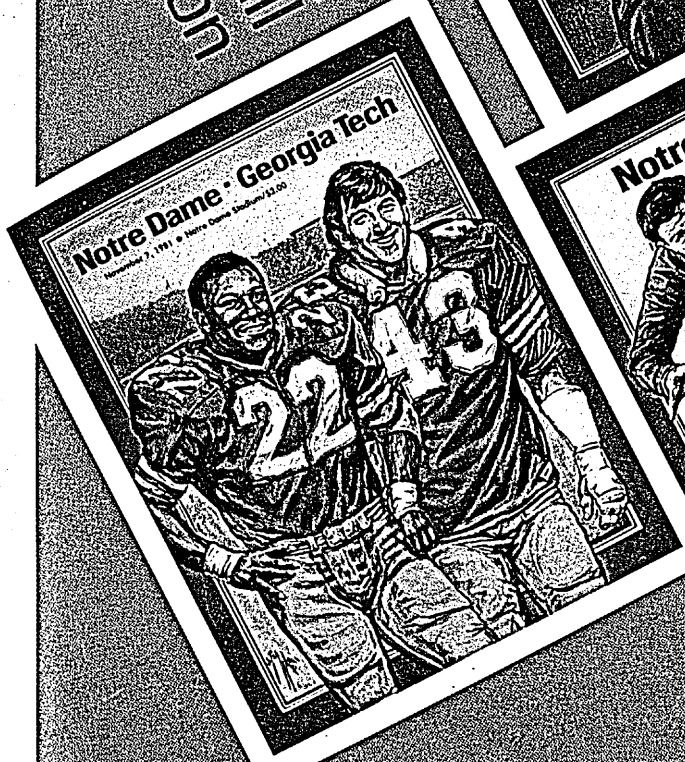
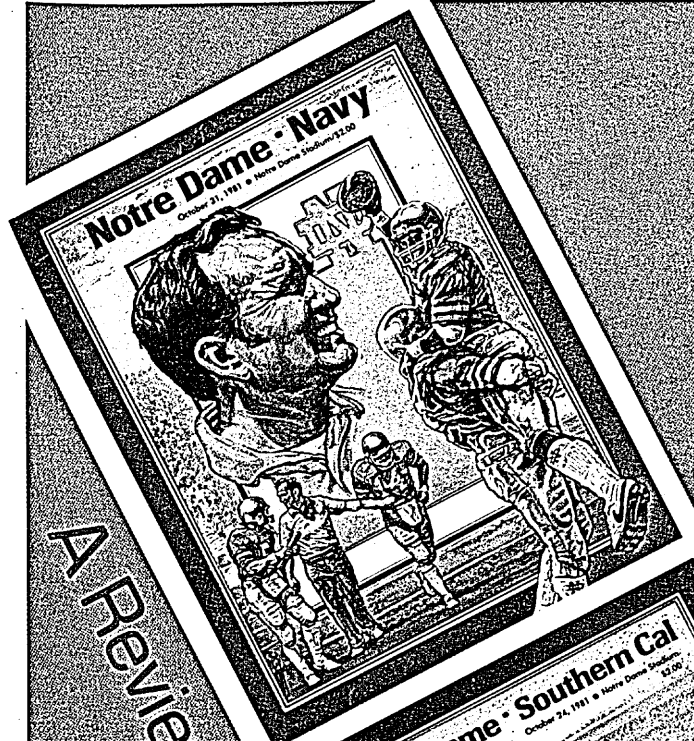




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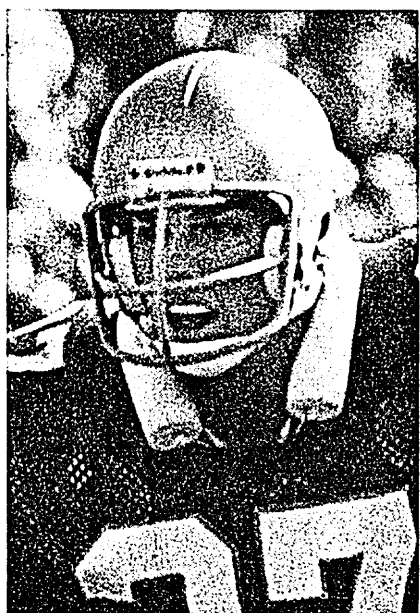
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The Dreams Never Die

By JOHN HEISLER

*We dreamers have our way
Of facing rainy days
And somehow we survive*

There are plenty of optimists in the world today. And then there is Gerry Faust.

How optimistic is he, you ask? He's a gee-whiz, back-slapping type who could grab 11 third-graders off a street-corner sandlot and tell you he could win a national championship with them. That's how optimistic he is.

Many Notre Dame fans doubted the sincerity of Faust's gushing enthusiasm when he first arrived on campus. They shouldn't have—because that's the only way Gerry knows how to operate. He's the first to admit he finds redeeming qualities in every person and situation he faces.

Faust's weekly press conferences featured a regular litany of praise for the next opponent, its coaching staff and its great talent. That's coaching rhetoric for you. But that's Gerry Faust, too. He made a 1-7 Georgia Tech team sound as imposing as USC or Penn State.

He came to Notre Dame and dared to dream big dreams. He dreamed dreams of unbeaten seasons and national championships—because they were the only kinds of seasons he knew. The dreams died hard—but the optimism never did.

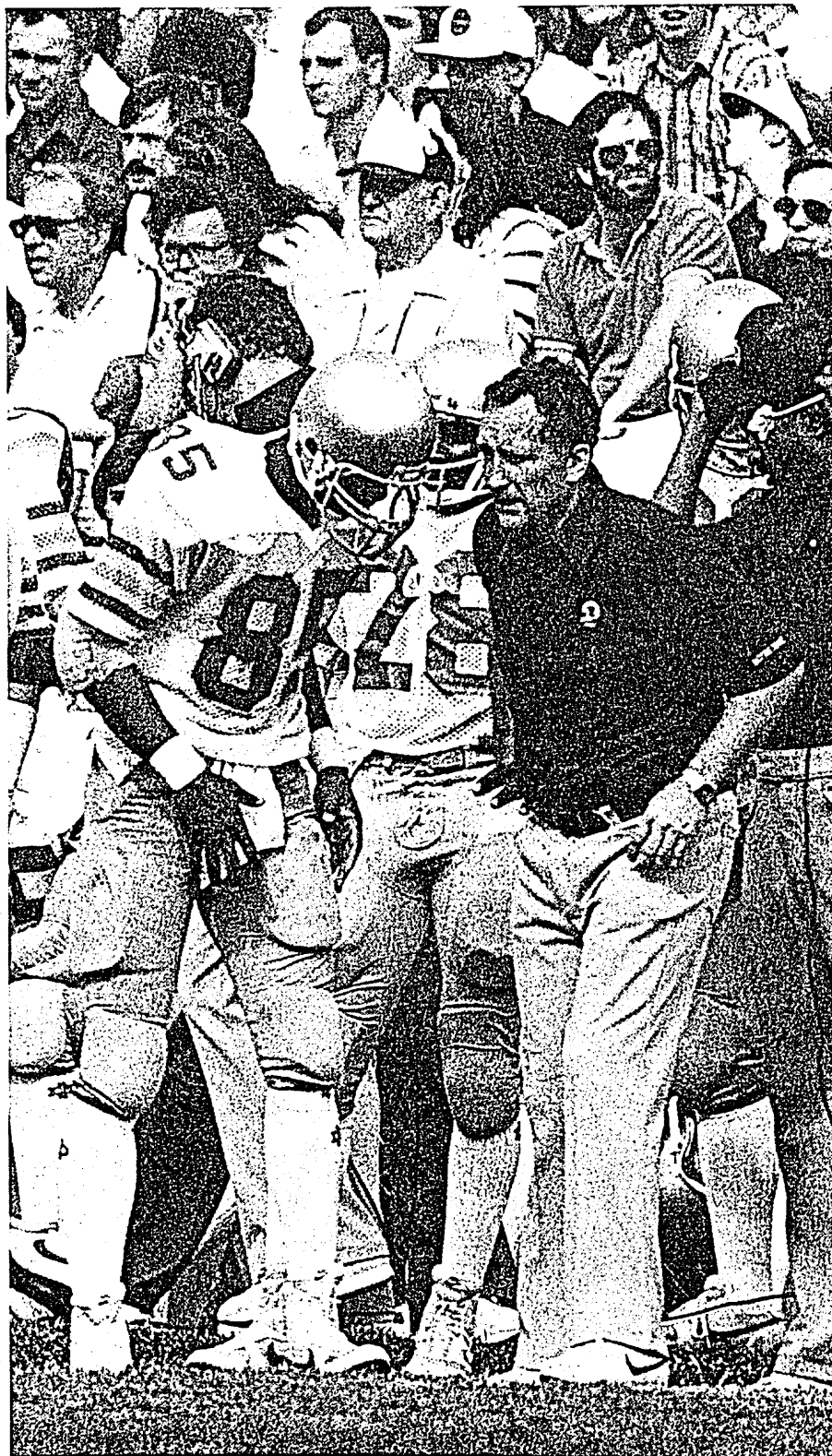
"I've loved every minute I've been at Notre Dame, except for the five Saturdays we lost," he pronounced as the Irish jetted to Miami for their season finale.

It didn't turn out to be the season he expected, but Gerry didn't really change. He nurtured those dreams, in spite of the losses. And somehow he survived.

*We keep the feelings warm
Protect them from the storm
Until our time arrives*

Never is heard a discouraging word—that's Gerry Faust's credo. He lived it through a season that included more rainy days than sunny skies:

- "All we can do now is try to win the rest of them from here on out," said Faust after his team lost at Michi-



Tony Hunter and Gerry Faust plot sideline strategy at Purdue.

gan. "We can still have a great season. I'd like to win them all."

- "I certainly don't plan to throw in the towel because we've lost two games," said Faust after his team fell at Purdue. "We've got to continue to improve and there's no question in my mind we can do it."

- "We could still end up having a heck of a year," said Faust as his team approached the Florida State game with a 2-2 record. "We've got a heck of a schedule ahead of us, but we could have a great finish if we win the rest of them and play a highly-ranked team in a bowl."

- "I'm encouraged," said Faust after the Irish record went to 2-4 in a close loss to USC. "If we can have five more wins at the end of the season, we'll have had a great year."

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- "I'm a positive thinker and I approached the season hoping to be 8-0 after this game," said Faust after a win over Georgia Tech left his team 4-4. "But I'm elated to win. It feels great no matter what your record is."

Even after falling behind Miami 30-6 and finally losing 37-15, Faust did his best to keep things upbeat: "I was proud of the way our kids played in the second half. They didn't give up and they kept their heads up."

The dreams died ever so hard.

*Then one day the sun appears
And we come shining through
those lonely years*

Faust had to work extra hard to keep the faith through some of those frustrating Saturdays on the sidelines. But



Joe Paterno and Gerry Faust exchange greetings prior to the Penn State-Notre Dame contest.

there were plenty of individuals, most notably his fellow coaches, who understood.

USC's John Robinson detected "something about the look in his eye after the game that impressed the hell out of me." Penn State's Joe Paterno could empathize, too.

"He's had a tough baptism," Paterno told a Philadelphia columnist on the eve of the Irish-Nittany Lion match. "He's going through exactly the same sort of thing I did. You try to do too much too soon and you try to do everything yourself. There were times I thought my first year would never end.

"You play people out of position, you put in way too many plays, more than your team can handle. He'll get through this okay, though. He's a good coach."

Florida State's Bobby Bowden had ideas of his own:

"Gerry Faust is going through a normal transition period. The guy has too much quality going for him and the school has too much quality not to turn things around. It's not his fault and it's not Notre Dame's. I know it will work out."

Like the words to the Barry Manilow song "I Made It Through the Rain" said, all Faust had to do was wait for the day the sun would appear. It would take time, and patience would be the key.

*I made it through the rain
And found myself respected
By the others who
Got rained on too
And made it through*

Gerry Faust learned plenty in his first year at Notre Dame. He made some mistakes — and admitted them. Even though stubbornness is a Faust characteristic, Gerry was smart enough to know he had to make some adjustments and changes — or else.

He learned he had to become tougher with his players: "Everyone told me that college players were so much more mature, that you couldn't treat them the same way I had treated high school kids. But you still have to have discipline and there are plenty of times you still have to be tough with them."

He learned firsthand the difficulty of platooning quarterbacks and defensive lines: "It was great when we won. But in the end we had to look at our continuity. I like the idea of being able to go at least two deep at every spot, and having the confidence to use those people when the game's on the line. But we couldn't do that the first year. Maybe after a couple of seasons when our players are more ingrained in our system, it will be different."

He learned the importance of speed:

"The Florida State game taught us a lot. If you can't match their speed, you better have something else to combat it. That's when we started looking at what a guy like Joe Howard could do. And I'll guarantee you we'll be looking for more people who can do those kinds of things."

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He learned about the leveling of talent, the parity in the college game: "Everyone always says what great athletes Notre Dame has. That's a tough point to argue. But everyone else has great athletes at this level, too. We overpowered some teams we played in high school. But that doesn't happen here. I learned to respect the talent of every team we played."

He learned about the difficulty of playing a kamikaze schedule: "Everybody on our schedule gets fired up to play Notre Dame. They've all got a chance to beat you if you're not ready. That wasn't true at Moeller. We knew we could win certain games no matter who we put on the field."

He learned that a multidimensional

offensive system doesn't necessarily mean an awesome offense, at least not right away: "We probably did try to do more things than we were capable of mastering, particularly the first year. I had forgotten that our teams at Moeller had been using the system for 18 years. That's a lot different than coming to Notre Dame the first year and trying to put it all in right away. A couple of years from now when all our players are more accustomed to what we do, we can expect more."

He learned how to lose. The six losses his '81 Irish suffered equaled the six games he lost in his last 10 years at Moeller. But, more importantly, Faust learned how to respond to losing:

"It was so foreign to me, it had occurred so infrequently that I let it get to me the first few times last fall. I let it affect me too far into the next week, and I finally realized I was letting it affect the players, the other coaches and everyone else around me. I had to get used to the idea of putting a loss behind me after Sunday. I had to bounce back on Monday morning and be ready to go at it again, no matter how tough it was for me."

*When friends are hard to find
and life seems so unkind
Sometimes you feel afraid*

Gerry Faust didn't enjoy much about going 5-6 — and he has no plans to endure another season like it.

"I can't wait to get started next year. I've thought about being 5-6 ever since the Miami game ended and none of us will be able to put it out of our minds until we get things going in '82 and redeem ourselves.

"I wasn't happy with our first year, and I know our players couldn't have enjoyed it very much."

In Faust's behalf, there were intangibles that made it particularly difficult for him in 1981 — in addition to the usual assortment of injuries and an obviously-testing schedule.

No one could have predicted the media blitz that would ensue when Faust took over — nor the resulting love affair between Faust and the average fan that went with it. Yet, as even Faust would admit, a great deal of the publicity came about because of Faust's own omnipresent optimism. Anytime Gerry attempted to caution anyone not to become too enthusiastic because, after all, he had never coached a college game — it was lost in the flood of good feeling that his personality created.

It was obvious to everyone that Gerry Faust was the consummate nice guy. Irish fans figured there was no way he wouldn't be a smashing success.

Faust also wishes his Irish hadn't be-

come the top-ranked team in the country after only one game. That was another handicap he could have done without. It was as if Notre Dame had climbed all the way to the mountaintop after a single week — and there was nowhere to go but down. Even Faust's history of magical motivation wasn't enough that week.

Michigan made mortals of the Irish the next Saturday in Ann Arbor — and it ended up taking nearly half the season to build back the pieces again.

"It would have been nice to have won that first game by only a field goal or maybe a touchdown," Faust later suggested. "That way there would have been something to work on, things to point to that had to be improved. Everything almost went too well against LSU, at least on the surface."

As Ara Parseghian once said, there is no way to accurately describe to someone what it is like to be head football coach at the University of Notre Dame. You simply have to experience it yourself.

That's exactly what Faust's first year turned out to be — an experience, one which will benefit him tremendously in the future. As much coaching experience as Faust had, there was no way for him to know what it would be like until he went through a season on his own. It made no difference what Parseghian or Dan Devine or anyone else might have suggested—none of it really meant anything to Faust until he had spent his first 11 Saturdays on the sidelines.

Someday, a couple of decades from now when Gerry Faust hangs up his coaching hat, he'll probably chuckle when he thinks about some of the things that happened in that first year at Notre Dame. And he'll remember some of the things he learned during that initial fall of football under the Golden Dome.

But, for now, there's no time for Faust to reminisce.

As the '82 opener against Michigan next September 18 looms in the distance, Faust will continue his workaholic attitude toward his job. He'll shake a lot more hands and kiss a few babies and continue to exhort friend and foe alike to root for the Irish.

But, somewhere inside him, that desire to succeed that so consumes him on Saturdays will burn a little stronger. After all, Gerry Faust doesn't like having 5-6 chalked next to his name any more than anyone else likes it.

And Irish fans everywhere will be watching to see just how much he has learned.

*Just aim beyond the clouds
And rise above the crowds
And start your own parade*



A Dream-Come-True Debut

By GARY GRASSEY

It was the best of times.

The excitement and expectations surrounding the opening of the 1981 Notre Dame football season had reached their peak.

The return of most of the starters from the 1980 Irish squad that had made such a strong run at national championship honors provided the legions of Notre Dame fanatics with hope for similar fortunes in 1981.

But it was the presence of one dynamic, ebullient man, whose storied past had been told and retold around the nation for the past nine months, that brought the emotional buildup to Notre Dame's home opener with Louisiana State close to frenzy.

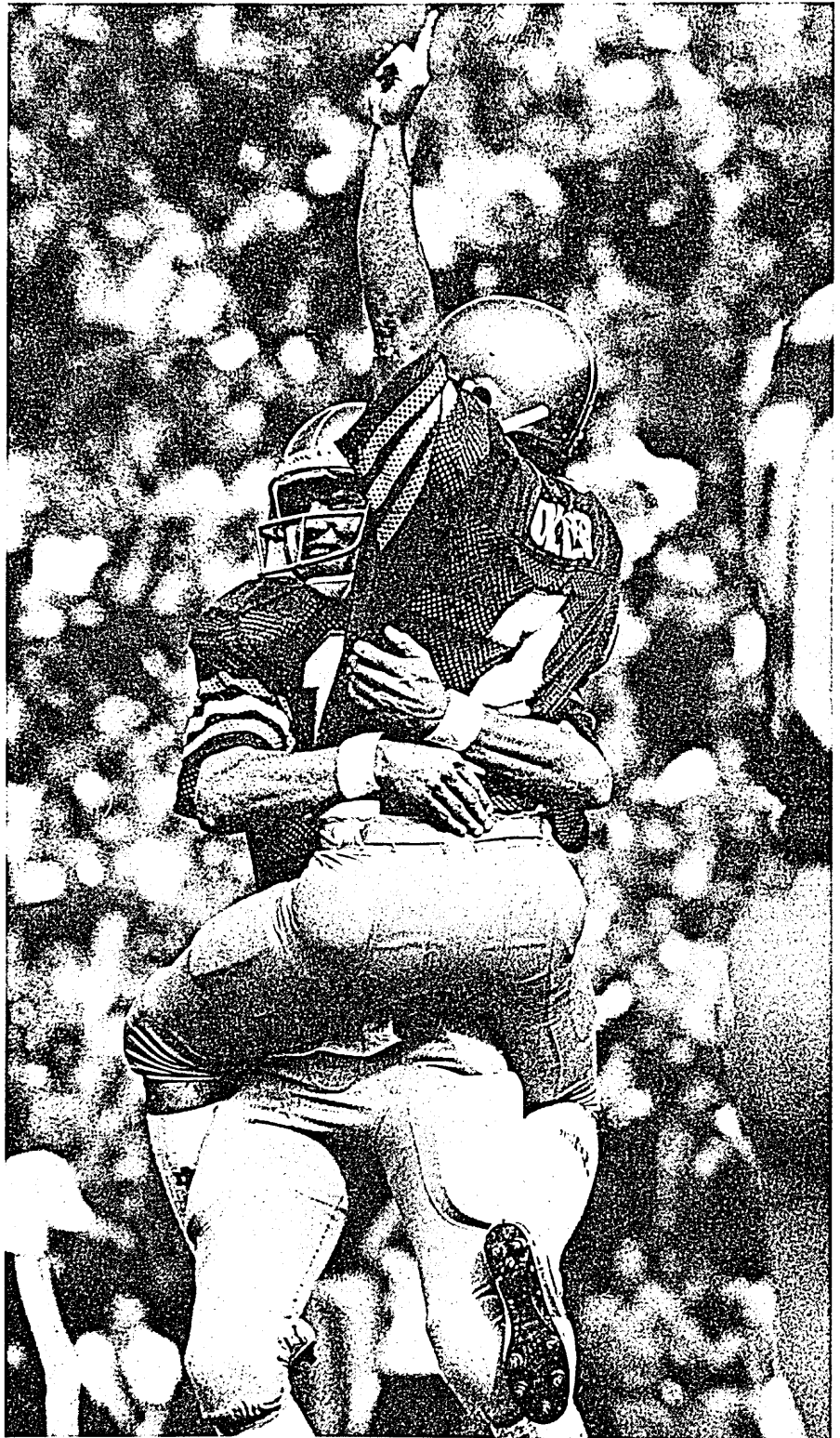
Gerry Faust, the architect of one of the most successful high school football programs in the country (his teams at Cincinnati Moeller lost a grand total of 17 games in Faust's 18-year tenure) whose fondest dream had always been to coach at Notre Dame, was making his debut as head coach of the Fighting Irish. And all of Faust's supporters and critics—those who felt high school coaches had no business jumping into a Division I program the caliber of a Notre Dame—and even his players and coaches were about to learn for the first time under game conditions what football under Faust was all about.

Almost everything went off according to plan.

At the traditional pep rally Friday night before the game, the arrival of more than 10,000 Irish rooters forced the festivities outside Stepan Center on the Notre Dame campus onto an adjacent set of basketball courts. The overflow gathering made more noise than the campus had heard in years on anything but game day.

The next morning, just a few hours before kickoff, Faust stepped into the bright South Bend sunshine for an unannounced tour of football festivities at Notre Dame, to shake a few more hands and to see firsthand what it was like on campus the day of a home game.

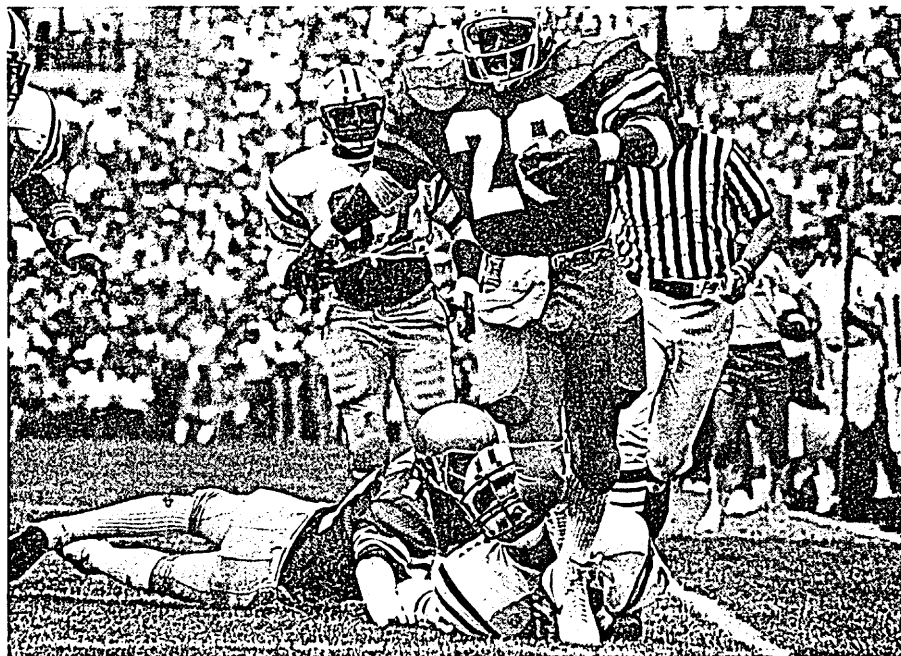
Finally, just before 1:30 p.m., Faust led his newly attired blue and gold squad through the tunnel and most of the student body onto the field in Notre Dame Stadium for his first game as head coach.



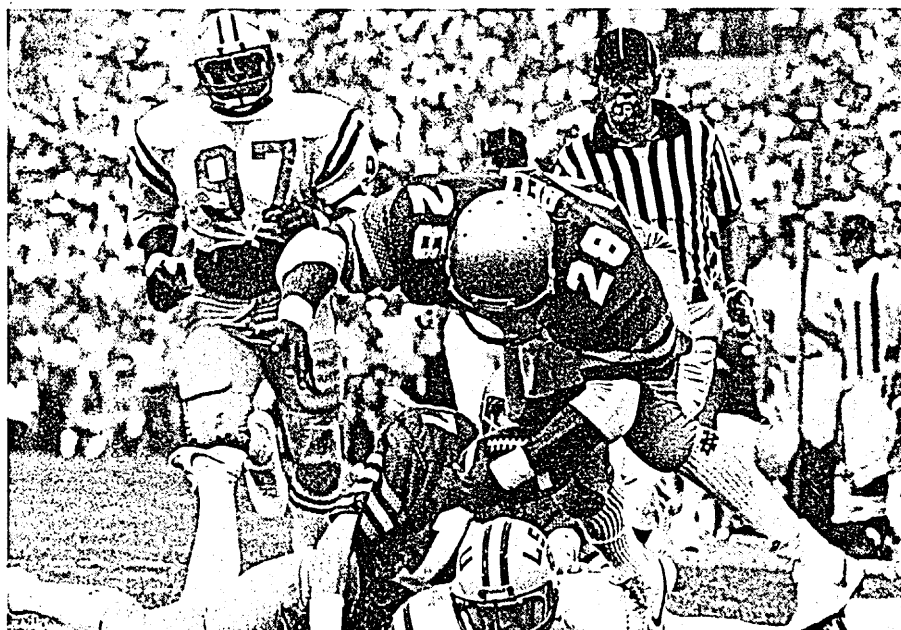
Former Moeller teammates Tim Koegel and Harry Oliver celebrate Notre Dame's opening-day success. Their 27-9 win over LSU earned the Irish the number-one ranking only a week into the season.



Irish tailback Greg Bell skirts the LSU sideline ...



... gaining 41 yards in the process ...



.. before the Tigers' Tommy Boudreaux makes a shoestring stop.

About 25 or 30 rosaries later—"I must have said one every five minutes out there," Faust later recalled—third-ranked Notre Dame walked away with a 27-9 victory over Jerry Stovall's LSU Tigers. While far from flawless, the win was as satisfying as it was relieving to Faust and the Irish, whose first hurdle was now complete.

LSU took the opening kickoff and promptly marched nowhere in three plays from its own 23 before quarterback Alan Risher was hit by Irish linebacker Joe Rudzinski. That collision caused a fumble that was recovered by defensive tackle Kevin Griffith at the Tiger 20.

Five plays and 1:27 later, Faust's brand-new motion offense, complete with a wingback and two quarterbacks, rolled into the end zone on a seven-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Blair Kiel to fullback Larry Moriarty. The touchdown pass was the first ever for Kiel, the youngster who had helped lead the Irish to success as a freshman under former coach Dan Devine by starting the last nine games of the 9-2-1 1980 season. Harry Oliver, one of ten Moeller High School alumni (nine of them on the Irish roster) to dress for the ballgame, converted the extra point to give Notre Dame a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the contest.

The Tigers made little headway on their next possession after the kickoff and were forced to punt. Kiel and the Irish took over on their own 28 and unleashed Faust's offense with the execution, deception, and lightning-quick precision everyone had hoped to see.

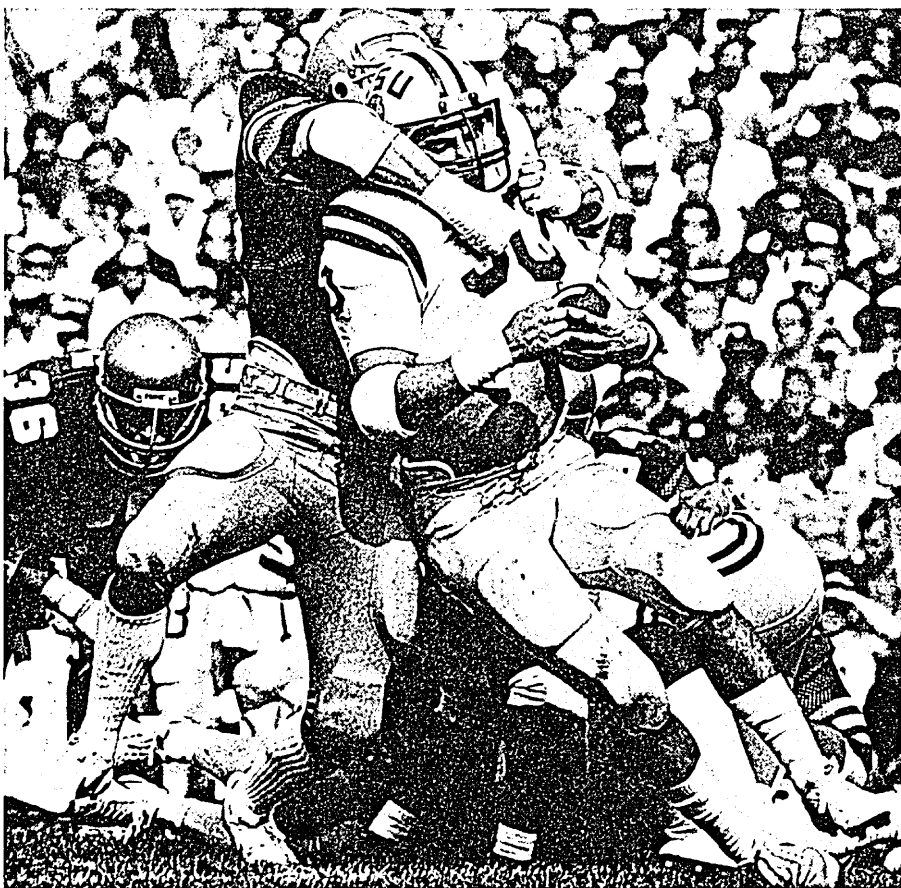
Wingback Tony Hunter, a junior from Moeller, raced around left end for 13 yards. Kiel hit tight end Dean Masztak on a rollout for 10 more yards at the Tiger 49. Sophomore tailback Greg Bell smashed through the line and sprinted 41 yards down the left sideline. Hunter took a pitch to the right for seven yards to the LSU one-yard line where junior co-captain Phil Carter banged in for the score on the next play. Oliver's conversion made it 14-0 with 7:43 left in the first quarter.

Stovall's team might have folded up for a slaughter right there. But like the previous week, when the Tigers battled Alabama for 60 minutes despite an early deficit before succumbing, LSU bounced back. With Risher running the option for good yardage and with the help of an Irish personal foul, the Tigers moved to Notre Dame's 32-yard line. Wideout Orlando McDaniel took a reverse 17 yards around the right side and LSU was in scoring range.

Two plays later, though, the Irish defense, reminiscent of a year ago,



Mark Zavagnin puts the finishing touches on this first-quarter sack of LSU signal-caller Alan Risher, one of a half-dozen behind-the-line stops by the Irish.



Zavagnin's teammates weren't much more hospitable to Tiger fullback Mike Montz on one of his seven rushing attempts.

stopped the drive as cornerback Stacey Toran picked off Risher's throw to McDaniel in the end zone for a touch-back.

After an exchange of possessions, Notre Dame took a Tiger punt on its own 31 and began to move. With quarterback Tim Koegel, another Moeller alumnus, at the helm, Faust's strategy clicked again. Koegel hit Hunter twice for big gains on pass plays and Hunter showed he could run the ball as well, carrying once for 13 yards and pounding across the goal line from a yard out midway through the second quarter for a 20-0 Irish lead. Thanks to a heavy rush, Oliver's placement was wide right.

Kiel returned to action when Notre Dame got the ball back. But an errant pass to Hunter was picked off by freshman safety Jeffrey Dale at the Irish 42. After a sack, Risher scrambled out of trouble and hit Lester Dunn at the 12 for a 37-yard gain. Three runs and a face-mask penalty left the Tigers with fourth down and less than a yard to go for a first down at the Irish two.

But All-America middle linebacker Bob Crable, perhaps the finest player ever to come from Moeller, made his third consecutive stop by breaking up a pitch from Risher to halfback Jesse Myles to give the ball back to Notre Dame.

"You get down inside the twenty or around the twenty-yard line and you can't score—that's frustrating," moaned Risher after the game concerning the Tigers' offensive failures. "There was never any doubt we could get back in the game. But we made big mistakes."

LSU's mistakes cost dearly in the second half. Kiel was picked off on the second play of the third quarter by James Britt at the Irish 22. Britt's return gave the ball to LSU at the Irish nine, but Risher muffed a snap from center and overthrew a receiver on third down, forcing the Tigers to settle for a Mark Johnston field goal from 23 yards. The Irish led 20-3.

The Tiger defense quickly stopped the Irish on three plays and got the ball back for the offense at the LSU 30. On third and 10, Risher was intercepted by Toran for the second time at midfield.

Two runs by Carter netted 16 yards. Koegel hit Bell and fullback John Sweeney for first downs. From the LSU six-yard line, Koegel then rolled left and found another old high school buddy, senior Dave Condani, on a diving catch in the back of the end zone for the touchdown that put the Tigers to rest. Oliver's extra point made it 27-3.

For the rest of the afternoon, Faust used most of his bench, including three

more quarterbacks, and ball control football to wind down the clock. The Tigers got a meaningless touchdown on a 26-yard sweep by Eric Martin with 23 seconds to play to account for the final score.

"I feel a little bit more relieved," said Faust after the game. "It was a great thrill running out of the tunnel into Notre Dame Stadium. It's the greatest feeling in the world."

His dream had come true and any words about the game itself were hard to come by in the post-game interviews because of all the emotions that surrounded the spectacle of his first afternoon on the sidelines.

"I had a great time today," Faust said. "I found out you can't get away with some things in college you did in high school. I thought the defense played excellent. Kiel and Koegel both played very well. They executed beautifully considering the fact that they are playing under a new offensive system."

Emotion ran high among the players as well.

Alan Risher:

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"This one was like a Southern Cal game," said Crable. "Coach Faust is a very excitable man. Everybody knows that. He's so dynamic that the excitement rubs off on the whole team. He gets the players, the coaches and the fans excited, but the thing that helped us the most today was our preparation."

Tony Hunter, another Faust donation from Moeller, saw things another way.

"I think I saw coach crying five times today," said the junior wingback. "He is living a dream. As a sophomore at Moeller he told me how much he wanted to coach at Notre Dame someday. I'll do anything for him. I have faith that whatever he wants me to do—run, catch—will be the best thing for the team."

The rotating quarterback situation which generated 376 yards of offense for the Irish sat well with both Kiel and Koegel (a combined nine-of-13 passing for 130 yards and two touchdowns).

