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Flu-like illness on the rise among ND students

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

University Health Services has seen a slight increase in students with an Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and 26 Notre Dame students have had presumptive cases of the H1N1 virus, according to Director Ann Kleva.

Of 1,922 total student visits to Health Services from Aug. 15 to Sept. 9, 414 students presented signs of ILI. Of those students, 144 were tested for influenza A, and 26 of those students tested positive, which is presumptive for the H1N1 virus (commonly referred to as swine flu), according to Kleva.

"We have only seen truly mild cases of influenza," she said. "The students haven't needed hospitalization and are recovering in an average of three to four to seven days."

Students with ILI have to have a

fever of at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit, a cough and/or sore throat and an absence of a cause other than influenza. ILI can be seasonal flu, H1N1 or other strains or symptoms of the influenza virus.

"We are seeing a slight increase in flu symptoms and they are showing up earlier," Kleva said. "But the treatment is exactly the same as in past years and we have not seen serious flu."

Kleva said the students with ILI were told to self-isolate, get plenty of rest and drink fluids for at least 24 hours after their fever breaks.

She said University Health Services has also seen an increase in the normal walk-in population, but many of these students are not ill with the flu.

"There's an increase in the number of colds, allergies and upper respiratory illnesses that are unrelated to flu at

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* out of 1,922 total student visits

JACLYN ESPINOZA | Observer Graphic

Future of economics department uncertain

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters plans to discontinue one of its two economic departments in the next two years, according to College Dean John McGreevy.

In the future, McGreevy said there will not be two economics departments in the College of Arts and Letters. Currently, the College houses the Department of Economics and Policy Studies and the Department of Economics and Econometrics.

McGreevy said any action he takes will ensure that the voices of the Economics and Policy Studies professors continue to be heard.

"We're trying to create the best economics conversation we can have at Notre Dame," McGreevy said. "There are lots of places around the University where we need economists," including at the Kellogg Institute, the Kroc Institute and the Poverty Studies program.

He said the University has not made a final decision on what to do with the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, but that there will not be two departments in the future.

"What I've said in a meeting with both departments is that

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Nutritionist: Healthy dining hall options available

Eating vegetables, controlling portion sizes can help students avoid the freshman 15



MEGAN SMITH/The Observer

Students enjoy a meal in North Dining Hall Thursday. A University nutritionist offers suggestions for a healthy dining hall experience.

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Despite the ardent warnings of the teen magazines, movies and television shows about the freshman 15 — commonly thought of as the average weight gain of students during their first year of college — members of the freshman class say they aren't worried.

"I've never been that good at gaining weight," freshman Alyssa Borrego said. "I live on the fourth floor so I take the stairs to prevent it."

Freshman Ian Duncan agreed.

"I've lost weight since I've gotten here," he said. "Even though the dining halls have a

wide variety of food, one can find healthy alternatives to fried, greasy food."

But University Nutrition and Safety Manager Jocelyn Antonelli said for some students, the availability of food is a difficult challenge to conquer.

"Students face temptation," she said. "Their eyes are bigger than their stomach and it's hard to turn away food once you have it on your plate."

Antonelli said there are a number of ways for freshmen to eat smart in the dining halls. One way is for students to stick to the mindset of thinking in terms of food groups.

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Ford Family Program enters second year

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Committed to forming an interdisciplinary alliance of researchers, faculty, students and community members, the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity begins its second year with a continued effort to address the challenges faced by those living in extreme poverty throughout the developing world, specifically Sub-Saharan Africa.

What began as the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, a pro-

gram created to encourage Notre Dame students and faculty to become engaged in the evolving economies in Africa, has grown into an interdisciplinary program in human development studies, housed in the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

"The Ford Program conceives of human development studies as a scholarly effort to understand conditions that affect human welfare, including economic growth and development, the political and social determinants of the distribution of wealth and oppor-

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Photo courtesy of Lacey Haussamen

Children get water at a spring in Uganda. The Ford Family Program at Notre Dame seeks to address poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa.

INSIDE COLUMN

Live like you're alive

At my high school graduation party, I smiled my way through about a million conversations with people I only pretended to know, but somehow didn't get a chance to talk to the one person I wish I would have.



Sarah Mervosh

News Production Editor

Stella was a family friend battling breast cancer. She had an optimistic attitude, so I remember being hit with reality when my mom told me Stella probably wouldn't get to attend her own child's graduation party.

Unfortunately, that was all too true. Stella died this week. And on the anniversary of one of the most tragic days in our nation's history, I can't help but consider how precious life really is.

To be honest, I'm usually too busy thinking about all the work I have to do to appreciate life or the people around me. I e-mail my grandparents instead of calling them because I think I don't have time to pick up the phone. Time with friends is usually spent scarfing down meals in the dining hall or drunk at a party. Not exactly quality time.

But once in a while, life taps me on the shoulder and reminds me that we all don't live to be 100 years-old. I don't have all the time in the world to do all that I want to accomplish and become who I want to be.

This isn't a "you should live everyday like it's your last" column. I'm not saying that you should drop out of school tomorrow, marry the first person you see walking down South Quad or blow all your money on a lavish vacation.

You don't have to live like you were dying, but I am suggesting that you live like you're alive. Figure out what makes you feel most alive, and then actively pursue it.

Feeling alive doesn't have to be big and bold. It doesn't have to be skydiving or rock climbing. We can all instill a small fire in our everyday lives by choosing to step outside of our comfort zones.

Volunteer in class if you are normally shy. Get a tattoo. Study abroad. Let yourself fall in love.

We can actively appreciate the positives in life — when a class gets cancelled and you can sleep in, when someone gives you a compliment, or when Notre Dame beats Michigan tomorrow.

If you are reading this column, you have the privilege of being alive, and not everyone is so lucky. So send your grandpa a homemade birthday card. Say "I love you" when you hang up the phone with your mom. Take five seconds to be thankful for this day, this moment, this breath.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sarah Mervosh at smervosh@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR PREDICTION FOR SATURDAY'S GAME?



Kelsey Sugrue
sophomore
McCandless

"I need the Irish to win or else my father, a die-hard Michigan fan, will never let me live it down."



Tim Scully
sophomore
Alumni

"63-0, Notre Dame."



Pete Freddoso
freshman
Dillon

"We will trounce them."



Tré Carden
freshman
O'Neill

"It will keep us on the edge of our seats, but in the end — complete domination."



Deborah Olmstead
junior
Welsh Family

"Shut out. Times 2."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

South Bend's own The Sulentic Brothers Band perform at the Morris PAC on Wednesday night. They opened for ZZ Top.

IN BRIEF

The Kellogg Institute is hosting a conference, "HIV and the Rule of Law: Human Rights at Home and Abroad," today at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The all-day event is open to the public but advance registration is requested.

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team is playing Wisconsin tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The game is part of the three-day Notre Dame/adidas Invitational. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team is playing Seattle University tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. The game is part of the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Notre Dame Rugby Football Club is playing the Chicago Griffins on West Quad on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit the Rugby Club Web site.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play New Mexico on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

OFFBEAT

Man demands to drink stolen beer before arrest

BAYOU GEORGE, Fla.— Authorities in the Florida Panhandle say they arrested a convenience store shoplifter who demanded to drink the 12-ounce beer he had stolen before being taken into custody.

The Bay County Sheriff's office says the man told the deputy he had recently lost his job of 13 years and wanted to drink beer. The man became combative when the deputy wouldn't let him finish it.

George R. Linthicum II was charged Wednesday with shoplifting, battery,

possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

Bay County Jail officials said Thursday that Linthicum II was in jail and did not yet have an attorney.

Cat survives under fire debris for 26 days

FRANKLIN, Ohio — A woman's pet cat has been found alive, buried beneath debris 26 days after an Ohio fire. Sandy LaPierre says she assumed 1-year-old Smoka had died from the Aug. 10 fire in Franklin, about 30 miles north of Cincinnati. The blaze broke out in a

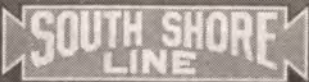
building housing a flower shop and LaPierre's second-floor apartment.

A demolition company moved in to tear down what was left of the building the day after the fire. A crew from Stark Wrecking Co. came back Sept. 4 to clear away the rubble and found Smoka's head sticking out from under 16 feet of debris.

LaPierre says her female cat lost a lot of weight and has been gobbling down food to make up for it. She says Smoka has some difficulty walking but otherwise seems OK.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.


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Train service is temporarily suspended between South Bend and Gary Metro Center on some weekends due to a major construction project to upgrade our original overhead wires that have been in place since the 1920s!

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- September 26-28
- October 10-12
- October 31-November 2



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Class registration gets an upgrade

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Notre Dame's Office of the Registrar, student government and Office of Information and Technology (OIT) are working together to update and redesign the course registration process, said Walker Anderson, student government Campus Technology chair.

"Last year, we brought up course registration redesign," Anderson said. "We discussed it with OIT and the Registrar's office. We want to identify what's wrong with the current system."

Assistant Registrar Lora Spalding said the Office used student testing as a tool to identify issues with the program.

"There has been a test group of students who volunteered to let us watch and video tape them as they registered for their Fall 2009 classes," Spalding said. "We also captured all their key strokes and interviewed them about their experience. Another student test group will be used to preview and give suggestions to developers from our software provider."

A committee was put together to analyze the data, Anderson said.

The major problems found with course registration are selecting classes, appointing fair registration start times, finding information on course evaluations and syllabi and fitting everything into a workable class schedule, Spalding said.

"We are always looking at ways to make registration an easier and more intuitive experience for students and so as software upgrades or feasible sug-

gestions come forward, we are always ready to fit them into a redesign," Spalding said. "Some of the redesign may be small improvements, but some, because of the upcoming software upgrades, may be larger."

Some improvements have already been added, Spalding said.

"Most of the fields in 'Class Search' can be sorted — this helps to find, among many other uses, open classes and instructors," Spalding said.

If students are looking for information about a specific class, some of the results from the course evaluations are available as part of 'Enhanced Class Search' results.

Additionally, based upon a student government initiative, the Office of the Registrar and OIT are working on making class syllabi available through 'Class Search.'

Spalding said changes that will involve tools to help fit a schedule together should occur sometime next summer.

Some of the inspiration for new updates came from other schools, Anderson said.

"We've looked at [the University of Minnesota] and we want to look at Northwestern, among others," Anderson said.

Major changes could be anywhere from six months to a few years away in this long-term initiative, Anderson said.

"We're still analyzing our current system," he said. "We have an idea of providing a more intuitive, streamlined and innovated way of taking the stress out of the course registration process."

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Oxford University Press to publish for Kroc Inst.

Special to The Observer

Oxford University Press has accepted proposals from the University Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies to publish a series of books on strategic peacebuilding, beginning this fall, and a handbook on religion, conflict and peacebuilding in 2011. The books will be written by scholars around the world engaged in peace research, including Kroc Institute faculty.

The Oxford Studies of Strategic Peacebuilding, a collection of monographs and edited volumes, will be edited by Notre Dame's Scott Appleby, John M. Regan Jr. director of the Kroc Institute; John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding; and Daniel Philpott, professor of political science and peace studies. The first book in the series, "Strategies of Peace: Transforming Conflict in a Violent World," is edited by Kroc faculty members Philpott and Gerard F. Powers.

Strategic peacebuilding, the Kroc Institute's signature concept, is defined by Appleby as "the creation and nurturing, over time, of constructive relationships — at every level of society and across ethnic, religious, class and racial

boundaries — as a means of transforming structures and social, political and cultural dynamics that promote discrimination, inequality, hatred and war and other forms of deadly violence."

"The Oxford Handbook on Religion and Peacebuilding" will be edited by Appleby; Atalia Omer, assistant professor of religion, conflict and peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute; and David Little, formerly of the Harvard University Divinity School.

Religious or faith-based peacebuilding, a subfield of peace studies that has recently gained attention among U.S. and international policymakers, is one of the Kroc Institute's core research programs. While religious extremism is often cited as a cause of conflict, religion's role in building and sustaining peace is less recognized. The handbook is expected to be a significant contribution to greater understanding of the importance of religion, peace and conflict in international affairs.

Founded in 1986, the Kroc Institute is a leading center for the study of the causes of violent conflict and strategies for peace. It offers education in peace studies and strategic peacebuilding at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree levels.

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SMC holds Red Cross blood drive

By ANGEL GRAY
News Writer

Saint Mary's students volunteered for the chance to save a life at a blood drive in the Student Center Lounge Thursday.

"The blood drive is a unique and very personal way to give back to the community," Assistant Director in the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, Olivia Critchlow, said.

Olivia, along with student coordinator Lizzy Pugh, planned this week's blood drive with the American Red Cross.

The drives are well attended by faculty and staff, Critchlow said. She said last year over 200 units of blood were collected at the drives.

"One unit of blood could save three lives," she said.

Critchlow said the blood that the American Red Cross collects will be donated to medical centers and hospitals throughout Northern Indiana.

Critchlow said all of the 66 appointment slots were filled before the drive began. She said she's hoping to get more staff to assist so they may schedule more appointments.

Donating takes about an hour with or without an appointment, she said.

She said students are screened, their vital signs are evaluated, and then it takes roughly 15 minutes to collect a unit of blood. After donating, students are asked to stay so that they can be checked for reactions and have an opportunity to recuperate.

Pugh said juice and cookies were provided for those students that donated. For further incentive, she said the American Red Cross is allowing all donors to enter a raffle for a \$50 gasoline gift card.

"I want to help people and I'm O positive which is universal and could save many lives," first year Bethany Emenhis said.

She donated for the first time at Saint Mary's and at least 10 times in total.

Saint Mary's is planning to host four drives this year. Students who did not donate or were not eligible this time around will have another opportunity in December. Students who were eligible to donate once will most likely be so again, Critchlow said.

"I try to encourage friends to donate because it's a wonderful feeling," Pugh said.

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Cardinal Mahony to give lecture on campus

Special to The Observer

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, will give a lecture titled "Fostering the Baptismal Priesthood in the 'Year for Priests'" at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies at the University.

Following the Second Vatican Council there has been a rediscovery in Catholic theology of baptism as the foundational sacrament of ministry, and a clearer recognition that ministry is not just for the ordained. The Second Vatican Council related the baptismal call, the vocation of the baptized, and the office of the ordained to the mystery of Christ, finding in each a reflection of the threefold office of Christ priest, prophet and king. Every vocation and every ministry is rooted in the same reality of Christ and his presence by the gift of the Spirit in the Church.

Responding to Pope Benedict XVI's invitation to reflect on the priesthood dur-

ing this "Year for Priests," and drawing from his own recent pastoral letter on ministry, "As I Have Done for You," Cardinal Mahony will identify the foundations for a baptismal priesthood and a ministerial priesthood suited to meet the pressing needs of the Church today.

Cardinal Mahony was appointed archbishop of Los Angeles by Pope John Paul II in 1985 and was elevated to cardinal in 1991. A native of Hollywood, he is the first "Angeleno" and the third archbishop of Los Angeles to become a cardinal. He received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1989.

One of the cardinal electors participating in the 2005 conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Mahony serves on several committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including those for Liturgy and Pro-Life Activities.

Cardinal Mahony's lecture is sponsored by the office of Notre Dame's president, Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns and the Department of Theology.

The Snite Museum of Art

invites you to a public reception for the fall special exhibitions



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Lauren Greenfield
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Sunday, September 13
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Co-curator of the Smithsonian National
Museum of the American Indian's
retrospective on Scholder, writer and
cultural critic, Paul Chaat Smith
(Comanche), will speak at 3:30 p.m.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Riots in Ugandan capital kill 7

KAMPALA — At least seven people were killed in Uganda when supporters of the traditional ruler of the country's largest ethnic group clashed with security forces in the country's capital.

AP photographer Stephen Wandera counted seven bodies as police and the army clashed with stone-throwing protesters who burned tires Thursday in Kampala. The fatalities all appeared to be civilians.

Several other people were injured as protesters set stacks of tires on fire and threw stones at police vehicles. The security forces responded by firing in the air and at apartment blocks from which residents were throwing stones.

Yemen launches offensive on rebels

SAN'A — Yemen's government launched a new offensive against Shiite rebels in the north, destroying many of their vehicles and hideouts, an army statement said Thursday.

Both sides claimed victory, however, in the intense day's fighting, which came just a week after the government declared a unilateral cease-fire that fell apart in hours.

The five-year-old rebellion is led by Shiite tribesmen who complain they are discriminated against and neglected by the government. The rebels have also accused the state of allying with hard-line Sunni fundamentalists, whom consider Shiites as heretics.

NATIONAL NEWS

Panel reviews Harvard scholar arrest

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Twelve people from across the country have been chosen to serve on an independent panel to review the arrest of a black Harvard scholar at his home by a white police officer, Cambridge officials said Thursday.

Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Washington D.C.-based Police Executive Research Forum, was tapped to lead a committee that will include Yale Law professor Tracey Meares, former FBI assistant director Louis Quijas and Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey.

City leaders created the panel after the arrest of Henry Louis Gates Jr. triggered a national debate over racial profiling.

Cambridge Sgt. James Crowley arrested Gates for disorderly conduct at his home July 16 while investigating a possible burglary. The charge was dropped, and Gates alleged he was a victim of racial profiling.

Ranger teams go to Mexican border

HOUSTON — Special teams of Texas Rangers will be deployed to the Texas-Mexico border to deal with increasing violence because the federal government has failed to address growing problems there, Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday.

"It is an expansive effort with the Rangers playing a more high-profile role than they've ever played before," Perry said of the Department of Public Safety's elite investigative unit.

The forces, dubbed "Ranger recon" teams, are the latest effort "to fill the gap that's been left by the federal government's ongoing failure to adequately secure our international border with Mexico," he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Clergy asks Sens. to back climate bill

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Sens. Dick Lugar and Evan Bayh have received a letter from more than 80 clergy and nuns across Indiana asking them to support legislation to control the gases blamed for global warming.

Keith Dobyns is an Episcopal minister and physician from Connorsville. He says he and retired United Methodist pastor Dennis Shock of Carmel presented the letter in Washington Thursday to senior aides of Republican Lugar and Democrat Bayh.

Pastors from various Christians denominations, rabbis, Muslim leaders and Roman Catholic nuns have signed the letter.

Pelosi: Health care to pass this year

Democrats predict reform legislation to be approved in coming months

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic congressional leaders predicted passage of health care legislation within a few months despite Republican opposition, claiming momentum Thursday from President Barack Obama's speech and renewed commitment from lawmakers fresh from a month of meetings with constituents.

Increasingly, events in the Senate Finance Committee appeared pivotal, precursor to likely votes in both the House and the Senate by early October. "I'm confident the president will sign a bill this year," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California.

While effusively praising Obama's speech from the night before, Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada signaled separately the president may not prevail in his call for legislation that allows the federal government to sell insurance in competition with private industry.

Reid said that while he favors a strong "public option," he could be satisfied with establishment of non-profit cooperatives, along the lines expected to be included in the bill taking shape in the Finance Committee.

Pelosi, who has long favored a measure that allows the government to sell insurance, passed up a chance to say it was a non-negotiable demand.

As long as legislation makes quality health care more accessible and affordable, "we will go forward with that bill," she said.

Democrats are divided over the public option in both houses, liberals strongly in favor and many moderates against it. Critically, though, it appears that any chance for Republican support would evaporate if legislation permits immediate, direct competition between the government and insurance industry.

On the morning after his



House Speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California said health care legislation will pass this year at a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.

speech, Obama renewed his campaign for passage of his top domestic priority. Declaring that too many individuals are being denied coverage, he said, "It is heart-breaking and it is wrong and nobody should be treated that way in the United States of America. Nobody!"

He also cited new Census statistics showing that the number of uninsured has risen to 46.3 million from 45.7 million in 2007.

In general, the legislation would provide new protections to Americans with insurance, help the uninsured afford coverage, require most individuals to carry coverage and aim to slow the growth of medical costs overall. The measure would be paid for through

reductions in planned Medicare spending and tax increases.

Obama has said his approach will not result in higher deficits, but Congressional Budget Office estimates dispute him.

Most Republicans made clear during the day that Obama's speech had done nothing to lessen their opposition. But they were peppered with questions about Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina, who shouted "You lie" at the president during the speech.

Asked if the episode embarrassed him as party leader, Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, said, "I think that Mr. Wilson made it clear that he said his behavior was inappropriate, and he apologized

for it. And I'm glad he did."

Obama accepted the apology, telling reporters, "we all make mistakes."

After months of missed deadlines caused by internal division and GOP opposition earlier in the year, neither Pelosi nor Reid was willing to outline anything more than a broad timetable for action on the legislation. But increasingly, it appeared that events in the Finance Committee would determine the pace.

There, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., has said he will convene the panel the week after next to vote on legislation that would meet Obama's goal of expanding health care, providing consumer protection to those with coverage, and slow the growth of medical spending overall.

IRAQ

Kurds call for security after bombing

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Kurdish lawmakers demanded the government step up security in northern Iraq after a suicide truck bomb flattened a neighborhood in a small village Thursday, killing 19 people and injuring 30 others in the most recent in a spate of attacks.

Two suicide truck bombers targeted the Shiite Kurdish village of Wardek, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) southeast of Mosul just after midnight.

Local security forces fired on the driver of one truck when he refused to stop, but he was still able to detonate his bomb. The second assailant in the

other explosives-laden truck was shot and killed before his bomb exploded, according to local officials and villagers.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but it bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni insurgents who remain active in Mosul and surrounding areas in Ninevah province — a region where U.S. commanders have warned that insurgents appear to be trying to stoke an Arab-Kurdish conflict.

