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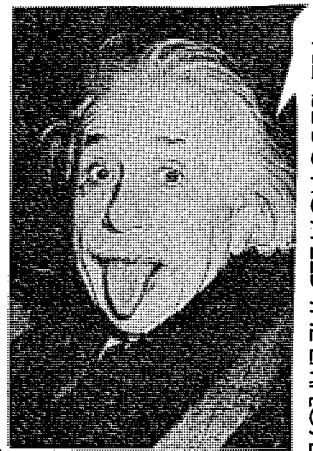
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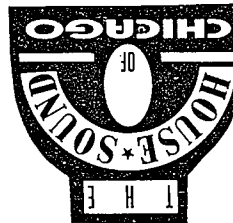
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A Note to Our Readers

Scholastic's annual Football Review has made fantastic strides in recent years. Ricky Watters' centerspread shot in our 1987 edition marked the first time color photography graced the pages of any of our recent issues, much less one entirely devoted to Notre Dame's second religion (or first, depending on the strength of your allegiance).

Last year's issue served as a landmark as well. We honored our national championship team with a special 56-page spread containing four color shots and an all-glossy finish, a first for our publication.

With this year's Irish squad boasting the nation's best record against the country's toughest slate of opponents, we felt obligated to go a step further. The 1989 issue features an unprecedented number of pages (64) to go along with our largest color photography display to date (eight photos). Although budget limitations prevent us from publishing an all-glossy edition this year, we're confident you will find the overall quality of this issue to exceed that of past editions.

Recall with us a 1989 season that added a special chapter to Notre Dame football lore. From Notre Dame's explosive first half at the Kickoff Classic against Virginia to its inspired second half against Colorado to capture the Orange Bowl Championship, this season hardly paled as a sequel to last year championship campaign, providing mountainous highs along with a few lows.

The school record 23-game winning streak that peaked at Penn State's Beaver Stadium, where ND had never won, may never fall. Who can forget the Rocket's two kick returns to propel the Irish to victory on a soggy day in Ann Arbor, or the defense's goal line stands against Southern Cal and the Buffaloes? Relive the disappointment of Miami's third and 44 "Hail Mary" pass to perpetuate Notre Dame's woes in the Orange Bowl, and share in the Irish triumph a month later in the same stadium. It is our sincere hope that this issue will serve as a reminder of the season not only today, but as a keepsake for future consumption.

Finally, we wish to extend special thanks to John Heisler and the Notre Dame Sports Information staff, the Dome, the South Bend Tribune, Mike Bennett and John and Vicki Dlugolecki for their assistance. Their contributions, along with those of our hard-working staff, were essential in making this issue possible. Enjoy.

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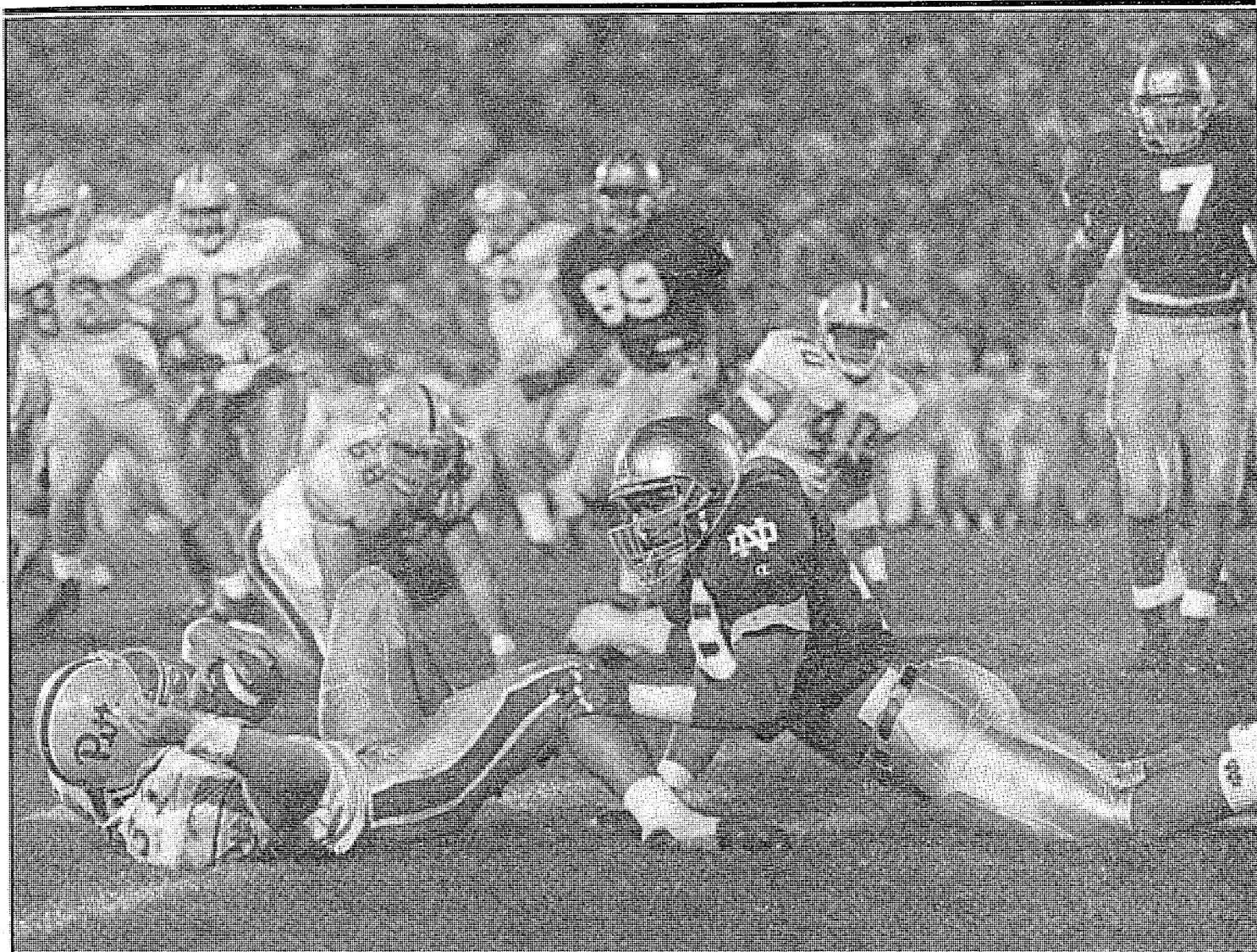
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1989 Notre Dame Football Honors and Awards



Tony Rice, senior quarterback
Football News '89 College Player of the Year
 '89 Heisman Trophy finalist (finished fourth)
Football News All-America (first team)
 Gannett News Service All-America (third team)
 United Press International and *The Sporting News*

All-America (honorable mention)

Domino's Pizza "Coaches' Choice" College Football Player of the Year Award nominee (one of 10)

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (presented by Kentucky chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame to the top quarterback in the country)

Notre Dame National Monogram Club Team MVP (by vote of squad)
 MVP in Kickoff Classic (by vote of media; ran for 70 yards and a TD and threw for 147 more)

ABC Sports/Chevrolet MVP vs. Purdue (career-high 12 completions on 15 attempts for career-high 270 passing yards; 12 rushes for 67 yards, 1 TD)

CBS Sports/Chevrolet MVP vs. USC (99 rushing yards and 2 TDs, 5 of 16 passing for 91 yards)

Invited to play in Hula Bowl and East-West Shrine all-star games



Raghib Ismail, sophomore flanker
 Associated Press, *The Sporting News*, *Football News*, Football Writers Association of America (as kick returner), Newspaper Enterprise Association and Gannett News Service All-America (all first team)

United Press International All-America (second team)

ABC Sports/Chevrolet MVP, *Sports Illustrated* Special Team Player of the Week, Associated Press Midwest Offensive Player of the Week and *The Sporting News* Offensive Player of the Week vs. Michigan (he returned kickoffs 89 and 92 yards for TDs)

ESPN/VISA Player of the Game vs. Air Force (180 all-purpose yards, two TDs including 56-yard punt return)

ESPN/VISA Player of the Game vs. Pittsburgh (153 all-purpose yards, including 50-yard TD run; led Irish with 74 rushing yards)



Chris Zorich, junior defensive tackle
 Touchdown Club of Washington, DC, College Lineman of the Year
 Associated Press, United Press International, *The Sporting News*, *Football News*, Walter Camp Foundation, Football Writers Association of America and Gannett News Service All-America (all first team)
 Newspaper Enterprise Association All-America (second team)
 Lombardi Award Finalist



Todd Lyght, junior cornerback
 Associated Press, United Press International, *The Sporting News*, *Football News*, Walter Camp Foundation, American Football Coaches Association (Kodak), Newspaper Enterprise Association and Football Writers Association of America All-

America (all first team)

Gannett News Service All-America (second team)

Jim Thorpe Award finalist (one of three)



Ned Bolcar, senior linebacker
 United Press International and *The Sporting News* All-America (second team)
Football News All-America (honorable mention)
 Associated Press Midwest Defensive Player of the Week vs. Michigan (19 tackles)

CBS Sports/Chevrolet MVP and *The Sporting News* Defensive Player of the Week vs. Miami (13 tackles, interception return for TD)

Invited to play in Japan Bowl and East-West Shrine all-star games



Ricky Watters, junior tailback
Football News and *The Sporting News* All-America (honorable mention)
 CBS Sports/Chevrolet MVP vs. Michigan State (89 yards rushing, 2 TDs)



Jeff Alm, senior defensive tackle
 Associated Press, *Football News* and Gannett News Service All-America (all second team)
 Notre Dame Lineman of the Year, Moose Krause Chapter of National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame



Pat Terrell, senior free safety
 Gannett News Service All-America (first team)
The Sporting News All-America (honorable mention)
 Invited to play in East-West Shrine all-star game



Derek Brown, sophomore tight end
 Gannett News Service All-America (second team)
 United Press International and *Football News* All-America (honorable mention)



Tim Grunhard, senior offensive guard
 Newspaper Enterprise Association All-America
 (second team)
 United Press International, *The Sporting News* and
Football News All-America (honorable mention)
 Invited to play in Hula Bowl



Donn Grimm, junior linebacker
The Sporting News All-America (honorable
 mention)



Mike Heldt, junior center
The Sporting News and *Football News* All-
 America (honorable mention)



Tim Ryan, junior offensive guard
The Sporting News All-America (honorable
 mention)



Stan Smagala, senior cornerback
 United Press International and *Football News*
 All-America (honorable mention)



Scott Kowalkowski, junior defensive end
The Sporting News All-America (honorable
 mention)



Dean Brown, senior offensive tackle
The Sporting News All-America (honorable
 mention)
 Invited to play in Hula Bowl



Pat Eilers, senior split end
 Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Student
 Athlete Award
 State Farm Student Athlete of the Year Award
 Maxwell House Spirit of Notre Dame Award



D'Juan Francisco, senior strong safety
 Invited to play in Hula Bowl



Chris Shey, senior linebacker
 Hesburgh/Joyce Hall of Fame Scholarship
 Award



Anthony Johnson, senior fullback
The Sporting News All-America (honorable
 mention)
 Nick Pietrosante Award (by vote of squad to
 player who best exemplifies courage, teamwork,
 loyalty, dedication and pride of the late All-
 America Irish fullback)
 Invited to play in Hula Bowl



Doug DiOrio, senior safety
 Hesburgh/Joyce Hall of Fame Scholarship
 Award

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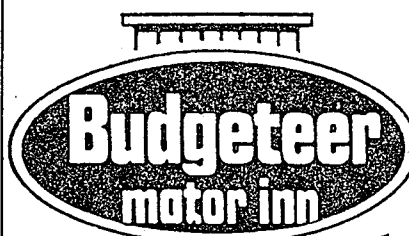
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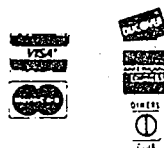
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1989 Regular Season Final Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

A 31 Virginia	W 36-13	77,323(c)
S 16 at Michigan	W 24-19	105,912(c)
S 23 MICHIGAN ST.	W 21-13	59,075(c)
S 30 at Purdue	W 40-7	67,861(c)
O 7 at Stanford	W 27-17	86,019(c)
O 14 at Air Force	W 41-27	53,533(c)
O 21 USC	W 28-24	59,075(c)
O 28 PITT	W 45-7	59,075(c)
N 4 NAVY	W 41-0	59,075(c)
N 11 SMU	W 59-6	59,075(c)
N 18 at Penn St.	W 34-23	86,025(c)
N 25 at Miami	L 10-27	81,634(c)

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS.....	257	206
Rushing.....	193	80
Passing.....	59	111
Penalty.....	5	15
3rd Down Conv. %.....	47	41
4th Down Conv. %.....	60	38
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	4818	3550
Avg. Per Game.....	401.5	295.8
Total Plays.....	845	828
Avg. Per Play.....	5.7	4.3
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	3452	1267
Avg. Per Game.....	288	106
Total Rushes.....	673	416
NET YARDS PASSING.....	1366	2283
Avg. Per Game.....	114	190
Completion %.....	51	56
Had Intercepted.....	10	24
PUNTS/AVERAGE.....	38/40.7	62/37.9
PENALTIES/YARDS.....	58/483	54/417
FUMBLES/BALL LOST.....	28/16	30/14
TOUCHDOWNS.....	51	23
Rushing.....	42	5
Passing.....	2	18
Returns.....	7	0

TIME OF POSSESSION.....378:06 341:54

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	TOT	AVG
ND.....	91	167	68	80	406	33.8
Opponent.....	44	45	29	65	183	15.3

Scoring

	TDR	TDP	TDRt	PAT	FG	Pts
Johnson	11	2	0	0-0	0-0	78
Hentrich	0	0	0	44-45	8-15	68
Watters	10	0	1	0-0	0-0	66
Rice	7	0	0	1-2	0-0	44
Ismail	2	0	3	0-0	0-0	30
Culver	5	0	0	0-0	0-0	30
Hackett	0	0	0	3-4	7-8	24
Bolcar	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	6
Graham	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Boyd	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Setzer	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
West	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Alm	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	6
Belles	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Levens	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
McNamara	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Terrell	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	6

Rushing

	NO	YRS	AVG	LG	TD
Rice	174	884	5.1	38	7
Watters	118	791	6.7	53	10
Johnson	131	515	3.9	35	11
Ismail	64	478	7.5	50	2
Culver	59	242	4.1	15	5
Levens	25	132	5.3	30	1
Belles	15	83	5.5	13	1
Boyd	9	64	7.1	14	1
Setzer	17	59	3.5	22	1
Brooks	13	43	3.3	11	0
Mihalko	12	44	3.7	7	0
Mirer	12	32	2.7	11	0
Jarrell	2	24	12.0	21	0
Eilers	5	18	3.6	8	0
Graham	7	15	2.1	7	1
McNamara	4	14	3.5	6	1
Lanigan	2	9	9.0	8	0
West	2	5	2.5	4	1
R. Griggs	2	0	0.0	2	0
ND	673	3452	5.1	53	42
OPP	416	1267	3.0	36	5

Receiving

	NO	YDS	AVG	LC	TD
Ismail	27	535	19.8	52	0
Brown	13	204	15.7	38	0
Watters	13	196	15.1	32	0
Johnson	8	85	10.6	27	2
Eilers	5	53	10.6	20	0
Pollard	4	117	29.3	42	0
Jarrell	4	37	9.3	16	0
Belles	3	29	9.7	17	0
Levens	3	27	9.0	12	0
Mihalko	3	44	14.7	33	0
T. Smith	2	26	12.0	18	0
I. Smith	1	6	6.0	6	0
R. Griggs	1	7	7.0	7	0
ND	87	1366	15.7	52	2
OPP	232	2283	9.8	61	18

Passing	C	A	Pct	Yds	TD	INT	LG
Rice	68	137	.496	1122	2	9	52
Mirer	15	30	.500	180	0	1	33
Graham	4	5	.800	64	0	0	37
ND	87	172	.506	1366	2	10	52
OPP	232	412	.563	2283	18	24	61

Punt Returns

	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Watters	15	201	13.4	97	1
Ismail	7	113	16.1	56	1
Eilers	1	3	3.0	3	0
Belles	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mihalko	1	0	0.0	0	0
ND	25	317	12.7	97	2
OPP	12	88	7.3	20	0

Kickoff Ret

	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ismail	20	502	25.1	92	2
Francisco	2	57	28.5	39	0
Johnson	3	42	14.0	27	0
Culver	3	28	9.3	11	0
Mihalko	1	3	3.0	3	0
Belles	1	2	2.0	2	0
ND	30	634	21.1	92	2
OPP	56	1075	19.2	42	0

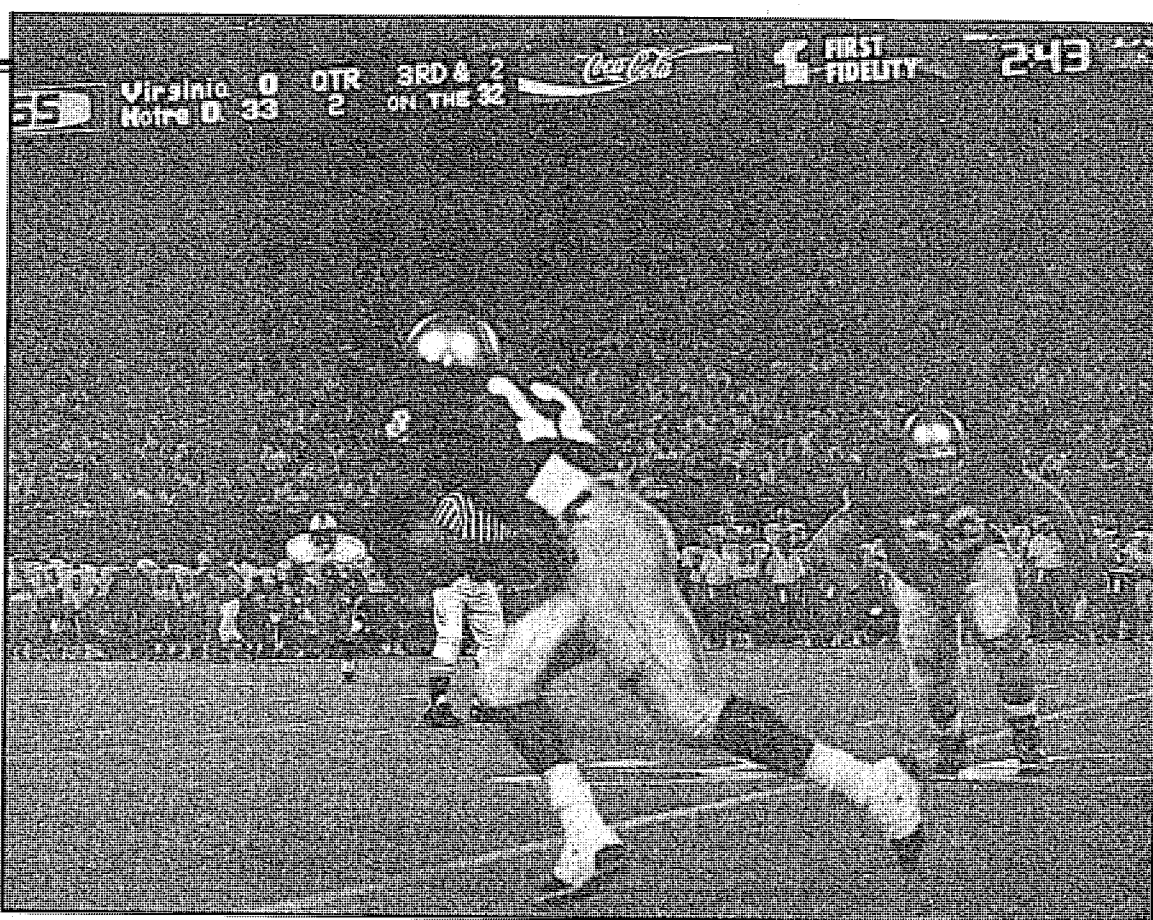
Tackles (Totals-Solos-Assists): Bolcar (109-66-43), Grimm (93-49-44), Zorich (92-43-49), Alm (74-30-44), Francisco (66-38-28), Dahl (52-27-25), A. Jones (49-25-24), Kowalkowski (51-19-32), Lyght (47-25-22), Smagala (45-30-150), Terrell (44-22-22), McDonald (34-8-26), Ridgley (24-11-13), Flannery (23-11-12), G. Davis (23-8-15), R. Smith (14-9-5), S. Smith (13-3-10), Simien (9-2-7), Smalls (8-4-4), N. Smith (8-5-3), Poorman (7-3-4), Bryant (7-4-3), DuBose (7-3-4), E. Jones (7-3-4), S. Davis (3-0-3), McShane (3-1-2), Ratigan (3-2-1), Crounse (2-0-2), deManigold (1-0-1), Callan (1-0-1), Marshall (1-1-0), Bodine (1-1-0), McGill (1-0-1), DiOrio (0-0-0).

Fumbles Recovered/Caused: Ridgley (3-0), Zorich (2-1), Kowalkowski (2-0), G. Davis (1-1), Smagala (1-0), Terrell (1-0), McDonald (1-0), Simien (1-0), Ratigan (1-0), A. Jones (0-1), Alm (0-1), Bolcar (0-1).

Passes Int/Broken up: Lyght (8-6.5), Terrell (5-9), Francisco (4-5.5), Grimm (2-3), Alm (1-6), Bolcar (1-3), Flannery (1-0), S. Davis (1-0), DiOrio (1-0), Smagala (0-6), E. Jones (0-3), Zorich (0-2), Dahl (0-2), G. Davis (0-2), Poorman (0-2), Ratigan (0-2), Kowalkowski (0-1), McDonald (0-1), Ridgley (0-1), R. Smith (0-1).

Sacks: McDonald (4/-15), Dahl (3.5/-10), Zorich (3/-27), Kowalkowski (3/-12), A. Jones (2/-26), Bolcar (2/-21), E. Jones (1/-23), McShane (1/-7), Alm (1/-4), Ridgley (1/-1), Flannery (0.5/-3).

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As the Meadowlands scoreboard shows, Watters and the Irish had their way with the Cavaliers in the first half.

The 1989 Kickoff Classic

Off and

RUNNING

*Notre Dame's awesome display
of firepower buries Virginia*

BY ANDY HILGER

Aug. 31, East Rutherford, NJ-

In 1988, Notre Dame was supposed to be "a year away." Lou Holtz was only in his third year and most of the skill positions were filled with underclassmen. Much to the delight of the Irish fans, the 1988 team responded with the national championship "a year early."

Now, Notre Dame took a seasoned, talented squad to the field. But true to form, Head Coach Lou Holtz spent much of the week preceding the Kickoff Classic doubting his team's chance for success.

In the wake of several recent events, it appeared as if Holtz may have had genuine cause for concern. After all, the Irish had

graduated Mark Green, Andy Heck, Frank Stams, Wes Pritchett, Reggie Ho and George Streeter— all essential components of the 12-0 team from the previous year.

But these graduations had been expected. In addition to deficiencies resulting from graduation, various difficulties unexpectedly sidelined Michael Stonebreaker, Tony Brooks, Braxton Banks and George Williams. Not only was overall talent depleted, but the surprises were bound to upset delicate team chemistry. How the team would react to such adversity weighed heavily on the mind of the Irish faithful.

By halftime of the contest, the Irish answered virtually all questions. Scoring touchdowns on its first five drives, Notre Dame was well on its way to a 36-13 thrashing of the Cavaliers of Virginia in the seventh

annual Kickoff Classic.

"It's one of those games where you burn the films," said Virginia coach George Welsh.

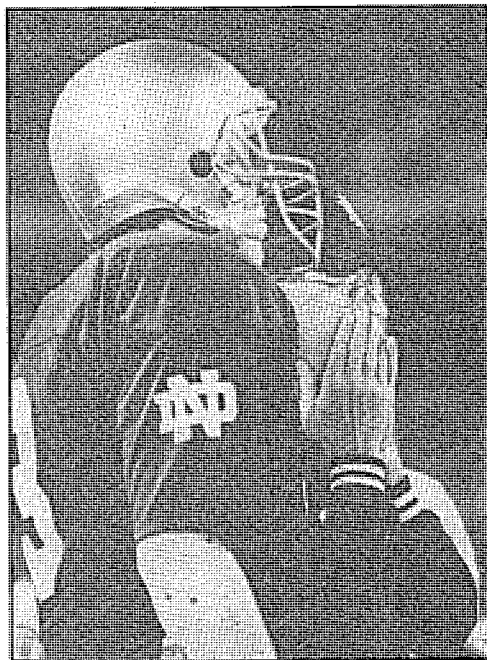
After a Todd Lyght interception the Notre Dame offense took to the field. After two plays of negligible gain, Tony Rice, who led the option attack, scurried 10 yards on a keeper for the key play of the drive. A personal foul at the end of the play moved the ball to the Virginia seven yard line. Three plays later, Rice pitched to Ricky Watters for a two-yard touchdown putting the Irish on the board early.

Quickly stuffing the Cavaliers on downs, Notre Dame forced the first of Ed Garno's seven punts. Watters' return of 24 yards set up a nine-play drive featuring five Anthony Johnson carries. The final run found Johnson sprawled out in the end zone after a one yard

dive, providing the Irish with a 13-0 margin.

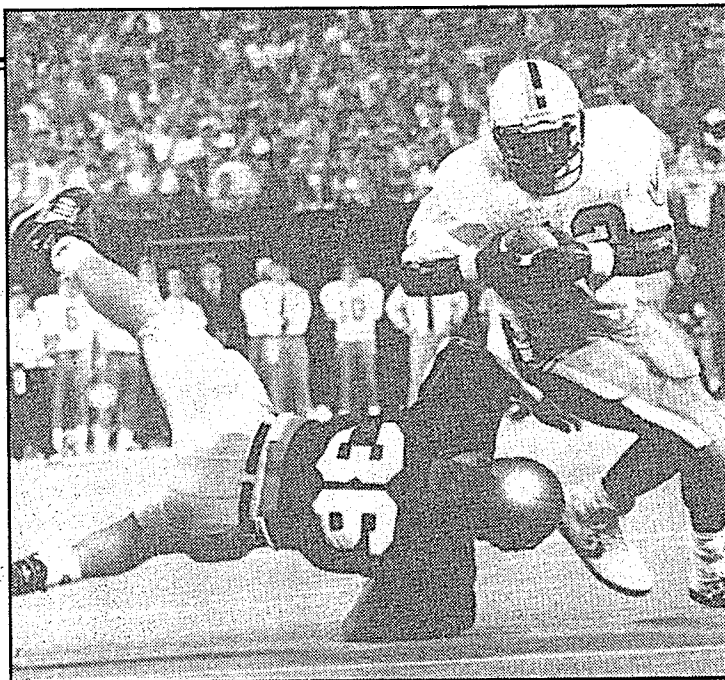
In dominating the line of scrimmage, Notre Dame piled up 333 first half yards while limiting the Cavaliers to a mere 60, thus assuring itself of extending the nation's longest winning streak to 13 games. At the same time, Virginia watched its personal five game streak emphatically approach its end in front of 77,323 people, the largest crowd ever to see a college football game at the Meadowlands.

In the past, playing on astro-turf presented a problem for the Irish. They struggled to get by Navy and Pittsburgh in the previous year and were handed their last loss on the turf of the Cotton Bowl facing Texas A&M. This game would be different. The surface allowed the Irish to showcase its blinding speed.



Mari Okuda

With the game in control early, Holtz pondered plays for backup QB Mirer (left).



Mari Okuda

Moore (right) had defenders on his heels all evening.

Quarterback Rice, halfback Watters and flanker Raghib Ismail spent a good portion of the evening blazing through the Cavaliers' secondary. Meanwhile, Lyght anchored a defense which was nothing short of dominating while the outcome of the game was still in jeopardy.

"We just wanted to go out there, have a good time, drive the ball down the field and be the best team we can be," said Rice who received the Flynn Award as the game's most valuable player. For the first twenty-five minutes, the offense appeared to be unstoppable. Rice led the way, finishing the contest with 217 all-purpose yards.

Scoring early and often, Notre Dame appeared content to keep the ball on the ground. "Before we went out, our offensive line told us, 'We're going to run the ball down their throat. No matter what,'" said Rice.

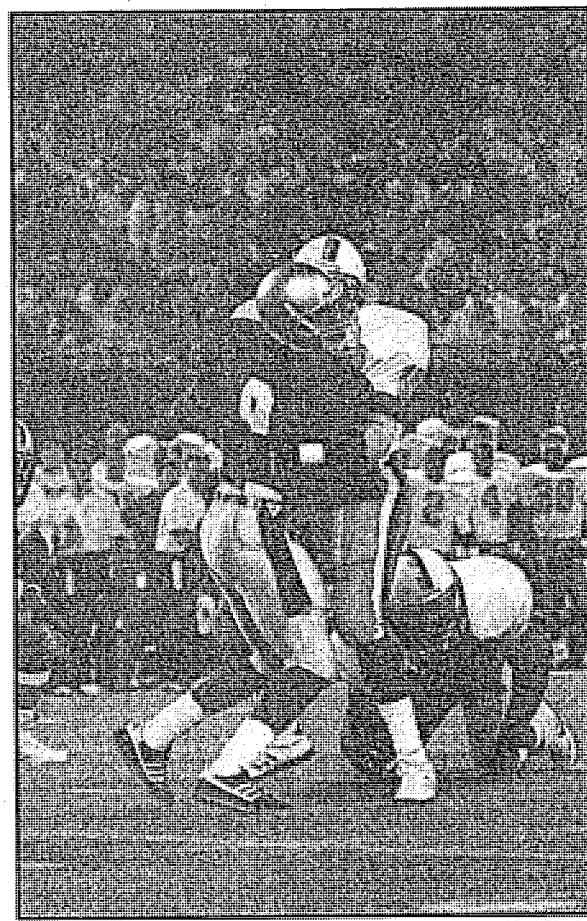
The offensive line was right on the money. All five touchdowns came via the run. Running the option with tremendous precision, Rice tallied 70 yards on just eight carries. If the Virginia defense contained Rice, the pitch

man, often Watters, seemed to find his way into the secondary. Watters finished with 80 yards on 12 attempts. By game's end, eleven members of the Notre Dame team had carried the ball a total of 59 times accumulating over 300 yards.

"We were just a prepared team," summed up Chris Zorich, Notre Dame's junior nose tackle. Zorich led the charge of the defensive line, making several stops and constantly harassing Shawn Moore when he dropped back in an effort to throw the ball.

After an initial 15 plays and 13 points of grind it out, option football, the 1989 Irish squad finally took to the air. The game's biggest gain came when, following a play-fake, Rice found Ismail for a 52-yard strike. One play later, sophomore Rodney Culver scored from two yards out. At this point, it seemed safe to say the game was out of reach.

Johnson and Rice closed out the first-half scoring with short bursts of one and three yards, respectively. Notre Dame took to the



Mari Okuda

This Cavalier wasn't congratulating Rice, who earned the game's MVP honors.

locker room with an insurmountable halftime lead of 33-0.

Lyght, who finished with two interceptions, appeared to be all over the field. The junior dedicated his performance to the players unexpectedly sidelined before the contest. "I played this game for Michael Stonebreaker, George Williams, Tony Brooks and Braxton Banks," said the All-America cornerback.

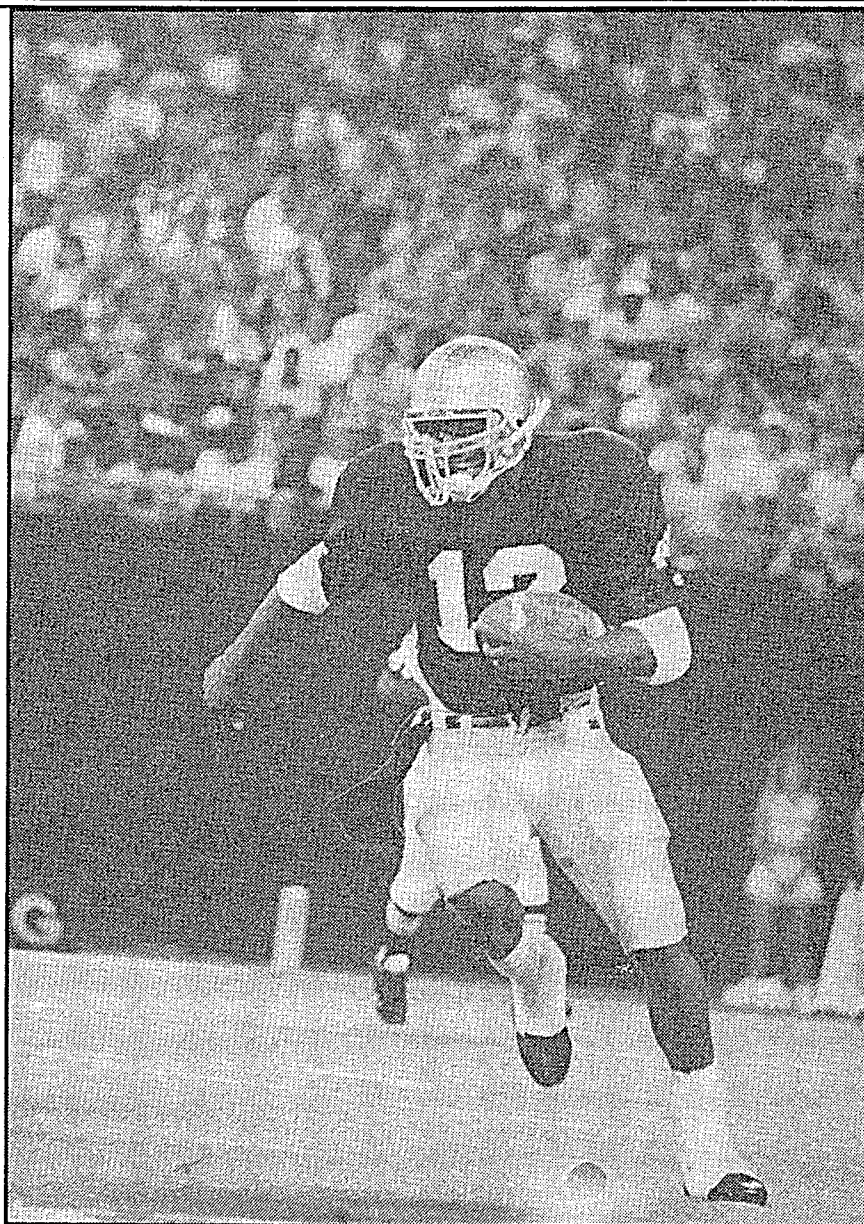
All four players missed the entire 1989 season. Stonebreaker was ineligible for disciplinary reasons, Tony Brooks was not re-admitted to Notre Dame following summer school, George Williams was sidelined due to academic ineligibility and Banks suffered a knee injury.

Though the first team did not seem to miss the four projected starters, Notre Dame appeared short on depth. The early Irish dominance allowed Holtz to test several reserves in actual game situations prior to squaring off with highly ranked Michigan. He was less than impressed with the results.

"For the first 25 minutes we were a top 20 team. For the last 35 minutes we were a bottom 20 team," said the fourth year Irish coach.

Welsh appreciated the sight of Tony Rice and company watching from the sidelines prior to the end of the first half. "I think he was nice to us. It could have been much worse. They are awfully good," said Welsh, the ninth year head coach of the Cavaliers.