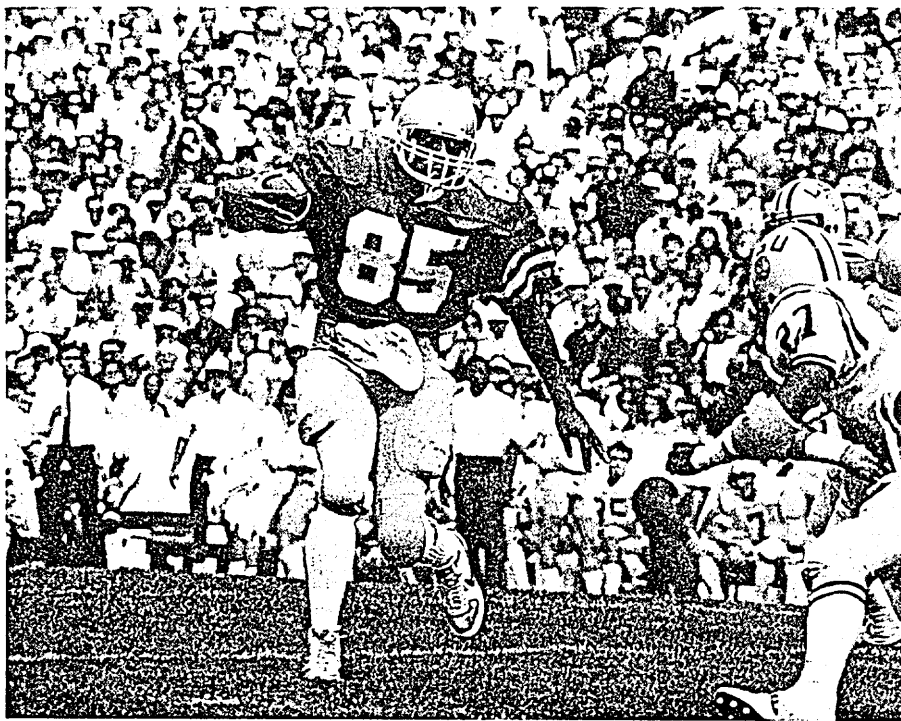
"It's a lot of fun," Koegel said.



Kevin Griffith (top) and Pat Kramer combine for another tackle. They helped limit LSU to 48 first-half rushing yards.



Sophomore Stacey Toran takes the football away from Orlando McDaniel on one of his two interceptions.



Tony Hunter's first look at wingback produced 42 rushing yards and the third Irish score of the afternoon.

"Everyone has an opportunity to get involved in it. Blair and I each knew at least a series in advance when we were going in. As for me personally, I feel like I contributed."

But the reality of Notre Dame's constant penalties (10 for 106 yards) and other miscues was on the minds of the Irish veterans.

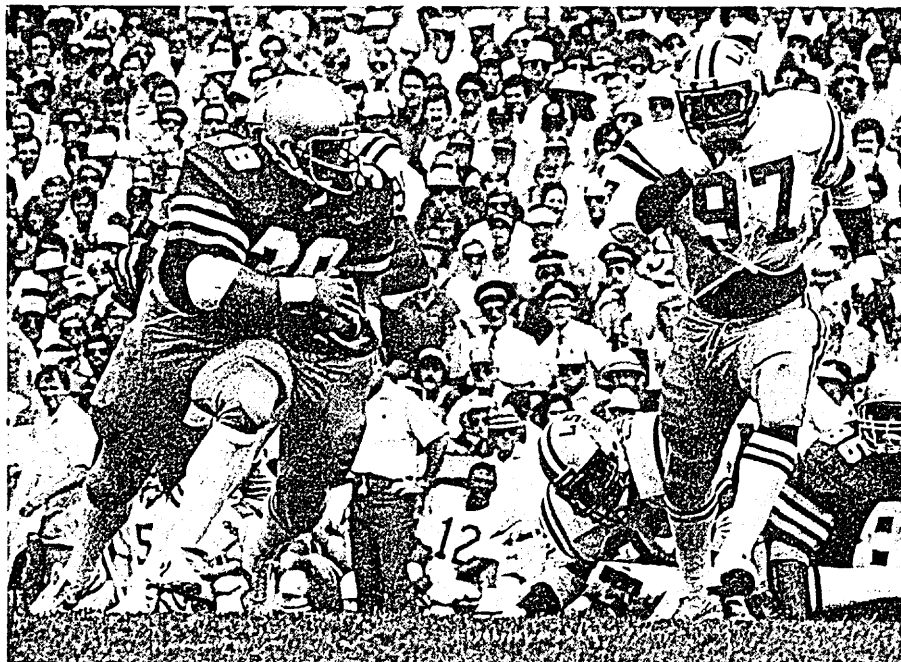
"We made a lot of mistakes out there today that were costly," Crable said. "We have our sights set on a national championship, so we've got to play better. If we can't obtain our goal, it's

going to leave a sour taste in our mouths."

Then came the news from Madison. Top-ranked Michigan, Notre Dame's next opponent, had lost to Wisconsin. The Irish, after just one game under Faust, had a chance to be the top team in the land.

Perhaps this was the perfect end to a near-perfect day—a day that belonged to Gerry Faust.

No one amongst the faithful leaving Notre Dame Stadium on September 12 would have dared to think otherwise.



Larry Moriarty looks for a way around LSU tackle Leonard Marshall. The junior fullback's early reception turned into Notre Dame's initial touchdown.

LSU	0	0	3	6	9		
Notre Dame	14	6	7	0	27		
Scoring Summary							
First Quarter				Time	LSU ND		
ND—Larry Moriarty 7 pass from Blair Kiel (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 20 yards in five plays following Kevin Griffith recovery of LSU fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:27.				12:01	0 7		
ND—Phil Carter 1 run (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 72 yards in five plays following LSU punt; Elapsed Time: 1:55; Big Plays: Greg Bell run for 41 yards.				7:43	0 14		
Second Quarter							
ND—Tony Hunter 1 run (kick failed) Drive: 69 yards in 10 plays following LSU punt; Elapsed Time: 5:01; Big Plays: Tim Koegel passes to Tony Hunter for 22 and 18 yards, Tony Hunter run for 13 yards.				8:33	0 20		
Third Quarter							
LS—David Johnston 23 FG Drive: Four yards in two plays following James Britt interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: 1:20.				12:41	3 20		
ND—Dave Condemi 6 pass from Tim Koegel (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 49 yards in 10 plays following Stacey Toran interception of LSU pass; Elapsed Time: 5:22; Big Plays: Tim Koegel passes to Greg Bell for 12 yards and John Sweeney for 16 yards.				5:35	3 27		
Fourth Quarter							
LS—Ethan Martin 26 run (pass failed) Drive: 62 yards in eight plays following Notre Dame loss of possession on downs; Elapsed Time: 2:08; Big Plays: Ethan Martin runs for 11 and eight yards.				:23	9 27		
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Team Statistics							
	LSU			ND			
First Downs	15			19			
Rushing	9			10			
Passing	2			8			
Penalty	4			1			
Rushing Attempts	49			55			
Yards Rushing	210			272			
Yards Lost Rushing	41			26			
Net Yards Rushing	169			246			
Net Yards Passing	61			130			
Passes Attempted	21			16			
Passes Completed	7			9			
Had Intercepted	2			2			
Total Offensive Plays	70			71			
Total Net Yards	230			376			
Average Gain Per Play	3.3			5.3			
Fumbles: Number—Lost	5-2			2-0			
Penalties: Number—Yards	7-46			10-106			
Interceptions: Number—Yards	2-13			2-3			
Number of Puns—Yards	6-275			5-213			
Average Per Punt	45.8			42.6			
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	1-15			3-23			
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	4-78			2-27			
Individual Statistics							
LSU							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Ethan Martin	5	50	0	50	1	26	
Mike Montz	7	45	0	45	0	16	
Timmy Byrd	10	35	9	26	0	16	
Orlando McDaniel	1	17	0	17	0	17	
Jude Hernandez	4	10	0	10	0	5	
Lester Dunn	2	8	0	8	0	5	
Jesse Myles	4	7	3	4	0	3	
Gene Lang	3	3	0	3	0	2	
Eric Ellington	1	3	0	3	0	3	
Alan Risher	11	31	29	2	0	15	
Clyde Bishop	1	1	0	1	0	1	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Alan Risher	13	5	2	48	0	37	
Timmy Byrd	8	2	0	13	0	8	
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jesse Myles				2	4	0	2
Malcolm Scott				2	15	0	8
Lester Dunn				1	37	0	37
Jude Hernandez				1	5	0	5
Gene Lang				1	0	0	0
Notre Dame							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Greg Bell	9	74	0	74	0	41	
Chris Smith	8	61	0	61	0	22	
Phil Carter	12	51	0	51	1	8	
Tony Hunter	11	49	7	42	1	13	
Mark Brooks	5	25	0	25	0	8	
Greg Williamson	1	6	0	6	0	6	
John Sweeney	1	4	0	4	0	4	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Blair Kiel	6	3	2	29	1	12	
Tim Koegel	7	6	0	101	1	28	
Scott Grooms	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tony Hunter				2	40	0	22
Dean Maszta				2	38	0	28
Dave Condemi				2	18	1	12
John Sweeney				1	15	0	15
Greg Bell				1	12	0	12
Larry Moriarty				1	7	1	7

Ann Arbor Ends the Honeymoon

By KELLY SULLIVAN

Were the skeptics right? Was the Gerry Faust story really too good to be true?

It had taken only one game for the man from Moeller to go from being the top high school coach in the country to coach of the top-ranked college football squad in the nation. Wisconsin's upset of Michigan the previous week, coupled with Notre Dame's impressive debut over LSU, sprang the Irish to the top of the polls.

But it took only one more game—a humbling 25-7 beating by the Wolverines—to put a damper on sport's

success story of the year. Notre Dame became the second of a half-dozen teams to fall from the top spot during the topsy-turvy '81 season.

Inside the locker room there were tears. Outside, throngs of reporters lined up at the door.

"It was bound to happen, sooner or later," said one.

"With a schedule like that, he couldn't win them all," said another.

They waited anxiously to witness Gerry Faust's reactions after his first college loss, his first Notre Dame loss—reactions of a man who barely knew the meaning of the word.

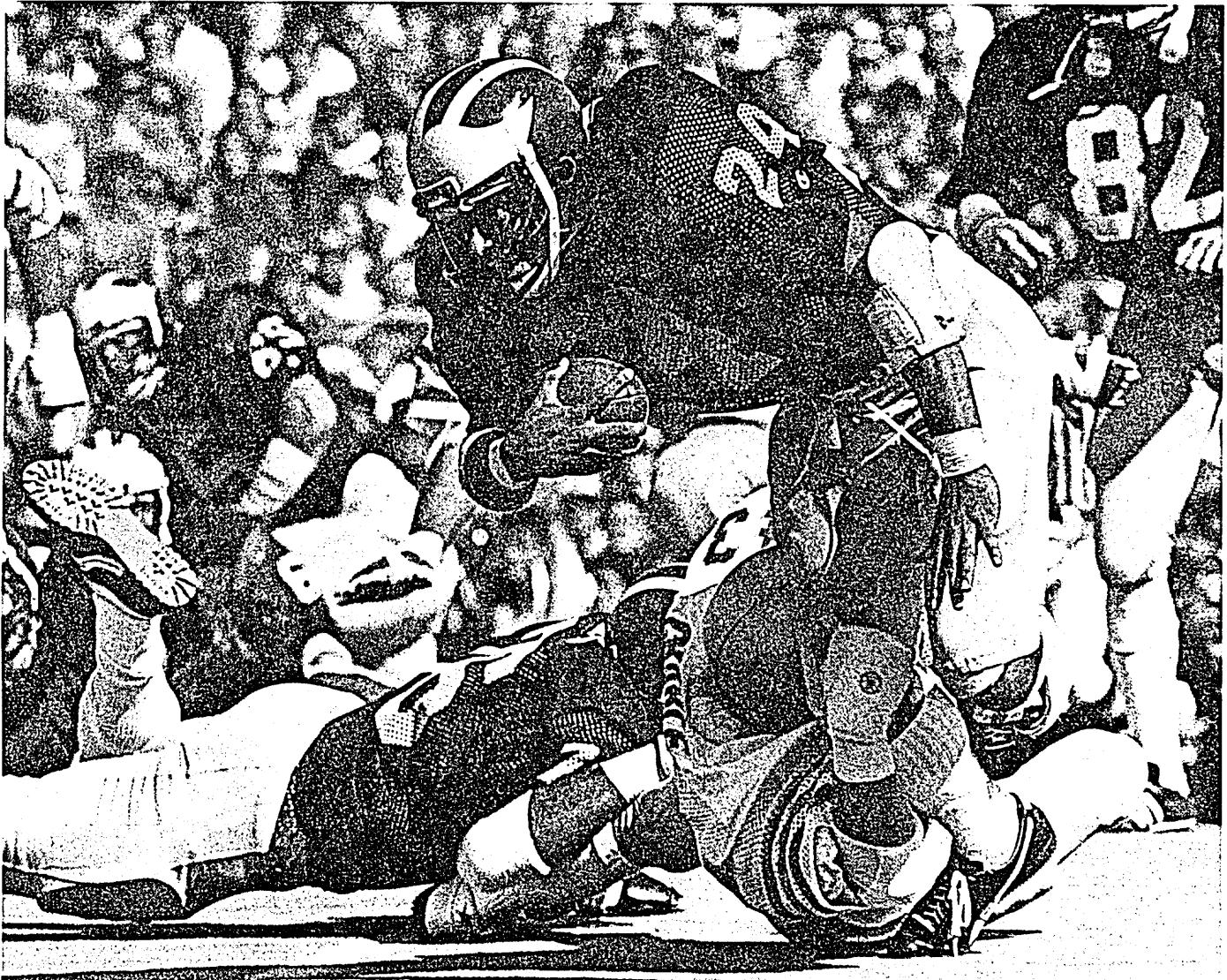
"I don't know what he'll be like," offered dejected linebacker Bob Crable, who played for Faust at Moeller. "I've never seen him after a loss." Crable's squads compiled a perfect 36-0 mark during his four years there.

Faust walked into the pressroom. He was drained, physically and emotionally. He was visibly upset. But he was gracious.

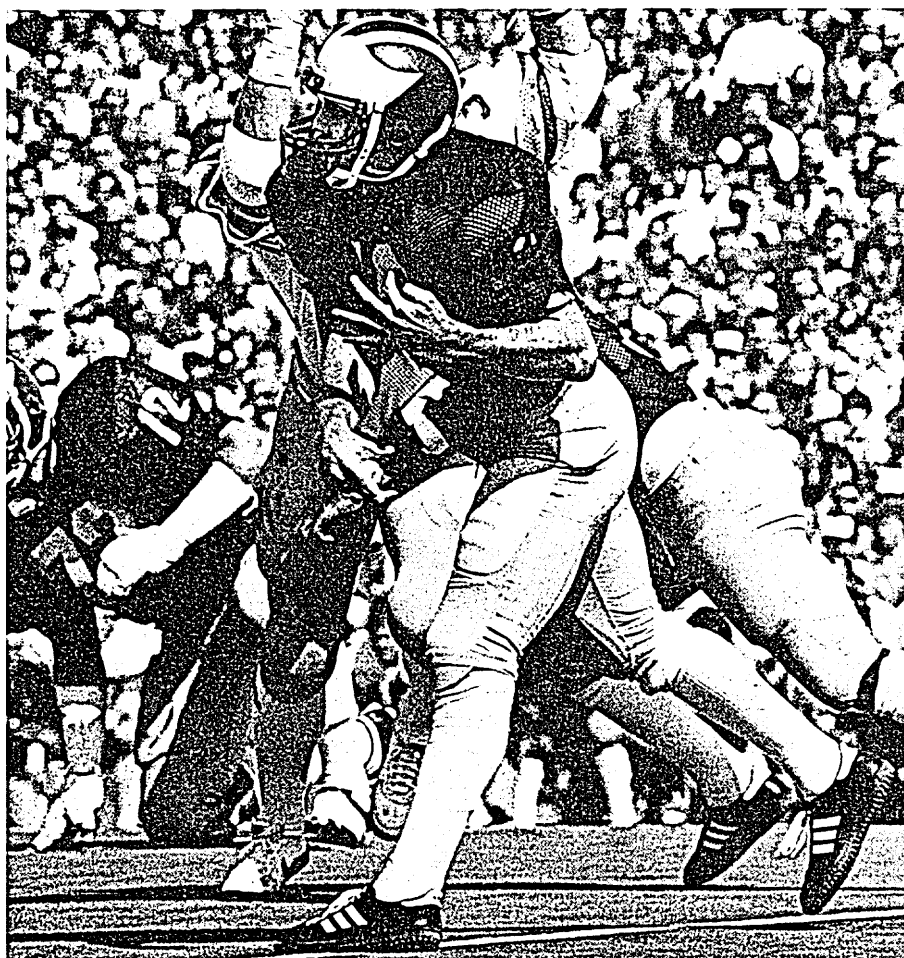
"Is this hard, Gerry?" a writer asked.

"It's not easy," he replied, managing half a grin. "I'm not used to losing like this."

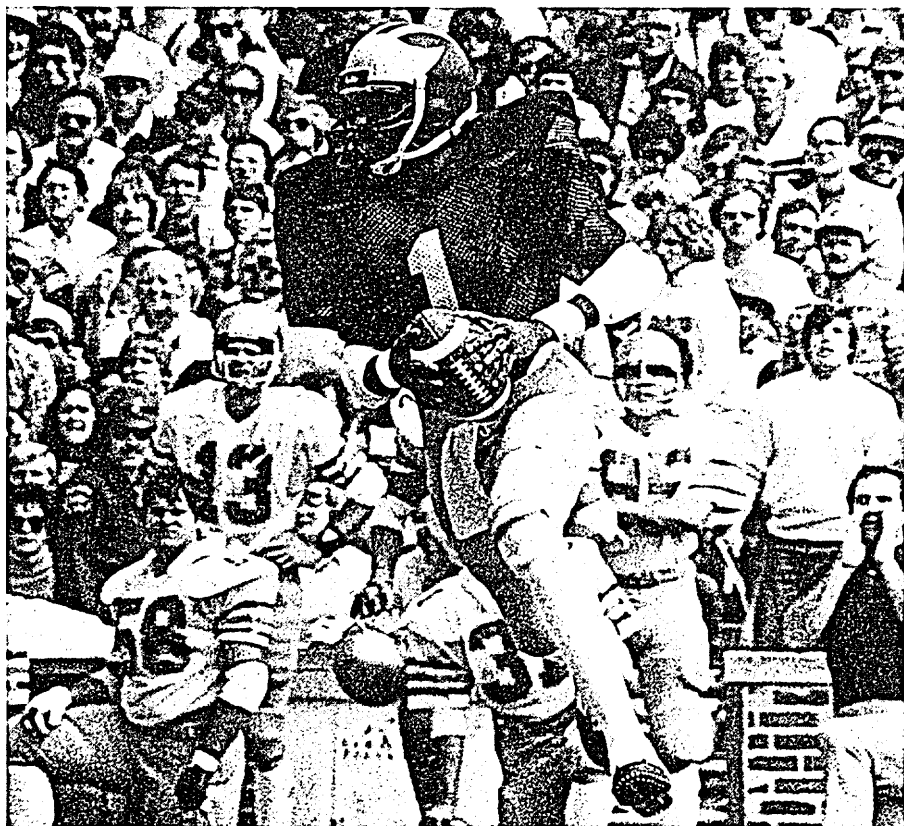
The man was not used to losing, period. The defeat ended a personal



Irish All-American Bob Crable makes one of his 20 tackles against Michigan, this time halting Wolverine Butch Woolfolk in his tracks. Woolfolk led all ballcarriers with 139 yards on 23 carries.



Sophomore Steve Smith didn't have his best day at quarterback, throwing a pair of interceptions and only four completions in 15 attempts . . .



. . . but two of those four completions found the hands of cat-quick receiver Anthony Carter and put the Wolverines' first two touchdowns on the board.

34-game winning streak dating back to 1978 when Princeton High School beat Moeller, 13-12. "But that streak isn't what makes it so hard," he emphasized. "It'd be just as hard to take if I hadn't lost in two or three games. We're not in this game to lose."

But on this day, the Irish simply were not in this game for very long. They were outplayed man for man in front of a national television audience and the third largest crowd in Michigan Stadium history. They were physically dominated in a way few Notre Dame teams had been in recent seasons.

"There's no excuse," admitted the Irish coach. "Michigan played better football than we did today. They blocked better, they tackled better. They made us not look good."

Mark Zavagnin:
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And they did it right from the start. Michigan took the opening kickoff and marched 70 yards up the field. The drive came up empty on the scoreboard (they missed a field goal from the 30). But Coach Bo Schembechler's doubts were put to rest.

"We didn't get any points out of that drive, but it proved to our team that we had the right stuff to win," he said.

Their "stuff" eventually came together. Michigan exploded for four touchdowns—a pair in the air to All-America speedster Anthony Carter, and a pair on the ground, as the Wolves rushed for 304 yards to Notre Dame's 70.

"Once Michigan got going they outplayed us in every aspect," Faust explained.

"We let them get the momentum early and couldn't take it away from them," said linebacker Mark Zavagnin. "We thought we'd done that when we stopped them on that first drive. But we hadn't."

And the Irish had troubles on the other side of the line, too. The offense bogged down repeatedly. There was little resemblance to the motion machine that ran roughshod over LSU. There was little continuity, either, as quarterbacks Tim Koegel and Blair Kiel both tried their hand at igniting the attack.

"It was a good idea last week," said Faust, about the quarterback rotation system that produced 27 points the previous Saturday. "When things go well, they're great ideas. When they don't, they're lousy."

A few other ideas backfired on the Notre Dame coach. Faust tried a fake field goal on his team's first possession, but holder Dave Condeni floated a pass to wingback Tony Hunter. It was too high, and Hunter fell down in catching it five yards short of paydirt.

"I really thought it would go," Faust explained. "It was wide open, but we just didn't execute it properly. If we had, it would've been six."

He tried a wingback option pass by Hunter in the third quarter. It was intercepted, setting up the Wolverines' second score.

"I guess I didn't do a very good job of play calling," admitted Faust. "We were just grab-bagging, just trying to get something to work, trying to get some momentum."

Had the Irish not put up a score in the final 7:42 (an eight-yard strike from Koegel to Dean Masztak), Faust's second college game would have marked only the second shutout against Notre Dame since 1965.

"We needed an errorless game," said guard Mike Shiner. "We didn't get it."

"Michigan played with more intensity," confessed Koegel. "They had been embarrassed by Wisconsin. We came in here ranked first, with everyone telling us how good we were, and . . ."

And the rookie coach's honeymoon with college football officially ended. His assistants tried to console him, telling Faust every coach has days like this once in a while. He said he hoped they were right—that they'll only be once in a while.

"A loss sure humbles you quickly," he admitted, and immediately added, "I don't need to be humbled anymore."

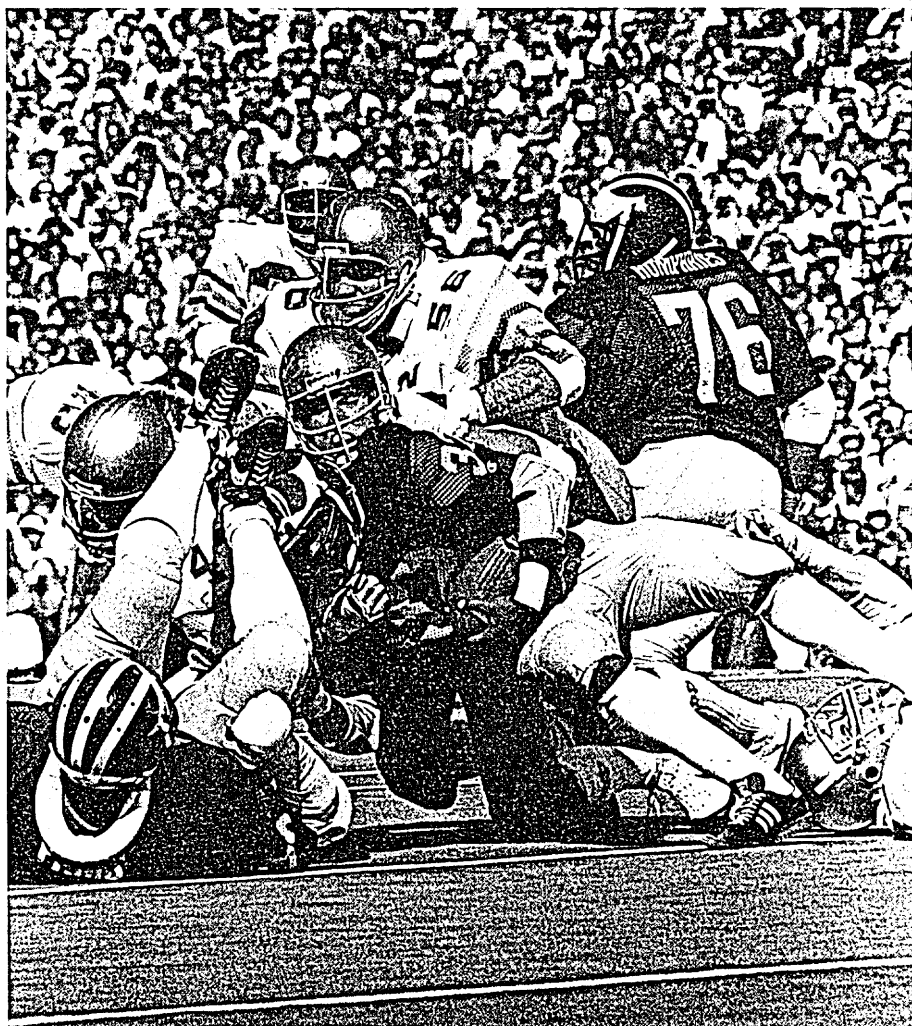
Notre Dame	0	0	0	7	7
Michigan	0	7	12	6	25

Scoring Summary				
Second Quarter		Time	UM	ND
UM—Anthony Carter 71 pass from Steve Smith (Ali Haji-Sheikh kick)		12:08	7	0
Drive: 61 yards in three plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:35.				
Third Quarter				
UM—Anthony Carter 15 pass from Steve Smith (pass failed)	6:22	13	0	
Drive: 52 yards in 10 plays following Keith Bostic interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: 4:36.				
UM—Lawrence Ricks 1 run (run failed)	1:12	19	0	
Drive: 58 yards in eight plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 3:43; Big Plays: Butch Woolfolk run for 11 yards, Steve Smith and Lawrence Ricks runs for 10 yards each.				
Fourth Quarter				
UM—Steve Smith 6 run (pass failed)	12:35	25	0	
Drive: 53 yards in six plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 2:14; Big Plays: Butch Woolfolk run for 21 yards.				
ND—Dean Masztak 8 pass from Tim Koegel (Harry Oliver kick)	7:42	25	7	
Drive: 41 yards in three plays following Joe Johnson interception of Michigan pass; Elapsed Time: 0:39; Big Plays: Tim Koegel pass to Tony Hunter for 33 yards.				
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Team Statistics		ND	UM
First Downs		12	19
Rushing		5	15
Passing		6	3
Penalty		1	1
Rushing Attempts		38	59
Yards Rushing		113	320
Yards Lost Rushing		43	16
Net Yards Rushing		70	304
Net Yards Passing		143	103
Passes Attempted		26	15
Passes Completed		11	4
Had Intercepted		2	2
Total Offensive Plays		64	74
Total Net Yards		213	407
Average Gain Per Play		3.3	5.5
Fumbles: Number—Lost		1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number—Yards		2-19	8-67
Interceptions: Number—Yards		2-11	2-29
Number of Punts—Yards		9-354	7-302
Average Per Punt		39.3	43.1
Punt Returns: Number—Yards		1-5	8-41
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards		3-43	2-35

Individual Statistics		Michigan					
		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Rushing							
Butch Woolfolk		23	139	0	139	0	21
Steve Smith		8	64	0	64	1	26
Stan Edwards		10	52	0	52	0	20
Lawrence Ricks		11	44	4	40	1	10
Jerald Ingram		2	6	0	6	0	5
Kerry Smith		2	7	0	7	0	5
Rick Rogers		1	6	0	6	0	6
Brian Mercer		1	2	0	2	0	2
Anthony Carter		1	0	12	-12	0	-12
Passing							
Steve Smith		15	Comp. 4	Int. 2	Yards 103	TD 2	Long 71
Pass Receiving							
Anthony Carter			No. 3	Yds. 99	TD 2	Long 71	
Butch Woolfolk			No. 1	Yds. 4	TD 0	Long 4	
Punting							
Don Bracken			No. 7	Yds. 302	Avg. 43.1	Long 60	
Field Goals							
Ali Haji-Sheikh			Att. 1	Made 0			

		Notre Dame					
		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Rushing							
Greg Bell		11	45	2	43	0	8
Phil Carter		9	32	0	32	0	8
Larry Moriarty		4	16	1	15	0	9
Tony Hunter		7	12	1	11	0	4
John Sweeney		1	1	0	1	0	1
Blair Kiel		1	0	9	-9	0	-9
Tim Koegel		5	7	30	-23	0	7
Passing							
Tim Koegel		22	Comp. 10	Int. 1	Yards 139	TD 1	Long 33
Tony Hunter		1	0	1	0	0	0
Blair Kiel		2	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Condeni		1	1	0	4	0	4
Pass Receiving							
Tony Hunter			No. 5	Yds. 72	TD 1	Long 33	
Dean Masztak			No. 3	Yds. 44	0	27	
Mike Boushka			No. 1	Yds. 13	0	13	
Dave Condeni			No. 1	Yds. 10	0	10	
John Sweeney			No. 1	Yds. 4	0	4	
Punting							
Blair Kiel			No. 9	Yds. 354	Avg. 39.3	Long 53	



Bob Crable, Joe Gramke and Kevin Griffith all have a hand in knocking fullback Stan Edwards to the Michigan Stadium artificial turf.

Right Script, Wrong Team

By BILL MARQUARD

Down 14-7 . . . 2:57 left on the clock . . . 80 yards to go into a steady 15-mile-per-hour wind from the southwest that gusts to 25.

First play, loss of five . . . 12 yards on the next, but not enough . . . Tailback ahead for two . . . Fourth and one—this is it; Oh no, he's stopped . . . but he makes the first down.

A sack . . . A 21-yard pass . . . An incompletion . . . And another scramble . . . No one open anywhere . . . except . . . a 41-yard strike to the one-yard line! We can do it!

Tailback sweep, and a loss of six . . . That one hurt . . . A pair of incompletions . . . 25 seconds, but it's fourth-and-goal on the seven.

Time out . . . Have to talk strategy . . . The line is set . . . The snap . . . Quarterback drops back to pass . . . Wide receiver cuts inside, then heads for the corner . . . looks over his shoulder . . . And . . . A six-point toss drops into anxious but sure hands.

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Now it's 14-13 . . . A tie is like kissing your sister . . . Have to go for the win . . . Same play, but a different side of the field . . . Quarterback drops back . . . Lofts the ball in a high arc . . . CAUGHT!!! Two more points and a 15-14, last-second, come-from-behind victory!

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It was a story so familiar to any Notre Dame fan. But the plot of this story had a bizarre twist—the tailbacks' names were Smith and Jones, the receiver was Bryant, the quarterback Campbell and the colors gold and black.

Notre Dame, the team of interceptions and last-minute intercessions, was on the low end of this final score. The victor was Purdue.

"I've won a lot of games like this at Cincinnati Moeller," recalled Irish coach Gerry Faust. "But this is a heck-

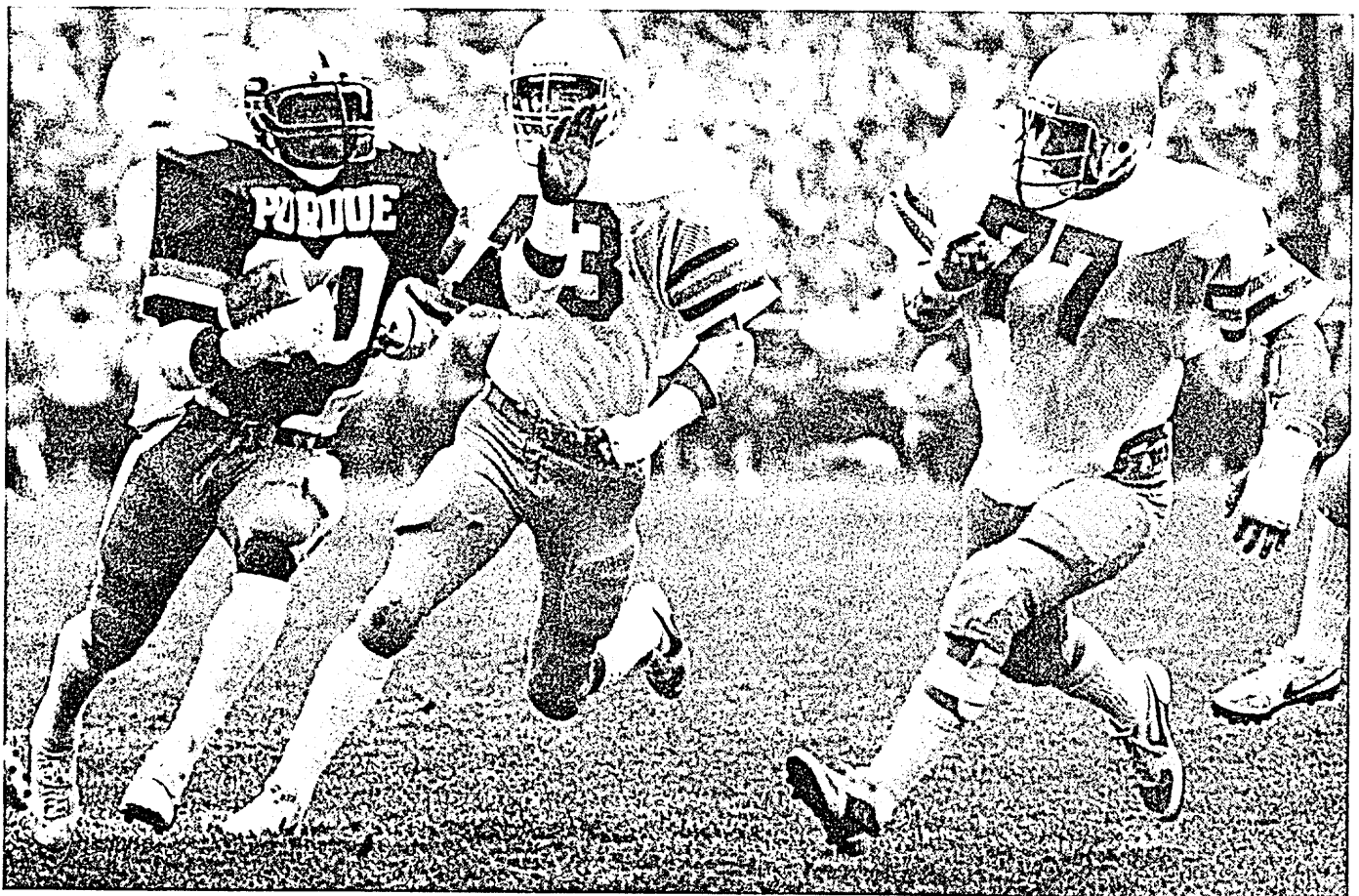
uva time for it to come back at me."

