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The Gobbler Surpasses The Gipper

A couple hours and a 198 yards from now, Notre Dame likely will have a new all-time total offense leader. He's an easy-going fellow of many nicknames and many talents. The man whose record he breaks is a guy of many memories. Terry O'Neil tells about both on page 7.



Today's Lineups - - - Pages 4 and 5

A Funny Thing Happened to Allan

By TERRY SHIELDS

A funny thing happened to Denny Allan on his way to oblivion. He became a first team Notre Dame halfback and when one plays first string at ND he is given a great deal of acclaim. But it was not an easy road to fame for Allan.

He came here much like any other freshman athlete. He had a great schoolboy record at St. John's High in Ashtabula, Ohio. In his senior year at St. John's he was All-city, All-conference and All-state at tailback and middle linebacker. Allan then received the usual (at least for an All-state Ohio tailback) offers from schools all over the country. He narrowed the field down to Syracuse and Notre Dame before making his final

decision. Denny says, "I visited both schools but I was most impressed with Notre Dame because of its great tradition and the fine coaching staff, especially Tom Pagna (offensive backfield coach)." His parents also were a great influence on his decision. (His roommate, Tom Eaton, a sophomore end, says, "His dad calls every night and they talk about football for at least a half hour.")

So Denny Allan now had to prove that his high school clippings were for real. He
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Northwestern linebacker Joel Hall (66) will tell you that Denny Allan (22) is not very timid about hitting the line.

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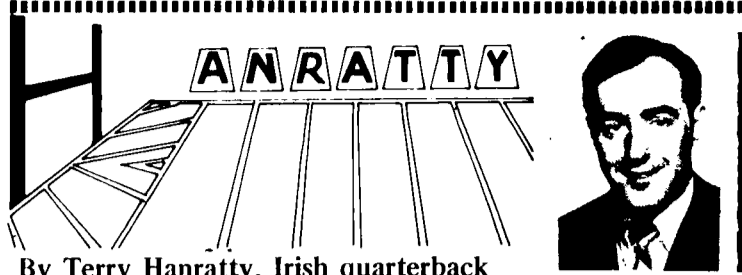
3 Next, insert the lager tap in the lower valve of the keg and give it a quarter turn. Now, set the keg upright in a tub and pack ice around it.

4 You're now ready to draw beer. Pump pressure to the proper point for good draw, usually about 15 lbs. That's all there is to it, but there's no rule against *sampling* just to make sure everything is perfect. Ahhhhh! It's no wonder you'll find more taverns with the famous "Bud on Draught" sign than any other!



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By Terry Hanratty, Irish quarterback

Remember the Wildcats

Illinois is basically the same type team as Northwestern. And if your memory is not too short, you recall the Wildcats gave us a rough time for three quarters. Illinois will come into our stadium Saturday with the same idea that Northwestern had in mind—beat Notre Dame and make your season a success. But this is nothing new for the Irish. We realize this is the attitude of our opponents each week. The only week we do not have to worry about our opponent having this in mind is November 23.

Illinois is looking for an upset, but the Irish have a few surprises in store for them. Purdue has been beaten and many of the other top teams will lose. We hope to be playing Southern Cal for the National Championship next month. However, we are not looking ahead. Illinois is our main concern and they must be beaten.

Illinois boasts a very good one-two punch in the offensive backfield. Rich Johnson is a two-time All-America. In his junior year, he rushed for over 800 yards. Because of his team's record, he was overlooked for national recognition. This year he has shown more speed and is having an even better season.

Bob Naponic, their quarterback, is having a good year also. Naponic has had two major operations on his knees, which slowed him down considerably. So look for Naponic to stay in the pocket and direct his offense from

there. The Illini also have a very good split end in Doug Dieken. Dieken is leading Illinois in receptions and he is only a sophomore.

Last year, Illinois had two exceptional defensive halfbacks in Ken Kmiec and Ron Bess. Both are playing pro ball now. This season, their younger brothers are will Illinois. Bob

Bess and Tom Kmiec will be playing in the offensive backfield. Bess is a starter.

We respect Illinois' defense mainly because they are so big and strong. They are capable of shutting off anybody's ground attack. Coach Valek has two All-America candidates on his defensive platoon, Tony Pleviak and Carson Brooks. Last year, Pleviak and led the Big Ten in throwing quarterbacks for losses and so far this fall he has been pretty nasty to opposing QBs.

The Irish came out of the Northwestern game without any serious injuries. This week, Jim Wright will be back in uniform. Jim will not be starting, but if he is needed, he will be close enough for Coach Ray to whistle.

