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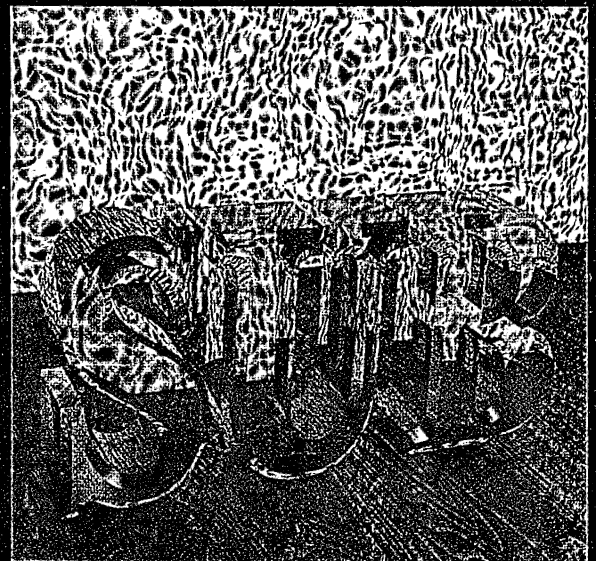
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FROM THE EDITOR

Sometimes it is good to fall, for we often lose in the same spirit that we win in.
— Walt Whitman, *Song of Myself*

Whitman's statement is an immortal insight; it is especially applicable to the 1994 Notre Dame football season. Despite the losses, the Irish players gave their greatest efforts game after game, and that is all one can ask for. Perhaps it was good for Notre Dame to fall, because it made people angry, and it made them realize how much they were taking the Irish success for granted. In fact, the outcome of this season looked darker because the last seven years have been so bright.

The venerable Seminole coach Bobby Bowden said it: "There's no two ways about it, we beat Notre Dame." Victorious Bill McCartney of Colorado also knew it: "Any time you are playing Notre Dame, you are playing a great opponent, and any time you can beat Notre Dame, you'll get respect."

The 1994 season was not one of Notre Dame's best, and while foes of the Irish rushed to celebrate Notre Dame's defeats, these critics mattered least. It was the adversaries of the Irish who recognized what true followers should know in their hearts — that Notre Dame, in victory or defeat, is still the best.

Of the many excuses which have been made for the team's substandard performance, injuries and inexperience at key positions are foremost on the list. But these seem to be just a part of a greater problem which plagued the team throughout the year. It had a little to do with football and a lot to do with physics.

Momentum. The fact that something grows increasingly unstoppable as it continues to move forward or succeed is undeniable. And the fact that this year's team lacked momentum is just as evident. Enough momentum to win the national championship can be gained in just one game, and lost just as quickly. Only truly great teams rebound from lost momentum, and frankly, Notre Dame was not such a team this year.

In each game of Notre Dame's season, momentum changed hands throughout the contest — but in the end, it was usually in the hands of the opponent. At the end of the season, Notre Dame had no momentum to speak of. But in a way, the entire lack of momentum should be liberating — this year's performance has been so poor that there must be a burning desire to move forward and show the world how good the Fighting Irish can be next year.

It can and has been done. Eight times in the past 108 years, the football team has followed rough seasons with championships. It will be a difficult feat to accomplish, but if any team is up to the task, it is the *Fighting Irish*.

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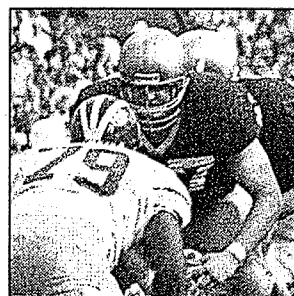
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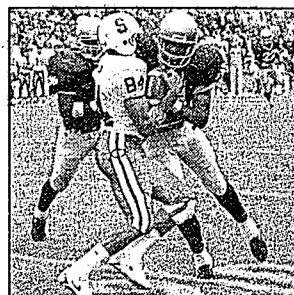
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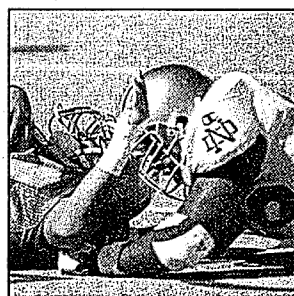
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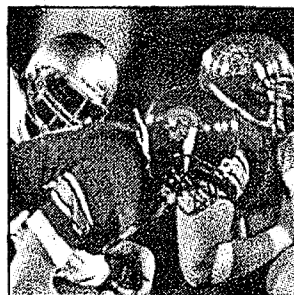
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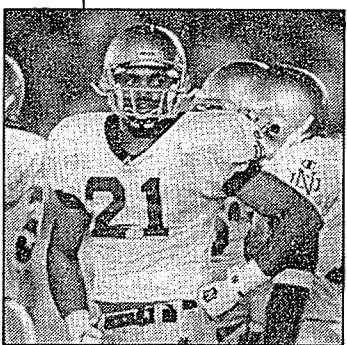
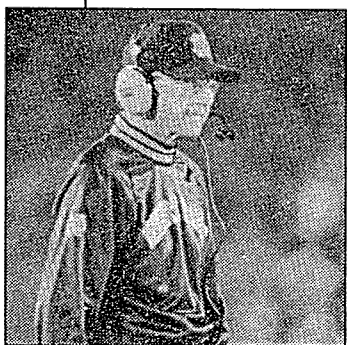
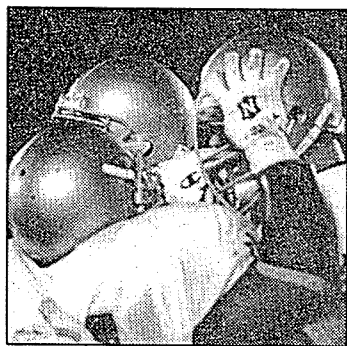




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One Shining Moment

*The Fighting Irish
lit up the night sky
over Soldier Field
with a dazzling
rout of the
Wildcats*

by Joshua Dickinson

SEPTEMBER 3, 1994 — CHICAGO, IL

As the sun set over the Windy City, the lights came on at Soldier Field and the Irish stars came out to play. The Fighting Irish were about to engage in melee number one of the 1994 football season, a rendezvous with the Wildcats of Northwestern. The game received the hype and expectation which comes with the start of every football season for Notre Dame. There was a sellout crowd in Chicago, with a prime time national television audience to boot.

Questions about the latest Irish arsenal remained, however. Was this team deserving of its number three ranking? Would Lee Becton return to the Heisman form he exhibited in 1993? Would Ron Powlus live up to the billing as the second coming? Was a national championship out of the question? Would the Irish kicking game come back to haunt them? Was the Notre Dame defense strong enough to complement an explosive offense? The answers to these questions would soon become clearer. But there was little doubt the Irish would prevail, especially with over half the fans holding loyalties to Notre Dame. The first quarter displayed the heart of the Notre Dame defense, which was unable to keep Northwestern from advancing the ball upfield. This was in part due to its own aggressiveness. Four times on first down the Irish were called for five-yard defensive contact penalties. Northwestern's one-man show, Dennis Lundy, punished the Irish defense on two

time-consuming Wildcat drives. In fact, the Wildcat offense chewed up 21 minutes in the half, but could only muster up a 22-yard field goal. The Irish made them pay. Two of their possessions ended in turnovers as Brian Hamilton recovered a Lundy fumble and Bobby Taylor picked off a pass courtesy of Northwestern quarterback Tim Hughes.

The second stanza was a different story. It was time for the Irish offense to shine. Following a Northwestern possession and punt, Notre Dame took over deep in its own territory. Enter Ron Powlus. Notre Dame's version of the Chosen One pelted the Northwestern defense with gutsy bombs and short outs. Powlus went four for five on the first drive, highlighted by a 42-yard pass to flanker Michael Miller and capped off by a 9-yard touchdown pass to the spectacular Derrick Mayes. Mayes had to dive out of the end zone to grab the ball. The catch reminded fans of his performance against Boston College the year earlier, but it was only a tease of what was to come. After a Northwestern field goal made the score 7-3 in favor of the Irish, Powlus took the reigns of the Notre Dame offense.

Again the blue and gold moved the ball at will through a porous Northwestern defense. This time Powlus connected with Miller 46 yards away in the end zone. Notre Dame got the ball right back after an interception by Shawn Wooden. The Irish had less than a minute to go 58 yards. No problem for Powlus. The Irish marched down the field, and Powlus found Ray Zellars from two yards out; he also found his team with a 21-3 halftime lead. Although the Notre Dame ground attack had accounted for only 59 first half yards, Powlus and the aerial arsenal had amassed 186 yards and three touchdowns through the darkened sky. Northwestern, despite 116 rushing yards



A momentous hit from LeShane Saddler knocks the ball free from Wildcat Dennis Lundy's arms. The loose ball was recovered by Notre Dame's Brian Hamilton.

from Lundy, also helped the Irish cause with three turnovers by the half.

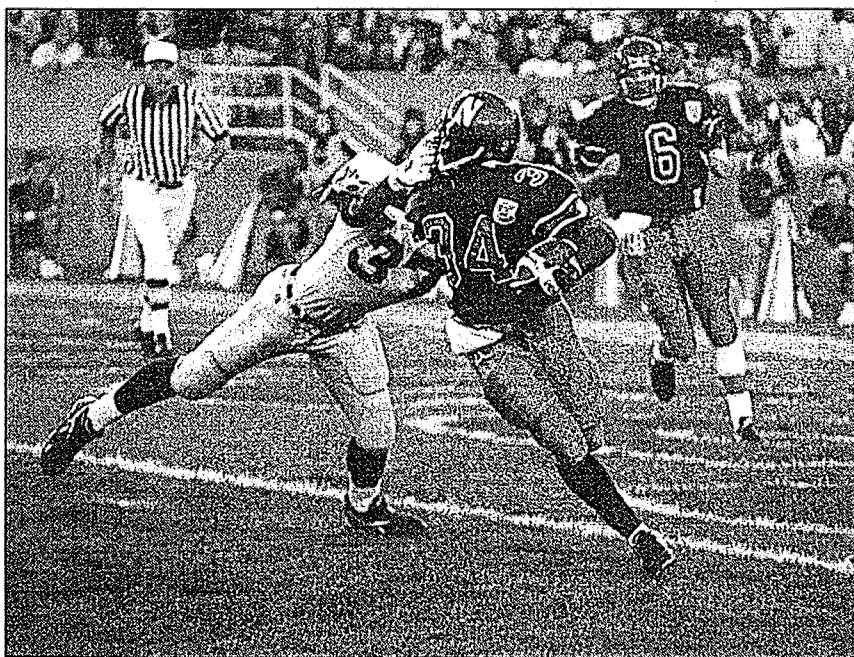
The entire nation waited to see if there would be a second half letdown by the nation's number three team. No chance. The Notre Dame offense began the third quarter with a nearly flawless 11-play, 65-yard ball control drive. A beautiful mix of run and pass plays climaxed in a Becton score on only his fourth carry of the game. Notre Dame took a 28-3 lead. After a fine Irish defensive stand, Notre Dame again received the ball and the reassurance that the game was in hand. Powlus hurled his fourth touchdown pass, this one again to Mayes, good for 36 yards. This score put the Irish up 35-3, and made the fourth quarter academic.

After Powlus's curtain call in the final period, Tom Krug came on for the save and hit Charles Stafford from seven yards out to end the Irish scoring. This came sandwiched between two Wildcat touchdown runs, one by Lundy and one by Hughes. The damage was done, however. As time expired, the Irish had proved themselves worthy of their number three ranking with a 42-15 romp of Northwestern. Despite a gutsy 144-yard performance by Lundy, the Notre Dame defense was able to come up with the big turnover when it was needed. The Irish kicking game survived intact, with Stefan Schreffner making all six of his extra point attempts.

The only disappointing aspect to come out of the game was the rushing attack. Heisman hopeful Becton, despite a touchdown, gained only 18 yards on ten carries, all but ending his hopes for the

coveted award. Zellars, Marc Edwards and Randy Kinder, each of whom also contributed to the ground game, were only able to amass 185 yards total rushing. This seemed insignificant, though, in comparison to Powlus' accomplishments.

The Notre Dame quarterback, in his first college game, had silenced the doubters. Powlus finished 18 of 24 for 291 yards and four touchdowns, tying the Notre Dame record shared by Irish greats Steve Beuerlein, Daryle Lamonica and Angelo Bertelli. Powlus seemed to be a man of steel. Buried twice after releasing his pass, Powlus bounced back up like a basketball, unscathed. With the help of his talented corps of receivers and three quarters of Northwestern generosity, Powlus was transformed from a first-year quarterback from Berwick, PA, to a nationally-known Heisman Trophy candidate. ESPN's Beano Cook even went so far as to say



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With just a little tug on the face mask, Travis Davis takes down Northwestern's Dennis Lundy deep in Wildcat territory. Lundy had 116 yards in the first half, but Davis and the defense held him to only 28 yards in the second.



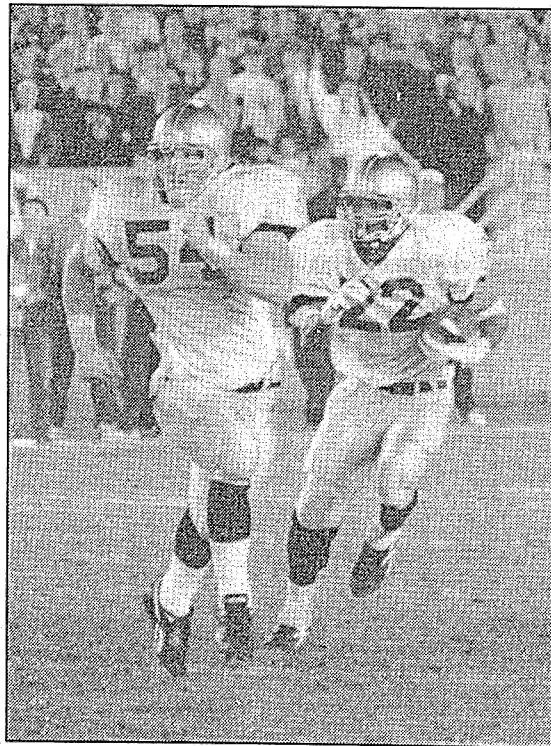
that Powlus would win the Heisman twice in his career, and this after only one game.

Once the nation had seen what the Irish were capable of, expectations skyrocketed. Maybe this was the team that could bring Lou Holtz his first national championship since 1988. However, no one knew at the time that one play would foreshadow the entire upcoming season for the Irish. Following Lundy's touchdown early in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats went for a two-

point conversion. Taylor intercepted Hughes' pass, and he bolted toward the opposite end zone. As the goal was in sight, the Irish cornerback was ripped down from behind by a Wildcat defender. So too would the Irish start out at the head of the pack in 1994, only to be caught from behind by five of their next 11 opponents. □

Top: Marc Edwards punches through the Northwestern line as Wildcat Chris Martin prepares to throw an ineffective block.

Right: Senior inside linebacker Justin Goheen clears a path for senior cornerback Shawn Wooden after Wooden intercepted a Tim Hughes pass.



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GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	21	14	7	42
Northwestern	0	3	0	12	15

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

ND: Mayes 9 pass from Powlus at 9:15 (Schroffner PAT)

NU: Valenzisi 22 FG at 2:20

ND: Miller 46 pass from Powlus at 1:12 (Schroffner PAT)

ND: Zellars 2 pass from Powlus at 0:09 (Schroffner PAT)

3rd Quarter

ND: Becton 2 run at 9:18 (Schroffner PAT)

ND: Mayes 36 pass from Powlus at 4:55 (Schroffner PAT)

4th Quarter

NU: Lundy 5 run at 6:03 (pass failed)

ND: Stafford 7 pass from Krug at 1:53 (Schroffner PAT)

NU: Hughes 9 run at 0:45 (run failed)

Team Statistics

	ND	NU
First Downs.....	24	24
Rushing.....	11	9
Passing.....	13	11
Total Offensive Plays.....	49	69
Net Yards Rushing.....	161	166
Net Yards Passing.....	298	184
Total Net Yards.....	459	350
Avg Yds Per Play.....	5.1	9.4
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards.....	12-63	535
Punts-Averages.....	3-41	3-34
3rd Down Conversions.....	7-11	5-13

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Edwards 6-52, Kinder 630, Zellars 5-22, Becton 10-16, Blunt 3-18, Miller 1-14, Farmer 5-11, Powlus 2-6, Klusas 1-3, Sollmann 2-1 NU- Lundy 27-138, Autry 2-12, Hughes 5-10, Burton 1-6, Lilly 1-0

Passing: ND- Powlus 24-18-291-4-0, Krug 1-1-7-1-0 NU- Hughes 19-12-99-0-2, Schmur 14-7-85-0-1

Receiving: ND- Miller 7-142, Mayes 6-95, Zellars 2-23, McBride 1-7, Stafford 1-7 NU- Sinters 4-59, Lundy 4-28, Musso 3-25, Winship 1-19, Gamble 2-18, Beazley 1-16, Graham 2-12, Morris 2-7

Leading Tacklers: ND- Goheen 9, Magee 9, Gibson 8, Taylor 7, Berry 5, Davis 5, Wooden 5, Sample 4, Wynn 4, Hamilton 3, Nau 3

Center Stage

It was baptism by fire for Notre Dame's newest quarterback

by Mark Mitchell

Before he even set foot on the field, he at was the center of a three-ring media circus that would make a presidential candidate grimace. When he finally got to the first game, he had the nation waiting to see Coach Heisman return from the grave to give him the award in person. And when the season was over, even though he owned the Notre Dame record for touchdown passes in a season, he had an army of critics that rivals President Clinton's.

"It was all very strange at first," said sophomore quarterback Ron Powlus. "You know, I hadn't been around the team much last year because I was injured, so I really didn't know what the media was like. Kevin McDougal and Rick Mirer warned me to get ready because it was a big time circus, but when I first got out there and it started, I said to myself, 'Is this what they meant?'" Whether or not Ron Powlus expected the press attention he received, at least he was somewhat prepared for it. As for the season: "I learned a lot about dealing with losses. I never expected to come here and lose four games in my whole career — not at Notre Dame. I can't stand it when things go wrong; so when I would try so hard and still not get something right and it cost us, that was really hard for me to learn to deal with."

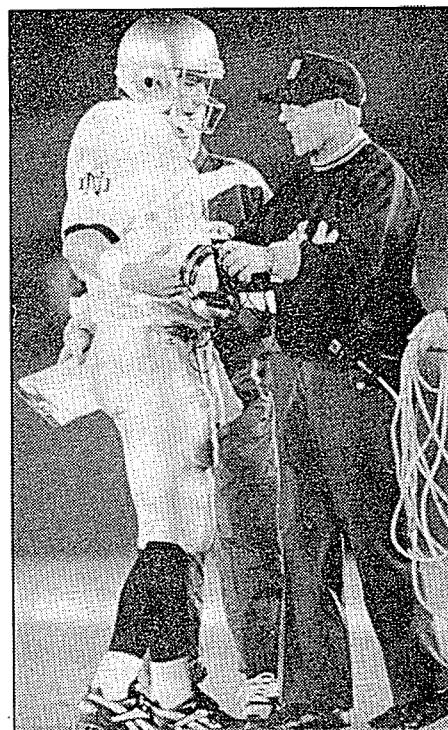
Despite the season's 6-5-1 record, Powlus still did an outstanding job for a first year quarterback who started every game. "I can

look back on the season and see the good points. Sure there are some things I would like to change, but I still had a good year and learned a lot." It is the letdown for the seniors which Powlus would like to change most. "I feel very bad for the seniors because they worked so hard for four years, but this year most of all. I wish I could have done more for them, and I wish I could have made the season better. Whatever happened with this year, next season we will definitely be in the hunt for the national championship. And any success the team will have next year will be due in a very large part to what the seniors have accomplished this year."

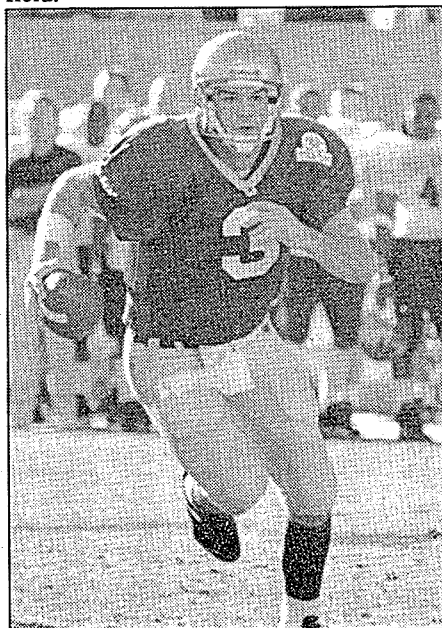
In a turbulent first year, Ron Powlus always looked back home for his greatest encouragement and support. "My family has always been there for me. Mom, Dad, my sister, my brother-in-law, my girlfriend — I talk to all of them during the week, and they get me through the rough times." Some of the toughest times have been during the harshest media criticism and the negative feedback it generates. "It has been difficult at times to get away from the media, but back as a sophomore in high school my dad told me, 'If you're just doing your job, then their job is to look at what you're doing' — that's helped me a lot."

"Sure there have been the nasty letters and the crank calls on the phone, but none of them have ever come from on campus. And while I'm not going to badmouth those who complain about me, they don't understand and they don't know what goes on on the field."

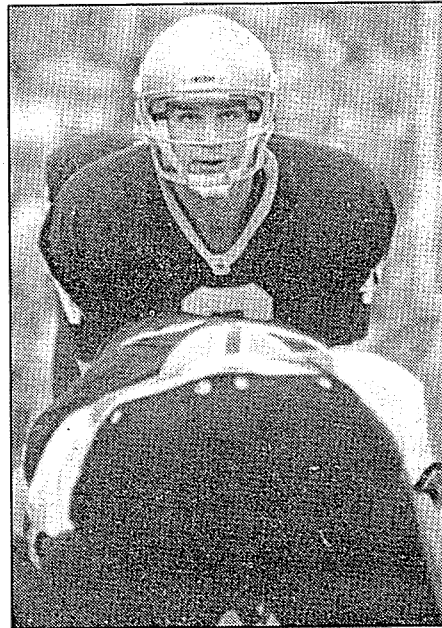
Ron Powlus' only prediction for next season is that the team will definitely be in the race for the national crown. Whether that comes true or not, the quarterback can be sure that his every move will be the center of attention again. "I'd much rather that everybody have expectations for me that are too high. I hate it when people make excuses for my performance. Hey, don't make me have to play out of a hole; say 'He should be the best quarterback in college,' and make me live up to that." □



Mike Bennett



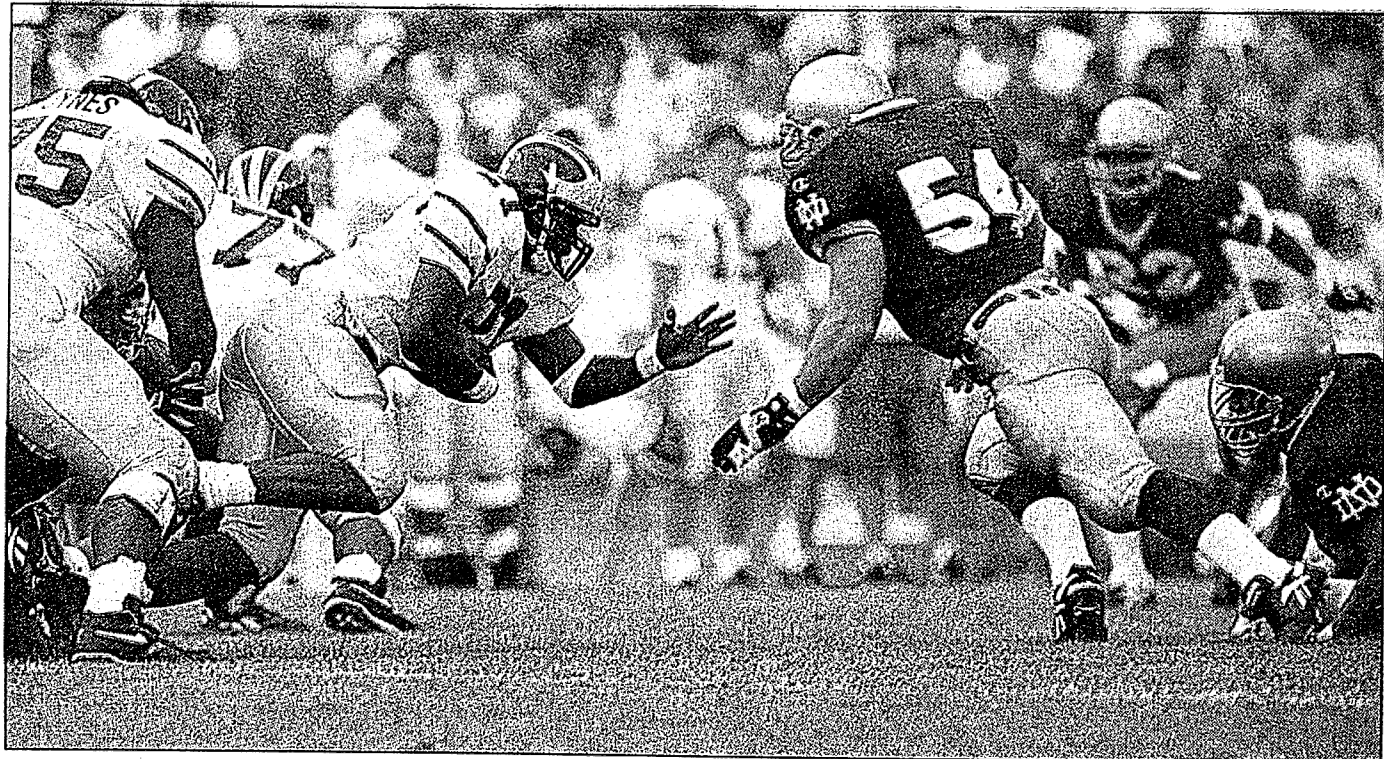
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An Epic Battle

Kevin Klau



In the century-old war with the Wolverines, this clash was one for the ages, but not for this season

by T. Ryan Kennedy

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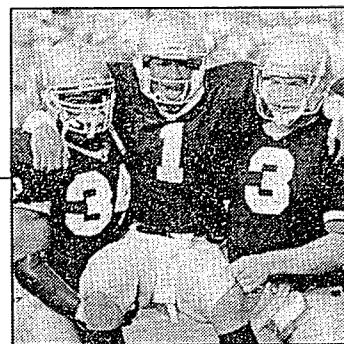
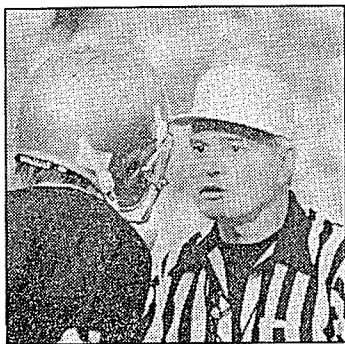
Michigan struck like lightning, furious and without warning. Earlier, Notre Dame, led by a young and inexperienced quarterback, marched downfield like an attacking army. Derrick Mayes reached for the sky and came down with the touchdown in the back of the end zone. Notre Dame led, but not by enough.

But the frenzied fight which filled the last seconds of the game was just the climax of the great drama which had been building explosively since the kickoff of the 26th meeting between the

Fighting Irish and the Wolverines.

Notre Dame looked too strong in the beginning. Powlus, a sophomore Heisman candidate, dodged the Michigan blitzkrieg with the composure of a senior, out-maneuvering sometimes three Wolverine defenders at a time. Stefan Schreffner blasted a 32-yard field goal through the uprights to put the Irish up 3-0. Ironically, it would be Schreffner's longest field goal of the season — a deceptive display of strength at a position which would bring defeat to the Irish more than once in the future.

Then came the omen, the play that came to epitomize the game and the season for Notre Dame football. On fourth-and-one, still in the first quarter, Bobby Taylor blocked a 29-yard field goal attempt by Remy Hamilton at the line of scrimmage. Enter



Michigan's Che' Foster, who snatched the ball out of the air and carried it two yards to Notre Dame's 11 for a Wolverine first down. All the Irish momentum was gone. It was an unlucky break which could have happened to either team — but this time, and throughout the season, it happened to Notre Dame. Tim Biakabutuka inevitably barreled into the end zone two plays later as the Irish defense stood befuddled about how this came to be.