A heckuva time, especially for a team that had been ranked first in the country barely a week earlier and for a rookie coach who had chaperoned 12 senior proms since the last time one of his high school teams dropped two straight games under his guidance.

"We were ready. We might not have been at our peak, but we were ready emotionally," offered Irish linebacker Bob Crable, who never experienced a single loss in 36 prep games under Moeller coach Faust. "We were up for this game, but we simply didn't execute well again."

"You can have all the intensity in the world, but if you don't execute well you don't do well."

Yet, for a while during the game, it seemed as if such postgame confessions were going to be out of place in the Irish lockerroom. Still feeling the sting of a 25-7 thrashing by the Wolverines



Bob Crable and Tim Marshall close in on Purdue tailback Eric Jordan. The Boilermaker sophomore contributed 28 rushing and 29 receiving yards, while Crable made 12 stops and Marshall added four.



The scrambling of sophomore Scott Campbell caused headaches for Notre Dame's defense much of the afternoon in Ross-Ade Stadium. Bob Clasby gives chase on this occasion.

of Michigan the preceding week, the Irish rode the perfect six-for-six passing of Tim Koegel to a 7-0 halftime advantage.

Failing to mount a significant offensive in the first period, the Irish drove 71 yards in 11 plays during their only legitimate possession of the second quarter to earn their seven-point midway edge. Koegel connections to split ends Dave Condeni (21 yards) and Mike Boushka (25 yards) paced the three-minute drive, which freshman Chris Smith capped off with his first career touchdown on a one-yard dive off right guard.

"We thought we could come out and do it in the second half, but we came up short," remarked tailback Phil Carter. "We played with more intensity this week, but we still haven't put things together."

Yet Carter certainly could not be blamed for not doing his fair share. The Tacoma, Wash., product engineered an individual three-play, 50-yard scoring drive late in the fourth quarter,

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culminated by a 30-yard touchdown jaunt which many thought would seal Purdue's fate with less than three minutes left to play. The 200-pound junior finished the day with 113 yards, the sixth 100-yard single-game effort of his career.

But Carter's show was but the opening act for what the Boilermakers performed during the closing minutes on their Ross-Ade Stadium stage.

In a game full of turning points and critical moments, the Boilermakers' final drive had more than its share of suspense. One of the most critical moments came on second and 10 on the Purdue 43-yard line. With Scott Campbell back to pass and all of his receivers covered, the Purdue signalcaller scrambled back some 10 yards. Spotting an open man downfield, Campbell connected with receiving specialist Steve Bryant, who was scrambling himself, on the Irish one-yard line.

Thankful that intentions don't count on the football field, Campbell admitted, "I have to be honest. I was

throwing that pass to Everett Pickens in the end zone. Bryant just reached up and grabbed it. He came up with a great play."

"There were two guys right on him," remarked Irish strong safety Dave Duerson, a mainstay in the defensive backfield. "I just credit Campbell and Bryant for making that work."

Following a six-yard loss and a pair of incomplete passes, Purdue coach Jim Young was faced with the task of choosing a fourth-down play from the 65,000 that were being suggested throughout Ross-Ade Stadium during the Boilermakers' last timeout. The voice Young listened to was that of receiver coach Dick Dullaghan.

"The flanker (Bryant) comes in motion, turns and runs back to the outside," Young outlined after the game. "If he is covered, Scott goes to the tight end."

Finding Chris Brown one-on-one with Bryant, Campbell had to look no further for a receiver: "Since Steve was in man-to-man coverage, all I did was lay it up there and let him go for it."

Brown, who was filling in for injured veteran John Krimm, recounted the play from his angle. "I gave Bryant a hit, and then followed him into the end zone. But I turned around too soon—when I looked back at the quarterback, the ball was going right over my shoulder."

Yet just a touchdown did not a victory make for the Boilermakers, who chose to try for two points and a win rather than a kicked extra-point and a deadlock. Young relied on the same play the touchdown was scored on, but from a different side.

"Basketball helped me on that last catch," said Bryant, recalling how he outstretched the Irish defense for the game-winning conversion.

"He threw two perfect passes," remarked Faust about Campbell's final two tosses. "I thought we had it pretty well covered, but the passes were perfect."

For the Irish, the final score marked the first time they had lost a one-point game since a 7-6 loss in 1963, to, of course, Purdue. For the Boilers, the final outcome avenged an 8-7 rain-soaked Irish victory in 1971 in which Notre Dame blocked a punt in the end zone for a touchdown and clicked on a two-point conversion pass with 2:58 left in the game to dash Purdue's hopes for a major upset over the heavily-favored Irish.

Despite the loss, Faust remained ever-philosophical: "Yes, we've lost two in a row, so we have to improve and prove ourselves the comeback team of the year."

Now there's another familiar plot.



Sophomore Chris Smith accounts for the first Irish score on a short plunge ...



... and Phil Carter adds the other on a 30-yard fourth-period jaunt.

Notre Dame	0	7	0	7	14
Purdue	0	0	7	8	15

Scoring Summary				
Second Quarter			Time	PU ND
ND—Chris Smith 1 run			2:40	0 7
(Harry Oliver kick)				
Drive: 71 yards in 11 plays following loss of ball on downs by Purdue; Elapsed Time: 2:40; Big Plays: Tim Koegel passes to Dave Condini for 21 yards and to Mike Boushka for 25 yards.				
Third Quarter			1:21	7 7
PU—Wally Jones 1 run				
(Rick Anderson kick)				
Drive: 66 yards in eight plays following missed field-goal attempt by Notre Dame; Elapsed Time: 1:21; Big Plays: Scott Campbell pass to Cliff Benson for 40 yards.				
Fourth Quarter			2:57	7 14
ND—Phil Carter 30 run				
(Harry Oliver kick)				
Drive: 50 yards in three plays following Purdue punt; Elapsed Time: :50; Big Plays: Phil Carter run for 15 yards.				
PU—Steve Bryant 7 pass from Scott Campbell			:19	15 14
(Bryant pass from Campbell)				
Drive: 80 yards in 12 plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 2:38; Big Plays: Scott Campbell pass to Steve Bryant for 42 yards.				
A—70,007				

Team Statistics				
	ND	PU		
First Downs	13	17		
Rushing	6	7		
Passing	7	9		
Penalty	0	1		
Rushing Attempts	49	49		
Yards Rushing	184	180		
Yards Lost Rushing	24	32		
Net Yards Rushing	160	148		
Net Yards Passing	161	246		
Passes Attempted	14	24		
Passes Completed	10	11		
Had Intercepted	1	0		
Total Offensive Plays	63	73		
Total Net Yards	321	394		
Average Gain Per Play	5.10	5.40		
Fumbles: Number—Lost	1-0	0-0		
Penalties: Number—Yards	4-40	2-20		
Interceptions: Number—Yards	0-0	1-2		
Number of Punts—Yards	6-219	5-186		
Average Per Punt	36.5	37.2		
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	2-13	4-9		
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	1-26	2-42		

Individual Statistics									
Notre Dame									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Phil Carter	21	113	0	113	1	30			
Chris Smith	14	31	3	28	1	22			
John Sweeney	3	6	0	6	0	3			
Mark Brooks	5	29	2	27	0	3			
Greg Bell	1	3	0	3	0	3			
Tony Hunter	2	2	0	2	0	2			
Tim Koegel	5	0	19	-19	0	0			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tim Koegel	14	10	1	161	0	38			
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Dean Maszta				3	46	0	33		
Mark Brooks				2	17	0	11		
John Sweeney				1	38	0	38		
Mike Boushka				1	25	0	25		
Dave Condini				1	21	0	21		
John Mosley				1	7	0	7		
Tony Hunter				1	7	0	7		
Punting				No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Blair Kiel				6	219	36.5	45		
All Returns	No.—Yds.	Kickoffs	No.—Yds.	Intercepted	No.—Yds.				
Dave Duerson	2—13								
Greg Bell		1—26							

Purdue									
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long			
Jimmy Smith	15	66	7	59	0	13			
Scott Campbell	14	49	17	32	0	9			
Eric Jordan	6	30	2	28	0	22			
Wally Jones	11	24	6	18	1	6			
Jim Owen	2	8	0	8	0	6			
Bruce King	1	3	0	3	0	3			
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long			
Scott Campbell	24	11	0	246	1	51			
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Steve Bryant				5	96	1	41		
Cliff Benson				2	49	0	40		
Everett Pickens				1	51	0	51		
Eric Jordan				1	29	0	29		
Jimmy Smith				1	12	0	12		
Joe Linville				1	9	0	9		
Punting				No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Matt Kinzer				5	186	37.2	48		
All Returns	No.—Yds.	Kickoffs	No.—Yds.	Intercepted	No.—Yds.				
Scott Craig	4—9								
Jimmy Smith		2—42							
Tim Sencif									

Bouncing Back in Style

by RICK CHRYST

When Gerry Faust looks back on his first football season at Notre Dame, he won't remember having much fun during the last few days of September and the first few of October.

Like Notre Dame Monday morning quarterbacks around the country, the new Irish head coach was left to contemplate the consequences of two consecutive losses on a season that had begun with so much promise.

Those six days before the Michigan State game must have seemed like years to Faust—because all he could do was work and wait for the opportunity to shake the sting of the Michigan and Purdue defeats. Notre Dame hadn't lost three straight games in 18 seasons, and Faust had no plans for it to happen this time around. And he didn't mind letting the Irish players know it.

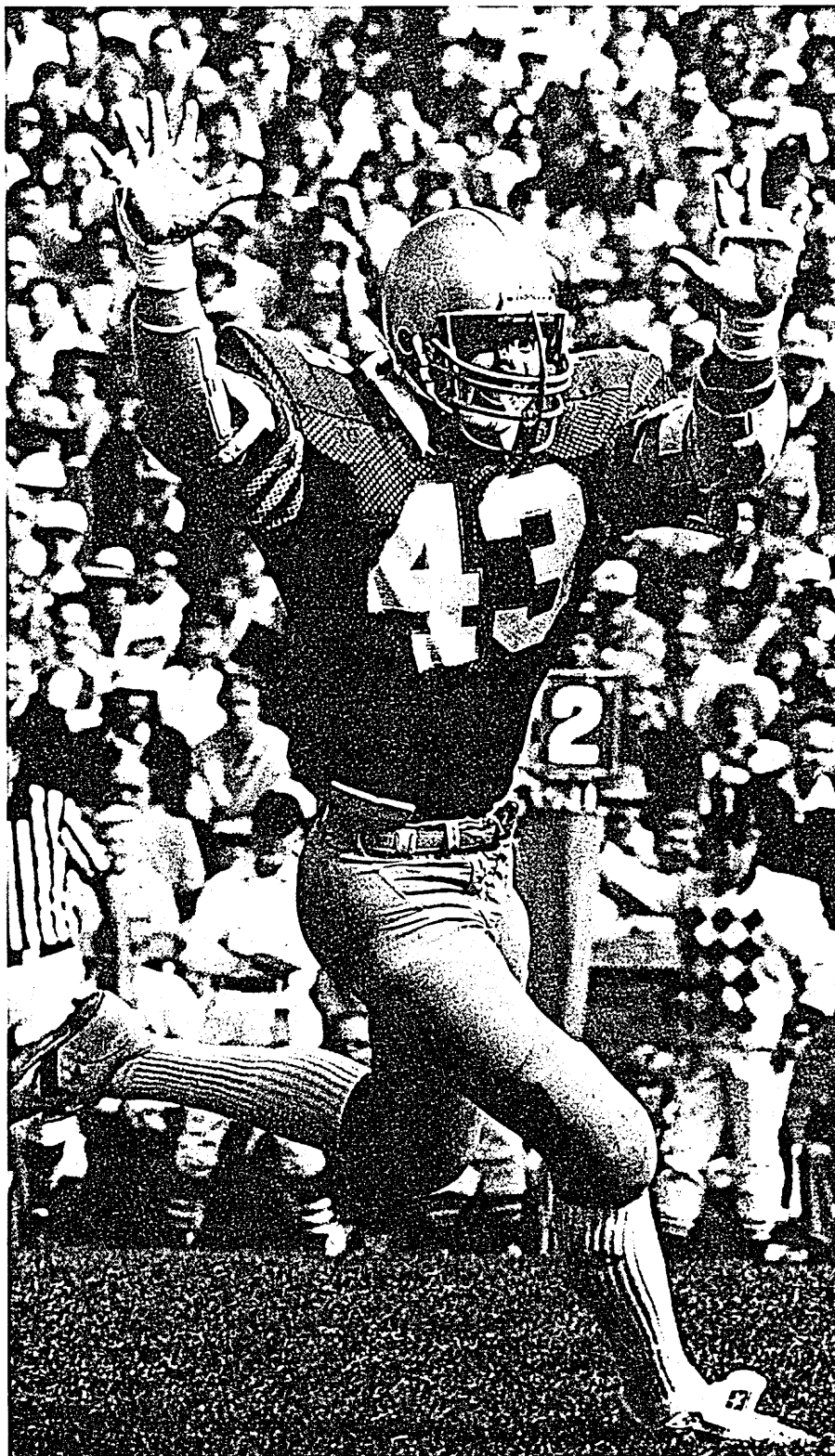
Two-and-a-half hours after the opening kickoff, Faust and his squad had a 20-7 triumph over the Spartans—as well as some needed peace of mind—safely in hand.

For the fans in the Notre Dame stands, the victory provided a welcome return to the .500 mark. For the 115 Notre Dame players dressed on the west sidelines, winning that game had become more than simply another Saturday romp on the grass.

"Let's just say he (Faust) showed everyone that he meant business," said Irish captain Bob Crable. "He told us we had reputations to uphold. If someone were to test him, he would have taken drastic action. That's how mad he was. Everyone finally realized it was time to buckle up the chin straps. They realized the position he was in."

Indeed, if ever a game was won off the field, this was it. Riding an emotional roller coaster that had traveled from the elation of being the top-ranked team in the nation to the soul-searching of losing two in a row, it seemed impossible for the young Irish squad to climb that emotional ladder for the fourth week in a row. Yet, that's exactly what it did. Faust was not alone in providing the necessary incentive.

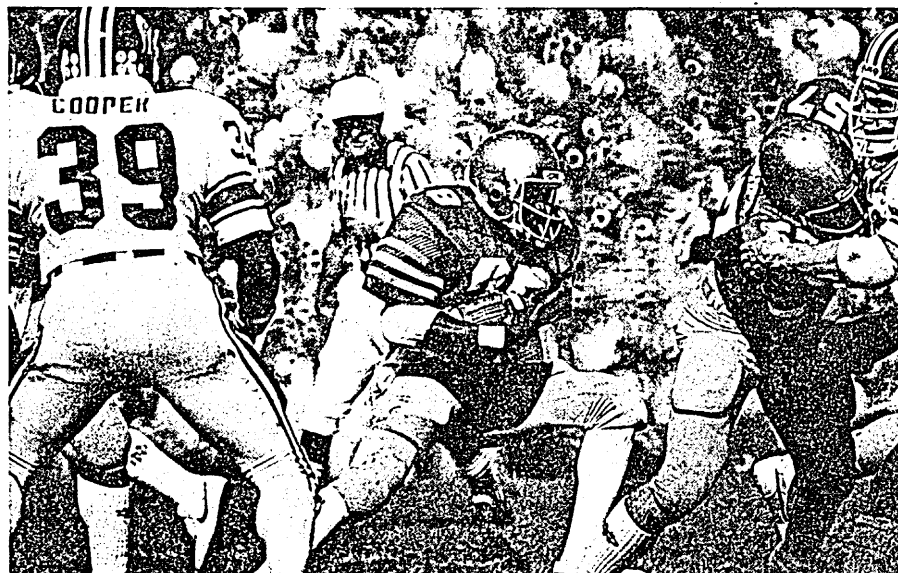
"It was kind of emotional in the lockerroom before the game," understated Crable. "Van Percy (freshman wingback) had drawn a portrait of Coach Faust. We signed it and had it



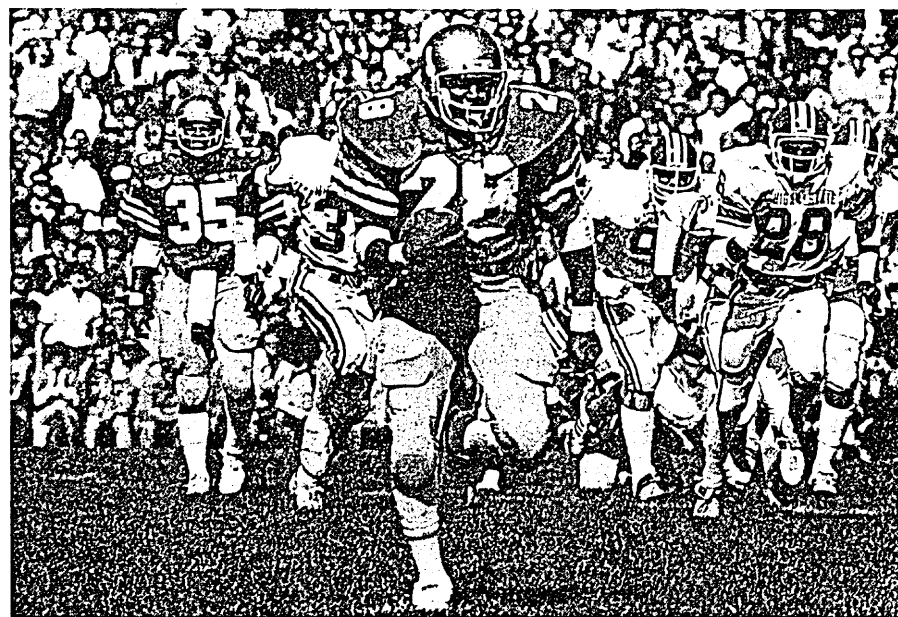
Michigan State ended up with only 21 net yards rushing against the Irish — and Bob Crable proved one of the main causes.



Greg Bell came up with his top career rushing effort . . .



. . . as his 165 yards, 20 attempts and two scores . . .



. . . sent him over, around and through the Spartan defenders.

framed, and then we presented it to him before the game. At the same time, we announced we were dedicating this game to him—for all the hard work and effort that he was putting in. It was as emotional a lockerroom as I have ever been in."

Having waited all week, the Irish wasted little time in putting that emotion to good use. Senior defensive end Kevin Griffith recovered a Tony Ellis fumble on the first play from scrimmage, and eight plays, 23 yards, and four minutes later, sophomore Greg Bell went over the Spartan goal from one yard out to boost Notre Dame to a lead it never relinquished.

"I thought we had to establish something early," commented Michigan State coach Muddy Waters about the simple dive play which proved to be the beginning of the end for his Spartans. "Instead, it took us a whole half to recuperate. It was a bomb that exploded in our face."

That explosion's repercussions still were evident on Notre Dame's second series, as Bell and his teammates took less than two minutes to travel 70 yards and put the Irish up by 14 points. The native of Columbus, Ohio, gained 51 of his 127 first-half yards in the drive, with the last 32 coming on an unmolested third-down jaunt through the heart of a porous Spartan defense. Bell finished the day with 166 yards on 20 attempts, and that didn't include a 75-yard touchdown run early in the second period that was called back because of holding. Those figures pushed the Irish offense over the 300-yard rushing mark for the first time all year, and Notre Dame's 394 total yards and 21 first downs were its best numbers in four games.

Michigan State, on the other hand, could manage only one first down on the ground all day, and the Spartans finished with a meager 72 yards overland for the afternoon. Griffith was the bulwark of the revitalized Irish defensive front, as he knocked down two Bryan Clark passes to go with two fumble recoveries.

"It was a good feeling to win," smiled the Kettering, Ohio, native after the game. "We didn't do anything different today than we have in the last two games, though. We had a good week of practice and, despite last week's loss, we had good enthusiasm."

While the Irish may not have done anything different, Waters knew that a definite change in the game plan was in order if his Spartans were going to stay in the contest. In fact, the new strategy paid quick dividends, as Clark found split end Daryl Turner behind a pair of Notre Dame defenders. The end result of his 63-yard spiral was a Michigan

State touchdown with only 1:05 left in the half.

But, in what proved to be one of the more important single minutes of the 1981 season, a poised Irish squad came through when it really counted, getting Oliver in position for a 38-yard field goal attempt with only five seconds on the scoreboard. The left-footed senior from Cincinnati promptly gave the Irish three points, but far more important than the benefits on the scoreboard was the psychological payoff.

"I really liked the way our team responded after their score," analyzed Faust, who later was presented the game ball. "As far as the game as a whole is concerned, I was impressed with the way our kids rebounded. There comes a time in every football season that a team has to show its mettle. We exhibited a little bit of the character of a Notre Dame team today."

It was this character and intensity which allowed the Irish to coast to their second triumph of the season in the second half. The Notre Dame offense controlled the ball for nearly 20 minutes of the final half, and only another Oliver field goal (his second of the game—and the year) gave Notre Dame's

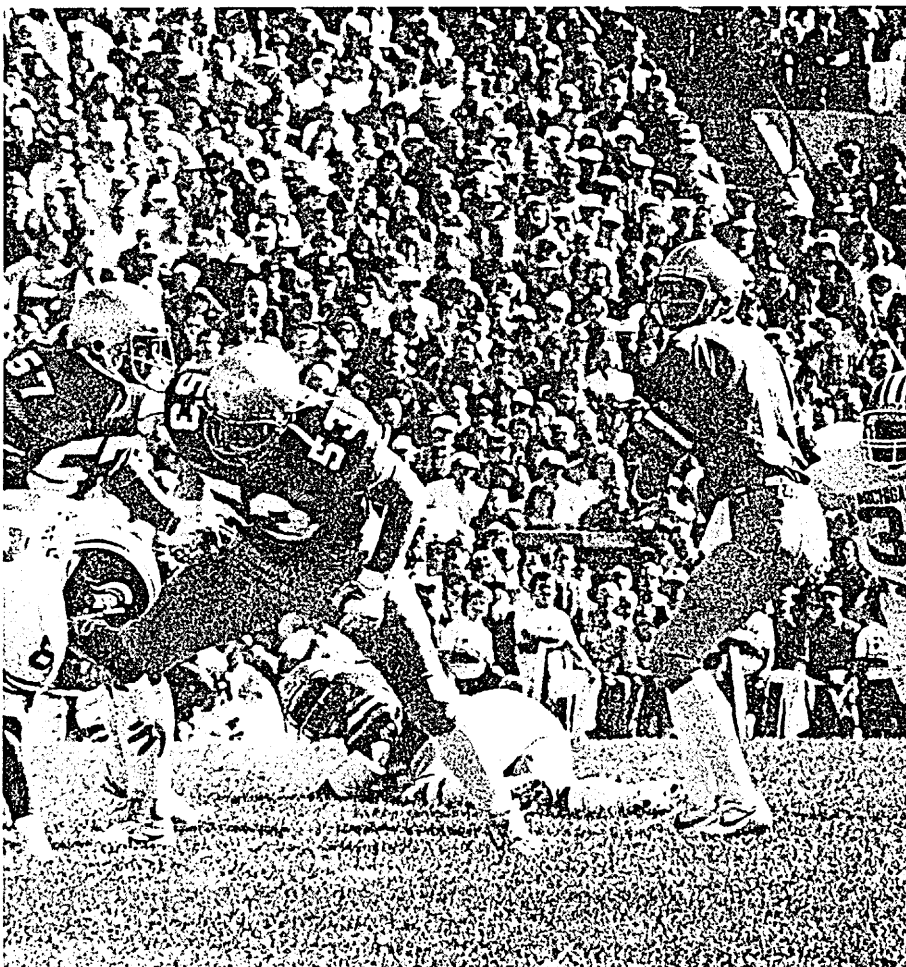
scoreboard operator a chance to ply his trade. The final 30 minutes couldn't have been more pleasing to Faust, who saw his team play keepaway for the final 5:33 of the game, finishing with the football on Michigan State's 16-yard line.

"We weren't even considering scoring," replied Faust to the anonymous boos in the stands at the end of the game. "With 16 seconds to go, all we wanted was the victory. If some people want to worry about the point spread that's their problem."

Faust also slowed down long enough to address another unseen group—namely, those armchair quarterbacks whose presence had been felt, if not openly acknowledged, this first week in October.

"I didn't even think about the pressure this week, even though I had a ticket for China," kidded Faust. "The last two weeks have been tough, but the players and the student body have bent over backwards. The true Notre Dame family will always remain behind you."

Faust could only hope he had put the prospect of losing behind him as well.



Quarterback Tim Koegel prepares to throw as Mark Fischer and Larry Kissner block and MSU safety Tim Cunningham attempts to intervene. Koegel connected on seven of 15 passes for 72 yards.

Michigan State	0	7	0	0	7
Notre Dame	14	3	3	0	20

Scoring Summary				
First Quarter			Time	MS ND
ND—Greg Bell 1 run (Harry Oliver kick)			10:42	0 7
Drive: 23 yards in eight plays following Kevin Griffith recovery of Michigan State fumble; Elapsed Time: 4:10; Big Plays: Phil Carter runs for nine yards on fourth down.				
ND—Greg Bell 32 run (Harry Oliver kick)			7:08	0 14
Drive: 70 yards in seven plays following Michigan State punt; Elapsed Time: 1:59; Big Plays: Tim Koegel pass to Dean Masztak for 19 yards.				
Second Quarter				
MS—Daryl Turner 63 pass from Bryan Clark (Morton Andersen kick)			1:06	7 14
Drive: 76 yards in five plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:04; Big Plays: Bryan Clark pass to Terry Hawkins for 12 yards.				
ND—Harry Oliver 38 FG			:05	7 17
Drive: 61 yards in seven plays following Michigan State kickoff; Elapsed Time: 1:01; Big Plays: Greg Bell runs for 22 and 26 yards.				
Third Quarter				
ND—Harry Oliver 34 FG			7:18	7 20
Drive: 44 yards in seven plays following Michigan State punt; Elapsed Time: 3:20; Big Plays: Two Greg Bell runs for 11 yards.				
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Team Statistics			
	MS	ND	
First Downs	8	21	
Rushing	1	14	
Passing	7	6	
Penalty	0	1	
Rushing Attempts	27	60	
Yards Rushing	72	304	
Yards Lost Rushing	51	4	
Net Yards Rushing	21	300	
Net Yards Passing	202	94	
Passes Attempted	27	19	
Passes Completed	13	9	
Had Intercepted	0	2	
Total Offensive Plays	54	69	
Total Net Yards	223	394	
Average Gain Per Play	4.1	5.7	
Fumbles: Number—Lost	3-2	0-0	
Penalties: Number—Yards	4-39	3-20	
Interceptions: Number—Yards	2-4	0-0	
Number of Punts—Yards	9-388	7-252	
Average Per Punt	43.6	36.0	
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	1-3	7-44	
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	5-94	1-14	

Individual Statistics						
Michigan State						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Tony Ellis	8	25	0	25	0	7
Darrin McCelland	2	10	0	10	0	5
Terry Hawkins	3	5	2	3	0	3
Otis Grant	1	2	0	2	0	2
Aaron Roberts	2	2	0	2	0	2
Bryan Clark	6	18	21	-3	0	13
John Leister	5	10	28	-18	0	4
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
John Leister	10	4	0	41	0	26
Bryan Clark	17	9	0	161	1	63
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Terry Hawkins	3	25	0	12		
Daryl Turner	2	65	1	63		
Otis Grant	2	35	0	26		
Alan Kimichik	2	33	0	24		
Aaron Roberts	2	15	0	9		
Ted Jones	1	21	0	21		
Darrin McCelland	1	8	0	8		
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Ralf Mojsiejenko	9	388	43.6	51		
Notre Dame						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Greg Bell	20	166	1	165	2	32
John Sweeney	8	36	0	36	0	11
Chris Smith	10	28	3	25	0	15
Phil Carter	4	18	0	18	0	9
John Mosley	3	17	0	17	0	6
Bernie Adell	4	17	0	17	0	8
Tony Hunter	5	12	0	12	0	4
Mark Brooks	5	10	0	10	0	5
Tim Koegel	1	0	0	0	0	0
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Tim Koegel	15	7	0	72	0	14
Blair Kiel	4	2	2	22	0	17
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Dean Masztak	3	28	0	19		
John Sweeney	1	17	0	17		
Mike Boushka	1	14	0	14		
Greg Bell	1	12	0	12		
Bernie Adell	1	10	0	10		
John Mosley	1	9	0	9		
Tony Hunter	1	4	0	4		
Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Blair Kiel	7	252	36.0	48		

Bowden's Oktoberfest No Picnic

By JOHN GATES

The greatest day in the 28-year coaching career of Bobby Bowden just might have been Gerry Faust's worst.

"To me, personally, this is the biggest win I'll ever have," said Bowden, Florida State's quotable head coach with the down-home, Southern style. "Having wanted to coach all my life, you can imagine what respect I have for a place that produced the likes of Knute Rockne — and a tailback named Ronald Reagan.

"This one puts us up there with the best of them."

The Seminoles' 19-13 victory in Notre Dame Stadium — on the heels of Florida State's 36-27 win at Ohio State the previous Saturday — without

question marked the high point of their '81 campaign. They would finish out their Oktoberfest schedule—as Bowden liked to call it — by dropping four of their last six games.

But for Faust, the preseason anticipation continued to turn into midseason frustration as the Irish fell to 2-3.

"We're getting better," he asserted, "but it's hard to be optimistic. I just never dreamed we'd be two and three at this point.

"First, though, I've got to keep myself up. It's been hard for me. I'm just not used to losing."

Faust's Irish had hoped they could move the ball against a Florida State defense that had given up 458 passing yards to Ohio State and 464 rushing

yards to Nebraska. And everything went according to form early as Dave Duerson brought back the opening kickoff 36 yards, Notre Dame quickly moved to the Florida State 26 and Harry Oliver bounced a 43-yard field goal off the top of the left upright.

"That was the first time I thought about the luck of the Irish," said Bowden.

But that was as offensive as Notre Dame's attack would get in the first 30 minutes. Despite 72 rushing yards from Greg Bell, five of Notre Dame's seven first-half possessions ended in Blair Kiel punts. The only other serious threat fizzled when a fourth-down Tim Koegel pass from the Seminole 27 fell incomplete.



The Seminoles managed to keep one step ahead of the Irish nearly all afternoon. Dave Duerson nearly gets his hands on this aerial headed for Florida State wide receiver Tony Johnson.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame's defense was gearing up for an expected aerial barrage from Florida State quarterback Rick Stockstill, who had thrown 25 completions for 299 yards against Ohio State. Stockstill wasted little time, throwing on his first four plays and including 10 passes among the 13 plays he ran in the initial quarter. Only first-half interceptions by Mark Zavagnin and Chris Brown deep in Irish territory saved Notre Dame. But it finally took a 25-yard Mike Rendina field goal with 3:16 left in the half to knot the score at three apiece.

"We came out dry so many times there, for a while I felt like a baseball coach whose team left 15 runners on base," Bowden cracked.

All that changed in the second half as Florida State's well-conceived game plan came to fruition.

After the Irish edged ahead 6-3 on another Oliver three-pointer following a Mark Zavagnin interception, the Seminoles went to work. They did it by completely changing their offensive philosophy after lulling the Irish to sleep with their short passing game.

"I didn't think we could start out by sustaining drives on the ground," maintained Bowden. "So we threw a lot early and we had their linemen thinking pass, pass, pass. Their front four lost some of its discipline because of the pass rush, and that's when we went to our running game."

After gaining only six rushing yards in the opening quarter, Florida State came back with 244 in the final three. Stockstill, after throwing 20 first-half passes, threw seven in the last two periods. And tailback Ricky Williams accounted for 101 second-half rushing yards on his own to set the tone for the Seminole strategy reversal.

"Early in the game, their linemen were coming hard on the passes and ignoring the run," noted Stockstill. "So we started running the draw and they were running past it."

Irish defensive end Kevin Griffith had his own version: "We just didn't control the line of scrimmage after the half. We didn't have the same amount of pressure on the quarterback as we had in the first half."

Once Oliver's field goal gave Notre Dame the early second-half advantage, Florida State began to make its running game go. The Seminoles needed less than three minutes and only six plays to go 80 yards and take the lead for good. Williams did most of the damage himself by ripping off runs of 20 and 33 yards.

Bowden's crew came right back for a field goal on its next possession, as only a procedure penalty with the ball on the one kept Florida State out of touch-



Irish wingback Tony Hunter searches for an opening in the Florida State line as Seminole end Jarvis Coursey attempts the tackle.

down range. A key first down during that march came about, thanks to a 14-yard dippy-doodle pass from running back Cedric Jones to Stockstill.

The Seminoles missed yet another opportunity to put points on the board a few minutes later when a Rendina field-goal try from 34 yards went wide right after the Irish had fumbled on their own 22. Then it was Notre Dame's turn to put on an impressive drive.

The 80-yard Irish march got off the ground quickly, when a Kiel pass for Mike Boushka drew a penalty flag and a 32-yard interference call against the visitors.

"That was the second time I thought about the luck of the Irish," quipped Bowden.

With Kiel throwing and Bell and backup wingback John Mosley running and catching, Notre Dame traveled to within a yard of paydirt—where Bell accounted for the six points and a 13-13 deadlock.

"Midway through the third quarter I thought we had them," said Seminole defensive tackle Gary Futch. "But they seemed to regain the momentum after Mike (Rendina) missed the field goal

and we got called for interference. They seemed to come alive again after that, and I think we knew we were in for a dogfight."

Florida State's ensuing possession ended in a Rohn Stark punt that went out of bounds on the Notre Dame five—and that poor field position ended up the Irish downfall. Working from perilously close to their own goal line, the Irish managed one first down on a Larry Moriarty 18-yard burst—before a James Harris interception of a Kiel pass set the Seminoles up on Notre Dame's 31.

"The pass was thrown in the flat underneath the coverage," said Harris. "The quarterback looked me right in the eye, so I was a little surprised he still threw it."

In any event, the Seminoles needed only five plays to reach the end zone—with fullback Mike Whiting grabbing a five-yard toss from Stockstill for the score, his second of the day.

The Notre Dame faithful retained some hope when Rendina missed the extra point to leave the Irish only six points away. But three possessions—with both Kiel and Koegel trying their

hand under center — didn't advance the Irish past their own 45. The two quarterbacks managed only 41 combined passing yards on five completions in 18 attempts, with two interceptions.