Denny Allan

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started as a halfback on the freshman squad but when spring training rolled around he was an obscure third or fourth string. But by the time of the Blue-Gold Game he had moved up to second team. His determination finally paid off when he was given the starting nod for the Purdue game. He has been in the starting line-up ever since. Denny explains this rather simply. "I guess I just tried harder." (Denny must take lessons from Ara as the master of understatements.)

In regard to his alternating between flanker and running back Allan says that he "enjoys the variety." But if he had to pick which he preferred it would be running back because "I get a kick out of the contact."

Like most men on the team, the Ashtabula flash feels that we still have a strong chance to regain our number one ranking.

"Ara says that there are only six undefeated, untied teams in the top twenty. So anything can happen."

Allan, who is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Letters, hopes to major in the English. During the winter he keeps in shape by boxing with the N.D. Boxing Club. Last year he made it to the finals in the heavyweight division in the Bengal Bouts. He was beaten by teammate Chuck Landolfi. This year he plans to "get back."

Denny is a doubtful starter for this week's game against Illinois due to a pulled hamstring. (This is a recurring injury he first suffered in high school.) But with his determination he shouldn't be out of the line-up very long.

Irish Starters

OFFENSE

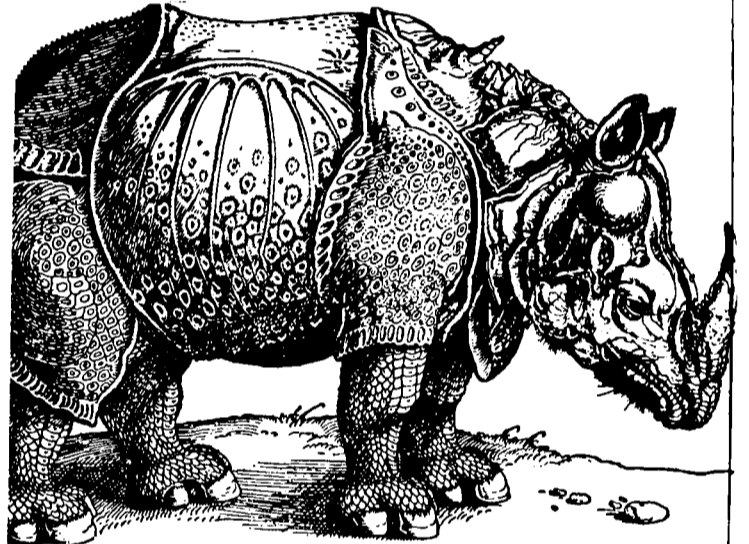
- SE Jim Seymour (85)
- LT Jim Reilly (61)
- LG Larry DiNardo (56)
- C Tim Monty (55)
- RG Tom McKinley (79)
- RT George Kunz (78)
- TE Jim Winegardner (96)
- QB Terry Hanratty (5)
- LHB Coley O'Brien (3)
- RHB Bob Gladioux (20)
- FB Jeff Zimmerman (47)

DEFENSE

- LE Bob Keuchenberg (75)
- LT Mike McCoy (77)
- RT Eric Norri (72)
- RE Chick Lauck (93)
- LOLB Tim Kelly (42)
- LILB Bob Olson (36)
- RILB Joe Freebery (57)
- ROLBL. Schumacher (24)
- LHB John Gasser (46)
- RHB Chuck Zloch (27)
- S Don Reid (11)