It follows several other deadly bombings in small villages of ethnic and religious minorities, indicating that insurgents are seeking out relatively undefended targets to maximize casualties

as the strapped Iraqi army focuses its efforts on more central areas. Members of Iraqi minority groups are bearing the brunt of the violence.

"The ongoing terrorist and criminal acts in Ninevah are aimed again at the Kurds, Turkomen, Shiites and Yazidis — they are ethnic cleansing operations in which hundreds of innocent people have been killed," Abdul-Muhsin al-Saadoun, a lawmaker of the Kurdistan Alliance parliamentary bloc, said at a press conference in Baghdad after the attack.

"We call on the federal government to take the necessary measures to prevent further attacks, find the perpetrators and bring them to justice."

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tunity, politics and public policy, religion and culture, health, and human rights," according to the program's Web site.

Partnered with Uganda Martyrs University, the Ford Program has focused its community engagement goals on the 12 villages that make up the nearby parish of Nnindy, with the hope of eventually expanding beyond the scope of Uganda to many countries throughout the developing world.

"We have a special relationship with Nnindy," Director of the Ford Program Fr. Bob Dowd explained. "We have sponsored a baseline survey and focus groups in order to spark a discussion in the community about their most pressing problems which they identified as water and sanitation, health and agriculture and livelihood development."

In collaboration with Uganda Martyrs University, the Ford Program is working together to evaluate how they might help this community realize their goals, Dowd said.

"We have a Ugandan staff led by David Nyanzi, country director for the Ford Program in Uganda," Dowd said. "They are the ones who are really facilitating this. It's not just a bunch of Americans swooping in and taking the lead. Rather, we are working closely with our Ugandan colleagues."

Rather than offering services to these communities, the goal of the Ford Program is to utilize research, teaching and community engagement in order to enable the people of Nnindy to achieve their goals.

"We want them to be agents of their own change and have the hope that they can do this themselves," Assistant Director of the Ford Program Tony Pohlen said. "We will bring a certain amount of technology, resources and research, but we will work together with the community to find solutions."

Guided by a strong Catholic social teaching foundation and a belief in the inherent dignity of the human person, the Ford Program strives to effectuate the collaborative goals in Nnindy by advancing research, teaching and community engagement here at Notre Dame and in Uganda.

Dowd said teaching and research are crucial to the program's initiatives, helping to build a foundation of learning in human development studies, which will augment experiences outside the academic environment.

"We want to enhance and expand the opportunities for our students to study international development in the classroom and find ways to integrate their experience in developing countries with the theory that they might learn in the classroom," Dowd explained.

One way the program hopes to achieve teaching and research in the academic environment is with the creation of an interdisciplinary international development studies minor, which would span across the colleges, incorporating policy with action.

"In some cases, the classes may be team taught," Pohlen explained. "For example, an engineering professor and an economics professor might together teach a class on water issues. This provides for interdisciplinary interaction

and discourse among faculty as well as students."

The Ford Program will present a proposal for the minor to the College of Arts and Letters later this semester, with the hope that it will be announced in the spring semester and launched in the fall of 2010, Dowd said.

In the interim period before the minor is created, the Ford Program, in partnership with the Center for Social Concerns, offered a special two-week undergraduate class earlier this month taught by Duncan Green, head of research at Oxfam Great Britain.

"The focus of the course was teaching the importance of active citizens and effective states," Pohlen said. "I believe it was successful and students learned a great deal."

In addition to opportunities for students, the program also encourages Notre Dame faculty to get involved through research and teaching.

A lecture series initiated last year will continue throughout the current academic year, featuring Notre Dame professors who are involved in development work in their particular field.

"Notre Dame faculty who specialize in development in one way or another will lead discussions in an attempt to give students the opportunity to learn a bit of theory and discuss international development in advance of launching the minor," Dowd said.

The Ford Program also is encouraging any Notre Dame faculty members to apply for research seed grants of up to \$15,000, which will help develop a greater understanding of the causes of extreme poverty in the developing world and point to sustainable solutions.

"We are calling for collaborative research," Dowd said. "We really want Notre Dame faculty and students working together with African researchers, faculty and students. This would fulfill one of our goals of building an alliance across cultures, devoted to addressing the problem of extreme poverty."

While research is central to the mission of the Ford Program, students and alumni will have many opportunities to get involved and contribute to the development work in progress.

"Our focus, in large part, is on research, but we also believe there is a way to integrate research and service," Dowd said. "I think there will be opportunities for students and student groups to work with us in gathering resources necessary. It might be raising funds that allow us to actually work with people in Uganda to realize their goals. There are all kinds of ways that students can help, and we welcome that involvement."

In addition to service, the Ford Program, in partnership with the Kellogg Institute, has offered two internships to students the last two summers to do research and work in the villages of Nnindy.

The Center for Social Concerns and the Gigot Center for Social Entrepreneurship are working with the Ford Program to create an International Summer Service Learning Project in the Nnindy villages as well.

"The idea is that students who have completed the Micro Venturing certificate program can apply for this site and work with small businesses in Uganda," Pohlen explained.

"The key is that we want everyone [who goes to Nnindy] to work with the students and faculty at Uganda Martyrs University in a collaborative effort.

"We want to create a body of learning and knowledge throughout the developing world using the university to university model," Pohlen said.

Looking forward at the potential progress the Ford Program hopes to achieve, Dowd hopes to see increased solidarity, partnerships and collaboration in order to accomplish the mission of addressing the challenges confronted by those living in extreme poverty.

"Most importantly I'd love to see the people in the villages realize goals they have set for themselves," Dowd said.

"Secondly I would like to be able to say that Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni have learned something from the process and have contributed positively to the process."

Increased research among faculty, and exchange programs between Notre Dame and Uganda Martyrs University students are additional goals for the Ford Program, Dowd said.

Dowd also sees a special niche here at Notre Dame, as faith and religion play a central role to the research and study of this institution.

"We want to take the role of faith and religion seriously in the development process," Dowd said.

"We would like to promote and support research that takes a close look at the role faith-based institutions play in affecting the goals people set for themselves and the degree to which they realize these goals."

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Economics

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two departments is not the best strategy long-term," he said.

The Department of Economics and Policy Studies was the primary economics department at the University until the creation of the Department of Economics and Econometrics in 2003, according to Professor of Economics and Policy Studies David Ruccio.

"The University decided in 2003 to create another economics department," Ruccio said. "The majority of people in the existing department voted against the idea and the College Council voted against the idea."

"The people who wanted to create a new department went to the Academic Council and got a positive vote," Ruccio said.

Of the 21 economics faculty members in 2003, 16 voted against the split and five voted in favor, according to Ruccio. The five members who supported the split went to the Department of Economics and Econometrics, which supports only neoclassical economic theory.

The 16 members who voted against the creation of a new department remained in the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, whose mission statement is to teach and conduct research in "a distinctive way" that is "related to the Catholic identity of the University."

"Economics and Policy Studies has a more open or pluralistic approach to economics so lots of different theories are taught and used in research," Ruccio said.

He said this pluralistic approach is especially valuable in the current economic crisis, when the neoclassical approach "has been most called into question."

Ruccio said he believes his department "is going to be dissolved over the course of the next two years."

Ruccio said that the different approach of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies helps "make Notre Dame distinctive."

"Lots of universities only teach neoclassical economics," he said.

Notre Dame is different "partly because of the Catholic tradition of social justice."

"Now students will only get one approach and that's a shame," Ruccio said.

Without the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, "there won't be a department that would be devoted to a conversation rather than a monologue on campus," Ruccio said.

Students are less likely to be exposed "to a variety of different theories, when the department no longer exists," he said.

"That's especially true if Economics and Econometrics teaches all the intro courses," he said.

Ruccio said the need for different approaches in economics stems from the concept of the liberal arts education.

In a liberal arts education, "students are exposed to critical thinking and the only way to do critical thinking is to be exposed to a variety of approaches," he said.

McGreevy said that moves to other roles in the University could allow Economics and Policy Studies professors to have a larger impact.

"Our colleagues in Economics and Policy Studies have much expertise," he said. "We're asking where in the University they can have the most impact."

McGreevy said the tenure of Economics and Policy Studies professors will be respected.

"We can't be fired," Ruccio said. "But from what we've heard, we have been encouraged to find another position either inside the University or outside the University."

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IN BRIEF

Boeing workers reject union bid

CHARLESTON — Workers at a South Carolina Boeing Co. plant have voted against continued representation by a union as the company considers the site for a second assembly line for its new 787 wide-body jetliner.

Workers at the North Charleston plant, which makes fuselage sections for the 787, voted 199-68 Thursday against continued representation by the International Association of Machinists.

Anyone who wants to challenge the vote has seven days to file an objection before the results are certified, Eslinger said.

The results, by a slim margin, voted for union representation when the plant was owned by Vought. Boeing last month bought the plant from Vought for \$580 million plus about \$420 million in debt forgiveness.

Aviation analyst Scott Hamilton had told the Post and Courier of Charleston that he expected to vote to decertify the union because the original vote to unionize was close. But he said that won't guarantee a second assembly line.

Car dealers appeal ruling on emissions

WASHINGTON — Auto dealers and business leaders on Thursday appealed a decision by the Environmental Protection Agency that allowed California to establish the nation's first greenhouse gas standards for cars and trucks, setting the stage for a potential attempt to block the global warming rules.

The National Automobile Dealers Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to review the EPA's decision. The EPA in July granted California's request for a waiver allowing it to push tougher air pollution rules.

The EPA's decision cleared the way for California to implement a 2002 state pollution law requiring tougher fuel efficiency requirements in new cars trucks by 2016.

California's approach serves as a national model for fighting tailpipe pollution linked to global warming, and the Obama administration is expected to release proposed regulations later this month setting fuel efficiency standards at 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016.

CHINA

Premier: Too early to end stimulus

China's leader says country's economy not yet stable; recovery efforts to continue

Associated Press

DALIAN — China's economic recovery is not stable yet and the government will continue its massive stimulus despite recent improvements, Premier Wen Jiabao said Thursday.

Speaking on the opening day of a meeting of the World Economic Forum, Wen expressed confidence that China will emerge stronger from the global economic crisis. But he said it still is struggling with the plunge in foreign consumer demand and some industries suffer from unneeded production capacity and backward facilities.

"The stabilization and recovery of the Chinese economy is not yet steady, solid and balanced," Wen, the country's top economic official, told an audience of 1,000 businesspeople, academics and government officials in Dalian.

"Some of the stimulus measures will see their effect wane, and it will take time before those long-term policies show effect," the premier said. "We cannot and will not change our policy direction in the absence of proper conditions."

Wen announced no new initiatives but said Beijing aims to use its 4 trillion yuan (\$586 billion) stimulus to improve Chinese industry's competitiveness and energy efficiency.

Wen has issued similar warnings in recent weeks, apparently in response to some economists who say Beijing should consider winding down its stimulus. They say the flood of money could ignite inflation and is crowding out private sector investment.

China's economic growth accelerated to 7.9 percent from a year earlier in the quarter ending June 30, up from 6.1 percent the previous quarter. But the biggest improvements have been in state industry while a private sector recovery has lagged.



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao speaks at the opening plenary of the World Economic Forum in Dalian, China on Thursday. Wen said Beijing will continue its massive stimulus.

The economy created 6.6 million new jobs from January through July, putting it on track to meet Beijing's target of 9 million jobs this year, Wen said. The country's labor minister, however, said in comments reported last month that as many as 12 million job-seekers may not find work this year.

Wen said authorities "face constraints" in boosting domestic demand, though he gave no details. A key goal of the stimulus is to boost domestic consumption and reduce reliance on exports, which economists say are unlikely to recover to pre-crisis levels for some time.

Wen defended the stimulus strategy, which some

economists say has wasted money by focusing on construction of highways and other public works. That has helped state-owned industry but little aid has gone directly to private companies which account for up to two-thirds of China's economic activity.

Most of its new jobs. Wen dismissed criticism of the stimulus as purely focused on spending as "a simplistic view." He said only 22.9 percent has gone to construction, while 52.4 percent went to low-cost housing and programs to help the rural poor.

He said Beijing has extensive plans for overhauling individual industries, encouraging the growth of high-tech and environmen-

tal businesses and improving energy conservation.

"The government has a clear vision for how the stimulus money should be spent," the premier said.

Wen also called for led efforts on climate change but indicated Beijing might take a tough line at a U.N. climate summit in December, saying developed countries should take the lead in making reductions.

The United States has said it is committed to reaching a deal to reduce greenhouse gases, blamed for global warming, at the meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, as long as other major polluters such as China and India do their part as well.

Companies sue 'Ellen' over copyrights

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Some of the world's largest recording companies are suing "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," claiming producers violated their copyrights by playing more than 1,000 songs without permission.

Many of the songs were played during the "dance over" segment of the show, when DeGeneres dances from the stage to the interview area, often through the audience.

According to the suit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Nashville, when representatives of the recording companies asked defendants why they hadn't obtained licenses to use the songs, defendants said they didn't "roll

that way."

"As sophisticated consumers of music, Defendants knew full well that, regardless of the way they rolled, under the Copyright Act, and under state law for the pre-1972 recordings, they needed a license to use the sound recordings lawfully," the suit states.

Scott Rowe, spokesman for the show's Telepictures Productions, wrote in an e-mailed statement that the company has been working with the record labels for months to resolve the issue and remains willing to resolve it on "amicable and reasonable terms."

Rowe said the issue does not involve DeGeneres, who on Wednesday was named as the fourth judge on TV's "American Idol," and

whom Rowe calls "a tremendous music enthusiast and advocate."

The suit claims the daytime talk show has used copyrighted music without permission since its inception, including "recordings by virtually every major current artist of popular music." It claims the show routinely used some of the most popular songs of the day, which the record labels don't license for daytime television at any price.

Other songs cited in the lawsuit include Michael Jackson's "Thriller;" The Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations;" and Will Smith's "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It."

The suit calls the segment and the music played by the show's own disc jockey "signature elements of the show."

FRANCE

Interior minister defends racist-sounding remark

Associated Press

PARIS — France's interior minister has been caught on camera making what sound like anti-Arab remarks, infuriating anti-racism groups, even as he insisted that his words were innocent and misconstrued.

It's an ugly controversy for Brice Hortefeux, the top law enforcement official and a former immigration minister in a country where tensions between police and minority youths occasionally erupt into violence.

It's also sensitive for President Nicolas Sarkozy, a longtime friend of Hortefeux, and his conservative government.

A video circulating Thursday on the Internet shows Hortefeux at an event last weekend in southwest France for the governing party UMP, having his picture taken with a young party member of North African origin.

Voices in the primarily white crowd talk of "integration"; one woman says "he's our little Arab."

Hortefeux is heard saying "he doesn't fit the prototype at all." Then he says, "We always need one. When there's one, that's all right. It's when there are a lot of them that there are problems."

Hortefeux's office released a statement saying the remark was a "reference to

the very many pictures that he had just had taken" with local party members.

"Not a single word by Brice Hortefeux made reference to a supposed ethnic origin of a young activist," it said.

But Hortefeux's critics jumped on the comment.

Activist group SOS Support for Illegal Immigrants said a top court should look into the remarks, accusing him of "racial hatred." Hortefeux has helped carry out Sarkozy's push to keep out and expel illegal immigrants.

An umbrella group of black associations in France, CRAN, said it was "shocked by these unacceptable comments."

Gilbert Roger, the Socialist mayor of Bondy, a Paris suburb where police have clashed with youths of immigrant background, said Hortefeux "is so disconnected from reality that he is surprised that there is diversity within his own party."

A top official whom Hortefeux recently suspended for racist comments, Paul Girod de Langlade, said on France-Info radio, "I hope he joins me soon."

France has struggled with how to integrate immigrants from its former colonies and beyond, and how to accommodate its growing minority population. Discrimination was one factor behind an explosion of riots largely by black and Arab young men in neglected housing projects around France in 2005.

Investigators review tips for Calif. wildfire arson case

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Investigators trying to solve a giant arson wildfire outside Los Angeles have bolstered their ranks in recent days, putting six more homicide detectives on the case as they review dozens of tips from the public about who set the blaze that has ravaged a 250-square-mile stretch of national forest.

Investigators still have not found a culprit in the fire that erupted Aug. 26, burning 82 homes and killing two firefighters who died when their truck plunged down a ravine as they fled the flames.

Their deaths meant that as soon as the fire was identified as arson, the investigation became a homicide probe.

The fire's single point of origin has been traced to an area near an oak tree at the bottom of a steep ravine next to a curvy mountain road. Investigators reportedly found some kind of incendiary substance but have not disclosed more information. They ruled out lightning as a cause and said they found no glass, which in rare circumstances can magnify the sun's rays and accidentally ignite a fire.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department is the lead investigative agency, with 10 detectives now on the case — up from four since

last week.

A reward of \$150,000 is being offered and investigators want to hear from people with information about the arsonist, or anyone who saw unusual activity on the Angeles Crest Highway around 3:30 p.m. the day the fire broke out. The first reports of flames came shortly afterward.

About 50 people have called the department with possible information about who set the fire, Lt. Liam Gallagher said. He said they were treating all of them seriously and some might be more helpful than others.

"We get a lot of good people with good information, and your usual wingnuts, but each one we have to follow," said Gallagher, who is heading up the probe.

Investigators have left the crime scene, but the highway remains closed to the public and police tape still surrounds the roadside turnout near where the fire started.

Finding the ignition point was a crucial step in the case, said Tom Fee, a private arson investigator and business manager for the California Conference of Arson Investigators. Further progress will depend on the type of information provided by witnesses or evidence uncovered at the scene.

"It's a difficult task," said Fee. "The arrests that are made on arson fires are a very low percentage."

Guy E. "Sandy" Burnette,

a Florida attorney specializing in arson litigation, said cases are solved as much by old-fashioned detective work as by modern forensics.

"People do stupid things," Burnette said. "They leave something behind. They say something to a friend, or do something that draws attention to themselves."

Meanwhile, lawmakers were using the wildfire to draw attention to a bill calling for a national registry of convicted arsonists. Under a proposal by Rep. Mary Bono Mack, R-Calif., and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., convicted arsonists would be required to report where they live, work or go to school.

The blaze is still chewing its way through rugged backcountry terrain in the San Gabriel wilderness but was 71 percent contained as of Thursday.

Nearly 4,500 firefighters and 28 helicopters and airplanes were attacking the blaze, and firefighters took advantage of cooler weather overnight to set backfires Thursday near Mount Wilson to further protect a historic observatory there and several communications towers.

All the while, investigators are plodding away in search for a clue that could lead them to a suspect.

"These things are very slow and manpower intensive," said Gallagher, who is heading up the probe.

Healthy

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"I always feel like a broken record when it comes to vegetables," she said. "People should go to the dining hall and get more servings of vegetables at lunch and dinner."

Extra helpings of vegetables are a good way of getting a lot of food for few calories in the end.

"They fill you up at around 25 calories a serving," Antonelli said. "You are

giving your body what it needs and not as much of what it doesn't need."

With the recent popularity of low-carbohydrate diets, Antonelli said students can still eat some carbohydrates, but should be cognizant about the different types of carbohydrates.

"When eating foods from breads and syrup groups, students should eat high in fiber items and less simple, sugary carbs," she said.

When considering different types of carbohydrates to eat, Antonelli said to keep in mind the glycemic index. The index ranks carbohydrates according to their effect on the body's blood glucose levels.

Foods low on the glycemic index increase the blood's glucose and insulin levels only

slightly, whereas foods higher on the glycemic index can cause greater spikes.

Antonelli said controlling portion sizes is another important aspect of avoiding weight gain. Typical portion sizes are generally smaller than what people tend to think.

"Pasta is generally over-portioned," she said. "A standard portion size for pasta is about half the size of a baseball."

In order to easiest control portions, Antonelli said she recommends using smaller sized plates and bowls.

"People use their eyes a lot, so always use the smallest plates you can get your hands on," she said. "This way, psychologically you can fill it up."

Antonelli said myths about the dining halls circulate through campus. One of these is the rumor that "calorie sprays" are added to vegetables.

"We don't add anything to salad and vegetables," said Antonelli. "We add an extremely small amount of oil to pasta noodles so they don't stick together, but nothing else."

Students who have nutrition questions or concerns should consult the University's food services Web site or contact one of the school's nutritionists for advice.

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Shuttle landing delayed

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Bad weather prevented space shuttle Discovery from returning home Thursday and kept its astronauts circling the world for at least an extra day.

Mission Control skipped the first landing attempt because of wind and rain. The wind eased but the rain lingered for the second attempt, and officials could not get comfortable enough with bringing Discovery and its crew of seven back from their space station delivery mission, now stretching 14 days.

Flight director Richard Jones waited as long as possible before deciding, with just minutes to spare, to give up for the day.

"Just doesn't look like it's coming together for us," radioed Mission Control.

"We know that everybody

worked it as hard as they could," replied commander Rick Sturckow, "and we'll look forward to trying again."

Discovery's next chance at returning will be Friday at 5:48 p.m. Forecasters already are dubious; conditions are expected to be even worse than Thursday. The weather improves only slightly Saturday.

Late Thursday, Jones decided to call up the backup landing site in Southern California — Edwards Air Force Base — for the next go-around. He made it clear that if the weather remains poor in Florida, then the shuttle will be diverted to Edwards. The cross-country ferry trip eats up \$1.7 million and just over a week, however, which is why NASA prefers sending shuttles straight to their home port.

