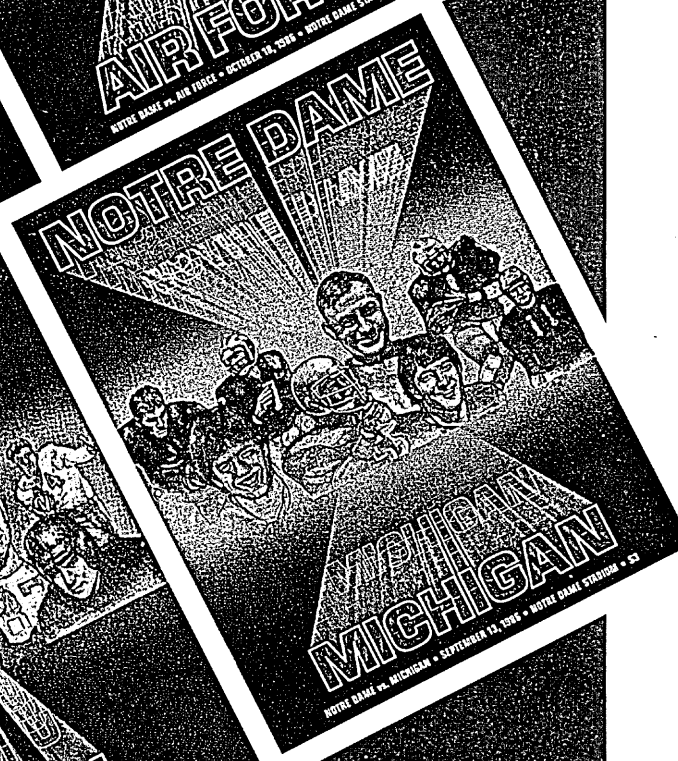
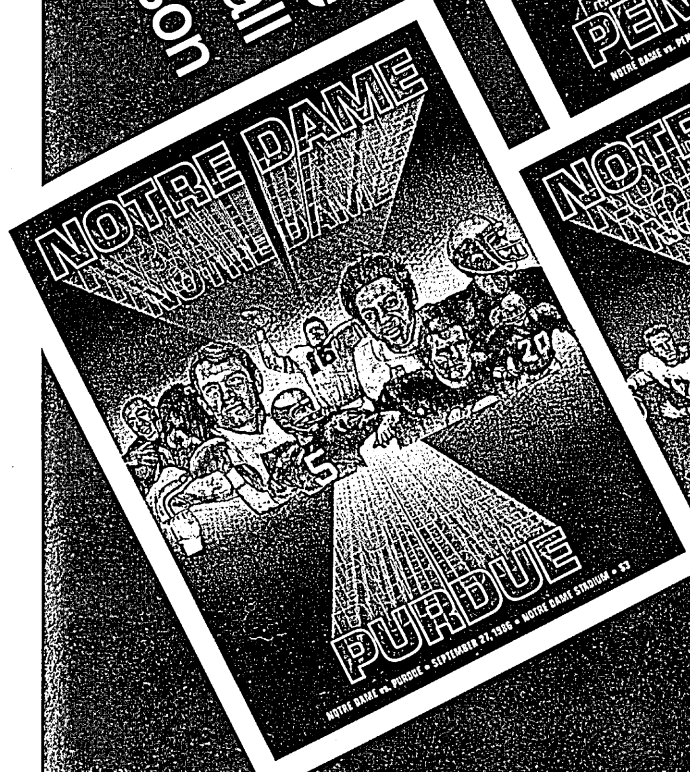
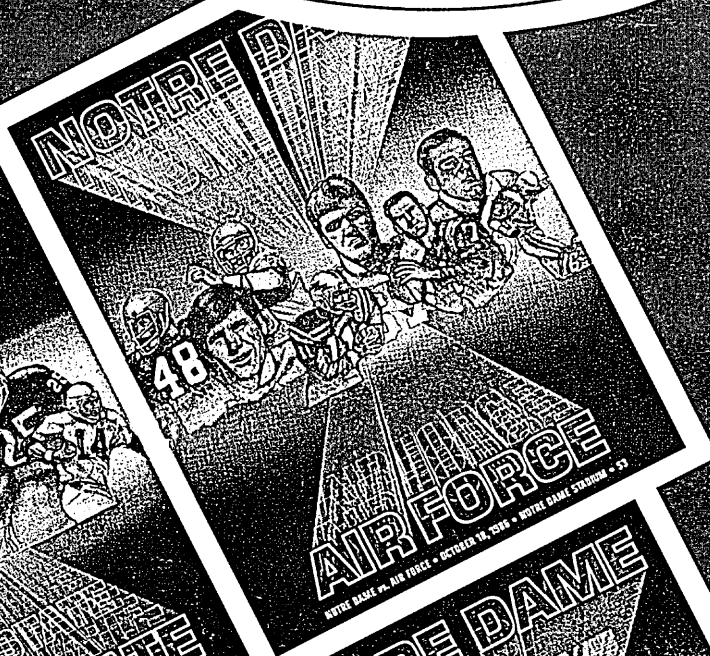
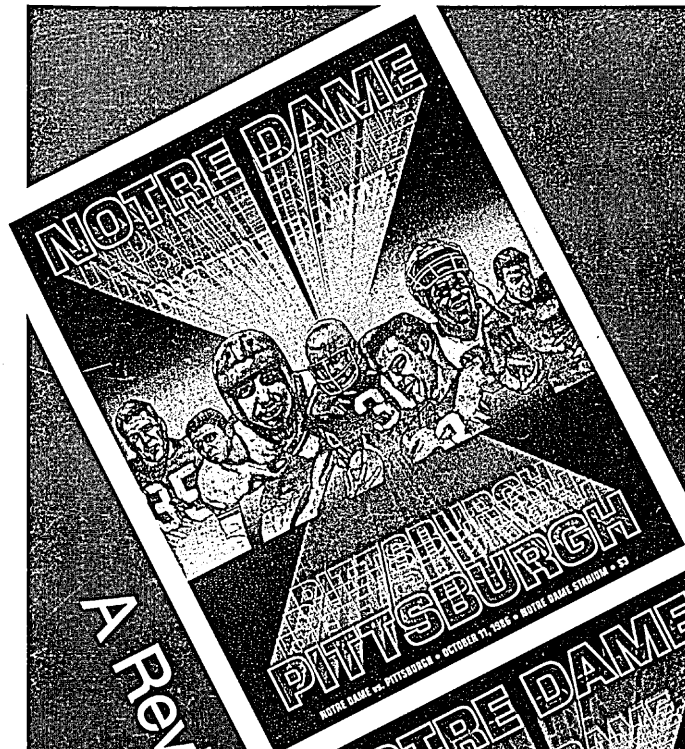




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October 17—at Air Force  
**October 24—USC**  
**October 31—NAVY**  
**November 7—BOSTON**  
**COLLEGE**  
**November 14—ALABAMA**  
November 21—at Penn State  
November 28—at Miami

## 1989

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September 16—at Michigan  
**September 23—MICH. 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—TBA**  
November 18—at Penn State  
November 25—at Miami

## 1991

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**September 7—INDIANA**  
September 14—at Michigan  
**September 21—MICH. STATE**  
September 28—at Purdue  
October 5—at Stanford  
**October 12—PITTSBURGH**  
October 19—at Air Force  
**October 26—USC**  
**November 2—NAVY**  
**November 9—TENNESSEE**  
November 16—at Penn State  
November 30—at Hawaii

## 1988

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**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—RICE**  
**November 19—PENN STATE**  
November 26—at USC

## 1990

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September 22—at Mich. State  
**September 29—PURDUE**  
**October 6—STANFORD**  
**October 13—AIR FORCE**  
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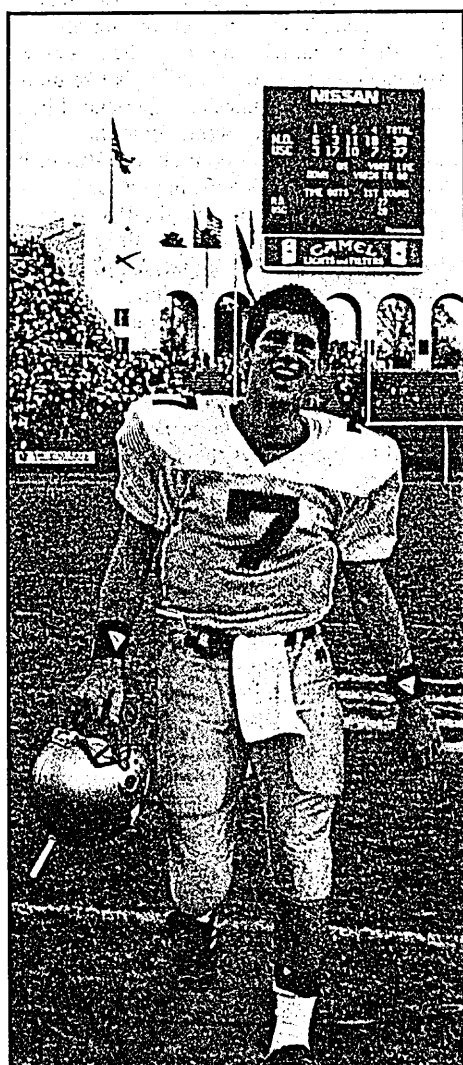
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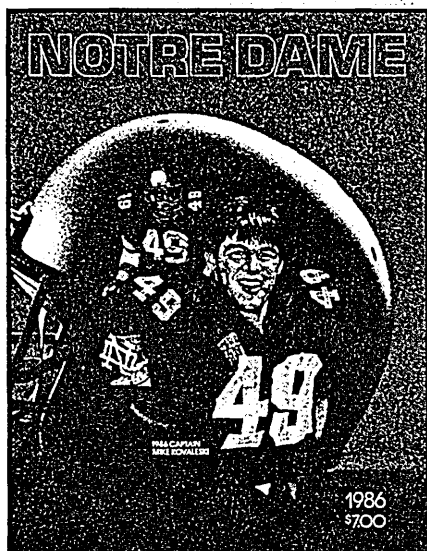
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## '86 SEASON OVERVIEW



# Creating Those Elusive Times To Remember

by John Heisler

*This is the time to remember  
Cause it will not last forever  
These are the days to hold on to  
Cause we won't  
Although we'll want to*  
— Billy Joel

Some day somewhere down the line, Lou Holtz will remember back to his first season as the football coach at Notre Dame.

It won't be remembered as the best of times, but it won't be recalled as the worst of times, either. For, more than anything, Holtz is a realist.

After all, who could have better dealt with the sweeping gamut of emotions produced by the 1986 season than Holtz? When Jim McKay first uttered the now-famous line on ABC's *Wide World of Sports* about the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, he must have had Notre Dame's '86 season in mind. Only the Fighting Irish kept seeing replays of the skier crashing on the downhill run. Holtz's team skidded down the home slope more than once last fall. Yet he kept his cool Saturday after Saturday, when he and those around him had every reason to lose theirs.

Part of the bargain in hiring someone with 16 previous seasons of head coaching experience is that Holtz figured to have seen just about everything on a football field. But the '86 season managed to throw a few new twists his way.

Just as college football appeared on the verge of knighting Michigan's 11 defensive starters, Notre Dame promptly went out in its season opener and didn't punt once against that blue-chip unit.

Just when Holtz thought he'd seen all the 11th-hour losses assigned to him for the year, a two-point nail-biter at LSU produced yet one more. Seldom at a loss for words, Notre Dame's head coach was

flabbergasted this time. His most memorable postgame critique? "You've gotta be kidding me."

And just a week later, around the corner from the bedlam in the Notre Dame locker room of the Los Angeles Coliseum, Holtz coolly and calmly accepted the miraculous 38-37 Irish win over USC. The victory didn't even make a winning season out of the '86 campaign, but maybe it did even more than that in reaffirming that all those hours spent drilling on the practice field hadn't been for naught.

Holtz couldn't help but think that the USC triumph might make believers of a youthful team that had been told time and time again to keep its collective head up, that someday the breaks would fall for the Irish. Yet, even in that giddy setting, Holtz kept it all in perspective. While his charges celebrated their fourth consecutive victory over the Trojans, he also understood — even though the official announcement didn't come for several days — that his team's success might have ended the tenure of his counterpart, Ted Tollner, at USC. With that in mind, Holtz related a story long after the final whistle had blown:

"I told the squad the other day about the peanuts cartoon where Charlie Brown comes out and says, 'Man, I saw the greatest game. This team was getting beat all day. With eight seconds left, they had the ball on their own six-yard line and they went 94 yards for a touchdown. Everybody was jumping and screaming and hugging each other.'

"And Lucy looked at him and said, 'How did the other team feel?'

"We know what it's like because we've been on the other side a few times this year. Believe me, we've been there."

Realism. Perspective. Call it whatever you like. Lou Holtz helped make some days worth remembering.

*Sometimes it's so easy*

*To let a day slip on by  
But this is the time you'll turn back to and  
so will I*

*And those will be the days you can never  
recall*

Every Notre Dame football coach that comes along has to find out for himself. Ara Parseghian tells the story often — how you can't describe what the job is like until you've sat in the chair and experienced it.

Part of it involves living up to the expectations of a storied tradition. Part of it involves pressure — self-imposed or otherwise, because of what the Rocknes, Leahys and Parseghians did in the past. Part of it involves the simple will to win that any coach brings to his job.

So, who better to assess Lou Holtz's adjustment in that role than someone who knows him as well as anyone, his son Kevin, a junior at Notre Dame?

"I've never seen him work so hard as he did this year," says the younger of Lou's two sons.

"Maybe he felt he had to do it that way because of the close games, thinking that spending an extra hour here or there might make the difference.

"It was such a strange season, because usually you have one game a year that's a tough loss and really frustrates you. This year there were five.

"I think it was awfully hard after coming so close against Penn State and then having to go to LSU and lose another close one. He even questioned his own coaching ability a little bit. He'd say, 'Is it something I'm doing wrong?'

"In the beginning, he had the attitude, 'Let's try to do the best this year with what we've got.' By midseason, it was more like, 'I'm going back to my old ways of coaching and we'll get it done and the talent will come.' Later in the year, I think



he saw more bright spots. Even if the team lost, he seemed to be able to see the positives — like the defense against Pitt.

"I don't think he got as depressed here as he has at other places. Maybe it's the whole environment here—knowing that even if the team lost on Saturday that the world wouldn't end. He always felt we would bounce back, there were bright spots, it would all come around."

And how does a son describe a father who already has been profiled seemingly by every major newspaper, magazine or television station?

**“**Sometimes you feel like the only thing that really matters is whether you win or lose. History isn't going to record that this was a football team that showed tremendous courage, that played awfully well against extremely fine opposition.**”**

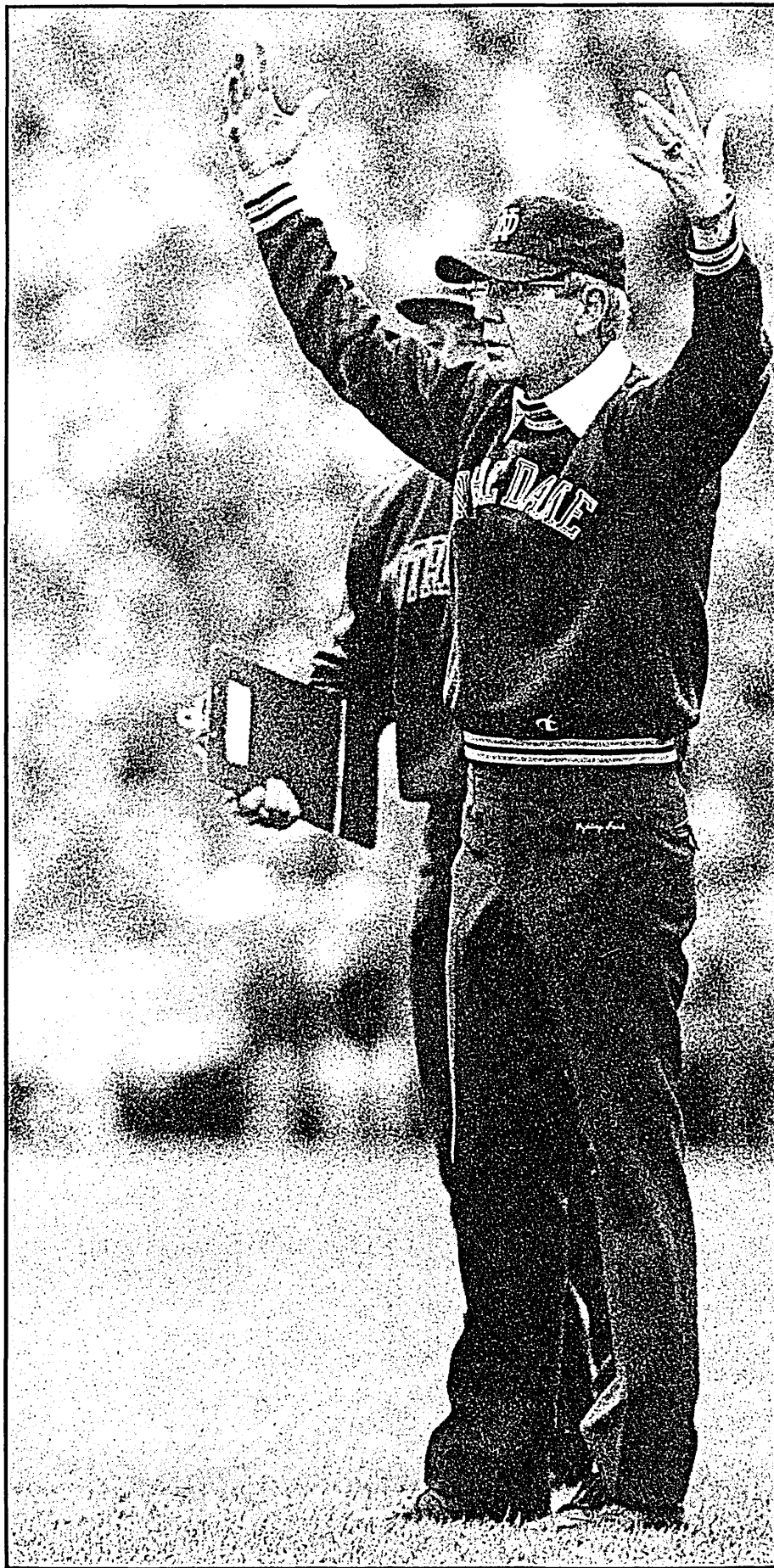
— Lou Holtz

"He's always moving, very fast-paced, a type A personality as they say," says Kevin.

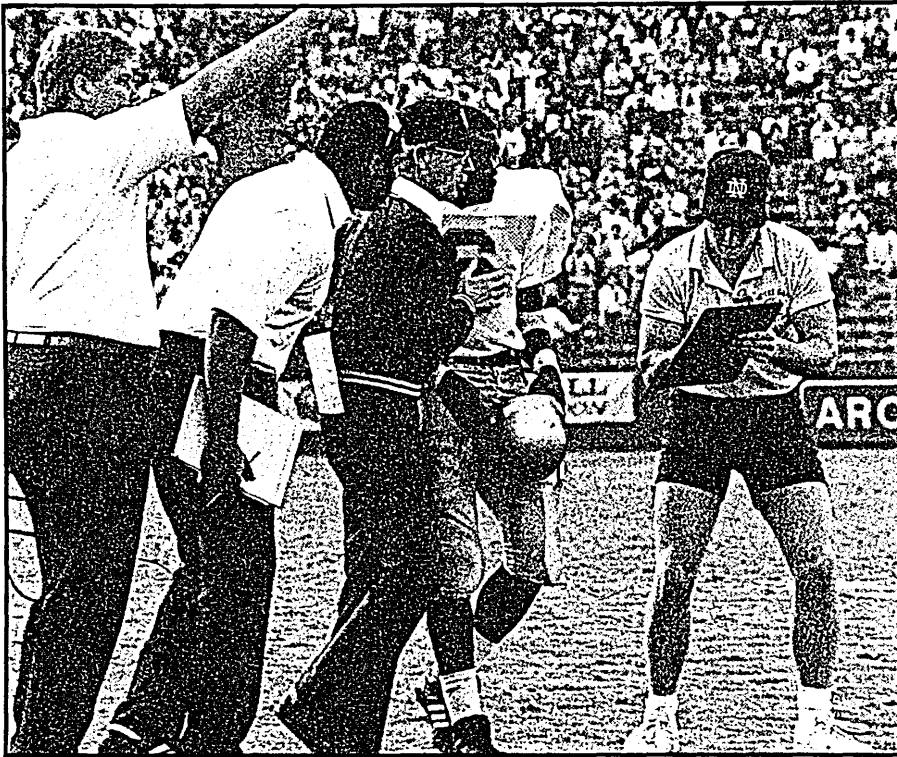
"But even with his hectic schedule, he cares a lot for the family and it's important to him to spend time with all of us. There are things he'd like to do and just doesn't get time. He went scuba-diving once and loved it, but he just never gets the chance.

"He likes to stay busy, no doubt about that. He may come home during the season at 10 o'clock and everyone else in the house may be asleep. He may sit in his rocker and doodle plays for two hours.

"He relaxes on vacation when he's playing golf. But if you put him in the house for a week he'd tear it down and build it back up again. That's just the way he is.



HANNES HACKER



VICKI CONRAD

"But I think he understood how demanding the job would be. He sat down with all of us before the season began and talked about how hectic it would be. He knew he wouldn't see as much of any of us in the family as he wanted to and he wanted to make sure we all understood we had to work a little harder to find time."

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Coaches in every sport stress the carryover effect of the last game of the season. That's why Lou Holtz couldn't have dreamed a more profitable end to the '86 campaign than the emotion-charged Irish win at USC. That one contest did ever so much to make it easier for Holtz to accurately assess the progress made by the Notre Dame program in a year's time:

"Sometimes you feel like the only thing that really matters in athletics is whether you win or whether you lose. History isn't going to record that this was a football team that showed tremendous courage, that played awfully well against extremely fine opposition.

"Going into the year, we knew we had lost an awful lot from the previous year's team. On paper, those losses were of great consequence. We had lost Allen Pinkett, the all-time leading groundgainer here. As it turned out, the young man who started every game at fullback in '85, Frank Stams, didn't play at all last year because of injuries. We only had one offensive lineman back in Shawn Heffern, and to begin the year our quarterback situation wasn't the most stable."

"That was just on offense, and yet our offense ended up averaging 411 yards a

game against a very difficult schedule. Our offense was exceptionally productive even though we didn't have anyone coming back at tailback who was both healthy and experienced. In fact, we ended up starting two freshmen (Anthony Johnson at tailback, Braxton Banks at fullback) part of the year — and those were the only two running backs we signed last year.

"Defensively, I thought we played the run fairly well, especially considering we had lost Eric Dorsey. But our inability to stop the pass proved very difficult to overcome. Our punting was not what it needed to be—I don't remember many punts over the last six games longer than 34 or 35 yards.

"But the one thing that stood out to me was that I felt we were a pretty good football team after the open date. I didn't feel we really were a good team the first five weeks—we weren't where we really needed to be. But after we took care of some things during the open date, I didn't feel bad at all about having my name next to this team. The last six weeks we played very well. We played as well as any team in the top 15 during those six weeks. But it seemed like all the teams we played were in the top 15.

"More important than that, the teams we played played outstanding football against us. Penn State didn't make a single turnover against us. LSU played exceptionally well against us, and USC made very few mistakes. I thought our comeback against USC was all the more amazing because we didn't get any help from USC in coming from 17 points down. We had to

do it all ourselves.

"I think everybody is excited when they play Notre Dame — you expect that. The teams we played also played with an air of confidence. When you put excitement and confidence together, you usually play pretty well. If we can create an element of doubt in the minds of our opponents, then I don't think you'll see teams come in here and play error-free football the way they did last year.

"We played hard ourselves, but we didn't always have that confidence on our side in critical situations. But, I will say this—in the fourth quarter against USC our offense played with more confidence than we had all year. We had more big plays, great catches, fine decisions and they all came in critical situations. That's the first time I saw us play with the air of confidence we should have. We played with it in spurts earlier in the year—but never in critical situations.

"But, you have to remember we lost some fine athletes off the Notre Dame team from the previous year and we also lost some games by pretty one-sided scores. So I don't know if our players—or myself—felt we could make that jump all at once.

"If we're going to get better, we have to understand why you lose close games. First, you have to acknowledge that the other team played very well against us. But, there are three characteristics that usually accompanied every close loss.

"One, there was usually an error in the kicking game. Early in the year, it was a missed field goal, a blocked punt or a punt return by the other team.

"Two, there usually was a critical turnover that hurt us. Look back at the fumble just before the half at Penn State, the interceptions at Michigan State, the goalline stand against us at LSU. We would be behind and we were always fighting to get back into it. The fact we put ourselves in position to win so many times is a tribute to our players. Somebody can always say, 'Well, you didn't come that last step.' That's true, but maybe we just weren't good enough from top to bottom.

"Third, we usually gave up a long play that hurt us—the touchdown passes at Alabama and the long one against Penn State and even the one at USC.

"In addition, we also had some critical calls that took points off the board for us—the kickoff return against Penn State, the field goal that was taken off the board against LSU. We didn't make an exorbitant amount of errors, but the ones we did make all seemed to come at critical times. And they probably stood out more because the other team didn't seem to make those kind of mistakes against us. It's not like our opponents didn't make mistakes—they just never seemed to make many against Notre Dame.

"Our performance the last six weeks exceeded our expectations. I knew the schedule would be difficult, but the error-free ball that people played against us also exceeded my expectations.

"Normally, during the course of a year, you play a few teams that don't play well against you. I can't think of a team that didn't play its best game against us. That made it tough week after week."

That's Holtz's analysis, take it or leave it. He takes the good with the bad, the bad with the good. He points out the pluses and the minuses and goes from there. There are no regrets, no excuses—he's a matter-of-fact coach with an outlook to match.

"It's like anything else. The question

now is, 'Where do we go from here?' We aren't going to stay the same, we're either going to get better or worse. We can sit here and cry and complain about how tough the schedule is and how many holes we have to fill. Or we can work that much harder to do what we have to do to start winning those close games.

"I tell our players time after time that winning those close games is going to make the difference every time. It's going to be like that every year with our schedules the next decade. With a little bit of Irish luck, we realistically could have been sitting at 10-1 last season. But I'm not sure if we were 10-1 that we would have addressed some of the problems that needed to be

addressed. When you start out 1-4 you're forced to address them and that's not a bad thing. You've got to go through fire to make steel and our players did that."

Some day somewhere down the line, Lou Holtz will remember back to his first season as the football coach at Notre Dame.

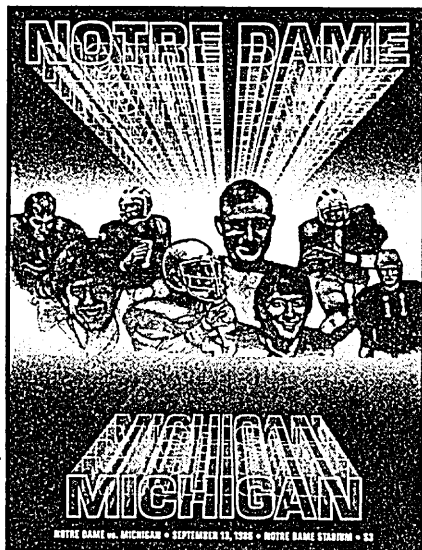
In the meantime, he's more concerned about creating days he can smile about for all the right reasons.

*This is the time to remember  
Cause it will not last forever  
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Cause we won't  
Although we'll want to*



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# MICHIGAN 24, NOTRE DAME 23



## The Script Read, 'Rising From The Ashes'

by John Heisler

Joel Williams knew it.

Steve Beuerlein felt it.

Tim Brown believed it.

The rest of the Notre Dame football players understood, too — and for that matter, so did those on the Michigan sideline.

The scoreboard said the third-ranked Wolverines had beaten the underdog Fighting Irish by 24-23.

Yet, 59,075 emotionally-spent and duly-impressed fans applauded the Notre Dame players after the contest more vociferously for an effort that didn't even count for a victory than they had for many recent efforts that did.

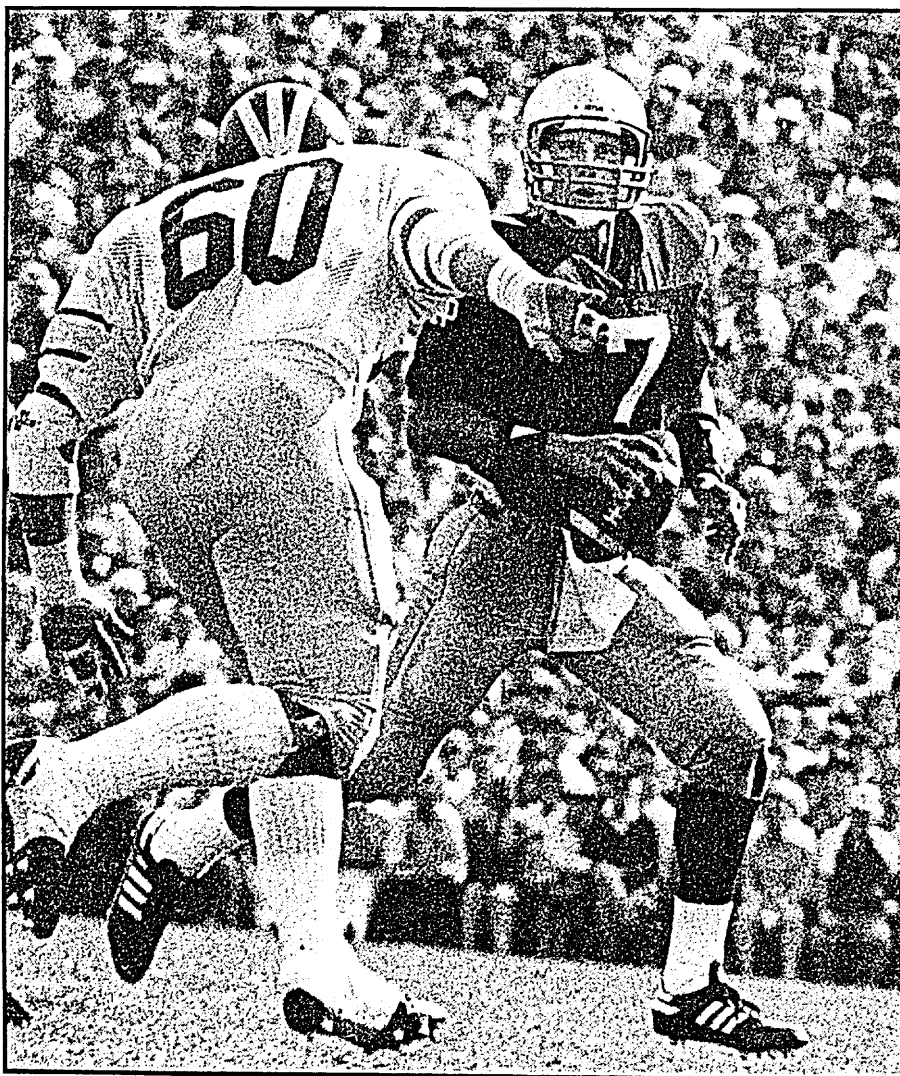
Maybe, just maybe, it marked the most prolific leap ever taken by a Notre Dame team from the end of one season to the beginning of the next. The Irish didn't just stick their heads out of the ashes of the 58-7 disaster against Miami in the Orange Bowl. They came full circle by wiping away the memories of that '85 finale in one fell swoop that earned the respect of even the Wolverines.

"I was in awe of some of the things they did," admitted Michigan flanker John Kolesar.

In all, the near-perfect mid-September afternoon in the sunshine of Notre Dame Stadium had nearly all the trappings of a dream-come-true debut for Notre Dame's new coach.

With the ABC Sports cameras beaming the contest to the entire nation, both Lou Holtz and Michigan boss Bo Schembechler watched their teams perform far better than either had a right to expect for opening day.

Schembechler had argued that the Irish had an advantage because no one knew exactly what Notre Dame would do, especially offensively with Holtz stalking the sidelines and calling the plays himself.



After three years of ups and downs in his Irish uniform, senior quarterback Steve Beuerlein left no doubt in the Michigan opener that he would prosper in the Lou Holtz system. He threw for a career-high 21 completions plus 263 yards (just four below his personal best) and led five drives of 63 yards or longer.

REV. F. THOMAS LALLAK



Holtz had argued that Michigan had a legitimate national championship-contending team with a defense suspected of being impregnable. Both proved correct, yet who could imagine that Notre Dame's new-fangled offense — call it the power wishbone or whatever you like — could wreak such havoc on the Wolverines' widely-lauded defense the first time out of the gate?

Actually, the only team to stop the Irish turned out to be the Irish themselves. Michigan's defense certainly didn't — and Schembechler couldn't remember the last time a Wolverine opponent had gone 60 minutes without punting.

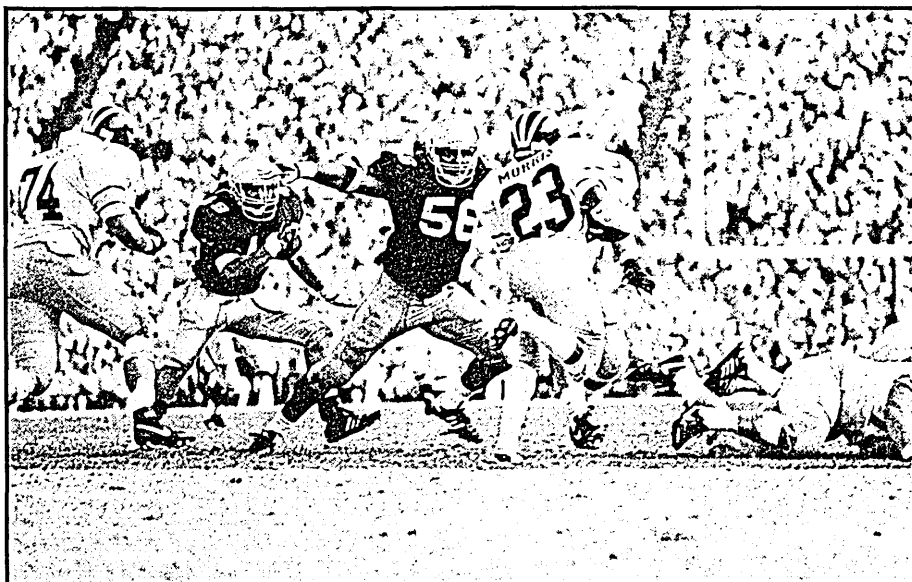
"The word that came to mind on the sideline was 'crave,'" said Beuerlein, the senior Irish quarterback whose 21-of-33 passing numbers for 263 yards easily matched Michigan counterpart Jim Harbaugh's 15-of-23 for 239.

**“**Put it this way. We had the same guys here last year, and we never did any of this stuff. It was our day and we knew it.  
**”**  
— Tim Brown

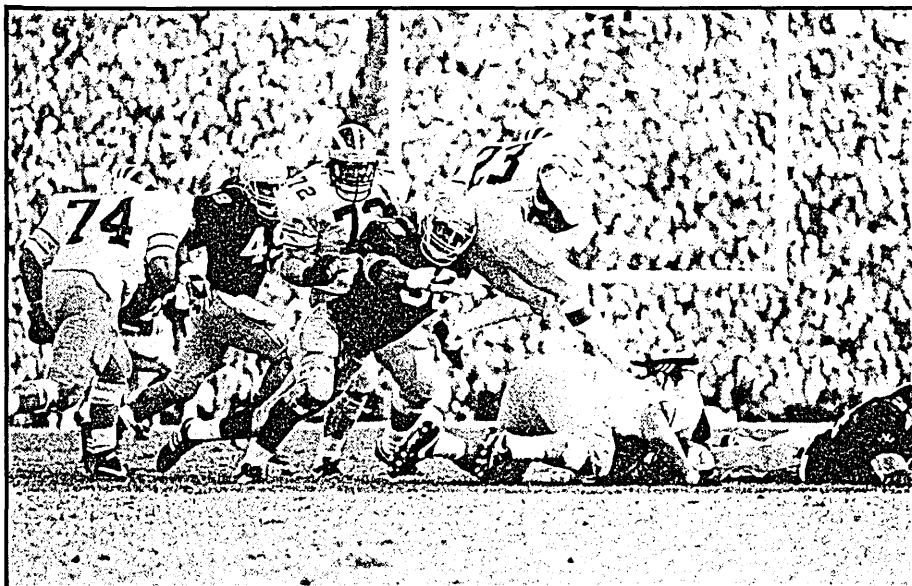
"Every time the offense came off the field, we were craving to get back in there."

Brown, the gifted junior flanker who got his first taste of the multiple roles in which Holtz envisioned him, agreed:

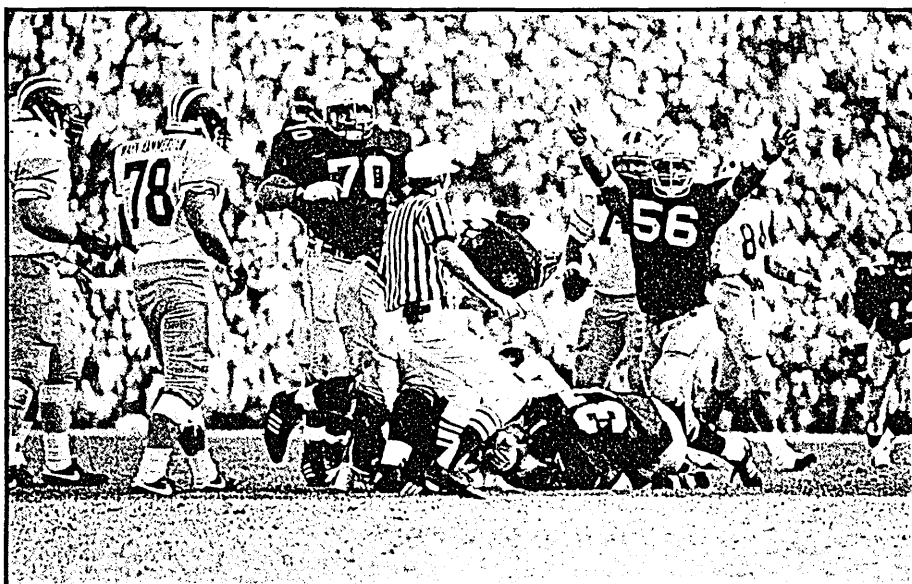
"Put it this way. We had the same guys here last year, and we never did any of this stuff. After the first series (Notre Dame drove 75 yards in 13 plays with Brown himself scoring from the three), it was like, 'Hey, this is gonna be fun. This is a picnic.' Don't get me wrong — I'm not putting their defense down because it's real good. But it was our day, and we knew it."



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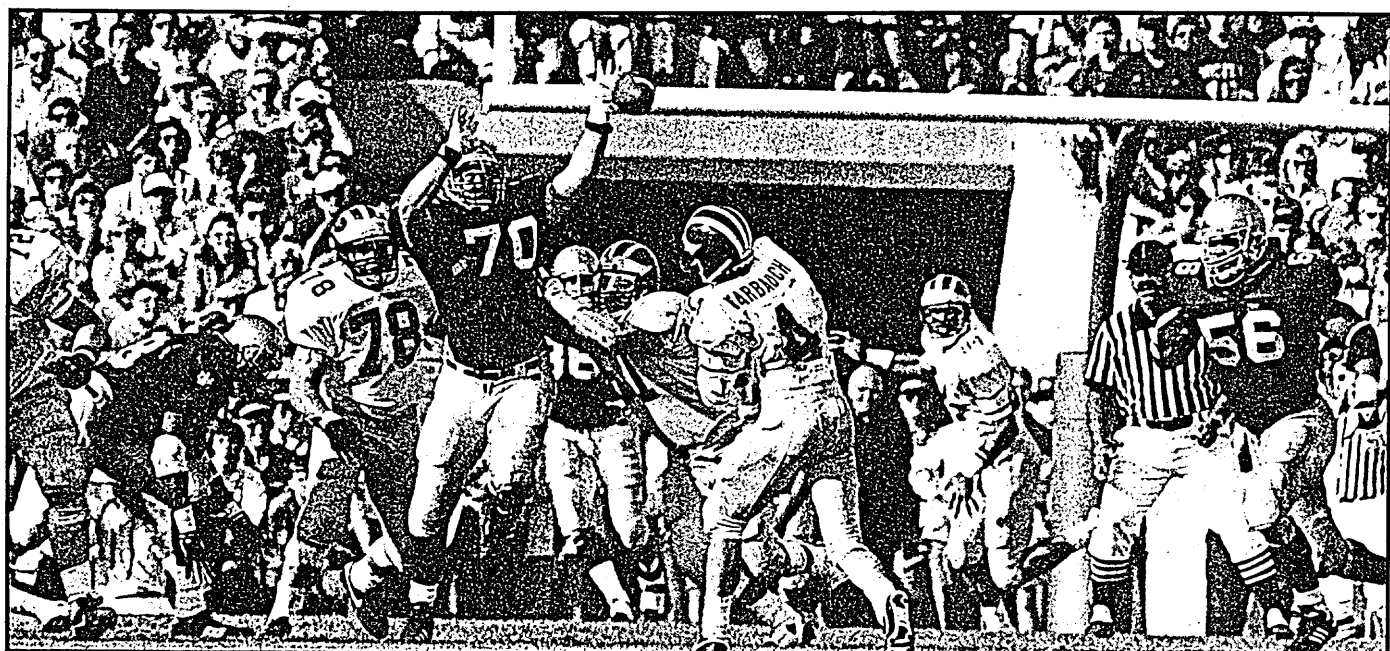
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Containment like this play by Irish tackle Robert Banks on Michigan tailback Jamie Morris helped Notre Dame limit the Wolverine back to no gain longer than eight yards.





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Keeping Wolverine quarterback Jim Harbaugh under wraps seldom proved an easy task — whether it was Marty Lippincott (above) trying to block the passing lane or linebacker Ron Weissenhofer (below) sizing up the option possibilities.



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On their way to 27 first downs and 455 total yards, the Irish ran every which way from every kind of formation. They ran a little option, a little wishbone, a little power sweep — and as beautifully as Beuerlein handled the offense and threw the ball, he even resorted to a nifty little shovel pass on a key third-down play on that noteworthy opening series.

Notre Dame managed three touchdowns against a team that permitted only five during the entire '85 regular season. It managed 23 points against a defense that didn't give up that many to its first five '85 opponents combined.

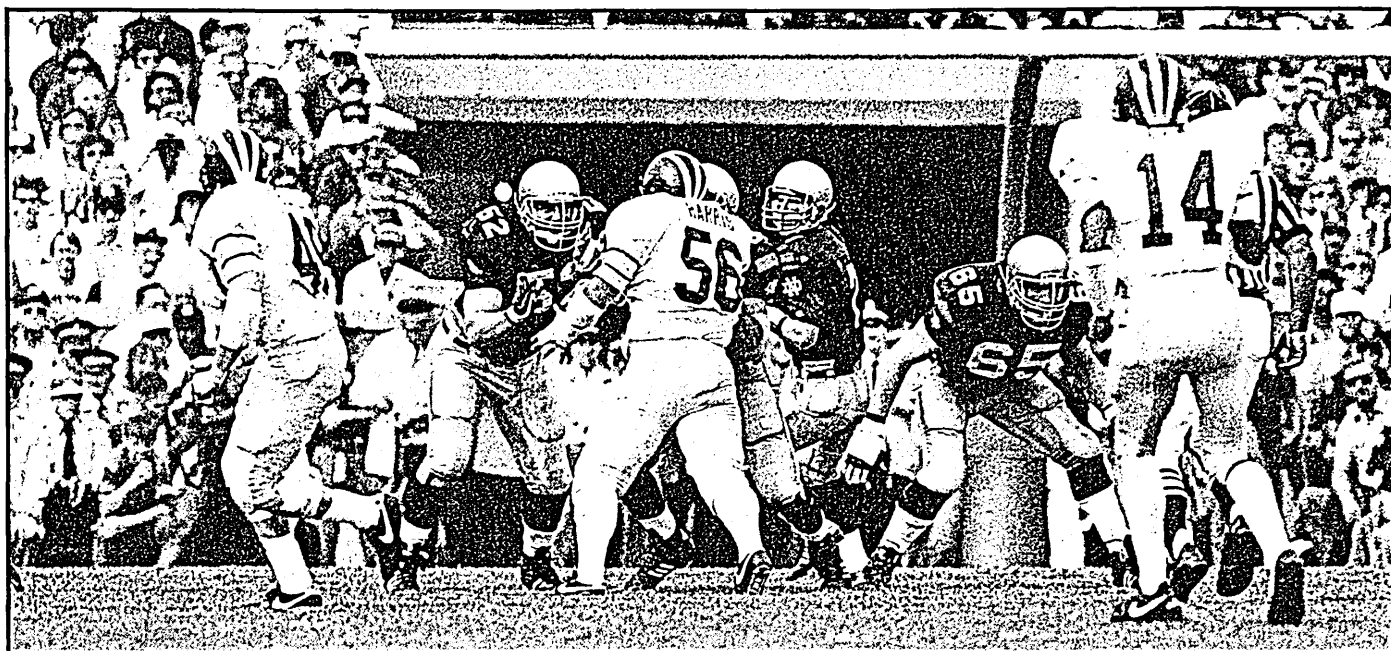
Said Williams, who grabbed a Beuerlein shot-put-style pass for a third-period touchdown:

"Somebody said we couldn't hit, that we didn't like to compete, that all we could do was study. Hey, Notre Dame football is back. There are not going to be any more lackadaisical efforts around here."

Yet, the little black cloud that seemed to follow Irish teams in recent years hadn't completely disappeared. In fact, it kept Notre Dame from winning this contest handily. So much for the luck of the Irish.

With the score tied at seven in the second period, Holtz's troops had marched 58 yards down to the Michigan 15. But, on second and eight, flanker Reggie Ward took a pitch to the Wolverine six before fumbling the ball away.

After Michigan scored on its initial second-half possession to take a 17-14 lead, came one of those bizarre kickoff plays that are seen once a season. Like a little pop fly toward the sideline, the ball never even reached the Notre Dame 20, and it died with Michigan's Doug Mallory on top of it.



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Notre Dame's offense proved downright awesome for an opener. It especially benefitted from superb offensive line play (blocking by Shawn Heffern and Tom Freeman above) and the all-around talents of Tim Brown (below), who led Notre Dame with 65 rushing yards.

"It just kind of landed in no-man's land, between two lines of our players," said Holtz. "You couldn't kick a ball there if you tried. Then it hit and bounced crazy."

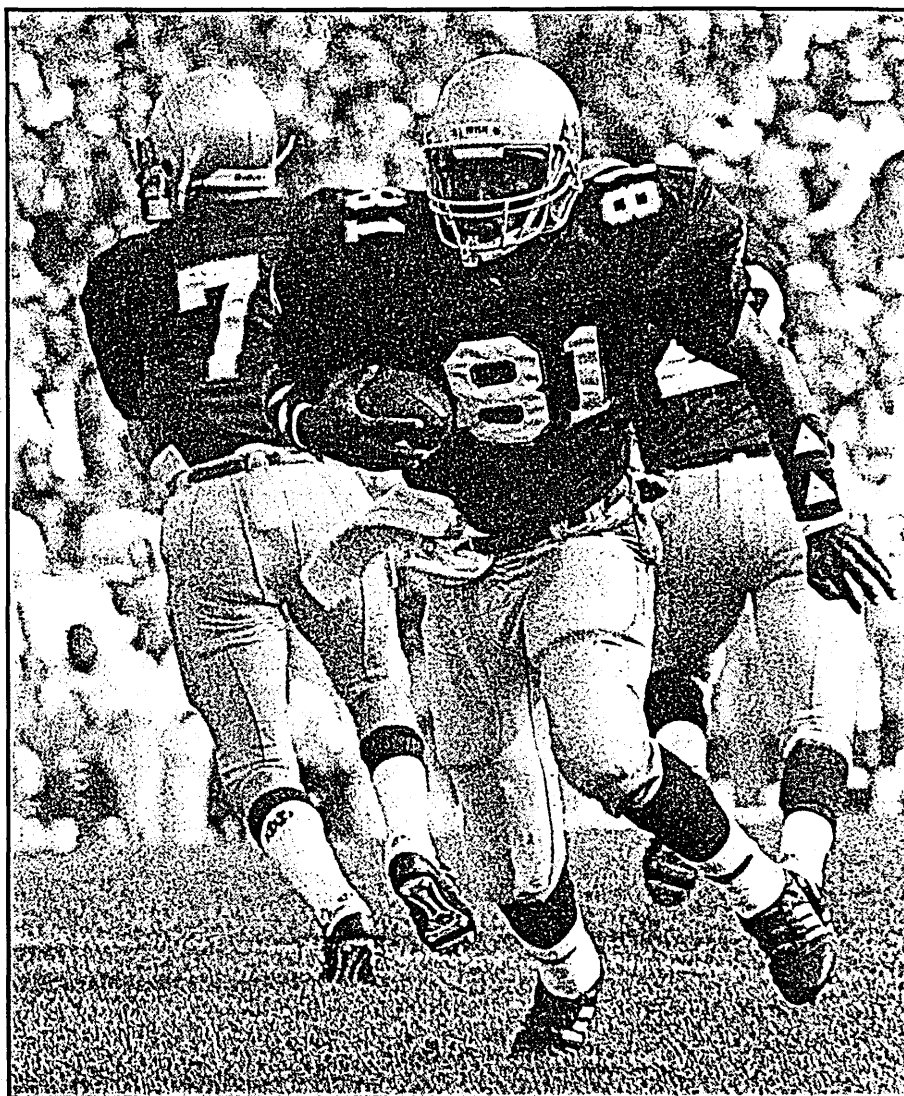
Harbaugh wasted little time, hitting Jamie Morris in stride for a 27-yard score on the first play to give the Wolverines two touchdowns in six seconds. Yet, those would be the last of the Michigan points — as the Irish defense bent but never broke the rest of the way.