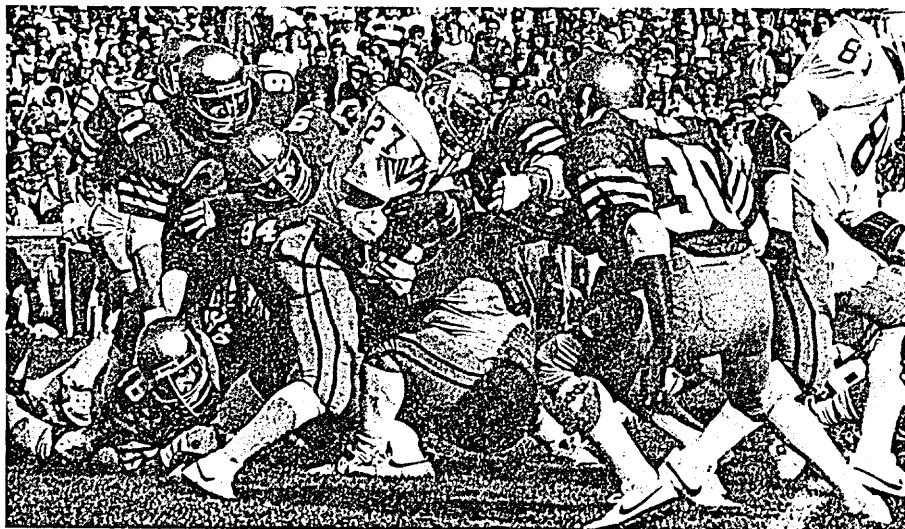
"A team of our caliber shouldn't be going one-for-14 on third-down conversions," remarked Kiel. "Their defensive backs did a great job of containment, but we shouldn't have that many breakdowns in key situations."

As frustrated as anyone was Irish senior captain Bob Crable, despite his 19 tackles — "We would knock them out for two plays and then we would let up and they would blow by us on third down. We just had too many mental breakdowns.

"I guess I understand this, but I just never expected it. It's all like a dream . . . a nightmare. We're not used to it. I keep waiting to wake up."



The Irish spent much of the afternoon trying to pressure Seminole quarterback Rick Stockstill, with Bob Crable (left) and Tim Marshall each taking his turn.



Fullback Michael Whiting finds the going extremely tough on this particular foray as better than half the Irish defense gets involved.

Notre Dame's injury situation — with a lengthy list of starters missing from the game — didn't help. But Faust didn't want to alibi: "We knew going in that we were in pretty bad shape physically. We just hoped to get through it."

Instead, it was the Seminoles who got through the afternoon to become only the third team since 1943 to emerge victorious in their first visit to Notre Dame Stadium.

"This Oktoberfest ain't so bad, yet," said Bowden, referring to his October slate of opponents that included — in addition to Notre Dame — Ohio State, Pitt and LSU, all of them on the road.

"This is the greatest thing that's happened to me. I never believed we'd be where we are (4-1). I figured we'd be 2-3 at best. I expected to be feeling pretty bad by this time."



Florida State	0	3	10	6	19
Notre Dame	3	0	3	7	13

Scoring Summary					Time	FSU	ND
First Quarter					11:02	0	3
ND—Harry Oliver 43 FG							
Drive: 33 yards in nine plays following opening kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:58; Big Plays: Tim Koegel pass to Greg Bell for 13 yards, Bell run for three yards on fourth down.							
Second Quarter					3:16	3	0
FS—Mike Rendina 25 FG							
Drive: 57 yards in eight plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 3:49; Big Plays: Mike Whiting runs for 21 and 13 yards.							
Third Quarter					13:48	3	6
ND—Harry Oliver 23 FG							
Drive: One yard in three plays following Mark Zavagnin interception of Florida State pass; Elapsed Time: 0:37.							
FS—Mike Whiting 17 pass from Rick Stockstill (Mike Rendina kick)					11:01	10	6
Drive: 80 yards in six plays following Notre Dame kickoff; Elapsed Time: 2:47; Big Plays: Ricky Williams run for 33 yards, Mike Whiting run for 20 yards.							
FS—Mike Rendina 23 FG					5:23	13	6
Drive: 63 yards in nine plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 4:15; Big Plays: Greg Allen run for 30 yards.							
Fourth Quarter					14:57	13	13
ND—Greg Bell 1 run (Harry Oliver kick)							
Drive: 80 yards in 11 plays following missed field-goal attempt by Florida State; Elapsed Time: 4:22; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Greg Bell for 12 yards.							
FS—Mike Whiting 5 pass from Rick Stockstill (kick failed)					7:41	19	13
Drive: 31 yards in five plays following James Harris interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: 2:04; Big Plays: Ricky Williams run for 15 yards.							
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Team Statistics					FSU	ND
First Downs					19	15
Rushing					13	12
Passing					4	2
Penalty					2	1
Rushing Attempts					43	51
Yards Rushing					272	229
Yards Lost Rushing					22	11
Net Yards Rushing					250	218
Net Yards Passing					114	38
Passes Attempted					28	19
Passes Completed					12	6
Had Intercepted					3	2
Total Offensive Plays					71	70
Total Net Yards					364	256
Average Gain Per Play					5.1	3.7
Fumbles: Number—Lost					2-0	4-1
Penalties: Number—Yards					5-69	8-72
Interceptions: Number—Yards					2-6	3-27
Number of Punts—Yards					6-293	8-343
Average Per Punt					48.8	42.8
Punt Returns: Number—Yards					5-27	5-22
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards					3-59	5-06

Individual Statistics						
FSU						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Ricky Williams	15	135	0	135	0	33
Mike Whiting	15	72	1	71	0	21
Greg Allen	7	54	0	54	0	30
Rohn Stark	1	10	0	10	0	10
Rick Stockstill	5	1	21	-20	0	1
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Rick Stockstill	27	11	3	100	2	19
Cedric Jones	1	1	0	14	0	14
Pass Receiving	No.			Yards	TD	Long
Mike Whiting	5			44	2	12
Phil Williams	2			28	0	19
Dennis McKinnon	2			11	0	6
Rick Stockstill	1			14	0	14
Zeke Mowatt	1			9	0	9
Ricky Williams	1			8	0	8
Notre Dame						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Greg Bell	25	121	1	120	1	23
John Mosley	9	34	0	34	0	11
John Sweeney	5	29	0	29	0	12
Larry Moriarty	3	23	0	23	0	18
Mark Brooks	1	12	0	12	0	12
Blair Kiel	4	9	0	9	0	6
Tony Hunter	2	1	0	1	0	1
Tim Koegel	2	0	10	-10	0	0
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Tim Koegel	9	3	1	24	0	13
Blair Kiel	9	2	1	17	0	12
John Mosley	1	1	0	-3	0	-3
Pass Receiving	No.			Yards	TD	Long
Greg Bell	2			25	0	13
John Mosley	1			9	0	9
Tony Hunter	1			5	0	5
Bernie Adell	1			2	0	2
Blair Kiel	1			-3	0	-3

Everything But a Win

By JOHN HEISLER

For the fourth time in five games, the scoreboard put the bad news up in lights for Irish football fans to see.

Yes, Notre Dame had lost again, this time 14-7 to USC thanks to a Trojan touchdown with less than five minutes to go in the game.

Yes, the Irish now stood 2-4 — not exactly where Gerry Faust had hoped they would be.

But, for a variety of reasons, it was a whole new Faust who came off the Notre Dame Stadium turf with his hopes renewed. The shaken, dishevelled Faust who had faced the media after Michigan, Purdue and Florida State had given way to a Faust who was mustering as much pride as he could in defeat.

"Today our team came of age," he noted, with looks of confidence and self-assurance replacing those of pain and anguish that accompanied the previous three losses.

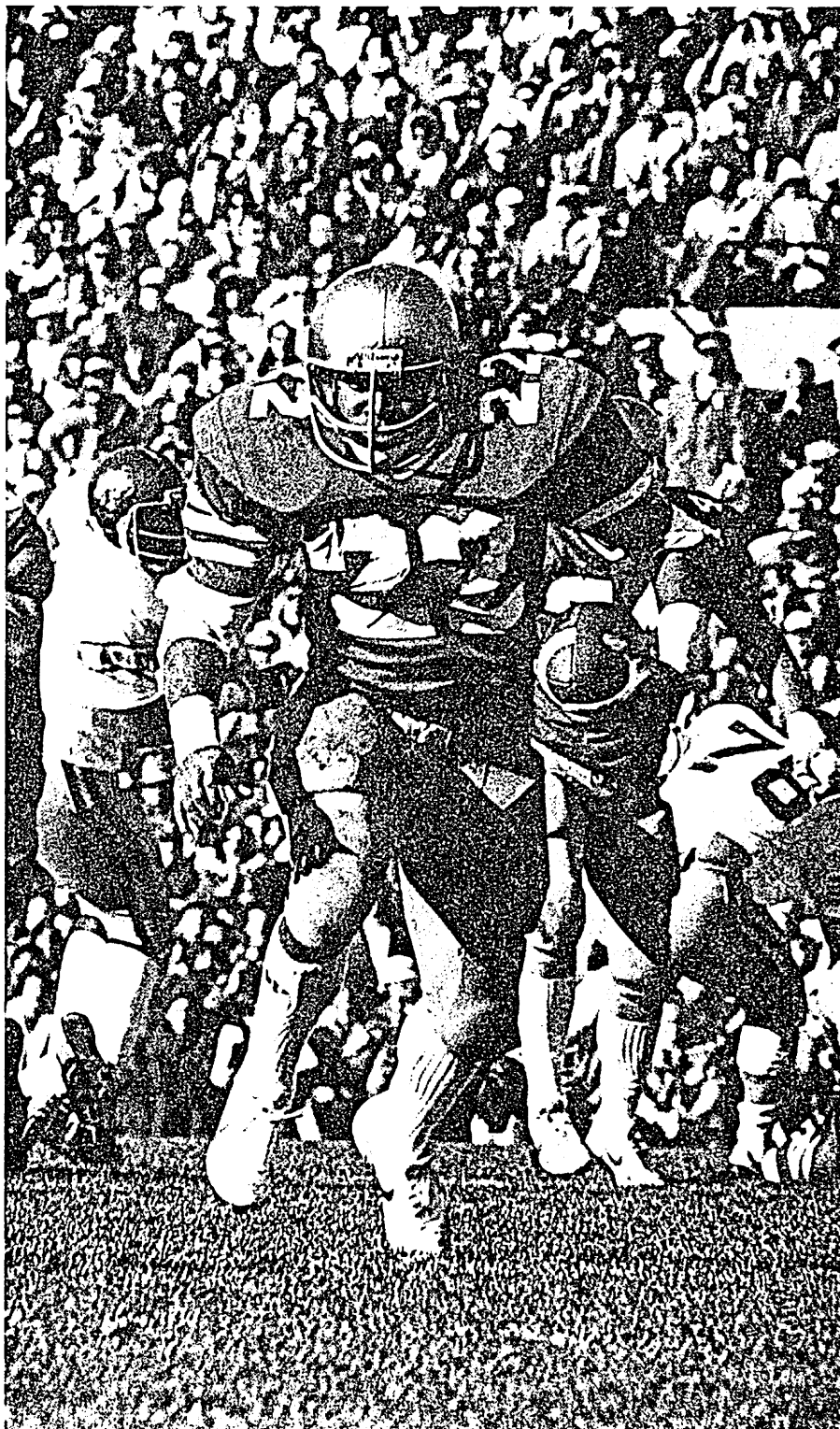
"We're going to be okay. This may not have been a win today but it was the best football we've played all year. We executed very well. I can't ask them to play any better than they did."

After a half season of having lots of little things go wrong, consider the things that finally went right for Faust and his team against the Trojans:

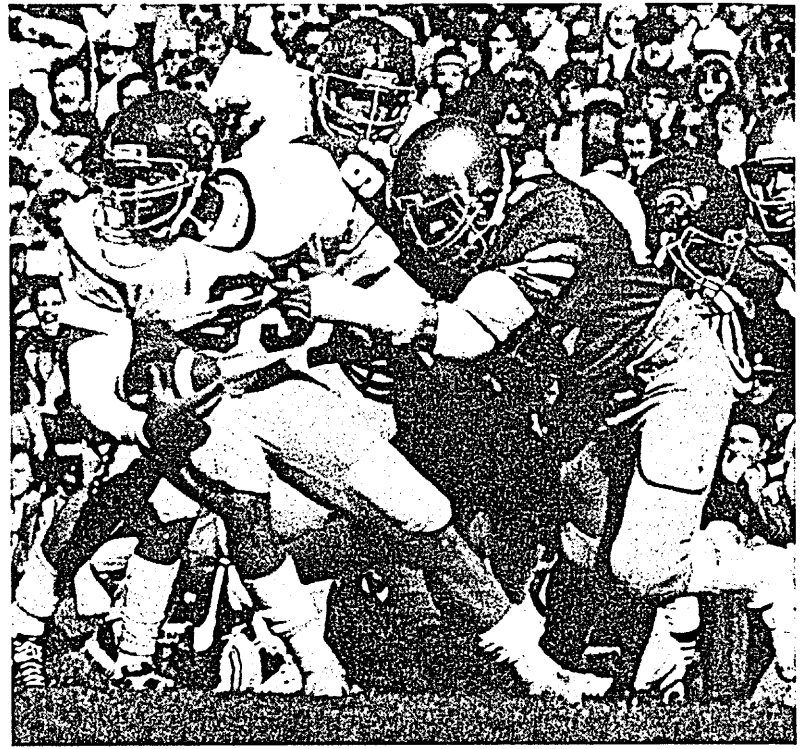
- Notre Dame found some consistency at quarterback where sophomore Blair Kiel started and went the distance. He completed 12 of 23 attempts for 115 yards. "It helped my confidence all the way around knowing I was going to play the whole game," said Kiel. "It made me feel good to be able to go out and set my own tempo."

- Faust and his staff junked the idea of playing gifted junior Tony Hunter at wingback after a five-week experiment. This time — mainly because of injuries to pass-catchers Mike Boushka and Dave Condeni — he opened at split end and made five catches for 76 yards. "Tony looked like the Hunter of old catching the ball out there, didn't he?" asked Faust.

- The Irish finally came into a game with a clean bill of health. Five regulars — guard Randy Ellis, tailback Phil Carter, cornerback John Krimm, line-backer Joe Rudzinski and tight end Dean Masztak — who sat out the Flor-



Phil Carter responded with his best performance of his '81 campaign against USC, ripping off 161 yards and winning his personal duel with eventual Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen.



USC's Marcus Allen didn't gain an easy yard all afternoon in his visit to Notre Dame Stadium. Though he led the Trojans with 147 yards and scored the first USC touchdown—that effort marked his lowest single-game yardage total during the regular season.

ida State game all came back to start against USC.

- Notre Dame suffered through no interceptions and only one lost fumble, that with 11 seconds to go. The only penalty called against the Irish was taken deliberately and was refused by USC.

- The Irish held their own in the trenches against the mammoth USC offensive and defensive lines. The total yardage figures showed 312 yards for Notre Dame and 264 for the Trojans.

- Notre Dame allowed only 46 passing yards, its best effort of the season in the pass defense department. Eventual Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen, though he gained 147 yards, had his lowest single-game output of the '81 campaign. "He's a great athlete but we did a good job against him," said Faust.

- Notre Dame's Phil Carter matched Allen yard for yard and finished with 161 of his own. "I've never played against a player who is so quick," said USC linebacker Neil Hope.

To put it simply, the entire afternoon was encouraging—to Faust, to his players and to the Irish fans. A 2-4 record somehow was easier for everyone to stomach with the notion that at least Faust's team finally was headed in the right direction. That feeling had been absent the first three times the Irish came up on the short end of the score.

Notre Dame's defense was masterful in a first half that ended with no scor-

ing. Both times the Trojans penetrated Irish territory Faust's crew came through with critical third-down plays.

Midway through the first quarter—after USC had driven from its own 20 to the Notre Dame 28—USC coach John Robinson faced a third-and-13 call. But Mike Larkin zipped through the protection untouched and zapped Trojan quarterback John Mazur for a 14-yard loss.

The next time USC had the ball it moved 43 yards to the Irish 37 where it confronted a third-and-two situation. This time Tony Belden trapped Allen for a four-yard loss. Both big plays for the Irish knocked USC out of field-goal range and forced punts instead.

The Trojans made a big play of their own on Notre Dame's first possession when freshman Jack Del Rio sacked Kiel for a 13-yard loss after the Irish had advanced to the USC 35. The only other threat produced a missed 20-yard field goal by Harry Oliver after Notre Dame had traveled to the USC two, thanks mostly to 37 rushing yards by Carter.

Robinson after the game described it as "a heavyweight fight that wouldn't be decided until the 12th or 13th round." His Trojans recorded the first knockdown midway through the third period with a potent left-right-left combination.

First, Mazur scrambled for 24 yards. Then, fullback Todd Spencer slipped through the middle for 27 yards. Finally, Allen skittered around the right

side for 14 yards and six points.

But the Irish wasted little time coming off the canvas. They took the kick-off and needed eight plays to traverse the length of the field to tie the game, Carter carrying the final five yards after personally accounting for 31 others on the march.

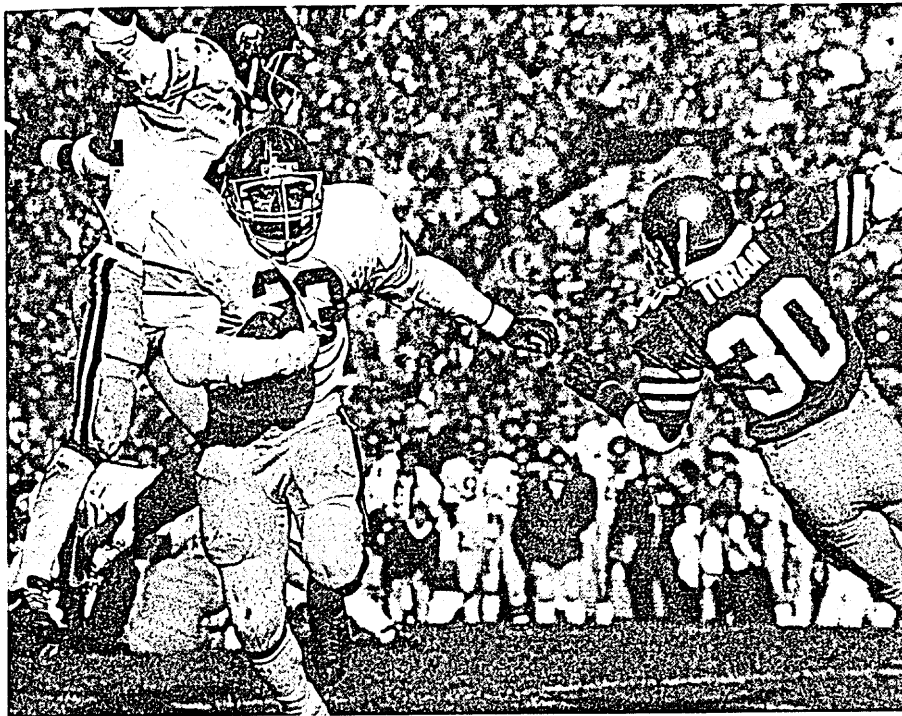
That left the fourth period for the two teams to slug it out toe-to-toe. The Irish missed a chance to go ahead on points on the third play of the quarter when Oliver missed another three-point opportunity, this time from 24 yards.

But USC finally pressed the Irish to the ropes when a David Pryor punt was downed on Notre Dame's three-yard line. Four plays later, after Kiel was forced to punt from his own end zone, the Trojans took over on the Irish 44. Allen got 21 yards on the first play and Spencer surprised the Irish again, one play later, by countering up the middle for 26 yards and the deciding score.

"The last thing I said in the huddle was, 'Watch the fullback on the trap,'" said Irish linebacker Bob Crable. "They shouldn't have gotten an inch with the defense we were in. But it was one little breakdown—that's the way it has been all year."

"We don't give Spencer the football more than once a month," said Robinson. "But when people really focus on Allen like Notre Dame did, you have to do something."

Though less than five minutes remained, the Irish weren't yet down for



Fullback Todd Spencer makes the play of the game, eluding Stacey Toran and one of his own blockers en route to the game-winning touchdown with five minutes remaining in the contest.

the count. A Joe Howard 56-yard kickoff return immediately put them in enemy territory, but Carter couldn't negotiate the necessary yardage on fourth-and-one from the USC 33.

"It was the right call," said Robinson. "It just didn't work."

"And all we needed was three or four inches," said a frustrated Phil Pozderac, shaking his head after the game.

Kiel gave it one more shot in the final minute and completed three passes to push his teammates to the Trojan 26. But the football slipped out of his grasp as he lay pinned on the ground after scrambling for a yard, and Chip Banks recovered with 11 seconds remaining.

The Monday morning quarterbacks thought longingly of the two short field goals that went wide. Both combined wouldn't have won the football game, but they certainly could have changed the Irish strategy in the final period.

"The first one I just missed," said Oliver. "And I should have waited on the second one. The snap was a little high and the ball wasn't quite in position when I kicked it."

But it wasn't a day for long faces in the Irish dressing quarters.

"I feel like we've improved 200 percent over what we've been doing," suggested offensive guard Mike Shiner. "We came off the ball today like we never have before. I think they (the Trojans) knew they were in for a dogfight from the first play."

Crabbe echoed his teammate's thoughts:

"We've improved so much over the year that it makes it hurt that much more to lose. We played our guts out and just didn't come out on top."

"Give credit to USC's defense," added Kiel. "They stopped us and didn't let us do the things we wanted to in the fourth quarter. I can't fault anybody. It was just two great football teams out there. I don't think we ever let up or lost any momentum. We just didn't win it."

Robinson agreed with Kiel's assessment of his defense.

"Our defense gives up a lot but it's hard to score on. We absorb and absorb and absorb. We get wounded a lot, but we usually hold on."

He also had a word of encouragement for the rookie coach on the other sideline:

"Things aren't going very well for Gerry Faust right now, but he'll get things going. There was something about the look in his eye after the game that impressed the heck out of me."

Faust had to have a pint of blood drained Sunday from his previously-injured knee, thanks to a sideline collision Saturday with USC linebacker Chip Banks. "We were both on the ground, and we looked at each other and asked each other if we were okay," laughed the Irish head coach a day later.

Faust wasted little time bouncing back to his feet that afternoon — and neither did his football team.

USC	0	0	7	7	14
Notre Dame	0	0	7	0	7

Scoring Summary					
Third Quarter					Time SC ND
SC—Marcus Allen 14 run (Steve Jordan kick)	7:36				7 0
Drive: 69 yards in five plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 2:29; Big Plays: Todd Spencer run for 27 yards; John Mazur run for 24 yards.					
ND—Phil Carter 5 run (Harry Oliver kick)	3:11				7 7
Drive: 80 yards in eight plays following USC kickoff; Elapsed Time: 4:25; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 13 yards, Larry Moriarty run for 13 yards.					
Fourth Quarter					
SC—Todd Spencer 26 run (Steve Jordan kick)	4:52				14 7
Drive: 45 yards in three plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: :42.; Big Plays: Marcus Allen run for 21 yards.					
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Team Statistics					
	SC	ND			
First Downs	16	19			
Rushing	13	11			
Passing	3	6			
Penalty	0	2			
Rushing Attempts	45	49			
Yards Rushing	264	218			
Yards Lost Rushing	46	21			
Net Yards Rushing	218	197			
Net Yards Passing	46	115			
Passes Attempted	14	23			
Passes Completed	7	12			
Had Intercepted	0	0			
Total Offensive Plays	59	72			
Total Net Yards	264	312			
Average Gain Per Play	4.5	4.3			
Fumbles: Number—Lost	1-1	1-1			
Penalties: Number—Yards	3-35	0-0			
Interceptions: Number—Yards	0-0	0-0			
Number of Punt—Yards	8-297	7-281			
Average Per Punt	37.1	40.1			
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	4-19	1-4			
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	2-43	3-95			

Individual Statistics							
USC							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Marcus Allen	33	166	19	147	1	22	
Todd Spencer	7	74	0	74	1	27	
John Mazur	5	24	27	-3	0	24	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
John Mazur	14	7	0	46	0	20	
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long	
Marcus Allen			4	12	0	11	
Jeff Simmons			1	20	0	20	
Malcolm Moore			1	11	0	11	
Todd Spencer			1	3	0	3	
Punting			No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	
Dave Pryor			8	297	37.1	42	
All Returns	Punts		Kickoffs	Intercepted			
Joey Browner	3—36						
John Kamana	1—3						
Todd Spencer			1—27				
Fred Crutcher			1—16				

Notre Dame							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Phil Carter	32	162	1	161	1	15	
Larry Moriarty	5	19	1	18	0	13	
John Sweeney	3	14	0	14	0	8	
Blair Kiel	8	23	19	4	0	11	
John Mosley	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Blair Kiel	23	12	0	115	0	19	
Pass Receiving			No.	Yards	TD	Long	
Tony Hunter			5	76	0	19	
Phil Carter			4	29	0	14	
Dean Maszta			2	7	0	4	
Larry Moriarty			1	3	0	3	
Punting			No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	
Blair Kiel			7	281	40.1	48	
Field Goals			Att.	Made	Long		
Harry Oliver			2	0	0		
All Returns	Punts		Kickoffs	Intercepted			
Dave Duerson	No.—Yds.		No.—Yds.				
Greg Bell	1—4		2-39				
Joe Howard			1-56				

A Whole New Arsenal

By JOHN LEWANDOWSKI

"I just don't want our kids to get down. I don't want our coaches to get down. If you learn from a loss like that, you can make these kinds of games worthwhile."

— Gerry Faust following Notre Dame's 25-7 loss to Michigan

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"Florida State is an excellent football team. I was really impressed with their team speed. They've got skilled athletes with great speed in key positions."

— Gerry Faust following Notre Dame's 19-13 loss to Florida State

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Gerry Faust may have had only five college games under his belt, but the 46-year-old Notre Dame head coach proved to be a quick learner.

It didn't take him long to find out that losing wasn't to his liking. He also discovered firsthand that the trend in collegiate football is toward total team speed.

With those ideas in mind, Faust and his Irish unleashed a handful of top secret offensive weapons against the U.S. Naval Academy. And Bob Crable, Notre Dame's secretary of defense, led the Irish stop troops in keeping the Middle artillery under wraps all afternoon.

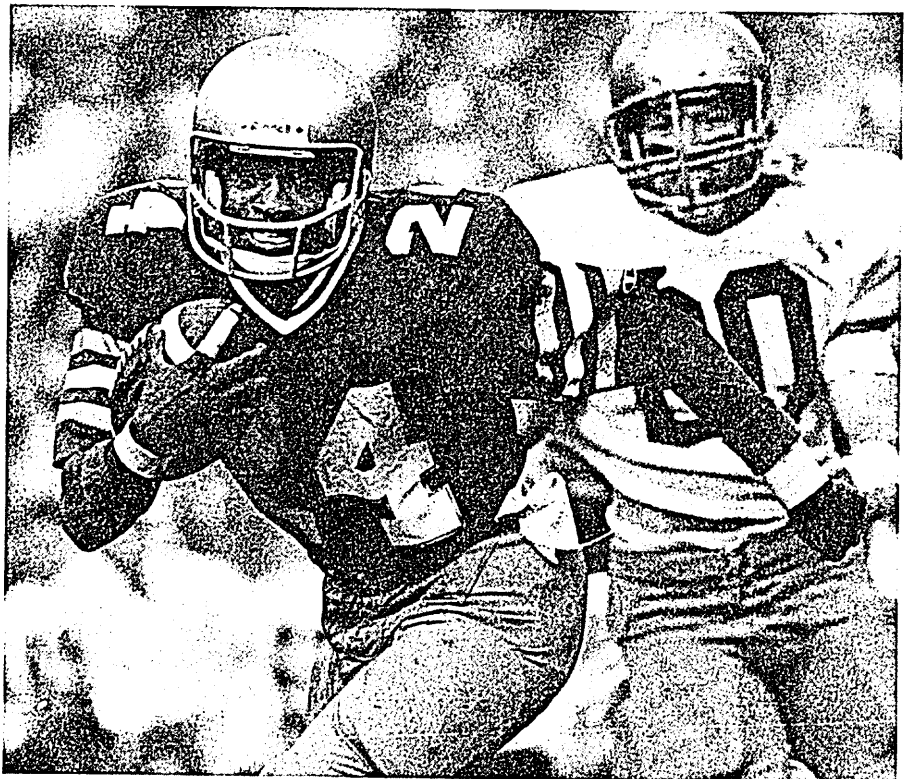
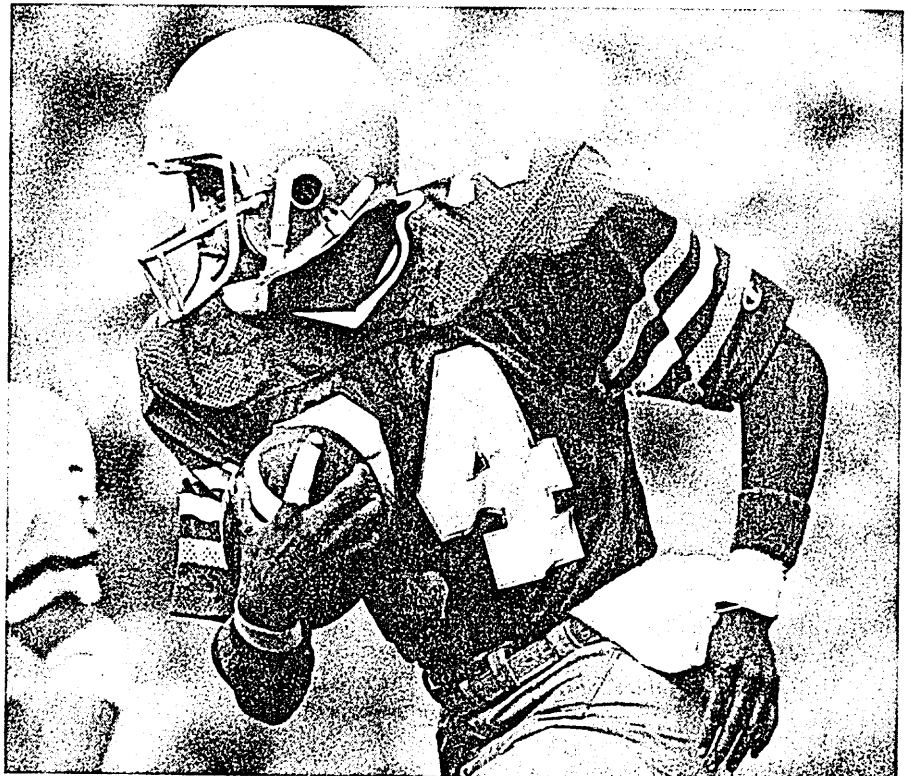
The '81 season had been billed as the year of new looks for the Irish — a new coach, a new revamped offense and new blue jerseys. But Navy received a few more surprises than it bargained for in its 38-0 loss to Notre Dame.

First, freshman speed demon Joe Howard made a surprise start at split end and ran circles around the Middle secondary. He caught five passes for 115 yards.

Then, Tony Hunter played tight end, his third position in three games, as if the spot had been created just for him.

Finally, Greg Bell resurfaced in the lineup at wingback.

And the man who enjoyed the new faces in different places the most was quarterback Blair Kiel. He took advantage of the new situation by putting on his best passing performance of his young collegiate career.



Freshman Joe Howard wasted little time once he earned his opportunity to play wide receiver for the Irish. He made five grabs for 115 yards and one score and notched another touchdown on an end-around play.

Kiel, who performed admirably in a close loss to Southern California the previous week, threw for two touchdowns in a 13-of-25 passing effort and ran for another score to key the victory. No one appreciated the lineup changes more than the Columbus, Ind., native.

"Tony (Hunter) can help you anywhere and a talent like Joe Howard should be used somewhere," said Kiel.

Although it was the offense that stole the headlines, it was the Irish defense that set the tone of the game early. Following the opening kickoff, the Middle offense netted just five yards in three plays. The defense gave the offense excellent field position as Bumper Schiro got a hand on Steve Fehr's punt, and the Irish took possession at the Navy 45.

Notre Dame didn't waste any time showcasing its new split end. On the first play from scrimmage, Kiel hit Howard on a square-out good for 34 yards and a first down at the Middle 11. Howard's natural abilities were quite evident on the play, as he beat Elliot Reagans to the corner and then had ample time to come back for the under-thrown ball.

Following a Phil Carter run that advanced the ball to the seven, Kiel scrambled to the one on a determined run, bulling for the goal line, after being flushed out of the pocket. On the next play, Kiel called his own number and the Irish were out in front and never looked back.

Just six minutes later, the Irish reached paydirt again. This time, Howard showed that he knew not only how to catch the ball but also how to run it, too. Kiel threw a crunching block at the corner as the Clinton, Md., flash motored around right end for 13 yards and the score.

"It worked exactly as it had in practice," explained the exhausted neophyte receiver. "It always seemed that just one guy would come through. I wasn't sure whether to cut inside him or not—he stopped when I stopped, and then I just beat him to the corner. I didn't see Kiel's block but I heard it was a good one. All I saw was bodies flying."

Notre Dame's physical strength proved one of the keys to the game. Navy, which saw its record fall to 5-3, certainly had the bruises to prove it after a physical and injury-marred con-

test.

"I think we just got overpowered again," explained Navy coach George Welsh whose squad suffered its 18th straight setback at the hands of the Irish. "Notre Dame is just too good for us."

The mismatch continued on the first Irish possession of the second quarter. Notre Dame put together an impressive 83-yard scoring drive that was magnificently orchestrated by Kiel. The gutsy sophomore signal caller was five-of-six throwing the football in the drive including two fine tosses to Hunter.

On a third-down play from the Irish 19, Kiel drilled the ball down the middle to Hunter who was sandwiched between three defenders. The 35-yard completion put the Irish back in business at the Navy 46. When it appeared the offense had bogged down, it was again the Kiel-to-Hunter combo that did it. On a fourth-and-two call at the Middle 27, Kiel executed a beautiful play-action pass as he lofted the ball over a linebacker to Hunter who took it in midstride and carried it the distance.

The Fighting Irish notched one more score to increase their halftime advan-



Quarterback Blair Kiel looks for help from blockers Mark Brooks and Greg Bell as he surveys the scene downfield against the Midshipmen. Kiel scored once himself and threw for 225 yards and two other scores in his best outing as a collegian.

tage to 28-0. The scoring drive took just one play and it consumed 11 seconds. Following a Middie punt, Kiel reared back and hit Howard at the 18. He eluded two tacklers and skipped into the end zone for 52 yards and his second touchdown of the afternoon.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame's defense kept the Navy offense at bay. The Middies registered just one first down while mustering only 15 yards on the ground before intermission.

Crable, who recorded 14 tackles, knew the team was ready.

"I think last week (Southern Cal) was a tremendous letdown," he said. "We played so well, but not well enough to win. We seemed flat before this game, but we held a team meeting and got our heads screwed on straight. This team just had something to prove to itself."

It was the punishing Notre Dame defense that got the ball back in the second half. Linebacker Mark Zavagnin blasted through the line five minutes into the second half and forced quarterback Marco Pagnanelli to cough up the ball on the option—and Joe Rudzinski pounced on the loose ball at the Navy 23.

The Middie defense held and the Irish settled for a 37-yard field goal by

Harry Oliver, extending the Notre Dame lead to 31-0.

The Irish closed out the scoring with 9:30 to play when Tim Koegel capped off a 40-yard drive by hitting Larry Moriarty with a 20-yard swing pass over the middle.