The game was billed as a battle of quarterbacks, but Shawn Moore, the Virginia field



Watters rushed 12 times for 80 yards and one touchdown.

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general, had a difficult time getting untracked. Moore, who eventually became one of the nation's highest rated passers, connected on only 3 of 12 first half passes while throwing two interceptions.

The Virginia ground attack boasted Marcus Wilson, a returning starter and leading rusher from the previous season, along with his backup, Terry Kirby, one of the nation's most highly regarded freshmen. The tandem combined for 116 yards but only 18 of those came in the first half.

"At a point you have to say, 'We're going to do it' and that point never came in the first half. It came in the second half, but by that

time, it was too late," said Wilson, a junior who totalled 85 yards on 15 carries.

While Wilson noticed an improvement in the play of the Cavaliers, Lyght attributed their two second-half touchdowns to an emotional let down. "Their two touchdowns should not have been on the board. We came in at halftime feeling pretty good. The second team went in and didn't play well. But we have young players and it was a good learning experience for them."

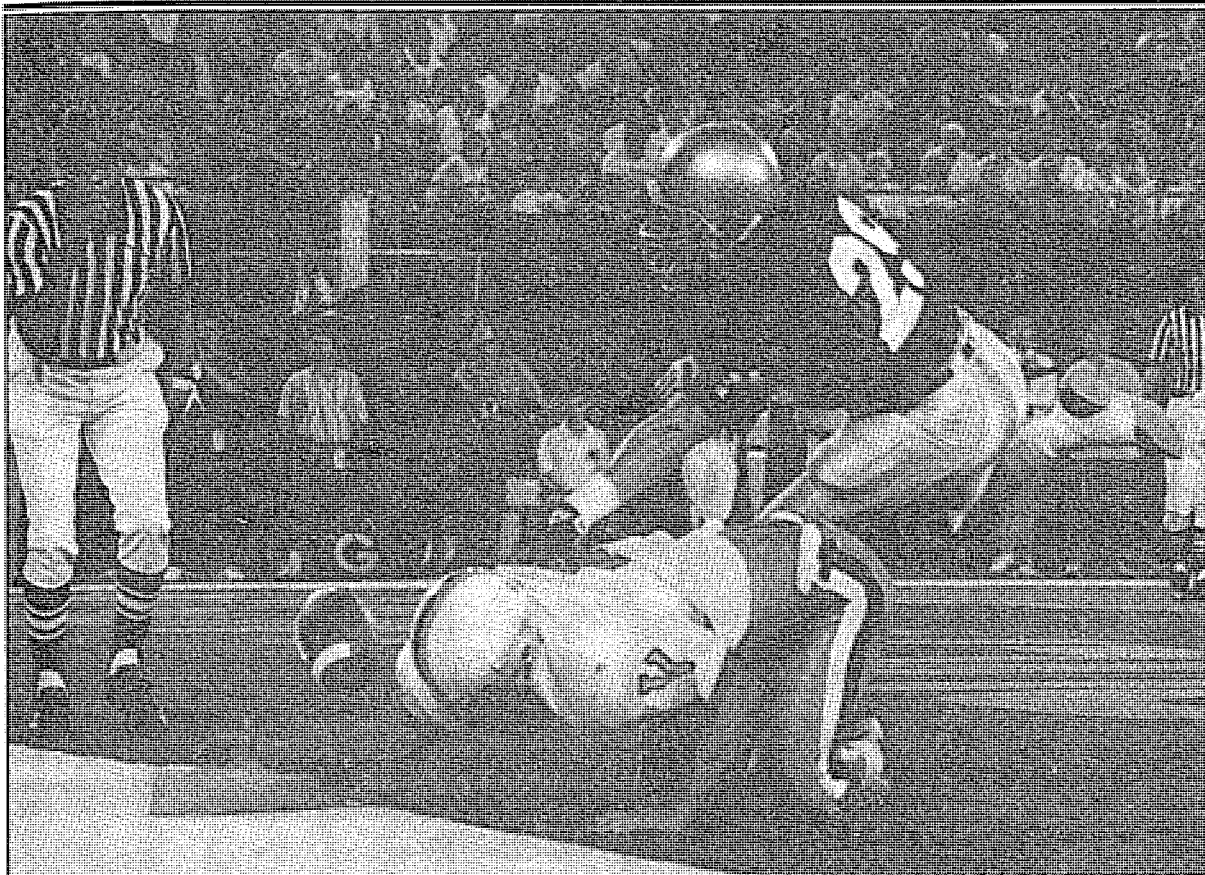
Prior to the game, Holtz mentioned the kicking game as one particular concern. Apparently missed extra points from a season ago were still causing him sleepless nights. Holtz hoped the tandem of Billy Hackett and freshman Craig Henrich could help cure his insomnia.

The two eventually turned in a solid campaign, but on this occasion gave Holtz cause for concern. Both had quite a workout. Hen-

rich connected on one of two field goals and his seven kickoffs reached the ten yard line on the average. Meanwhile, two of the Irish touchdowns resulted in six points following conversion attempts. Hackett missed one, and Rice was stopped on a two-point attempt after the next touchdown.

Even an impressive win failed to erase genuine concern from the mind of Holtz. "We won't be a good team until we are a dominating defense."

The polls tended to disagree with the coach's definition of a "good team." Coming into the game, Notre Dame was ranked #2 AP and #1 UPI. Furthermore, they were ranked



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Players like Smagala helped the Irish secondary hold the Cavs to 95 passing yards.

#1 in seven of the 14 major pre-season polls.

At 8:10 on Thursday, August 31, Craig Hentrich kicked off the 1989 college football season and Notre Dame's drive for a second consecutive national championship, and the Irish became the fourth defending national champion to open its season in the Kickoff Classic.

Soon after, they became the third such team to do so successfully. The unit that was no longer "a year away" was off and running and refusing to slow down.

GAME SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	19	14	0	3	36
Virginia	0	0	0	13	13

- 1st Quarter ND: Watters 2 run (Hackett kick) at 10:46
 ND: Johnson 1 run (kick failed) at 4:38
 ND: Culver 2 run (run failed) at 1:28
- 2nd Quarter ND: Johnson 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 8:47
 ND: Rice 3 run (Hentrich kick) at 5:11
- 4th Quarter VA: Dooley 6 pass from Moore (McInerney kick) at 12:41
 VA: McGonnigal 2 pass from Moore
 ND: Hentrich 32 FG at 1:46

Team Statistics

	ND	VA
First Downs.....	24	14
Rushing.....	16	7
Passing.....	7	5
Penalty.....	1	2
Rushing.....	59-300	38-136
Passing.....	9-19-177	11-24-95
Total Net Yards.....	477	231
Average Gain Per Play.....	6.1	3.7
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards.....	6-53	5-32
Punts-Average.....	2-36.5	7-38.3
Punt Returns.....	4-67	0-0
Kickoff Returns.....	3-56	7-129
3rd Down Conversions.....	6-12	4-15

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Watters 12-80, Rice 8-70, Johnson 18-66, Culver 9-47, Ismail 2-10, Eilers 1-8, Mirer 2-(-3), Setzer 3-8, Brooks 2-4, Mihalko 1-5, Graham 1-5; VA- Wilson 15-80, Bryant 2-6, Kirby 11-31, Moore 10-19

Passing: ND- Rice 7-11-0-147, Mirer 2-7-1-30, Graham 0-1-0-0; VA- Moore 10-22-2-85, Blundin 1-2-1-10

Receiving: ND- Ismail 5-121, Johnson 1-(-4), Watters 2-42, Smith 1-18; VA- Wilson 2-15, McGonnigal 4-23, Finkleston 2-21, Dooley 1-6, Moore 2-30

'Middle' Road to Victory

The Rocket's two kick returns for touchdowns spark Notre Dame to its third straight win over the Wolverines



File photo

Ismail's second-half fireworks sealed Michigan's fate.

BY JIM MAGGIO

Sept. 16, Ann Arbor, MI-

When someone asked Lou Holtz if he had a name for the play that buried Michigan on this soggy Saturday afternoon in Ann Arbor, he responded with a shrug. "Middle," he replied, almost embarrassed by the moniker. "We're not real clever."

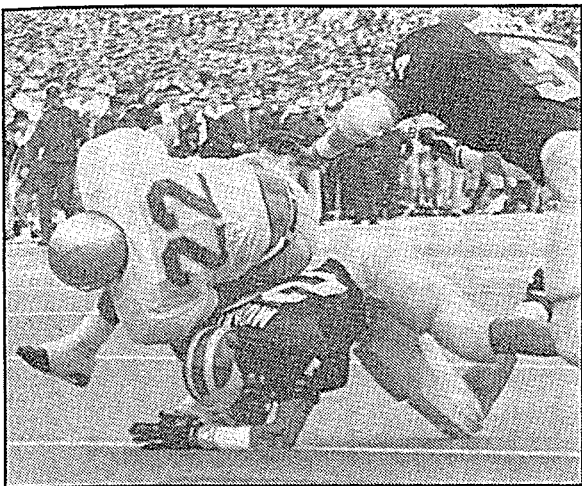
Holtz didn't have to be, not when he could unleash Raghib Ismail on kickoff returns. Twice the Wolverines elected to kick deep to the "Rocket" in the second half, and twice they walked away kicking themselves for it. Ismail's returns of 88 and 92 yards

translated into 12 points and the difference in Notre Dame's 24-19 win over Bo Schembechler's second-ranked squad.

Ismail gave a prelude of things to come last November when he returned kicks of 87 and 83 yards for touchdowns in a 54-11 shellacking of the Rice Owls. But the Owls were a winless team at the time, and while no one questioned the abilities of the sophomore speedster, not many would have bet on the same thing happening against the defending Big Ten champions. Certainly not Holtz, who quickly jumped to Schembechler's defense for giving Ismail two chances. "Bo's won a lot of games doing that," he explained. "He sort of went against his trend, but I never question anything Bo does in a game."

And who could really blame him? Ismail's second-half explosions were the exception to Notre Dame's rule of playing conservative, possession football on a rainy day. After all, the Rocket's lone return of the first stanza netted only 11 yards, and the Irish were content to grind it out on the slick Michigan Stadium turf.

With fullback Anthony Johnson and quarterback Tony Rice carrying the bulk of the load, Notre Dame rushed on 27 consecutive offensive plays in the first half before throwing a pass. Following Scott Kowalkowski's second quarter fumble recovery at the Michigan 24, the Irish ran Johnson left, right and center to a first and goal at the two. An illegal motion penalty



Joe Vitacco

In the second quarter, Johnson took a Rice pass...

pushed them back to the six before Rice completed his first pass of the afternoon to Johnson for the touchdown. Craig Hentrich's point after gave Notre Dame a 7-0 lead.

The Wolverines responded on their next drive to close the gap. Desmond Howard's 38-yard kickoff return gave Michigan the ball at their own 41, and the offense began to click after collecting a measly 40 yards in the first 25 minutes. Quarterback Michael Taylor's 14-yard completion to Chris Calloway, along with a string of Irish penalties, helped Michigan to a first and goal at the six. Taylor tossed to Calloway again on third and nine for the touchdown, but J. D. Carlson's point after attempt hit the left upright and sent Michigan to the locker room at the half trailing by one.

The respective defensive units controlled much of the first half as Michigan (99 total offensive yards) and Notre Dame (115) seemed destined for a full day of trench warfare. But as slow as the first 30 minutes seemed, the second 30 began at warp speed.

Carlson's kick to open the third quarter rose, then descended into Ismail's waiting hands at the Irish 12. Remembering Holtz' catchy name for the task at hand, he sped up the middle at the first wave of blockers. A key Ryan Mihalko block enabled Ismail to dart to the right sideline, and from there it was a footrace. The Wolverines' Corwin Brown appeared to have the angle on him, but the Rocket's 4.28 speed took it away as he raced unhindered into the end zone. Hentrich converted the extra point, and after just 11 ticks of the clock the Irish led by eight.

The play seemed to light a fire under the

Notre Dame defense, as they came out hitting. Taylor kept the ball on a third and eight from his own 33, running for four before linebacker Ned Bolcar nailed him from behind. Bolcar's hit knocked Taylor out of the game with a bruised back, and suddenly Michigan's fate was left to a redshirt freshman named Elvis. Elvis Grbac, that is.

Grbac's first series in a Michigan uniform consisted of a running play for minus yardage and two incomplete passes.

When Eduardo Azcona's 35-yard punt enabled Notre Dame to answer with Hentrich's 30-yard field goal, the Wolverines' chances appeared doomed. Grbac would have to mature fast, and- Domers be damned- the kid shook it off, making like the King himself with a stellar performance.

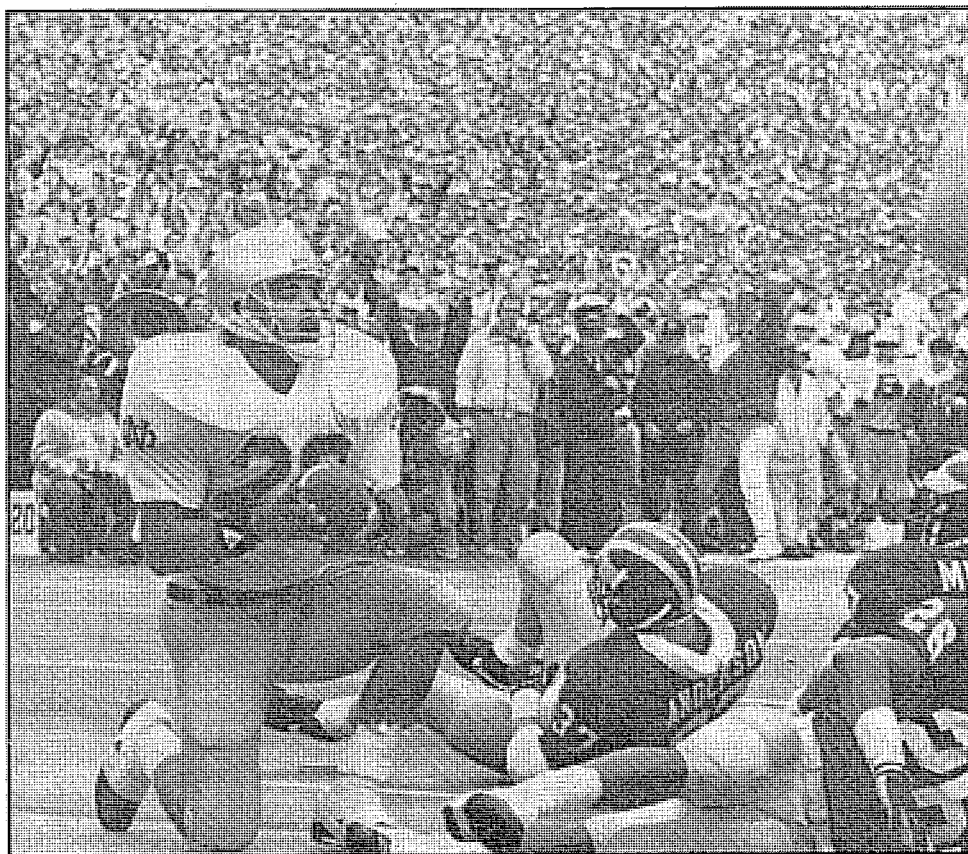
"Coach (Offensive Coordinator Gary) Moeller told me, 'If you screw up, just go on and forget it,'" said Grbac about his introduction to college football. "The first series I was

in jitters, but I settled in after that. I just wanted to lead the team."

He nearly led Michigan to victory. Starting from his own 39, Grbac came out sling-ing. His completions of 19 and 23 yards to split end Greg McMurtry helped move the ball to the Irish five, where Grbac finished off the 12-play drive with a touchdown strike to tight end Derrick Walker. The two-point conversion attempt failed, but the rejuvenated freshman had brought the Wolverines back to life.

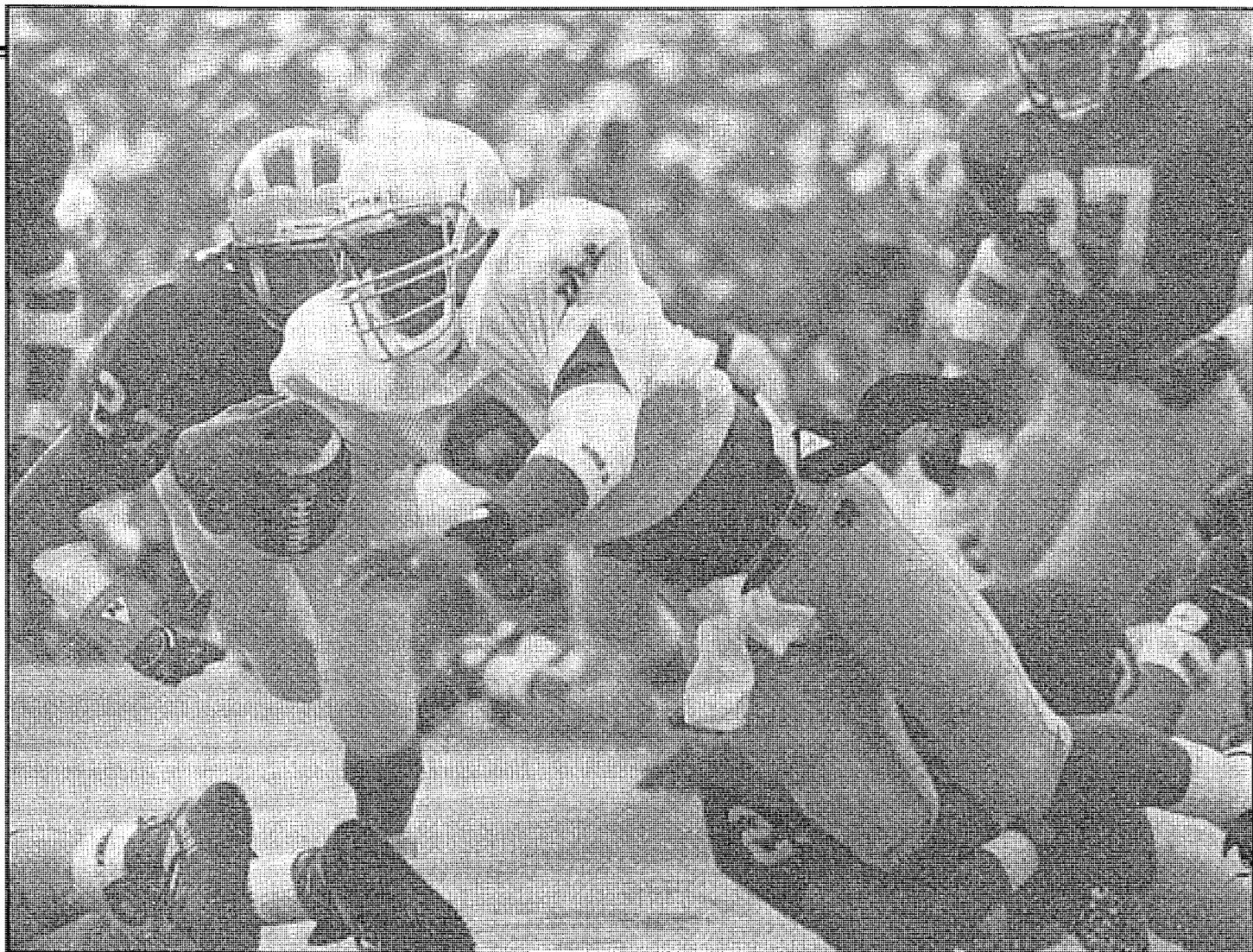
Just as the 105,912 fans in Michigan Stadium began to rock the house, someone pulled the plug on all their fun. You could sense what went through every Wolverine fan's mind as Gulam Khan's ensuing kickoff sailed high and deep. *Oh no, not to him again.*

The Rocket took Khan's kick and headed straight up the middle once more. Dodging three tackles, he broke to the left sideline and had only the kicker to beat. Rodney Culver took care of that problem, waylaying Khan (who broke his left arm on the play) and giving Ismail clear sailing for a



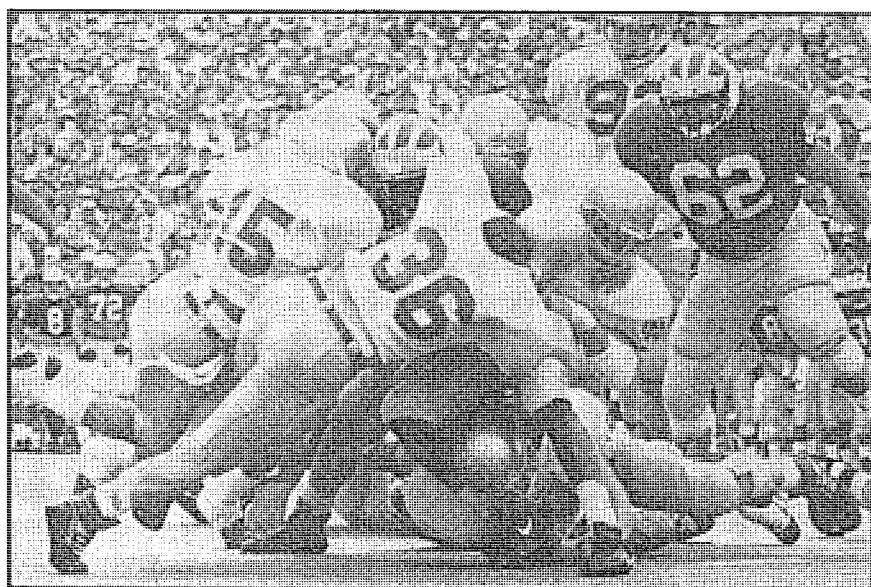
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...and scored from six yards out to give Notre Dame a 7-0 lead.



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Rice rushed for 79 yards on a day where he attempted only two passes...



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...while the Notre Dame defense stuffed Michigan's vaunted running game.

92-yard touchdown return. That, capped by Hentrich's PAT, put the Irish up by 12 with 12:46 to play.

Both teams traded possessions before Michigan had the ball once more with under eight minutes to play. Grbac came out throwing again from his own 33, and 13 plays later had pulled the Wolverines back in it with a four-yard scoring pass to McMurtry. Grbac's success through the air (17 for 21, 134 yards, 2 touchdowns) was a factor the Irish had not counted on.

"We thought he'd be a little off balance," said Bolcar. "We should have pressured him more, but Grbac played really well. He found his receivers and stayed in the pocket well."

Trailing 24-19 with just over four minutes remaining, the Wolverines opted for the onside kick. As if Schembechler wasn't peeved enough with Carlson for his missed extra point, imagine his disgust after Carlson's attempt failed to travel the required 10

yards. The ball bounced feebly before the soggy turf stopped it dead in its tracks, three yards from its starting point. It was a fitting end to Michigan's chances as the Irish ran out the clock to seal the victory.

For Michigan, the loss extended their opening game losing streak to three (all at the hands of the Irish). Last year's bitter 19-17 defeat in South Bend fueled a year-long desire for revenge, and the Wolverines' failure to make good on their vow to win this game left them mentally drained.

"I've been involved in football all my life, and this one's got to be the hardest to swallow," mourned mammoth offensive tackle Greg Skrepenak. "I could just cry right now, go off in a corner and be by myself, thinking what could have been done differently."

Schembechler could only acknowledge



Joe Vitacco

After stopping the Wolverines on a key play, the defense rests.

Ismail's superhuman effort as the difference in the game. "Two kick returns did us in," he grumbled. Never one to concede much, Schembechler offered that "Notre Dame is better than Michigan, but it might not be so at the end of the year."

Holtz characteristically downplayed his team's accomplishments while showering praise on the opposition. "We very humbly accept this win," said Holtz. "I thought it was an outstanding football game, and of course we're very happy. Anytime we come up here to Ann Arbor and walk out with a win, we are happy."

Meanwhile, the Rocket was busy fending off the hordes of media trying to extract something from college football's newest phenomenon. He quickly dismissed any chances of winning the Heisman Trophy and deflected praise to his teammates. "I told

Coach (Holtz) I wish I could find somewhere in the budget to give all the guys on the kickoff team a game ball," he said modestly.

And why not? As long as Holtz kept calling "Middle," Ismail could afford to be in a giving mood.

GAME SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	7	10	7	24
Michigan	0	6	0	13	19

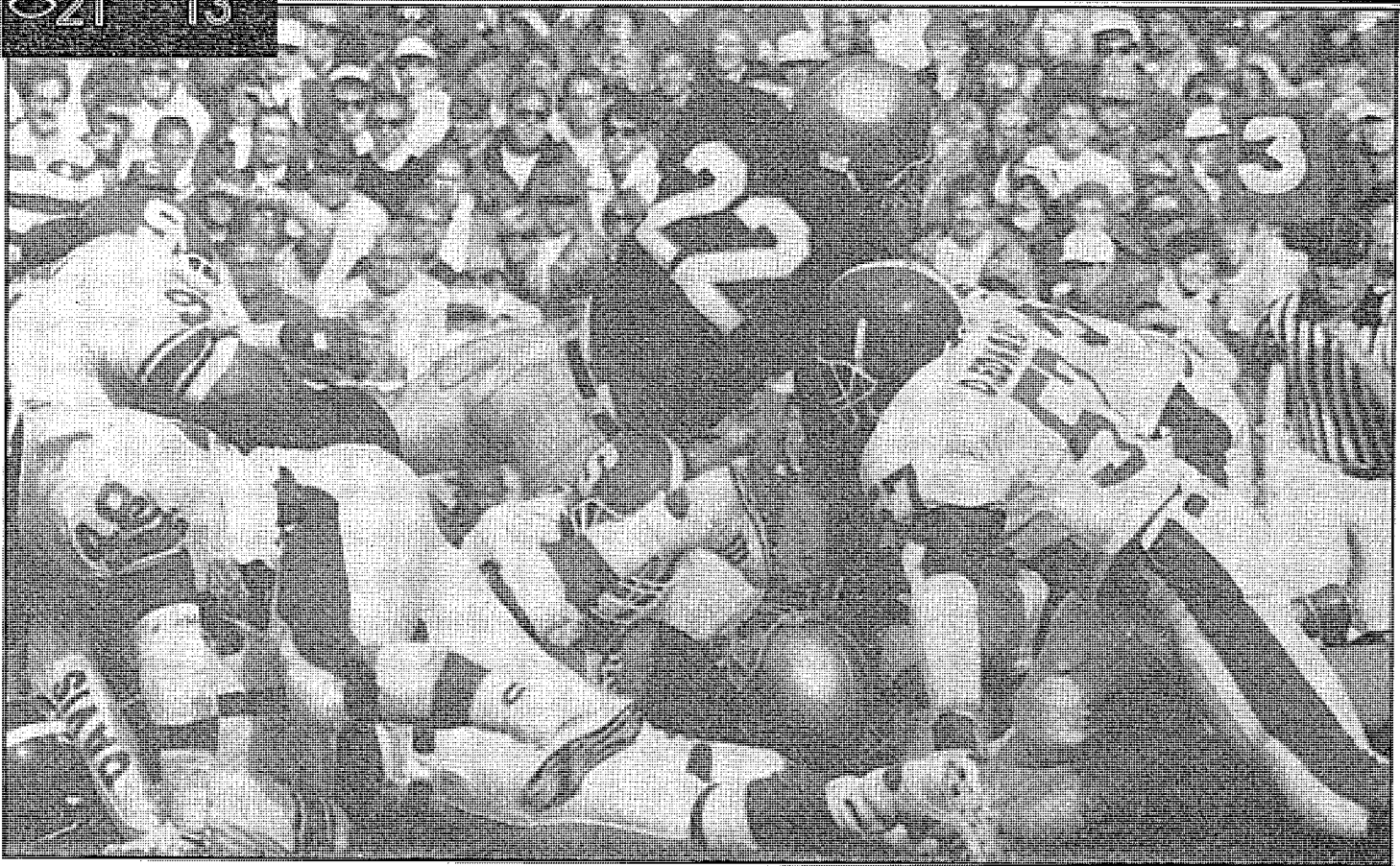
- 2nd Quarter ND: Johnson 6 pass from Rice (Hentrich kick) at 5:05
 UM: Calloway 9 pass from Taylor (kick failed) at 0:25
- 3rd Quarter ND: Ismail 89 kickoff return (Hentrich kick) at 14:49
 ND: Hentrich 30 FG at 4:28
- 4th Quarter UM: Walker 5 pass from Grbac (pass failed) at 12:58
 ND: Ismail 92 kickoff return (Hentrich kick)
 UM: McMurtry 4 pass from Grbac (Carlson Kick) at 4:08

Team Statistics

	ND	UM
First Downs	13	15
Rushing	12	5
Passing	0	8
Penalty	1	2
Rushing	54-213	34-94
Passing	1-2-6	22-28-178
Total Net Yards	219	272
Average Gain per Play	3.9	4.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	8-70
Punts-Average	3-37.3	6-33.8
Punt Returns	1-2	2-14
Kickoff Returns	3-192	3-86
3rd Down Conversions	5-14	4-12

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Rice 18-79, Johnson 20-80, Culver 7-35, Ismail 4-14, Watters 5-5; UM-Hoard 15-56, Taylor 6-11, Boles 5-17, Bunch 5-12, Howard 1-6, Grbac 2-(-8)
 Passing: ND- Rice 1-2-0-6; UM- Taylor 5-6-0-44, Grbac 17-21-0-134, Hoard 0-1-0-0
 Receiving: ND- Johnson 1-6; UM- Calloway 7-72, McMurtry 4-51, Bunch 4-8, Hoard 3-12, Walker 2-12, Boles 1-6, Howard 1-17



Johnson's one-yard plunge provided the Irish with the winning margin.

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Good Enough

It looks ugly, but Notre Dame gets by the Spartans in its home opener

BY BRIAN MCMAHON

Sept. 23, Notre Dame-

The wind-whipped air was filled with excited anticipation when top-ranked Notre Dame hosted its first party of the 1989 season against Michigan State. With the last two games of their 1988 national championship season away from the friendly confines of Notre Dame Stadium and the first two of this season on the road as well, the 2-0 Irish were anxious to

play in front of their loyal fans.

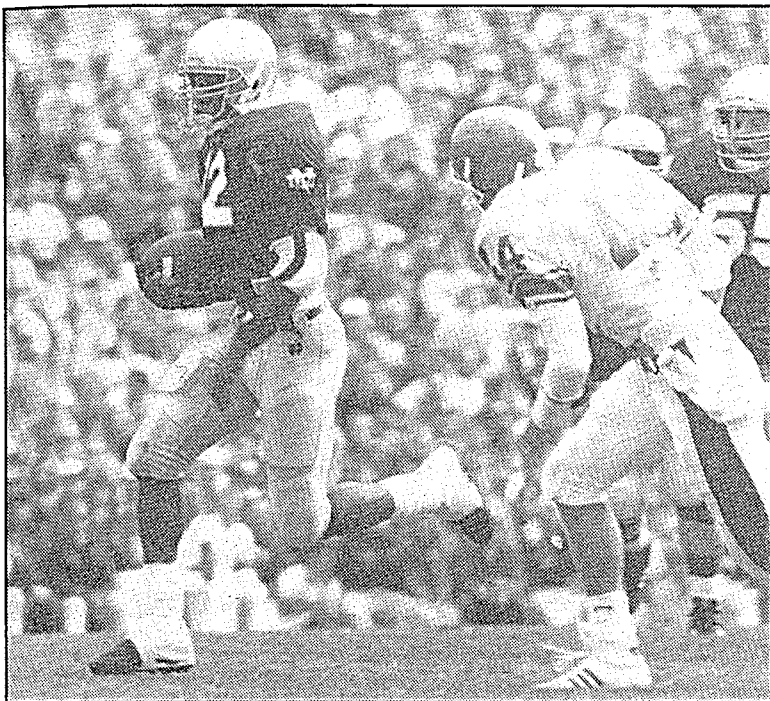
The invited guests were fired up as well. Although the game wouldn't count in the Big Ten standings, the Spartans desperately wanted to avoid the same rough start that saw them lose four of five to start the 1988 campaign. The Spartans were on a roll after demolishing Miami (Ohio) 49-0 the previous week, and a victory at Notre Dame would vault them into the Big Ten season with a lot of steam- not to mention avenge the previous year's 20-3 loss at home to the Irish.

The Irish were gracious hosts on this cool

September Saturday, yielding four turnovers (three of which lead to Spartan scores) and sputtering offensively for much of the afternoon. Expected to be the life of the party, Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice had what he would call later the "worst" game of his career, throwing two interceptions, completing just eight of 15 passes and fumbling once.

It wasn't pretty, but when it was all over the Irish had extended their home unbeaten streak to 13 games with a 21-13 victory.

"We're gratified to win," said Notre Dame Head Coach Lou Holtz afterward. "I



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Watters capped Notre Dame's first scoring drive with a two-yard touchdown...

don't want to say we feel fortunate, because I think our guys will grow from this win. They faced adversity, things weren't going well and we played badly. . . . We had four turnovers, and you just can't do those things."

Keyed by a 15-yard completion from quarterback Dan Enos to Courtney Hawkins and a 21-yard run by Hyland Hickson, Michigan State marched to the Irish 27 to open the game. On fourth and six, Spartan placekicker John Langeloh lined up to attempt a 45-yard field goal.

The low snap from center forced Spartan holder Josh Bulland to attempt a pass, only to throw incomplete to Langeloh. It wasn't the last opportunity the Spartans would squander on the day, but was their only real scoring threat until late in the second quarter.

The Irish offense took over and executed a balanced, impressive drive that consumed 6:16 and 72 yards on 14 plays. On third and five from the Notre Dame 33, Rice hit tailback Ricky Watters for a gain of 10. Irish fullback Anthony Johnson kept the drive alive on fourth and one at the Spartan 48, plowing for a first down behind a phenomenal line surge.

Two plays later, Rice scampered 18 yards to the Spartan 25. After a three-yard loss on first down, Rice hit senior utility man Steve

Belles at the 11. Raghieb Ismail exploded up the middle for six and Watters followed with a gain of three, setting the stage for a Rice pitch to Watters, who scored untouched from the two. Craig Hentrich's point after gave the Irish a 7-0 lead.

Six minutes into the second quarter, Notre Dame was on the move again as the ball ap-
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midfield. On second and seven, Rice dropped the snap but recovered in time to pitch to Watters, who ran left behind Mike Brennan's block and cut right behind a Anthony Johnson block en route to a 53-yard touchdown run.



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...then coasted 53 yards for his second score of the game.

The quick-strike score gave the Irish a 14-0 lead, yet that was all the scoring they would muster until late in the second half as Notre Dame miscues allowed the Spartans to creep back. After a Michigan State four-and-out series, the Irish got the ball on their own 34. They moved it down to the MSU 49 before Rodney Culver fumbled, courtesy of a hit by defensive tackle Chris Soehnlen. Bobby Wilson recovered for the Spartans on the MSU 44, setting up Langeloh's 36-yard field goal to make the score 14-3.

MSU Head Coach George Perles had said all week that he would not kick to Notre Dame's Raghieb Ismail. That strategy could have burned him when the ensuing kickoff gave Notre Dame great field position at their own 41. Rice got scorched instead three plays later, overthrowing Ismail over the middle into the hands of Spartan safety Mike Iaquaniello, who returned it 16 yards to the Irish 49.