The final four Notre Dame possessions proved the ones that all the Irish wished they had back to play over again.

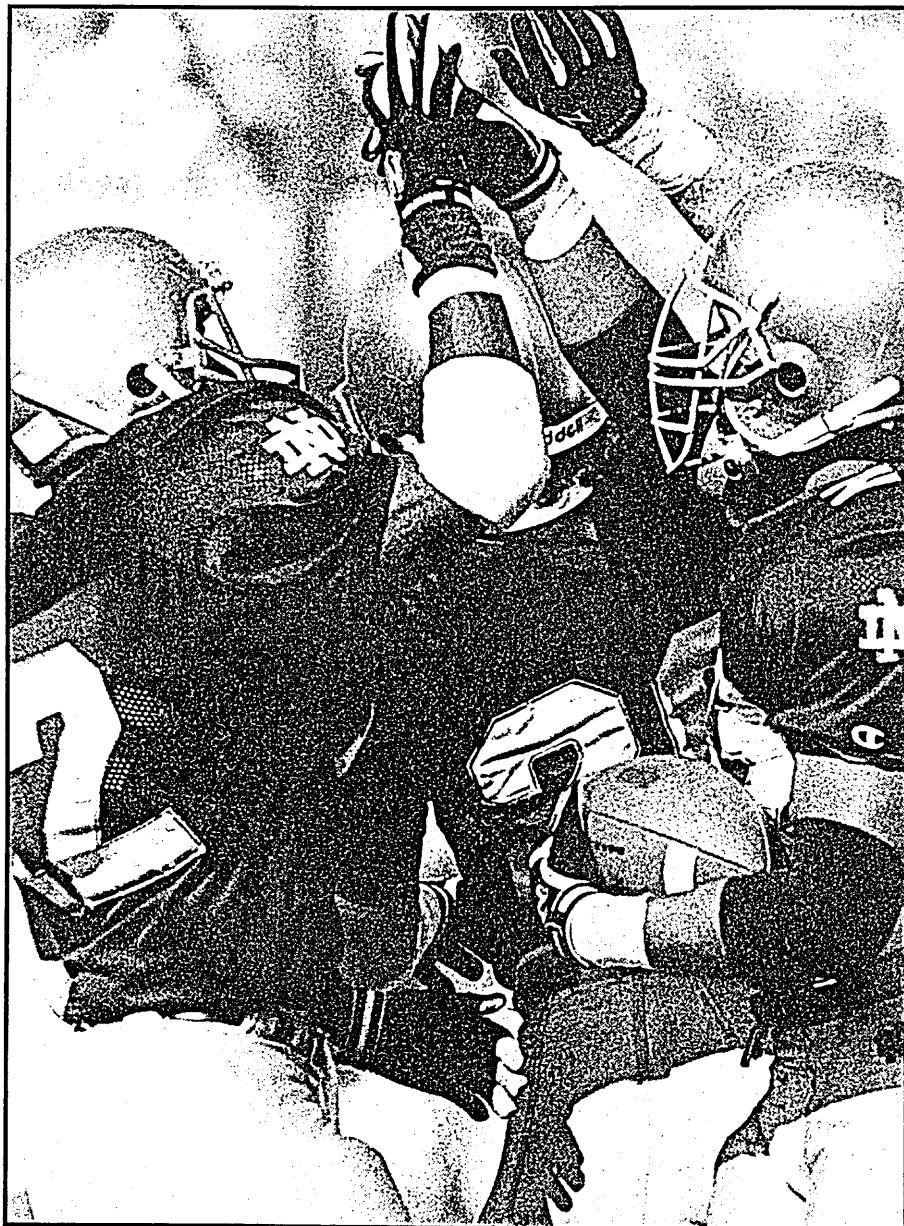
After Williams' touchdown reception had pulled the home team to within 24-20, Notre Dame's next foray began with a screen pass to Mark Green that produced 29 yards. But later, on second and seven from the Michigan 21, Pernell Taylor lost the handle on the football after gaining six yards to the Wolverine 15.

Beuerlein got the next attempt going impressively by hitting Brown for 32 yards and Ward for 16 more. But the 65-yard drive ended when, on third and six from the Michigan eight, Beuerlein aimed a pass for Brown in the corner of the end zone on a throw designed either to drop right over the receiver's shoulders or be barely long. Instead, the throw came up short and, with Brown looking back into the sun, Michigan's David Arnold intercepted.

The next time, after beginning from their own 30 with Beuerlein completing four straight passes for 42 yards, the Irish again found themselves at the Michigan eight facing a third down with five minutes left in the game. Then came the controversial play of the game as Beuerlein rolled to his left and threw across his body to a



CHERYL ENTELT



STEVEN NAVRATIL

**Michigan's defense came in with the glossy reputation, but the Irish were far from shabby on that side of the line. They stopped the Wolverines on their last four possessions to give Notre Dame its late chances to win.**

wide-open Williams in the back of the end zone.

Williams caught the football — there was never a question about that. But no television replays or game films conclusively showed whether Williams got one foot down first in the end zone — as Williams and others claimed he did — or whether he was out of bounds, as back judge Frederick DeFilippo ruled. John Carney kicked the obligatory field goal from 25 yards for the final 24-23 margin, but that didn't end the debate on Williams' non-touchdown catch.

Maybe the best argument came from a Michigan ballboy, who Holtz, Beuerlein, Williams and others all claimed said the play should have been ruled a touchdown.

"I looked down and saw my left foot in," Williams claimed. "Then I chopped my feet and stepped out of bounds. My right foot may have been on the line, but I got one foot in first.

"They were hesitant to make the call. People were in the way of the official. He stood there. I knew immediately that he didn't know. I knew it was six points, and I couldn't even believe it."

Both Holtz and Schembechler found a touch of humor in the situation.

"I couldn't see, that's why I wear bifocals," said Holtz. "But the Michigan ballboy said both feet were inbounds and I've always believed Michigan runs an honest school."

"I just want you to know that if the

officials called him out in Notre Dame Stadium, then he was definitely out," said Schembechler.

Amazingly, the Irish had yet another chance, thanks to Michigan's only turnover of the day (a fumble by Bob Perryman at the Irish 26) — after a gutty 38-yard completion to Kolesar on a third-and-six call from the Michigan 22 seemingly had sealed the fate of the Irish. Wes Pritchett recovered with 1:33 left, and the final march began with a Beuerlein-to-Alvin Miller hookup for 33 yards.

But a costly procedure penalty from the Michigan 29 and a couple of incompletions prompted a Carney field-goal attempt that fluttered off harmlessly to the left from 45 yards out at the :13 mark.

"I just didn't get it done," Carney said. "I didn't get it up enough. It would have been a great way to win Coach Holtz's first game. I kind of feel like I owe him one."

In between the miscues, Notre Dame's offense played nearly flawlessly — a fact that seemed even more incongruous considering the reputation of the Michigan defense. The Irish played with a confidence and an excellence in execution that belied the idea that this was a downtrodden 5-6 football team trying to compete with a veteran Wolverine unit that would go on to the Rose Bowl with a Big Ten title in its pocket.

"Let's get one thing straight, gentlemen," Schembechler chided the assembled media — who very nearly got their storybook ending. "We came into a hostile stadium playing against Notre Dame and not knowing how they're going to line up on offense or defense. We're playing a game in which every otherwise neutral observer would like to see Notre Dame win. But no matter how you add it up, we're going out with a victory. You can say all the other things you want, but it's a helluva lot better to be going out with a victory."

If only Holtz had known what a familiar refrain his postgame remarks would prove to be throughout the rest of the season. He spoke of pride and disappointment. He spoke of never seeing so many little things go wrong at so many wrong times. He spoke of not having moral victories at Notre Dame.

It was left for Schembechler to pay the ultimate compliment to the Irish in defeat:

"This is not a team devoid of talent. If the cupboard is bare here, then we've made some terrible choices in recruiting because we tried to get most of the players on this team. They'll win a lot of games this year even against a tough schedule. This guy is a great coach, we all know that. He knows how to line 'em up and play 'em."

So, the Irish stood 0-1 — yet the feeling about how that mark had come about was ever so different. Heads were held high in

the Notre Dame lockerroom, and justifiably so.

"I feel great about the rest of the season," admitted Beuerlein. "I've got this big lump in my throat thinking about what it would have meant if we had won this game. But maybe it's enough for right now to know we belong out there."

Boy, did they ever belong. If effort and hustle and desire counted for touchdowns, the Irish would have made the scoreboard light up like a pinball machine.

"They were fun to watch," admitted Michigan's Morris.

As Notre Dame's Robert Banks asserted, the fight was back in the Irish. Indeed.

So, welcome to the world of Notre Dame football, Lou Holtz. And thanks for the memory — even if it wasn't a win.

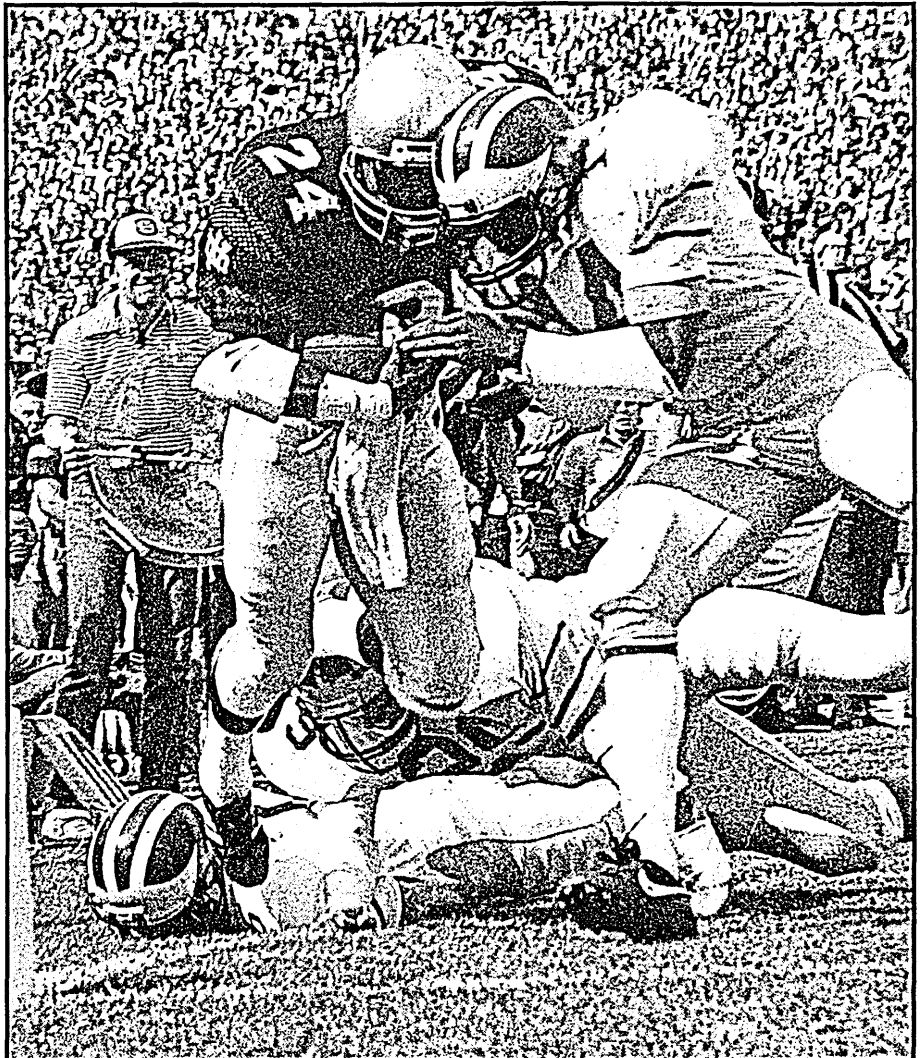
Holtz, in fact, nearly proved the soothsayer.

"I had a script in my mind," he said. "that if we won this game, we would come from behind to do it. But it just wasn't meant to be."

And as gaudy as Notre Dame's offense proved, the defense didn't turn out to be half bad, either. Stunned by the double-touchdown, six-second blitz midway through the third period, the Irish defenders hung tough the rest of the way through four Michigan drives.

As the late-afternoon sun and the applause of the Notre Dame Stadium fans wafted over the helmets of the Irish players as they left the field, somehow there was a whole lot more to this opening afternoon than a Michigan victory and a Notre Dame defeat.

Joel Williams knew it.  
Steve Beuerlein felt it.  
Tim Brown believed it.  
The Irish were back.



CHERYL ERIELT

**Sophomore Mark Green had big shoes to fill at tailback, moving into the spot occupied by All-American Allen Pinkett. But he proved equal to the task against the Wolverines — gaining 136 all-purpose yards (57 rushing, 79 receiving).**

#### Scoring Summary

Michigan	7	3	14	0	—	24
Notre Dame	7	7	6	3	—	23

#### First Quarter

ND-Tim Brown 3 run (John Carney kick) at 4:34;  
Drive: 75 yards in 13 plays in 4:51 following Michigan punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Mark Green for 15; Score: ND 7-0.  
UM-Jamie Morris 8 run (Pat Moons kick) at 3:33;  
Drive: 80 yards in 8 plays in 4:01 following kickoff; Big Play: Jim Harbaugh pass to John Kolesar for 34; Score: 7-7.

#### Second Quarter

ND-Mark Green 1 run (John Carney kick) at 8:08;  
Drive: 26 yards in 8 plays in 3:53 following Michigan punt; Score: ND 14-7.  
UM-Pat Moons 23 FG at :52; Drive: 75 yards in 13 plays in 7:16 following kickoff; Big Play: Jim Harbaugh pass to John Kolesar for 13; Score: ND 14-10.

#### Third Quarter

UM-Jamie Morris 1 run (Pat Moons kick) at 8:57;  
Drive: 78 yards in 12 plays in 6:03 following second-half kickoff; Big Play: Jim Harbaugh pass to Paul Jokisch for 27; Score: UM 17-14.  
UM-Jamie Morris 27 pass from Jim Harbaugh (Pat Moons kick) at 8:51; Drive: 27 yards in 1 play in :06 following Mike Mallory fumble recovery; Score: UM 24-14.

ND-Joel Williams 3 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick fails) at 3:10; Drive: 66 yards in 12 plays in 5:41 following kickoff; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Alvin Miller for 14; Score: UM 24-20.

#### Fourth Quarter

ND-John Carney 25 FG at 4:26; Drive: 62 yards in 10 plays in 3:24 following Michigan punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Mark Green for 20; Score: UM 24-23.  
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#### Individual Rushing

UM: Jamie Morris 23-77-2 TD (8 long), Gerald White 8-35 (11 long), Bob Perryman 10-29 (5 long), John Kolesar 1-11, Jim Harbaugh 6-2 (12 long); ND: Tim Brown 12-65-1 TD (15 long), Mark Green 12-57-1 TD (14 long), Reggie Ward 3-20 (13 long), Anthony Johnson 2-16 (17 long), Pernell Taylor 5-16 (6 long), Steve Beuerlein 4-13 (7 long), Braxton Banks 1-5.

#### Individual Passing

UM: Jim Harbaugh 23-15-0-239-1 TD (38 long); ND: Steve Beuerlein 33-21-1-263-1 TD (33 long).

#### Individual Receiving

UM: John Kolesar 4-93 (38 long), Gerald White 3-35 (20 long), Jamie Morris 3-31-1 TD (27 long), Paul Jokisch 2-39 (27 long), Jeffrey Brown 2-30 (18 long), Ken Higgins 1-11; ND: Mark Green 6-79 (29 long), Alvin Miller 3-58 (33 long), Joel Williams 3-26-1 TD (12 long), Milt Jackson 3-26 (16 long), Pernell Taylor 2-17

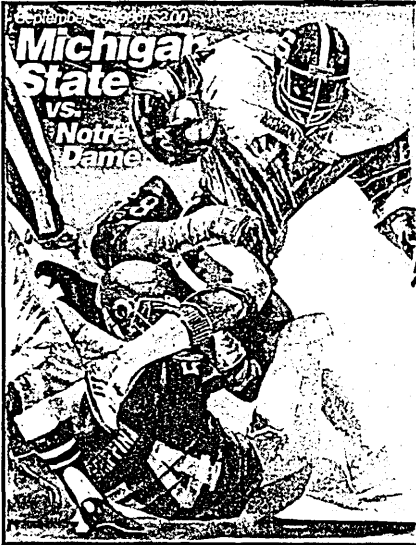
(11 long), Andy Heck 2-9 (5 long), Tim Brown 1-32, Reggie Ward 1-16.

#### Team Statistics

	UM	ND
First Downs .....	20	27
Rushing .....	7	12
Passing .....	12	14
Penalty .....	1	1
Rushing Attempts .....	48	39
Yards Rushing .....	171	197
Yards Lost Rushing .....	6-17	3-5
Net Yards Rushing .....	154	192
Net Yards Passing .....	239	263
Passes Attempted .....	23	33
Passes Completed .....	15	21
Had Intercepted .....	0	1
Total Offensive Plays .....	71	72
Total Net Yards .....	393	455
Average Gain Per Play .....	5.5	6.3
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	1-1	3-2
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	4-29	4-23
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	1-0	0-0
Number of Punts—Yards .....	4-126	0-0
Average Per Punt .....	31.5	0.0
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	0-0	3-4
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	2-39	3-55
Third Down Conversions .....	8-14	8-12



# MICHIGAN STATE 20, NOTRE DAME 15



## Back From the Brink Empty-Handed

By Scott Dupree

It will be remembered as a Krumm-y day for Notre Dame football.

Irish fans, though, would just as soon forget about the afternoon of September 20 in East Lansing, Mich.

For the second consecutive week, Notre Dame came within the proverbial eyelash of a thrilling, last-second victory. Instead, Lou Holtz's squad was left 0-2, teary-eyed and wondering what might have been.

"I'm tired of being close," Irish defensive tackle Wally Kleine said afterwards. "Close just isn't good enough."

But for the moment, close remained the hard, cruel reality.

Last week it was second-ranked Michigan, 24-23. On this warm, overcast Saturday, it was Michigan State 20-15 — to the utter delight of 79,895 delirious die-hards in sold-out Spartan Stadium.

Those fans witnessed a game that was anything but an aesthetic masterpiece. Certainly, it stirred few memories of a Spartan-Irish clash 20 years earlier, a contest labeled by many as one of the greatest games in all of college football lore.

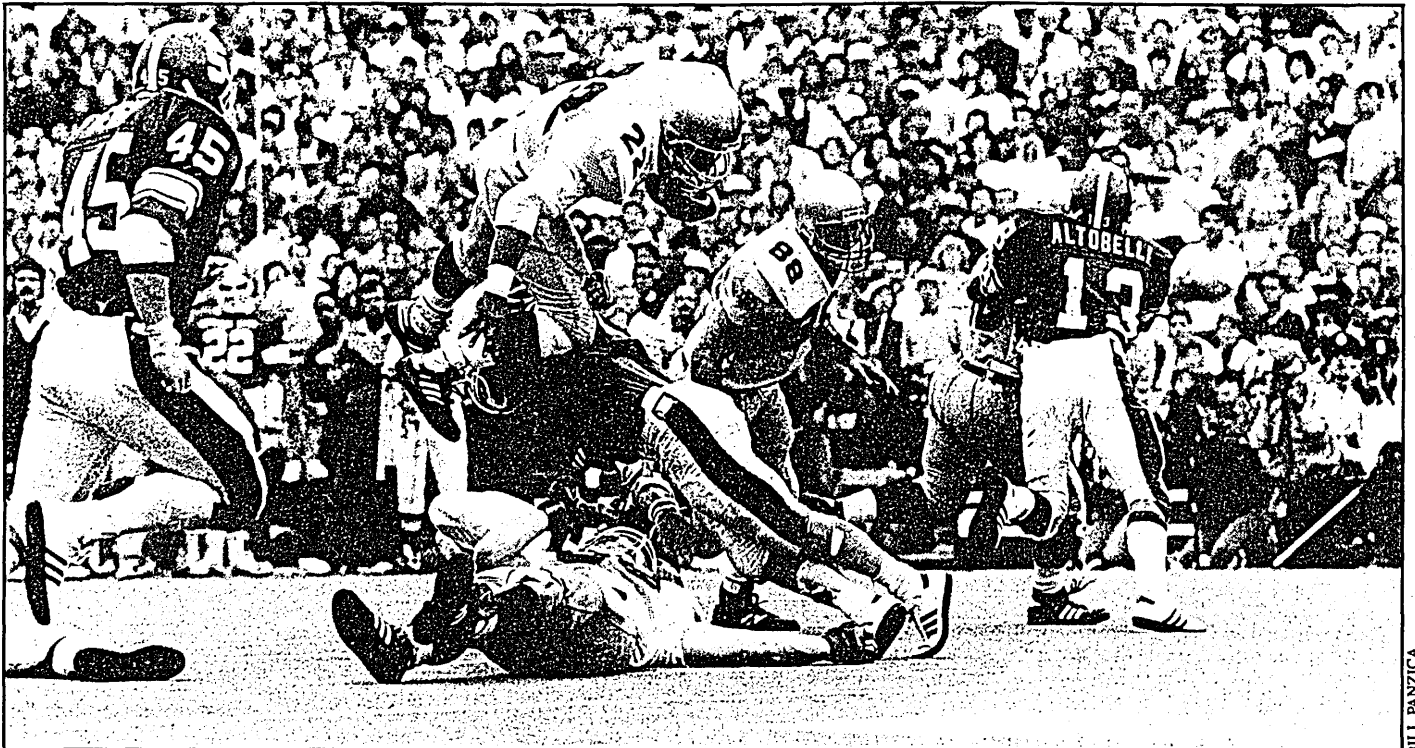
No, this game turned out to be full of flags and fumbles, miscues and muffs, twists and turns. A little dab of everything

to keep a national television audience entertained and, as it turned out, on the edge of its collective seat.

As the final score would indicate, it was 20th-ranked Notre Dame that committed most of the costly errors. As well as the Irish had played in their heart-breaking but confidence-building loss to Michigan, they were equally inconsistent against the Spartans.

A couple of days after the game, Holtz used an analogy that put his team's blunders into proper perspective.

"Sometimes when you start playing with a stick of dynamite, the stick doesn't



BILL PANZICA

Rookie Anthony Johnson displays his nose for the end zone on this five-yard dive that brought the visiting Irish to within 20-15 late in the final period.





STEVEN NAVRATIL

**Notre Dame's order of business — controlling all-star runner Lorenzo White — went according to form. White managed 147 yards, but he needed 41 carries to amass that total and he didn't have a gain longer than 12 yards.**

always wait until you throw it to explode," he reasoned.

Indeed, at times in the first-half, Notre Dame seemed as flat as one of Holtz's open cans of Diet Coke.

Anyway, despite their disappointing play, the Irish still had a shot, a legitimate shot, at winning for the first time in 1986. But on a Michigan State team that boasted the likes of Heisman Trophy candidate Lorenzo White and standout signalcaller Dave Yarema, it was a slow-footed cornerback named Krumm who literally stole victory from the Irish.

Todd Krumm made a pair of key interceptions, one in each half, that propelled his team to victory.

Late in the first quarter, with the Irish leading 3-0, Krumm picked off a Steve Beuerlein pass and scampered 44 yards untouched for the score. Then with 1:30 left in the game, and Notre Dame trailing 20-15 but driving deep in Spartan real estate, Krumm tip-toed in front of receiver Milt Jackson near the sideline and swiped

**“That guy simply made a great play. The play developed like we thought it would. But he timed it just right.”**  
— Steve Beuerlein

another Beuerlein pass. That play, at the 18-yard line, sealed Notre Dame's fate.

"This is one of the few times in a football game that there's no doubt who the most valuable player is," Michigan State coach George Perles told the press. "Todd was the hero of the game.

"I'm so proud of him. He's shy and quiet, and he looks like a movie star. Some guys run a 4.4 40, but you can't measure smarts."

Krumm, of course, was elated in the jubilant post game lockerroom.

"It's an incredible feeling," he said. "To beat such a great team like Notre Dame, with all that tradition. It's a memory I'll have for the rest of my life."

Krumm's performance drew rave reviews from all corners, including Beuerlein, twice the victim of Krumm's smarts.

Said Beuerlein of Krumm's second intercept: "That guy simply made a great play. Milt Jackson made a good move on the guy, and I led him toward the sideline.

The play developed just like we thought it would. I thought we were going to pick up 15 or 16 yards on the play. But he (Krumm) timed it just right."

So while Beuerlein and a host of others credited Krumm with a brilliant play in the closing moments, the senior quarterback took full responsibility for the first intercept — one that resulted in seven Spartan points.

"The first interception was dumb on my part," Beuerlein said. "I threw it without really looking. The ball was in the air a lot longer than it should have been. That play put us in a hole, and we had to play catch-up."

And the Irish never quite could.

Holtz said the first-period interception threw his team out of sync until about midway through the third quarter. That doesn't leave much time, especially when half of your offensive attack — in this instance, the running game — is virtually non-existent.

Notre Dame netted 65 rushing yards less than Michigan State's White gained by himself. With the Irish ground game ineffective, the Spartans, Krumm in particular, were able to concentrate on the air traffic.

"We weren't able to blend the run and the pass at all," Holtz said. "Let me tell

you, it's difficult to win a big game just throwing the ball. You've got to be able to run the ball equally well. That's all there is to it."

Irish doldrums, however, weren't simply a result of ground game troubles. Mistakes, in all size and shapes, proved to be the decisive factor.

There was a Beuerlein-to-Brown second-quarter bomb that put the Irish in excellent field position. At least it looked that way at first. A procedure penalty brought it back.

That was the most critical of the seven flags thrown against the Irish.

There was a muffed quick kick.

Although a nifty idea, it wasn't a pretty sight. On third down in the third quarter, Holtz cleverly ordered Beuerlein to kick out of the shotgun formation.

The Spartans were, indeed, surprised. As it turned out, they were pleasantly surprised. Beuerlein's punt shanked out of bounds 19 yards downfield at the Irish 39. It led to a Spartan field goal, which made the score 13-3.

"Another one of my beautiful plays today," Beuerlein said. "I had been booming 'em in practice; that's why coach Holtz called the play. They never suspected a punt, so there was no pressure put on me. I just missed the ball."

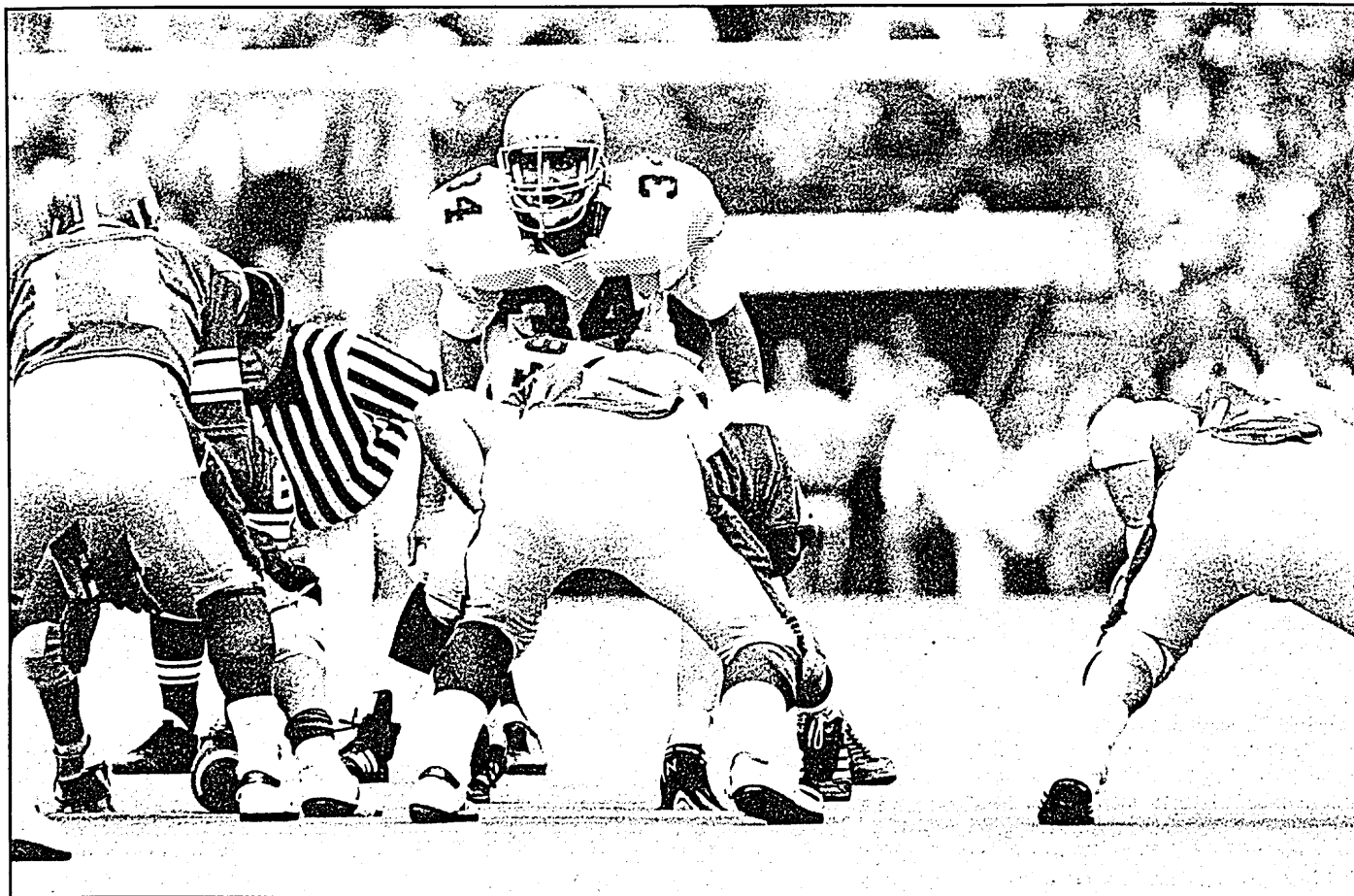
There was a personal foul on a third-quarter kickoff, when Krumm alertly called for a fair catch but was hit by Irish defenders. That cost Notre Dame 15 yards, and ignited a Spartan scoring drive that made it 20-9.

There was an Irish fumble deep in Spartan territory, at the three-yard line. It came with less than 10 minutes to play. Flanker Tim Brown made the catch and was hammered by Michigan State's Dean Altobelli, whose helmet jarred the ball loose. Besides the pigskin, a near-certain touchdown was lost.

For the second straight week, Notre Dame outgained its foe in total yardage. But once again, little miscues stood in the way of a big win.

It's a tribute to perseverance and pride that the Irish, obviously having an off day, were in the ballgame at the very end. Despite all that had gone awry, Notre Dame got its act together and made a serious stretch run at the Spartans.

With a minute left in the third quarter, the Irish whittled a 12-point lead to six on Beuerlein's 38-yard hook-up with tight end Joel Williams. A perfectly-executed block by Milt Jackson enabled Williams to free himself and race to paydirt. The two-point attempt failed.



Junior linebacker Wes Pritchett waits for Spartan quarterback Dave Yarema's first move.

BILL PANZICA

Both teams exchanged fourth-quarter touchdowns, making the score 20-15 and setting the stage for Notre Dame's lengthy, heart-breaking drives.

"Our football team played hard, but each time we went to the brink, we came away empty-handed," Holtz said. "We had hoped to get better from one game to the next, but that wasn't the case this week. Still, we had a chance right up until the end."

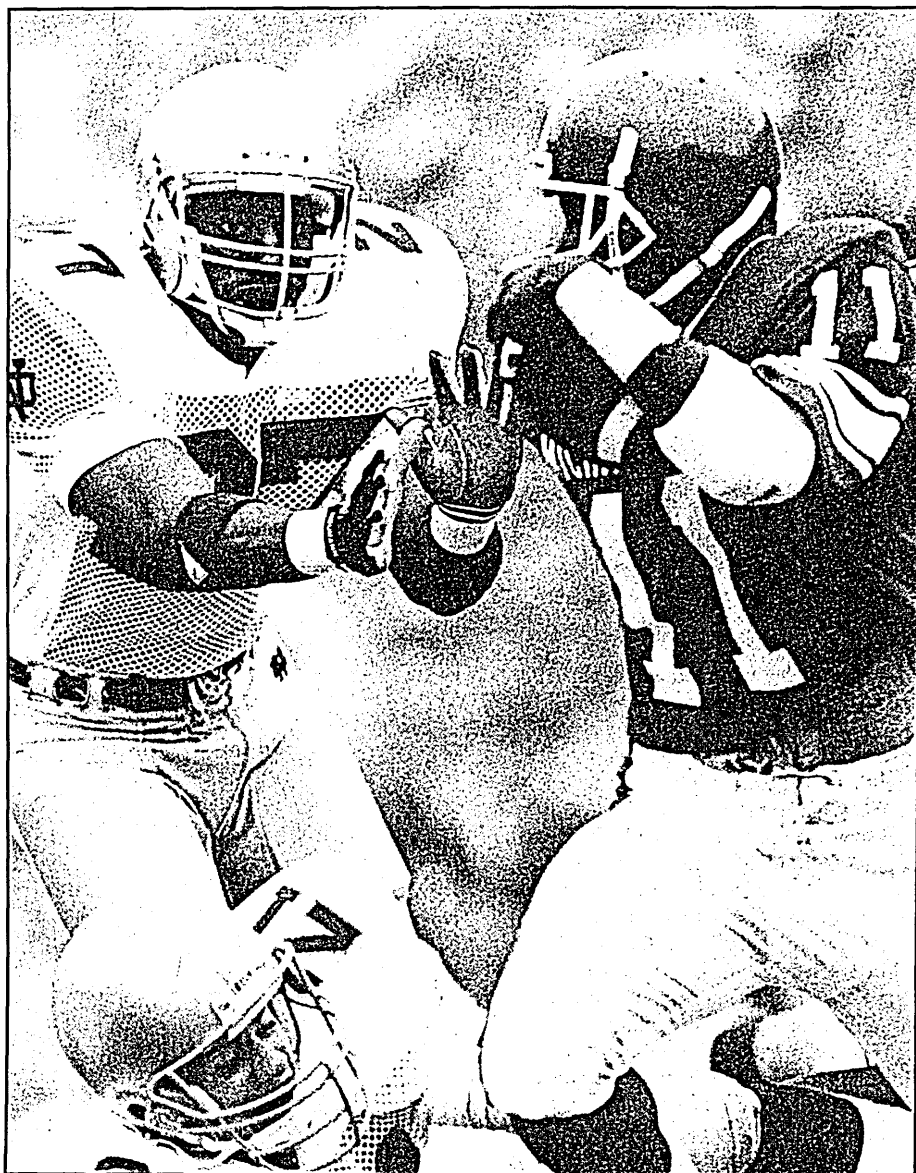
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— Lou Holtz

Two emotionally-draining losses in seven days. An 0-2 start. That's something only two other Notre Dame teams in this century had done. Warily combatants in the Irish lockerroom were deathly quiet after the game.

Not a sole had expected to lose the first two, and not in such dramatic fashion.

"I never thought we'd be 0-2," whispered linebacker Mike Kovalesski, the team captain, to one of many reporters asking the same question. "It's not good enough to say, 'It was close, we hung in there.' If we say that, we'll never be a good team. We have to be tough in close games, and learn to win them."



Sophomore defensive back George Streeter gets ready to put a halt to Mark Ingram's advances on this end-around attempt.

STEVEN NAVRATIL

#### Scoring Summary

Notre Dame	3	0	6	6	—	15
Michigan State	7	3	3	7	—	20

#### First Quarter

ND-John Carney 27 FG at 6:14; Drive: 70 yards in 15 plays in 6:14 following opening kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 15; Score: ND 3-0.

MSU-Todd Krumm 44 interception return (Chris Caudell kick) at 1:11; Score: MSU 7-3.

#### Second Quarter

MSU-Chris Caudell 24 FG at 9:42; Drive: 53 yards in 10 plays in 3:42 following ND punt; Big Play: Dave Yarema pass to Mark Ingram for 17; Score: MSU 10-3.

#### Third Quarter

MSU-Chris Caudell 25 FG at 9:44; Drive: 31 yards in 7 plays in 1:52 following ND punt; Big Play: Craig Johnson run for 18; Score: MSU 13-3.

ND-Joel Williams 38 pass from Steve Beuerlein (Beuerlein run fails) at 1:17; Drive: 80 yards in 7 plays in 2:39 following MSU punt; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Mark Green for 17; Score: MSU 13-9.

#### Fourth Quarter

MSU-Mark Ingram 40 pass from Dave Yarema (Chris

Caudell kick) at 14:10; Drive: 80 yards in 5 plays in 2:07 following kickoff; Big Play: Yarema pass to Ingram for 20; Score: MSU 20-9.

ND-Anthony Johnson 5 run (Steve Beuerlein pass fails) at 6:07; Drive: 43 yards in 4 plays in 1:17 following MSU punt; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 19; Score: MSU 20-15.

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#### Individual Rushing

ND: Mark Green 13-30 (9 long), Pernell Taylor 6-24 (9 long), Anthony Johnson 3-10-1 TD (5 long), Tim Brown 4-8 (8 long), Ray Dumas 1-6, Terry Andrysiak 1-4, Steve Beuerlein 7-0 (9 long), Tom Monahan 1-0; MSU: Lorenzo White 41-147 (12 long), Craig Johnson 3-15 (18 long), Mark Ingram 1-9, Bobby Morse 2-5 (3 long), Andre Rison 1-3, Dave Yarema 1-(-9).

#### Individual Passing

ND: Steve Beuerlein 36-19-2-259-1 TD (38 long); MSU: Dave Yarema 18-7-1-114-1 TD (40 long).

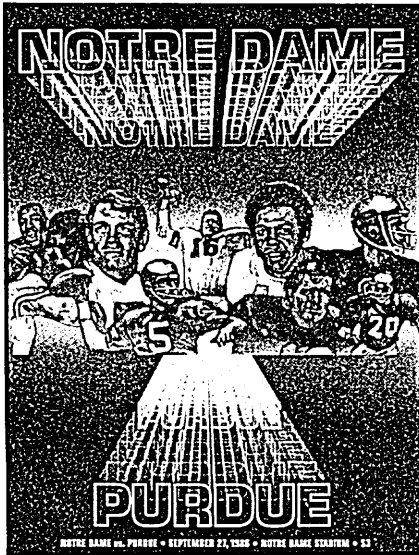
#### Individual Receiving

ND: Mark Green 6-53 (17 long), Tim Brown 5-75 (26 long), Alvin Miller 3-49 (25 long), Joel Williams 2-46-1 TD (38 long), Milt Jackson 2-28 (14 long), Andy Heck 1-8; MSU: Mark Ingram 5-107-1 TD (40 long), Bobby Morse 1-5, Lorenzo White 1-2.

#### Team Statistics

	ND	MSU
First Downs .....	21	17
Rushing .....	4	9
Passing .....	12	6
Penalty .....	5	2
Rushing Attempts .....	36	49
Yards Rushing .....	114	207
Yards Lost Rushing .....	32	37
Net Yards Rushing .....	82	170
Yards Passing .....	259	114
Passes Attempted .....	36	18
Passes Completed .....	19	7
Had Intercepted .....	2	1
Total Offensive Plays .....	72	67
Total Net Yards .....	341	284
Average Gain Per Play .....	4.7	4.2
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	3/1	1/1
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	7/68	9/80
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	1/2	3/46
Number of Punts—Yards .....	6/206	5/224
Average per Punt .....	34.3	44.8
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	2/27	2/18
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	4/60	2/40
Third Down Conversions .....	6/14	5/16

# NOTRE DAME 41, PURDUE 9



## Boilers Permit Irish to Salve Their Frustrations

*By Karen Croake*

Notre Dame was mad as heck and wasn't going to take it anymore. After coming so close, but not quite far enough to win, in their first two games, the Fighting Irish were ready to throw a few punches. Even mild-mannered flanker Milt Jackson, who probably would offer tea and cookies to Snidely Whiplash before letting Dudley Do-right tie him to the train tracks, displayed a bit of an Irish temper.

"We were angry," said Jackson. "We told ourselves we should have won those first two games. There was no way we were going to lose again."

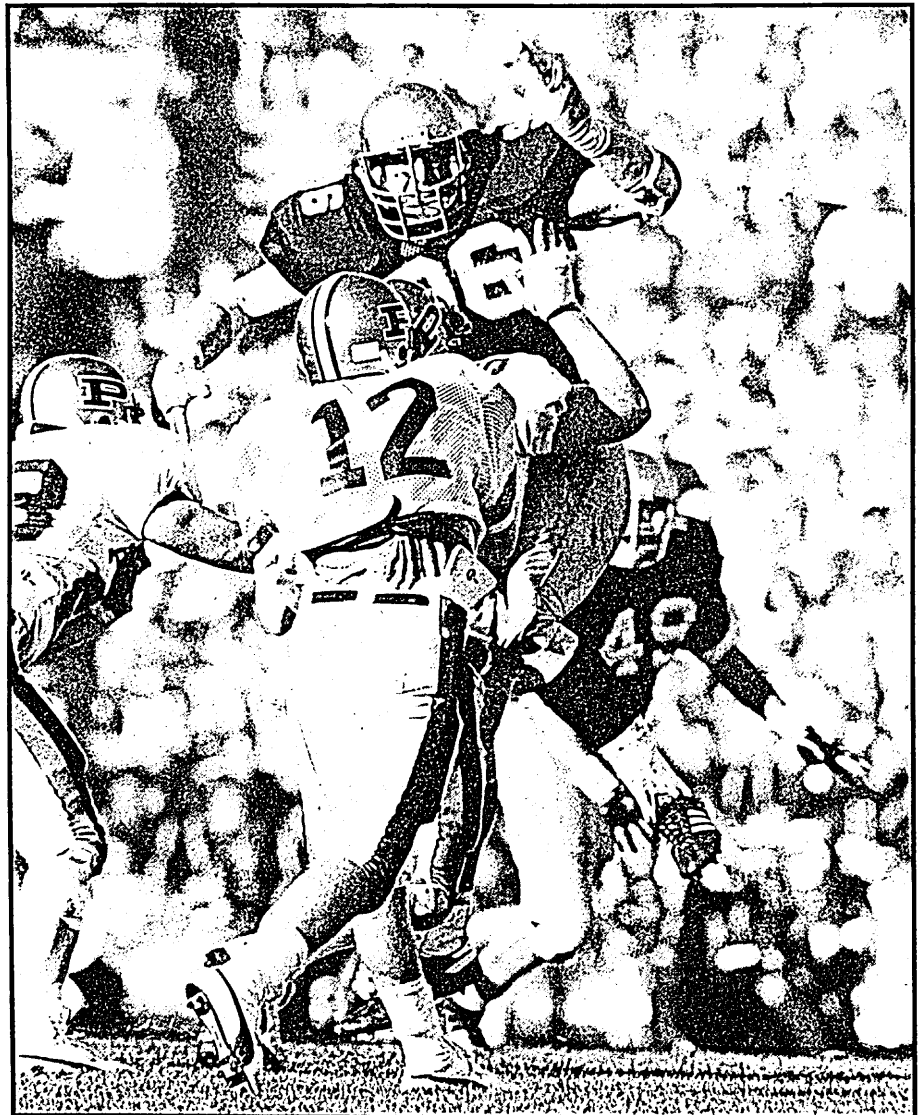
The 1986 Irish, who didn't want to go into the record books as the first Notre Dame team to open the season with three — count 'em — three straight losses, had longtime rival Purdue against the ropes most of this sunny, sweltering September afternoon. Coach Lou Holtz's first victory at Notre Dame came on a 41-9 decision. It also snapped a five-game losing streak that dated back to the 1985 campaign.

"I didn't doubt that we'd get it eventually," said the wry coach in the postgame interview. "I felt all along that if we could eliminate some mistakes, we'd be pretty competitive. It's good to win. I'm happy for the players."

Notre Dame, indeed, cut down on the miscues that hindered the Irish the first two weeks of the season. And Notre Dame's running game, which seemed to have left town when Allen Pinkett did, re-emerged on solid efforts by a bevy of backs.

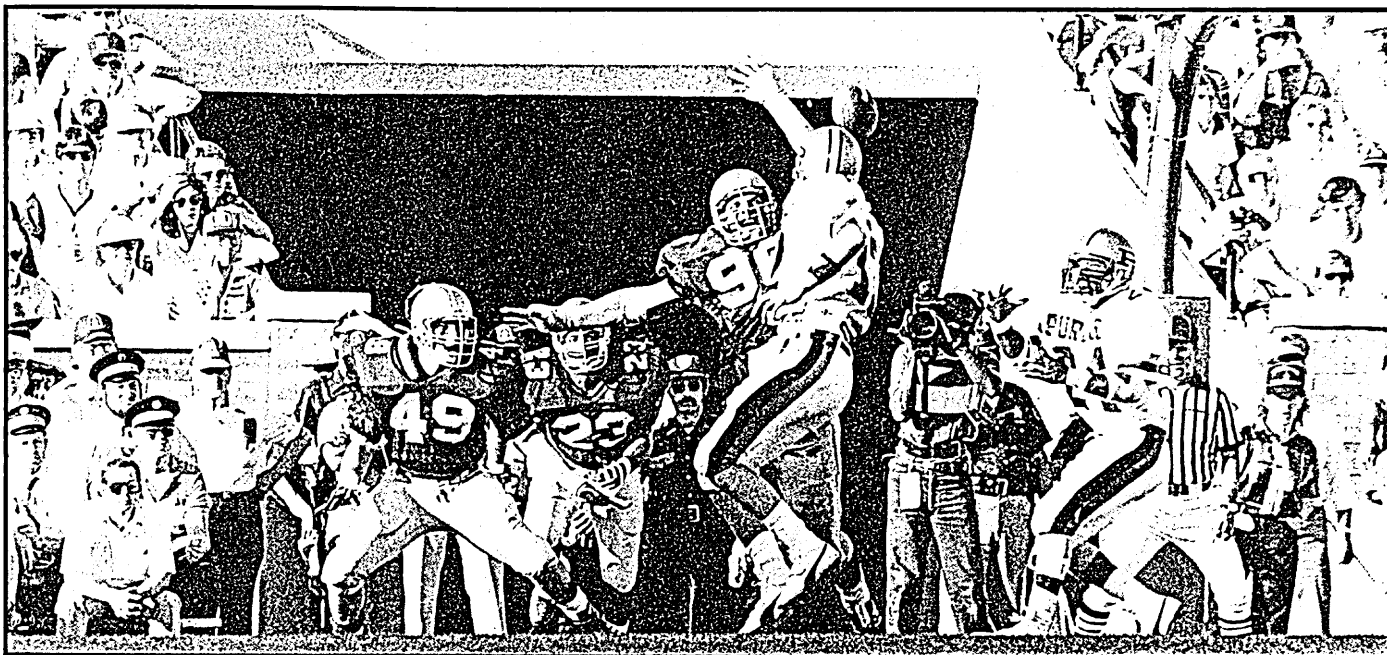
"I didn't know if we had the ability to run against Purdue," said Holtz, who watched his Irish gobble up 276 yards of turf. "Defensively, Purdue looked awfully, awfully good against Pittsburgh. That was our key. We felt we had to run inside. That's where it all starts."

