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National Champions!

Holtz puts Irish over the top in '88 with 8th national title

By **MARTY STRASEN**
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.—Someone once told Lou Holtz that Notre Dame is supposed to be on top when it comes to football.

Now, three years after taking over as head coach of the Fighting Irish, Holtz has put them there.

"It's important for Notre Dame to be on top, and I say that because that's what somebody told me," Holtz said after Notre Dame's 34-21 drubbing of West Virginia in the Sunbowl Fiesta Bowl gave the Irish their eighth national championship.

"There are just some people who are supposed to be on top, and people get the impression that Notre Dame should be good," Holtz continued. "This is an outstanding football team."

The Fighting Irish are back on top, even though many said this team was a year away from a shot at the national championship.

The 1988 Irish completed the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame history and were nearly a unanimous choice as national champions. Notre Dame received 58 1/2 votes out of a possible 60 in the Associated Press poll.

Miami, which lost its No. 1 ranking when the Irish beat the

Hurricanes 31-30 on Oct. 15, received the remaining 1 1/2 votes.

"This football team is what Notre Dame spirit is all about," Holtz said. "There may be more talented teams, but there won't be any that typify the Notre Dame spirit better than this one."

In addition to beating Miami when it was No. 1, Notre Dame beat Southern Cal 27-10 when the Trojans were No. 2 and West Virginia when the Mountaineers were No. 3 coming into the Fiesta Bowl. The Irish opened the 1988 season with a 19-17 triumph over Michigan, which finished the season ranked fourth.

"I'm so happy for our players," Holtz said. "It's really a dream to win the national championship. I dreamt about winning it, but I never thought I'd be a part of something like this as a head coach."

Holtz joins the list of Irish coaches that includes Knute Rockne, Elmer Layden, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine—all winners of national titles at Notre Dame.

For the seniors, being No. 1 marks the end of a long climb from the days of Gerry Faust,

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The Observer / Suzanne Poch

Freshman Lou LaGrange joined the thousands of other Irish fans who stormed the field at Tempe, Arizona's Sun Devil Stadium after the Notre Dame Fighting Irish beat West Virginia to claim the coveted national championship title.

Team, Holtz greeted at White House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON-- President Reagan met with the championship Notre Dame football team Wednesday in one of the last public events of his eight years in the White House.

"The INF treaty and George Bush's election were important, but having the Fighting Irish win the national championship is in a class by itself," Reagan said. In return for the sentimental tribute Reagan received a sweater once presented to—who else? —George Gipp.

Reagan, whose role as Notre Dame star Gipp in the movie "Knute Rockne, All-American" gave him his first big break in the movie career that helped propel him to the presidency, told the players:

"I can't help thinking that somewhere a long way off there's a fellow with a big grin and a lot of pride in his school, and he might be thinking to himself that maybe you won another one for the Gipper."

The line was a paraphrase of one spoken by Pat O'Brien as Rockne in the movie, invoking the memory of Gipp after his death to inspire the team to vic-

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ND junior struck by car and killed

By **REGIS COCCIA**
Senior Staff Reporter

Celebrations after the Fiesta Bowl turned to grief Jan. 2 when a Notre Dame junior and his friend died after they were hit by a car outside their homes in South Easton, Mass.

Richard Macrina, a Grace Hall junior finance major and Donald Charis, both 20, were killed crossing the street between their homes when a car hit them at about 8:30 p.m., Easton Deputy Police Chief Kenneth Hurley said.

They had been watching the Notre Dame-West Virginia football game on television at Macrina's house, he said.

Macrina was taken by ambulance to Goddard Memorial Hospital and Charis was taken to Cardinal Cushing General Hospital. Both were pronounced dead on arrival.

The driver of the car, Deborah Gomes, 23, of South Easton was charged with two counts of vehicular homicide, Hurley said. Gomes, who knew both Macrina and Charis, was not under the influence of alcohol, he said.

A police officer estimated Gomes was going about 45 miles per hour, the speed limit on the unlighted street, Hurley said. The case has not gone to court yet, he said.

A double funeral was held Friday, Jan. 6 for Macrina and Charis, who were longtime friends, Hurley said. They were buried beside each other.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Macrina's parish, Holy Cross Church, by Grace Hall Rector Father Gerald Lardner and Father Wilfred Borden, chaplain of the

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AP Photo

President Reagan rears back to pass a football presented to him by the Notre Dame football team Wednesday during honor ceremonies in the Rose Garden

of the White House. Behind Reagan is Irish head coach Lou Holtz. Reagan invited the national football champions to the White House. (Story, above right)

IN BRIEF

South African President Botha suffered a stroke at home Wednesday, but was "clear-minded" and might appoint a Cabinet member as acting president, his office said.

Contracts have been awarded for the repaving of U.S. Route 31 from south of the South Bend bypass to Lakeville, and also for the "Michigan Strip," the section of U.S. Route 33 from 1.5 miles north of the St. Joseph River bridge to the Indiana/Michigan border.

Two Super Bowl tickets and some Watergate memorabilia, but not the cash that was stolen from his car, were returned to North Carolina Secretary of State Rufus Edmisten.

OF INTEREST

WVFI will hold its shift pick meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune Student Center.

Juniors Office hours for Junior Parents' Weekend will be Monday through Friday, 7-9 p.m. in room 305 LaFortune.

NDE 4th Day will meet today at 9 p.m. in the Lower Lounge, Walsh Hall.

Observer Of Interests and other public service announcements may be submitted at The Observer main office on the third floor of LaFortune Student Center until 1 p.m. prior to the date of publication.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Irish, Bush both No. 1 in year of transition

The year 1988 is over-- finally. The new year, 1989, is a year of transition.

One transition became evident in Tempe, Arizona, on a cloudy day in early January. The Notre Dame football team is back where it belongs-- on the top of the heap in the world of collegiate football.

Wednesday's meeting at the White House between the football team and President Ronald Reagan foreshadows another important transition taking place in 1989.

The team's visit Wednesday with Reagan is a fitting conclusion to the Reagan years. Since 1981, when he visited Notre Dame with actor Pat O'Brien to receive an honorary degree, Reagan has been closely tied to the University.

George Bush is not Ronald Reagan. When he takes office on Friday, Bush will be facing the awesome task of leading America into the 1990s.

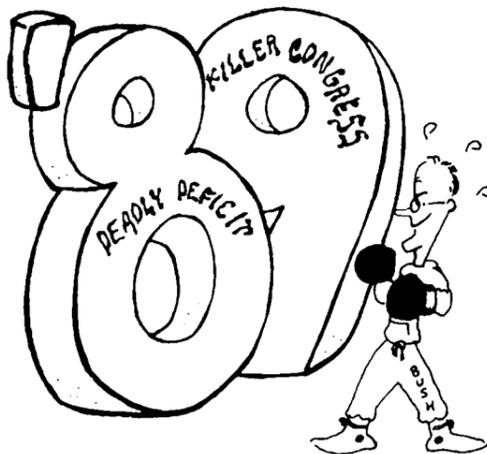
The Reagan years were an exciting time. For the first time since Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to halt the Great Depression, the people chose in 1980 to lead America in a new direction.

Bush is not the great communicator that Reagan was. As he proved well during the campaign, Bush does not convey the warm, grandfatherly image that his predecessor used to his advantage.

Bush is not the ideologue that Reagan was. Reagan's Cabinet appointees were selected primarily for their conservative political views, ignoring their experience in policy areas.

Matt Gallagher

Assistant News Editor



statesmen as James Baker (chief-of-staff, Treasury secretary, and now secretary-of-state-designee), to clowns such as James Watt (Interior).

George Bush on Friday will become president of a country which lacks the clear direction it had in 1980.

It is good that the Reagan years are over. Although they were good years, and Ronald Reagan was generally a good president, he is not the president America needs for the 1990s.

George Bush is that president. It is ironic that Bush's fall opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, brought to light the one characteristic that George Bush possesses and will need for his term to be successful.

Happy Birthday Today is Laura S.'s birthday. Call her up and wish her a happy one. By the way Laura, we do expect to see you dancing on pool tables tonight. Observer classifieds will be accepted from 9am-3pm M-F at the Observer offices, 314 LaFortune.

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\$44.7M given in cash grants

Special to the Observer

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This is the third consecutive year that cash contributions have exceeded \$40 million, almost doubling the level of four years ago. The totals do not include pledges of future gifts.

In specific contributing

categories, foundation and corporate support totaled a record \$20.7 million, a 27 percent increase; the University's Annual Fund attracted \$6.9 million, a 6 percent increase and a fourth consecutive record total for the fund; direct mail yielded a record \$2.5 million, an 8.4 percent increase; and planned giving totaled \$4.9 million. The University's Sorin Society, whose members each contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually in unrestricted funds, achieved its eighth consecutive increase in both membership and revenues. With a record 634 new members among its total of 2,900, the Society contributed \$2.7 million, a 15 percent increase.

Also in fiscal 1988, commitments to the University's "Strategic Moment" fund raising campaign reached \$289 million, 96 percent of the campaign's original goal of \$300 million. That goal has since been met, but due to underfunded and new priorities, an additional \$117 million is being sought as the campaign enters its national phase in 1989.



Holtz's new recruit?

The Observer / Mike Moran

This young Irish fan donned his football gear and braved the heat inside the Phoenix Civic Plaza for the New Year's Day Fiesta Bowl pep rally. The band arrived late, but the guest speakers and the Notre Dame cheerleaders kept the spirit going.



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Officials baffled by phone problem

Observer Staff Report

The campus 283-exchange telephone network was inoperative for about 15 minutes on Wednesday afternoon, said Manager of Telecommunications Steve Ellis.

The interruption in service was a software problem, possibly leftover from the

power surge which interrupted service last November, said Ellis.

"They don't know exactly what the problem is," said Ellis. "It's a big computer . . . there are so many variables involved, to test them all would be impossible."

The telephone system was examined Wednesday by

three repairmen from AT&T, said Ellis. The University owns the 283-extension, serving primarily student dormitories, but the system is covered by a maintenance agreement with AT&T.

Ellis added that maintenance checks temporarily disabled various lines throughout the afternoon.

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Notre Dame hockey team.

"The church was packed. There was a line two blocks long at the wake the night before. There were a number of Notre Dame students there," Lardner said.

Lardner said John Goldrick, associate vice president for residence life, asked him to represent the University at the funeral.

Craig Bougas, Sal Castellano and Chris Chiacchierini, three of Macrina's former room-

mates, served as pallbearers during the funeral.

"(Macrina) was a little on the quiet side but well-liked, low-profile but not shy or reticent," he said. Macrina was a Dean's List student at Notre Dame and he had recently joined Grace's inter-hall hockey team, Lardner said.

"He was a natural athlete. He was a great hockey player," Mike Kolar, one of Macrina's roommates who played with him on the Grace hockey team.



Richard Macrina

Kolar said he didn't learn of his roommate's death until he returned home from the Fiesta Bowl.

"He was a really hard worker. He was just an all-round good guy, real friendly," Kolar said.

The Notre Dame varsity hockey team, which had played Boston College, attended Macrina's funeral in South Easton, about 45 minutes south of Boston, Lardner said.

"Being a student and all, it was a sad occasion," Borden said. "We were in the area and we thought (attending the funeral) was appropriate," he said.

Macrina is survived by his mother, Barbara Palm and stepfather Carl Palm and two younger brothers.

Macrina's name will be added to a plaque remembering deceased students who lived in Grace Hall, Lardner said. Richard Macrina is the fourth student from Grace who died while still a student, he added.

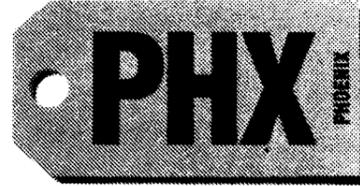
A memorial Mass will be celebrated Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, said Director of Campus Ministry Father Andre Leveille.



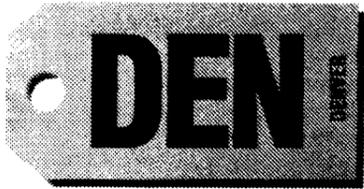
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Grand old flag

The Observer / Suzanne Poch

As part of the pre-game Fiesta Bowl festivities, the field was covered with an enormous American flag. Also, members of the United States Army parachuted into the center of Sun Devil Stadium to the delight and surprise of the record-breaking 74,911 fans present at the game.