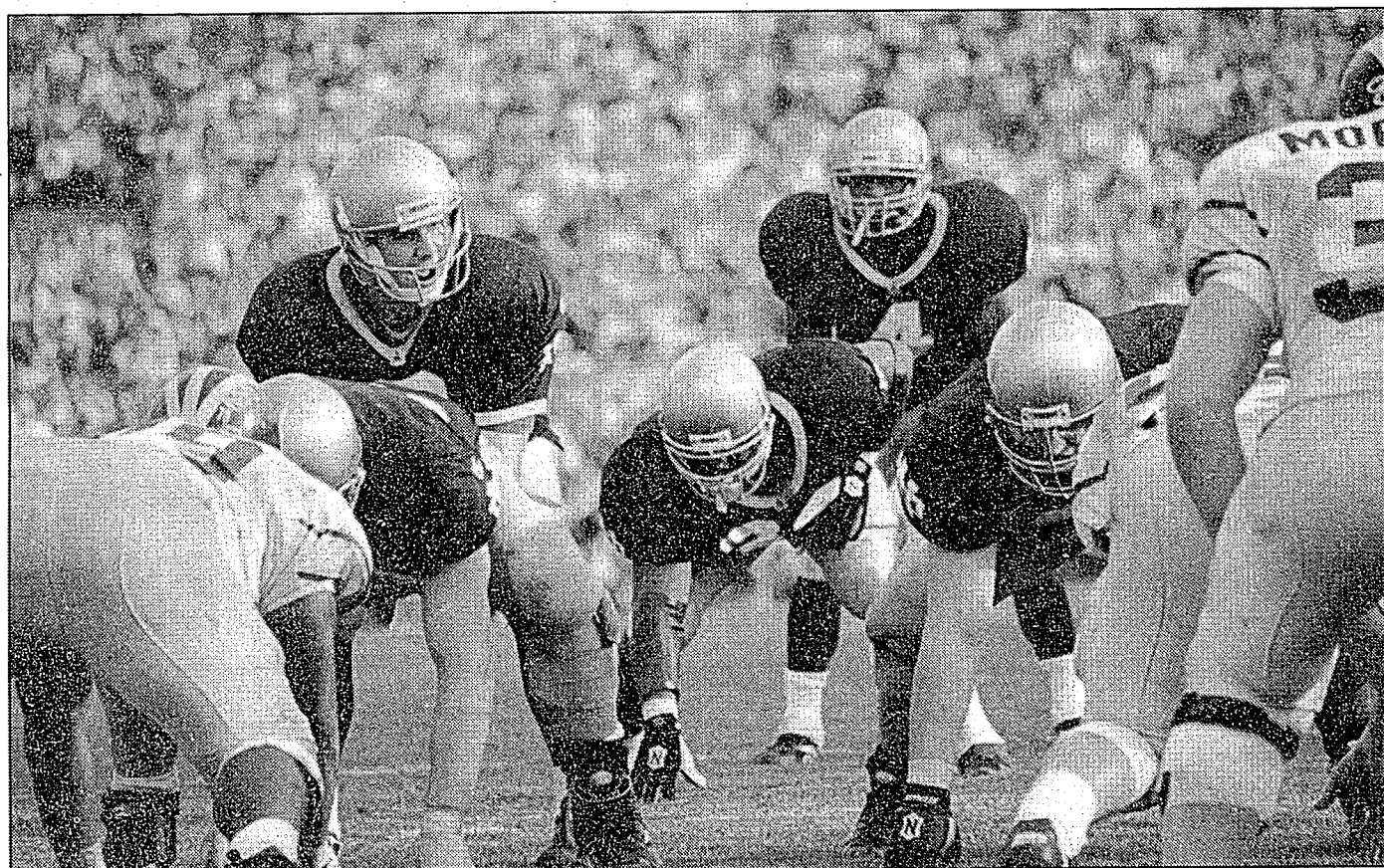
The Irish responded and charged downfield. Powlus did it all, scampering out of a heavy Michigan rush, gaining 11. Powlus kept it on the option, broke a tackle and was pounded after a 14-yard gain. Two plays later, Powlus threw over the middle to Mayes who was run out of bounds at the Michigan one after picking up 33 yards — a foreshadowing of the most potent scoring strategy that Notre Dame would have all season.

A struggle with the goal-line offense forced Notre Dame to go for

it all on fourth down and goal-to-go. A Becton touchdown catch on the ensuing play was one of a few times that Notre Dame would win the year-long battle with itself in goal-line situations.

The stadium erupted into jubilant celebration as the fans witnessed what they thought could be the birth of a championship season. In the press box a man exclaimed, "This will be another game to remember!" Though it was only 10-7 in the first quarter he continued, "It will be won in the fourth quarter." But there was an ominous glint in the man's eye — he was the former Michigan athletic director.

In the second half, the likes of senior linebackers Jeremy Sample and Justin Goheen thrashed Biakabutuka, with Taylor containing the explosive Amani Toomer. But on the other side, the Notre Dame offense withered and died. With time winding down, Becton fumbled his second time of the game and the outlook appeared



The offense was in full force against Michigan with Ron Powlus at quarterback, Ray Zellars at fullback and Lee Becton at tailback. Michigan was one of the few teams to face both Zellars and Becton, who were injured during the season.



Left: Senior strong safety Travis Davis pulls down "Touchdown" Tim Biakabutuka. Biakabutuka was Michigan's most potent offensive leader with 102 yards and one touchdown in the game.

Below: With a victorious shout, sophomore fullback Marc Edwards falls into the end zone with Michigan's Deon Johnson attached to his leg.

Facing Page, Top: Jeremy Sample and Travis Davis tackle Wolverine Che' Foster as he carries the ball. The Irish defense held the Michigan running game to 148 yards.

Facing Page, Bottom: The Irish defense piles onto Tim Biakabutuka as he advances toward the end zone.

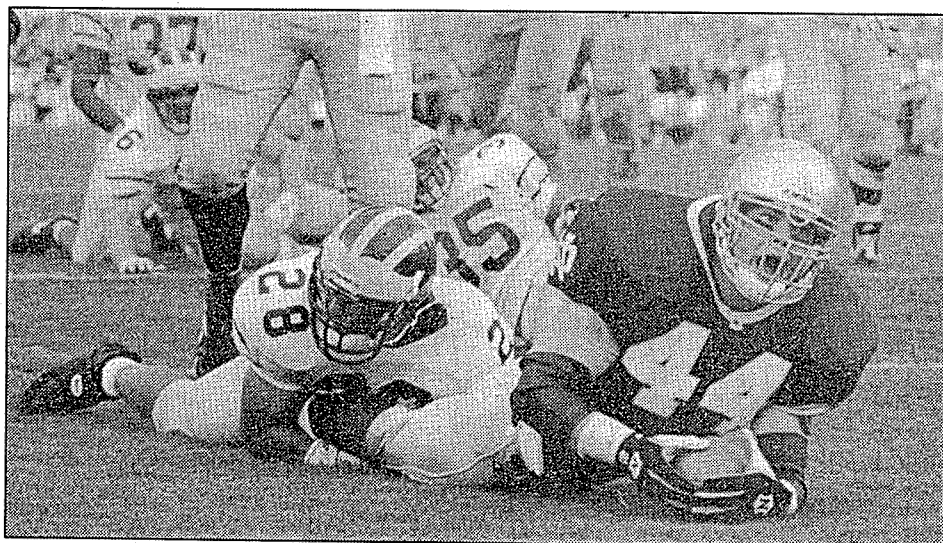
bleak for the Irish. Becton had not fumbled in two years. Hope for the Notre Dame cause diminished quickly until the momentum appeared to turn on the ensuing kick. Michael Miller took a high-Hamilton kickoff and zipped 55 yards down the right sidelines.

Under a blue autumn sky, Ron Powlus faced a 23-17 deficit from the Michigan 36 with 2:15 remaining. Here was the test of the phenom who had played only one football game in two years. The quiet star delivered, rising to the occasion in a moment of Irish desperation. Resembling greats of the past, Powlus drove Notre Dame downfield with everything on the line and pressure at its greatest. A Michigan interference play on third and six from the 15 put Notre Dame at the Michigan 2-yard line. A done deal. But the Notre Dame touchdown on the next play was called back to the 7-yard line because of an illegal shift by the Irish. So with first down and seven yards to go, Powlus called the signals, dropped back and unloaded for none other than Mayes deep in the end zone. Mayes had sacrificed everything to put Notre Dame ahead 24-23, and Powlus helped carry him from the field with a sprained ankle.

Notre Dame's kickoff coverage unit, which had yielded big numbers earlier to Walter Smith and particularly Mercury Hayes, worked like a machine on that last kickoff. The Irish stuffed the Wolverines on their own 17 and all looked well. Too well.

52 seconds was too much time to leave on the clock. A mad rush ensued. Led by senior quarterback Todd Collins, the Michigan battalion hurled itself headlong down the field. One year earlier, Collins had been named the scapegoat in a disastrous loss to the Irish. Now he was to be the hero. The Irish fell back in the face of

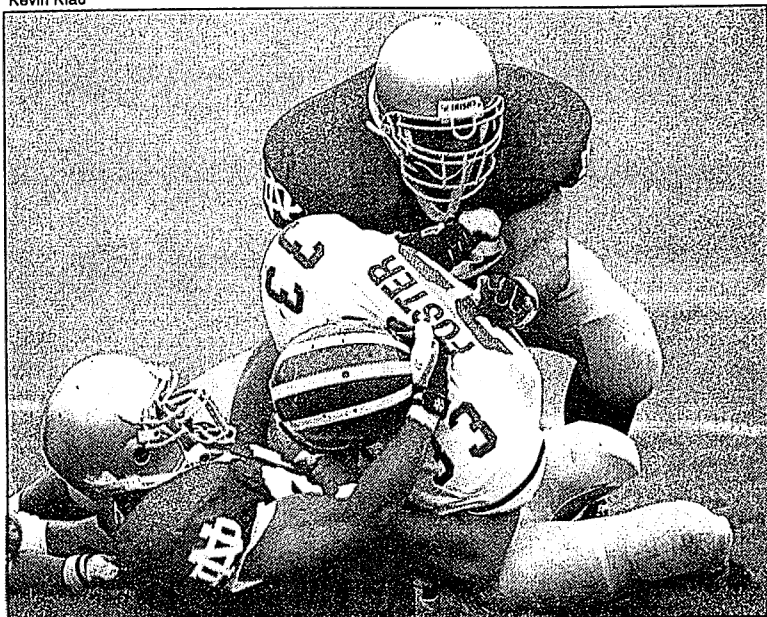
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the advancing Wolverines, making increasingly desperate and ineffective attempts to keep Michigan out of field goal range. The Wolverines fought in a nearly confused frenzy, controlled only by the cool determination of Collins. And then the whole game was decided in one fell swoop.

Collins' protection broke down and the Michigan quarterback watched helplessly as a rabid Bert Berry took hold of him and pulled him to the ground. But as he fell, Collins let fly one desperate pass which found its way safely into the hands of Seth Smith for a 9-yard gain and a first down on the Irish 33. "He (Berry) was hanging on me and Seth was just in the right place," said Collins. "I just got it off somehow. I didn't see him until he was in my (helmet) earhole." Collins slipped through the dime defense (six defensive backs) on the next play with a pass to Jay Riemersma, a no-name.

Seven seconds and 42 yards was all that Michigan had to work



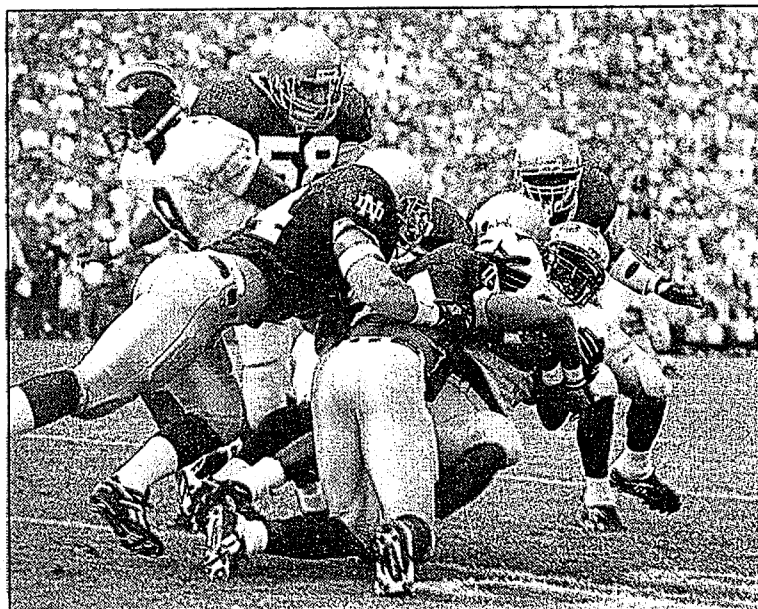
with. The scene was one of utter chaos as players ran on and off the field while the play clock ominously ticked away against Michigan. But as Michigan's time-out-less coach Gary Moeller watched in horror as three, then two, then one second remained of the 25 seconds left on the play clock, Lou Holtz gave Moeller the biggest break the Michigan coach would get all year. Notre Dame called time out. The Irish gave the Wolverines all the preparation time they needed.

Michigan kicker Remy Hamilton, who had a "fifty percent chance of starting that day," booted the ball through the uprights for the winning, dream-crushing field goal. It made up for the final kick in 1988 that had sailed wide. And just as that victory pro-

pelled Notre Dame to the national crown, this defeat made that achievement nearly impossible.

"It was just like the Boston College game all over again," said Holtz after the game with a sullen look on his face. "I'm concerned where we go from here."

Had Notre Dame defeated Michigan, they would have had the motivation, the confidence and most importantly the momentum to defeat Boston College, Brigham Young and probably even Florida State and USC. But this game was one of momentum lost and won that would epitomize Notre Dame's difficult season. Then again, it was just another chapter in the battles of college football's greatest, Michigan and Notre Dame. □



Brent Tadsen

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Michigan	7	3	10	6	26
Notre Dame	10	0	7	7	24

1st Quarter

ND: Schroffner 32 FG at 11:01

UM: Biakabutuka 10 run at 7:54 (Hamilton PAT)

ND: Becton 1 pass from Powlus at 1:11 (Schroffner PAT)

2nd Quarter

UM: Hamilton 32 FG at 5:00

3rd Quarter

ND: Edwards 8 run at 7:58 (Schroffner PAT)

UM: Riemersma 3 pass from Collins at 4:08 (Hamilton PAT)

UM: Hamilton 35 FG at 0:39

4th Quarter

UM: Hamilton 32 FG at 2:15

ND: Mayes 7 pass from Powlus at 0:57 (Schroffner PAT)

UM: Hamilton 42 FG at 0:02

Team Statistics

	ND	UM
First Downs.....	24	20
Rushing.....	10	8
Passing.....	11	11
Total Offensive Plays.....	71	70
Net Yards Rushing.....	165	116
Net Yards Passing.....	224	187
Total Net Yards.....	352	340
Avg Yds Per Play.....	5.0	4.9
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	6-46	6-62
Punts-Averages.....	40	35
3rd Down Conversions.....	4-12	3-14

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Becton 13-76, Zellars 13-61, Kinder 3-11, Edwards Powlus 13-10, Edwards 2-7 UM- Biakabutuka 25-100, Hayes 1-17, Foster 1-3, Davis 7-9, Collins 6-(-13)

Passing: ND- Powlus 27-15-187-2-0 UM- Collins 29-21-224-1-0

Receiving: ND-Mayes 7-106, Zellars 2-31, Stafford 2-25, Miller 3-24, Becton 1-1 UM- Toomer 5-72, Riemersma 5-68, Biakabutuka 2-23, Hayes 2-20, Smith 2-18, Foster 3-14, Davis 2-9

Leading Tacklers: ND- Grasmanis 9, Magee 8, Nau 8, Goheen 7, Wynn 7, Gibson 6, Hamilton 5, Davis 4, Sample 4, Wooden 4

Coming From Behind

The Fighting Irish rebounded from a 13-point deficit as they overcame the Spartans and the loss to Michigan

by Brian May

SEPTEMBER 17, 1994 — EAST LANSING, MI

In the first half of the sixtieth meeting between Notre Dame and Michigan State, the Irish did about as much spectating as the 74,183 fans who filled up Spartan Stadium. The Irish watched their passes fall into Spartan hands, they watched Michigan State's offense control the ball, and they watched the Spartans accumulate an embarrassing 20-7 half-time lead. Perhaps Irish minds were still on the Michigan game of the preceding week, because the motivation for this game seemed as low as hopes of a championship had been a week earlier. The Irish were able to pull out a victory in the end thanks to the Spartans' inability to put them away. It seemed like neither football team wanted to win this game.

"It's one thing to be down 13 at the half and another to be down by 13 and completely dominated in every single area of the game," said Lou Holtz about the first-half play by Notre Dame. Michigan State owned Notre Dame on both sides of the ball. The Spartans blasted through the Notre Dame defense for 249 yards. Junior quarterback Tony Banks was having a career day and was probably laughing to himself as flanker Mill Coleman did dances around Irish cornerback Shawn Wooden. Banks looked like as much of a Heisman Trophy candidate as had Powlus just seven days earlier. But while Powlus was throwing one interception after another, Banks completed 12 of 15. Powlus, who probably remained a solid

Heisman candidate after the Michigan game, showed his first signs of weakness with a 3-for-15 first-half effort.

When Justin Goheen recovered a fumble on the Notre Dame 32-yard line early in the second quarter, Powlus gave the ball right back to the Spartans with his first interception throw of his young college career. Suddenly, the Irish looked more vulnerable than they had all year, and the fans in Spartan Stadium knew it. They cranked up the noise to another level.

While statistics usually do not account for much, Notre Dame's time of possession in the half was a pathetic eight minutes, while Michigan State held the ball for nearly 22 of the 30 minutes.

Halftime passed slowly for Notre Dame fans, who had a lot to ponder about the season. The Irish were heading downhill faster than they had in years. If they lost this one, it would mean three losses in their last five games. Few were able to realize what would be on the line in the second half — but Holtz was one who did.

"I thought at the half we would win," said Holtz after the game. "But I was not very convincing to the players. It was a nightmare of a first half." Whatever he said in the locker room, the Irish came out playing inspired football. Michigan State fans, and the players, were in for a show.

After punting on the first possession, it all came together slowly. Sophomore Randy Kinder stepped up with punishing runs. Powlus threw complete to Michael Miller. Enter Lee Becton, in what would be his last glorious moment for a while. The senior captain charged in from 37 yards out, reminding the Notre Dame faithful of the great 1993 season. The drive, 80 yards on 10 plays, put the

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Irish back in control.

"Offense is about rhythm," noted Holtz. "All this season, we haven't been able to put together any rhythm at all. The second half today was the best rhythm we've had all season." The touchdown run by Becton jumpstarted an offensive flow that the Irish had been craving.

The resurgence of the running game enabled Notre Dame to open up the passing attack. Holtz changed his approach, removing the tight end and using three wide receivers. The Notre Dame offensive line seized control of the line of scrimmage, and Becton was thriving on the outside run, until something devastating happened. Becton went down with a groin injury, one of the most frustrating for an athlete because it takes so long to heal. The Irish seemed to lose a step not only on the next play when they failed to convert on fourth down, but for the rest of the year. An integral spark and team leader was gone.

This, however, seemed to anger the Irish defense even more, who hammered the Spartans until they were dizzy. One big difference was that Bobby Taylor moved over to cover the explosive Coleman. In the first half, Coleman caught five passes for 46 yards and had a touchdown on a reverse. In the second, Coleman posted a goose egg for passes caught as well as touchdowns.

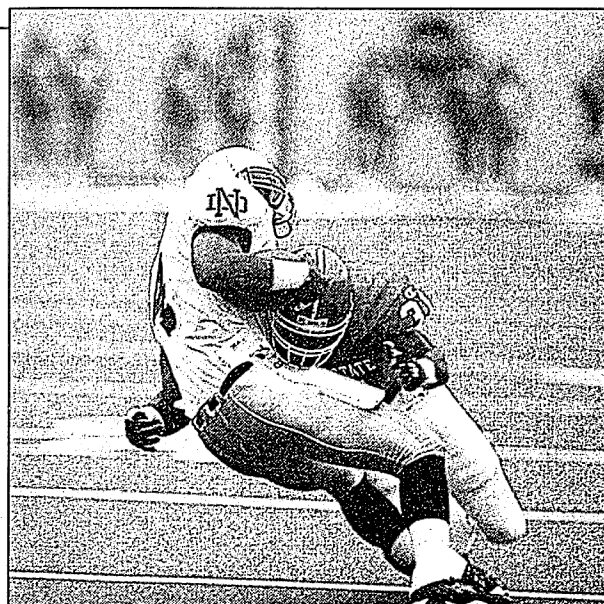
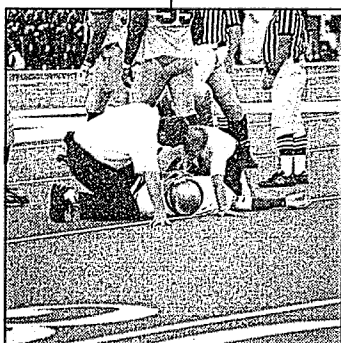
The Irish had figured out how to stop the feisty Spartans, but Notre Dame was still down 20-14.

With Becton gone after 90 yards rushing, in stepped the sensational sophomore Randy Kinder. Kinder, who grew up five minutes from the stadium and almost went to Michigan State, had something to prove to his hometown crowd. He rushed for 102 of his 104 total yards in the second half.

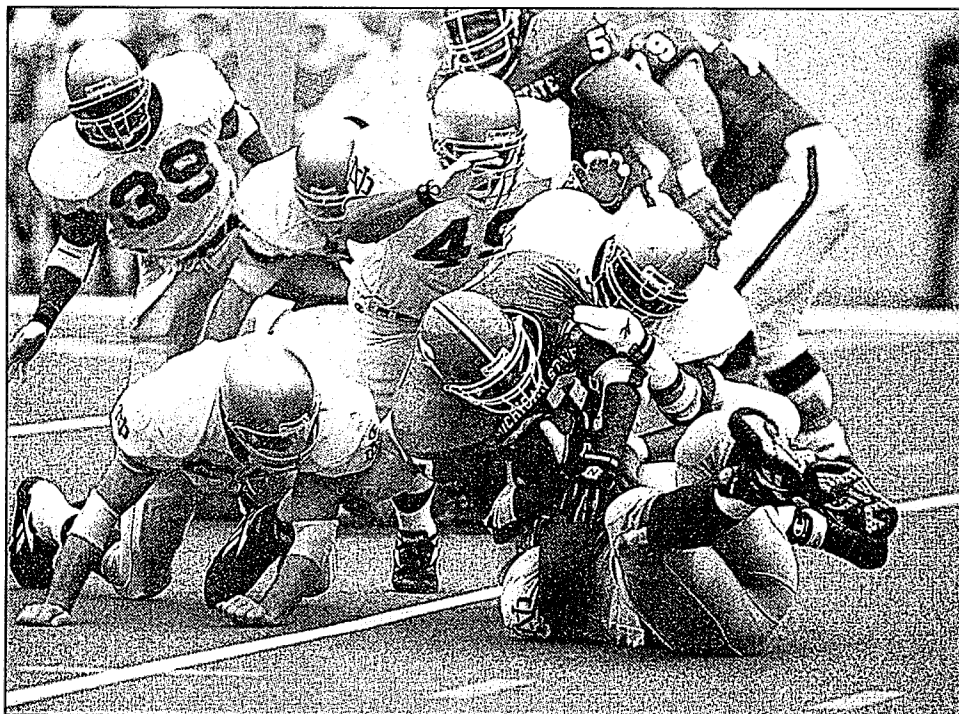
Then, finally, thunderstruck as Powllus rolled out and hurled a 15-yard pass to Robert Farmer on the left side of the field. Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 20. Relief overflowed in the hearts of fans and the players. A loss could have done irreparable damage and set the stage for further catastrophe. The Notre Dame comeback was, perhaps, the team's most important and best game of the year. □

Facing Page: Amid a swarm of Spartans, Jeremy Sample sacks quarterback Tony Banks.

Right: Michigan State's Damlan Manson bowls over Lee Becton. Becton was seriously injured in the game.



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Jeremy Nau, Renaldo Wynn, Jeremy Sample, and Bert Berry descend upon Michigan State's Duane Goulbourne. The Irish defense did not allow the Spartans to score in the entire second half of the game, allowing Notre Dame to overcome a 13-point halftime deficit.

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	7	7	7	21
Michigan State	3	17	0	0	20

1st Quarter

MS: Gardner 31 FG at 14:01

2nd Quarter

MS: Coleman 30 run at 13:04 (Gardner PAT)

ND: Mayes 29 pass from Powlus (Schroffner PAT)

MS: Banks 3 run at 4:09 (Gardner PAT)

MS: Gardner 24 FG

3rd Quarter

ND: Becton 37 run at 7:54 (Schroffner PAT)

4th Quarter

ND: Farmer 15 pass from Powlus at 12:12 (Schroffner PAT)

Team Statistics

	ND	MS
First Downs.....	23	15
Rushing.....	13	7
Passing.....	8	7
Total Offensive Plays.....	77	72
Net Yards Rushing.....	269	80
Net Yards Passing.....	161	190
Total Net Yards.....	430	270
Avg Yds Per Play.....	5.6	3.8
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards.....	5-50	4-50
Punts-Averages.....	5-43	4-41
3rd Down Conversions.....	4-174	9-373

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Kinder 18-104, Becton 8-90, Zellars 8-34, Edwards 2-20, Farmer 2-11, Miller 1-6, Powlus 4-4 MS- Goulbourne 22-79, Greene 1-1, Patrick 1-6, Coleman 1-30, Banks 20-(-36)

Passing: ND- Powlus 30-10-161 2-4 MS- Banks 21-15-190-0-0

Receiving: ND- Stafford 3-50, Miller 3-42, Mayes 1-29, Becton 1-21, Farmer 1-15, Mosley 1-4 MS- Coleman 5-46, Greene 3-30, Carter 2-52, Organ 2-37, Muhammad 1-9, Mason 1-6

Leading Tacklers: ND- Sample 10, Nau 7, Berry 6, Cobbins 6, Davis 6, Grasmanis 6, Hamilton 6, Goheen 5, Wynn 5, Gibson 4, Magee 4, Wooden 4

■ FLASHBACK: 1966

There is a time to Gamble

*Top-ranked Michigan State plays to a 10-10 tie
with number-two Notre Dame*

by Joe Falls

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I rooted for Michigan State. But now I would like to repent. The winner, and it hurts to say it, was Notre Dame. On Monday morning the vote will go out to the Associated Press in New York: 1-Notre Dame, 2-Michigan State, etc., etc.

Make no mistake about it—the two best teams in the land were on display here Saturday and our grudging admiration goes to the Fighting Irish. They were up against everything and still managed to pull off a tie in the most nerve-wracking football game that could possibly be played. It was a classic in the truest sense of the word.

The Irish lost their quarterback, Terry Hanratty, early in the game. Their best runner, and maybe the best runner in the country, Nick Eddy, never got onto the field. And here they were, with only half a backfield, in a bull ring that rivaled anything Madrid or Mexico City could offer, with a 10-0 score against them... and they came back and got a 10-10 standoff and barely missed winning it with five minutes to go on Joe Azzaro's field goal try from 41 yards out.

A lesser team could have collapsed when Nick Kenney put that 47-yard field goal

through the bars midway in the second half... because here Michigan State had all the momentum, all the drive and almost all the fans behind it.

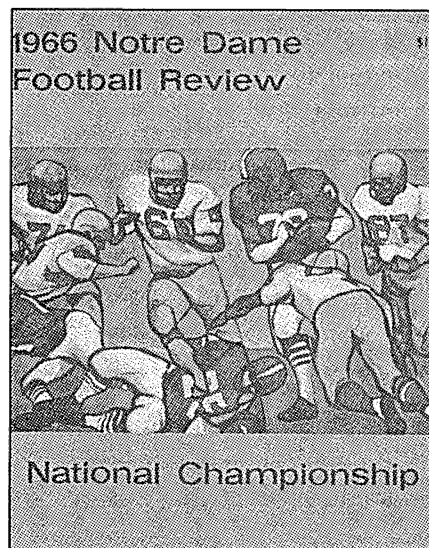
And as the pressure mounted, until it became almost unbearable to sit in your seat, the Irish made all the big plays. It was magnificent the way this little Coley O'Brien immediately rallied the Irish for their touchdown, because, simply ask yourself this question— who is Coley O'Brien? He looks like a tumbleweed being blown across the flat prairie lands, no bigger than the quarterback at North Farmington High.

But he fused the spark in his team and before you could utter the words, "We're No. 1," the Irish were on the scoreboard and back in the game. He led them 54 yards on three quick strikes and you just can't be any more authoritative than the way he hit the streaking Bob Gladieux on the goal line for the touchdown.

It was regrettable that the game ended in a chorus of boos from the highly partisan crowd as Ara Parseghian chose to settle for the tie instead of trying for a bolt of lightning in the last minute.

It would have been far better to see the Irish making an all-out effort to break the tie. But there is a time to gamble, and there isn't a time to gamble.

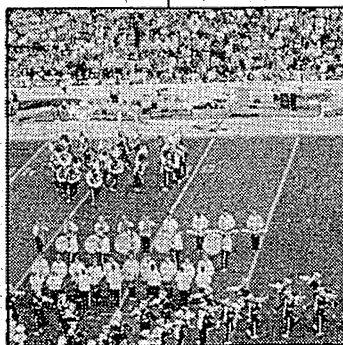
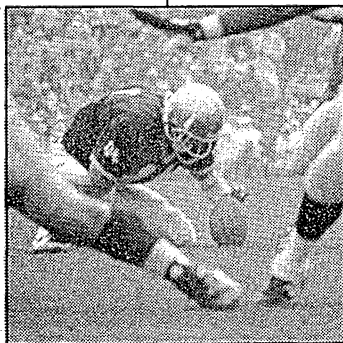
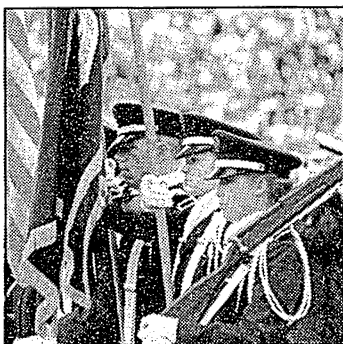
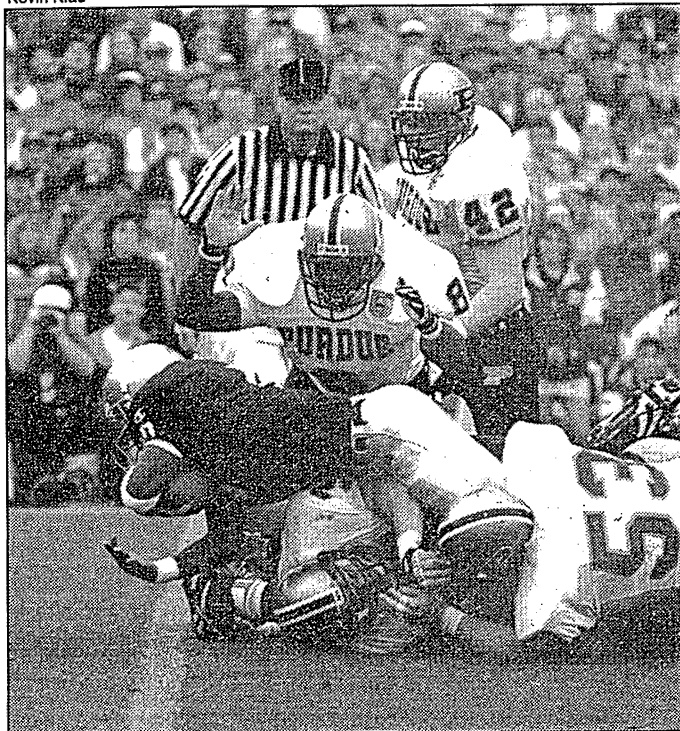
This wasn't the time.