The Spartans took advantage of Notre Dame's second giveaway as Langeloh kicked another field goal, this one from 38 yards out as time expired in the half to close Notre Dame's lead to eight.

The result could have been worse for the Irish, though. One play before the kick, Enos dropped back on first and 10 from the 13, only to be sacked by defensive end Devon McDonald for a loss of eight. It was McDonald's second sack of the series and the crowning play for a defensive unit that held the Spartans to two field goals after turnovers had given them excellent field position.

The Irish offense continued to struggle as the second half began, as two incompletions and a stuffed running play forced another Notre Dame punt. But with the Spartan offense taking advantage of excellent field position and driving to the Notre Dame six, the Irish defense held off the threat. On third and goal, Enos lofted a timing pattern to Hawkins in the deep right corner of the endzone. This time Irish cornerback Todd Lyght made the big defensive play, picking off Enos' bid and denying a touchdown once again.

The Irish had dodged one bullet but couldn't capitalize, allowing Michigan State another chance they wouldn't pass up. After Lyght's interception the Irish offense took over on the 20, and on third and 10 Rice,

unable to find a receiver down field, was pressured to leave the pocket. He tossed a soft pass up for grabs that Carlos Jenkins intercepted on the Notre Dame 32.

Three plays later the Irish defense finally broke when Enos, with lots of time, hit junior wide receiver James Bradley in stride behind Irish defensive backs Stan Smagala and Pat Terrell for the touchdown. Langeloh's conversion cut Notre Dame's lead to one with 6:36 remaining in the third quarter.

Once the Spartan offense made the big play, the defense responded in kind. Rice, looking to throw to a wide-open Watters on third and 12 from his own 45, had his pass blocked by MSU linebacker Percy Snow to force another Irish punt. Snow, an All-America and Butkus award candidate, was the main reason the Irish had zero net yards rushing for the half with just 4:05 left in the third quarter. His 15 tackles led both teams and his inspired play seemed to lift his team.

"We aren't being very productive inside for the type of defense we're seeing," said Holtz, reacting to his team's struggle with the Spartan defense. "But let's give them credit. Percy Snow is a great linebacker. There was some great hitting out there on the field on both sides."

MSU later drove to Notre Dame's 38, but the Irish defense was determined not to allow another score. Sure enough, Enos dropped back to pass on third and 10 and was sacked by junior end Andre Jones for a loss of 16. The sack knocked the Spartans out of field goal range and forced them to punt once again.

Notre Dame's own failure to generate more offense gave the Spartans new life, but not for long. On the first play of the fourth quarter Enos took the snap from the Irish 46 on second and 10. Drifting back with no pressure at all, he threw a weak pass that junior linebacker Donn Grimm intercepted at the 38. Grimm and Bolcar anchored the Irish defense on this day, combining for 18 tackles, a sack, an interception and two blocked



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Although throttled in the first half, Enos threw for 200 yards on the day.

passes while playing every down.

Following an exchange of possessions, the Irish offense finally gave Notre Dame a point cushion with which to work. Starting from their own 38 they ran nine plays on the ground, punctuated by a one-yard scoring run by Johnson to give the Irish a 21-13 lead with 8:16 left in the contest.

Michigan State wasn't finished, though. They took the kickoff and marched to the Irish 25, where they faced a fourth and one situation. Enos handed to Hickson, who ran right-right into a wall, to be exact. McDonald stood up MSU guard Matt Keller, and with nowhere to go Hickson was brought down by Bryan Flannery for no gain.

"We knew they'd run and we had the perfect defense," McDonald said afterward. When asked if he wanted the

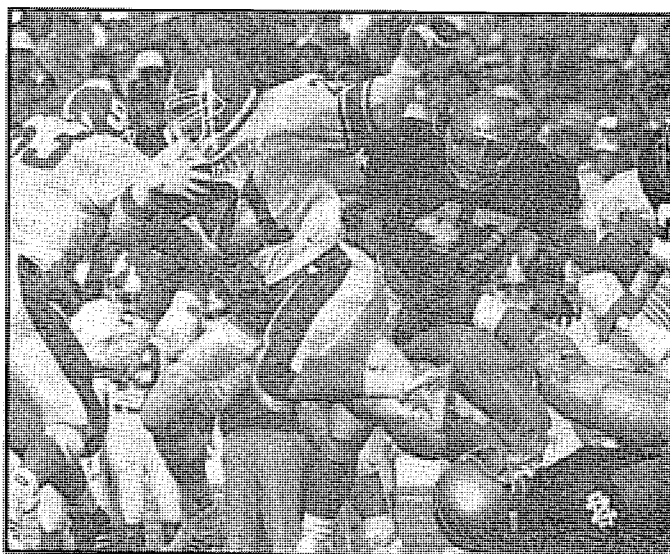
Spartans to run in his direction, he answered without hesitation, "Yes."

Notre Dame took over with just over three minutes to go and ran out all but the last 11 seconds remaining on the clock. Sexton punted on fourth and two to the Spartan 30, where freshman quarterback John Gieselman came in and fumbled the snap. The miscue sealed Michigan State's fate and Notre Dame's third consecutive win against the Spartans, the 18th in their last 21 meetings.

The offense struggled and the passing game faltered, but the Irish defense kept them in the game by intercepting two passes, coming up with key sacks, and keeping the Spartans out of the end zone after what could have been costly Irish turnovers. In the end, the offense came through with a 62-yard drive to seal the victory.

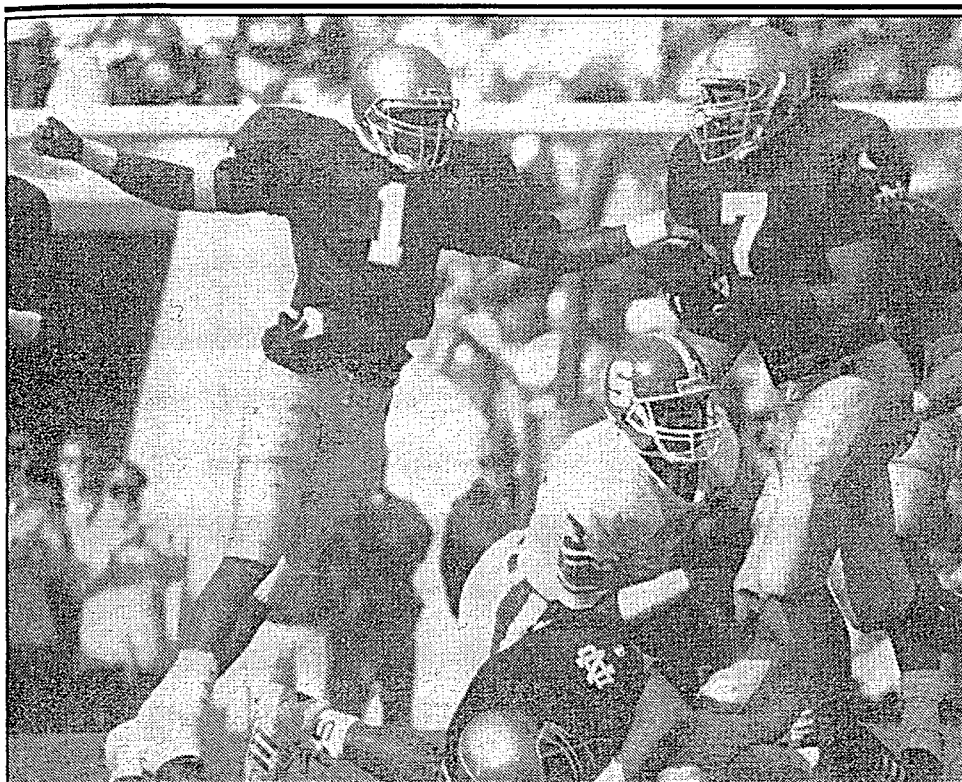
Perles was disappointed afterward, but not discouraged by his team's effort. "It was a tough loss because our team played so hard," he lamented. "It's a game of mistakes, and they made the mistakes and still won."

Perles thought Rice played exceptionally, despite the quarterback's self criticism. "The credit goes to Rice," he said. "He's one heck



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Pursuit by the likes of Bolcar (47) held the Spartan ground attack in check.



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Todd Lyght (1) and Andre Jones celebrate a big defensive stop.

of a guy to defend. His judgements were good. He ran the ball and that's when he's most dangerous (Rice had 78 rushing yards on the day). He threw the ball on occasion pretty well. He was a pretty well-rounded player out there today. He was really the big difference. He's a legitimate great football player and God bless him. I'm glad I'll never see him again."

When told of Perles' comments, Rice admitted being "surprised," adding that "it will go down as a win, but in my book it was only so-so." He wasn't going to dwell on the day, though. "I have to learn from the mistakes and make things better next week," he said.

"Next week" would send the Irish to Purdue, and Holtz was his usual distraught self at the prospect of facing a team the Irish have manhandled in recent years. "I understand that they've beaten Notre Dame every year after they (Notre Dame) won a national championship," he said. "I'm concerned in a lot of areas."

Uh-huh.

GAME SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	7	0	7	21
Michigan State	0	6	7	0	13

1st Quarter ND: Watters 2 run (Hentrich kick) at 4:54
 2nd Quarter ND: Watters 53 run (Hentrich kick) at 9:10
 MS: Langeloh 36 FG at 2:54
 MS: Langeloh 38 FG at 0:00
 3rd Quarter MS: Bradley 30 pass from Enos (Langeloh kick) at 6:36
 4th Quarter ND: Johnson 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 8:16

Team Statistics

	ND	MS
First Downs	18	19
Rushing	13	6
Passing	5	11
Penalty	0	2
Rushing	53-257	43-75
Passing	8-15-90	18-29-200
Total Net Yards	347	275
Average Gain per Play	5.1	3.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-28	4-26
Punts-Average	5-27.2	5-39.8
Punt Returns	3-7	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-18	3-50
3rd Down Conversions	8-16	5-15

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Watters 16-89, Rice 14-78, Johnson 11-33, Ismail 5-24, Culver 3-18, Belles 1-5, Mihalko 1-5, Eilers 2-5;
 MS- Hickson 26-84, Ezor 4-27, Selzer 3-3, Duckett 1-2, Enos 7-(-40), Montgomery, 2-(-1)
 Passing: ND- Rice 8-15-90; MS- Enos 18-28-200, Butland 0-1-0
 Receiving: ND- Ismail 2-27, Belles 2-25, Johnson 2-25, Watters 1-10, Brown 1-3; MS- Hawkins 6-83, Bradley 3-50,
 Kickson 3-30, Young 3-21, Montgomery 3-16

Laugher in Lafayette

*Impressive, 34-point
first half propels
Irish, leaving Purdue
in the dust*

BY JONPAUL POTTS

Sept. 30, West Lafayette, IN-

It was said to be a game ripe for upset. After all, Purdue had pulled off ten major upsets of Notre Dame since the inception of the series, including six the year after the Irish had won the national championship.

But overmatched is the best way to describe the Purdue Boilermakers of 1989 on this beautiful Saturday afternoon, as the Irish delivered a thorough 40-7 whipping.

Besides extending their winning streak to 16, other positive aspects of this game surfaced for the Irish as well. One would have to be the reemergence of senior quarterback and tri-captain Tony Rice as a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate. Rice was spectacular in breaking out of a two game funk that saddled him since the season-opening victory over Virginia in the Kickoff Classic. He completed 12 of 15 passes for 270 yards on the day, his best career

passing performance to date. He also rushed 12 times for 67 yards and one touchdown.

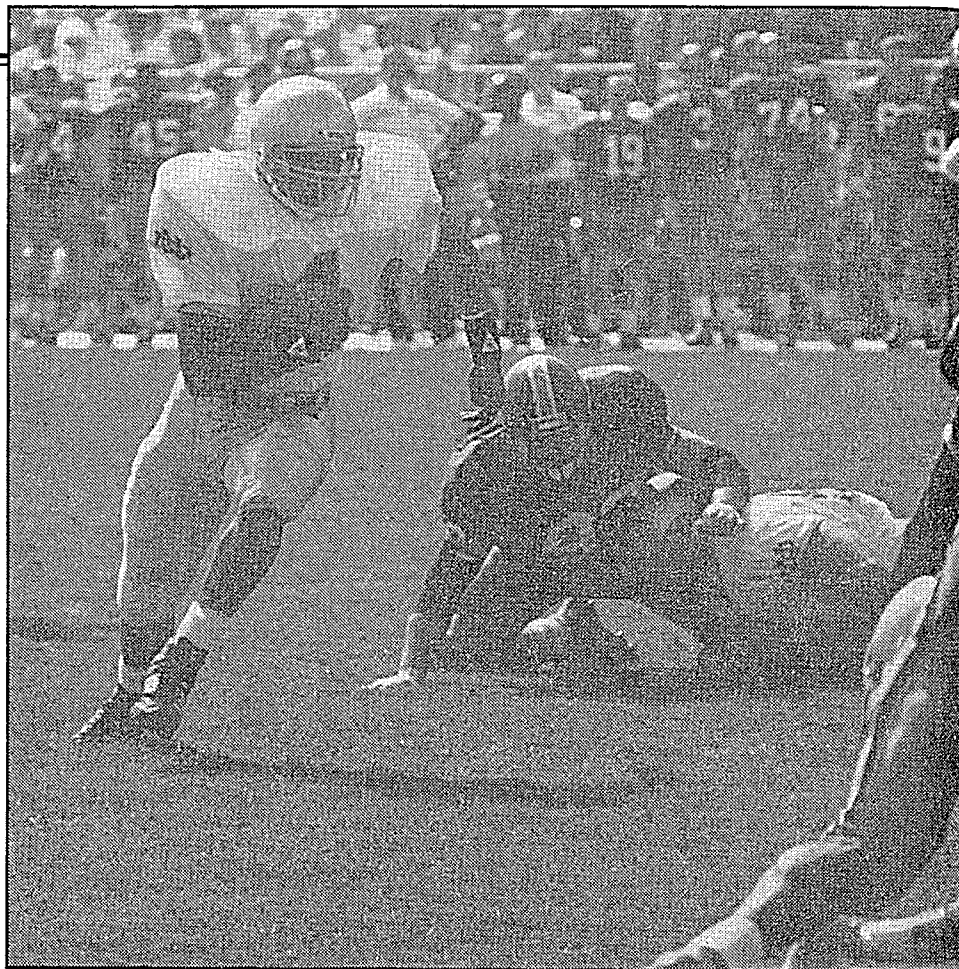
Another big plus had to be the play of sophomore tight end Derek Brown. Brown

caught four passes for 101 yards, which prompted some good words from Irish Head Coach Lou Holtz.

"Derek played a fine game, with the exception of the fumble by the end zone. The fumble was due to his extra effort in going in for the score," said Holtz. "He made a lot of yardage today that the average tight end would not be able to make."

The Boilermakers won the coin toss and elected to receive. After a decent return, Purdue went four downs and out. After the punt, Notre Dame began a drive which would carry them to the Purdue 38 yard line. The drive ended abruptly, however, when sophomore tailback Rodney Culver fumbled.

Purdue apparently felt one good turn deserved another as fullback Jerome Sparkman fumbled at the Notre Dame 46 and senior cornerback Stan Smagala recovered. Notre Dame capitalized on Purdue's generosity and



Dorsey Levens and several of the younger players saw action against the Boilers. Joe Vitacco



Frank Jacobs prepares to release his block. Joe Vitacco

drove 55 yards, capped off by an Anthony Johnson touchdown run up the middle. Freshman kicker Craig Hentrich converted the point after and the Irish held a 7-0 lead.

Purdue's offense got another chance but was shut down again, forcing a punt to the Notre Dame 43. The Irish followed with a 57-yard drive which could have served as the Tony Rice Heisman highlight film. First, Rice tossed a swing pass to Ricky Watters good for 10 yards. Then, after a Johnson plunge good for three, Rice kept on the option for a 15-yard gain to the Purdue 28. Following a four-yard loss, Rice threw a strike to a wide-open Brown for a gain of 23. Rice capped off the textbook drive by keeping on an option left for the touchdown and a 14-0 Irish lead.

After the game, Holtz showered praise on his quarterback and team leader, who by virtue of this victory improved his record as Notre Dame's starting quarterback to 20-2.

"I evaluate Tony Rice solely on how many times he gets the team into the end zone," said Holtz. "He ran the option well and had a strong day passing, but that is not unexpected from a player the caliber of Tony Rice."

And what of Rice himself? As usual, he evaluated his best day thus far as Notre Dame quarterback by deflecting all the praise to his teammates.

"Purdue played man-to-man defense and we took advantage of what they gave us," said Rice. "A game like this gave me and my receivers confidence. It was a total team effort."

Notre Dame's next touchdown would come from a most unusual source. Defensive tackle Jeff Alm, whose three interceptions during the 1988

season led the squad, was in the right spot at the right time when Purdue quarterback Craig Letnich unleashed a wild pass while under heavy pressure from nose tackle Chris Zorich. Alm juggled the pass for a yard or two, then held on tight as he bulled his way into the end zone for a 16-yard touchdown return.

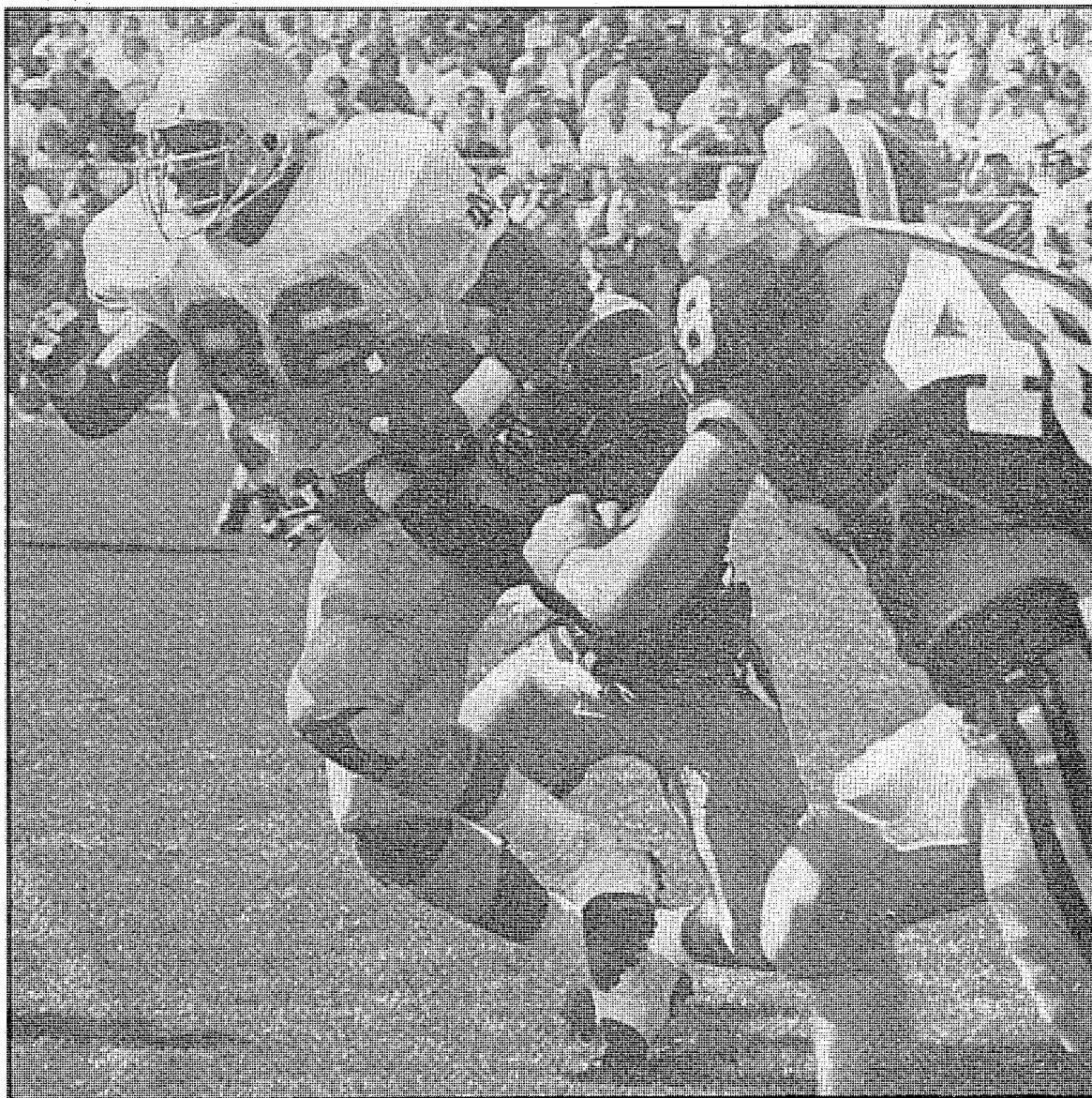
"It was just one of those freak things that happened," said Alm of his interception. "Once I had the ball in my hands and I saw the end zone, there was no way that anyone was going to bring me down."

The Irish would score two more touchdowns before halftime on Johnson's and Watters' one-yard runs to take a 34-0 lead

and effectively put the Boilermakers away for good. The halftime statistics tell a story of dominance. Notre Dame tallied 17 first downs, Purdue four. Notre Dame amassed 344 total yards, Purdue 93. Notre Dame had one turnover, Purdue five- three of which led directly to Notre Dame touchdowns.

Purdue Head Coach Fred Akers was disgusted with the turnovers and realized that they were the reason for the lopsided score.

"It was pretty plain to me that when you play the number one team, you have to play almost perfect football, and we didn't do that," said Akers. "Eight turnovers eliminate the chance to win against anybody, much less against Notre Dame."



The majority of Derek Brown's 101 receiving yards, resulted from running after the catch.

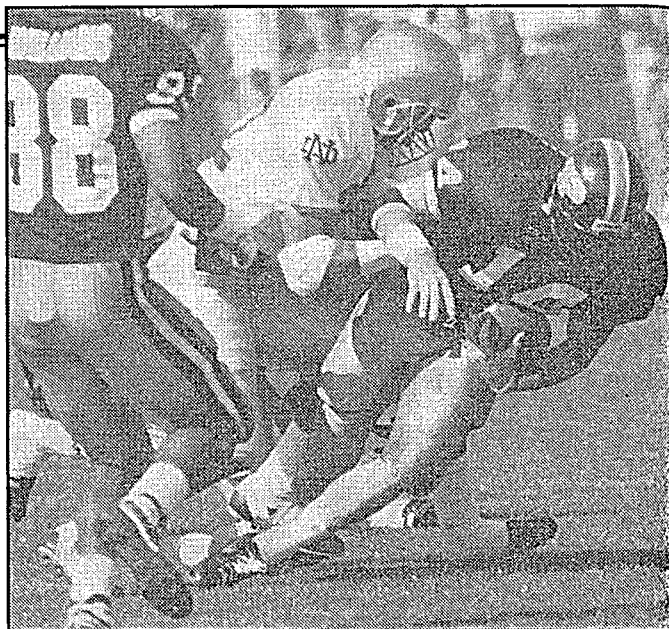
The second half gave Holtz a chance to play some of his second team, but the results were not what Holtz was looking for. The defense played well, but the offense sputtered. Freshman quarterback Rick Mirer led the Irish to two Craig Hentrich field goals of 19 and 22 yards, but overall the second team offense lacked cohesion and did not impress, a fact which disturbed Holtz.

"We had too many fumbles in the second half to say that we played well," said Holtz. "Our second unit lacked consistency and needs great improvement."

The second half for Purdue was an exercise in futility, best evidenced in a bizarre fourth-quarter sequence where Purdue quarterbacks fumbled and lost three straight snaps from center. First, Eric Hunter fumbled the snap and Notre Dame defensive end Troy Ridgely recovered. Then, after a

Hentrich field goal made it 37-0, déjà vu- Hunter fumbled the snap, and Ridgely recovered. Finally, after Hentrich missed a 37-yard field goal attempt, Steve Lesniewicz fumbled the snap and freshman Brian Ratigan fell on it. Hentrich drilled his second field goal, and the Irish led 40-0.

The Boilermaker fans got so fed up with the comedy of errors on the field that when Purdue finally executed a snap from center, the fans gave a derisive, 30-second standing ovation. When they got



Purdue quarterback Steve Letnich can't escape the grasp of D'Juan Francisco.



Irish fullback Anthony Johnson (22), who tallied two touchdowns, is dragged to the ground by Smith (28) and Jackson (1).

two in a row, the fans went wild.

With 33 seconds remaining in the game, Purdue finally scored on a bizarre-play at the Notre Dame three. Letnich was flushed from the pocket and scrambled to his right. Under heavy pressure, Letnich shovel-passed the ball under his arm and the waving hands of a Notre Dame defender to Rod Dennis for a touchdown that accounted for Purdue's lone score.

After the game, Akers assessed Notre Dame's overwhelming squad. "They have great team speed and talent, and you all know how deep they are," he said. "They're the most talented group I've ever seen put together in a long time, maybe the best ever. They are clearly the number one team in the country."

Zorich, though, was not pleased with the performance of the defense. "I don't think we are a good defense yet," he offered. "Purdue had too many yards rushing and that is not good."

And what of Lou Holtz himself? He was his typically laconic self and looked at Notre Dame's progress game-by-game. "We're just happy to have another road victory and look forward to another road challenge next week," he said.

The beat goes on. The winning streak stood at 16 in a row and counting with this

thrashing. Next stop: Palo Alto, California for a date with the Stanford Cardinal.



Joe Vitacco

Jerome Sparkman breaks into the open field with Pat Terrell hot on his heels.

GAME SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	14	20	0	6	40
Purdue	0	0	0	7	7

- 1st Quarter ND: Johnson 6 run (Hentrich kick) at 6:38
ND: Rice 4 run (Hentrich kick) at 2:04
- 2nd Quarter ND: Alm 16 interception return (Hentrich kick) at 14:44
ND: Johnson 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 6:35
ND: Watters 1 run (kick failed) at 0:14
- 4th Quarter ND: Hentrich 19 FG at 9:47
ND: Hentrich 22 FG at 6:18
PU: Dennis 3 pass from Letnich (Sullivan kick) at 0:33

Team Statistics

	ND	PU
First Downs	26	12
Rushing	16	7
Passing	10	4
Penalty	0	1
Rushing	61-241	31-130
Passing	15-21-289	11-28-89
Total Net Yards	530	219
Average Gain per Play	6.5	3.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	8-5
Penalties-Yards	5-40	1-5
Punts-Average	3-38.7	5-45.8
Punt Returns	2-14	2-21
Kickoff Returns	0-0	8-171
3rd Down Conversions	8-14	3-13

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Rice 12-67, Johnson 10-37, Ismail 5-37, Watters 9-34, Mirer 5-28, Brooks 7-20, Culver 3-10, Belles 3-8, Levens 3-4, Boyd 1-2, Griggs 1-(-2), Setzer 2-(-4); PU- Letnich 13-50, Sparkman 12-50, Williams 1-25, Hunter 2-4, Vinson 2-1, Lesniewicz 1-0

Passing: ND- Rice 12-15-270, Mirer 2-5-70, Graham 1-1-8; PU- Letnich 11-28-89

Receiving: ND- Brown 4-101, Ismail 4-93, Watters 3-58, Johnson 1-18, Smith 1-8, Griggs 1-7, Levens 1-4; PU- Williams 3-10, Coleman 2-32, Vinson 2-16, Turner 1-13, O'Connor 1-12, Dennis 1-3, Sparkman 1-3



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Stanford Scare

Notre Dame struggles to overcome a serious challenge mounted by the upset-minded Cardinal

BY BRIAN McMAHON

Oct. 7, Palo Alto, CA-

Stanford Stadium was in a frenzy. Notre Dame was in a battle.

Cardinal junior running back Tommy Vardell had just crashed over the right side for a two-point conversion, bringing the score to a 14-14 deadlock with a quarter and a half to play. The Cardinal had played the top-ranked Irish close all afternoon, even leading 6-0 after the first quarter, but this marked the first time that the Stanford fans had really come to life.

Through two and a half quarters, one felt that the Irish would eventually explode, burying the Cardinal as their position as three touchdown favorites indicated they should. Now, with the score tied and the Irish showing few signs of life, upset seemed plausible.

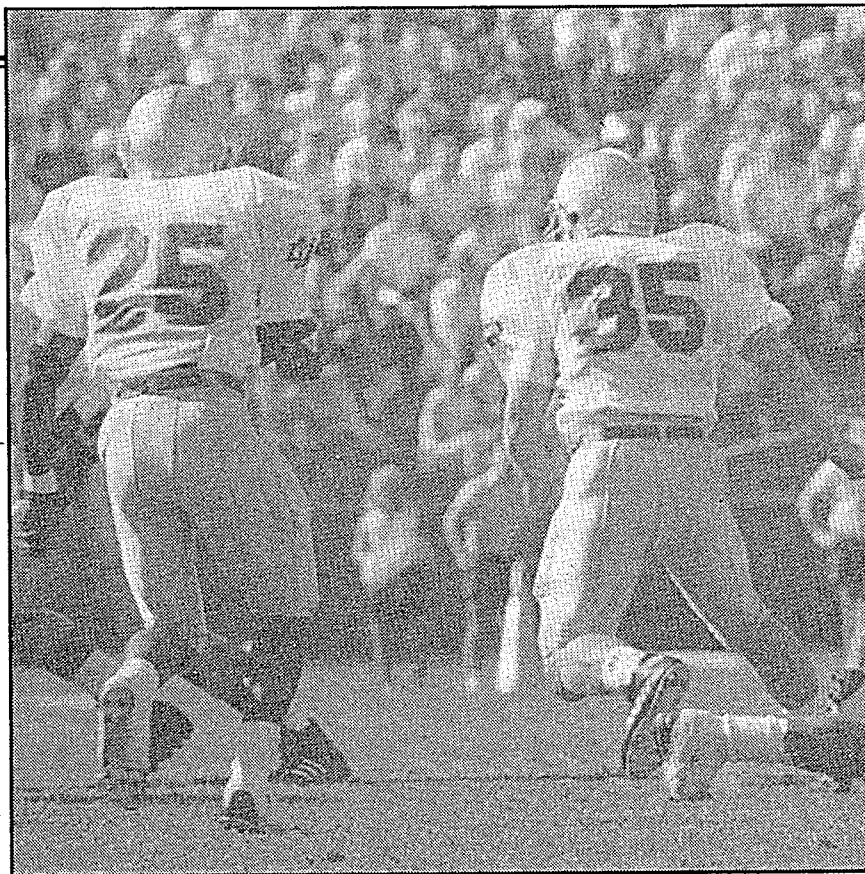
Stanford's John Hopkins teed up the ball to kickoff while most of the Cardinal fans were still basking in the glow of the score. He booted it to the left hash mark on the Notre Dame 18 where it was caught by Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. Rocket took the ball and blew 66 yards to the Stanford 16, where he was run out of bounds by Alan Grant.

Four plays later, Irish fullback Anthony Johnson bulled into the end zone from one yard out. Craig Hentrich converted the PAT and Notre Dame, in less than a minute and a half, had regained the lead and summarily ended Stanford's upset hopes on the way to a 27-17 victory before a sellout crowd of 86,019.

"When they tied it up and the stadium got involved," Notre Dame Head Coach Lou Holtz said afterward, "our team responded. Something was on our sideline when it became 14-all. Something in here," he boasted, pointing to his heart.

"It made me feel good."

The Irish struggled offensively in the first quarter, netting just 53 yards and making just one first down. Thirty-five yards in penalties didn't help either, one of which kept a drive



The score was tied at 14 when Ismail fielded this kickoff and searched for a seam in the Stanford coverage...

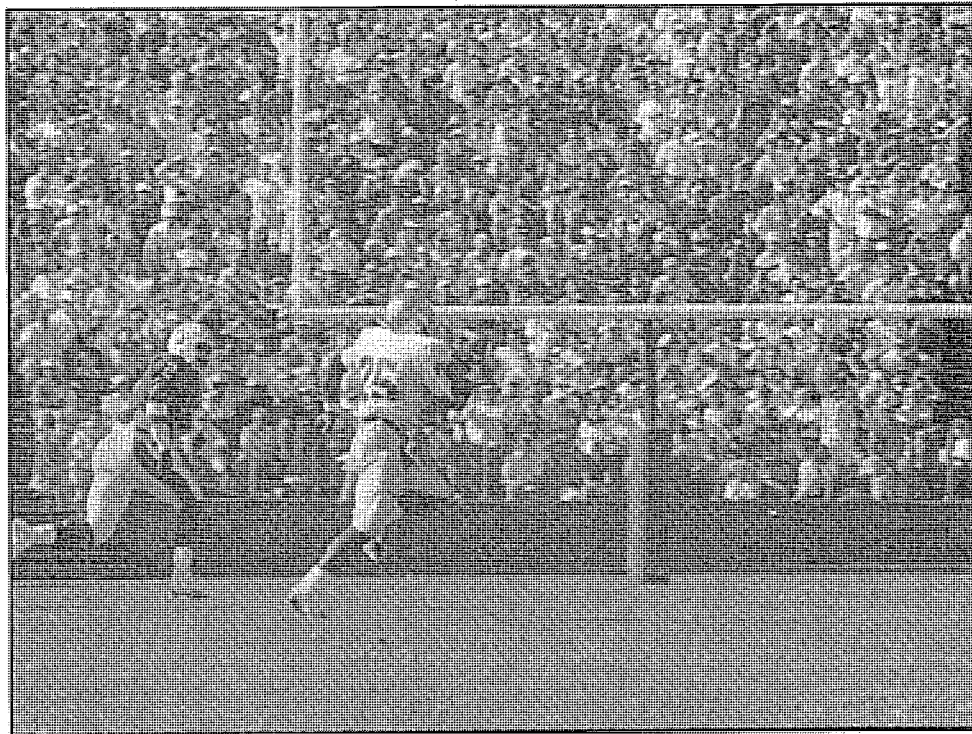
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alive for the Cardinal that led to Stanford's first score.

A 47-yard field goal attempt that Hopkins

68 attempts. The 68 attempts were a Stanford and Pac-10 Conference record.

Two and a half minutes later, Hopkins



...Moments later he took his 4.28 speed deep into Cardinal territory.

John Dlugolecki

sent way short was called back when the officials whistled Notre Dame's D'Juan Francisco for roughing the kicker. Four plays later, Hopkins punched a 34-yard shot for a 3-0 Stanford lead.

The drive provided an indication of things to come from the Cardinal offense. Freshman quarterback Steve Smith went to the air ten times on the 14-play drive, completing seven passes, only one of which went for more than ten yards. All afternoon, Smith nickled and dimed the Irish defense en route to 39 completions for 282 yards on

kicked a 42-yard field goal and Stanford led by six heading into the second quarter. The score was set up by a shanked punt by Hentrich, which gave Stanford the ball on the Notre Dame 32.

Notre Dame got on the board early in the second stanza. It took the Irish just four plays to go 64 yards, keyed by runs of 25 and 38 from Anthony Johnson and Tony Rice. Johnson carried into the end zone from seven yards out and Craig Hentrich's PAT gave the Irish the lead, 7-6.