BREAK BRIEFS

A gift of \$50,000 has been given by the family and friends of the late Todd Sullivan of Germantown, Tennessee, to establish an undergraduate scholarship fund in his memory. Todd Sullivan, who died early in his career at Christian Brother's High School in Memphis, was the son of Steve and Kathy (Huisking) Sullivan of Germantown. Steve Sullivan graduated from Notre Dame in 1968. -*The Observer*

The 1987-1988 edition of the University of Notre Dame's student yearbook, the Dome, has received a "first place with special merit" award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The announcement describes the Notre Dame yearbook as "an excellent publication which showed a tremendous amount of time, energy, and talent by editors and staff members." -*The Observer*

The first installment of a \$100,000 gift to Notre Dame by Theodore Weber, of El Cerrito, California, has arrived. The gift was to purchase and maintain a unique collection of paperback books for its University Libraries. The collection, purchased from A.F. Wallis Ltd., an antiquarian bookseller in England, consists of more than 12,500 items, including nearly every title published by the Penguin Books, the pioneering British paperback book publisher, between 1935 and 1965. Only 39 of 5,040 Penguin titles which appeared during that period are missing. -*The Observer*

Cheryl Schrader, a doctoral candidate in electrical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, is the recipient of the 1988 Borg-Warner Automotive Scholarship awarded by the Society of Engineers. Schrader, who plans a career in teaching and research, received her masters degree from Notre Dame in 1987. Her doctoral research combines applied mathematics and feedback theory in the study of how systems respond to commands. -*The Observer*

University President Father Edward Malloy will be elected a trustee of the National Citizens Commission on Alcoholism on March 3. The Commission, part of the Chicago-based National Council on Alcoholism, Inc., is chaired by Robert Raclin. -*The Observer*

John Santos, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Gerontological Education, Research and Services (GERAS) at Notre Dame, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council on Aging of the National Institutes of Health. The appointment was made by Dr. Otis Bowen, Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Reagan administration. The Council on Aging counsels government officials on issues related to the aging process, associated diseases and other special problems and needs of the aging. -*The Observer*

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Panel to study Miami slaying

Associated Press

MIAMI- City commissioners voted unanimously Wednesday to appoint a panel to investigate an interracial slaying that touched off two nights of rioting by blacks, leaving one person dead and buildings burned and looted.

The vote during an emergency session came amid warnings from black leaders that only quick action to ease racial tension could prevent more violence.

The panel will investigate the Monday slaying of Clement Lloyd, a 23-year-old black motorcyclist shot in the head by a white policeman as Lloyd and a friend sped through Miami's black Overtown section.

The panel was created at the suggestion of Miller Dawkins, the lone black on the five-member city commission, who wanted a board consisting of five policemen and five Overtown residents with Mayor

Xavier Suarez as chairman. Dawkins acknowledged the board will not satisfy the young people throwing rocks and bottles, and he appealed to them for time.

"I'd like to tell them to give us a chance to work this out, and to work on all our other ills, such as poor housing, poor education, joblessness," he said. "And they have to work with us instead of creating other problems like they are doing now."

Children return to site of shooting

Associated Press

STOCKTON, Calif.- Children returned to class to confront their fears with help from psychologists Wednesday, just one day after a gunman fascinated by toy soldiers killed five youngsters at the school he attended as a boy.

Blood was washed from the

pavement overnight and bullet holes were patched at Cleveland Elementary School, where experts said it was important that pupils, mostly children of Southeast Asian refugees, deal with the trauma immediately.

"I still feel upset, but I have to bring my kid to see the teacher to let the teacher know my kid's all right," Brom Lee said in broken English. "Everybody's angry. Your kid there, you get angry too."

His daughter, 7-year-old Nary, said she was scared to return because "I saw blood."

Holding tightly to her father's hand, she pointed to her leg and said, "I saw somebody get shot right here."

Police said Patrick Purdy, wearing an olive-drab shirt bearing the Iranian battle cry "Death to the Great Satan (sic)," on Tuesday sprayed more than 100 shots from an assault rifle, killing five youngsters ages 6 to 9 and wounding 30 other people.

A drifter who police said was either 24 or 26, Purdy killed himself with a pistol shot to the head after the mute, methodical attack during recess.

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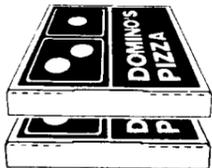
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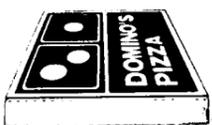
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Champs

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who ended his five-year stint as Irish coach with a 58-7 loss to Miami and a 30-26-1 record.

"It's a dream come true," said senior tailback and tri-captain Mark Green. "It's an awesome feeling. Everything came together. It was a long time coming. I knew it was possible, but I can't say I thought

it was going to happen.

"It's been a long, long road. Coach Holtz came in and restored the discipline. We've been through hell, but it's just a matter of paying the price. Now we're collecting the dividends."

"For what is good and right in America, Notre Dame deserves to be champs," added senior tri-captain Andy Heck. "This is the greatest thing I've ever been a part of."

Reagan

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tory. It has become a political slogan Reagan has repeated over and over.

Reagan told the players how much he values his association with Notre Dame, which he has twice visited during his presidency.

The President of Notre Dame, Father Edward Malloy, read a plaque that went along with the sweater, which was

awarded to Gipp for his performance as a halfback on the Notre Dame team in 1917 and 1918.

"I think that's a great sacrifice by the university, but believe me, no one could treasure it more than I will," the president said.

Notre Dame won its eighth national championship—the most by any team in the 53-year history of the Associated Press poll—by defeating West Virginia 34-21 in the Fiesta Bowl to finish the season with a 12-0 record.

West Virginia was third in the rankings when it played

Notre Dame in what was generally recognized as the game that would decide the national title.

In addition, Notre Dame for the fourth time won the College Football Association's Academic Achievement Award for highest graduation rate last season.

Most of the lettermen are coming back next season, which Notre Dame will open by playing Virginia in the Kickoff Classic, Aug. 31 at Giant Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Research grants announced

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame received \$931,451 in grants during November for the support of research and various programs. Research funds totaled \$530,696, including:

\$100,055 from the U.S. Navy for studies of ordering in semiconducting and other alloys, Kathie Newman, associate professor of physics, principal investigator.

100,000 from the U.S. Air Force for research by John Dow, Friemann professor of physics, on vibrational properties of certain materials.

\$85,779 from the U.S. Navy for studies of semiconductor microstructure by Bruce Bunker, associate professor of physics.

\$74,000 from the National Science Foundation for research by Steven Ruggiero, associate professor of physics, on the perpendicular resistivity of synthetic metal multilayers.

\$69,600 from Indiana State Board of Health for research by Harvey Bender, professor of biological sciences, on a program in human genetics.

\$62,162 from the National Science Foundation for research on several complex variables theory by Wilhelm Stoll, Duncan professor of mathematics, and Warren Wong, professor of mathematics.

\$31,000 from the National Science Foundation for research by Julia Knight, professor of mathematics, on recursive model theory.

\$8,000 from the National Institutes of Health for research by Maureen Hallinan, White professor of arts and letters in sociology, on determinants of students' interracial friendliness.

Awards for facilities and equipment totaled \$265,054

\$90,797 from the National Science Foundation for an electrical engineering design and research laboratory, administered by Eugene Henry and John Uhran, professors of electrical engineering.

\$80,717 from the National Science Foundation for an undergraduate laboratory for the hydrologic sciences, administered by Stephen Siliman, assistant professor of civil engineering, and William Gray, Massman professor of civil engineering.

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\$23,540 from Research Corp. for a coincidence spectrometer to be used by Robert Hayes, professor of chemistry.

\$24,207 from private benefactors for programs of the In-

stitute for Pastoral and Social Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns.

\$11,291 from the St. Joseph County Job Training Program for job training program orientation, administered by Warren Outlaw, assistant professional specialist in urban studies, and Roland Smith, executive assistant to the president and associate professional specialist in the Institute for Urban Studies.

Awards for other programs totaled \$96,943, including:

\$75,431 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for work by Donald Kommers,

professor of law and of government and international studies, on American constitutionalism in comparative perspective.

\$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the participation of Mark Jordan, associate professor of liberal studies, and Kent Every, assistant professor in the program of liberal studies, at the Ad Litteram Conference.

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Sincerely,
The Macrina family
January 18, 1989

Graduate student calls for justice

Dear Editor:

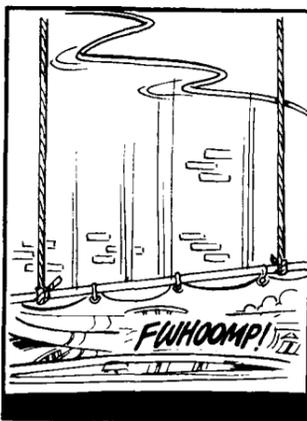
Foreign graduate students from the third world experience a great pressure in their departments, especially in the College of Arts and Letters. They are expected to be as "perfect" and outstanding as American graduate students and to have the same level and cultural background.

Most of the graduate administrators, faculty and staff do not regard these students as having the same capacities for being outstanding students despite the lack of efficient knowledge in their third world education. Those people are so concentrated in their own "perfection" that they are unable to realize the fact that those students are considered the brightest and the best professionals in their countries, that they were selected from hundreds of candidates all over their countries to obtain a more qualified education and to represent their nations in an American institution.

It is true that Notre Dame wants to be more and more selective. It is for this reason that foreign students are being discriminated in their departments; if they were admitted through their written productions, transcripts, curriculums and letters of recommendations like any other American candidates, they have condition to be in the Program and the right to be treated with the same level of equality. If graduate administrators think that third world students are inferiors to American candidates they should not admit them at all. But once they are admitted, the departments should give conditions for these students to develop their capacities and to continue their good work. The students should be provided with assistance and with faculty members in charge of helping them in their progress (by either minimizing their difficulties or by encouraging their good work).

So attention foreign graduate students of the third world, let's show those people we can succeed in spite of their discouragement. Let them know that we do not want the future jobs reserved for American graduate students. Let them know we are here with a very important mission—to acquire better knowledge and qualification in order to improve the development of our third world country and to contribute to our countries cultural progress. Let's always remember that we have an outstanding position in our country, and our country wants us to prove it while being a graduate student in this "well-developed" country.

Maria Amorim
Off-campus
Dec. 7, 1988



Garry Trudeau

Quote of the Day

"I think Knute Rockne would have been proud of this football team...There may be more talented teams, and there may be better coached teams. But there can't be any teams that typify Notre Dame spirit any better than this one."

Lou Holtz
January 2, 1989

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Roman nightlife: in a class by itself

LIZ PANZICA
accent writer

Rome, birth place of the greatest empire ever known to man. Rome, home of the Universal Church. Rome, a city wealthy beyond belief in painting, sculpture, and architecture. Rome, a hotbed of nocturnal activity? Well, not quite. But it's not bad.

In Italy, like other Mediterranean countries, shops are open much later in the evening due to long afternoon meals. This pushes the Roman dinner hour back to about 8 p.m. With the evening beginning later, one would expect nightlife to go into the wee hours of the morning. However, that's not the case in the eternal city. Discoteques and such do stay open, but the European dance club scene is in a class by itself.

The streets of cultural Rome are relatively quiet at night considering the city's size and status. All activity ceases by 2 a.m. at the latest, and things are usually winding down by midnight.

But just because the city retires early doesn't mean there is a lack of activity. Rome offers many meeting places perfect for the student, traveler, and native. The hottest spots in the city are the

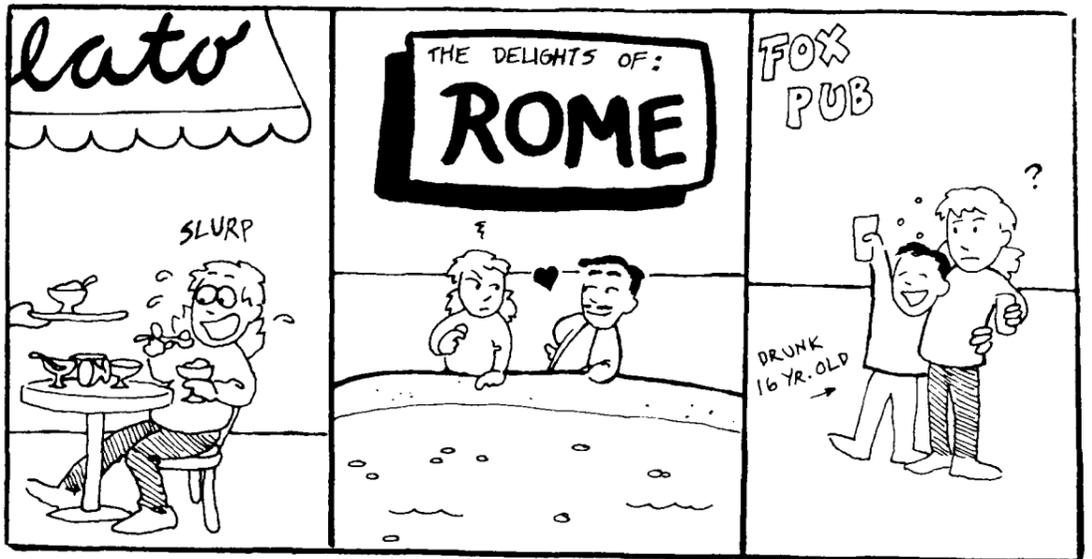
age-old piazzas and the bars and gelaterias surrounding them.

What follows is just a short list of the favorites of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students studying in Rome.

Piazza Navona: A large square whose centerpiece is a massive fountain depicting the four known rivers (to the Romans). Two smaller fountains define the boundaries at the end of the Piazza. Artists have claimed this area as their own. Landscape and portrait artists display their talents for the strolling tourists and restless, young natives. It's a nice place to grab a gelato (like ice cream and butter) and browse. A slower pace for an older, tamer crowd.

The Trevi Fountain: Major tourist spot! Go to the fountain and make a wish, but don't stick around. Ladies beware. The Italian men who frequent this spot will not leave an American alone. All over Rome, American females attract quite a bit of attention. Sometimes it's flattering and fun. Most times it's just plain annoying. At the Trevi Fountain, it's especially bad because everyone there is either a tourist or an Italian male looking for a tourist.

The Spanish Steps: Right by the McDonald's in Rome.



Student travelers from all over flock to the steps. Experiences vary. The mood differs depending on the day of the week and the type of crowd around. Each new platform of steps has a different group of people. Interesting spot, great for people watching or just listening to Italian guitarists sing Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run."