Discovery has enough supplies to remain in orbit until

Sunday.

There was a bit of excitement earlier in the day when the shuttle astronauts had to steer clear of a mysterious piece of space junk. The debris apparently came from the shuttle or international space station, while the two were still linked. It's believed to have become dislodged during the crew's third and final spacewalk Saturday.

Specialists did not know how big the piece was — or even what it was — but determined it was going to pass uncomfortably close to Discovery beginning Thursday afternoon. The threat went away after the pilots slightly lowered the shuttle's orbit.

NASA kept a close watch with two other pieces of space junk during the flight, while the shuttle still was docked to the international space station. But no dodging was required in those cases.

Obama heckler could gain a political boost

Associated Press

WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. — Rep. Joe Wilson is known as a mild-mannered congressman fond of making short speeches. His shortest got the most attention. "You lie!" Wilson blurted out during President Barack Obama's health care address to a joint session Wednesday night, an outburst that made some supporters shudder even as others believed it could give Wilson a political boost in his conservative hometown.

"He's the only one who has guts in that whole place. He'll get re-elected in a landslide," said John Roper, an insurance agent, as he sat among patrons at a diner near Columbia.

Still, Southern sensibilities reign in the district the 62-year-old has represented for the past eight years. Added Roper, "He probably shouldn't have said it in that context."

Wilson apologized to the White House soon after the speech and again Thursday, but did not back away from the issue that prompted his outburst. "People who have come to our country and violated laws, we should not be providing full health care services," he said.

Late Thursday, House leaders threatened to bring up a resolution of disapproval or reprimand for his behavior unless he apologizes on the House floor next week, a Democratic official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private negotiations on the matter.

House Majority Whip Jim

Clyburn said he favors a resolution of public disapproval if Wilson doesn't apologize to the House by Tuesday.

Wilson told WIS-TV "by calling the president right away following the speech, I feel that covers the issue the apology called for, and the response was accepted, and I'm now grateful we can get on to the issue itself."

Clyburn, whose district adjoins Wilson's, said he was not surprised by the outburst: "I think that's indicative of the combativeness he displays all the time when it comes to politics."

Wilson's shout came after Obama said extending health care to all Americans who seek it would not mean insuring illegal immigrants.

The House version of the health care bill explicitly prohibits spending any federal money to help illegal immigrants get health care. Illegal immigrants could buy private health insurance, as many do now, but wouldn't get tax subsidies to help them. Still, Republicans say there aren't sufficient citizenship verification requirements to ensure illegal immigrants are excluded.

In Wilson's district, many voters said the heckle wouldn't affect their support for him. Some said they wished more politicians would speak their minds — but most said they wished it hadn't happened.

"Joe was very immature. He's always been pretty under control. I'm a little embarrassed," said Roy Smith, a business manager who spoke as he ate breakfast in Cayce.

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all," she said.

Kleva said rectors say students have been taking precautionary measures against contracting the flu.

"What we really see in dorms is that students are truly practicing what we recommended," she said. "Roommates of sick students are keeping distances and they're using alcohol-based sanitizers."

Health Services launched a germ-fighting campaign in August to advise students on correct preventative measures for the flu.

Students are encouraged to stay at least six feet away from

a person with flu symptoms and always cough into their sleeves.

Additionally, Health Services will be offering free flu shots, vaccinating against the seasonal influenza virus, from Sept. 22 to Sept. 24, in Stepan Center.

Kleva said Health Services may get a limited amount of the novel H1N1 vaccine later in the fall, and it would be distributed based on the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for risk factors.

"The only firm thing at this point is there will be a small amount coming to Indiana by mid-October," she said. "However, it will be the highest priority of people receiving this."

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Sacrifice of true fans

The Notre Dame women's soccer team has worked its way into the top five nationally. They've been to the College Cup each of the past two years and were minutes away from winning the NCAA Championship last season. The men's team has played well recently, too.

So Randy Waldrum and Bobby Clark's squads received a well-deserved facilities upgrade in the new Alumni Stadium, located next to the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Given their lofty achievements, it's fitting that they should play in a first-rate stadium.

It's too bad their fans may not be able to watch them.

Students trying to see the Irish women play top-ranked North Carolina last week were turned away because there was no room left in the stadium. Paying fans who arrived at the same time got in.

There's no secret these days that sports are about making money. But this University has a generous endowment and the good fortune of owning a football team with a lucrative television contract that provides all the revenue they could hope for. Are those extra \$5 tickets really making an impact?

Notre Dame's athletic Web site reported that 3,007 fans watched the Irish play North Carolina. But that's not the largest home crowd they've had. In 2008, 3,127 watched Notre Dame win in extra time in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. If you're building a new stadium, why not build it big enough to accommodate all the fans?

Well, they thought of that. Waldrum told The Observer that

the stadium architects provided plans for a larger stadium as well, but the smaller stadium was chosen to avoid empty stands.

"We had to decide if we make it bigger and risk having empty seats or do we build it to what would be full," Waldrum said on Sept. 3. "We really like that atmosphere to be full. You don't want to build it so big that it looks half empty. That won't create the atmosphere."

Makes perfect sense. No reason to build a stadium you can't fill. And we understand that not every game will have the kind of demand that a No. 1 North Carolina vs. kind-No. 2 Notre Dame, on the Friday night of the first football weekend, will bring. But let the students in first.

Now the season-ticket holders, the loyal fans and supporters of Irish soccer, are just as important, if not more so, than the students. We're not saying limit their access. But you want atmosphere? Students create it. They're loud and boisterous and they know the players. You don't create atmosphere by selling tickets to alums that are looking for something to do after the pep rally while keeping the real fans outside.

So sacrifice that extra money you make by selling the tickets and fill the stands with the students. Support the fact that students now care about sports other than football, basketball and, more recently, hockey.

One disgruntled would-be attendee shouted while waiting in line, "Their tickets cost five dollars. Ours cost \$48,000!"

There's your true fan — and your revenue.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't deny the truth behind 'Thin'

The power of viewing the images of Lauren Greenfield's work, "Thin," is undeniable; however, many people are unaware of the fact that this well-intentioned work could actually have the power to "fuel the obsession of many women and men with dieting, exercise, and body image," as Morgan C. Caudle stated ("Exhibit Indeed" Sept 8).

On the one hand, portrayals of painfully underweight women, fighting against their own thoughts that accompany disorders, can accurately show the tragedy of this underestimated epidemic that plagues society. On the other hand, a person often will unconsciously ignore the vulnerability of those suffering from a disorder that was just witnessed in Greenfield's work. That person hastily jumps to the conclusion that no one can come away motivated by those truthful images created to help.

Nevertheless, that is the truth of what happens to many of those with eating disorders. Think about this. Picking up a copy of Greenfield's book, and flipping through pages and initially seeing girls who are suffering like you and who are struggling to mute the perpetual propensity of

the disorder just like you. Then, those suffering girls transform into girls who have done it better. Reading a story about a girl who made it down to less than 100 calories a day. Thinking how low that number is and if you could be as "good." Walking away with the determination and new "fuel" to fight your body's needs as you feed your desire. Mind over body taken to a new level. Doesn't sound logical, does it? It is not; the whole exhibit proves that the disorders are not logical.

Perhaps the exhibit is not dangerous to the mental and physical health of every student at the University of Notre Dame. Nonetheless, do not deny that the barrier standing between someone's battle with an eating disorder and his or her constant thoughts of competitive comparison and the insatiable desire to deny indeed measures as "thin."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Observer Poll What did you think of the Pep Rally?

| | Votes | Percentage |
|----------------|-------|------------|
| Liked it | 178 | 33% |
| Didn't Go | 172 | 31% |
| Didn't like it | 157 | 29% |



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves."

Carl Jung
Swiss psychologist

Recalling my America before 9/11

"I want my America back!" That common cry nationwide from many attending health care town-hall meetings last month epitomized emotional shouting sessions. Their demonstrations against so-called socialized health care proposals or publicly financed medical treatment alternatives — described by others as disruptive obstruction — allowed civil discourse to dissolve into chaos. Such sad moments



Gary Caruso

Capitol
 Comments

should give us pause today, on the eighth anniversary of the deadly attacks on the World Trade Center towers. Is America really much different now than from yesterday, a decade ago or even a lifetime past?

All four of my grandparents emigrated from Italy in the early 1900s. Their visions of America were of equal opportunities, both economic and social. Despite posted signs that read "No WOPS need apply," my grandfathers labored on the railroad lines and in the coal mines, sometimes without pay for a full day's work because the mine yielded shale rather than coal. Yet in their America, after enduring abject poverty in the Great Depression, they successfully raised

children whose own children could and did work in the White House for the President of the United States.

America today is a time of angry social transition not unlike the period following our Civil War. For the first time in our nation's history, an African-American sits in the Oval Office advocating togetherness and a common national character. Yet for many, his presence marks an end of their America. To them, the America they grew to know is shattered, and they are frightened. It is as psychologically shocking to them, and as sudden a change, as past generations faced with the stock market crash of 1929, the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy assassinations during the 1960s or most recently, the 9/11 attacks eight years ago. These frightful people know not how to cope in a society they believe has spun out of their control, but how to vocally vent their frustrations.

Our society seems to stand on full oxymoron alert these days as Americans yearn for the past yet cling onto the present for fear that it too will quickly slip by them. It is as though they are trying to grasp any available limb while being quickly swept down a swollen creek bed. For them, change exposes their fears. Uncertainty isolates their warmth from others. Greed murders all of their human compassion. Many act out with no regard for a greater purpose,

one that should unite us rather than morph into disruptive shouting matches at public gatherings. Above all, they view President Obama as the symbol of their consternation, the focus of their opposition.

Political parties or ideological philosophies aside, the question we should ask before any of us feels a sense of loss is, "What do I truly love?" Someone once said that where his heart was concerned, he was God. In other words, a quest of the heart in its purest form is a journey of truth. The late Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy revealed in death through his writings a steadfast loyalty to help others — despite his own human excesses or personal faults — to make government work for others, especially those for whom little had been given. His love of life earned a friendship with and co-sponsorship from conservative Utah Senator Orin Hatch to use the government to provide health care for impoverished, uninsured children. Together they checked and balanced each other to pass laws with an eye on the greater good over political expediency.

We are not necessarily summoned to make personal sacrifices like the Greatest Generation in World War II or our active military personnel overseas today. But we are all called upon to care for our neighbors as we would want to be treated. It is simple to define what can be easily opposed, but

rare in today's fast-paced news cycles for many to sail their moral compasses based on what is best for others. Today we stand on the shoulders of past American generations, but make no sacred effort to solidify that foothold for others who will follow.

My personal America has always been beyond the sunset, off somewhere into tomorrow where the possibilities are limitless. I do not cement my feet in current or past comforts because I know conditions always evolve with death, destruction, birth and building. So while our surroundings or presence may constantly change, America will not if we hold our values high without wavering ... even in the face of adversity like the 9/11 attacks. Therefore, let us pause today to remember the victims of 9/11 and honor the first responders who valiantly sacrificed their lives during their rescue efforts. They embodied the America that never changes, nor can be lost.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Polling and propaganda

Nate Balmert may not be the best person to be fighting against the perception that the GOP is largely an uneducated party.

First, I don't know where this magical "10 seat" conjecture comes from. Independent polling group Research2000 shows a 20-point lead for Democrats in Congress with regard to favorability, and only right-leaning Rasmussen Reports shows a lead for Republicans in a generic congressional ballot poll. Democracy Corps (nine points), Ipsos-McClatchy (eight points) and Pew (one point) all show a lead for Democrats continuing despite the constant and eerily belligerent fear mongering coming from the right, especially with regard to health insurance reform. (The health reform movement has a whole lot more to do with greedy insurance companies than greedy doctors.)

The more egregious error, however, comes in a reference to a poll done by Zogby and commissioned by John Ziegler. John Zogby essentially disowned the poll (which was accepted and performed by his group while he was away on a book tour), saying that "something, somehow fell through the cracks." The

source on that is Carl Bialik of the Wall Street Journal, which I don't think we can refer to as part of the media's vast left wing conspiracy.

The poll itself was ludicrous on its face. Questions about Palin and McCain's misgivings stretched back about a month or two, while inaccurately worded and obviously biased questions about Obama and Biden stretched back to 1987 and to Obama's first ever campaign.

Additionally, the sample consisted only of Obama supporters. Not a single McCain supporter was asked a single question in this poll. Nate Silver, probably the most reputable pollster from the last election cycle, interviewed Ziegler on his website, and the full transcript is available by way of a google search. In it, Ziegler's less-than-noble goals are revealed pretty clearly, and the fact that you're referencing this man's heavy-handed borderline push-poll as an example of the prevalence of uneducated Democrats is a pretty awesome lesson in hypocrisy.

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U-WIRE

Universities should accept drinking on campus as inevitable

Incidents this fall concerning drinking on the University of Utah campus such as the unconscious student found in the Sage Point Residence Halls and the Tasting of an intoxicated student at Crimson Nights show the problems and the administrative reaction it precipitates.

John Stafford

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It is important for the U to take measures to curb binge drinking for the sake of student health and well-being, but the administration's focus seems to be misplaced. Fighting on-campus drinking purely by force has succeeded only in driving it underground in a way similar to that of the Prohibition era. The U must instead look toward ideas that are concerned with the root of the problem and take measures to increase student safety.

The adverse health risks of binge drinking and its level of abuse by the college demographic are startling. According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, nearly one in four full-time students nationwide met the medical threshold for substance abuse or dependence.

However, the Prohibition era has proven to us the impossibility of eliminating drinking by means of the law alone. Instead, the U and local law enforcement must implement more nonconventional means such as education, prevention and treatment.

The susceptibility of the college demographic to drinking-related automotive accidents has caused schools such as former No. 1 nationally ranked party school University of Colorado at Boulder to implement a free campus shuttle — known there as "night ride" — to deter driving under the influence.

At Clemson University, a similar service that carries 700 to 1,500 passengers on an average weekend has reduced tickets for driving under the influence by 45 percent,

according to Clemson Area Transit General Manager Al Babincic.

"Night ride is great," said David Kizer, a former Clemson University student. "Students are going to drink, you can't stop that. It's nice to have a free ride option to persuade kids not to drive home when last call comes or they leave a party."

In 2007, Utah had 51 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities. Of that number, 16 were under the age of 21. A free ride service could help to reduce this number and make the U's campus and surrounding areas safer, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In the end, it all comes down to individual accountability, awareness and education. It is inevitable that a number of students will drink on campus. We need to make sure that students know when to say when and know when it is necessary to contact medical help if somebody takes it too far. A university orientation that includes this sort of information is a good starting point.

When I left for the U, my father sent me off with this pearl of wisdom: "Have a good time, but don't be too much of a dumbass."

For anyone who decides to drink, this translates to knowing your limits and being aware beforehand of situations that could get you in trouble, in terms of both safety and legality. Drinking in college, whether you agree with it or not, is about as proven of a cliché as you can find. Writing tickets and "cracking down" is not going to stop it. Instead, assessing possible dangerous situations, such as drinking and driving, and taking steps toward preventing those situations from occurring, both individually and collectively, is the key to ensure it is done as safely as possible.

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Ladies and gentlemen, buckle up. I'm about to drop some knowledge, blow your minds, and change your lives.

As you all know, South Bend weather is atrocious. Winter is a place where dreams and happiness go to die.

During the months of January through April there seems to be little to live for beyond my mom's birthday (Feb. 2, send her a card) and my roommate's 21st.

Matt Brown

Scene Columnist

The first snowfall is fantastic, and to my Floridian eyes the first real fall is as delicious as a double chunk brownie with chocolate ice cream and chocolate syrup with chocolate milk on the side.

Snow football, snow forts, snowmen — all good things; not to mention sledding and my one goal for this winter: being towed behind a car on a trash can lid.

However, after going home to open presents in shorts and a t-shirt followed up by a trip to the beach, coming back to a place that looks like the post-apocalyptic nuclear winter becomes less and less appealing as the years go on.

Living in winter just plain sucks, Christmas carols can only carry me so far, and I love Christmas carols.

My inconsolable rage at the sheer bitterness of the winter was only

compounded this summer as I stayed on campus. The weather was fantastic! It was Notre Dame as it was meant to be enjoyed. I went outside, took a weekend trip or two, saw green grass and the trees actually had leaves.

It was after this idyllic time that I came up with a solution. Why doesn't Notre Dame change their schedule so we have our summer break ... in winter? And boom goes the dynamite.

Just think about it. First day of school in the middle of April with a weeklong

summer break in June.

The semester ends at the beginning of August.

There would be a three-week break until the end of August/ beginning of September.

For the first time ever, Labor Day would be a holiday and Thanksgiving a weeklong vacation.

Then we come back for the final stretch taking exams right before Christmas traipsing home with a free

heart unfettered by the weight of school. Flawless!

When we're at school the weather will be nice, we can be outside, enjoy the sun, and not become as pale as Gollum. Plus, with the weather beautiful outside there will be countless opportunities to recreate the volleyball scene from "Top Gun" and spend time "playing with the boys." By finishing just before

Christmas, students would be home for the holidays and able to spend quality time with the family when everyone is sure to be around. Plus, what better gift can you give a mother than the news that you passed and are now a sophomore, junior, senior or that you're

moving back in?

The next three months, January, February and March, are our long break. If you really miss the snow, you can visit friends and go snowboarding. If you are normal, you can come to my house and we'll go sail-

SCHOOLS IN FOR THE SUMMER



ing, or maybe take a cruise to the Grand Caymans, set up a surf shop and just not come back in the spring.

We will have about a month off while friends from high school are on summer vacation, and honestly who needs more than a month straight of high school again? It's short enough that you enjoy every second spent with them and long enough that you are excited to get back to school and finish up the year.

I see no downside to this. It may be the greatest idea since sliced bread or the forward pass. Do me a favor think about it. Tell your friends. It'll be legendary.

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King Lear: Bare but Beautiful

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Scene Writer

The lights rose as five players stood onstage, bare except for their five chairs and a few props, ready to introduce their characters. Terence Wilton played Lear, the Duke of Cornwall and the Duke of Albany. Richard Neale was Edgar and Edmund and Caroline Devlin took the part of Regan and Fool. Rina Mahoney played Goneril and Cordelia and Dale Rapley was Gloucester and Kent. They were dressed simply in plain contemporary garb, except for Lear, who looked every inch a king in a samurai-like robe with a camouflage pattern and a crown that at first glance looked like old Mardi Gras beads.

Right from the beginning of the action, the extensive and artful use of the few props was incredibly impressive. The three sisters, Goneril, Regan and Cordelia were each represented by a different colored Pashmina scarf, and the actors created a royal entrance with a drum and thunder with a tin can and rubber band. Those who find Shakespeare stuffy and difficult to comprehend need not fear this show. The tragedy is at its meatiest when stripped to its bare bones.

A production of a Shakespearian play with only five actors may seem impossible, and it was definitely enthralling to watch unfold. In a world where we are handed every answer to a question on a movie screen, the

bareness and simplicity of the "King Lear" stage was a refreshing change that allowed your imagination to fill in the blanks in a way that personalized the performance for each audience member.

"It's a different kind of challenge [having five actors]. Most of us have to find a journey for two characters or more," said cast member Dale Rapley, who has been acting professionally for 22 years. His characters each grew throughout the performance, culminating in the spectacularly sorrowful demise of poor Gloucester.

Throughout the show it often seemed like one player was chosen for two roles specifically to show the dualities of both characters. Neale, as brothers Edmund and Edgar, was able to change between dandy Edgar and villainous, melancholy Edmund with a sinister furrow of his brow, although the black and red leather Michael Jackson-esque glove he wore as Edmund helped as well. As Edgar, he meekly simpered and later elastically writhed with madness, where as Edmund he spoke strongly and sensually, planting his body so firmly on the stage one would think he wore his almost constant frown from the strain of it.

Neale was also very impressively able to pull off the admittedly difficult task of having a fatal sword fight with himself, where he manipulated a broom handle as aptly as the real thing. The conversations between Edgar and Edmund made the audience forget that Neale was onstage speaking to him-

self. If he performed on the street people would only stare to wonder at the intensity of the conversation between two men, not at a single man having a Gollum-like dialogue with himself.

Mahoney was able to switch effortlessly between sadistic Goneril and virtuous Cordelia, conveying their contrasting motives as quickly as it took her to switch Goneril's pink Pashmina scarf for Cordelia's white one. Cordelia's voice and movements were much softer than the storm Goneril was trying to raise up with her quick tongue and actions.

Wilton captured audiences hearts as King Lear, whom he took from sarcastic blustering to heartbreakingly bonkers after he came to the realization, as most fathers do, that the behavior of his children is completely, and in his case, epically out of his control.

"I think ["King Lear"] is the most brilliant play, possibly the greatest Shakespeare wrote. It is a play about life, struggles we all have — family, power, poverty — and how we struggle through adversity," said Rapley.

Whatever adversity is in "King Lear," there is nothing adverse to be found in this performance of it. The Actors from the London Stage have once again brought a mesmerizing, clever and all-around spectacular bit of Shakespeare to Notre Dame.

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The E.N.D. is Forgettable

JACLYN ESPINOZA | Observer Graphic

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The Black Eyed Peas are famous for a couple of reasons. Fergie misspells words in lyrics. Will.i.am is the next Bob Dylan, at least according to Pepsi's recent commercial. There are two other members as well. Between the four of them, they have been a pop powerhouse since the release of 2003's "Elephunk."