Actually, Purdue's demise began with



Wally Kleine does his best to hinder the vision of Boilermaker rookie quarterback Jeff George. George completed 28 passes, but he didn't get Purdue on the scoreboard until the Irish already led 27-0.

BILL PANZICA



Part of Jeff George's strategy to avoid the Notre Dame rush was to go the shovel-pass route. Here, George pitches to Jerry Chaney as Mike Kovalesski, Steve Lawrence and Wally Kleine keep an eye on the proceedings.

the opening coin toss. The Boilermakers actually won the flip, but game captains Ron Woodson and Jeff Witter inadvertently conveyed to the game officials that they would defend a goal instead of declining the decision and letting the Irish make the choice. Purdue coach Leon Burtnett figured he was in for a long, hot afternoon in his yellow sweater.

"The official came over and told me, 'Coach, you're not going to believe what your kids did,' and I knew right then that it was going to be one of those days."

Burtnett was right. Things went from bad to worse for the Boilermakers. But the customary home crowd of 59,075 loved it.

Notre Dame turned the opening kickoff into a touchdown for a lead it never relinquished. Tailback Mark Green, who led the ground game with 73 yards on 17 carries, gained 20 on the first drive. Quarterback Steve Beuerlein hit Tim Brown and Jackson for catches of 17 and 29 yards, respectively. Fullback Pernell Taylor finally plowed over left tackle for the two-yard touchdown run.

"I was getting a little tired of hearing we couldn't run the ball," said Green, who also caught one pass for seven yards. "We knew we were able to run the ball today. The line came off the ball great, opened up a lot of seams and we just knocked it down their throats."

But Purdue also choked on a couple bobbles of its own.

In the first quarter, Woodson, everybody's All-American at cornerback, returned Dan Sorensen's punt 43 yards to give the Boilermakers excellent field

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— Mark Green

position at their own 49-yard line. But on the second play from scrimmage, tailback Jerry Chaney mishandled the exchange and outside linebacker Cedric Figaro snatched up the football on the Purdue 44.

With backup quarterback Terry Andrysiak at the controls, the Irish moved all the way to the Boilermaker one-yard line. Two consecutive clipping penalties negated an Andrysiak touchdown run and pushed Notre Dame back to the Purdue 25. The Irish had to settle for a 42-yard field goal from John Carney.

Already trailing 10-0, the Boilers handed the Irish another golden opportunity when James Medlock fumbled on his own 20. Dave Butler recovered for Notre Dame.

Four plays later, freshman fullback Anthony Johnson, who had bulldozed his way for 10 yards on the first two carries of the drive, burst through left tackle for two yards and the score. Carney's PAT gave the Irish a 17-0 lead.

Both Holtz and Burtnett agreed that those turnovers were critical to each team's performance.

"Those two turnovers sure set the tempo," said Holtz. "The only thing I was worried about after that was letting them back in the game."

But the Boilers weren't going to play Spoilermakers before the ABC television cameras this time.

"The turnovers in the game killed us," admitted Burtnett, whose team fell to 1-2. "We knew we couldn't afford to do that in a game like this. They were out there so much our defensive kids were out of it."

Purdue's defense was on the field for 11 minutes in the first quarter.



"Our kids were beat after that," said Burnnett.

Notre Dame upped that insurmountable advantage to 24-0 with just under five minutes left in the half. After Beuerlein scrambled for a 12-yard gain and a first down at the Purdue 35, the senior quarterback pump faked and lobbed a scoring strike to Jackson at the goal line. Jackson, who caught four passes for 107 yards against the Boilermakers, had suggested the passing route to his coach.

"It was an out and up and when I ran it before, they sat on it," explained Jackson. "I told coach if I ran an 'L', I could beat them. I knew Woodson would be closing in, but I just wanted to concentrate on the ball because I had dropped one like that at Michigan State."

Purdue threatened to put some points on the board before the intermission, but on first and 10 from the Irish 34-yard line, freshman quarterback Jeff George was intercepted by cornerback Marv Spence at the Irish 23.

"I just wish we could have had a better effort on both offense and defense," said George, who wound up turning in the best

performance of his three-game-old college career. "We just were not consistent. The fumbles in the first period hurt us, but I really can't say who was at fault. We'll take a look at the film and decide what caused them."

George completed 28 of 43 passes for 241 yards and only one interception.

But even a dazzling halftime performance by the Purdue All-American Marching Band couldn't rouse the Boilermakers' comatose running game. Only two Purdue backs rushed for positive yardage as the Boilers mustered only 12 yards on the ground in the first 30 minutes.

"We felt if we allowed them to run the football and mix it with the pass, then they would be difficult to stop," said Holtz.

But the only ones difficult to stop were the Irish, who kept right on coming. Notre Dame opened the second half with three quick points. Carney kicked the second longest field goal of his career — a 49-yarder against a 15-mile-per-hour wind. He previously had booted a 51-yard field goal against SMU in the Aloha Bowl.

"We talked all week about having a chip

on our shoulder," said Carney, who had been frustrated by a couple of missed kicks against Michigan and Michigan State. "We had the chip on our shoulder today and it's going to stay there. It's been a tough two weeks. The whole team has been really high strung."

Purdue avoided the whitewash on its next drive. George, who had thrown eight interceptions in his first two outings, passed the Boilers deep into Notre Dame territory. Chaney scored on a three-yard touchdown run over right tackle, but the two-point conversion attempt fell short when linebacker Mike Kovalski hammered Chaney before he could reach the end zone.

The Boilermakers added three more points after Taylor fumbled on the Purdue 36. Jonathan Briggs kicked a 22-yard field goal.

"I didn't want the team to drive all that way and come up empty," explained Burnnett. "We were pretty much out of it by then. If our defense could have stopped them, maybe we could have gotten going."

But that was all she wrote for the Boilers as Notre Dame's offense continued to unload its frustrations from the past two weekends.

After an onside kick backfired and gave the Irish possession on the Purdue 42, Beuerlein went to work. He hit Jackson for 17 yards along the Notre Dame sideline. On third and two from the 13, Johnson hurdled through the middle of the line, shrugged off a tackler at the five and stretched for the goal line and the touchdown.

"I know where the goal line is," said the former all-star soccer star from John Adams High School in South Bend. "They teach us to run north and south and fall forward."

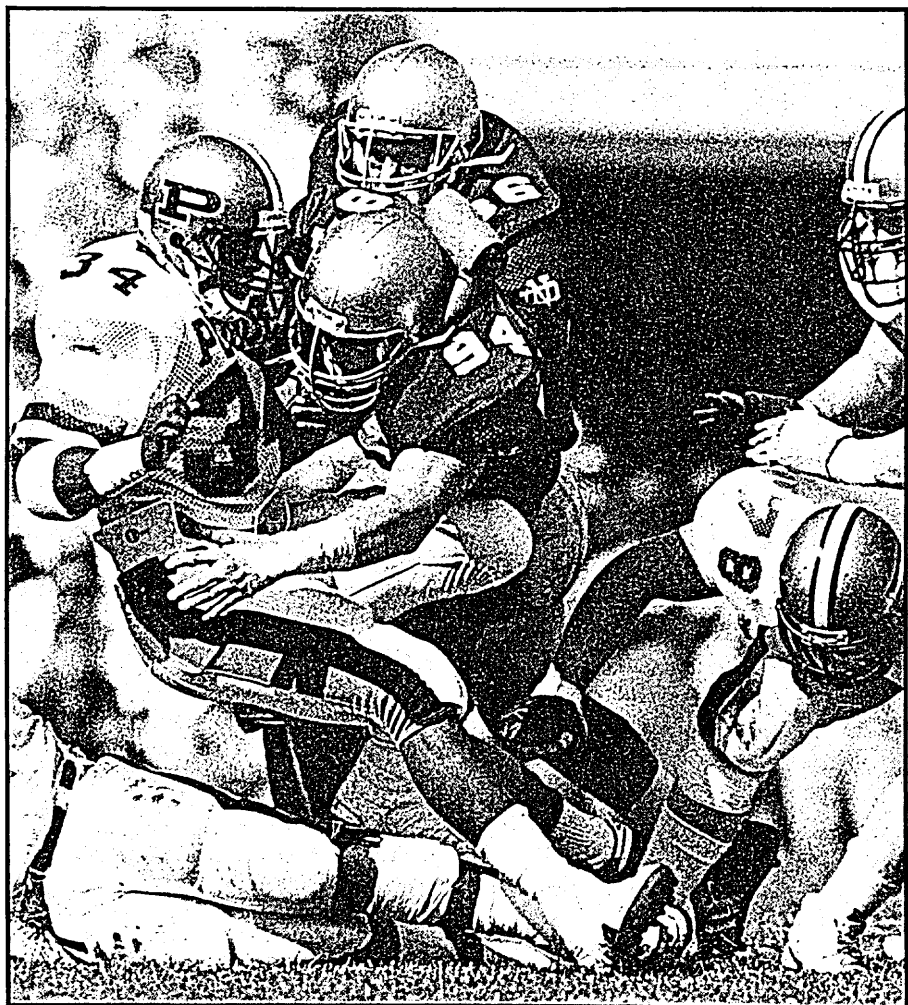
Johnson, who spent last season as a messenger for the ushers in Notre Dame Stadium, now is delivering points and yardage. He ran eight times for 34 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

"Anthony is the kind of guy who makes things happen," said Holtz. "He just amazes me. He's a valuable football player."

"He's sort of bruised up. He's the one that breaks up the wedge on kickoffs. It's not that he's supposed to, he just always seems to get there."

With a 34-9 lead in his pocket, Holtz pulled out the horses and inserted his number-two offense. But Andrysiak wanted to redeem himself after his appearance in the first quarter netted only three points. The Irish moved 42 yards in five plays and scored on Green's zig-zag run of 27 yards. Carney's final kick accounted for the 41-9 score.

Notre Dame dominated nearly every statistical category in this game. Offensively, the Irish accounted for 478 yards to Purdue's 295.



STEVEN NAVRATIL

Noseguard Mike Griffin finishes off Purdue's James Medlock — who had 44 of the Boiler's 54 net rushing yards.

"From the very first play our line controlled the line of scrimmage," said Beuerlein, who completed 10 of 14 passes for 174 yards. "It makes it a whole lot easier to sit back there and pass the ball when you know you've got that kind of time. Purdue couldn't tee off on the pass rush. That made it easier for the receivers and me."

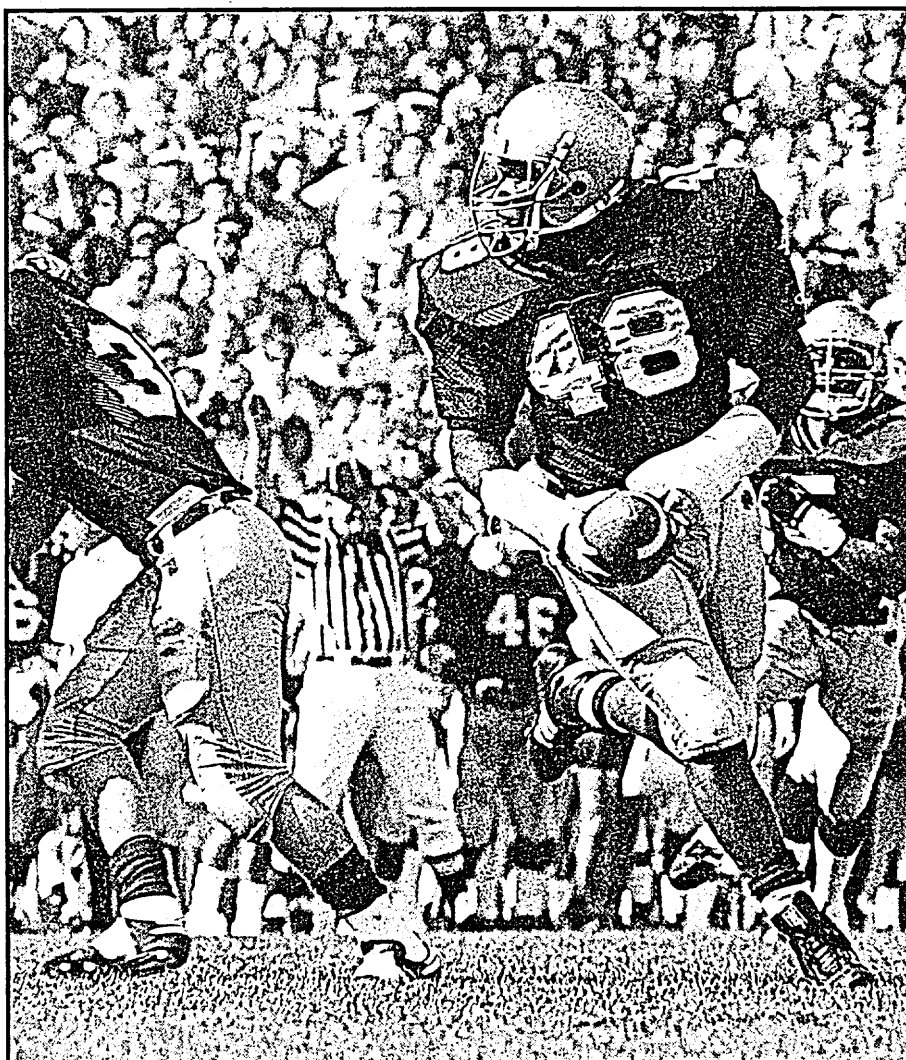
Beuerlein, who was never sacked and seldom chased, threw to six different receivers. He was also aided by the balanced Irish rushing attack that kept the Purdue defense honest. Notre Dame also converted 11 of 16 third-down situations.

Although the big play had hurt Notre Dame in its previous two outings, the Irish defense eliminated the game-breaker against the Boilermakers. And the defensive line, which recorded its first sack of the season with Jeff Kunz's hit on George in the first quarter, continually applied pressure to the quarterback.

"We went into the game thinking Notre Dame would come after me," said George. "We thought they would blitz much more than they did. And we were ready with those shovel passes and the screens. But we couldn't establish anything deep. They dropped back on us."

But George's completions didn't do much damage.

Finally, Notre Dame had played hard, stuck to its game plan and emerged on top at the final gun. Although Holtz played down the significance of his first win at Notre Dame, he had to be relieved. Opening the season at 0-2 was bad enough, but 0-3 would have been, well, unthinkable. One victory didn't wipe the slate clean, but at least for Holtz and the Irish, things were finally looking a little brighter.



CHERYL ERTLE

**Cedric Figaro personally finishes off this first-period Purdue advance by recovering a fumble on one bounce. Seven plays later, John Carney kicked a field goal for a 10-0 Irish lead.**

#### Scoring Summary

Purdue	0	0	6	3	—	9
Notre Dame	10	14	3	14	—	41

#### First Quarter

ND-Pernell Taylor 2 run (John Carney kick) at 9:38; Drive: 74 yards in 12 plays in 5:22 following opening kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Milt Jackson for 29; Score: ND 7-0.

ND-John Carney 42 FG at :01; Drive: 19 yards in 7 plays in 2:49 following Cedric Figaro fumble recovery; Big Play: Terry Andrysiak pass to Tim Brown for 28; Score: ND 10-0.

#### Second Quarter

ND-Anthony Johnson 2 run (John Carney kick) at 13:37; Drive: 20 yards in 3 plays in 1:23 following Dave Butler fumble recovery; Score: ND 17-0.

ND-Milt Jackson 35 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick) at 4:52; Drive: 56 yards in 6 plays in 2:42 following Purdue punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Pernell Taylor for 12; Score: ND 24-0.

#### Third Quarter

ND-John Carney 49 FG at 10:58; Drive: 38 yards in 9 plays in 4:02 following second-half kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Milt Jackson for 26; Score: ND 27-0.

PU-Jerry Chaney 3 run (Jeff George pass fails) at 6:20; Drive: 72 yards in 10 plays in 4:38 following kickoff; Big Play: Chaney run for 20; Score: ND 27-6.

#### Fourth Quarter

PU-Jonathan Briggs 22 FG at 14:47; Drive: 60 yards in

13 plays in 4:40 following Tony Visco fumble recovery; Big Play: Jeff George pass to Jack Beery for 15; Score: ND 27-9.

ND-Anthony Johnson 13 run (John Carney kick) at 10:41; Drive: 42 yards in 8 plays in 4:06 following kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Milt Jackson for 17; Score: ND 34-9.

ND-Mark Green 27 run (John Carney kick) at 7:40; Drive: 42 yards in 5 plays in 1:50 following Purdue punt; Score: 41-9.

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#### Individual Rushing

PU: James Medlock 14-44 (11 long), Jerry Chaney 5-23-1 TD (20 long), Jeff George 2-(-13) (-6 long); ND: Mark Green 17-73-1 TD (27 long), Braxton Banks 3-46 (34 long), Pernell Taylor 10-44-1 TD (17 long), Anthony Johnson 8-34-2 TD (13 long), D'Juan Francisco 6-25 (10 long), Tim Brown 5-14 (7 long), Tom Monahan 3-13 (5 long), Steve Belles 3-12 (5 long), Joe Jarosz 1-6, Alvin Miller 1-4, Steve Beuerlein 2-4 (5 long), Skip Holtz 1-1.

#### Individual Passing

PU: Jeff George 43-28-1-241 (18 long); ND: Steve Beuerlein 14-10-0-174-1 TD (35 long), Terry Andrysiak 2-1-0-28.

#### Individual Receiving

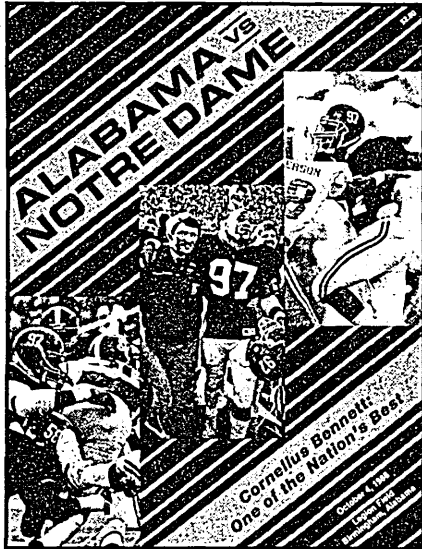
PU: Jerry Chaney 6-33 (11 long), Tony Grant 5-26 (14 long), Jon Hayes 4-43 (13 long), James Medlock 4-30 (18 long), Rick Brunner 3-39 (14 long), Lance Scheib 2-26 (13 long), Jack Beery 1-15, Lorenzo McCline 1-14, Brad Schumacher 1-13, Scott Nelson 1-

2; ND: Milt Jackson 4-107-1 TD (35 long), Tim Brown 3-58 (28 long), Ray Dumas 1-12, Pernell Taylor 1-12, Mark Green 1-7, Andy Heck 1-6.

#### Team Statistics

	PU	ND
First Downs .....	19	24
Rushing .....	5	14
Passing .....	14	9
Penalty .....	0	1
Rushing Attempts .....	22	60
Yards Rushing .....	75	286
Yards Lost Rushing .....	21	10
Net Yards Rushing .....	54	276
Net Yards Passing .....	241	202
Passes Attempted .....	43	16
Passes Completed .....	28	11
Had Intercepted .....	1	0
Total Offensive Plays .....	65	76
Total Net Yards .....	295	478
Average Gain Per Play .....	4.5	6.3
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	4-2	4-1
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	5-49	5-64
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	0-0	1-0
Number of Punts—Yards .....	4-138	2-83
Average Per Punt .....	34.5	41.5
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	1-43	3-19
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	5-89	3-81
Third Down Conversions .....	5-13	10-15

# ALABAMA 28, NOTRE DAME 10



## Settling An Old Score For the Bear

By Jim Daves

Late in the fourth quarter of the game, after the contest had long since been decided, a roar rose from the 75,808 patrons in Birmingham's Legion Field. The commotion was caused by a sign that had been unfurled and paraded around the stadium.

The banner pretty much summed up the thoughts and emotions of the Crimson Tide fans.

"This One's for You Bear," it read.

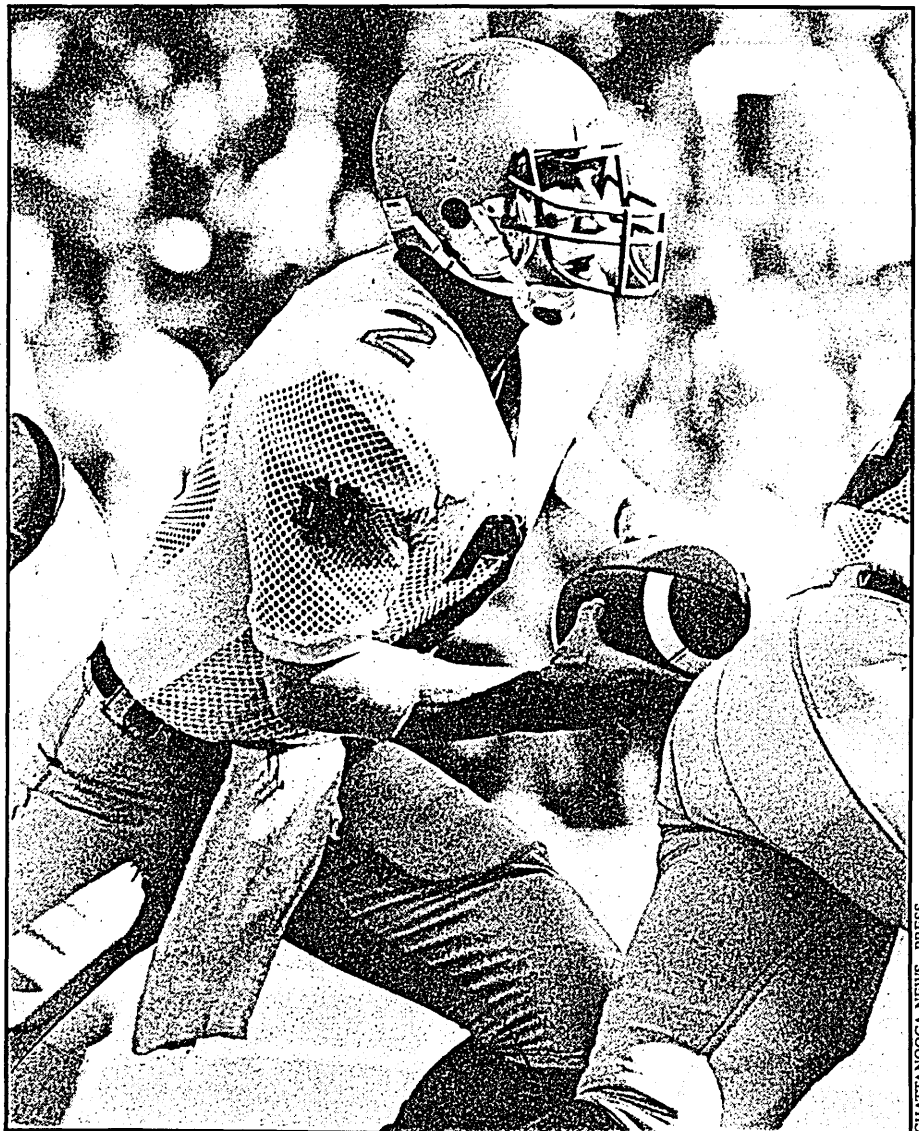
Finally, Alabama had beaten Notre Dame. Finally, the thorn had been removed from its side. And most Tide fans felt that, somewhere legendary coach Bear Bryant knew the 28-10 outcome and was smiling. That made them happy.

Bear Bryant is to Alabama fans what Rockne, Leahy and Parseghian are to Irish enthusiasts. He is the man who made Alabama football what it is today. National championships, conference championships, coach of the year honors, All-Americans were all things Bryant had achieved during his tenure. But he had never beaten Notre Dame.

The week before the game Alabama fans, players and media pondered the Notre Dame jinx and wondered aloud if they would ever manage a victory against the Irish.

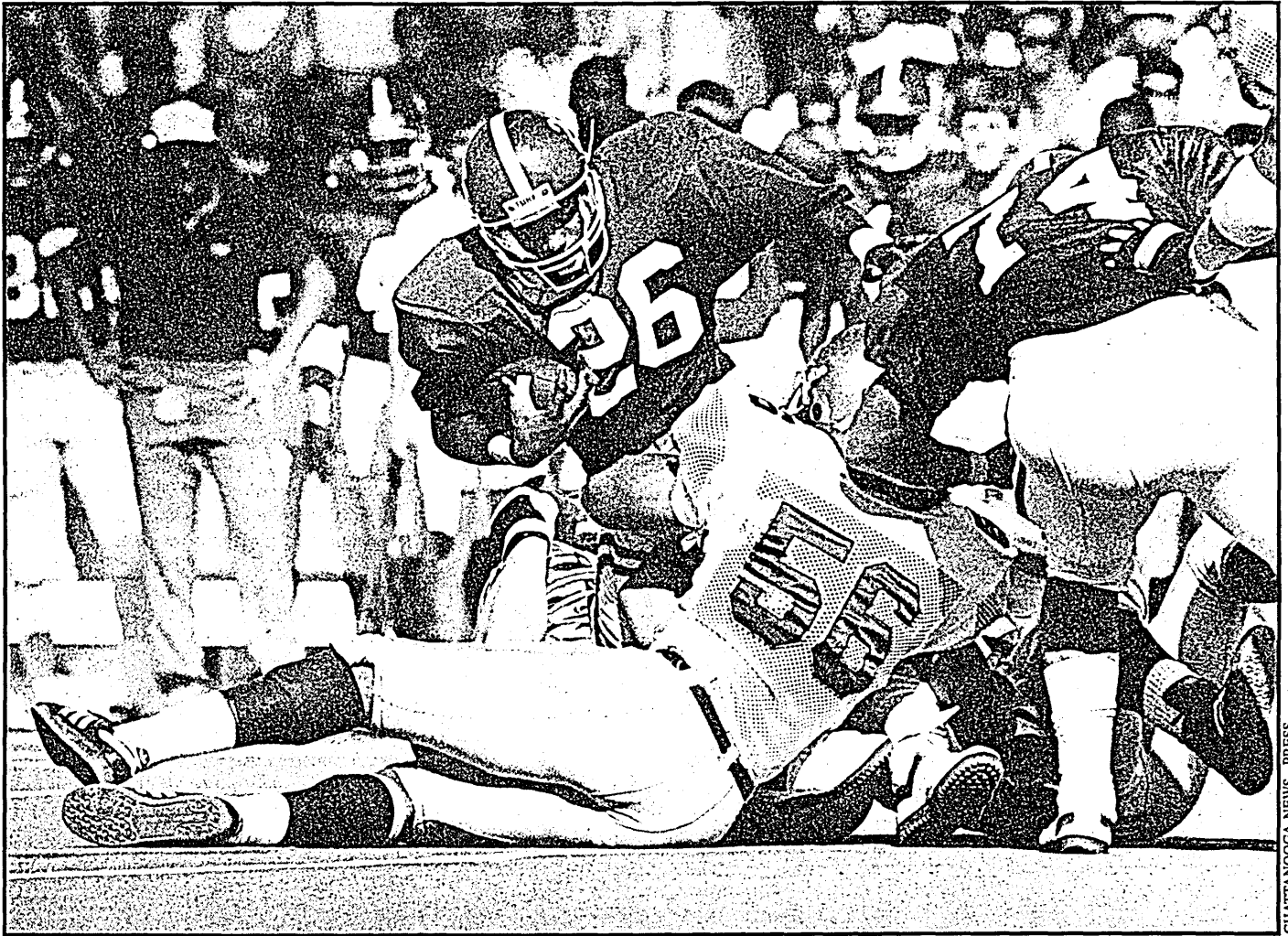
Notre Dame had pinned a dramatic 24-23 loss on the Tide during the '73 Sugar Bowl to snuff out Alabama's dream of a national title and claimed it themselves in the team's first meeting. Again in '75 the Irish dethroned the top-ranked Crimson Tide 13-11 during the Orange Bowl in Ara Parseghian's finale to end another Tide national championship quest. Two regular season clashes saw Notre Dame prevail 21-18 in '76 and 7-0 in '80.

More than half a decade had passed, but still Alabama fans had not forgotten the string of stinging defeats. Bryant's succes-



Junior quarterback Terry Andrysiak found himself thrust into the glare of the national television spotlight after a first-period concussion suffered by regular Steve Beuerlein.

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**Senior Robert Banks ends this rushing foray by the Tide's Bobby Humphrey. Humphrey ended up with 73 of Alabama's 127 rushing yards.**

sor, Ray Perkins, stressed that point as his team took advantage of an open date to have two weeks to prepare.

"Notre Dame is what Wimbledon is to tennis . . . what the Masters is to golf," said Perkins the week before the game. "I told our players that Alabama teams have won the Southeastern Conference and the national championship, but they can do something that no team here has done — beat Notre Dame.

"But there's no mystique about it," he cautioned.

"I don't think I've ever seen mystique beat a football team. But I've seen 11 guys on offense and 11 guys on defense go out and beat a football team. And Notre Dame has done that four times to Alabama already."

Indeed the last time these two gridiron giants met, their entire current squads were still playing in the high school and junior high school ranks. At that time Cornelius Bennett would never imagine the impact he would have on ending the Tide's draught. Literally.

In a game filled with big plays, Bennett's contribution early in the first

quarter might have loomed largest. It easily was the most devastating.

Perkins prophesied the week of the game that, "For us to have an opportunity to win the game we've got to somehow stop Beuerlein. He's the key."

Bennett took care of that task in a hurry.

On the second Irish possession quarterback Steve Beuerlein dropped back to pass and was brutally smashed into the Legion Field turf for an eight-yard loss by the blitzing, untouched Bennett coming at full speed from the blind side.

"It's my job to pressure the quarterback and I knew I was going to get him," said Bennett who finished with six tackles. "I was coming full speed for the quarterback. I didn't get blocked at all. It was just a free shot. I had a big smile the whole day because I really did have some fun."

"That hit Bennett made really did pick us up," said middle guard Curt Jarvis, who later sacked Terry Andrysiak for a 13-yard loss. "That's probably one of the most vicious licks I've ever seen on a quarterback. It set the tempo for the rest of the day."

Bennett's play also made things fun for

the Tide fans as the capacity crowd roared its approval in front of ABC's national television audience. Somehow, during all the celebrating, Beuerlein managed to regain his senses and even complete a pass on the next down. But the drive stalled, and with the crowd still cheering wildly in the 90-degree heat Dan Sorensen's punt was fielded by Greg Richardson at the 34-yard line.

"The punt return was something we had been working hard on all week," said Richardson, an all-Southeastern Conference sprinter. "We thought we could break one against them. They had a lot of big guys, but they were real slow. I got a couple of good blocks and was gone."

Richardson sidestepped two unrushing coverage men and exploded down the Alabama sideline for 66 yards and the first score. Just to make sure he made it into the end zone, Bennett provided the final block, sending Sorensen sprawling at the 15-yard line.

Beuerlein, who alternated with Andrysiak for the remainder of the game, admitted afterwards the decision to remain in the game was probably not a wise one.



"I didn't say anything about it at first," said Beuerlein. "But, I probably should have taken myself out. In the second half, I realized I was making some pretty stupid mistakes, like going the wrong way on plays and stuff. I remember seeing a lot of mouths moving, but I didn't hear the words that well."

With Beuerlein still woozy and Andrysiak under constant pressure and forced to flee the pocket, the Irish had trouble executing their gameplan. Despite eventually piling up more total offense than the Crimson Tide (324 yards to 318 yards) Notre Dame could penetrate the 20-yard line just once.

"I felt a key for us would be to establish the run early and we did," Beuerlein said. "However, what we wanted to do was complement it with the passing game. They play a secondary coverage that is very vulnerable to the deep pass, if you have time to throw it. What they are saying is they will take away the short stuff and if they can, the rushers will put enough pressure on you that you are not going to be able to beat them deep."

"That's what happened today. We knew their weaknesses back there deep, but we didn't have the time to get it done. We were too worried about what was going on up front. I thought we moved the ball well overall. But every time we would get a couple of first downs and get something

going, we'd make a turnover or some other mistake. But there again, that's a tribute to the way they played on defense."

Instead, it was the Irish who were beaten deep.

Midway through the second quarter Andrysiak's handoff to tailback Mark Green squirted free and was covered by the Tide's Greg Gilbert to kill Notre Dame's deepest penetration at the Alabama 36. Several plays later quarterback Mike Shula found speedy-quick receiver Albert Bell in single coverage downfield for a 52-yard touchdown strike. Van Tiffin's extra point made it 14-0.

"I knew as soon as I threw it that we had a completion, but I didn't know whether he'd be able to outrun everybody for a touchdown," said Shula who set up the play with a three-yard sneak on third down the previous play to keep the drive alive.

Speed had played another part in the Irish demise.

"As a secondary we've wanted to eliminate the bomb, but we gave it up today," said cornerback Marv Spence. "You can't do that against a good team. They try to put you to sleep with their running, then all of a sudden they throw long."

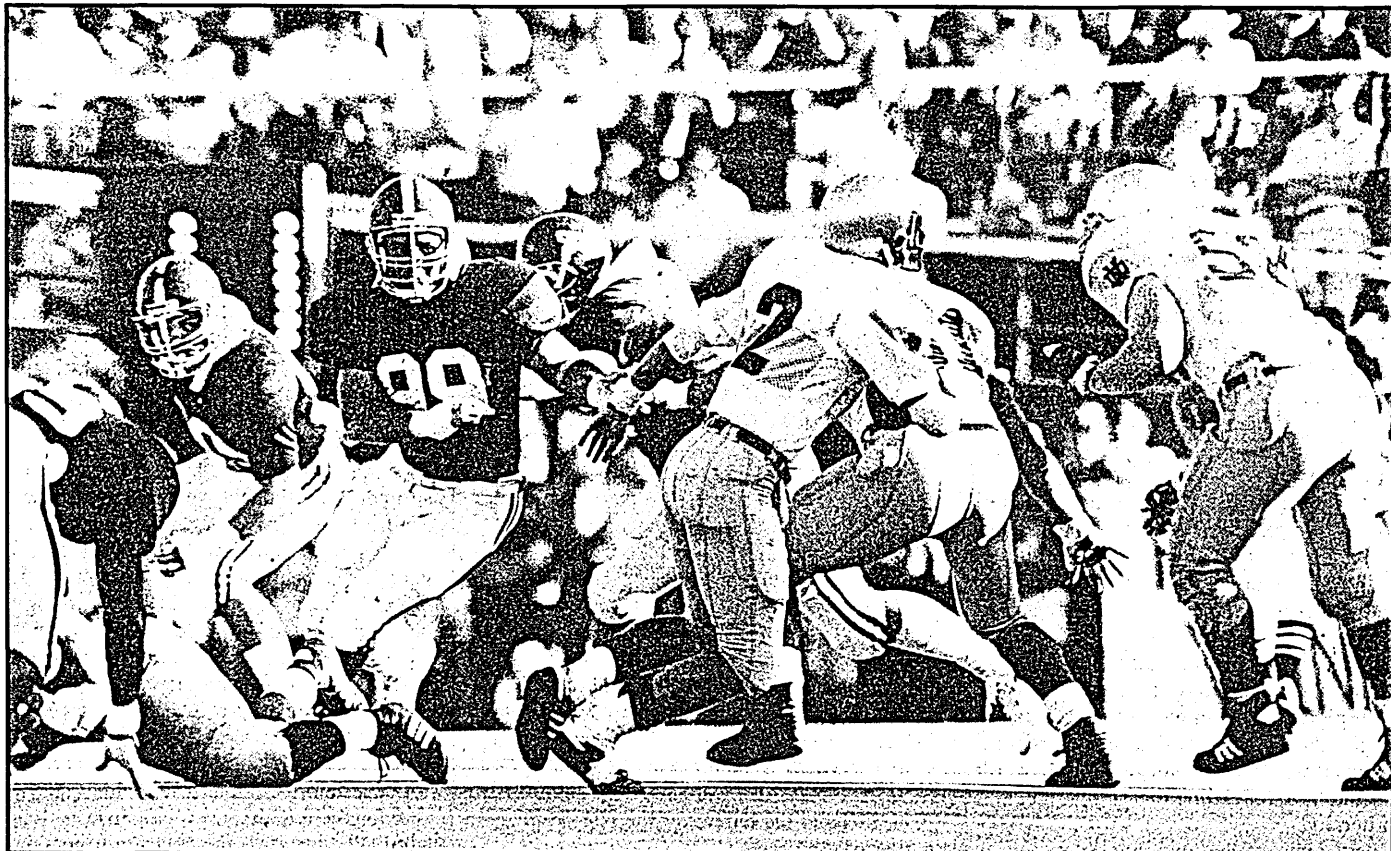
The first half closed with a flurry of action. The Irish quickly drove to the Alabama 29 but John Carney's 46-yard

field goal attempt was wide left. Notre Dame then received a break when Shula fumbled while being sacked by Darrell Gordon. Three plays later Beuerlein hit Tim Brown in the flat for a touchdown to close the Tide's lead to 14-7.

Shula promptly marched Alabama to a third touchdown on an 80-yard drive in two minutes, tossing an 11-yard strike to Greg Richardson. The drive was keyed by Shula's 18-yard pass to Richardson from the Bama 40 which amounted to a 33-yard gain when Troy Wilson was whistled for a late hit on the play.

With only a minute remaining in the half, Andrysiak took over for Beuerlein, scrambled for six yards, tossed a screen to Green for 11, hit Brown for 24 and then found an open Joel Williams for eight yards to bring the Irish to the Tide's 26-yard line with 10 ticks left on the clock. After a timeout Andrysiak hooked up with Milt Jackson on the left sideline for a 22-yard completion before he was knocked out of bounds. With time for one play, coach Lou Holtz opted for the field goal which Carney provided. The Irish went into the locker-room down 21-10, but with momentum on their side.

Momentum is a funny thing. Sports-writers love to use the cliché of comparing it with a pendulum because of the way it can quickly swing and shift. It was a word that was tossed around a lot in both



Irish quarterback Terry Andrysiak displays good judgment in running away from Alabama linebacker Cornelius Bennett, whose early hit on Steve Beuerlein put Andrysiak into the lineup.



lockerrooms after the game.

It took just one play for momentum to abandon the Irish in the second half.

After galloping up the Irish sideline for 22 yards on the opening kickoff, Brown was hit by Bama's Desmond Holoman and the ball popped free. Holoman smothered it to end Alabama's final big play for the game and the Tide fans went berserk. Three plays later Shula's lofty pass was picked out of the air by Bell for the final score. It was 28-10 and although there were nearly 28 minutes left to play, this one was over.

"We knew they were a good second half team," Holtz relayed. "And they didn't need any encouragement."

Just to make sure Notre Dame didn't creep back into the game Freddie Robinson picked off two errant Irish passes to kill drives. And when Mike Haywood intercepted a Shula toss late in the third corner and appeared ready to turn a corner and head 70 yards for a score Richardson's blazing speed caught him from behind.

Speed and the opponents coming up with the big plays again killed the Irish. Just listen to the players.

"Richardson's speed had a lot to do with me being caught from behind," said Haywood of being dragged down after getting a 10-yard head start on his interception.

"Bell's speed surprised us," said safety Brandy Wells, beaten for a touchdown in the second quarter.

"They have a good defense, the fastest defense we've played," said Beuerlein.

"It's not that he's so impressive physically but he has great speed," said Irish center Chuck Lanza about Bennett while echoing a familiar theme. "He has great desire for the game and he gets that wide rush. It's awful hard to get back and block him."

"Speed is our key," said Bennett in agreement. "It's the key to our season."

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— Steve Beuerlein

It was the key the Irish couldn't stop, although they had plenty of warning after viewing films in preparation for the game.

"They have great quickness on defense," forewarned Holtz the week of the contest. "And playing on Astroturf just magnifies their speed. Their pass rush is incredible . . . I'm just glad we're not playing them in track."

The 1-3 start wore hard on Holtz. His words were short and lacking the usual punch of humor. He knew positive things had been accomplished but he also knew

there was plenty of work ahead for the Irish.

Afterward, as the team filed out of the lockerroom for the bus trip back to the Birmingham airport, several thousand Bama fans continued to engage in post-game tailgate parties. They basked in the late afternoon sunshine relishing the win.

As the Irish bus caravan pulled away, the Tide supporters turned to wave goodbye in a warm display of sportsmanship. And for the first time, they saw Notre Dame off with a smile on their faces.

#### Scoring Summary

Notre Dame	0	10	0	0	—	10
Alabama	7	14	7	0	—	28

#### First Quarter

UA-Greg Richardson 66 punt return (Van Tiffin kick) at 5:23; Score: UA 7-0.

#### Second Quarter

UA-Albert Bell 52 pass from Mike Shula (Van Tiffin kick) at 6:57; Drive: 64 yards in 4 plays in 1:42 following Greg Gilbert fumble recovery; Score: UA 14-0.

ND-Tim Brown 8 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick) at 2:59; Drive: 11 yards in 3 plays in :50 following Robert Banks fumble recovery; Score: UA 14-7.

UA-Howard Cross 11 pass from Mike Shula (Van Tiffin kick) at :59; Drive: 80 yards in 6 plays in 2:00 following kickoff; Big Play: Mike Shula pass to Greg Richardson for 18; Score: UA 21-7.

ND-John Carney 22 FG at :00; Drive: 71 yards in 8 plays in :59 following kickoff; Big Play: Terry Andrysiak pass to Tim Brown for 24; Score: UA 21-10.

#### Third Quarter

UA-Albert Bell 22 pass from Mike Shula (Van Tiffin kick) at 13:38; Drive: 19 yards in 3 plays in 1:16 fol-

lowing Desmond Holoman fumble recovery; Score:

UA 28-10.

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#### Individual Rushing

ND: Pernell Taylor 7-46 (20 long), Terry Andrysiak 11-33 (16 long), Anthony Johnson 4-23 (14 long), Steve Belles 2-19 (16 long), Mark Green 4-12 (15 long), Tim Brown 4-12 (5 long), Reggie Ward 1-11, Braxton Banks 2-8 (6 long), D'Juan Francisco 2-8 (6 long), Tom Monahan 2-4 (3 long), Ray Dumas 1-(-1), Hiawatha Francisco 1-(-1), Steve Beuerlein 3-(-6) (3 long); UA: Bobby Humphrey 17-73 (16 long), Albert Bell 2-40 (24 long), Bo Wright 5-28 (11 long), Kerry Goode 5-15 (7 long), Mike Shula 4-(-29) (3 long).

#### Individual Passing

ND: Steve Beuerlein 16-51-66-1 TD (31 long), Terry Andrysiak 18-8-1-90 (24 long), Steve Belles 1-0-1-0; UA: Mike Shula 23-15-1-191-3 TD (52 long).

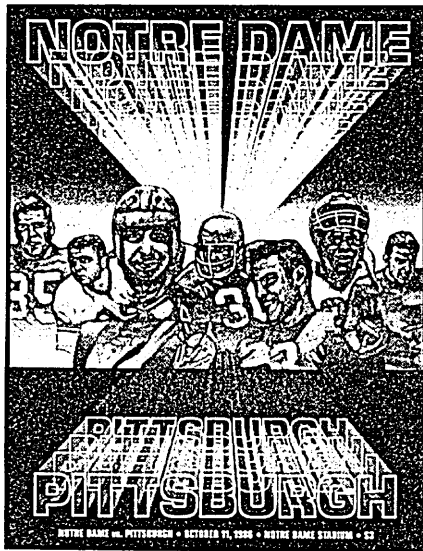
#### Individual Receiving

ND: Mark Green 4-38 (22 long), Tim Brown 3-63-1 TD (31 long), Milt Jackson 2-35 (22 long), Braxton Banks 2-3 (2 long), Reggie Ward 1-9, Joel Williams 1-8; UA: Albert Bell 5-99-2 TD (52 long), Kerry Goode 3-26 (14 long), Bo Wright 3-16 (9 long), Howard Cross 2-27-1 TD (16 long), Greg Richardson 1-18, Bobby Humphrey 1-5.

#### Team Statistics

	UA	ND
First Downs .....	15	21
Rushing .....	7	12
Passing .....	7	8
Penalty .....	1	1
Rushing Attempts .....	33	44
Yards Gained Rushing .....	163	214
Yards Lost Rushing .....	36	46
Net Yards Rushing .....	127	168
Net Yards Passing .....	191	156
Passes Attempted .....	23	35
Passes Completed .....	15	13
Had Intercepted .....	1	3
Total Offensive Plays .....	56	79
Total Net Yards .....	354	324
Average Gain Per Play .....	6.32	4.10
Return Yards .....	88	70
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	3-2	4-2
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	5-30	2-20
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	3-9	1-27
Number of Punts—Yards .....	8-338	7-252
Average Per Punt .....	42.3	36.0
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	4-79	4-43
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	0-0	3-49
Third-Down Conversions .....	3 of 13	6 of 17

# PITTSBURGH 10, NOTRE DAME 9



## The Refrain Remained Ever So Familiar

by Karen Croake

For a time, Foge Fazio was Pittsburgh's favorite son.

As a former player, defensive coordinator and head coach, he helped mold Pitt into a consistent national championship contender. Several civic groups in the community named him their man of the year, and the 1985 Perfect media guide hailed him as "the perfect hometown hero."

But after Fazio's teams lost 13 games in two seasons, the natives grew restless and

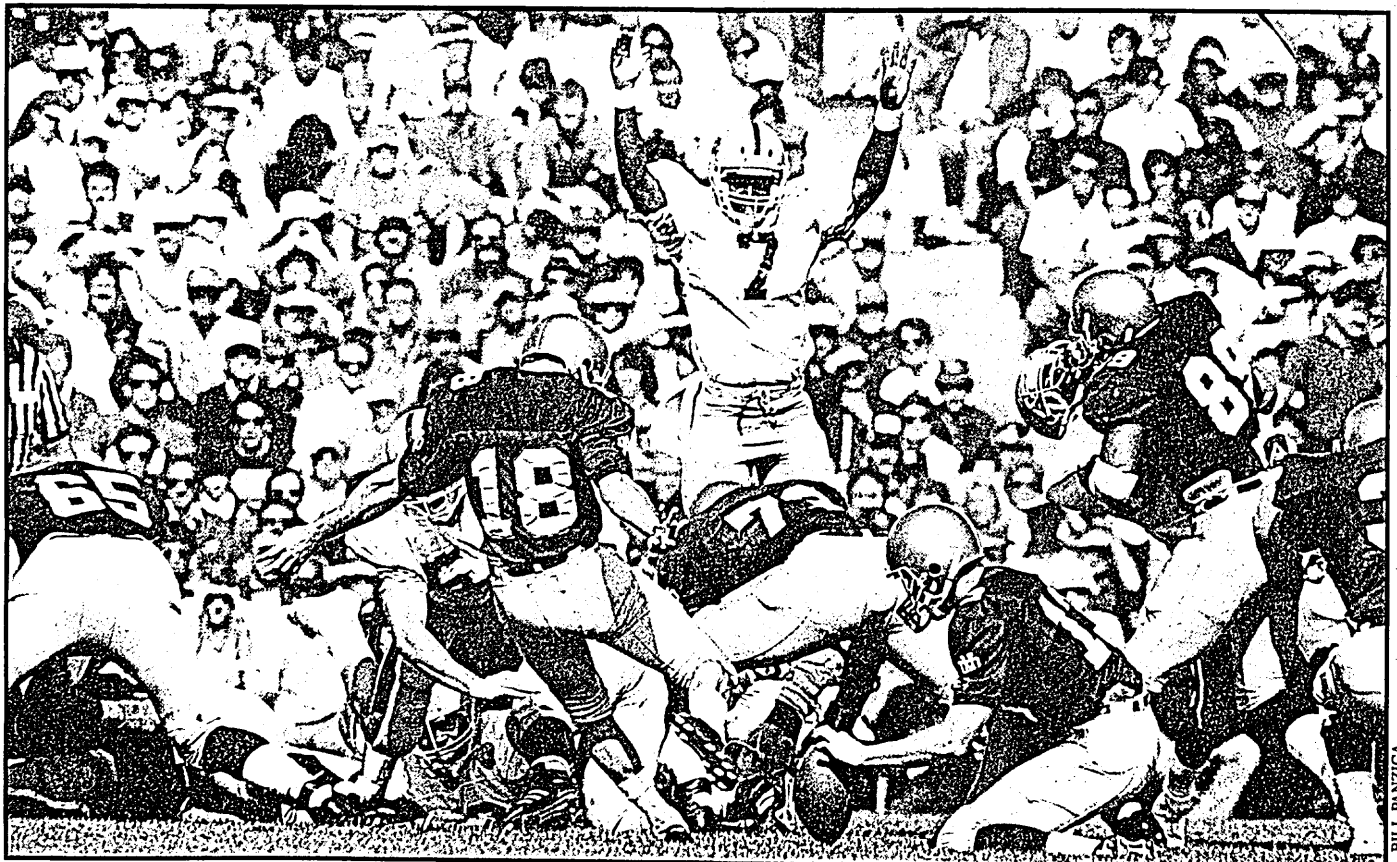
chased the chief out of town.