Off And Running

The vaunted Irish running game rolled over the hapless Boilermakers

Kevin Klau



by Jake Schaller

SEPTEMBER 24, 1994—NOTRE DAME, IN

For the third straight year, Notre Dame and Purdue did battle on a soaked playing field, and for the third straight year, the rain clouds rested mainly over the Boilermakers. Coming off a shockingly close victory over Michigan State, the Fighting Irish more than made amends with a 39-21 triumph over a tougher-than-usual Purdue squad. Purdue had won its first two games of the season and came to Notre Dame with thoughts of halting an eight-game losing streak to the Irish.

Notre Dame rode a ferocious rushing attack all game long, piling up 428 yards on the ground, with Randy Kinder, Ray Zellars and Emmett Mosley all posting career-high rushing totals. Kinder, filling in for the injured Lee Becton, earned his second straight 100-plus-yards rushing game, with 146 yards on 16 carries.

More importantly, Ron Powlus did not throw any interceptions after having thrown four to the Spartans a week earlier.

However, it was fullback Ray Zellars who stole the show. Perhaps incited by how much of the pre-game hype concentrated on Purdue's stand-out fullback Mike Alstott, Zellars exploded with a 156-yard game. His performance included a 62-yard romp that reserved a spot on all national year-in-review highlight reels. "It was like a SEGA game or something," remarked Bobby Taylor.

Zellars has been nicknamed "Roboback" and "The Man," and he showed it on his run. After taking a pitch on a sweep left, Zellars cut upfield. The fullback steamrolled a Purdue defensive back, and then hurdled another. With his body parallel to the ground, Zellars managed to land, keep balance and then accelerate through the rest of the secondary for a score. According to Lou Holtz, "It was one of the best efforts I've seen."

As well as the Irish played, it took them over 13 minutes to get on the scoreboard and over a quarter to tally their first touchdown. After receiving the opening kickoff, Kinder sped down the sideline for a 37-yard gain on the first play from scrimmage. The Irish built on Kinder's run and marched to the Purdue 4-yard line. However, as they would all game, the Irish goal-line offense had trouble pushing the ball into the end zone. Deciding to try for a field goal, an Irish drive that started out brilliantly went for naught as Stefan Schreffner's 21-yard field goal bounced off the right upright. It was a mere foreshadowing twist provided by Schreffner, who would have his share of sequels to follow.

Notre Dame started off the second quarter with a 7-play, 54-yard drive that ended with yet another amazing catch by a Notre Dame wide receiver. With good pass protection, Powlus fired a 15-yard pass into the end zone towards Charles Stafford. The senior split end went into the air with Purdue defensive backs Brian Lohman and Derrick Brown, wrenched the ball away from

Above: Sophomore tailback Randy Kinder lunges for the first down. Kinder had 146 yards.

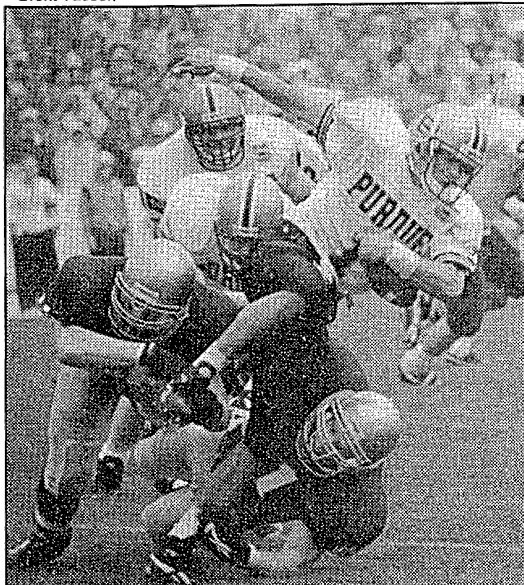
the pair, and landed in the end zone with six points for the Irish.

With 5:14 left in the first half, the Boilermakers had cut the 13-point deficit to six. Purdue had finally responded. They put together an impressive 64-yard drive, ending with Joe Hagin's touchdown. Notre Dame got the ball back on their own 25 and put together perhaps the most important scoring drive of the game, ending with a Kinder sweep right for six. The impressive drive seemed to take the wind out of Purdue's sails and halt any momentum they had gained with their first touchdown. "The one before half-time was a killer," said Purdue Head Coach Jim Colletto. "We had a chance to go into the locker room being down 13-7, but instead we were down 19-7." The key play on the drive was a third down and six conversion. Powlus escaped two tacklers and hit Mayes, who slid and made a great catch for a 10-yard gain.

Three Purdue miscues in the third quarter, however, led to 13 Irish points, and a lock on the game. The first turnover was a Jeremy Sample interception. An assist must be given to Bobby Taylor, who hammered Burt Thorton, causing the ball to pop up into the air. The two Purdue turnovers led to two more Schroffner field goals.

Purdue then turned the ball over for the third straight time after another vicious Taylor jarred the ball loose from Thorton. Alton Maiden pounced on the ball, setting

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up Zellars' run. The Irish put up one more score with Randy Kinder's one-yard second-effort run that capped an eleven-play, 76-yard drive. With a 39-7 lead, Notre Dame's defense relaxed in the final portion of the game. The Irish defense let up 14 points, to the dismay of the Notre Dame faithful, and especially Holtz. "The last eight minutes left a bad taste in my mouth," he said. That bad taste — the vulnerability of the defense, the missed kick, the weakness of the offensive line — would eventually come to haunt Holtz and the Irish. But not this time. This was time to savor a solid victory and to prepare for an enjoyable helping of revenge still to come. □

Top: In a slip and slide game, freshman defenders Kurt Bellsie and Jeff Kramer tackle slippery Boilermaker Craig Allen. In the run-away victory, many young players saw their first playing time.

Right: Sophomore flanker Emmett Mosley shined against Purdue, racking up 83 yards. Against its fourth Big Ten opponent of the year, Notre Dame displayed its most impressive running game of the season with 428 yards rushing and three touchdowns.



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GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Purdue	0	7	0	14	21
Notre Dame	3	16	13	7	39

1st Quarter

ND: Cengia 31 FG at 1:44

2nd Quarter

ND: Stafford 15 pass from Powlus at 12:55 (Schroffner PAT)

ND: Schroffner 27 FG at 7:48

PU: Hagins 2 run at 5:14 (Bobich PAT)

ND: Kinder 3 run at :10 (Run Failed)

3rd Quarter

ND: Schroffner 23 FG at 7:23

ND: Schroffner 33 FG at 5:12

ND: Zellars 62 run at 3:34 (Schroffner PAT)

4th Quarter

ND: Kinder 1 run at 10:35 (Schroffner PAT)

PU: Rogers 1 run at 7:24 (Bobich PAT)

PU: Rogers 5 pass from Dicken at :39 (Bobich PAT)

Team Statistics

	ND	PU
First Downs.....	23	16
Rushing.....	19	9
Passing.....	3	6
Net Yards Rushing.....	428	140
Net Yards Passing.....	119	120
Total Net Yards.....	547	266
Avg Yds Per Play.....	7.1	5.3
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards.....	6-59	7-54
Punts-Averages.....	3-102	6-253
3rd Down Conversions.....	4-14	2-8
Possession Time.....	38:10	21:50

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Zellars 14-156, Kinder 16-143, Mosley 10-80, Farmer 9-42, Edwards 5-19, Blunt 2-2, Powlus 5-(-4), Krug 1-0

PU- Rogers 16-88, Alstott 12-65, Hagins 1-2, Trefzger 3-9

Passing: ND- Powlus 14-9-111-1-0, Krug 1-1-8-0-0 PU- Trefzger 15-10-102-1-0, Dicken 3-2-18-1-0

Receiving: ND- Mayes 3-56, Stafford 2-23, Mosley 1-15, Miller 1-8, Edwards 1-8, McBride 1-8, Zellars 1-1 PU- Allen 3-39, Thorton 3-32, Samuel 2-21, Rogers 2-7, Tillman 1-13, Olivadotti 1-8

Leading Tacklers: ND- Magee 5, Taylor 5, Moore 4, Saddler 4 PU- Hall 10, Hagins 9, Johnson 9, Brown 8, Conley 8, Jackson 6

Sacks: ND- Goheen 1, Grasmanis 1 PU- Washel 1, Krick 1

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A Fond Farewell

A bitter Bill Walsh made his final appearance as a coach in Notre Dame Stadium, and the Fighting Irish gave him and his "Stanford Hex" a rousing send-off

by Jake Schaller

OCTOBER 1, 1994 — NOTRE DAME, IN

The two leaders met at midfield after the game to reflect upon another clash. Stanford's commander, Bill Walsh, took defeat gracefully, shaking hands with the man he had called "a spoiled little brat." Lou Holtz, Notre Dame's general, who had downplayed the remarks that the media attempted to make into a controversy, accepted con-

gratulations and jogged off the field. As he left, he seemed happily relieved, and somewhat lighter, that he was rid of the "Stanford Hex."

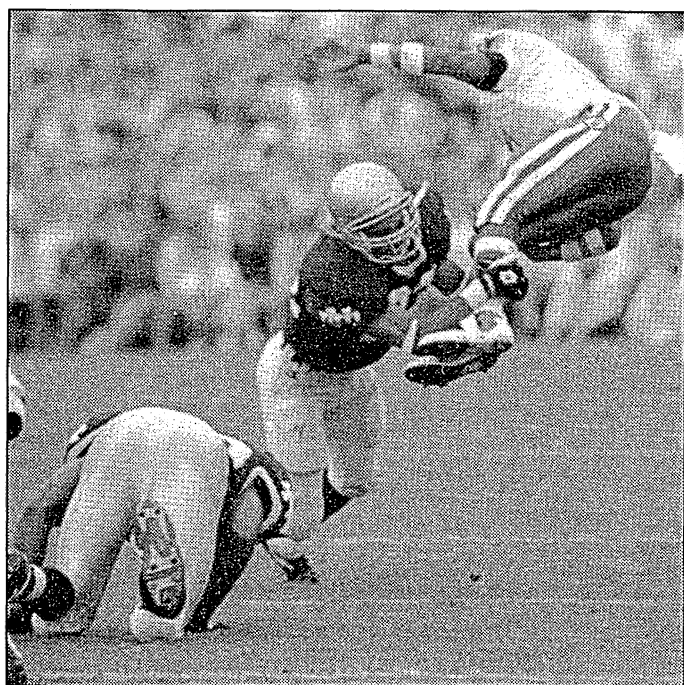
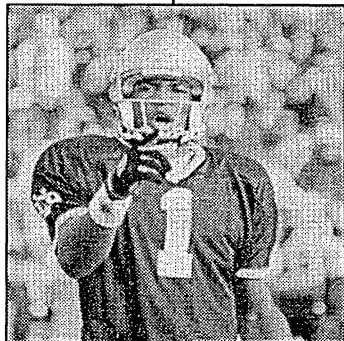
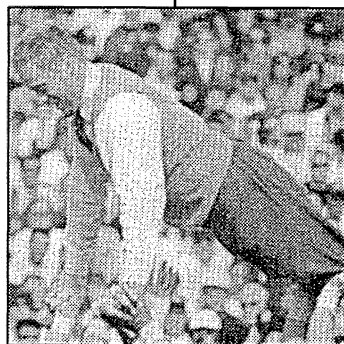
The two previous visits from the Cardinal, in 1990 and 1992, had not been as pleasant for the Irish. Victories for the Super Bowl champion Walsh had knocked Notre Dame from the championship hunt in both years. This time, the Irish had different plans, ending the Stanford streak with a 34-15 triumph. "A lot of the seniors stepped up during the week and

talked about losing twice in our house," said Bobby Taylor. "We didn't want it to happen again."

The Irish refused to let it happen again. With a solid, balanced offensive attack, and tough defense, the Irish won their third straight for the season, and second straight at home. In the process, the Fighting Irish sent a message to the Boston College Eagles whom they would face the next week.

A glance at the post game statistics, however, makes it look like it was Stanford that actually had the 34 points. The Cardinal controlled the ball for over 35 minutes, out-gained the Irish in yardage, and had 29 first downs to their opponent's 16. The thorn in Stanford's side all day, though, was its inability to reach the end zone. In the first quarter,

Junior free safety Bobby Taylor pulls an acrobatic Cardinal out of the air.



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Stanford amassed 108 total yards to Notre Dame's 14, ran 25 plays to Notre Dame's six, but trailed 7-3.

Surprisingly, it was the special teams, which had been less than spectacular to date, that first sparked the Irish. Down 3-0, the Irish forced the Cardinal to punt. Holtz gambled, sending 10 men after the kick. The gamble worked, as a fierce rush from LaRon Moore gave Stanford's Aaron Mills no room to punt. Mills attempted to run away from the pressure to get off a punt, but was drilled by Scott Sollman who caused a fumble and then recovered it. Two plays later, Ron Powlus found Charles Stafford, who had run a deep out, behind his man in the end zone. The senior split end hauled in his second touchdown pass in two games, giving the Irish their first points.

After trading punts, the Irish got another huge play from fullback Ray Zellars. Coming off his best day ever against Purdue, Zellars didn't miss a step. With the ball on his own 36-yard line, Zellars took a hand-off and broke an arm tackle in the backfield. Breaking into the open field, the senior fullback steamrolled Stanford's Scott Frost and raced down the right sideline to the 6-yard line.

The Irish, however, again had trouble in the red zone. The offense managed to lose 19 yards before having to settle for a field goal attempt. Scott Cengia brought a smile to the faces of Irish fans skeptical about their special teams by nailing a 43-yard try. He was deceiving Irish fans who had no

idea what they were in for.

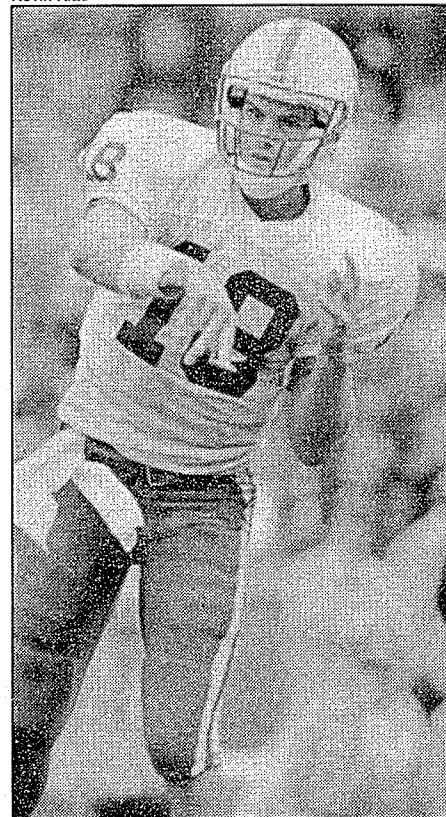
The Irish exploded in the second half, scoring 17 points and erasing Stanford's hopes of a comeback *à la* 1992. In that year, the Irish stormed to a 16-0 lead, only to have the Cardinal score 33 unanswered points. Notre Dame started the half on its own 12-yard line, but seven plays later had advanced the ball to the Stanford 10. On a designed roll-out, Powlus threw a bullet to the right sideline of the end zone. Derrick Mayes added another spectacular snare to his highlight reel, diving for the ball and bringing it in while staying in bounds for the score.

Two possessions later, Powlus struck again with deadly precision. After a play fake, Powlus stepped into the pocket and jumped away from pressure. While still in the air, Powlus unleashed a 47-yard bomb which hit speedster Michael Miller in stride at the three.

Miller corralled the ball, and then coasted into the end zone, giving the Irish a 24-3 lead, and Powlus his third touchdown pass of the day. "I saw him wide open; I couldn't wait to set my feet," Powlus said of his mid-air fling.

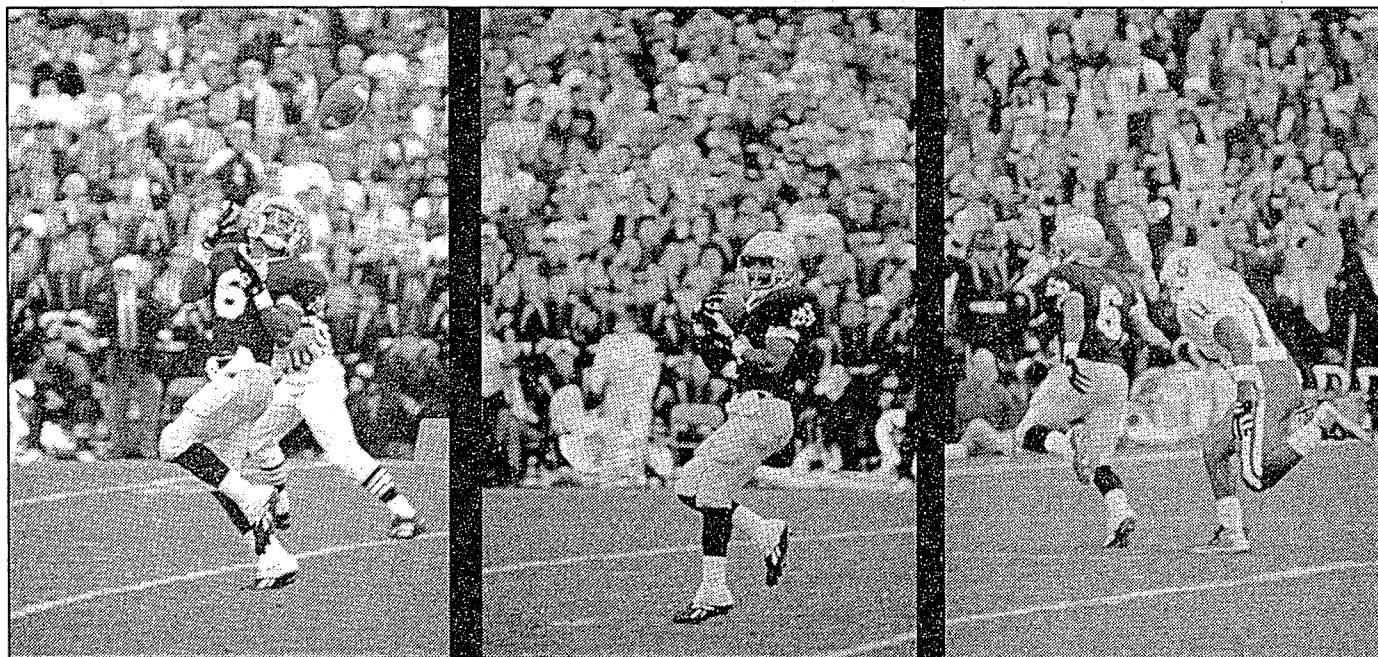
Powlus put on an efficiency clinic, completing 11 of 14 passes for 166 yards and three touchdowns. His play renewed Heisman talk and overshadowed the valiant performance of Steve Stenstrom (36 of 60, 360 yards, 2 touchdowns), who put up big numbers, but came up empty. Powlus also gained some rave reviews from the Gener-

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Above: Stanford quarterback Steve Stenstrom posted big numbers against the Irish this year, passing for 360 yards in the game. This was the end of Stenstrom's career against the Irish; in his four years against Notre Dame, he had 1,020 yards passing and two victories over the Irish, making him the best opposing quarterback in Notre Dame history.

Below: With a beautiful reception of a Ron Powlus pass, flanker Michael Miller runs in another touchdown over the Cardinal.



Brent Tadsen

als. "I think Ron Powlus is unbelievable. Whenever we've asked him to do something, he's responded well," said Holtz. Walsh was also very impressed: "He is an outstanding quarterback, but I don't think it's even close to what you are going to see."

In addition to a hostile crowd, Stenstrom had to put up with the ferocious Notre Dame defense that hit as hard and harder than it had all year. "We had a great week of practice. We came out today and really made some big hits," said Bobby Taylor. Many of the players remarked on the "bones" given out by the defensive coaches for especially big hits. A human body might have been built with all of the bones from

of Holtz and Irish fans everywhere. At the end of his scamper, Powlus put his head down and bulled his way to a few more yards instead of stepping out of bounds. Powlus' run set up Marc Edwards' one-yard plunge which upped the Irish lead to 34-3.

Stenstrom tossed his two touchdown passes in the final 12 minutes to make the score more respectable. The Stanford Heisman candidate's performance gave him career marks of 100 completions and 1,020 yards against the Irish. However, Stenstrom could not look past the sloppy play of his team. "We are just making too many mistakes. Against a good team like Notre

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	3	0	0	12	15
Notre Dame	7	3	17	7	34

1st Quarter

SU: Abrams 34 FG at 8:02

ND: Stafford 15 pass from Powlus at 3:19 (Schroffner PAT)

2nd Quarter

ND: Cengia 43 FG at 2:26

3rd Quarter

ND: Mayes 10 pass from Powlus at 11:42 (Schroffner PAT)

ND: Miller 47 pass from Powlus at 3:49 (Schroffner PAT)

ND: Cengia 32 FG at 1:27

4th Quarter

ND: Edwards 1 run at 14:01 (Schroffner PAT)

SU: Harris 9 pass from Stenstrom at 11:32 (kick failed)

SU: Harris 19 pass from Stenstrom at 4:37 (pass failed)

Team Statistics

	ND	SU
First Downs.....	16	29
Rushing.....	7	10
Passing.....	7	10
Net Yards Rushing.....	218	61
Net Yards Passing.....	166	360
Total Net Yards.....	384	421
Avg Yds Per Play.....	7.7	4.4
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards.....	2-16	5-59
Punts-Averages.....	5-43	4-42
3rd Down Conversions.....	1-1	1-2
Possession Time.....	24:53	35:07

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Kinder 16-109, Zellars 6-86, Miller 1-13, Edwards 3-9-1, Powlus 8-45, Mosley 3-1 SU- Jacobs 4-32, Bookman 12-36, Allen 8-32, Stenstrom 9-16, Manning 1-18

Passing: ND- Powlus 14-11-166-3-0 SU- Stenstrom 59-37-360-2-0

Receiving: ND- Mayes 4-67, Miller 2-51, Stafford 2-24, Zellars 2-23, Edwards 1-1 SU- Cline 8-78, Harris 6-72, Allen 6-56, Armour 6-55, Salina 4-38, Bookman 2-21, Shaw 2-14, Kirwan 1-15, Manning 1-6, Jacobs 1-5

Leading Tacklers: ND- Goheen 11, Magee 10, Taylor 8, Wooden 8, Sample 6 SU- Hamilton 8, Hall 4, Young 4, Frost 4

Sacks: ND- Berry 3, Goheen 1, Hamilton 1 SU- Fisk 2, White 1



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Senior fullback Ray Zellars charges forward, dragging a Stanford defender with him. Against both Purdue and Stanford, Zellars had huge runs in which he broke multiple tackles at once and still stayed on his feet.

this game.

The pass rush of the Irish was especially effective. Bert Berry led the way, sacking Stenstrom a team-high three times. Renaldo Wynn also played well, forcing a fumble after a vicious hit on Stanford's signal caller. Shawn Wooden recovered the fumble which set up Scott Cengia's 32-yard field goal, making the score 27-3.

In the fourth quarter, it wasn't the arm of Powlus that tickled the fancy of Irish fans, it was his legs. Powlus scampered down the right sideline off of an option play, netting 44 yards. The sophomore quarterback followed a super block from his favorite receiver Mayes for the longest run of his career. It had to send a chill down the spine

Dame you can't do that," he said.

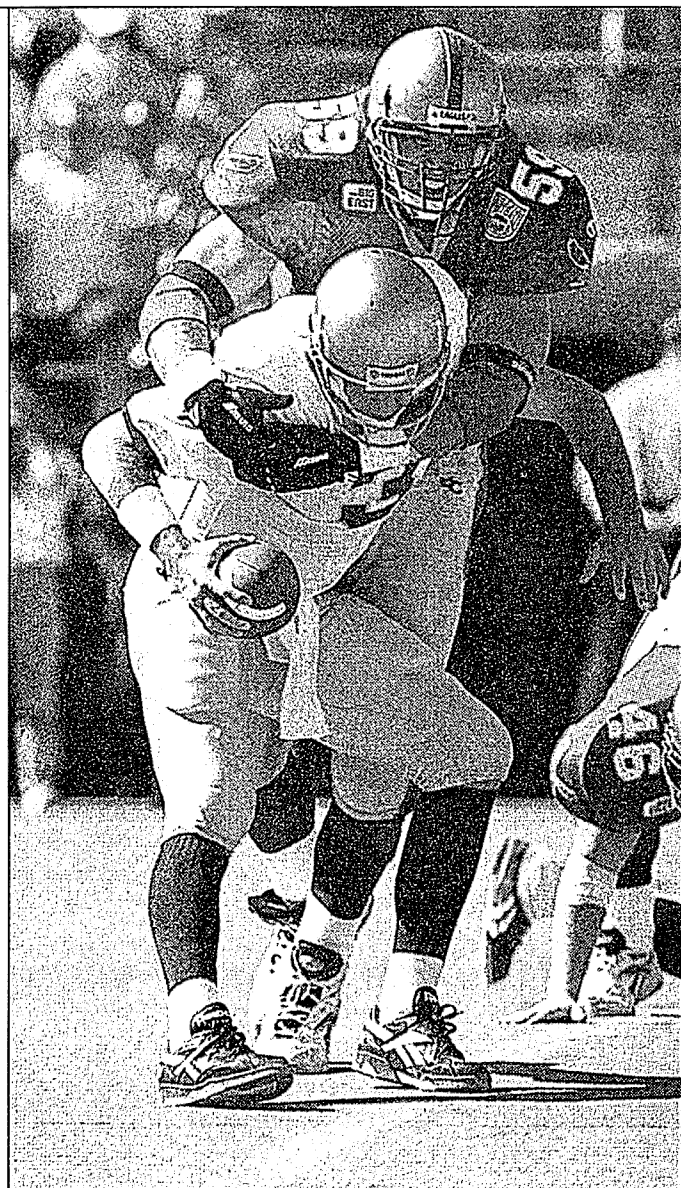
Stenstrom should know. He was the victim of the defense's truly cinematic conclusion to the game. As the Cardinal quarterback moved within striking distance of the Notre Dame end zone, he had a chance to make the final score look better and to get his own last knock in against the Irish. On the 3-yard line with only seconds left, Stenstrom stepped back and prepared to throw a touchdown pass. But with elegant style, Justin Goheen burst into the backfield and crushed both Stenstrom and Stanford's pride as time expired.

Farewell to Walsh who coached his last against Notre Dame — and farewell to that hex. □

Bent but not Broken

*The upstart Eagles may have
run off with the victory,
but they will never steal the Fight
from the Irish*

by Mike Shreckast



Kevin Klu

OCTOBER 8, 1994 — CHESTNUT HILL, MA

The campus back in South Bend was in shock. So were the millions of fans around the country who tuned in to watch the game that even non-Notre Dame fans had anticipated for whole year. Viewers witnessed the pandemonium of a victory which would reign as one of the great ones in the history of Boston College. It was up there with Flutie's "Immaculate Reception of 1984" and last year's last-second victory which stripped the Irish of their hopes of another national championship. On this picturesque fall day in Chestnut Hill, the newly renovated Alumni stadium shook from the cheers of a 30-11 upset of the eighth-ranked Fighting Irish.

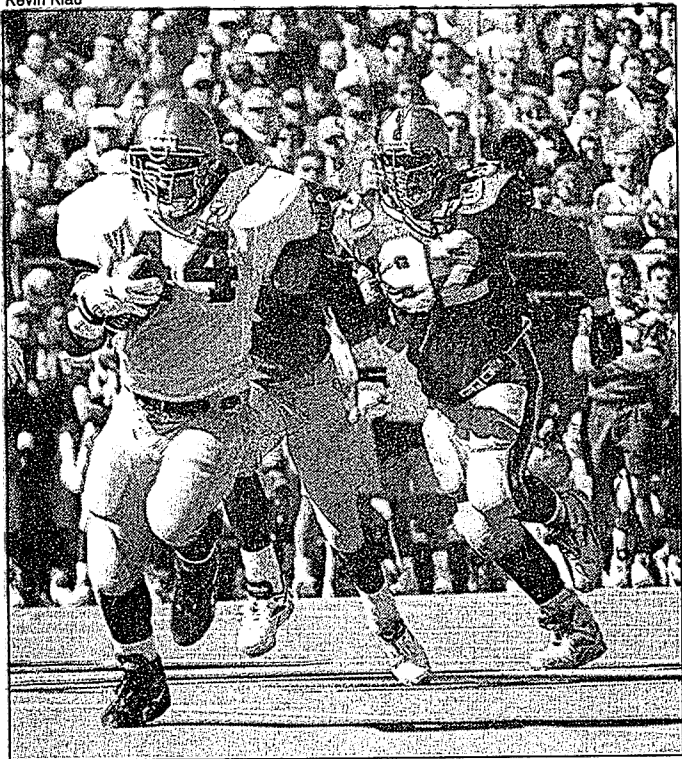
"Boston College was certainly the best football team today," Lou Holtz lamented after enduring one of the most humiliating losses in his coaching career. Mouths were closed and excuses were few from the players as well as the coaches. It was the scoreboard that told the whole story.

Coming into the game few people, including Boston College fans, would have predicted victory for the Screaming Eagles. It did not change the fact that BC fanatics were buying the entire season

ticket packet months in advance just to see Notre Dame play. Further, the week before, Notre Dame had re-established itself as a powerhouse among the college ranks by drilling the Stanford Cardinal. But the offense which had been resurrected the week before in Notre Dame, Indiana, was nowhere to be found on the field of Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

The game began like nearly every game this year—Irish hopes were on a high. The Notre Dame defense came out roaring. On only the third play of Boston's first drive, defensive end Brian Hamilton recovered a fumble by Omari Walker on the Eagles' 41. And as the offense took the field, the feeling in the crowd was that this was going to be a long day.

The Notre Dame offense immediately responded to the opportunity it was given. On a second and ten, Powlus dropped back and found Derrick Mayes for a 13-yard pick up. If anyone had an incentive to win this game, it was Mayes. After a brilliant performance in last years near come-from-behind victory, Mayes said, "I'll do whatever is necessary for the team to win this year." This is a common assertion made by athletes in big games, but



Right: Sophomore fullback Marc Edwards explodes across the artificial turf at Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill during one of the few Irish offensive drives of the game.

Facing Page: Ron Powlus got no breaks against the Eagles, as a BC defender sets upon the quarterback for one of four sacks.