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ILLINOIS

No.	Name	Position	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Class	Hometown
10	Wade, Martin	QB	186	6-0	19	So.	Springfield (Griffin)
11	Bess, Bob	HB	180	5-11	19	Jr.	Bloomington
12	Naponic, Bob	QB	186	6-0	21	Sr.	Jeannette, Pa. (Hempfield)
14	Johnson, Ed	HB	190	5-11	20	Jr.	Rockford (East)
15	Brehmer, Steve	QB	170	5-11	19	So.	Delphi, Ind.
16	Burns, Bob	QB	175	6-2	19	So.	Ottawa
17	Klosterman, John	QB	195	6-3	19	So.	Effingham
18	Belssner, Charles	DB	175	6-0	19	So.	Norridge (Ridgewood)
19	Wolf, Fred	DB	173	6-0	21	Sr.	Fairmount (Jamaica)
20	MacGregor	QB	183	6-0	19	So.	South Bend, Ind. (Adams)
22	Rodgers, Randy	DB	171	6-0	21	Sr.	Monmouth (Warren)
23	Ryan, Mike	DB	185	5-11	18	So.	Lombard (Willowbrook-Villa Pk.)
24	Huston, Bill	HB	148	5-7	21	Sr.	Champaign
25	Jackson, Dave	HB	170	6-0	20	Jr.	Hartsdale, N.Y. (White Plains)
26	Franklin, Dan	DB	190	5-11	20	Jr.	Urbana
27	Gavlinski, Paul	LB	195	6-0	19	So.	Peoria (Bergan)
28	Kmiec, Tom	HB	196	6-1	19	So.	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
29	Waldron, Ralph	DB	183	6-0	20	Sr.	Urbana
30	Janecek, Bill	LB	193	6-1	21	Sr.	Berwyn (Morton West)
31	Pleviak, Tony	DT	226	6-3	21	Sr.	Manhattan (Zion-Benton)
32	Johnson, Rich	FB	207	6-1	21	Sr.	Canton
33	Dysert, Terry	FB	190	6-1	19	So.	Fithian (Oakwood)
34	Anderson, Bob	OE	175	5-11	20	Jr.	Evergreen Park (Calumet)
35	Wintermute, Bob	S	160	5-9	19	So.	LaGrange (Lyons)
36	Nowak, Will	DG	199	5-11½	21	Sr.	Chicago (Weber)
37	Bargo, Ken	FB	187	5-10	20	Jr.	Evansville, Ind. (North)
38	Kristak, Rich	S	180	5-10	19	So.	Cicero (Morton East)
39	Trigger, Jeff	LB	193	6-3	21	Sr.	Champaign
40	McIntosh, Hugh	S	175	5-9	20	Jr.	Piper City
41	Crawford, Paul	FB	178	5-10	20	Jr.	Chicago (Hirsch)
42	Spivey, Don	FB	210	6-0	20	So.	Chicago (Crane Tech)-
43	Kocher, Con	HB	182	6-0	19	So.	Sycamore
44	Parke, Glenn	HB	135	5-4	19	So.	Dolton (Thornridge)
45	Jones, Tom	HB	175	5-10	19	So.	Aurora (East)
46	McKissic, Dan	PK	145	5-7	20	Jr.	Cargondale
47	Bareither, Charles	S	175	6-2	20	Jr.	Urbana
48	Raddatz, Russ	HB	185	5-11	18	So.	Country Club Hills (Tinley Pk.)
49	Brooks, Carson	DE	209	6-1	21	Sr.	Rochelle
52	Riehle, John	C	200	6-1	21	Jr.	Franklin Park (Luther N.)
53	Rose, Jerry	C	191	6-0	19	Jr.	Naples, Fla.
54	Ornatek, Tony	C	216	6-3	19	So.	N. Chicago (Carmel-Mundelein)
55	Erb, Bruce	LB	219	6-2	20	Jr.	Glenview (Glenbrook South)
56	Bennis, John	C	210	6-0	20	So.	Lincoln (Lake Forest Academy)
57	Baskin, Neil	DT	235	6-0	19	So.	Skokie (Niles East)
58	Sturrock, Tom	OT	202	6-4½	21	Sr.	Western Springs (Lyons)
59	Clodfelter, John	OG	195	6-1	19	So.	Monticello
60	Johnson, Herschel	DT	210	6-3	21	Sr.	Belleville
61	Pillath, Jerry	OG	208	5-11	21	Sr.	Pound, Wis. (Coleman)
62	Kiser, Jess	LB	201	5-11	20	Jr.	Naperville (Downers Grove N.)
63	Bieszczad, Bob	OG	205	6-1	19	Jr.	Chicago (Weber)
64	Oman, Steve	OG	209	6-0	20	Jr.	Escanaba, Mich.
65	Belz, Dan	OG	215	6-2	19	So.	E. St. Louis (Assumption)
67	Claessens, Terry	OG	195	5-11	19	So.	Chicago (Fenger)
68	Pnazek, Carl	DG	248	6-4	19	Jr.	Orland Pk. (Calr Sandburg)
69	Redmann, Doug	OT	213	6-2	20	Jr.	Evanston
70	Scott, Tom	OT	230	6-3	20	Jr.	Canton, O. (McKinley)
71	Clements, Jesse	DT	225	6-3	19	So.	Raleigh, N.C. (Ligon)
72	Lindgren, Darit	OT	247	6-1	19	So.	Chicago (Senn)
73	Janus, Greg	OT	230	6-0	19	So.	Chicago (Gordon Tech)
75	McDonough, Mike	DG	202	5-11	21	Sr.	Beech Grove, Ind. (Sacred Ht.)
78	Whiteside, Jim	DT	219	6-1½	21	Sr.	Chicago (Bogan)
79	Hogan, Mickey	DT	204	6-5	20	Jr.	Homewood (Mendel Catholic)
80	Whitman, Doug	DE	192	6-1	21	Sr.	Canton
81	Brennan, Rich	OE	215	6-1	19	So.	LaGrange Pk. (R'side-Brookfield)
82	Dieken, Doug	OE	220	6-5	19	So.	Streator
83	Mauzey, John	DE	191	6-2	20	Jr.	Elmhurst (York)
84	Jurawski, Mike	OE	219	6-4	20	Sr.	Lockport
85	Kaiser, John	OE	195	6-3	19	So.	South Bend, Ind. (Adams)
86	McCarthy, Tim	OE	185	6-1	19	So.	Chicago (Leo)
87	Smith, Williw	DE	205	6-1	20	So.	Chicago (Crane Tech)
88	Robinson, Guy	OE	185	6-3	20	Jr.	Chicago (Hyde Park)
89	Wislow, Len	OE	217	6-3	19	Jr.	Chicago (Taft)
90	Pollard, David	FB	202	6-3	18	So.	Martinsville
91	Danisch, Bryant	DG	215	6-0	19	So.	Northlake (West Leyden)
92	Crum, Tom	DG	198	5-11	21	Sr.	Champaign
93	Butts, Brock	LB	192	6-0	21	Jr.	Decatur (MacArthur)
94	Graybeal, Russ	DE	205	6-0	20	So.	Urbana
95	Jinks, Claud	DG	234	6-4	20	Jr.	Homer (Jamaica)
96	Sliva, Oscar	LB	192	5-11	20	Jr.	Brookfield (Lyons)
97	Wilford, Jim	DB	172	5-10	19	So.	Cary (Cary-Grove)
98	Balogh, Ron	DG	223	6-1	19	So.	Chicago (Fenger)
99	Crews, Randy	DE	212	6-5½	20	Jr.	Kankakee (Bradley Bourbonnais)

