		1-1
Butler	9	7	7	23		
Wells	10	3	7	20		
Kiernan	3	10	7	20		1-1
DiBernardo	4	3	11	18		
G. Dingsen	4	5	6	15		1-5
Pritchett	3	4	8	15		
Gordon	2	2	6	10	1-4	2-9
Martz	0	0	6	6		
Kvochak	2	0	3	5		
McCabe	1	0	2	3		
Southall	2	0	1	3		
Streeter	2	0	1	3		
McGuffey	2	0	0	2		
Harris	1	1	0	2		
Sorensen	2	0	0	2		
Robb	0	0	1	1		
Cooney	0	1	0	1		
Cusack	0	0	1	1		
Seasly	1	0	0	1		
Grieb	0	0	1	1		
Von Wyl	1	0	0	1		

*Total tackles = solos + first hits + assists

Fumbles Caused: Dorsey 3, Kovaleski 2, Lawrence 2, Ballage 2, Kleine 2, Streeter 1, Figaro 1, Wilson 1, Banks 1, Weissenhofer 1, Kunz 1, DiBernardo 1, Pritchett 1.

Fumbles Recovered: Lawrence 5, Dorsey 2, Spence 2, Wilson 1, Ballage 1, Weissenhofer 1, M. Dingsen 1, DiBernardo 1, Pritchett 1.

Passes Broken Up: Wilson 9, Spence 7, Furjanic 5, Haywood 4, Lawrence 4, Ballage 3, Kovaleski 2, Figaro 2, Larkin 1, M. Dingsen 1, Wells 1, Streeter 1, Robb 1.

SCOREBOARD

Sep. 14	at Michigan	L	12-20	105,523(C)
Sep. 21	MICHIGAN STATE	W	27-10	59,075(C)
Sep. 28	at Purdue	L	17-35	69,338(C)
Oct. 5	at Air Force	L	15-21	52,153(C)
Oct. 19	ARMY	W	24-10	59,075(C)
Oct. 26	USC	W	37-3	59,075(C)
Nov. 2	NAVY	W	41-17	59,075(C)
Nov. 9	MISSISSIPPI	W	37-14	59,075(C)
Nov. 16	at Penn State	L	6-36	84,000(C)
Nov. 23	LSU	L	7-10	59,075(C)
Nov. 30	at Miami	L	7-58	49,236

'85 Game-by-Game Stats

Rushing	Pinkett	Stams	Francisco	Monahan	Beuerlein	Notre Dame	Opponents
Game	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD
Michigan	22- 89- 0	5- 13-0	0- 0-0	0- 0-0	9-(-19)-0	39- 97- 0	52-251-2
Mich. State	25- 116- 1	6- 26-1	5- 17-0	2- 7-0	2- 0-0	43- 182- 2	49- 168- 1
Purdue	21- 45- 1	2- 5-0	3- 11-1	1- 4-0	8-(-25)-0	41- 56- 2	37- 114- 1
Air Force	31- 142- 1	6- 34-0	1- 2-0	0- 0-0	4-(- 7)-0	43- 173-1	49- 270- 0
Army	27- 133- 1	4- 15-0	8- 37-0	6- 8-0	4- 10-0	51- 207- 2	62- 196- 1
USC	28- 110- 1	4- 31-1	10- 57-0	4-14-0	2- 3-1	49- 217- 3	34- 102- 0
Navy	27- 161- 3	5- 18-1	5- 34-1	4- 21-0	1-(- 5)-0	56- 314- 5	38- 142- 2
Ole Miss	14- 63- 2	5- 6-0	12- 43-0	5-18-0	1- 2-0	48- 163- 3	45- 128- 1
Penn State	12- 61- 0	3- 13-0	3- 5-1	1- 0-0	4-(- 4)-0	29- 90- 1	59- 169- 2
LSU	30- 103- 0	3- 3-0	5- 13-0	0- 0-0	4- 21-0	43- 158- 1	31- 66- 1
Miami	18- 77- 1	1- 0-0	8- 33-0	4-21-0	4- 5-0	41- 146- 1	37- 135- 1
Total	255-1100-11	44-164-3	60-252-3	27-93-0	43-(-19)-1	483-1803-21	493-1741-14

Passing	Beuerlein	Andrysiak	Notre Dame	Opponent
Game	A-C-I-Yds.-TD	A-C-I-Yds.-TD	A-C-I-Yds.-TD	A-C-I-Yds.-TD
Michigan	23- 11- 1- 160-0	DNP	23- 11- 1- 160-0	17- 7-0- 74-0
Mich. State	27- 15- 2- 217-1	2- 0-0- 0-0	29- 15- 2- 217-1	17- 4-2- 55-0
Purdue	25- 7- 1- 88-0	8- 5-1- 73-0	33- 12- 2- 161-0	49- 27-1- 368-3
Air Force	36- 20- 1- 223-0	DNP	36- 20- 1- 223-0	20- 11-1- 142-1
Army	20- 12- 0- 186-1	0- 0-0- 0-0	20- 12- 0- 186-1	10- 5-0- 98-0
USC	14- 7- 1- 82-0	3- 3-0- 36-1	17- 10- 1- 118-1	42- 25-1- 244-0
Navy	6- 3- 1- 35-0	17-11-0-195-1	23- 14- 1- 230-1	42- 26-2- 246-0
Ole Miss	8- 5- 0- 60-1	8- 4-0- 60-1	17- 9- 0- 120-2	24- 11-1- 93-1
Penn State	19- 10- 3- 94-0	5- 3-0- 39-0	25- 13- 3- 133-0	18- 7-0- 126-1
LSU	25- 11- 2- 106-0	5- 3-0- 30-0	30- 14- 2- 136-0	42- 31-1- 294-0
Miami	11- 6- 1- 84-0	13- 6-0-109-0	24- 12- 1- 193-0	36- 25-0- 399-3
Total	214-107-13-1335-3	61-35-1-542-3	277-142-14-1877-6	317-179-9-2139-8