If the Piazza scene gets tiring and the high-priced bars around it bore you, there are two distinctly American bars. Bars in Italy are places to sit and have a caffe or sandwich. Italian bars do serve alcohol, but that isn't their main activity. The Fox

Pub and Miscellania are close to American bars.

The Fox Pub is crowded, smokey and offers "all you can drink" specials. "The best deal you can get without an ID," said Kathleen Houlihan of the Saint Mary's Rome Program. The clientele is distinctly American. It's the place to go when you're sick of the attention of Italian men.

On Friday and Saturday nights, however, students from the American high schools descend upon the Fox. The little pub is best avoided on those days because drunken 16-year-olds are much worse than drunken

20-year-olds.

Miscellania is pretty much like the Fox but not so crowded or smokey. Of course as with everything else it all depends on the day and the mood.

By no means is the list above complete. Throughout Rome there are hundreds of different night spots. The attitude differs from America's nightlife. An appreciation for a good cappuccino and conversation are a must when in Rome. It is often best to go off the beaten track and, well, do as the Romans do.

But that's another story. For now, Ciao.

'Tour of Duty' fails to depict true Vietnam

Successful motion pictures are often the inspiration behind new television series ideas. "Three Men and a Baby" inspired "Full House." "Baby Boom" and "Dirty Dancing" initiated series of the same names. Then there's "Platoon," the heralded Viet Nam drama that captivated audiences in record numbers.

The television industry, ready to earn big bucks off "Platoon's" success, quickly put together "Tour of Duty," a tour de force of boredom and confusion.

CBS airs "Tour of Duty" Mondays at 8 p.m. Centered around the activities of the members of a small platoon, this show attempts to recap-

ture the excitement, realism, and authenticity of "Platoon." Terence Knox stars as Zeke Anderson, the sergeant in charge of the group. Other characters include Myron Goldman (Stephen Caffrey), Danny Purcell (Tony Becker), Marvin Johnson (Stan Foster), Alberto Ruiz (Ramon

Franco), Marcus Taylor (Miguel Nunez), Johnny McKay (Dan Gautier), and "All My Children's" Kim Delaney as Alex Devlin. Each week these characters find themselves in the midst of the terror and destruction that is Viet Nam.

In one episode, for example, Zeke falls for a sexy doctor in the Psych Ward of a hospital; however, their relationship becomes a war all its

involved. To make matters worse, the already-boring plotlines often become, like the reasons behind the war itself, cluttered and confusing.

Perhaps the show's greatest attributes are its cast and characters. Viewers will find it easy to relate to such characters as Marvin Johnson with his hot temper or Johnny McKay with his "studly" image; however, the show



'Tour of Duty' fails to follow in the footsteps of 'Platoon.'

Calvin and Hobbes



Bill Watterson

JOE BUCOLO



To Be Continued . . .

own when Zeke breaks into her files to find confidential information about a patient. Another plot includes a mystery surrounding the death of a lieutenant who dies when a grenade suddenly explodes behind him. As the episode evolves, Danny and Marvin help Zeke to discover the identity of the man who stole the grenade and planned to blow up the rest of the platoon.

In theory these plots sound feasible, even enjoyable; however, the stories progress as fast as car on a oil slick. While it is obvious the Viet Nam conflict was not all bombings and shootings, the producers of the show need to bring forth more entertainment to keep the audience

presents so many characters that the hour-long show hasn't the time to do any of them justice. In one episode, for example, the viewers only see Alex for a few seconds at the beginning and end of the show. The cast is a very talented one and deserves a better showpiece for its talent.

"Tour of Duty" is a drab, dull, delinquent show that trivializes the Viet Nam conflict; however, it is not doomed. With creative and crisp plotlines and in-depth character development, the talented cast of "Tour of Duty" would round out a wonderful show. In the meantime, however, the loser of the Monday Night Prime Time is definitely CBS.

Irish swimmers split with NIU

By MARY GARINO
Sports Writer

The men's swimming team scored an outstanding victory over Northern Illinois Wednesday, 179.5-119.5 at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The squad recorded 12 victories, including the 400 yard medley relay, the second race of the meet. This was the key event of the meet, according to coach Tim Welsh.

"This race set the tone for the meet," he said. "Last year, Northern Illinois won the first three races and really put us in a hole. This year, our time of 3:37 was the fastest this season except for a championship race."

Highlights for the Irish in the men's meet included two wins by Tom Penn in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke and an early victory by freshman Jim Birmingham in the 200 freestyle.

"It was a critical race for us," said Welsh, "and it was a good race for him. It is not his best event but he won."

Overall, Welsh said that the Irish turned in steady performances across the board.

"In the past, Notre Dame teams have been balanced," Welsh said. "This year we have

been erratic, but in this meet we were much more like a Notre Dame team. It was a good meet in its own right."

The women were not as successful as the men's team. They lost to a strong Northern Illinois squad by a final score of 121-178. The Irish have never beaten the Huskies.

"We lost, but we didn't do horribly," Welsh noted. "We knew that in order to win we would have to do everything right, from the first person to the last. That happens rarely."

The women raced faster than in their last meet, a loss to Western Ontario on Jan. 14, which Welsh considers a sign that the team is moving in the right direction.

"I thought that the women swam faster and aggressively. They swam to win," Welsh said.

The women are beginning to show signs of the heavy training that took place over the holidays. Their tempo was slower and they were fatigued, according to Welsh. However, there were several noteworthy performances. Tracy Johnson swam her fastest 100 yard freestyle of the season as she placed fourth. Becky Wood had two first place finishes, in the

100 and 200 yard breaststroke events. Katie Pamerter and Christy Moston also turned in first-place finishes for the Irish.

Welsh had high praise for both the men's and women's diving teams. Ed Veome and Pat Dugan were first and third respectively in the one meter diving event for the men, and Allison Baker was second for the women in the three-meter event.

"The divers contribute in a big way," Welsh said. "It is a tremendous turnaround in meet points to know that the divers are solid."

The Northern Illinois meet marked the end of a three meet training cycle for both Irish teams. On Jan. 6-7, Notre Dame competed in the UC-Irvine Invitational and placed swimmers in several events. Then, last week the men defeated Western Ontario and the women lost. After the competition against Northern Illinois, the Notre Dame women's team fell to 3-4, and the men's squad improved to 5-2.

Next for the Irish women will be a home meet against Illinois State tonight. Next week both teams will travel to Cleveland State.

Irish, Cavaliers to open season

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. --Two months after being passed over by all sorts of bowls, large and small, Virginia finally got its invitation, and a choice one at that.

The Cavaliers on Wednesday were officially named to open the 1989 season against defending national champion Notre Dame in the seventh annual Kickoff Classic on Aug. 31 at Giants Stadium.

"When I first heard, I thought, 'Yeah, well we deserve it,'" Virginia guard and co-captain Roy Brown said. "This is our bowl game."

There were some opinion the Cavaliers deserved a postseason bowl bid last season after going 7-4 and ending the season on a five-game winning streak. None came though, and the Cavaliers ended the season with 5-2 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference, their third second-place finish in five years.

They did not receive a single vote in The Associated Press' final poll.

On the hand, Notre Dame was the near-unanimous pick as national champion after capping a 12-0 season with a 34-21 victory over West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. The national title was the eighth for the Fighting Irish, the most by any school in the 53-year history of the poll.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can play with Notre Dame," Virginia nose guard Ron Carey said. "I think we're good enough at this stage in our development as a football program to be competitive with a team like that."

Robert Mulcahy, the chief

executive officer of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, the sponsor of the game, said that in inviting Virginia the NJSEA fulfills a commitment to invite a school from each of the seven major conferences.

The only conference that has not been represented in the first seven years has been the Pac-10.

"We considered both UCLA and Southern Cal, but both were unavailable," Mulcahy said. "UCLA had a problem with its academic schedule and USC could not be invited because they play Notre Dame annually."

"Don't underestimate Virginia," Mulcahy added. "They are probably going to be the preseason co-favorites to win the ACC and I feel they have a quarterback (Shawn Moore) who may be better than (Notre Dame quarterback) Tony Rice."

Moore is one of 18 starters returning next season for Virginia. The junior passed for 15 touchdowns and scored 10 more en route to setting a school single-season total offense mark with 2,526 yards.

The biggest loss for the Cavaliers is John Ford, their all-time leading receiver.

Notre Dame will be without defensive end Frank Stams and offensive tackle Andy Heck, both All Americans, as well as tailback Mark Green and safety George Streeter.

However, Rice and 16 other starters are scheduled to return next season and the Irish are expected to be highly ranked in the preseason poll.

"We're delighted to have the opportunity to play," said North Dame coach Lou Holtz.

Tar Heels pound No. 1 Duke

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. --Scott Williams sparked North Carolina's inside game, scoring 22 points to lead the 13th-ranked Tar Heels to a stunning 91-71 upset of top-ranked Duke in an Atlantic Coast Conference game Wednesday night.

Duke suffered its first loss of the season after 13 victories and fell to 3-1 in the ACC.

The Tar Heels, who dropped a 23-point decision at Virginia last Sunday, clogged the inside and shut down Duke's offense. With Danny Ferry nursing a

sore back, the Blue Devils didn't fare much better from the perimeter, either.

North Carolina, 15-4 and 2-1 in the ACC, pounded the boards on both ends to take charge. Of their 14 baskets in the second half, only one was a jumper from beyond 10 feet.

Oklahoma 123, Kansas 95

NORMAN, Okla. --Mookie Blaylock scored 30 points and Stacey King added 23 as fifth-ranked Oklahoma beat No. 17 Kansas 123-95 in a Big Eight game Wednesday night.

The game was the first between the teams since they met

in the NCAA championship game last season. Kansas upset the Sooners in that game, 83-79.

Minn. 76, Purdue 66

MINNEAPOLIS --Melvin Newbern scored 10 of his 14 points in the last 6:11 as Minnesota finished the game with a 27-9 surge for a 76-66 Big Ten victory over Purdue on Wednesday night.

The Gophers, 10-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference, who hadn't beaten Purdue in 11 meetings dating to 1983, held the Boilermakers to three baskets in the final seven minutes.

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The Mad Personal Writer

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Irish rebound after disappointing road losses

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

After disappointing road losses to lightly regarded Valparaiso and San Francisco over the holidays, the Notre Dame basketball team has returned to its early-season rhythm.

At least that's what Irish coach Digger Phelps said after seeing his squad thump Southern Methodist 67-45 Tuesday night at the Joyce ACC.

"Our kids picked up where they left off in Los Angeles," said Phelps, referring to Notre Dame's 82-79 comeback win over UCLA Saturday. "We played well. I liked the rhythm the guys got into tonight, the aggressiveness I liked."

Notre Dame (8-2) led by as many as 19 points in the first half on its way to a 32-20 advantage at the intermission. The Irish then opened the second half with a 12-2 spurt and never were challenged again.

It was not a happy homecoming for SMU coach John Shumate. His Mustangs were playing their first game without guard Kato Armstrong, lost for the year to academic ineligibility. Armstrong scored 29 points when the Mustangs knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA tournament last year and was leading the team with 19.9 points per game.

Without Armstrong, SMU (6-7) failed to score until almost six minutes into the game, did not reach double figures until 4:37 was left in the half and shot just 35 percent. Notre Dame was only 3-of-10 from the free throw line, but the Irish shot 60 percent from the field.

Jamere Jackson and Keith Robinson each scored 10 points to lead the Irish, who got points from every player on the team except freshman guard Keith Adkins. Eric Longino and Tony Patterson led SMU with 12 points.

ND 77, Creighton 64

LaPhonso Ellis scored 17 points with five blocked shots as the Irish withstood a 28-point effort from Bluejay forward Bob Harstad at the JACC Dec. 10.

Notre Dame maintained a slim lead over the game Creighton squad during the first half, then went on an eight-

point run to lead 38-30 at halftime.

The Irish could not pull away from the Bluejays mainly because of the play of Harstad, who shot 10-of-18 from the field for the best scoring performance of his career.

Joe Fredrick added 14 points for Notre Dame, while Jamere Jackson and Tim Singleton each chipped in 13.

Valparaiso 71, ND 68

Scott Anselm and Mike Jones led a three-point bomb attack that sparked the Crusaders to a thrilling overtime victory in front of an overflow crowd at the Athletics & Recreation Gymnasium.

Notre Dame had a 43-21 rebounding edge over Valpo, which had no player taller than 6-7. But the Crusaders led 35-32 at the half and stayed close with their 10 three-point goals.

Anselm had three three-point goals and 21 points. Jones had four three-point goals and 19 points. It was Curtiss Stevens, however, who hit the most important three-point shot of all, a bank shot in the last minute of regulation that cut Notre Dame's lead to two points.

Singleton and Fredrick each missed the front ends of one-and-one situations in the closing seconds, then Jones hit a layup at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. Valpo went on to outscore Notre Dame 7-4 in the overtime period.

The Irish had not practiced the week preceding the game because of final exams.

Fredrick led the Irish with 20 points, and Jackson was next with 16. Ellis scored 15 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. The Irish shot 25-of-54 from the field during the game.

ND 60, Penn 55

Fredrick scored 20 points and Jackson added 19 as the Irish took advantage of the Quakers' icy shooting performance to win Jan. 3 at the Palestra.

Penn shot 22-of-56, less than 40 percent, from the field, but the Quakers managed to stay close throughout the course of the game with its deliberate style of play. Tyrone Gilliams led Penn with 18 points.