NOTRE DAME

No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
2	Belden, Bob	QB	21	6-2	205	Sr.	Canton, Ohio
3	O'Brien, Coley	DB-QB	21	5-11	180	Sr.	Washington, D.C.
4	Gardner, John	QB	19	6-2	195	So.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	21	6-1	215	Sr.	Butler, Pa.
6	Gores, Tom	QB	20	6-1	180	Jr.	South Bend, Ind.
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	19	6-0	170	So.	South River, N.J.
8	Sigrist, Tim	HB	19	6-0	184	So.	Altoona, Pa.
10	Devine, Ed	HB	19	6-2	205	Jr.	Waldick, N.J.
11	Reid, Don	DHB	20	6-1	185	Jr.	Flint, Mich.
12	Reynolds, Tom	LB	20	6-0	185	Jr.	Ogden Dunes, Ind.
14	Wack, Steve	DHB	19	6-1	190	So.	Portland, Ore.
15	Standing, Jay	DHB	20	5-10	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
16	Sheahan, Jim	DHB	19	5-11	188	So.	Bellevue, Wash.
17	Landolfi, Chuck	HB-FB	21	5-11	205	Sr.	Ellwood City, Pa.
18	Slettvet, Tom	HB	20	6-0	202	Jr.	Sumner, Wash.
19	Quinn, Tom	DHB	21	6-1	200	Sr.	Clinton, Iowa
20	Gladieux, Bob	HB	21	5-11	185	Sr.	Louisville, O.
21	Criniti, Frank	HB	21	5-8	180	Sr.	Charleston, W.Va.
22	Allen, Denny	HB	19	5-11	190	So.	Ashtabuls, Ohio
23	Ness, Rick	LB	20	6-0	215	Jr.	Great Falls, Mont.
24	Schumacher, Larry	LB	20	6-0	205	Jr.	East Orange, N.J.
25	Jackson, Ernie	DHB	19	6-0	182	So.	Bartlesville, Okla.
26	Wittliff, Phil	DHB	20	6-2	205	Jr.	Port Huron, Mich.
27	Zloch, Chuck	DHB	19	5-11	180	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
28	Nightingale, Chuck	HB	19	5-10	165	So.	Valparaiso, Ind.
30	Merletti, Jim	LB	20	6-0	205	Jr.	Akron, Ohio
31	Johnson, Ron	LB	19	5-10	208	So.	Seattle, Wash.
32	Ziegler, Ed	HB	20	6-1	213	Jr.	Newport, Ky.
33	Bartz, Bill	FB	19	6-2	220	So.	Country Club Hills, Ill.
34	Kondrla, Mike	LB	19	6-0	216	So.	Oaklyn, N.J.
35	Vuillemin, Ed	DE	20	6-2	205	Jr.	Akron, Ohio
36	Olson, Bob	LB	20	6-0	230	Sr.	Superior, Wisconsin
38	Dushney, Ron	FB	21	5-10	195	Sr.	Peckville, Pa.
39	Lambert, Steve	FB	20	6-1	210	Jr.	Kankakee, Ill.
40	Wright, Jim	LB	19	6-1	220	So.	Sparta, N.J.
41	Lavin, John	LB	21	6-4	225	Sr.	Spokane, Wash.
42	Kelly, Tim	LB	19	6-1	212	So.	Springfield, Ohio
43	McHale, John	LB	19	5-11	205	So.	Chamblee, Ga.
44	Malone, Mike	DE	21	6-1	226	Sr.	Elmira, N.Y.
46	Gasser, John	DHB	20	6-2	178	Jr.	Logan, Ohio
47	Zimmerman, Jeff	FB	20	6-1	205	Jr.	Orwigsburg, Pa.
48	Kiliany, Dennis	LB	21	6-1	218	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio
49	Donohue, Pete	LB	20	6-0	202	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
50	Haag, Joe	LB	19	6-1	199	So.	King George, Va.