Will.i.am is clearly the leader and creative force in the group. He has come a long way since he signed his first record contract with Ruthless Records. The Black Eyed Peas just released their fifth album, "The E.N.D. (The Energy Never Dies)", approaching their new material in an unorthodox fashion. In their own words, "What is an album when you put 12 songs on iTunes ... There is no album anymore." The band is simply embracing the death of an art form that much of the industry is mourning.

Not only do the Black Eyed Peas ditch the concept of an album, they do so while setting the bar incredibly high. Again, in Will.i.am's words,

"[The album] is also the beginning of a whole new cultural birth." No one is denying their ability to craft pop songs, but rebirthing a culture is an entirely different matter.

Seeing that the group didn't set out to make an album, it seemed unfair to review it as such. Instead, each song was examined on individual merit. The reviews will be given from two perspectives. A: a listener experiencing the songs in sequential order on a hi-fi stereo system. B: an over enthusiastic partygoer whose shirt is a bit too shiny and cologne a bit too strong.

A: The three leading singles, "Boom Boom Pow," "Meet Me Halfway," and "I Gotta Feeling," present an interesting variety of music. "Boom Boom Pow" and "I Gotta Feeling" are both obvious club bangers and work as such. However, "Boom Boom Pow" holds its entertainment value in a room with fewer sweaty bodies and more natural light. It does so by the merits of its strong bass line, solid production, and intentionally funny lyrics. "I Gotta Feeling" is much less impressive. The production sounds exceptionally repetitive and lyrics fall flat. It doesn't matter how light hearted a song is supposed to be, listing the days of

the week and throwing around some Jewish phrases does not constitute songwriting. "Meet Me Halfway" introduces the world to a BEP ballad. It's meant as an emotional plea to a lover but comes off as pathetic. It's the song a guy who has moped about a breakup for a month too long would write.

B: Oh man, I love these songs! It's like Fergie is talking about this club! I'm gonna get my dance on! And "Meet Me Halfway" is heavy man. It's like ... heavy.

A: Three songs come off as strong singles. "Imma Be" is one of the more aggressive songs in their catalogue and the repetition apparent within every BEP song doesn't overstay its welcome, combining for a strong single. "Rock the Body" surpasses mediocre based

solely on a sample from The Fresh Prince and DJ Jazzy Jeff. Finally, "Now Generation" creates an impressive sound by looping computer enhanced vocals over a guitar and harmonica. It's a mildly successful song that at least presents a new sonic texture resembling a hipster mash-up.

B: More Black Eyed Peas! They can't make a bad song! They're like the new Beatles, but better!

A: There are nine more songs on the album, all more or less forgettable. The most disappointing moment is when it becomes apparent that "Party All the Time" isn't an Eddie Murphy cover.

B: I'm just going to dance all night. The Black Eyed Peas know how to party!



The E.N.D. Black Eyed Peas

Label: Interscope
Recommended Tracks: "Imma Be,"
"Rock the Body," "Now Generation"



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First Down Mash-Ups



by Colin Rich

- 1 Rapture Riders – The Doors vs. Blondie
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- 3 Dec. 4th, Oh What A Night – Jay-Z vs. Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons
- 4 Crazy Logic – Gnarlz Barkley vs. Supertramp vs. Rockwell
- 5 Short Skirt, London Bridge – Fergie vs. Cake
- 6 Real Black Poppin' – Cherl Lynn vs. Fat Joe and Nelly
- 7 Beethoven's Fifth Gold Digger – Kanye West vs. Beethoven vs. Walter Murphy
- 8 Fox Problems – Jimi Hendrix vs. Jimi Bo Horne vs. Eric B & Rakim
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- 11 Don't Stop – Janet Jackson vs. Earth, Wind and Fire vs. Sugarhill Gang
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MLB

Rockies continue hot streak despite injuries

Minnesota fails to make up ground on Detroit in AL Central as offense remains ice cold in Toronto

Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies keep losing players and winning games.

Starting pitcher Jose Contreras came out in the third inning with a strained quadriceps Thursday, his second start for injured Aaron Cook.

No matter, the bullpen and a makeshift lineup that was missing its top two sluggers led the Rockies to their seventh straight win, 5-1 over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

"Got to keep the train going," Eric Young Jr. said.

It's chugging at full steam these days.

The NL wild-card leaders increased their cushion to 4 1/2 games over the idle San Francisco Giants and crept within two games of the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West. The Dodgers also had the day off.

By sweeping four games from the Reds, the Rockies wrapped up a 9-1 homestand — one of their best in franchise history. Next, Colorado embarks on a nine-game road trip that includes three in San Francisco.

"We are playing great baseball," Jason Giambi said. "I'm excited that we are doing the little things, moving runners, getting big hits when we need it and getting great pitching. That's what you want to do down the stretch."

All this despite losing pivotal players.

With Troy Tulowitzki and Ian Stewart sitting out a third straight game with back stiffness, the team again had to rely on a patchwork lineup.

With their top two sluggers out, the Rockies went with Clint Barmes at shortstop, Garrett Atkins at third and Young at second. The team even gave first baseman Todd Helton the day off, starting Giambi instead.

Still, the lineup produced.

"It speaks volumes as to the depth and strength of this organization," said manager Jim Tracy, whose team is 63-32 since he took over.

Young was just trying to jump-start a listless offense when he put down a two-out bunt in the third inning.

His bunt, though, slipped through the fingers of pitcher Kip Wells as he tried to field it, and the speedy Young easily beat it out.

That got the Rockies going.

Seth Smith had an RBI sin-

gle, Giambi laced a two-run double to deep center and Atkins added a two-run homer.

Just like that, the Rockies had a 5-1 lead. It was more than enough.

"You never know how a small thing like my bunt can get something like that going," said Young, who added two stolen bases. "I just wanted to try to get everybody excited and pumped up and ready for their at-bats."

He succeeded.

"The kid lays down a bunt for a base hit?" Tracy said. "Speed kills. ... Things happened from there."

The Rockies lost Contreras in the third when he strained his right quadriceps trying to beat out a grounder. He was taken out of the game and is day to day.

In his absence, Colorado struck together three relievers who allowed just three hits the rest of the way. Juan Rincon (3-2) pitched three effective frames, striking out five to earn the win.

"What a job by our bullpen," Tracy said.

Giambi has been dialed in since joining the Rockies on Sept. 1. The slugger that Tracy has taken to calling "Giambino" now has six RBIs in six games with Colorado.

"I have a lot of confidence right now and I'm swinging the bat well," said Giambi, who nearly hit a solo homer in the eighth, only to have Drew Stubbs reach over the wall to bring it back. "I've come in, fit right in right away and have gotten results."

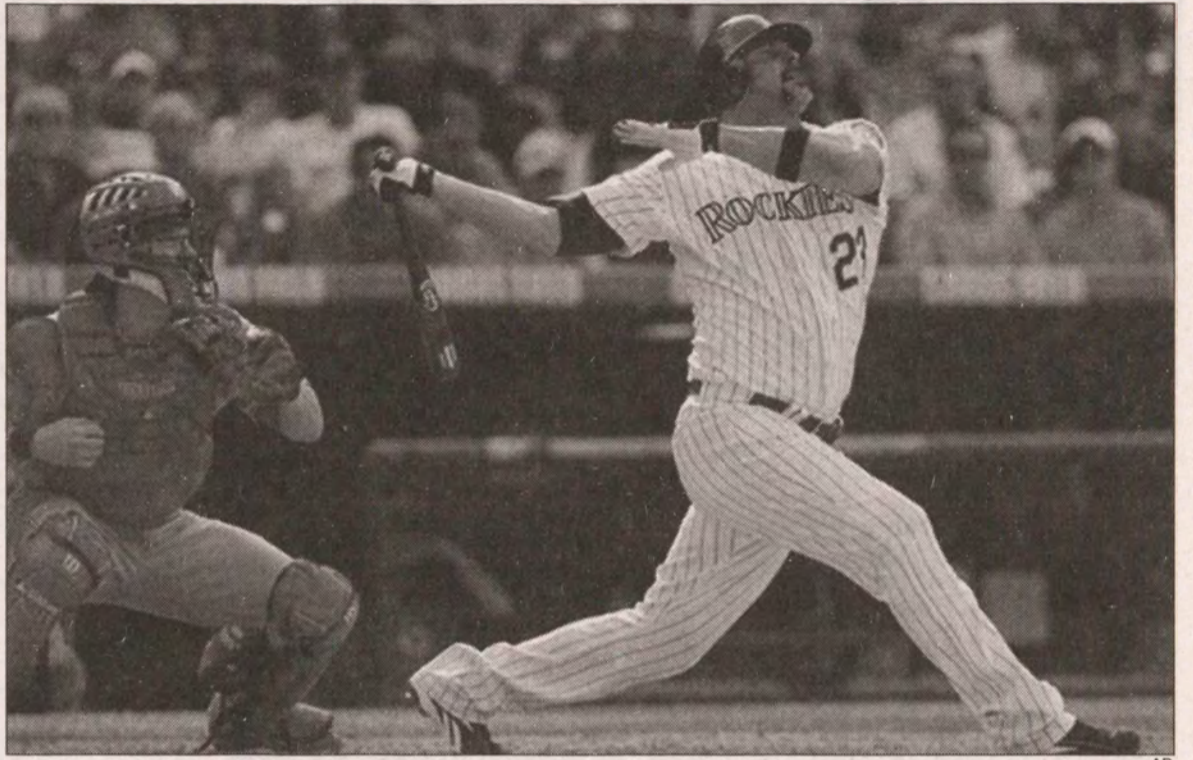
Wells (1-4) didn't fare well against his former team, giving up five runs and six hits in five innings.

"I made mistakes with sliders that cost me," said Wells, who pitched for Colorado last season. "The slider cost me — soft pitches over the plate. Atkins really jumped on a bad pitch."

Joey Votto celebrated his 26th birthday with a 2-for-4 Brandon Phillips had three singles and a stolen base for Cincinnati. Phillips' run-scoring RBI in the first was his 86th RBI.

The Reds had a chance to pounce on the Rockies in the first inning, but Contreras struck out Wladimir Balentien and Adam Rosales to wiggle out of a bases-loaded jam.

"That's been a problem for us all year, and it was today,"



Rockies first baseman Jason Giambi tracks the flight of his long flyout during the eighth inning of Colorado's 5-1 win over the Reds on Thursday. Giambi hit a two-run double in the third inning.

Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "We get runners in scoring position and we can't make contact or put the ball in play."

Blue Jays 3, Twins 2

Minnesota keeps failing to pressure Detroit in the AL Central.

Jose Bautista hit a solo homer, Brett Cecil won his final start of the season and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Twins Thursday.

"It's a game we needed to win, and we didn't do it," Morneau said. "That's why we're a .500 team."

Minnesota (70-70), which began the day 5 1/2 games back of the Tigers, has not won consecutive games since taking three in a row from Aug. 30-Sept. 1. The Twins went 1 for 9 with runners in scoring position Thursday and are averaging just 3.2 runs during their past 10 games.

"You give up three runs, you should have an opportunity to win," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Unfortunately for us, our offense never could get anything going."

Minnesota is batting .237 (72 for 304) in September.

"I'm trying my best not to do everything, just to keep it simple still," designated hitter Jason Kubel said. "But given the circumstances, it's kind of hard not to go out there and

try to win the game yourself."

The Twins begin a nine-game homestand Friday that starts with three each against struggling Oakland and Cleveland. They'll face the Tigers for three starting next Friday.

"We're just trying to hang on and try to gain some ground until we play Detroit," starter Scott Baker said. "We obviously don't have a lot of room to lose any more games, that's for sure."

The Twins also play a four-game series at Detroit from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

One night after the teams drew 11,159, the smallest crowd in the 20-year history of Rogers Centre, attendance was 11,461, the second-lowest this season. Toronto averaged 12,315 for the four-game series.

Minnesota's Joe Mauer went 0 for 4, dropping his major league-leading average to .363.

Cecil (7-4) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. Toronto is stopping his season after he pitched a combined 142 1/3 innings in the majors and at Triple-A.

"This will be a first," Cecil said. "He still gave us a great chance to win, we just couldn't get any runs for him," Mauer said.

Toronto went ahead in the first when Joe Inglett walked and scored on Adam Lind's double.

Denard Span tied it in the fifth when Punto doubled and scored on Orlando Cabrera's RBI single but Toronto moved in front for good in the bottom half. John McDonald led off with a double, took third on a grounder and scored on Lind's sacrifice fly.

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| 1 | Florida | 1-0 | 1 |
| 2 | Texas | 1-0 | 2 |
| 3 | Southern California | 1-0 | 4 |
| 4 | Alabama | 1-0 | 5 |
| 5 | Oklahoma State | 1-0 | T9 |
| 6 | Mississippi | 1-0 | 8 |
| 7 | Penn State | 1-0 | T9 |
| 8 | Ohio State | 1-0 | 6 |
| 9 | BYU | 1-0 | 20 |
| 10 | California | 1-0 | 12 |
| 11 | LSU | 1-0 | 11 |
| 12 | Boise State | 1-0 | 14 |
| 13 | Oklahoma | 0-1 | 2 |
| 14 | Virginia Tech | 0-1 | 7 |
| 15 | Georgia Tech | 1-0 | 15 |
| 16 | TCU | 0-0 | 17 |
| 17 | Utah | 1-0 | 19 |
| 18 | NOTRE DAME | 1-0 | 23 |
| 19 | North Carolina | 1-0 | 21 |
| 20 | Miami (Fla.) | 1-0 | NR |
| 21 | Georgia | 0-1 | 13 |
| 22 | Nebraska | 1-0 | 24 |
| 23 | Cincinnati | 1-0 | NR |
| 24 | Kansas | 1-0 | 25 |
| 25 | Missouri | 1-0 | NR |

NCAA Football Coaches' Poll Top 25

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| 1 | Florida | 1-0 | 1 |
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| 25 | Kansas | 1-0 | NR |

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| 3 | Georgia | 2 |
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| 5 | Baylor | 5 |
| 6 | Miami (Fla.) | 6 |
| 7 | Southern California | 9 |
| 8 | California | 8 |
| 9 | Georgia Tech | 7 |
| 10 | Tennessee | 13 |

U.S. OPEN



Serena Williams of the United States breaks between serves from Flavia Pennetta, the Italian Williams defeated in the quarterfinals. Williams will play Kim Clijsters in the semifinals on Friday.

Serena Williams gears up for semifinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams finally acknowledged what has seemed rather obvious for quite some time: There are four tennis tournaments that truly matter to her.

"Absolutely. I really play for the Grand Slams," Williams said Thursday, a day before facing Kim Clijsters in the U.S. Open semifinals.

"Whenever I'm playing elsewhere, I really try. But for me, the Grand Slams — I give it that extra oomph," Williams added. "It's where you can leave history and leave a mark, and that's

kind of how I look at it."

She's certainly left her mark lately at major championships, winning three of the past four to raise her career haul to 11 Grand Slam singles titles. The other three women left in the field at Flushing Meadows own a combined total of one: Clijsters won the 2005 U.S. Open.

The Belgian hadn't played in the event since — she was injured in 2006, then walked away from the game in early 2007. During her 2 1/2-season sabbatical, Clijsters found it tough to follow her sport closely, particularly once her daughter was born.

"I only just started watching tennis at the start of this year, to be honest," said Clijsters, trying to become the first mother since 1980 to reach a major final. "I didn't really have that much time with a baby running around, and I was happy just to sleep when she was sleeping."

Still, Clijsters does not need a TV or a DVD to know how it will feel to have Williams on the other side of the net Friday. They last played each other in 2003, yet Williams leaves quite an impression.

"She's always been able to step it up at the Grand Slams," Clijsters

said. "I've seen her play here, and she has that face where she's, like, 'OK, I'm here to do business.'"

Dating to the start of last year's U.S. Open, Williams' win-loss ledgers at major tournaments vs. lesser tournaments are striking:

◆ At Grand Slam events over that span, Williams is 30-1, for a .968 winning percentage, including a 10-1 record against top-10 players.

◆ At all other events, Williams is 21-11 (plus one walkover), for a .656 winning percentage, including a 3-5 record against top-10 players.

IN BRIEF

Bird confirms extension of contract with Seattle Storm

SEATTLE — Sue Bird has agreed to a multiyear contract extension to stay with the Seattle Storm, keeping the All-Star guard with the only WNBA team she's played for.

Terms of the deal were not released. The extension was announced right before Seattle played its regular season home finale against Phoenix on Thursday night.

The former UConn star was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2002 draft and helped lead Seattle to the 2004 WNBA title. She's been a six-time All-Star selection and is the Storm's all-time leader in assists.

Bird recently became the third player in WNBA history to record 3,000 career points and 1,000 career assists.

Phillies' closer Lidge speaks out about poor season

WASHINGTON — Brad Lidge and Charlie Manuel had a meeting to discuss the struggling closer's role with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Lidge and Manuel spoke after Wednesday night's game against Washington. The following day, the manager wouldn't say if or when Lidge will get his job back as closer.

"We're really on the same page with everything. We had a good talk," Lidge said.

Lidge converted all 48 of his save chances last year, including the postseason, to help the Phillies win the World Series. This year, he has 10 blown saves in 38 opportunities.

"I see him as a closer," Manuel said.

But with 24 games left in the regular season, he wasn't promising a specific role. Philadelphia began the day with a six-game lead over Florida in the NL East.

Sean Locklear to play left tackle for Seahawks

RENTON, Wash. — Sean Locklear knows there's added pressure that comes with playing left tackle for the Seattle Seahawks, even if it's just the reverse of what he's learned on the right side.

But that's why left tackles get the big bucks among offensive linemen.

"There's definitely going to be some pressure over there. Anyone can attest that's played left tackle and left guard, that those are the two hardest positions to play on the line," Locklear said. "Center, right guard, right tackle, I'm not saying those are easy necessarily, but more guys play that side. That's why left side guys get paid so much."

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NFL

Lawyer may seek list of names from Steelers' QB

Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The lawyer for a woman who is accusing Ben Roethlisberger of rape is prepared to ask a Nevada court to compel the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback to name all the women he has had sex with, court documents show.

Reno lawyer Cal Dunlap also said that if Roethlisberger's request to waive court rules and speed up the evidence-gathering process is granted, he also should be given immediate access to the quarterback's phone records, Internet communications, and names of any women who have claimed improper sexual conduct by the two-time Super Bowl winner.

The possible demands were included in a lengthy motion filed late Tuesday in Washoe District Court in Reno, in which Dunlap argues against motions by Roethlisberger's lawyer to dismiss the woman's case.

The motion also says that if a physical or psychiatric examination of his client is allowed by the court, "a reciprocal examination of her assailant in both categories should also be mandated."

The woman, a VIP casino hostess, filed the civil suit against Roethlisberger in July, claiming the quarterback raped her in 2008 in a penthouse at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino across the street from a golf course where he was playing in a celebrity tournament. The AP, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

The suit also names eight executives or employees of Harrah's Lake Tahoe, alleging they orchestrated a cover-up of the incident.

Roethlisberger has denied the allegations, and has claimed in court documents that his accuser is mentally unstable and motivated by money. His lawyers previously said the case could be settled if the woman wrote Roethlisberger an apology and dropped her suit.

That offer was rejected by Dunlap, who last week said his client would settle if Roethlisberger admits to raping her, apologizes, and gives \$100,000 to a nonprofit agency that helps domestic violence victims.

On Thursday, Roethlisberger attorney David Cornwell distributed a "remedy request," signed by the woman on July 6, 2009, which he said shows she sought \$1.5 million for emotional distress, \$1 million for damage to her reputation, and at least \$374,000 in medical costs to settle the case before she filed suit.

Dunlap, reached later in the day, disputed Cornwell's assertion that the woman sought money from Roethlisberger. The "remedy request," he said, was one page of an application submitted to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a form required to preserve her right to pursue hostile work environment claims against Harrah's.

The form includes a refer-

ence to the "commission."

Her suit itself seeks a minimum of \$440,000 in damages from Roethlisberger, at least \$50,000 in damages from the eight Harrah's officials and unspecified punitive damages.

The woman did not report the incident to police, something advocates for rape victims say is not unusual. She claims she suffered emotional and medical problems afterward, and has received

treatment, including hospitalization, in the aftermath.

In a 54-page affidavit made available Thursday, the woman said she reported the assault the next day to Harrah's security chief, Guy Hyder. She also said she was afraid of becoming pregnant, and purchased a "morning after" birth control pill.

But opposing lawyers counter that the woman bragged about having sex with Roethlisberger and fan-

tasized about him.

In a previous motion, a lawyer for several Harrah's employees included pages of e-mails, reportedly from the woman. In one, she spoofs her own resignation announcement, saying, "She is with Big Ben's child and ... she has relocated to Pittsburgh."

Cornwell and Dunlap have traded allegations of extortion and threats to seek sanctions against each other.

The barbs continued Thursday.


In his statement, Cornwell said Roethlisberger was willing to give the woman "a limited benefit of the doubt," given her "unstable mental state and the possibility that she is being manipulated by an unscrupulous lawyer."

"Her lawyer, however, does not deserve and will not receive similar consideration," Cornwell said.

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NFL

49ers Hill prepares for starting QB role

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Shaun Hill didn't play a down until his fourth NFL season. He didn't throw a pass until his sixth.

But now he's making up for lost time as the starting quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, a struggling franchise that will depend greatly on Hill this year to help end a string of six consecutive losing seasons.