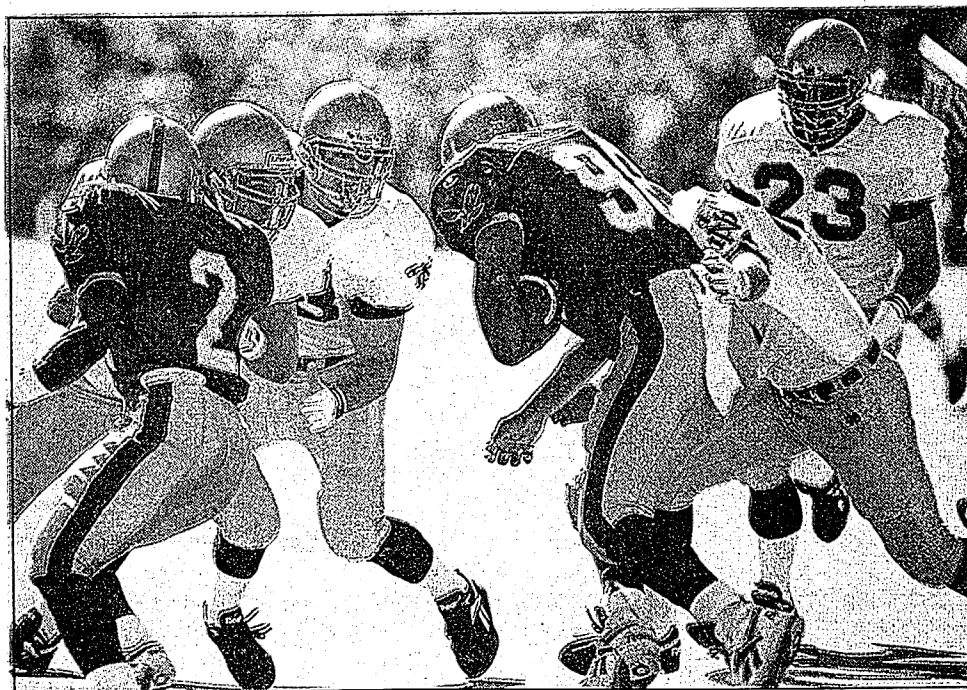
somehow the statement, coming from Mayes, seemed to mean something more. This was a receiver who had the ability to turn a game around, as he proved time and time again.

On the next play, sophomore sensation Randy Kinder, starting in place of the still-injured Lee Becton, slashed for 14 yards and another first down. The Irish penetrated the Eagles' defense far enough to allow kicker Stefan Schroffner to convert a field goal from 27 yards out to put the Irish up 3-0. Unfortunately, this brief and successful drive by the Irish would be the only one they would enjoy for the rest of the first half.

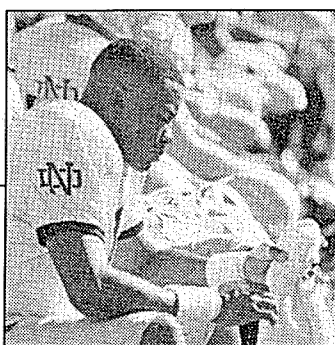
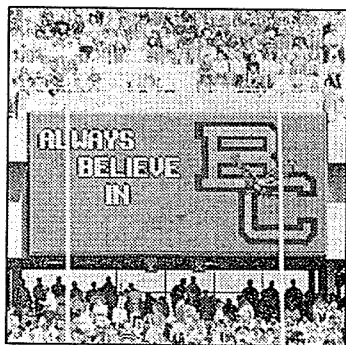
After a fumble recovery by defensive terror Mike Mamula, the Eagles began the second quarter with the ball at the Notre Dame 20-yard line. The Eagles, on a fourth and six, stunned the Notre Dame defense with a fake field goal. Back-up quarterback and holder Mark Hasselback exploited the aggressive Irish charge and brought the Eagles from the 16 to the 8-yard line. One play later Green scampered around the left side of the line for a touchdown and an eventual 7-3 lead over the Irish. The fake field goal by the Eagles stripped Notre Dame of its momentum and placed the necessary force squarely in the hands of Boston College.

The fake was Lou Holtz's special play. First-year coach Dan Henning was not supposed to be doing this to the Irish. Leading up to the game, Henning labeled Holtz the Zeus of college football. No one could have noticed. It was one thing for the Irish to be outplayed on offense, defense, kicking, strength and every other phase of the game. But being out-tricked by Boston College was another story. Notre Dame always had the full bag of tricks sitting under the bench. Boston College, like the Grinch, stole every last bit of the show. Besides the fake field goal, split end Clarence Canon threw complete to Greg Grice off a reverse to set up another BC touchdown.

Nothing had to be more nerve-wracking for the Irish after BC scored. On each ensuing kickoff, BC kicker Jeff Beckley would crush the ball through the end zone. The Irish had to be talking to themselves. Mike Miller and Co. had no chance for the big play or even slightly decent field position. Simply put, it was another example of how Henning outcoached his former mentor.



The fatigued Fighting Irish defense struggles against Boston College's rushing attack. In the absence of offensive success, the defense had to hold the field for some 38 minutes, giving up 30 points.



As a result of all this, the beleaguered defense was forced to pick up the slack left by the impotent offense. The defensive-men held the field and kept the Irish in the game to the end of the half. They did not win back the momentum, but they gave Notre Dame a chance to take back the lead in the second half — an opportunity which was never taken.

The Irish should have come into the second half flying. Just before the end of the second half, after missing a field goal, they held off a late passing surge by Boston College quarterback Mark Hartsell. For the second time, they faced David Gordon in a field goal situation. After missing the 44-yard field goal, his second miss of the day, much of the Eagles' momentum waned. Here was Notre Dame's opportunity to take control — opportunity lost.

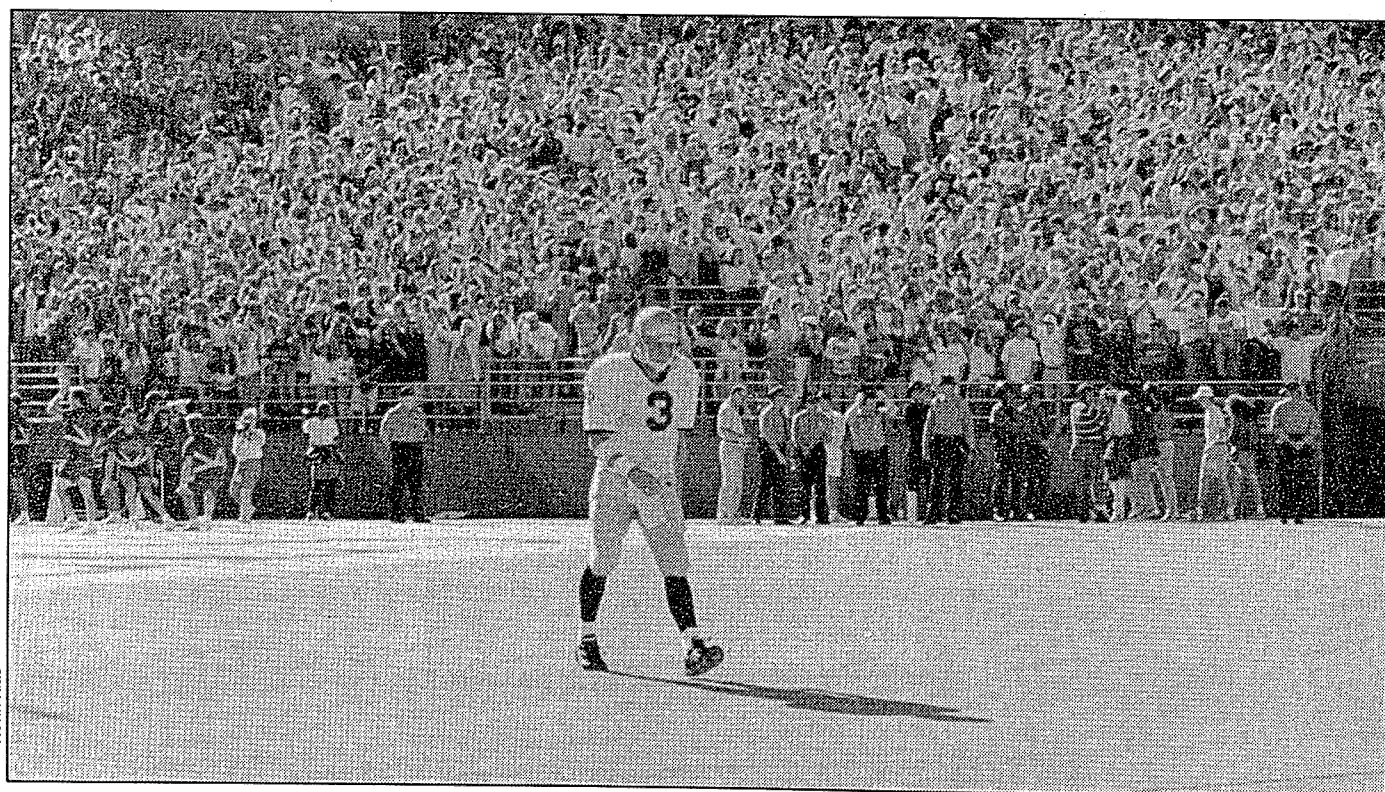
But after halftime the Eagles picked up where they left off. On the first possession Powlus was severely pressured by the Boston defense. On the other side, BC and no-name running back Justice Smith ran through an overworked Irish defense that barely had enough time to step off the field and get a drink before being called back on to keep the Irish in the game. Sophomore Smith rushed for a career-high 147 yards. It was the only time he cracked 100 yards

on the season.

Boston College took advantage of Notre Dame's thoroughly fatigued defense, scoring on its first two possessions of the half. Between the two drives, the BC offense allowed its defensive crew to rest for only two minutes, after a three and out series by hapless Notre Dame.

But there would be one last glimmer of hope for Notre Dame. Having orchestrated a spectacular come-back in the two teams' meeting of the previous season, Holtz seemed prepared to do the same as the fourth quarter dawned with Notre Dame down 24-3. On their first possession of the quarter the Irish put a scare into the crowd as Powlus and the offense came alive. Not since their first possession had the Irish put points on the board. A key play came on a third and nine at the Notre Dame 47, when Powlus hit Mayes for a seventeen-yard pick up and a first down at the BC 36. The Irish March was on.

Holtz decided to go back to the running game of Randy Kinder, and two plays later No. 25 charged into the end zone on a fifteen-yard run. Down by fourteen, the Irish were going for two. Enter

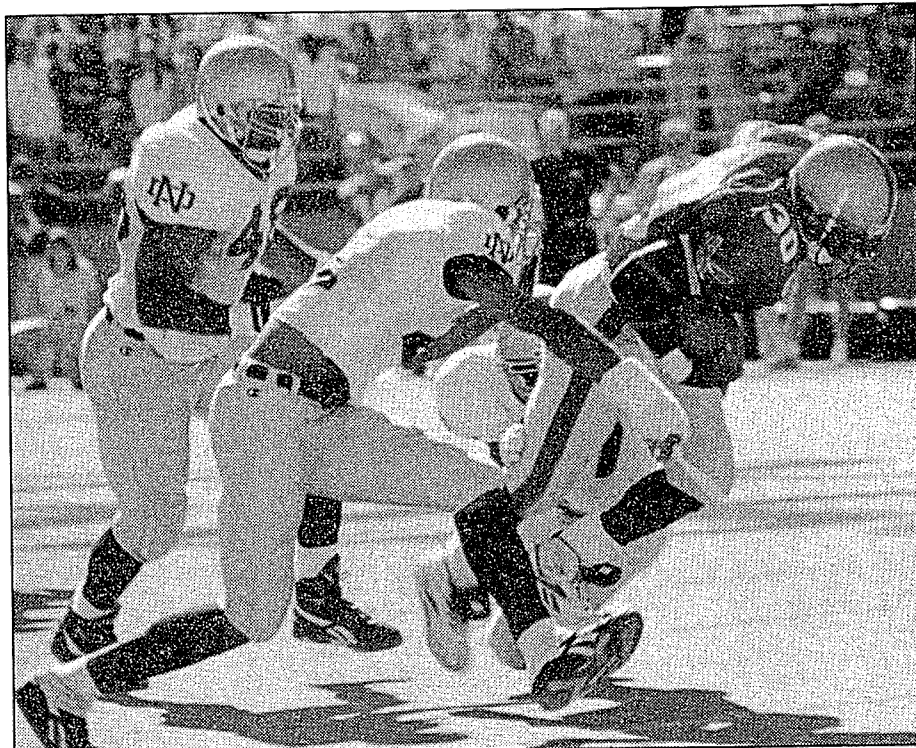


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Derrick Mayes and his timely acrobatics for a successful attempt.

The Irish sidelines were buzzing, and after manhandling the Eagles' offense, the Irish regained possession. The crowd noise simmered to a murmur as Powlus and the offense took the field. Memories of last year became more vivid. Notre Dame decided to go for the big play. After being

Few positives could be scraped up after this one. Randy Kinder's 143 yards rushing on twenty-two carries established him as a legitimate "go to guy" for the offense. But the absence of Becton and Zellars was crucial. Notre Dame's longest play from scrimmage was a 25-yard thrust by fullback Marc Edwards. The tremendous heart of the Notre Dame defense should not be



Kevin Klau

Bobby Taylor scrambles to catch up with Boston College's David Green. The Notre Dame defensivemen found themselves dragging Eagles down from behind as the men from Boston were too fast for the tired Irish. Justice Smith and David Green ran for a combined 200+ yards.

chased out of the pocket Powlus threw the pass. The ball seemed like it floated through the air forever. But the eventual roar of the crowd signaled the interception by Eagles defensive back Terrence Wiggins. And just as quickly as the ball was taken away, so were the Fighting Irish's hopes of a 10-1 record and a shot at the national championship.

Facing Page: Intercepted.

An unsuccessful Irish offensive drive ends amid cheers of thousands of Boston College fans who filled their newly-renovated Alumni Stadium.

overlooked. Although they gave up 244 yards rushing, 160 of that came in the second half when they occupied the field for more than twenty minutes. A final tally of the time of possession showed that the defense was on the field almost forty out of the full sixty minutes of the ball game.

A jaded Coach Holtz preached optimism and promised better in the future. "We're going to get this God-dawg thing turned around," said Holtz. "We are going to get back on top. And we are going to get back on top sooner than people think. This is the most physical manhandling we've had in a long time. That was not Notre Dame. That's not the way Notre Dame should be and that's not the way Notre Dame will be." □

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	3	0	0	8	11
Boston College	0	7	14	9	30

1st Quarter

ND: Schroffner 27 FG at 11:12

2nd Quarter

BC: Green 8 run at 14:27 (Gordon PAT)

3rd Quarter

BC: Walker 2 run at 8:37 (Gordon PAT)

BC: Smith 7 run (Gordon PAT)

4th Quarter

BC: Gordon 37 FG at 14:11

BC: Kinder 15 run at 11:57 (Mayes pass from Powlus)

BC: Smith 7 run (Gordon PAT)

Team Statistics

	ND	BC
First Downs.....	16	19
Rushing.....	13	13
Passing.....	2	5
Total Offensive Plays.....	56	81
Net Yards Rushing.....	160	244
Net Yards Passing.....	50	106
Total Net Yards.....	210	350
Avg Yds Per Play.....	3.8	4.3
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	3-41	6-67
Punts-Averages.....	5-34	5-45
3rd Down Conversions.....	2-8	2-14

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Kinder 22-143, Edwards 4-30, Farmer 1-5, Powlus 8-(-22) BC- Smith 27-144, Green 17-61, Hartsell 8-11, Walker 7-11, Grice 1-9, Hasselbeck 1-8

Passing: ND- Powlus 21-5-50-0-2 BC- Hartsell 19-11-83-0-0, Cannon 1-1-23-0-0

Receiving: ND-Mayes 2-29, Miller 1-9, Sollmann 1-8, Edwards 1-4 BC- Grice 4-58, Watson 2-16, Smith 2-10, Laro 1-8, Cannon 1-7, Mitchell 1-4, Green 1-3

Leading Tacklers: ND- Grasmanis 9, Magee 8, Sample 8, Wynn 8, Gibson 7, Moore 7, Wooden 6, Nau 5, Taylor 5

OFFENSE

Remy Hamilton, K
Michigan

His kick was the proverbial nail in the Irish coffin and steered him toward All-America honors.

Mercury Hayes, KR
Michigan

The explosive Hayes had two kick returns for 60 yards against the Irish.

Pete Kendall, OT
Boston College

The loud lineman plays by his words; the Irish will have one more shot at him before he goes pro.

Tony Boselli, OT
USC

A first team All-America, he paved the way for USC's final strike.

Evan Pilgrim, OG
Brigham Young

The All-American was a key to QB Walsh's success against the Irish.

Pat McNeil, OG
Florida State

Blasted barn-sized holes for Preston and Dunn. Second appearance as Scholastic All-Opponent.

Clay Shiver, C
Florida State

The second team All-America is head and shoulders above the rest.

Steve Stenstrom, QB
Stanford

Stewart burned Notre Dame once. Stenstrom burned the Irish four straight years for a record 1,020 yards passing.

Dennis Lundy, RB
Northwestern

On any other team he would have been a national star; ran for 116 yards in the first half alone.

Rashaan Salaam, RB
Colorado

The Heisman winner only ran for 83 yards, but he scored three touchdowns.

Pete Mitchell, TE
Boston College

College football's best tight end beat the Irish two years in a row; second time as Scholastic All-Opponent.

Amani Toomer, WR
Michigan

Like Mayes, he has shown that stats do not show a receiver's ability to make the big play. Sorry Keyshawn.

Mike Westbrook, WR
Colorado

Beat out McKorvey for the job with his heroics in the Fiesta Bowl.

Bill McCartney,
Head Coach
Colorado

Has beaten Holtz in two out of three bowl games, and saved his best team for last. Began his career promising to make Colorado a "Notre Dame caliber team." Congratulations, Bill, you did it.

Honorable Mention:

Kordell Stewart, QB
Colorado

Keyshawn Johnson, WR
USC

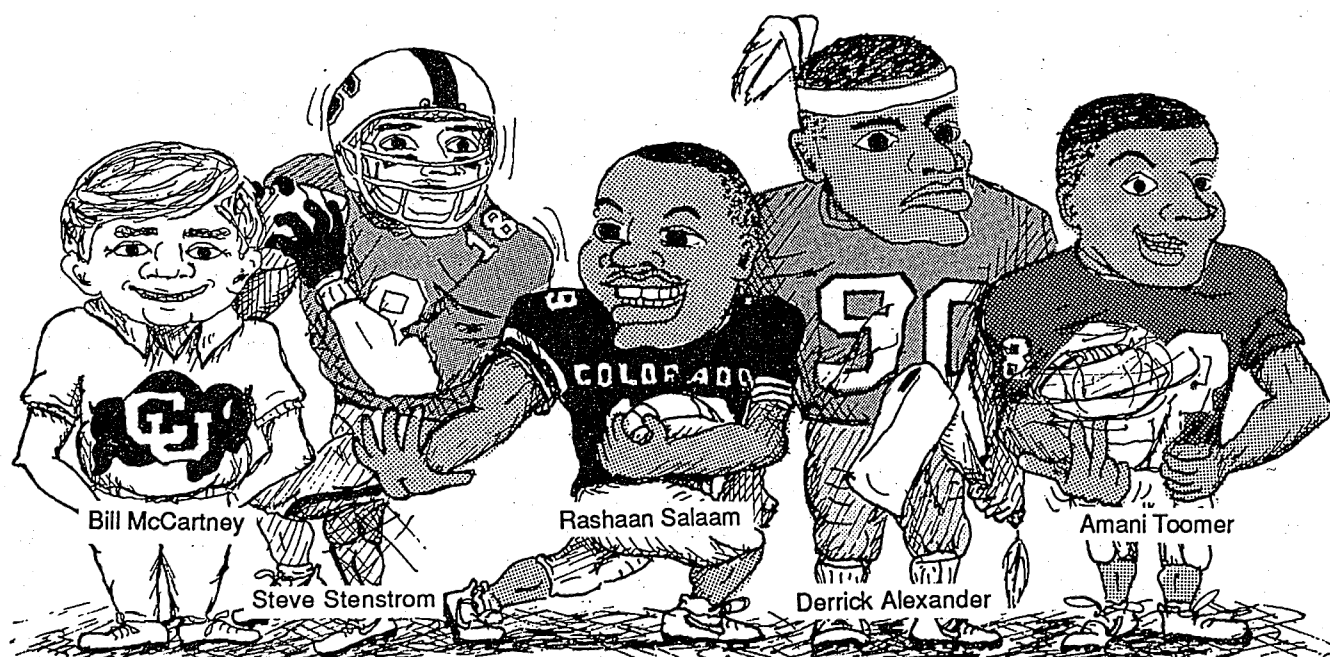
Kez McKorvey, WR
Florida State

Mike Alstott, RB
Purdue

Tim Biakabataka, RB
Michigan

Jeff Beckley, K
Boston College

Lavelle Edwards,
Head Coach
Brigham Young



DEFENSE

Cole Ford, P USC

Had an average punt of 49 yards against the Irish, including a 65-yard boot.

Shannon Clavelle, DT
Colorado
The Defensive Player of the Game, he had three sacks and eight tackles.

Aaron Jackson, DT
Michigan State
A starter in 19 of his last 23 games, Jackson gets some credit for almost beating Notre Dame.

D. Alexander, DE
Florida State
The first team All-America has given the Irish fits for two years; second time as Scholastic All-Opponent.

Matt Keneley, NT
USC
The best of the bunch at the position.

Mike Mamula, DE Boston College

The best in the country at the position, the NFL-bound junior hammered Notre Dame for two years, including this season's two sack, six tackle performance. Also second year as Scholastic All-Opponent.

Ted Johnson, LB Colorado

Besides his back-breaking interception in the Fiesta Bowl, he had 18 tackles and one sack.

Derrick Brooks, LB
Florida State
The terrifying presence this year avenged his poor 1993 performance.

Clifton Abraham, DB
Florida State
A first team All-America (in play as well as tantrums), helped hold Mayes to only 38 yards receiving.

Chris Hudson, DB Colorado

The first team All-American selection barely beat out Michigan's Ty Law and held Mayes to under 100 yards receiving.

Joe Speed, DB Navy

Has been the only mainstay on the Midshipmen defense for the last two years (and the name is pretty cool, too).

Steve Rosga, DB Colorado

With five tackles in the Fiesta Bowl, he played one of his best games in an outstanding season in Tempe.

Honorable Mention:

Stephen Boyd, LB Boston College

Shane Haloran, LB Navy

Ty Law, CB Michigan

Chuck Winters, DB Michigan

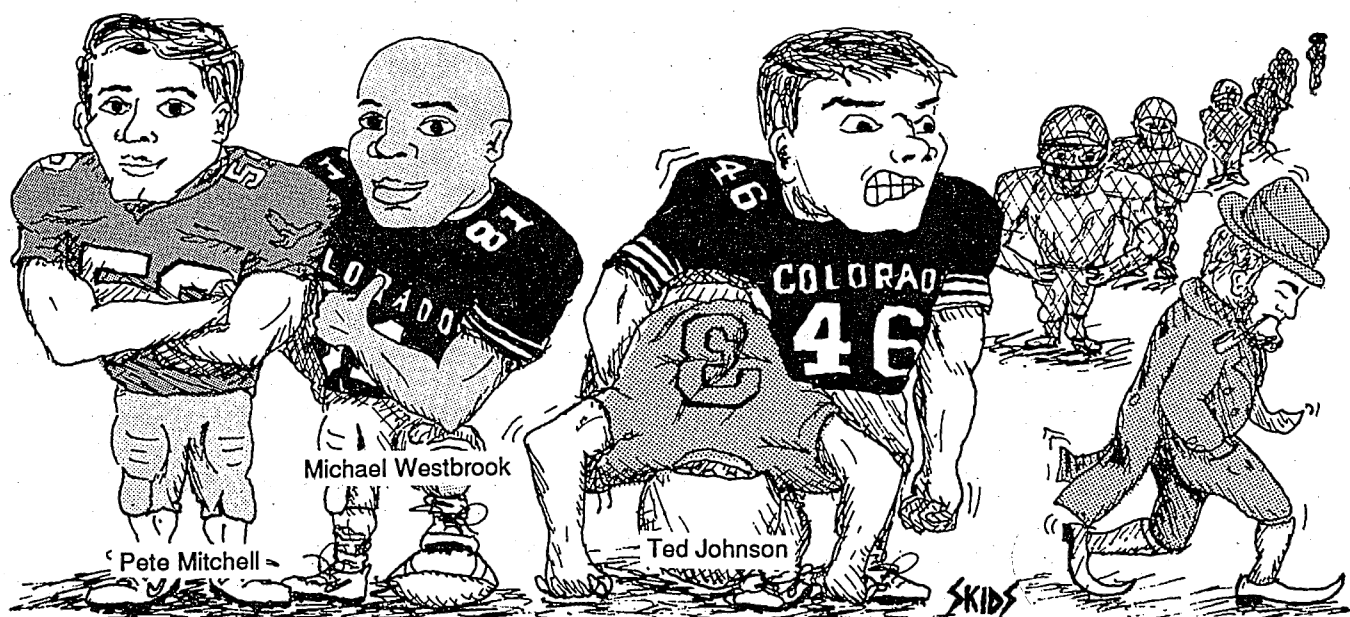
Odds and Ends:

Jim Reid,
Defensive Coordinator
Boston College
His defense held the Irish to a season-low 11 points

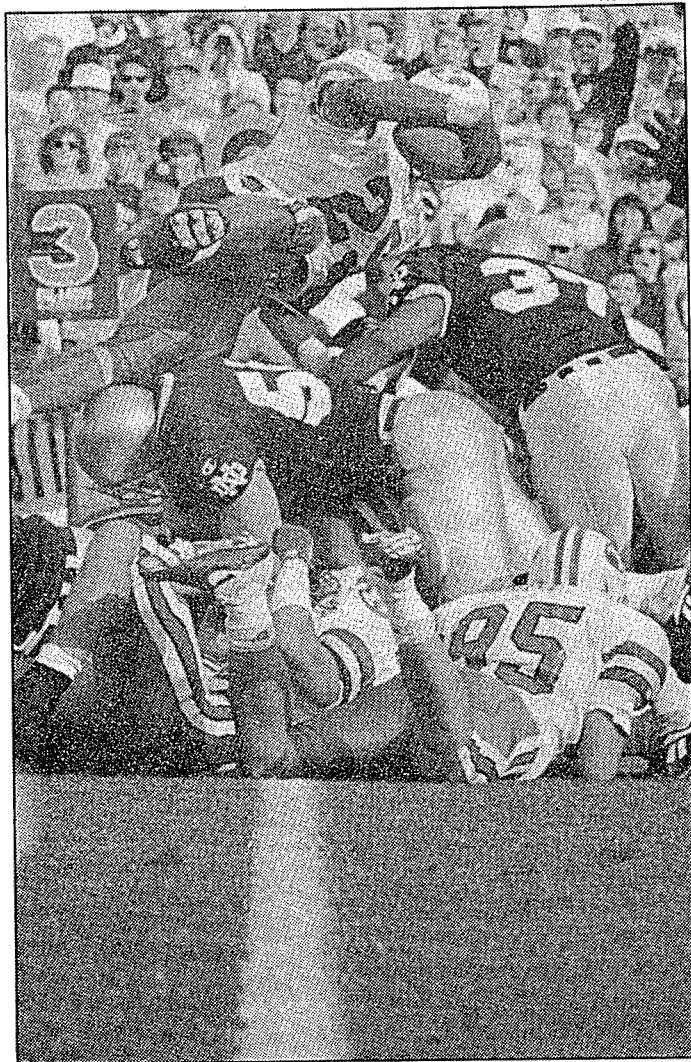
Elliot Uzelac,
Offensive Coordinator
Colorado
Between the regular season and the Fiesta Bowl, he changed every formation and strategy to successfully surprise the Irish.

Rocky,
Mascot
Air Force
You can't argue with a bird that flies at 200 mph. He was more impressive than his team.

The best against the Irish in 1994



Kevin Klau



A Harsh Desert Wind

The Cougars blew in from Utah and left the defeated Irish in their path

by Jared Patzke

OCTOBER 15, 1994 — NOTRE DAME, IN

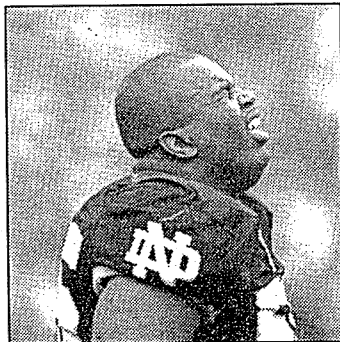
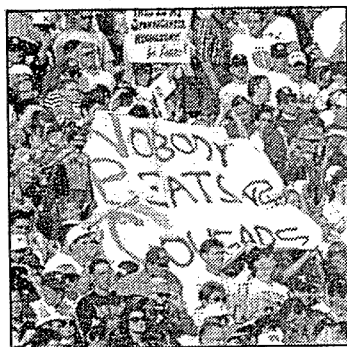
The game featured three botched field goal attempts, an inability to block opponents while running or passing, and above all, another defeat.

Preceding the loss to the Cougars, Coach Lou Holtz had called a meeting with thirty of his players in an attempt to eliminate what he called "a cancer" from the team. Perhaps this meeting indicated that the recent turn of Irish luck was due to more than a lack of talent and preparation.

Notre Dame entered the game versus BYU still recovering from the 30-11 drudging handed to them by Boston College the previous week. With the loss came the end of any outside chances at a national championship, along with questions from friends and foe alike on the quality of the team in general.

Plagued with injuries and abnormally poor play, the Irish coaching staff was forced to shuffle eight players into new starting roles. The biggest shake-up came in the offensive line, which had taken the brunt of the criticism for the Irish's failure to move the ball. Four linemen rotated positions or started for the first time. "We gambled and made a lot of changes in the offensive line," commented Irish head coach Lou Holtz.

Brigham Young entered the game on an opposite note. They were holding a 5-1 record, led by junior quarterback John Walsh. *Above left: It's third and short and the Cougars have it as BYU's Mark Atuala goes over the top to get the first down.*





Many picked Walsh as a pre-season All-American and some NFL scouts touted Walsh as the best quarterback prospect in college football.

Notre Dame opened the game looking like a force to be reckoned with. Randy Kinder scored on a 41-yard touchdown run on Notre Dame's first possession. Bill Mitoulas recovered a BYU fumble on the ensuing kickoff and gained control of the ball for the Irish on the Cougar 11-yard-line. This was going to be a cakewalk.