51	Holtzapfel, Mike	C	21	6-1	215	Sr.	Ironton, Ohio
52	Hempel, Scott	OG	19	6-0	235	So.	Copley, Ohio
53	Fischer, Ray	OG-T	21	6-1	220	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio
54	Vuillemin, Larry	C	19	6-3	240	Jr.	Akron, Ohio
55	Monty, Tim	C	21	6-0	220	Sr.	St. Albans, N.Y.
56	DiNardo, Larry	OG	19	6-1	243	So.	Queens, N.Y.
57	Freebery, Joe	LB	21	6-0	207	Sr.	Wilmington, Dela.
58	Buches, Steve	C	19	6-3	235	So.	Clairton, Pa.
59	Nash, Tom	OG	20	6-1	225	Jr.	Flushing, N.Y.
60	Cotter, Bob	OG	19	6-2	215	So.	Chicago, Ill.
61	Reilly, Jim	OG	20	6-2	230	Jr.	Yonkers, N.Y.
62	Kos, Gary	DT	19	6-2	234	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.
63	Ruzicka, Jim	OG	20	6-1	235	Jr.	Portland, Ore.
64	Brennan, Terry	OT	20	6-4	230	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
67	Wisne, Gerry	DT	21	6-4	230	Sr.	Detroit, Mich.
68	Harkins, Randy	OG	20	6-3	235	Jr.	Athens, Ohio
69	Tuck, Ed	OG-T	21	6-3	235	Sr.	Harrison, N.J.
70	Jockish, Bog	DT	20	6-3	260	Jr.	Peoria, Ill.
71	Kelly, George	DT	20	6-3	220	Jr.	Butler, Pa.
72	Norri, Eric	DT	21	6-2	245	Sr.	Virginia, Minn.
73	Martin, Mike	OT	19	6-4	260	So.	Roseburg, Ore.
74	Mudron, Pat	DT	19	6-0	240	So.	Joliet, Ill.
75	Kuechenberg, Bob	DE	21	6-2	245	Sr.	Hobart, Ind.
76	Kennedy, Chuck	OT	20	6-3	240	Jr.	Claymont, Del.
77	McCoy, Mike	DT	20	6-5	270	Jr.	Erie, Pa.
78	Kunz, George	OT	21	6-5	240	Sr.	Arcadia, Calif.
79	McKinley, Tom	OG	21	6-1	235	Sr.	Kalamazoo, Mich.
80	Poskon, Dewey	TE	20	6-4	220	Jr.	Elizabeth, Pa.
81	deArrieta, Jim	DHB	20	6-1	190	Jr.	Winnemucca, Nev.
82	Gasseling, Tom	DE	19	6-2	235	So.	Wapato, Wash.
83	Furlong, Nick	SE	20	6-1	200	Jr.	Pelham, N.Y.
84	Zilly, John	OT	19	6-5	240	So.	Narragansett, R.I.
85	Seymour, Jim	SE	21	6-4	205	Sr.	Berkley, Mich.
86	Heneghan, Curt	DHB	21	6-3	190	Sr.	Redmond, Wash.
87	Lawson, Tom	TE	20	6-5	230	Jr.	New City, N.Y.
88	Neidert, Bob	LB-DE	19	6-0	210	So.	Akron, Ohio
89	Eaton, Tom	SE	19	6-3	220	So.	Lancaster, Ohio
90	Stark, Craig	SE	19	6-5	210	So.	South Bend, Ind.
91	Ziznewski, Jay	ST	20	6-7	250	Jr.	Perth Amboy, N.J.
92	Snow, Paul	SE	21	6-1	180	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif.
93	Lauck, Chick	DE	21	6-1	225	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
94	Swearingen, Tim	DT	22	6-3	225	Sr.	Cols, Ohio
95	Hartzel, Nick	DE	19	6-4	200	So.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
96	Winegardner, Jim	TE	21	6-4	225	Sr.	Lima, Ohio



Sports Parade

By Milt Richman, UPI columnist

ND with Ease

MEXICO CITY (UPI)— The high altitude here affects all the athletes differently.