On a team known for great quarterbacks, Hill will be the fifth different player to start a season opener under center for the 49ers in the last seven years. San Francisco plays the defending NFC champion Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

Hill has had a long road to play, who had to work his way up from the No. 3 spot since joining the 49ers before the 2006 season.

"There were times I thought this day would come. There were times I thought it wouldn't," he said. "That is just the ups and downs of my career. But since I have been here, things have worked out pretty well for me and I did feel that this would finally come."

Hill held off a lukewarm challenge from former starter Alex Smith during training camp and the preseason.

Hill also played well while starting San Francisco's final eight games in 2008. He led San Francisco to a 5-2 finish after taking over for struggling J.T. O'Sullivan.

The 49ers have been impressed with the way the eighth-year veteran has taken command of the offense.

"He already has been a successful player," offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye said. "I think you would qualify his play the latter part of last year as being a successful quarterback. He's a guy that prepares and gets himself involved emotionally and physically in the game."

Coach Mike Singletary didn't announce Hill as the starter until two weeks ago but the players had gotten behind him long before. He won over many teammates with his play last season and has continued to mature as a quarterback and team leader.

"Shaun Hill is the guy here now and I believe in him," tight end Vernon Davis said. "I have faith in him and I'm going to be by his side. I believe he has the potential to be the best quarterback in the league and I'm going to back him 100 percent."

On Sunday in Arizona, Hill returns to the place where he began to make believers of his coaches and teammates last season.

In his first start of the year in November, Hill threw for two touchdowns and led the 49ers down the field to the Arizona 1-yard line in the final minute before a sideline meltdown prevented San Francisco from scoring before time expired.

NFL

Jets GM discusses Favre injury

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — New York Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum admitted Thursday the team should have disclosed Brett Favre's torn biceps tendon on mandatory weekly injury reports over the final third of last season.

Favre, now with the Minnesota Vikings, said earlier this week he thought he was hurting the Jets because of the injury and discussed it with the coaches and the front office. He said he would have been willing to sit out, even though that would have ended his streak of consecutive starts, which now stands at 269 games.

Tannenbaum said he should have listed the quarterback as "probable," but didn't because the injury was not severe enough to require daily treatment and there was never any doubt Favre would play.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was investigating.

"We have just started looking into it," he said. "No determinations have been made regarding discipline."

In the past, such violations usually have resulted in fines.

Hiding injuries could affect an opponent's preparation and the NFL has stepped up policing such practices.

"As the GM of this team, I should've handled that differently and listed him on the report," Tannenbaum said. "We didn't, just because he wasn't getting treatment every day and we knew he

was going to play. But, looking back on it now, I should've listed him as probable, and we didn't, and I'll take responsibility for that."

He said he has spoken to Ray Anderson, the NFL's executive vice president of football operations.

"I'll just say that we'll cooperate with them," Tannenbaum said, "and we'll go from there."

Favre led the Jets to a 8-3 start and first place in the AFC East. But he threw nine interceptions down the stretch and the team lost four of its last five games, missing the playoffs.

Favre said Wednesday he felt as though he was harming the Jets with slight misses on some throws. He also said he spoke with Tannenbaum, offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer and quarterbacks coach Brian Daboll and the consensus was to finish out the season. Favre didn't mention former Jets head coach Eric Mangini, now coaching the Cleveland Browns.

"It was a decision that we made collectively and Brett was part of it," Tannenbaum said. "We just felt he gave us the best chance to win and that was based on how he was playing and how the team was doing. Again, he was part of that decision, but collectively, we thought that was in the best interest of the team."

Favre retired after the season, and was later released by the Jets. He came out of retirement — for the second time — last month and signed with Minnesota.

Also on Wednesday, Favre told reporters he may not be able to play all 16 games with the Vikings this season. The biceps tendon was surgically repaired, but he's playing with a torn rotator cuff and he recently suggested he

might have a cracked rib.

Mangini echoed Tannenbaum's comments and refused to blame Favre's performance for the Jets' late-season collapse.

"With that whole part of the season, I made the decisions that I thought were best for the team at that time," he said. "You take all the information in and you move forward with it. There were a lot of things that I could have done better. There were a lot of things the coaches could have done better, and there are a lot of things as players we could have done better. I don't think winning or losing is ever going to come down to one guy, it's a cumulative thing."

Schottenheimer said the team never came close to benching Favre.

"No, I don't think so," he said. "It was one of those things where you're talking about one of the toughest competitors that you'll ever see. I know there were some days where he felt worse than others. ... He loves to play and it's hard to keep him off the field."

Backup quarterback Kellen Clemens said he was aware Favre was in some pain, but was never told he might have to start in the veteran's place.

"Brett Favre at 85 percent is still better than most, myself included," Clemens said. "Not to mention, he's Brett Favre. He probably would've had to be in a wheelchair or something. I didn't take that personal."

Clemens added that Favre was limited in practice and took less snaps as the season wore on.

"I knew just because of the situation with Brett being in some pain, off and on, that as a backup, I had a little bit better chance of playing on Sundays," he said.

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NFL

Eagles enter season with high Super Bowl hopes

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles could have an undefeated regular season, set records and breeze through the playoffs.

Nothing matters more than winning their elusive first Super Bowl. Anything less would be considered a failure this season.

The Eagles have done it all over the last decade except win it all. They've reached the playoffs seven times, made five trips to the NFC championship game and went to the Super Bowl once, only to come up three points short against New England.

Time could be running out on coach Andy Reid and quarterback Donovan McNabb, who are entering their 11th season together in Philadelphia. Neither has a contract beyond 2010, and they may have to deliver the team's first NFL title since 1960 to stick around.

"The only thing I care about is winning and holding up that trophy at the end and winning the Super Bowl," McNabb said. "That's the only thing that matters."

The Eagles are so desperate to win they brought in Michael Vick to give the offense an extra dimension. The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback is expected to play a leading role in Philadelphia's version of the wildcat offense. Vick isn't eligible to play until Week 3 after being reinstated to the NFL following an 18-month prison sentence for running a dogfighting operation.

Signing Vick was a stunning move for an organization that prides itself on strong morals and has little tolerance for players with character issues. But Reid, with McNabb's support, persuaded owner Jeffrey Lurie to give Vick a second chance. Lurie agonized over the decision, but he eventually agreed — not because the Eagles want to become the new landing spot for reformed players, but because Vick could help the team win now.

"I've often said that we are full pedal to the metal," Lurie said. "And when coach Reid said this man can give us a dimension that we don't have and add another weapon to our offense in unpredictable ways, in partnership with the players that we have and the quarterback we have, then again, (it was) a soul-searching tough decision, but something that we think can improve the team and at the same time create social change."

Make no mistake, winning is the top priority here. Vick gives Reid and offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg another option and opposing defenses more to worry about. The Eagles scored a franchise-record 416 points last year without Vick or wide receiver Jeremy Maclin and running back LeSean McCoy, the team's first two draft picks. There's no telling what this offense can achieve with this talented trio in the mix.

Star running back Brian Westbrook is determined to prove injuries and turning 30

won't slow him down. Wideout DeSean Jackson seems poised to build on an outstanding rookie season. McNabb appears at the top of his game, rebounding well from his first career benching last year to lead the Eagles to a 4-1 record down the stretch; an unlikely playoff spot as the No. 6 seed; two road playoff wins; and a near-comeback win at Arizona in the NFC title game.

The key to the offense could be how a revamped line meshes and if the unit stays healthy. The five projected starters didn't take a snap together in the preseason and left guard Todd Herremans is sidelined with a foot injury. New bookend tackles Jason Peters on the left side and Shawn Andrews on the right replace longtime starters Tra Thomas and Jon Runyan. Shawn's brother, Stacy Andrews, is the new right guard.

"It will be a process. There will be highs and there will be lows. We'll just make sure there are more highs than lows," McNabb said. "The communication is very key and the chemistry just continues to get better and better every week. When you fill in new guys in different positions, sometimes it's tough because you have to adjust now from preseason to games, and there are going to be times throughout the game where we are going to look crisp and there are going to be times when we don't. We have to make sure that we capitalize on those mistakes and be able to change some negatives to positives."

The biggest question marks for the Eagles are on defense. First, the unit lost its on-field leader when seven-time Pro Bowl free safety Brian Dawkins signed with Denver in free agency. Next, the Eagles lost longtime defensive coordinator Jim Johnson. A highly regarded master-

mind, Johnson passed away in July following a battle with cancer. Then, middle linebacker Stewart Bradley, the signal-caller on defense, went down with a season-ending knee injury.

Rookie Victor 'Macho' Harris beat out second-year pro Quintin Demps for Dawkins' spot. Sean McDermott, one of Johnson's disciples, takes over the

coaching duties. Omar Gaither regained his old starting job in place of Bradley.

"We know what is out there, what we are capable of doing, but come Sunday, it's about proving it," veteran cornerback Sheldon Brown said. "When I watch film and I look at our defense, I'm looking for guys I can trust. I need to know what everybody

around me is doing. We have nine starters back and I know those players. I know Omar at middle linebacker. I know we have a rookie (Macho Harris) at free safety who has to grow up in a hurry. It's up to everyone to come prepared to do our part and to help in any way we can. That's how you win as a defense and as a team. Everybody helps everybody."

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NFL

Bailey laughs off Bengal's taunts

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Champ Bailey chuckled at Chad Ocho Cinco's proclamation that he was eager to embarrass the Denver Broncos and their star

cornerback in Cincinnati this weekend.

The Bengals superstar receiver's tweet Thursday telling Bailey "storms coming!!!!!!!!!!!" drew a roll of the eyes from the Broncos' perennial Pro Bowler,

who doesn't check his Twitter account all day like Ocho Cinco does.

"I used that thing one time, or my brother did, just to promote our football camp and you know (Ocho Cinco) uses it daily so that's his way of trash talking," Bailey said. "I'm all for it, whatever he wants to do."

Bailey said he enjoys Ocho Cinco's trash-talking and looks forward to getting his best shot.

"Yeah, I love the way he talks," Bailey said. "The funny thing is he has respect for me and I have respect for him and he knows what he's capable of and I know what I'm capable of. So, it's not like he's talking to belittle you. He's a guy that he's an entertainer and he knows it and he uses that ability to talk to the fullest."

"And he gets to some people, but he knows he can't get to me."

Ocho Cinco has embarrassed Bailey before, though.

Although he was held to three catches for 32 yards the last time these teams faced each other, in 2006, Cincinnati's superstar got the better of Bailey in a game in 2004 — when he was still known as Chad Johnson and caught seven passes for 149 yards and a score.

"The funny thing is it wasn't a bad game, it was a couple bad plays," Bailey said. "It was like maybe two or three plays that I wish I could take out and then I had a pretty good game, because I know I had a pick in that game, and I never lost my confidence over that."

"I just know when you play a player like that and a quarterback like (Carson Palmer), you've got to be on top of your game every single play. You know, I slipped up a few times."

The Bengals are expecting Bailey to match up with Ocho Cinco on Sunday no matter where he lines up.

Bailey wouldn't give away the game plan but said he would love to match up with him all day long.

Both Bailey and Ocho Cinco are coming off frustrating seasons and what better way to kick off a bounce-back year than by facing each other in Week 1?

"Well, every year you're trying to prove yourself, trying to make the team and you know I set my levels so high as far as what I want to be, I want to be the best ever," Bailey said. "And I've got to do that every week, every game, so I'm always out there trying to prove something."

Bailey acknowledged that he ponders his legacy from time to time.

"I mean, that's not all I think about. I want to win a Super Bowl first and foremost," he said. "But you know along the way I want to perfect my craft and for people to look at me and say, 'He was the best ever.' You know, I've still got a lot of work to do."

Asked if he still thought he was the best cornerback in the NFL after missing about half of last season with a groin injury, Bailey said: "Well, I don't get hung up on it much. I always try to go out there and be the best at what I do. That is something I learned when I was little, was try to be the best at what you do and not just the best you can be."

"And whatever people say, that's up to them."

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MLB

Anderson's three RBIs lead Braves past Astros

The Mets' struggles continue as Marlins complete sweep with blowout win; Nats edge Phillies behind Desmond's HR

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Garret Anderson drove in three runs, Nate McLouth homered and the Atlanta Braves broke out of their offensive slump with a 9-7 win over Roy Oswalt and the Houston Astros on Thursday night.

Brian McCann had four hits and two RBIs for the Braves, who chased the Astros' ace after two innings and finished with 16 hits, two shy of their season high.

Lance Berkman hit a three-run homer for the Astros, who lost for the third time in Oswalt's last 13 starts.

Houston put two runners on with one out in the ninth against Mike Gonzalez, but Miguel Tejada grounded into his third double play of the game. Gonzalez earned his 10th save.

The Braves had averaged 1.67 runs and batted .153 in their previous six games, but led 3-0 after 12 pitches from Oswalt (8-6).

McLouth hit the second pitch of the game into the Astros' bullpen, his second homer of the series. Yunel Escobar then doubled to left-center and scored on Chipper Jones' single to right.

McCann ended an 0-for-20 slump with a single and Jones scored on Anderson's sacrifice fly to left.

Atlanta added three more in the second. McCann doubled in McLouth to give the Braves a 4-1 lead. Anderson and Adam LaRoche added RBI singles.

Derek Lowe (14-9) allowed five runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings for Braves, but managed to win for the second time in five starts.

Berkman hit his 19th homer off the facade in left center in the third, cutting Atlanta's lead to 6-4. Umpires used instant replay to confirm the ball cleared the yellow line by about a foot.

The first baseman hadn't homered in 32 games, one shy of the longest drought of his career.

Florida 13, New York 4

Nick Johnson drove in four runs and the Florida Marlins beat the listless New York Mets on Thursday night to gain ground on the NL East-leading Phillies.

Hanley Ramirez and Cody Ross each had three hits and two RBIs for the Marlins, who completed their first sweep of the Mets since taking four straight Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2004, in New York. Dan Uggla hit his 27th homer in the third inning.

Florida has enjoyed its September trips to New York the last couple of years. Spoilers in 2007 and '08, the Marlins twice dashed the Mets' playoff hopes on the last day with victories. This year they came to the Big Apple with postseason aspirations of their own.

The Marlins wrapped up a 5-1 trip and moved within five games of Philadelphia, which lost 8-7 at Washington. They also remained 5 1/2 back of the wild card-leading Rockies with 22 games remaining, including six against the Phillies.

Johnson had two-run singles in the seventh and eighth as the

Marlins missed their season high for runs by one and amassed 16 hits.

The Mets (62-78) fell 16 games under .500 for the first time since finishing 71-91 in 2004.

Playing in front of a Citi Field crowd that was much less than the announced attendance of 37,620, the Mets showed why they've come apart this season.

Bobby Parnell walked consecutive batters with the bases loaded after an error by shortstop Anderson Hernandez and Angel Pagan forgot how many outs there were while running the bases. Luis Castillo had another adventure at second base and New York pitchers didn't have a 1-2-3 inning until the ninth.

The Mets held a 30-minute meeting following batting practice then fell behind quickly. The Marlins led 3-0 by the time the 19-minute, 40-pitch first inning was over.

Chris Coghlan hustled for a leadoff double when left fielder Nick Evans and center fielder Pagan were slow to get to his soft liner in the gap. Parnell (3-8) walked Johnson and Ramirez reached on Hernandez's error to load the bases. Parnell then walked two batters for a 2-0 lead.

The Mets lead the majors with 19 bases-loaded walks — three by Parnell — two more than Texas. They've also hit two batters with the bases loaded, according to STATS LLC.

Ross added an RBI single for a 3-0 lead on a fly to shallow center that appeared to be catchable. He also had an RBI double in the fifth.

Rookie left-hander Sean West, who hit a ground-rule double into the New York bullpen in right-center and scored on Ramirez's single in the fourth, scuffled in the bottom half, giving up two runs. He was pulled two batters into the fifth, allowing four runs and six hits. Burke Badenhop (7-4) pitched two innings.

Parnell walked five and threw only 56 of his 104 pitches for strikes.

Pagan turned a routine flyout into an inning-ending double play in the seventh. Castillo spun around aimlessly looking for a ball at his feet after diving for Uggla's grounder in the eighth, aiding a three-run inning.

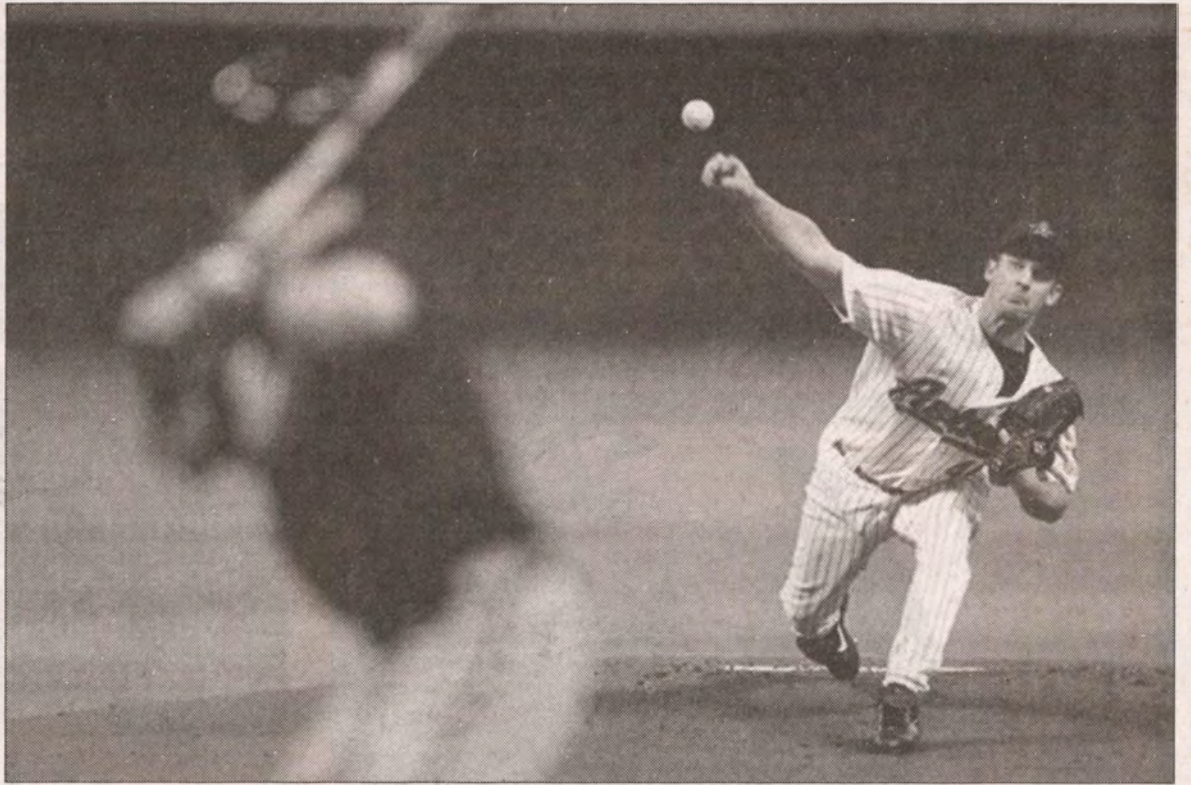
Washington 8, Philadelphia 7

Ian Desmond homered and drove in four runs in his major league debut, Livan Hernandez pitched effectively into the eighth inning and the Washington Nationals held off the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday night.

Adam Dunn hit his 36th homer for the Nationals, who gave up five runs in the ninth before Ron Villone got Ryan Howard to ground into a game-ending double play with runners at the corners. Moments earlier, Matt Stairs snapped an 0-for-30 skid with a pinch-hit grand slam.

Philadelphia's lead in the NL East was cut to five games over Florida, which routed the New York Mets 13-4. The Phillies had won nine straight against Washington.

The last-place Nationals won



Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt delivers a pitch to Braves centerfielder Nate McLouth during their game Thursday night. Atlanta took down Houston 9-7.

for only the second time in 12 games overall.

Desmond, a 24-year-old shortstop who was recalled from Triple-A Syracuse on Tuesday, had a fourth-inning RBI double and a three-run homer to key a five-run fifth. He narrowly missed a home run in his first at-bat, flying out to deep center field.

Hernandez (8-10), signed by the Nationals on Aug. 25 after he was released by the New York Mets, broke a five-game

losing streak. His last win came July 26 with the Mets when he beat Houston.

He allowed two runs in the first on an RBI triple by Chase Utley and a sacrifice fly by Howard. In his 7 1-3 innings, Hernandez gave up five hits, struck out two and walked one.

The Nationals tied the score at 2 in the third with a two-run triple by Pete Orr. After Elijah Dukes bunted for a base hit with one out in the fourth against Joe Blanton (9-7),

Desmond drilled a double to center to give Washington a 3-2 lead.

Dunn's homer, a two-run shot to left, made it 5-2. Desmond drove his three-run shot to center and sprinted around the bases so quickly that he nearly caught Dukes, who had been on first base. Desmond had to be coaxed by his teammates into a halfhearted curtain call.

All eight runs were charged to Blanton, whose streak of 11 straight quality starts ended.

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season returning this year, including juniors Mary Kate Boyce and MIAA Season Medalist and All-MIAA First Team honoree Rosie O'Connor. Also returning this year is sophomore Natalie Matuszak who earned All-MIAA second team honors last fall.

In their season opener, Saint Mary's took second at the Trine Fall Invitational behind Division II leader University of Indianapolis with a two-round score of 645 to the Greyhounds' 621.

Freshman Martyna Mierzwa got her season off to a strong start with a final score of 155 after shooting 76 the first day and a 79 the second. The Ponzan, Poland, native tied for third in the Invitational.