But the Irish failed to capitalize on the turnover after quarterback Ron Powlus threw an errant pitch on a third-down option. The Irish lost 13 yards and Notre Dame was forced to attempt a 37-yard field goal that holder Charles Stafford bobbled, causing Schroffner to miss.

Brigham Young gained life after surviving the potential catastrophe without relinquishing a point. Notre Dame, after blowing an opportunity to take a sizable lead in the early moments of the game, found itself stuck in a dog fight.

Powlus showed signs of the greatness everyone expected from him late in the first half as he put together a quick scoring drive. He marched the Irish down the field on five plays that included a 55-yard pass to Derrick Mayes. He capped off the drive with a seven-yard touchdown pass to Mayes, giving the Irish a 14-13 lead entering half time.

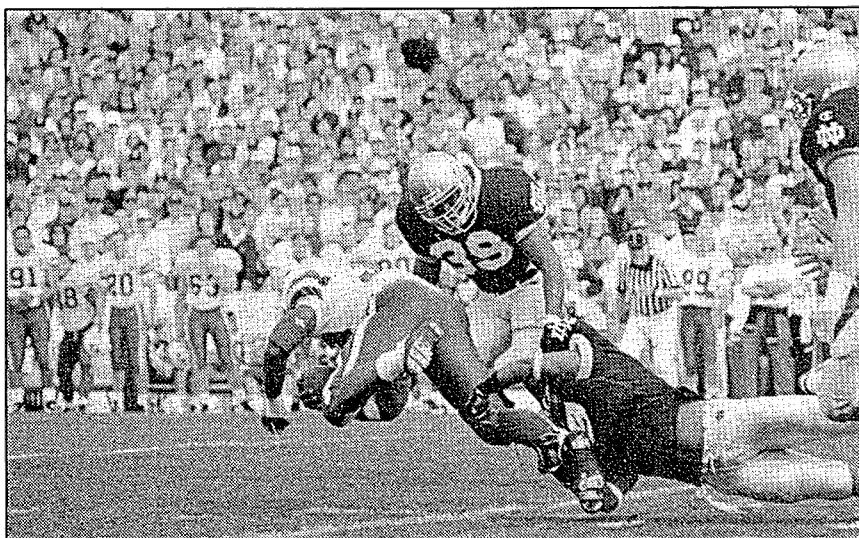
Powlus' glory was short-lived as the second half brought only more frustration for the Irish. Notre Dame threatened to score early in the third quarter as they put together a 24-play drive which

started on their own 15-yard-line. The Irish got as far as BYU's three-yard line before the Cougar defense tightened. They stuffed the Irish on two successive running plays then nailed Powlus for an 18-yard loss as he attempted to roll out and pass into the end zone.

Once again Notre Dame was unable to finish off a drive. The sack set up a 39-yard field goal attempt by the Irish's second placekicker of the game, Scott Cengia. The kick was blocked by BYU's Chad Lewis and recovered by the Cougars at their own 23-yard line.

Both coaches agreed that the Irish's failure to score on the drive turned the tide of the game.

"Our inability to score while inside the 15 was just too much for us to overcome," commented Holtz on his team's second failure to get any points while deep in the opponents side of the field. "I thought one of the keys in the game was right after their drive in the third quarter. Our defense was a little spent at that time, but we went in and kept the ball and scored," noted Edwards.



Brent Tadsen

Top: On the quarterback keeper, John Walsh tries to hop the last few feet to the end zone.

The touchdown put the Cougars ahead of the Irish.

Right: Grappling for a better hold, senior corner back LaRon Moore holds tight to take down the Cougar ball carrier, and Kinnon Tatum prepares to lunge for the tackle.

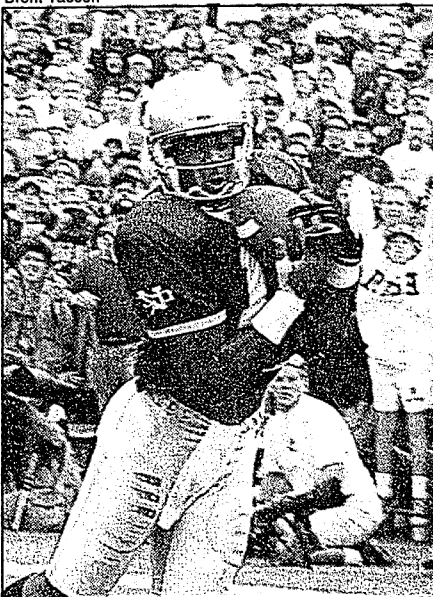
Derrick Mayes snags the Powlus pass to put the Irish ahead 14-13 seconds before halftime. Notre Dame gave up lead in the second half as the team put no more points on the board.

Following the failed kick, Brigham Young took the ball and marched down the field, scoring the go ahead touchdown as Willis plunged over the top of the Irish defense. In essence, the Irish's lack of a scoring punch created a fifteen-point swing. Brigham Young successfully attempted a two-point conversion to go ahead 21-14 as opposed to Notre Dame's lost opportunity to take a 28-13 lead.

Shortly after Schroffner missed wide left from 32 yards, Goheen fell on a fumble on Notre Dame's 23 yard line with 1:36 to play. Tom Krug, filling in for a dazed Powlus (concussion), completed his first pass to tight end Oscar McBride for a nineteen-yard gain. The fans stood a little taller. This would be a typical Notre Dame comeback. Then he found Mayes open for another 11 yards. But his next pass hit the ground with a helpless thud. The second fell to the cool turf, too. Then came the third, and finally, Krug's fourth attempt fluttered to the ground, leaving Irish fans in shell-shock. The fourth down attempt to Mayes was jarred loose by the Cougar defense.

"I think our problems can be pinpointed

Brent Tadsen



in four major areas," said Holtz. "One is our inability to protect the passer. Second is our inability to convert on short yardage and on the goal line. Third is our inability in the kicking game. Fourth is the fact we don't make people pay a price for throwing the football."

The Notre Dame community however, had a sour feeling after the game. Lou Holtz exemplified the attitude of many who live and die with the Irish as he declared, "All I want to do is get a football team and win a game." □



Brent Tadsen

Jeremy Nau shoves, Bobby Taylor blocks and the Cougar goes down. The total defensive effort in the second half was to no avail as Brigham Young scored eight points to take home victory.

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
BYU	3	10	0	8	21
Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	14

1st Quarter

ND: Kinder 41 run at 12:15 (Schroffner PAT)

BYU: Lauder 49 FG at 3:44

2nd Quarter

BYU: Lauder 48 FG at 7:22

BYU: Willis 19 pass from Walsh at 2:59 (Lauder PAT)

ND: Mayes 7 pass from Powlus at :34 (Schroffner PAT)

3rd Quarter

4th Quarter

BYU: Willis 2 run at 14:57 (Heimuli pass from Walsh)

Team Statistics

	ND	BYU
First Downs.....	18	20
Rushing.....	6	11
Passing.....	11	8
Total Offensive Plays.....	74	68
Net Yards Rushing.....	115	104
Net Yards Passing.....	242	216
Total Net Yards.....	357	320
Avg Yds Per Play.....	4.8	4.7
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-1	5-3
Penalties-Yards.....	6-1	4-25
Punts-Averages.....	4-43	3-41
3rd Down Conversions.....	7-16	6-14

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Kinder 21-82, Edwards 10-73, Becton 5-15, Powlus 10-(-55) BYU- Willis 18-75, Heimuli 10-21, Atuaia 1-10, Walsh 8-(-2)

Passing: ND- Powlus 22-12-212-1-1, Krug 6-2-30-0-0 BYU- Walsh 30-17-216-1-1, Heimuli 1-0-0-0-0

Receiving: ND- Stafford 4-60, Mayes 3-73, Edwards 2-45, McBride 2-30, Champion 1-16, Kinder 1-12, Mosley 1-6 BYU- Willis 5-83, Mili 3-26, Nowatzke 3-25, Doman 2-44, Lewis 2-15, Heimuli 1-14, Johnston 1-9

Leading Tacklers: ND- Goheen 9, Magee 7, Gibson 6, Grasmanis 6, Wynn 6, Davis 5, Hamilton 4, Saddler 4, Sample 4, Taylor 4

Carried Away

Overcoming injuries, the fabulous number 4 rampaged through his senior season

by Mark Mitchell

I was just lying there on the field. I couldn't move." Lee Becton stares into the distance as he remembers the day he suffered what could have been a season ending injury. "It scared me a lot as I lay there with the trainers all around me because I had no idea of the severity of the injury. I just thought that could be the last day I ever played football."

Fortunately for the Irish captain, his groin injury did heal, though slowly. He was able to come back to the team late in the season and performed up to his own extraordinary standards at the USC game. "That wasn't the greatest result as far as games go, but that was the greatest game for me because I really felt that I was finally able to be involved with the offense and to produce on the field."

Producing big results for the offense has been the tailback's trademark for the last three years. Becton had outstanding seasons in 1992 and 1993, and was just getting his game going when he got injured. Even before his injury sidelined him for several games, Becton felt that this season started on weak footing: "I fumbled twice in the Michigan game, and that's very uncharacteristic of me." So uncharacteristic, in fact, that he had not fumbled in two years. But Becton continued: "After every game we'd second-guess ourselves and my biggest regrets came from how I played. But you can't let what could have happened get you down."

In his four years with the Fighting Irish, Lee Becton witnessed his team achieve a whole spectrum of results, from its number one ranking last year to the disheartening losses of this year. "The most incredible for me was the comeback against BC last year. We lost the game, but to be down 21 points

with eight minutes left and then to take the lead — anything is possible, anything can happen."

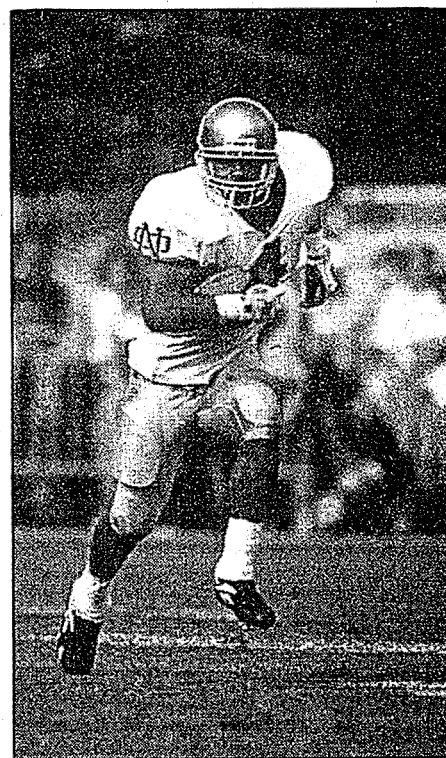
And yet, as he stepped up to captain the Irish squad, the fortunes changed for Notre Dame. "We didn't do as well as a team, but I really believe that adversity has brought us closer."

Though his senior season was not the brightest, the events on the football field this year have not dimmed Becton's memories of his four years at Notre Dame. "I've really enjoyed meeting people around campus, doing simple things, having fun, playing SEGA. The greatest thing about all of it is that some of these people that I have met will become famous politicians and presidents of Fortune 500 companies, and someday I can say, 'Wow, I knew that person.'"

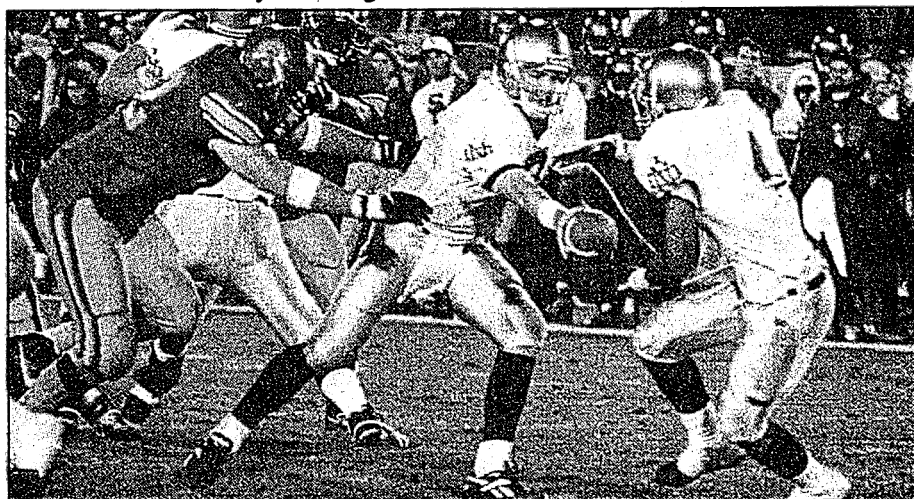
Like many students, Becton's college career has had its rough spots, especially in his first year. "Coming from North Carolina I had felt cold weather before, but not like this. That first winter — the first time I felt an eighty-below wind chill — I was ready to pack my bags and head home." It was Becton's friends who helped him through the chill of his freshman year. "Germaine Holden is my all-time greatest

friend, and as a freshman in the same dorm we spent a lot of time talking and crying together. He's the reason I'm still here." Again, during the injury scare of his senior year, Becton's friends showed him their support. "The guys on the team helped me to stay involved, leading the team and showing the guys who filled in for me how to get the job done."

Whether he goes on to professional football or into business back in North Carolina, Lee Becton can look back on his time at Notre Dame and know that he has achieved something. "Graduation will be my greatest accomplishment. That's what I came to college for, and that's what I'm going to be proudest of." □



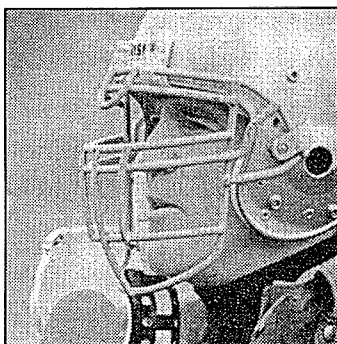
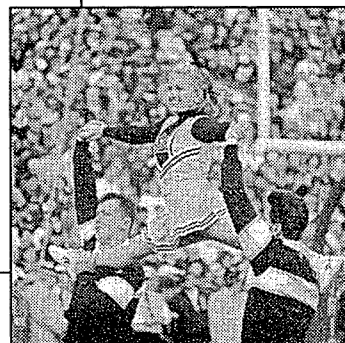
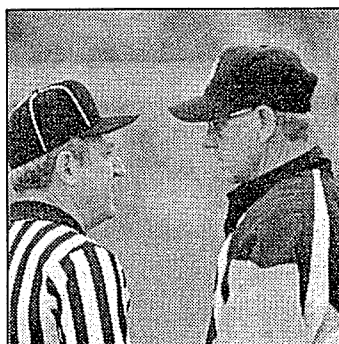
Kevin Burke



Mike Bennett

Depth Charge

The strength of the Irish bench showed as a wide array of players helped torpedo the Midshipmen



by John Schoenig

OCTOBER 22, 1994 — NOTRE DAME, IN

There is a Chinese proverb that says, "Even the longest of journeys starts with a single step." If this is true, then Notre Dame took its first steps in the journey back to excellence against the Navy. The game could not have come at a more critical point in the season. After disappointing losses to Boston College and Brigham Young, the Irish needed a good effort to boost their confidence. The result of the game was supposed to be lopsided and Notre Dame did not disappoint.

By beating the Midshipmen, Notre Dame extended its win streak in the annual match-up to 31, the longest current winning streak by one team over another in college football. In a series that has lasted through more than 10 presidencies and survived a World War, the Irish have held all of the artillery for the last three decades. In last year's game the Irish actually trailed the midshipmen 24-17 at halftime. But there was no nail-biting this year, as Notre Dame shelled its way to 38-7 victory at intermission, and cruised the rest of the way.

Rebounding from two shocking losses, the Irish sought to use the Navy game for offensive target practice. The game, though expected to be an easy victory, was not insignificant for the Irish. Notre Dame needed a successful campaign to boost its prospects for the rest of the season in which it would face three formidable opponents.

Greater significance aside, the game itself could not have gone better for the Irish, as they used a mixed attack to blast their way for 477 total yards. The game's quarterback arsenal included Tom Krug and freshmen Leon Blunt and Gus Ornstein. All four quarterbacks threw for 210 yards on 22 attempts. But the real offensive story of the day was Emmett Mosley, who had a career-high 84 yards and four touchdowns. The four scores were the most since Anthony Johnson scored four times against none other than Navy in 1987. But Mosley did a lot more than score touchdowns and carry the ball. The speedster caught a pass, returned six punts and a kickoff, all for big yardage.

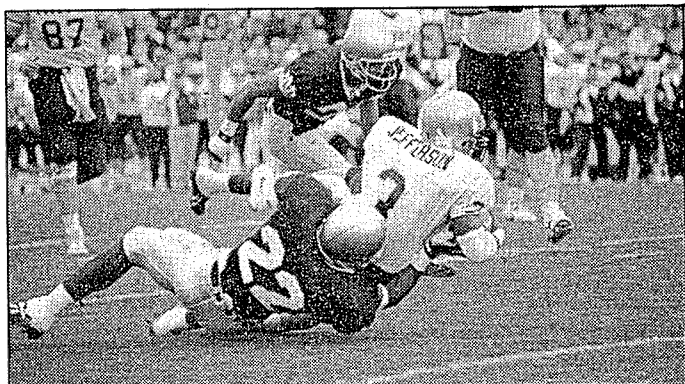
But while Mosley took the spotlight, Powlus was a story once again. Often labeled as fragile and afraid to get hit, the young phenom was hobbled by a first-half ankle injury, not to mention a groin injury that bothered him earlier in the week. He missed two series with the sprained ankle, but returned with a fire about him, and he drove the Irish to three touchdowns and a field goal before he departed. When the smoke had cleared, Notre Dame had scored 51 unanswered points and had earned its fifth and arguably most crucial victory of the season. "The game was basically over at halftime," Holtz said.

On the defensive side, the Irish held the Midshipmen to 24 yards on the ground, and only 186 total yards. Notre Dame even managed to post its first points on defense this year, after a second quarter interception by Alton Maiden was returned for a touchdown. "The quarterback didn't have anybody to throw to," said Maiden, "He threw it up for grabs, and I took it. I had a head start to the end zone, and I was just praying to God not to get caught. All I thought was

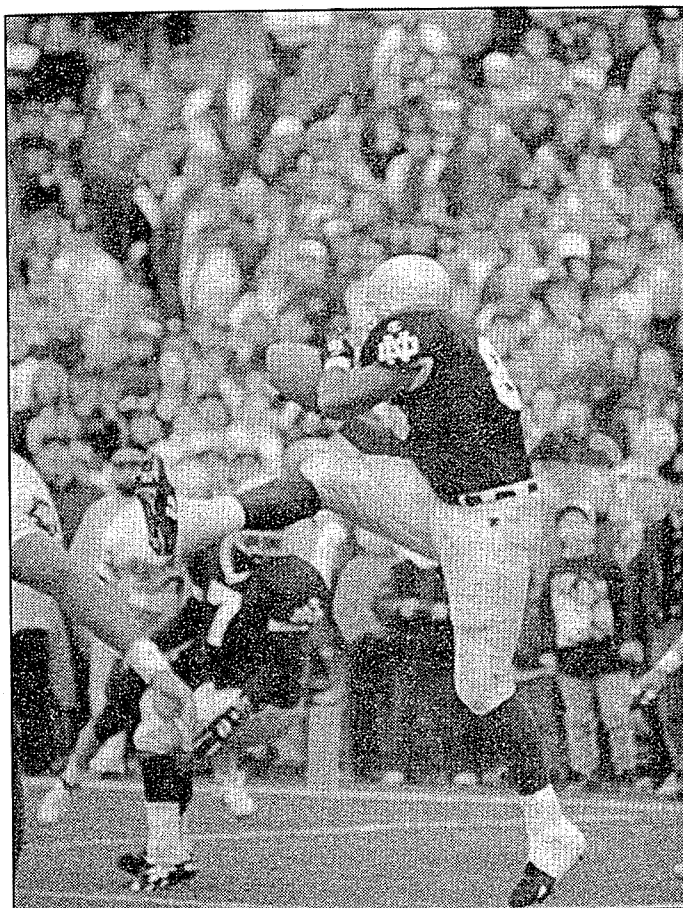
this could be my only chance for a touchdown, don't blow it."

Although the Irish showcased their talent throughout the game, it was necessary for Holtz to keep the game in perspective. He said, "I thought we played well offensively and defensively. Navy started out very strong. We just had too many athletes for them." Indeed, Navy was not expected to give the Irish much of a challenge, as they were ranked last in rushing offense and had given up an average of 44 points per game coming into the match-up. Overall, however, the Irish effort against Navy exhibited the potential that everyone had expected to see.

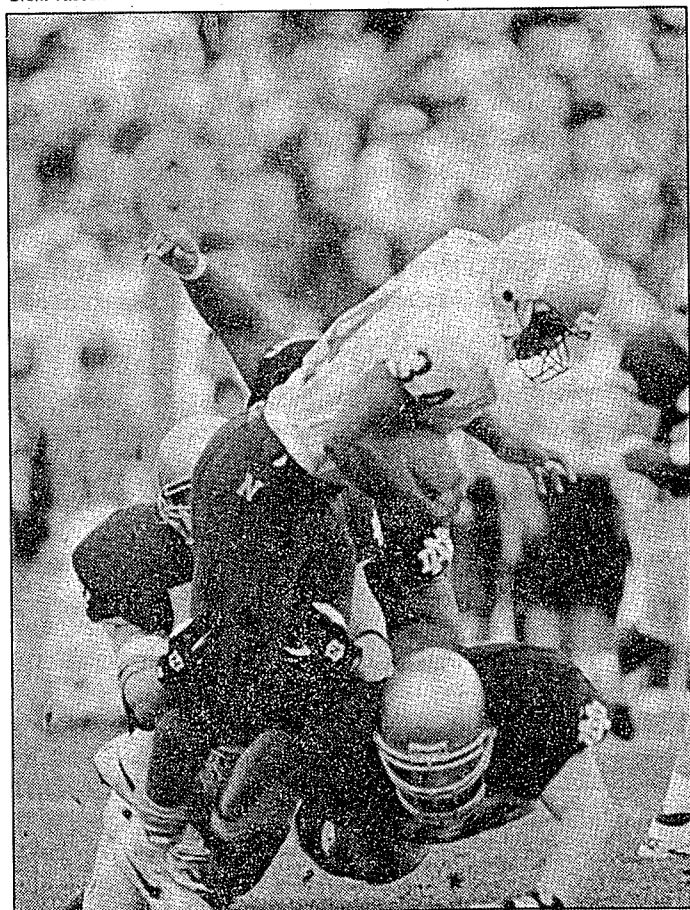
When Holtz looked at the progress of the team, he stated, "I don't think you can give an evaluation. I do think we are a better team offensively. I know we are a better team now than we were two weeks ago. I know we've got to get better." The climb back through the polls had to start somewhere, and the game against Navy was as good a place to start as anywhere else. □



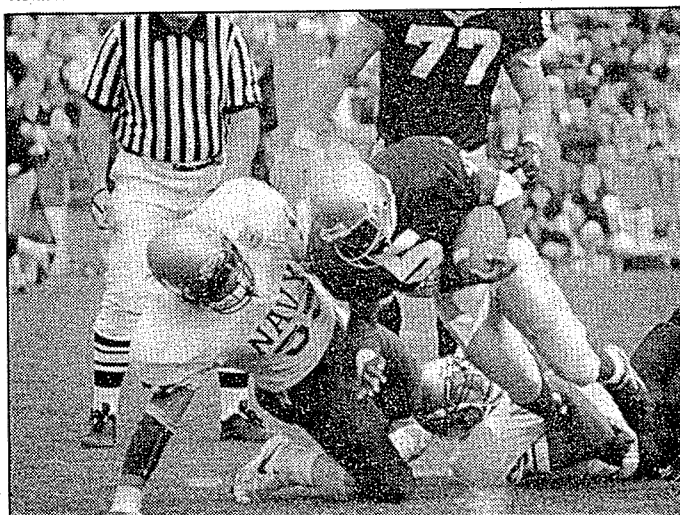
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Upper Left: Shawn Wooden easily takes down Midshipman Mike Jefferson, another ineffective runningback who took the field for Navy.

Upper Right: In one of the last plays of the game, junior tight end Leon Wallace catches a Gus Ornstein pass and backs into the end zone in the last play of the game, causing Navy's Coach George Chaump to charge Coach Holtz with running up the score.

Lower Left: Freshman linebacker John McLaughlin throws the block and senior inside linebacker Justin Goheen takes a Midshipman by the knees.

Lower Right: Diving closer to the end zone before going down, sophomore tailback Emmett Mosley adds a few more yards to his 93 yard total for the game. Mosley also had four touchdowns, an all-time school record.

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Navy	7	0	0	14	21
Notre Dame	10	28	7	13	58

1st Quarter

NA: Scott 32 pass from Kubiak at 12:56

(Bucchianeri PAT)

ND: Mosley 11 run at 9:22 (Cengia PAT)

ND: Cengia 38 FG at 3:28

2nd Quarter

ND: Mosley 19 run at 11:25 (Cengia PAT)

ND: Mayes 60 pass from Powlus at 9:43
(kick failed)

ND: Maiden 44 interception return at 4:02
(Powlus pass from Edwards)

ND: Mayes 20 pass from Powlus at 9:43
(Schroffner PAT)

3rd Quarter

ND: Mosley 24 run at 1:43 (Cengia PAT)

4th Quarter

ND: Mosley 2 run at 13:36 (kick failed)

NA: Grana 2 pass from Kubiak
(Bucchianeri PAT)

NA: Smith 13 run at 2:40 (Bucchianeri
PAT)

ND: Wallace 15 pass from Ornstein at :38
(McCarthy PAT)

Team Statistics

	ND	NA
First Downs.....	24	14
Rushing.....	17	4
Passing.....	6	6
Total Offensive Plays.....	81	64
Net Yards Rushing.....	267	28
Net Yards Passing.....	210	158
Total Net Yards.....	477	182
Avg Yds Per Play.....	5.9	2.8
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	9-62	4-53
Punts-Averages.....	5-40	11-37
3rd Down Conversions.....	9-17	3-16

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Mosley 15-84, Edwards 14-78, Farmer 9-62, Kinder 6-45 NA- Smith 5-26, Williams 5-12, McGrew 5-9, Nelson 3-(-1), Jefferson 1-(-1), Kubiak 5-(-17)

Passing: ND- Powlus 8-4-126-2-0, Krug 8-3-53-0-1, Ornstein 5-2-21-1-1, Blunt 1-1-10-0-0 NA- Kubiak 33-15-122-2-0, Fay 7-4-36-0-0

Receiving: ND- Mayes 4-121, Stafford 3-31, Wallace 2-21, Mosley 1-37 NA- Hickman 6-37, Scott 3-56, Jefferson 3-37, Williams 3-2, Dixon 1-9, Smith 1-8, Quartey 1-7,

Leading Tacklers: ND- Sample 7, Gibson 6, Cobbins 5, Goheen 5, Wooden 5,

FLASHBACK: 1943

Bertelli Bombs Middies into Submission

Heisman winner Angelo Bertelli leads undefeated Notre Dame to victory over undefeated Navy as World War II rages across the globe

by John Power

Onrushing Notre Dame moved up another notch toward gridiron glory by defeating the pride of Navy, Annapolis, before 86,000 hysterical fans, a record attendance for Municipal Stadium. The bombshell in Notre Dame's lightning attack was Angelo Bertelli, recent winner of the Heisman Trophy, who literally and figuratively sunk Navy by heaving three touchdown passes and scoring another on a plunge. The "Springfield Rifle," playing his last game for the Irish, left the field only to be mobbed by photographers, reporters and spectators alike. Mello, Miller, and Kulbitski hammered, and charged across the white stripes to pick up consistent chunks of yardage throughout the afternoon.

The heralded, undefeated Navy eleven fought valiantly, with its hard-charging line and Hal Hamberg paving the way for the Middle's lone touchdown. From start to finish, the game was a pitching duel between "Bert" and this one-hundred and fifty pounds of dynamite. For sixty thrill-packed minutes Hal withstood the rushing Irish to hurl thirty-eight passes, eight of which were complete.



Bertelli started the ball rolling on a touchdown pass from midfield to Julie Rykovich, who romped the remaining distance in record time. One touchdown pass, however, was not enough for Mr. Bertelli, so he took things into his own hands, fed a short pass to Miller, who side-stepped, stiff-armed, and scampered for forty yards and a score.

With the start of the second half, only one touchdown ahead, the Green and Gold unleashed its vicious power to romp at will over the now tired but game men of Annapolis. Navy, in desperation, began to throw passes hither and yon, moved to the Irish 14, threatened to score, but Limont, White, Filley, Coleman, Perko, Czarobski, and Yonaker objected vehemently, and Notre Dame took over on downs. The streamlined "T" machine cut Kulbitski loose as he galloped seventy-one yards to the Navy 8, where the Irish refueled, sending Bertelli through the middle for the final score.