First-year coach Lou Holtz, who knew Notre Dame's defense needed transfusions of speed, energy, hustle, aggressiveness and desire, wanted a defensive guru to put the fight back into the Irish. Fazio was welcomed into the Notre Dame camp with open arms.

"I can't think of anyone else I'd rather have in charge of my defense," said Holtz. "Foge knows his defense like nobody's

business. Just look at what he's done at other places. Plus, he cares about our players as people. He expects, even demands loyalty, dedication and hard work, but he'd give you the shirt off his back if he needed it."

And now, less than a year after he'd been issued a one-way ticket out of his own hometown, Fazio would be staring across the sidelines at players he recruited, cajoled, hollered at and hugged. On this



Irish placekicker John Garney provided all the Notre Dame points on field goals from 35, 48 and 20 yards.

sunny Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium, Fazio's enemy was his former family.

"I'm looking at it as the white shirts (Pitt) against the blue shirts (Notre Dame)," said Fazio earlier in the week. "I'm not going to preoccupy myself with this. It's just a football team. We better be ready and my responsibility is to get us ready."

But Fazio's new players — the guys in the blue shirts — realized how much the Pitt game meant to him, and they were willing to do anything to present him the game ball.

"Even though he hasn't emphasized it, we know it's an important game for Fazio," said defensive tackle Wally Kleine.

Notre Dame's defense responded to the unspoken challenge and did just about everything Fazio asked.

The Irish sacked Pitt's slippery veteran quarterback John Congemi five times — more than the combined total from the previous four games.

They shut down the Panthers' rushing attack and allowed them only 23 yards of turf.

They blocked a Pitt field-goal attempt in the second quarter.

Notre Dame held Pitt to one long scoring drive which began after an interception.

And in the fourth quarter, the Irish, trailing by one point at the time, nailed the Panthers on fourth-and-goal from the Notre Dame one-yard line.

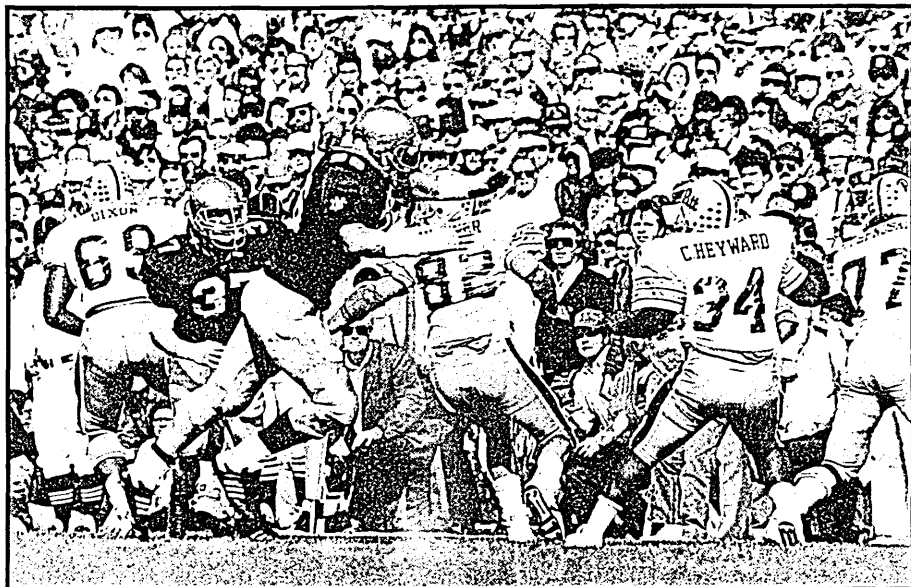
But the defense's superb performance wasn't enough as the Irish dropped another heartbreaker, 10-9, in Notre Dame Stadium.

"It was an exceptionally depressing loss for our football players," said Holtz, who had to wonder if and when the nightmarish finishes were ever going to turn into happy endings for the Irish. "Our players were heartbroken, and my heart's broken for them."

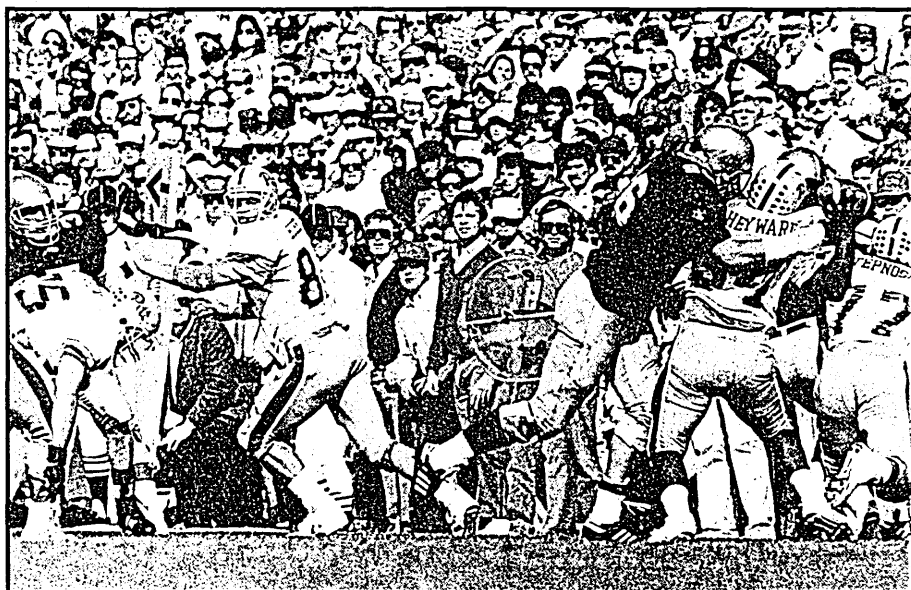
Once again, Notre Dame had an opportunity to win it at the end. John Carney, who had accounted for all of Notre Dame's nine points on the strength of 35-, 48- and 20-yard field goals, attempted a 38-yard try with just 14 seconds left on the clock. For Carney, it was a chance for redemption. Everyone in the stadium knew he had missed a field goal on the last play of the Michigan game, and his team had lost by a point. If he made this one against Pitt, all previous sins would be forgiven.

But Carney would have to face a few more weeks in purgatory. His kick sailed high and apparently far enough as holder Dan Sorensen leaped in jubilation as he watched the flight of the ball. But the victory celebration was cut short when the officials ruled the kick was wide and no good.

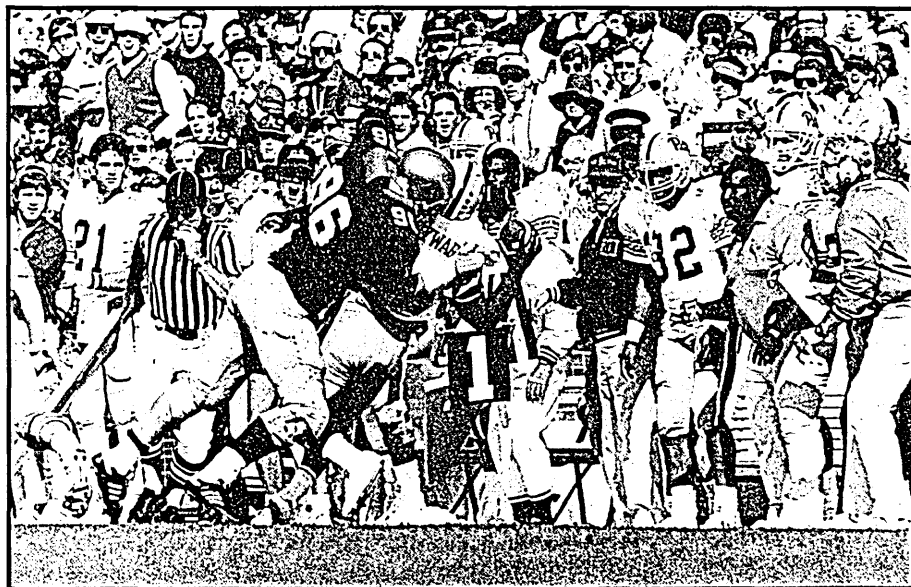
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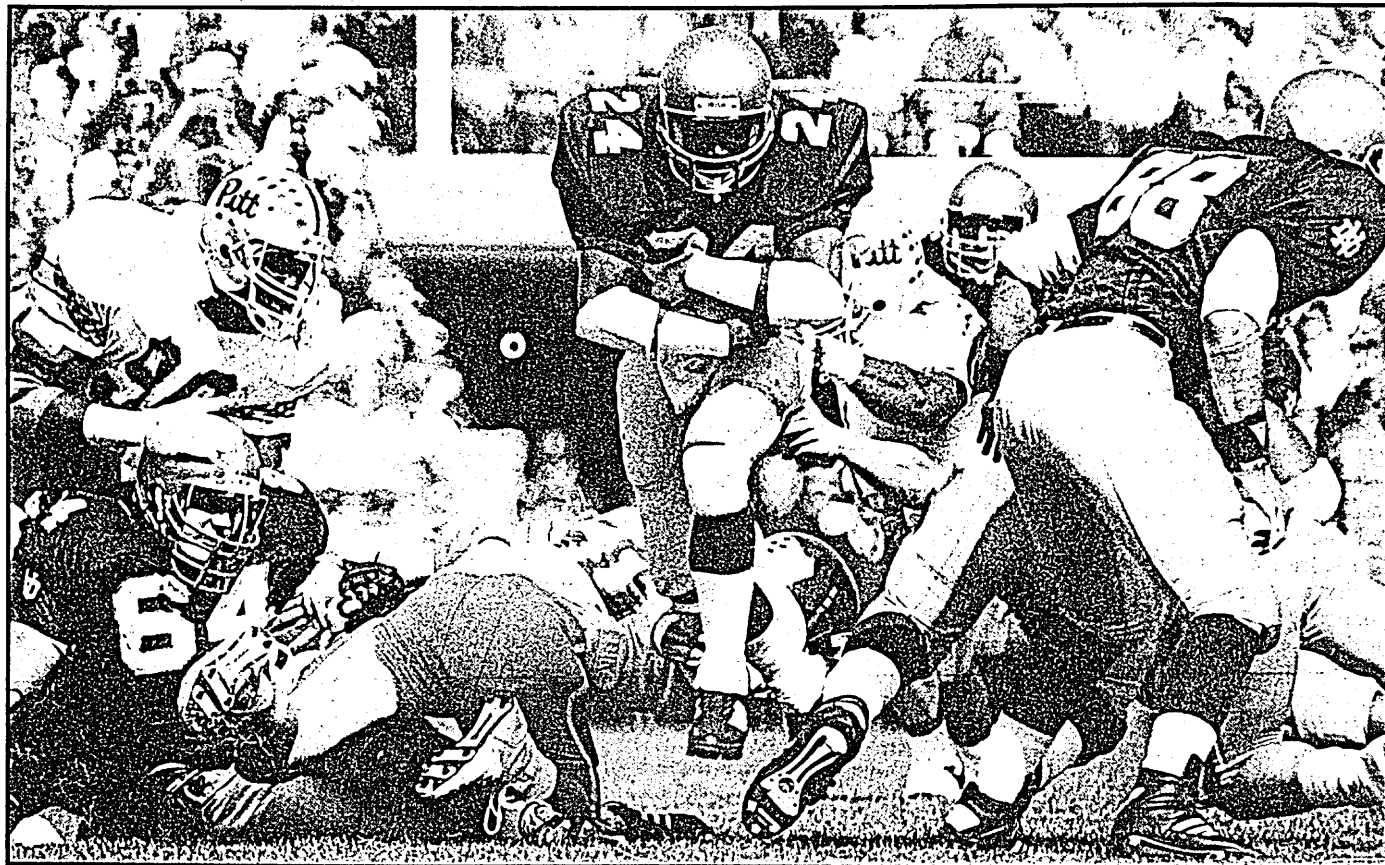


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**Wally Kleine helped produce Pitt's Craig Heyward's desperation popup, but officials ruled Kleine had made the stop for a five-yard loss.**



GREG KOHS

Potent blocking by Tom McHugh (left) and Andy Heck paves the way for Mark Green.

right over the upright," said Sorensen.

"I was walking up and down the sidelines telling people there's no doubt about it," said quarterback Steve Beuerlein, whose passes for 31 yards to Milt Jackson and 22 yards to Anthony Johnson, moved the Irish into position for the win. "We've been in that situation too many times to come up empty-handed again. We all kind of went into shock."

But Carney's missed kick wasn't the reason Notre Dame lost its seventh game in its last eight outings. Had the Irish displayed any consistency, control and flair in their offense and avoided crucial mistakes, Notre Dame might have had a victory, and Foge Fazio would have had something new to display on his mantle.

"It was a ballgame in which we knew they'd be tough defensively and we knew we would have to play well defensively," said Holtz.

Against Pitt's formidable tacklers, who still showed signs of an apprenticeship under Fazio, Notre Dame's ground game was listless. The Irish rushed for just 133 yards on 45 carries for a 2.9 average. And they went the first 12 and one-half minutes of the second quarter without a first down. In addition, Notre Dame turned the ball over twice, failed to score a touchdown and managed to convert only four of 16 third-down situations.

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— Steve Beuerlein

"Our offense just wasn't clicking today," said Beuerlein, who didn't start the game because of lack of practice time during the week after suffering a slight concussion against Alabama.

Holtz replaced Terry Andrysiak, who did not attempt a pass in the game, after the Irish came up empty on their first two drives. To the junior's credit, he did move Notre Dame to the Pitt 24, but Carney's first field-goal attempt sailed wide left.

Beuerlein came off the bench on the third offensive series and promptly engineered a 59-yard march that culminated in Carney's first three-pointer, this one from 35 yards.

After a bobbled kickoff return forced the Panthers to start from their own one-yard line, Notre Dame's defense allowed them only four yards on three plays. A Pitt punt put the Irish in excellent field position at the Panther 37. But Beuerlein overthrew two receivers and was sacked once as Notre Dame failed to capitalize.

After the Panthers missed a 36-yard field-goal attempt that would have tied the game at 3-3, the Irish closed out the half with another Carney field goal from 48 yards.

But Notre Dame went from bad to worse in the second half. The Irish moved all the way to the Pitt 20, but on third down, Beuerlein threw into a crowd and



Panther linebacker Steve Apke intercepted at his own 15.

"I was hoping somebody would come into sight," explained Beuerlein. "I was looking for a good place to throw it away. I should have thrown in the end zone. I made the wrong decision, once again."

Pitt turned that interception into its only touchdown drive of the game. Congemi, who threw short most of the day for 310 yards, capped the 83-yard drive himself with a one-yard touchdown plunge over left guard.

"I can't say enough about Congemi," said Pitt head coach Mike Gottfried. "He's battled and battled and he's a great leader. He has a lot of experience and is like a coach on the field. He's a bridge between the players and coaches."

After Notre Dame's impressive goal-line stand on the first play of the fourth quarter, the Irish bounced back to take a short-lived 9-7 lead on Carney's 20-yard kick.

All Notre Dame had to do was hang on for less than three minutes, and the Irish would have victory number-two. But, Notre Dame could not get a first down, and Sorensen came in to punt.

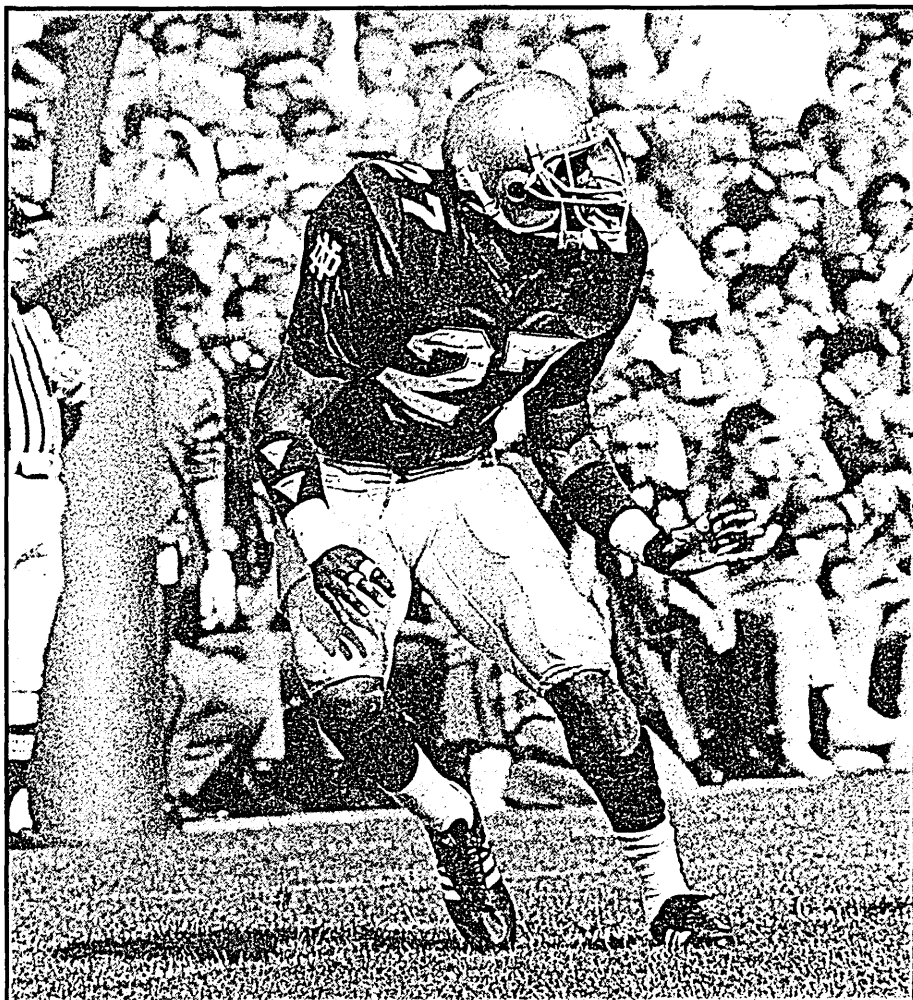
Pitt rushed 10 men, and second-string quarterback Matt Bradley got his hand on Sorensen's kick. The Panthers recovered on the Irish 34.

"I had my head down, took my two steps and never considered it being blocked," said Sorensen. "I don't know what happened."

But Pitt assistant coach Chuck Klausing had noticed something on the previous Irish punt and suggested to Gottfried that the Panthers could pull it off.

"On Notre Dame's previous kick, their left guard, a second-string guy, was late getting onto the field," explained Bradley. "He just made it in time. We thought then and there we'd go for the block when they kicked the next time."

The blocked punt set up freshman Jeff



CHERYL ENTELT

**Safety George Streeter helped hold Pittsburgh to 23 rushing yards and kept the Panthers out of the end zone other than John Congemi's one-yard third-period scoring run.**

VanHorne's 29-yard field goal that gave Pitt its 10-9 win.

"I've never seen a football team compete and hang in there and hang together as this one has," said Holtz. "They just refuse to quit. They refuse to give up. The way everything happened

it would have been an incredible win."

But victory wasn't in the cards for the Irish again. Although Holtz was now playing with a 1-4 hand, he still had a few tricks up his sleeve. Notre Dame would need them all the following week against Air Force.

Scoring Summary					
Pittsburgh	0	0	7	3	— 10
Notre Dame	0	6	0	3	— 9

#### Second Quarter

ND-John Carney 35 FG at 14:14; Drive: 59 yards in 10 plays in 4:14 following missed field-goal attempt by Pitt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Mark Green for 21; Score: ND 3-0.

ND-John Carney 48 FG at 10; Drive: 41 yards in 6 plays in 2:38 following missed field-goal attempt by Pitt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 19; Score: ND 6-0.

#### Third Quarter

Pitt-John Congemi 1 run (Jeff Van Horne kick) at 4:47; Drive: 83 yards in 13 plays in 5:29 following Steve Apke interception; Big Play: Congemi pass to Bill Osborn for 32; Score: Pitt 7-6.

#### Fourth Quarter

ND-John Carney 20 FG at 4:49; Drive: 74 yards in 12 plays in 6:00 following Pitt punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 23; Score: ND 9-7. Pitt-Jeff Van Horne 29 FG at 1:25; Drive: 23 yards in 4 plays in 1:04; Big Play: John Congemi pass to Keith Tinsley for 15; Score: Pitt 10-9.

#### Individual Rushing

Pitt: Craig Heyward 18-42 (10 long), Tom Brown 3-5 (5 long), Charles Gladman 2-2 (2 long), John Congemi 9-(-26) (7 long); ND: Pernell Taylor 13-42 (7 long), Anthony Johnson 5-26 (14 long), Tim Brown 2-18 (16 long), Mark Green 5-14 (7 long), Terry Andrysiak 4-10 (5 long), Tom Monahan 4-9 (3 long), Braxton Banks 2-8 (4 long), Hiawatha Fancisco 2-7 (5 long), Alonzo Jefferson 3-3 (2 long), Steve Beuerlein 5-(-4) (3 long).

#### Individual Passing

Pitt: John Congemi 47-25-0-310 (32 long), Joe Felitsky 1-0-0-0; ND: Steve Beuerlein 23-15-1/2-167 (31 long).

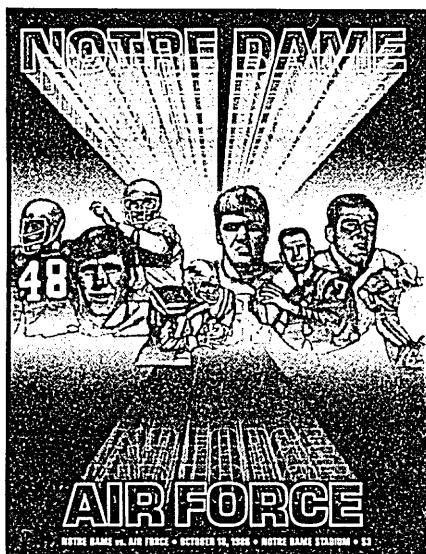
#### Individual Receiving

Pitt: Bill Osborn 8-94 (32 long), Michael Stewart 7-71 (13 long), Chuck Scales 3-47 (28 long), Keith Tinsley 3-34 (15 long), Tom Brown 2-25 (17 long), Charles Gladman 1-20, Craig Heyward 1-19; ND: Tim Brown 6-65 (23 long), Milt Jackson 3-48 (31 long), Mark Green 2-19 (21 long), Anthony Johnson 1-22, Joel Williams 1-14, Pernell Taylor 1-0, Alonzo Jefferson 1-(-1).

#### Team Statistics

	Pitt	ND
First Downs .....	18	15
Rushing .....	3	5
Passing .....	15	9
Penalty .....	0	1
Rushing Attempts .....	32	45
Yards Rushing .....	6	142
Yards Lost Rushing .....	41	9
Net Yards Rushing .....	23	133
Net Yards Passing .....	310	167
Passes Attempted .....	48	23
Passes Completed .....	25	15
Had Intercepted .....	0	1
Total Offensive Plays .....	80	68
Total Net Yards .....	333	300
Average Gain Per Play .....	4.2	4.4
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	3-1	1-1
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	3-25	5-35
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	1-2	0-0
Number of Punts—Yards .....	6-217	6-213
Average Per Punt .....	36.1	35.5
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	3-12	2-5
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	3-21	3-57
Third Down Conversions .....	10-20	4-16

# NOTRE DAME 31, AIR FORCE 3



## Motivation Makes It All Come Together

by Karen Croake

Lou Holtz called in his seniors the afternoon before the Air Force game and put the cards on the table.

He was tired of losing and more than a little disappointed in Notre Dame's 1-4 record. The fact that three of those losses came by a combined total of seven points served as small consolation. Holtz doesn't care about excuses; he only wants results.

He wasn't blaming the upperclassmen for all of Notre Dame's troubles, but he let the seniors know that if they allowed Air Force to become only the third team to beat the Irish five years in a row, they might be history.

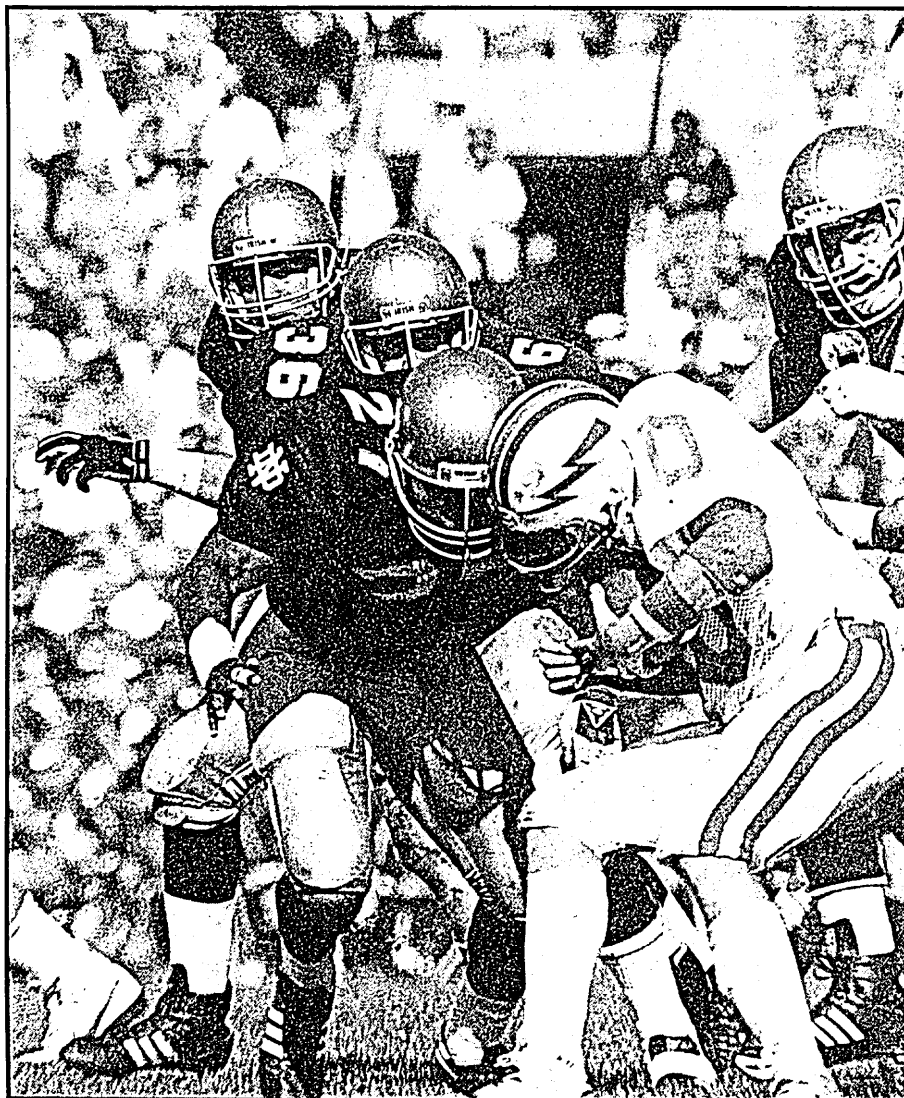
"He said if we didn't start playing like Notre Dame men, and like he coached us, this might be our last game," said senior guard Shawn Heffern. "Everyone talks about how motivated Air Force is when they play us. There isn't any comparison between how motivated they were and how motivated we were."

Holtz's inspirational talk must have worked as the Irish finally got the Falcons off their backs with an impressive 31-3 win before the customary 59,075 in Notre Dame Stadium.

The offense rolled up 356 yards, while the defense finally figured out how to stop the Air Force wishbone attack that had frustrated the Irish for four years. On this beautiful October afternoon, the Falcons managed just 245 yards total offense. And for the first time in coach Fisher DeBerry's tenure, Air Force failed to score a touchdown.

Notre Dame's performance was so impressive that Holtz could point to few negatives after the victory.

"This was the first time, maybe, that we've really played a complete game — offense, defense and the kicking game,"



Notre Dame's biggest challenge was halting the Air Force wishbone, led by its instigator, quarterback Jim Tomallo. In this instance, George Streeter met the challenge.

said Holtz. "I'm really happy for our football team, especially our seniors. They had never been on a team that defeated Air Force, and today we did."

Indeed, the seniors did have something to prove against Air Force. In chalking up four straight wins over the Irish, the Falcons had averaged almost 400 yards of offense per game. Air Force had manhandled and embarrassed Notre Dame. The Irish had had more than enough.

"They've been very pesky for us," said senior quarterback Steve Beuerlein. "Now was the perfect time to let that frustration out on them."

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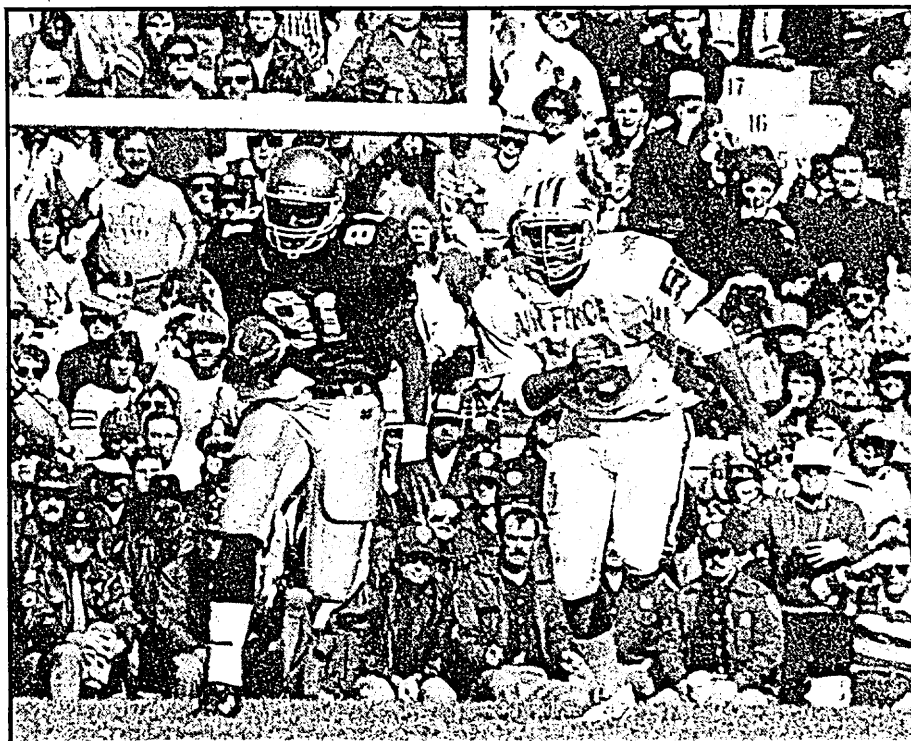
— Shawn Heffern

But in the early going, it looked like the Irish might self-destruct again. On Notre Dame's first possession, tailback Alonzo Jefferson fumbled near midfield. On their second drive, the Irish moved to the Air Force 15-yard line, but a holding penalty and an eight-yard Falcon sack pushed them back to the 33 where John Carney missed a 50-yard field goal attempt. On the third series, sophomore quarterback Steve Belles, who Holtz had inserted in an effort to ignite something, was dumped for an 11-yard loss on third down. And on fourth down, Dan Sorensen shanked his 12-yard punt out of bounds.

Notre Dame had given Air Force plenty of chances to seize control of the game. Five straight first-half possessions saw the Falcons drive to the Irish 36, 13, 15, 32 and 24. But only once did the Falcons manage to score — on a 32-yard field goal from Chris Blasy. Notre Dame's defense bent a little bit, but the Irish weren't about to break. Three times Notre Dame stopped the Falcons on fourth and one. The other two drives ended in fumbles, which the Irish recovered.



Once Tim Brown got past linebacker Kevin Hughes (above and below), it was off to the races on a 95-yard kickoff return for the Notre Dame junior.



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REV. F. THOMAS LALLAK

"Our defense kept us in the game early," said Holtz. "Our offense couldn't get untracked."

After the first 20 minutes of play, Air Force had accumulated 13 yards rushing. The Irish had just 24. But, then, Tim Brown decided to take matters into his own hands.

After Blasy's field goal, Brown took the ensuing kickoff at his own five-yard line. He headed up the middle, shook loose a tackler at the 15 and raced downfield for the second touchdown on a kickoff return of his career.

"It was the big break we'd been looking for," said Brown. "It was kicked into the left corner, but we had a middle return set up. Someone jumped on my leg, but I looked at the goal line and started all over. After that it was off to the races."

"Tim Brown got some great blocking," said Holtz of his future Heisman Trophy candidate. "But you don't return a kickoff for a touchdown without some tremendous individual effort by Brown himself."

In just 14 seconds, Brown had ignited the crowd and jump-started the Irish offense. Brown's kickoff return also seemed to take the wind out of Air Force's sails.

"Brown's kickoff return certainly was a

turning point," said DeBerry. "Not getting the touchdowns early really hurt us. If we had gotten out ahead substantially when we had the chance, it could have been a lot different. You've got to put points on the boards when you're playing in the emotion of a place like Notre Dame Stadium."

Then Irish safety George Streeter knocked the senses out of junior quarterback Jim Tomallo a few plays later.

On first and 10 from the Notre Dame 24, Tomallo faked inside, then dropped back to pass. Streeter blitzed. A blind-side hit forced the fumble and Cedric Figaro recovered his second loose ball of the day. Nine plays later, the Irish scored again — on Beuerlein's one-yard run on a busted play — to take a 14-3 lead. Air Force never recovered.

"That was a dadgone big play," said DeBerry. "Jimmy never saw the tackler coming. And he had two men open for a touchdown. We needed a touchdown. Instead, we gave up a fumble."

With just 43 seconds left in the half, the Irish got the ball back on their own 24-yard line. But Beuerlein wasn't going to settle for running out the clock. He wanted to drive the Air Force out of town.

On third and seven, Beuerlein scam-

pered downfield for an 11-yard gain that surprised the Falcons, the fans and even his coach.

"I don't know what motivated him to run today," admitted Holtz, who knows Beuerlein's feet are not his biggest assets. "He did what he had to do to win."

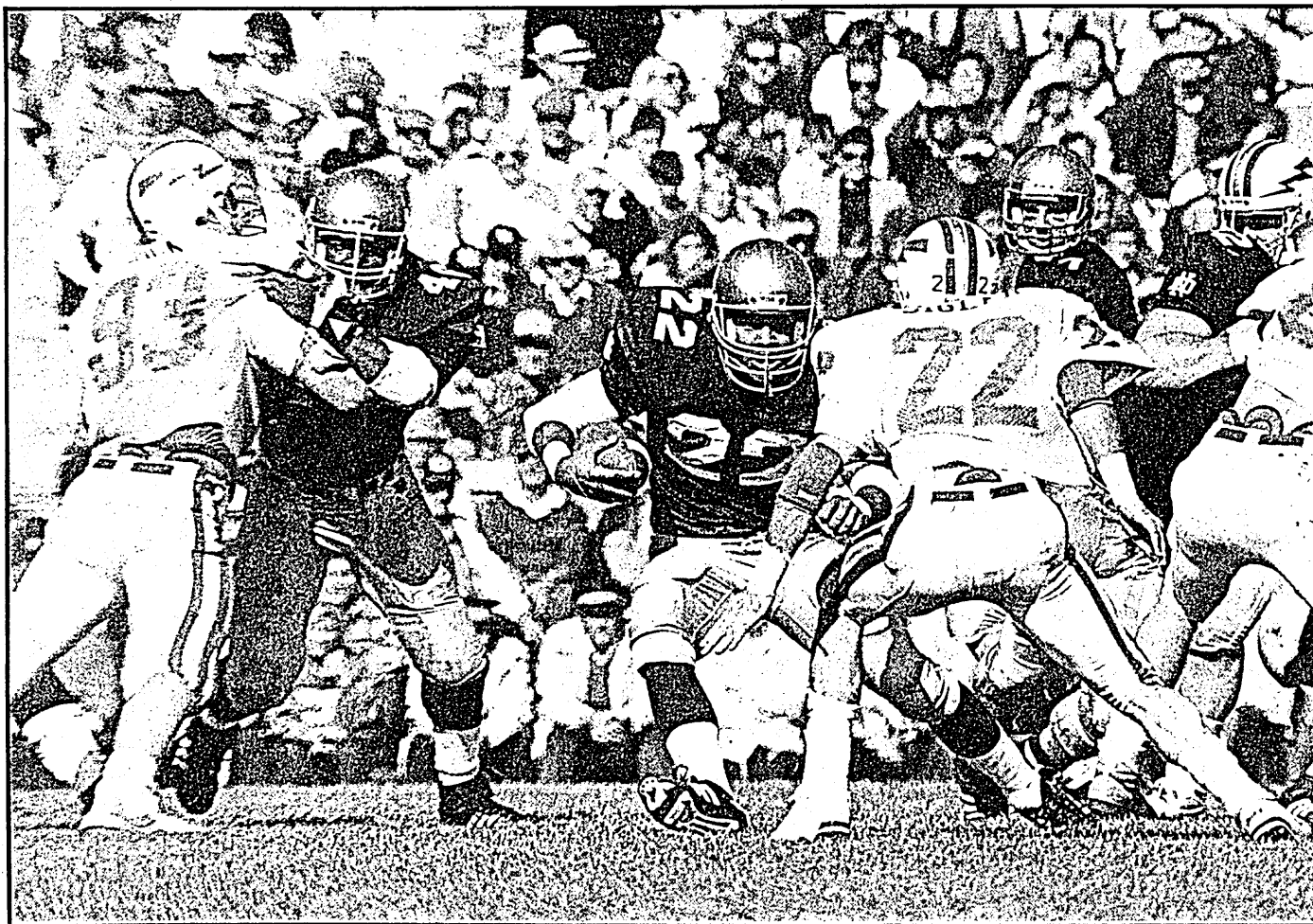
Beuerlein then unloaded a bomb for Brown, who outfought two Falcon defenders for the ball and made the 48-yard catch.

"On that play, we just tried to get into field-goal range," explained Brown. "Beuerlein just made a great pass. I guess they thought I was going to run an out pattern, but the inside help didn't come on the defense."

With just one second left on the clock, Carney added a 27-yard field goal which gave the Irish a 17-3 halftime lead.

Now, the Irish offense, which had started to simmer in the first half, was really cooking. On the first drive of the second half, the Irish scored again. Pernell Taylor capped the 12-play, 71-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run.

And on the next series, the Irish put the game away. Freshman Anthony Johnson scored from the one to put Notre Dame up 31-3.



Freshman Anthony Johnson, who led all groundgainers with 72 yards, looks for an opening as backfield mate Pernell Taylor blocks. Johnson later scored the final Irish touchdown.



"This hurts an awful lot" said DeBerry. "We were very disappointed. I don't know who else thought we could win, but there were 66 guys in there who thought we could and I thought we could."

But DeBerry should have known it was going to be a long day, especially after the Air Force team bus broke down on the way to Notre Dame Stadium. And then the Falcons hit the afternoon's real road block — the Irish defense.

Notre Dame forced four fumbles (recovering two), plus an interception. The stop troops also recorded seven tackles for losses.

"Today we came out and attacked them," said Figaro, who tallied four solo hits. "The big plays just seemed to happen. We have to make the breaks and generate turnovers. One of the big factors was that our defense wanted to be out there and play today."

In the second half, Notre Dame limited Air Force, which had been averaging 324 yards and 29 points a game, to just 40 yards rushing.

"When you play against the wishbone, the first thing you take away is the fullback," explained linebacker Mike Kovaleski. "After that you stop the quarterback and then all they have left is the pitch. It feels really good to finally beat Air Force. Through the years, they've always been a thorn in our side."

"Our change in attitude had a great deal to do with what happened today. People on the outside might not be able to tell the difference, but on the inside you can tell it right away."

The Irish offense also figured out how to handle Air Force's crafty defense. Notre Dame rolled up 356 yards — 237 on the ground and 119 through the air.



HANNES HACKER

Steve Beuerlein seldom has been characterized as having quick feet, but his running paid big dividends against Air Force. The Irish senior ran for Notre Dame's second touchdown and totaled 37 yards on 10 attempts — the most by any Irish player.

#### Scoring Summary

Air Force	3	0	0	0	—	3
Notre Dame	7	10	14	0	—	31

#### First Quarter

AF-Chris Blasy 32 FG at :55; Drive: 9 yards in 3 plays in 1:44 following ND punt; Score: AF 3-0.  
ND-Tim Brown 95 kickoff return (John Carney kick) at :41; Score: ND 7-3.

#### Second Quarter

ND-Steve Beuerlein 1 run (John Carney kick) at 5:51; Drive: 62 yards in 9 plays in 4:07 following Cedric Figaro fumble recovery; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Ray Dumas for 24; Score: ND 14-3.

ND-John Carney 27 FG at :00; Drive: 67 yards in 2 plays in :43 following AF punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 48; Score: ND 17-3.

#### Third Quarter

ND-Pernell Taylor 1 run (John Carney kick) at 10:38; Drive: 71 yards in 12 plays in 4:22 following second-half kickoff; Big Play: Anthony Johnson run for 13; Score: ND 24-3.

ND-Anthony Johnson 1 run (John Carney kick) at 2:42; Drive: 62 yards in 13 plays in 6:30 following AF punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown

for 21; Score: ND 31-3.

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#### Individual Rushing

AF: Pat Evans 15-56 (13 long), Marc Munafa 8-35 (20 long), Albert Booker 6-35 (12 long), Dee Dowis 4-22 (8 long), Jim Tomallo 10-12 (9 long), Quinton Roberts 3-12 (5 long), Tony Roberson 1-7, Grant Morris 1-6, Johnny Smith 1-2, Bob Krause 1-(-1); ND: Anthony Johnson 10-72-1 TD (15 long), Tim Brown 6-44 (16 long), Pernell Taylor 9-37-1 TD (12 long), Steve Beuerlein 10-37-1 TD (17 long), Braxton Banks 8-23 (5 long), Hiawatha Francisco 7-20 (8 long), Tom Monahan 2-15 (14 long), Mike Gatti 2-5 (3 long), Reggie Ward 1-4, Joe Jarosz 1-0, Terry Andrysiak 1-(-1), Alonzo Jefferson 1-(-7), Steve Belles 3-(-12) (1 long).

#### Individual Passing

AF: Dee Dowis 12-4-1-45 (20 long), Jim Tomallo 6-0-0-0, Marc Munafa 1-1-0-14; ND: Steve Beuerlein 11-6-0-119 (48 long), Steve Belles 1-0-0-0.

#### Individual Receiving

AF: Tyrone Jeffcoat 2-31 (20 long), Albert Booker 1-14, Tyler Barth 1-8, Marc Munafa 1-6; ND: Tim Brown 2-69 (48 long), Ray Dumas 1-24, Reggie Ward 1-12, Hiawatha Francisco 1-8, Andy Heck 1-6.

#### Team Statistics

	AF	ND
First Downs .....	15	21
Rushing .....	8	17
Passing .....	4	4
Penalty .....	3	0
Rushing Attempts .....	50	61
Yards Rushing .....	221	275
Yards Lost Rushing .....	35	38
Net Yards Rushing .....	186	237
Net Yards Passing .....	59	119
Passes Attempted .....	19	12
Passes Completed .....	5	6
Had Intercepted .....	1	0
Total Offensive Plays .....	69	73
Total Net Yards .....	245	356
Average Gain Per Play .....	3.6	4.9
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	4-2	3-1
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	6-60	7-74
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	0-0	1-0
Number of Punts—Yards .....	6-244	6-227
Average Per Punt .....	40.6	37.8
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	5-32	3-24
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	5-104	2-104
Third Down Conversions .....	6-16	8-16

# NOTRE DAME 33, NAVY 14



## A Grand Show — At Least For a Half

by Scott Dupree

Lou Holtz had waited and waited.

He had anticipated.

He had it all planned out.

If his struggling Notre Dame football team could ever reach the open date in its grueling schedule, things would change.

The Fighting Irish would be better — without a doubt.

"It'll be like spring practice all over again," Holtz warned time and time again, as his team battled its way through the first half of the nation's toughest agenda. "It'll do us a world of good."

Holtz, renowned as a magician, proved a prophet on this occasion.

His mini-camp paid big dividends.

Thanks to a near-perfect first half, Notre Dame dismantled its old foe Navy 33-14 in front of 61,335 fans at a sold-out Memorial Stadium in Baltimore.

The game marked the 60th annual meeting between the two institutions, the longest continuous intersectional rivalry in the country. They first met in 1927, also in Baltimore, with the Irish prevailing 19-6.

This game wasn't nearly as close.

Notre Dame's dominance in the first 30 minutes was incredibly thorough. The Irish had 28 points at intermission, while Navy had only 23 — total yards, that is.

And although Notre Dame's victory was tainted just a bit by a less-than-exciting second-half showing, a win is a win is a win. That's the bottom line.

After all, it's a lot better than losing at the final gun.

"I feel a lot better about this football team now that we've had a week off to gather ourselves and get back to the fundamentals," said Holtz, whose team ended an eight-game road losing streak and beat Navy for the 23rd consecutive time. "I thought we'd be an improved team, we just had to go out there and prove it. We looked

awfully sharp in the first half.

"The second half was a different story. Still, it's a win. I don't ever want to reach the point when a win isn't a good thing. Let me tell you, it's a lot better than working your tail off and losing. Maybe we just need to be in that situation (owning big leads) a little more often."

Notre Dame built its lead with the passing of quarterback Steve Beuerlein and the receiving wizardry of Tim Brown.

Beuerlein on this evening would become Notre Dame's all-time leader in total yardage, surpassing Joe Theismann. Brown, the fleet-footed flanker, played at his spectacular best.

The duo hooked up for a 77-yard touchdown strike early in the second period. Brown displayed enough jukes, cuts and assorted sidesteps in his scoring scamper to make a cornerback dizzy. It was the seventh longest pass play in Notre Dame history.

For all practical purposes, the Beuerlein-Brown connection locked up the victory, although it came midway in the first half.

Holtz and Brown were duly impressed with the senior quarterback.

"Steve ran the ballclub really well tonight," Holtz said. "He is a vastly underrated quarterback who has received a lot of unwarranted criticism."

"If only he were a little bit faster. But if he can't beat you with his feet, he'll beat you with his head. If he can't beat you with his head, he'll beat you with his heart."

Brown could beat most people with just his legs. He runs the 40 in in a blurred 4.3, and when he's in the open and throwing hip fakes every which way, well, you can forget it. He's gone.

"Tim Brown is as good a player as you'll find anywhere in the country," Navy coach Gary Tranquill stated matter-of-factly.

“We looked awfully sharp in the first half. The second half was a different story. Still, it's a win. I don't ever want to reach the point when a win isn't a good thing. Let me tell you, it's a lot better than working your tail off and losing.”

— Lou Holtz



BRIAN DAVIS



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**Notre Dame's offense enjoyed a glorious first half — helped along by 40 rushing yards from Reggie Ward (left) and 39 more from Alonzo Jefferson.**

"It seemed like every time I dropped back, Tim Brown was there," mused Beuerlein. "I think everyone saw that when you get the ball to him, good things are going to happen."

Even Brown, although modest and always out to improve, found a little satisfaction in his first-half performance.

"I think I played pretty well in the first half," said Brown, understating his contributions.

Tranquill assumed the role of a realist. Although his Midshipmen had made it respectable in the second half, he knew his club was outmatched in this contest. It could have been worse.

"Notre Dame's just bigger and better than us," the Navy skipper said. "They've got a really fine team. It was a typical performance for us, although we did come out with a little intensity in the second half."

Notre Dame's play was solid all the way around.

During the week of the game, Holtz said he would like the Irish attack to be ideally balanced. That is, 250 yards both rushing and passing. Notre Dame came

darn close to pulling off that goal. The totals showed 232 rushing and 248 passing.

"The game was encouraging from the standpoint that we played fairly well offensively, defensively and in the kicking game," said Holtz, covering all the bases. "Our pursuit and aggressiveness have improved in recent weeks.

"We don't have all the answers just yet. But we're a decent team when we don't make mistakes."