Notre Dame shot over 50 percent (22-of-43) from the field for

the first time in five games, but the Irish shot only 15-of-25 from the free throw line.

Penn's Walt Frazier, who was averaging 20 points per game, scored just five against Notre Dame.

USF 79, ND 75

Mark McCathrion scored 26 points to lead the Dons to the upset Jan. 6 at the Memorial Gymnasium, but some controversial officiating had Phelps livid at the end of the game.

Officials Ron Lavetich and Jim Loustalot both already had worked several USF games this season. Phelps talked to Mike Gilleran, commissioner of officials for the Dons' West Coast Athletic Association, over a week before the game in hopes of changing the officials, but he was not able to do so.

San Francisco took 33 foul shots, while Notre Dame was only at the foul line 19 times.

The Dons took an early 27-18 lead before Notre Dame went on a spurt to get in front. San Francisco's Shawn Sykes hit a 40-foot buzzer-beating shot to give the Dons a 41-40 halftime lead.

Ellis led the Irish with 20 points and 14 rebounds.

ND 80, Portland 58

Keith Robinson scored 20 points as the Irish, who led by just two points at halftime, handed Portland its twenty-first consecutive loss Jan. 9 at the Chiles Center.

The Pilots, who were led by Josh Lowery's 18 points, trailed only 38-36 at the intermission. Notre Dame began the second half with an 18-2 run and outscored Portland 42-22 in the last 20 minutes.

Fredrick scored 17 for the Irish, Ellis added 16 and Jackson had 13. Ellis led Notre Dame with 10 rebounds.

Portland ended its losing streak, which had dated back to last season, with a victory over San Diego State last Saturday.

ND 82, UCLA 79

Ellis scored 24 points to lead

the Irish, who came back from big Bruin leads in both halves of the game Jan. 14 at Pauley Pavilion.

UCLA's lead was in double figures during the first part of the game, but Notre Dame went on an 11-2 run late in the first half to cut the Bruin lead to four at halftime.

The Bruins later held a lead of eight points. Notre Dame came back to get the win behind the play of Ellis, who scored 18 in the second half.

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda, a friend of Phelps as well as the manager of the world champions, gave the Irish a pep talk the weekend of the game.

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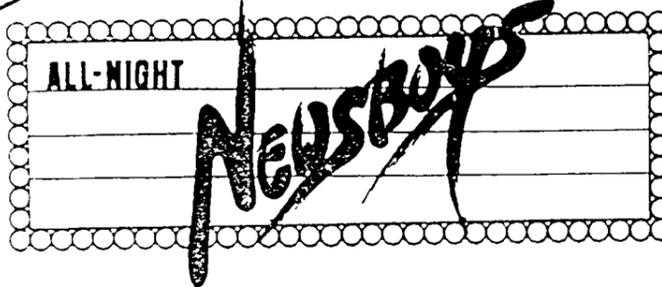
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Illinois ends spectacular ND volleyball season

By MOLLY MAHONEY
Sports Writer

So close, yet so far. The cliché became reality for the Notre Dame women's volleyball team on Friday, Dec. 9, when it lost to fourth-ranked Illinois in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Irish battled the Illini for more than two hours before a noisy crowd of 1,769, but fell in five games, 5-15, 9-15, 15-5, 15-13 and 9-15 to an Illinois team which eventually advanced to the Final Four by defeating Oklahoma the following night.

Notre Dame's blockers could not stop the powerful Illini squad's attack, as four players recorded more than 15 kills.



Julie Bremner

Nancy Brookhart and three-time All-American Mary Eggers led Illinois with 20 and 19 kills, respectively, with Eggers hitting an impressive .500 percent at the net.

The loss brought the Irish to 18-11 on the season, but the team crept to 15th in the final NCAA poll--the program's highest ranking ever--against the toughest schedule in the team's history.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the way the team played against Illinois and the way they performed all season," said Irish head coach Art Lambert. "The girls faced a lot of adverse circumstances but they never gave up. I'm proud of that."

The team's four seniors--Zanette Bennett, Mary Kay Waller, Maureen Shea and Whitney Shewman--all turned in strong performances, with

Bennett and Waller controlling the net.

Bennett led the Irish with 19 kills for a .348 hitting percentage while also adding 10 digs to earn all-tournament honors.

Waller helped the cause by tallying 18 kills for a .297 hitting percentage as well as a team-high 13 digs and seven total blocks.

Junior Kathy Cunningham also did her share by recording a team-high .409 hitting percentage on 11 kills while adding 13 digs defensively.

Setting and passing was handled expertly by freshman Julie Bremner, who provided her hitters with 56 assists and 12 digs.

Waller and Bremner garnered North Central Region honors for their performances this season and both etched their names in the Notre Dame record books.

Waller finished her career first in service aces and total blocks as well as block solos and assists, second in hitting percentage and third in kills and total attempts.

Bremner took over as Notre Dame's most prolific setter with 1,340 assists in her first season and led the team in digs with 324, but has now left school after being chosen as one of two setters for the United States National Volleyball Team.

Bunek lost for season

By GREG GUFFEY
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team won five of eight games during break, but one particular loss could spell doom for the Irish.

In the first half of the Dec. 29 game against James Madison at the St. Joseph's Invitational, Notre Dame center Heidi Bunek suffered a knee injury. She was forced to have reconstructive knee surgery and will miss the remainder of the season.

The Irish lost that game to James Madison and then fell to Old Dominion and Vanderbilt in games with NCAA Tournament implications.

"We didn't have a chance to learn to play without her," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "The biggest thing we missed was her rebounding. We got crushed on the boards."

At the time of the injury, the senior All-America candidate led the Irish in scoring at 16.2 points per game. She also led the team in rebounds with 7.5 boards per game. Bunek could play next season under the NCAA's medical hardship legislation.

The Irish will be back in action tonight against Detroit in the JACC. The Midwestern Collegiate Conference contest is set for 7:30 p.m. Detroit is tied with the Irish for the conference lead with victories over Dayton and Xavier.

"They're really good," McGraw said. "It will be a good test for us."

Notre Dame is 2-0 in the MCC after wins over Evansville and St. Louis. The Irish downed the Purple Aces 75-65 on the road last Thursday. Annie Schwartz and Sara Liebscher paced the Irish with 14 points each. Liebscher added 11 rebounds.

"I think it was a very important game," McGraw said. "That was one of the tougher road games in the league. We feel we're off to a good start in the conference."

Notre Dame defeated St. Louis 79-54 behind the 24 points of sophomore guard Karen Robinson. Robinson was a perfect 12-of-12 from the field in that game.

Other Irish wins came against Toledo, Youngstown State and Indiana.

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Prep standout signs with ND

Associated Press

GOSHEN --Rick Mirer, who quarterbacked his high school team to a state football championship last fall, wants to help bring another national title to Notre Dame.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound Mirer announced his college choice at a news conference at the high

school on Wednesday, picking the Irish over Michigan and Indiana.

"One of my goals is to win a college national title, and the fact that Notre Dame just won one, I feel this is a place where if we get fired up it can be done again," said Mirer, a strong-arm passer who set a state record for season yardage and

led unbeaten Goshen to 14 straight victories and the Class 4A championship.

His high school coach, Randy Robertson, said Mirer's decision to attend Notre Dame "didn't surprise me at all. The fact it's close to home (20 miles) had some bearing. He's been there several times, and he's always commented how the (Notre Dame) athletes are like regular people.

"I think he'll do very well," Robertson said. "But he's realistic. He knows there's no way a freshman quarterback is ready to step in at that level. But he's willing to learn and he's a hard worker. He's very coachable and he'll continue to improve each season."

Mirer, a two-time Associated Press first-team All-State selection, also was named national high school quarterback of the year by several publications.

He said another factor in his decision was Notre Dame's "great tradition" of quarterbacks.



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ND wrestlers look to avoid upset bid

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming off a dramatic upset of Ohio State earlier this week, the Notre Dame wrestling team will try to make sure the tables aren't turned at Illinois State tonight at 7.

Notre Dame (5-0) is ranked 16th by Amateur Wrestling News and off to its best dual-meet start in five years, but the Redbirds traditionally are a tough foe for the Irish. Notre Dame beat Illinois State 26-14 last season for only its second win in the eight meetings between the two schools.

"They've always given us trouble over the years," said Irish coach Fran McCann. "We match up well with them, and I think we'll be ready to wrestle."

In its last dual meet over the holidays, the Irish won a thrilling 21-18 decision at 15th-ranked Ohio State. Freshman Chuck Weaver defeated the Buckeyes' Ray Starkey 10-6 in the heavyweight match to give Notre Dame the win.

"Chuck's win at heavyweight was big," said McCann, "but we had a couple of other people really come through for us. Curt Engler won at 190, and (Mark) Gerardi's fall at 158 brought us back into the running."

Gerardi has been making falls part of his normal

routine lately. The sophomore from El Cajon, Calif., has pinned six of his last 10 opponents.

Freshman Marcus Gowens, a 126-pounder from Dal City, Okla., also has been impressive while wrestling between Andy Radenbaugh and Jerry Durso. The 118-pound Radenbaugh is on a pace to set the school record for wins in a season, and the 134-pound Durso is nearing the school mark for career victories.

"Marcus Gowens has contributed some big wins for us," said McCann. "Andy Radenbaugh has been a consistent winner this year, and with Gowens and then Jerry coming in, we're always off to a good start."

In other dual meets over the holidays, Notre Dame recorded a 23-15 win over Purdue, a 27-13 victory over Adams State and a 44-0 triumph over Ohio.

The win over Adams State avenged the 19-16 upset the Indians handed the Irish last season at Alamosa, Colo. The blanking of Ohio was Notre Dame's first shutout during the tenure of McCann, who has been coaching the Irish since the 1984-85 season.

Notre Dame also competed in the Sunshine Open at Tampa, Fla., where the Irish placed fourth out of 41 teams.



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"I wanted to know if our players were talking to the West Virginia players, and I wanted to know if there was any foul language being used," he said. "I can tell you that, on both counts, that was not the case. Our players thought they were being held and they did some things out of frustration."

Holtz said he did not fault senior linebacker Wes Pritchett for a late hit on Mountaineer quarterback Major Harris in the third quarter, when Pritchett appeared to be in full stride as the ball was released.

The only late hit Holtz singled out by Holtz as being obvious was Todd Lyght's tackle of Grantis Bell after Bell's third-quarter touchdown reception.

"We want to play aggressive football, but when the whistle's

blown, you don't hit anybody," Holtz said. "I'll promise you this--you won't see that again."

One Notre Dame personal foul gave the Mountaineers their initial first down of the game with less than 10 minutes to play in the second quarter. Another 15-yard penalty on the same drive led to West Virginia's first points of the game on a 29-yard field goal by Charlie Baumann.

Both Mountaineer touchdown drives included at least one personal foul against Notre Dame. The last one was helped by four Irish penalties in the final minutes of the game.

As for the bad-mouthing, the Irish aren't so sure they deserve to wear the black helmets all the time.

"There were definitely some words exchanged," Pritchett said. "But it went both ways. It definitely wasn't one-sided. That's always going to happen in a game as big as this one."

WVU dream ends in despair

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.--The West Virginia Mountaineers charged into the 1989 Fiesta Bowl ranked third and feeling underrated.

They hobbled out ranked fifth--feeling undermanned and overpowered after a sound thrashing at the hands of Notre Dame.

If anything, the pre-game polls had West Virginia a little higher than it ought to have been. The Mountaineers had faced nothing remotely resembling the Fighting Irish over the course of their 11-0 regular season.

"Notre Dame is a better football team than we are," West Virginia head coach Don Nehlen said after the Irish won the 1988 national championship with a 34-21 victory over the Mountaineers. "They beat us up."

"Sometimes it seemed like they had about 16 players on the field," added Mountaineer center Kevin Koken.

All-America linebacker Michael Stonebreaker dislocated the left shoulder of West Vir-

ginia's heralded quarterback, Major Harris, when Stonebreaker tackled Harris on the third play from scrimmage. Harris throws with his right arm, but said his running ability was impaired because of the injury.

"Scrambling-wise, it hurt my performance," said Harris, who gained only 11 yards rushing, far short of his regular-season average of 54 per game. "Running the option was tough. Every time I landed, it hurt." Notre Dame sacked Harris three times and consistently beat West Virginia's big offensive line to apply pressure. The Mountaineers gave up only 13 sacks over the course of the regular season.

But Harris was not the only victim. Three other Mountaineers were knocked out of the game early because of injuries.

Starting left guard John Stroia and middle guard Jim Gray suffered concussions in the first quarter, while fullback Undra Johnson was forced out with a knee injury before halftime.

Stonebreaker was the only

Irish casualty. The junior reinjured his ankle in the first quarter and missed most of the game.

"I feel badly for our guys, because I think we're better than we showed," Nehlen said.

The average margin of victory for the Mountaineers in 1988 was more than 27 points.

The Mountaineers defeated Pitt and Penn State by larger margins than did the Irish, but West Virginia's 1988 schedule also included the likes of Bowling Green, Cal State Fullerton, Maryland, Virginia Tech, East Carolina and Cincinnati.

"They're a doggone physical football team," Nehlen said of Notre Dame. "It was obvious from where I was standing that they were better than we were on offense and defense. They normally blew us out on both sides of the ball."

"They're pretty good football players, No. 1. They're pretty big football players, No. 2. And they're quick as the devil, No. 3. I think those three things had something to do with what happened."

Defense

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our defense has done time and time again this year.