And so it was that Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame's greatest passer, left the gridiron in a blaze of glory as another foe fell by the wayside, but Notre Dame moved ever onward, crushing opponent after opponent, never stopping for a breather. □

*The turf of the Citrus Bowl
witnessed quite a brawl, but the
Seminoles came out on top
when the Irish*

Missed It

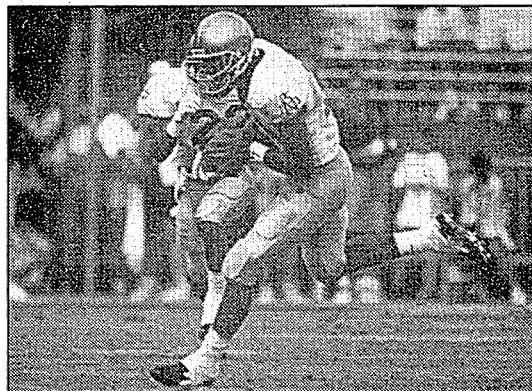
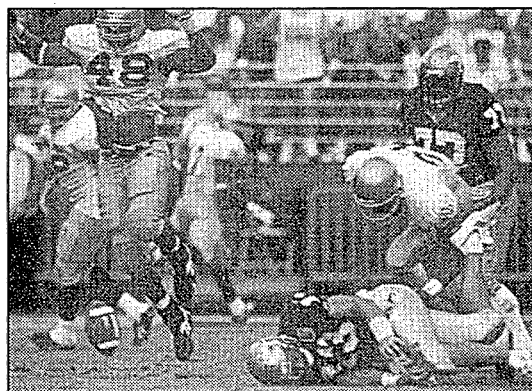
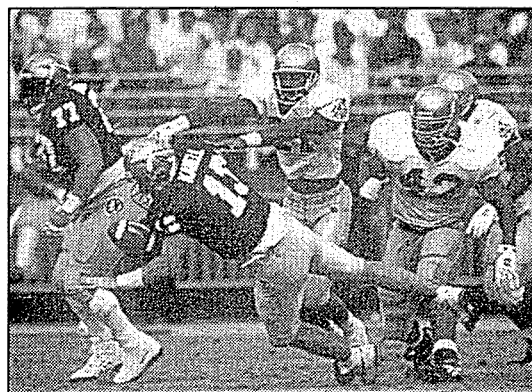
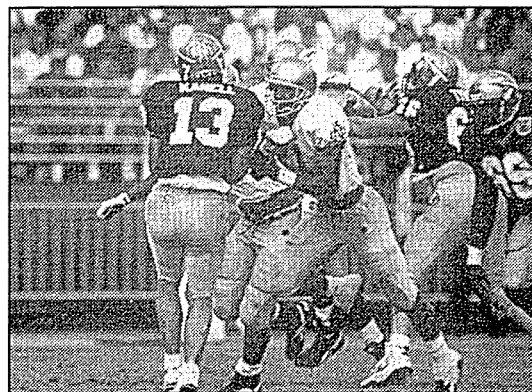
by Kevin Eckhardt

NOVEMBER 12, 1994 — ORLANDO, FL

Three yards. The line of scrimmage lay at the three-yard line, right at the intersection of victory and defeat. The goal posts loomed overhead, bright yellow standing out against the gray Florida sky. Just three yards away lay the lead for a team that had been bruised, battered, and thoroughly beaten by a superior foe, yet had held through sheer will to a game that should have ended long ago. Now they had a shot at the lead from three yards away.

The day started bleakly for the Irish, and looked bleaker and bleaker as the haze turned to rain over the Citrus Bowl. The unranked Irish began flat and seemed ready to roll over and surrender on both offense and defense so many times, yet pure guts kept the Seminoles within sight.

Florida State took its second series on offense down to the Notre Dame 30. The rumbling running attack from Rock Preston and Warrick Dunn crashed through the Irish lines and surged forward, swallowing the front seven in its wake. "We missed a lot of tackles," said defensive coordinator Bob Davie. The missed tackles and the vicious battles in the trenches began to wear down the Irish defense. The 70-degree temperatures and the Florida humidity also did not help the cause.



by That Much

Nevertheless, Notre Dame blitzes rained down on FSU quarterback Danny Kanell, and his ineffectiveness under siege kept the Irish alive all afternoon, even as the two 'Nole backs ate up yardage with a ferocious appetite. Down the field they roared, until the defense grew tall and stood. Kanell fell prey to Jeremy Sample and the drive was done. This production would run all afternoon, the Seminoles rushing forward, the Irish retreating, falling, leaning and pushing them back.

The momentum careened back and forth. The Irish offense went nowhere, and their only shot at a big play glanced off of Charles Stafford's fingers and into the arms of a defender for an interception. They were dumb struck, spending all three time outs before the end of the first quarter. FSU rolled down field again, crashing down to the Irish five before a questionable fake reverse was turned back by the defense. 3-0, Seminoles. Momentum, Notre Dame.

The offense sputtered and missed opportunities and Powlus seemed lucky to escape, luckier with each passing series. Florida State roared again. This time, the Notre Dame heroics turned back the Seminoles at the Irish 13. 6-0 Seminoles. Momentum flowed back to the Fighting Irish.

The return of the tandem of Lee Becton and Ray Zellars brought excitement and talk of the return of the Irish to the polls, but the two were banged up and hurting again after the game. But here, the

offense sparked to life, as Becton and Zellars started churning away yardage, moving slowly into Florida State territory as the first half began to wane. And then a pressured Powlus delivered a pass into deep FSU coverage that Derrick Brooks picked off at the Seminole 20. Momentum to Florida State — until Kanell went blind.

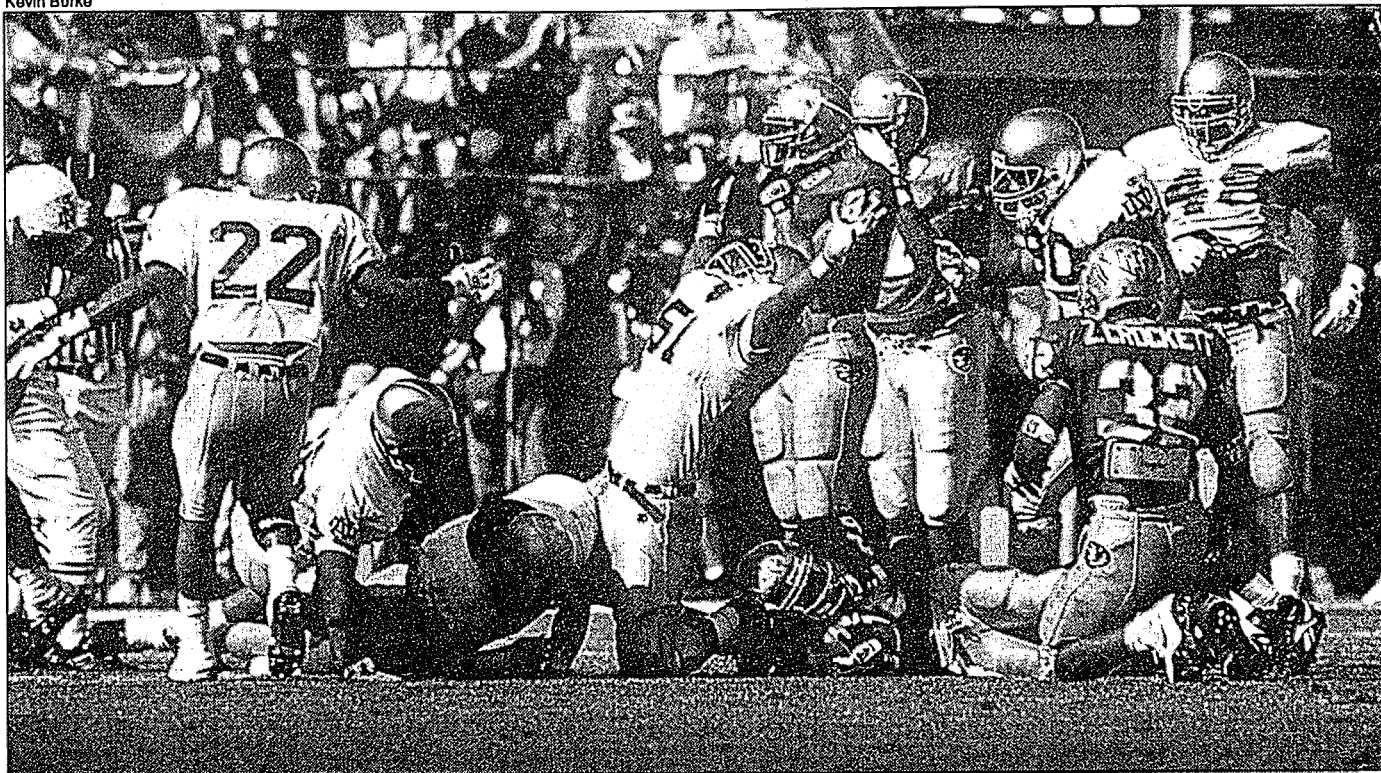
Fixed on the left side of the field, the Seminole quarterback missed Bobby Taylor's marathon cornerback blitz, was drilled into the ground and lost the ball. Taylor scooped it into his hands effortlessly, and the field receded before him. Run down, outgunned, outmanned, exhausted, Notre Dame was in the lead, 7-6.

But the blitzing Irish D, tired from spending most of the sweltering game chasing down Dunn and Preston, folded at the end of the half. Kanell was unfazed, his backs unstoppable, until they reached Notre Dame's two-yard line. The Fighting Irish dug deep down again. Bad clock use forced Florida State to settle for another Mowrey chip shot, and though they owned the lead and the stats, it was the Irish who were charging.

Surrender seemed imminent on the first FSU drive of the half, but another stand on fourth-and-one kept the Irish in it. Powlus and the offense came out looking sharp. A key third-and-eleven toss to Derrick Mayes got Notre Dame moving, and Becton took a screen for a first down and followed it with a run for another. But Powlus ignored a wide open Oscar McBride and forced the Irish to settle



Kevin Burke



for a Scott Cengia field goal. At least the offense expressed signs of life.

More blitzing kept Kanell on the run and the defense finally put the Seminoles to bed without allowing big runs. Two minutes later, all that was forgotten. The Seminoles scored in 53 seconds on a Rock Preston streak up the middle and the blitzing, bending Notre Dame defense finally wilted from FSU's time of possession and crushing ground game. FSU 13-10. The statistics for the two backs were cartoonish, the Irish offense pitiful and the game appeared lost, once and for all. The Irish went three and out, followed by a punt of less than epic length that spelled the doom for the underdog. Kanell found Kez McCorvey for a key first down on third and three. Time ticked away — but then, unbeliev-

Above: Melvin Dansby could only throw his arms up in frustration as Florida State takes a 13-10 lead. The Seminole ground attack, led by Rock Preston and Warrick Dunn, amassed two touchdowns and 332 yards.

Facing Page: Sophomore steamroller Marc Edwards barrels up the middle for a big gain. Although Edwards only rushed for 307 on the year, he was a mainstay when Zellars was injured and he was first on the team in yards per carry.
Right: Florida State quarterback Danny Kanell had a shaky performance against Notre Dame, especially under the watchful eyes of Germaine Holden and Brian Magee.



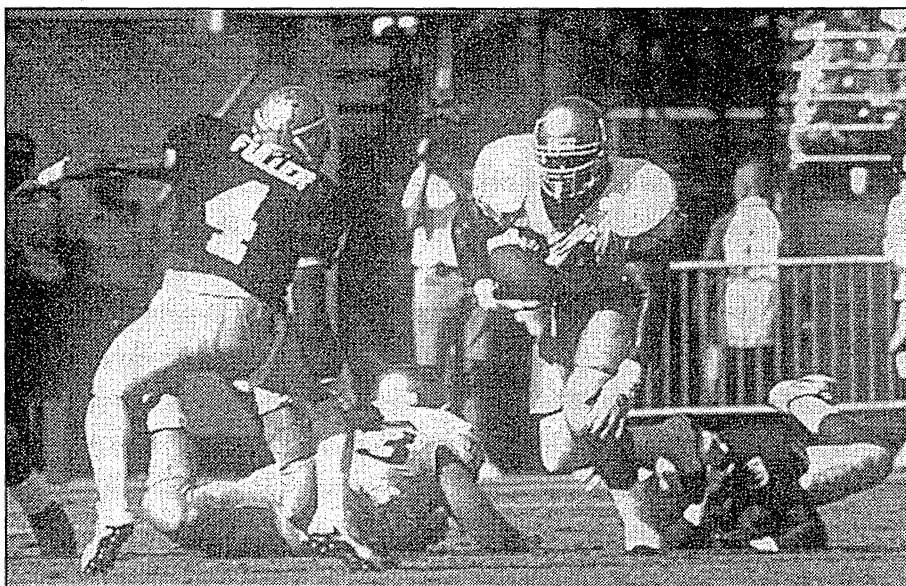
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ably, Florida State stalled once again and Mowrey misfired.

The momentum swung once more.

The time for the Irish to stand up had come, the fateful time when good players become great and great players become legends. Notre Dame began to march, Powlus getting it started on a 20-yard pass to Stafford. Randy Kinder broke for 17. A stumble, and suddenly the team was up against it. The crowd rose on fourth-and-one, all eyes fixed on the rookie quarterback, the piecemeal line, the ragged underdogs beat down by the bruising Seminoles only to come back and hang on through guts

tied, and there was too much time. Everyone saw it coming, from Lou Holtz (whose head-dropping scene on ABC after the missed attempt was a classic) to Bobby Bowden and everyone across the stands. Kanell dropped and hit McCorvey 49 yards downfield, and it was over, over quieter than a single clank off the goal post. As Dunn flashed into the end zone to put the Seminoles ahead 23-16, the agony of the season, four losses, no titles, no headlines, no ranking, came down and fell full against every Notre Dame player, coach and fan. There would be one more shot, though the result seemed inevitable.



Kevin Burke

Fullback Cory Fuller and company stymied a struggling Irish running game that featured a hobbled Zellars in his first game back.

and spirit.

Powlus dropped and scrambled, evading garnet and gold attackers three times, and he fired a strike to Mayes who cradled the ball in the back of the end zone to tie the score at 16-16. The Irish erupted. The Seminoles were silenced. And for one moment in this underachieving, disappointing season the spirit of victory filled the men in gold and blue, raising them up and wiping away the clouds of the season. Run over and knocked down, the Fighting Irish would be ahead, after the point after, of course.

Three yards. That's all it would take. But it was too much. With one slap against the left upright, all the energy building toward a comeback dissipated. The score was still

Powlus escaped from the pocket on fourth down and saw nothing but green, the bright green turf reflecting the sun shining above, and for one fleeting moment, the same amount of time it takes for a ball to fly wide of the goal post, it seemed as if he might reach that first down marker, as if he could resuscitate this team just once more. He ran hard, pushing tired, beaten legs as fast as they would go, reaching, stretching. And then all he saw was garnet sweeping down and dousing the last smoldering hope for this season.

Three yards. The Irish went from three yards away from victory to six feet under in defeat. □

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	7	3	6	16
Florida State	0	9	7	7	23

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

FS: Mowrey 20 FG at 10:51

FS: Mowrey 30 FG at 7:07

ND: Taylor 57 fumble return at 2:45 (Cengia PAT)

FS: Mowrey 19 FG at :01

3rd Quarter

ND: Cengia 39 FG at 4:48

FS: Preston 28 run at :02 (Mowrey PAT)

4th Quarter

ND: Mayes 11 pass from Powlus at 5:17 (kick failed)

FS: Dunn 5 run at 2:53 (Mowrey PAT)

Team Statistics

	ND	FSU
First Downs.....	11	27
Rushing.....	6	18
Passing.....	5	9
Total Offensive Plays.....	55	83
Net Yards Rushing.....	138	332
Net Yards Passing.....	83	185
Total Net Yards.....	221	517
Avg Yds Per Play.....	4.0	6.2
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards.....	1-5	1-10
Punts-Averages.....	5-33	4-37
3rd Down Conversions.....	2-12	4-12

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Becton 15-84, Kinder 6-21, Edwards 2-15, Zellars 5-14, Powlus 4-7, Mosley 1-(-3) FS- Preston 12-165, Dunn 29-163, Crockett 8-32, Ellison 1-8, McMillion 2-3, Kanell 4-(-39)

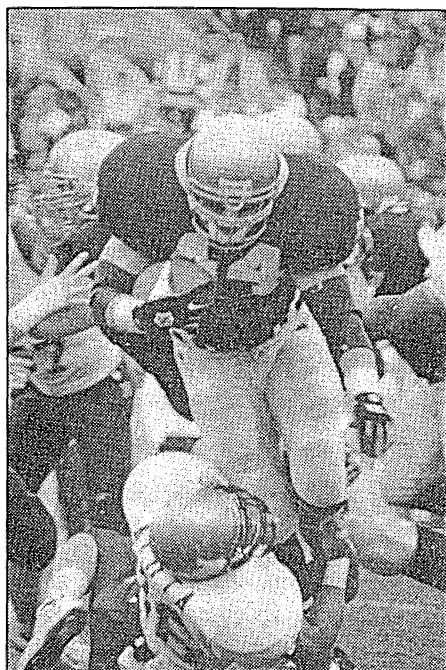
Passing: ND- Powlus 22-9-83-1-2

FS- Kanell 27-14-185-0-0

Receiving: ND- Mayes 4-38, Becton 2-14, Mosley 2-11, Zellars 1-20 FS- McCorvey 6-96, Ellison 4-54, Crockett 3-27, Cooper 1-6

Leading Tacklers: ND- Magee 16, Davis 12, Wooden 10, Taylor 9, Wynn 8, Saddler 8, Cobbins 7, Moore 7, Gibson 6, Sample 6

PROFILE



Brent Tadsen

Everyone knows the stars' names. Becton, Zellars, Powlus, Mayes. But what about the other players who do the same jobs without all the glory? What about the regulars, the "blue-collar" members of the team who put in the extra effort but do not come up with all the accolades and press coverage? Who are they?

The team's biggest workhorse and its most unappreciated member are one and the same — sophomore Marc Edwards. "Oh, I think I'm getting the credit I deserve. I'm the only back-up fullback. Ray's the starter. I'm just a glorified lineman," Edwards said. Spoken like a true unsung hero.

Edwards is as humble and as hard-work-

by Mark Mitchell

Freight Train

For big plays, the team looked to Marc Edwards, its unstoppable fullback star of the future



Brent Tadsen

ing as they come. His two touchdowns and 311 yards have gone into the season's books, but not to his head. "All I'm trying to do is just get the ball through. I'm not trying to be a spectacular player, I just want to hold on to the ball and get my four yards a carry." Actually, Edwards led all backs this year with 6.4 yards-per-carry.

Marc Edwards' career with the Fighting Irish began in earnest last year against Navy. "That was the first time I started, which was a great feeling to be out there and hear the crowd roar and know that my family and my home town were watching on TV." Edwards' consistently successful and steadily improving performance has made the fullback one of the men the team turns to when the solid plays are needed. "I know I'm following in great footsteps and I know I'm on the field with players who are much better than I am. So I just want to play up to that level and get the job done."

As it was for all the members of the team, this season was not one of Marc Edwards' favorites. "After a couple of games, nobody knew what to say. Everyone was upset — some guys were crying. Especially after the BC game, we knew we had lost something huge, we were out of the national picture. I was one of the guys crying that time." But for this star of the future, next season has stellar prospects. "Our goal next season is the national championship and all of us are going to do everything it takes to get there. It may be a sore and tired pre-season, but when the first game comes next season, we'll be ready and better than ever." As for personal goals for next year, Edwards typically underrates himself. "I just want to improve overall. Sure I want to be faster, but if you get ten yards a carry and you can't block anything, you're a terrible fullback. I want to improve my blocking, receiving, running, my grades — you know, everything I didn't do well in this year."

Whatever Notre Dame's achievements on the field are next year, any success will be attributable in a large part to the tireless efforts of Marc Edwards. If 1995 is a successful season, certainly more of the spotlight will fall deservedly on Edwards. "I've already experienced a little of that. It's just one of those things that comes with the position and the school. If I get more media attention, it's just another thing to deal with and accept. If I don't, that's great, too." □

Sky High

For Powlus and Mayes, it was a record-breaking day as the Fighting Irish soared over the Falcons, closing the home season with a victory

by Shannan Ball

NOVEMBER 19, 1994 — NOTRE DAME, IN

Though the Air Force's trained falcon performed aerial acrobatics before kickoff, after play began it was the Irish who took to the air while the Airmen stuck to the ground. The emotions at the game were as high as Powlus' passes and Mayes' leaps. At the pep rally the night before, senior captain Justin Goheen told the students, "When we raise our helmets tomorrow, cheer a little longer and a little louder to make it a little more special." But it was the players who made it a special game, a high point in a recently dismal season.

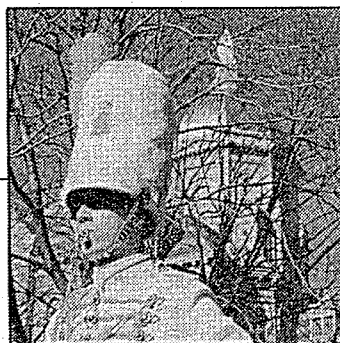
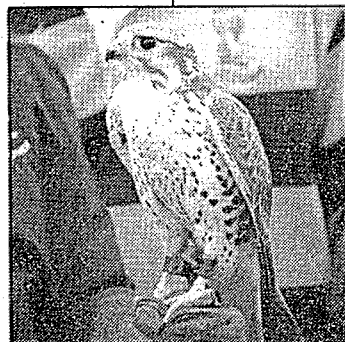
Before the game, all of the seniors on the team were introduced individually, running out onto the wet, soft bluegrass for the last time. On the other side, the Falcons took the field with the confidence of a seven-game winning streak and looked to add another to

the list. Their first attack came with a field goal in the first five minutes of the game.

The Irish fought back and with fourth down on the Air Force 48-yard line, Lou Holtz made the gutsy call to go for the first down. The call paid off when Ron Powlus connected with Derrick Mayes for 48 yards—an air strike made successful by perhaps the greatest catch in 1994 college football. The ball was overthrown and as fans were turning away in dismay, Mayes laid out and clasped the ball in his hands just before it reached the ground. Ray Zellars finished the job to put Notre Dame ahead 7-3 at the end of the first quarter. Irish fortunes were on their way up.

Gaining the ball deep in Air Force territory due to a personal foul call against the Falcons, Powlus once again connected with Mayes on a 25-yard touchdown strike. With the aerial grab, Mayes broke the single-season team touchdown reception record of Jack Snow. The crowd exploded with celebration for the touchdown and jubilation for Mayes, who had been the most outstanding player for the Fighting Irish all season. NBC's John Dockery was right there to take the ball from Mayes and carry it to his parents in the stands.

Two plays later, the Irish recovered a fumbled pitch. On third-and-one, Powlus launched another air raid. Under extreme pressure, he threw the ball to a wide-open Mayes in the end zone. With that, Powlus tied Notre Dame's single season passing touchdown record. Emotion could not have run any higher for a team which had been





The Irish running game was formidable with Ray Zellars plowing the way one last time in the stadium.

badly abused all season.

Contrary to Notre Dame's record-setting performance, Air Force's option specialist Beau Morgan had been struggling with his passing game the entire half, throwing only three passes, two of which were complete for 24 yards. Notre Dame was capitalizing on the Falcons' lackluster execution.

Like the 32-point lead Notre Dame boasted over Purdue that they whittled to 18 points, and the 34-3 deficit they hung over Stanford for part of the game, Notre Dame's 35-3 halftime lead was no more

than dust in the wind. Air Force capitalized on the first Notre Dame turnover in the second half. On a play action fake, Morgan fired a 51-yard missile, the longest pass against Notre Dame this season. He connected with Hancock, who beat the Irish defense to the end zone, bringing the score up to 35-10. It would be the beginning of a scare for the Irish, but that was nothing new. The entire season had been one big scare.

The Falcons continued to battle back, blocking a Ford punt and later recovering an onside kick to make it interesting. With three minutes remaining and a 35-24 lead, a Powlus launch to Stafford for 31 yards set up a Lee Becton touchdown and salvaged the little momentum the Irish had left.

Down by 18, the Falcons roared back and in just over a minute scored another touchdown. The Irish fans squirmed nervously on the benches as Air Force converted its on-side kick and advanced to the Irish 15-yard-line. While the scoreboards counted away the last seconds of the home season, a pressured Morgan heaved a desperate attempt which sailed safely out of the end zone. With the final home game a victory, the students who had craved a rallying point all season rushed onto the field.

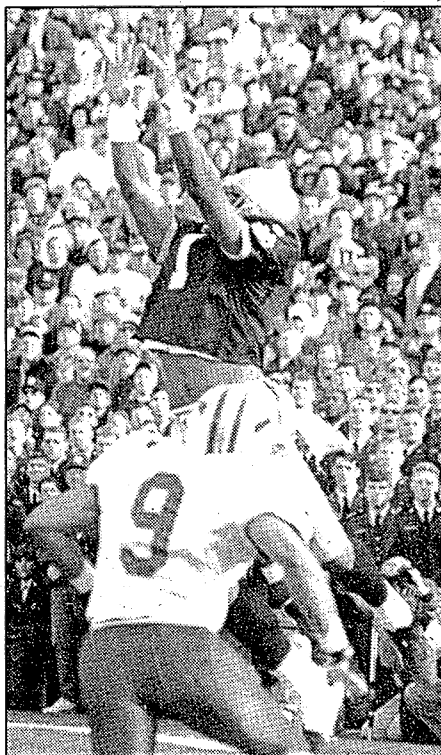
In the press tent, old, scrappy Air Force Head Coach Fisher DeBerry was all complaints, citing the personal foul early in the game as being crucial. "The biggest play was when we had 'em stumped and they called the personal foul on us for holding a man out of bounds on the punt. You just don't see those calls in college football."

"The water bill at Notre Dame is going to be awful high this week," he quipped, implying Holtz had ordered to flood the field in a strategic move.

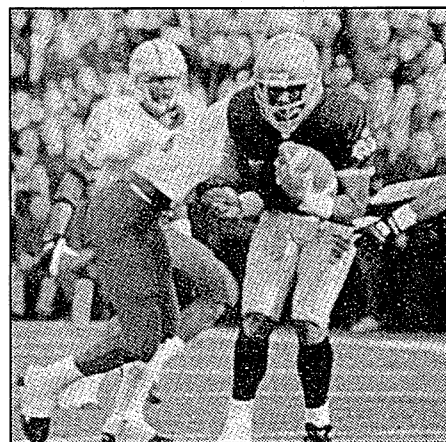
That's the Record

Junior split end Derrick Mayes put on an air show against the Falcons, catching 8 Ron Powlus passes for 163 yards.

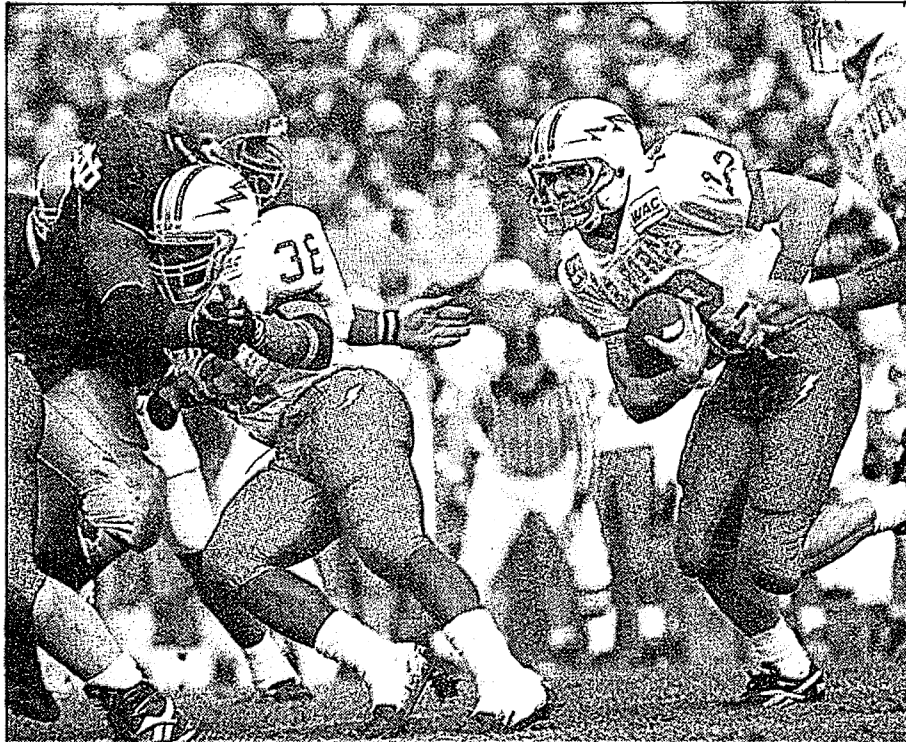
With this catch, Mayes broke Jack Snow's record for touchdown pass receptions in a single season. Mayes, who had 11 receptions for touchdowns in 1994, elated Irish fans with his post-Fiesta Bowl announcement that he would stay at Notre Dame for his senior year. When he was only a high school senior from Indianapolis, Mayes was heavily recruited by college football programs across the country. When he came to Notre Dame, he made Lou Holtz promise to be his coach for four years. Holtz promised Mayes four years in return for Mayes' promise of four years.



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"That's absolutely ridiculous," Holtz replied to the laughter of the press, "I mean, gimme a break."

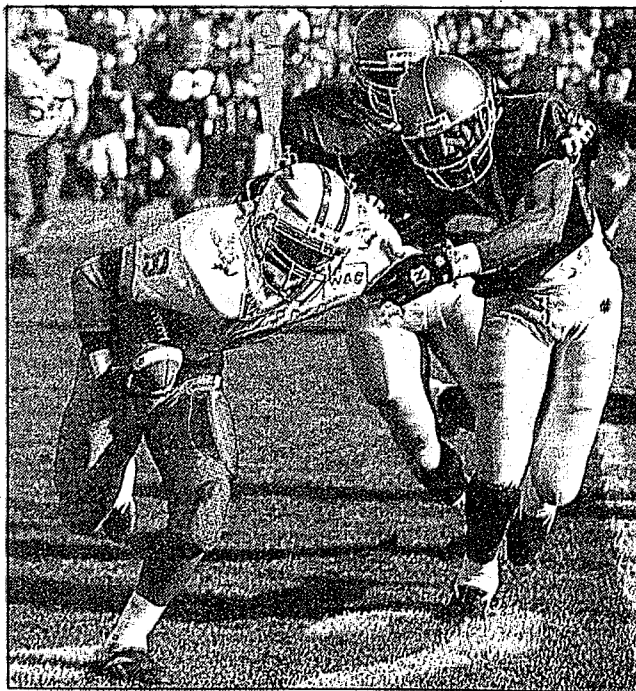
But the spotlight belonged to junior Derrick Mayes. "Dock said to me before the game, 'I'm going to find you when you get the touchdown.' I wasn't looking for him when I scored, but he was right there as if he expected it."

"I just feel honored to be up there with Jack Snow, Tim Brown, Ismail, and Lake Dawson," Mayes continued. "Hopefully

someone will feel the same way about me when it's time for my record to come down." It was an appropriate way to end the final game in the true stadium. College football's top receiver demolishes a team record, a first-year quarterback ties a record, the Irish win, students rush the field under the dark, early evening sky that blends into NBC's portable lights and the raised gold helmets—not a bad way to end the long legacy on the venerable field. □

Above: Air Force option specialist Beau Morgan brought the Falcons to within 11 after facing a 35-3 deficit at the half.

Right: Bobby Taylor and the Notre Dame defense manhandled Campbell and the Air Force running attack. It would be Taylor's last home game in the blue and gold uniforms.