Kiel finished the afternoon with 225 yards passing while directing the Notre Dame offense to 442 yards, a total yardage figure that would rank as its best of the year. The Irish defense surrendered a meager 123 yards (also a season best), including just 36 yards on the ground.

"We didn't specifically intend to pass as much as we did," explained Kiel. "We just decided to take advantage of what Navy gave us. Fortunately, the pass routes we used were effective ones. A lot of credit has to go to the receivers and the offensive line. They gave me a lot of time to throw and our receivers came back on a few floaters."

Navy received plenty of tricks on a brilliant Halloween afternoon, but there were no treats for the men from Annapolis. For Irish fans, though, the biggest treat was 5-9, 165-pound freshman Joe Howard who masqueraded as a split end.

His was a name for Irish fans to remember.

Navy	0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	14	14	3	7	38

Scoring Summary

First Quarter	Time	NA	ND
ND—Blair Kiel 1 run (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 45 yards in four plays following Navy punt; Elapsed Time: 1:44; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Joe Howard for 34 yards.	11:30	0	7
ND—Joe Howard 13 run (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 53 yards in seven plays following Navy punt; Elapsed Time: 3:12; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 18 yards.	4:48	0	14
Second Quarter			
ND—Tony Hunter 27 pass from Blair Kiel (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 83 yards in 11 plays following Navy punt; Elapsed Time: 5:06; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Tony Hunter for 35 yards.	9:02	0	21
ND—Joe Howard 52 pass from Blair Kiel (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 52 yards in one play following Navy punt; Elapsed Time: :11.	3:17	0	28
Third Quarter			
ND—Harry Oliver 37 FG Drive: Three yards in three plays follow- ing Joe Rudzinski recovery of Navy fum- ble; Elapsed Time: 1:29.	9:29	0	31
Fourth Quarter			
ND—Larry Moriarty 20 pass from Tim Koegel (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 40 yards in seven plays following Navy punt; Elapsed Time: 2:38.	8:45	0	38

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Team Statistics

	NA	ND
First Downs	5	21
Rushing	1	11
Passing	3	8
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	37	46
Yards Rushing	81	210
Yards Lost Rushing	45	17
Net Yards Rushing	36	193
Net Yards Passing	87	249
Passes Attempted	18	27
Passes Completed	10	15
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	55	73
Total Net Yards	123	442
Average Gain Per Play	2.2	6.1
Fumbles: Number—Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties: Number—Yards	3-40	8-59
Interceptions: Number—Yards	0-0	0-0
Number of Punts—Yards	11-323	4-158
Average Per Punt	29.3	39.5
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	1-7	3-10
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	3-49	1-30

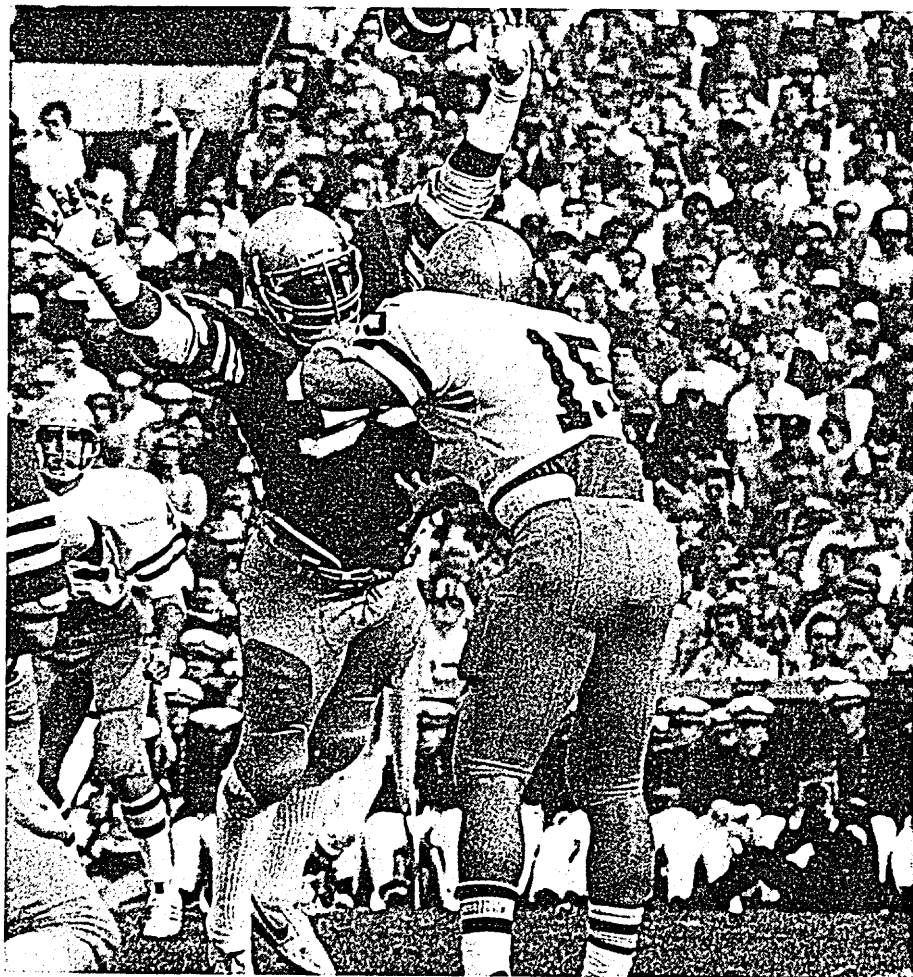
Individual Statistics

Navy

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Eddie Meyers	18	42	3	39	0	8
Nap McCallum	4	21	0	21	0	10
Richard Clouse	2	5	2	3	0	5
Tim Jackson	2	2	0	2	0	1
Tom Tarquinio	2	5	12	-7	0	5
Marco Pagnanelli	9	6	28	-22	0	0
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Marco Pagnanelli	14	9	0	83	0	22
Tom Tarquinio	3	1	0	4	0	4
Jeff Korn	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Eddie Meyers	2	11	0	7		
Greg Papajohn	2	11	0	6		
Chris Yelder	1	22	0	22		
Troy Mitchell	1	17	0	17		
Nap McCallum	1	14	0	14		
Tim Jackson	1	6	0	6		
Andy Skehan	1	4	0	4		
Richard Clouse	1	2	0	2		

Notre Dame

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Phil Carter	11	55	0	55	0	15
Mark Brooks	5	38	0	38	0	22
Chris Smith	6	27	0	27	0	10
Rodney Morris	3	20	0	20	0	10
Greg Bell	6	16	0	16	0	8
John Sweeney	3	14	0	14	0	7
Blair Kiel	8	22	15	7	1	8
Bernie Adell	1	5	0	5	0	5
Scott Grooms	1	0	0	0	0	0
John Mosley	1	0	2	-2	0	-2
Joe Howard	1	13	0	13	1	13
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Blair Kiel	23	13	0	225	2	52
Tim Koegel	4	2	0	24	1	20
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Joe Howard	5	115	1	52		
Tony Hunter	4	82	1	35		
Phil Carter	2	12	0	8		
Larry Moriarty	1	20	1	20		
Greg Bell	1	9	0	9		
John Sweeney	1	7	0	7		
Pete Buchanan	1	4	0	4		



Jon Autry makes life difficult for Navy quarterback Marco Pagnanelli.

Not Just a Regular Joe

By MICHAEL KEANE

It was almost ironic that, in the final home game of the careers of the Notre Dame seniors, a freshman made the big play which lifted the Irish out of their first-quarter lethargy and led them to a 35-3 victory over Georgia Tech.

For the second straight Saturday, Joe Howard became the most talked-about Notre Dame football player as he caught only two passes for 154 yards and two touchdowns.

Howard's accomplishments were hardly the only story of the game. This Georgia Tech contest was a hallmark for several reasons.

First, it was the last scheduled meeting between Notre Dame and the Yellow Jackets, thereby putting at least a temporary halt to a rivalry begun in 1922.

Also, this marked the last home game for the Irish seniors.

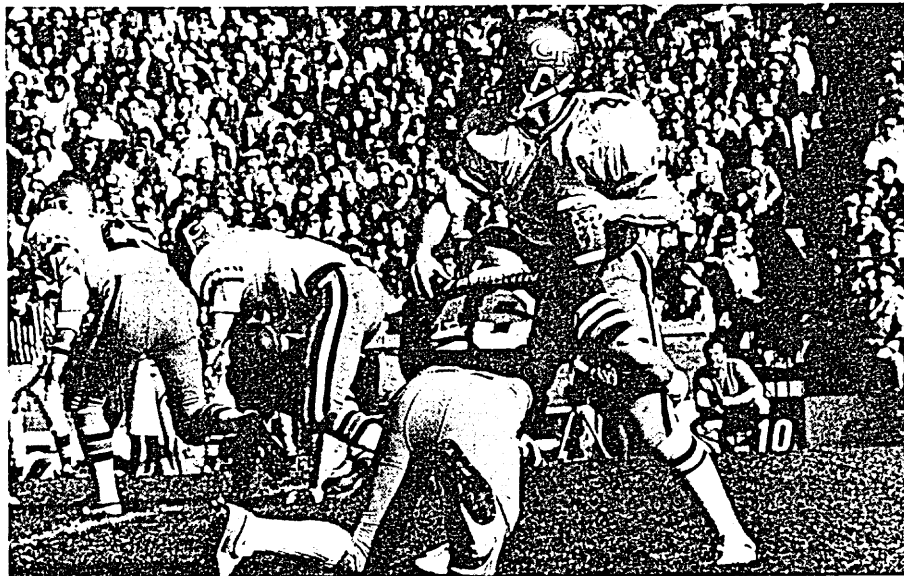
Then there was the added dimension of revenge for the 3-3 tie brought by a 1-7 Georgia Tech squad upon a 7-0 and top-ranked Notre Dame team in 1980.

Thoughts of the previous year's game might have been running through the minds of the Notre Dame players as the Irish found themselves trailing the Yellow Jackets 3-0 and faced with a second down and 13 yards to go with less than two minutes remaining on the first-quarter clock. The visitors had controlled the line of scrimmage on defense, allowing only 11 yards on two possessions.

It was then that first-year Irish coach Gerry Faust took a gamble of sorts and called for a play-action bomb to the speedy Howard. The play worked to perfection as Howard took the ball in from quarterback Blair Kiel at the Irish 46 and maintained his 15-yard advantage over the Georgia Tech secondary until he had completed the 96-yard play, a Notre Dame completion record.

The way things had gone earlier in the season for the Irish, such an unorthodox call might have gone astray and drawn some second-guessing. Kiel never questioned the play.

"I thought it was a darn good call," related the sophomore. "The logical play would have been to go up the middle, but we worked all week on iso-



Georgia Tech's Stu Rogers searches in vain for a receiver as Notre Dame's Mark Zavagnin holds on for the kill.

lating Howard deep and he just turned on some extra jets to catch it."

"I wasn't worried about anyone behind me," Howard commented about the play. "We ran an isolation play, and I guess they were looking for a run."

Although the Irish had broken through, the rout was not yet on. Georgia Tech's defense held for the next three series — although Notre Dame's Harry Oliver did miss a 25-yard field-goal attempt.

Again, it took Howard and Kiel to shake things up as the sophomore quarterback, who finished seven-of-18 for 189 yards and two scores, found Howard along the right sideline for a 58-yard touchdown and a 14-3 Notre Dame lead, an advantage the Irish held at halftime.

Part of the reason for the success of the two long pass plays may not have had to do with Notre Dame's execution, but rather with Georgia Tech's lack of personnel in the secondary.

"We played without our top two free safeties today, but you have to play with the people who are available," stated Tech coach Bill Curry after the game.

The Irish widened their advantage with their first possession of the second half, as they took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in eight plays, with

sophomore wingback John Mosley scoring on a 20-yard reverse. Notre Dame used a reverse three times in the drive, with Greg Bell first going 41 yards and then Howard going eight yards for an apparent score a few plays later.

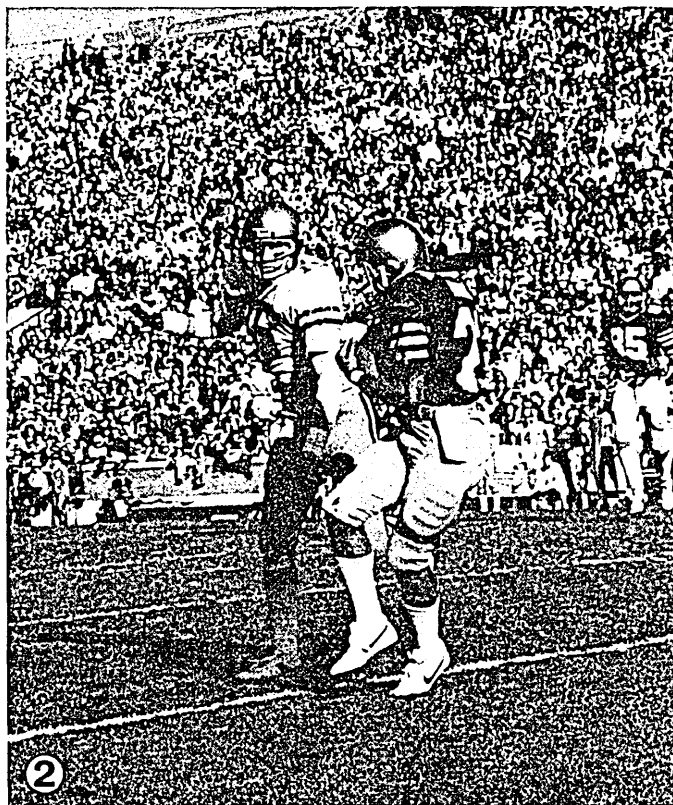
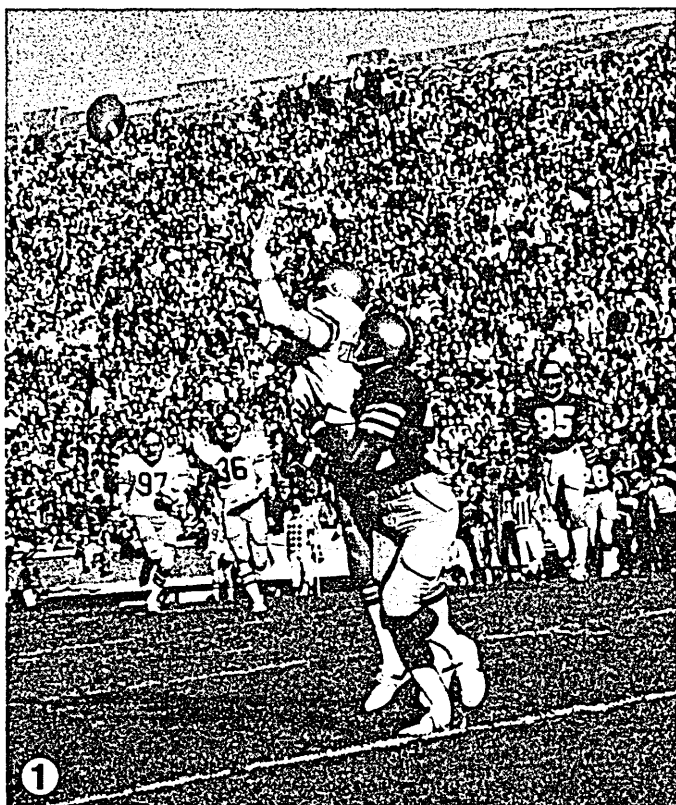
That second one was nullified when tackle Phil Pozderac was caught clipping, but the 6-9, 270-pound senior atoned for his mistake on the Mosley run as he and Kiel threw key blocks. "The coaches are kidding about moving me to guard," laughed Kiel about the block.

While the Irish offense was using the big play to be effective, the defense was consistently shutting down the Tech attack by adjusting to its short passing game which kept Notre Dame off balance early in the game.

Faust declared, "They gave us problems defensively. I was very impressed with their offensive and defensive strategies. It simply took us time to make the adjustments."

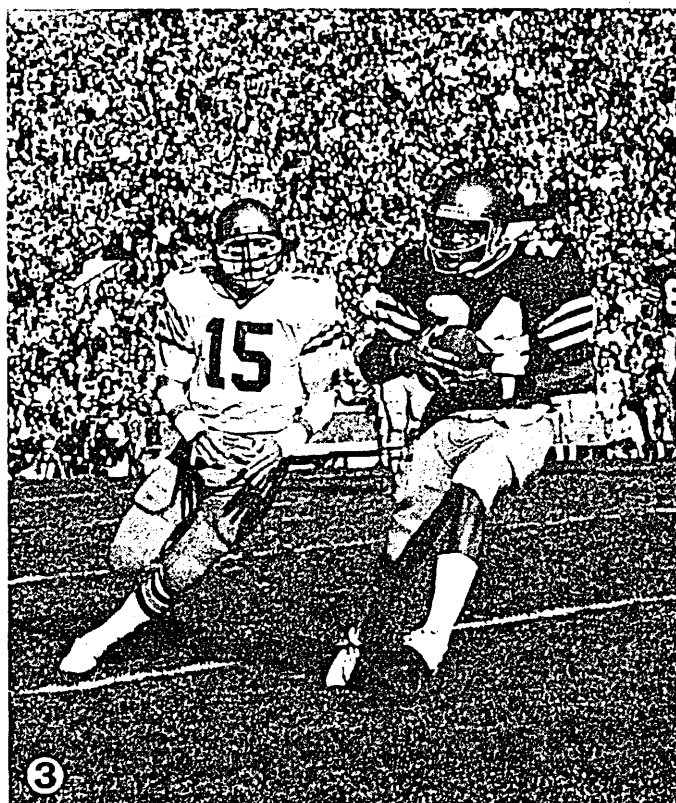
Curry concurred with his counterpart: "We tried to establish the run but we didn't do very well. We also didn't execute the screens too well. What success we did enjoy was shut off when their linebackers came up tighter on our backs."

The defense did come up with its own big play on the first play of the



Anatomy of a Touchdown

Notre Dame's second touchdown against Georgia Tech comes on this 58-yard strike from Blair Kiel to Joe Howard late in the second period. The Irish freshman from Clinton, Md. (1) times his leap while battling for position with a Tech defender, (2) watches the football drop into his arms, (3) turns away from safety Ken Escoe and (4) heads for the Irish end zone.



final quarter, when Irish linebacker Bob Crable intercepted a Stu Rogers pass and returned it 33 yards to the Tech 26. From there senior Tim Koegel, who had started four of the first five games, engineered a six-play drive which ended when he hit Mosley for a 14-yard touchdown, making the score 28-3.

Faust then worked to get as many seniors into the game as he could, a mission he accomplished.

Three seniors stood out on the next Irish possession as Koegel, who went six-of-seven for 64 yards, hit tight end Ron Mishler and split end Tim Tripp for big gains. The completion to Tripp marked off the final 10 yards of a 52-yard touchdown drive. For Mishler and Tripp, the receptions represented respective milestones in their Notre Dame careers, Mishler's catch qualifying as the first of his career and Tripp's the first for a touchdown in his four years at Notre Dame.

The last score came with 10:43 remaining in the contest, and the rest of the game featured wholesale substitutions for the Irish as all the senior walk-ons played.

"They work hard every day during the week and get no recognition on Saturdays, so it's great that we were able to get everyone on the team involved," commented Crable.

The day was also special for Crable. The 6-2 middle linebacker finished the day with 13 tackles, leaving him three shy of Bob Golic's career record. The Cincinnati native had his second career interception, as well, and he left the field to a rousing standing ovation from the student body.

It seemed Crable was one of the few players who did not set a record during the game. Besides the Howard reception record, Georgia Tech freshman tailback Robert Lavette tied a Tech

record for most receptions in a game and set a record for a Notre Dame opponent by grabbing 14 passes for 58 yards.

The victory raised Notre Dame's record to 4-4, the first time the Irish had been at the .500 level since the fourth week of the year. The game also marked the second straight week the Irish had thoroughly defeated an opponent on the scoreboard, and the win kept Notre Dame's bowl hopes alive.

"I think right now our biggest goal is to get to a bowl game. But the only way we are going to do that is to win the rest of our games," declared Crable.

Curry commented, "I'm not on the selection committees but based on what we've seen the last few weeks, Notre Dame certainly would qualify."

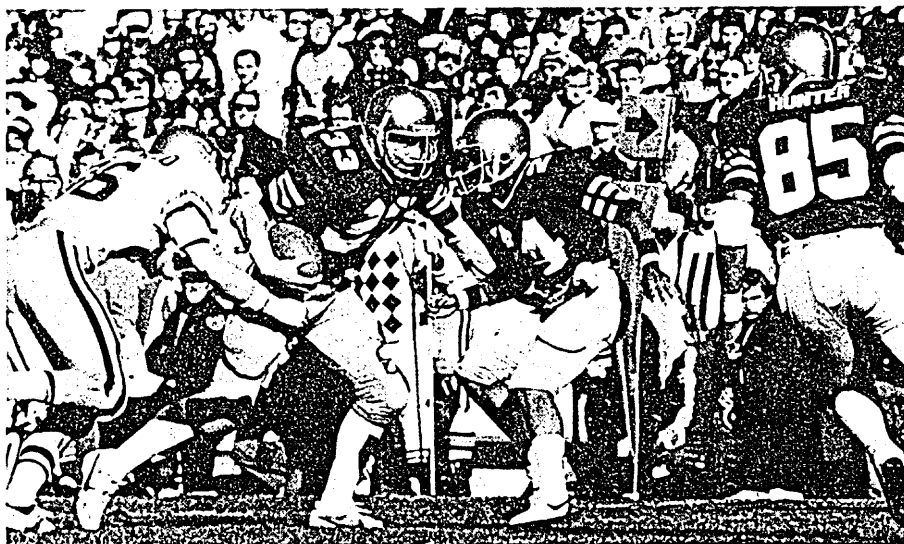
Faust, remembering how far-reaching predictions hurt his team early in the year, stayed away from making bowl projections and concentrated on his team's play: "We're very pleased with our progress. We've been improving each week on the field. We feel like we can score anywhere on the field, which helps us immensely."

Inevitably, the conversation turned back to the two-week-old saga of Joe Howard. His coach reflected on the dimensions the freshman added to the Irish offense. "When you have a man at wideout like Joe Howard, he's a threat for six on every play. When they double cover him, it opens up our other receivers."

Howard seemed anything but bewildered by his most recent accomplishments.

"I feel great these last two weeks. It's like I'm back in high school. I have a lot of confidence now and it's picking up in every game."

And so it was that a little child led them. . . .



Junior fullback John Sweeney bulls straight ahead against the Yellow Jackets as Joe Howard and Tony Hunter look for a way to help.

Georgia Tech		3	0	0	0	3
Notre Dame		7	7	7	14	35
Scoring Summary						
First Quarter				Time	GT	ND
GT—Ron Rice 39 FG				10:38	3	0
Drive: 51 yards in 11 plays following opening kickoff; Elapsed Time: 4:22						
ND—Joe Howard 96 pass from Blair Kiel (Harry Oliver kick)				1:42	3	7
Drive: 93 yards in two plays following Georgia Tech punt; Elapsed Time: :51.						
Second Quarter						
ND—Joe Howard 58 pass from Blair Kiel (Harry Oliver kick)				4:08	3	14
Drive: 34 yards in three plays following Georgia Tech punt; Elapsed Time: 1:00.						
Third Quarter						
ND—John Mosley 20 run (Harry Oliver kick)				11:36	3	21
Drive: 80 yards in eight plays following second-half kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:24; Big Plays: Greg Bell run for 41 yards.						
Fourth Quarter						
ND—John Mosley 14 pass from Tim Koegel (Harry Oliver kick)				12:29	3	28
Drive: 26 yards in six plays following Bob Crable interception of Georgia Tech pass; Elapsed Time: 2:20.						
ND—Tim Tripp 10 pass from Tim Koegel (Harry Oliver kick)				6:43	3	35
Drive: 53 yards in seven plays following Dave Ducerson interception of Georgia Tech pass; Elapsed Time: 4:00; Big Plays: Tim Koegel pass to Ron Mishler for 25 yards.						
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Team Statistics						
				GT	ND	
First Downs				9	16	
Rushing				4	8	
Passing				3	7	
Penalty				2	1	
Rushing Attempts				31	39	
Yards Rushing				66	204	
Yards Lost Rushing				25	20	
Net Yards Rushing				41	184	
Net Yards Passing				134	253	
Passes Attempted				35	25	
Passes Completed				20	13	
Had Intercepted				3	1	
Total Offensive Plays				66	64	
Total Net Yards				175	437	
Average Gain Per Play				2.7	6.5	
Fumbles: Number—Lost				4-0	1-1	
Penalties: Number—Yards				5-60	8-96	
Interceptions: Number—Yards				1-0	3-48	
Number of Punts—Yards				10-434	6-268	
Average Per Punt				43.4	44.6	
Punt Returns: Number—Yards				5-13	5-52	
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards				5-119	0-0	
Individual Statistics						
Georgia Tech						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Robert Lavette	10	39	1	38	0	16
Eddie Fortier	7	15	3	12	0	6
Ronny Cone	5	5	1	4	0	4
Matt Bryant	1	3	0	3	0	3
Ken Whisenhunt	1	0	1	-1	0	-1
Stu Rogers	7	4	19	-15	0	2
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Stu Rogers	33	19	3	102	0	18
Ken Whisenhunt	2	1	0	32	0	32
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD Long
Robert Lavette				14	50	0 10
Glenn Etheridge				2	23	0 18
Jeff Keisler				2	7	0 8
Darrell Norton				1	32	0 32
Ken Whisenhunt				1	22	0 22
Notre Dame						
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Phil Carter	17	57	7	50	0	18
Greg Bell	2	41	0	41	0	41
John Sweeney	4	26	0	26	0	8
Dave Swoboda	4	21	0	21	0	12
John Mosley	1	20	0	20	1	20
Larry Moriarty	1	16	0	16	0	16
Steve Hilbert	2	12	0	12	0	8
Bernie Adell	3	3	1	2	0	3
Chris Smith	2	1	1	0	0	1
Blair Kiel	3	7	11	-4	0	6
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Blair Kiel	18	7	1	189	2	96
Tim Koegel	7	6	0	64	2	25
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD Long
Phil Carter				3	9	0 11
Joe Howard				2	154	2 96
Tony Hunter				2	17	0 11
Ron Mishler				1	25	0 25
John Sweeney				1	15	0 15
John Mosley				1	14	1 14
Tim Tripp				1	10	1 10
Pete Buchanan				1	6	0 6
Mark Brooks				1	3	0 3

Fending Off the Falcons

By BILL MARQUARD

A dogfight.

How else could one describe a tighter-than-expected battle between the Falcons of Air Force and the blue and gold barons of Notre Dame?

"I sure don't feel like we were just in a 35-7 ballgame," sighed Irish Coach Gerry Faust in the aftermath of the contest. "That was an exciting game—too exciting."

Could this be an example of Faust building up a less-than-formidable Irish opponent after soundly defeating it on the football field?

Hardly, when one realizes the final score was a far cry from the scant 14-7 advantage the Irish enjoyed with less than 14 minutes left in the game.

Hardly, when one realizes the Air Force mounted a persistent 16-play, 80-yard drive to snap the 11-quarter string of consecutive frames without allowing a touchdown which the Irish had fashioned over the last three games.

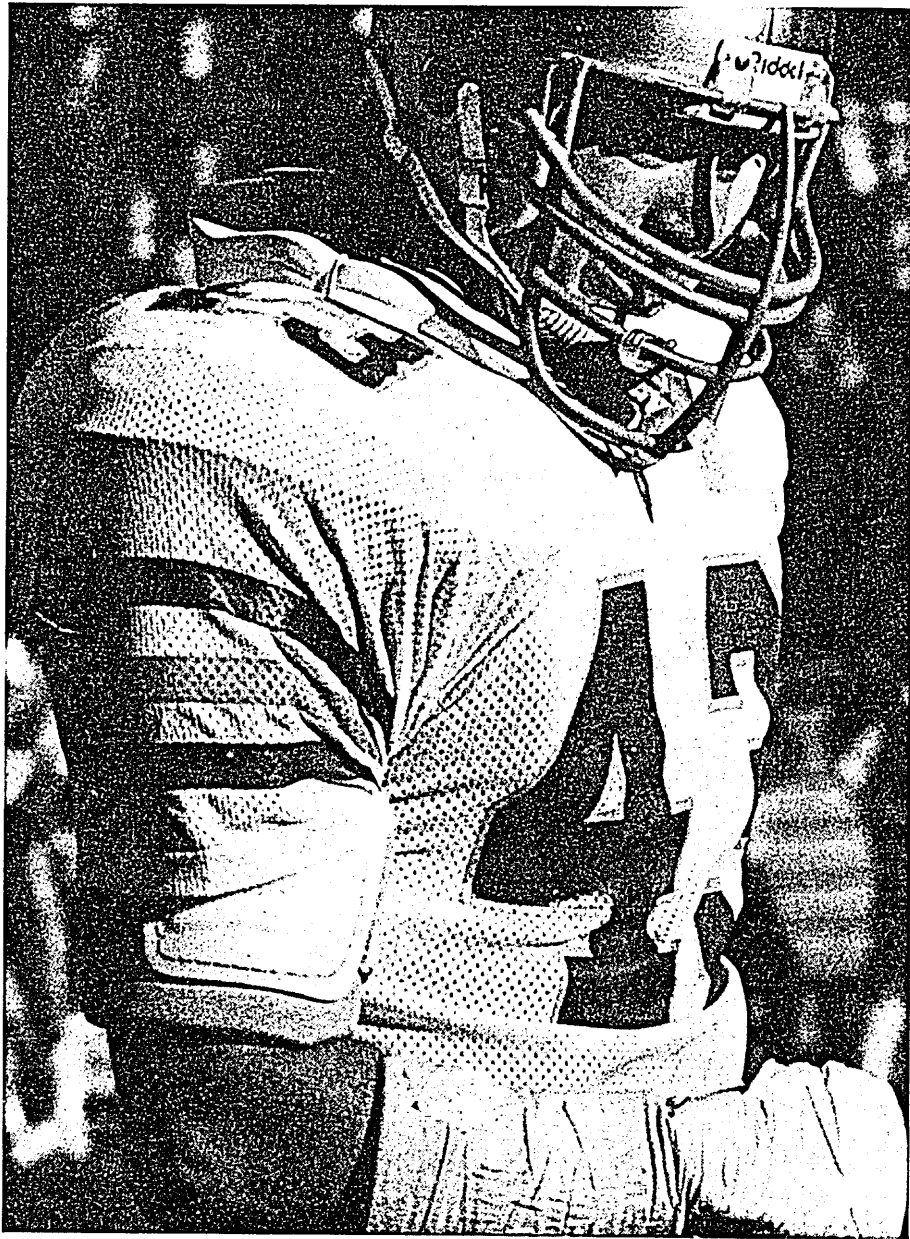
Hardly, when one realizes the Falcons shut down Notre Dame's long passing attack, particularly the Blair Kiel-to-Joe Howard combination, and allowed a long pass of only 26 yards all afternoon.

"They were really prepared for us. We couldn't get anything deep," remarked starting quarterback Kiel, who completed five of 13 passes for 66 yards despite spending 48 hours in the hospital with a severe virus the week before the game.

On the other side of the tunnel, Air Force coach Ken Hatfield didn't feel well, but for a different reason. "I'm just sick about that final score. I think we played better than to come up with that."

The Irish jumped to an early advantage in the game on the strength of two Phil Carter scoring runs in the first half, the second two-touchdown day of the junior tailback's career. The first capped a 59-yard drive on Notre Dame's second possession, highlighted by a 31-yard Blair Kiel dash around right end. The two backfield mates accounted for all of the Irish real estate on the five-play trip.

Carter then fashioned a five-play, 19-yard drive of his own in the waning minutes of the first half following an Air Force fumble. But the Irish grew



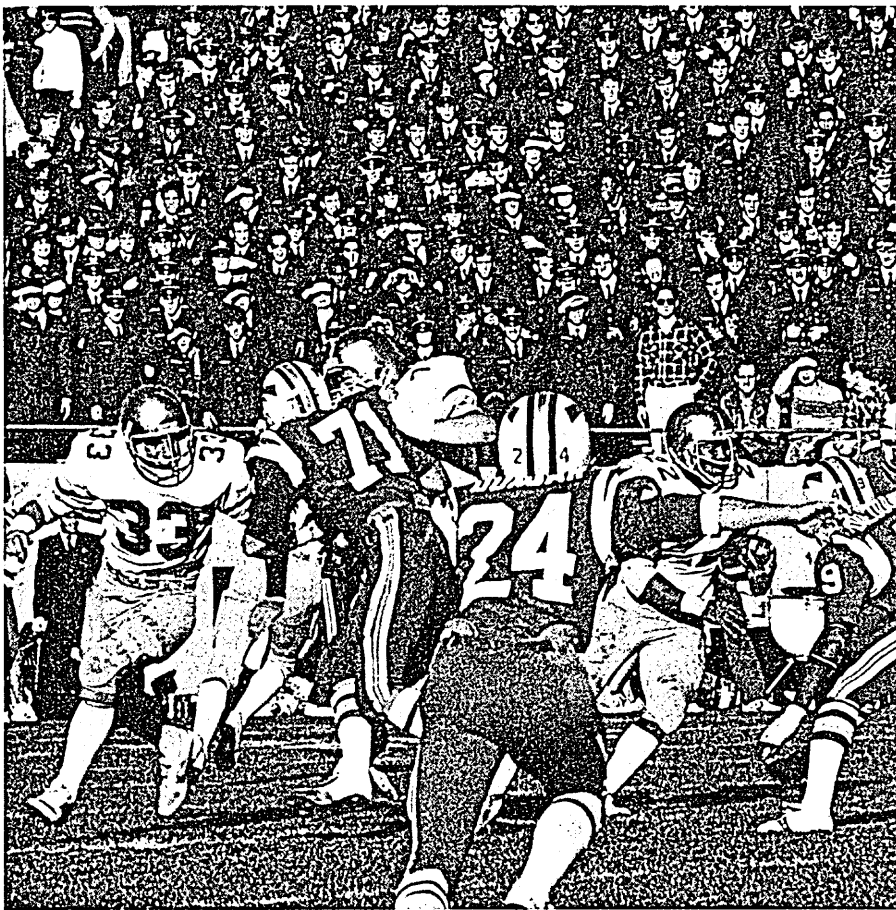
Bob Crable's third tackle against the Air Force enabled him to become Notre Dame's all-time leading career tackler. He surpassed the previous mark of 479 held by linebacker Bob Golic and set between the 1975 and '78 season with the Irish.

content with their two-touchdown half-time cushion and mounted little offensive threat coming out of the locker room.