"We felt that we had to stop (West Virginia's) power running game and the deep passing threat and I think we accomplished that. We also had to contain Major Harris and disrupt his rhythm, and I think we did a pretty good job of that as well."

That's quite an understatement. The Irish more than halved West Virginia's season rushing average of 293 yards per game (141) and held leading rusher A. B. Brown to 49 yards. Thus the vaunted power running game was eliminated.

Harris completed only one pass over 17 yards all game, a 36-yarder to Reggie Rembert which set up the Mountaineers' field goal before the end of the first half. So much for the deep passing threat. As they had during most of the regular season, the Irish defense refused to give up the big play. Instead, they made most of them themselves.

It was apparent from the outset that Harris' rhythm would be disrupted when, on the game's first series, Mike Stonebreaker's jarring tackle dislocated the West Virginia quarterback's left shoulder on an end run, an injury which hampered his performance during the rest of the game. But even a healthy Harris would have had his problems with the defense when, according to Mountaineer center Kevin Koken, "sometimes it seemed like (Notre Dame) had 16 players on the field."

"We weren't surprised about how good their defense was," said West Virginia head coach Don Nehlen. "They are ranked in the top five in the country defensively, but the tape (used to scout the defense) doesn't show how fast they run. They've got great team speed. They can run like the devil."

From the big stand in the third quarter to the typical, gamelong wearing down of their opponent's front line, it was only fitting that the members of the Irish defense led the way to a national championship. It's the kind of thing they had done all year long.



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ND hockey squad looking for storybook ending

By FRANK PASTOR
Sports Writer

One of the most frustrating chapters in the annals of Notre Dame hockey graciously came to a conclusion over Christmas break. Now the Irish hope to add a storybook ending of their own to a season wrought with unfulfilled promise.

Notre Dame (6-20-2) won three of eight games and snapped its school-record 14-game losing streak during a recent 19-day roadtrip. The Irish swept two games from Arizona and split their series against Army. They also lost to RPI, Air Force, Boston College and Merrimack on the road.

The most important Irish win was their 5-2 victory over the Cadets on Jan. 3. In addition to

halting the losing skid, it represented Notre Dame's first win over a top-quality opponent in some time.

The Irish recorded their highest scoring outputs of the season in the two victories over Arizona. Tim Kuehl scored four goals and added two assists to pace the offense in a 10-5 win over the Ice Cats on Jan. 13. Eight Irish players scored the following night as Notre Dame crushed the Cats 9-2.

"It was exciting to be a part of it," said Irish coach Ric Schafer of the two-game series which drew over 11,000 people. "We made some improvement. We started to score some goals. But the fact remains, we're playing some tough teams."

One of those "tough teams," RPI, had the Irish reeling after

posting a 6-0 shutout in the first round of the RPI Tournament on Jan. 29. The Engineers became the first team to hold Notre Dame scoreless in 72 games.



Ric Schafer

Air Force took advantage of five first period goals to defeat

Notre Dame 7-5 in the consolation game.

The Irish fared better against sixth-ranked Boston College on Jan. 5, battling back from a 5-1 deficit to close the Boston College lead to 6-5 in the third period. The Eagles added an insurance goal with less than two minutes remaining in the contest to win 7-5.

The Boston College game represented a homecoming of sorts for senior goaltender Mark O'Sullivan, who started in goal for the Irish. He played the first minute of the game before yielding the net to incumbent Lance Madson.

O'Sullivan played a bigger role in Notre Dame's sweep of Arizona, subbing for the injured Madson. Madson hurt his

chin just over 10 minutes into the third period of the first game when he collided with an Arizona player. O'Sullivan earned the start the following night and stopped 27 shots.

"It was fun. The guys did a great job in just protecting me," said O'Sullivan after his first complete game of the season. "I wanted to make sure the guys had confidence in me. I wanted to make sure not to give up a goal in the first period."

Madson, expected to return to the lineup in time for Friday's game against Lake Forest, enjoyed another fine roadtrip. He turned away 34 shots against Boston College and made 50 saves in a 6-0 loss to Merrimack on Jan. 7.

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213 yards and two touchdowns to earn the game's offensive Most Valuable Player award.

Harris completed 13 of 26 passes for 166 yards, including one interception and one touchdown.

Rice's only obvious mistake seemed to give West Virginia a lift late in the third quarter, but the Irish defense quickly turned the tide back in Notre Dame's favor.

Two plays after the Mountaineers cut the Irish lead to 26-13 on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Harris to Grantis Bell, Willie Edwards picked off Rice's underthrown pass intended for Tony Brooks at the Notre Dame 26-yard line.

But instead of letting the Mountaineers pull closer, the Irish defense pushed West Virginia 14 yards further from the end zone. Notre Dame defensive end Flash Gordon stopped Harris for a two-yard loss, cornerback Stan Smagala broke up a pass for Bell in the end

zone and defensive Most Valuable Player Frank Stams ended any further hopes of a Mountaineer score by dropping Harris for a 12-yard sack on a third-down blitz.

"The house was on fire and we had to put the fire out," Stams said. "That turned the momentum around for us."

"Sometimes what looks like a bad situation can break the game open," Holtz added. "What I mean is--you give them a chance, and then you shut them down. That really demoralizes a team."

Notre Dame then marched 80 yards in seven plays on the next series, which featured a 15-yard quarterback draw by Rice on a third-and-six play and a 57-yard completion to sophomore flanker Ricky Watters down the left sideline.

Rice hit tight end Frank Jacobs from three yards out on a play-action jump pass for the touchdown. Rice kept the ball on the option for a two-point

conversion that gave Notre Dame a 34-13 lead.

The Mountaineers scored on Reggie Rembert's three-yard run with 1:14 to play to make the final score seem more respectable.

But from the time the pre-game festivities concluded until hundreds of Notre Dame fans swarmed the field in the final seconds, the Irish were in complete control.

The Mountaineers ran three plays and punted on each of their first four possessions of the game, and Harris bruised his left shoulder when Irish linebacker Michael Stonebreaker brought him down on the third play from scrimmage.

"It affected my scrambling," Harris said. "There was a lot of pain. I think it affected the whole team. Our timing wasn't on."

Rice's was. While the Mountaineers stumbled out of the starting blocks, Rice and the Irish

swept ahead 16-0.

The 6-foot-1 junior broke containment and sprinted 31 yards on a third-down play in Notre Dame's opening drive, which ended in a 45-yard field goal by Billy Hackett.

Rice finished the day with a game-high 75 yards rushing on 13 carries.

The Woodruff, S.C., native then showed everyone he can throw the ball as well, firing a 23-yard completion to freshman tight end Derek Brown on the next series, which culminated in junior fullback Anthony Johnson's one-yard touchdown plunge on a fourth-and-goal play.

Rice again found Brown in the second quarter, this time on a 47-yard hookup that set up freshman Rodney Culver's four-yard touchdown run for a 16-0 Notre Dame advantage.

"I went straight upfield and ran right at the defender's (Lawrence Drumgoole's) toes," said Brown, who was dragged down at the 5-yard line by safety Bo Orlando. "Once I faked outside, I knew I had him beat. Tony threw it perfectly. I thought I was going to score."

The Mountaineers finally scored on their next drive, settling for a 29-yard field goal by Charlie Baumann after an apparent touchdown pass from Harris to Jamie LeMon was called back because Harris threw the ball from beyond the line of scrimmage.

Rice then continued his aerial assault on West Virginia, firing a bullet to freshman speedster Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail, who found an opening downfield and raced in for a 29-yard touchdown to give Notre Dame a 23-3 lead.

"I knew all along that Tony (Rice) was a great passer, but nobody believed me," Ismail said. "If they don't believe Tony Rice can throw the ball now, they'll never believe."

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field goal by Billy Hackett.

Late in the first half, after a questionable no-call on a beautifully thrown bomb to Raghieb Ismail, Rice delivered again on third and 10 to Derek Brown, whose 47-yard reception set up a Rod Culver score and a 16-0 Irish lead.

And while touchdown passes to Ismail and Frank Jacobs illustrated just how far Rice has come with respect to the accuracy and touch on his passes, his biggest plays of the game came at the only time in which the Mountaineers ever truly threatened, with the score 26-13 and the tide beginning to turn West Virginia's way.

On the first play of the third quarter, facing yet another long third down deep in Irish

territory, Rice got 15 on a quarterback draw up the middle. Not only did it keep the drive alive, but it set up the next play—a perfectly-tossed 57-yard missile to Ricky Watters down to the Mountaineer five-yard line. Rice's ensuing flip to Jacobs and conversion run over left tackle put the game out of reach.

Soon it's going to be difficult for Rice to play the underdog every week at the quarterback position, and his play even drew uncustomary praise from Holtz.

"I thought Tony Rice just played great," said Holtz, who challenged Rice to an end-of-the-season darts game to check the progress of his accuracy. "Tonight, he went a long way to my calling him a good passer. And I just might have to try to duck out of that darts game."

Becker cruises in first round

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia -- Boris Becker, playing his first outdoors match in four months, breezed past Kelly Evernden of New Zealand 7-5, 6-1, 6-3 Thursday to advance to the third round of the Australian Open tennis championships.

"I played much better than I did in the first round," said Becker, whose last outdoor match was a second-round loss to Darren Cahill at the U.S. open in early September. "If I keep playing like this, I'll be happy."

Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir also moved into the third round with a 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 victory over Australian Mark Kratzmann.

Mecir, the No. 9 seed, said he has recovered from a virus that forced him to pull out of the New South Wales Open in Sydney last week.

"I felt pretty good," the Czechoslovak said. "I've had a few days off and I'm feeling stronger."

Kratzmann, a former U.S. open junior champion ranked 115th in the world, said Mecir took advantage of his erratic serve.

"I did not serve well enough today," Kratzmann said. "I was under pressure all the

time."

In late women's matches Wednesday, top-seeded Steffi Graf blanked Rene Simpson of Canada 6-0, 6-0 and No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini beat Conchita Martinez of Spain 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 to move into the third round of the year's first Grand Slam tournament.

Fifth-seeded Jakob Hlasek was upset by Cahill 6-4, 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) in a first-round men's match.

Cahill, a surprise semi-

finalist at last year's U.S. open, was the second Australian to eliminate a top-10 seed in the opening round. Countryman Mark Woodforde ousted No. 8 Yannick Noah on Tuesday night.

"Mark's win was great, but it didn't make it any easier for me," Cahill said. "I still had to go out there and play good tennis."

Graf overwhelmed Simpson, who won just six points in the first set and 26 in the match.

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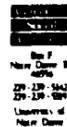
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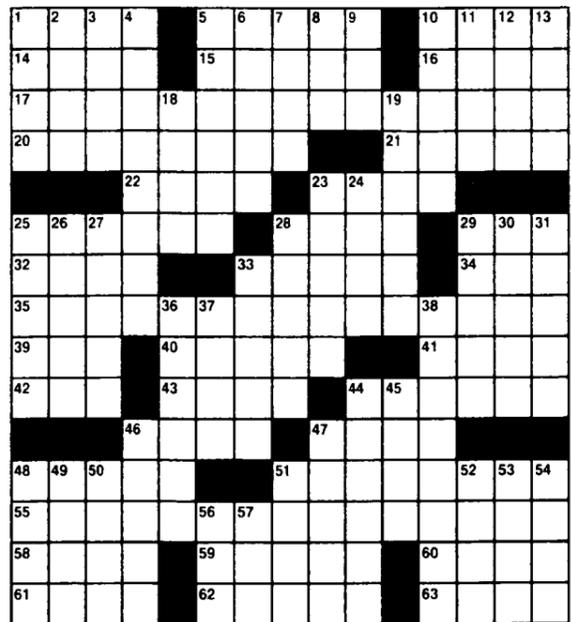
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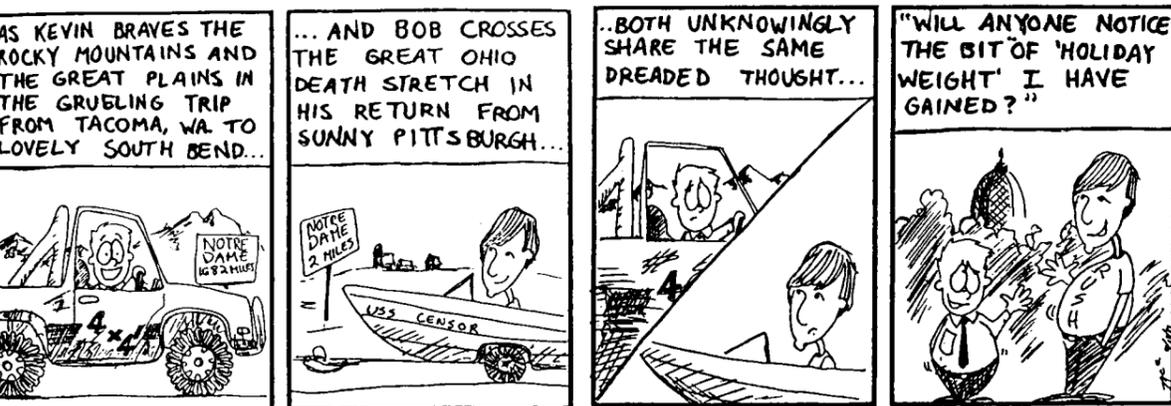
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ND buries Mountaineers for national title

Victory caps perfect year

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.- As Notre Dame put the finishing touches on its eighth national championship, most television viewers were watching a game between two teams the Irish already had beaten.