Brent Tadsen

GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Air Force	3	0	13	14	30
Notre Dame	7	21	7	7	42

1st Quarter

AF: Roberts 23 FG at 10:39

ND: Zellars 3 run at :31 (Schroffner PAT)

2nd Quarter

ND: Mayes 25 pass from Powlus at 10:19 (Schroffner PAT)

ND: Mayes 7 pass from Powlus at 7:36 (Schroffner PAT)

ND: Powlus 17 run at :17 (Schroffner PAT)

3rd Quarter

ND: Zellars 1 run at 11:31 (Schroffner PAT)

AF: Hancock 51 pass from Morgan at 8:23 (Roberts PAT)

AF: Morgan 21 run at 6:19 (pass failed)

4th Quarter

AF: Addison 1 run at 3:03 (Hancock pass from Campbell)

ND: Becton 10 run at 1:58 (Schroffner PAT)

AF: Morgan 6 run at 1:05 (pass failed)

Team Statistics

	ND	AF
First Downs.....	22	19
Rushing.....	12	11
Passing.....	9	7
Total Offensive Plays.....	74	72
Net Yards Rushing.....	225	174
Net Yards Passing.....	227	193
Total Net Yards.....	452	367
Avg Yds Per Play.....	6.1	5.1
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards.....	7-70	4-38
Punts-Averages.....	6-33	7-36
3rd Down Conversions.....	7-17	5-16

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Becton 19-113, Zellars 16-50, Mosley 5-25, Klusas 1-14, Kinder 2-7, Powlus 11-6, Stafford 1-5, Blunt 1-5 AF- Maloy 17-65, Morgan 14-42, Johnson 5-28, Campbell 6-16, Addison 8-23

Passing: ND- Powlus 18-13-227-2-0 AF- Morgan 22-9-193-1-0

Receiving: ND- Mayes 8-163, Stafford 1-34, Becton 1-12, Blunt 1-12, McBride 1-9, Zellars 1-(-3) AF- Johnson 3-38, Marsh 2-64, Campbell 2-30, Hancock 1-51, Pupich 1-10

Leading Tacklers: ND- Wooden 11, Magee 9, Gibson 8, Saddler 7, Holden 5, Davis 5

A House Expanded

Rockne's fabled stadium is slated for major construction after one more season in its original form

by Brian Hiro

Five, four, three, two, one... The seconds slowly ticked off the stadium clock. When it finally hit zero, students charged the field and erupted in celebration. The opponent was not Florida State or Penn State, but rather unranked Air Force. And the ending did not feature a two-point conversion to Reggie Brooks in the corner of the end zone, but a missed Falcon touchdown.

So where's the cause for revelry? For one, any victory for the Irish in the disappointing 1994 gridiron campaign warranted a small hurrah from the fans. But really, Notre Dame Stadium was

sorely in need of a special moment. The last two times that the sacred field has been charged, it has been done by the visitors from Ann Arbor and Chestnut Hill.

Kunte Rockne, the man behind the construction of the original stadium, also initiated its winning tradition by winning all five home games in 1930, his final year as a coach. Since that year, Notre Dame Stadium has been a place for Irish opponents to respect and fear. Who could forget the monumental upset of Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma Sooners to end the longest unbeaten string in college football history in 1935? From 1942-50, no opponent stepped on Irish toes in the hallowed grounds. Frank Leahy's teams went undefeated in the stadium during those years. The classic victory over No. 1 Miami in 1988 came in the midst of an 18-game stadium winning streak. In all, there have been 24 seasons since 1930 in which Notre Dame did not suffer a home loss.

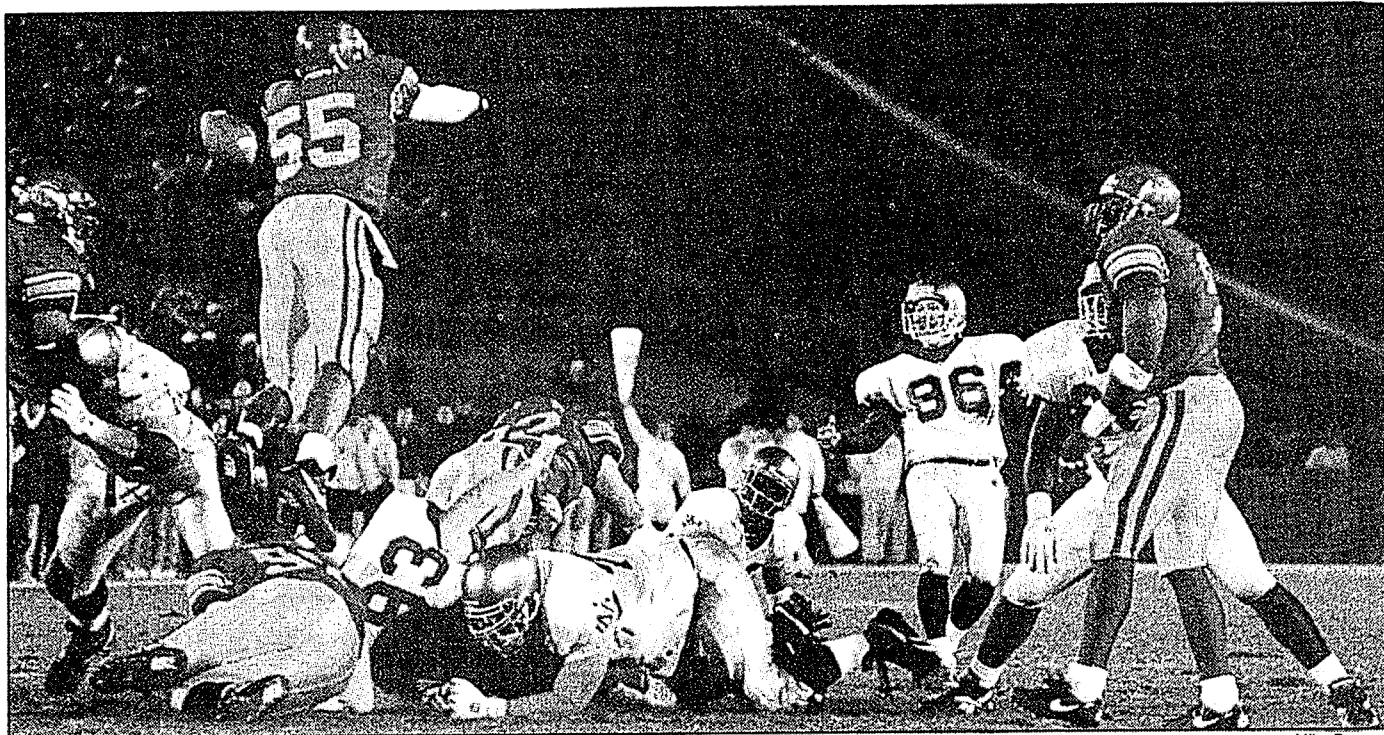
So some ask, why alter something which is so revered and special? Many believe that the luster and the lore of Notre Dame Stadium will diminish with the imminent expansion. Some argue that adding 20,000 seats will take away from the closeness and intimacy of the stadium. Other contend that the \$50 million addition will ruin the traditional look of the stadium, with its simple black scoreboards and stone-topped battlements. But despite these objections, construction is due to begin in the spring of 1996, meaning there will be only six more games in the original "House that Rockne built."

For this reason, the sight of the students pouring onto the field following an ordinary victory in a very ordinary season was special. Forget the opponent. Forget the ending. Notre Dame Stadium needed that moment. It would have made Rockne proud.

Next year, the seconds will slowly tick off the stadium clock. When it finally hits zero, the students may charge the field and erupt in celebration. The opponent will be Navy, in the last game of the year. Hopefully, as a tribute to the stadium, Notre Dame will have the championship wrapped up, with one game left, against Air Force. □



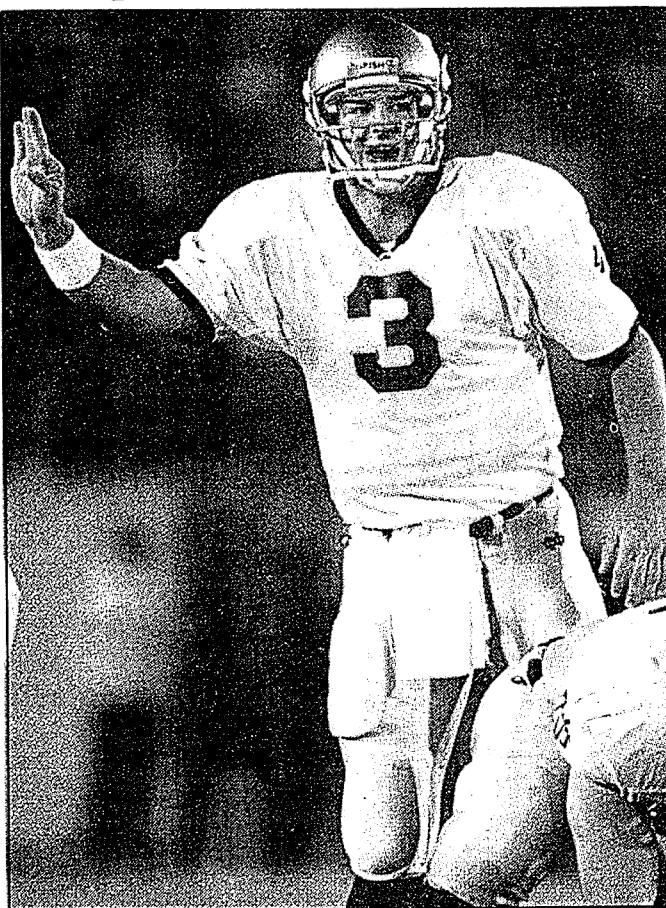
Osborne Engineering's original renderings of Notre Dame Stadium as Knute Rockne envisioned it. The stadium has survived in its original form since its construction in 1930. The planned upper deck will add 20,000 seats by 1997.



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Until We Meet Again

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Fighting to a draw, Ireland and Troy declared a one-year truce — but one will finish off the other next season

by Annette Brawley

NOVEMBER 26, 1994 — LOS ANGELES, CA

The billboard in Los Angeles in 1993 featured University of Southern California Head Coach John Robinson promising to beat Notre Dame. That game was not even close. Notre Dame won 31-13. Robinson got everyone's attention in 1994 by promising to resign if his team lost to Notre Dame. Once again, Robinson ate his words. Well sort of — Notre Dame played USC to a 17-17 tie. Robinson would have to wait another year for a victory.

The bizarre 17-17 dogfight at L.A. Coliseum in 30-degree whooshing winds left Irish and USC fans alike scratching their heads. It was a stupid, little kick that did it again, that cost Notre

Everything is A-OK as Ron Powlus looks over the USC defense and shouts an audible to his offense. Powlus threw for 115 yards on the night.

Facing Page: Senior placekicker Stefan Schroffner and senior wideout and holder Charles Stafford watch in horror as Israel Ifeanyi block Schroffner's potential game-winning kick. The ball was scooped up by Southern Cal's Sammy Knight who returned it 56 yards deep into Irish territory.

Dame the football game and ended the season on an appropriately disappointing note.

With less than six minutes to go, Notre Dame attempted a field goal which would have put them ahead by ten and virtually iced the game. "Yeah, I think I can make it," said senior walk-on Stefan Schroffner. Poor Schroffner. What was he supposed to say, "Ah, well coach, there's no way..." Nonetheless, the Irish who had been charging down field, in great field position, decided to kick a 37-yard field goal rather than go for it on fourth down and short. When was the last time the Irish did not go for it on a fourth and short deep in the opponent territory? USC pushed the Notre Dame offensive line backwards, blocking the kick and returning it deep into Notre Dame territory. A quick Trojan touchdown tied the game at 17 and although Notre Dame and USC each had another possession, it still ended in a draw.

The game between Notre Dame and USC marked the 66th meeting between the two teams. The Irish were riding an 11-game winning streak against the Trojans, the longest winning streak by either team in the history of the series, and were looking to make it

12 in a row. However, the Trojans were ranked 17th in the AP poll, and 1994 was Southern Cal's best chance for a victory over Notre Dame in years.

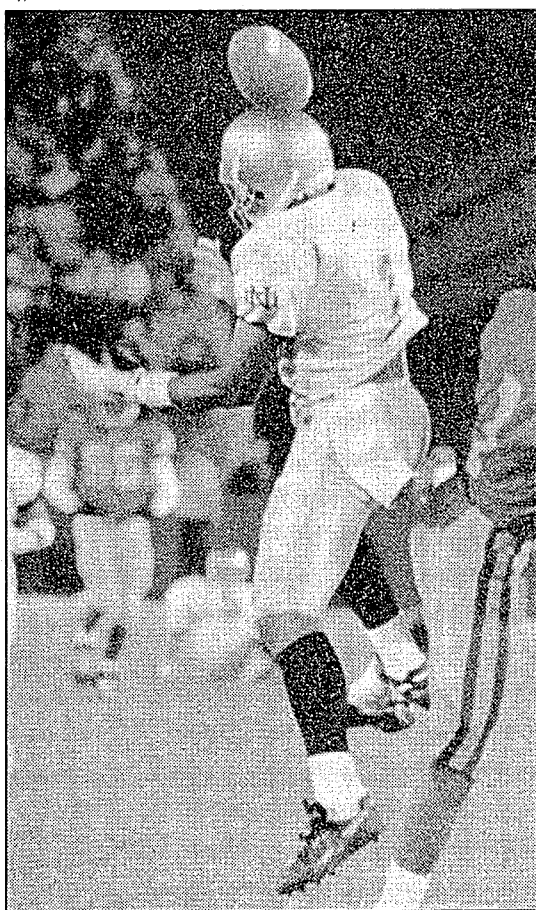
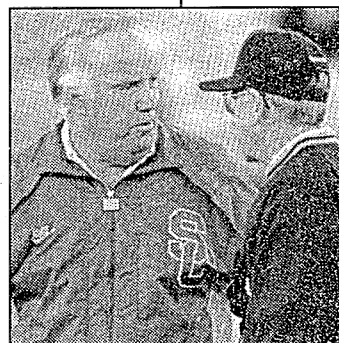
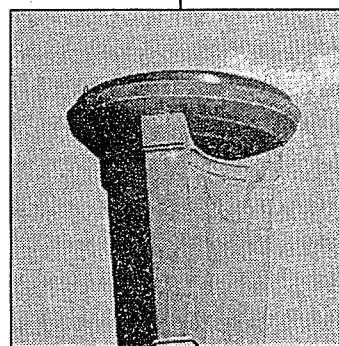
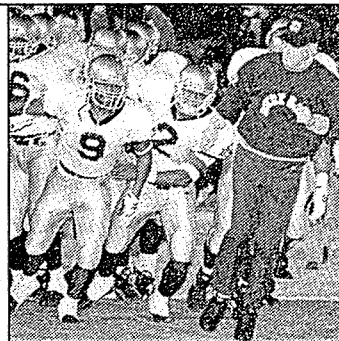
Despite the fact that many expected USC to win, Notre Dame was upbeat going into the game and looked forward to re-igniting the rivalry which had begun to fade over the years due to Irish domination. "The rivalry between Notre Dame and Southern Cal has produced more All-Americans, more National Champions, and has had more national television coverage than any other rivalry in college football," Lou Holtz said. "The team's attitude was good going into the game. We were excited about the game because it was USC, they were a ranked team, and it was on prime time television." Holtz said the players were ready for the Trojans. "The USC game is such a big rivalry in college football; it's the game off all games. It's the game where you play the hardest and hit the hardest," senior Jeremy Nau said.

But being ready to play did not eliminate all the pre-game butterflies. "I was a little nervous before the game because I knew it was my last regular season game in a Notre Dame uniform. A lot of the nervousness had to do with the fact that it was against USC. The senior class didn't want to be the one to break the winning streak," senior Charles Stafford said.

From the beginning of the game, the Irish outplayed the Trojans. Notre Dame put their first points on the board only five minutes into the game. At the end of the first quarter, the Irish running game had amassed 45 yards, while the defense held USC's offense to negative two yards rushing. In the second quarter, Ron Powlus' 11-yard touchdown pass to Ray Zellars put the Irish up 10-7. The touchdown pass was Powlus' 19th of the year, which set a new Notre Dame record for the most touchdown passes in a season. The game had its other high notes as a revived Lee Becton ran for a season-high 156 yards, reminding fans of his marvelous performance last season.

Aside from the blocked kick, perhaps a second turnaround point in the game occurred with the Irish deep in their own territory midway through the second quarter. With the ball on the Irish two, Powlus threw a great pass to Charles Stafford who might have made it to the end zone, had he made the catch. One play later, in a rare occurrence, Powlus fired to Oscar McBride, who would have had the first down had he not dropped the ball also. Instead of a probable score, the Irish found themselves punting.

It's the one that got away for Derrick Mayes as a Ron Powlus pass bounces off his helmet.



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Right: Touchdown! Derrick Mayes and Ray Zellars jump for joy after Zellars puts another six points on the board. Zellars score on a fourth-down reception from Ron Powlus put the Irish up 10-7 with 1:01 left in the first half.

Below: Ray Zellars is stopped just short of the goaline. The bruising fullback accounted for 43 yards in the game.

And before the Irish could say "shanked kick," Rob Johnson had already driven the Trojans to a touchdown.

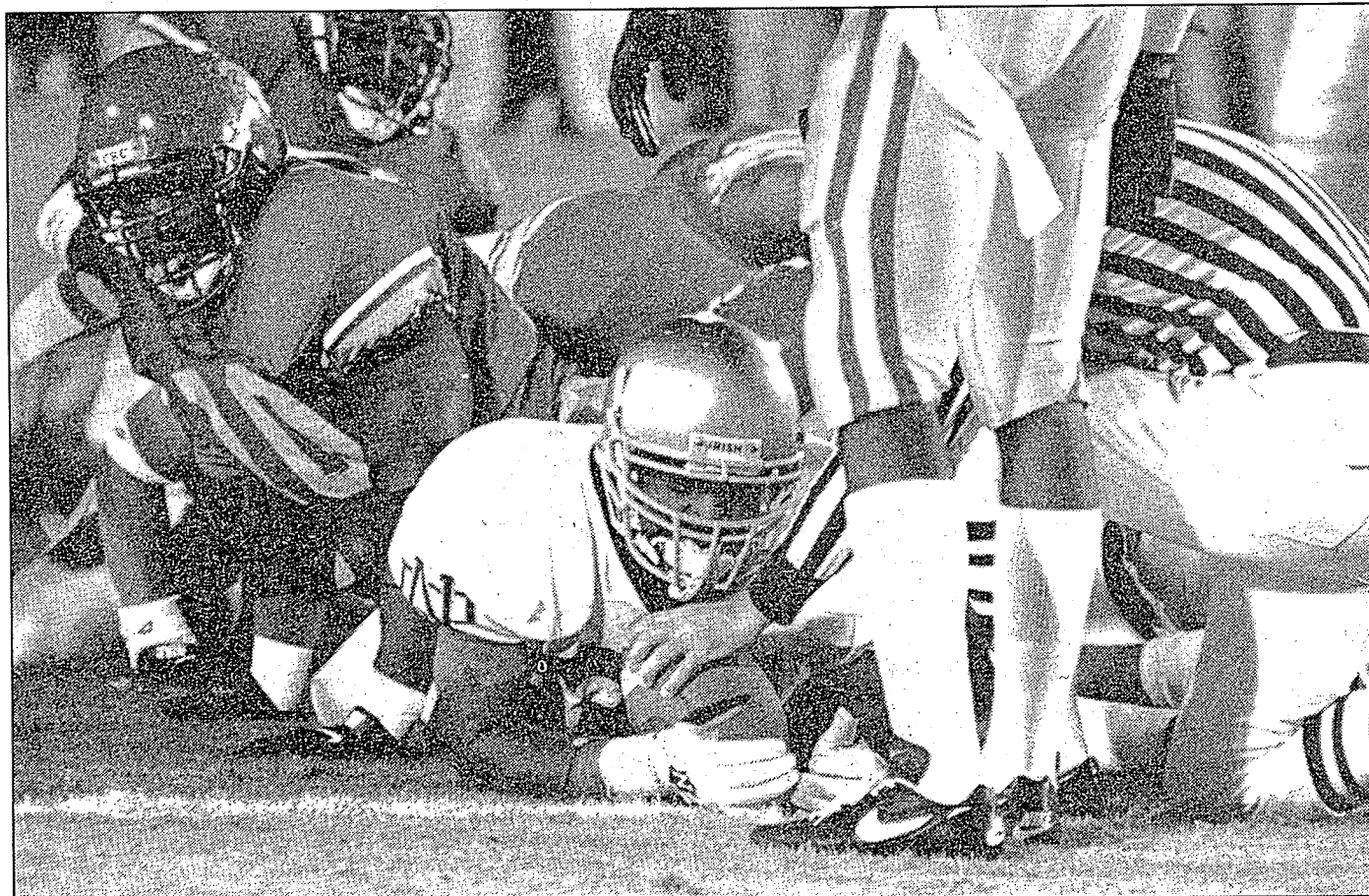
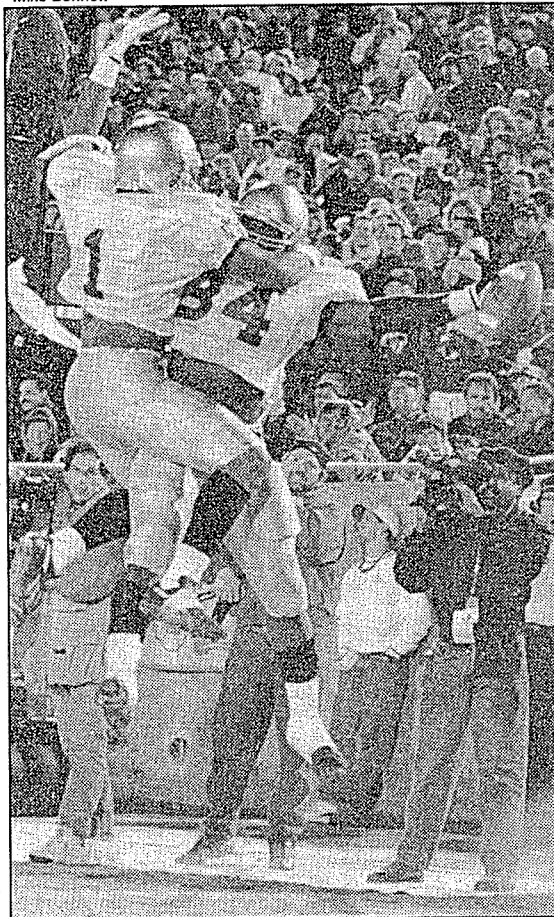
Considering the way the entire football season went, some of the Irish players were not surprised with the outcome of the game. "We weren't happy with the outcome. I'm not surprised with the way the game ended, though. It fits with the way the whole year went," Stafford said.

"It was a big letdown the way the game ended," Nau agreed. "Basically the whole season was a letdown. In the big games, we were always right there, about ready to win, but then the big plays went against us and we couldn't pull out the win. In the past, we've been able to overcome adversity and make the big plays go our way, but not this year."

Holtz agreed with his players. "The USC game was frustrating. With six minutes to go we were about to go up by two scores, and the next thing we know, they've tied the game. It's been a very frustrating year. We could have easily been 10-1 this year, but things didn't go our way. We aren't making any excuses for that," he said.

One thing the Irish did do well was to give John Robinson more fits. Robinson had prepared his resignation speech if the Trojans lost to the Irish again, this year on their home turf. "So what will Robinson do now?" people wondered after the game. The answer: he waits until next year's defeat to resign. □

Mike Bennett



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GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	3	7	7	0	17
USC	0	7	3	7	17

1st Quarter

ND: Schroffner 29 FG at 9:32

2nd Quarter

USC: McWilliams 5 pass from Johnson at 4:49 (Ford PAT)

ND: Zellars 11 pass from Powlus at 1:01 (Schroffner PAT)

3rd Quarter

USC: Ford 23 FG at 10:54

ND: Powlus 1 run at 5:56 (Schroffner PAT)

4th Quarter

USC: Walters 1 run at 4:53 (Ford PAT)

Team Statistics

	ND	USC
First Downs.....	21	15
Rushing.....	13	5
Passing.....	8	10
Total Offensive Plays.....	75	55
Net Yards Rushing.....	226	87
Net Yards Passing.....	115	187
Total Net Yards.....	341	274
Avg Yds Per Play.....	4.5	4.9
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards.....	1-4	2-20
Punts-Averages.....	6-49	5-32
3rd Down Conversions.....	3-10	9-18

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Becton 26-156, Zellars 12-43, Powlus 11-20, Kinder 3-9, Stafford 1-(-2) USC- Green 14-63, Walters 9-42.

R. Johnson 3-(-18)

Passing: ND- Powlus 22-13-115-1-0 USC- R. Johnson 29-15-187-1-1

Receiving: ND- Mayes 5-70, Mosley 3-21, Zellars 3-19, McBride 1-3, Becton 1-2 USC- K. Johnson 6-114, McWilliams 4-34, Barnum 3-23, Hervey 1-10, Cashman 1-6

Leading Tacklers: ND- Davis 9, Cobbins 6, Magee 5, Nau 5, Grasmanis 4, Sample 4, Wooden 4, Gibson 3, Taylor 3

FLASHBACK: 1926

Trojans Routed by Irish Wooden Horse

In the first of game of a legendary rivalry, Rockne's men beat top-ranked USC

by Harry Sylvester

The ancient Greek genius who gathered together enough boards and nails to build a deceptive wooden horse with which his compatriots stormed the portals of an ancient Troy and romped away with a victory, did not have a thing on Mr. Knute Rockne, the modern strategist.

For this modern classicist hoarded enough forward passes, end runs and brilliant football last Saturday afternoon in Los Angeles to repel the attack of the modern Trojans from the University of Southern California. Mr. Rockne's countrymen won the battle 13 to 12.

Being an artist by nature and a strategist by choice, Mr. Rockne decided to carry out the ancient tale with exaction. After his under-dog Irish had waited for the larger part of the game to inflict a vulnerable wound, Mr. Rockne motioned to a diminutive individual in the form of Arty Parisien,

and asked him to storm the Trojan portals.

Parisien didn't linger. There were but 90 seconds to go. The count was 12 to 7 and the Trojans were beginning to count heavily on a Bacchanalia of some kind because the victory was imminent.

Parisien's two flips to Niemic, with fifty yards to be made, were sufficient to put over a touchdown and the Irish won 13 to 12.

Mr. Howard Jones, the Southern coach, who is entitled to the role of the modern Anchises, picked up his eleven stalwart grandsons of Aeneas and rushed them from the stadium, for they had lost their first intersectional battle of the history.

Take this modernist interpretation of Vergil's poem at your pleasure, but at any rate these Fightin' Irish played their game of old and displayed to some 80,000 assembled that the best football team in the country is bound to have one bad afternoon.

Fighting in desperation, with all the nerve of maddened bulls who have been twice wounded, Notre Dame's powerful machine made attempt after attempt to bowl over the dogged Trojans.

There were only seconds to play and the end had not yet been attained. The fans were leaving for they acclaimed Southern Cal a victor when the wooden horse, Art Parisien, came to the rescue. And in less time than it takes to pull a cork, the south-paw passer had flipped Notre Dame to a one-point victory over the surprised Californians.

Coming at such a tense moment, Parisien's uncanny passing and Niemic's

faultless receiving, were new flames for the interested crowd. But here the likeness to the ancient myth ends for the end was not according to the books. They were the Irish who started out on the journey, not under Aeneas but under Rockne, and they didn't weep over Dido's funeral pile but rather over the Trojans whom they had humbled. □



In the championship season of 1977, Notre Dame pulled a real wooden horse into the stadium before the team took the field. The 11th ranked Fighting Irish beat the 5th ranked Trojans that day 49-19, ending a three year streak of losses to USC.