Mistakes were few and far between on this brisk evening. And Notre Dame was much more than decent.

In the first half, at least.

The second half was quite another tale.

For a while, it appeared that the Irish would breeze through the final two periods just like they had in the initial two — without even punting.

Notre Dame took the second half kickoff and marched straight down the field to the Midshipman three-yard line. But the drive stalled at the two, and the Irish settled for a field goal.

"That put us in a bad mood," Holtz said.

It also seemed to take the wind out of

the Irish sails, or else it blew gale-force winds behind the Navy vessel.

From that point on, when the Irish took an invincible 31-0 lead, the game turned around completely. Navy found life and intensity. Notre Dame fizzled. The Irish managed a mere safety the rest of the way.

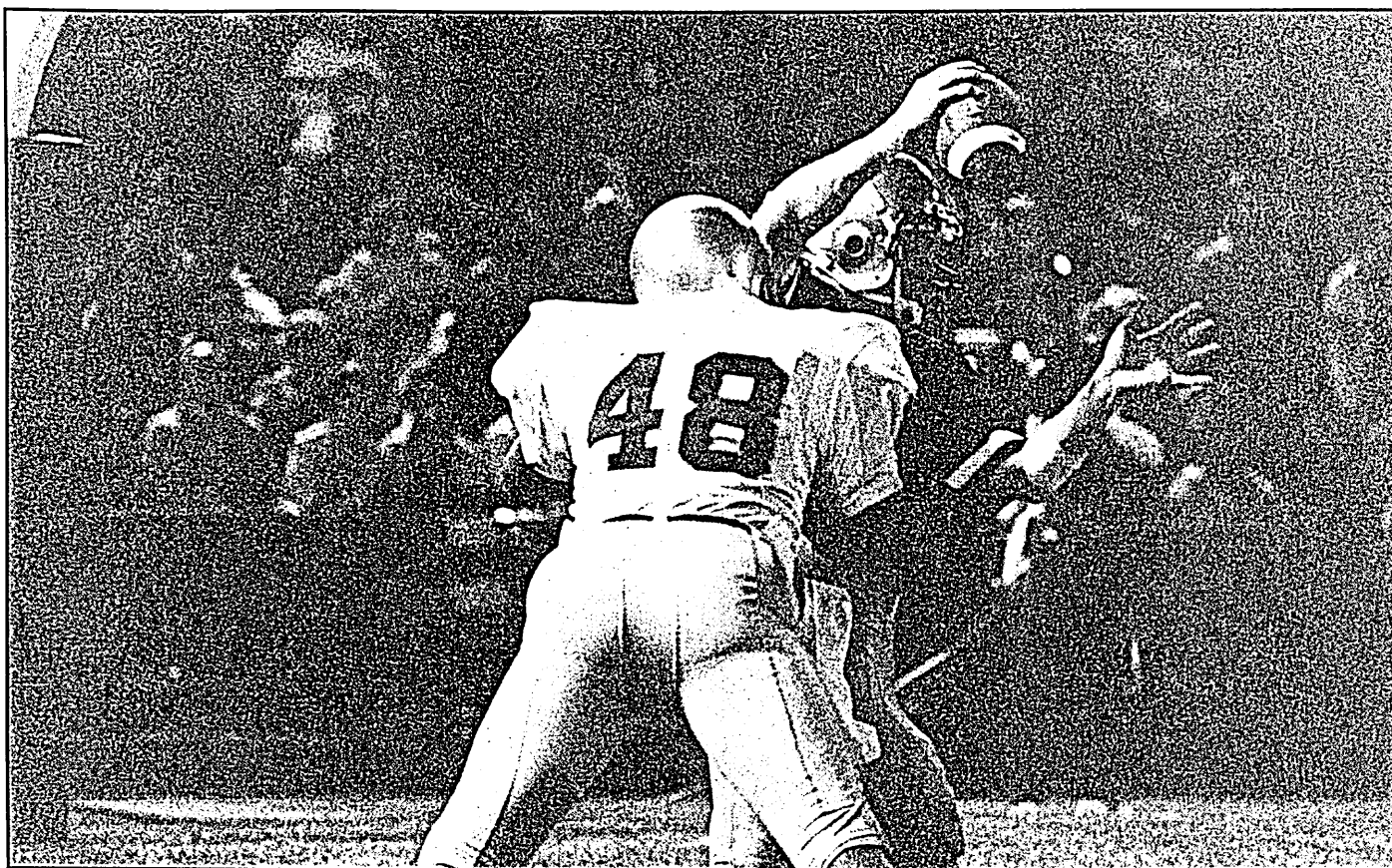
When Navy pulled to within 33-14 with over seven minutes left, that once-huge lead didn't look so impressive any more.

"I can't put my finger on what happened," Brown said. "But when they got 14, we started to get worried."

"We have to find that killer instinct," Beuerlein said. "If we get anyone down from here on in, we've got to keep them down. Navy came after us in the second half. They won that half. We were flat."

The lackadaisical effort didn't sit well with anyone after the game. It subdued what might have been a rowdy lockerroom afterwards, had the Irish won really big.

"Yeah, I think that if we had shut them out, we would have been really pumped up now," said linebacker Cedric Figaro, who recovered his sixth fumble of the season, setting a new Irish record in that department. "In the second half, we kind of



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**Notre Dame's only scoring in the final 27 minutes came on this fourth-period play in which Cedric Figaro nailed Navy quarterback Bob Misch in the end zone. An intentional grounding call gave the Irish two points.**

relaxed. It all comes back to mental errors."

Holtz was none too thrilled with his team's breakdown.

"I was surprised at how poorly we played in the second half," he said. "We need what they call killer instinct. I call it personal pride.

"I don't think the players are happy with how they played in the second half. It was like two different games.

"I think we learned a valuable lesson today. We just didn't keep up the intensity, the concentration, in the second half. That's as much my fault as anything. I let them come out flat. But that's the first time it's happened. I didn't provide the right kind of leadership."

Holtz pointed to one decision that may have led to the letdown. He waited until late in the third quarter to put the second team in the game. In retrospect, he would

have made the move earlier.

"When you're up 31-0, the first unit is not going to have the drive and determination," Holtz said. "They proved what they came to prove. You have to have the second unit come in and try to prove that they can start."

The fact that the Irish were disappointed afterward proved an encouraging sign, Holtz said.

"I was proud of them," he said. "I told them I liked their attitude about it, but I didn't want them to be too down. I wanted them to think about how well they are capable of playing."

Against Navy, exceptionally well.

Notre Dame's sparkling play in the first half revealed a strange trait about the game. When the Irish made the big plays, the crowd in Memorial Stadium (located more than 800 miles from South Bend) got quite excited.

Estimates indicated that about 30,000 fans were rooting the Irish. So much for the home field advantage.

"One of the great things about playing for Notre Dame is that the fans are a great big family," Beuerlein said, "and no matter where you play, there are a lot of people on your side."

The throng of Irish supporters made

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certain Beuerlein knew about his new total yardage record. When the giant scoreboard displayed the news, Beuerlein was immediately aware that he had just passed Theismann.

For Beuerlein, though, personal recognition takes a backseat to team achievements on the priority list.

"It's obviously quite an honor," he said. "It's something to be proud of when you start talking about guys like Joe Theismann and all.

"But any success I may have is due directly to my teammates. My main concern right now is with the team and its overall performance, not with Steve Beuerlein."

Still, his outstanding performance against the Midshipmen had to be personally satisfying. If nothing else, it served to wipe away the bad taste of earlier outings against Navy.

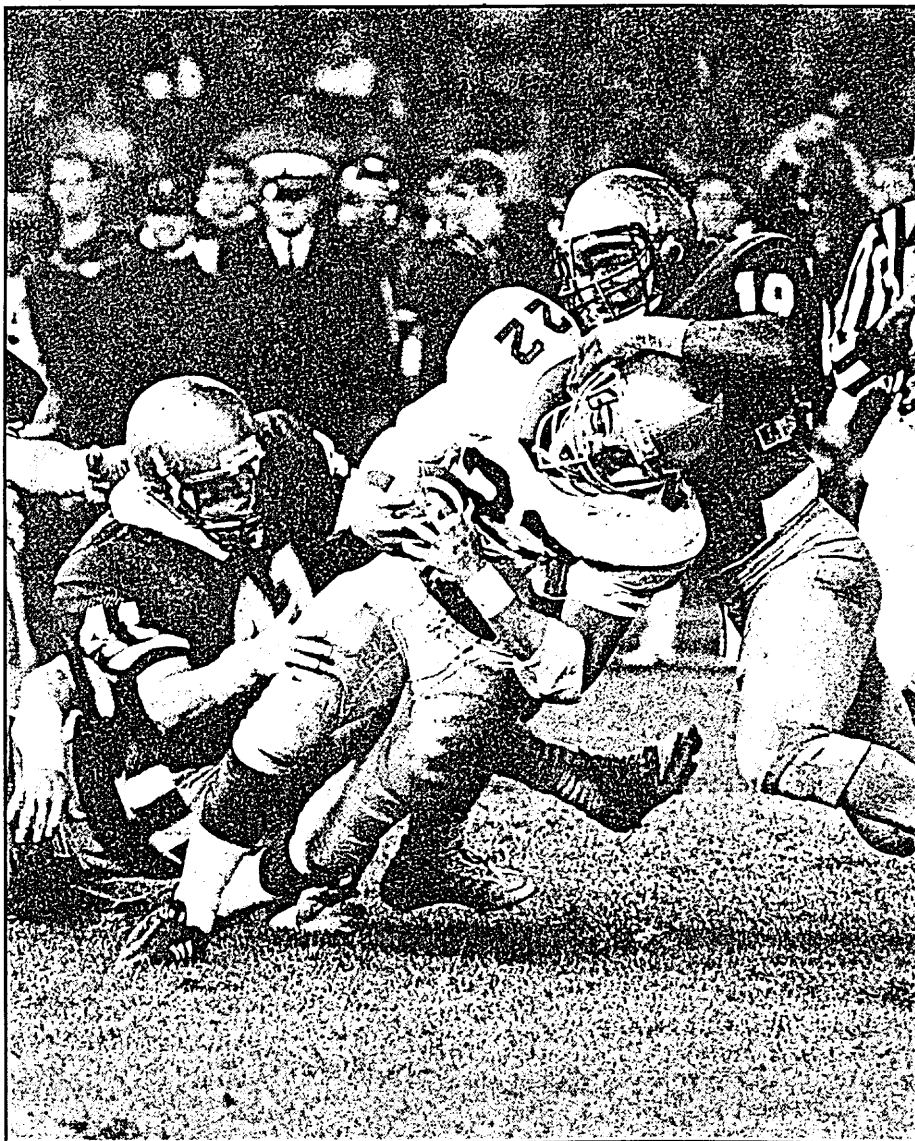
He threw four interceptions against Navy as a sophomore. As a junior, he departed in the first quarter and watched the rest of the game from the sidelines.

"Traditionally, I haven't played well against these guys," Beuerlein said. "I approached this game as a chance to make up for what I did my last two years against them."

For the team as a whole, previous Navy games carried no bad memories. The Irish hadn't lost in this tradition-rich series since 1963, when Roger Staubach quarterbacked the Midshipmen.

No, Notre Dame wasn't out to erase any bad memories on this night. The Irish were just out to prove themselves.

And they did. They showed what they had learned in spring practice — a spring practice that took place, oddly enough, as the leaves turned bright colors and the Red Sox found another way to lose.



**Fifty rushing yards from freshman Anthony Johnson paced the Notre Dame running game — which included 13 different Irish ballcarriers.**

#### Scoring Summary

Notre Dame	7	21	3	2	—	33
Navy	0	0	7	7	—	14

#### First Quarter

ND-Joel Williams 2 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick) at 2:36; Drive: 57 yards in 14 plays in 6:40 following Navy punt; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Milt Jackson for 15; Score: ND 7-0.

#### Second Quarter

ND-Tim Brown 77 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick) at 14:04; Drive: 94 yards in 5 plays in 1:57 following Navy punt; Score: ND 14-0.

ND-Pernell Taylor 11 run (John Carney kick) at 7:40; Drive: 60 yards in 9 plays in 4:18 following Navy punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Ray Dumas for 22; Score: ND 21-0.

ND-Pernell Taylor 1 run (John Carney kick) at 2:35; Drive: 5 yards in 2 plays in :42 following Cedric Figaro fumble recovery; Score: ND 28-0.

#### Third Quarter

ND-John Carney 19 FG at 12:25; Drive: 53 yards in 7 plays in 2:35 following second-half kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 43; Score: ND 31-0.

NA-Tony Hollinger 1 run (T.E. Fundoukas kick) at :56; Drive: 40 yards in 2 plays in :29 following ND punt; Big Play: Bob Misch pass to Hollinger for 39; Score: ND 31-7.

#### Fourth Quarter

ND-Safety, Bob Misch called for intentional grounding from end zone, at 12:33; Score: ND 33-7.

NA-Mike Ray 21 pass from Bill Byrne (T.E. Fundoukas kick) at 7:59; Drive: 77 yards in 8 plays in 2:27 following ND punt; Big Play: Byrne pass to Troy Saunders for 22; Score: ND 33-14.

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#### Individual Rushing

ND: Anthony Johnson 14-50 (9 long), Reggie Ward 3-40 (25 long), Alonzo Jefferson 7-39 (10 long), Mark Green 6-30 (11 long), Braxton Banks 8-29 (6 long), D'Juan Francisco 4-27 (11 long), Pernell Taylor 5-24-2 TD (11 long), Tim Brown 5-19 (6 long), Hiawatha Francisco 2-5 (4 long), Bill Byrne 1-5, Steve Belles 1-(-3), Terry Andrysiak 3-(-4) (3 long), Steve Beuerlein 2-(-4) (1 long), Team 1-(-25); NA: Tony Hollinger 13-17-1 TD (5 long), Jim Kirk 4-8 (6 long), Vernon Wallace 1-2, Don Hughes 1-0, Bob Misch 4-(-34) (-7 long).

#### Individual Passing

ND: Steve Beuerlein 22-15-0-248-2 TD (77 long); NA: Bob Misch 27-12-0-130 (39 long), Bill Byrne 12-7-0-88-1 TD (22 long);

#### Individual Receiving

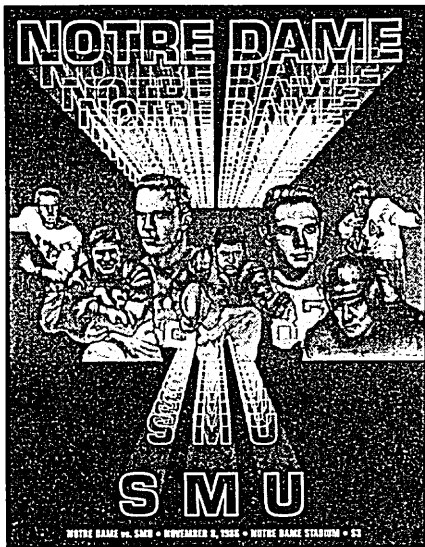
ND: Tim Brown 7-184-1 TD (77 long), Milt Jackson 3-37 (15 long), Anthony Johnson 2-(-4) (1 long), Ray Dumas 1-22, Pernell Taylor 1-7, Joel Williams 1-2-1 TD; NA: Mike Ray 7-83-1 TD (21 long), Troy Saunders 4-61 (22 long), Tony Hollinger 3-45

(39 long), John Sniffen 2-15 (10 long), Don Hughes 1-8, Jim Kirk 1-4, Vernon Wallace 1-2.

#### Team Statistics

	Navy	ND
First Downs	14	22
Rushing	1	15
Passing	11	7
Penalty	2	0
Rushing Attempts	23	62
Yards Gained Rushing	37	274
Yards Lost Rushing	44	42
Net Yards Rushing	-7	232
Net Yards Passing	218	248
Passes Attempted	39	22
Passes Completed	19	15
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	62	84
Total Net Yards	211	-480
Average Gain Per Play	3.40	5.71
Return Yards	32	30
Fumbles: Number—Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties: Number—Yards	3-15	7-63
Interceptions: Number—Yards	0-0	0-0
Number of Punts—Yards	8-282	6-195
Average Per Punt	35.2	32.5
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	5-32	5-30
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	5-127	3-81
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 14	4 of 13

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## Offensive Fireworks Help Corral The Mustangs

by Jim Daves

Tim Brown had to wait 679 days to face SMU again.

It was a long wait at times, but he had constant reminders that the game was on the horizon.

He also knew it would be the only other chance in his collegiate career to face his hometown school. That's why he made the most of this opportunity to gain a little personal revenge.

On a beautifully sunny day at Notre Dame Stadium, Notre Dame evened its record at 4-4 and destroyed the fading Mustangs 61-29 in the team's most impressive offensive showing of the decade. The Irish offense rolled up 615 yards and the defense continually came up with outstanding plays to fuel the rout.

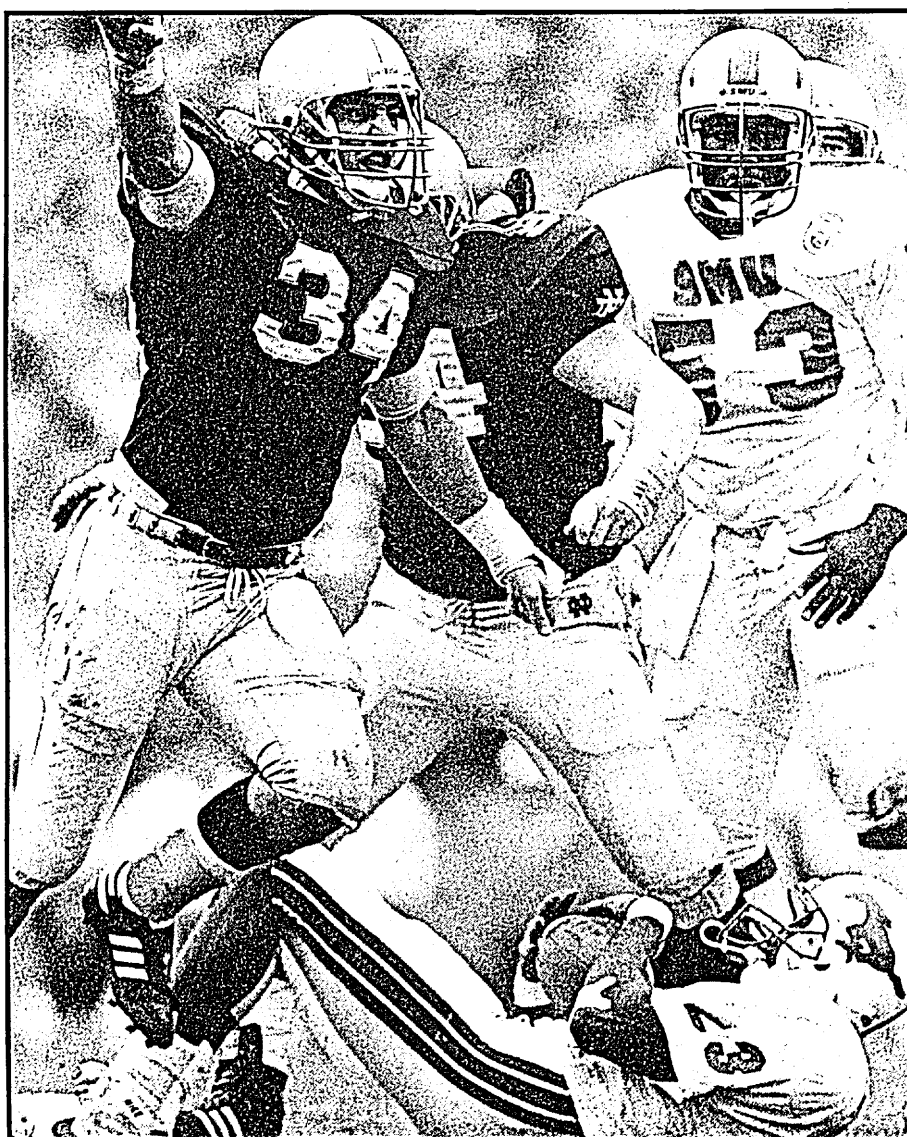
But even before the opening kickoff, all eyes were focused on Brown. His story had been well documented the days prior to the game and the Irish faithful wondered if he could have the outing he wanted so dearly against the Mustangs.

By the end of the second quarter that question was answered, but another one sprang up. Just how good of a day was Tim Brown going to have?

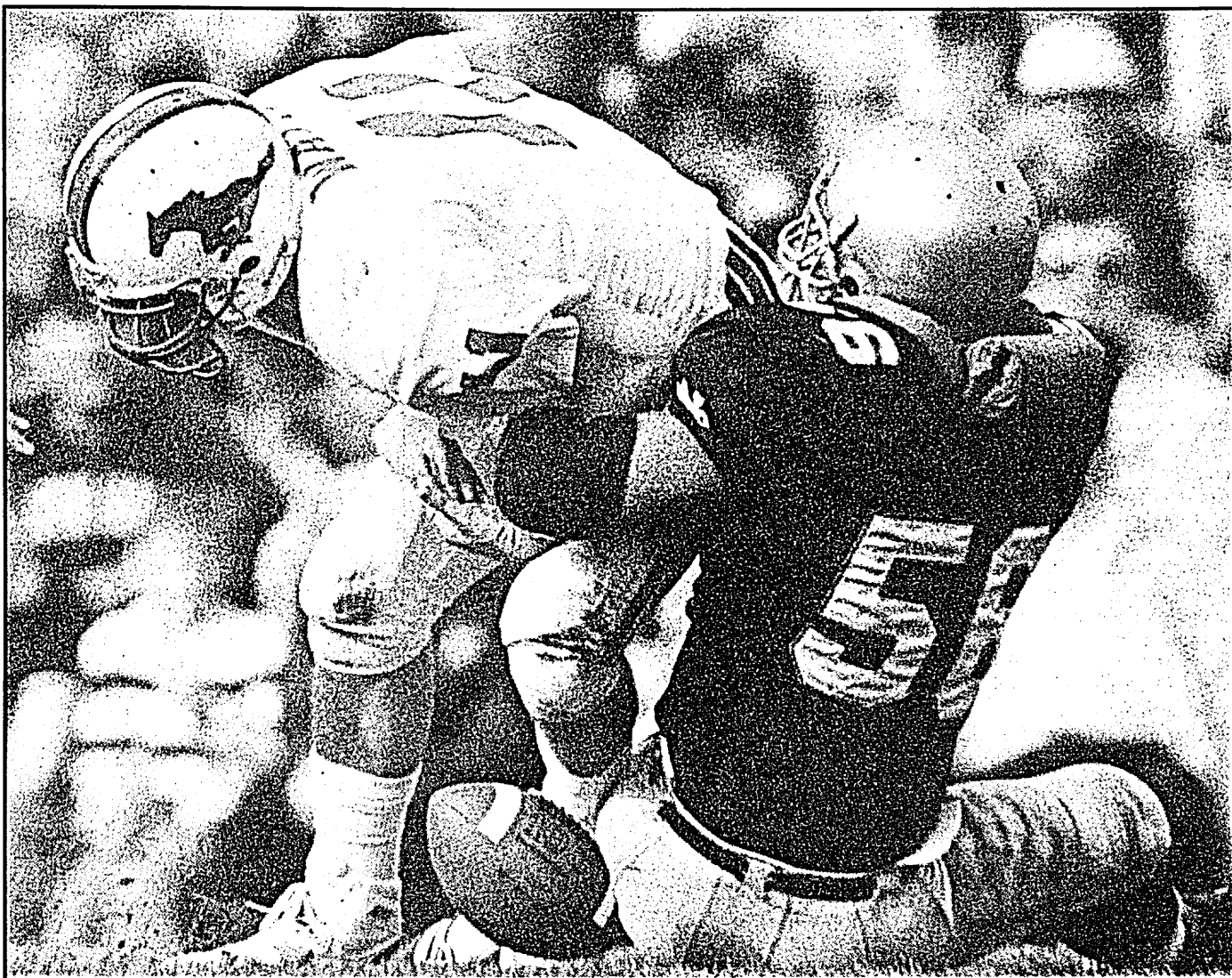
Brown's waiting period to play the Mustangs began just one day after the two teams met in the 1984 Aloha Bowl. After staving off a late Irish rally, SMU emerged with a hard-fought 27-20 victory midway across the Pacific.

"I had to go home the day after that," Brown recalls. "I heard from the team. Guys were calling me up, getting on me. That was one game we really wish we could have won because we were in it the whole way. We just had a couple of bad breaks and we ended up losing."

One of those bad breaks might have been not getting Brown the ball enough. In his freshman bowl encounter, he caught only one pass and carried the ball just once.



Wes Pritchett celebrates a bright moment for the Notre Dame stop troops following this tackle of SMU flanker Ron Morris.



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**Notre Dame took command of the contest with this second-period play in which Robert Banks forced a Bobby Watters' fumble. Cedric Figaro recovered for the Irish, and Tim Brown scored on the following play for a 24-14 Notre Dame lead.**

Following a week of phone calls from his friends who attended SMU, Brown found a future Notre Dame football schedule and took note of the Nov. 8 date nearly two years away between the two schools.

He knew he would get another chance.

As a high school prep standout at Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, Brown was the focus of a heated recruiting battle between Notre Dame and SMU.

"For a while, I really thought I would go to SMU," Brown says. "I think up until I got a letter from Notre Dame, which was in the middle of my junior year, I was going to SMU. There was no doubt in my mind."

But then Brown, with the help of his family, started to take a more serious look at college and what his forthcoming education would mean.

"I would have loved to be in that school," says Brown of SMU, "but I just felt I needed to be away and grow up a little

bit. It just came down to which was going to help me? If I got hurt and couldn't play football anymore, which was the best school for me?"

While Brown was deciding to attend Notre Dame over SMU, a hot high school quarterback prospect named Bobby Watters was doing just the opposite.

"I almost came here," Watters told a swarm of reporters after the game. "But my mother was ill, so I made SMU number one and Notre Dame number two."

Watters' early guidance almost made the Mustangs tops on the afternoon as well.

After Alonzo Jefferson's two-yard gallop 4:40 into the contest gave the Irish a 7-0 lead, SMU struck quickly. Junior Cobby Morrison took Watter's handoff and raced 43 yards down the left sideline to key the Mustangs' second drive of the game.

Following a 23-yard dash by Watters to the three, Jeff Atkins tied the game with a dive over the right side.

Mixing the passing and ground game,

the Irish rushed back downfield and regained the lead on John Carney's 38-yard field goal.

Watters put SMU up 14-10 by keying an 87-yard drive at the start of the second quarter. Hitting six consecutive passes, he drove the Mustangs to the Irish three where Atkins repeated his earlier heroics for another three-yard touchdown plunge.

Notre Dame only needed 2:18 to climb back on top and it was Brown who got the Irish going. After Steve Beuerlein's deep pass intended for Milt Jackson was tipped away, Beuerlein decided to go short and found a wide-open Brown at the 46. With the speed that would later shatter several University track records, Brown sprinted 60 yards to the SMU five. Anthony Johnson went airborne twice before cracking the goal line, putting Notre Dame up 17-14.

After Carney's kickoff sailed through the Mustangs' end zone, the Irish defense put a quick end to the see-saw nature of the

game with an explosive play.

Keeping with his successful passing game, Watters dropped back and rolled to his left on first down looking for a receiver. He kept looking, and looking, and looking, and looking. Soon the only thing Watters saw open was an onrushing Robert Banks, who promptly lassoed the Mustang quarterback for a five-yard loss and a fumble. Cedric Figaro pounced on the loose ball to record his seventh fumble recovery of the season.

"I could see him looking off one receiver to another," Banks said. "I knew our secondary had the deep receivers covered and our linebackers had picked up the people underneath. He looked frustrated because nobody was open."

Banks would know. By that point he was close enough that he could clearly see the emotion in Watters' eyes.

"Getting the ball on the 15 was a big lift," said Brown, who promptly followed Johnson's block into the end zone on the ensuing play. "Then getting the first play in the end zone got the crowd pumped up. It got us all going."

In just 13 seconds the Irish had gone from a 14-10 deficit to a 24-14 lead that would keep growing.

After the Notre Dame defense stifled SMU on its next drive the offense took over, still in high gear.

Beuerlein fired three passes to Jackson, Braxton Banks and Joel Williams to land the Irish at the SMU eight. He then connected to Brown for an apparent

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— Steve Beuerlein

touchdown but an illegal use of the hands penalty wiped out the play. Carney's 40-yard boot made it 27-14 with 4:22 left in the quarter.

After exchanging punts the Irish began their final scoring drive of the half with just 50 seconds remaining. Beuerlein tossed three passes to get Notre Dame to the 13 where Carney hit his third field goal to push the lead to 30-14.

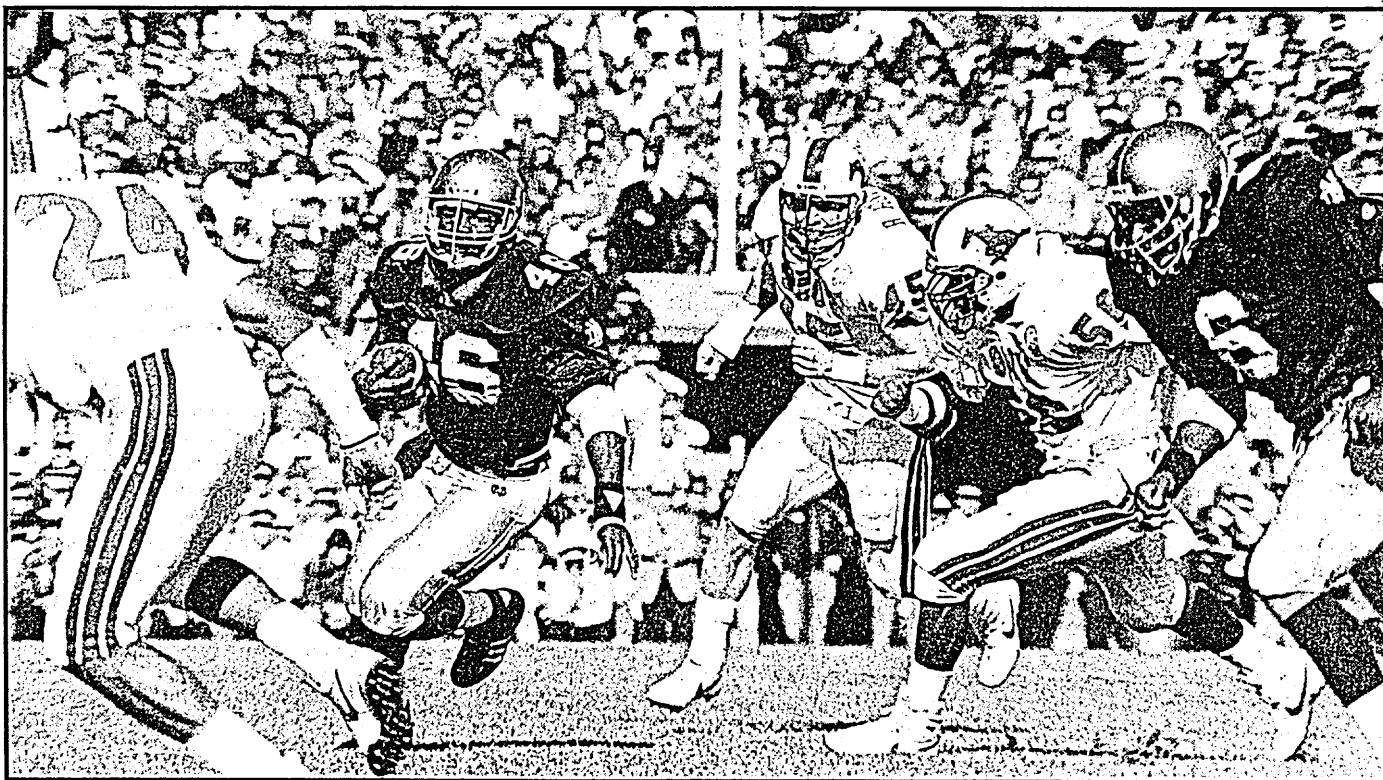
Freshman Mike Stonebreaker, activated to duty when captain Mike Kovalski left the game in the first quarter after suffering a mild concussion, got things going in the second half when he picked off Watters' tipped pass and returned it to the Mustangs' 30. Stonebreaker would finish the day with a team-high 10 tackles.

Notre Dame switched to the ground attack and used eight plays to expand the lead to 37-14 when Pernell Taylor bulldozed seven yards out of the wishbone.

Watters got SMU back within reach by working the option to perfection on an 80-yard drive. Sophomore tailback Darryl Terrell drove the final 20 yards on four carries and Watters' two-point conversion pass to Albert Reese sliced the Irish lead to 37-22.

Any momentum SMU gained was quickly lost.

Following the kickoff Beuerlein hit a streaking Brown at the SMU 45 and he turned on the afterburners to race into the end zone and record books with an 84-yard reception. It was the third longest completion in Irish history.



Everybody got into the act against SMU — 16 different rushers in all — including Pernell Taylor who gains some of his 31 yards. He turned out to be one of six different Irish ballcarriers who found the end zone.



"We knew we could beat them deep, but it was just a matter of getting the wind at our back," said Brown who confessed to bobbling and almost dropping the pass. "Once we got our chance, we took advantage of it. After their touchdown we tried to break their backs."

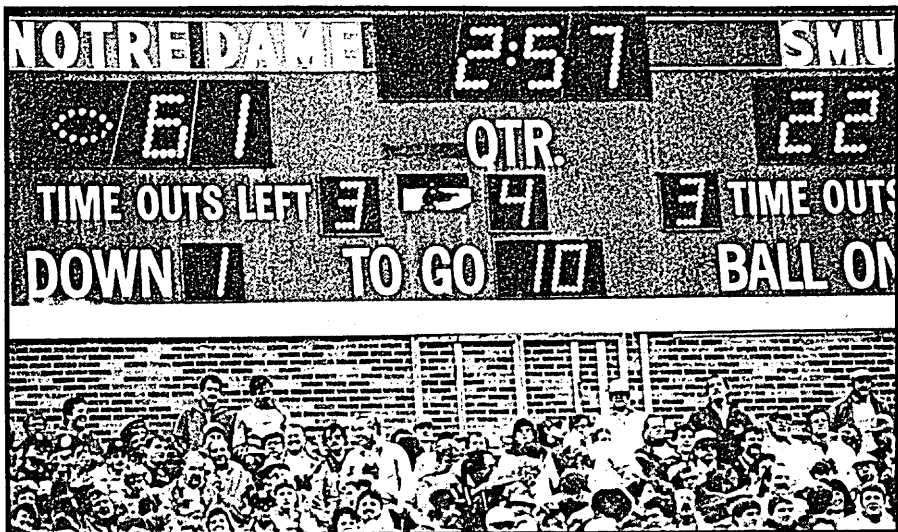
After Banks forced another fumble, Lou Holtz turned to his reserves and they responded by getting Carney to the five where he popped his record-tying fourth field goal.

Aaron Robb and Terry Andrysiak both scrambled for fourth-quarter scores to put the Irish ahead 61-22 before Watters threw for a meaningless touchdown late in the contest to provide the final margin.

The shootout had turned into an old-fashioned ambush when all was said and done. Brown accounted for 235 all-purpose yards, including four receptions for a whopping 176 yards. During the afternoon he averaged 19.6 yards every time he touched the ball.

Beuerlein established a personal mark with 269 aerial yards and engineered the offense to most of its 615 yards, the highest total of the decade for an Irish team.

"The play selection, the play of the offensive line, it was a good day all around," Beuerlein said. "The passing package was well designed and well executed. And when I get the protection I had today, I can sit and wait for things to happen."



Notre Dame lit up the scoreboard like it hadn't since 1977, in a 69-14 Notre Dame Stadium win over Georgia Tech that year. SMU hadn't given up 61 points since 1916.

"Gee, they had a heck of a game," said SMU defensive tackle Jerry Ball. "They made so many big plays. I just don't know how that Tim Brown gets open so much. They do so many different things with him and we just couldn't cover everything he does."

"There wasn't much we could do," Watters said. "Everything they did turned out right and we were playing catchup almost all the time."

"Nothing went wrong for them and nothing right for us. It was a helpless feeling."

It was a satisfying one for Brown, however. He knew the phone would not be ringing when he got back to his dorm room in Cavanaugh Hall.

"I won't say much to my friends back home who are SMU fans," Brown said. "But I'll have to giggle a little when I see them."

Scoring Summary							
SMU	7	7	8	7	—	29	
Notre Dame	10	20	14	17	—	61	

#### First Quarter

ND-Alonzo Jefferson 2 run (John Carney kick) at 7:39; Drive: 43 yards in 10 plays in 4:40 following SMU punt; Big Play: Troy Wilson punt return for 47; Score: ND 7-0.

SMU-Jeff Atkins 2 run (Brandy Brownlee kick) at 5:49; Drive: 69 yards in 5 plays in 1:50 following kickoff; Big Play: Cobby Morrison run for 43; Score: 7-7. ND-John Carney 38 FG at 1:01; Drive: 59 yards in 13 plays in 4:48 following kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tony Eason for 17; Score: ND 10-7.

#### Second Quarter

SMU-Jeff Atkins 3 run (Brandy Brownlee kick) at 11:04; Drive: 87 yards in 11 plays in 4:57 following kickoff; Big Play: Bobby Watters pass to Ron Morris for 23; Score: SMU 14-10.

ND-Anthony Johnson 1 run (John Carney kick) at 8:46; Drive: 65 yards in 6 plays in 2:18 following kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 60; Score: ND 17-14.

ND-Tim Brown 15 run (John Carney kick) at 8:33; Drive: 15 yards in 1 play in :06 following Cedric Figaro fumble recovery; Score: ND 24-14.

ND-John Carney 40 FG at 4:22; Drive: 35 yards in 6 plays in 2:49 following SMU punt; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Milt Jackson for 34; Score: ND 27-14.

ND-John Carney 30 FG at :04; Drive: 43 yards in 6 plays in :46 following Troy Wilson interception; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 17; Score: ND 30-14.

#### Third Quarter

ND-Pernell Taylor 7 run (John Carney kick) at 6:56; Drive: 30 yards in 8 plays in 3:37 following Mike

Stonebreaker interception; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein run for 1 on fourth down; Score: ND 37-14.

SMU-Darryl Terrell 2 run (Albert Reese pass from Bobby Watter) at 1:41; Drive: 80 yards in 14 plays in 5:15 following kickoff; Big Play: Watters pass to Terrell for 16; Score: ND 37-22.

ND-Tim Brown 84 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick) at 1:21; Drive: 84 yards in 1 play in :20 following kickoff; Score: ND 44-22.

#### Fourth Quarter

ND-John Carney 22 FG at 10:37; Drive: 37 yards in 10 plays in 4:51 following Robert Banks fumble recovery; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Milt Jackson for 13; Score: ND 47-22.

ND-Aaron Robb 1 run (Ted Gradel kick) at 7:12; Drive: 60 yards in 8 plays in 3:08 following SMU punt; Big Play: Terry Andrysiak pass to Tony Eason for 24; Score: ND 54-22.

ND-Terry Andrysiak 20 run (Ted Gradel kick) at 2:57; Drive: 58 yards in 7 plays in 3:22 following SMU punt; Big Play: Braxton Banks run for 12; Score: ND 61-22.

SMU-Ron Morris 34 pass from Bobby Watters (Brandy Brownlee kick) at 1:34; Drive: 61 yards in 5 plays in 1:23 following kickoff; Big Play: Watters pass to Jeffrey Jacobs for 11; Score: ND 61-29.

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#### Individual Rushing

SMU: Darryl Terrell 9-51-1 TD (16 long), Cobby Morrison 2-48 (43 long), Ron Morris 2-21 (23 long), Jeff Atkins 7-17-2 TD (4 long), Bobby Watters 9-7 (9 long), Jed Martin 2-6 (5 long), Tony Brown 2-2 (2 long); ND: Anthony Johnson 12-47-1 TD (11 long), Hiawatha Francisco 5-38 (19 long), Tim Brown 7-37-1 TD (15 long), Mark Green 7-32 (8 long), Pernell Taylor 5-31-1 TD (17 long), Braxton Banks 8-28 (12 long), D'Juan Francisco 5-21 (11 long), Terry Andrysiak 1-20-1 TD, Aaron Robb 3-15-1 TD (18 long), Reggie Ward

1-12, Tom Monahan 4-11 (4 long), Steve Beuerlein 4-10 (4 long), Alonzo Jefferson 5-8-1 TD (2 long), Steve Belles 1-8, Chris Johnson 1-5, Jon Monahan 1- (-1).

#### Individual Passing

SMU: Bobby Watters 28-14-2-175-1 TD (34 long); ND: Steve Beuerlein 20-11-0-269-1 TD (84 long), Terry Andrysiak 1-1-0-24.

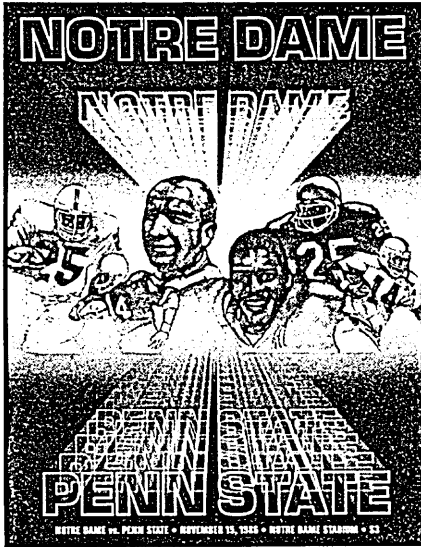
#### Individual Receiving

SMU: Ron Morris 5-79-1 TD (34 long), Jeffrey Jacobs 4-40 (14 long), Albert Reese 2-40 (25 long), Cobby Morrison 2-23 (22 long), Tony Brown 1-2.

#### Team Statistics

	SMU	ND
First Downs .....	17	29
Rushing .....	7	19
Passing .....	9	9
Penalty .....	1	1
Rushing Attempts .....	33	70
Yards Rushing .....	168	327
Yards Lost Rushing .....	16	5
Net Yards Rushing .....	152	322
Net Yards Passing .....	175	293
Passes Attempted .....	28	21
Passes Completed .....	14	12
Had Intercepted .....	2	0
Total Offensive Plays .....	61	91
Total Net Yards .....	327	615
Average Gain Per Play .....	5.4	6.8
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	5-2	1-0
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	4-35	6-75
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	0-0	2-17
Number of Punts—Yards .....	6-258	3-133
Average Per Punt .....	43.0	44.3
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	0-0	5-65
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	9-182	2-29
Third Down Conversions .....	4-11	10-19

# PENN STATE 24, NOTRE DAME 19



## A #1 Effort Against A #1 Team

by John Heisler

How many times would Notre Dame seemingly do everything but win in a football game against a highly-ranked opponent?

How many times would the Irish keep a stiff upper lip in their lockerroom and assert that they'd get through the frustration, they'd keep their heads up and they'd live to fight another day against another top 10 team?

How many times would Lou Holtz have to face a room full of players who had just had their hearts carved out in defeat and try to tell them that life would go on, that one of these times the breaks would go their way, that one of these times they would play the game of their lives and finally win?

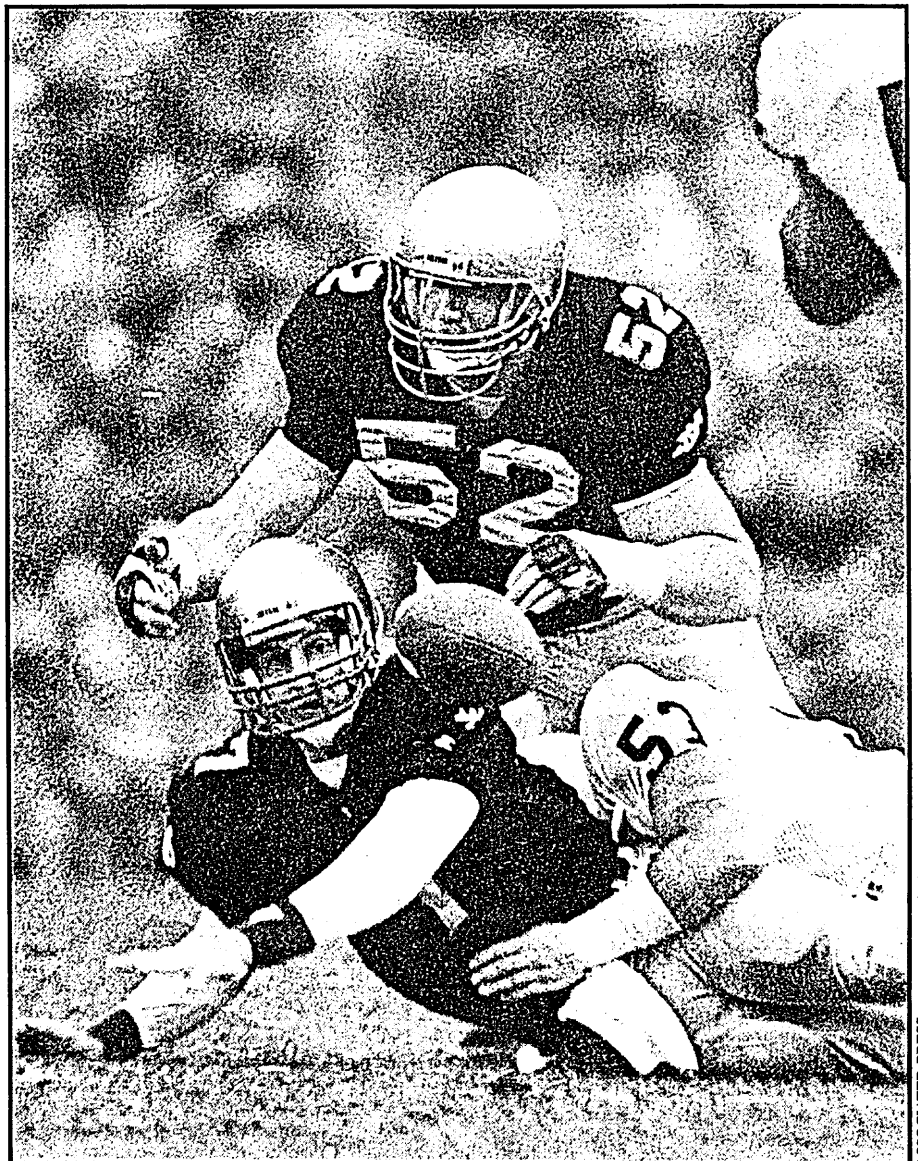
At least one more time. Penn State 24, Notre Dame 19.

On yet another Saturday, against another unbeaten — and national championship-bound, as it turned out — foe, the storyline remained the same. No need to rewrite the lead from the Michigan or Michigan State or Pittsburgh games. Just play back those same Holtz quotes that talk about sterling efforts in defeats and valiant performances going unrewarded.

"Real close," said Irish quarterback Steve Beuerlein, whose career-high 311 yards through the air went for naught. "That's the story of our last four years here.

"I thought this time it was going to be different. I thought this time we seniors would walk out of here with a special victory. But once again it just didn't work out. We're a lot better than 4-5 and that's what makes it so hard to accept."

What made this particular defeat a bit harder to swallow than the others was the fact that the Irish had come into the contest riding a wave of confidence and enthusiasm made possible by three straight victories



Things went haywire for the Irish on their first possession, as Steve Beuerlein's fumble bounces away while Penn State's Don Graham holds Beuerlein to the turf at the Nittany Lion 22.

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that helped to dull the pain of the 1-4 Notre Dame start.

This was Notre Dame's chance to top the .500 mark, maybe even a chance to stake a claim to a postseason bowl opportunity. This was Notre Dame's shot to spoil the big boys' plans for their dream bowl matchup of unbeatens — to throw the national title race into turmoil.

Yet, once again the Irish had to satisfy themselves with mere pats on the back. The celebration took place in the locker-room across the hall, while the home-team players were left to shake their heads and wonder what more had to be done.

In retrospect, great teams make great plays in key situations of great games. No team did that better than third-rated Penn State did in the final two minutes of this game. The Nittany Lions came up with a defensive stand of gigantic proportions — one maybe not quite as important to Nittany Lion fans as the one that took place six weeks later against Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, but one that surely permitted the second one to be possible.

Penn State linebacker Shane Conlan admitted to Notre Dame's Tim Brown at a gathering of Associated Press All-Americans a few weeks later that the Nittany Lions had been scared to death when the Irish set up with a first and goal at the Penn State six with a minute left. The Nittany Lions' perfect season hung in the balance at that point — yet the visitors played those last four downs as if they were the ones on offense.