The "Battle for No. 1" was a lopsided game compared to Michigan's 22-14 Rose Bowl victory over Southern California. But for Notre Dame, a 34-21 thrashing of West Virginia in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl was the perfect ending to a perfect season.

The Irish reigned in 1988, and on the second day of 1989 they claimed their crown in convincing fashion.

"I've underestimated this team in a lot of areas," said Irish head coach Lou Holtz, who guided his team to the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame's storied history. "They've done everything I've asked of them. Is this a great football team? I'd have to say yes, because nobody proved it wasn't."

Certainly not the Mountaineers, whose hopes of a national championship vanished early in the one-sided affair.

A record crowd of 74,911 saw a stingy Irish defense shut down yet another high-powered offense led by a big-name quarterback. Major Harris and the Mountaineers were no match for Notre Dame, which out-gained West Virginia 455-282 yards on the day and did not allow a first down until nearly six minutes into the second quarter.

The 282-yard total was West Virginia's lowest of the season.

"They're a doggone physical football team," said West Virginia coach Don Nehlen. "They were better than us on both sides of the ball."

Irish quarterback Tony Rice stole the show from Harris, completing 7 of 11 passes for

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Anthony Johnson gets facemasked during Notre Dame's 34-21 victory over West Virginia in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. The win gave the Irish their

eight national championship, more than any other college football team.

The Observer / Michael Moran

Bad-mouthing reputation sticks with Irish

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.--Somewhere along the road to the 1988 national football championship, the Fighting Irish earned a reputation as "the bad guys."

Their performance in the Fiesta Bowl did nothing to change that image. Notre Dame was flagged for 11 penalties--eight of the personal foul and late hit variety -- in its 34-21 victory over West Virginia.

In the game's final minutes, Irish head coach Lou Holtz raced across the field to find out just who was saying or doing what to whom. Holtz himself was hit with a 15-yarder for his action, which amounted to nothing compared to the late hits and verbal outbursts for which the Irish were being penalized throughout the game.

Senior cornerback D'Juan Francisco was ejected in the game's final minutes for knocking

the hat off the head of an official after a West Virginia pass play in the end zone.

West Virginia committed only three penalties for 38 yards.

"They've got to clean up their act," said West Virginia center Kevin Koken of Notre Dame. "They've got to learn some class. That's probably the worst bad-mouth team I've ever played."

Holtz also expressed displeasure, but was not quite as quick on the trigger as Koken.

"Our players thought they were being held by West Virginia and they were telling the officials that they thought penalties should have been called," Holtz said after the game. "We had no right to say it. Our players were in the wrong 100 percent."

In a press conference the next morning, Holtz explained his reasons for running onto the field and accepting yet another penalty.

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ND defense dominates

By PETE SKIKO
Assistant Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz. -- After thoroughly demoralizing the normally potent West Virginia offense for two-and-a-half quarters, the Notre Dame defense was about to face its first real challenge of the Fiesta Bowl.

Leading 26-13, the Irish looked to have things well in hand, even though a Major Harris-to-Grantis Bell touchdown hookup had just brought the Mountaineers within two scores.

But passing from his own 19-yard line, Tony Rice fired a bullet right into the chest of West Virginia linebacker Willie Edwards. His return to the Notre Dame 26-yard line put the Mountaineers in business and the Irish defense right back onto the field.

Lou Holtz best described what happened next.

"We had agreed beforehand that whatever (West Virginia) did, we weren't going to flinch," said Holtz. "The defense just said, 'We're a total team. The offense made a mistake and we've got to go out and put out the fire.'"

First down: Flash Gordon stuffs Harris for a loss of two. Second down: Stan Smagala breaks up Harris' toss to Bell in the endzone. Third down: Frank Stams and Arnold Ale team up to bury a scrambling Harris for a loss of 12. Fourth down: Out of field goal range at the Irish 40, West Virginia punts into the Notre Dame endzone.

The Irish then marched 80 yards in seven plays for the touchdown that iced the game.

"Our defense responded when they had to," said Holtz of the key defensive stand of the game. "But I expected that it would. It's the kind of thing

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Rice outshines another star

By PETE SKIKO
Assistant Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.- Notre Dame's 34-21 win over West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl included plenty of examples of what all the talk before a big game usually amounts to-- just that, talk.

Take Tony Rice, for instance.

Judging from the pregame hype, it's not too surprising that one of the Fiesta Bowl quarterbacks threw for 213 yards on seven attempts, rushed for 75 yards on only 13 carries and generally made the big plays when his team needed them.

When you figure that one finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy balloting and made up the bulk of an offense which outscored its opponents by an average of 27 points a game, and the other was largely over-

shadowed by his running backs, his team's defense and his own reputation as a wild passer, it isn't shocking that one came through to lead his team to a national championship.

And while most of the speculators marveled at which of the two rose to the forefront, Tony Rice, the quarterback in question, was happy to play the underdog to West Virginia quarterback Major Harris, right to the end.

"I was kind of glad Major took the pregame glory," said Rice after dissecting the West Virginia's secondary for several long pass plays, including two touchdowns. "I just wanted to go out, have some fun and play ball. I wasn't interested in comparing myself to Major Harris. He is obviously a great quarterback."

But he had just thrown for

more yards than any West Virginia opponent had all year and rushed for 75 yards against a defense which was ranked 18th in the nation coming in. How did he rate his performance on the afternoon?

"I'd give myself a 'B', I guess," said the junior, who has obviously taken Downplaying 101 from Head Coach Lou Holtz. "I don't think it was my best game. They showed us a lot of man-to-man in the secondary. There was almost no way I could have missed most of my receivers."

Modesty aside, Rice played virtually mistake-free football (save one interception) which, at times, bordered on sensational. His third-down scramble for 31 yards enabled the Irish to put the game's first points on the board, a 45-yard

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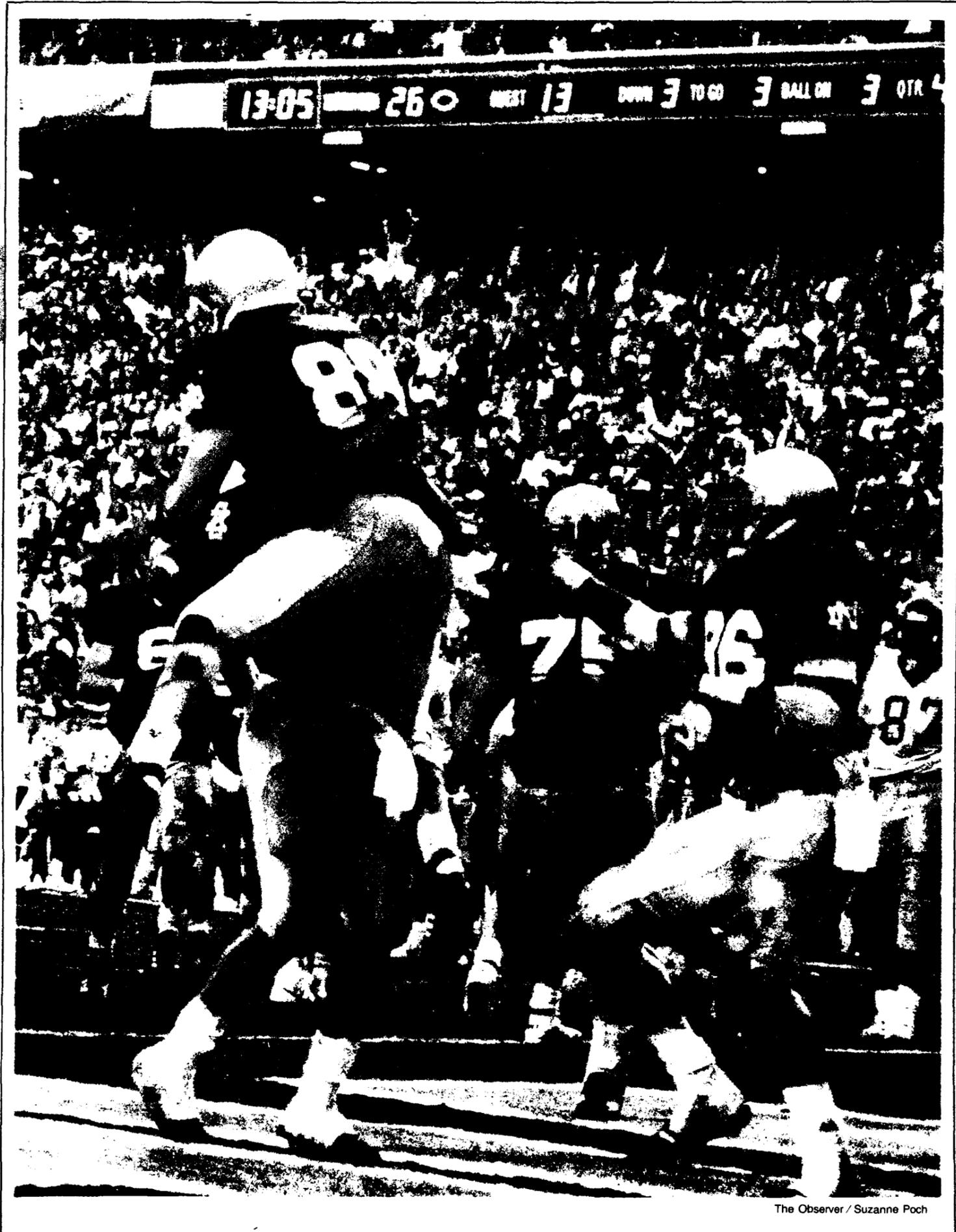


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Tony Rice keyed Notre Dame to its Fiesta Bowl victory over West Virginia for the national championship. Rice completed 7-of-11 passes for 213 yards and was the offensive Most Valuable Player.

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

A look at the 1988 Fighting Irish football team



National Champions



The Observer / Michael Moran

Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz, who had turned programs around at North Carolina State, Arkansas and Minnesota, was named Coach of the Year after completing his most famous reclamation project to date. Just two years after going 5-6, the Holtz-led Fighting Irish are the national champions.

Don't believe a word he says Holtz makes sure the Irish are better than he rates them

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

To a group of freshmen in the winter of 1985-86, Lou Holtz was the man who was making them wake up at 6 a.m. to work out and vomit.

Those freshmen are now seniors. And national champions.

"During winter conditioning we learned what it takes to win football games," senior Mark Green said of the workouts that soon became known as "pukefests."

"Those days were hell," Green continued. "Guys puking all over the place. If that's not going to bring a team together, I don't know what will."

When he was chosen to replace Gerry Faust at the Irish helm after the 1985 season, Holtz met with a team that had little confidence after its 58-7 loss at Miami. In three years, he turned it into a team that recorded the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame history.

Holtz is a disciplinarian and a comedian.

But most of all, Holtz is a winner.

"If somebody had an assignment to mold a Knute Rockne and a Frank Leahy, they couldn't have done a better job than Lou Holtz," says Athletic Director Dick Rosenthal. "He is Notre Dame."

Although Holtz now has pulled off the same feat Rockne

and Leahy accomplished before him—winning the national championship—you will never hear him put himself on the same level as those past Irish legends.

When asked what it felt like to be named head coach at Notre Dame, Holtz once responded:

"I'm 5-feet, 10-inches, weigh 152 pounds, was not a good athlete, speak with a lisp and appear afflicted with a combination of scurvy and beriberi. What do you think it feels like to be named coach of Notre Dame?"

Yes, Holtz is humble. That's more noticeable than his physique, lisp or lack of athletic ability.

He's also established himself as one of the top coaches in the nation—no matter what he says.

"He wants to see everything, and he has an ability to see the perfect picture of what the problem is in preparing for a game," says former Irish coach Ara Parseghian, who calls Holtz the Friday before every game. "Every week his total concentration is on nothing more than the next opponent."

Many of those next opponents have fallen, and not only at the hands of Notre Dame.

The 52-year-old Follansbee, W. Va., native came to Notre Dame following two seasons at Minnesota (1984-85), seven at Arkansas (1977-83), four at North Carolina State (1972-75) and three at William & Mary

(1969-71). Fifteen of the 20 college teams under his direction have earned post-season bowl invitations, and nine have finished in the final Associated Press Top 20.

Holtz also coached the New York Jets of the National Football League in 1976 before returning to the college ranks.

Now he has added a national championship, and his work with the 1988 Fighting Irish already has earned him Coach of the Year honors from Football News and CBS Sports.

Of course, Holtz would not name himself as high as Coach of the Week.

"I didn't come here to be a hero or to prove I could coach; I already knew I couldn't," he quips.

But Holtz is a hero at Notre Dame. And before accepting the job here, he was a hero at Minnesota.

The Gophers had a combined record of 4-18 in the two years prior to Holtz's arrival at Minnesota, including 17 straight losses in the Big Ten.

After Holtz was named coach, the Gophers drew 42,000 fans for their spring game. Holtz then took a team that was 1-10 the previous season to a respectable 4-7 season in 1984, including victories over Big Ten rivals Wisconsin and Iowa, both of which appeared in bowl games that year.

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MVP Rice overcomes one-dimensional image

By THERESA KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

When Notre Dame faced Miami in The Game, Hurricane quarterback and Heisman trophy candidate Steve Walsh threw for 424 yards, completing 31-of-50 passes.

Of course, he lost.

When the Irish faced USC in The Other Game, all eyes were on Rodney Peete, another quarterback, another Heisman trophy candidate. Peete did not fare so well, 23-of-44, 225 yards, still respectable numbers.