Boyce followed her with two-round score of 160 off her 79 then 81 on the second day for a ninth place finish. Matuszak shot an 82 both days to tie her in 11th with a 162. O'Connor shot an 84 the first day, but came back with an 82 to finish 13th with a 166, and sophomore Christine Brown finished the weekend with a 174 to tie her in 20th.

Saint Mary's hopes to continue on their successful run since placing tenth at Nationals in the spring, and are working towards recapturing the MIAA Championship. The Belles held the title from 2002-2005, but have seen No. 10 Olivet in their place the last three seasons.

Saint Mary's will begin their conference competitions Sept. 17 with a match at Albion.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles play host to Invitational

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After two straight losses coming at the hands of some tough competition, the Belles hope to rebound when they return home to host the Saint Mary's Invitational this weekend. The tournament is scheduled to kickoff when Saint Mary's takes on No. 7 Otterbein Friday at 4 p.m.

The Belles got off to fast start this season when they shutout neighbors Holy Cross 3-0 in their first game. It was a much better start than a season ago when they failed to earn a

victory until their fifth contest.

Since then, Saint Mary's has struggled, albeit against opponents much stronger than what it will see in MIAA conference play. In their last two games, the Belles have been held scoreless in matches against Centre and Transylvania which were both part of the Centre College Tournament.

Senior forward Katy Durkin and sophomore Katelyn Tondo-Steele are the only two players who have registered goals so far this season. Sophomore midfielder Michelle Leonard and freshman Ashley Morfin

have accounted for an assist each.

Senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy has been very good in net for the Belles, recording 23 saves on the season.

Saint Mary's first opponent of the tournament, Otterbein, will be its toughest. The Cardinals (2-1) finished last season with a trip to the NCAA Round of 16 and dropped their only match this season to a top-20 opponent.

After Otterbein, the Belles will move on to play Manchester College (1-2) Sunday at 2 p.m.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC drops match to Trine

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Despite their third place finish in last weekend's Capital Tournament, Saint Mary's suffered a disappointing loss to in-state rival Trine at the Angela Athletic Complex during their conference opener Tuesday.

"Last night's match was a really tough loss," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "It is always tough to lose a conference match at home on your own

court."

Trine's scrappy play was too much for Saint Mary's as the Thunder won the final two sets to steal a victory from the Belles after they had taken two of the first three.

"Trine did all of the things that we talked about them doing to us in practice," Kuschel said.

Additionally, she attributed the loss to some unforced errors that really hurt her team.

"We have to learn to control what we can on our side of the net and not to push the ball where it can not go," she

said.

Kuschel, however, realizes that every cloud has a silver lining.

"We learned a lot about ourselves during that match," she added. "We did not give up, which shows a lot of mental toughness, especially for our freshman."

The Belles once again received stellar play from senior Lorna Slupczynski, who tied a career high with a spectacular 27 kills.

Saint Mary's will look to rebound from the tough loss when it travels up to Michigan for a faceoff against MIAA rival Adrian College Friday.

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Toni Kuschel
Belles coach

NCAA FOOTBALL

Clemson rallies, but falls just short vs. GT

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech looked unstoppable. Then it was Clemson's turn. In a game of remarkable twists, the Yellow Jackets finally took control when it mattered most.

Scott Blair threw a touchdown pass early on, kicked a 36-yard field goal with 57 seconds remaining and No. 15 Georgia Tech rallied to beat Clemson 30-27 after squandering a 24-point lead Thursday night.

Clemson (1-1, 0-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored 27 straight points, taking its first lead of the night on Richard Jackson's 53-yard field goal with 11:33 to go.

But Georgia Tech, which did nothing offensively through most of the second and third quarters, came back to life. The Yellow Jackets (2-0, 1-0) put together a 69-yard drive to set up Blair's tying kick, a 34-yarder with 5:40 left that made it 27-27.

Then, after a holding penalty on Clemson's Thomas Austin wiped out Kyle Parker's 38-yard completion to Jacoby Ford, Georgia Tech got a chance to win it.

Josh Nesbitt hooked up with Demaryius Thomas for a 39-yard pass, making up for a miserable passing performance by the Georgia

Tech quarterback who completed only 3 of 14 for 83 yards with two interceptions. After Thomas' catch, the Yellow Jackets moved into position for Blair's winning kick.

Blair also threw a wobbly 34-yard touchdown pass during Georgia Tech's early barrage on a fake field goal.

Parker, a redshirt freshman making only his second college start, helped bring the Tigers back from a dismal start. He threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns, hooking up with C.J. Spiller on a 63-yarder and Ford on a 77-yarder, sandwiched around a 9-yard scoring pass to Dwayne Allen.

Spiller rushed for 87 yards and caught four passes for 69 more. Ford had five catches for 109 yards.

Anthony Allen led Georgia Tech with 127 yards rushing on just five carries, including an 82-yard touchdown on his team's second play from scrimmage that sparked the quick start by the home team.

Nesbitt threw his first pick on the Yellow Jackets' first snap, but that was about the only thing they did wrong in the early going. The next time they got the ball at their own 18, Nesbitt pitched to Allen, who got a block from Thomas and was gone down the sideline.

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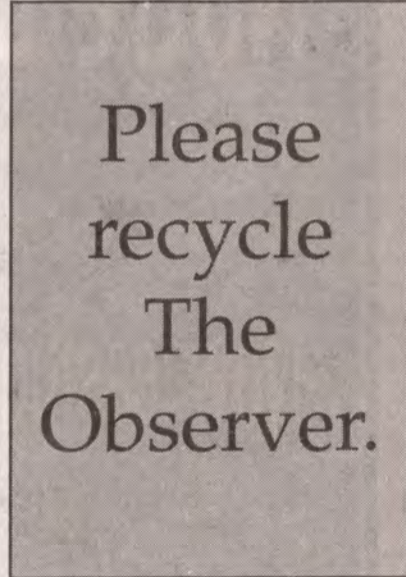
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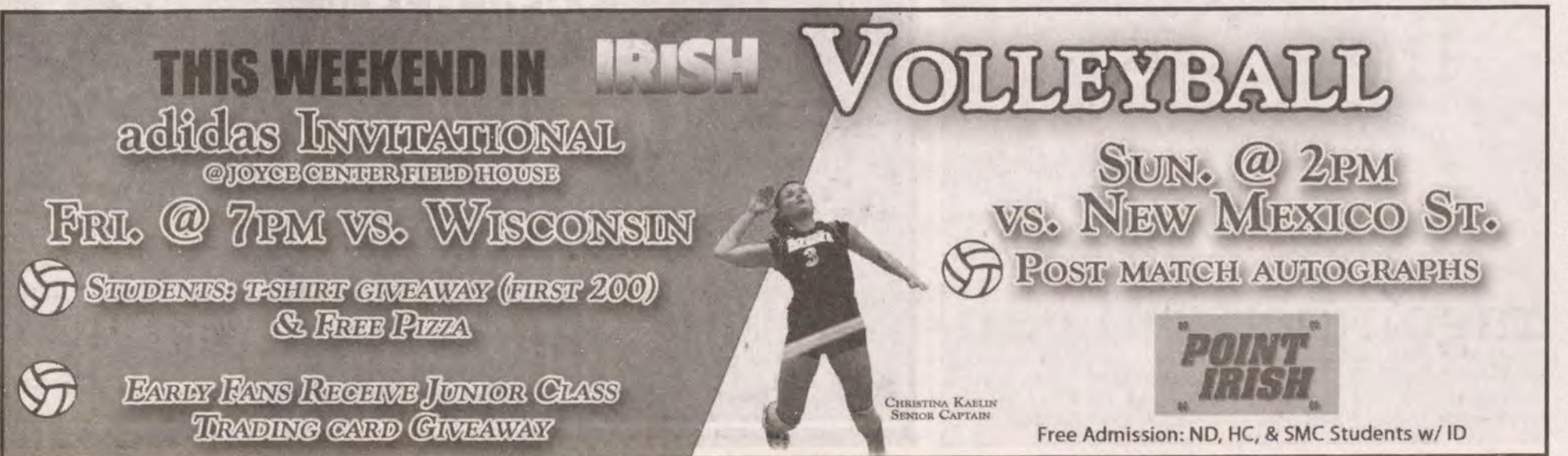
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coach Debbie Brown said. "They're teams that play a good schedule, they're winning programs."

Notre Dame (3-3) returns home after posting a 1-2 record at the Xavier Invitational last weekend, dropping the last two matches in straight sets against Tennessee and No. 7 Michigan. But Brown is confident her players will maintain their composure as they look to bounce back to their winning ways.

"It's obviously early in the season, and I think we're trying to find the best combination in terms of our lineup and figure out the way to use our athletes to the best of our abilities," Brown said. "The practices have been really good and competitively I think we've done some good things too. It's given us an opportunity to see what specific things we can work on and how we can get better."

The Irish are 1-7 all-time against the Badgers (3-3), the lone win coming at home in 1987. Competing in the toughest conference in collegiate volleyball, Wisconsin is one of five teams in the Big

Ten not ranked in the top-20 in the AVCA coaches' poll.

Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips, who leads the squad with 62 kills overall and 3.26 kills/set, is confident the Irish can right the ship.

"It's definitely a mental thing," Phillips said. "We have all the physical capabilities to do the best. We're just focusing on certain aspects of the game: serving, just trusting each other, and confidence."

This weekend's showcase will mark the first meeting between the Irish and New Mexico State (4-3). Led by sophomore Kelsey Brennan,

the Aggies are coming off their first WAC regular-season title in 2008 after compiling a 15-1 record in league play, including a win at No. 6 Hawaii.

Amassing a team-high 211 assists as the Irish's lone setter, senior Jamel Nicholas believes the team's experience and overall desire to win will be enough to carry them to victory.

"This is our fourth and final year," Nicholas said. "We've been here, we've seen these kinds of situations now, we're prepared for them, we're just trying to guide the younger girls through it. I think we're all really confident, so we

just have to come out Friday using a lot of that confidence and get back on track."

Hoping to add depth to the roster, Brown will be holding open tryouts for the setter position Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Rolfs Recreation Center. Interested students should contact Dawn Mays at 574-631-4840 or dmays1@nd.edu to register by 5 p.m. on Sept. 18.

The Irish are slated to take the court at 7 p.m. on Friday against Wisconsin and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday against New Mexico State.

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State for first place at 25-over.

Individually, sophomore Becca Huffer led the way for the Irish with a three-round score of 224 (eight-over). The Irish return the core of their team from their 16th place finish at the NCAA Regionals a season ago.

"I think our greatest asset this year is going to be the depth of our team and the competitive experience of our team," said Irish coach Susan Holt.

Leading the way are seniors Annie Brophy, who has the third-best stroke average in Notre Dame history (76.95) and has played in all of Notre Dame's 96 rounds since her freshman year. The Irish will

also count on consistent rounds from sophomore Becca Huffer, who was named Big East Freshman of the Year last year, and junior So-Hyun Park who took home honorable mention All-America honors.

As for the Invitational this weekend, the Irish will use the

same lineup as last season, which includes Brophy, Huffer, Park, senior Kristin Wetzel and junior Katie Conway.

Park in particular had great success last year, leading all individuals in the tournament after

the first two rounds and posting an impressive 4-under, 68 in the second round.

Live scoring of the Invitational will be available on Golfstat.com

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Susan Holt
Irish coach

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7:30 p.m. tonight before squaring off against New Mexico Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Although Notre Dame will not have a match against the Hoosiers, No. 12 Indiana will

be the fourth team in the tournament and represents the Irish's toughest obstacle to claiming a second-secutive Berticelli title. The Hoosiers will face New Mexico at 5

p.m. on Friday before playing Seattle at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

"[Seattle and New Mexico] will present major challenges," ninth-year Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I know and respect both coaches and know that

they are very excited to visit for games against IU and Notre Dame."

After opening the season with a 5-0 blowout over Michigan, the Irish struggled against the Demon Deacons and Red Storm. Nevertheless, Clark is not letting those results keep him down.

"In games like this there is usually a small margin of error between success and failure and in both cases little things prevented us scooping the jackpot," Clark said. "Having said that, I thought there were periods in both games where we played very well."

Still, Notre Dame's road to the NCAA Tournament will not get any easier. The Irish's schedule is one of the most grueling in the country and should push the team to its limit.

"We always have a tough schedule, so the past weekend was a typical start for us."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

"We always have a tough schedule, so the past weekend was a typical start for us," Clark said. "Playing the No. 1 and No. 3 teams is always going to be challenging."

Leading Notre Dame this weekend is the Irish midfield, which features a bevy of talented upperclassmen in senior Michael Thomas and juniors Matt Armstrong and Jeb Brovsky.

"Our playmakers are mainly our central players," Clark said. "Thomas, Armstrong and Brovsky have done well in this capacity. I would also say well done to [senior defender] John Schaefer who stepped in and stepped up after [senior defender] Cory Rellas picked up an injury."

Notre Dame's 7:30 p.m. match against Seattle follows Indiana-New Mexico at 5 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. Sunday will feature the Hoosiers taking on Seattle at before Notre Dame's finale against New Mexico.

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The Irish hold a slight 6-4-1 advantage in their all-time series with the Cardinal, including a 2-1-1 record in neutral site meetings.

The Irish and Cardinal's last meeting came in last season's College Cup semifinal where Notre Dame out-dued Stanford in a 1-0 thriller. Current Irish sophomore Courtney Barg scored the game's only goal in the 15th minute and the Irish

defense shut down the Cardinal the rest of the way to earn a berth in the College Cup final.

Current senior goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander played a full 90 minutes in the win, tallying a career-high seven saves in the shutout.

The Irish are scheduled to play the Broncos tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Buck Shaw Stadium and will take the field for their match against the Cardinal at 11 a.m. Sunday.

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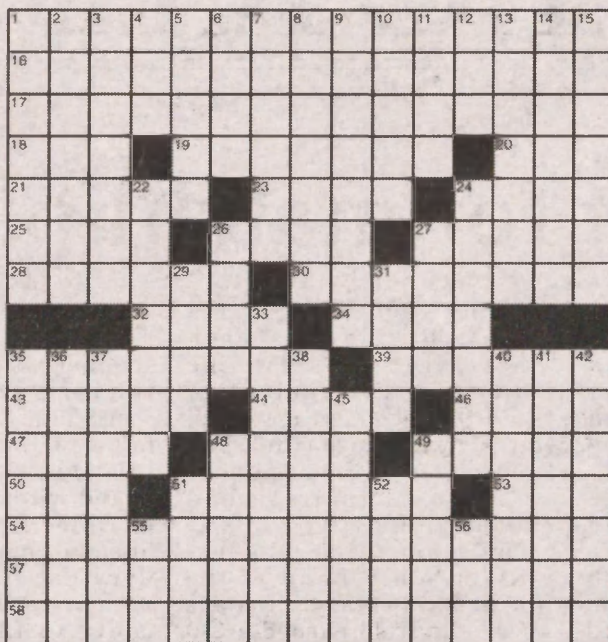
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 - 17 Handles things evenhandedly
 - 18 Important part for a jig
 - 19 Cracker shapes
 - 20 Substitute acquired by about half a million people a year: Abbr.
 - 21 Representative
 - 23 Scale start
 - 24 ___ Fein
 - 25 "The Bridge on the River Kwai" setting
 - 26 City where Einstein developed his special theory of relativity
 - 27 Vinegar: Prefix
 - 28 More fashionable
 - 30 Sudden light seen through the clouds
 - 32 Catch-22
 - 34 1970s-'80s sitcom setting
 - 35 Using high-flown language
 - 39 "Mother of the believers"
 - 43 "Bonne ___!" (French cry on January 1)
 - 44 Undershirt, in Britain
 - 46 "You're putting ___!"
 - 47 Office stamp
 - 48 "Say ___" (1940 Glenn Miller hit)
 - 49 Ones in control of their faculties?
 - 50 "___ Girl Like You Loved a Boy Like Me"
 - 51 Mount from which people can see far away
 - 53 Company that makes Styrofoam
 - 54 Viking stories, e.g.
 - 57 Took flak for something one said, say
 - 58 Bedazzlement

- Down**
- 1 Maximum, slangily
 - 2 For whose benefit "the quality of mercy is not strain'd" in Shakespeare
 - 3 Capital of Armenia
 - 4 1979 nuclear accident site: Abbr.
 - 5 Hunky-dory
 - 6 Some raiders, informally
 - 7 Lodge
 - 8 Charms
 - 9 Businessman/entertainer who was once mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.
 - 10 "Behold ___ Horse" (William Cooper book)
 - 11 Targets of remedies
 - 12 Stephen of "Stuck," 2007
 - 13 More itchy, maybe
 - 14 Balloonists' doings
 - 15 Is unobliged to
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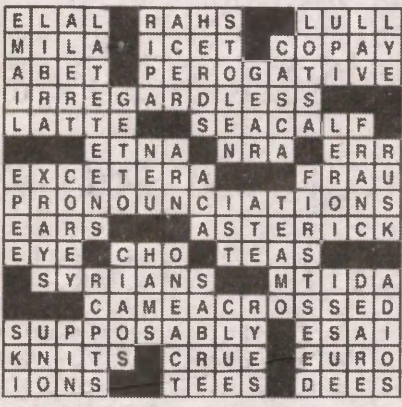


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- 37 Something once bundled with Microsoft products
- 38 Basutoland, today
- 40 Navy service
- 41 Center of a roast
- 42 "Jeopardy!" fodder
- 45 Dinah's avenger in the Bible
- 48 1972 U.S./U.S.S.R. pact
- 49 Ties
- 51 Bank chains hold them
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Reconnect with someone from your past and the information you gather will help with a current partnership. Your experience will save you from repeating mistakes. You'll be positioned for success. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your sensitivity toward others will help you pick up important signals from colleagues, peers or people you don't know well. Use that information to make a decision regarding your job security. Inquire into other possible positions. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let negative people convince you that things are falling apart when you are actually sitting in a pretty good position. Times may be changing but that doesn't mean that the alterations won't favor you in the end. ★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let your emotions rule your head. An opportunity that is offered may not be the answer, once you look at what it entails. However, it may lead to a more efficient and affordable way of doing things. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should be able to make a professional move that will free up time to work on something you enjoy more. A small business may be your ticket to financial freedom. Don't spend without knowing what you're getting in return. ★★

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A jealous peer may withhold information that can help you get ahead. Don't be afraid to get involved in groups that contribute to your goals. You have great ideas but you need to share with people who can help you get them up and running. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have to move fast in order to stay ahead of someone with more experience and few scruples. Love is in the stars but, if you think with your heart instead of with your head, you will make a mistake that will cost you emotionally as well as financially. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is a lot you can do to raise your financial status. A contract can be developed and signed that will promise you security as well as a much needed change. Don't get angry -- get moving. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have everything under control as long as you immediately address personal issues involving money. You can cut a deal or enhance your position, enabling you to strive for a goal you had to previously give up. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can strike a deal that's workable but only if you are clear about who will be responsible for what. Get everything in writing. Expect to have to make some concessions if you want to proceed. ★★

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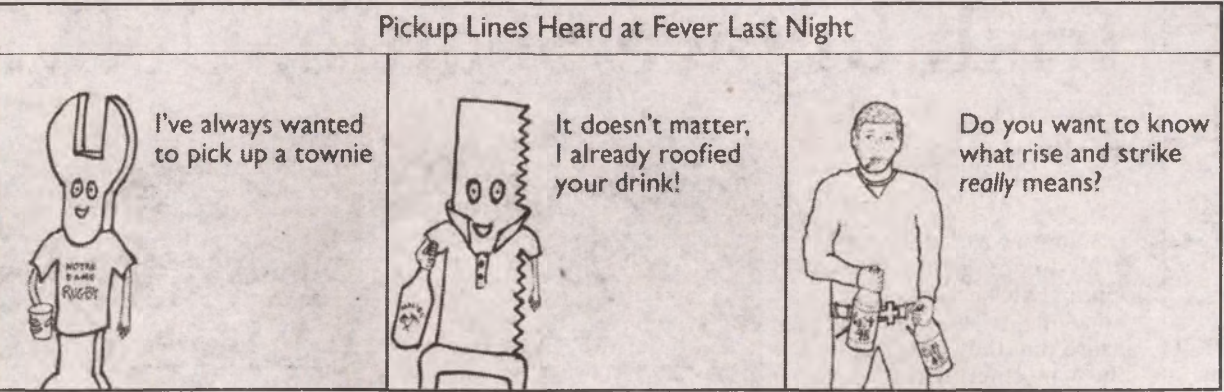
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team travels west for matchup with Stanford

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Following a tough loss last weekend to top-ranked North Carolina, No. 5 Notre Dame has a chance to redeem itself against another top-five competitor when it takes a school-record 15-game road winning streak to the Santa Clara/adidas Classic tonight in Santa

Clara, Calif.

The Irish will face off against the Santa Clara Broncos Friday night before taking on the No. 3 Stanford Cardinal in a marquee matchup Sunday morning.

Notre Dame (3-1-0) is 9-5 all-time against Santa Clara (3-2-0), who will provide a solid game for the Irish before their clash with the Cardinal. The Irish and Broncos have a history of

meeting each other in big games, having met each other three times in the College Cup. In their most recent College Cup matchup, the Irish defeated the Broncos 1-0 in the semifinals en route to their second national title.

The teams also met last year in South Bend at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic where the Irish earned a 2-0 victory over the Broncos.

Senior Jordan Angeli leads a talented Broncos squad in scoring with five points off two goals and one assist.