"When that drive started, I looked up and saw a full moon, and I thought, 'What's going on here?'" Penn State linebacker Trey Bauer said. "It was like a horror movie."

And Beuerlein created most of the horror himself. Playing like a man possessed in his last Notre Dame Stadium appearance, Beuerlein gave the Irish every possible chance for victory when Notre Dame took over for what certainly would be its last shot from its own 20 with 2:29 remaining and Penn State on top by five.

A field goal wouldn't be good enough here, and the Irish appeared to understand that when they took just 74 seconds to dash 74 yards. Beuerlein completed five straight passes to start the final drive — first dumping the ball to Anthony Johnson over the middle for 22; second, nailing a quick-out to Ray Dumas for nine; third, finding Milt Jackson over the middle for 15 on a sensational grab; fourth, dropping the ball off to Tom Monahan for nine, and fifth, leading Jackson perfectly on a crossing route for 19 more.

But, starting on first down from the Penn State six, the Nittany Lion defense took the offensive. On first down, on a pitch sweep to Tim Brown, the Irish ran left with only a single tight end on a play



**Penn State's John Shaffer seldom was flashy — but he did just enough to make the Nittany Lions winners again.**

designed for two. Loss of three yards. That extra tight end was supposed to block safety Ray Isom who made the tackle.

"I knew no one else was out there," Isom said. "If I don't make that play, our season is over." Said Beuerlein, "We were excited, but it's my job to make sure the right people are out there."

On second and goal from the nine came the play everyone in the park agreed changed the whole tenor of the finishing moments. As Beuerlein backpedaled to throw, he never even had a chance to consider a single receiver because Bob White stormed the middle and dumped the Irish quarterback at the 18.

"That was the most critical play," said Holtz. "It pushed us back to the 18 and the 18 is a lot different than the nine."

"I don't think Beuerlein was expecting it because of where I lined up," White said. "I was outside the tackle. When I came up the middle, he was still dropping back."

After a timeout came the closest of the four attempts at paydirt. With Joel Williams

heading straight for the goalposts, Beuerlein's pass to him at the goal line slithered through his outstretched hands.

"He was open," said Penn State cornerback Gary Wilkerson. "So I dove at him. I figured either I would knock it down or get pass interference. The season was flashing before my eyes."

"I felt the ball on my fingertips, then he hit my arms," added Williams.

On fourth down, Beuerlein searched in vain for a receiver in the end zone, then finally dropped the ball off to Mark Green whose knee immediately went down at the 13. A host of nearby white-jerseyed Penn Staters probably would have kept him from scoring even if he had kept his feet.

"I probably should have thrown it deep, but I was looking long and just didn't see anybody," said Beuerlein.

"On the last drive, the first thing I said when I went in the huddle was, 'Do you guys want to win?' I said, 'Let's do it. This is our game. It's finally ours.'" And so it almost was.

STEVEN NAVRATIL

The biggest hurdle for the Fighting Irish was that they were up against a fundamentally sound football team that knew how to win, featured one short of a dozen fifth-year senior starters, didn't help by committing a single turnover — and yet managed to win by throwing only 13 passes and finishing with almost half as many first downs (14) as Notre Dame (27). Holtz's crew needed a perfect performance and nearly got it.

Some teams can survive errors or simply play through them. But few teams have seen more of their miscues come back to haunt them in critical situations of razor-close games than Notre Dame did in 1986.

On an afternoon in which he threw the ball better than in any other game in his college career (24 of 39 for those 311 yards and no interceptions), Beuerlein's inability to hold onto the football ended up sabotaging a pair of drives.

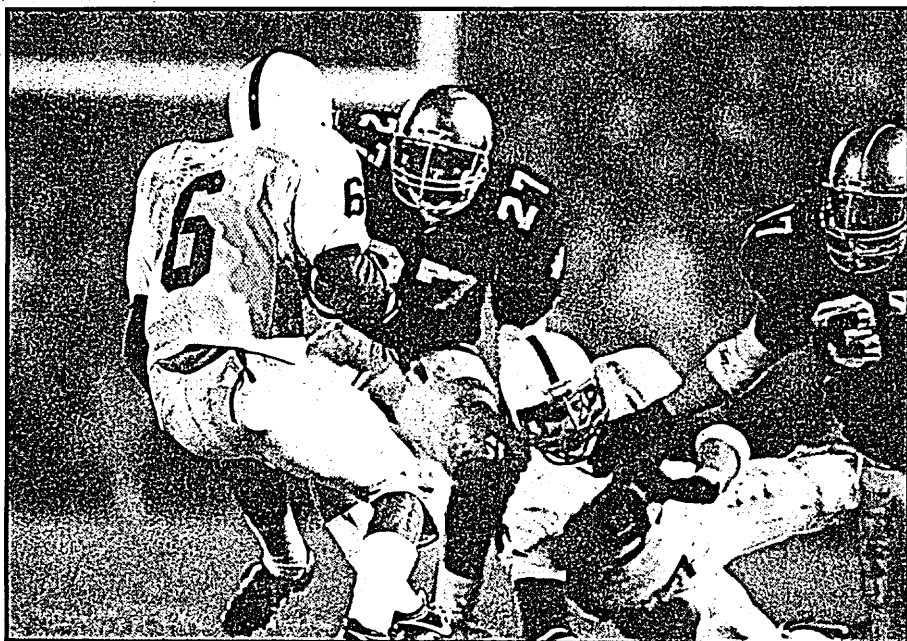
One lost fumble at the Nittany Lion 22 on Notre Dame's very first possession (it gained 40 yards) not only thwarted a chance to score but also sent Penn State on its way to an 11-play scoring drive in the other direction. The second bobble came just a minute before the first half ended and enabled Penn State to add three points to its intermission advantage.

A third missed opportunity came after

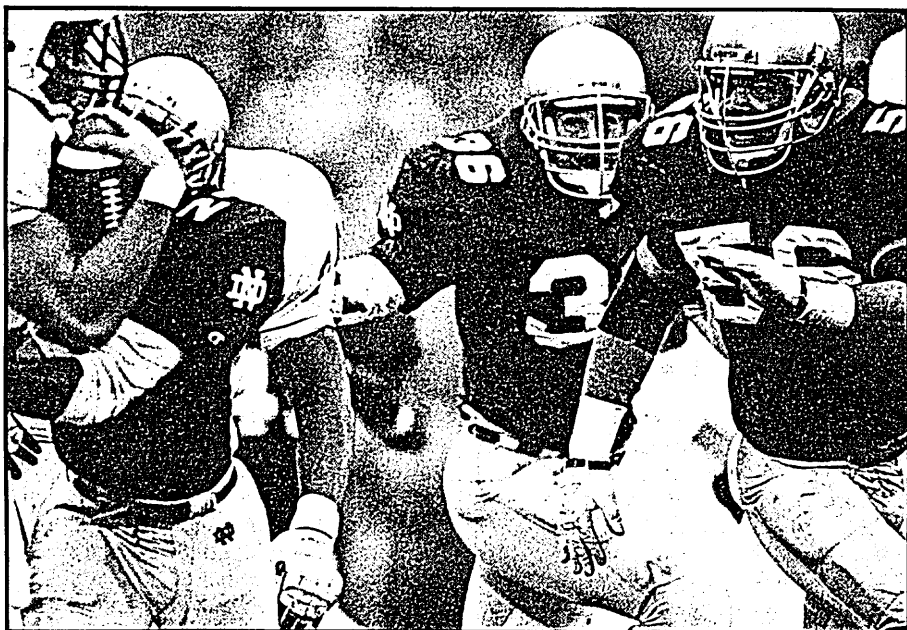
Penn State's first-period touchdown when a picture-perfect 97-yard kickoff return by Brown came back because of clipping.

Yet, much like the Michigan game, Notre Dame's offense at times appeared to move the ball at will — again, against a team with a prolific defensive reputation.

Though they only produced a field goal, the Irish converted four straight times on third down in a seemingly endless first- and second-period march that lasted nearly eight and a half minutes and totaled 18 plays. They proved they could strike fast, taking the lead early in the second half on a Brown reception after Beuerlein had stepped up in the pocket and launched a 50-yard rocket to Jackson.



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The Irish had their hands full containing the Penn State offense — whether it was George Streeter and Dave Butler going after Ray Roundtree (above) or Streeter, Ron Weissenhofer and Robert Banks (below) heading off another Nittany Lion threat.

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— Joe Paterno

Even after Penn State had scored on successive drives to command what appeared to be a safe 11-point lead in the early moments of the final period, Beuerlein and his mates got themselves in position for their final shot with a 10-play excursion so proficient that the down marker didn't display the number three until the scoring pass to Brown.

Penn State remained unbeaten because it did what had to be done to win the football game. On an afternoon in which Michigan was upset to give the Nittany Lions a chance to move to second in the polls behind Miami, Joe Paterno's team didn't care that Notre Dame ended up with 100 more total yards. The guys in the nondescript blue-and-white uniforms and helmets didn't care that their quarterback, John Shaffer, didn't usually look impressive doing anything but winning. They didn't



care that the luck of the Irish was a long time overdue.

"I don't feel like we lost the game," said a subdued Holtz later, "it's just that Penn State won it. I really don't know what else to say. I said earlier I thought we could play with a team of Penn State's caliber, and we did, even though we didn't get any breaks out there.

"I couldn't be prouder of a football team than this one. It's frustrating. I guess I could cry and show you how I feel that way, but I can't tell you what's in my heart.

"Other teams have played great against us and sometimes we don't do the little things we need to. But this football team came from a long way down, and I refuse to classify these athletes as losers. A week from now, everyone is going to be talking about what a disappointing season it was and how we let everybody down. But our players know everything will work itself out in the long run.

"Right now one lockerroom is happy and one is not. Ours is not, and yet they played their hearts out."

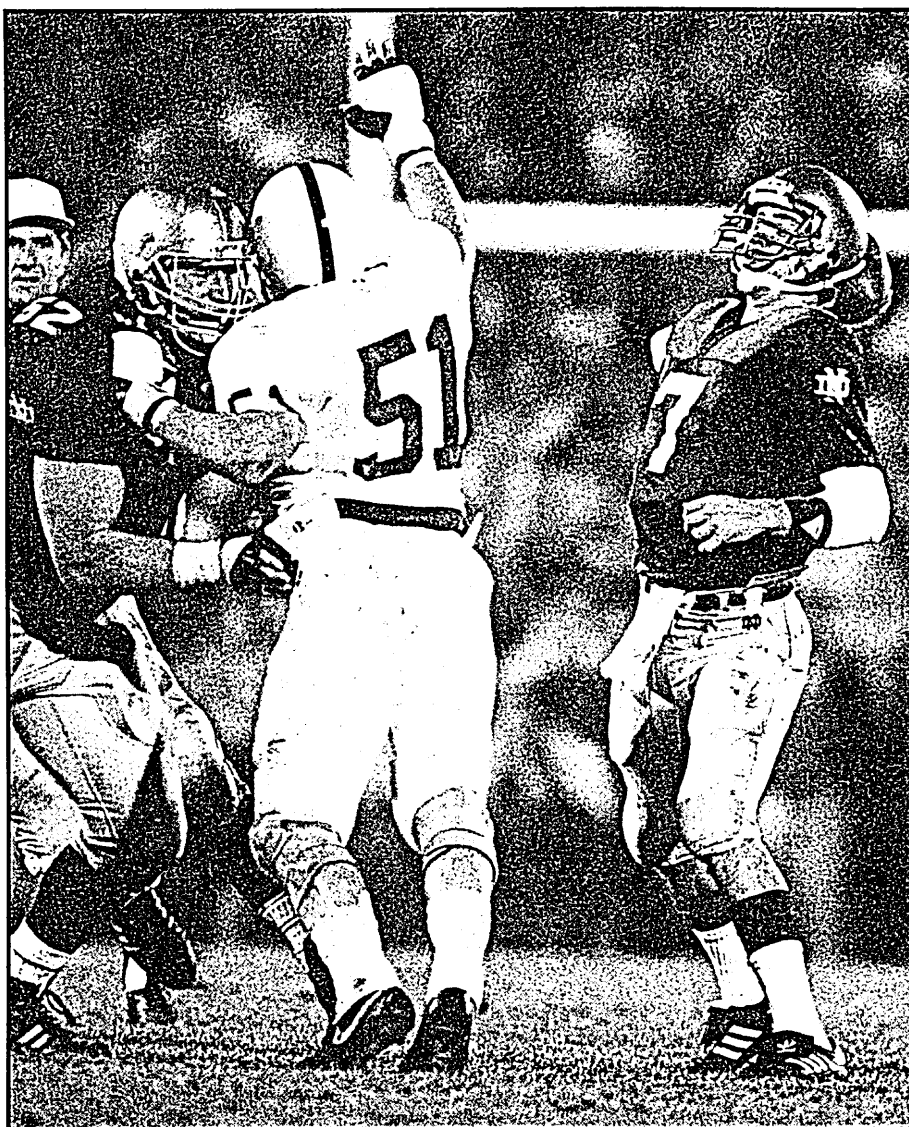
Added Paterno: "I told the squad, 'You beat a great team today. I've never been around a team that caught the ball the way Notre Dame did today. This is an awfully good football team. They may be 4-5 right now, but I don't know if there are 19 better teams in the country.'"

So, one more time Notre Dame had to be satisfied with playing gallantly against a 9-0 Penn State squad that wouldn't quit any more than the Irish would.

One more time the Irish had to outlast the frustration and try to figure ways to regroup with two more top 20 teams on the horizon.

One more time Holtz had to find a way to say they deserved a better fate.

Penn State 24, Notre Dame 19. One more time.



STEVEN NAVRATIL

**Thanks to help from blockers like Shawn Heffern, Steve Bueurlein completed 24 of 39 throws for 311 yards, including a pair of scoring strikes to Tim Brown.**

#### Scoring Summary

Penn State	7	3	7	7	—	24
Notre Dame	0	6	7	6	—	19

#### First Quarter

PS-Steve Smith 1 run (Massimo Manca kick) at 5:54; Drive: 78 yards in 11 plays in 4:54 following Don Graham fumble recovery; Big Play: John Shaffer pass to Ray Roundtree for 34; Score: PS 7-0.

#### Second Quarter

ND-John Carney 20 FG at 12:29; Drive: 85 yards in 18 plays in 8:25 following kickoff; Big Play: Steve Bueurlein passes to Tim Brown for 11 and 10; Score: PS 7-3.

ND-John Carney 38 FG at 4:50; Drive: 54 yards in 11 plays in 5:32 following PS punt; Big Play: Steve Bueurlein pass to Tim Brown for 17; Score: PS 7-6.

PS-Massimo Manca 19 FG at 1:16; Drive: 23 yards in 5 plays in 1:47 following Pete Curkendall fumble recovery; Big Play: Tim Manoa run for 11; Score: PS 10-6.

#### Third Quarter

ND-Tim Brown 14 pass from Steve Bueurlein (John Carney kick) at 9:41 Drive: 92 yards in 6 plays in 1:49 following PS punt; Big Play: Bueurlein pass to Milt Jackson for 50; Score: ND 13-10.

PS-Ray Roundtree 37 pass from John Shaffer (Massimo Manca kick) at 2:19; Drive: 82 yards in 6 plays in 2:51 following ND punt; Big Play: Shaffer pass to

Brian Siverling for 22; Score: PS 17-13.

#### Fourth Quarter

PS-John Shaffer 1 run (Massimo Manca kick) at 11:49; Drive: 56 yards in 9 plays in 3:50 following ND punt; Big Play: Shaffer pass to Ray Roundtree for 24; Score: PS 24-13.

ND-Tim Brown 8 pass from Steve Bueurlein (Bueurlein pass fails) at 7:37; Drive: 64 yards in 10 plays in 4:12 following kickoff; Big Play: Bueurlein run for 18; Score: PS 24-19. A-59,075(c)

#### Individual Rushing

PS: D. J. Dozier 17-77 (13 long), Tim Manoa 12-45 (11 long), Blair Thomas 5-23 (14 long), Steve Smith 5-17-1 TD (6 long), David Clark 1-8, Ray Roundtree 1-(3), John Shaffer 5-(15)-1 TD (4 long); ND: Anthony Johnson 11-47 (8 long), Mark Green 8-39 (15 long), Braxton Banks 6-19 (6 long), Tim Brown 6-18 (16 long), Tom Monahan 3-11 (6 long), Pernell Taylor 1-5, Alonzo Jefferson 1-(-2), Steve Bueurlein 6-(30) (0 long).

#### Individual Passing

PS: John Shaffer 13-9-0-162-1 TD (37 long); ND: Steve Bueurlein 39-24-0-311-2 TD (50 long).

#### Individual Receiving

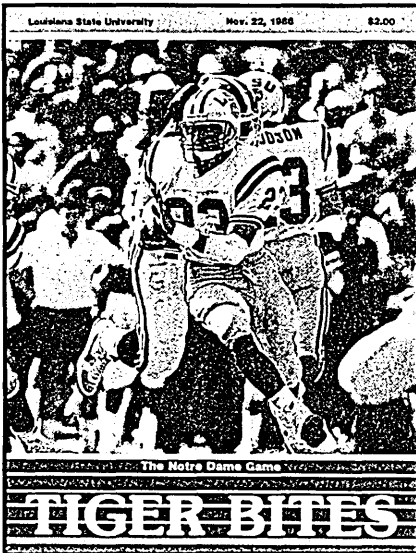
PS: Brian Siverling 4-26 (22 long), Ray Roundtree 3-95-1 TD (37 long), Eric Hamilton 1-13, Tim Manoa 1-8; ND: Tim Brown 8-89-2 TD (17 long), Milt Jackson 5-118 (50 long), Mark Green 4-24 (11 long), Anthony

Johnson 3-35 (22 long), Ray Dumas 2-27 (18 long), Braxton Banks 1-9, Tom Monahan 1-9.

#### Team Statistics

	PS	ND
First Downs .....	14	27
Rushing .....	8	7
Passing .....	5	16
Penalty .....	1	4
Rushing Attempts .....	46	42
Yards Rushing .....	179	154
Yards Lost Rushing .....	27	47
Net Yards Rushing .....	152	107
Net Yards Passing .....	162	311
Passes Attempted .....	13	39
Passes Completed .....	9	24
Had Intercepted .....	0	0
Total Offensive Plays .....	59	81
Total Net Yards .....	314	418
Average Gain Per Play .....	5.3	5.2
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	0-0	5-2
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	6-51	6-47
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	0-0	0-0
Number of Punts—Yards .....	7-243	4-125
Average Per Punt .....	34.7	31.2
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	2-4	4-68
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	5-142	4-42
Third Down Conversions .....	5-13	7-14

# LSU 21, NOTRE DAME 19



## Same Old Sad Song For Irish

by Karen Croake

Notre Dame football players usually make a sportswriter's job easier.

Intelligent, quick, glib and outgoing, Irish players know that sentences contain a subject and a verb and that "well, you know" doesn't belong in their vocabulary. And Notre Dame players rarely duck a reporter's probing questions, even when the

times are tough and the chips are down.

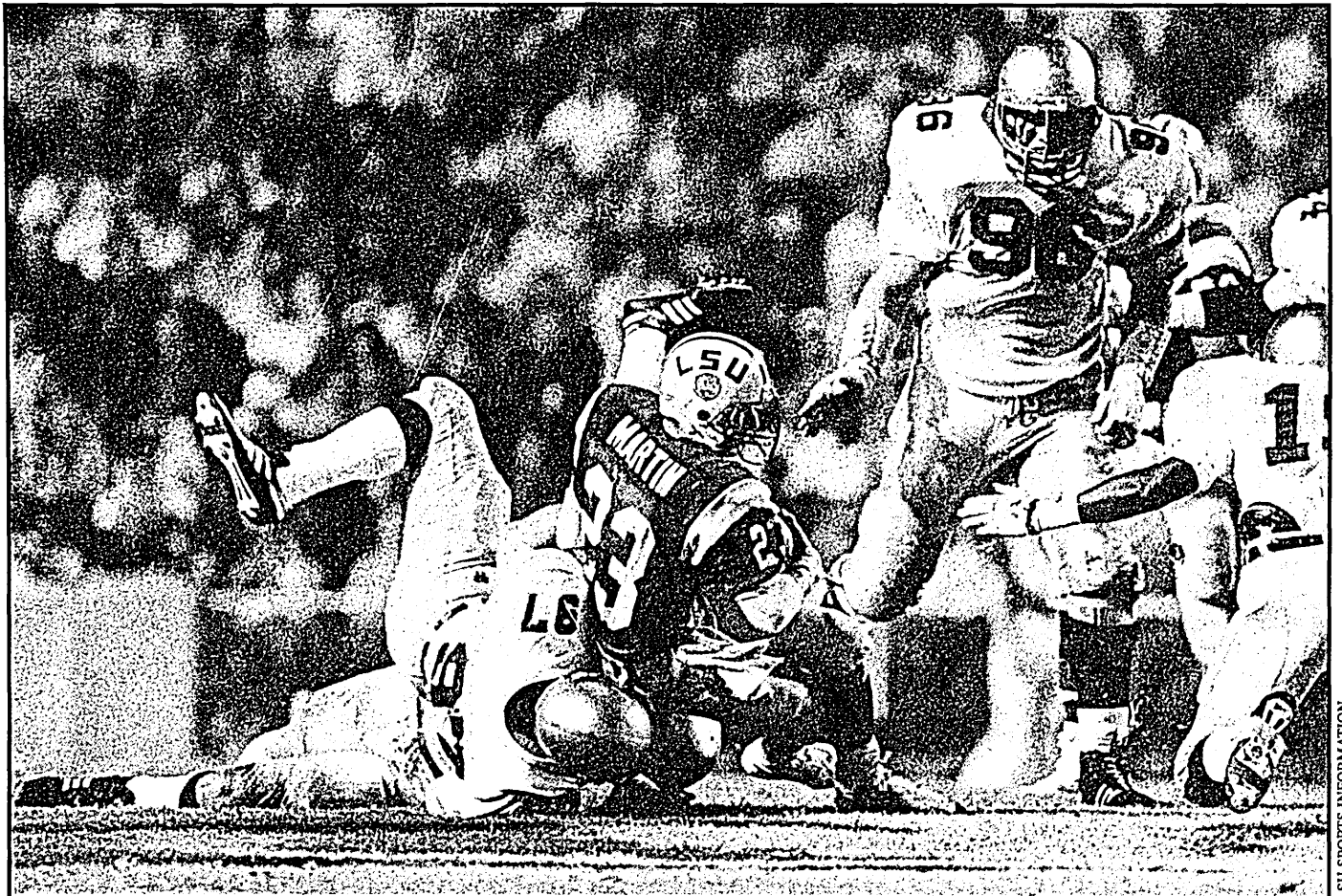
But after dropping their fifth game of the season by a touchdown or less to eighth-ranked Louisiana State, the Irish weren't in the mood to chitchat.

Team captain Mike Kovalski, who led the Notre Dame defense with 11 tackles, sat in the corner of the quiet lockerroom

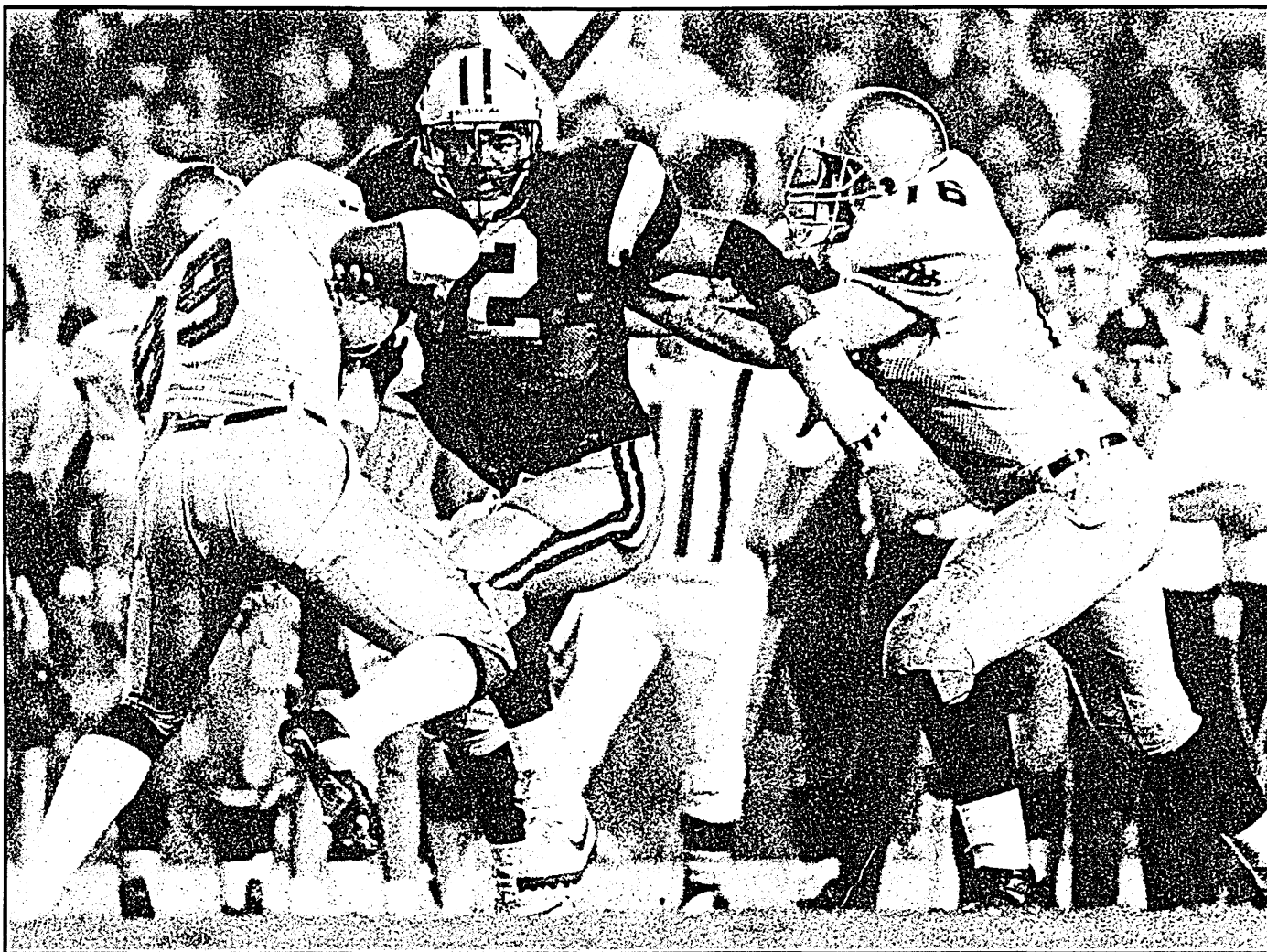
with his head in his hands. He'd seen this scene before — there was nothing new about it.

"Sorry, I have nothing to say," Kovalski politely told a reporter. "I just . . . uhhh . . . I'm sorry."

And Tim Brown, who accounted for Notre Dame's first touchdown in the



Matt Dingens pulls the Tigers' Sam Martin to the Tiger Stadium turf as Wally Kleine surveys the scene. Only once all evening did LSU gain a first down on the ground.



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**Tight end Joel Williams (left) and tackle Tom Rehder put a double-team move on LSU defensive end Karl Wilson.**

opening period with a spine-tingling 96-yard kickoff return, already had camped in the team bus before reporters invaded the lockerroom.

But no one, not even a desperate sportswriter fighting a tight deadline, could complain. The Irish did not intend to be rude. There just wasn't much anyone could say about Notre Dame's 21-19 defeat in Tiger Stadium. After all, it was the same story as in four of the five previous Irish losses. Notre Dame came close, but close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.

"It was like so many other games," said a disappointed Lou Holtz, who was now assured of compiling a losing record in his first season at Notre Dame. "You walk off the field and you say, 'I've been here before. I've seen this show.'"

"It's like going to the altar to marry the girl of your dreams and being jilted — five times."

Indeed, there were similarities between the loss to LSU and the previous defeats to Michigan, Michigan State, Pitt and Penn State. In every game, the Irish had a

chance to win it near the end. And in every contest, their efforts went haywire.

Trailing 21-13 with just over five minutes remaining, Notre Dame seized a chance for redemption when cornerback Troy Wilson intercepted Tom Hodson's pass in the Irish end zone.

Holtz called on backup quarterback Terry Andrysiak to lead the rally, instead of senior starter Steve Beuerlein, who had been sacked and intercepted on the previous drive. Helped along by a 15-yard LSU penalty, Andrysiak completed passes to split end Tony Eason (24 yards) and fullback Pernell Taylor (15 yards) to move the Irish to the Tiger 14-yard line. On third and two, Andrysiak dropped back and threw the ball to the back of the end zone where tailback D'Juan Francisco grabbed it for the score. That touchdown was the first allowed by LSU in the final quarter all year.

Now behind by two points with 3:32 to go, Notre Dame went for the tie on the two-point conversion. But Andrysiak's pass, intended for Joel Williams, was uncatchable. The Irish now stood 0-4 in

two-point tries.

"The funny thing is that we used the same defense on the two-point play that we used on their touchdown," explained Tiger defensive coach Mike Archer. "We blitzed two outside linebackers and the strong safety. The difference was, on the touchdown, they made a great throw and a great catch."

Had the Irish been able to play some defense on the final LSU drive, Notre Dame probably would have had another shot at victory. But Hodson, a freshman who exhibited the poise and savvy of a seasoned veteran, came through on a pair of third-and-long conversions to keep the ball away from the Irish.

"LSU made some great plays to maintain possession," said Holtz. "They beat us at their best."

Although they had a chance for a come-from-behind victory, the Irish really didn't play all that well before the 78,197 Baton Rouge rowdies. Poor pass defense and a mediocre running game contributed to Notre Dame's downfall. And the mental mistakes and miscues didn't help.



"You question yourself on a million different things," said Holtz. "Things change so much during the course of the game. One play affects the rest of them. You can say, 'If this play and that play worked,' but if this play and that play had worked, the rest of them would be completely different. What can you say?"

Four key plays told the sad, but familiar story.

With the score tied at seven in the second quarter, Brown, a first-team All-American, let a Beuerlein pass slip through his hands at the LSU five.

Then, with :31 left in the first half, John Carney had a 49-yard field goal nullified because of an LSU deadball offside penalty before the snap. When he kicked it over from 44 yards out, he missed. That sent the Irish into the lockerroom at intermission on the short end of a 14-7 score.

In the third quarter, Notre Dame had a first-and-goal situation on the LSU two. But three inside runs and a stab by Brown at the outside left the Irish empty-handed at the five.

And with 6:50 remaining, Beuerlein was

intercepted at the LSU 20.

"I guess you can call it bad luck," said linebacker Dave Butler, who had three quarterback sacks for 10 yards in losses. "I really don't put much stock in luck. But if there's really any such thing, then I don't think we have it. Maybe LSU deserves credit. They made the big plays; we didn't."

The Irish began the contest flatter than a dining hall pancake.

In the first quarter, Notre Dame could do nothing to stop the Tigers, who rolled up 178 yards to Notre Dame's six. In fact, the Irish offense didn't touch the football until the 0:45 mark of the first period.

"It's the first time we've come out this way," said Notre Dame center Chuck Lanza. "This team's been through an awful lot. It's a heck of a lot to ask a team to come back week after week against some of the people we play after what we've been through."

On the game's opening drive, LSU marched 71 yards in 11 plays to take a 7-0 lead on Hodson's 13-yard bullet to Wendell Davis.

But the Irish tied the game 12 seconds

later on Brown's impressive return. The junior flanker pulled the ball in at the Notre Dame four-yard line, squeezed through a horde of Tiger defenders at the 20 and made a mad dash for the end zone. It was Brown's second touchdown return of the year.

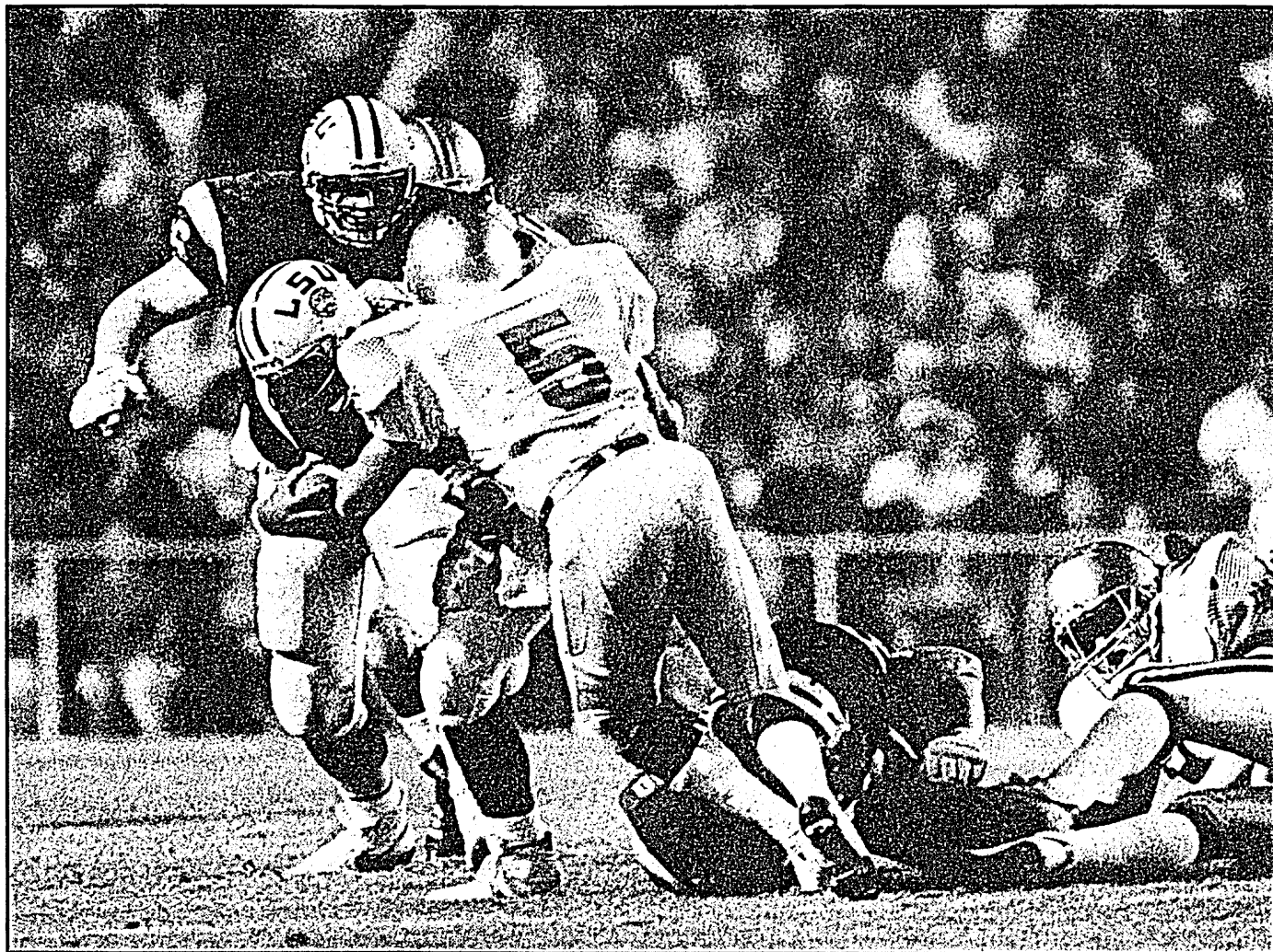
"Tim Brown is a great football player," said Tiger coach Bill Arnsparger. "We did a pretty good job of containing him offensively. We thought we were smart enough to keep him from burning us on the return. We were wrong."

But Brown's kickoff return failed to light a fire under his defensive teammates.

On its next possession, LSU bulldozed its way through the Notre Dame defense with an 82-yard, 17-play scoring drive.

The next time the Tigers touched the ball, they moved all the way to the Irish 19, but David Browndyke's 36-yard field goal attempt failed.

Notre Dame did not get its first first down until midway through the second period when Andrysiak scrambled for 22 yards, the longest Irish gain on the ground all night. Even that bright spot dimmed two plays later when Andrysiak fumbled at



Safety Brandy Wells calls a halt to this try by the Sugar Bowl-bound Tigers.

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midfield.

"We were lucky to be down by seven at halftime," said Holtz. "It should have been more. Our players were down at halftime. But you have to give them credit. They came back."

Notre Dame's defense finally awoke in the third quarter. The Irish did not give up a first down in the period.

"We came in here at the half and told each other it was just a matter of getting back to basics," said Butler. "I think we came together as a team."

In the third period, Notre Dame marched to the LSU 14-yard line, but the drive stalled and the Irish had to settle for a 31-yard field goal from Carney. Another Carney field goal — this one from 44 yards — brought the Irish back to within one at 14-13 with 11:34 left in the game.

But LSU put together a 79-yard scoring drive that put the Tigers on top 21-13. Those 21 points were enough to hold up for the Sugar Bowl-bound Tigers.

"This is absolutely unbelievable," said Holtz. "What more can you tell kids after a game like this? You have to give LSU all the credit in the world. But these are getting painful and maybe our day will come."

Although Holtz had faced the same scenario before, the long plane ride back to South Bend gave the first-year coach and his Irish plenty to contemplate.

Would they ever be able to shake the spell of misfortune that had plagued them all season?

Would they ever be able to eliminate the little mistakes that turn into costly errors?

Would all those valiant come-from-behind rallies ever result in a glorious victory?

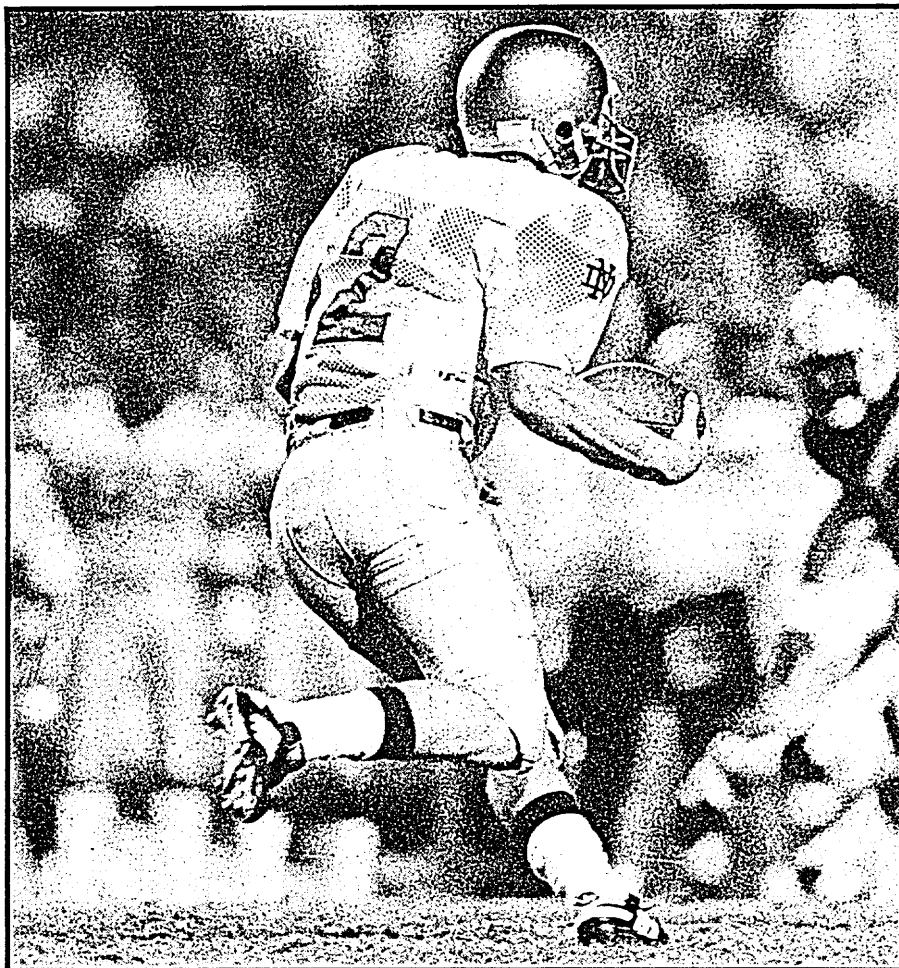
Would Notre Dame football ever wake up the echoes again?

Holtz was confident that his team would emerge from the rubble stronger and more determined than ever. He knew the wins would come; it was just a matter of time.

One day soon, Holtz and the Irish

would wake up from this nightmare and enjoy their day in the sun. The days of basking in glory weren't far away.

No one knew just how close the Irish were.



Reserve quarterback Terry Andrysiak turned out to be far and away the leading Irish rusher (with 50 yards) as well as the top Notre Dame passer (he completed six of eight for 83 yards).

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#### Scoring Summary

Notre Dame	7	0	3	9	—	19
LSU	14	0	0	7	—	21

#### First Quarter

LSU-Wendell Davis 12 pass from Tom Hodson (David Brownkye kick) at 9:48; Drive: 71 yards in 11 plays in 5:07 following opening kickoff; Big Play: Hodson pass to Brian Kinchen for 23; Score: LSU 7-0.

ND-Tim Brown 96 kickoff return (John Carney kick) at 9:36; Score: 7-7.

LSU-Rogie Magee 4 pass from Tom Hodson (David Brownkye kick) at 0:49; Drive: 82 yards in 17 plays in 8:47 following kickoff; Big Play: Hodson pass to Tony Moss for 17; Score: LSU 14-7.

#### Third Quarter

ND-John Carney 31 FG at 5:50; Drive: 52 yards in 13 plays in 4:46 following LSU punt; Big Play: Steve Bueerlein pass to Reggie Ward for 18; Score: LSU 14-10.

#### Fourth Quarter

ND-John Carney 44 FG at 11:34; Drive: 27 yards in 11 plays in 5:22 following LSU punt; Big Play: Anthony Johnson run for 10; Score: LSU 14-13.

LSU-Brian Kinchen 4 pass from Tom Hodson (David Brownkye kick) at 7:45; Drive: 79 yards in 11 plays in 3:44 following kickoff; Big Play: Garland JeanBatiste run for 14; Score: LSU 21-13.

ND-D'Juan Francisco 14 pass from Terry Andrysiak (Andrysiak pass fails) at 3:32; Drive: 80 yards in 7 plays in 1:34 following Troy Wilson interception; Big Play: Andrysiak pass to Tony Eason for 24; Score: A-78,197(c)

#### Individual Rushing

ND: Terry Andrysiak 6-50 (22 long), Anthony Johnson 8-19 (10 long), Steve Bueerlein 7-16 (15 long), Braxton Banks 4-13 (5 long), Alonzo Jefferson 2-10 (10 long), Tim Brown 5-9 (15 long), Pernell Taylor 5-9 (8 long), Tom Monahan 1-5, Hiawatha Francisco 2-4 (2 long), Aaron Robb 1-2; LSU: Garland Jean Batiste 13-62 (14 long), Harvey Williams 20-52 (11 long), Sam Martin 8-30 (7 long), Eddie Fuller 1-6.

#### Individual Passing

ND: Steve Bueerlein 18-7-1-50 (18 long), Terry Andrysiak 8-6-0-83-1 TD (24 long); LSU: Tom Hodson 28-20-2-248-3 TD (45 long), Mickey Guidry 2-1-0-(-3) (-3 long).

#### Individual Receiving

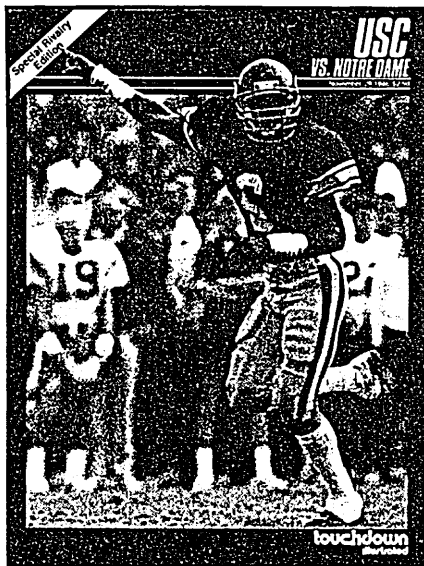
ND-Milt Jackson 3-35 (20 long), Joel Williams 2-13 (9 long), Tony Eason 1-24, Reggie Ward 1-18, Pernell Taylor 1-14, D'Juan Francisco 1-14-1 TD, Tim Brown 1-10, Braxton Banks 1-5, Andy Heck 1-2, Aaron Robb 1-(-3); LSU: Wendell Davis 7-121-1 TD, Sam Martin 3-29 (15 long), Garland JeanBatiste 3-15 (7 long), Brian Kinchen 2-27-1 TD (23 long), Rogie Magee 2-21-1 TD (17 long), Harvey Williams 2-18 (13 long), Tony Moss

1-17, Eddie Fuller 1-(-3).

#### Team Statistics

	ND	LSU
First Downs	17	21
Rushing	10	1
Passing	6	13
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	41	47
Yards Gained Rushing	164	168
Yards Lost Rushing	27	26
Net Yards Rushing	137	142
Net Yards Passing	133	245
Passed Attempted	26	30
Passes Completed	13	21
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	65	77
Total Net Yards	270	387
Average Gain Per Play	4.15	5.03
Return Yards	47	7
Fumbles: Number—Lost	1-1	4-0
Penalties: Number—Yards	2-20	6-50
Interceptions: Number—Yards	2-28	1-0
Number of Punts—Yards	3-80	4-175
Average Per Punt	26.7	43.8
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	1-19	1-7
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	3-128	4-64
Third-Down Conversions	10-18	10-17

# NOTRE DAME 38, USC 37



## They Told Holtz There Would Be Days Like This

by John Heisler

They told Lou Holtz when he took the job of head football coach at Notre Dame there would be days like this one.

They tell Irish players when they matriculate there will be Saturdays like this.

They just never told Holtz or John Carney or Steve Beuerlein or any of the other Irish seniors they would have to wait so long for a moment like this—or that that moment, once it arrived, could be so eminently satisfying.

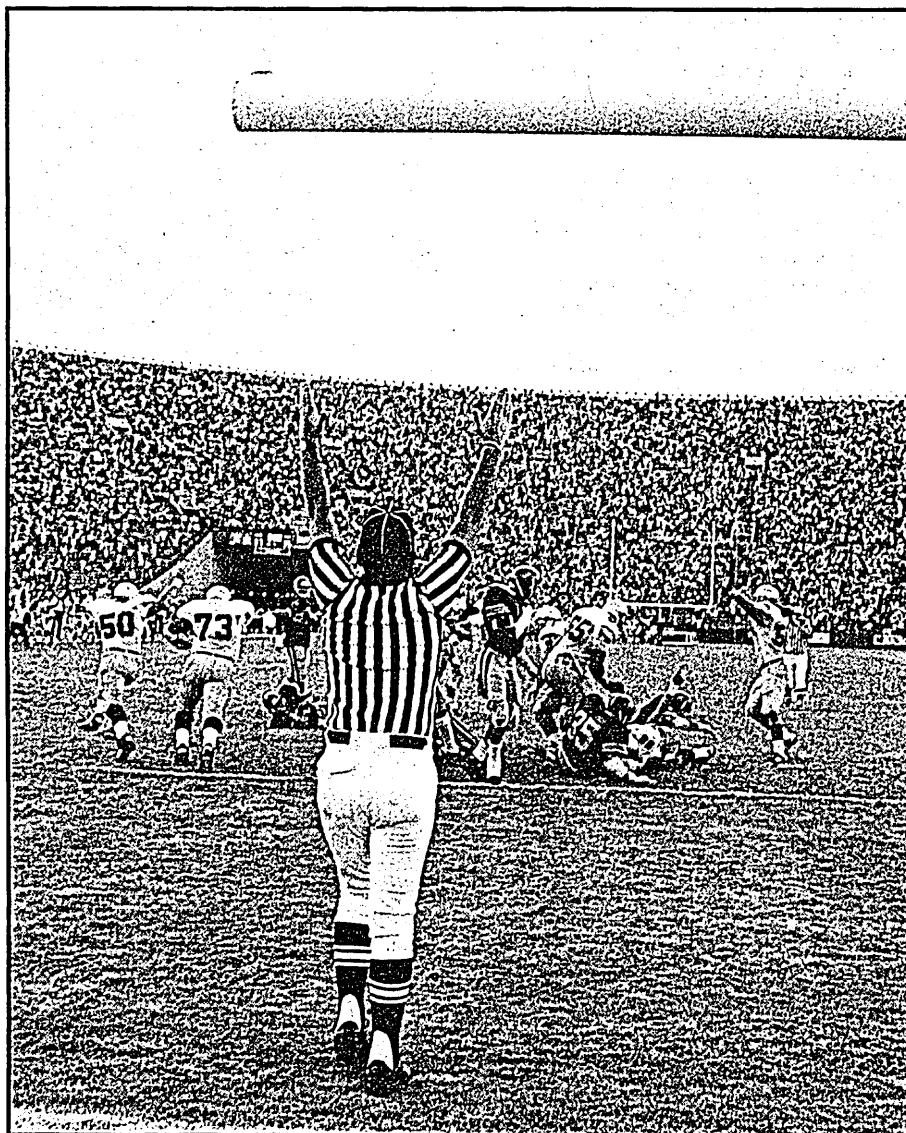
Saying Notre Dame defeated USC 38-37 doesn't begin to tell the story of one of the more impressive comebacks in Irish gridiron history.