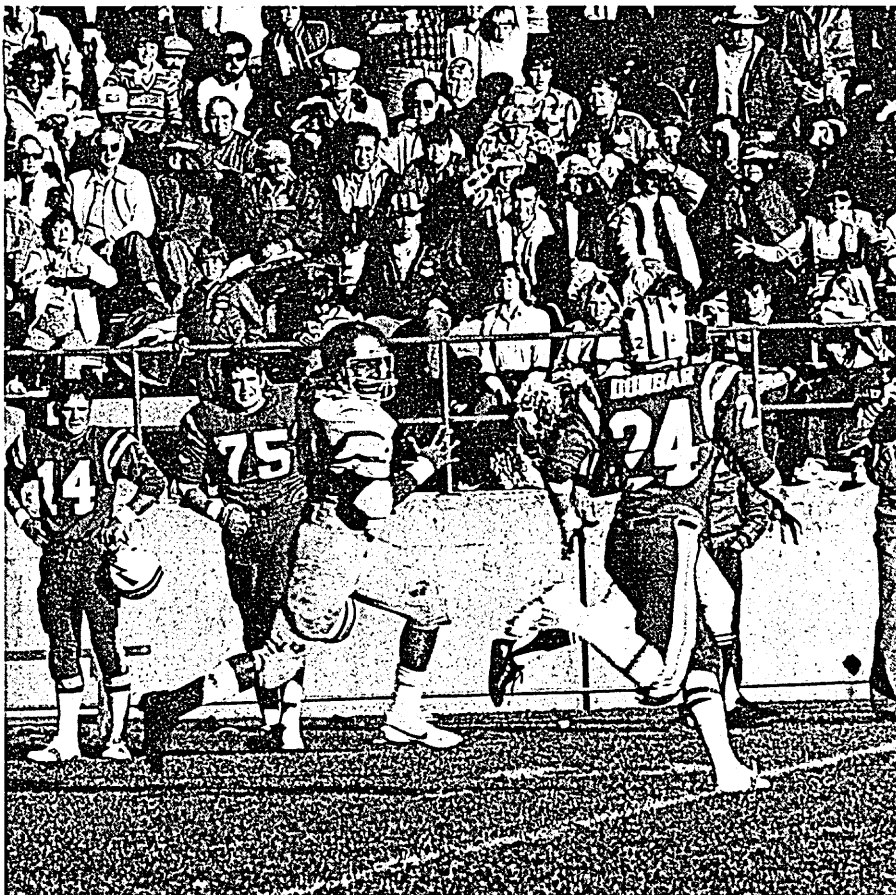
"At halftime, we talked about how close it was," recounted Air Force quarterback Ed Antoine who came off the bench to direct the Falcons' lone scoring march. "We felt we could come back. We made some changes in our

blocking assignments and things started clicking."

Whether the Irish were lulled mentally or physically by the thin Colorado atmosphere, the Falcons began an infantry attack on their own 20-yard line with 5:47 remaining in the third quarter and didn't stop until fullback John Kershner broke from the grasp of Irish linebacker Bob Crable and scuttled nine



Phil Carter's 156-yard, two-touchdown effort versus the Falcons put Notre Dame's first two scores of the game on the scoreboard. Here he fights his way through a maze of potential enemy tacklers (top) and finally breaks free to the far sideline (bottom).



yards into the end zone.

"I gave him a good shot, but I just didn't grab him and put him down," explained Crable, who had an otherwise memorable game in setting Notre Dame's career tackle record. "We drifted or floated a little too much on defense — Air Force is a good team."

"During that long drive I was really sucking air," said defensive end Tony Belden after catching his breath in the lockerroom. "I got the wind knocked out of me once and kept going, but when it happened a second time I had to come out just to catch my breath."

"Our offensive line came back into the huddle and said their defense was dogging it," related Antoine. "We sensed they were tiring and took advantage of it."

But the Falcons took a tad too much of an advantage, for the Irish suddenly found their second wind and exploded for three fourth-quarter touchdowns, their highest single-stanza outburst of the season.

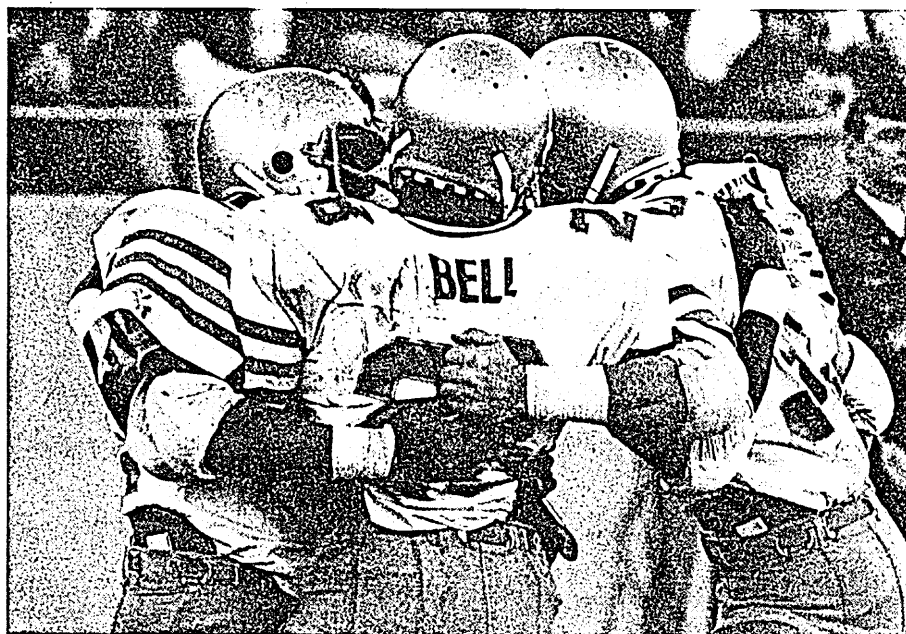
Gerry Faust:
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Tim Koegel, spelling a worn-out Kiel, directed the Irish 71 yards in four plays for a Greg Bell touchdown and another 14-point Notre Dame advantage.

"I'm a little tired," offered Kiel after the game. "I think they took me out of the game at a good time — I certainly wasn't going to complain."

And when the Falcons' second-chance scoring effort stalled on the Irish 40, Notre Dame decided to put a lock on the scoreboard for the balance of the game. Koegel directed his troops down the field for a five-yard Larry Moriarty touchdown run, and freshman quarterback Ken Karcher had the easiest job of all, handing off to classmates Chris Smith and then Mark Brooks to engineer a two-play, 32-yard scoring march.

"They came ready to play, on offense and defense," said Carter, who topped the 100-yard plateau for the third time this season and eighth in his career with 156 yards. "They were obviously prepared for us, especially our



Phil Carter, Greg Bell and John Sweeney celebrate in the end zone as the Irish win their third straight, a 35-7 triumph thanks to a late Irish rally.

passing game. But our running game worked pretty well, so we didn't have to rely on the pass."

Ironically, both teams' air attacks yielded to their ground counterparts, the Irish gaining 276 yards on the ground and only 110 in the air, while the Falcons ground out 166 rushing yards and only earned 61 through the air. And when it came to the trenches, Notre Dame discovered two outstanding rookie performers in Joe Bars and Mike Gann.

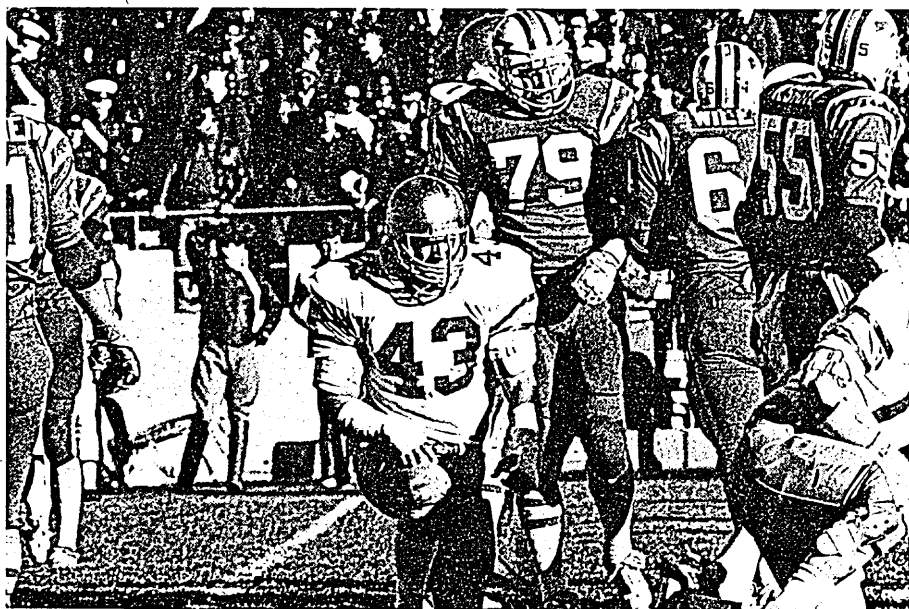
"I think all of the freshmen played well," offered defensive end Kevin Griffith. "Especially when they weren't prepared to play such a major role."

Bars got the nod at linebacker when

second-stringer Rick Naylor (a starting lineup replacement for Joe Rudzinski who had recurring shoulder problems and did not make the trip) went down with a bruised thigh in the first half. Gann was summoned by the Irish coaches when Griffith took a shot to the knee and was rested for precautionary measures.

"Air Force did an excellent job of preparing for us," remarked Faust after his Irish had climbed above the .500 mark again with their third straight win. "They had a week off and had won two straight games—those were big things we knew we'd have to cope with."

"But when the chips were down we came through."



It was just another work day at the ballpark for Notre Dame All-America linebacker Bob Crable — but the career tackling mark made it all worthwhile for the Cincinnati, Ohio, product.

Notre Dame	7	7	0	21	35
Air Force	0	0	0	7	7

Scoring Summary				
First Quarter	ND—Phil Carter 4 run (Harry Oliver kick)	Time	AF	ND
	Drive: 59 yards in five plays following Air Force punt; Elapsed Time: 2:02; Big Plays: Blair Kiel run for 31 yards.	9:11	0	7
Second Quarter	ND—Phil Carter 2 run (Harry Oliver kick)	4:43	0	14
	Drive: 19 yards in five plays following Joe Johnson recovery of Air Force fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:48.			
Fourth Quarter	AF—John Kershner 9 run (Sean Pavlich kick)	13:55	7	14
	Drive: 80 yards in 16 plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 6:52; Big Plays: Ed Antoine pass to Mike Kirby for 18 yards.			
ND—Greg Bell 17 run (Harry Oliver kick)	12:07	7	21	
	Drive: 71 yards in four plays following Air Force kickoff; Elapsed Time: 1:41; Big Plays: Phil Carter run for 43 yards.			
ND—Larry Moriarty 5 run (Harry Oliver kick)	3:33	7	28	
	Drive: 62 yards in nine plays following Air Force loss of ball on downs; Elapsed Time: 4:35; Big Plays: Tim Koegel pass to Tony Hunter for 18 yards.			
ND—Mark Brooks 12 run (Harry Oliver kick)	:47	7	35	
	Drive: 32 yards in two plays following Air Force punt; Elapsed Time: :29; Big Plays: Chris Smith run for 20 yards.			
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Team Statistics				
	ND	AF		
First Downs	18	15		
Rushing	12	12		
Passing	6	3		
Penalty	0	0		
Rushing Attempts	46	56		
Yards Rushing	295	200		
Yards Lost Rushing	19	34		
Net Yards Rushing	276	166		
Net Yards Passing	110	61		
Passes Attempted	17	18		
Passes Completed	8	6		
Had Intercepted	1	1		
Total Offensive Plays	63	74		
Total Net Yards	386	227		
Average Gain Per Play	6.13	3.07		
Fumbles: Number—Lost	3—1	2—2		
Penalties: Number—Yards	7—55	4—26		
Interceptions: Number—Yards	1—0	1—0		
Number of Punts—Yards	6—230	7—230		
Average Per Punt	38.3	32.9		
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3—31	2—6		
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	2—57	0—0		

Individual Statistics							
Air Force							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
John Kershner	13	63	0	63	1	21	
Charlie Heath	11	49	0	49	0	10	
Ed Antoine	6	16	6	10	0	8	
Karl Grant	10	316	1	30	0	12	
Marty Louthan	13	38	15	23	0	9	
Mike Kirby	1	3	0	3	0	3	
Jim Miller	1	0	12	-12	0	-12	
C. I. Dixon	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Jeff Kubiak		7	230	32.9	44		
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Marty Louthan	13	4	1	41	0	15	
Ed Antoine	4	2	0	20	0	18	
Jim Miller	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Pass Receiving		No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Fred Cianciola		2	29	0	15		
Mike Kirby		2	26	0	18		
Karl Grant		1	4	0	4		
Charlie Heath		1	2	0	2		

Notre Dame							
Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	
Phil Carter	27	160	4	156	2	43	
Blair Kiel	3	42	0	42	0	31	
Greg Bell	6	30	3	27	1	17	
Larry Moriarty	4	15	0	15	1	7	
Joe Howard	1	0	12	-12	0	-12	
John Sweeney	3	16	0	16	0	9	
Chris Smith	1	20	0	20	0	20	
Mark Brooks	1	12	0	12	1	12	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long	
Blair Kiel	13	5	1	66	0	26	
Tim Koegel	3	3	0	44	0	19	
Pass Receiving		No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Greg Bell		3	49	0	24		
Tony Hunter		2	45	0	26		
Joe Howard		1	15	0	15		
Phil Carter		2	1	0	2		
Punting		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Blair Kiel		6	230	38.3	51		

Close to an Irish Classic

By KELLY SULLIVAN

The 10th week of the 1981 season saw Notre Dame preparing for yet another of the country's best teams in Penn State—the fifth Irish opponent ranked among the Top 20. It also pitted Gerry Faust against Joe Paterno, one of the most well-known and most successful coaches in the college game. That might have been a disturbing thought to some coaches, but not Notre Dame's optimistic head man.

"Anytime you get the opportunity to go up against a giant like Joe Paterno, it's a real honor," he told reporters that

week. "I consider it a thrill just to be able to stand on the same field with him."

There were other reasons Faust was wearing a smile. His team was riding a three-game winning streak that put its record over the .500 mark for the first time since the LSU game. The offense had compiled some impressive statistics in recent outings. And, despite a 5-4 record, bowl scouts still had eyes on the Irish.

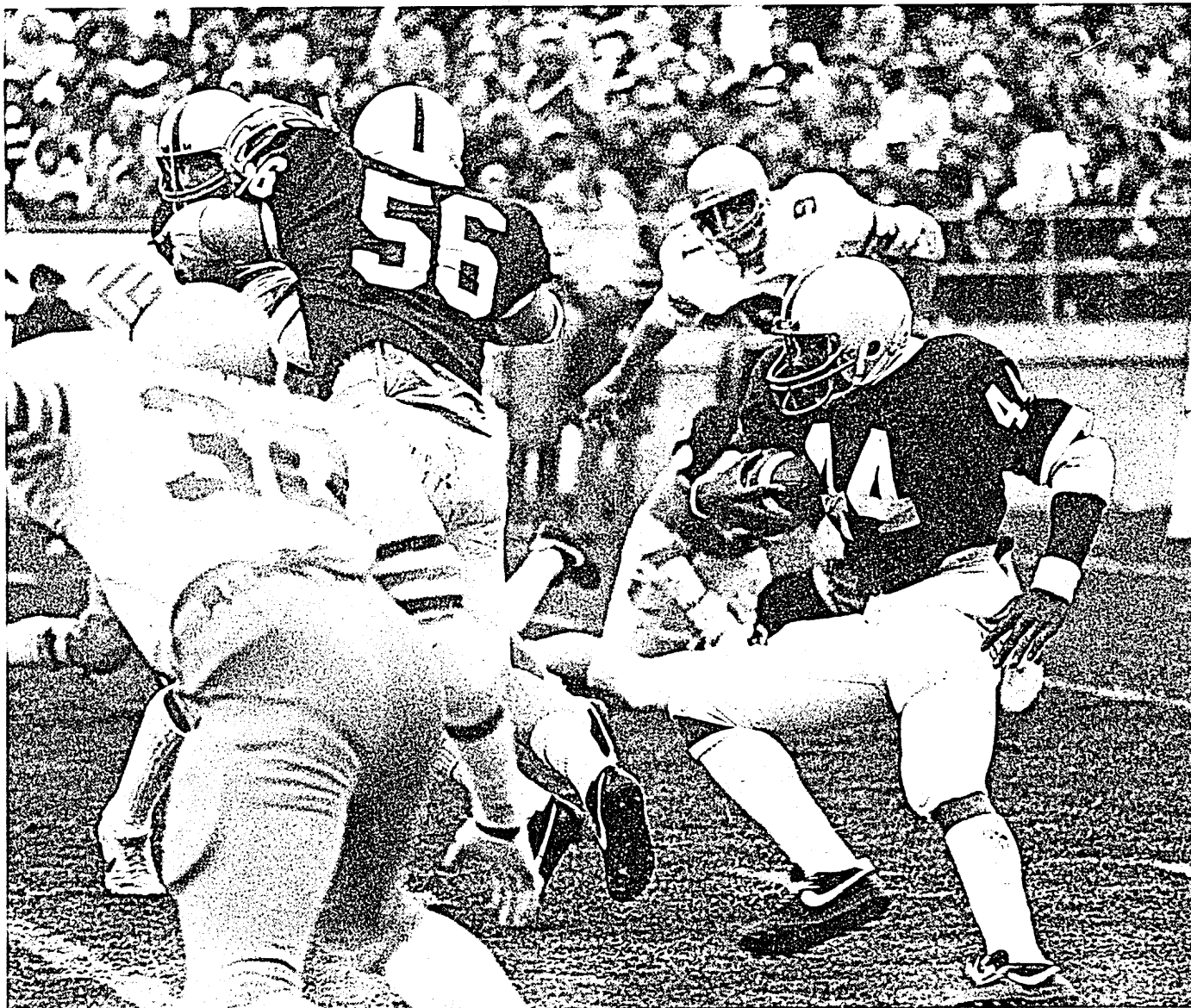
Yet the Notre Dame players were concerned about more than bowl invitations. They were concerned about

respectability. Yes, they had beaten Navy, Georgia Tech and Air Force on consecutive Saturdays. "But we really wanted to beat Penn State badly," recalled fullback John Sweeney. "We wanted to show people that our last three wins weren't flukes, and that we could play with a good team."

Notre Dame's bid for a fourth straight win failed. However, their bid for respectability did not. The game was as close as the 24-21 final indicated.

"It was a classic," offered Paterno.

"Yeah, it was a heck of a game for



Sophomore Jon Williams showed plenty of savvy while filling in for the banged-up Curt Warner at tailback for Penn State. His 192 rushing yards were major factors in the come-from-behind 21-17 Nittany Lion victory at Beaver Stadium.

spectators but a heartbreaker for coaches," remarked Faust, who saw his squad drop its fourth game by seven or fewer points. "I'd sure like to be on the other side of those close ones for a change."

Coming up short again understandably upset the Irish coach. But neither Faust nor the more than 84,000 fans who jammed Beaver Stadium that afternoon could have been disappointed with what they saw. They got offense—and plenty of it—right from the start.

Penn State took the opening kickoff and, thanks to a couple of big plays, went up 7-0 only 40 seconds into the game. The Irish returned the favor on their first series. Quarterback Blair Kiel completed a 40-yard throw to Joe Howard down to the two. Phil Carter took it in from there.

But, while Notre Dame sputtered for a time, the Nittany Lions rolled on, building a 10-point advantage in the second quarter. It mattered little to Penn State that top rusher Curt Warner was sidelined with an injury. His backup, Jon Williams, enjoyed a banner day; he gained 192 yards, the highest totaled by any back against the Irish all season.

However, Notre Dame came to life, and a seesaw battle ensued. Tackle Tim

Marshall recovered a Penn State fumble that set up a Kiel-to-Tony Hunter score right before halftime. Linebacker Bob Crable intercepted a Penn State pass that set up a Kiel-to-John Sweeney strike right after the half. The Irish gained control of both the scoreboard and the momentum.

And they threatened to put things out of reach for Penn State, driving to the Lions' four-yard line with about 10 minutes remaining.

But from there, things quickly turned sour for Notre Dame. Faust's troops couldn't punch the ball over in three tries, and on fourth down, they passed up what looked like a sure three points.

"A field goal would've just set it up for a tie," explained Faust. "We're not out there to tie, we're out there to win. We only had a half yard to go—when you're that close, you've got to go out there for the win."

However, the Irish got nowhere on their next play. Penn State put on a tremendous stand that stopped Greg Bell cold and swung momentum back in the Nittany Lions' direction.

They intercepted a Kiel pass on Notre Dame's next possession. "It wasn't the smartest play on my part," admitted Kiel. The turnover marred an otherwise fine showing; he threw for

183 yards and a pair of touchdowns that day. "I tried to lob the ball to Phil (Carter) and I never should have."

And then, Williams' best efforts came at the worst time for Notre Dame. He brought the Lions down the field, gaining a total of 46 yards on three plays early in the drive. They quickly moved the ball into the end zone and took the lead for good.

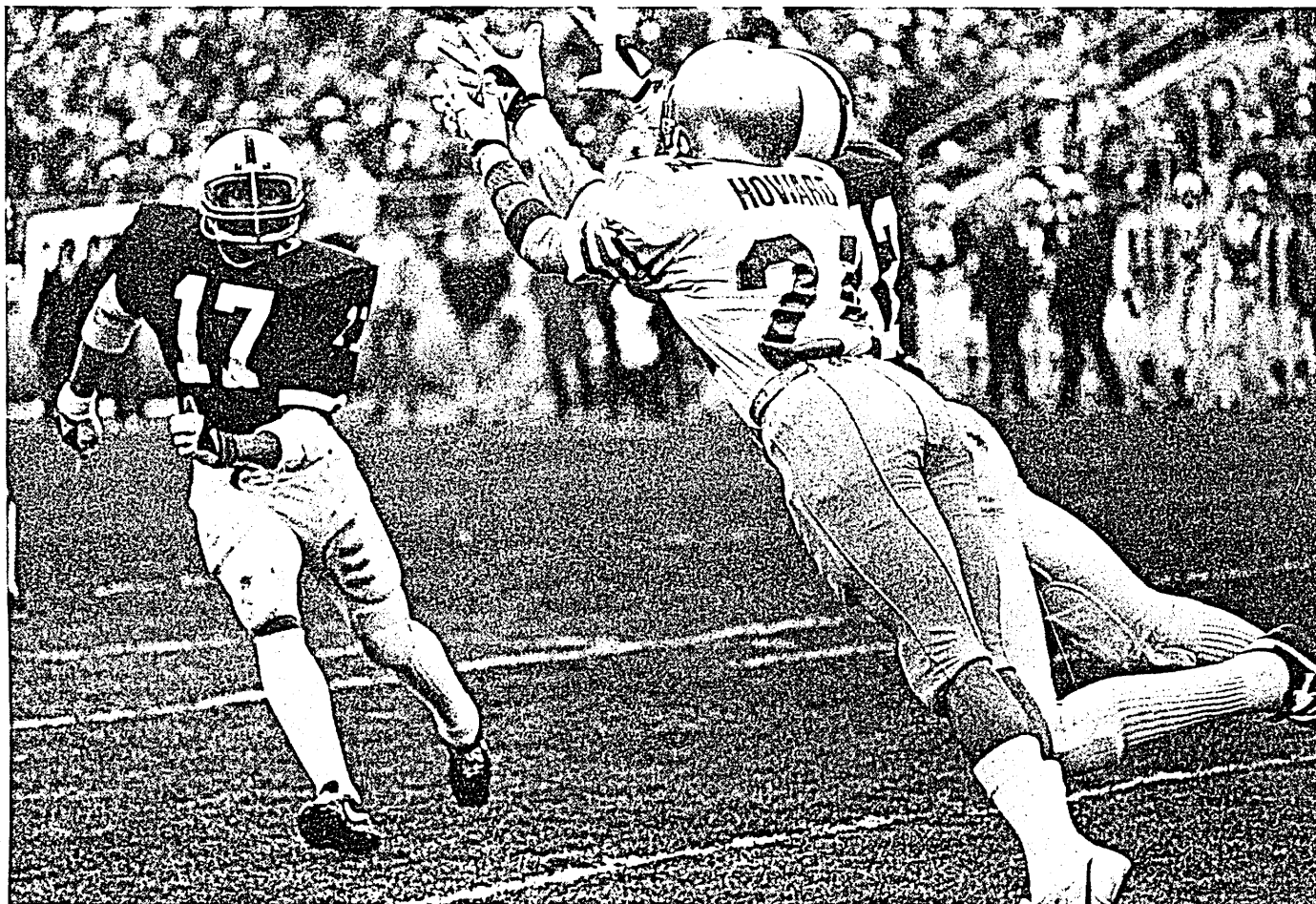
"We didn't play very well at all on that last drive," admitted Crable. "In fact, we played lousy. And I don't know why."

Joe Paterno had a guess. "Our kids thought Notre Dame might have gotten a little tired on that drive. But that's what football games are all about. Two teams are in there slugging it out, and when one gets some momentum, they go with it."

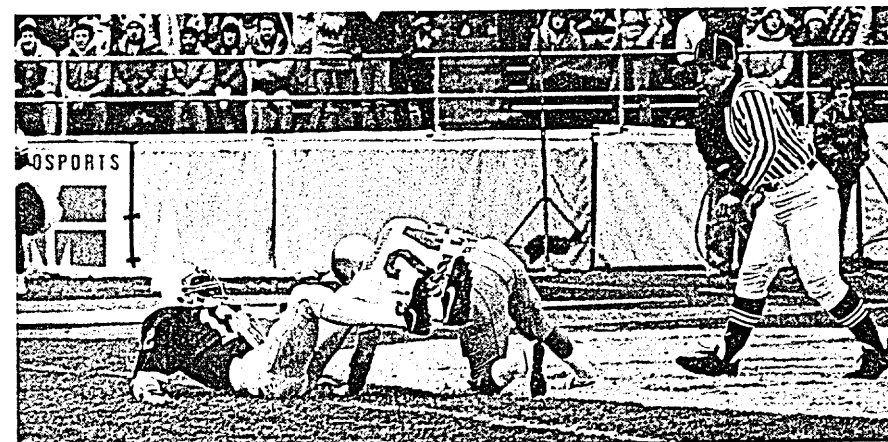
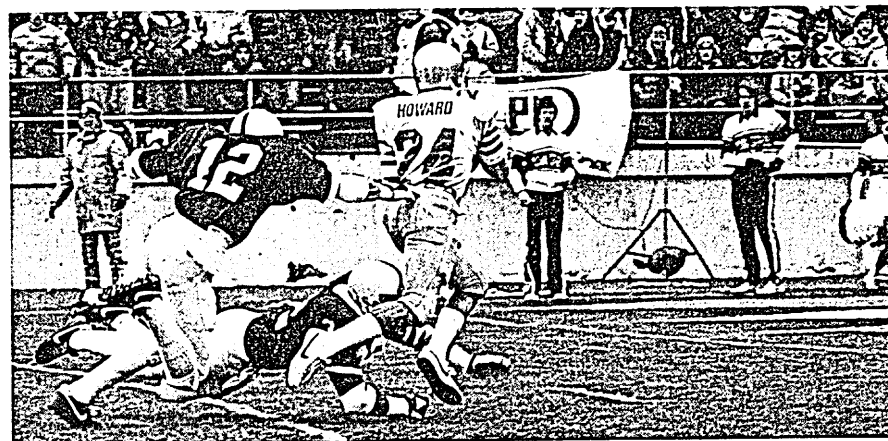
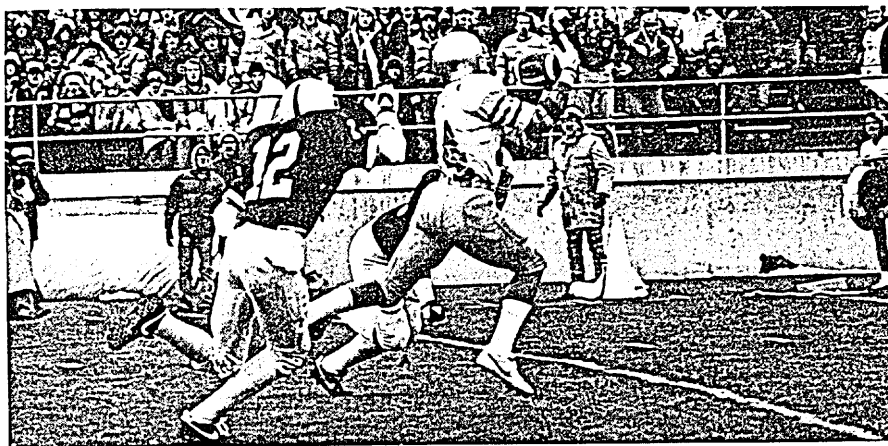
The Irish were forced to go home with a 5-5 record—and forced to wait another week before discovering if their bid for a winning season would be successful.

Faust, who'd seen measurable improvement in his team since its last defeat, admitted that this was one of his toughest losses.

But, without hesitation, he added, "They're all tough."



Irish freshman Joe Howard battles Nittany Lion senior cornerback Paul Lankford for the football as Penn State's Harry Hamilton alertly views the action.



Joe Howard gets the Irish attack off with a bang as he hauls in this 40-yard strike from Blair Kiel on Notre Dame's second offensive play. Howard found a seam between Paul Lankford (12) and safety Mark Robinson (32) and took the football down to the Penn State one.

Notre Dame	7	7	7	0	21
Penn State	14	3	0	7	24

Scoring Summary

First Quarter	Time	PS	ND
PS—Jon William 4 run (Brian Franco kick) Drive: 43 yards in two plays following opening kickoff; Elapsed Time: :41; Big Plays: Jon Williams run for 39 yards, Harry Hamilton kickoff return for 50 yards.	14:19	7	0
ND—Phil Carter 1 run (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 60 yards in four plays; Elapsed Time: 1:28; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to Joe Howard for 40 yards.	12:45	7	7
PS—Todd Blackledge 1 run (Brian Franco kick) Drive: 12 yards in eight plays following Joe Kraus recovery of Notre Dame fumble; Elapsed Time: 3:35.	:20	14	7

Second Quarter

PS—Brian Franco 27 FG Drive: 84 yards in 12 plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 5:08; Big Plays: Todd Blackledge pass to Greg Garrity for 22 yards.	3:44	17	7
ND—Tony Hunter 17 pass from Blair Kiel (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: 39 yards in five plays following Tim Marshall recovery of Penn State fumble; Elapsed Time: 1:29; Big Plays: Blair Kiel pass to John Sweeney for 15 yards.	:23	17	14

Third Quarter

ND—John Sweeney 4 pass from Blair Kiel (Harry Oliver kick) Drive: Five yards in two plays following Bob Crable interception of Penn State pass and 27-yard return; Elapsed Time: :40.	12:55	17	21
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Fourth Quarter

PS—Todd Blackledge 1 run (Brian Franco kick) Drive: 82 yards in nine plays following Greg Gattuso interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: 3:57.	3:48	24	21
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Team Statistics

First Downs	ND	PS
Rushing	13	16
Passing	7	12
Penalty	1	3
Rushing Attempts	37	59
Yards Rushing	116	300
Yards Lost Rushing	8	7
Net Yards Rushing	108	293
Net Yards Passing	184	66
Passes Attempted	30	14
Passes Completed	14	6
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	67	73
Total Net Yards	292	359
Average Gain Per Play	4.4	4.9
Fumbles: Number—Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties: Number—Yards	4-27	1-0
Interceptions: Number—Yards	1-27	1-0
Number of Punt—Yards	8-280	8-313
Average Per Punt	35.0	39.1
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	3-27	2-14
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	2-53	4-90

Individual Statistics

Notre Dame

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Phil Carter	20	62	4	58	1	15
Greg Bell	10	33	3	30	0	8
John Sweeney	4	9	0	9	0	3
Larry Moriarty	1	7	0	7	0	7
Joe Howard	1	5	0	5	0	5
Blair Kiel	1	0	1	-1	0	-1
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Blair Kiel	28	13	1	183	2	38
Greg Bell	1	1	0	1	0	1
Joe Howard	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Joe Howard	4	102	0	40		
Tony Hunter	4	36	1	17		
John Sweeney	3	28	1	15		
Greg Bell	2	17	0	16		
Blair Kiel	1	1	0	1		

Penn State

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Jon Williams	27	195	3	192	1	39
Tom Barr	12	50	0	50	0	18
Curt Warner	4	12	0	12	0	6
Todd Blackledge	10	19	0	19	2	8
Tony Mumford	2	2	3	-1	0	2
Mike Meade	2	13	0	13	0	11
Frank Rocco	1	0	1	-1	0	-1
Kenny Jackson	1	7	0	7	0	7
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Todd Blackledge	13	6	1	66	0	22
Tom Barr	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pass Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Greg Garrity	2	42	0	22		
Jon Williams	2	27	0	22		
Kenny Jackson	1	-1	0	-1		
Tom Barr	1	-2	0	-2		

No Fun in the Sun

By KELLY SULLIVAN

There were no tears this time, as there had been after early-season losses to Michigan, Purdue and Florida State. Gerry Faust had learned to deal with defeat a little better by now.

He said he even learned from defeat. "I learned I don't like to lose." But the lesson was a painful one for him and his players.

He stood amid reporters on the floor of the Orange Bowl, where his team had just been clobbered 37-15 on national television by Miami. He had just concluded his first season at the school of his dreams with a 5-6 record, Notre Dame's first losing season in 18 years. Only four Irish coaches prior to Faust had finished a schedule with more defeats than victories.

"I sure don't want to go down in history that way," he admitted. "There

haven't been many tougher years for me as a coach than this."

Few expected the 1981 schedule to be easy on the man from Moeller, but a 5-6 record? "I don't think anyone thought this was possible," said All-America linebacker Bob Crable. "We had almost everyone back from last year. When you have everyone back you're supposed to improve, but we didn't do a very good job at that."

"I was 5-5 during my sophomore year in high school," remembered quarterback Blair Kiel. "But I can't ever recall having a losing season."

"This really hurts because it was supposed to be a good year this year. We were supposed to go out and win it all."