In Sunday's game, the Irish hope to regroup from their last top-five matchup, which ended with a 6-0 loss to UNC in Notre Dame's first game at new Alumni Stadium. The Cardinal (5-0) have looked dominant this season en route to their undefeated record, outscoring their

opponents by a total of 19-5 in their first five matches.

However, the Irish will provide the first true test for the Cardinal, who have only played one team currently receiving votes in the NSCAA Top-25 poll.

Senior Kelley O'Hara leads the Cardinal with 16 points this season off of six goals and two assists.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Home sweet home

ND returns to JACC hungry for victory

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Finding themselves in a bit of a rut after losing three of their last four matches, the Irish return to the friendly confines of the Joyce Center to host the Notre Dame/adidas Invitational. The Irish will welcome any advantage they can get as they face off against Wisconsin and New Mexico State in the three-day event.

"Wisconsin and New Mexico State both are perennial NCAA Tournament teams, so it's a huge benefit to play both of them," Irish

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Sophomore Kristen Dealy spikes the ball in a match against Stanford Aug. 29. The Irish went on to shutout the Cardinal 3-0.

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SMC GOLF

Belles host tourney at Warren

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 15 Saint Mary's will compete in its second match of the fall season as they host the O'Brien Division III Championships at the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame Sunday and Monday. Among the 10 competitors is Methodist University of Fayetteville, NC, who has won NCAA Division III title the past 11 years.

The Belles took tenth at the NCAA tournament last spring, and have many of their top golfers from last

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Golfers face strong field at Invitational

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame football team isn't the only team traveling to the state of Michigan this weekend, as the Irish women's golf squad is off to Lansing to compete in the Mary Fossum Invitational Saturday and Sunday.

This two-day tournament, previously called the Michigan State Invitational, marks the beginning of the regular season schedule for Notre Dame. The Irish have already teed it up as

a team overseas, playing five courses in eight days in Ireland, but that was a friendly competition amongst teammates.

The team will now enter its first competition when it joins a strong field of 17 other squads including host No. 20 Michigan State, No. 12 Purdue, Indiana, Michigan and Minnesota.

The tournament came down to the last few holes last year as the Irish finished third with a team score of 27-over par, their best finish in program history. Michigan State tied with Kent

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish to face Seattle, UNM

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Sitting at a middling 1-1-1 after opening their season against three ranked opponents, the Irish are hoping to prove that they are worthy of the hype entering the season.

After tying No. 3 Wake Forest and falling to No. 1 St. Johns in Bloomington last weekend, Notre Dame will look to bounce back while hosting the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament at the new Alumni Field. The No. 10 Irish will face Seattle at

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Senior Justin Morrow dribbles the ball away from a defender in a 3-0 victory over Providence Oct. 19, 2008.

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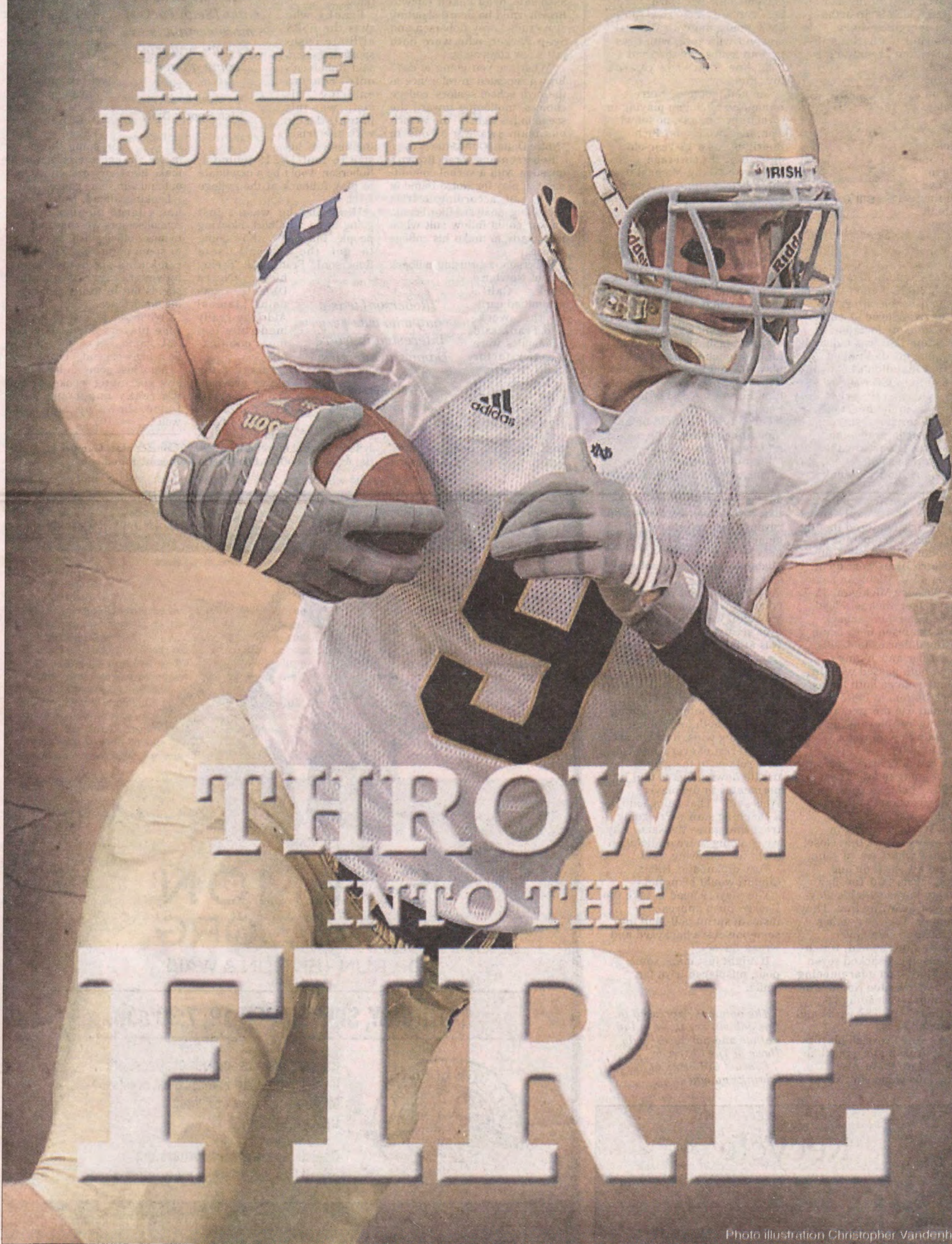
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COMMENTARY

Irish need to take this one out back

When I was 10 years old and living in Farmington Hills, Mich., I got braces. For those of you who have never had braces, the idea is an orthodontist superglues sharp metal to your teeth. Naturally your gums don't react to this very well.

I got the braces on a Thursday. That Saturday was the Notre Dame-Michigan game, by which time my mouth had been sliced open and I couldn't eat, talk



Bill Brink

Sports Writer

or smile. Then Michigan beat the Irish 26-22. I can't think of a more miserable afternoon that I have endured since.

Because of my location, Notre Dame-USC was a distant rivalry, one my dad talked about but that didn't hold special meaning. USC was just another team on the schedule.

But I was in the heart of Wolverine territory, surrounded by Michigan grads and fans, so that game was the game of the season.

Let's hope the Irish think it still is.

Just as two years ago the teams had similar experiences when the Irish entered the Big House, their circumstances are similar after Week 1 this year. Notre Dame beat up on Nevada, 35-0. Michigan beat up on Western Michigan, 31-7. Irish receiver Michael Floyd and Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson both made opposing defenses look silly. Tate Forcier and Jimmy Clausen both passed well. In the same vein as both teams hit rock bottom in 2007, both teams can use this game to prove they're relevant, not just beating up on weak teams, in 2009.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said he's not going to talk about the 2007 Michigan game, a 38-0 destruction in Michigan Stadium.

"The Western Michigan game really wasn't that close, and that's where we're going to spend all our time and energy," Weis said Tuesday.

Twenty bucks says his players aren't following that. They remember. They remember the first snap going over Armando Allen's head, watching Clausen get sacked seven times, Mike Hart guaranteeing a win and, like Joe Namath in Super Bowl III, leading his team there with 187 yards and two touchdowns.

That's why the Irish players can't approach this game like ESPN and everyone else might. This game isn't about

BCS implications. If I'm Charlie, I'm telling the kids to approach this like it's being played in the backyard between kids from rival middle schools, not with 106,201 fans but with zero, with tires for end zones and the road as a sideline. That's how you win this game.

Can you imagine? Notre Dame and Michigan playing in a vacuum, no fans, no television, just two rivals? Rich Rodriguez as a 12-year-old describing his coverage schemes? "Okay, Michael over there is incredible. He could catch a greased pig if someone could throw it to him. So we're going to have 10 guys circle around him to cover him. I call it the Halo defense."

How about 12-year-old Jon Tenuta, running this way and that, teaching zone blitzes before the kids know what a blitz is? "Robinson runs a 3.97 40-yard dash. He could run for two touchdowns on one play. To stop him we're gonna have everyone run directly at him. Forget the rest of the team."

Corwin Brown could be all-time quarterback so he doesn't have to pick sides.

I'm not challenging Notre Dame's toughness, nor saying they don't get up for big games. But it's my opinion that if they fuse some fire and revenge into the successful gameplan they employed to beat Nevada, a win over Michigan and successful season will follow.

By the way, last year doesn't count. It was pouring. Michigan won't turn the ball over six times very often. It was at home. Time for Notre Dame to perform in the Big House.

"I think because both teams were somewhat question marks going into the opening week and both had sound, convincing wins, it's increased the interest of everyone else as it relates to the game. The trickle down effect is that it permeates to the players," Weis said. "That being said, as a coaching staff we're going to treat that game the same way we're going to treat Michigan State the following week."

Very diplomatic. Hillary Clinton would be proud. The players need to take the George Bush approach instead: sprint pell-mell into someone else's backyard and wreak havoc.

It might just make some poor, misplaced Irish fan smile.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Roberson commits during visit

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

As the Irish lined up in front of the student section to sing the Alma Mater after Saturday's victory over Nevada, associate head coach Corwin Brown could be heard shouting at recruits Corey Roberson and Sean Parker, who were both just a few rows away.

"What are you going to do?" Brown repeated in reference to the high school seniors' college choices, motioning toward the scene to his right — the victorious team swaying as one to "Notre Dame, Our Mother."

Roberson answered Brown's question with a verbal commitment to play for Notre Dame in 2010, and, according to Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank, Parker could follow suit when he's ready to make his college choice.

Roberson, a bruising tailback out of Newbury Park, Calif., committed earlier this week, and Frank said academics were a major factor in his decision.

"He was a guy who was very interested in Notre Dame's academics — that was a big thing for him," Frank said, noting Roberson's

other top choice was Northwestern. "He wanted to play big-time football, and just to get into that Notre Dame football environment, to experience that as a recruit is a very powerful thing."

Frank, who runs the ESPN affiliate irishsportsdaily.com, said Roberson's only concern entering his visit was his potential role with the Irish. Because of his size (6-foot-1, 215 pounds), Roberson would be a candidate to play fullback at the college level.

"Knowing he wasn't just going to be a fullback blocking people, but a guy who's going to get the football [sold Roberson]," Frank said. "Seeing how [Notre Dame] was using [James] Aldridge really made him feel more comfortable."

Parker, a top safety prospect from Harbor City, Calif., is a player Frank said would likely take several more official visits, as he has offers from virtu-

ally every major program in the country. But Parker left South Bend very much interested in the Irish, Frank said.

"I think they did an outstanding job," Frank said. "I would venture to say that if he had a little more concrete answer as to [how good Notre Dame will be this season], I think he might have committed — I think they did that well. There's still some things up

in the air, and the only way to make him more certain is to go out and win some games."

Looking ahead, Notre Dame has a large number of high school seniors who have agreed to make official visits to campus at some point this fall. Of the remaining six home games, however, there is one that stands out in terms of recruiting importance.

"When you look at all the big-time players coming for the USC game, it's really going to be a big weekend," Frank said. "That's just going to be a massive recruiting weekend, and it's really important Notre Dame shows up and plays well."

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Mike Frank
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Stepping in and stepping up

Sophomore Kyle Rudolph turns unexpected playing time in 2008 into experience for 2009

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

How quickly things can change. When Kyle Rudolph first set foot on the Notre Dame campus as a freshman last fall, he was the third tight end on the depth chart. By the opener against San Diego State, he was listed as the starter.

Thanks to a season-ending injury to original starter Mike Ragone and an eventual suspension of backup Will Yeatman, by the end of the season, Rudolph found himself as the only tight end on the roster with any sort of playing experience.

"My goal from the time I decided to come here was to be the number one tight end when I got here," Rudolph said. "For it to actually work out and fall into place, I wouldn't say I was surprised, but I was surprised with how few tight ends we did end up having."

Irish coach Charlie Weis is known for using sets that feature multiple tight ends, and in the past has taken advantage of having players like John Carlson and Anthony Fasano on the field at the same time. Without any sort of depth at tight end, the play-book can become very limited quickly.

"We were just kind of thin and couldn't use the tight end packages we wanted to," Rudolph said.

Even though the role fell to him somewhat by default,

Rudolph said he did what he had to do to be successful as the team's starting tight end.

"I worked real hard to get myself where I needed to be physically, and I picked up on the offense pretty quickly," he said.

But in addition to picking up an entirely new playbook, Rudolph also had the fairly significant matter of adjusting to college life. Freshmen have to report for sum-

mer school and take two classes in addition to offseason workouts.

"I felt like they did it the right way here," Rudolph said. "We were able to come up in the summer and take a couple of classes and work out, so we were able to get our feet wet in the classroom and not be overwhelmed with football at the same time."

He said the summer classes made the transition easier, so that by the time he was forced into duty against the Aztecs, balancing a full class load with football was no longer an issue.

"I felt like by that time, you had kind of adjusted to what it's like and what you had to do to be successful in the classroom as well as on the field," he said.

Even though Ragone couldn't run the routes himself, Rudolph said the then-sophomore was quick to help him adjust to the Irish offense.

"Even in the summer before fall camp started, Mike [Ragone] and Will [Yeatman] helped me tremendously during 7-on-7s," Rudolph said. "They helped me learn the offense and get a head start learning the Xs and Os."

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native finished last season with 29 catches for 340 yards and two touchdowns. The numbers may not jump off the page, but were pretty impressive, considering just a year earlier he was a high school basketball player helping his team upset the No. 1 team in Ohio.

Now, Rudolph is one of the elder statesmen at the tight end position, and is intent on passing down the knowledge he picked up in 2008 to this year's fresh-

men, Tyler Eifert and Jake Golic.

"I try to use the experience I had last year," Rudolph said. "A lot of times you have older guys trying to teach and it's been a few years since they've been a freshman, going to study hall, and their first classes and stuff like that. For me, it was just last fall. So I remember what it's like being in that situation, so I try and make it the best transition for them possible."

In addition to helping the freshmen, Rudolph said being thrown into the fire last year has helped him, too.

"It definitely helped a lot having that experience," he said. "I've been there before and know what to expect week to week."

This year, one of the most popular comparisons has been to former Notre Dame tight end John Carlson.

"I can't tell you how many professors have come back to us and said, 'John Carlson,'" Weis said in a press conference earlier this fall. "You really can't get a much better role model than that one. When you say John Carlson, you are giving some pretty high accolades for what kind of person [Rudolph] is."

Carlson finished his Notre Dame career with 100 catches for 1,093 and eight touchdowns. He was selected 38th overall in the 2008 NFL Draft by Seattle. Last year, Carlson led the Seahawks with 55 receptions for 627 yards and five scores.

"John was very successful here, and he's been just as successful at the next level," Rudolph said. "For me, all my goals have been to be like John, so to be compared to him is just an honor."

Rudolph added that Carlson check him every once in a while to check in and see how things are going.

One area where Carlson improved over the course of his career, and where Rudolph said

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Bernie Parmalee
Irish tight ends coach

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Kyle Rudolph
Irish tight end



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish tight end Kyle Rudolph turns upfield during last season's 28-21 win over Stanford. Rudolph caught five passes against the Cardinal.

he needed to work on, is his blocking ability. Rudolph said that a year in the weight room with strength and conditioning coach Ruben Mendoza helped him invaluable in bulking up and becoming stronger.

"He's a hard worker," tight ends coach Bernie Parmalee said. "He picked up on the off-season and got stronger."

Rudolph played last season listed at 250 pounds, and is now up to 260 with added muscle. The Elder High School graduate said he also improved his blocking technique.

"Being on the edge, it's more about working your technique, and your spacing and timing," Rudolph said.

And how would he assess his blocking performance in the first game of 2009 against Nevada?

"I did OK," Rudolph said. "There's some things I need to fix in the run game and even with route-running."

That being said, Rudolph's biggest talent remains the same.

"[My biggest strength is] definitely being able to stretch a defense over the middle of the field and create mismatches against linebackers and safeties," Parmalee said.

Rudolph agreed that, in terms of the passing game, Rudolph is as good as it gets.

"He's one of the best in the nation at what he does. When you've got a guy that can stretch the defense, and has good hands and good ball skills, it just helps the offense," the tight ends coach said. "And when you've got a guy that size in the middle, it's pretty good for the quarterback."

Of course, it doesn't hurt to have two elite receivers in Golden Tate and Michael Floyd that can help draw safety attention away

from the big tight end.

"It helps me tremendously because it forces teams to put safeties over top of them, and if you don't put a safety over them they'll run right by you," Rudolph said.

In last year's Hawaii Bowl, a nearly flawless offensive performance, the defense was noticeable.

"A couple of times in the first half [of the Hawaii Bowl], once you got past the linebackers, the whole middle of the field was wide open," Rudolph said.

The Irish hope that Rudolph will be able to find that same kind of separation in Michigan Stadium this Saturday.

"I expect a very hostile atmosphere," he said. "But I'm excited to go up there and play at the Big House."

Rudolph added that his improved blocking will be especially important against the Wolverine defense, led by defensive end Brandon Graham.

"They've got a great defensive end and good linebackers," Rudolph said. "And if you're not on top of your game as far as technique goes, they'll get the best of you."

Rudolph said he expected the atmosphere Saturday to rival the game at USC last season, but maybe even a notch or two higher.

"I think it's even still on a completely different level, and I can't really compare it to anything," he said.

But, just like moving from third string to starter in three weeks, Rudolph will be sure to take it all in stride.



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Rudolph is tackled during last season's 36-33 quadruple overtime loss to Pittsburgh last season. Rudolph caught two passes for 26 yards against the Panthers.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 1-0

AP: 18 Coaches: 20



Charlie Weis head coach

5th season at Notre Dame

career record: 30-21
on road: 11-8
against UM: 2-2



Jon Tenuta Def. Coordinator Assistant HC



Corwin Brown Co-Def. Coord. Associate HC

HEAD TO HEAD

Irish Offense vs. Wolverine Defense



2009 Schedule

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| Sept. 5 | Nevada — W |
| Sept. 12 | @ Michigan |
| Sept. 19 | Michigan St. |
| Sept. 26 | @ Purdue |
| Oct. 3 | Washington |
| Oct. 17 | Southern Cal |
| Oct. 24 | Boston College |
| Oct. 31 | Washington St. |
| Nov. 7 | Navy |
| Nov. 14 | @ Pittsburgh |
| Nov. 21 | Connecticut |
| Nov. 28 | @ Stanford |

Head-to-Head

| ND OFFENSE | UM DEFENSE |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Scoring: 35.00 ppg (36th) | Scoring: 7.00 ppg (23rd) |
| Total: 510.00 ypg (21st) | Total: 301.00 ypg (49th) |
| Rushing: 178.00 ypg (45th) | Rushing: 38.00 ypg (11th) |
| Passing: 332.00 ypg (10th) | Passing: 263.00 ypg (87th) |
| Turnovers against: 0 (1st) | Turnovers for: 3 (12th) |
| Fumbles lost: 0 (1st) | Fumbles rec.: 1 (26th) |
| Interceptions: 0 (1st) | Interceptions: 2 (12th) |
| Sacks Allowed: 0 (1st) | Sacks: 2 (34th) |
| T.O.P. for: 33:40 (20th) | T.O.P. against: 25:40 (17th) |

Statistical Leaders

| ND OFFENSE | MU DEFENSE |
|---|---|
| QB JIMMY CLAUSEN 15-18, 315 yds., 4 TD | LB OBI EZEH 4 solo tkl., 1.5 TFL, 1 FF |
| RB ARMANDO ALLEN 15 rush, 72 yds., TD | CB DONOVAN WARREN 6 solo tkl., 1 brk-up |
| WR MICHAEL FLOYD 4 rec., 189 yds., 3 TD | LB STEVIE BROWN 5 solo tkl. |
| WR GOLDEN TATE 3 rec., 59 yds. | NT MIKE MARTIN 1 sack |
| TE KYLE RUDOLPH 4 rec., 29 yds., TD | LB CRAIG ROH 1 TFL, 0.5 sack |

ND PASSING If Saturday's thrashing of Nevada was any indication — and general opinion is yes, it was — opposing defenses will have their hands full with the Irish passing attack all season. It was no secret heading into the opener that Jimmy Clausen had the arm, and the offensive weapons, to make secondaries miserable. But what made the passing

game even more dominant was the amount of time Clausen had to drop back, scan the field and find the open man. If the offensive line continues to give Clausen a cushion, even the most talented defensive backfields on Notre Dame's schedule will be in serious trouble.