Stanford's propensity to pass caught up with them seven minutes later. Notre Dame's defensive philosophy against a pass-

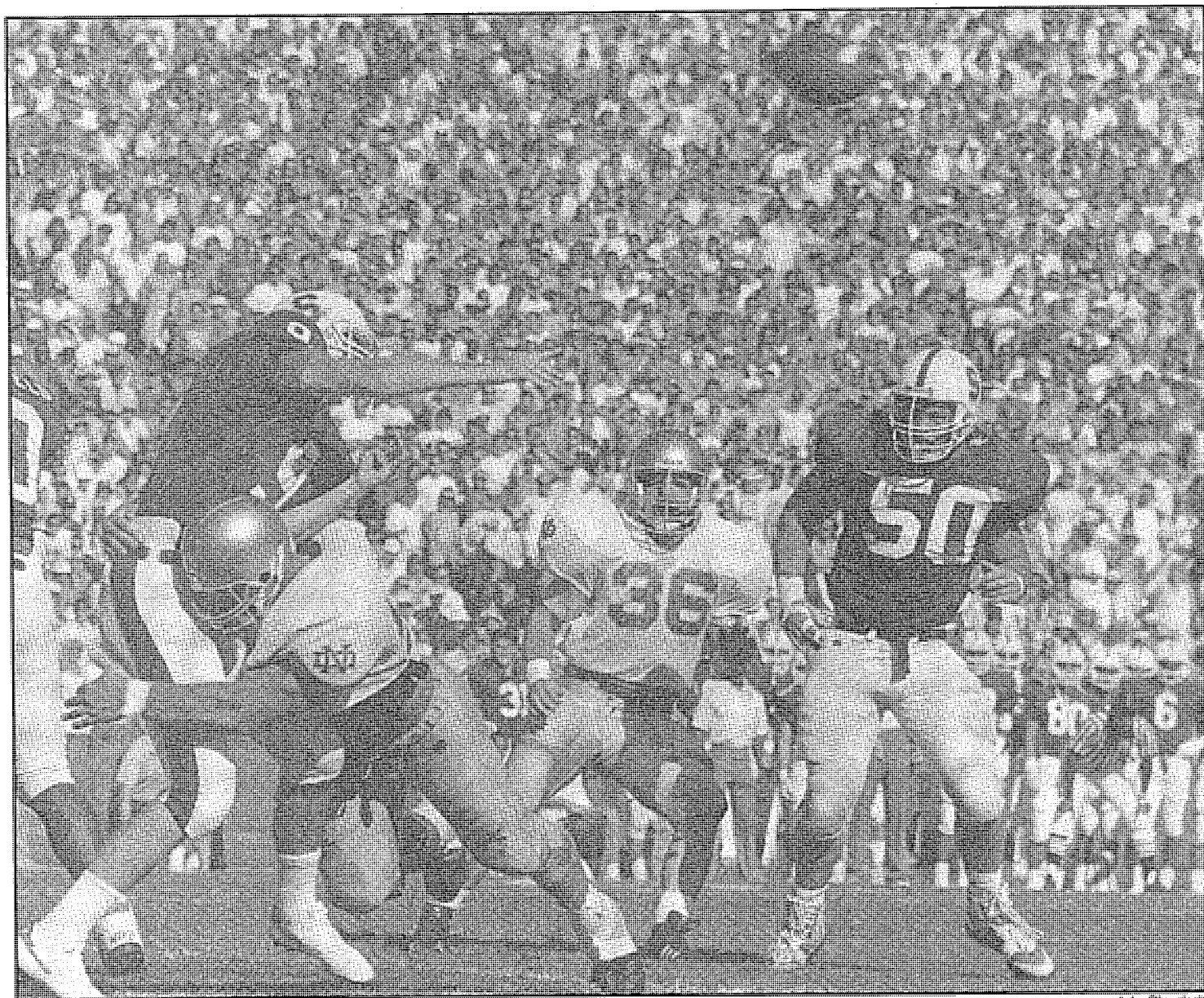
oriented offense is to avoid being burned by the long pass and hit the receiver where he catches the ball, the theory being that an offense putting the ball in the air that much will self-destruct.

Smith's *thirty-fifth* pass of the first half set up Notre Dame's second touchdown. The pass, intended for senior tight end Jim Price, was deflected into the hands of Francisco, who returned it 20 yards to the Stanford 32.

"We knew they'd pass a lot," said Irish safety Pat Terrell, who finished with two interceptions on the day. "They were dropping the ball off in the flats, going to the sidelines. We didn't get frustrated."

Nine plays after Francisco's interception, Rice pitched to sophomore fullback Rodney Culver, who went in untouched from the two for his second touchdown of the season. Hentrich's kick made the score 14-6 entering the second half.

Stanford's game-tying score half way through the third quarter came at the end of a 79-yard drive when Smith found junior receiver Ed McCaffery in the end zone from five yards out. On the previous play, third and goal from the ten, Stanford got a break when Irish cornerback Stan Smagala was called for interference for tripping Stanford receiver Chris Walsh.



Despite Smith's (9) two-step drop, Chris Zorich manages to hurry this particular throw.

John Chuganick

Cardinal Head Coach Dennis Green, behind by two, elected to go for the tie. Smith's pass for Jon Pinckney fell incomplete, but the Irish were called for interference again. This time Francisco was the culprit, setting up Vardell's one-yard plunge to tie the score. That set the stage for Ismail's heroics.

Up 21-14, the Irish threatened late in the quarter but failed to earn a first down on fourth and one from the five. The quarter ended with Notre Dame up by a touchdown.

The fourth quarter opened with the Irish driving from the Stanford 40. Hentrich kicked his first of two fourth-quarter field goals, a 20-yard kick that widened the lead to 24-14.

Stanford answered four and a half minutes later when a 70-yard drive culminated in Hopkins' third field goal of the game, this one from 27 yards. Smith threw on nine of the drive's 12 plays, completing six, but couldn't engineer a touchdown, as the Irish defense tightened deep in its own end. The Cardinal would not threaten again.

Terrell picked off Smith passes on each of the Cardinal's last two drives, the first of which led to an 18-yard field goal by Hentrich and the last coming with just over a

minute left, preserving the Irish's 27-17 victory.

"It was a hard fought, difficult game," Holtz concluded. "I wasn't surprised they played that well. Dennis Green and his coaches deserve all the credit in the world.

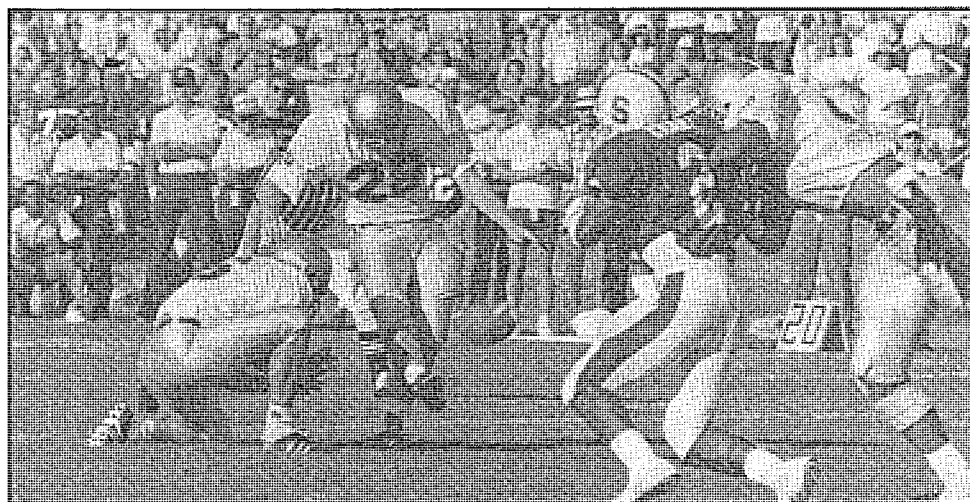
"We played well on defense," he continued. "Our plan was to cover them and let them dump it off or mix it up."

Irish linebacker Donn Grimm put Smith's apparent success into perspective. "We didn't want to blitz a lot because they are so

good man to man," he said. "We played a zone to avoid the big play, dropping eight guys back. He (Smith) wasn't taking time to throw but we had a good rush for the defense we played."

"Notre Dame is a fine team," summed up Green afterward. "They don't make mistakes and they have good balance. . . good teams make key plays."

At Stanford Stadium that day, those qualities proved too much to overcome for the gritty Cardinal.



Hentrich booted three FGs on the day, including one to seal the victory. John Dauglecki

GAME SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	14	7	6	27
Stanford	6	0	8	3	17

1st Quarter	SU: Hopkins 34 FG at 5:14 SU: Hopkins 42 FG at 2:40
2nd Quarter	ND: Johnson 7 run (Hentrich kick) at 12:24 ND: Culver 2 run (Hentrich kick) at 1:15
3rd Quarter	SU: McCaffrey 2 pass from Smith (Vardell run) at 8:48 ND: Johnson 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 7:28
4th Quarter	ND: Hentrich 20 FG at 12:42 SU: Hopkins 27 FG at 8:14 ND: Hentrich 18 FG at 1:27

Team Statistics

	ND	SU
First Downs	16	21
Rushing	12	3
Passing	3	14
Penalty	1	4
Rushing	52-194	16-34
Passing	7-17-102	39-68-282
Total Net Yards	296	316
Average Gain per Play	4.2	3.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-75	1-11
Punts-Average	8-43.7	6-40.6
Punt Returns	4-34	4-19
Kickoff Returns	3-88	4-108
3rd Down Conversions	4-16	7-20

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Johnson 15-75, Rice 16-71, Watters 7-15, Culver 5-13, Ismail 6-10, Mihalko 3-10; SU- Vardell 9-22, Smith 1-7, Eschelman 2-6, Berry 1-2, Taylor 3-(-3)
Passing: ND- Rice 7-17-102; PU- Smith 39-68-282
Receiving: ND- Ismail 3-67, Watters 1-11, Brown 1-9, Eilers 1-9, Mihalko 1-6; SU- Price 14-98, Eschelman 8-40, Vardell 7-26, McCaffrey 5-82, Batson 2-24, Taylor 2-4, Pinckney 1-8

Turbo Boost

Sophomore Raghib Ismail propels Notre Dame to a convincing road win over Air Force

BY PETE LaFLEUR

Oct. 14, Colorado Springs, CO-

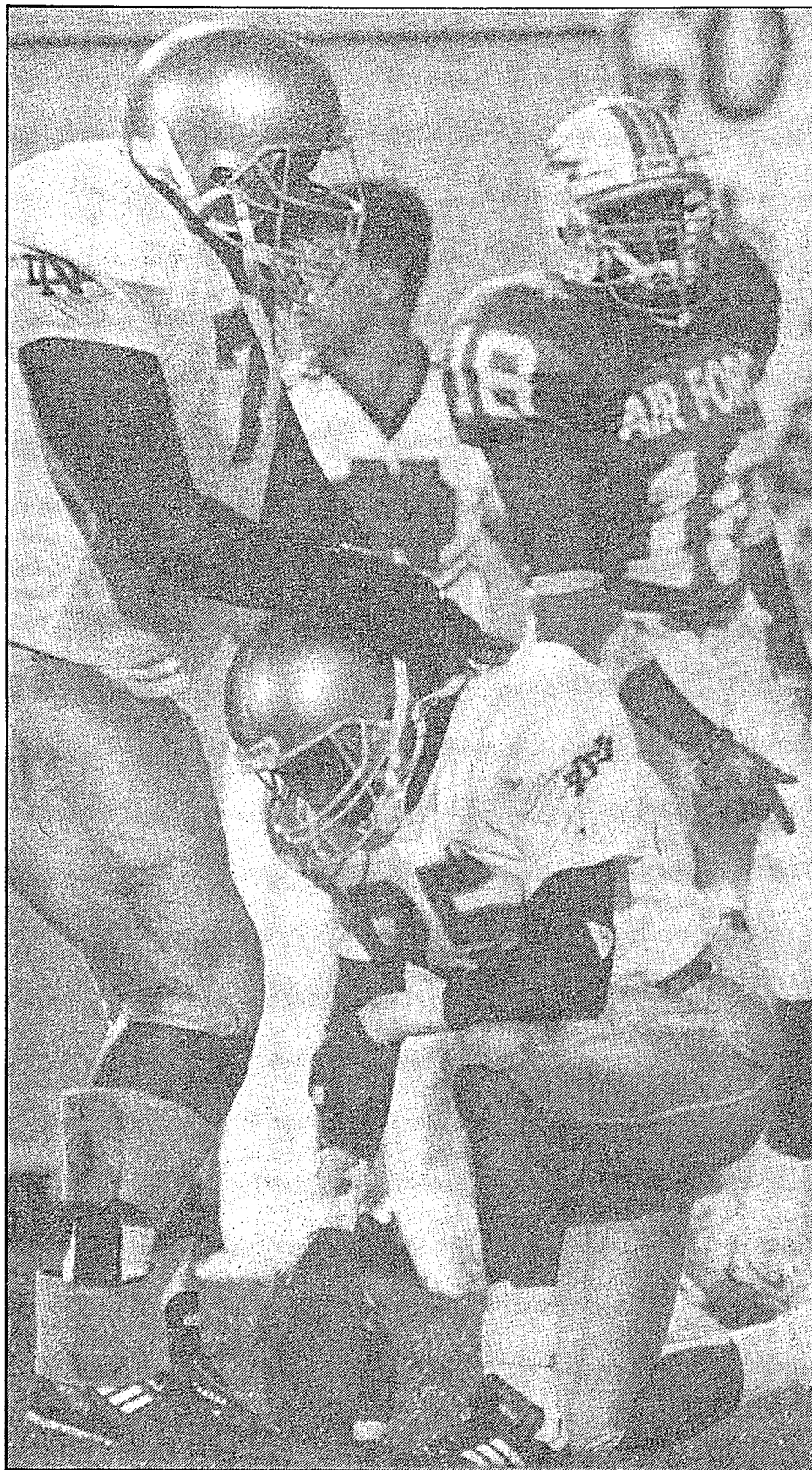
'E xcited" described the atmosphere as the Air Force Academy prepared to face the first top-ranked opponent ever to visit Falcon Stadium, with a record 53,533 fans looking on in anticipation of an upset. An unprecedented four flyovers preceded the game, as jet fighters screeched in from the south and bomber planes rumbled over from the east.

Three hours later, Notre Dame had unleashed its own weapon. Powered by the multi-dimensional attack of Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, the Irish soared to an early lead on their way to a 41-27 win, smothering the upset hopes of the Air Force faithful.

"Our team is very hurt and very disappointed," said Air Force coach Fischer DeBerry. "We felt the stage was set for us to win. But we didn't play well enough to beat the national champions."

Ismail stole the show in a game billed as a battle between two Heisman Trophy contenders, quarterbacks Tony Rice of Notre Dame and Dee Dowis of Air Force. "Everybody talks about Tony Rice and Dee Dowis, but we just wanted to do whatever it takes to win," said Irish Head Coach Lou Holtz.

What it took was a vintage performance



Dean Brown salutes Ismail (25) following the Rocket's 56-yard punt return.

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from Ismail. The Rocket had the Falcons, who fell to 6-1, seeing double- make that "triple"- as he ran out of the backfield, caught passes, and returned both kickoffs and punts. When the flames subsided, Ismail, seeing his first extended action in the backfield and returning punts, accounted for 180 yards, more than one third of Notre Dame's 529 total yards.

"We put [Rocket] at tailback a couple of plays early in the game and he did things very well. We just decided to keep him there," said Holtz, as Notre Dame won its 18th straight game. Ismail's statistics spoke for themselves. The five-foot-ten, 175-pound native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania caught two passes for 32 yards, returned a punt 56 yards for a touchdown, and scored on a 24-

yard reverse while rushing for 92 on the evening.

But the statistics don't quite convey the significance of Ismail's performance. While he rolled up yardage on two spectacular scores, the Rocket fumes still clouding the minds of Air Force players were memories of Ismail blasting out of the backfield. On many of those plays he skirted to the outside, breaking tackles and dragging Air Force defenders for much-needed yards. But even more importantly for the Irish, he gave senior full-back Anthony Johnson a much-needed break.

Johnson entered the game as Notre Dame's second-leading rusher (291 yards) and leading scorer (eight touchdowns). More importantly, Johnson had been Notre

Dame's "money man." Entering the game, Johnson had carried an average of five times per game more than starting tailback Ricky Watters and was always called on for the important carries. But things changed in Colorado Springs, and Johnson's ankles were thankful.

Johnson carried the ball only 13 times on this day as Watters (96 yards on 11 carries) and Ismail (10 carries) helped divvy up the rushing duties. Johnson was needed on first down only five times, and his only key runs were on two fourth-down plunges. Aside from that, Ismail and Watters set up most of the drives.

Ismail wasn't the only star, though. Rice was just as much a factor in taking the pressure off Johnson and in leading the Irish to



Although Heisman candidate Dee Dowis had a career day throwing the ball, he sputtered running the option attack. courtesy South Bend Tribune

quick points. Rice completed his first seven passes, finishing with nine of 13 completions for 123 yards. He also rushed for 71 yards on 14 carries. Said DeBerry, "I'm really impressed with Rice. He's the catalyst for Notre Dame."

The Irish went up 21-0 before Air Force had even recorded a first down, scoring with a deadly combination of execution and speed. The first two scores came off sustained drives, the first covering 80 yards in ten plays and the second logging 69 in 14. On those drives, Johnson plunged in from the one-yard line and Watters scampered in from five yards out to give the Irish a lead they would never relinquish.

First quarter events truly devastated the Falcons. They stood idly by as the Irish racked up 149 yards in 24 plays, including three successful third down conversions. On the other side of the ball, the Irish defense held the Air Force to only 11 yards on eight plays. Things didn't get much better in the second quarter.

Following its second successive "four and out" drive, Air Force set up in punt formation. Ismail fielded Eric Olsen's 35-yard boot on the Irish 44. He quickly burst up the middle, sliced through the first wave of defenders and found himself halfway to a score. As Ismail neared the 30, two Air Force tacklers lunged at him from each side but came up empty as they tumbled over one another.

As he neared the goal line, Ismail used an official in front of him to ward off some of the pursuit. A crunching

block by junior Scott Kowalkowski sprung the Rocket, who, slanting towards the left end zone marker, avoided a last-ditch diving attempt by the Falcons' Jason Jones. Air Force never recovered, while Ismail and the Irish only got better.

The Falcons managed to put 14 first-half points on the board, thanks to scoring passes from Dowis to fullback Greg Johnson and wide receiver Steve Senn. The Irish answered with a 27-yard Rice-to-Johnson scoring toss sandwiched between the Falcon's two touchdowns. But when Dowis fumbled on first and 10 from his own 40, the Irish were

set to put the game away.

After two rollouts by Rice and a spurt by Ismail came up short, Holtz and the Irish were forced with a decision. They decided to go on fourth and one. Johnson bulled over for two on the left side, picking up the first down.

Ismail, rapidly becoming the most potent weapon on the Air Force campus, then took the ball on a reverse and sped toward the same corner where he had scored minutes earlier. This time nobody was there. Ismail coasted in as Dowis' fumble suddenly took on added significance. DeBerry probably best exemplified his team's frustration when

he ripped the hat from his head, throwing it to the ground in disgust.

Maybe the cadets took DeBerry's "throwing in the hat" to heart. Entering the second half down 35-14 they took to the air, throwing like the wishbone-oriented team hadn't all year. The Falcons rallied behind Dowis' throwing and Senn's receiving. Dowis posted career highs with 15 completions for 306 yards, with Senn latching on to six of those passes for 101 yards.

"I didn't know they were going to throw that much. I'm sure they did get the idea to throw so much from Stanford," said defensive end Andre Jones, in reference to Notre Dame's narrow win the week before in California where the Cardinal attempted 68 passes. "I felt good about how we played considering that we prepared for one thing [the run] and had to adjust."

Holtz, as usual, wasn't so positive. "I did not think we could play as well against the run as we did," he said. "But we



Johnson scored on a one yard plunge and a 27 yard reception.

Courtesy
South Bend Tribune

certainly didn't play well against the pass."

"We take pride in our run defense, and I think our people matched up pretty well with them," said Kowalkowski. "The key with Dowis was that we had to force him to pitch the ball."

Air Force ground out only 182 yards rushing (260 below its season average) while Dowis picked up only 39 of his own (95 below his standard). Their 27 points were a season low and marked only the second game

the Falcons failed to score at least 43. Notre Dame's defense of the Falcon wishbone proved to be the key.

"The main thing the coaches told us was to play Dowis back and wait for him to commit," explained defensive end Devon McDonald. "My job was to buy time for the defensive backs to come up and take the running back. The big thing was to stop Dowis hurting us when he's rolling out." DeBerry summed it up nicely, saying, "Notre

Dame guessed our option right a bunch."

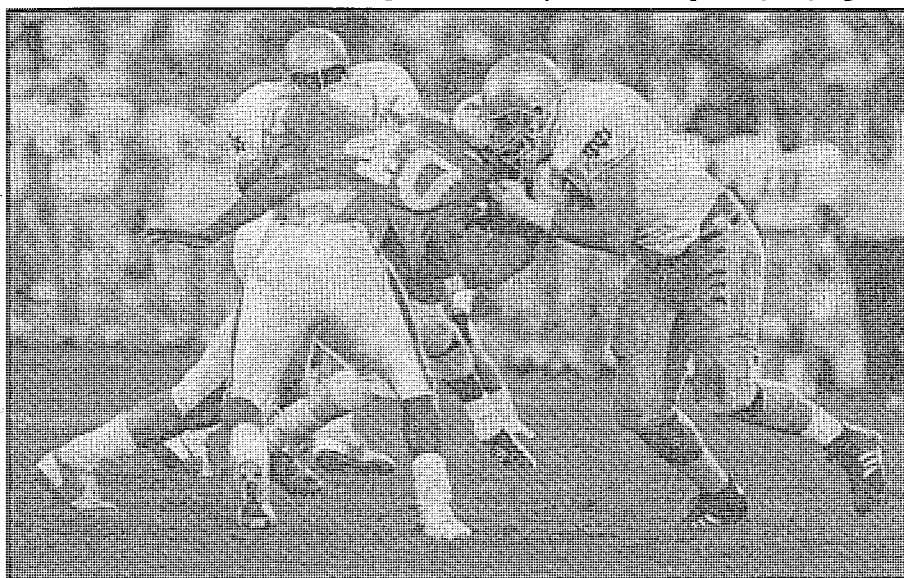
The Irish defense turned in an assortment of big plays. Cornerback Todd Lyght snared Dowis' first interception of the season in the third quarter, thwarting what seemed a certain Air Force score. On that play, linebacker Ned Bolcar tipped the ball as Lyght out-jumped the Air Force receivers in the end zone for his fifth interception of the year. Instead of closing to 38-22 with five minutes to play in the third quarter, Air Force lost any hope of momentum as Notre Dame added a field goal to go up 41-14.

But in the end it was Ismail receiving the star billing. Talk of the Rocket as an emerging Heisman Trophy candidate could be heard among departing fans and writers. But this was just another day for Ismail in this, only his sophomore season.

"I just tried to get what I could out of every play," Ismail said, dismissing any talk about himself as a Heisman contender. "The holes were there and I think I got the maximum. It was nothing out of the ordinary.

"Dee Dowis is real good, a great athlete. But I'd vote for Tony Rice for Heisman."

The Air Force faithful won't soon forget the exhibition the Rocket put on here, a flyover that made their F-16's seem like plastic models. Ismail won't soon forget, either. ■



Bob Dahl and the defensive line controlled the trenches limiting Air Force to 168 yards on the ground. courtesy
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AF: Johnson 61 pass from Dowis (Wood kick) at 13:36
ND: Johnson 27 pass from Rice (Hentrich kick) at 9:46
AF: Senn 26 pass from Dowis (Wood kick) at 13:36
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Fumbles-Lost	1-1	5-3
Penalties-Yards	4-23	5-35
Punts-Average	1-66.0	2-38.0
Punt Returns	2-56	0-0
Kickoff Returns.....	4-18	1-18
3rd Down Conversions	6-10	6-11

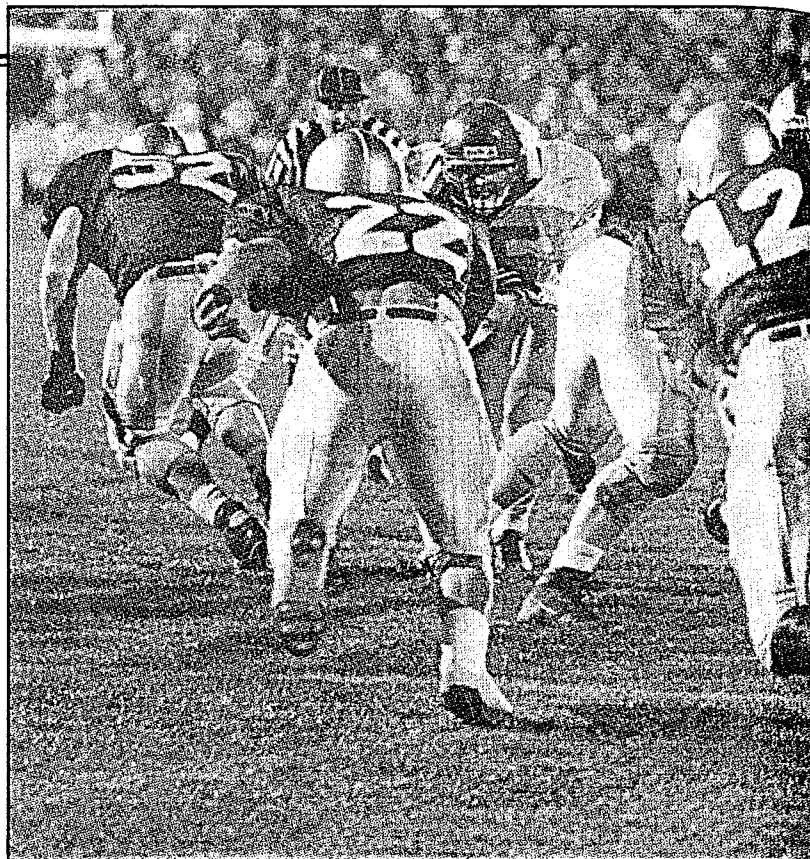
Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Rice 14-71, Watters 11-96, Johnson 13-42, Ismail 10-92, Culver 7-22, Brooks 1-6, Levens 1-2, Setzer 1-1; AF- Lewis 13-58, Dowis 11-39, Gray 3-13, Johnson 5-5, Jones 4-17, Young 1-12, Howard 1-1, Zdorik 1-0, Wilson 1-23

Passing: ND- Rice 9-13-123; AF- Dowis 15-24-306

Receiving: ND- Ismail 3-25, Eilers 2-25, Brown 2-34, Johnson 1-27, Watters 1-12; AF- Johnson 2-67, Senn 6-101, Van Hulkzen 5-96, Howard 1-27, Woods 1-15

A Game for the Ages



Watters (12) follows his blockers into treacherous territory.

Notre Dame and Southern Cal provide another thrilling moment in a classic rivalry

BY DAN FLYNN

Oct. 21, Notre Dame-

Before the 1989 chapter of Notre Dame-USC football was written, the rivalry between these two perennial collegiate heavyweights had already been called the greatest inter-sectional competition in college football. This year's game did nothing but enhance that reputation.

The 61st, and possibly the greatest meeting between the teams had all the elements of a classic football game: big offensive plays, goal-line stands, controversy and unfortunately, a pre-game fight which in the end overshadowed Notre Dame's remarkable 28-24 victory.

After the game, naturally, each side felt

the other was at fault for the pre-game fist-cuffs. Some Irish players went so far as to blame Southern Cal coaches for taunting the Notre Dame band.

In the end, it was Lou Holtz who took responsibility for his team's part in the fracas. "I sincerely apologize to Southern Cal," he said after the game. "I promise this will never happen again at Notre Dame, regardless who is at fault."

Soon after all the taunts, accusations and stories had been traded, it was fullback Anthony Johnson who probably summed up the tunnel tussle most accurately. "It was something we didn't want to get involved with," said Johnson. "Adrenaline is high and people's emotion takes over."

Emotion certainly did take over during the game, especially for Notre Dame. After

sleepwalking through much of the first half, they found themselves trailing the Trojans 17-7. However, the Irish received a rather rude, but nonetheless timely wake-up call in the form of a USC serenade.

The Trojans reportedly sang a mocking rendition of the Notre Dame fight song to the Irish as both teams headed off to the locker room at the half. If anything, it only served to stir the slumbering Irish.

The Irish appeared fired up to open the second half as the defense led the charge. On USC's first possession, cornerback Todd Lyght shoved tight end Scott Galbraith back two yards after what appeared to be a certain first down at the USC 20. Notre Dame received a favorable call, however, and the Trojans were forced to punt. The Irish got the ball back at midfield, where they needed



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slightly more than four minutes and eight plays to punch it in. Ricky Walters went the final two yards on a pitch from quarterback Tony Rice as the Irish cut the Trojan lead to three.

Later in the third quarter, Lyght again made the big play. After Rice fumbled the ball deep in Notre Dame territory, quarterback Todd Marinovich (333 yards passing on the day) threw the last of his three interceptions.

Lyght stepped in

front of Marinovich's pass in the end zone after the ball was tipped by linebacker Donn Grimm.

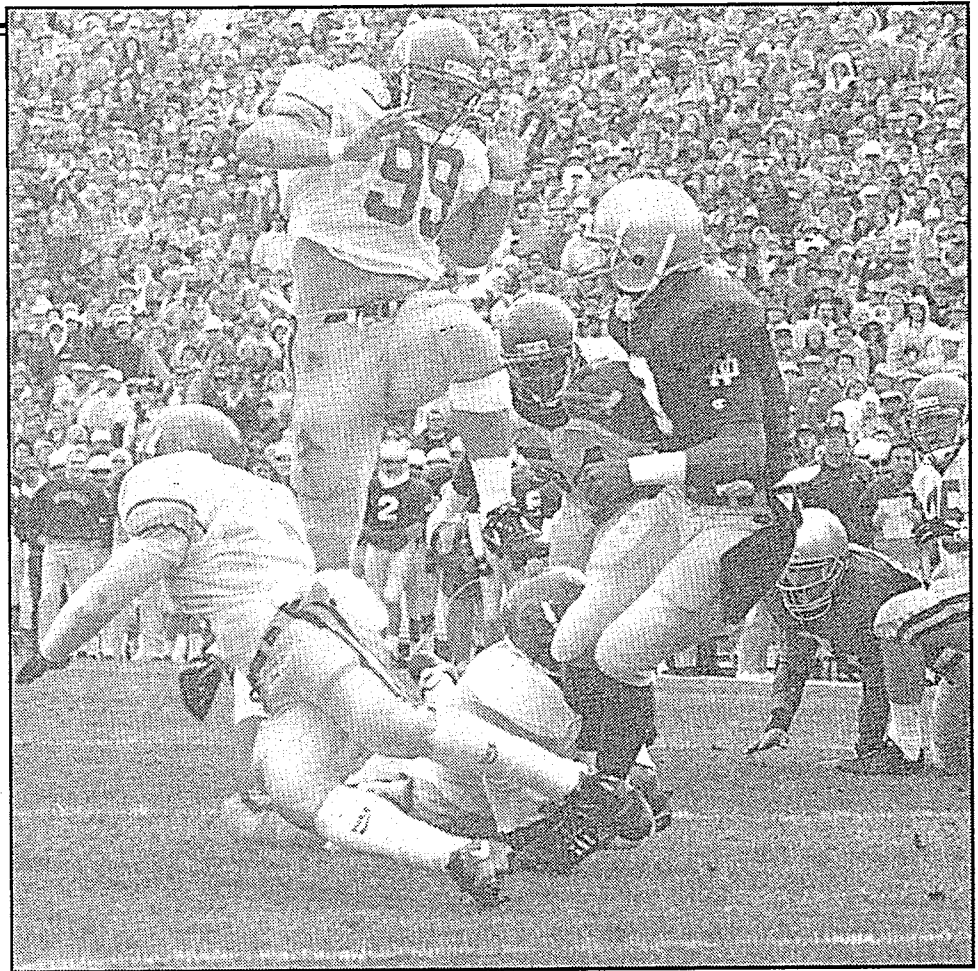
With the Notre Dame defense making all the big plays, the Irish offense waited until early in the fourth quarter to go to work. They drove 80 yards to put the Irish on top for the first time in the contest.

Even this drive, however, was set up by the defense. After Grimm and Ned Bolcar sacked Marinovich and forced USC to punt, the Irish ground game moved the ball successfully against the vaunted Southern Cal rush defense and were at the USC 35 when Holtz wanted his team to "just get a first down."

What Holtz received was a 35-yard touchdown gallop on third and one from Johnson.

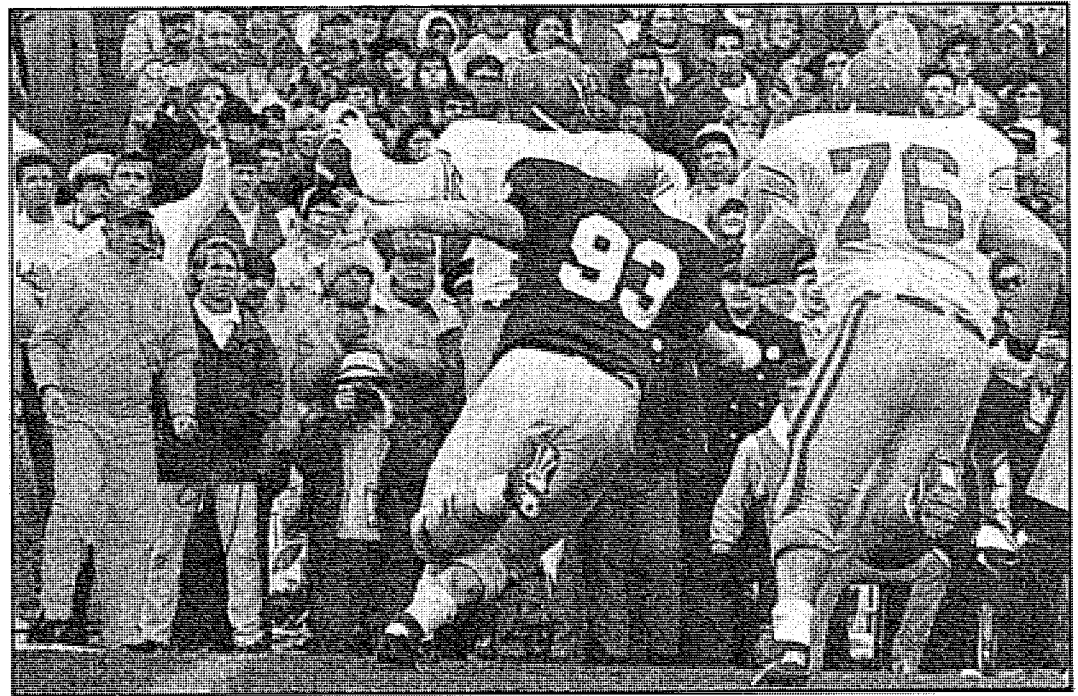
"It was just an off-tackle play designed to get the first down," said Johnson, who rushed 13 times on the day for 78 yards.

The game was an emotional ride. Unfortunately, Johnson became seasick on the next series.



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Tim Ryan (99) helped USC make Rice's life miserable in the first half.



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USC Coach Larry Smith (left, in yellow) holds his breath as Bob Dahl hunts down Marinovich.

After catapulting his team ahead and rushing for almost more yards on one play (35) than the Trojan defense had given up per game (36), the usually sure-handed fullback fumbled at the Irish 34 and USC's Brian Tuliau recovered.