Most of them say you can have it but there are some who like it. Others say the height makes no difference at all.

Then you take the Arkansas Razorbacks' football team. They're not here but they like the altitude anyway. The Hogs are way up there in the Southwest Conference with a 4-0 laundry mark and they like it fine except when some wit suggests that maybe they're living a little high on the Hog.

The oddsmakers figure they'll tumble in their up-tight conference confrontation with Texas at Austin Saturday. I don't. I think the Hogs' sophomore quarterback Bill Montgomery will get them home all right.

Two of my other preferences are Tennessee over Alabama. The Vols are in love with their new home "track" which is pretty much the same material those Olympic records are being set on here. And Indiana over Michigan because the Hoosiers figure they have something to prove.

And then they wrote:

Navy over Pittsburgh—You should've heard what the Pitt coach told his players after the Syracuse 50-17 shambles. It won't do any good.

Rutgers over Army—see what happens when you're not looking.

Princeton over Colgate—Red Raiders are gunning for the

Tigers, though.

And Harvard over Cornell, Holy Cross over Boston U., Villanova over Buffalo, Dartmouth over Brown, Yale over Columbia, Connecticut over Maine, Massachusetts over Rhode Island, New Hampshire over Vermont, Penn over Lehigh, Temple over Hofstra and Delaware over West Chester.

Ohio State over Northwestern—The society for

the prevention of cruelty to animals should hear about this.

Notre Dame over Illinois—It'll be a terrible embarrassment if it winds up the other way around.

Nebraska over Missouri—Cornhuskers play rough.

Purdue over Wake Forest—Leroy Keyes gets back on the track.

And Kansas over Oklahoma State, Minnesota over Michigan State, Oklahoma over Iowa State, Iowa over Wisconsin, Colorado over Kansas State, Louisville over Marshall, Ohio U. over Miami O., Cincinnati over Wichita State, Bowling Green over Western Michigan and Southern Illinois over Dayton.

Rice over SMU—Owls should be the ones to bottle up hot shot Chuck Hixson.

Texas A and M over TCU—Two have-nots scuffling in

the grass.

Arizona over Brigham Young—Paying back the Cougars for last year.

And University of Texas at El Paso over New Mexico State, North Texas State over Tulsa, San Jose State over New Mexico and Texas A and I over McMurry.

Florida over North Carolina—Someone's gonna get the Gators this year but it doesn't figure to be the Tar Heels.

Clemson over Duke—Everybody's bowling over the Blue Devils.

Georgia over

Vanderbilt—Vince Dooley has his Bulldogs up for this one.

Southern California over Washington—O.J. Simpson was "held" to 220 yards by Stanford.

Oregon State over Arizona State—Both should put a lotta points on the scoreboard.

Stanford over Washington State—Cougars in for a bad time.

UCLA over California—Tommy Prothro says he's not sure Bill Bolden is ready but Bolden hit a dozen out of 18 in practice the other day. He's ready.

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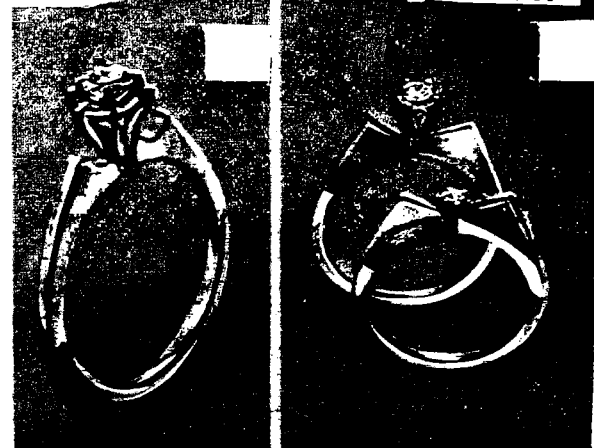
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By TERRY O'NEIL

Probably the first nickname his teammates hung on him was "The Rat"

Soon he burst onto national magazine covers with a couple of super games and the publicity men began staying up all night, trying to discover a name the fans could remember in their sleep.

Roger Valdiserri volunteered "Mr. Fling." Joe Doyle contributed "The Butler Bullet."

Then last year, fullback Ron Dushney (one of his closest friends) came up with the tag that stuck—"The Gobbler."

Today, Terrance Hugh (The Gobbler) Hanratty is at least even money to become Notre Dame's all time total offense leader, thereby surpassing a man whose nickname has adorned more than a million square yards of sheet signs — The Gipper.