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Game	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD	TC-Yds.-TD
Michigan	2- 32-0	2- 37-0	INJ	2- 29-0	1- 14-0	1- 3-0	1- 11-0
Mich. State	4- 88-0	5- 64-0	0- 0-0	1- 6-0	1- 11-0	1- 4-0	2- 25-1
Purdue	3- 30-0	0- 0-0	1- 9-0	3- 26-0	0- 0-0	0- 0-0	2- 50-0
Air Force	INJ	4- 57-0	4- 51-0	1- 5-0	0- 0-0	4- 34-0	1- 15-0
Army	2- 29-1	2- 37-0	3- 74-0	1- 6-0	2- 21-0	1- 7-0	0- 0-0
USC	0- 0-0	1- 14-0	1- 12-0	1-(-4)-0	2- 37-0	1- 15-0	0- 0-0
Navy	5-111-1	3- 48-0	1- 14-0	0- 0-0	2- 21-0	0- 0-0	2- 27-0
Ole Miss	3- 41-1	1- 14-0	1- 20-0	0- 0-0	2- 29-1	1- 7-0	1- 9-0
Penn State	3- 33-0	2- 14-0	0- 0-0	1- 4-0	2- 32-0	2- 11-0	1- 14-0
LSU	3- 33-0	1- 17-0	1- 16-0	4- 24-0	1- 17-0	2- 11-0	0- 0-0
Miami	0- 0-0	3- 53-0	1- 23-0	3- 39-0	0- 0-0	1- 8-0	1- 21-0
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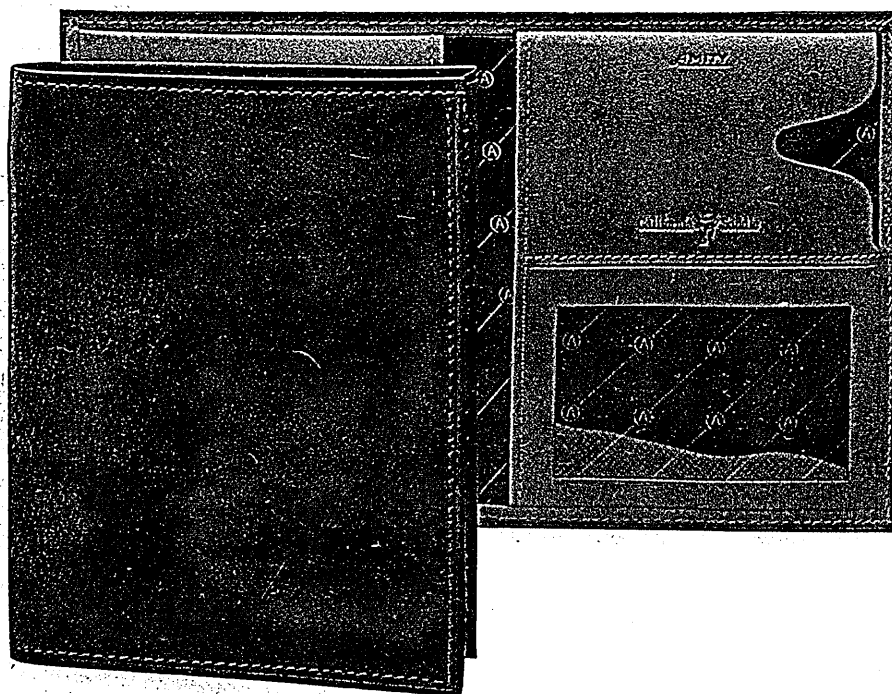
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Michigan	11	8	10	4	3	6	4	9	2	0	10	3	1	5	0	0	0	2
Mich. State	13	12	6	4	7	6	3	11	0	4	5	0	0	5	2	0	2	0
Purdue	17	12	INJ	4	4	7	7	6	3	5	8	2	0	6	3	5	1	1
Air Force	9	1	INJ	7	1	7	12	4	8	0	8	6	0	9	1	1	7	1
Army	18	INJ	0	4	4	6	4	10	8	4	9	1	9	INJ	3	0	3	4
USC	17	9	6	6	6	3	5	11	4	5	14	5	5	INJ	1	1	0	1
Navy	12	19	1	5	9	5	3	5	6	3	6	5	7	INJ	1	5	0	6
Ole Miss	9	6	2	4	6	3	4	8	4	6	4	3	4	INJ	7	4	4	0
Penn State	17	11	8	2	8	2	5	6	3	5	12	2	8	1	3	2	0	3
LSU	15	11	6	8	6	7	5	8	0	8	9	8	6	3	2	2	0	0
Miami	9	6	1	2	8	5	5	9	3	8	7	5	0	7	1	3	3	2
Total	147	95	40	50	62	57	57	87	41	48	92	41	40	36	24	23	20	20



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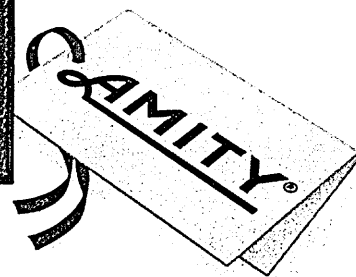
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