He lost, too.

When the Irish played Yet Another Game, Major Harris was the big story as he racked up yardage and victories in the regular season.

Needless to say... he lost, too.

The quarterback who led his team to victory on the field, but not in The Hero Who Will Save Our Team From Doom voting, was Notre Dame junior Tony Rice.

Rice, from Woodruff, S.C., has proven that despite the hype, the build-up, the statistics and the awards, he is the one who knew how to win.

Irish head coach Lou Holtz spent the week before the Fiesta Bowl saying "we can't pass." Rice must have been listening to the symphony or throwing darts or something.

What was Rice's reaction to being the unknown quarterback in these situations?

"He's a great quarterback," Rice said in the midst of the pre-game build-up of Peete, "but I'm not playing against



Tony Rice sprints away from Trojan cornerback Tracy Butts down the Notre Dame sideline with the first points of the USC game, a 65-yard romp around left end. Rice clearly outper-

formed Heisman Trophy candidate Rodney Peete in the game, largely due to a hard-charging Irish defense.

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him. I'm playing against his defense."

Against that defense, Rice spelled trouble for the Trojans with his running as well as his passing, racking up 86 yards on the ground and 91 in the air, completing 5-of-9 passes.

Against West Virginia, Rice outshone an injured Harris, totalling 213 yards on 7-of-11

passing, hitting Raghieb Ismail and Frank Jacobs for touchdowns. He also rushed for 75 yards on 13 carries.

"I worry about him every time he touches the ball," said Mountaineer head coach Don Nehlen. "He's a quarterback, but he's a running back, too. He's a gem. He's a great leader. He has great chemistry

with the Notre Dame team, and they respect him."

Rice is one guy who certainly had to earn his respect. After sitting out his freshman year and enduring a sophomore-year label of a one-dimensional player, Rice cooked during the national championship drive, earning the Notre Dame Most

Valuable Player award, as voted by his teammates.

But it wasn't always easy. He began the year with nine consecutive incompletions against Michigan, and was 5-for-21 in the first two games.

After that, he was consistent in the air, balancing the

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ND's smallest walk-on kicks with a golden toe

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's most dangerous weapon came in the form of a 5-5, 135-pound walk-on who said he tried out for the football team because he "didn't want to be a geek."

Irish placekicker Reggie Ho nailed an Irish record four field goals, including a game-winning 26-yarder with a minute and 13 seconds remaining, to lift Notre Dame to a 19-17 victory in an opening-night thriller at Notre Dame Stadium.

Mike Gillette, Michigan's all-time leading field goal kicker who booted a 49-yarder to give the Wolverines a 17-16 lead with 5:39 left, missed a 48-yard attempt on the last play of the game. The ball fell wide to the right, giving Notre Dame its second opening-game victory over Michigan in as many years.

But Ho, who split the uprights from 31, 38 and 26 yards before the winning kick, was unfazed by the pressure of the game's final moments.

"Sure I was a little nervous," the Hawaii native said. "But I have the best holder in the world in Pete Graham, the best snapper in the world in Tim Grunhard and 280-pound guys on the line. Nobody was going to hit me, so I wasn't too nervous."

Ho, a senior pre-med major with a 3.8 grade-point average and junior eligibility, did not try out for the team until the spring of 1987 because he wanted to concentrate on academics.

"I thought I was going to flunk out of school," he said.

Ho tied the Notre Dame record of four field goals in a game, a feat last ac-

complished by John Carney in 1986 against Southern Methodist.

"Reggie always makes those," Irish head coach Lou Holtz said. "I told him that it was just like practice, and not to make it bigger than it really was."

The Irish got off to a bigger start than many expected when Ricky Watters took a low, 53-yard punt from Gillette 81 yards for a touchdown early in the first quarter. Watters raced through a huge hole in the middle of the field, made a cut to the left and sprinted into the end zone untouched.

Key blocks were thrown by freshmen Rodney Culver and Raghil Ismail.

"I don't deserve any credit at all," Watters said. "I just caught the ball and ran. You could hear the blocks all around."

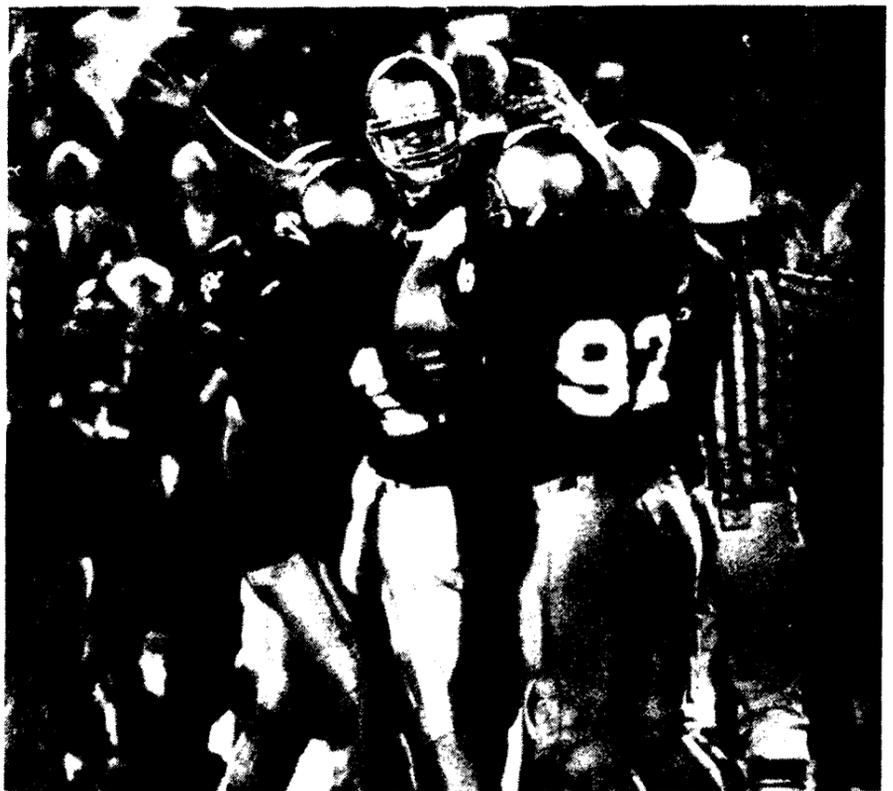
The Irish took a 13-0 lead on Ho's first two field goals of the game. The second kick was set up when Notre Dame freshman Arnold Ale recovered a fumble by Michigan's Leroy Hoard on a punt return late in the first quarter.

D'Juan Francisco forced the fumble when he jolted Hoard in full stride.

But the Michigan defensive line, which allowed the Irish 91 rushing yards in the first quarter, held Notre Dame scoreless for most of the second quarter and all of the third.

Michigan took advantage of some breaks on special teams to get on the board and eventually take the lead, despite solid play from all units on the Notre Dame defense.

Tony Boles took the kickoff 59 yards after Ho's second field goal before Francisco caught him from behind on the Notre Dame 38. Hoard dove over the top from the 1-yard line 12 plays later to make the score 13-7.



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Jubilant teammates mob overnight sensation Reggie Ho after the diminutive, soft-spoken senior booted the last of his four field goals with less than two minutes to play against Michigan.

A misfielded punt by Watters in the third quarter led to the second Wolverine score. Watters signaled for a fair catch deep in Irish territory, but slipped as he approached the ball and it bounced off his leg and was recovered by the Wolverines.

Michigan quarterback Michael Taylor scored on a fourth-and-goal play from one yard out, faking a handoff and jogging in on a nifty bootleg to give Michigan a 14-13 edge.

But it turned into a tense game of defense and field goals from that point,

and Ho and the Irish answered every Wolverine strike with one of their own.

"Our football team answered the challenge every time," said Holtz, whose squad trailed 14-13 and 17-16 before it was over. "I thought it was one great football game. Our defense played exceptionally well. We were as physical as I thought we would be."

Junior inside linebacker Michael Stonebreaker was all over the field, making two solo tackles and 17 assisted ones.

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Irish option attack controls Spartans

By BRIAN O'GARA
Sports Writer

If at first you don't succeed-try, try, then run the option.

That's the way Notre Dame ran its record to 2-0 with a convincing 20-3 win over Michigan State.

After managing to secure a 6-3 lead at halftime on two Reggie Ho field goals, the Irish used a punishing second-half running attack and a tenacious defense to hold on to the ball, the lead and their early season momentum.

With Tony Brooks (11 carries, 66 yards) filling the fullback slot and Mark Green (21 carries, 125 yards) taking the pitch outside, Irish quarterback Tony Rice directed the option to march Notre Dame down the field against the Spartans, who led the nation in rush defense last season.

"I felt Tony (Rice) handled the option real well," said Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz. "We hadn't been able to make the power game go, so we had to go to the option more than we wanted to in the second half. We think we're gonna break some things on people."

Any concerns that this inexperienced offensive line couldn't hold its own were washed away by Notre Dame's 245 yards rushing, 195 in the second half.

"It's been a long time since someone has gained that many yards on us," said Michigan

State head coach George Perles. "They got a lead where they could play ball control. It was great execution."

Michigan State jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a 39-yard field goal by John Langeloh following a Rice interception on the first series of the game. Despite good field position in the opening frame, the Spartans could muster only one other scoring threat which ended when Langeloh hooked a 29-yard field goal attempt left.

After losing fullbacks Anthony Johnson and Braxton Banks to injuries during the first offensive series of the game, it took awhile for the Irish running game to gel. Twice Notre Dame knocked on the door in the second quarter but could only come away with two Ho field goals, the second set up by Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail's block of a Josh Butland punt in the Spartan 19-yard line.

Weakened by the suspension of senior offensive tackle Tony Mandarich, the Spartans were forced to run over the right side of the line and would fool no one, especially junior linebacker Mike Stonebreaker, who registered 10 tackles (seven unassisted).

"The coaches had our coverage set up real well," said Stonebreaker, who picked off two Bobby McCallister passes and returned one for a touchdown. "We had them scouted



The Observer / John Studebaker

Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail's block of a Josh Butland punt in the second quarter sets up Reggie Ho's second field goal. Ho's field goal gave the Irish

and were ready for what they would try to do."

The Irish controlled the line from the defensive side as well, holding Spartan tailback Blake Ezor, who ran for 196 yards against Rutgers last week, to just 70 yards on 22 carries.

With Brooks getting more comfortable at the fullback slot with every snap, the Irish opened up in the second half with a 71-yard scoring drive,

their first touchdown from scrimmage on the season. From the wishbone, Rice scampered in from eight yards on an option keeper to give Notre Dame a 13-3 lead at 10:24 in the third quarter.

"You just have to take advantage of the openings," said Rice, who carried nine times for 64 yards and had a 34-yard gain called back on a holding call. "Their defense was over-

flowing to the outside a lot, so I was able to take advantage of that to run the ball. Our offensive line did a great job."

Forced to resort to an air attack and play catch-up, McCallister found himself under pressure from the Notre Dame pass rush. One rushed, underthrown pass ended up in the hands of Stonebreaker, who legged out the 39-yard return to cap off the scoring and the Irish win.

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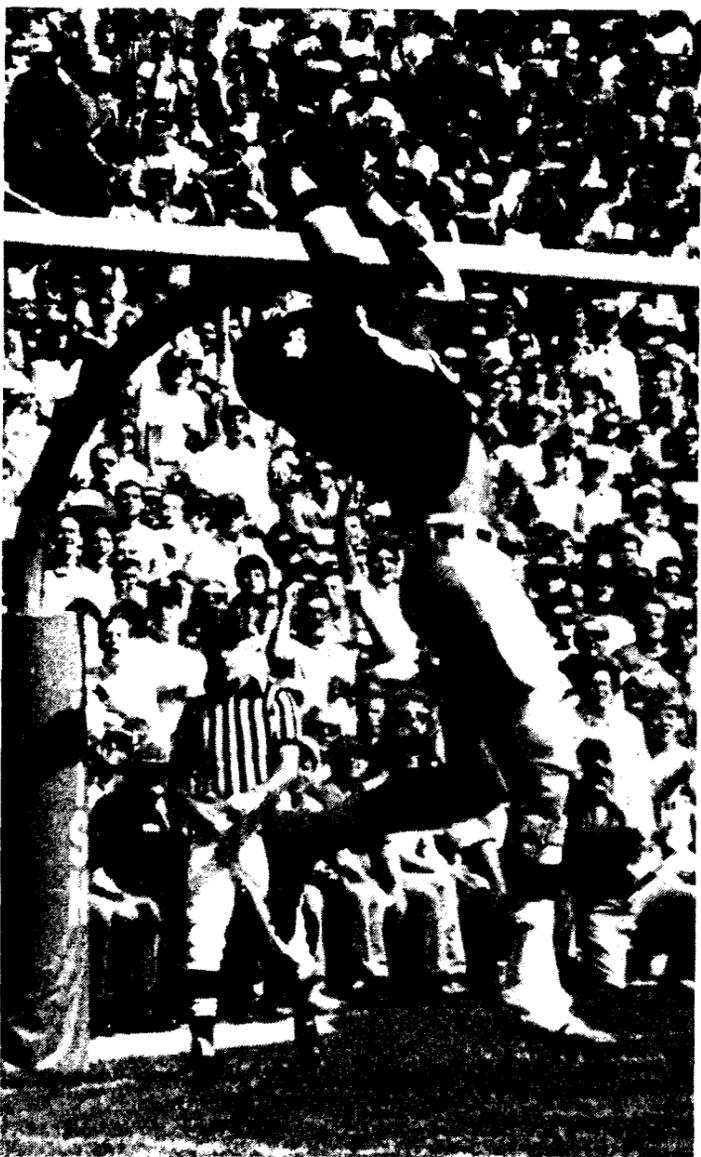


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Notre Dame freshman Derek Brown makes his first collegiate catch count in a big way with this scoring grab against Purdue. The 6-7, 235-pound tight end went on to become the fourth-leading receiver for the Irish.