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Miami coach Howard Schnellenberger said the stage was set for some-

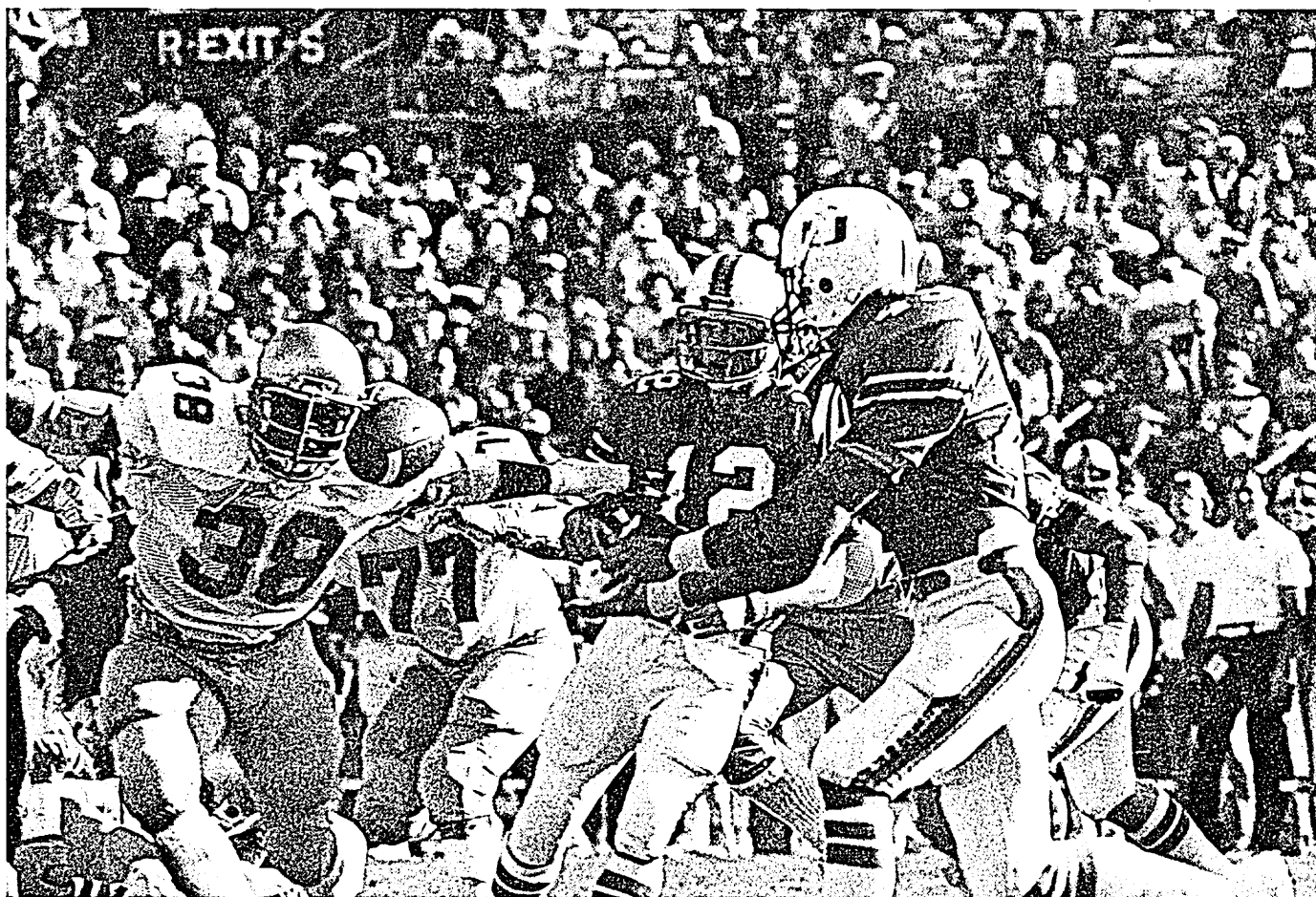
thing "classical" to happen. For his players, on NCAA probation and banned from postseason play, the Notre Dame game was their substitute bowl, their chance to vindicate a 32-14 drubbing by the Irish the previous year in South Bend, and a chance to show the country that the Hurricane football team had arrived. They accomplished all of the above.

"This is the greatest day in Miami football history," claimed the coach.

"I've been waiting for this for four years," shouted senior defensive end Tim Flanagan. "We finally did it."

"This wraps up four years of hard work toward respectability and national prominence for us," explained All-American safety Fred Marion. "When I first came here we couldn't even stay on the field with Notre Dame."

Miami not only stayed on the same

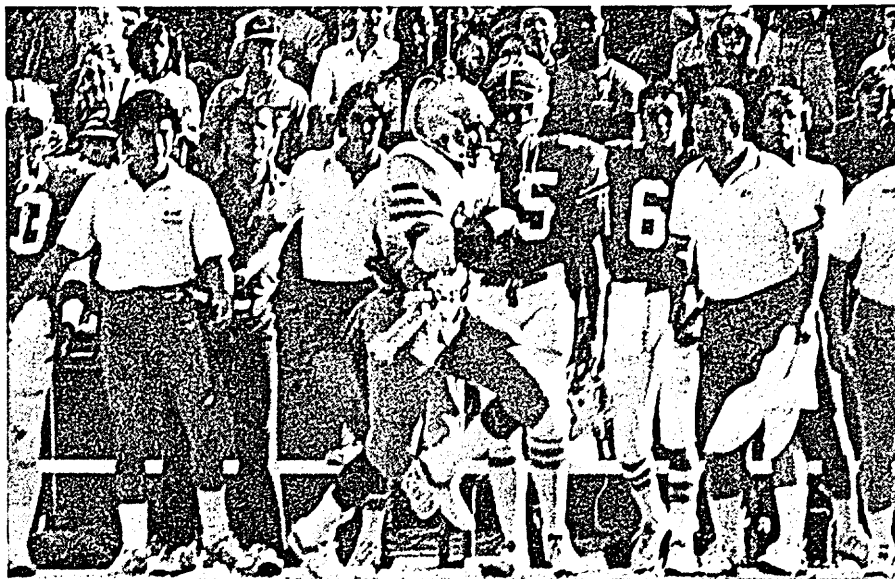


Jon Autry closely eyes a Jim Kelly toss to halfback Mark Rush as the Hurricanes put their running game in first gear. Autry and his teammates had little luck against Miami in the season finale at the Orange Bowl.

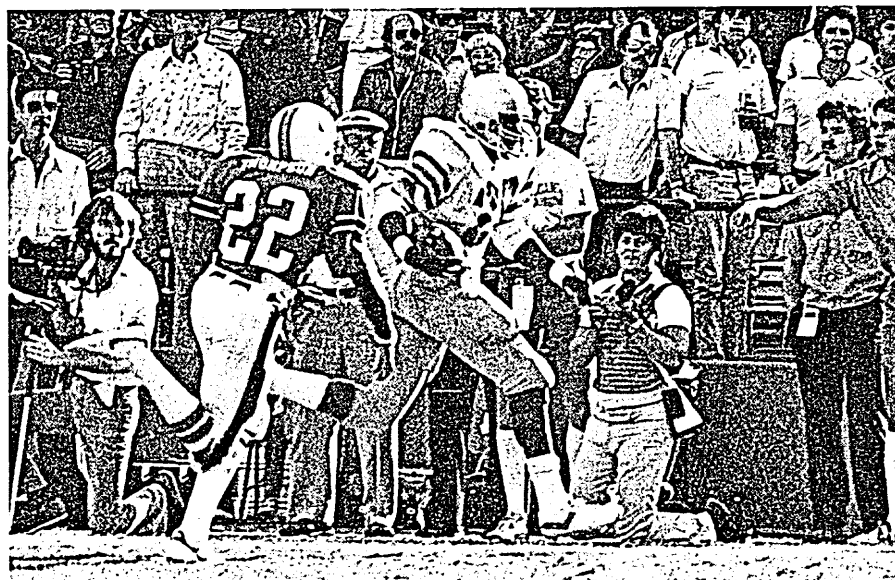
field, they also marched up and down it, churning out 462 yards of offense, compared to 200 for Notre Dame. They put on one of the best halves of football ever played against the Irish, rolling up a 30-6 halftime lead on three Dan Miller field goals, a pair of Jim Kelly touchdown passes, and a four-yard run by flanker Mike Rodrigue.

That scamper came on the Hurricanes' first possession, and, in response, Notre Dame's Greg Bell returned the ensuing kick-off 98 yards for a score. The extra point was missed. It was 7-6. It never got any closer.

Kelly, a junior slinger from East Brady, Pa., proceeded to tear the Irish secondary apart with his record-setting passing. He hit 17 of 25 for 264 yards (238 in the first half).



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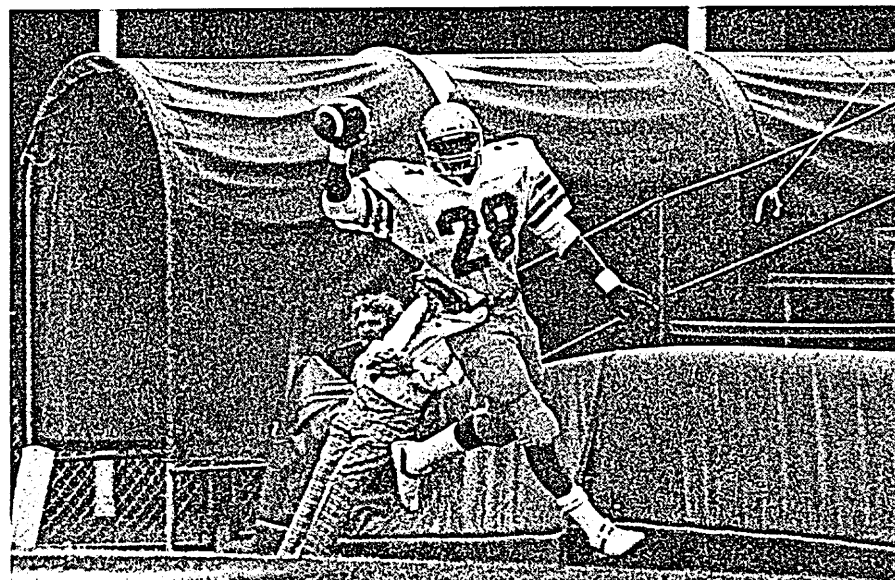


"He's one of the best, if not the best, we've played," praised Notre Dame cornerback John Krimm. "His biggest asset is the way he read our coverages. He was checking off all day, and he usually made the right decision."

"Kelly puts the long pass on the money better than anybody I've seen," echoed Crable, stalwart of the defense which, on this day, gave up its most points in three seasons. "Besides, our pass coverage was no good and our pass rush was no good. What else is there?"

There was an equally disappointing performance on offense. The Irish failed to cross midfield until the second half. They scored only on Harry Oliver's 36-yard boot in the third quarter, and Dave Duerson's 88-yard interception return in the fourth.

Kiel was 10-for-25 in the air for 90 yards, 77 of them to split end Joe Howard. The sophomore quarterback also threw two interceptions, and went to the sidelines after one of them, on Notre Dame's first series. Faust sent senior Tim Koegel in to replace him.



An early bright spot for the Irish came on this 98-yard kickoff return by Greg Bell when Notre Dame received its first look at the football. The return marked the third longest in Irish annals and the best by an Irish player in 51 years. The last Notre Dame player to score on a kickoff had been Al Hunter in the '73 Sugar Bowl against Alabama.

Kiel admitted he was surprised by the move, but that unstable quarterback situation and the game itself "typified our whole season—up and down, shaky and disappointing."

Koegel failed to generate the Irish, though, and Kiel came back in. Still, nothing worked.

"We knew they were a good defensive team," said tailback Phil Carter, held to 33 yards rushing on 12 attempts. "We knew that we had to go out and execute. We didn't do it."

And the Irish were at a loss at explaining why.

"Miami was just as good as USC and Penn State and Michigan," offered line-backer Joe Rudzinski. "But we should have played better. It was real frustrating getting beat like this. This loss doesn't sit well with me."

"You can't put your finger on any one thing," Crable said. "It's just devastating to realize you're a part of the

first losing team in decades. It hurts."

The seniors were forced to end their Notre Dame careers painfully. But their younger teammates insisted the wounds would heal, the Irish would recover.

"This isn't the end of Notre Dame," Rudzinski emphasized. "This was just one bad season and I know we'll be back next year. Notre Dame's out for the season, but not out forever."

"This is college football tradition at its best," added defensive end Jon Autry. "We will follow our tradition by bouncing back and being No. 1 again. This is Notre Dame."

However, the Irish won't easily forget the important lesson taught them by Michigan, Purdue, Florida State, Southern California, Penn State and finally, the Hurricanes.

"We learned that you win and lose on the football field," reminded Kiel, "and that the Notre Dame tradition can't win it for you."



Notre Dame never quite got to Hurricane quarterback Jim Kelly in time to prevent him from throwing for 238 yards in the first half. That staked Miami to a 30-6 halftime advantage and paved the way for the 37-15 final. Kevin Griffith reaches vainly for this toss.

Notre Dame	6	0	3	6	15
Miami	14	16	0	7	37

Scoring Summary

First Quarter	Time	UM	ND
UM—Mike Rodrigue 4 run (Dan Miller kick) Drive: 80 yards in eight plays following opening kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:26.	11:34	7	0
ND—Greg Bell 98 kickoff return (kick failed)	11:22	7	6
UM—Mike Rodrigue 18 pass from Jim Kelly (Dan Miller kick) Drive: 49 yards in four plays following Ronnie Lippett interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: :22.	4:35	14	6
Second Quarter			
UM—Dan Miller 49 FG Drive: Five yards in four plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:22.	14:11	17	6
UM—Dan Miller 53 FG Drive: 27 yards in seven plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 1:57.	11:25	20	6
UM—Rocky Belk 63 pass from Jim Kelly (Dan Miller kick) Drive: 77 yards in four plays following Notre Dame punt; Elapsed Time: 2:06.	7:09	27	6
UM—Dan Miller 24 FG Drive: 48 yards in nine plays following Ronnie Lippett interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: 3:37.	1:34	30	6
Third Quarter			
ND—Harry Oliver 36 FG Drive: 52 yards in 10 plays following opening kickoff; Elapsed Time: 3:33.	11:27	30	9
Fourth Quarter			
ND—Dave Duerson 88 interception return (pass failed)	6:21	30	15
UM—Keith Griffin 13 run (Dan Miller kick) Drive: 15 yards in four plays following David Jefferson interception of Notre Dame pass; Elapsed Time: 1:51.	:04	37	15

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Team Statistics

	ND	UM
First Downs	10	23
Rushing	2	13
Passing	8	8
Penalty	0	2
Rushing Attempts	22	52
Yards Rushing	69	237
Yards Lost Rushing	16	54
Net Yards Rushing	53	183
Net Yards Passing	147	279
Passes Attempted	37	29
Passes Completed	13	18
Had Intercepted	3	1
Total Offensive Plays	59	81
Total Net Yards	200	462
Average Gain Per Play	3.6	6.3
Fumbles: Number—Lost	1	3
Penalties: Number—Yards	0	1
Interceptions: Number—Yards	1-88	3-21
Number of Punts—Yards	8-360	7-288
Average Per Punt	45.5	41.3
Punt Returns: Number—Yards	1—3	3-59
Kickoff Returns: Number—Yards	6-209	2-28

Individual Statistics

Notre Dame						
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Rushing						
Phil Carter	12	37	4	33	0	11
John Sweeney	1	13	0	13	0	13
John Mosley	1	6	0	6	0	6
Blair Kiel	3	10	5	5	0	6
Mark Brooks	2	2	0	2	0	2
Joe Howard	1	1	0	1	0	1
Greg Bell	2	0	7	-7	0	-7
Passing						
Blair Kiel	25	10	2	90	0	16
Tim Koegel	11	3	1	57	0	22
Phil Carter	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD Long
Joe Howard				5	77	0 22
John Mosley				3	40	0 15
Phil Carter				3	6	0 6
Tony Hunter				1	13	0 13
Greg Bell				1	11	0 11
Miami						
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Rushing						
Chris Hobbs	10	60	0	60	0	18
Keith Griffin	2	65	17	48	1	13
Smokey Roan	8	31	1	30	0	12
Mark Rush	6	22	0	22	0	14
Mike Rodrigue	3	18	3	15	1	14
Speedy Neal	3	13	0	13	0	7
Jamie Boone	1	3	0	3	0	3
Rocky Belk	1	3	0	3	0	3
Mark Richt	1	2	0	2	0	2
Jim Kelly	7	20	33	-13	0	6
Passing						
Jim Kelly	25	17	0	264	2	63
Mark Richt	4	1	1	15	0	15
Pass Receiving				No.	Yards	TD Long
Larry Brodsky				4	79	0 43
Mark Rush				4	42	0 20
Rocky Belk				2	87	1 63
Mike Rodrigue				2	27	1 18
Speedy Neal				2	8	0 5
Keith Cleveland				1	21	0 21
Chris Hobbs				1	8	0 8
Andy Baratta				1	5	0 5
Smokey Roan				1	2	0 2

Irish Items: Football '81

By JOHN HEISLER

• Notre Dame senior linebacker **BOB CRABLE** proved to be the most decorated Irish All-American in 1981. He was a first-team pick on squads chosen by the Associated Press, United Press International, the American Football Coaches Association (the Kodak team), Walter Camp, *Football News* and *The Sporting News*. Senior cornerback **JOHN KRIMM** was a first-team pick by *The Sporting News* and NEA (Newspaper Enterprise Association) and an honorable mention choice by the Associated Press. Junior strong safety **DAVE DUERSON** received third-team mention from *Football News*, and senior tackle **PHIL POZDERAC** also was an Associated Press honorable mention selection. Split end **JOE HOWARD** was chosen for *Football News*' Freshman All-America team. That publication's Sophomore All-America squad included cornerback **STACEY TORAN** on its first team and tailback **GREG BELL** and defensive end **JON AUTRY** on its second team.

• **BOB CRABLE** also was one of four finalists for the Lombardi Award which eventually was won by Kenneth Sims of Texas. The other two finalists were Sean Farrell of Penn State and Billy Ray Smith of Arkansas. Though Crable was invited to attend the December 10 awards banquet in Houston, he chose to stay home and attend Notre Dame's annual football banquet that same night. Notre Dame athletic director **GENE CORRIGAN** served as the University representative at the Lombardi affair.

• At the football banquet, sponsored for the 62nd year by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, **BOB CRABLE** received the Most Valuable Player award. It marked the second straight year he earned that honor from

Notre Dame's National Monogram Club. **PHIL POZDERAC** was named the Outstanding Offensive Player, while **JOHN KRIMM** was honored as the Outstanding Defensive Player. All three awards were presented on the basis of voting by Irish players.

• The Notre Dame squad also elected its captains for the '82 season — and a trio of seniors will share those duties next fall. Tailback **PHIL CARTER** and linebacker **MARK ZAVAGNIN** will join **DAVE DUERSON** as tri-captains for Gerry Faust's second Irish team. Carter also shared that post with Crable in '81.

• **JOHN KRIMM**, defensive end **KEVIN GRIFFITH** and **MARK ZAVAGNIN** all were honored for their academic achievements. Krimm was one of six Division I football players to receive a \$2,000 NCAA post-graduate scholarship announced January 1. He also received the scholar-athlete award from the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley. Griffith received the John H. McMullen Award, presented annually to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the spirit of the scholar-athlete who has contributed his skill and ability both on the field and in the classroom.

• **JOHN KRIMM** received first-team Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), while **KEVIN GRIFFITH** was named to the second team. Krimm boasts a 3.7 grade average (out of a possible 4.0) in philosophy, while Griffith has a 3.3 in government. Both eventually plan to attend law school. Zavagnin earned honorable mention status on the NCAA District 4 Academic All-America squad — with Krimm and Griffith both receiving first-team designation on that unit.

• Notre Dame's '81 schedule ranked

28th on the NCAA's final standing of Division I schedules, with Irish opponents compiling a .550 percentage last fall. Past and future Notre Dame opponents on that list included Penn State (1st at .679), Miami (5th at .627), Florida State (7th at .607), Pittsburgh (9th) and Georgia Tech (17th at .568). The '82 Irish schedule adds Pittsburgh (11-1), Arizona (6-5) and Oregon (2-9) — while losing LSU (3-7-1), Florida State (6-5) and Georgia Tech (1-10).

• Here is where Notre Dame ranked as a team in each statistical category: 71st in total offense (328.1 yards per game), 55th in rushing offense (180.5), 72nd in passing offense (147.6), 64th in scoring offense (21.1), 37th in total defense (293.5 yards allowed per game), 68th in rushing defense (166.3), 16th in pass defense (127.2) and 32nd in scoring defense (14.5).

• Despite the difference in records, Notre Dame's '81 team actually out-toucheddowned its '80 counterpart. The Irish scored 31 touchdowns on their way to a 5-6 mark last fall after scoring only 27 six-pointers on their way to a 9-1-1 regular-season mark in 1980.

• **BOB CRABLE** finished his career with 521 tackles, an all-time Notre Dame record. He had 167 stops in '81, and his totals each of the last three years rank among the top four single-season efforts in Irish annals. The Cincinnati native started 34 straight games to finish out his career — and led the Irish in tackles in 31 of those contests.

• Notre Dame finished fourth in the nation in kickoff returns with a 25.4-yard average. **GREG BELL**'s 28.5-yard average marked the best by a Notre Dame player in the kickoff return department in 13 years. Had he returned one more kickoff he would have qualified for the individual NCAA rankings where he would have stood third.



Bob Crable



John Krimm



Dave Duerson



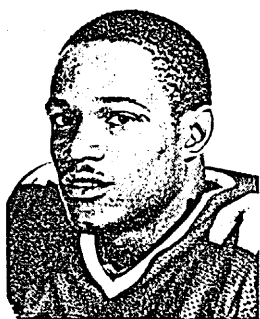
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• **GREG BELL's** 98-yard kickoff return against Miami marked the third longest in Notre Dame history, the longest by an Irish player in 51 years and the first by an Irish player in eight seasons. **DAVE DUERSON's** 88-yard interception against the Hurricanes stands as the fifth longest in Notre Dame history. **BLAIR KIEL's** 96-yard pass to **JOE HOWARD** against Georgia Tech stands as the longest ever in Irish history.

• **PHIL CARTER** now stands 13th on Notre Dame's career rushing list. He heads into his senior season with 1,694 yards. **TONY HUNTER** ranks fourth on the career receptions list with 78 for 1,390 yards and a 17.8-yard average per grab. **BLAIR KIEL's** 73 punts last fall mark the most ever by an Irish player in a single season. **HARRY OLIVER** finished his career with 24 field goals, second behind Dave Reeve on Notre Dame's career charts.

• Notre Dame, as a team, lost only six fumbles during the '81 season, tying a 40-year-old Irish team record for least fumbles lost in a season. The Irish defense earned the distinction of holding USC Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen to the lowest single-game yardage total of his 11 regular-season outings last fall. He managed 147 yards against the Irish that day.

• Notre Dame drew 354,450 fans to its six home games last fall. That consistent average of 59,075 per game ranked 24th in the nation. The 105,888 fans who watched the Irish play Michigan in Ann Arbor formed the fifth largest crowd ever to see Notre Dame play football. The 84,175 figure at Penn State stands 22nd on that list.

• Notre Dame's '81 schedule in-

cluded four teams that played in bowl games — Michigan (Bluebonnet), USC (Fiesta), Navy (Liberty) and Penn State (Fiesta). Three other teams on the slate came close to qualifying for post-season play. Purdue owned a nifty 5-2 mark at midseason before losing its last four. Florida State would have qualified for the Peach Bowl if the Seminoles had beaten Florida in their season finale. And Miami's 9-2 mark would have earned it a bid if the Hurricanes hadn't been on NCAA probation.

• Notre Dame stood 4-2 in home games played last fall and 1-4 away from Notre Dame Stadium. That overall figure marked the first time in history the Irish ever owned a final 5-6 mark.

• **BOB CRABLE** was named the Associated Press Midwest Player of the Week on defense for his 13-tackle performance against Georgia Tech. **PHIL CARTER** was named the Amateur Athlete of the Week by ESPN and Owens-Corning for his 156-yard effort against Air Force. Notre Dame received two \$1,000 scholarships from Chevrolet in the names of **BOB CRABLE** and **JOE HOWARD** for its two '81 appearances on ABC-TV. Crable earned his against Michigan while making 20 tackles, and Howard earned his against Miami for making five receptions for 77 yards.

• **DAVE DUERSON** played more minutes than any other Irish player in 1981, with 345 to his credit. Next on the list were **BOB CRABLE** (308), **STACEY TORAN** (300), **TOM THAYER** (275), **MARK FISCHER** (271), **MIKE SHINER** (270), **MARK ZAVAGNIN** (270), **PHIL POZDERAC** (264), **ROD BONE** (249) and **TONY**

HUNTER (232).

• Fifty-three monograms were awarded to members of the 1981 Notre Dame football team:

SENIORS (16) — Tony Belden, Tom Bock, Mike Boushka, Steve Cichy, Bob Crable, Joe Gramke, Kevin Griffith, Larry Kissner, Tim Koegel, Pat Kramer, John Krimm, Dean Masztak, Ron Mishler, Harry Oliver, Phil Pozderac and John Rice.

JUNIORS (17) — Rod Bone, Pete Buchanan, Phil Carter, Bob Clasby, Dave Duerson, Randy Ellis, Mark Fischer, Tony Hunter, Mike Johnston, Larry Moriarty, John Putzstuck, Joe Rudzinski, Jack Shields, Mike Shiner, John Sweeney, Tom Thayer and Mark Zavagnin.

SOPHOMORES (11) — Jon Autry, Greg Bell, Chris Brown, Mansel Carter, Mike Kelley, Blair Kiel, Tim Marshall, Neil Maune, John Mosley, Rick Naylor and Stacey Toran.

FRESHMEN (9) — Joe Bars, Mark Brooks, Mike Gann, Mike Golic, Joe Howard, Joe Johnson, Kevin Kelly, Mike Larkin and Chris Smith.

Service awards went to graduating seniors Bernie Adell, Tom Burger, Parvez Chand, John Flood, Steve Hilbert, Keith Marrero, Mike Masini, John Murphy, Don Pawelski, Dan Stone, Dave Swoboda, Brian Whelan and Greg Williamson.

• Post-season bowl participation by Irish players included appearances by **BOB CRABLE** (Hula Bowl), **JOHN KRIMM** (East-West Shrine Game), **PHIL POZDERAC** (East-West Shrine Game) and **JOE GRAMKE** (Blue-Gray Game). Krimm and Pozderac also were drafted to play in the Olympia Gold Bowl.



Phil Carter



Tony Hunter



Mark Zavagnin



Harry Oliver



Joe Gramke

They'll Lead the Irish Back

By GARY GRASSEY

Notre Dame football players are a restless lot these days. Coming off the first losing season in 18 years of Irish football has left the team and the coaching staff feeling only one thing—the fever to get back on the field and redeem themselves.

While nobody has to remind the coaches about the lapses in concentration and intensity which plagued the Irish throughout the 1981 season, there are three new captains who are determined to communicate to the 1982 squad members that there will be no repeats of last year's problems.

Seniors Phil Carter, Dave Duerson, and Mark Zavagnin form the trio elected by their teammates to give leadership to Notre Dame football this season. Carter, a starter at tailback since his sophomore year, is a repeat selection for the captaincy. All three should rate as pre-season All-America choices.

"The main thing I do as captain is go out and lead by example," says Carter. "By going out and working hard at my position, hustling, and doing the little things—that's how I would want everyone else to do it. I think this year, it's not going to take too much motivation to get everyone working hard because we've got a lot to make up for."

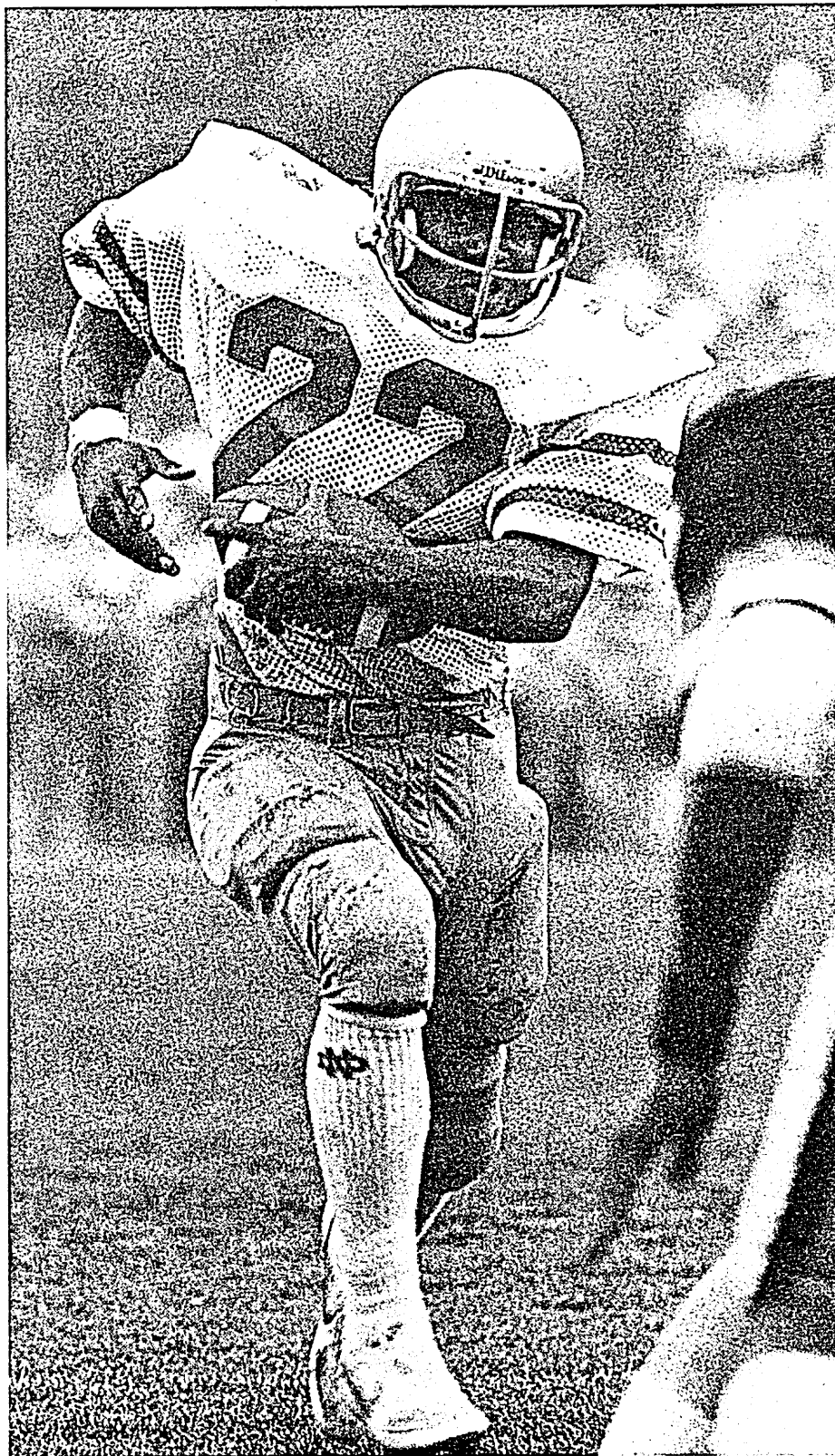
In fact, Carter, Duerson, and Zavagnin each represent a leadership-by-example style of football that makes them the perfect choices for a Notre Dame captain, according to their coach, Gerry Faust.

"I couldn't have asked for three better men and representatives of the University," says Faust as he prepares for his second season as head coach. "They exemplify the tradition and spirit of the job and Notre Dame."

Carter, one of just seven two-time captains in Irish history since 1900, is somewhat the veteran of the trio. But his role as a team spokesman, he claims, is no more important than anybody else's—just more visible.

"I know Dave and Mark are very good leaders themselves," says the Tacoma, Wash., native. "Dave is an excellent speaker and a great player. Mark is just the kind of player who's always there—he's consistent and never gets hurt."

"Dave and Mark are more quiet than



Tailback Phil Carter becomes Notre Dame's seventh two-time captain.

I am," he adds. "I'm more of a 'rah-rah' and outgoing type sometimes, but our styles are pretty similar. We're each trying to play hard all the time at our positions both in practice and games."

Carter has battled through two injury-marred seasons in his career, but a lifetime 1,694-yard rushing total puts him in 13th place on the all-time Irish groundgaining list. His fight with injuries and his workmanlike ball-carrying performances demonstrate the heart Gerry Faust likes to see in his players.

"Phil is an outstanding talent who will have a tremendous senior year if he keeps working the way he always does," says Faust.

"The major letdown of my career has been the injuries," explains Carter. "We've been fortunate to have people like Jim Stone and Greg Bell around to

do the job. My main goal for this year, which I've been working at, is to stay healthy all season and for the team to be successful, of course."

A 1000-yard season would put Carter into second place on the Notre Dame rushing list and no doubt bring the Irish back to winning form.

Duerson has been a mainstay in the Notre Dame secondary since earning a starting berth at cornerback midway through his freshman campaign. The 6-3, 200-pounder can play any spot in the defensive backfield, but his strong suit is the strong safety slot. Duerson also rates as one of the nation's top punt returners.

"Being voted captain is one of the proudest feelings I've ever had," says Duerson. "Knowing that I was selected by my peers to be a leader is just a

great honor."

Last season was one of the most frustrating experiences in Duerson's career. His individual stats on defense (55 tackles, two interceptions, five blocked passes) were overshadowed by the squad's inability to gel as a unit, especially compared to 1980 when the Irish defense was one of the best in the country.

"One of the biggest jobs for a captain is getting people ready to concentrate," offers Duerson, a Muncie, Ind., resident. "We need strong senior leadership, but like I've told a lot of the seniors already, we need leadership from every last senior on the totem pole—not just the captains. There were times last year I didn't think we had enough of that."

Duerson takes his football seriously and has been heartened by the work of the returning Irish players during the off-season.

"From the moment we stepped back on campus after Christmas, every day the players have been working in the weight room," he reports. "Some things I think we were hurting in last year, like strength and quickness, we've already started to turn around. My style of leadership is strictly by the book—all work—so I'm glad to see everyone pushing himself now. I can't wait to get back on the field."

Throughout his career, Duerson's play has been remarkably consistent. He is an outstanding talent in baseball and basketball as well as football, but his major personal goal at Notre Dame remains in the classroom in the College of Arts and Letters.

"Making the Academic All-America team would be the biggest achievement for me, besides winning the national championship," he says. "I didn't quite make it last semester and I was disappointed."

"Dave is as intelligent a player as he is a student," says Gerry Faust. "He has to constantly make adjustment calls on the field from his position. There aren't many players around who handle that spot as well as Dave."