George Gipp played four years of football with the Irish (1917-20), saw action in 28 games and gained 4,110 yards rushing and passing.

A broken ankle eliminated him from the last two games of 1917. He played full schedules the next two years. Then, in 1920, with only the final game at Michigan State remaining, "The Gipper" contracted a strep throat and died less than a month later (Dec. 14, 1920) at age 25.

For nearly 50 years, Gipp's mark stood unchallenged, despite names like Bertelli Lujack, Williams, Guglielmi, and Hornung.

But today, in the 24th game of his college career, (or next Saturday at the latest) Hanratty will smash Gipp's total offense standard and then spend the rest of 1968 putting it so far out of reach that it may never be broken again.

Indeed, it will be a long time before any Irish player is presented with circumstances so ideal for stacking up total offense yardage. Consider:

—When Terry went to spring practice at the end of his freshman year, there was no upperclass quarterback. He had only Coley O'Brien to beat out for the job. He did just that and became a three-year starter.

— His coach is one of the game's most ardent proponents of wide-open football.

— Terry has been blessed with some of Notre Dame's finest pass catchers in Jim Seymour, Bob Gladieux and Rocky Bleier. Seymour is the all-time leading receiver and Gladieux currently is tied for seventh on the list.

None of the above is meant to discredit Hanratty's superb performance over the past two and a half seasons. Surely, the principal reason nobody will smell his record for a long time is because, well, there just aren't many guys near him in ability.

"He's the finest quarterback I've ever been associated with," says Irish offensive backfield coach Tom Pagna. "And for speed of the ball, distance, trajectory and relative accuracy, he's got the finest arm I've ever seen in college football."

"He's given us a very fluid offense here. There's a lot of things you can do with a boy like Terry. We've assembled a lot of offense around him."

"Besides his arm, he's very quick-footed. Not just for a man his size (6-1, 213), but for any quarterback. I'm sure he'll be a to pro draft pick and he's got an excellent chance to make it. He's tall enough to see out of the pocket, he's quick enough to move from the pocket when rushed and he's very knowledgeable about football. I hope he has a fine pro career. He deserves it."

Pagna's accolades are well-directed. Hanratty leads the all-time ND forward passing list in every department save two. He is five scoring flips behind Angelo Bertelli in touchdown passes and .026 behind Frank



On the sidelines, during a timeout, Parseghian, Pagna and Hanratty talk it over.

Tripucka in completion percentage.

It is also true, however, that Terry is the most intercepted passer in Irish history, and it is at this point that Pagna rushes to his defense.

"You know," he begins, "we've had people come in here to the coach's offices, to the Stadium, to my house or to one of the other coach's houses tell us how to avoid interceptions. Most of them don't know what they're talking about."

"Every time there's an interception, the quarterback automatically takes the blame. But we've had interceptions because pass patterns were run wrong, because of tipped balls, because of dropped passes and, of course, some because of bad throws," Pagna explains.

The big complaint among armchair quarterbacks is that Terry sometimes "forces the ball

in" to a well-covered receiver and misses a secondary receiver who is open. Rebuttal, once again by Pagna:

"Sure, I'll admit that sometimes Terry unconsciously hunts for Jim Seymour. But that's because most of the time he knows Jim can work free if he's covered. You'll find this same situation with lots of passing combinations, like Starr and Dowler for instance. Most of the time, he can get the ball to Seymour, but when he doesn't, you hear people say he forced it."

On the the question of secondary receivers, Pagna says, "one some of our patterns, there is not such thing as a secondary receiver. One guy is out there to be a decoy and the other one is supposed to get the ball. Now, if he's well covered or he trips and falls down, Terry has to start moving and improvising. Most of the time, he has success, but you only hear about the few times when he doesn't."

"He has some things to work on. One of his biggest flaws is confidence. He's so confident in his arm that often he doesn't set himself and get properly balanced before he throws," Pagna adds.

Other than those few items, Hanratty's biggest trouble is the fact that he can't throw the ball 50 yards with his left hand.

But, like Pagna says, "He's not a machine. None of us was made perfect."