1994 Final Regular Season Statistics **SPLINTERS FROM**

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

Sept. 3	at N'western	W	42-15	66,946
Sept. 10	MICHIGAN	L	24-26	59,075
Sept. 17	at Mich. State	W	21-20	74,183
Sept. 24	PURDUE	W	39-21	59,075
Oct. 1	STANFORD	W	34-15	59,075
Oct. 8	at Bost. Coll.	L	11-30	44,500
Oct. 15	BYU	L	14-21	59,075
Oct. 29	NAVY	W	58-21	59,075
Nov. 12	Florida State	L	16-23	72,868
Nov. 19	AIR FORCE	W	42-30	59,075
Nov. 26	at USC	T	17-17	90,217

All games sold out

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	222	218
Rushing.....	127	105
Passing.....	83	98
By Penalty	12	15
3rd Down Conv.....	0.389	0.312
4th Down Conv.....	0.688	0.632
TOTAL PLAYS	757	779
TOTAL NET YARDS	4230	3661
Avg. Per Play	5.59	4.71
Avg. Per Game	384.55	332.82
RUSHING YARDAGE	2372	1538
Yds. Lost Rushing.....	408	377
Avg. Per Rush	4.6	3.5
Yds. Rushing/Game.....	215.64	193.00
Rushing TDs	18	19
PASSING YARDAGE	1858	2123
Attempts	244	335
Completions	129	190
Interceptions.....	11	7
Percentage	0.529	0.567
Avg. Per Catch.....	14.4	11.2
Avg. Per Game.....	168.91	193.00
Passing TDs.....	21	9
FUMBLES-LOST	22-10	30-15
PENALTIES-YARDS	55-437	50-433
TIME OF POSSESSION	337:30	332:30

SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	3	4	TOT
NOTRE DAME	50	117	82	69	318
OPPONENTS	26	63	47	103	239

KICKOFF RET	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
Mosley, E.	13	320	24.6	0	47
Miller, M.	11	244	22.2	0	55
Becton, L.	1	17	17.0	0	17
Stafford, C.	2	29	14.5	0	19
Farmer, R.	5	60	12.0	0	12
Zellars, R.	5	59	11.8	0	23
Chryplewicz, P.	1	4	4.0	0	4
Edwards, M.	1	0	0.0	0	0
ND TOTAL	39	733	18.8	0	55
OPP TOTAL	55	1118	20.3	0	56

SCORING

	— Conversions —						
	TD	Run	Pass	PAT	FG-A	Pts	
Mayes, D.	11	—	1-1	—	—	68	
Scroffner, S.	—	—	—	30-30	6-10	48	
Zellars, R.	5	—	—	—	—	30	
Becton, L.	4	—	—	—	—	24	
Kinder, R.	4	—	—	—	—	24	
Mosley, E.	4	—	—	—	—	24	
Cengia, S.	—	—	—	4-7	5-8	19	
Stafford, C.	3	—	—	—	—	18	
Powlus, R.	2	—	1-1	—	—	14	
Edwards, M.	2	—	—	—	—	12	
Miller, M.	2	—	—	—	—	12	
Farmer, R.	1	—	—	—	—	6	
Taylor, B.	1	—	—	—	—	6	
Maiden, A.	1	—	—	—	—	6	
McCarthy, C.	—	—	—	1-1	—	1	
ND TOTAL	41	—	2-2	35-38	11-18	318	
OPP TOTAL	28	0-1	2-7	19-20	16-22	239	

PASSING Cmp Att Yds TD IntSLP Effic

Powlus, R.	119	222	1729	19	925	60	139.2
Krug, T.	7	16	98	1	1	0	31
Ornstein, G.	2	5	21	1	1	0	15
Blunt, B.	1	1	10	0	0	0	10
ND TOTAL	129	244	1858	21	1125	60	136.2
OPP TOTAL	190	335	2123	9	735	51	114.7

INT RETURNS No. Yds TD LP

Maiden, A.	1	44	1	44
Taylor, B.	1	38	0	38
Magee, B.	1	31	0	31
Davis, T.	1	11	0	11
Wooden, S.	1	7	0	7
Covington, I.	1	2	0	2
Sample, J.	1	0	0	0
ND TOTAL	7	133	1	44
OPP TOTAL	11	107	0	49

PUNT RETURNS No. Yds Avg TD LP

Miller, M.	10	54	5.4	0	12
Mosley, E.	8	35	4.4	0	12
ND TOTAL	18	89	4.9	0	12
OPP TOTAL	20	189	9.4	0	18

PUNTING No. Yds Avg Blkd LP

Ford, B.	35	1370	39.7	1	61
Wachtel, C.	13	490	37.7	0	48
ND TOTAL	48	1880	39.2	1	61
OPP TOTAL	63	2519	40.0	1	65

RUSHING Att. Yds. Gam Car TD LP

Kinder, R.	119	702	63.8	5.9	4	41
Becton, L.	100	550	78.6	5.5	3	37
Zellars, R.	79	466	58.2	5.9	3	62
Edwards, M.	48	307	27.9	6.4	2	37
Mosley, E.	34	187	18.7	5.5	4	24
Farmer, R.	26	131	14.6	5.0	0	22
Miller, M.	3	33	4.7	11.0	0	14
Stafford, C.	3	24	2.2	8.0	0	21
Klusas, T.	3	15	3.8	5.0	0	14
Thorne, M.	5	14	2.0	2.8	0	4
Blunt, L.	9	6	1.0	0.7	0	7
Sollmann, S.	2	1	0.1	0.5	0	2
Ornstein, G.	2	-5	-5.0	-2.5	0	0
Krug, T.	2	-11	-1.4	-5.5	0	0
Powlus, R.	78	-48	-4.4	-0.6	2	44
ND TOTAL	513	2372	215.6	4.6	18	62
OPP TOTAL	444	1538	139.8	3.5	19	46

RECEIVING No. Gam Yds Avg TD LP

Mayes, D.	47	4.3	847	18.0	11	60
Stafford, C.	18	1.6	254	14.1	3	34
Miller, M.	17	2.4	276	16.2	2	47
Zellars, R.	12	1.5	114	9.5	2	21
Mosley, E.	11	1.1	118	10.7	0	37
McBride, O.	6	0.5	57	9.5	0	19
Becton, L.	6	0.9	50	8.3	1	21
Edwards, M.	5	0.5	58	11.6	0	39
Wallace, L.	2	0.2	21	10.5	1	15
Champion, C.	1	0.2	16	16.0	0	16
Farmer, R.	1	0.1	15	15.0	1	15
Kinder, R.	1	0.1	12	12.0	0	12
Blunt, L.	1	0.2	12	12.0	0	12
Sollman, S.	1	0.1	8	8.0	0	8
ND TOTAL	129	11.7	1858	14.4	21	60
OPP TOTAL	190	17.3	2123	11.2	9	52

Tackles (Total): Magee 81, Sample 70, Goheen 61, Wooden 59, Gibson 59, Davis 56, Grasmanis 49, Wynn 47, Taylor 46, Nau 45, Cobbins 34, Saddler 31, Hamilton 30, Berry 26, Moore 25, Dansby 18, Tatum 16, Covington 13, Maiden 13, Holden 12, Wagasy 11, McLaughlin 8, Graham 7, Babey 5, Rossum 5, Mitoulas 5, Kramer 5, Kinder 4, Bergmann 4, Belisle 4, Edwards 3, Bennett 3, MacDonald 3, Carretta 3

Sacks: Berry 6-44, Sample 5-43, Gibson 4-35, Goheen 4-31, Nau 4-18, Grasmanis 2.5-13, Hamilton 2-20, Dansby 1.5-7, Taylor 1-15, Wynn 1-9, Saddler 1-7, Maiden 1-6, Cobbins 1-4

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Honors and Awards

Jeremy Akers

- Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award from the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley

Lee Becton, tailback

- Selected to play in Hula Bowl all-star game

Oliver Gibson, nose guard

- Nick Pietrosante Award co-winner (by vote of players to individual who exemplifies characteristics of late Irish All-America fullback)
- Notre Dame Lineman of the Year by Moose Krause Chapter of National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame
- Selected to play in Senior Bowl all-star game

Justin Goheen, inside linebacker

- United Press International All-America (hon. men.)
- Nick Pietrosante Award co-winner
- *Football News* All-Independent team
- Selected to play in Hula Bowl all-star game

Brian Hamilton, defensive tackle

- Selected to play in Senior Bowl all-star game

Ryan Leahy, offensive guard

- United Press International All-America (hon. men.)

Derrick Mayes, split end

- Notre Dame National Monogram Club team MVP (by vote of players)
- United Press International and *Football News* All-America
- *Football News* All-Independent team
- NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game vs. Air Force (8 catches, 163 yards, 2 TDs)
- Semifinalist (one of 10) for Fred Biletnikoff Award that goes to top receiver in the country

Oscar McBride, tight end

- Selected to play in Hula Bowl all-star game

Emmett Mosley, tailback

- NBC Sports/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Navy (4 TDs)

Ron Powlus, quarterback

- ABC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game vs. Northwestern (18 of 24 for 291, 4 TDs)
- NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game vs. Michigan (15 of 27 for 187, 2 TDs)
- NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game vs. Stanford (11 of 14 for 166, 3 TDs)

Jeremy Sample, inside linebacker

- ABC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game vs. Michigan State (2 sacks, 10 tackles)

Bobby Taylor, cornerback

- United Press International, American Football Coaches Association, *Football News* and Walter Camp All-America (first team)
- Associated Press All-America (third team)
- *Football News* All-Independent team
- ABC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game vs. Florida State (sack, forced fumble and fumble return for 57 yards and TD)

Mark Zataveski, offensive guard

- GTE/CoSIDA National Second-Team Academic All-America
- GTE/CoSIDA District V Academic All-America
- Hitachi/CFA Scholar-Athlete Team
- State Farm/Mutual Broadcasting Student-Athlete of the Year
- Nominee for post-graduate scholarships from NCAA, National Football Foundation and for NCAA Today's Top VIII

Ray Zellars, fullback

- NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame Player of the Game vs. Purdue (14 carries for career-high 156 yards, 1 TD)
- Selected to play in Senior Bowl all-star game

All-Scholastic Honors:

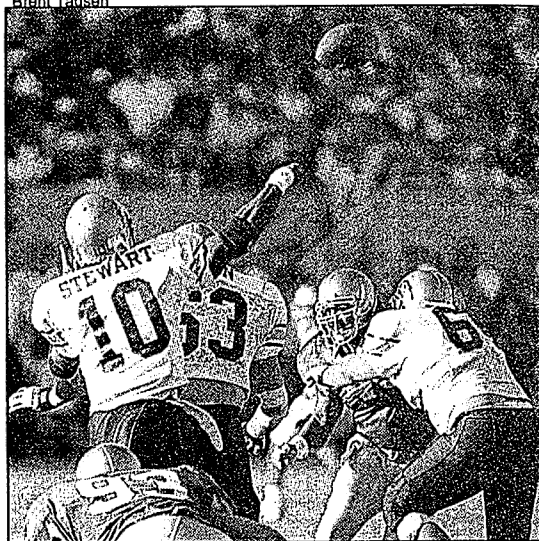
- Offensive Most-Improved, Emmett Mosley
- Defensive Most-Improved, Bert Berry
- Best Potential, offense, Scott Sollmann
- Best Potential, defense, Lyron Cobbins
- Best Effort, Least Credit, Ryan Leahy
- Defensive Play of the Year, Taylor's pasting of Kanell
- Offensive Play of the Year, Zellars' run against Purdue

Have You Seen Him Lately Award, Oscar McBride

- We Won't Hold It Against You Award, kickers
- Best Catch Award, Derrick Mayes vs. Air Force
- Keith Jackson Memorial ND Bashing Award, Chris Collinsworth
- Slip 'o the Tongue Award, Todd Christenson, called Powlus Mirer
- Biggest Paranoid Whiner Award, Coach Fisher DeBerry
- Slap in the Face Award, Coach George Chaump
- Worst Band Halftime Show Award, YMCA

A Valiant Effort

Brent Tadsen



Though greatly discouraged, the Fighting Irish boldly made one last stand before a retiring legend, a Heisman winner and the rest of Colorado's indomitable Buffaloes

by T. Ryan Kennedy

JANUARY 2, 1995 — TEMPE, AZ

Some say there are cacti in Arizona with needles sensitive to intruders. When a careless person or animal gets too close, the needles can jump out at the trespasser. The same was true of a few Buffaloes in Tempe. The razor-sharp Colorado Buffaloes jumped all over Notre Dame from the outset. But against a team that was 229-6-1 when scoring over 30 points, against a team that set more than 51 individual or team records in 1994, against a team that boasted two Heisman Trophy candidates and seven All-Americans, and against a team whose beloved coach was retiring, Notre Dame played very, very well. Put bluntly, Colorado was a national-championship caliber team, explosive and arguably more dangerous than last year's Florida State juggernaut. It was a team with more weapons than Arnold Schwarzenegger, but it was also a team that was worried about Notre Dame up to a week before the game.

Sophomore Scott Sollman bursts up field on a kick-off return. The walk-on provided a special teams spark with five returns for 103 yards.



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Facing Page: Kordell Stewart was too powerful for the Irish, throwing 226 yards and rushing for 143 yards in just 7 carries.

"It's going to be a dogfight," said Colorado line-backer Matt Russell before the showdown. "I expect a fourth-quarter game. As far as we're concerned, it's two 10-1 teams playing. Notre Dame is a top-5 team." Free safety Steve Rosga agreed, "Notre Dame is not a team that you'll ever blow out."

Notre Dame players seemed to agree with Colorado that they belonged in the bowl, despite the talk they heard to the contrary. The players were loose and confident, not cocky. Ryan Leahy believed the Irish could play "out of their minds." Lou Holtz had a month to prepare top talent. Injuries healed. Notre Dame was not ranked #2 in the pre-season for nothing. Colorado Coach Bill McCartney warned his players about all of this and more.

On game day, Ron Powlus trotted onto the well-conditioned field, clad in a kelly green jersey that seemed to scream at skeptics of Notre Dame. The Irish meant business. In fact, Holtz's teams had never lost a bowl game or any other when wearing the green. Back in 1992, in the Sugar Bowl against Florida...

But for once, Notre Dame had nothing, or very little, to lose. Justin Goheen wanted his class to be the first to win all four bowl games they played in. That was as important as it got. Those who said this game was about pride had a lot to learn. Notre Dame had lost its pride earlier in the season, when poor kicking cost them three games. The Irish were in Tempe nonetheless, where they supposedly did not belong, with their backs up against the wall one more time. The game was in Colorado's backyard, but no one would have known it from the throngs of Irish fans who arrived on the scene days before. They carried the pride with them.

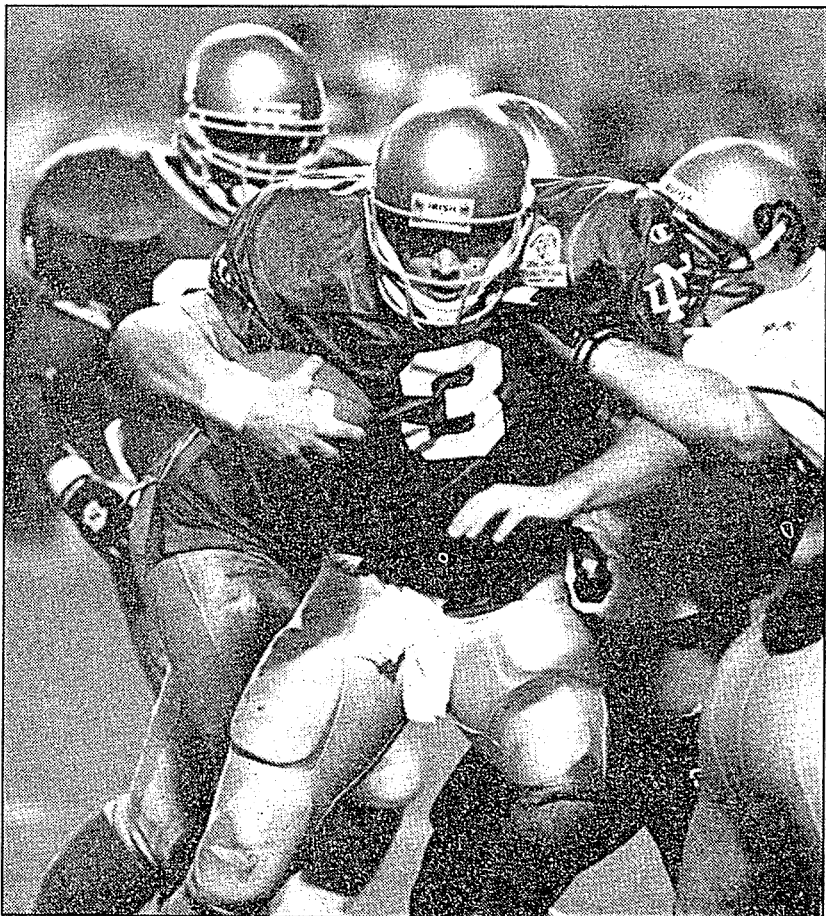
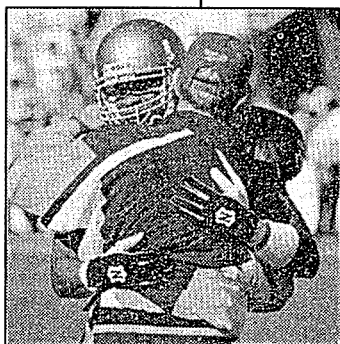
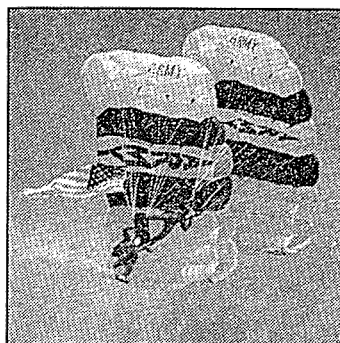
The Notre Dame players were unusually calm and cool when they walked onto the field with their heads down. The Buffaloes danced and pranced their hoofs, waved their arms and pumped their fists. The Irish, however, seemed focused and determined. They huddled by the end zone, then burst onto the gridiron. In one corner of the south end zone the band played the Victory March. The throngs clapped hands to its rhythm. A tingle of hope shone down with the rays of sunshine that reflected off the nearby mountaintops.

Perhaps Notre Dame was in over its head from the beginning. Colorado was not supposed to have a diverse offense. Throughout the year, it utilized a power offense, always with one man in the backfield,

two wideouts. But Goheen and the 4-3 defense (good for stopping the run) were seeing a two man backfield, sometimes three wideouts. Before Notre Dame could adjust, they were down 30-3. On defense, Colorado used a 4-3 formation which also caught Notre Dame off-guard. "We did this out of our great respect for Notre Dame and Lou Holtz," McCartney later claimed.

This game did not symbolize the entire season for Notre Dame as others did, because Notre Dame was playing well. They made few mistakes early on, although the pressure on Powlus was often great. But Powlus was breaking out of the pocket like he had eyes on the back of his head. Cengia hit a field goal. Becton rumbled up the middle with grace. On the other side, Salaam rushed for an average of 2.9 yards in the first half, almost five yards below his season average.

But the hurricane of quarterback Kordell Stewart could not be stopped. No one told Notre Dame he was this good. Stewart would run 39 yards on an option then connect deep on the next play with Kidd or Westbrook. With four minutes left in the half, Colorado



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Unlike the invincible Stewart, Ron Powlus was sacked seven times by the Buffaloes.

had 200 yards more offense than Notre Dame, and Stewart already had over 100 yards rushing and over 100 yards passing.

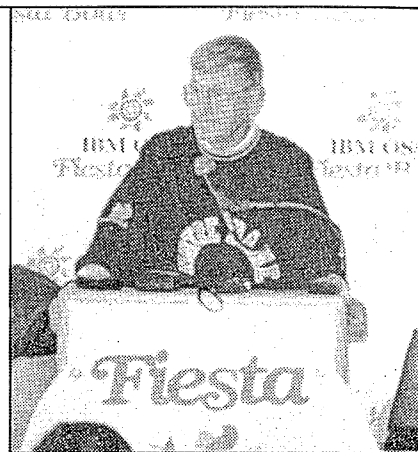
Notre Dame would leave the first half with some momentum on its shoulders after Powlus unloaded a 40-yard prayer for Mayes in the end zone. Touchdown, Irish. A perfectly thrown pass preceded an amazing catch. Down 30-10 at the half, Holtz was bubbling with thoughts of a comeback.

Late in the third quarter, Notre Dame was marching downfield, again, after failing to convert a fake field goal minutes earlier. The Irish had 117 yards in the quarter to the Buffaloes' six yards of offense. The crowd was going crazy as Notre Dame advanced to the Colorado 30. "The Valley of the Sun is now setting," exclaimed NBC announcer Charlie Jones. "And here they come," he shouted in a battle cry as if he expected a Notre Dame blitzkrieg of Colorado's defense. The momentum was all Notre Dame's—until fate came swooping in, from the deserts and mountains, in the name of Colorado All-America linebacker Ted Johnson. Johnson's interception was the nail-in-the-coffin and the definite turning point of the game. "I thought the big play was Ted Johnson's interception," said McCartney. "They needed to score then."

"I think that was the finest performance by any other team I've coached," noted Holtz of Colorado after the game. "I've never seen a team so sharp and so crisp. I doubt that any team in the country

Right: Despite the loss, Coach Lou Holtz had all praise for his players in the post-game press conference.

Below: Senior fullback Ray Zellars fights for yardage as junior guard David Quist pries a Buffalo of Zellars' waist. Colorado was unforgiving on defense, holding the potent Irish rushing attack to 149 net yards on 45 carries.



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could have beaten them today."

Lee Becton came up to speak, finishing as one of Notre Dame's top-10 all-time rushing leaders. He did not dwell on the loss or the season, but what should count most. "I wouldn't trade these guys for any other group in America," Becton said. Powlus realized the impact of Becton and the seniors. He said, "As soon as the clock hit zero, we all looked forward to next year. We want to be undefeated next year, the best, national champions, and if we are, we'd owe it all to the seniors this year." □



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GAME SUMMARY

SCORING

	1	2	3	4	Final
Colorado	10	21	3	7	41
Notre Dame	3	7	7	7	24

1st Quarter

CU: Voskeritchian 33 FG at 11:38
 CU: Fauria 1 pass from Stewart at 5:55
 (Voskeritchian PAT)
 ND: Cengia 29 FG at 2:01

2nd Quarter

CU: Stewart 9 run at 9:21 (Vosk. PAT)
 CU: Salaam 1 run at 4:07 (Vosk. PAT)
 CU: Salaam 1 run at 1:35 (Vosk. PAT)
 ND: Mayes 7 pass from Powlus at 0:05
 (Cengia PAT)

3rd Quarter

ND: Mayes 40 pass from Powlus at 5:47
 (Cengia PAT)
 CU: Voskeritchian 48 FG at 1:55

4th Quarter

CU: Salaam 5 run at 9:29
 (Voskeritchian PAT)
 ND: Wallace 7 pass from Powlus at 2:07
 (Schroffner PAT)

Team Statistics

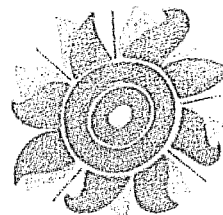
	ND	CU
First Downs.....	22	18
Rushing.....	13	9
Passing.....	9	8
Total Offensive Plays.....	80	60
Net Yards Rushing.....	149	246
Net Yards Passing.....	259	226
Total Net Yards.....	408	472
Avg Yds Per Play.....	5.1	7.9
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	3-25	4-35
Punts-Averages.....	5-33	4-36
3rd Down Conversions.....	5-16	7-17

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Becton 17-81, Zellars 5-21, Mosley 5-21, Powlus 15-12, Sollmann 1-9, Edwards 2-4, Farmer 2-1 CU- Stewart 7-143, Salaam 27-83, Troutman 2-20, Detmer 2-2, Henry 1-(-2)
Passing: ND- Powlus 34-18-259 3-1 CU- Stewart 21-12-226 1-0
Receiving: ND- Mayes 4-93, Becton 3-60, Mosley 3-34, Zellars 2-25, Stafford 2-22, McBride 2-21, Wallace 1-7 CU- Kidd 2-83, Westbrook 4-70, Savoy 2-58, Carruth 1-6, Salaam 1-6, Fauria 2-3
Leading Tacklers: ND- Gibson 7, Nau 7, Grasmanis 6, Davis 5, Magee 5, Wooden 5, Covington 4, Sample 4, Tatum 4

FIESTA BOWL: COMMENTARY

A Place in the Sun



Even at 6-4-1, Notre Dame was a worthy contender on January 2

by T. Ryan Kennedy

On January 3rd, sportswriters and fans across America had a field day with the 17-point Irish loss to Colorado. They ignorantly and arrogantly shouted, "I told you so," about the Irish not belonging in the Fiesta Bowl.

Notre Dame was thrown into the pot of annual bowl controversy by these people, who claimed the Irish should have been watching bowl games from their living rooms rather than playing in them. After all, the offensive line was in absolute disarray, the team was filled with injuries and controversy, and even Holtz seemed to have lost his edge. There's no way they should have gone to a bowl, right?

"Let me get this straight," said Holtz to the media. "We are playing a team you will concede is one of the four best teams in the country, right? Will you concede they're going to be at an emotional peak? They've got the Heisman winner, they've got [Bill] McCartney retiring and [Bob] Simmons leaving. And we're playing them in their section of the country. Then I would assume we're, what, a 30, 35-point underdog? Is that what we are? You mean to tell me with all those things going we're only a seven-point underdog? I guess somebody thinks we belong here."

Colorado players and Head Coach Bill McCartney agreed. They believed Notre Dame belonged there and they expected a challenge.

"Notre Dame is a great team," said defensive tackle Shannon Clavelle. "They can play at any bowl. They win bowl games, so I respect them for that."

This bowl game had more interesting subplots than any other on the day. They had met in three of the last six bowls. A

regular rivalry was building. Then there was McCartney, the man who lifted Colorado from the Big Eight basement. He was retiring, his players wanted to send him out right. Meanwhile, Notre Dame was looking for retribution. What began as a national championship march turned into a four-loss stagger; they had something to prove.

These subplots are what made the choice of Notre Dame so perfect. No one could have written it better. Who wanted to see Kansas State or Boston College or Virginia playing Colorado? There was nothing on the line in those potential match-ups.

Another point that so many critics overlooked is that the Fiesta Bowl picked Notre Dame. Notre Dame did not invite themselves. Fiesta Bowl officials knew this was not one of Notre Dame's best teams in recent years, but they also knew that Notre Dame is America's top college football program. And no one plays the underdog more brilliantly than the Irish.

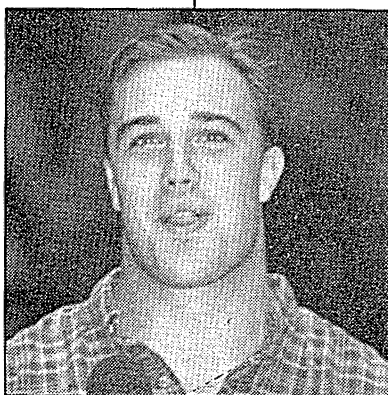
But there's more. Notre Dame's bowl game record of 13-6 is simply phenomenal. In 1992, the eighteenth-ranked Irish were up against number-three Florida in the Sugar Bowl. Everyone thought the Irish didn't belong there. But Notre Dame won the game 39-28. So the story was the same in 1994, and clearly, these sportswriters and fans who flapped their gums had not learned their lesson in 1992.

There were simply no alternatives than Notre Dame. Back in October, anyone who took time to think about possible bowl match-ups would have seen this coming. The Fiesta Bowl's top choice after Notre Dame were Virginia Tech (16) and North Carolina (17). If you can't have a good game on paper, take one filled with tradition and intrigue for television. And add it to your long list of reasons why Notre Dame belonged in the Fiesta Bowl. □

You Know Where My Heart Will Be

by Justin Goheen

When approached by the staff of *Scholastic Magazine* to write the Final Word for the 1994 Football Review, I immediately jumped at the chance. I felt fortunate to be able to express my memories and thoughts about the Fighting Irish football program in such a widely read publication.



At first, a multitude of ideas flooded my mind. My brain was overloaded with different ideas and angles to write about. But as I attempted to put something down on paper, I found myself unable to completely express my thoughts. I would tell myself, "Sleep on it," or, "Think it over a few more times." I began to blame myself for procrastinating in the beginning. However, as time went on, it became crystal clear as to why I could not put the words on paper. Completing this column will truly mark my final word with the Fighting Irish.

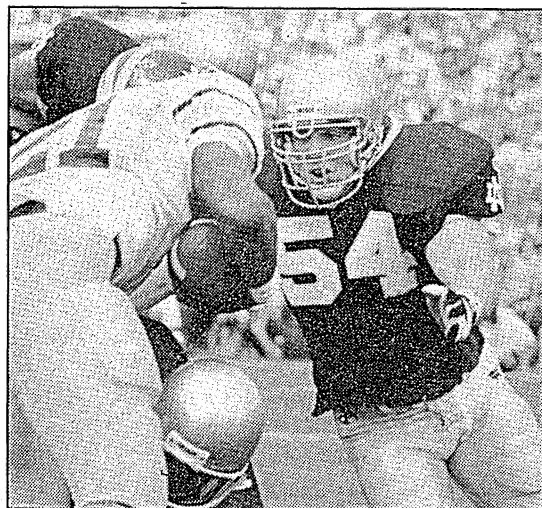
For myself and my fellow seniors who have played our last game for the Irish, this is difficult to swallow. We have given so much of ourselves, both physically and mentally, for the past four years. It is difficult to imagine having to watch the Fighting Irish come screaming out of the tunnel next year, knowing that we are not with them. Never again will we don the famed golden helmets, nor will we lace up the plain black shoes ready to do battle in the house that Rockne built.

Yet, although we will never again play for the Irish physically, every Saturday for the rest of our lives, a

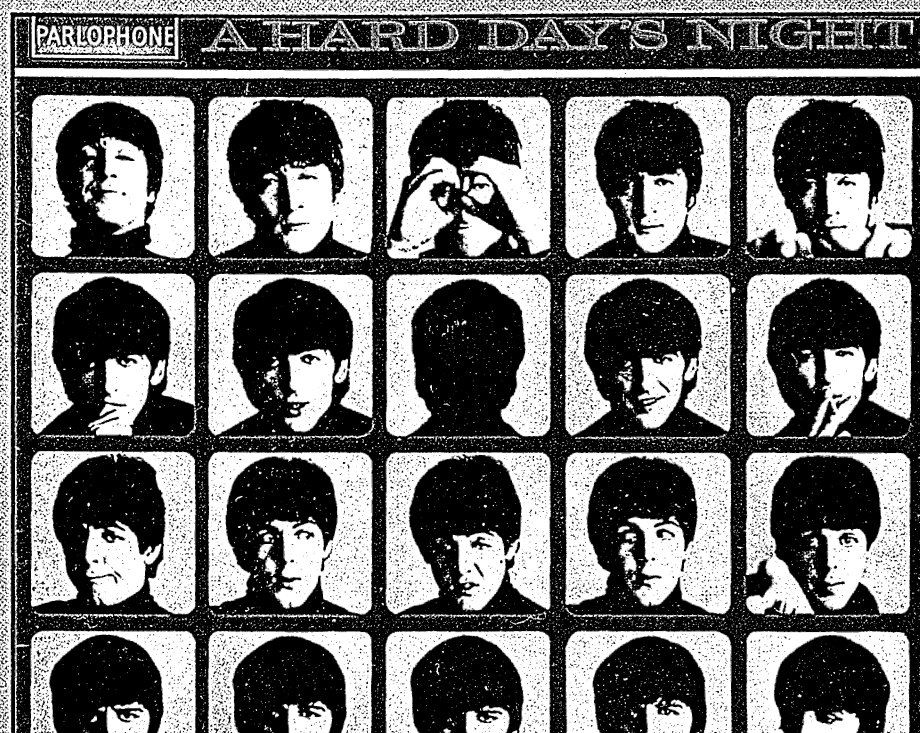
part of us will run out of the tunnel with the team. For there is a bond between us and the players of the past and future that will never be broken.

A football player does not simply 'play' for Notre Dame, he 'becomes' Notre Dame. And when he finishes his last game, along with the sadness, he feels fortunate to have added to the illustrious tradition that has been built throughout the past century. And no matter what that individual may go on to do in life, he will always be a part of Notre Dame football and all that it stands for.

As I enter into my life after Notre Dame, I will always look back fondly on the four years I was fortunate enough to spend at this tremendous institution. It has affected my life in many ways, all of which have been positive. And no matter where I may find myself next year and every year after, when the leaves begin to change, and the smell of burning leaves fills the air, you know where my heart will be. □



Inside linebacker Justin Goheen was a senior captain of the 1994 Fighting Irish football team.



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