Johnson's miscue opened the door and Marinovich kicked it in, wasting no time in putting USC back on top. In just four plays the Trojans struck paydirt, Marinovich hitting Brad Wellman on third down from 15 yards out for the score.

Trailing 24-21, it seemed like the Irish had finally done themselves in. One too many turnovers and one too many touch-down passes from golden-armed Marinovich. But as quickly as Notre Dame can

convince you it let the big one get away, their Heisman hopeful quarterback always seems to grasp and, somehow, create another big moment.

Surprisingly, Rice did it this time with his throwing arm. For three quarters, the Irish quarterback completed just four of 15 passes and had turned the ball over twice. Then, with nine minutes to play and the Irish trailing, Rice grabbed his magic wand and waved it over the 80 yards of Notre Dame Stadium turf separating his team from the goal line.

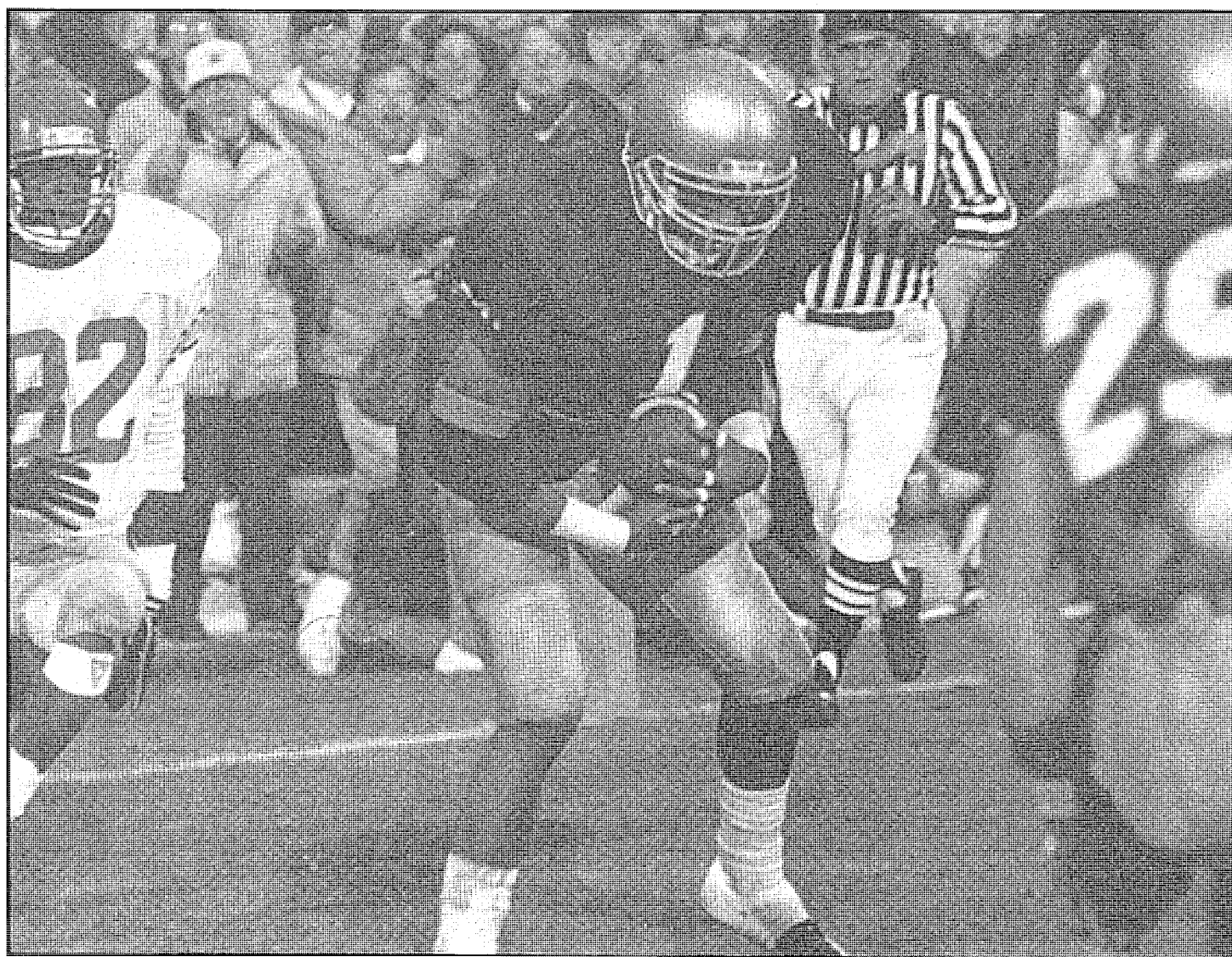
On second and eight from the Notre Dame 44, after four consecutive running plays, Rice threw his first pass of the quarter—a perfectly lofted strike to Raghieb Ismail, who beat All-America safety Cleveland

Colter. Catching the ball in full stride, Ismail carried it to the Trojan 15. On the next play, Rice optioned left, broke two tackles and dragged Colter into the end zone with 5:18 to play.

The Irish offense had put together a scoring drive when the team needed it the most. Notre Dame rushed for 197 of its 266 yards on the day in the second half, and the offensive line gave Rice all the time he needed to find the streaking Ismail for the long gainer.

It was the defense, however, that would end up saving the game with a stand of its own—one of the goal-line variety.

USC, led by the surprising poise of the young Marinovich, did not stop pressing the



Lyght's third quarter interception stopped the Trojans on third and goal.

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Johnson scored on a 35-yard run to help put the Irish ahead 21-17 in the fourth.

Notre Dame lead. Behind Marinovich, the Trojans closed in fast. From their own 37, four short passes got USC to the Irish 10. After a five-yard run and two incompletions, the Irish defense tightened and tacked on another big play to its ever-expanding list. On fourth down, Marinovich felt the pressure of defensive end Scott Kowalkowski and threw to the middle of the end zone, where D'Juan Francisco batted it down.

The Trojans nevertheless refused to concede defeat and found themselves with yet another chance to pull the game out in the closing moments, but a Hail Mary pass fell short as Irish won their 19th straight.

"This was a great game," said USC Head Coach Larry Smith. "It was a very intense game. I think everyone watching was entertained. It was college football at its best."

Holtz agreed with Smith's assessment, but admitted that "it seemed like we were fighting uphill all day."

For the most part, the Irish were. Two fumbles by Ismail, one on a kickoff and the other on a punt, left the Irish in 7-0 and 14-7 holes early in the contest.

In the end though, the Irish surged to their seventh win of the season behind a stingy second-half defense and an opportunistic offense. Once more, Notre Dame and Southern Cal truly gave us a game for the ages.

Game Summary

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	0	7	14	28
USC	14	3	0	7	24

1st Quarter	SC: Wallace 12 pass from Marinovich (Rodriguez kick) at 12:47
2nd Quarter	ND: Rice 7 run (Hentrich kick) at 9:10 SC: Jackson 15 pass from Marinovich (Rodriguez kick) at 7:47
3rd Quarter	SC: Rodriguez 28 FG at 10:22 ND: Watters 2 run (Hentrich kick) at 9:17 ND: Johnson 35 run (Hentrich kick) at 13:51
4th Quarter	SC: Wellman 16 pass from Marinovich (Rodriguez kick) at 9:01 ND: Rice 15 run (Hentrich kick) at 5:18

Team Statistics

	ND	USC
First Downs.....	20	26
Rushing.....	16	7
Passing.....	4	19
Penalty.....	0	0
Rushing.....	49-266	35-119
Passing.....	5-16-91	33-55-333
Total Net Yards.....	357	452
Average Gain per Play.....	5.5	5.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	4-4	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	2-10	10-75
Punts-Average.....	5-48.8	6-34.6
Punt Returns.....	1-0	2-12
Kickoff Returns.....	2-75	4-50
3rd Down Conversions.....	5-11	8-18

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Rice 18-99, Johnson 13-78, Watters 11-55, Ismail 6-33, Culver 1-1; USC- Ervins 17-64, Holt 11-35, Marinovich 7-20
Passing: ND- Rice 5-16-91; USC- Marinovich 33-55-333
Receiving: ND- Ismail 2-62, Brown 2-20, Eilers 1-9; USC- Jackson 14-200, Ervins 6-33, Wellman 4-41, Galbraith 3-18, Griffin 2-14, Holt 1-15, Wallace 1-12, Scott 1-5, Marinovich 1-(-5)



Scott Kowalkowski (37) and Chris Zorich (50) exult in drilling Pitt's Alex Van Pelt deep in his own territory.

A 'Pitt'iful Beating

*The seventh-ranked Panthers are no match
for college football's newest "Bad Boys"*

BY JONPAUL POTTS

Oct. 28, Notre Dame-

Finally.

Despite a 7-0 start and a number one national ranking, the Fighting Irish had yet to put together a complete game. Lou Holtz' charges would put together one good half and one sloppy half, or the defense would play well and the offense would sputter.

But on this day, the Irish came out with fire in their eyes, thrashing the seventh-ranked Pittsburgh Panthers 45-7 while improving their season mark to 8-0.

"This is the first time that we played a complete game as a complete team," said Holtz. "I thought our football team played well and they played together. It was just one of our days."

Using a bend-but-don't-break philosophy, the defense allowed some yardage to the Pitt offense but came on strong in the turnover department. The secondary intercepted three of Pitt quarterback Alex Van Pelt's passes and Notre Dame linebacker Scott Kowalkowski recovered a Van Pelt fumble for another key takeaway.

The offense responded, too, racking up 339 yards of total offense, mostly on the ground. Leading the way, sophomore Raghib "Rocket" Ismail rushed for 74 yards on only eight carries, including a 50-yard touchdown dash in the third quarter.

But this game may be remembered more for the turmoil of the week leading up to it than the game itself. In a series of episodes worthy of an afternoon soap opera lineup, Irish-bashing became high fashion. The brawl in the tunnel prior to the Southern Cal game the previous Saturday caused quite a stir. Holtz accepted his share of the blame and apologized for Notre Dame's part in the fight, but

that failed to stop some writers from making very negative comments about the Irish:

Several Trojans brushed shoulder pads with their Irish counterparts, who had gone out of their way to block the path to the tunnel...Unpleasantries were exchanged and about 20 Southern Cal players, surrounded by a sea of blue and gold, had to brawl their way free...As for Notre Dame, it survived, though without style and without much class. Now Holtz has to get the Irish cranked up again this week for a home game against Pitt. Let's hope that while he's doing it, he also teaches his children some tunnel etiquette.

- Douglas S. Looney

Sports Illustrated, October 30, 1989

Another side show was playing up in Minnesota, where Holtz was being linked to several NCAA rules violations. Holtz was cleared of all allegations, but this incident, combined with the tunnel fracas, could not

have helped the team's state of mind entering the October 28th confrontation with the Panthers.

On paper at least, the Pittsburgh game looked to be tough. Coach Mike Gottfried came to Notre Dame Stadium with a 5-0-1 record and a high-powered offense averaging 31 points per game. Freshman quarterback Van Pelt led the Panther offense, having thrown 10 touchdown passes in his first six collegiate games for an amazing 146.8 quarterback rating.

In fact, against West Virginia, Pittsburgh had trailed 31-7 entering the fourth quarter but roared back with an amazing 24 points to tie the Mountaineers 31-31. Till this point, the Pitt offense was cranking on all four cylinders.

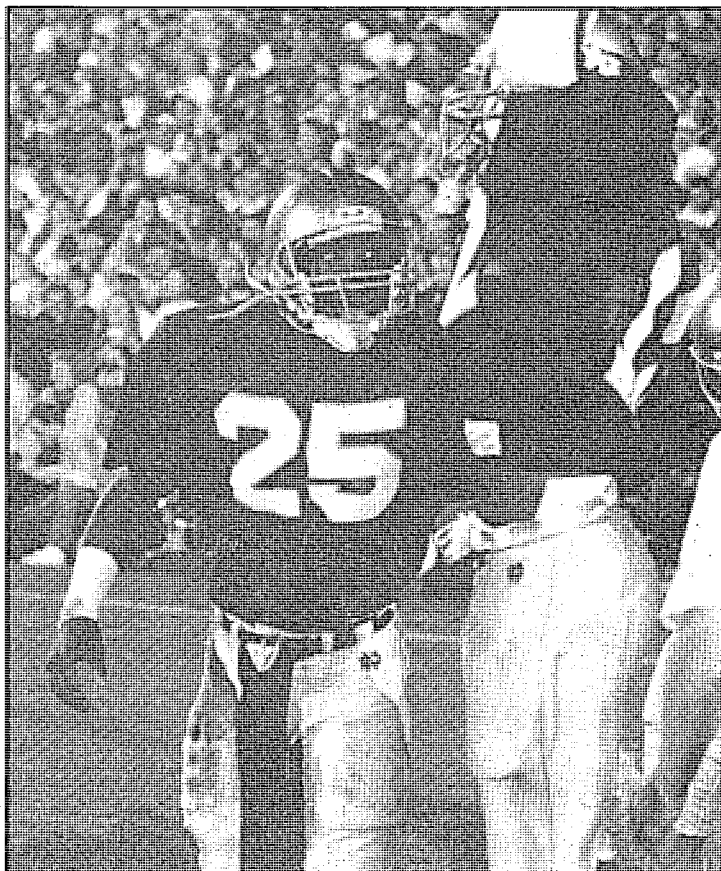
Sure enough, the first Panther drive did nothing to dispel Irish fears of an upset. Van Pelt marched the Panthers on a 12-play, 68-yard drive capped by a Van Pelt-to-Ronald Redmon pass. A successful

extra point followed and, before you could blink, the Irish were in a 7-0 hole.

The first Irish possession was anything but promising. Anthony Johnson took a handoff and fought up the middle for four yards. The Rocket gained five yards on a pitch left and quarterback Tony Rice got a first down on a sneak. But three more plays yielding only five yards resulted in a Jim Sexton punt which Pitt fair caught at its seven yard line.

From here on, the Irish defense took over.

On first down, Pitt was called for an illegal procedure penalty which forced them into a first and 13 from their own three. After an incompleteness and a run for no gain by Redmon, Van Pelt dropped back to pass but was flushed from the pocket. He lost his footing, falling in the end zone for a safety, making the score 7-2 Pittsburgh.



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Ismail and Watters celebrate the Rocket's 50-yard touchdown run.



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The running game was key to this drive, as it was all day. Behind big holes opened by the likes of Tim Grunhard and Dean Brown, the Irish backs ran roughshod over Pitt for 310 yards on an astounding 57 carries (out of 66 total Irish plays from scrimmage).

"If we get that kind of performance each week from the line, we will do very well," said Grunhard. "We don't get the hype, but the guys across from us know who won the battle."

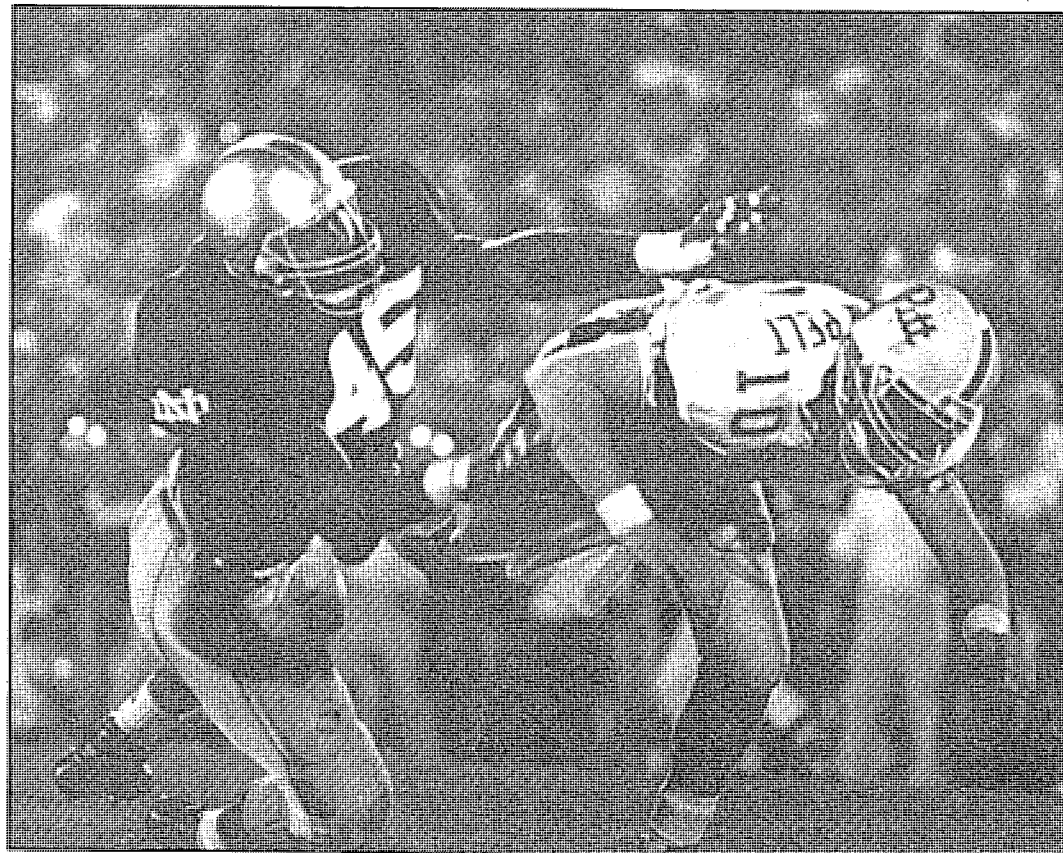
The Irish would score once more before the half on a Pat Terrell interception return. Van Pelt overthrew his receiver at the Notre Dame 46, and Terrell picked it off, broke a tackle and was off to the races. Terrell cut across the field and sprinted down the left sideline just ahead of Pitt tacklers for his second career touchdown.

"It felt like a punt return,"

Devon McDonald demonstrates the kind of punishment Notre Dame inflicted on Van Pelt all evening long.

Notre Dame got the ball on its own 40 after the Pitt free kick, but the Irish could not convert and had to punt. The Irish defense played tough again, however, stuffing the Panthers on four plays, including an Andre Jones sack of Van Pelt for a nine-yard loss. After the Pitt punt, Notre Dame embarked on a touchdown drive which would provide all the scoring the Irish would need.

The Irish drive would go for 36 yards, all on the ground. On first and 10, Ismail exploded off left tackle for a 16-yard run. Then, Johnson carried on three consecutive plays for 12 yards. After an Ismail one-yard gain, the Irish again called Johnson's number as he carried to the Pittsburgh one-yard line to set up third and one. Sophomore Rodney Culver burst through the left side for the touchdown, and Rice successfully executed a two-point conversion to give the Irish a 10-7 lead.



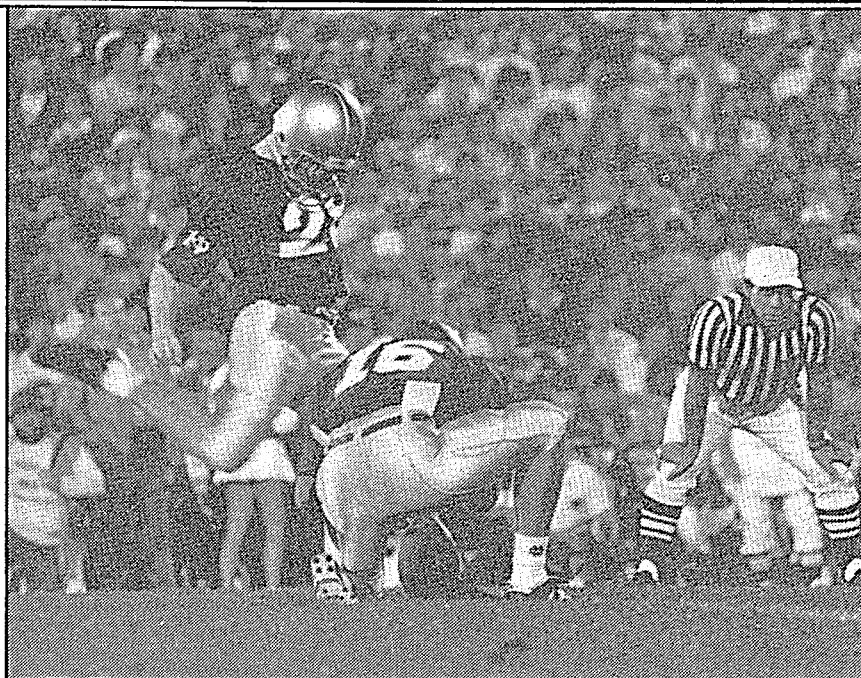
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said Terrell. "I got some great blocks from the entire defense, and guys were just flying all over the place and I just took it to the house. We are always looking for the big play."

The second half was all Irish. Ricky Watters, Ismail and Steve Belles all rushed for touchdowns, and Culver powered in his second touchdown for a 28-0 second half margin and a 45-7 final spread.

A negative, if one could be found in this superb Irish effort, may have been in the Irish passing attack. Rice only completed one of nine pass attempts, and, though he ran well, did not play as well as he is capable.

"We can't continue to play unless we start to throw the ball," said Holtz. "We



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The Irish scoring machine kept Hentrich busy on extra points.

know we have to throw the ball and not be one-dimensional."

Overall, though, it was a solid effort on behalf of the Irish. For Pitt, however, it was

record. The Midshipmen of Navy lay as the next unlucky opponent on the 1988-1989 Irish spin down Legendary Lane.

a day of inconsistent play and frustration.

"Notre Dame just whipped us in every area," said Pitt coach Mike Gottfried. "We unravelled and we played inconsistent. We made so many mistakes, we self-destructed. I said a long time ago Notre Dame and Miami are on a different plane." Just what plane that was would be determined in a pre-New Year's bowl soiree November 25th in the Orange Bowl.

Notre Dame's win streak now stood at 20, one victory shy of the all-time Notre Dame

Game Summary

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	2	15	21	7	45
Pittsburgh	7	0	0	0	7

- 1st Quarter UP: Redmon 8 pass from Van Pelt (Frazier kick) at 9:32
ND: Safety. Van Pelt slips at 6:07
- 2nd Quarter ND: Culver 1 run (Rice run) at 13:22
ND: Terrel 54 interception return (Hentrich kick) at 3:05
- 3rd Quarter ND: Watters 2 run (Hentrich kick) at 8:15
ND: Ismail 50 run (Hentrich kick) at 4:53
ND: Culver 1 run (Hackett kick) at 0:49
- 4th Quarter ND: Belles 13 run (Hackett kick) at 4:12

Individual Statistics

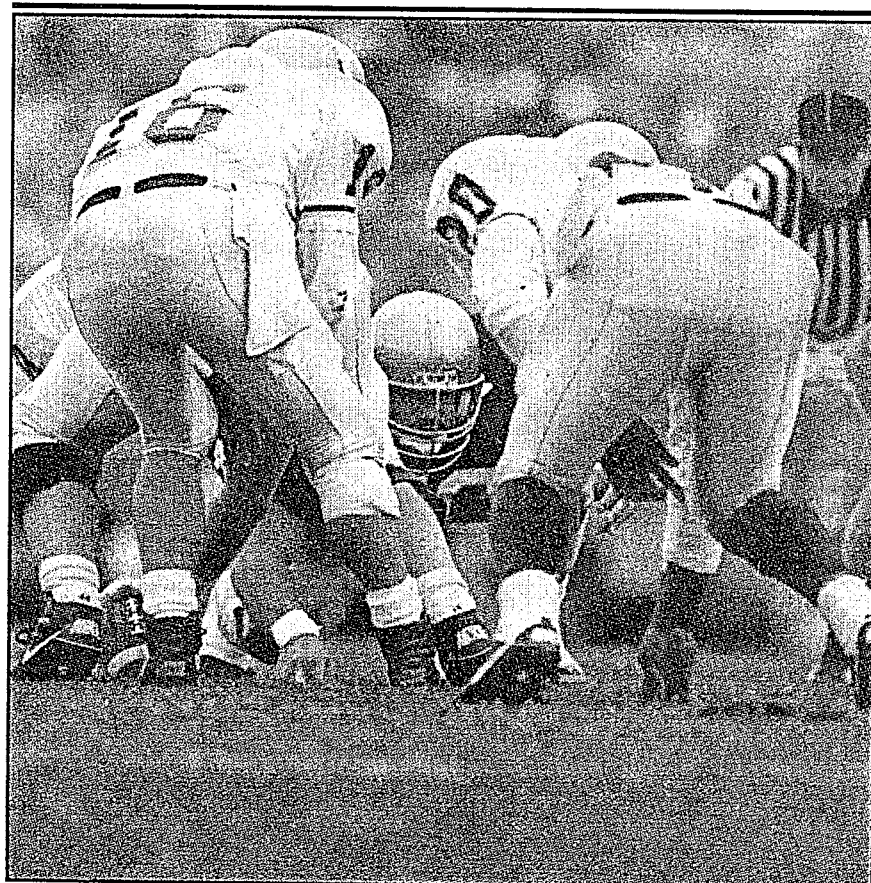
Rushing: ND- Ismail 8-74, Rice 12-69, Watters 7-54, Belles 3-25, Johnson 5-22, Culver 11-21, Levens 3-17, Brooks 3-13, Mihalko 3-11, Griggs 1-2, Graham 1-2; UP- Richards 15-47, Williams 3-31, Redmon 9-29, Turner 2-20, Berry 1-4, Walker 2-2, Lewis 1-0, Tuten 1-(-5), Van Pelt 5-(-9)

Passing: ND- Rice 1-7-29, Mirer 0-2-0; UP- Van Pelt 16-33-170, Stark 2-2-13

Receiving: ND- Ismail 1-29; UP- Sykes 6-65, Redmon 5-45, Truitt 3-45, Richards 2-21, Seaman 1-4, Berry 1-3

Team Statistics

	ND	UP
First Downs.....	18	18
Rushing.....	6	6
Passing.....	0	11
Penalty.....	2	1
Rushing.....	57-310	39-119
Passing.....	1-9-29	18-35-183
Total Net Yards.....	339	302
Average Gain per Play.....	5.1	4.1
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	5-50	10-81
Punts-Average.....	5-46.0	4-44.0
Punt Returns.....	1-17	1-13
Kickoff Returns.....	2-33	7-133
3rd Down Conversions.....	5-14	6-15



Bill Leahy

Zorich, alias "The Human Groundhog," prepares to dig through the Navy offensive line.

Sunken Middies

Navy's offense stays in drydock as Notre Dame rolls to its first shutout since '83

BY KEVIN T. KERNS

Nov. 4, Notre Dame-

The Infantry was too much for the Navy. The Notre Dame ground attack led the way as the Irish pounded the outmanned Midshipmen, 41-0.

Notre Dame rolled up 414 rushing yards on 60 attempts while utilizing ten different ballcarriers. The Irish posted their 21st consecutive victory to run their season mark to 9-0, tying a school record which was set from 1946-48 under legendary coach Frank Leahy.

Coming into the game, Irish coach Lou Holtz stated, "All I know is that our worst performance all last season came against Navy." He was referring to Notre Dame's lackluster 22-7 victory over the Midshipmen in Baltimore's Memorial Stadium. Coming

off back to back impressive wins against Southern Cal and Pittsburgh, Holtz worried about another Irish letdown.

"Can we maintain this pace?" he asked. "Can we play in all phases the way we did against Pitt?" As usual, Holtz' ritualistic pre-game pessimism turned out to be unfounded once again.

"Obviously, Notre Dame was too much for us today," observed Navy coach Eliot Uzelac. This fact became manifest early on in the contest.

After forcing the Midshipmen to punt on their initial possession, quarterback Tony Rice and the Irish offense took over on their own 36. On the first play, tailback Ricky Watters burst off tackle for a 43-yard gain to the Navy 21. Three plays later Rice, sprung by a Rodney Culver block, turned the corner on an option left and scored from six yards out.

Navy then mounted an attack which brought them from their own 13-yard line into Irish territory. On third and five from the 42, Notre Dame nose tackle Chris Zorich hammered Navy quarterback Alton Grizzard, forcing a fumble and an 18-yard loss after Michael Kirchner recovered for the Middies.

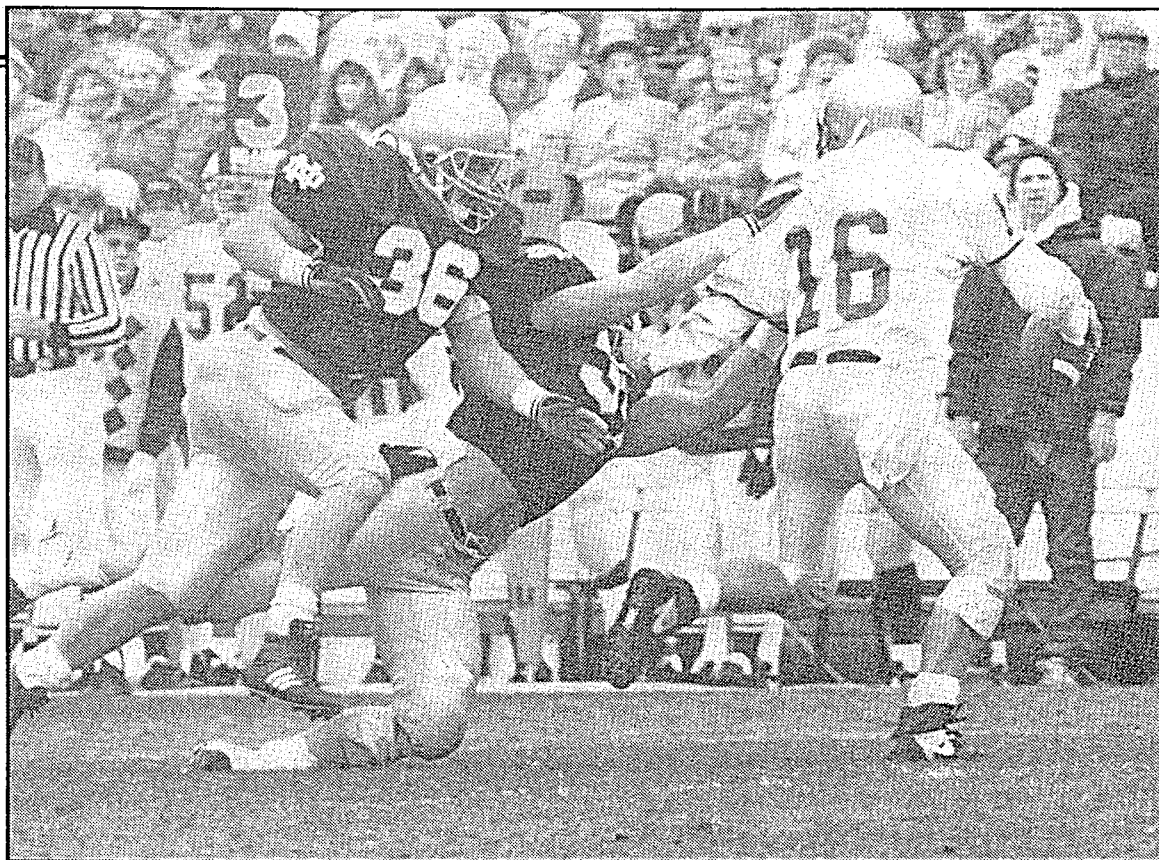
"The defense helps the offense for Notre Dame," said Uzelac. "We had drives going, and they would make a big play like an interception or a sack on third down."

The Irish defense did indeed help the offense, recovering two fumbles and intercepting two Midshipmen passes while posting their first shutout of the Lou Holtz era, and the first since a 42-0 drubbing of Army in 1983.

Notre Dame's dominance was a total team effort as Holtz cleared his bench, enabling everyone to get into the act. "What was

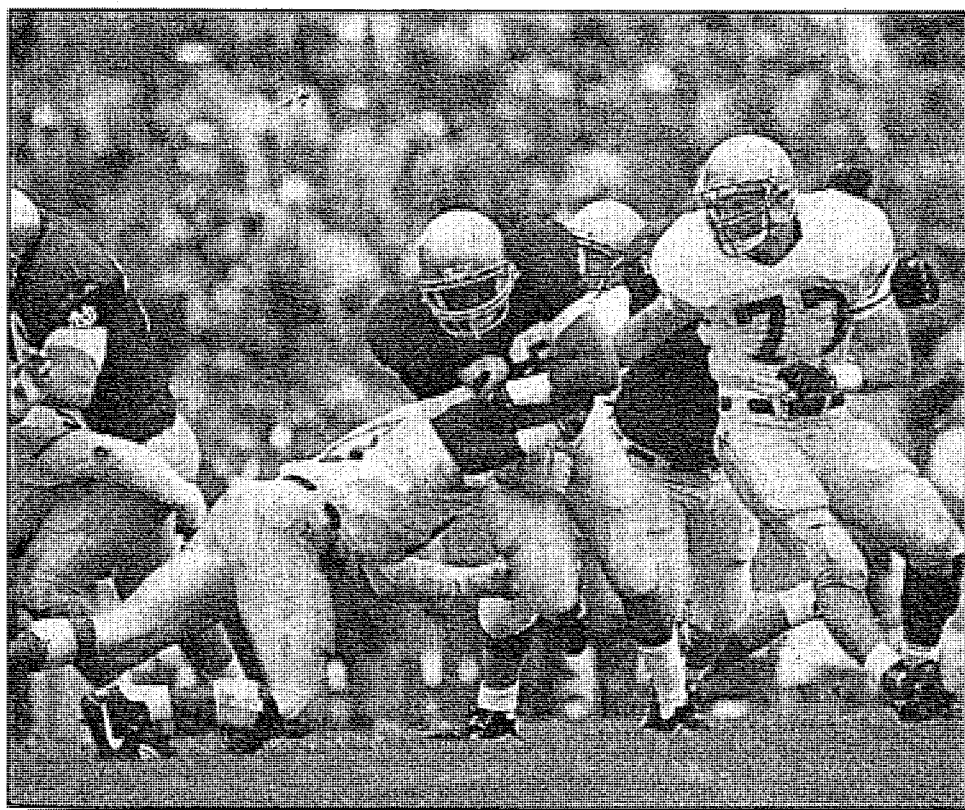
good today was that the second and third teams came in and played really well. We need them to perform well to really be a complete team," stated senior captain Ned Bolcar.

Notre Dame took advantage of the opportunity to take the wind out of the Navy sail. Rodney Culver's 11-yard scoring run culminated a 64-yard scoring drive for the Irish to make the score 14-0. The key play in the drive came when Raghib "Rocket" Ismail took a pitch from Rice and sprinted for a 30-yard gain. Ismail hurt his groin on the play and sat out the rest of the way. But the Irish would need no Rocket to sink the Navy



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Notre Dame's constant pressure had Grizzard (16) on the run all day long.



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Walter Boyd matched the Rocket against Navy. Both rushed for 36 yards in a balanced Irish ground attack.

on this afternoon.