Terry Hanratty also has a chance to reach the all-time NCAA Top Ten in total offense. Here are the current leaders:

	Plays	Yds.
1. Virgil Carter, BYU 1964-66	1059	6354
2. Johnny Bright, Drake 1949-51	825	5903
3. Jerry Rhome, SMU 1961; Tulsa 1963-64	1026	5879
4. Billy Stevens, UTex El Paso 1965-67	1091	5704
5. Steve Spurrier, Florida 1964-66	995	5290
6. Gary Beban, UCLA 1965-67	881	5197
7. George Mira, Miami (Fla.) 1961-63	935	5125
8. Andy Davis, Geo. Washington 1948-51	950	5003
9. Terry Baker, Oregon St. 1960-62	753	4979
10. Charlie Justice, No. Caro. 1946-49	857	4871

George's Totals

	1917	1918	1919	1920	Total
Rushing	244	541	729	827	2341
Passing	40	293	727	702	1769
Total	284	834	1456	1536	4110

Terry's Totals

	1966	1967	1968	Total
Rushing	124	183	135	442
Passing	1247	1439	793	3479
Total	1371	1622	928	3921

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	N.D.	Opp.	Ill.	Opp.
Points Scored	145	93	31	136
First Downs	121	73	63	70
By Rushing	72	32	43	45
By Passing	45	37	18	25
By Penalties	4	4	2	0
Rushing (number of)	257	155	235	198
Net Gain Rushing	1151	458	663	999
Net Yards Passing	832	860	300	584
Attempts	116	117	92	78
Completions	65	54	34	41
Intercepted	8	4	5	1
Total Plays (rush&pass)	373	272	327	276
Total Offense	1983	1318	963	1583
Punts (number)	11	26	39	30
Total Yardage	440	997	1469	1141
Average Yardage	40	38.3	37.7	38.0
Kickoff Return Yards	375	419	362	148
Number	15	19	19	9
Punt return Yardage	198	40	33	214
Number	14	2	15	16
Fumbles--Lost	9-5	9-4	17-7	11-8
Penalties Against	15	17	17	22
Yards Lost	133	154	109	206
Interception Returns	4	8	1	5
Yards returned	7	101	2	157

PASSING

Player	No.	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Pct
Hanratty	109	62	8	793	6	.569
Theismann	6	3	0	39	0	.500
O'Brien	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Naponic	86	33	5	286	0	.335
Burns	6	1	0	14	0	.167

RUSHING

Player	TC	YDS	AVE
Zimmerman	56	265	4.7
Gladieux	59	243	4.1
Hanratty	34	135	4.0
Dushney	24	150	6.3
Landolfi	16	113	7.0
Allan	26	83	3.2
O'Brien	11	53	4.8
Criniti	14	68	4.9
Theismann	8	39	4.9
Ziegler	5	19	3.8
Belden	2	8	4.0
Hempel	1	12	12
deArrieta	1	13	13
Total	257	1151	4.5
R. Johnson*	97	369	3.8
Bargo	27	105	3.9
Jackson	16	66	4.1
Huston	11	57	5.2
Naponic	63	43	0.7
Bess	7	17	2.4
Kmiec	3	4	1.3
Raddatz	4	1	0.3
Burns	7	0	---

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
deArrieta	9	331	36.7
Gladieux	2	109	54.5
Bareither	37	1370	37.0
Bess	1	72	72.0

RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
Seymour	22	291	2
Gladieux	17	198	1
Winegardner	11	154	0
Allan	7	93	1
Eaton	4	54	1
O'Brien	2	39	1
Zimmerman	2	3	0
Dieken	11	90	0
Bess	9	79	0
Wislow	4	48	0
Jackson	4	45	0
R. Johnson	3	28	0
Raddatz	3	10	0

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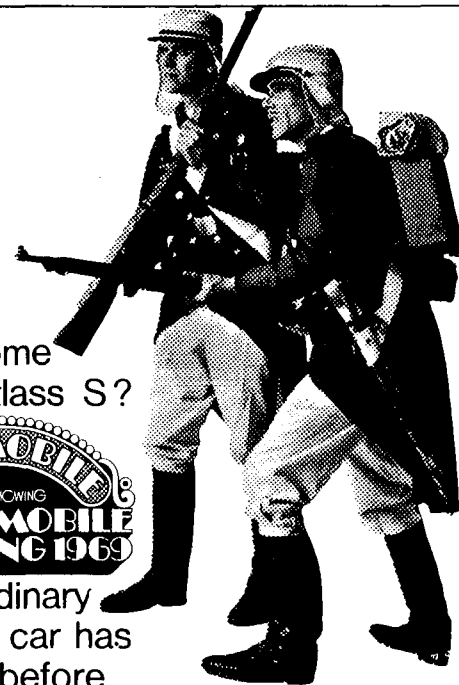
Player	TD	PAT	FG	TP
Allan	4	1	0	26
Gladieux	6	0	0	36
Hempel	0	17-19	2-4	23
Seymour	2	0	0	12
Hanratty	3	0	0	18
Landolfi	1	0	0	6
Eaton	1	0	0	6
O'Brien	2	0	0	12
Criniti	1	0	0	6
R. Johnson	2	2	0	14
Naponic	2	0	0	12
McKissic	0	2	1	5

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