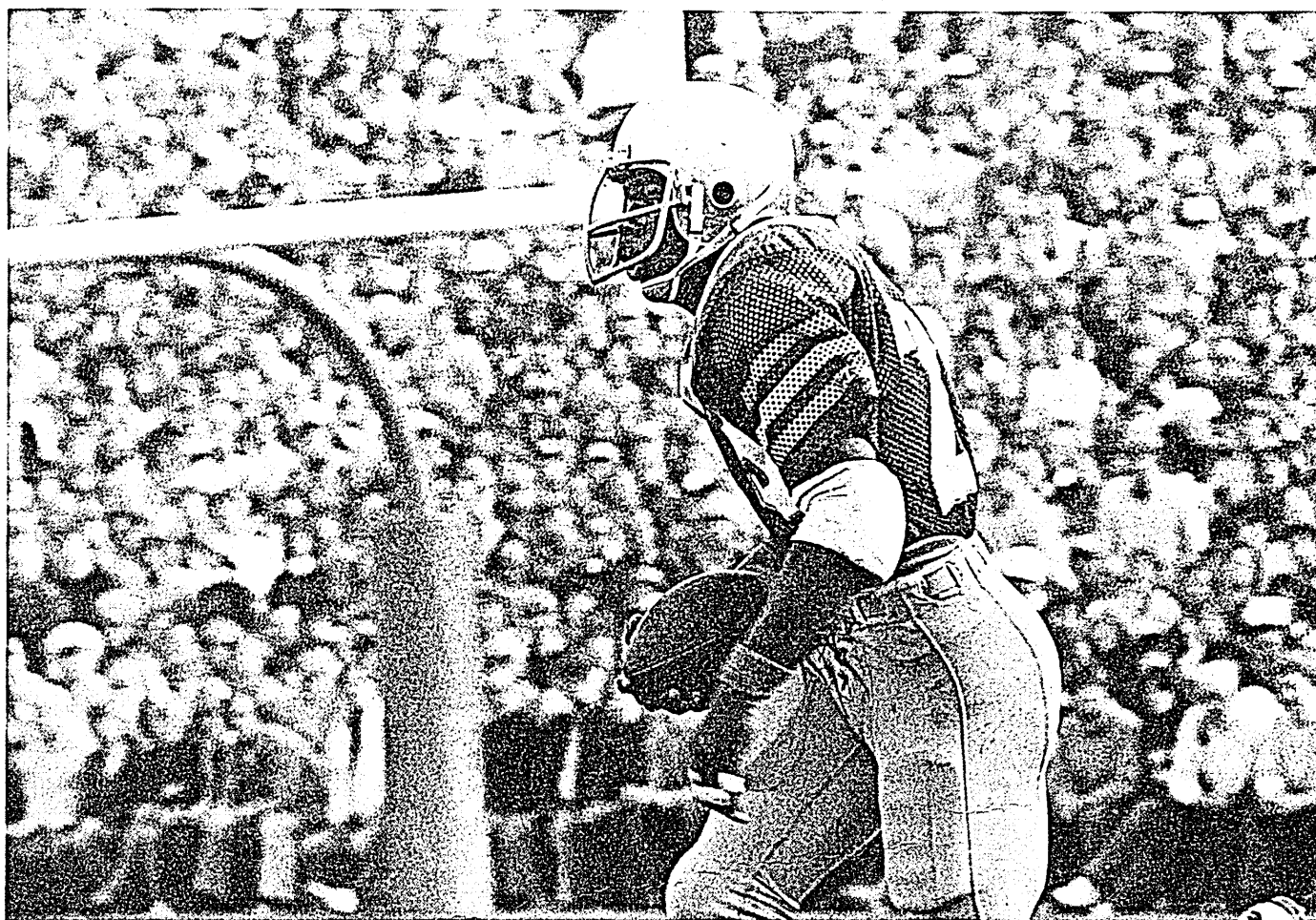
Duerson isn't cautious at all when he thinks about what will be in store for Irish opponents this fall in the way of Notre Dame improvement as a team.

"Most people have never seen Notre Dame as losers, especially the students who are here now," he says. "Mark and Phil and I believe deeply that we can be as successful as we want next season. We've got to say that with a force that will make everyone else believe it, too."

"It was always my biggest dream to play football here and I want to go out a winner," he adds. "We're mad, we're upset, and we're embarrassed with last season. We're going to put all that behind us."



Senior Mark Zavagnin inherits Bob Crable's middle linebacker slot.



Strong safety Dave Duerson also has been Notre Dame's top punt returner each of the last three years.

Mark Zavagnin steps into a unique personal opportunity in 1982, not just as the heir-apparent to the tradition established by former Irish All-Americans Bob Crable and Bob Golic, to name a couple. Like Crable and Golic, Zavagnin will captain the Irish from the middle linebacker slot as a senior.

Stepping out of Crable's huge shadow of awards and recognition is an opportunity Zavagnin relishes. Moving from his weakside post to the middle, he claims, won't bring about any drastic changes.

"I've learned so much from Bob these last few years as a player, a captain, and a person," says Zavagnin, an Evergreen Park, Ill., product. "His recognition was all well-deserved. But this is a chance for me, I think, to see what kind of player I really am. I'm pretty confident because I have played the middle responsibilities quite a bit before."

Zavagnin has covered numerous responsibilities in his first three seasons. As a freshman, he earned starting berths in two games and has been a fulltimer since his sophomore year. The 6-2, 225-pound Zavagnin has been second only to Crable in tackles each of the last two years, earning great marks as a pass defender and for his ability

to stop the run.

"Mark is a terrific tackler with great football instincts on the field," says Faust. "He's been a leader just by his presence and dedication to the game. He was a natural choice for captain."

Last spring, Zavagnin was chosen as the Hering Award winner as the top Irish linebacker during April workouts. His work on special teams paid off with a touchdown against Army after a blocked punt two years ago. And his nose for the ball resulted in three interceptions last season.

"I think I've improved some each year, but you're never satisfied when the team isn't doing well," he explains. "Nobody at Notre Dame is used to losing football games, and at times I think that hurt our concentration last year as well as our confidence."

"As captains, Dave and Phil and I probably won't have to work as hard to get everyone's mind on football after last year," he adds. "We have a lot of veterans coming back (nine of 11 starters on defense) and I think we can be as good as we were two years ago as long as we're consistently ready to play mentally."

Like Duerson and Carter, Zavagnin is resolved to make consistency an Irish trademark in 1982.

"I like to think I'm a lot like Dave Duerson on the football field," says Zavagnin. "We've both played a lot these last few years. Neither of us are very outspoken, but we come to every practice and every game ready to play."

Playing at a school close to his family and friends in the Chicago area has made Zavagnin a believer in Notre Dame, a quality he'll no doubt ably express in his role as captain.

"I always tell people that there isn't a finer place to play football or get an education than Notre Dame," he says. "The people here treat you like they're your brother. Anything the coaching staff tells you, you take it as the truth. It's a great honor to be a captain."

In one way or another, Phil Carter, Dave Duerson and Mark Zavagnin each embody the essence of Notre Dame greats of the past. While none of the threesome is vocal, their intensity and dedication should rub off on all their teammates in 1982.

"We've got some things to prove this year," offers Zavagnin. "The one thing I know is that you can never keep Notre Dame down for long. We've come back before."

If the 1982 captains are any indication, Notre Dame will come back again.

The Second Time Around

By JOHN HEISLER

Every time Gerry Faust starts to get optimistic about the 1982 Notre Dame football season, all he has to do is take one look at the schedule. A single, quick glance is enough to make him shudder a little bit — and then shudder some more.

Start with Bluebonnet Bowl champion Michigan — and add perennial Big Ten opponents Purdue and Michigan State. The rest of October includes Miami and Arizona at home, then Oregon and Navy on the road. November begins at Pittsburgh versus the Sugar Bowl champions and finishes in Los Angeles at USC. Sandwiched in between those two are a home date with Fiesta Bowl champion Penn State and a trip to Air Force.

Seven of the 11 worked their way to winning '81 records; five of the 11 went to bowl games. Overall, the 11 teams finished 77-48-1 for a combined .615 winning percentage. If Faust likes the idea of testing his teams against the best — and he claims he does — then Notre Dame's '82 agenda should grant his wish.

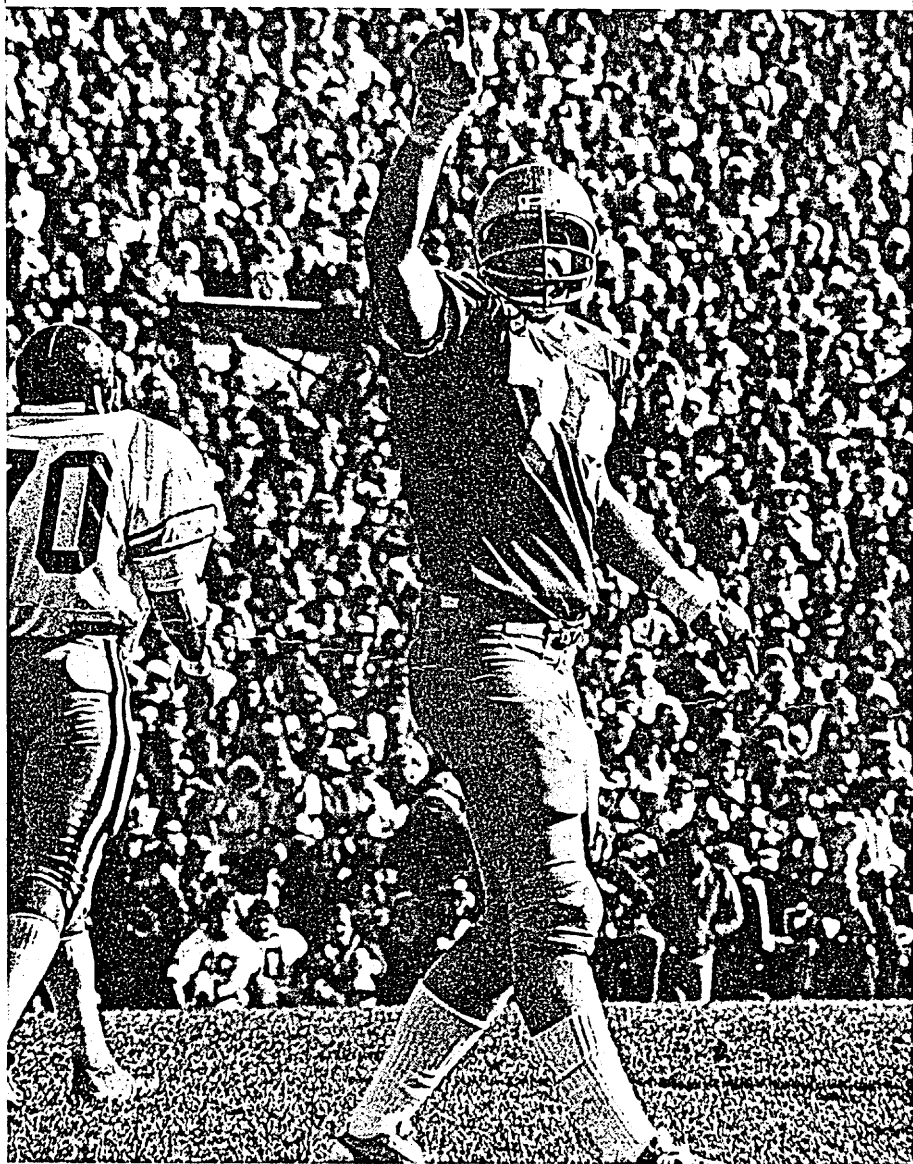
Yet, even if that schedule brings a few furrows to Faust's brow, the personnel he has to attack it should prompt more of a grin.

Nineteen of Notre Dame's 22 starters from 1981 will be back next fall. Included among those 19 are 11 individuals who were in the starting lineup when the Irish faced unbeaten Georgia in the '81 Sugar Bowl.

Tops on the list of graduation losses are All-America linebacker Bob Crable, cornerback John Krimm and offensive tackle Phil Pozderac. But, if experience counts for anything, the Irish are well-stocked for 1982.

Notre Dame's top nine rushers from last season all are back. In addition, the Irish also welcome their top passer (Blair Kiel), receiver (Tony Hunter), punter (Kiel), punt returner (Dave Duerson), kickoff returner (Greg Bell) and interception returner (Mark Zagnin) from the 1981 campaign.

Crable, the heart of the Irish defense at middle linebacker the last three seasons, unquestionably will be a substantial deficit. But the top six tacklers after Crable — Zagnin, Kevin Griffith, Bob Clasby, Duerson, Stacey Toran and Tim



Mike Shiner hopes he can help return the Irish to their accustomed spot among the elite in college football in 1982.

Marshall — all are back in the fold.

What should count more than anything is the fact that all those returnees will have a year of experience in the Faust system. And Faust expects that familiarity to pay valuable dividends in his second season with the Irish.

A position-by-position look at Notre Dame prospects for 1982 yields plenty of familiar names.

At quarterback, two-year starter Kiel and sophomore-to-be Ken Karcher will merit the majority of springtime work. Kiel started seven games last year while alternating during the early por-

tion of the campaign with senior Tim Koegel. Karcher saw late duty in four contests. Scott Grooms, who also would have figured in the signalcalling derby, transferred to Miami of Ohio following the fall semester.

Spring workouts should be particularly noteworthy for those who throw and catch the football since the Irish have a new quarterback/receiver coach. Ron Hudson — who comes to Notre Dame from a three-year stint at UCLA following previous stops at Stanford, California and Oregon — will direct the Irish passing game. He joined

Faust's staff on the recommendation of Bill Walsh, the San Francisco 49ers head coach. Tom Lichtenberg will take over the running backs, in addition to coordinating the Notre Dame offense.

Hudson will concentrate on building depth at the receiving slots—since starters are back at each spot. Hunter will be the veteran at tight end, after moving there a year ago following the midseason knee injury to Dean Masztak. The former split end will make Notre Dame one of the few teams in the nation with such a speedy, deep threat at that position.

Sophomore Joe Howard surfaced at midseason to average an amazing 27.2 yards on 17 catches. He's back to give the split end job a substantial dose of quickness. Juniors John Mosley and Bell return at wingback with their combination running and receiving skills. Sophomore sprinter Van Percy will receive his first serious look after missing his freshman campaign with a knee injury.

Solid senior John Sweeney points for his fourth season as the starter at fullback. Since the player at that position often relayed plays from the sidelines, both Larry Moriarty and Mark Brooks earned their share of playing time last fall. The return of all three makes that spot as deep as any on the team.

Tri-captain Phil Carter hopes for a healthy senior campaign after a variety of leg ailments cut into both his sophomore and junior years. He's one of the best around when he's physically sound. Sophomore Chris Smith displayed plenty of potential as a rookie and doubtless will be a key to Irish rushing fortunes for '82.

Another new Faust assistant, former Miami head coach Carl Selmer, will serve as head offensive line coach this fall. He'll have a senior-dominated crew with which to work in that area. Seniors Mark Fischer at center, Randy Ellis and Mike Shiner at guard and Tom Thayer at tackle—all starters as juniors in '81—return to anchor the Irish offensive front. Pozderac will be missed at right tackle, but senior John Putzstuck—his backup each of the last two seasons—is back. Junior Mike Kelley, a late-season replacement for Ellis while a knee injury healed, also will help.

Experience will be a strong point on the defensive side of the line as well.

The Irish front four for the last half of the '81 season was comprised of Jon Autry and Griffith at end and Marshall and Clasby at the tackle slots. That quartet returns intact—with Griffith receiving an additional season of eligibility since he sat out the '80 campaign with a knee injury. Senior Pat Kramer also merited an extra year after

a shoulder injury curtailed his contributions last fall. Sophomores-to-be Mike Gann and Mike Golic saw plenty of late-season playing time, and senior Jeff Lucken is another possibility after rebounding from knee surgery last April.

Look for a triumvirate of Zavagnin, Joe Rudzinski and Rick Naylor at linebacker—with Mike Larkin also lending a helping hand in many situations. Zavagnin inherits Crable's spot in the middle after holding down the weakside job the past two seasons. But the Irish tri-captain should have no problem adjusting; he played that position all last spring while Crable rested a shoulder injury. He played it well enough to make 12 tackles and earn the defensive MVP award in last year's Blue-Gold spring finale. Jack Shields is another veteran who can handle the middle spot.

Three incumbents return to the secondary: senior tri-captain Duerson at strong safety, senior Rod Bone at free safety, and junior Stacey Toran at cornerback. Two-time letterwinner Chris Brown is the likely replacement for Krimm at the other cornerback position. Joe Johnson played more minutes than any other freshman on defense last year—so watch for him to provide plenty of support.

The only change in the defensive coaches features Greg Blache handling the defensive line after tutoring the running backs a year ago. Blache takes over for Bill Meyers who accepted a position as offensive line coach for the Green Bay Packers.

Harry Oliver's placekicking chores probably will fall to senior Mike Johnston, while Kiel is back as the Irish punter.

Forty letterwinners return overall for Faust and his staff.

Though spring drills and preseason fall workouts always bring about some changes, the '82 Irish edition appears to be one of the most senior-dominated teams Notre Dame has fielded in years. On paper, Faust conceivably could start as many as 15 seniors next fall—Carter, Sweeney, Hunter, Thayer, Ellis, Fischer, Shiner and Putzstuck on offense and Clasby, Griffith, Kramer, Zavagnin, Rudzinski, Duerson and Bone on defense.

Seven of those individuals—Bone, Carter, Duerson, Hunter, Kramer, Sweeney and Zavagnin—are three-time monogram recipients.

The experience is present—including a full year of indoctrination into the Gerry Faust system. Notre Dame's second-year head coach hopes that combination will make all the difference beginning September 18 when Michigan comes to town.

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Notre Dame Football National Letter-of-Intent Signees

John ASKIN
OL 6-6 255
Cincinnati, OH (Moeller)

Pat BALLAGE
DB 6-2 185
Pueblo, CO (South)

Ken CANNELLA
OL 6-4 250
South Bend, IN (Clay)

Ray CARTER
RB 5-10 185
Youngstown, OH (Ursuline)

Rich DiBERNARDO
LB 6-3 218
Huntington Beach, CA (Edison)

Greg DINGENS
DL 6-5 230
Birmingham, MI (Brother Rice)

Eric DORSEY
DL 6-5 255
McLean, VA (McLean)

Lester FLEMONS
RB 5-9 180
Blue Island, IL (Eisenhower)

Tony FURJANIC
LB 6-2 225
Chicago, IL (Mt. Carmel)

Mike HAYWOOD
DB 5-11 170
Houston, TX (St. Thomas)

Shawn HEFFERN
DL 6-5 235
Carmel, IN (Carmel)

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WR 6-0 170
Fairfield, IA (Fairfield)

Kevin JENNINGS
DB 6-3 195
Chicago, IL (Gordon Tech)

Wally KLEINE
TE 6-8 240
Midland, TX (Midland)

Todd LEZON
QB 6-4 200
Bedford, MI (Bedford)

Ray MAKIEJUS
OL 6-3 235
St. John, IN (Lake Central)

John McCABE
LB 6-3 222
Arlington Hts., IL (Arlington)

David McGUFFEY
DB/WR 5-10 172
Nicholas County, KY (Nicholas Co.)

Mike PERRINO
OL 6-5 265
Elmhurst, IL (York)

Allen PINKETT
RB 5-9 175
Sterling Park, VA (Park View)

Ron PLANTZ
OL 6-4 235
Chicago, IL (Gordon Tech)

Tim SCANNELL
OL 6-4 255
State College, PA (State College)

Hal VON WYL
K 6-2 200
Akron, OH (Walsh Jesuit)

Ron WEISSENHOFER
LB 6-3 219
Chicago, IL (St. Rita)

1981 Notre Dame Football Statistics

RESULTS . . . Won 5, Lost 6

LOUISIANA STATE	W	27-9	59,075(c)
at Michigan	L	7-25	105,888(c)
at Purdue	L	14-15	70,007(c)
MICHIGAN STATE	W	20-7	59,075(c)
FLORIDA STATE	L	13-19	59,075(c)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	L	7-14	59,075(c)
NAVY	W	38-0	59,075(c)
GEORGIA TECH	W	35-3	59,075(c)
at Air Force	W	35-7	36,700
at Penn State	L	21-24	84,175(c)
at Miami	L	15-37	50,681

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
Total Offense Yards	3609	3228
Total Plays	743	750
Yards per Play	4.9	4.3
Yards per Game	328.1	293.5
Rushing Yards	1985	1829
Attempts	491	507
Yards per Rush	4.0	3.6
Yards per Game	180.5	166.3

Passing Yards	1624	1399
Attempts	252	243
Completions	120	114
Had Intercepted	15	13
Comp. Percentage	.476	.469
Touchdown Passes	12	8
Yards per Attempt	6.4	5.8
Yards per Comp.	13.5	12.3
Yards per Game	147.6	127.2

Punting Yards	2958	3329
Number of Punts	74	84
Average Punt	40.0	39.6
Had Blocked	0	0

Punt Return Yards	230	213
Number of Returns	34	36
Average Return	6.8	5.9

Kickoff Return Yards	660	627
Number of Returns	26	32
Average Return	25.4	19.6

Interception Return Yards	204	75
Number of Interceptions	13	15
Average Return	15.7	5.0

Number of Penalties	59	51
Penalty Yards	584	473
Fumbles (Lost)	18(6)	25(10)
Yards Returned	0	0

Total First Downs	177	162
By Rushing	96	100
By Passing	71	48
By Penalty	10	14

Third Down Conversions	46/158	43/176
Percentage	.291	.244

Possession Time	333:46	326:14
Minutes per Game	20:21	29:39

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame	72	51	40	69	—	232
Opponent	31	36	39	54	—	160

TEAM SCORING

	ND	OPP
Total Points	232	160
Average	21.1	14.5
Touchdowns	31	20
By Rushing	17	12
By Passing	12	8
By Returns	2	0
By Recovery	0	0
Field Goals (Made-Att.)	6/13	8/14
Safeties	0	0
PAT—Kick	28/30	14/15
PAT—Run	0/0	0/1
PAT—Pass	0/1	1/4

SCORING	G	TD	PAT	R-PA	S	FG	TP
Oliver	11	0	28/30	0/0	0	6/13	46
P. Carter	10	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	36
Bell	11	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	30
Howard	10	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	24
Moriarty	10	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	18
Hunter	11	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	18
Mosley	9	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	12
Masztak	6	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Kiel	11	1	0/0	0/1	0	0/0	6
Condeni	3	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Smith	7	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Tripp	4	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Brooks	9	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Sweeney	10	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6
Duerson	11	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	6

Notre Dame	11	31	28/30	0/1	0	6/13	232
Opponent	11	20	14/15	1/5	0	8/14	160

*34 and 38 yards vs. Michigan State
43 and 23 yards vs. Florida State
37 yards vs. Navy
36 yards vs. Miami

RUSHING	G	TC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
P. Carter	10	165	727	4.4	6	43
Bell	11	92	512	5.6	4	41
Sweeney	10	36	168	4.7	0	13
Smith	7	41	161	3.9	1	22
Brooks	9	24	126	5.2	1	22
Moriarty	10	20	94	4.7	1	18
Mosley	9	16	75	4.7	1	20
Hunter	11	27	68	2.5	1	13
Kiel	11	31	53	1.7	1	31
Adell	6	10	24	2.4	0	8
Swoboda	2	4	21	5.2	0	12
Morris	1	3	20	6.7	0	10
Hilbert	2	2	12	6.0	0	8
Williamson	3	1	6	6.0	0	6
Howard	10	5	4	0.8	1	13
Grooms	2	1	0	0.0	0	0
Koegel	10	14	—66	—4.7	0	7

Notre Dame	11	491	1985	4.0	17	43
Opponent	11	507	1829	3.6	12	39

PASSING	G	No. Cmp.	Pct. Int.	Yds. TD
Kiel	11	151 67	.444 10	936 7
Koegel	10	92 50	.543 4	686 5
Condeni	3	1 1	1.000 0	4 0
Bell	11	1 1	1.000 0	1 0
Grooms	2	3 0	.000 0	0 0
P. Carter	10	1 0	.000 0	0 0
Hunter	11	1 0	.000 1	0 0
Howard	10	1 0	.000 0	0 0
Mosley	9	1 1	1.000 0	—3 0

Notre Dame	11	252	120	.476	15	1624	12
Opponent	11	243	114	.469	13	1399	8

RECEIVING	G	PC	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Hunter	11	28	397	14.2	2	35
Howard	10	17	463	27.2	3	96
P. Carter	10	14	57	4.1	0	14
Masztak	6	13	163	12.5	1	33
Bell	11	11	135	12.3	0	24
Sweeney	10	9	124	13.8	1	38
Mosley	9	7	79	11.3	1	15
Condeni	3	4	49	12.2	1	21
Boushka	5	3	52	17.3	0	25
Moriarty	10	3	30	10.0	2	20
Brooks	9	3	20	6.7	0	11
Adell	6	2	12	6.0	0	10
Buchanan	9	2	10	5.0	0	6
Kiel	11	2	—2	—1.0	0	1
Mishler	7	1	25	25.0	0	25
Tripp	4	1	10	10.0	1	10

Notre Dame	11	120	1624	13.5	12	96
Opponent	11	114	1399	12.3	8	71

PUNTING	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LP
Kiel	11	73	2914	39.9	56
Whelan	2	1	44	44.0	44
Notre Dame	11	74	2958	40.0	56
Opponent	11	84	3329	39.6	60

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Duerson	32	221	6.9	0	23
Krimm	1	5	5.0	0	5
Spielmaker	1	4	4.0	0	4
Notre Dame	34	230	6.8	0	23
Opponent	36	213	5.9	0	38

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Bell	13	371	28.5	1	98
Howard	6	162	27.0	0	56
Duerson	3	75	25.0	0	36
Johnson	1	26	26.0	0	26
Sweeney	1	22	22.0	0	22
Krimm	2	4	2.0	0	3
Notre Dame	26	660	25.4	1	98
Opponent	32	627	19.6	0	51

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

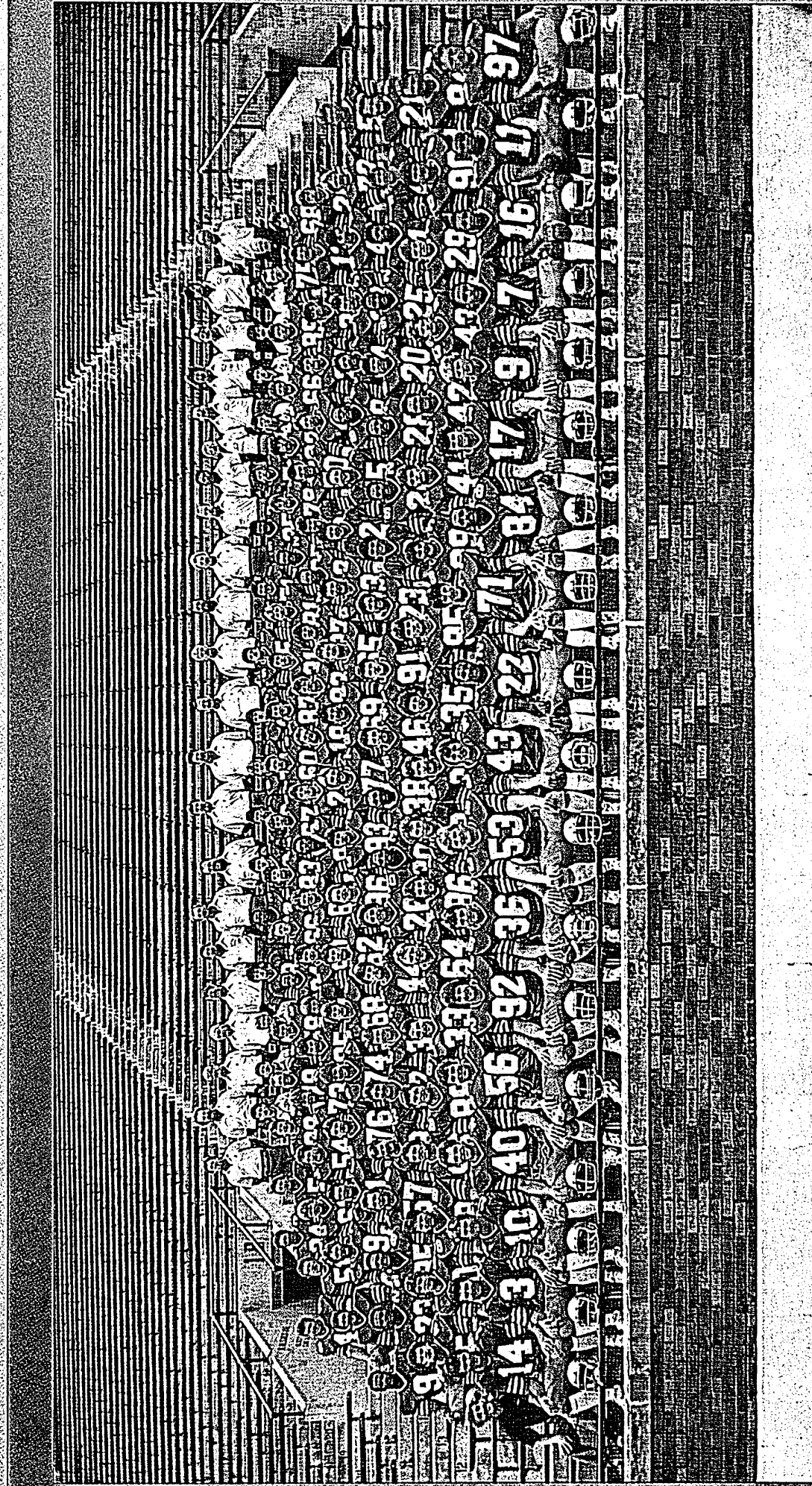
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Zavagnin	3	27	9.0	0	27
Duerson	2	88	44.0	1	88
Crabbe	2	60	30.0	0	33
Krimm	2	26	13.0	0	15
Toran	2	3	1.5	0	3
Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	13	204	15.7	1	88
Opponent	15	75	5.0	0	29

DEFENSIVE STATS

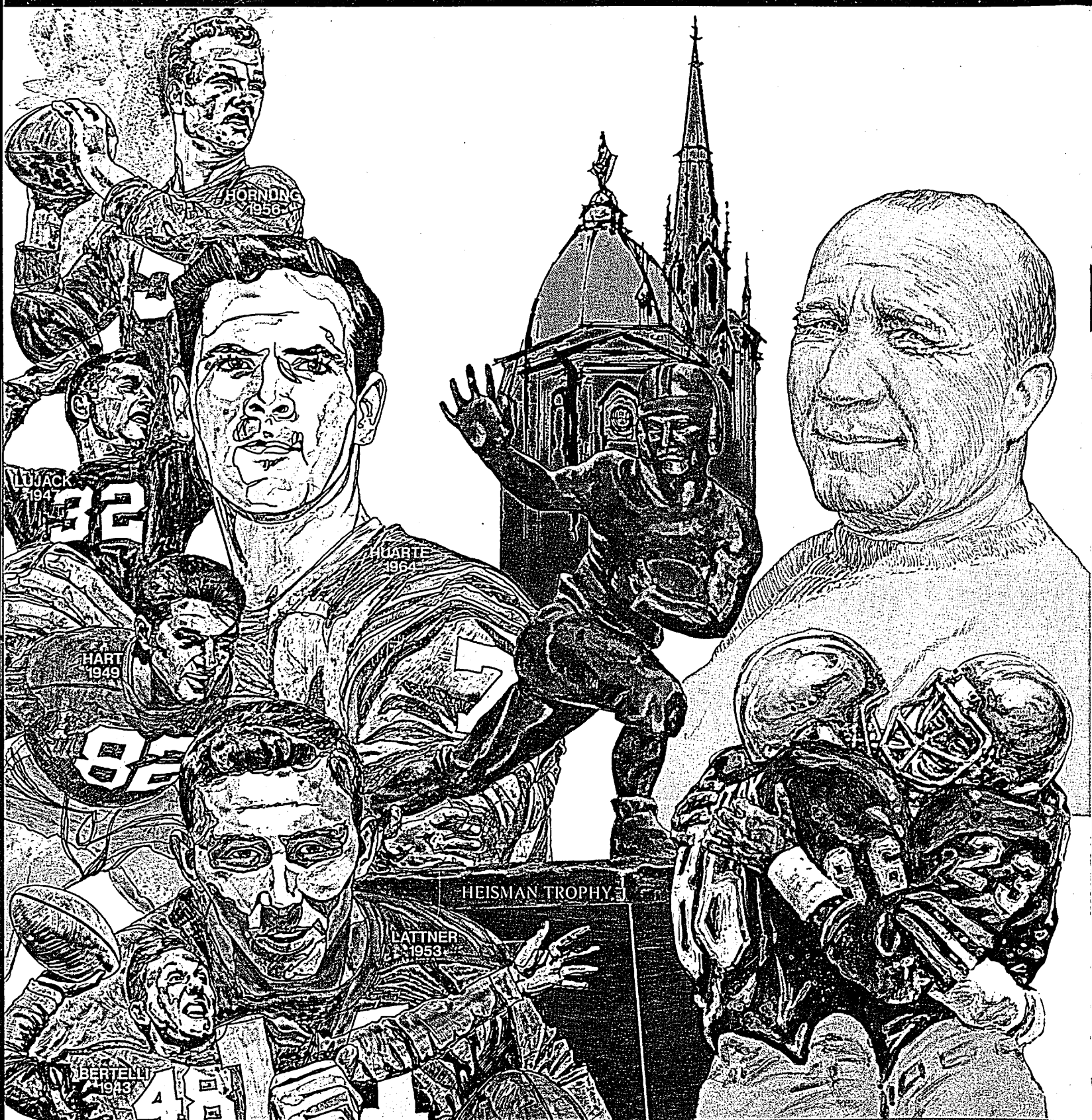
	*TMTl-Yds.	PBU	FR	BK
Crabbe	167 16-54	3	2	0
Zavagnin	94 6-21	4	0	0
Griffith	63 6-23	5	3	0
Clasby	56 4-14	2	0	0
Duerson	55 3-8	5	0	0
Toran	54 2-9	4	0	0
Marshall	44 9-39	0	1	0
Krimm	38 0-0	7	0	0
Bone	36 0-0	1	0	0
Rudzinski	35 2-13	0	1	0
Autry	30 3-30	2	0	0
Belden	27 6-36	0	0	0
Naylor	26 0-0	0	0	0
Johnson	22 0-0	2	2	0
Gramke	21 2-13	1	0	0
Brown	15 0-0	2	0	0
Gann	12 0-0	0	0	0
Bock	11 0-0	0	0	0
Larkin	10 1-15	0	1	0
Shields	6 0-0	0	0	0
M. Golic	6 0-0	0	0	0
Moriarty	5 0-0	0	0	0
Kramer	5 1-2	0	0	0
M. Carter	5 3-29	0	0	0
Masini	5 0-0	0	0	0
Cichy	4 0-0	1	0	0
Schiro	3 0-0	1	0	1
Liebenstein	3 0-0	0	0	0
Adell	2 0-0	0	0	0
Kiernan	2 1-2	0	0	0
Spielmaker	2 0-0	0	0	0
Murphy	1 0-0	0	0	0
Rice	1 0-0	0	0	0
Flood	1 0-0	0	0	0
Mosley	1 0-0	0	0	0
Pozderac	1 0-0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	869 65-308	40	10	1
Opponent	904 46-196	29	6	1

*Includes solos and assists

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 October 16—ARIZONA
 October 23—Oregon
 October 30—Navy
 November 6—Pittsburgh
 November 13—PENN STATE
 November 20—Air Force
 November 27—Southern Cal

1983

September 10—Purdue
 September 17—MICHIGAN STATE
 October 1—Colorado
 October 8—South Carolina
 October 15—Army
 October 22—SOUTHERN CAL
 October 29—NAVY
 November 5—PITTSBURGH
 November 12—Penn State
 November 19—AIR FORCE
 November 26—Miami (Florida)

1984

September 8—PURDUE
 September 15—Michigan State
 September 22—COLORADO
 September 29—Missouri
 October 6—MIAMI (Florida)
 October 13—AIR FORCE
 October 20—SOUTH CAROLINA
 October 27—Louisiana State
 November 3—Navy
 November 17—PENN STATE
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September 14—Michigan
 September 21—MICHIGAN STATE
 September 28—Purdue
 October 5—Air Force
 October 19—ARMY
 October 26—SOUTHERN CAL
 November 2—NAVY
 November 9—Mississippi
 November 16—Penn State
 November 23—LOUISIANA STATE
 November 30—Miami (Florida)

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