This was football played for pride—not only for a Notre Dame team already guaranteed a losing record but also for a USC team trying to save the job of its head coach, Ted Tollner, despite a New Year's Day invitation to the Citrus Bowl.

After five losses by an amazing total of 14 points, this marked one last chance for the Irish to get it right—and they did it in such spectacular fashion that stunned Trojan players were sprawled numbly on the field at the finish.

The terse wire-story version said John Carney's 19-yard field goal as time expired won it for Notre Dame. Yet, that hardly told the saga of a remarkable display of fortitude by a seemingly forever-jinxed band of Irish—and, in particular, by a handful of Californians on the Notre Dame roster who couldn't possibly have imagined a more enjoyable outing in their own backyard.

There had been plenty of moist eyes in the Notre Dame locker room during '86—but this time the tears of joy gave a whole new meaning to a season in which the Irish lent a different significance to the word competitive.



The effects of John Carney's last-second, game-winning field goal could be much more far-reaching than simply providing the victory margin for the '86 Irish finale.

JOHN DLUGOLECKI

"The USC game was a great game for the spectators, but don't forget we had five other games just like that. The difference was the ball went through the uprights this time," Holtz says. "We had so many times where it seemed we were down two touchdowns and came back to put ourselves in position to win the game. The USC game was the first time we climbed over the summit.

"I thought it was a tribute to our players because, as I've said many times, it was like going to the altar five times and getting jilted every time. It gets tough to get 'em to come back that sixth time. But our kids kept coming back.

"That's why I hated to see the season end on the Saturday when we really came of age. I just hope we can build on that confidence next season. It's so much easier to improve after you win a game like that one. If we could have come back and played the next week, we would have been a much, much better football team."

As it was, Holtz would have to be satisfied with a merely exceptional comeback on the particular Saturday. The list of heroes went on so long, it proved difficult to single out individuals.

But try Beuerlein.

Starting the 42nd and final game of a checkered career in front of his hometown fans, the senior from nearby Fullerton almost watched his afternoon go up in

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flames. He'd been amply warned by Notre Dame's head coach after throwing an interception on his final attempt the previous Saturday at LSU (that came after a record 119 straight throws without an intercept).

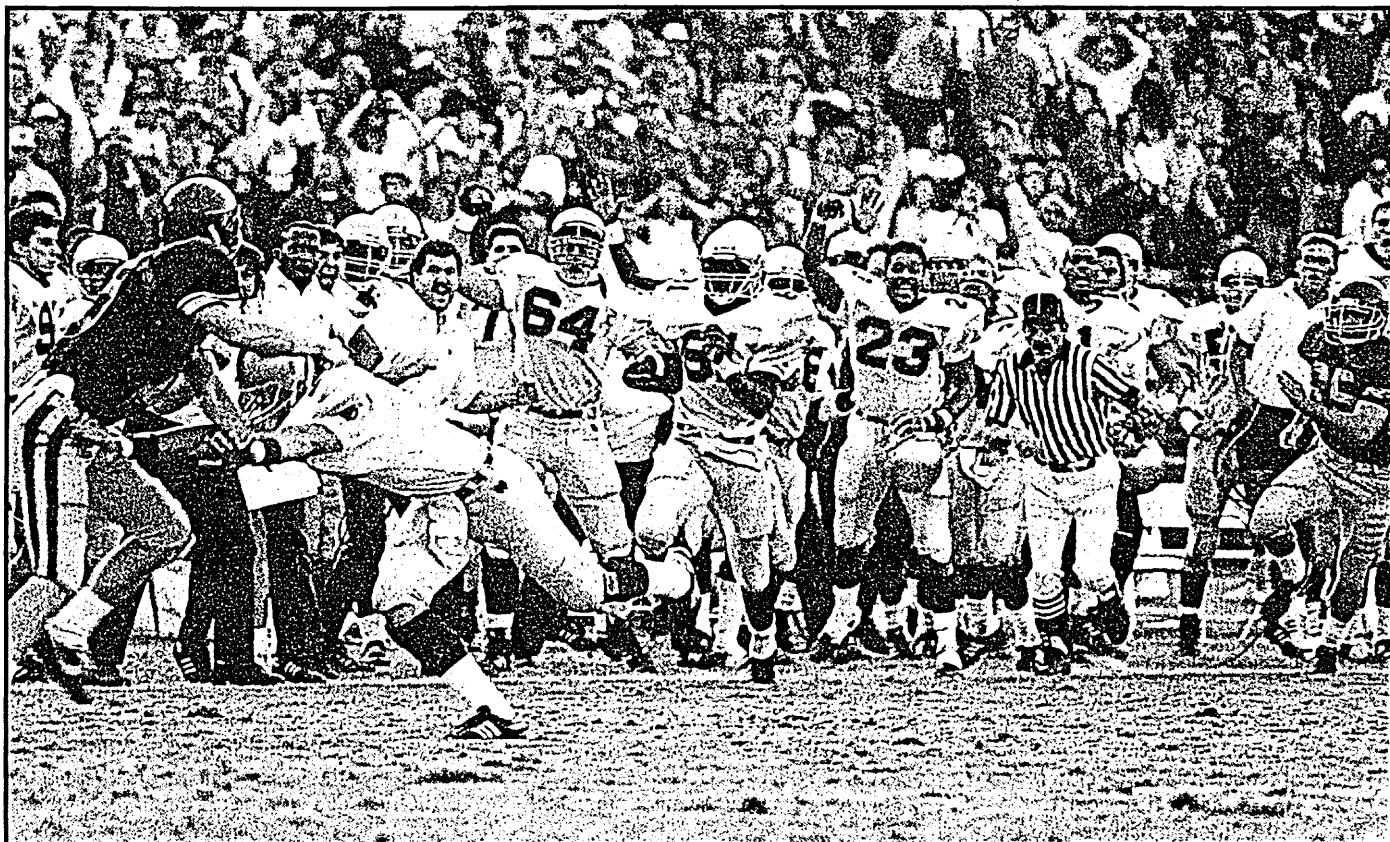
"Coach Holtz let me know that if I had any turnovers against USC, drastic action might take place," admitted Beuerlein, who could only watch as the Trojans' Lou Brock picked off his cross-the-field second-quarter throw and return it 58 yards for a 10-6 USC lead.

"I knew that was probably it for me. Coach came up to me and said, 'There's nothing to be said. Terry's in (junior quarterback Andrysiak).'"

But Holtz chose to give Beuerlein one more chance, reinserting him on the next series.

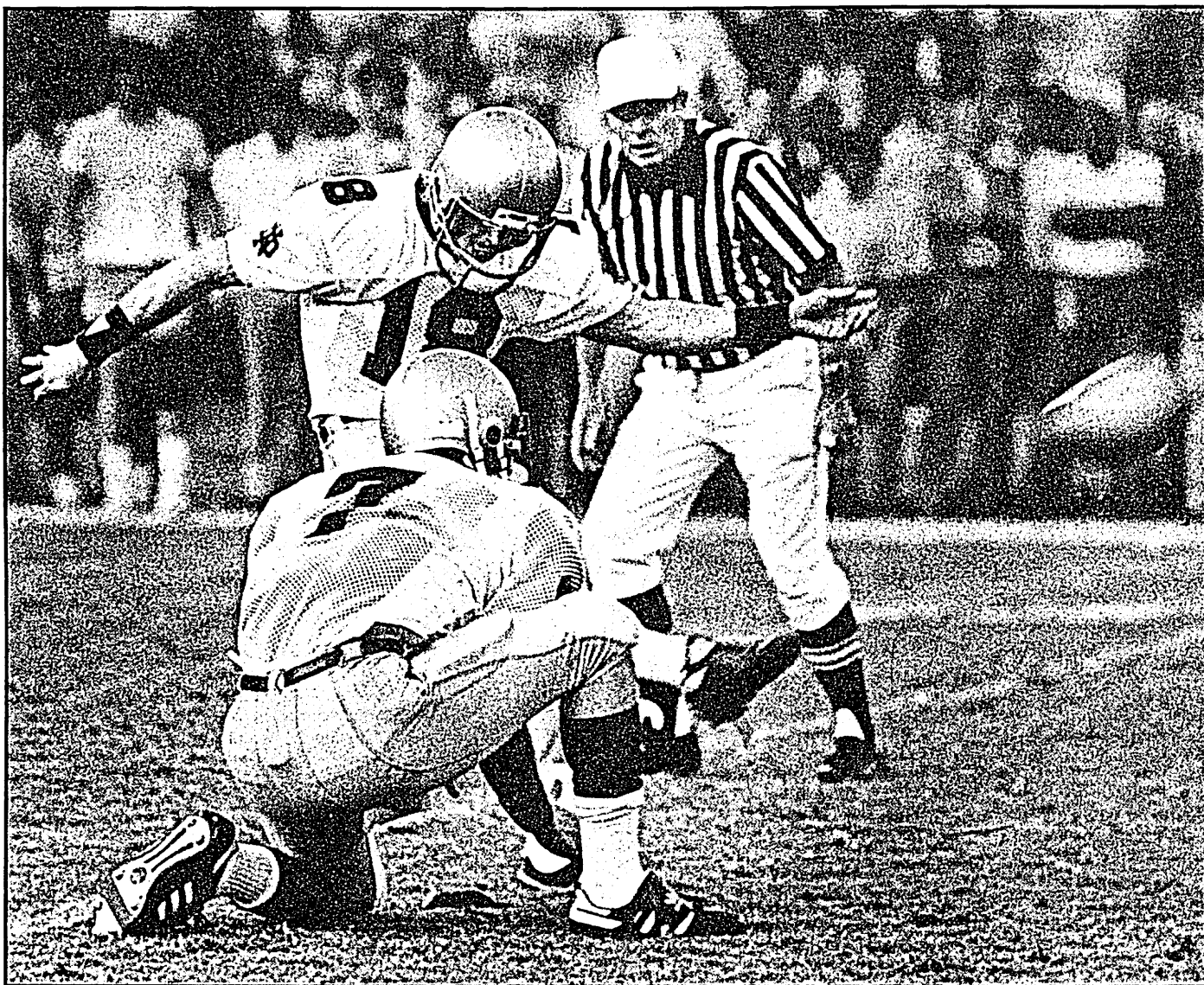
"I thank God he had faith to put me back in," Beuerlein said. "I was thinking about how it was my last game, in front of all my friends and family and how this was no way to go out. But I had a gut feeling he would give me another chance. When he asked me if I was ready to play, I said, 'Yes sir, you won't regret it.'"

Beuerlein proved just short of sensational the rest of the way, finishing with four touchdown passes—tying records for most scoring throws ever against the Trojans and the most by an Irish quarter-



The excitement generated by Tim Brown's fourth-period, 56-yard punt return is mirrored in the faces on the Irish sidelines as Brown speeds by.

JOHN DLUGOLECKI



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**John Carney kicks the critical three-pointer out of Steve Beuerlein's hold. . .**

back in a single game.

Try Milt Jackson.

Often hidden in the shadow of Tim Brown's efforts, Jackson made a play as spectacular as any made all day as he went high in the air in the end zone, outleaping Trojan safety Junior Thurman for the ball. That 42-yard scoring pass cut the USC lead to 37-27 and came just 43 seconds after a Rodney Peete quarterback sneak had given USC a seemingly-insurmountable 37-20 advantage with just 12:26 left.

Try Brown himself.

All he did in the final half alone was return a kickoff 57 yards to set up the scoring bomb to Jackson, catch a 49-yard pass to set up another Irish touchdown and then return a punt 56 yards (only the second punt return of his career) to set up Carney's game-winning field goal.

Try the all-California backfield duo of tailback Mark Green (Riverside) and fullback Braxton Banks (Hayward).

Green, who hadn't carried the football once the previous week at LSU, gained a season-high 119 yards on 24 carries—marking the first time all year any Irish running back gained more than 73 yards in a game. Banks caught a pair of scoring passes from Beuerlein and added another 30 rushing yards.

Try unsung sophomore tight end Andy Heck.

He scored Notre Dame's first touchdown, but—more impressively—he banged heads with the USC defense on a two-point conversion try in the final period and came away the winner. Seemingly halted short of the goal line after catching a quick pass from Beuerlein, Heck's second and third efforts finally pushed him across the stripe, making the count 37-35 and giving Carney a chance for the gamewinner moments later.

Try the game Irish defense.  
Though Notre Dame allowed the

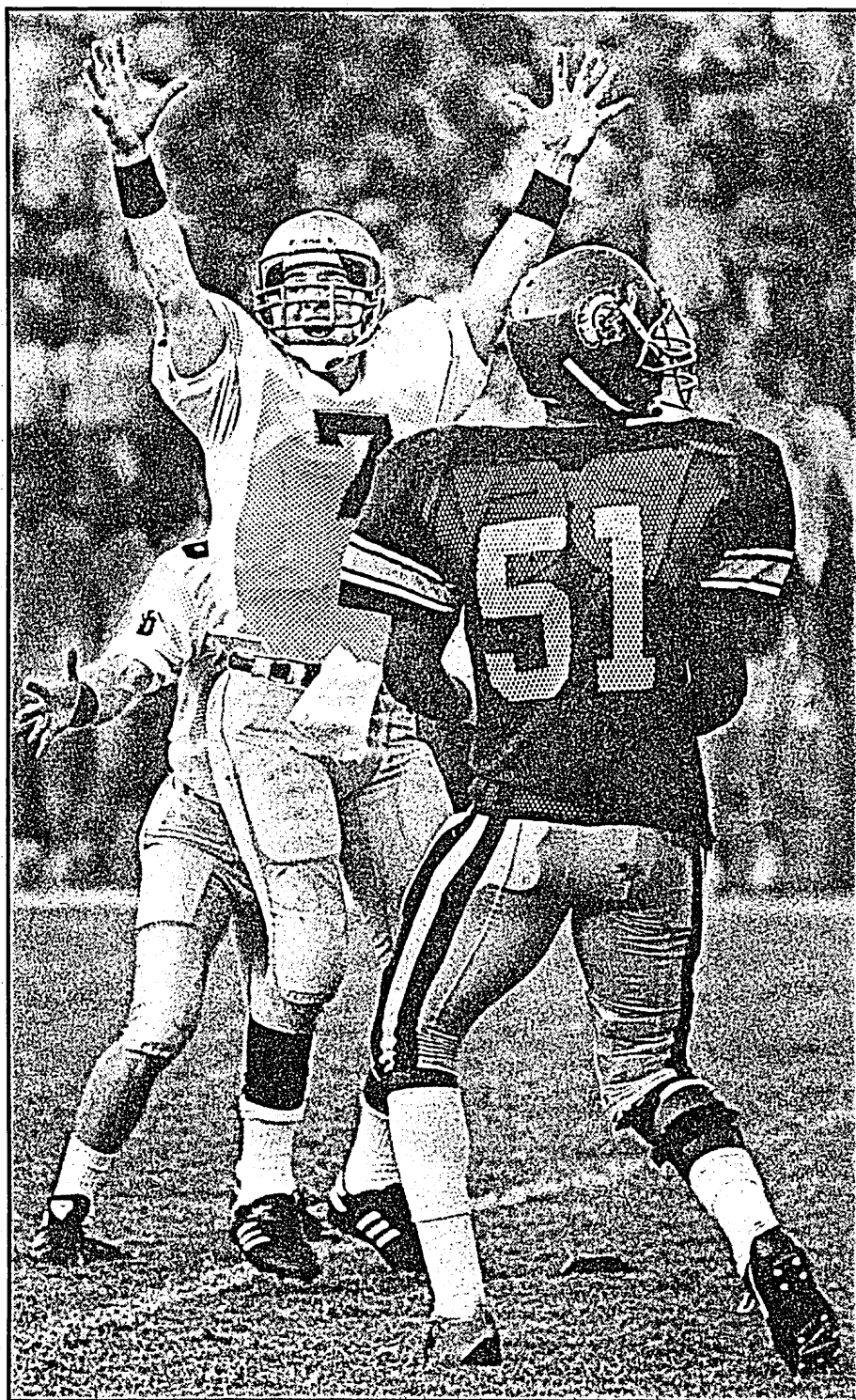
Trojans eight more points than it permitted against any other opponent in '86, the Irish got tough when it counted. They held strong on a fourth-and-inches attempt at the Notre Dame five with just over six minutes to play. USC disdained the probably-automatic field goal, only to watch a Peete sneak come up short—setting the stage for Notre Dame's late rally.

Finally, try Carney.

Despite breaking both the season and career records for field goals, the usually-dependable senior placekicker had been remembered more in '86 for his last-second misses against Michigan and Pitt—each of which would have been gamewinners. This time, Carney knocked the albatross from around his neck by nailing three three-pointers, the last of which from 19 yards at the final gun culminated the improbable comeback.

Notre Dame spent the entire 1986 season outgaining opponents in total yards,





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...prompting a quick official's signal from Beuerlein. . .

first downs and just about everything else except points. The first half of this contest gave every indication of a repeat performance.

The halftime stat sheet said Notre Dame had outgained USC 228-134, out-first downed the Trojans 16-7, run 38 plays to 23 for USC and held the football for 22:16 compared to 7:44 for the home team. Yet,

somehow, USC led 20-9.

The second quarter, by itself, was almost impossible to explain. The Irish ran off 29 plays (to six for USC) and held the ball for all but 1:58 of the period—yet they were outscored 17-3, thanks to Brock's interception return, a four-play 66-yard scoring drive that lasted all of 1:31 plus Don Shafer's record-setting 60-yard field

goal on the final play of the half.

But the Irish, who had seen more than their share of bizarre scenes in the Los Angeles Coliseum over the years, were about to add one more to the list.

Yet, the second half didn't exactly begin auspiciously. Pernell Taylor fumbled on the first play from scrimmage, and the Irish defense had to fight off the Trojans at the Notre Dame three before another Shafer field goal made it 23-9.

Carney knocked through another of his field goals and—after Brown's 57-yard kickoff return—Banks hauled in the first of his scoring receptions. But, in between, USC scored again on a 70-yard march that would have ended prematurely except for a roughing-the-kicker penalty against Notre Dame on a USC punt. When the Trojans drove relentlessly through the Irish to make it 37-20 following a 62-yard march that ended 2:34 into the final period, the Notre Dame cause looked almost hopeless.

If Holtz had watched his team roll over and die at that point, he probably wouldn't have been surprised. After all, the Irish already had seen a few too many of days like this one when nothing seemed to go right.

Give Beuerlein credit for rallying the troops in a hurry. Given his reprieve by Holtz, he wasted no time at all—first throwing to Jackson for 27 yards and then, one play later, rolling far to his right before arching the toss that Jackson remarkably pulled in 42 yards away. Jackson made yet another spectacular catch on the two-point conversion that was wiped out by penalty—but the Irish were back to within striking distance at 37-27 following Carney's conventional PAT.

Next came the USC march that appeared to break the backs of the Irish one last time. Driving methodically from their own 30, the Trojans used up more than five minutes on the clock and drove all the way to the Notre Dame five.

First, Todd Steele came up short on third and one. Then, Peete did the same on fourth down—on a call that brought howls of protest—plus a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the USC quarterback—from the Trojan players and sideline.

Peete described the call and resulting spot as "the worst I've ever seen," Tollner said he couldn't imagine the play hadn't gained the required yardage—but referee Bill McDonald asserted after the game that Peete had been "clearly short."

The whole matter didn't appear to be that important—because the Irish still trailed by 10 points and stood 80 yards from the USC end zone with only 6:16 left. But that change of possession also signaled a change of momentum. It went all Notre Dame's way the rest of the day.

"I can't explain what was going through everybody's minds out there at the end," said Beuerlein. "We knew that all we needed was to get the ball. Anything we were doing was turning to gold."

"This game was like a rerun of the whole year. We had the first downs, the passing yardage, the rushing yardage but not the points on the scoreboard. It worked out today because we kept believing."

One play after the controversial call, Beuerlein found Brown on a 49-yard connection—on a play in which Brown was so wide open he probably would have gone all the way had the timing been perfect. Four rushing carries by Green pushed the football to the five—and Banks then took a throw from Beuerlein the last five yards. After Heck's two-point conversion, the setting for the comeback was nearly complete.

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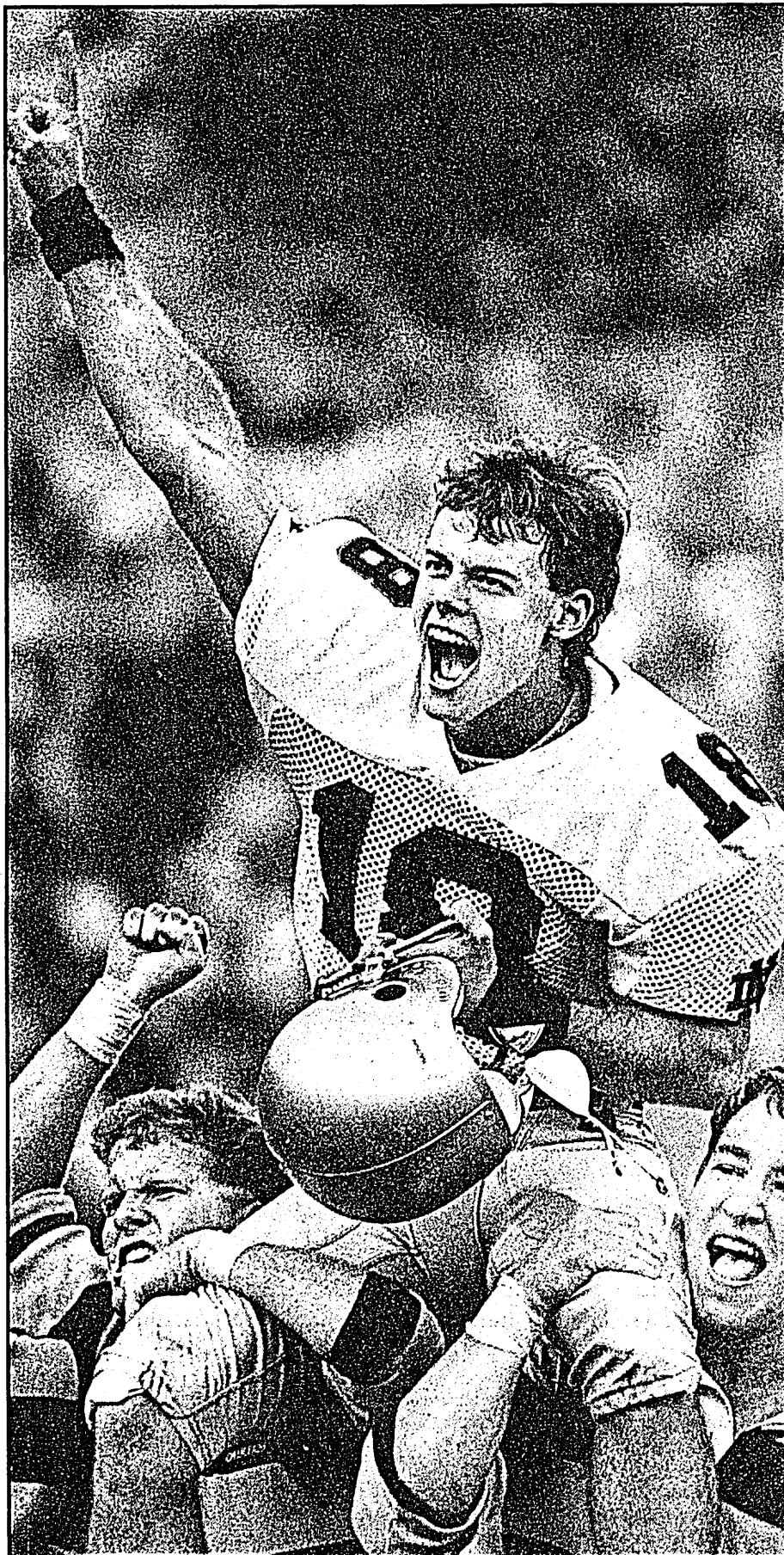
Taking over with 4:24 remaining, USC did its part for the storyline as Wally Kleine stopped Ryan Knight after a gain of just a yard on third and three from the USC 27.

Then came a truly electrifying play—one which prompted Larry Feller to write four months later in *The Sporting News*: "If Notre Dame's Tim Brown hadn't burst out of a telephone booth to beat Southern Cal in the final quarter last December, (Ted) Tollner might still be a college head coach."

Anything but a veteran at punt returns (the only other attempt in his college career came the week before at LSU), Brown stunned the crowd by taking Chris Sperle's 44-yard kick and weaving his way down the Notre Dame sideline for 56 yards to the USC 16. Again, Brown came within inches of going all the way.

With 2:15 still on the clock, the Irish played it safe. A rush by Banks, three by Green and one by Brown took the ball to the one-yard line. Notre Dame called its final timeout with two seconds left—and USC followed that up with its last one, too, as Carney awaited his chance.

CBS managed to miss showing the dramatic conclusion live, but that didn't change the scene viewed by the 70,614 fans in the Coliseum. Beuerlein held, Carney



...earning Carney a hero's ride off the field...

kicked it through, Carney lifted Beuerlein off the ground in joy—and seconds later a pile of joyous Irish players and coaches formed at the 15. Back at the seven a solitary Trojan defender lay with his face in the grass, almost as if he'd been shot. A wire-service photographer framed the celebration behind him, and that scene ran in newspapers all across the country the next day.

It couldn't have been a more fitting ending for Beuerlein and Carney and the rest of the seniors—nor for Fathers Theodore Hesburgh and Edmund Joyce, who sat viewing their final Notre Dame football game in their capacities as the University's president and executive vice-president.

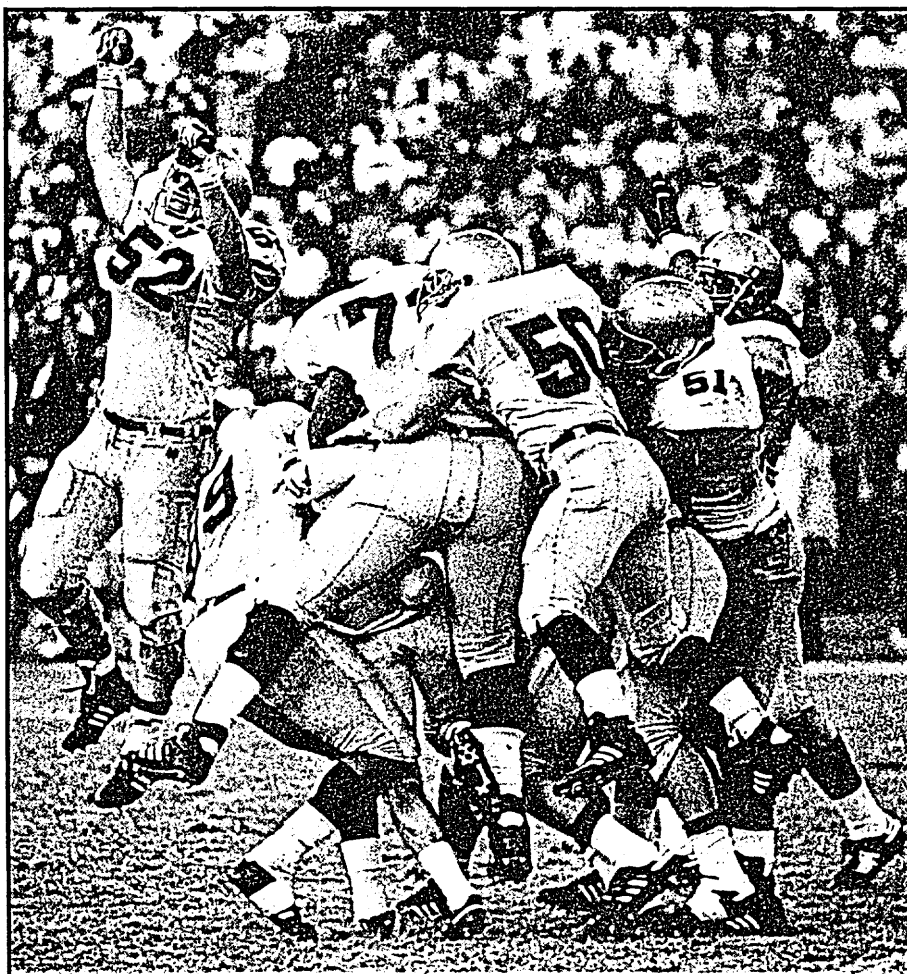
"When he was running out on the field," said Beuerlein, "I went up to him and said, 'Hey, Johnny, this is gonna make it all worthwhile. You're gonna do it. Everybody's gonna forget about the other ones.' He said, 'I know. It's no problem. We got it.'"

"I knew that if we got the snap and kept the penetration out, there was no way John Carney was going to miss that field goal."

For Holtz, the Irish finally came through at crunch time to win a close game against a quality opponent. For once, Notre Dame kicked dirt in the other guy's face when it counted.

After all, they had told Holtz when he came to Notre Dame there would be days like this.

They just never told him how amazing it would be.



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...and setting off an Irish celebration at the final gun.

#### Scoring Summary

Notre Dame	6	3	11	18	—	38
USC	3	17	10	7	—	37

#### First Quarter

SC-Don Shafer 48 FG at 12:12; Drive: 40 yards in 8 plays in 2:48 following opening kickoff; Big Play: Rodney Peete pass to Ken Henry for 12; Score: SC 3-0.

ND-Andy Heck 5 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick blocked) at 1:25; Drive: 63 yards in 14 plays in 6:12 following Steve Lawrence interception; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 12; Score: ND 6-3.

#### Second Quarter

SC-Lou Brock 58 interception return (Don Shafer kick) at 9:43; Score: SC 10-6.

SC-Leroy Holt 3 run (Don Shafer kick) at 4:21; Drive: 66 yards in 4 plays in 1:31 following Notre Dame loss of ball on downs; Big Play: Rodney Peete pass to Lonnie White for 53; Score: SC 17-6.

ND-John Carney 33 FG at :21; Drive: 76 yards in 11 plays in 4:00 following kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein passes to Milt Jackson for 22 and 20; Score: SC 17-9.

SC-Don Shafer 60 FG at :00; Drive: 22 yards in 2 plays in :21 following ND kickoff; Big Play: Rodney Peete pass to Randy Tanner for 22; Score: SC 20-9.

#### Third Quarter

SC-Don Shafer 23 FG at 13:06; Drive: 8 yards in 5 plays in 1:47 following Keith Davis fumble recovery; Big Play: Ryan Knight run for 8; Score: SC 23-9.

ND-John Carney 32 FG at 9:02; Drive: 66 yards in 10 plays in 4:04 following kickoff; Big Play: Steve Beuerlein pass to Tony Eason for 17; Score: SC 23-12.

SC-Todd Steele 1 run (Don Shafer kick) at 3:52; Drive:

70 yards in 15 plays in 5:10 following kickoff; Big Play: Roughing the kicker penalty vs. ND; Score: SC 30-12.

ND-Braxton Banks 22 pass from Steve Beuerlein (Milt Jackson pass from Beuerlein) at 2:45; Drive: 37 yards in 4 plays in 1:07 following kickoff; Big Play: Tim Brown kickoff return for 57; Score: SC 30-20.

#### Fourth Quarter

SC-Rodney Peete 1 run (Don Shafer kick) at 12:26; Drive: 62 yards in 11 plays in 5:19 following kickoff; Big Play: Rodney Peete pass to Paul Green for 17; Score: SC 37-20.

ND-Milt Jackson 42 pass from Steve Beuerlein (John Carney kick) at 11:43; Drive: 69 yards in 3 plays in :43 following kickoff; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Jackson for 27; Score: SC 37-27.

ND-Braxton Banks 5 pass from Steve Beuerlein (Andy Heck pass from Beuerlein) at 4:24; Drive: 80 yards in 8 plays in 1:52 following SC loss of ball on downs; Big Play: Beuerlein pass to Tim Brown for 49; Score: SC 37-35.

ND-John Carney 19 FG at :00; Drive: 15 yards in 5 plays in 2:15 following SC punt; Big Play: Tim Brown punt return for 56; Score: ND 38-37. A-70,614

#### Individual Rushing

ND: Mark Green 24-119 (12 long), Braxton Banks 7-30 (11 long), Hiawatha Francisco 4-19 (7 long), Tim Brown 3-10 (5 long), Pernell Taylor 3-6 (5 long), Anthony Johnson 3-5 (4 long), Reggie Ward 1-4, D'Juan Francisco 1-3, Terry Andrysiak 2-2 (1 long), Steve Beuerlein 3-(-1) (8 long); SC: Ryan Knight 22-90 (9 long), Todd Steele 12-48-1 TD (12 long), Leroy Holt 3-16-1 TD (9 long), Rodney Peete 8-7-1 TD (8 long).

#### Individual Passing

ND: Steve Beuerlein 27-18-1-285-4 TD (49 long), Terry Andrysiak 1-1-0-8; SC-Rodney Peete 23-10-1-171

(53 long).

#### Individual Receiving

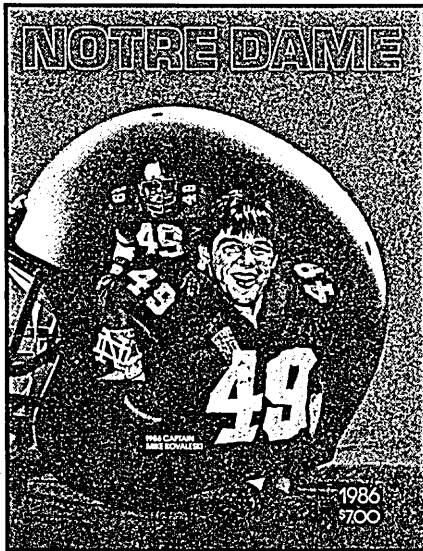
ND-Tim Brown 5-89 (49 long), Milt Jackson 4-111-1 TD (42 long), Braxton Banks 4-31-2 TD (22 long), Mark Green 2-22 (15 long), Joel Williams 2-18 (10 long), Andy Heck 1-5-1 TD; Tony Eason 1-17; SC: Ken Henry 3-41 (23 long), Randy Tanner 3-39 (22 long), Paul Green 2-24 (17 long), Lonnie White 1-53, Todd Steele 1-14.

#### Team Statistics

	USC	ND
First Downs .....	20	28
Rushing .....	11	13
Passing .....	7	13
Penalty .....	2	2
Rushing Attempts .....	45	51
Yards Gained Rushing .....	179	208
Yards Lost Rushing .....	18	11
Net Yards Rushing .....	161	197
Net Yards Passing .....	171	293
Passes Attempted .....	23	28
Passes Completed .....	10	19
Had Intercepted .....	1	1
Total Offensive Plays .....	68	79
Total Net Yards .....	332	490
Average Gain Per Play .....	4.88	6.20
Return Yards .....	58	56
Fumbles: Number—Lost .....	2-0	1-1
Penalties: Number—Yards .....	5-40	6-59
Interceptions: Number—Yards .....	1-58	1-0
Number of Punts—Yards .....	2-83	1-33
Average Per Punt .....	41.5	33.0
Punt Returns: Number—Yards .....	0-0	1-56
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards .....	6-147	6-122
Third-Down Conversions .....	6-13	8-13



# NOTES ON NOTRE DAME



## Irish Items: Football '86

by John Heisler

• Seven different Notre Dame players earned some sort of All-America notice in 1986. Junior flanker **TIM BROWN** was a first-team pick by the Associated Press, United Press International, *The Sporting News* and *Football News*. Senior defensive tackle **WALLY KLEINE** was a second-team pick by *Football News* and a UPI honorable mention selection. Junior outside linebacker **CEDRIC FIGARO** was a third-team pick by *Football News* and an honorable mention choice by the AP. Senior center **CHUCK LANZA** and senior quarterback **STEVE BEUERLEIN** each earned honorable mention ratings from the AP. Senior inside linebacker **MIKE KOVALESKI** ended up an honorable mention selection by the AP and *Football News*. Senior offensive guard **SHAWN HEFFERN** rated honorable mention notice from *Football News*.

• At the 67th annual Notre Dame Football Banquet sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, **TIM BROWN** was selected the most valuable player for 1986 by vote of his teammates — with the Notre Dame National Monogram Club presenting the award. **STEVE BEUERLEIN** was chosen the outstanding offensive player, **MIKE KOVALESKI** was chosen the outstanding defensive player — and the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame named senior defensive tackle **ROBERT BANKS** the outstanding lineman.

• Senior split end **MILT JACKSON** earned the Scholar-Athlete Award for 1986 from the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley. An accounting major in the College of Business Administration, Jackson owns a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average after posting a 3.75 during the spring semester.

Senior punter **DAN SORENSEN** was chosen to the District Five Academic

All-America team by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) on its GTE-sponsored squad. The District Five team included players from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ontario and Manitoba. Sorensen owns a 3.417 cumulative grade-point average as an accounting major in the College of Business Administration.

• Sixty-two members of Notre Dame's 1986 football team earned monograms for their contributions.

Winning monograms for the fourth season were OT John Askin, DT Robert Banks, QB Steve Beuerlein, K John Carney, FB Hiawatha Francisco, CB Mike Haywood, SE Milt Jackson, DT Wally Kleine, LB Mike Kovalski, FS Steve Lawrence, TE Joel Williams and CB Troy Wilson.

Winning monograms for the third season were FL Tim Brown, OLB Dave Butler, OLB Cedric Figaro, DT Mike Griffin, OG Shawn Heffern, C Chuck Lanza, SE Alvin Miller, FB Tom Monahan, CB Marv Spence, FL Reggie Ward, LB Ron Weissenhofer and SS Brandy Wells.

Winning monograms for the second season were QB Terry Andrysiak, FS James Bobb, OLB Matt Dingens, SE Tony Eason, OG Tom Freeman, OLB Darrell Gordon, TB Mark Green, TE Andy Heck, DT Jeff Kunz, CB Chris Kvochak, LB Wes Pritchett, OT Tom Rehder, FL Aaron Robb, P Dan Sorensen, OG Byron Spruell, SS George Streeter and FB Pernell Taylor.

Winning monograms for the first year were DT Jeff Alm, FB Braxton Banks, LB Ned Bolcar, QB Tom Byrne, SE Ray Dumas, OLB Tom Galloway, C John Grieb, DT Tom Gorman, C Tim Grunhard, LB Greg Harris, SE Skip Holtz, TB Anthony Johnson, OT Marty Lippincott, OG Tom McHugh, DT Rich Morrison, OG Jeff

Pearson, CB Stan Smagala, FS Corny Southall, LB Mike Stonebreaker, TE Dan Tanczos and CB Pat Terrell.

Walk-ons earning service monograms for their four-year contributions were John Cooney, Rick Michalak and Mike Seasley.

• Senior offensive guard **SHAWN HEFFERN** earned the distinction of playing more minutes than any other player for Notre Dame in 1986 with his final 302:02 playing-time figure. Here's a complete listing of playing times for the '86 campaign, including how many each individual played and started:

Offensive Linemen — Shawn Heffern 302:02 (started 11), Byron Spruell 297:33 (started 11), Chuck Lanza 291:27 (started 11), Tom Freeman 275:24 (started 11), Tom Rehder 239:25 (started 8, played 11), John Askin 92:14 (started 3, played 9), Tom McHugh 59:10 (played 11), Marty Lippincott 49:00 (started vs. Michigan at DT, played 8), James Baugus 26:06 (played 6), Jeff Pearson 23:59 (played 7), Tim Grunhard 19:58 (played 10), Dean Brown 14:55 (started 5), Tom Riley 11:50 (played 4), Steve Huffman 6:47 (played 1), Chuck Killian 1:46 (played 2), Dom Prinzivalli 1:32 (played 1), Rick Michalak 1:06 (played 4).

Receivers — Tim Brown 235:08 (started 10, played 11), Milt Jackson 201:43 (started 10, played 11), Joel Williams 179:18 (started 11), Andy Heck 157:54 (played 11), Reggie Ward 85:46 (started 1, played 11), Ray Dumas 60:23 (played 10), Tony Eason 37:35 (played 9), Alvin Miller 37:02 (started 1, played 4), Dan Tanczos 31:44 (played 10), Aaron Robb 18:41 (played 10), Skip Holtz 11:03 (played 11), Brad Alge 5:33 (played 2), Steve Alaniz 5:20 (played 2), Mike Lohman 5:06 (played 3), James Sass 2:48 (played 4), Mike Brennan 1:07 (played 2), Bob Welch :50



(played 1).

**Offensive Backs** — Steve Beuerlein 276:39 (started 10, played 11), Pernell Taylor 196:03 (started 8, played 11), Mark Green 154:31 (started 6, played 10), Anthony Johnson 116:23 (started 5, played 11), Braxston Banks 72:56 (started 2, played 10), Tom Monahan 68:23 (started 1, played 11), Terry Andrysiak 50:35 (started 1, played 10), Alonzo Jefferson 25:49 (played 5), D'Juan Francisco 23:30 (played 6), Hiawatha Francisco 22:10 (played 6), Tom Byrne 9:34 (played 8), Steve Belles 8:39 (played 7), Pete Graham 4:52 (played 7), Joe Jarosz 2:10 (played 1), Mike Gatti 1:32 (played 1), Frank Pinn :50 (played 1), Frank Stams :16 (played 1).

**Defensive Linemen** — Wally Kleine 224:34 (started 10), Mike Griffin 198:54 (started 9, played 10), Robert Banks 194:27 (started 9), Jeff Kunz 120:04 (started 3, played 10), Tom Gorman 84:23 (started 1, played 10), Matt Dingens 33:43 (played 9), Mike Crounse 7:15 (played 2), Tony Puntillo 3:01 (played 2), John Zaleski 1:38 (played 2), Bryan Flannery 1:38 (played 3), Mike Seasily 1:31 (played 1).

**Linebackers** — Cedric Figaro 249:04 (started 10), Mike Kovaleski 230:19 (started 11), Dave Butler 193:35 (started 7, played 10), Ron Weissenhofer 159:45 (started 10, played 11), Wes Pritchett 138:27 (played 11), Darrell Gordon 103:35 (started 5, played 9), Mike Stonebreaker 70:40 (started 1, played 10), Ned Bolcar 27:23 (played 11), Dan Quinn 25:13 (played 5), Jeff Alm 23:36 (played 8), Rich Morrison 14:04 (played 10), Greg Harris 10:23 (played 11), Kevin McShane 6:37 (played 7), Tom Galloway 4:47 (played 10), Greg Hudson 3:54 (played 6), Matt Kairis 2:21 (played 2), Mark Nigro :39 (played 2), John Cooney :34 (played 2), Scott Bufton :07 (played 1).

**Defensive Backs** — Troy Wilson 285:33 (started 11), Marv Spence 216:45 (started 9, played 11), Steve Lawrence 206:42 (started 9, played 11), Brandy Wells 174:00 (started 7), George Streeter 149:43 (started 6, played 11), James Bobb 68:04 (started 1, played 10), Stan Smagala 23:41 (played 5), Corny Southall 21:58 (played 9), Mike Haywood 20:53 (started 1, played 3), Chris Kvachak 12:55 (played 9), Pat Terrell 11:21 (played 11), Chris Johnson 1:07 (played 2), Mike Tafelski :10 (played 1), Mark Oleksak :10 (played 1), Walter Howard :10 (played 1).

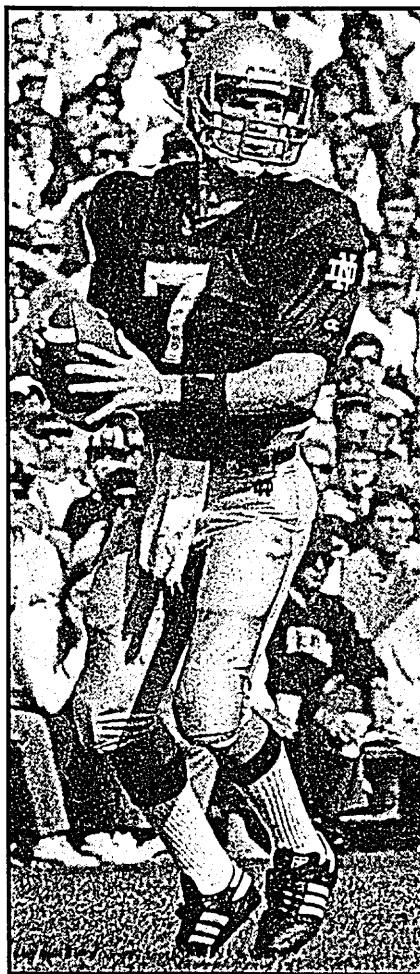
**Specialists** — Dan Sorensen 8:11 (played 10), John Carney 6:36 (played 11), John Grieb 6:13 (played 8), Vince Phelan :08 (played 1), Ted Gradel :06 (played 1).

• Postseason bowl participation by Notre Dame players in '86 included appearances by **STEVE BEUERLEIN**, **JOHN CARNEY**, **TROY WILSON**, **STEVE LAWRENCE** and **WALLY KLEINE** in the Blue-Gray game, **MIKE KOVALESKI** in the Japan Bowl, **ROBERT BANKS** in

the East-West Shrine game and **SHAWN HEFFERN** in the Hula Bowl.

• Here's where Notre Dame finished in team categories in the final NCAA statistics for the '86 season: 14th in total offense (411.5 yards per game), 33rd in rushing offense (189.4), 28th in passing offense (222.2), 24th in scoring offense (27.2), 26th in total defense (312.6), 19th in rushing defense (119.5), 63rd in pass defense (193.2), 44th in scoring defense (19.9), ninth in kickoff returns (22.4) and 13th in punt returns (10.9).

Notre Dame's individual rankings



**Steve Beuerlein leaves with nearly every career passing mark in the Notre Dame record book.**

included **TIM BROWN** third in all-purpose yardage (176.1 yards per game), third in kickoff returns (27.92) and 38th in receiving (4.0 per game), **JOHN CARNEY** fourth in field goals (1.91 per game) and 19th in scoring (7.91 per game), **STEVE BEUERLEIN** 13th in passing efficiency (141.2 rating points) and 26th in total offense (204.1 per game) and **TROY WILSON** 39th in punt returns (8.54 each).

• Notre Dame's 1986 schedule ranked as the most difficult in the nation according to NCAA rankings prior to the season — and third in degree of difficulty following the

season based on '86 results.

In preseason ratings based on '85 records, Notre Dame's '86 opponents ranked first in the NCAA figures with a combined 78-37-4 (.672) mark against other Division I-A foes. Following the Irish were Alabama (.627) and Minnesota (.622). *USA Today* and *College & Pro Football Newsweekly* also rated Notre Dame's schedule the most difficult in their preseason evaluations.

The NCAA's rankings following the '86 season and based on '86 records of opponents listed Florida first in degree of difficulty at .682 (64-29-3), LSU second at .648 (67-36-2) and Notre Dame third at .634 (68-39-1).

Notre Dame's '86 schedule featured seven teams that went to bowl games in '85 and five teams that won nine or more games in '85. Of Notre Dame's 11 '86 opponents, five qualified for '86 bowl games — Michigan (Rose), Alabama (Sun), Penn State (Fiesta), LSU (Sugar) and USC (Citrus) — and four won nine or more games.

The '86 Irish schedule featured five teams ranked in the Associated Press top 20 when they faced Notre Dame — Michigan (third), Alabama (second), Penn State (third), LSU (eighth) and USC (17th). Purdue and Navy ranked as the only teams on the '86 Irish agenda that finished with sub-.500 marks.