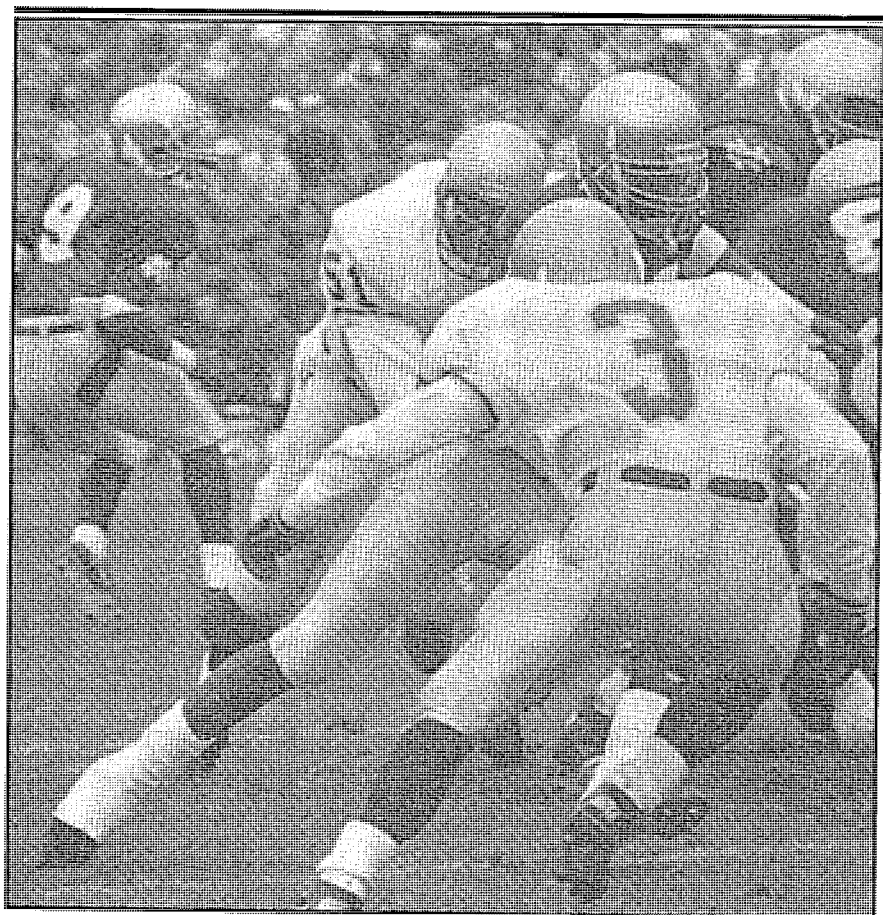
Navy's last chance to make a game of it came with 13:47 remaining in the second quarter, when Navy cornerback David Lerch snared a Rice pass intended for tight end Derek Brown. The interception was the first of two for Rice, whose poor day passing (1-8, two interceptions, 28 yards) damaged his Heisman hopes.

This Irish miscue proved to be merely a stay of execution as linebacker Scott Kowalkowski threw Grizzard for a 14-yard loss on third down, stalling yet another Navy drive.

Shortly thereafter, Watters broke up the middle and deftly eluded three would-be tacklers on a remarkable 48-yard touchdown scamper. The run was the best of the day for Watters, who turned the game into a taping of his personal highlight film. His nine rushes netted 134 yards, a career high.

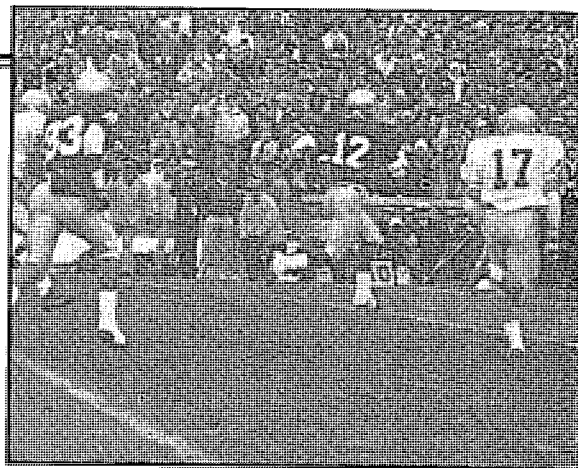
"I have to give credit to the offensive line," said the junior tailback. "They were awesome. It was like the (parting of the) Red Sea. I can't even make my arms as wide as that hole was."

With the game well in hand, Holtz used



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Watters found a seam in the Navy defense (above) and raced 48 yards for the touchdown (right).



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the opportunity to give fans a glimpse at the future of Notre Dame football. He installed the second unit with more than three minutes remaining in the half.

Freshman quarterback Rick Mirer engineered a 50-yard, 14-play drive culminating in a 27-yard field goal by Billy Hackett, making the halftime score 24-0. Mirer's performance (12-18, 64 yards, no interceptions) was encouraging to Holtz.

"It was nice to see some of the younger players in the game," offered Holtz. "Rick Mirer threw the ball and ran the team well."

In the second half, sophomore running backs Walter Boyd and Rusty Setzer, along with freshman Dorsey Levens, cashed in on their chance to showcase their talents.

In the fourth quarter, Levens powered off tackle to score his first collegiate touchdown. "We were all kidding each other this week about who would be the

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first freshman to score a touchdown," said Levens. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time."

Freshman wide receivers Adrian Jarrell and William Pollard were other bright spots for the future of the Irish, who, next season, figure to move away from the option-oriented ground attack which has been so successful under Tony Rice.

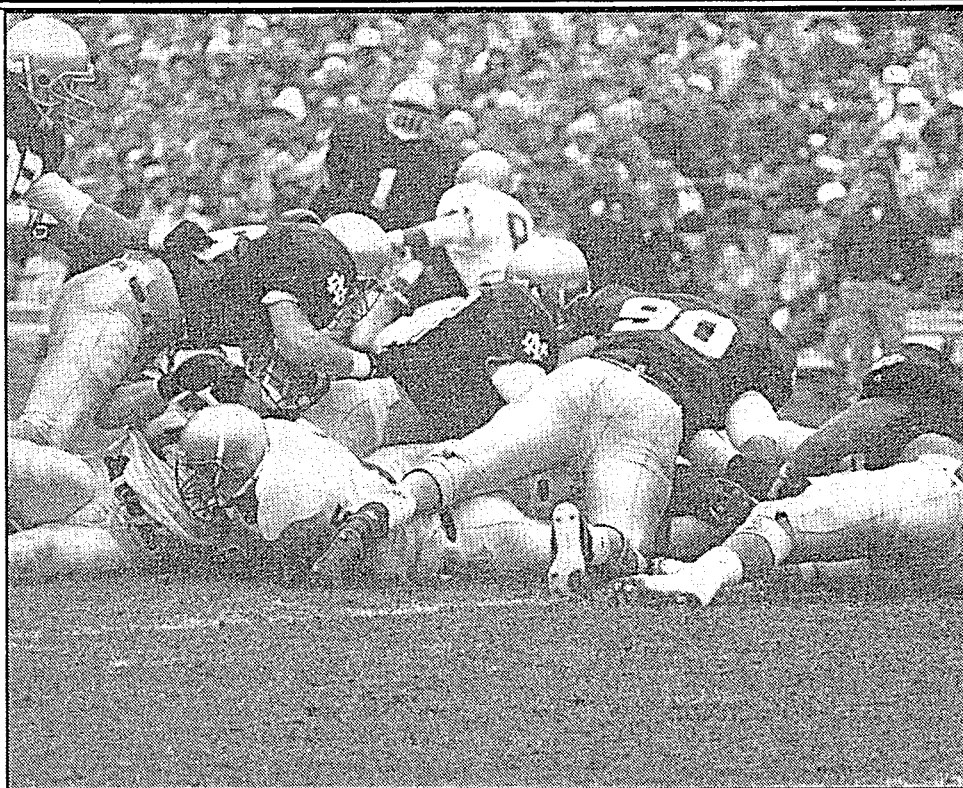
"It was relaxing just getting to be able to watch other people play," stated Rice, "and there was no slack-off."

The final blow to the Navy ship was delivered by a Tank. Senior walk-on Ted "Tank" McNamara rounded out the Irish scoring with a two-yard touchdown with 4:40 remaining in the game, making the final tally 41-0.

"It was the greatest moment of my life," gushed McNamara after the game, perhaps overwhelmed by the personal significance of the moment. It was the first score of McNamara's career at Notre Dame.

The loss left Uzelac wondering if the longest intersectional collegiate football rivalry in existence should continue. The Midshipmen haven't beaten Notre Dame since 1963, when a quarterback named Roger Staubach was at the helm for Navy. Notre Dame now leads the series 53-9 with one tie.

"I don't have anything to do with it," said Uzelac of the scheduling. "Powers beyond



Joe Vitacco

By the fourth quarter, the Midshipmen had absorbed more of a pounding than they would have liked.

me determine it."

Nevertheless, the victory over Navy was a much needed breather in the murderous Irish schedule, allowing Holtz to utilize some of his lesser-used players.

Summarized Watters, "These are the teams you have to beat in order to get to Miami and those other guys. These are tough games because you can easily let down. But we don't take anyone lightly."

Game Summary

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	14	10	3	14	41
Navy	0	0	0	0	0

1st Quarter ND: Rice 6 run (Hentrich kick) at 11:49
ND: Culver 11 run (Hentrich kick) at 3:18
2nd Quarter ND: Watters 48 run (Hentrich kick) at 8:36
ND: Hackett 27 FG at 0:16
3rd Quarter ND: Hackett 39 FG at 11:58
4th Quarter ND: Levens 2 run (Hentrich kick) at 14:38
ND: McNamara 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 4:40

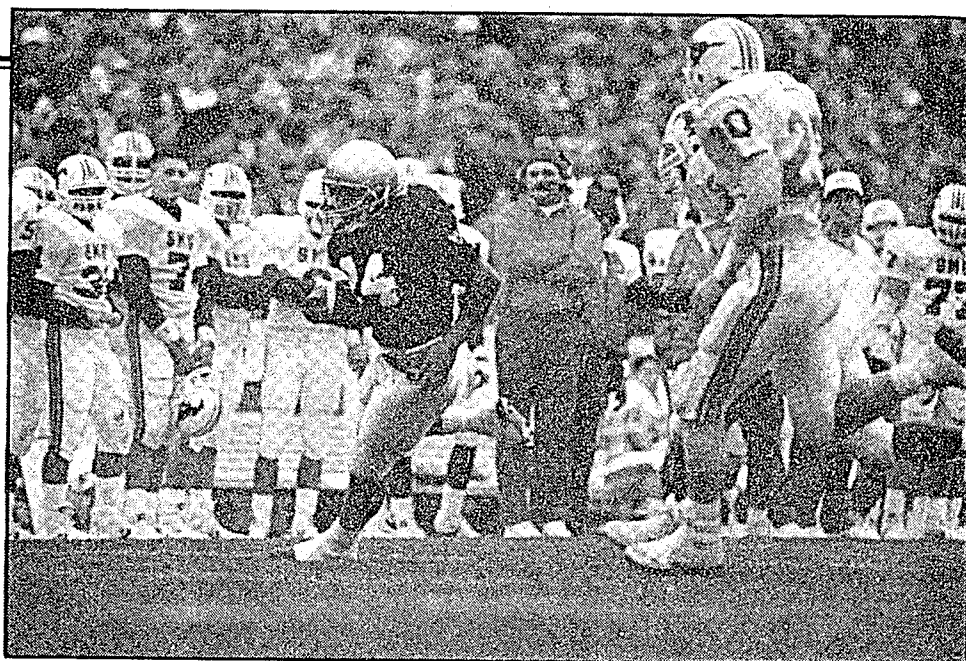
Team Statistics

	ND	N
First Downs.....	27	11
Rushing.....	22	6
Passing.....	5	5
Penalty.....	0	0
Rushing.....	60-414	41-67
Passing.....	9-20-92	9-16-99
Total Net Yards.....	506	166
Average Gain per Play.....	6.3	2.9
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards.....	4-25	1-5
Punts-Average.....	1-49.0	6-34.3
Punt Returns.....	0-0	1-9

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Watters 9-134, Rice 9-49, Levens 9-45, Culver 8-41, Ismail 3-36, Boyd 5-36, Jarrell 2-24, Setzer 6-21, Belles 4-19, Mirer 2-5, Mihalko 1-4, McNamara 1-1, Graham 1-1; N- Purifoy 11-50, Moultrie 10-28, Mason 5-6, Ferraro 1-1
Passing: ND- Rice 1-8-28, Mirer 8-12-64; N- Grizzard 8-14-94, McIntosh 1-2-5
Receiving: ND- Jarrell 3-28, Pollard 1-28, Levens 1-12, Watters 1-9, Smith 1-6, Mihalko 1-5, Belles 1-4; N- Smith 3-50, Dawson 2-16, Mason 1-22, Moultrie 1-8, Berghult 1-7, Purifoy 1-(-4)

A Merciful Mauling



Bill Leheny

Under Holtz's orders not to score if given the chance, Setzer stepped out of bounds short of the end zone.

The Mustangs suffer severe growing pains at the hands of the Irish, who take measures to hold the score down

BY KEVIN SPROULE

Nov. 11, Notre Dame-

After an intentional delay of game penalty late in the third quarter, Irish reserve tailback Rusty Setzer took a pitch right and broke free toward the Southern Methodist end zone. Before scoring, though, Setzer purposely stepped out of bounds at the eight.

The scenario was typical of this game. Notre Dame's scoring opportunities were so frequent and easy to come by that Head Coach Lou Holtz was forced to take unusual measures to keep the score down. "I wanted to score and I could have," explained Setzer. "Coach Holtz told us that we could run up and down the field but he didn't want us to score."

The 59-6 blowout came as no surprise to anyone, though. Notre Dame came in at 9-0 and ranked number one in the country while SMU was 2-6 and trying to rebuild

after an NCAA imposed two-year probation. Consequently, the Mustangs brought nothing that could combat the Irish arsenal.

This Notre Dame-SMU match-up wasn't exactly what players and fans wanted as the last home game of a memorable 1989 season. Most wondered not if Notre Dame would win; rather, by how much.

Notre Dame began its scoring barrage midway through the first quarter. Starting on its own 21, Notre Dame drove to the SMU 35 on six running plays. Ricky Watters then took an option pitch right, broke one tackle and scored a touchdown. Watters' 35-yard run would be the longest run of the game.

SMU was forced to punt on their next possession. Raghib "Rocket" Ismail fielded the punt at the 35, broke loose, and returned it for an apparent touchdown. What would have been Ismail's second punt return for a touchdown of the season was called back for clipping.

After scoring only once in the first quarter, the Irish were a ticking bomb. That bomb detonated furiously in the second, scoring 32 points offensively, defensively, and through special teams.

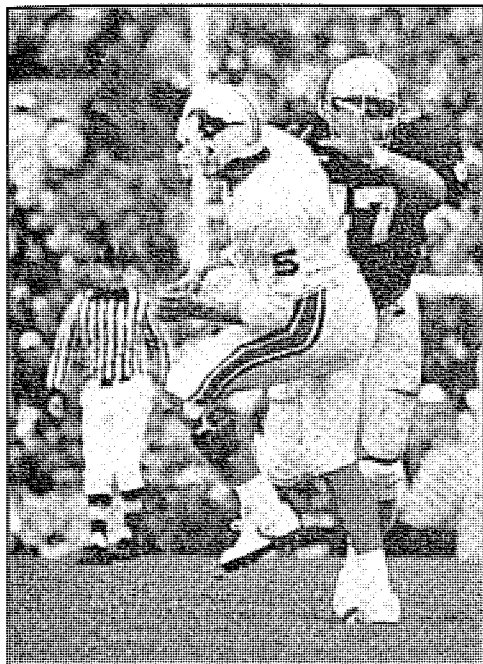
On the first play of the second quarter Ismail swept around the right side for a 26-yard gain, getting knocked out of bounds at the one. Holtz then inserted Pete Graham at quarterback, allowing him to score his first career touchdown on a one-yard quarterback sneak.

SMU bounced back, scoring a touchdown with a little help from an Irish miscue. After forcing SMU to punt, Ismail tried to catch the punt with his facemask. The ball bounced away and SMU recovered on the Notre Dame 19. Three plays later quarterback Mike Romo threw five yards to a diving Andy Bergfeld in the corner of the end zone. It was the Mustang's first and only score of the day.

After the touchdown the Irish defense decided to take matters into its own hands.

Nick Smith blocked the extra-point and Andre Jones returned it 91 yards for two points. Jones' return marked the first-ever defensive extra point conversion in Notre Dame history.

Leading 16-6, Notre Dame received the kickoff and started at their 34. Rick Mirer entered the game at quarterback and



Bill Leheny

QB Mike Romo was pushed around often.

completed his first pass to Watters over the middle for a 31-yard gain. After failing to convert a first down after that, Billy Hackett kicked a 34-yard field goal.

The Notre Dame defense once again stopped the Mustangs' Run-and-Shoot offense and forced a punt. The punt sent Watters backpedaling inside his own five-yard line and left fans wondering why he would field a punt so deep in his own territory. Watters answered quickly by breaking three tackles en route to a spectacular 97-yard touchdown run. The punt return gave him two touchdowns for the game to go along with 69 rushing yards on seven carries, a team best for the day.

Notre Dame drove 64 yards on its very next possession for a touchdown. A 29-yard pass from Rice to Ismail keyed a drive that Anthony Johnson finished with a four-yard plunge up the middle.

On the ensuing kickoff SMU fielded

the ball and attempted a lateral inside their own five. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, Jones was there to make the stop at the three. Three plays later Notre Dame's defense scored again when SMU punter Casey Clyce stepped out of the end zone for a safety.

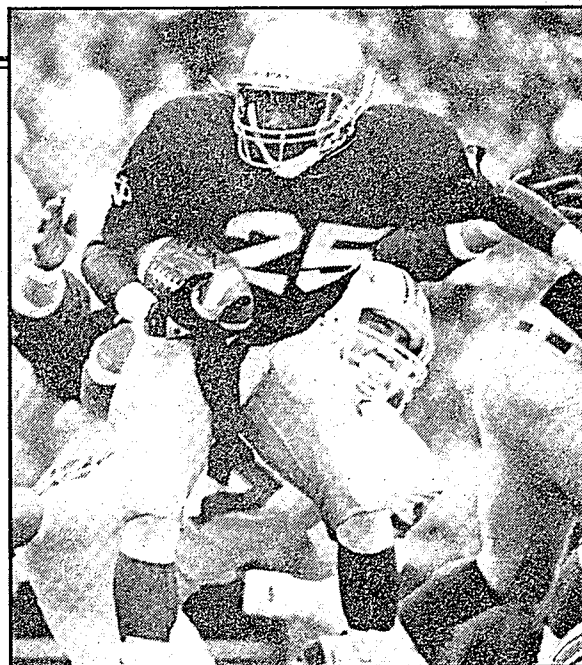
Notre Dame received the free kick and started at its own 25. With Graham at quarterback the Irish came out throwing. Graham completed two passes to William Pollard, the first good for 10 yards and the second for 37. Walter Boyd completed the drive with a 14-yard touchdown run up the middle with 15 seconds left in the half.

The 42-point first half may have showed off Notre Dame's offensive power, but the defensive unit was equally if not more dominant. Through the first half the Irish defense had allowed only one touchdown, and that occurred after a turnover deep in their own end. The pass defense was unyielding, holding Romo and the Mustang Run-and-Shoot offense to merely 70 yards passing. They also

held SMU to -1 yards on the ground.

The second half saw a change in the face of the game. The domination continued but the scoring and high-powered offense was toned down. Holtz took advantage of the large lead to clear his bench, allowing his younger players a chance to shine. Notre Dame's defensive unit didn't let up at all as freshmen, walk-ons and other reserves recorded three interceptions in the second half.

The Irish still managed to score two touchdowns and a field goal



Rob Corrao

First-stringers like Ismail saw limited action...

by game's end. Setzer scored on a two-yard run, Billy Hackett kicked his second field goal of the game from 32 yards out and Rod West blasted into the end zone from one yard out to finish the day's scoring.

Four Irish players scored their first career touchdowns in this game. While sophomores Boyd and Setzer scored on runs of 14 and two yards, respectively, senior role players Graham and West took advantage of this game to score the first and only



Rob Corrao

...while freshmen like Shawn Smith got a chance to shine.



Ian Johanson

The leprechaun shouldn't have looked at the scoreboard after Notre Dame's last touchdown. He only had 58 more to go.

touchdowns of their collegiate careers.

Though watching reserves finish a game usually isn't very exciting, it was most fitting in a game of this nature. Not only was it a show of the future for Notre Dame football, but also a deserved chance for many older reserves who paid their dues for four years. Said senior D'Juan Francisco, "I am very happy with today's game not for myself, but that some of the people who have been here since I got here got the chance to show themselves out on the field today."

Even this game, so dominated by the Irish, was not perfect. Notre Dame fumbled seven times, losing three. Said Holtz, "It was a good game because we got to play a lot of people. It was a bad game because we made some mistakes and got away with them."

Perfect or not, Notre Dame was a convincing winner. They moved their record to 10-0 and retained their number one ranking. The Irish also finished a third consecutive undefeated home schedule. As Johnson summed up, "It's still great to go out with the win."

Game Summary

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	35	10	7	59
SMU	0	6	0	0	6

- 1st Quarter ND: Watters 35 run (Hentrich kick) at 6:54
 2nd Quarter ND: Graham 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 14:22
 SMU: Hergfeld 5 pass from Romo (kick blocked) at 11:37
 ND: Jones returns blocked extra point at 11:37
 ND: Hackett 34 FG at 8:16
 ND: Watters 97 punt return (Hentrich kick) at 7:04
 ND: Johnson 4 run (Hentrich kick) at 4:02
 ND: Safety, Clyce steps out of end zone at 3:00
 ND: Boyd 14 run (Hentrich kick) at 0:15
 3rd Quarter ND: Setzer 2 run (Hentrich kick) at 10:51
 ND: Hackett 32 FG at 5:45
 4th Quarter ND: West 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 3:22

Team Statistics

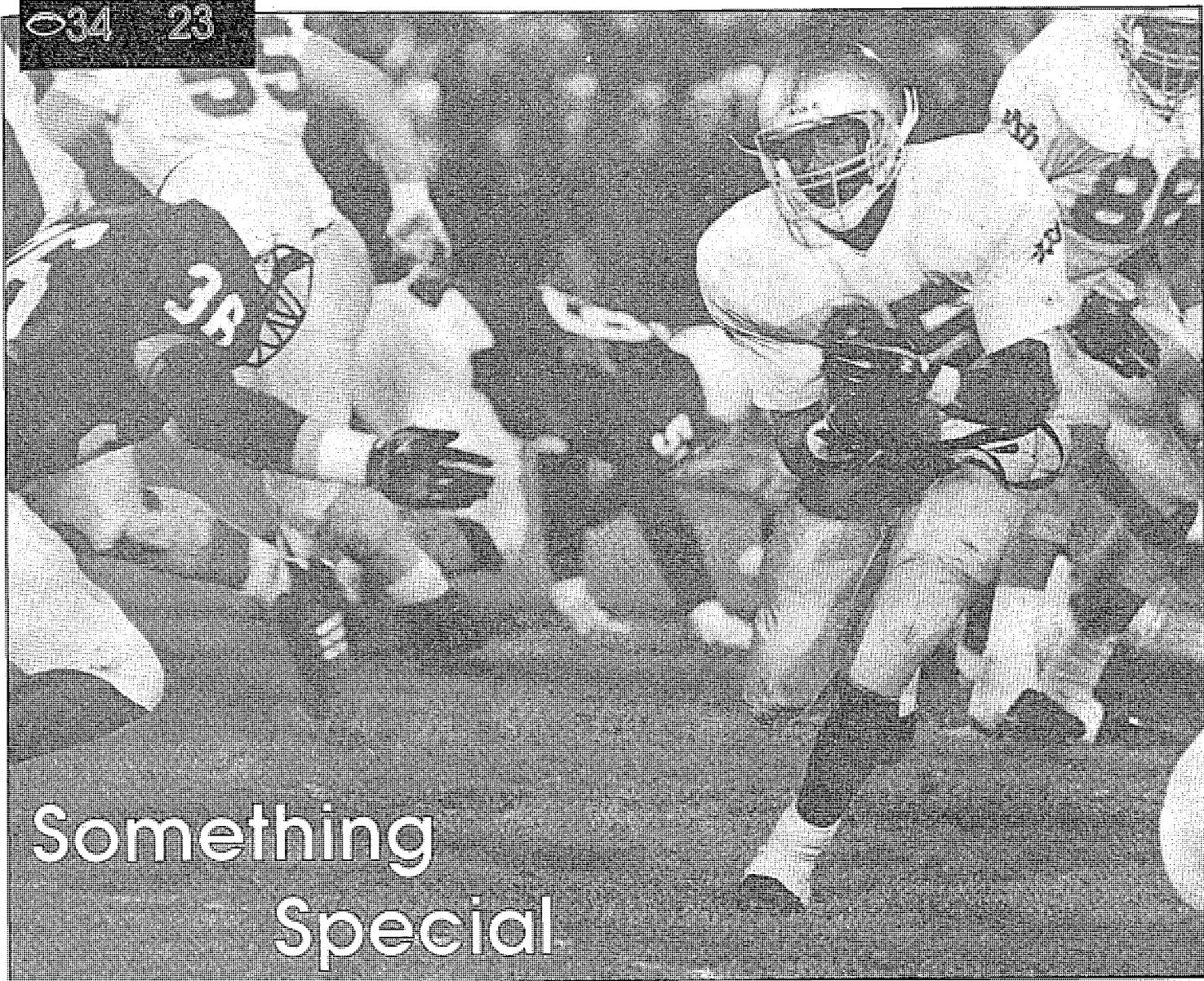
	ND	SMU
First Downs.....	27	12
Rushing.....	17	2
Passing.....	10	9
Penalty.....	0	1
Rushing.....	54-358	13-(-7)
Passing.....	11-14-214	30-59-206
Total Net Yards.....	572	199
Average Gain per Play.....	8.4	2.8
Fumbles-Lost.....	7-3	3-0
Penalties-Yards.....	10-70	4-25
Punts-Average.....	0-0-0	7-38.2
Punt Returns.....	4-128	0-0
Kickoff Returns.....	2-6	9-167
3rd Down Conversions.....	4-7	5-18

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Watters 7-69, Levens 6-59, Rice 7-40, Ismail 2-35, Setzer 5-33, Boyd 3-28, Belles 4-26, McNamara 3-13, Culver 2-11, Johnson 2-11, Lanigan 2-9, Mihalko 3-9, Graham 4-7, West 2-5, Mirer 1-2, Eilers 1-1; SMU- Love 4-5, Thompson 1-1, Ison 1-(-1), Clyce 1-(-2), Romo 6-(-10)
Passing: ND- Rice 5-8-83, Mirer 3-3-75, Graham 3-3-56; SMU- Romo 28-54-194, Clyce 2-5-12
Receiving: ND- Ismail 4-65, Pollard 2-47, Mihalko 1-33, Watters 1-31, Brown 1-18, Levens 1-11, Jarrell 1-9; SMU- Wolf 9-63, Bowen 6-53, Gliieber 4-28, Bergfeld 4-27, Love 3-22, Ison 2-6, Hill 1-5, Ware 1-2

NOTRE DAME PENN STATE

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Something
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on the Ground

Notre Dame met the challenge of Penn State's highly regarded rush defense by sprinting for over 400 yards

BY KEVIN T. KERNS

Nov. 18, University Park, PA-

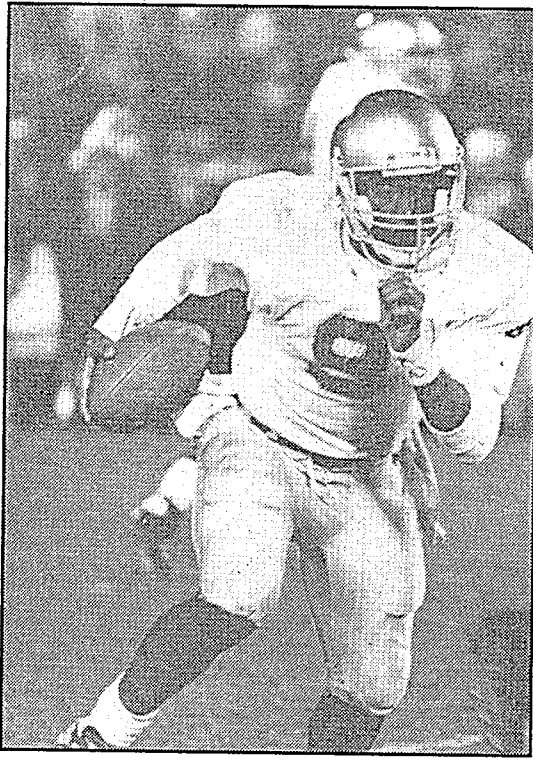
One thing that jumps out at you is that Notre Dame has never beaten Penn State in Beaver Sta-

dium," warned Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz before the game.

True, "Happy Valley" in University Park, PA, has been anything but happy for the Fighting Irish in this decade. Coming into the contest Notre Dame had travelled to Beaver

Stadium four times, and each time had come away saddled with a defeat. Those setbacks included a November 1987, heartbreaking 21-20 loss which dashed Notre Dame's national title hopes for that season.

Now Lou Holtz brought a 10-0 Irish



Rice ran the option with precision... Paul Webb

squad, riding a school record 22-game winning streak, into State College to face a Penn State team which led the nation in scoring defense, having surrendered an average of just 9.2 points per game. It would be the most prolific rushing attack in America versus the stingiest scoring defense. Something had to

break, and Penn State's defense did.

With a startling display of power football, top-ranked Notre Dame rolled to a 34-23 victory over the #17 Nittany Lions in a game that featured considerably more offense than one might have expected.

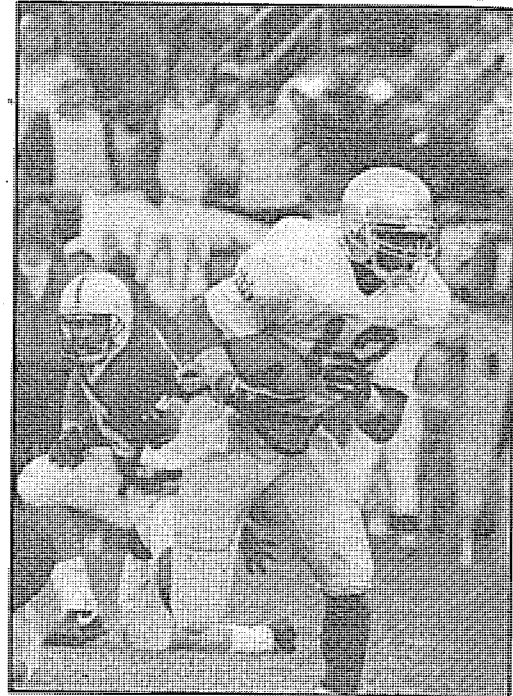
"They just physically man-handled us," commented Lion strong safety Sherrod Rainge. "We basically knew what they were going to do, and that was run. And we still couldn't stop them. We were just out-manned physically."

Lou Holtz could have sent the plays into both huddles and the results probably would have been the same. The Irish rolled up 425 yards rushing on the day, the highest single game total ever given up by Penn State in its proud and storied football history.

"That's an outstanding offensive team," said a shell-shocked Penn State coach Joe Paterno. "They have a lot of guns and an outstanding offensive line."

Foremost among those guns was Tony Rice, who conducted a clinic on how to run an option offense. His 26 rushing attempts

netted a career high 141 yards, including two touchdowns. Tailback Ricky Watters carried for 128 yards and a touchdown, while Raghib



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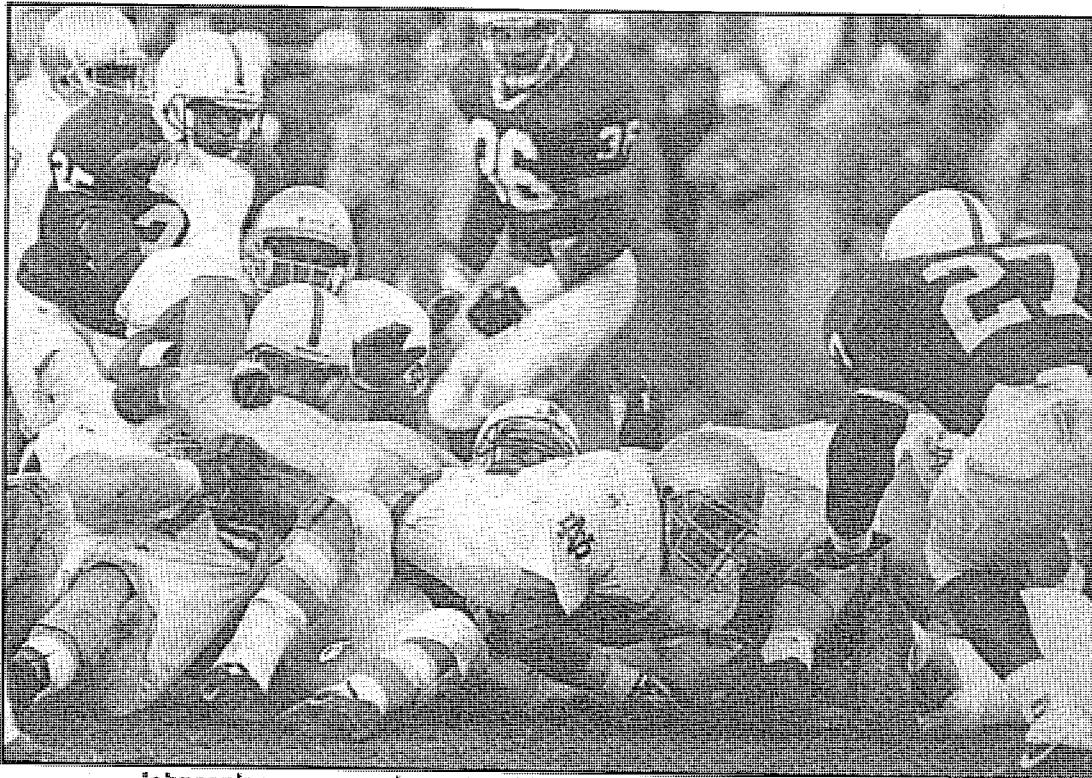
...while Watters also gained over 100 yards

Ismail burned the Lion defense for 84 yards. Those totals marked the first time Notre Dame had two backs go over the 100-yard mark since they accomplished the feat in a 1983 loss to Michigan State.

But the real stars of the game were the members of the Irish offensive line. "I thought going into the game that it would be tough, and we were really going to have to tighten up," said Watters. "But the offensive line did a great job. There were times I saw three holes and would have to make a choice."

The vaunted Penn State defense had been allowing just 2.8 yards per rush, but Notre Dame gained six per carry in amassing 425 on the day. "I wouldn't expect to run for that many yards in a marathon," said Holtz of the Irish rushing dominance.

Early on, things looked promising for the partisan crowd of 86,023. Penn State stopped



Johnson's power running only added to the Nittany Lions' woes.

Paul Webb

the first Irish possession and promptly drove 79 yards for the score. Tailback Blair Thomas, whose 133 yards rushing was the most for a Notre Dame opponent this year, capped the drive with a one yard touchdown plunge.

The Irish struck back, moving 65 yards on 13 plays, all but one on the ground. Rice scored from five yards out to finish the drive with 2:19 remaining in the quarter. On third and four from the Lion 49, Rice kept the drive alive with a five-yard toss to Watters coming out of the backfield.

"The catalyst is Tony Rice. He is just unbelievable," commented Holtz. "He does the things that we need to get done."