Michigan's pass defense put on an uninspiring performance in its opener

against Western Michigan last week, allowing 263 yards through the air to a less-than-spectacular Broncos aerial attack. But the Wolverines' front four will test the Irish offensive line, and that could result in pressure on Clausen — which, in the past, has caused some errant throws and poor decisions.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

ND RUSHING Notre Dame's run game was solid, but not dominant, in the opener. But the Irish ground attack will be missing a key component Saturday when fullback James Aldridge is held out with a shoulder injury. Robert Hughes, another power tailback-turned-fullback, will fill the vacancy, and while Charlie Weis said Hughes had been

working as a fullback for some time, it always hurts to miss a key starter. Armando Allen and Jonas Gray looked good against Nevada, though, and the offensive line opened enough holes for the team to total 178 rushing yards on the day.

The Wolverines were too much for Western Michigan to handle on the ground last week, allowing just 38 yards

despite several new starters in the front seven. True freshman Craig Roh impressed at outside linebacker, and sophomore Mike Martin clogged the middle effectively at his nose tackle position. It'll be interesting to see how the Irish front matches up against a bigger, more talented Michigan defense.

EDGE: EVEN

ND SPECIAL TEAMS Not much to go off of here, as Nick Tausch didn't try a field goal and Theo Riddick only got one chance on kick returns. But so far, so good, as Tausch was perfect on extra points, and Riddick

looked shifty in his one touch in the return game. It'll be interesting to see how Notre Dame's young specialists (Tausch, Riddick, snapper Jordan Cowart) handle the pressure of the Big House.

EDGE: EVEN

Charlie Weis guides an immensely talented offense, and he did a good job against Nevada of not out-thinking himself. If Weis continues to stick with what's working — which, last week, was the Clausen-to-Floyd combo — the Irish should be able to put up points. One thing to note:

Michigan defensive coordinator Greg Robinson beat Notre Dame as the head coach at Syracuse last year. But it was the Irish defense, not the offense, that was the culprit in that contest.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

ND OFFENSIVE COACHING

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Bill Brink Managing Editor

Imagine Charlie Weis marching onto the field at the Big House channeling the mobster thug from the beginning of "The Dark Knight," screaming, "My dogs are hungry!" to the 106,000 fans. Because they are. Throw Xs and Os out the window and focus on emotion, which Notre Dame will use to overpower Michigan. Now bring Xs and Os back for a second, because Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson create a threat much more dangerous than Colin Kaepernick was. It won't matter too much, though, because Michigan's secondary can't cover both Golden Tate and Michael Floyd. Even if they can, Kyle Rudolph burns them on the seam route.



Michael Bryan Associate Sports Editor

Both teams looked impressive in their openers, but I'm not sold on Michigan's quarterbacks after one game. The Irish get up early using the vertical passing game to Floyd and Tate, and the defense will force Forcier to beat them with his arm. The Wolverines will fail to establish any offensive rhythm and the Irish playcalling will keep a young front seven off guard. Turnovers will keep this game from being close, as Notre Dame should be in for a fumble recovery and an interception or two. With a national focus on Ann Arbor this weekend the hype for Clausen and Notre Dame will keep building as the Irish roll.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, Michigan 24

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 44, Michigan 17



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Wolverine Offense vs. Irish Defense



Michigan Wolverines

Record: 1-0

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Rich Rodriguez
head coach

2nd season at Michigan

career record:
4-9

at home:
3-5

against ND:
0-1



Tony Magee
Off. Coordinator
Associate HC



Greg Robinson
Def. Coordinator

2009 Schedule

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| Sept. 5 | Western Mich. — W |
| Sept. 12 | Notre Dame |
| Sept. 19 | Eastern Mich. |
| Sept. 26 | Indiana |
| Oct. 3 | @ Michigan St. |
| Oct. 10 | @ Iowa |
| Oct. 17 | Delaware St. |
| Oct. 24 | Penn St. |
| Oct. 31 | @ Illinois |
| Nov. 7 | Purdue |
| Nov. 14 | @ Wisconsin |
| Nov. 21 | Ohio St. |

Head-to-Head

| UM OFFENSE | ND DEFENSE |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Scoring: 31.00 ppg (43rd) | Scoring: 0.00 ppg (1st) |
| Total: 439.00 ypg (39th) | Total: 307.00 ypg (52nd) |
| Rushing: 242.00 ypg (26th) | Rushing: 153.00 ypg (56th) |
| Passing: 197.00 (65th) | Passing: 154.00 ypg (37th) |
| Turnovers against: 1 (21st) | Turnovers for: 3 (12th) |
| Fumbles lost: 0 (1st) | Fumbles rec.: 1 (26th) |
| Interceptions: 1 (46th) | Interceptions: 2 (12th) |
| Sacks Allowed: 0 (1st) | Sacks: 2 (34th) |
| T.O.P. for: 34:20 (17th) | T.O.P. against: 26:20 (20th) |

Statistical Leaders

| NEV OFFENSE | ND DEFENSE |
|--|--|
| QB TATE FORCIER 13-20, 179 yds., 3 TD | SS KYLE MCCARTHY 7 solo tkl., INT |
| QB DENARD ROBINSON 11 rush, 74 yds., 1 TD | FS ROBERT SMITH 5 solo tkl. |
| RB CARLOS BROWN 10 rush, 54 yds. | LB BRIAN SMITH 2 solo tkl., 2 TFL, 1 sack |
| WR JUNIOR HEMINGWAY 5 rec., 103 yds., 2 TD | LB TORYAN SMITH 4 solo tkl., 2 TFL, 1 sack |
| TE KEVIN KOGER 3 rec., 32 yds., 1 TD | CB ROBERT BLANTON 2 solo tkl., INT |

Freshmen Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson will likely both see significant time in Saturday's contest, but Forcier is both the declared starter and the more accomplished passer at this point. He made a few big-time throws against Western Michigan last week, including a perfectly-placed fade that went for a long touchdown right up the sideline. The Wolverines also have athletes at receiver

with far more ability than Nevada did. Notre Dame's defensive strength, however, is its secondary. Both Robert Forcier and Kyle McCarthy intercepted passes last week, and the Irish showcased their depth by rotating several players in at corner. The key to the pass defense, though, might be the ability of Notre Dame's front seven to pressure the Michigan quarterback and force bad

decisions. The Irish will have to wrap up Forcier and Robinson, too, as both are quick, elusive and capable of turning broken plays into long gains once they get outside the pocket and pass coverage breaks down. Still, the edge goes to the veteran Irish secondary.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

UM PASSING

The Wolverines held senior starter Brandon Minor out of the opener with a minor injury, but the bruising back should be ready for Saturday. Carlos Brown averaged over five yards a pop in Minor's place, so Michigan has to be confident in its ability to rotate tailbacks. The minor (6-foot-1, 218 pounds) is the one to watch, though, as Notre Dame has

struggled in the past to wrap up power backs — a category into which Minor certainly fits. The Irish defense held a run-based Nevada offense to 153 yards in the opener, a solid performance but one that may have been different had Notre Dame not pulled away early. Despite the encouraging showing, there were still yards to be gained,

particularly up the middle, against the Irish front. The linebackers and safeties did a nice job in run support, but the defensive linemen will have to hold their ground more consistently to keep the Wolverines from racking up the rushing yards.

EDGE: MICHIGAN

UM RUSHING

Notre Dame's kick coverage units were among the nation's best a year ago, and the Irish showed no evidence to the contrary in the opener. Michigan does have some weapons in the return game with a plethora of offensive athletes who can

be dangerous in open space. Punter Zoltan Mesko is one of the best in the country, averaging 47 yards per punt last week. And the Wolverines have a fifth-year senior handling the placekicking duties, so nerves shouldn't be a factor.

EDGE: EVEN

Like Weis, Rich Rodriguez is an offensive-minded coach. And now the second-year man has two quarterbacks with the skill set needed to captain his spread offense. How much of the playbook is open to the two freshmen, however, remains unknown. The Irish defense played

like a Jon Tenuta defense last week — fast, aggressive, opportunistic. To shut down Rodriguez's spread attack, the unit will need a similar performance Saturday

EDGE: EVEN

UM OFFENSIVE COACHING



Matt Gamber

Sports Editor

As long as Eric Olsen and Jimmy Clausen complete the first center-quarterback exchange of the game without a hitch, this year's trip to the Big House will be better than the one the Irish took two years ago. The Irish look to be the more talented team, especially on the offensive side of the ball, and should be able to put up points if they continue to be aggressive. This game will be a dogfight, but Notre Dame's defensive front will pressure the Wolverines' young quarterback into one too many mistakes to help the Irish pull away in the fourth quarter. But it will certainly be closer than the one-sided games of the past two years.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Michigan 21



Sam Werner

Associate Sports Editor

I'm going to go out on a limb here — this year's game will go better than Notre Dame's last trip to the Big House. Everyone is saying this game will be close, but I don't really see it. Yes, Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson are talented, but the Irish shut down an even better running quarterback last week in Colin Kaepernick. Expect Jon Tenuta to pressure Forcier early and often. On the other side of the ball, simply put, Michigan just doesn't have anyone that matches up with Michael Floyd. So either he has another game like last week, or they blanket him and Golden Tate goes off. Michigan's 80 hours of practice this week won't be enough, and the Irish win fairly comfortably.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 35, Michigan 14

Celebrity Pick



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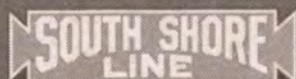
Bobby Clark

Irish men's soccer coach

It'll be a tough game. Michigan will be better than they were last year, and it's always tough playing in Ann Arbor. I still fancy that Notre Dame will come out on top, but it will be close.

FINAL: Notre Dame 30, Michigan 20

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What's your favorite movie right now? I have a lot of favorites, but my favorite recent one would be "The Dark Knight."

What is the most played song on your iPod right now?

I actually don't have an iPod, but I listen to a lot of Usher, some older stuff like Tupac.

What is your favorite place to eat in South Bend?

I have a lot of favorites, but I'd have to go with Olive Garden for the breadsticks.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Definitely fly. That or maybe live forever, if that's a superpower.

Batman or Superman?

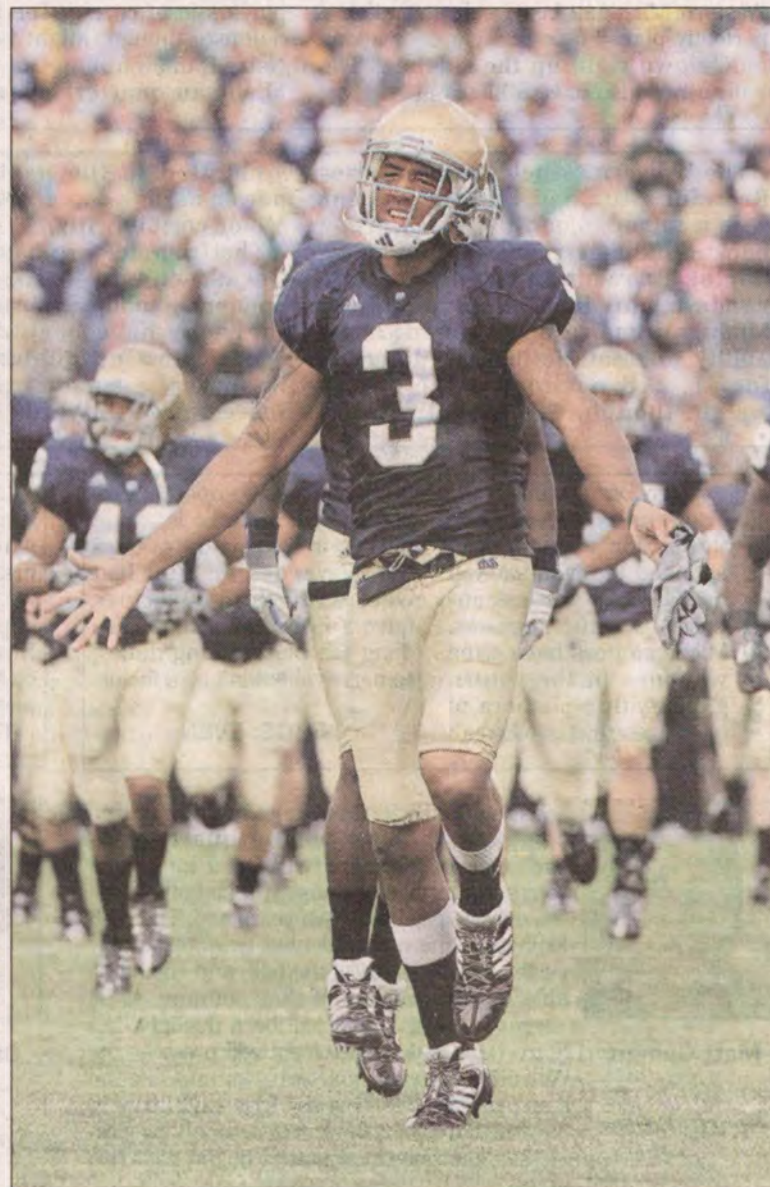
I'd have to say Superman because I really want to fly, I guess Peter Pan got me started on that.

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Irish wide receiver Michael Floyd takes the field in the season opener against Nevada. Floyd had four catches for 189 yards against the Wolf Pack.

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Hostile Big House awaits Notre Dame

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

By the numbers, it's the biggest stage in college football. Michigan Stadium, "The Big House," is the fourth-largest stadium in the world, and has an official capacity of 106,201 screaming fans, a number which usually grows to around 111,000 when counting bands, press members and stadium staff.

The Big House hosted the largest crowd in NCAA college football history (112,118) against Ohio State in 2003, and the stadium should be packed with well over 110,000 fans Saturday. So how do the Irish feel about playing in the hostile "maize-out" environment?

"I remember going there on an unofficial visit and just standing on the M, looking at how big it all was," junior linebacker Brian Smith said. "I love the energy though, and there's nothing more I'd love than to shut some fans up."

While the defense may be able to draw on the energy in the crowd, the noise Saturday poses significant challenges for any visiting offense trying to relay signals and time snap counts.

"The better they're doing the louder it gets and communication becomes more and more a problem," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I think more than anything else

when you go on the road, especially to a place like the 'Big House' if you can get on top of 'em early and quiet the crowd, it makes it easier to play."

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen knows the challenges of playing in Ann Arbor — his second career start was a 38-0 loss in the Big House in 2007.

"Going to Michigan [in 2007] was kind of tough, you know Michigan fans are crazy and it's loud in there," Clausen said. "I really didn't know what to expect. But going into that game and getting beat up like I did was not real fun."

Clausen also echoed Weis's statements on the importance of a quick start on offense.

"I just know from our perspective on offense it's going to be really loud when we go there in the first series," Clausen said. "Especially, we're just going to try to take the ball down the field and keep moving the ball throughout the rest of the game."

Renovations will soon up Michigan Stadium's capacity to 108,000, again making it the largest in college football. And while that number is more than Notre Dame would like, it could be worse — the Big House was originally designed with footings that would allow expansions to accommodate over 150,000.

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The Observer's Top 10 Toughest Places to Play

1. Tiger Stadium, LSU

Death Valley is the ninth-largest stadium in the NCAA, but generally agreed to be the loudest. Night games feature 92,000 rowdy Cajuns that have been tailgating all day; Bear Bryant compared playing here to "being inside a drum." The fact that says it all: The crowd's reaction to a late touchdown against Auburn in 1988 registered as a legitimate earthquake in Baton Rouge's seismological headquarters.

2. Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Florida

The Swamp is literally built in a ravine below ground level, adding to the humidity and noise generating by 90,000 Gator fans. Game day temperatures of more than 100 degrees are common, and they've sold out every home game since 1979. From 1990 to 2008 the Gators have been 106-13, and are 27-2 at home since Urban Meyer's arrival.

3. Ohio Stadium, Ohio State

The Horseshoe is the third-largest stadium with a capacity of more than 105,000; there's noise, tradition and the dotting of the 'I' in Ohio. Iowa coach Hayden Fry complained in 1985 that the field was too loud, and that sound meters should measure crowd volume and penalize the Buckeyes for excessive noise levels.

4. Beaver Stadium, Penn State

Happy Valley usually is less than welcoming to visiting teams, and due to current renovations in Ann Arbor, Beaver Stadium is currently the largest in football at 107,282. The student section has been ranked the best in the nation by ESPN two seasons in a row.

5. Michigan Stadium, Michigan

While the largest (or until renovations are completed, temporarily the second largest) stadium in football, Michigan doesn't have the reputation for the loudest fans in the nation. Nonetheless, the Big House is easily a top-five venue for college football for its sheer numbers and tradition.

6. Autzen Stadium, Oregon

Its capacity is only 57,000, but many Ducks fans will tell you their stadium is the loudest in the nation. A win over USC in 2007 measured crowd noise of 127 decibels; an upset of Michigan in 2003 prompted a Michigan Daily columnist to write "Autzen's 57,000 make the Big House collectively sound like a pathetic whimper."

7. Memorial Stadium, Oklahoma

The stadium isn't known for being particularly loud or large, but the results speak for themselves. The Sooners have lost just one home game since 2001, and it's not like 84,000 fans is a small number.

8. Neyland Stadium, Tennessee

While the Vols have been down lately, Neyland has been as packed as ever. Renovations have actually decreased capacity to just over 100,000, but the lakefront stadium is packed in with orange and white fans screaming the lyrics to "Rocky Top" every chance they get.

9. Lane Stadium, Virginia Tech

Another smaller stadium known for being an extremely noisy crowd. "Enter Sandman" welcomes the Hokies to the field and the stadium erupts. Also, Blacksburg is so far from anywhere that few fans make the trip to Lane.

10. Kyle Field, Texas A&M

Despite rebuilding this decade, the "Home of the 12th man" hosts 82,000 loyal fans each and every Saturday. In the program's prime in the 1990s the Aggies were 55-4-1.

Freshmen Forcier, Robinson pose dual threats at QB



Wolverines quarterback Tate Forcier scoots past a Western Michigan defender during Michigan's 31-7 victory last Saturday. Forcier and fellow freshman Denard Robinson will both take snaps Saturday.

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame defense should be confident as can be after shutting out a highly-touted Nevada offense led by one of the nation's best dual-threat quarterbacks in Colin Kaepernick.

But one look at last week's highlight reel — and specifically, the performances of Michigan freshmen quarterbacks Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson — might have the Irish defensive coaches and players a little worried once

again.

"Between the two of those guys, you've got your hands full," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I think if you're overly aggressive, you could leave yourself vulnerable to what they do."

Finding that balance — going after the quarterback without being reckless — could be the key to stopping Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez's spread attack. Irish defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta is known for running an aggressive, blitzing defense that confuses opposing offenses, especially those with young quarterbacks — just

look at Notre Dame's 2007 opener, when Tenuta led a Georgia Tech defense that wreaked havoc on a trio of Irish signal-callers.

"I think that it will be interesting with some of the stuff that the defensive staff will throw at [Forcier]," Weis said. "It won't be the same as it was last week, that's all I can tell you."

Irish linebacker and special teams captain Scott Smith said the defensive scheme is designed to put the opposition on its heels.

"That's the plan," Smith said. "We want to be aggressive,

and really the goal is to execute what the coach is asking, and to play our defense."

Though still a freshman, Forcier did get a head start by enrolling early and participating in spring drills with the Wolverines. Weis said that experience is one advantage Forcier possesses over a typical freshman quarterback — and it showed last week.

"Forcier had an impressive opener, showed a lot of poise for a freshman," Weis said. "Good athlete, not only a strong arm, but more than that, he showed a lot of poise for his first game."

Senior safety Kyle McCarthy echoed that sentiment, but he expressed confidence in Notre Dame's ability to stop the freshman.

"One thing was that you couldn't tell that it was his first collegiate game. He really ran that offense well," McCarthy said. "You see plays where his instincts kind of took over after the play broke down."

"He's got the ability and talent to take a game over. But I think our defense is pretty good, so it will be fun to watch on Saturday."

Though Forcier will start for the second straight week, Rodriguez has again pledged to use Robinson with some regularity. Robinson led the Wolverines in rushing last week with 74 yards — including one SportsCenter-worthy scamper on his first collegiate snap — but Weis cautioned against labeling him as solely a runner.

"He's fast and athletic, and he's capable of making a big play every time he gets the ball

in his hands," Weis said. "Although he's dynamic as a runner, he's capable of throwing the ball as well."

McCarthy said keeping gap responsibilities and maintaining defensive assignments are particularly crucial against a quarterback with Robinson's athletic ability.

"First thing when you him on film is he has phenomenal speed," McCarthy said. "You know, anything — he can take a ball and his first touchdown run was, I think, a broken play. So those guys have the ability to make something out of nothing, which is pretty special."

Much like Notre Dame with Evan Sharpley, Michigan has a unique luxury with a third-string quarterback with competitive game experience. Redshirt junior Nick Sheridan started at times for the Wolverines last season, and he also received playing time in last week's opener.

While Forcier and Robinson are surely the top two to watch heading into Saturday, Sheridan could be a factor if the youngsters struggle.

But as far as Notre Dame's defensive preparation goes, much of the focus is on Forcier and Robinson.

"It's going to be a challenge for us to shut down that offense, as you guys saw last week," McCarthy said. "I think they're really clicking on all cylinders. But that's a challenge for our defense, and we're excited to really take that to heart."

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Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick is tackled from behind by Irish freshman linebacker Manti Te'o in the second quarter of Notre Dame's 35-0 victory over the Wolf Pack on Sunday. IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

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