• Here's an early look at the '87 Notre Dame schedule and how the 11 teams finished in 1986:

at Michigan .....	11-2
MICHIGAN STATE .....	6-5
at Purdue .....	3-8
at Pittsburgh .....	5-5-1
at Air Force .....	6-5
USC .....	7-5
NAVY .....	3-8
BOSTON COLLEGE .....	9-3
ALABAMA .....	10-3
at Penn State .....	12-0
at Miami .....	11-1
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>83-45-1</b> (.647)

In '87, Notre Dame plays six teams that played in '86 bowl games — Michigan (Rose), USC (Citrus), Boston College (Hall of Fame), Alabama (Sun), Penn State (Fiesta) and Miami (Fiesta). On the schedule, the Irish trade '86 foes SMU (6-5) and LSU (9-3) for '87 opponents Boston College (9-3) and Miami (11-1).

• Notre Dame made six appearances on ABC and CBS in 1986 — and five different Irish players received outstanding player awards from Chevrolet, with \$1,000 scholarships donated to the University in their names in each case.

The '86 honorees included **STEVE**

**BEUERLEIN** vs. Michigan on ABC, **TROY WILSON** vs. Michigan State on CBS, **SHAWN HEFFERN** vs. Purdue on ABC, **MIKE KOVALESKI** vs. Alabama on ABC, **TIM BROWN** vs. Penn State on ABC and vs. USC on CBS.

- **MIKE KOVALESKI** was honored as the Associated Press Midwest Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Michigan (12 tackles, seven of them solo efforts). **TIM BROWN** received the AP Offensive Player of the Week honor for his play vs. Air Force (one kickoff for 95 yards and a TD, six rushes for 44 yards, two receptions for 69 yards). **STEVE BEUERLEIN** received the identical award for his efforts vs. SMU (11 of 20 passing for 269 yards — then a career high — and one TD).

- Notre Dame has seven players who started all 11 games in 1986 — **SHAWN HEFFERN**, **BYRON SPRUELL**, **CHUCK LANZA**, **TOM FREEMAN**, **JOEL WILLIAMS**, **MIKE KOVALESKI** and **TROY WILSON**. Wilson finished his career with 22 straight starting assignments over the last two seasons, while Kovalesski finished his with 17 straight.

- Notre Dame probably received more television exposure on 1986 than any other college football team — including six appearances on the major networks. ABC televised the Michigan, Purdue, Alabama and Penn State games — with the Michigan and Alabama games going nationally and the Purdue and Penn State games going to the majority of the country. CBS showed the Michigan State and USC games on a national basis.

Both the Pittsburgh and Air Force games were shown live by USA Network and by TvEN (Television Enterprise Network), a syndication of over-the-air carriers around the country as well as WGN-TV in Chicago. TBS Sports out of Atlanta carried the Navy game to its national cable audience — as did ESPN with the LSU game.

The SMU game could not be televised live because of the Mustangs' probationary status — but it was shown on a delayed basis both in Dallas and by SportsVision out of Chicago.

- **STEVE BEUERLEIN** finished his Notre Dame career as the all-time Irish leader in almost every passing category — pass attempts (850), pass completions (473), passing yards (6,527), passes had intercepted (44), total offense attempts (1,027) and total offense yards (6,459).

Beuerlein started 38 regular-season games in his career, became the all-time Irish leader in passing yards and pass attempts in the '86 opener vs. Michigan — and passed Joe Theismann to become Notre Dame's all-time total offense yardage leader in the '86 Navy game. Beuerlein threw 13

touchdown passes in '86, only one less than he threw in his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons combined.

Beuerlein's 151 completions in '86 rank as Notre Dame's second-highest season total — behind only Theismann's 155 from 1970. His 259 attempts in '86 stand only behind Theismann's 268 from '70 and Joe Montana's 260 from 1978. His career .556 completion percentage ranks second behind only Theismann at .570.

Though Beuerlein threw more interceptions than any player in Irish history, his interception avoidance statistics ranked among the best in Notre Dame annals. Beuerlein's .0270 interception percentage in '86 (seven of 259) ranks as the second lowest in history — behind only Rick Slager's .0216 (three of 139) from '75. His career .0518 figure (44 of 850) ranks third lowest behind John Huarte's .0431 (11 of 255) and Montana's .0485. He also set a career record by throwing 119 straight passes without interception midway through the '86 season.

Beuerlein's 2,211 passing yards in '86 rank as the second-highest season total — behind Theismann's 2,429 from '70. His career average of 155.4 yards per game through the air stands second only to Terry Hanratty's 159.7 mark. His four touchdown passes vs. USC tied the Irish single-game mark held by Daryle Lamonica (vs. Pittsburgh in '62) and Angelo Bertelli (vs. Stanford in '42). His 27 career TD passes rank only behind Theismann's 31 and Bertelli's 28. He also set a career record with 14 games of 200 or more yards of total offense, breaking Theismann's mark of 11.

- **JOHN CARNEY** ranks as Notre Dame's all-time leader in nearly every field-goal kicking category.

His 51 career field goals, 69 career attempts and .739 career percentage all rank as Notre Dame records. His 21 field goals in '86 and his 28 attempts both stand as single-season highs. His four field goals vs. SMU tied the single-game record held by Carney (also four vs. Michigan in '85), Harry Oliver (twice in '80) and Chuck Male (once in '79).

Carney's 87 points in '86 mark the most ever by a Notre Dame kicker in a season, beating his own mark of 76 from '84 (also held by Mike Johnston from '82). Carney's 223 career points rank only behind Dave Reeve's 247 among kickers.

Carney's 21 field goals in '86 ranked as the second-highest individual total in the nation. Only Virginia Tech's Chris Kinzer, with 22, had more.

His 223 career points rank fifth on Notre Dame's all-time list, while his 87 in '86 stand him fifth on the single-season list.

- With his senior season yet to come, **TIM BROWN** already has recorded more

kickoff-return yardage than any other player in Notre Dame history. Brown has 1,157 career kickoff return yards to top the record of 1,079 set by Jim Stone from '77-'80. Brown's 25 returns in '86 broke Stone's single-season mark of 19 from '79 and his 698 yards in '86 broke Paul Hornung's yardage mark of 496 from 1956. He needs only four kickoff returns to surpass Stone's career record of 49 (Brown now has 46). Brown has three kickoff returns for touchdowns in his Irish career — also a Notre Dame record.

On combined kickoff and punt returns, Brown ranks as the career leader in yards (1,232) and yards per attempt (25.7). His '86 season total of 773 combined yards ranks as a record, as does his 28.6-yard average per return.

Brown set a single-season mark for all-purpose yardage with his 1,937 in '86 (254 rushing, 910 receiving, 698 kickoff returns, 75 punt returns), breaking Allen Pinkett's record of 1,682 from 1983. Brown's career totals include 3,177 all-purpose yards (1,647 receiving, 298 rushing, 1,157 kickoff returns, 75 punt returns) — and he needs 2,083 all-purpose yards in '86 to top Pinkett's career mark of 5,259.

Brown now ranks fifth on Notre Dame's career receiving chart with his 98 receptions.

- **CEDRIC FIGARO** established a single-season record for fumble recoveries in 1986 with seven — breaking the previous mark of five held by six different Irish players (including **STEVE LAWRENCE** in '85). With a season left to play, Figaro is within range of Ross Browner's career mark of 12 recoveries. Lawrence finished his career second on that list with nine.

- Notre Dame tied a team record by not punting in its opener against Michigan. The last time that happened came in 1977 against Air Force.

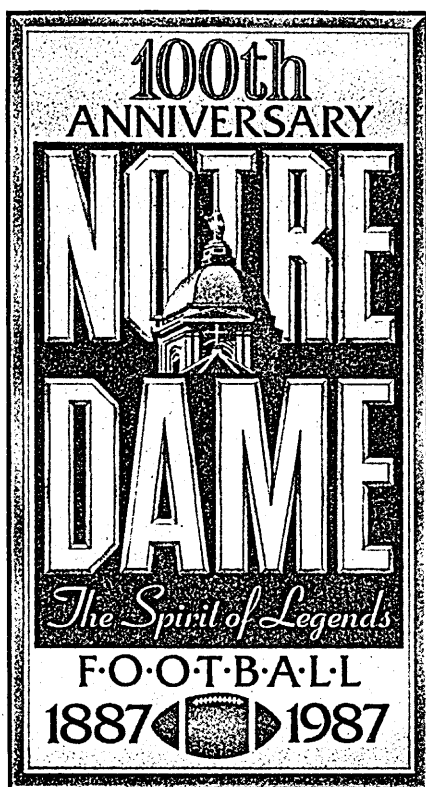
- The 60-yard field goal by USC's Don Shafer in '86 ranks as the longest ever against Notre Dame — breaking the mark of 57 held by Air Force's Sean Pavlich from 1982.

- The 84-yard **STEVE BEUERLEIN**-to-**TIM BROWN** pass completion vs. SMU ranks as the third longest in Notre Dame history. Those two also hooked up for a 77-yard completion against Navy for the eighth longest in Irish annals.

- **TIM BROWN**'s 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown vs. LSU ranks as the seventh longest in Notre Dame history — while his 95-yarder vs. Air Force ranks ninth. Brown was the only major-college player in the country in '86 to return two kickoffs for touchdowns.

- **JOHN CARNEY**'s 49-yard field goal vs. Purdue marked his regular-season high and tied for the seventh-longest field goal in Notre Dame history.

## '87 SEASON PREVIEW



# Take a Lesson From '86 Campaign To Gauge '87 Irish

by John Heisler

Getting a handle on the look of Notre Dame football for '87 means first taking a lesson or two from year number one for the Fighting Irish under Lou Holtz.

Take a mini-refresher course. One season back at this time, the rookie Notre Dame coach could be found bemoaning the remnants of a unit that had been soundly thrashed by the likes of Penn State and Miami during the final days of '85.

Holtz had a senior quarterback coming back in Steve Beuerlein who had a gaudy touchdown pass-to-interception ratio. Only trouble was the numbers (37 interceptions, 14 TD passes) came out wrong side up.

He had a running game that looked absolutely decimated—not just by the graduation loss of all-time yardage-gobbler Allen Pinkett, but also by the unseemly medical charts toted by heir-apparents Hiawatha Francisco and Alonzo Jefferson. Little did he know that Frank Stams, who started every game at fullback in '85, wouldn't even contribute in '86 due to injury.

He had an offensive line minus four starters—with only minimal experience to fill those four holes.

Now, he did have Tim Brown—who quickly proved he could rush and return punts as well as catch and return kickoffs. Holtz wasted little time recognizing those talents and even less showcasing them to the rest of the college football world.

Despite the less than sunny diagnosis, that Irish offense didn't turn out to be so

bad last fall after all, now did it? Averages of 27.2 points and 411.5 yards (14th best in the country) per game didn't earn Notre Dame much sympathy. How did it happen?

Well, Beuerlein did an abrupt about-face with his passing ratio—this time producing 13 TD passes and seven interceptions.

The rushing attack didn't have a cowbell back, as Holtz had termed Pinkett, but it got substantial contributions from a whole passel of people, including freshmen Anthony Johnson and Braxton Banks. The offensive line didn't begin with a lot of household names, but it got the job done well enough so Notre Dame never even had to punt in its very first game of the season.

And Brown? He couldn't have done much more than the 176.1 all-purpose yards he averaged, especially after bursting into form at midseason.

So, what's the message here? What sort of rags-to-riches story did unfold?

First, maybe it was simply a matter of some pretty decent athletes finally realizing their potential. Second, maybe it was also a matter of Holtz convincing his legions that trying too hard can be a problem, too.

Admittedly, there had been some pressure to perform as every year went by in the Gerry Faust era. As each loss went by the boards, the Irish tried that much harder to make it right.

Holtz went the other direction. He told Brown—after a slow first half of the season—to quit trying to score every time he touched the ball. Presto, Brown relaxed

and played sensationally the rest of the year.

He took the same approach with Beuerlein, telling him to quit trying to win the game all by himself by making the perfect pass every time. Presto, Beuerlein relaxed—and suddenly people who hadn't had anything good to say about him for three years sang his praises.

"We just tried to tell Steve, 'Hey, you don't have to make the \$400,000 play every time. You don't have to be a superstar. Just don't make mistakes out there.'"

"I think everybody fell into that category a little bit. It was like everyone on the field felt like he was carrying the weight of the whole team and the weight of the whole season on his shoulders all by himself. That just wasn't true.

"Tim was the same way. He'd heard everything that had been said about him, and he was always worried about living up to that. Once he just relaxed and went out and did his job, the big plays came about all by themselves.

"I think by the end of the year, all our players understood that. We weren't waiting for someone on the team to come up with a superhuman effort on each play. All we wanted was 11 players doing their job. When that happens, the big plays come along all by themselves.

"If everybody makes their block, Tim Brown is bound to have big holes to run through. If everybody protects the passer the way they're supposed to, then Beuerlein

has all day back there to find a receiver.

"It won't be any different this year. Beuerlein is gone, and Terry Andrysiak has the chance to fill that spot. I told Terry, 'Don't worry about trying to score or trying to throw a touchdown pass every play. Just do your job and play smart. If you don't make mistakes, everything will be fine.'"

There might not be a position in college football that receives as much individual attention as the Notre Dame quarterback. So, look for Andrysiak to be in the spotlight after backing up Beuerlein the last three years. He has had three years to watch, practice and learn—and now he'll have his opportunity to play on a full-time basis. What he makes out of that chance largely will be up to him.

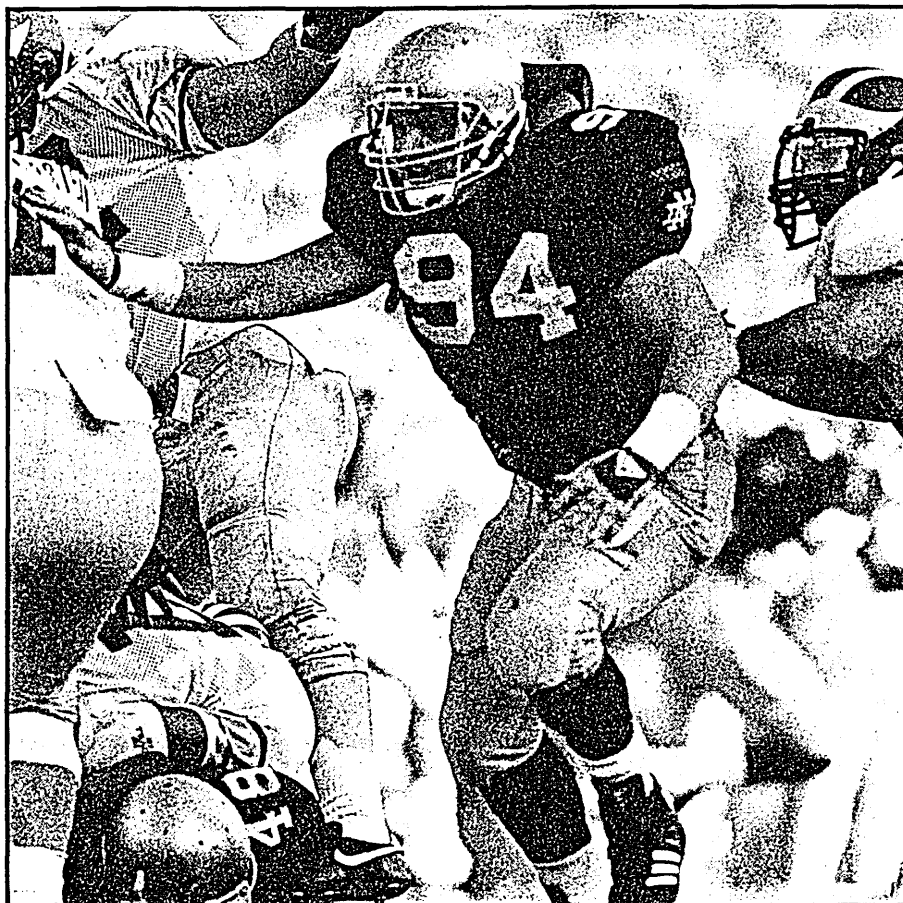
If anything, Andrysiak probably boasts a better diversity of skills than Beuerlein. In fact, that's why many observers felt he had every opportunity to win the job a year ago this time during Holtz's first spring. Andrysiak will give the Irish the quick-footed quarterback that Notre Dame's head coach loves so much. He certainly doesn't have the experience throwing that football that Beuerlein brought to the job the last few years, but he's no slouch as a passer and he can throw on the run.

If Andrysiak falters, there's junior Steve Belles—who filled the number-three slot last fall. By August, there'll be a few more candidates—sophomore Tony Rice, who sat out '86 under NCAA Proposition 48 after entering as the only quarterback in Holtz's initial recruiting class, and freshmen Kent Graham and Bobby Carpenter. Rice and Graham boast *Parade* prep All-America credentials.

All six of Notre Dame's 1,000-yard individual rushing seasons came in a 10-year period (1976-85). The Irish went the other way last fall and slowly but surely built a solid rushing attack that could send fresh, quality backs onto the field for any given play. The top six of those are back for '87, giving Holtz a half-dozen returnees who accounted for better than 78 percent of Notre Dame's '86 rushing yards.

If junior Mark Green can continue to play the way he did in the finale at USC where he gained 119 yards (the only individual game effort all year over 100 yards), he'll put a lock on the tailback slot. Otherwise, there are four talented rookies on the list of newcomers for '87. And don't forget old standbys like junior D'Juan Francisco and senior Alonzo Jefferson, both of whom saw spot duty a year ago.

Fullback will be in the hands of three proven commodities—fifth-year senior Pernell Taylor, sophomore Braxton Banks and sophomore Anthony Johnson, who made his mark at tailback as a freshman. All three figure to play a role unless one



STEVEN NAVRATIL

**Fifth-year senior Mike Griffin ranks as the only Irish starter returning on the defensive line, but he must bounce back from January back surgery.**

proves he deserves the lion's share of playing time.

Notre Dame's passing attack won't lack for capable receivers—led by Brown, whose all-world talents make him a Heisman Trophy possibility. Seniors Reggie Ward and Tony Eason along with junior Ray Dumas (they combined for 14 catches in '86) will have first shot at the starting split end job. Converted defensive back Pat Terrell might be a possibility, too. Junior Andy Heck will be the tight end, but depth there is questionable.

Up front, the Irish looked awfully green a year ago. Now, it's the other way around with all-star candidates and captain Chuck Lanza at center and Byron Spruell at tackle joining with guard Tom Freeman and tackle Tom Rehder to provide Holtz with a quartet of fifth-year senior regulars.

There's probably no larger question mark looming offensively or defensively than the kicking game. Poor punting, placekicking and coverage cost the Irish dearly last year—and there are no odds-on replacements for the graduated John Carney (he finished as Notre Dame's all-time best field-goal kicker) or Dan Sorensen.

Holtz promised the Irish plenty of spring attention on the defensive end of the field—and they'll need it, with only four

starters returning. The cupboard isn't bare anywhere on that side of the ball, but Notre Dame will need plenty of previous part-timers, role-players and special-teamers to step forward and become full-time contributors.

Up front, Robert Banks and Wally Kleine rank as huge losses, both literally and figuratively. The line situation clouds even further with fifth-year senior Mike Griffin sitting out the spring to recover from January back disc surgery. That means part-time players like Jeff Kunz, Tom Gorman, Jeff Alm and Matt Dingens, among others, will have to step the pace up a notch.

Cedric Figaro will be an impact player at outside linebacker, but he's the only one of the front seven from '86 who's back and healthy, too. Senior Flash Gordon, an early-season starter last fall, is the only other player outside with appreciable game experience. Inside, the logical starters are senior Wes Pritchett and sophomore Michael Stonebreaker—each of whom saw enough gametime in '86 to engender confidence in Holtz and his defensive staff. The only other scholarship returnee there is junior Ned Bolcar.

The Irish secondary will need some new names to come forward—with Troy Wilson,



Michael Haywood and Steve Lawrence all graduating. Like last year, there's not a lot of depth in this area—but veterans like fifth-year senior Marv Spence, senior Brandy Wells and junior George Streeter certainly know their way around. Senior James Bobb, junior Corny Southall and sophomore Stan Smagala all got their feet wet in '86 and will jump in all the way this time.

Overall, the personnel situation defensively won't make anyone trying to gauge the Irish on paper do handstands. But, there was no question the Irish offense improved in execution dramatically under Holtz's watchful eye last spring and fall. By

the USC game, Beuerlein and his mates proved workmanlike in their play. Look for Holtz to try the same trick this time with the defense.

He's no stranger to defense, having coached the secondary in the five seasons just prior to accepting his first head coaching job.

With no apparent stars (it's the first time since '67 the players haven't elected a defensive captain), it'll be a teamwork-first philosophy that'll get the job done.

Learned those lessons from watching a full year of the Holtz regime? Don't oversell Irish prospects (that's happened far too many times in recent seasons)—but

don't undersell Notre Dame, either. Holtz got the ground floor of his program established in '86, and the USC victory and the positives that came out of it did nothing to dim general prospects for the future.

The system should be ingrained by now, so at least the Irish coaches and players won't feel like they're starting from scratch like a year ago this time. As Holtz is quick to point out, "It's no secret that we've simply got to be able to win the close games to have a successful record. We're going to have our share, and we've got to win our share."

That's the next step. Irish fans will be watching those footsteps eagerly.

## Irish Add 32 Names to '87 Grid Roster

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Birthdate	Hometown	High School	High School Coach
Allen, Joe	L	6-5	255	Fr.	4/16/69	Chicago, IL	St. Rita	Todd Wernet
Balentine, Norm	L	6-5	270	Fr.	4/17/69	Florissant, MO	Hazelwood East	Rick Gorzynski
Brooks, Tony	RB	6-2	215	Fr.	8/17/69	Tulsa, OK	Washington	Larry McGee
Callan, Mike	L	6-4	240	Fr.	11/27/68	Ardmore, PA	Archbishop Carroll	Kevin Clancy
Carpenter, Bobby	QB	6-2	170	Fr.	8/ 1/68	Amityville, NY	Memorial	Roy Volitan
Coleman, Linc	RB	6-0	185	Fr.	8/12/69	Dallas, TX	Bryan Adams	Jackie Edwards
Dahl, Bob	L	6-4	240	Fr.	11/ 5/68	Chagrin Falls, OH	Chagrin Falls	John Piai
Davis, Greg	RB	6-1	190	Fr.	10/ 6/69	Hollywood, FL	McArthur	Roger Mastrantonio
Dowler, Brian	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	7/13/69	Tampa, FL	H.B. Plant	Ronald Acosta
Foley, John	OLB	6-3	228	So.	1/28/67	Chicago, IL	St. Rita	Todd Wernet
Graham, Kent	QB	6-5	225	Fr.	11/ 1/68	Wheaton, IL	North	Jim Rexilius
Grimm, Donn	ILB	6-2	205	Fr.	4/ 4/69	Scottsdale, PA	Southmoreland	Bobby Thompson
Hackett, Billy	K	6-1	180	Fr.	8/31/68	Sarasota, FL	Riverview	Jon Sprague
Heldt, Mike	L	6-4	265	Fr.	1/ 2/70	Tampa, FL	Leto	Barney Myers
Jacobs, Frank	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	5/22/68	Cincinnati, OH	Newport Ky., Catholic	Robert Schneider
Jones, Andre	OLB	6-4	220	Fr.	5/15/69	Hyattsville, MD	DeMatha	Bill McGregor
Kinshurf, Jim	L	6-5	240	Fr.	9/ 1/69	Braintree, MA	Archbishop Williams	Kevin McDonald
Kowalkowski, Scott	OLB	6-3	235	Fr.	8/23/68	Farm Hills, MI	St. Mary's Prep	Rob Hager
Lyght, Todd	WR	6-1	174	Fr.	2/ 9/69	Flint, MI	Luke M. Powers	Bill Tucker
Marshall, George	L	6-3	230	Fr.	11/ 1/68	Somerset, NJ	Franklin	Len Rivers
Martin, Pierre	WR	6-0	178	Fr.	10/ 1/69	Pensacola, FL	Pensacola	Leo Carvalis
Mihalko, Ryan	RB	6-2	225	Fr.	1/11/69	Pelham, NH	Pinkerton Academy	Brian O'Reilly
Rausch, Peter	L	6-6	235	Fr.	8/18/69	Fort Myers, FL	Cape Coral	Tolley Bowies
Rice, Tony	QB	6-2	190	So.	9/ 5/67	Woodruff, SC	Woodruff	W. L. Varner
Rosenberg, David	ILB	6-3	208	Fr.	7/ 5/69	Sarasota, FL	Cardinal Mooney	Mike Dowling
Ryan, Tim	ILB	6-4	240	Fr.	9/ 2/68	Kansas City, MO	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
Sandri, Winston	L	6-4	245	Fr.	6/10/68	Raleigh, NC	Millbrook	Earl Smith
Shannon, Brian	L	6-5	230	Fr.	12/18/68	New Wilmington, PA	Wilmington Area	Terry Verrelli
Watters, Ricky	RB	6-3	180	Fr.	4/ 7/69	Harrisburg, PA	Bishop McDevitt	Tim Rimpfel
Williams, George	L	6-4	280	Fr.	2/ 3/69	Willingboro, NJ	Kennedy	Ted Kowal
Wodecki, Darryl	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	11/ 1/68	Chagrin Falls, OH	Kenston	Paul Koballa
Zorich, Chris	ILB	6-1	240	Fr.	3/13/69	Chicago, IL	Vocational	John Potocki

Notre Dame's 32 additions to the roster for 1987 include:

- Five members of the *Parade* prep All-America team — quarterback Kent Graham, running back Ricky Watters, linebacker Tim Ryan, lineman Norm Balentine and tight end Frank Jacobs.
- One member of *USA Today's* first-team All-America unit — Watters — plus six others who made the second team — Graham, Jacobs and lineman Joe Allen on offense along with Balentine, Ryan and linebacker Andre Jones on defense.
- Thirteen members of the *Football News* list of top 100 incoming freshmen — Graham, Jacobs, Watters, Allen, Balentine, Ryan, wide receiver Brian Dowler, wide receiver Todd Lyght, running back Tony Brooks, lineman Peter Rausch, linebacker Scott Kowalkowski, lineman George Williams and lineman Brian Shannon.
- Nine members of *The Sporting News* list of top 100 incoming freshmen — Graham, Brooks, Watters, Allen, Balentine, Williams, Jacobs, Kowalkowski and Ryan. Among *TSN's* Best of the Rest choices were running back Linc Coleman, Dowler, linebacker Donn Grimm, Jones, lineman Jim Kinshurf, Lyght, running back Ryan Mihalko, Rausch and linebacker Chris Zorich.
- Two *Parade* prep All-Americans from '86 — quarterback Tony Rice and outside linebacker John Foley — who can't play until '87 due to NCAA Proposition 48.

# '86 Notre Dame Statistics

Won 5, Lost 6 (Home 3-3, Away 1-3, Neutral 1-0)

## TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
Total Offensive Yards	4527	3439
Total Plays	842	734
Yards Per Play	5.4	4.7
Yards Per Game	411.6	312.6
Rushing Yards	2083	1314
Attempts	551	427
Yards Per Rush	3.8	3.1
Yards Per Game	189.4	119.4
Passing Yards	2444	2125
Attempts	291	307
Completions	168	168
Comp. Percentage	57.7	54.7
Touchdown Passes	14	11
Had Intercepted	9	9
Yards Per Attempt	8.4	6.9
Yards Per Completion	14.5	12.6
Yards Per Game	222.2	193.2
Punting Yards	1547	2328
Number of Punts	44	60
Average Punt	35.1	38.8
Had Blocked	2	0
Punt Return Yards	360	227
Number of Returns	33	23
Average Return	10.9	9.9
Kickoff Return Yards	808	955
Number of Returns	36	46
Average Return	22.4	20.7
Intercept Return Yards	74	115
Number of Intercepts	9	9
Average Return	8.2	12.8
Number of Penalties	57	56
Penalty Yards	548	464
Fumbles—Fumbles Lost	27-13	29-12
Yards Returned	0	0
Total First Downs	252	190
By Rushing	128	73
By Passing	107	103
By Penalty	17	14
Third Down Conversions	81-167	65-160
Fourth Down Conversions	9-14	4-10
Possession Time	348:07	311:53
Minutes Per Game	31:41	28:19

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame	57	97	67	78-299
Opponent	55	47	69	48-219

## TEAM SCORING

	ND	OPP
Total Points	299	219
Average	27.2	19.9
Touchdowns	34	27
By Rushing	18	13
By Passing	14	11
By Returns	2	3
Field Goals	21-28	10-17
Safeties	1	0
PAT-Kick	26-28	25-25
PAT-Run	0-1	0-0
PAT-Pass	2-5	1-2

SCORING...	TDR	TDP	TDR1	PAT	FG	S	TP
Carney	0	0	0	24-26	21-28	0	87
Brown	2	5	2	0	0	0	54
Johnson	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Taylor	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Williams	0	3	0	0	0	0	18
Jackson	0	2	0	1(p)	0	0	14
Green	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Banks	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Heck	0	1	0	1(p)	0	0	8
Beuerlein	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Jefferson	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Robb	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Andrysiak	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
D. Francisco	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Gradel	0	0	0	2-2	0	0	2
Team	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

Notre Dame	18	14	2	26-28	21-28	1	299
Opponents	13	11	3	25-25	10-17	0	219

RUSHING...	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Green	96	406	4.2	27	2
Johnson	80	349	4.4	17	5
Taylor	69	284	4.1	20	5
Brown	59	254	4.3	16	2
Banks	49	209	4.3	34	0
Andrysiak	29	114	3.9	22	1
H. Francisco	23	92	4.0	19	0
Ward	10	91	9.1	25	0
D. Francisco	18	84	4.7	11	0
T. Monahan	20	68	3.4	14	0
Jefferson	19	51	2.7	10	1
Beuerlein	53	35	0.7	17	1
Belles	10	24	2.4	16	0
Robb	4	17	4.3	18	1
Jarosz	2	6	3.0	6	0
Byrne	1	5	5.0	5	0
C. Johnson	1	5	5.0	5	0
Gatti	2	5	2.5	5	0
Dumas	2	5	2.5	6	0
Miller	1	4	4.0	4	0
Holtz	1	1	1.0	1	0
J. Monahan	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Team	1	-25	-25.0	-25	0
Notre Dame	551	2083	3.8	34	18
Opponents	427	1314	3.1	43	13

PASSING...	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Rating
Beuerlein	259	151	58.3	2211	13	7	141.2
Andrysiak	30	17	56.7	233	1	1	126.2
Belles	2	0	00.0	0	0	1	-100.0
Notre Dame	291	168	57.7	2444	14	9	138.0
Opponents	307	168	54.7	2125	11	9	118.8

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brown	45	910	20.2	84	5
Jackson	31	592	19.1	50	2
Green	25	242	9.7	29	0
Williams	13	138	10.6	38	3
Banks	10	55	5.5	22	2
Heck	7	36	5.1	8	1
Miller	6	107	17.8	33	0
Johnson	6	53	8.8	22	0
Taylor	6	51	8.5	15	0
Dumas	5	85	17.0	24	0
Ward	5	66	13.2	18	0
Eason	4	82	20.5	24	0
D. Francisco	1	14	14.0	14	1
T. Monahan	1	9	9.0	9	0
H. Francisco	1	8	8.0	8	0
Jefferson	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Robb	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Notre Dame	168	2444	14.5	84	14
Opponents	168	2125	12.6	53	11

## TWO-POINT CONVERSION ATTEMPTS

Notre Dame: 2-6 (five passing, one running)  
Opponents: 1-2 (both passing)

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Lawrence	3	28	9.3	0	28
Wilson	3	10	3.3	0	8
Haywood	1	27	27.0	0	27
Stonebreaker	1	9	9.0	0	9
Spence	1	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	9	74	8.2	0	28
Opponents	9	115	12.8	2	58

PUNTING...	NO	YDS	AVG	LP
Sorensen	38	1425	37.5	60
Beuerlein	2	29	14.5	19
Phelan	1	33	33.0	33
Carney	1	33	33.0	33
Team	2	27	13.5	26
Notre Dame	44	1547	35.1	60
Opponents	60	2328	38.8	73

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Wilson	26	222	8.5	0	47
Jackson	3	13	4.3	0	8
Brown	2	75	37.5	0	56
Lawrence	1	50	50.0	0	50
Ward	1	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	33	360	10.9	0	56
Opponents	23	227	9.9	1	66

## KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Brown	25	698	27.9	2	96
Banks	2	27	13.5	0	20
Jackson	2	17	8.5	0	9
Bolcar	2	15	7.5	0	10
Ward	1	23	23.0	0	23
Southall	1	15	15.0	0	15
T. Monahan	1	11	11.0	0	11
Sass	1	4	4.0	0	0
Robb	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
Notre Dame	36	808	22.4	2	96
Opponents	46	955	20.7	0	35

## SCOREBOARD

Sept. 13	MICHIGAN	L	23-24	59,075 (c)
Sept. 20	at Michigan State	L	15-20	79,895 (c)
Sept. 27	PURDUE	W	41-9	59,075 (c)
Oct. 4	at Alabama	L	10-28	75,808 (c)
Oct. 11	PITTSBURGH	L	9-10	59,075 (c)
Oct. 18	AIR FORCE	W	31-3	59,075 (c)
Nov. 1	at Navy*	W	33-14	61,335 (c)
Nov. 8	SMU	W	61-29	59,075 (c)
Nov. 15	PENN STATE	L	19-24	59,075 (c)
Nov. 22	at LSU	L	19-21	78,197 (c)
Nov. 29	at USC	W	38-37	70,614

\*at Baltimore

TACKLES...	TOT	SOLO	ASST.	TL-YDS	SACKS
Kovaleski	88	48	40	3-8 yds.	-
Kleine	74	45	29	8-27	5-40
Figaro	59	36	23	3-11	3 1/2-31
Banks	57	33	24	4-14	4-18
Wilson	52	35	17	-	-
Weissenhofer	49	34	15	-	-
Lawrence	49	34	15	-	-
Pritchett	46	28	18	4-10	-
Streeter	44	26	18	6-35	-
Wells	41	25	16	1-2	-
Butler	35	23	12	6-18	2-9
Spence	33	22	11	1-1	-
Griffin	33	17	16	1-1	3 1/2-28
Kunz	21	13	8	2-12	1-8
Stonebreaker	21	9	12	-	-
Gordon	19	12	7	1-1	1-14
Gorman	16	6	10	-	3-21
Bobb	14	5	9	-	-
Smagala	9	8	1	1-1	-
Lippincott	8	4	4	-	-
Dings	8	1	7	-	-
Terrell	7	5	2	-	-
Southall	7	4	3	-	-
Haywood	7	3	4	-	-
Bolcar	5	1	4	-	-
Alm	4	1	3	-	-
Quinn	4	1	3	-	-
Morrison	3	3	0	-	-
Harris	3	2	1	-	-
Kvochak	3	1	2	-	-
Crounse	3	1	2	-	-
Team				1-2	-
Notre Dame				42-143	23-169
Opponents				45-134	18-122

Fumbles Caused: Figaro 2, Kunz 2, Banks 1, Lawrence 1, Butler 1, Gordon 1.

Fumbles Recovered: Figaro 7, Banks 2, Lawrence 1, Pritchett 1, Butler 1.

Passes Broken Up: Wilson 8, Lawrence 4, Figaro 4, Kleine 3, Butler 3, Bobb 3, Stonebreaker 2, Griffin 2, Spence 2, Kovaleski 1, Streeter 1, Wells 1, Kunz 1, Gordon 1, Southall 1.

# '86 Game-by-Game Stats

## Rushing

Game	Green Att.-Yds.-TD	Johnson Att.-Yds.-TD	Taylor Att.-Yds.-TD	Brown Att.-Yds.-TD	Banks Att.-Yds.-TD	Notre Dame Att.-Yds.-TD	Opponents Att.-Yds.-TD
Michigan	12- 57-1	2- 16-0	5- 16-0	12- 65-1	1- 5-0	39- 192-2	48- 154-2
Mich. State	13- 30-0	3- 10-1	6- 24-0	4- 8-0	0- 0-0	36- 82-1	49- 170-0
Purdue	17- 73-1	8- 34-2	10- 44-1	5- 14-0	3- 46-0	60- 276-1	21- 54-1
Alabama	4- 12-0	4- 23-0	7- 46-0	4- 12-0	2- 8-0	44- 168-0	33- 127-0
Pittsburgh	5- 14-0	5- 26-0	13- 42-0	2- 18-0	2- 8-0	45- 133-0	32- 23-1
Air Force	INJ	10- 72-1	9- 37-1	6- 44-0	8- 23-0	61- 237-3	50- 186-0
Navy	6- 30-0	14- 50-0	5- 24-2	5- 19-0	8- 29-0	62- 232-2	23-(-7)-1
SMU	7- 32-0	12- 47-1	5- 31-1	7- 37-1	8- 28-0	70- 322-6	33- 152-3
Penn State	8- 39-0	11- 47-0	1- 5-0	6- 18-0	6- 19-0	42- 107-0	46- 152-2
LSU	0- 0-0	8- 19-0	5- 9-0	5- 9-0	4- 13-0	41- 137-0	47- 142-0
USC	24-119-0	3- 5-0	3- 6-0	3- 10-0	7- 30-0	51- 197-0	45- 161-3
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## Passing

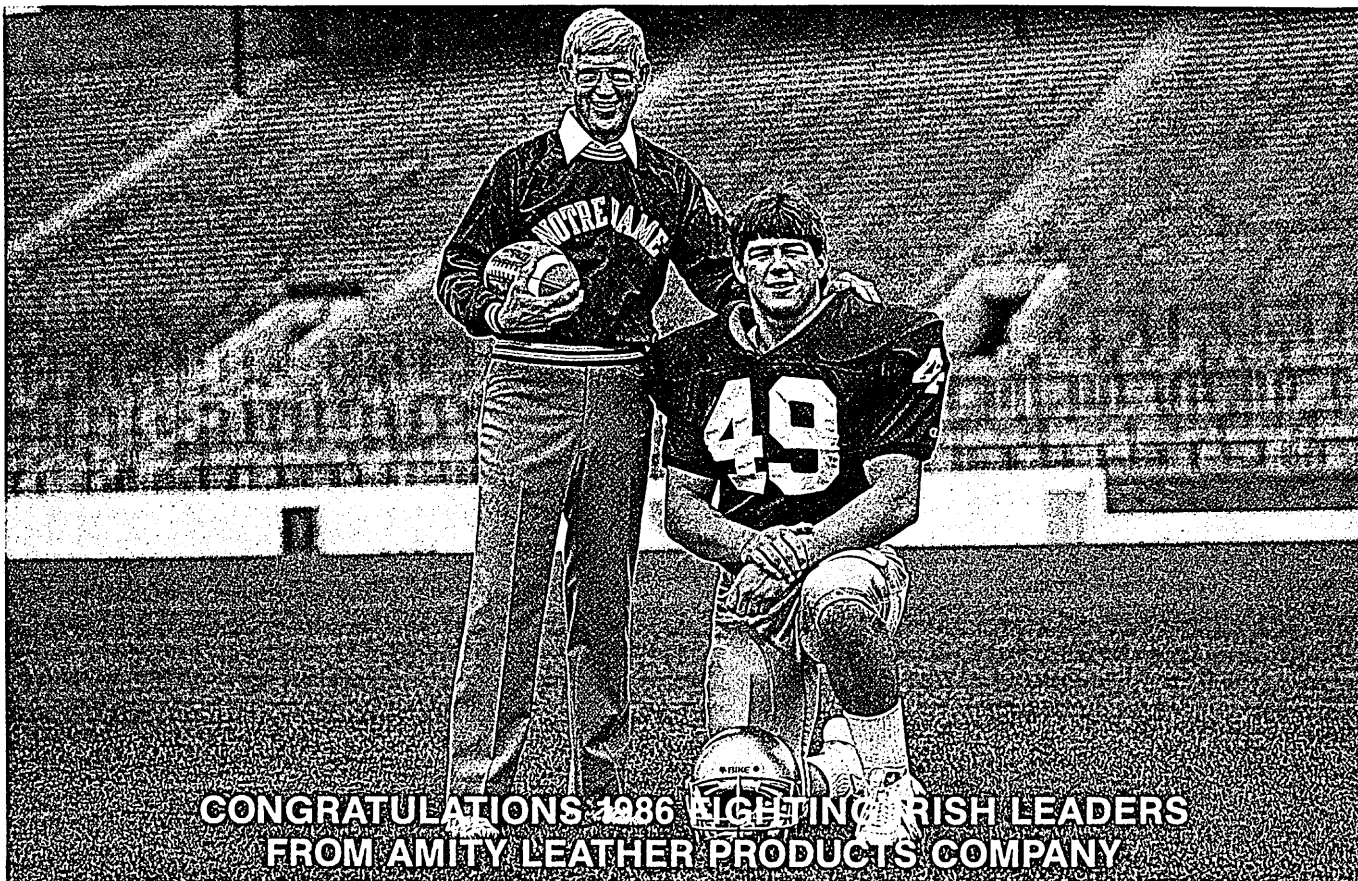
Game	Beuerlein A-C-I-Yds.-TD	Andrysiak A-C-I-Yds.-TD	Notre Dame A-C-I-Yds.-TD	Opponents A-C-I-Yds.-TD
Michigan	33- 21-1- 263-1	DNP	33- 21-1- 263-1	23- 15-0- 239-1
Mich. State	36- 19-2- 259-1	0- 0-0- 0-0	36- 19-2- 259-1	18- 7-1- 114-1
Purdue	14- 10-0- 174-1	2- 1-0- 28-0	16- 11-0- 202-1	43- 28-1- 241-0
Alabama	16- 5-1- 66-1	18- 8-1- 90-0	35- 13-3- 156-1	23- 15-1- 191-3
Pittsburgh	23- 15-1- 167-0	0- 0-0- 0-0	23- 15-1- 167-0	48- 25-0- 310-0
Air Force	11- 6-0- 119-0	0- 0-0- 0-0	12- 6-0- 119-0	19- 5-1- 59-0
Navy	22- 15-0- 248-2	0- 0-0- 0-0	22- 15-0- 248-2	39- 19-0- 218-1
SMU	20- 11-0- 269-1	1- 1-0- 24-0	21- 12-0- 293-1	28- 14-2- 175-1
Penn State	39- 24-0- 311-2	DNP	39- 24-0- 311-2	13- 9-0- 162-1
LSU	18- 7-1- 50-0	8- 6-0- 83-1	26- 13-1- 133-1	30- 21-2- 245-3
USC	27- 18-1- 285-4	1- 1-0- 8-0	28- 19-1- 293-4	23- 10-1- 171-0
Total	259-151-7-2211-13	30-17-1-233-1	291-168-9-2444-14	307-168-9-2125-11

## Receiving

Game	Brown No.-Yds.-TD	Jackson No.-Yds.-TD	Green No.-Yds.-TD	Williams No.-Yds.-TD	Banks No.-Yds.-TD	Heck No.-Yds.-TD	Miller No.-Yds.-TD	Taylor No.-Yds.-TD
Michigan	1- 32-0	3- 26-0	6- 79-0	3- 26-1	0- 0-0	2- 9-0	3- 58-0	2-17-0
Mich. State	5- 75-0	2- 28-0	6- 53-0	2- 46-1	0- 0-0	1- 8-0	3- 49-0	0- 0-0
Purdue	3- 58-0	4-107-1	1- 7-0	0- 0-0	0- 0-0	1- 6-0	0- 0-0	1-12-0
Alabama	3- 63-1	2- 35-0	4- 38-0	1- 8-0	2- 3-0	0- 0-0	0- 0-0	0- 0-0
Pittsburgh	6- 65-0	3- 48-0	2- 19-0	1- 14-0	0- 0-0	0- 0-0	INJ	1- 0-0
Air Force	2- 69-0	0- 0-0	INJ	0- 0-0	0- 0-0	1- 6-0	INJ	0- 0-0
Navy	7-184-1	3- 37-0	0- 0-0	1- 2-1	0- 0-0	0- 0-0	INJ	1- 7-0
SMU	4-176-1	2- 47-0	0- 0-0	1- 11-0	2- 7-0	0- 0-0	INJ	0- 0-0
Penn State	8- 89-2	5-118-0	4- 24-0	0- 0-0	1- 9-0	0- 0-0	INJ	0- 0-0
LSU	1- 10-0	3- 35-0	0- 0-0	2- 13-0	1- 5-0	1- 2-0	INJ	1-15-0
USC	5- 89-0	4-111-1	2- 22-0	2- 18-0	4- 31-2	1- 5-1	INJ	0- 0-0
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## Tackles

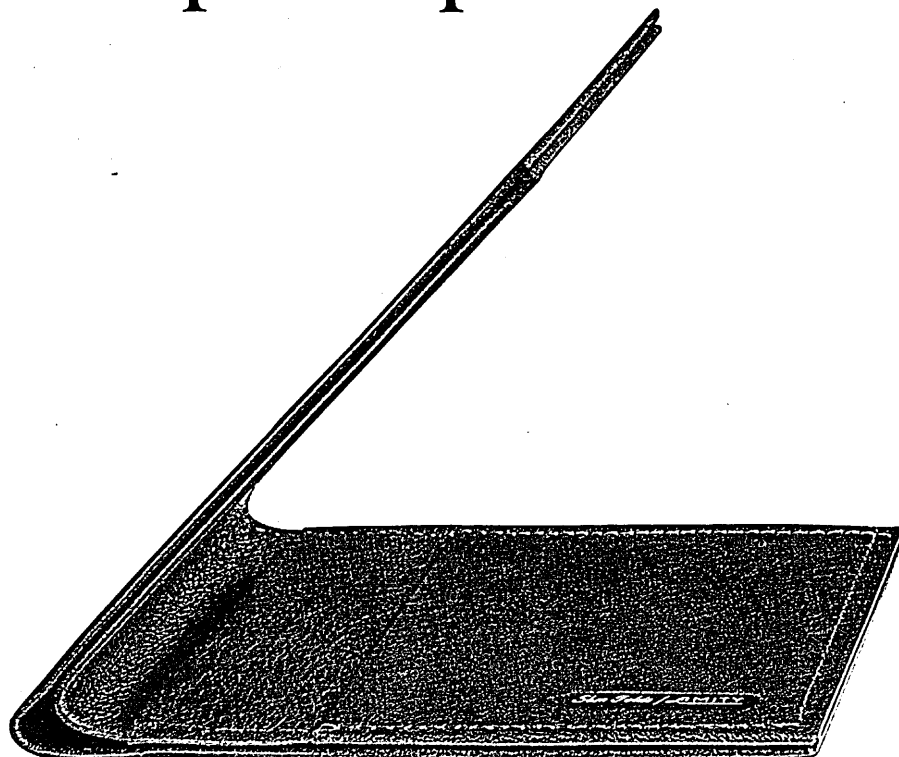
	Kovaleski	Banks	Figaro	Kleine	Spence	Streeter	Pritchett	Weissenhofer	Griffin	Wilson	Butler	Lawrence	Wells	Kunz	Stonebreaker	Gordon	Gorman	Bobb
Michigan	12	13	8	8	1	1	5	5	5	5	4	2	7	0	0	4	0	0
Mich. State	8	2	6	7	7	7	4	8	3	8	2	4	6	3	0	0	1	6
Purdue	7	INJ	5	9	4	3	3	6	3	3	2	3	7	2	2	2	2	4
Alabama	11	7	INJ	8	2	3	6	1	5	5	8	5	4	0	0	3	3	2
Pittsburgh	7	INJ	5	8	3	1	7	3	5	6	6	5	7	2	0	1	3	0
Air Force	8	6	4	5	4	8	1	6	2	3	INJ	6	INJ	2	0	4	0	2
Navy	3	2	4	4	5	5	3	1	2	4	3	5	INJ	1	4	1	0	0
SMU	0	4	2	INJ	3	3	4	3	1	2	2	4	INJ	6	7	4	1	0
Penn State	11	7	10	3	3	9	2	6	1	4	7	5	INJ	2	2	0	0	0
LSU	11	5	7	4	1	4	6	5	4	10	4	5	6	1	5	0	2	0
USC	9	8	6	8	1	3	5	4	INJ	3	3	6	4	2	1	0	2	0
Total	88	57	59	74	33	44	46	49	33	52	35	49	41	21	21	19	16	14



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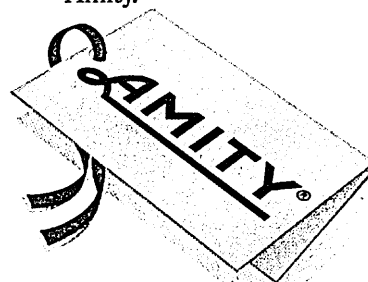
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