The Nittany Lions got the ball back and again drove with surprising ease. They were aided by a questionable personal foul whistled against Irish free safety Pat Terrell, giving Penn State a first down at the Notre Dame 13.

The Irish defense stiffened as defensive end Devon McDonald sacked quarterback Tony Sacca for an eight-yard loss, forcing the Lions to settle for Ray Tarasi's 38-yard field goal.

That would be the extent of Penn State's first half offense, and the Irish were just getting warmed up. Not an easy task on this day, with the wind chill reading zero and winds gusting upwards of 25 miles per hour.

Notre Dame scored twice in a span of less than nine minutes. The first came courtesy of a 12-yard run by Watters, culminating a six play, 58-yard drive in which the Irish were not forced to

pass.

Penn State then got possession, but was stopped on a third and one from their own 21 as cornerback Stan Smagala dropped Thomas for a four-yard loss.

With Penn State still reeling, the Irish went in for the kill. Rice threw to Ismail for a gain of 15 to the Lion 32. Four plays later, Notre Dame had a first and goal from the five.

Fullback Anthony Johnson has been the bread and butter of the Irish short yardage offense for the past three seasons, and this occasion was no different. Johnson got the call four straight times and finally found pay dirt.

"I thought we rose to the challenge," said

Holtz. "They scored, and we came back and scored, and then we did it after the field goal." The touchdown play came on fourth and one, as Holtz elected to pass up a short field goal attempt. Johnson powered in to make the score 21-10. That would be the halftime tally as Craig Hentrich's 49-yard field goal attempt went wide as time expired.

Trailing by 11, the Lions would be given one more chance to climb back into the game. That opportunity presented itself when defensive tackle Jim Deter intercepted a Rice pass at the Penn State two-yard line. The Lions returned the favor when tailback Gerry Collins, spelling Thomas, fumbled the ball



Although Smagala stopped Thomas on this play, the Helsman hopeful gained 133 yards on the day.

Paul Webb

and Smagala recovered. Six plays later, Rice went in for the score, making it 28-10 with 8:42 remaining in the third quarter.

The frigid temperatures and gusting winds, coupled with Joe Paterno's conservative offensive philosophy, did not bode well for a Penn State comeback. Facing one of the most talented defenses in the country, the Nittany Lion offense responded well behind Tom Bill, who had replaced Sacca at quarterback late in the first half.

"I never thought this would be an offensive game," said Holtz. "I was disappointed in the defense, but you have to give Penn State credit."

Taking over on their own 21, the Lions drove 79 yards to make the score 28-17. Bill threw for 32 yards and scrambled for 25 more on the drive, which ended on Thomas' three-yard run.

The Irish added two short Billy Hackett field goals, and the scoreboard read 34-17 with just 6:53 remaining. Bill went to Terry Smith for a five-yard touchdown toss, and a failed two-point conversion attempt left the margin at 11. That was as close as Penn State would get. The Irish missed a chance to add to their total when Pat Eilers fumbled in the Lion end zone with under two minutes remaining.

Notre Dame's ball control offense had proved to be too much for Penn State, which

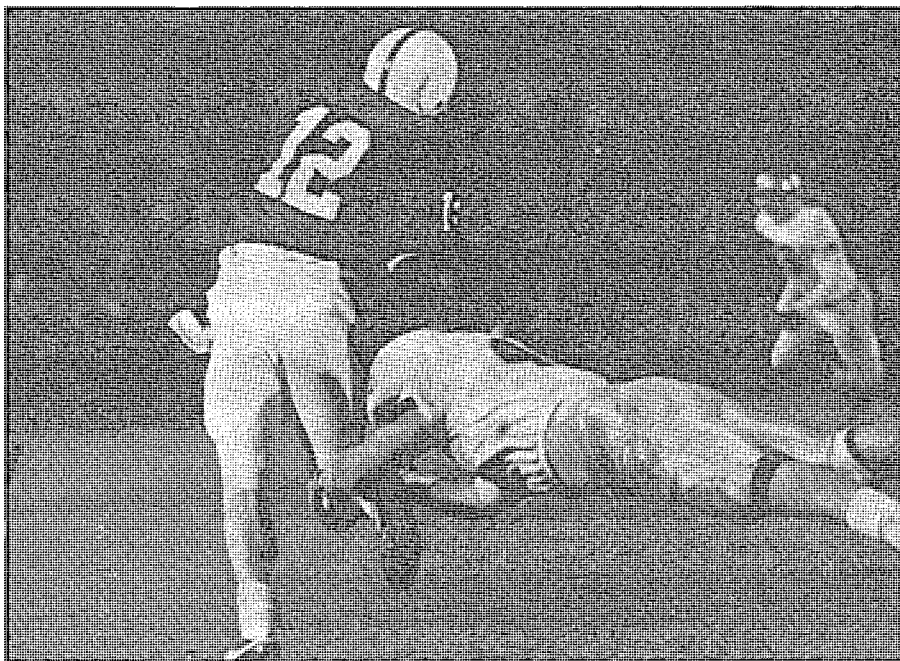
fell to 6-3-1 on the season. "If you were to watch the films, you'd see how the backs aren't getting touched until they're two or three yards past the line," said Johnson.

Nothing Penn State did up front fazed the experienced Irish offensive front. "We've seen about any defense possible," stated tackle Dean Brown.

Notre Dame had ended their Beaver Stadium jinx in dominant fashion, prompting some to try and place this team in history.

"Notre Dame compares with Oklahoma and some of the clubs we've played," said an obviously impressed Paterno.

The convincing Irish victory set up a showdown with the Hurricanes from the University of Miami, to be followed by a New Year's Day Orange Bowl clash with Colorado. Just how this team would be viewed in college gridiron lore depended on how they would fare in the Sunshine State in the coming weeks.



Tom Bill failed to elude the grasp of Ned Bolcar on this play.

Paul Webb

Game Summary

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	14	7	6	34
Penn State	7	3	7	6	23

1st Quarter	PS: Thomas 2 run (Tarasi kick) at 8:04
	ND: Rice 5 run (Hentrich kick) at 2:19
2nd Quarter	PS: Tarasi 38 FG at 13:46
	ND: Watters 12 run (Hentrich kick) at 11:35
	ND: Johnson 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 5:27
3rd Quarter	ND: Rice 1 run (Hentrich kick) at 8:42
	PS: Thomas 3 run (Tarasi kick) at 4:49
4th Quarter	ND: Hackett 22 FG at 13:33
	ND: Hackett 19 FG at 6:53
	PS: Smith 5 pass from Bill (run failed) at 4:31

Team Statistics

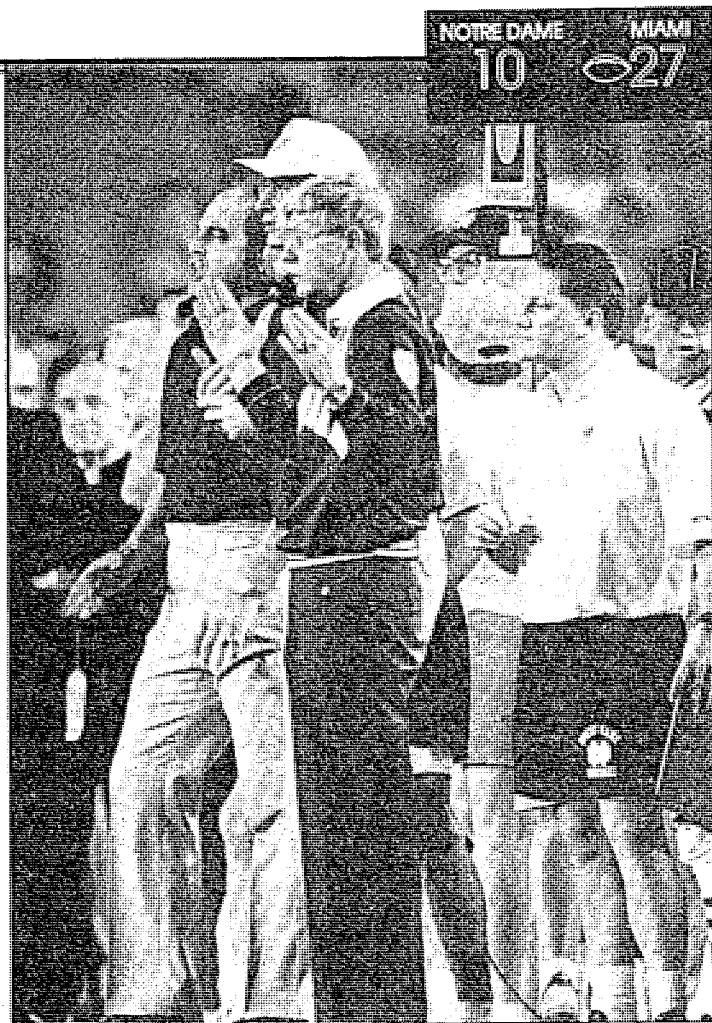
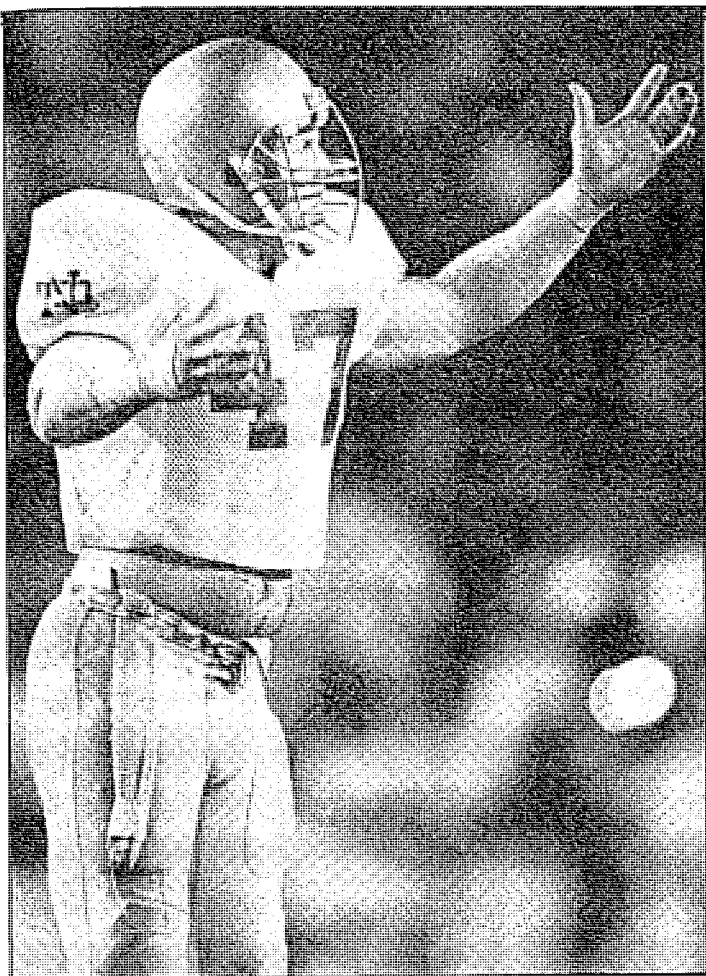
	ND	PS
First Downs.....	29	22
Rushing.....	25	14
Passing.....	4	6
Penalty.....	0	2
Rushing.....	71-425	47-237
Passing.....	5-10-47	10-20-102
Total Net Yards.....	472	339
Average Gain per Play.....	5.8	5.1
Fumbles-Lost.....	4-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	4-39	3-32
Punts-Average.....	2-30	4-26.5
Punt Returns.....	1-3	0-0
Kickoff Returns.....	4-67	5-46
3rd Down Conversions.....	9-12	8-13

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Rice 26-141, Watters 16-128, Ismail 9-84, Johnson 15-45, Culver 2-14, Levins 2-9, Eilers 1-4; PS- Thomas 26-133, Bill 9-76, McDuffie 3-20, Thompson 4-9, Sacca 4-1, Collins 1-(-2)

Passing: ND- Rice 5-10-47; PS- Sacca 4-6-46, Bill 6-14-56

Receiving: ND- Ismail 2-27, Eilers 1-10, Johnson 1-5, Watters 1-5; PS- McDuffie 2-37, Smith 3-30, Daniels 2-19, Thomas 3-16



Mike Bennett (2)

Land of Confusion

Notre Dame cannot solve its Orange Bowl woes as the Hurricanes dim Irish National Championship hopes

BY JIM MAGGIO

Nov. 25, Miami, FL-

Forget 58-7, Catholics vs. Convicts and all that business. With the 1989 installment of Notre Dame-Miami came a new coach, new expectations and a whole new brand of fever-pitch hype and hysteria. Last season's thrilling, 31-30 Irish win did nothing but bring emotions to an even higher boiling point for this year's clash of the titans in the Orange Bowl.

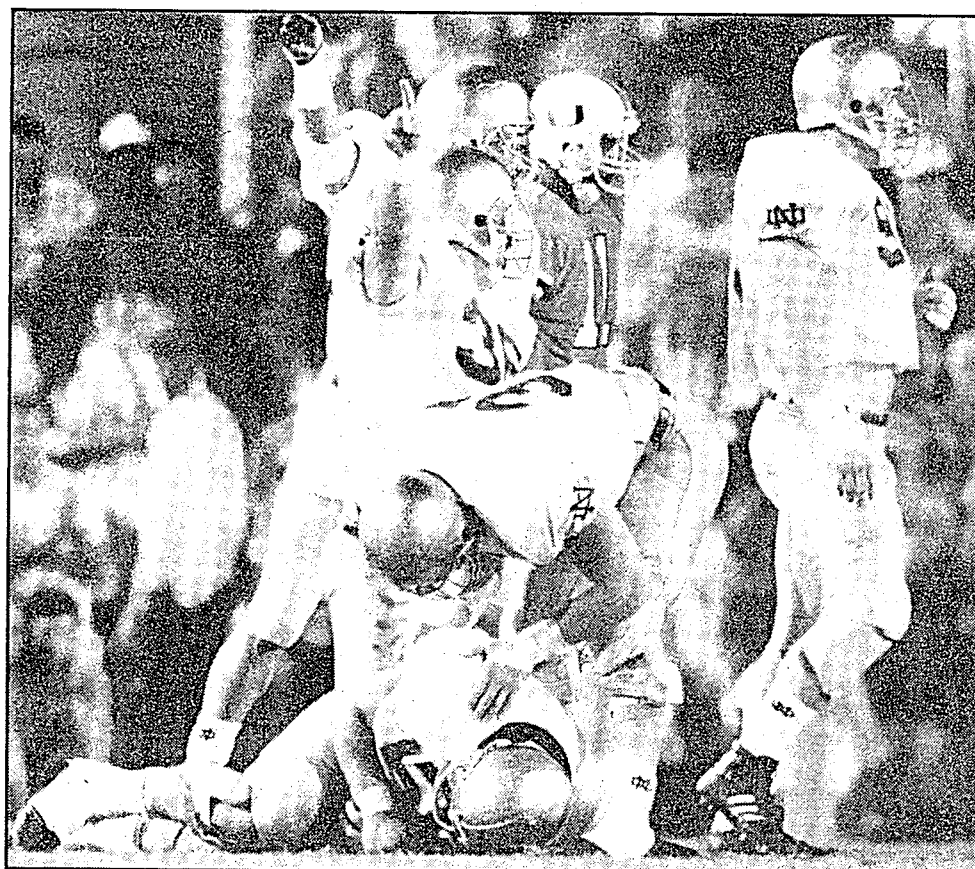
Oops, *there's* the hitch. Maybe some things don't change after all.

For all its apparent invincibility, Lou Holtz' top-ranked squad fell victim to the same old story in that same old, dreaded stadium. First-year Miami coach Dennis Erickson got his first taste of the home cookin' Howard Schnellenberger and Jimmy Johnson enjoyed so much against the Irish in the 1980s, directing his blood-thirsty charges to a convincing 27-10 victory on this balmy Saturday evening.

Miami may as well have scheduled this game for the Coliseum—Rome, that is. The 80,000 or so Hurricane fans who jammed this downtrodden facility didn't come to see their

team merely kill the opposition; only a good dismemberment or two would suffice. Upon first sight of a Notre Dame player on the Orange Bowl turf, they reacted with all the charm and grace of a rabid pit bull. Somewhere between loud chants of "F— Notre Dame" and "Tony Rice Sucks" flew a wide range of projectiles into the closed end of the field, directed at the Irish during *pre-game warm-ups*. Welcome to the jungle, baby.

The problem for the Irish, though, lay not nearly as much in the hostile surroundings as in the Hurricanes' balanced offensive attack and swarming defensive unit. Yet the



Fumbles didn't go Notre Dame's way as this one was blown dead despite the pleas of an excited defense... Mike Bennett

tone for the evening may well have been set on the opening kickoff, where, following a heated verbal exchange at midfield between the two arch-enemies, Raghib Ismail bobbled the ball in the end zone and had to settle for a touch-back.

Rice took the first snap from center and darted up the middle for a gain of 12. That was all the 'Canes defense needed to get going. Linebacker Bernard Clark gave an Irish ballcarrier a rude greeting on each of the next three plays, and following a 21-yard punt by Craig Hentrich the Miami offense quickly went to work.

Quarterback Craig Erickson (no relation to Dennis) came out firing, hitting Leonard Conley and Dale Dawkins on successive pass completions of six and 26 yards to shove the ball right back in Notre Dame's end at the 21. The Irish defense stiffened on the three following rush attempts, but Carlos Huerta

cracked the scoreboard with a 35-yard field goal to give Miami the early lead.

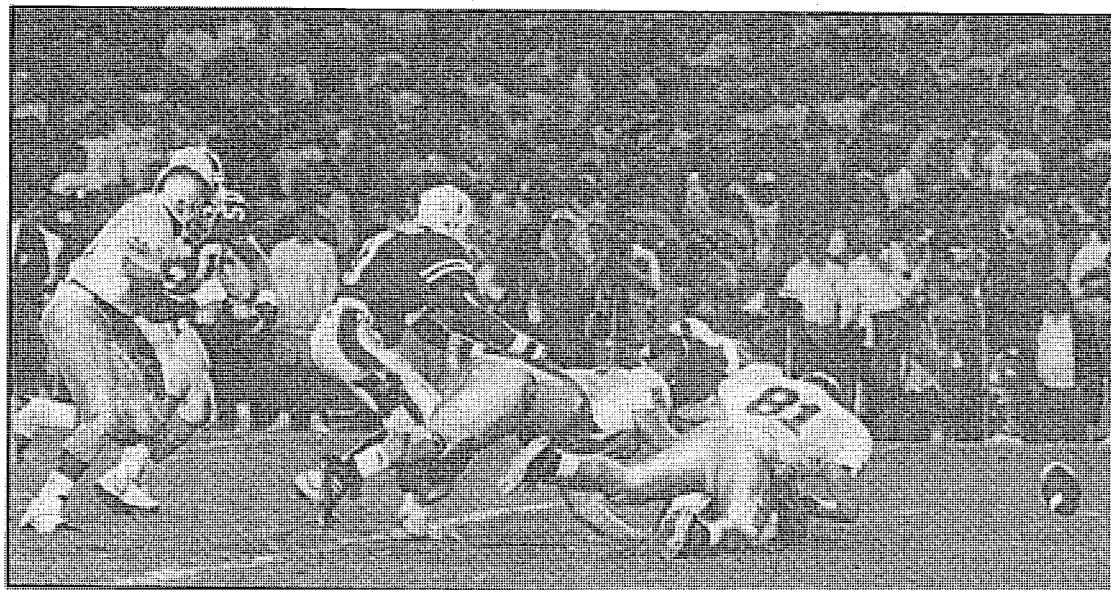
Meanwhile, Notre Dame's offense sputtered. The rushing attack cracked a standout Hurricane defensive front with a few good gains, but, when forced to throw the ball, the Irish met with disaster. Roland Smith picked

off a long Rice pass to squelch one drive, and Cortez Kennedy and Greg Mark teamed up to dump Rice for a loss of seven on third and five to end another.

No sooner than another Hentrich punt did the 'Canes offense strike again. Four plays was all it took for Erickson to find a breakdown in the Irish secondary as he hit Dawkins on another long pass, this time for a 55-yard touchdown over the middle and a quick 10-0 Miami lead.

The Irish fought back to start the second quarter with a sustained drive and found themselves knocking at the door on Miami's one-yard line. But the next three plays typified the intensity with which the Hurricane defense played all evening. The lightning-quick unit dropped Rice and Anthony Johnson for losses, and an incomplete pass on third down forced Notre Dame to settle for Billy Hackett's 22-yard field goal.

"We didn't really know what they'd do on goal line. That was a main problem," explained Holtz. "If you see someone on goal line you see that they'll run at least four looks. We didn't really know what to do, and



...while this golden opportunity deep in Miami territory slipped away from the Irish. Mike Bennett

in all honesty they didn't run what we worked on. They ran something rather conventional, and we worked on some different things."

Consequently, the rest of Notre Dame's offense came from its defense. With the ball at his own 43, Erickson drifted left looking to throw, only to find Irish linebacker Ned

Bolcar in his path. Bolcar snared the errant pass, then leaped over the sprawling quarterback-turned-defender to race 49 yards for the score. "They were having breakdowns here and there. I knew they'd look for the tight end," Bolcar explained. "I just came off and stepped in front of him."

With the score tied at ten late in the half, the Irish had the ball once more at the Miami 46. Rice came out passing on second and one, looking to move the Irish into field goal position and give them the halftime lead. The plan backfired as Clark became his receiver instead, returning Rice's second interception down to the Notre Dame eight-yard line. Steve McGuire's five-yard score three plays later gave Miami the lead once more. "The pass before the half increased their momentum," said Holtz. "We could have had halftime at 10-10, and I think that's what changed the game."

If Clark's interception changed it, then what followed to start the second half merely helped ice it for the 'Canes. It will go down in Miami lore and Notre Dame infamy simply as "The Drive."

Oddly enough, the Hurricanes had to move a lot in reverse before actually getting the Drive in gear. Following a gutsy fourth and one running play that gave them a first down at their own 41, the officials flagged Miami for a personal foul to move the ball right back to the 26. Irish defensive end Eric Jones then dropped Erickson behind the line of scrimmage to force a fumble. Fellow defensive end Devon McDonald had a shot at the ball but couldn't recover, and Miami center Bobby Garcia saved the 'Canes from potential disaster by falling on

it at their own three-yard line. After McGuire's run netted only four yards, Miami faced a third and 44 situation. The Hurricanes needed a thrill, and they got it.

Erickson entered the huddle and called "80 double zone" as Randall "Thrill" Hill lined up wide to the right side. Hill slipped past cornerback Stan Smagala on the right sideline as Erickson unleashed a prayer. Hill answered, hauling it in at the Irish 49 to squeeze out the first down and prolong Notre Dame's agony.

Miami strung together 12 more plays, mixing in the run with pass completions to Hill and Conley. Erickson's five-yard scoring strike to Dawkins culminated a 22-play journey covering 80 yards and consuming a whopping 10:47 off the clock. The Irish offense had yet to touch the ball in the second half as the game began slipping out of their hands.

"It hurt us in that it didn't give our offense a chance to get on the field," said Bolcar. Added Irish safety Pat Terrell, "Our defense was not used to seeing anyone drive the ball like that. Take away three or four plays, (and) it might have been a different story."

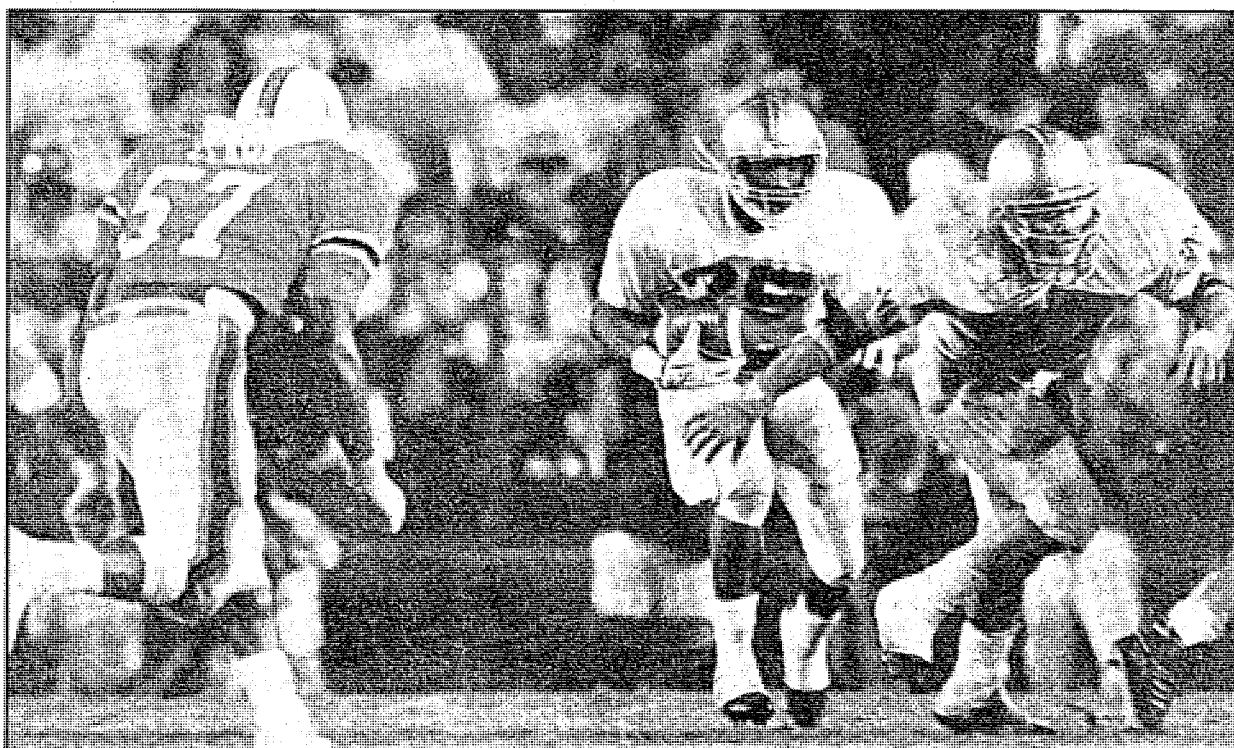
Notre Dame had a chance to pull the

game within seven midway through the final period. Rice's second and 17 bomb to William Pollard netted 42 yards and put the Irish into Miami territory at the 34, but the threat would once again die inside the Hurricane's ten-yard line. On fourth and six from the eight, Rice threw incomplete over the middle to Ismail to extend Notre Dame's offensive futility in the Orange Bowl in this decade.

"We had two 90-yard drives and put three points on the board," lamented Holtz. "One thing we've had some success with is the ability to score when we got inside the ten-yard line. We were not successful in that endeavor today, and I thought that was critical."

From there, Miami chewed up another five minutes off the clock, and Huerta's 32-yard field goal all but ended it, 27-10. His players gave Coach Erickson a victory ride on their shoulders, erasing any doubts that this Hurricane football team could win the big one under its new leader.

"This football team has been through a lot of adversity," said Erickson, reflecting on various key injuries and a 24-10 loss earlier in the season to bitter cross-state rival Florida State. "Any time there's a coaching change, everybody's checking the new coach out, and



Wherever Notre Dame ball carriers roamed, Miami's Bernard Clark was not far away.

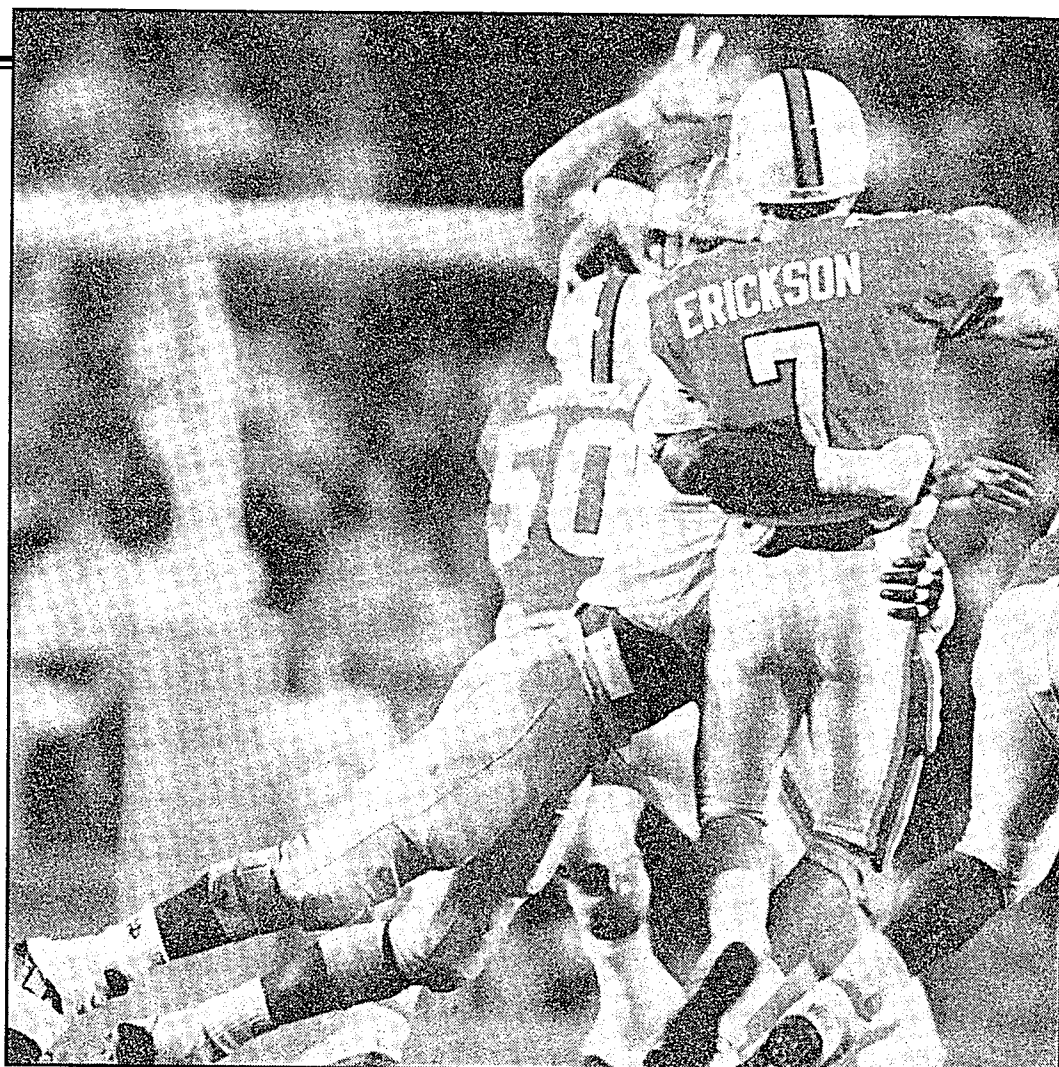
the team has to adjust. I don't think anyone gave us very much credit and we came out today and proved that the transition is over."

Meanwhile, the Irish had once again fallen victim to the Orange Bowl Curse that plagued them throughout the 1980s, holding them to one offensive touchdown there in this decade. That came in the 58-7 debacle marking Gerry Faust's coaching finale at Notre Dame in 1985. Other losses include a 37-15 drubbing in 1981 and shutouts in 1983 (20-0) and 1987 (24-0). This year's loss ended Notre Dame's 23-game winning streak dating back to the start of the 1988 season.

"Sure, it's frustrating," said Terrell in the locker room following the game. "But we've come too far to throw in the towel. It's hard to put your head down after 23 straight wins." He then gave the assembled press corps a look of conviction.

"We'll play real Notre Dame football the next time we take the field."

That would be January 1, 1990, in the Orange Bowl against undefeated Colorado. The Irish could only hope that a new decade would exorcise an old demon.



Although the defense consistently pressured Erickson, he was still able to burn them for 210 passing yards.

Mike Bennett

Game Summary

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	10	0	0	10
Miami	10	7	7	3	27

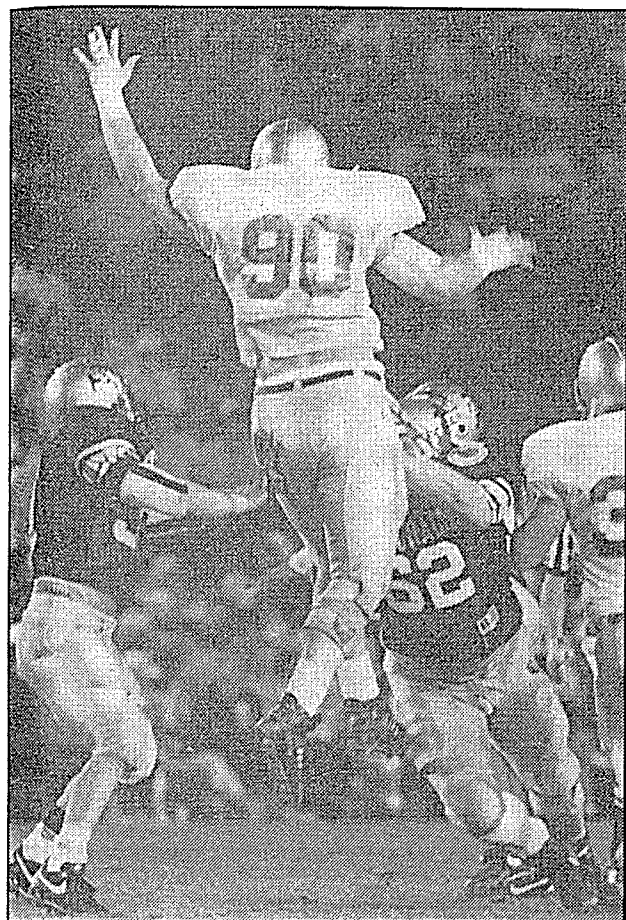
1st Quarter UM: Huerta 35 FG at 9:41
 UM: Dawkins 55 pass from Erickson (Huerta kick) at 0:04
 2nd Quarter ND: Hackett 22 FG at 8:23
 ND: Bolcar 49 interception return (Hentrich kick) at 2:08
 UM: McGuire 5 run (Huerta kick) at 0:24
 3rd Quarter UM: Dawkins 5 pass from Erickson (Huerta kick) at 4:13
 4th Quarter UM: Huerta 32 FG at 1:44

Team Statistics

	ND	UM
First Downs.....	15	15
Rushing.....	10	7
Passing.....	5	8
Penalty.....	0	0
Rushing.....	45-142	39-95
Passing.....	7-16-106	16-26-210
Total Net Yards.....	248	305
Average Gain per Play.....	4.1	4.7
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards.....	3-25	2-20
Punts-Average.....	3-37.3	4-42
Punt Returns.....	2-(-11)	0-0
Kickoff Returns.....	5-42	1-22
3rd Down Conversions.....	2-10	11-17

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Rice 20-50, Watters 8-32, Ismail 4-29, Johnson 9-26, Culver 1-9, Mirer 2-0, Levins 1-(-4); UM- McGuire 21-83, Conley 13-65, Erickson 4-(-56), Johnson 1-3
Passing: ND- Rice 7-15-106, Mirer 0-1-0; UM- Erickson 16-26-210
Receiving: ND- Brown 2-19, Watters 2-18, Ismail 1-19, Pollard 1-42, Johnson 1-8; UM- Conley 4-12, Dawkins 7-123, Hill 4-68, Chudzinski 1-7



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The Irish defense got pushed around a bit but was unyielding when it counted the most.

NOTRE DAME 21
COLORADO 6

Rising from Orange Ashes

Notre Dame erases any thoughts of a Miami jinx with a convincing 21-6 victory over top-ranked Colorado

BY JIM MAGGIO

Jan. 1, 1990, Miami, FL-

His voice neither wavered nor showed any twinge of anxiety. His step was slow but deliberate as he paced before his assembled troops, outlining the battle plan for how the war would be won. This was a man in all his MacArthuresque glory. This was *not* the Lou Holtz that the public, much less Colorado, was supposed to see.

"Let me tell you what, they've been living a lie, they've been living a lie all season," Holtz declared in reference to the Buffaloes, unaware of the Denver television crew filming his pep talk four days prior to the Orange Bowl. "Remember, I told you."

Holtz' public concern over his team's ability to bounce back from last month's 27-10 loss to Miami gave way to (seemingly) private conviction. "They're expecting an

outstanding football team and they're going to see one," he told his players. "They're going to see the best Notre Dame. And we're going to whip 'em."

As the six-o'clock news aired Holtz' comments, the emotion-charged Buffs now had added incentive to go along with their season-long quest for a national championship for their spiritual leader, Sal Aunese, who died last September of inoperable stomach cancer. Aunese's parting request to his teammates was simple: "Go get 'em, and bring home the Orange Bowl."

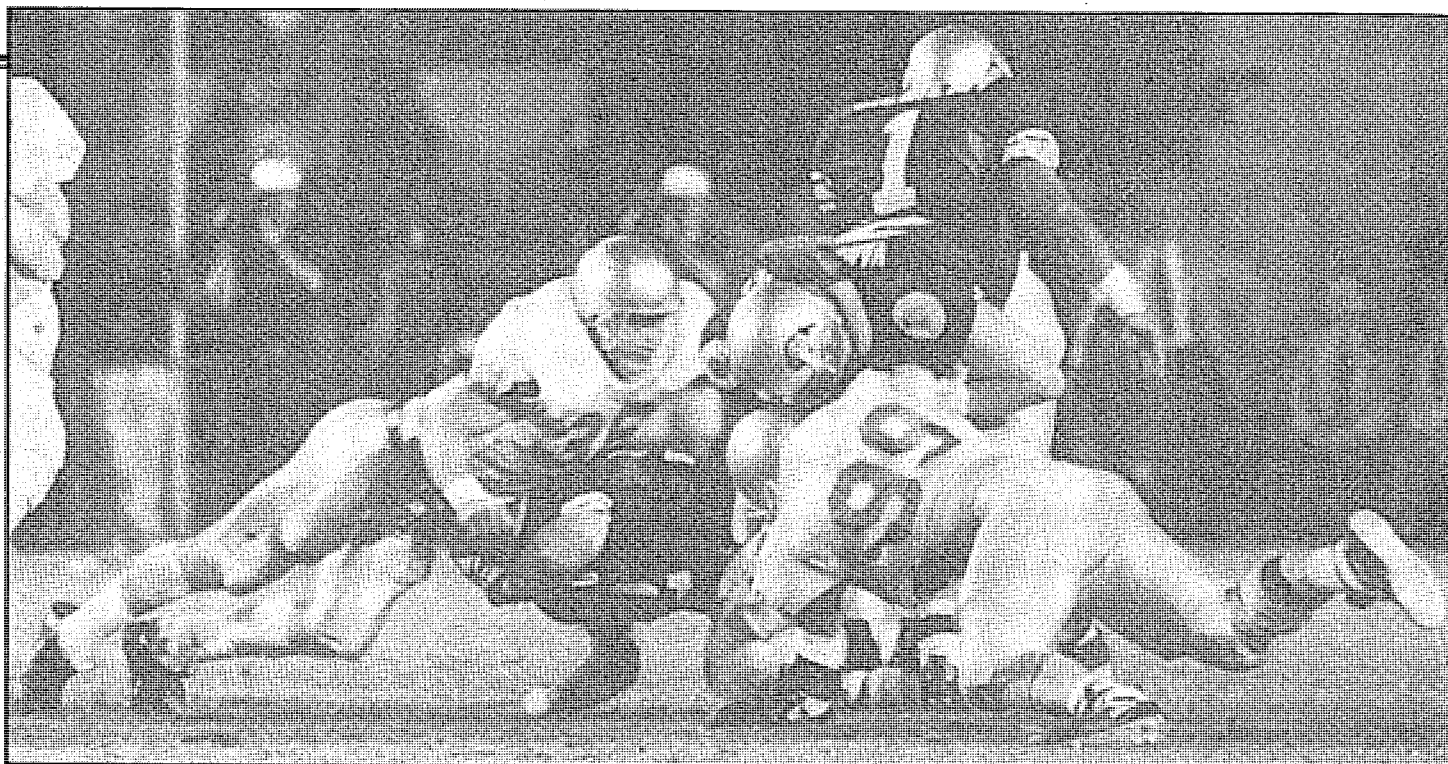
If anything, though, Holtz' remarks may have contributed to emotional overload for Colorado this New Year's Night. For all the lessons they learned, for all the detractors they proved wrong on their way to an 11-0 mark in 1989, the Buffs forgot Rule #1 in Approaching a Sleeping Giant.

If you're going to kill him, make sure you do it in less than three attempts. Otherwise, the big guy just might wake up.

Colorado learned the hard way. Three times in the first half they had the gun loaded, aimed and ready. Three times they misfired.

After an exchange of possessions to open the game, the Colorado offense took its second turn and marched the ball down to the Notre Dame 35-yard line. -On second and five, tailback Eric Bieniemy received the hand-off from Darian Hagan and rambled 16 yards through the right side of the defense, headed for an apparent touchdown. But as he tried switching hands, the ball popped loose and Irish free safety Pat Terrell recovered. Strike one.

Notre Dame's running attack got them no further than their own 42, and the Buffaloes had the ball again on their own 18 following a 49-yard punt by Craig Hentrich. Hagan complemented Colorado's impressive option attack with long pass completions to John Perak and Erich Kissick. Suddenly the Buffs found themselves knocking on the door again with a first down at the Irish 12.



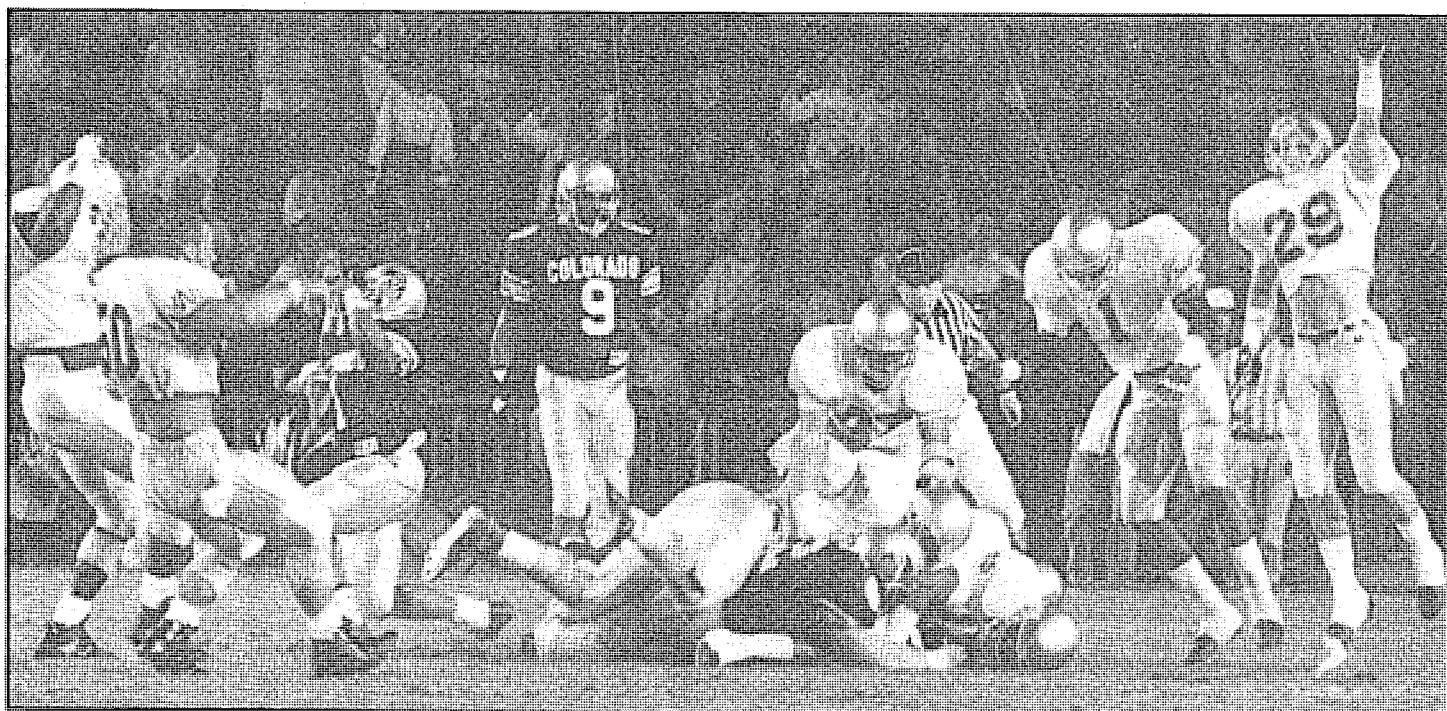
In the first quarter, Colorado's Eric Bieniemy (1) appeared headed for a touchdown...

But Scott Kowalkowski, Jeff Alm and Ned Bolcar helped stuff three successive running plays short of the first down marker, and Colorado had to settle for Ken Culbertson's 23-yard field goal attempt. Culbertson turned the chip shot into a nightmare, hooking it wide left. Strike two.

The Irish offense followed that up with a futile three-play, eight-yard drive. The Buffalo defense, led by the inspired play of Alfred Williams, Michael Jones and Kanavis McGhee, once again stuffed the Irish attack deep in its own territory, and Hentrich's shanked punt gave Colorado prime field

position at its own 41. From there Hagan, Bieniemy and J. J. Flannigan combined to pound the ball over the right side to the Irish 1-yard line. What followed was one of the greatest goal-line stands in Notre Dame history.

First and goal. Bieniemy makes a spec-



...only to fumble the ball into the hands of Notre Dame's Pat Terrell.

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tacular leaping effort over the right side, only to be stopped in more spectacular fashion head-on by strong safety D'Juan Francisco.

Second and goal. Hagan tries his luck on a keeper up the middle. Chris Zorich & Co. say no.

Third and goal. Hagan rolls right, finds a wall of Notre Dame defenders in his face and pitches in desperation to Bieniemy. The ball flutters out of bounds for a loss of two.

Frustrated and scoreless, the Buffs lined up for an apparent field-goal attempt on fourth and three to get something, *anything* on the scoreboard. Instead, Colorado Head Coach Bill McCartney reached into his grab bag of tricks and pulled out a lemon.

Normally a linebacker, Chad Brown lined up at tight end on the play and was supposed to release from the line of scrimmage when the ball was snapped, making himself an eligible receiver on the fake. But when holder Jeff Campbell took the snap and looked for an open receiver, Brown didn't release. With no one to throw to, Campbell ran to the right in desperation and Troy Ridgley flattened him a yard short of the end zone.

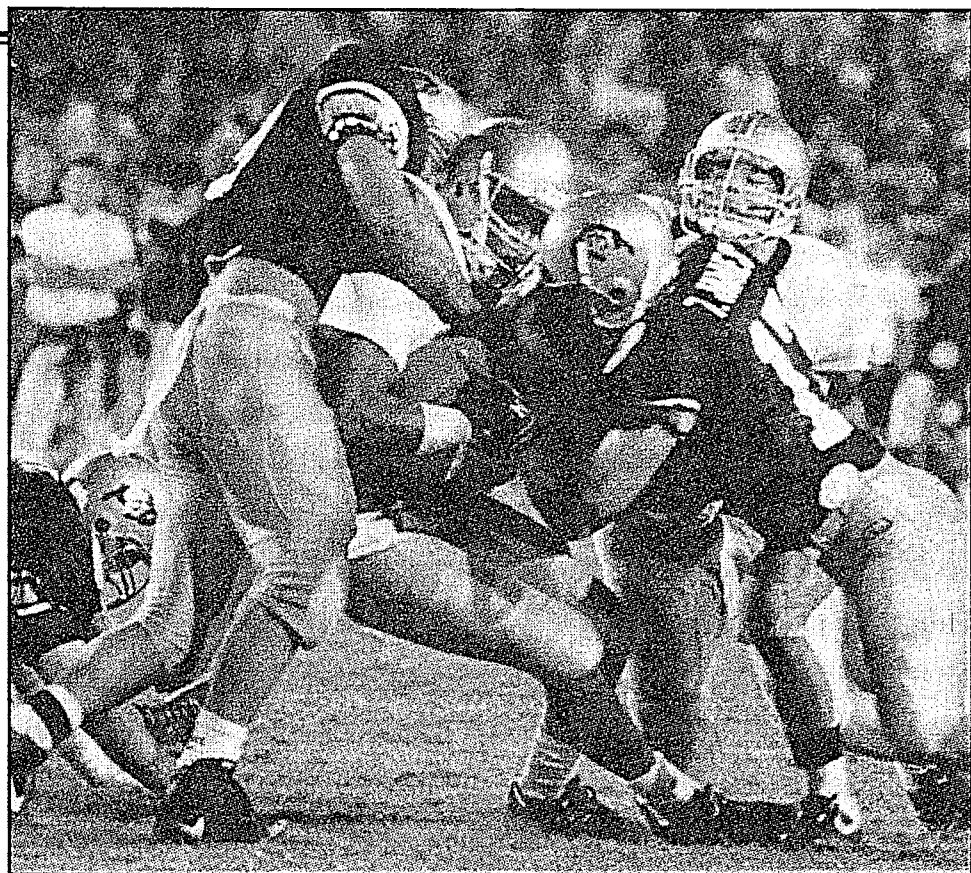
Strike three.

"He (Brown) said he got jammed," McCartney explained dejectedly as he tried to justify the play. "It looked like a broken play, but it wasn't."

If anything, it was the alarm clock the Irish needed. Notre Dame proceeded to march the ball downfield in their own attempt to crack the scoreboard. Long runs by Tony Rice and Ismail set up Rice's first two pass completions of the day—12 yards to Derek Brown and 29 to Pat Eilers over the middle. Colorado blocked Billy Hackett's 27-yard field goal attempt two plays later to end the scoreless first half, but Notre Dame entered the locker room confident. Colorado's failure to score on its last drive convinced the Irish they had the Buffs where they wanted them.

"If you try a fake play, that means you've gone away from your game plan," said Zorich. "Once they didn't score on that, we knew we were in good shape."

"When it came down to 'crunch time' in the first half, we (the defense) just dug a little deeper," said Bolcar. "We went into the



The Buffs kept the clamps on Rice for much of the first half.

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second half 0-0, but we knew that as soon as our offense got into a rhythm that we would be fine."

The Irish came out for the second half as if their lives depended on it—which, according to their bespectacled leader, it did. "How you respond to the challenge in the second half will determine what you become after the game," Holtz told his troops at the intermission, "whether you are a winner or a loser, for the rest of your life."

The offense got the message, picking up where it left off at the end of the first half and marching down the field with the help of the big play. Rice found Tony Smith over the middle for 27 on third and 11, followed two plays later by Anthony Johnson's 29-yard run to the Colorado 11. Johnson scored on a two-yard plunge soon after, and the Irish had their first offensive touchdown in the Orange Bowl since 1985.

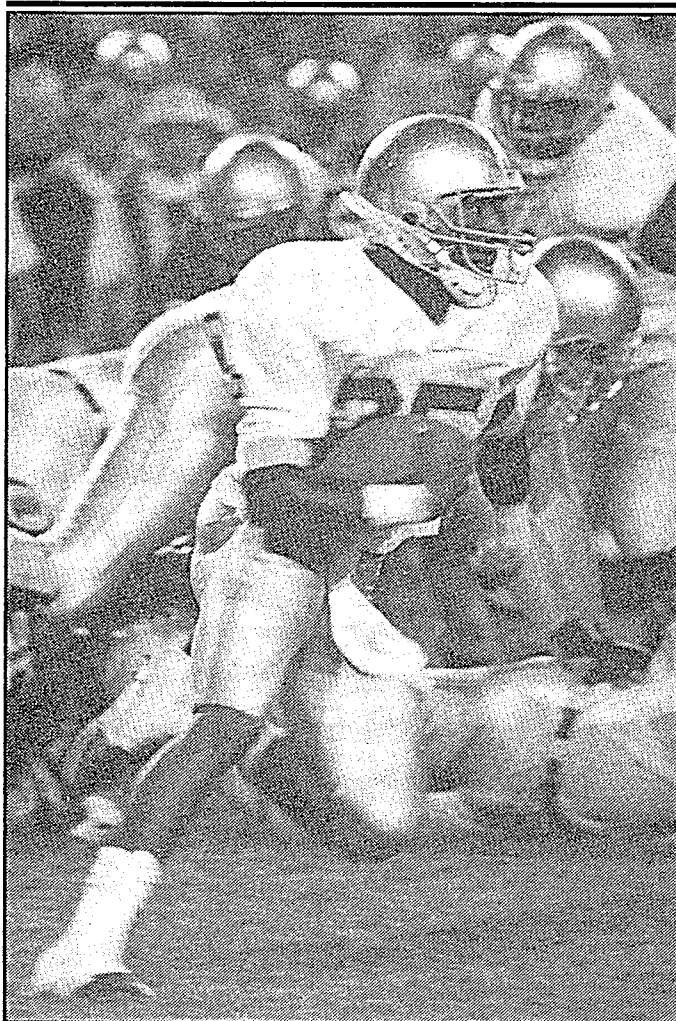
Bolcar picked off a deflected Hagan pass on Colorado's opening series of the half, giving Notre Dame the ball at the Buffalo 46. Time for Rice to show once again, as he did in the Fiesta Bowl last year, that his throwing

arm had not suffered from disuse. He hit Johnson on third and nine for a gain of 13, and his perfect strike to Eilers for 18 pulled the Irish out of a first-and-32 hole created by two penalties.

With Rice having found success against the Buffalo secondary (5 of 9 completions, 99 yards), many expected him to be throwing again on third and 14 at the Colorado 35. Instead, Holtz crossed everyone up by calling for "Reverse 8." A simple name for a play with a simple purpose: Give it to the Rocket, and see if anyone can catch him.

Rice dished off to Ismail streaking right from his flanker position, and, with key blocks from Johnson and Tim Grunhard, the Rocket scorched a path down the right sideline quicker than you can say "touchdown." Following a halftime spectacle of six break-dancing elephants and a guy named Chubby, the Irish were suddenly putting on a show of their own. Call it "14-0."

Ismail's run typified the kind of grief he caused the Buffs all evening long. Still nursing a sore right shoulder he dislocated against Miami, his status remained uncertain



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Ismail scored on a reverse to put the Irish up 14-0.

until game time. But when tailback Ricky Watters went down with a knee injury on Notre Dame's third play from scrimmage, the Irish had to press the Rocket into backfield action.

"I was going to play a lot more at tailback, but (my) injury put a damper on the game plan," said Ismail. "(But) Coach told me that after a few hits he wanted me to go a few plays in the backfield." From there he inflicted much more pain than he felt, pounding out 108 yards on the ground on 16 carries.

"He was terrific," observed McCartney. "He's very, very dangerous. We saw more of him in the backfield than I would have wanted."

But Hagan responded to Ismail's score with his own phenomenal effort. On first and ten at the Notre Dame 39, Hagan rolled right to the short side of the field. With little room to maneuver he eluded the reaches of Terrell and Devon McDonald and cut back left, scrambling 39 yards for the touchdown and the longest rush against the Irish this season. Culbertson's point after attempt hit the left upright and bounced away, ending the third quarter at 14-6 and prolonging the kicker's disastrous evening.

Each team exchanged possessions to begin the fourth quarter, and Notre Dame had the ball once more at their own 18 with 10:27 remaining. With an eight point lead and the running game hitting its stride, Holtz had no more surprises for Colorado. Just a return to smash-face football.

Ismail right for ten. Johnson right for nine. Rice right for eight. Rodney Culver left for four. When the dust finally settled after Johnson's seven yard touchdown run, the Irish had consumed almost nine minutes to drive 82 yards on

17 plays, all on the ground. Hentrich's extra point put Notre Dame up by 15, leaving only 1:32 on the clock and a long off-season for Colorado to reflect on what could have been.

"Coming away from the first half without any points after controlling the game for awhile was too much to overcome," mused McCartney. "Anytime you're playing a team like Notre Dame, you've got to capitalize on your chances. We didn't."

"That's something that's going to haunt us for a long time, knowing we had three or four opportunities to score," said Flannigan, looking away in disgust. "We gave the game away. You just don't *not* score when you're inside the 20 yard line that often."

For the Irish, victory in the Dade County Snakepit tasted ever so sweet. "Everyone kept on saying that there was a jinx on us in here," said Rice in I-told-you-so fashion. "Well, the jinx is definitely over."

Only the final polls remained for Notre Dame to mull over. A Miami loss in the



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Hagan's 39-yard touchdown scramble kept the Buffs close.



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The Irish ground attack ate up nearly nine minutes in their four-quarter scoring drive to put the game on ice.

Sugar Bowl would have erased any doubts. But with the Hurricanes handing Alabama a 33-25 loss in New Orleans, Holtz was left to state the case for his 12-1 team.

"I can honestly say we have the best record and have played the toughest schedule," said Holtz emphatically. "If you're

going to vote on a national champion in October, give it to Florida State.

"But we were number one 11 weeks and the one week we were out of number one we came back and beat number one by 15 points. I believe in my heart if you have the best record with the toughest schedule... I rest my

case."

Thus began the debate that won't end until October 20, when Notre Dame and Miami lock horns in South Bend one last time—presumably to determine once and for all who really is number one.

Stay tuned.

GAME SUMMARY

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	0	14	7	21
Colorado	0	0	6	0	6

3rd Quarter ND: Johnson 2 run (Hentrich kick) at 11:48

ND: Ismail 35 run (Hentrich kick) at 7:19

UC: Hagan 39 run (kick failed) at 0:01

4th Quarter ND: Johnson 7 run (Hentrich kick) at 1:32

Individual Statistics

Rushing: ND- Johnson 15-89, Culver 5-29, Watters 2-3, Ismail 16-108, Rice 14-50; UC- Flannigan 12-45, Bieniemy 11-66, Kissick 2-6, Hagan 19-116, Campbell 1-(-6)

Passing: ND- Rice 5-9-99; UC- Hagan 4-13-65

Receiving: ND- Brown 1-12, Eilers 2-47, Smith 1-27, Johnson 1-13; UC- Perak 1-16, Kissick 2-33, Pritchard 1-16

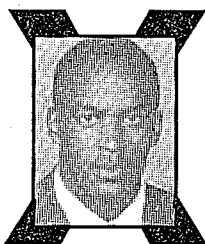
Team Statistics

	ND	UC
First Downs.....	18	16
Rushing.....	14	12
Passing.....	4	4
Penalty.....	0	0
Rushing.....	52-279	46-217
Passing.....	5-9-99	4-13-65
Total Net Yards.....	378	282
Average Gain per Play.....	6.2	4.8
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	3-35	1-5
Punts-Average.....	5-40.1	3-39.3
Punt Returns.....	0-0	3-36
Kickoff Returns.....	2-24	3-43
3rd Down Conversions.....	7-12	5-13

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Harlon Barnett
Defensive back/Michigan State



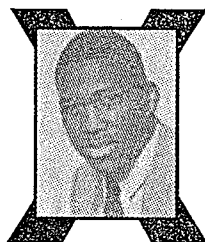
Cleveland Colter
Defensive back/USC



Percy Snow
Linebacker/Michigan State



Shawn McCarthy
Punter/Purdue



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Linebacker/Penn State



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Bob Kula
Tackle/Michigan State



Joe Garten
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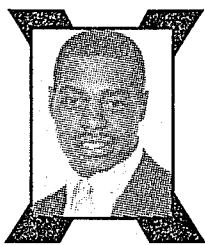


Dale Dawkins
Wide Receiver/Miami

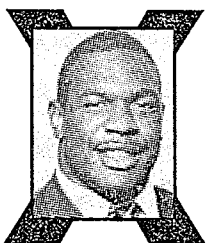


Ray Tarasi
Kicker/Penn State

All-Opponent Team



Tripp Welborne
Defensive Back/Michigan



Bernard Clark
Linebacker/Miami



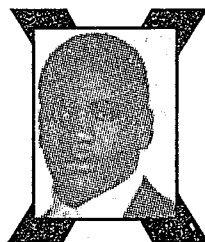
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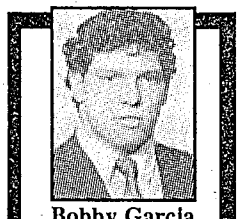
Tim Ryan
Defensive Line/USC



Marc Spindler
Defensive Line/Pitt



Alfred Williams
Linebacker/Colorado



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Center/Miami



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Tackle/Michigan



Jim Price
Tight End/Stanford



Craig Erickson
Quarterback/Miami



John Jackson
Wide Receiver/USC



Stephen McGuire
Fullback/Miami



Blair Thomas
Tailback/Penn State

Future Notre Dame Schedules

1990

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

1991

September 7-Indiana
September 14-at Michigan
September 21-Michigan State
September 28-at Purdue
October 5-at Stanford
October 12-Pittsburgh
October 19-at Air Force
October 26-USC
November 2-Navy
November 9-Tennessee
November 16-at Penn State

1992

September 7-at Northwestern
September 12-Michigan
September 19-at Michigan State
September 26-Purdue
October 3-Stanford
October 10-at Pittsburgh
October 24-BYU
October 31-at Navy
November 7-Boston College
November 14-Penn State
November 28-at USC

1993

September 4-Northwestern
September 11-at Michigan
September 18-Michigan State
September 25-at Purdue
October 2-at Stanford
October 9-Pittsburgh
October 16-at BYU
October 23-USC
October 30-Navy
November 13-at Penn State
November 20-Boston College

1994

September 3-at Northwestern
September 10-Michigan
September 17-at Michigan State
September 24-Purdue
October 1-Stanford
October 8-at Boston College
October 15-BYU
October 29-at Navy
November 12-Penn State
November 19-Rice
November 26-at USC

1995

September 2-Northwestern
September 9-at Purdue
September 16-Vanderbilt
September 23-Texas
September 30-at Ohio State
October 7-at Washington
October 14-at Army
October 21-USC
October 28-Boston College
November 4-Navy
November 18-Air Force

Home games in bold type

Tank's Turn

Senior walk-on gets a chance to share his thoughts on the 1989 season

BY TED "TANK" McNAMARA



It would be an understatement to say the 1989 Irish football season was an uphill battle—unless the hill happened to be Mount Everest. Never before had I encountered as much adversity as this football team experienced.

Fate dealt us a hand which would have devastated any other team. However, we endured the hard knocks, and for the second straight year we can boast the best record in Division I football. Only one game kept us from our ninth national championship, but having experienced what we did, we know we are deserving of that honor.

I will always remember the three weeks before the Kickoff Classic, for during this period we were dealt our most severe blow. At a time when most students were still enjoying their summer vacations, we were engaged in two-a-day practices in preparation for the coming season. As if practicing in the humidity of an Indiana August was not enough, we also faced the harsh reality that nine players, including four starters, would not be joining us for the season. But we did not waste time feeling sorry for ourselves. We felt remorse for those teammates who would not be with us, but we continued to move forward, determined to win with the players we had.

Our purpose remained the same, but we now viewed the season in a different light. We saw it as the ultimate challenge, a challenge just waiting to be tackled. As a team we had no doubts that we could rise to the occasion, but many people truly believed we were not capable of doing so. The Kickoff Classic proved otherwise. Notre

Dame was back, and many critics were forced to eat their words.

As the season progressed, our luck began to fade. Injuries plagued the team, preventing key players such as Anthony Johnson, Rod West, Stan Smagala, and Jeff Alm from seeing action in some games. Tight end Frank Jacobs had to sit out the rest of the season because of a broken ankle he suffered in the Stanford game. Injuries were ever-present, and as a result many young and inexperienced players had to step in and take up the slack.

To top it off, we had also been dubbed the "bad boys" of college football. When you're on top, you come under close scrutiny as those around you try to find fault. Such was our case. Many sportswriters were no longer concerned with the fact that we were winning. Instead, they criticized our "classless" style of play. As untrue as that label was, they nevertheless attempted to paint just such a picture for the public. The USC incident provided them with the perfect opportunity to do so. Never mind the lack of class USC displayed before the game, on the field and during halftime. We were still the "thugs" and "hooligans" at fault.

Despite our misfortunes we ignored our critics and continued to play like a number-one team, and we entered the final game of the regular season with an unblemished record. As much as we wanted to beat Miami, the fatigue and accumulated injuries from a marathon season prevented us from doing so. The season ended in disappointment, but the Orange Bowl and a possible national championship awaited, and Notre Dame was not

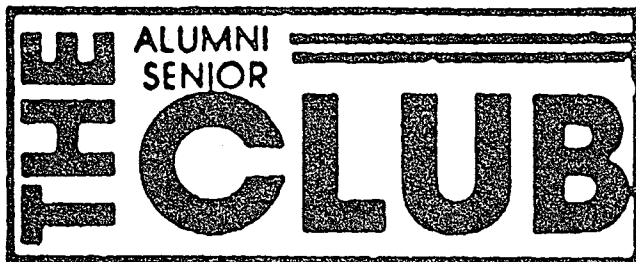
about to give up.

After some rest and recuperation, preparation began for the Orange Bowl. Many thought the Irish would give up after such a devastating loss to Miami. In addition, we would be playing Colorado without defensive starters Andre Jones and Bob Dahl.

But something special happened during those practices before the Bowl. Signs of last August's Notre Dame team began to reappear as we started to practice with enthusiasm and cohesion. Not only were we getting better, but we were having fun in the process.

We ignored Colorado's propaganda campaign because we knew it was a futile effort. We had overwhelming confidence in ourselves. Coach Holtz and his staff are master motivators, and by game day they had us convinced we could not lose. And we couldn't. There was no way Colorado could ever beat us; the coaches had prepared us too well. We walked onto that field knowing we would leave it as Orange Bowl champions, and we did.

It was a fitting ending to a season so valiantly played. We finished 12-1 with a schedule that included nine bowl teams. It was without a doubt the toughest schedule in college football. Yet the polls did not deem us worthy of the national championship. We know in our hearts, however, that we are the best team in college football, and the people of this country seem to agree with us. To them we are the national champions.



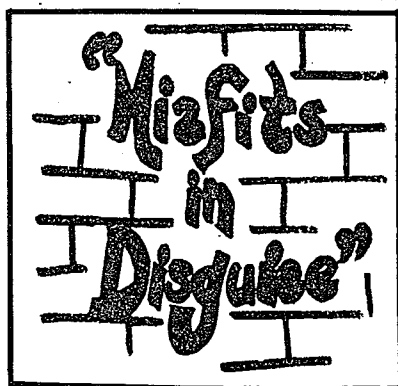
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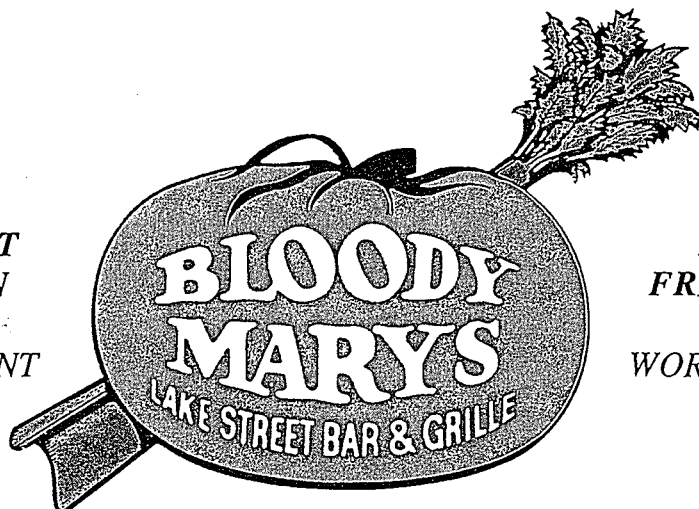
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KITCHEN HOURS: 11 am - Midnight

PHONE: 684-MARY

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DIRECTIONS:

33 North into Niles.
East on Main 1 Block.
North on Thirteenth.
West on Lake St.
2 blocks West on the Right.

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33 N.

Program Guide

Request Line:

239-6400



Specialty Shows 7 - 9 pm Daily
Monday: Jazz
Tuesday: News/Sports
Wednesday: Dance
Sunday: Metal
Thursday: Reggae
Friday: Hip Hop
Saturday: Hardcore

These are the Voices of the Fighting Irish

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7-9 a.m.	Ryison Naimoli "Morning Beat"	Mike Montroy	Ted Leo	Kathy Morrey	Jeff Sepeta		
9-11 a.m.	"I Hate Mondays"	Chris Bettis	Tim Frommer "A Pair of Ears is a Terrible Thing To Waste"	Alex Nuñez	Greg Murphy	<div> <div></div> <div>10:00 am - 1:00 pm</div> </div>	
11-1 p.m.	Mike Roe & Paul Hart	John Dugan	Jeff Jotz "We're Jeff Jotz and You..."	James O'Brien	Debbie Wunder "Blondie's Appetite"		
1-3 p.m.	Mark Bintinger	Dave McMahon	Tim McAdam	Mike Schwabe	Alex Nuñez	Dan Langrill	Chris Scherzinger "Radio Schied"
3-5 p.m.	Chris Infante	Paul Salz "A Look Back Into The Future"	Kathleen Graham & Cindy Petries "Voice a Caido"	Tina Valicenti "Power Tools, Jangly Guitars, and other Electronic Appliances"	Paul Broderick	Kevin McDonough	Brian Geraghty
5-7 p.m.	Jeff Brinker "Eulis is Everywhere"	John Del Alamo	Hugh Gallagher	Tim Frommer "A Pair of Ears is a Terrible Thing To Waste"	Shawn Nowierski	Brad Barnhorst	Matt Mancini
7-9 p.m.	John Austin	News 7-8 Sports 8-9	Luis Muñoz & Chris Malin	Zik Chandler "Reggae Fever"	Tara Payton & Adrian Williams	Ted Leo & Chris Infante	Chris Ebert "Thrashing, Bashing, and Bonging"
9-11 p.m.	Chris Knous "I Can't Believe It's Warm Liver In A Sock"	Mike Bertin	Kelly Boglarsky & Kristen Baumbler	Pat Ninneman	Tom Fellrath "Radio Free Michiana"	Greg Murphy "Hatchhead Sebastian"	Mike Goodwin
11-1 a.m.	Erich Straub "Ode To Nick Desines"	Greg Athas "The Neo-Platonic Form Report: The Existentialist Years."	Kevin Flaherly "Stoogefest Psychotherapy"	John Lane	Tom Nevins "Shapes, I Need Shapes"	Jennifer Furey "Let's Grow Old Together"	Chris Walter & Bob Kuskie "Two Guys in a Box"