Boilers no match for Irish

52-7 ND slaughter completes sweep of Big Ten foes

By **PETE GEGEN**
Sports Writer

It was just Notre Dame's day.

The Irish jumped all over a hobbled Purdue squad 52-7 at Notre Dame Stadium Sept. 24, which completed a season-opening three-game sweep of Big Ten schools and raised the question of just how good was this Notre Dame football team.

The Notre Dame totals told the story: 31 rushing attempts for 236 yards, five passes for 119 yards, 15 first downs and three interceptions by the defense. Leading rusher Tony Brooks had 11 carries for 110 yards, and, and Tony Rice completed four of six passes and threw for two touchdowns against the top pass defense in the country coming into the game.

And that was just the first half.

"Notre Dame could have picked the score after that start," said Purdue head coach Fred Akers. "Once they got rolling and things started going their way, they became awfully good."

Besides the point deficit, Akers had to cope with the loss of several interior linemen. With everything going right for the Irish and wrong for the Boilermakers, the outcome was not in doubt for long.

"You have to keep your perspective," said Holtz. "Purdue

was banged up and we really played well."

On that theme, Holtz tried to calm people eager to label his team as "excellent."

"We're a good football team that has improved fundamentally over a year ago," he said. "But we still have a long way to go. Where are we right now? We're 3-0, which is exactly where we were a year ago."

There wasn't much else left to decide once the Irish jumped out to a 42-0 lead. It happened so fast that Holtz didn't get to do some of the things he wanted to try.

"It got out of hand so quick," said Holtz. "We really needed to throw the football more today, but we didn't have the opportunity."

Four Irish quarterbacks did manage to get off 14 passes, eight of them completions and one interception. The focus, however, was on Rice's arm.

After two incompletions stalled Notre Dame's opening drive, Rice rolled right on a third-and-five play and hit flanker Pat Eilers for a 10-yard gain. The next play was Rice's 38-yard touchdown run, helped by a huge hole on the left side and a downfield block by Eilers.

On the next Irish possession Rice found Eilers again on third down to keep the drive going. Rice capped the nine-play, 72-yard drive with an

eight yard toss to freshman tight end Derek Brown.

In the second quarter, Rice's final toss was a 54-yard bomb to Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail, who beat cornerback Steve Jackson for the touchdown to make the score 21-0.

The next scoring drive featured the running attack, with Rice, Brooks, and Ricky Watters combining for 73 yards in six plays, leading to Mark Green's seven-yard plowing up the middle for the score.

Watters then returned his second punt of the year for a touchdown, accelerating was already becoming a blowout.

The Purdue offense continued to sputter under Brian McCarthy, who completed 9-of-19 for 51 yards and two George Streeter interceptions.

Freshman Brian Fox replaced McCarthy with 3:57 left in the half, and he was greeted by a Pat Terrell interception.

Meanwhile the Irish already had gone to their third quarterback. Senior Steve Belles threw the first touchdown pass of his career when he hit Brooks over the middle. The converted fullback caught the pass at the Purdue 34, and ran untouched into the end zone. With the score 42-0, the game was just about decided.

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Rice, Irish dart past the Cardinal

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

Tony Rice threw the football against Stanford as if he was throwing darts.

And he ran like somebody was throwing darts at him.

Everyone knew the Irish quarterback could run like he did in Notre Dame's 42-14 triumph over the Cardinal at Notre Dame Stadium. Rice gained 107 yards on 14 carries and scored two touchdowns to prove it.

But the doubters of Rice's passing ability got a glimpse of what the junior can do through the air, as Rice completed 11 of 14 passes for 129 yards and one touchdown without throwing an interception. He tied a Notre Dame single-season record (held by many players) by completing 10 consecutive passes, including four in the previous week's 52-7 Irish triumph over Purdue and six more to start the Stanford contest.

Rice attributed much of his success against the Cardinal to an interest in throwing darts, inspired by Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz.

"Me and Coach Holtz were talking, and he suggested I get some darts and just throw in my room," Rice said. "It seemed like it just carried on. Every night I just threw darts, and in practice I could see I was improving a bit."

"I'm going to keep throwing them. I think the darts really helped out tonight."

Rice's ability to run the ball did not hurt the Irish passing game, either. When the Stanford defense keyed on Notre Dame's ground game, including the option attack Rice runs brilliantly, the Irish receivers found plenty of room in which to get open.

With great protection from the Notre Dame offensive line, Rice made it look easy.

"Their quarterback, Rice, did an excellent job running the option and throwing the ball," Cardinal head coach Jack Elway said. "(Rice's passing) gives them another dimension to their offense. He was throwing with real accuracy."

Rice put the Irish ahead 6-0 on a 30 yard touchdown run early in the first quarter, but then it looked as though the momentum was swinging Stanford's way. A missed 21-yard field goal by Irish kicker Reggie Ho and a goal-line stand by the Stanford defense to end the first quarter kept the Cardinal in the game longer than it might have been.

But Stanford quarterback Brian Johnson fumbled the snap on the first play after the goal-line stand, and Notre Dame's Ned Bolcar recovered the ball on the Cardinal 1-yard line.

This time the Irish crossed the goal line, as Mark Green



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Tony Rice (9) blasts around left end against the Stanford Cardinal. Rice rushed and passed for over 100 yards in the 42-14 win where the junior

from Woodruff, S.C., finally began to make a name for himself as a passer.

jumped over 16 seconds into the second period. Rice added the two-point conversion on a keeper and the rout was on.

"When they stopped us at the goal line and got the ball back, and then fumbled on the very next play, that was big," Holtz said. "That got the team up. I'm not saying it turned the game around, because it didn't. I thought we controlled the football game."

The Irish amassed 332 rushing yards to Stanford's 59. Cardinal running back John Volpe was the only Stanford player with positive net rushing yards, gaining 67 on 17 carries.

Green gained 63 yards on 10

carries for the Irish. Sophomore tailback Tony Brooks (12 carries, 59 yards) scored from five yards out, dragging Stanford defender Mike Newton with him most of the way, to make the score 21-0 in the second quarter.

Rice's passing touchdown was a three-yard toss to freshman tight end Derek Brown on the first drive of the third quarter. Brown and split end Pat Eilers each caught two passes, while sophomore flanker Ricky Watters led the Irish with four receptions for 51 yards.

Stanford's run-and-shoot offense managed 215 passing yards, 158 coming from back-

up quarterback Jason Palumbis.

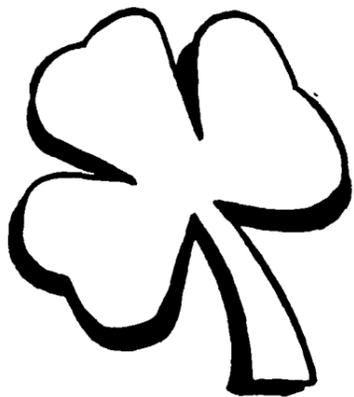
But Notre Dame was again overpowering behind its young offensive line, which continued to erase any early-season doubts about its ability to replace all five starters from last year.

"We had a great challenge coming into this game," junior guard Tim Grunhard said.

"They have two all-American candidates in (Ray) Huckestein and (Andy) Papathanassiou, and we took that as our challenge. But we like knocking people in the dirt. I guess they learned that the hard way."

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Panthers tamed; ND escapes 30-20

By **THERESA KELLY**
Assistant Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH -- For the Pitt Panthers, it was case of three too many Notre Dame runners, two too many punts and one too many men on the field.

For Notre Dame, it was one less monkey on its back.

The Irish beat the Panthers 30-20 in the first-half sun and second-half drizzle at Pitt Stadium, taking advantage of three crucial Pitt miscues to break the Panthers' three-game winning streak over the Irish.

"It's like anything else," said Irish coach Lou Holtz. "If you give someone a chance, and they're good, then they'll take advantage of it."

From the Pitt perspective, it was a game they should have won. From the Irish point of view, they were happy to get out of Pittsburgh with a win.

Tony Brooks, Mark Green and Tony Rice combined for 257 yards as Notre Dame's strong running game totalled 310 yards and four touchdowns.

The turning point came in the fourth quarter. With 11:45 to play, the Panthers' Scott Kaplan hit a 34-yard field goal to cut the Irish lead to 23-20. Pitt held the Irish to minus-three yards on three plays, and Jim Sexton was in to punt the football to the Panthers on fourth down and 13.

With the snap, 11 Pitt players

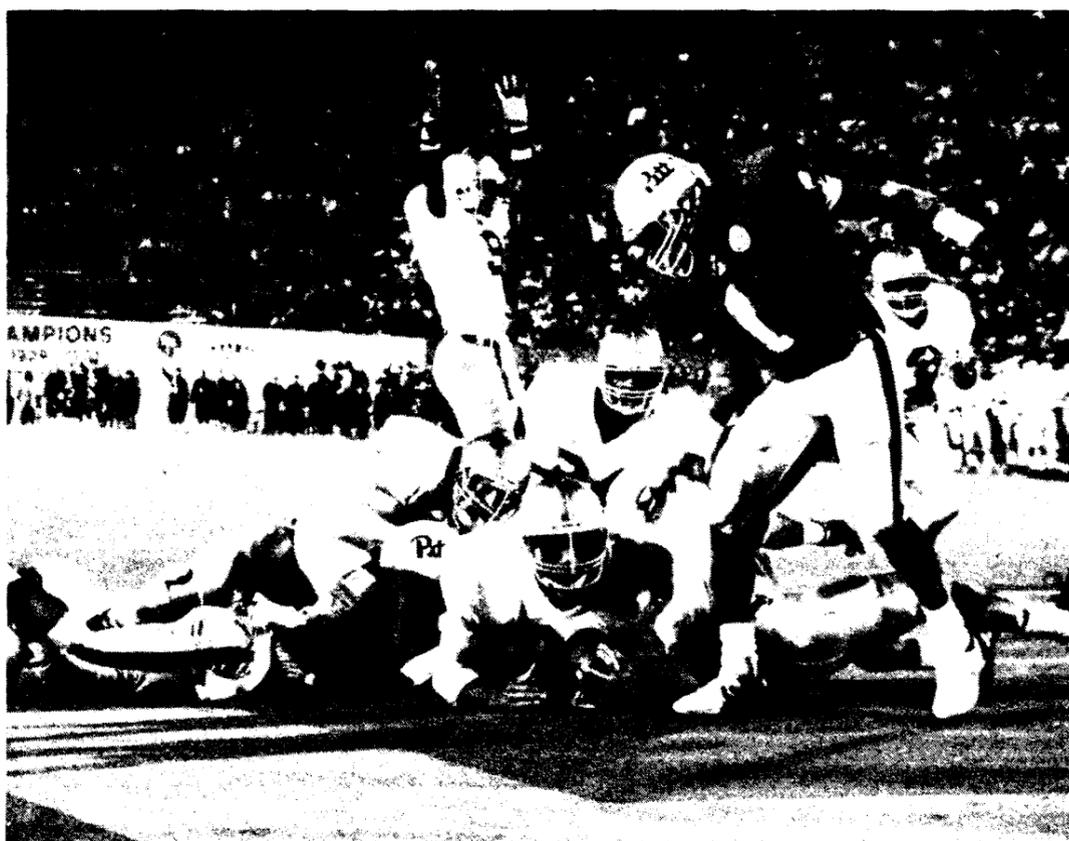
went for the block and one was back to return. That's 12 players, and that's too many. And because all 12 players participated in the play, it was a 15-yard personal foul penalty, not the usual 12-men on the field 5-yard penalty.

"It was really a key error on our part," Pitt coach Mike Gottfried said. "It kept the drive alive for them, and they went and scored. It was a mistake that never should have happened."

"I couldn't believe it," Pitt punt returner Alonzo Hampton said, "especially since I'm the one who's supposed to count the players. I didn't get it done, and it turned the game around. We always seem to make one little mistake, and the other team always seems to capitalize."

Other mistakes that Pitt would like to take back included the opening-drive fumble by Curvin Richards on the Notre Dame five-yard line. Curvin was hit by Todd Lyght, coughed up the ball, and lost the recovery to Chris Zorich. Pitt wasted another scoring chance when quarterback Darnell Dickerson, heading in for a touchdown, fumbled the ball across the Irish goal line, missed two chances to recover it, and watched Irish cornerback Stan Smagala cover the ball for a Notre Dame touch-back.

"It was frustrating, because I can't figure out what hap-



The Observer / John Studebaker

Braxton Banks (39) barrels into the endzone at Pittsburgh while quarterback Tony Rice celebrates in the background. Banks was returning after missing two games with a knee injury he suffered during the Michigan State game.

pened," Dickerson said. "The rain had just started, but I can't really blame it on that. I guess I just didn't tuck it away. I couldn't believe it."

"Make no mistake, I'm proud of our team," said Holtz. "We beat a very good team in Pitt. But we are really banged up and beat up."

The Notre Dame running game led the way, scoring all four Notre Dame touchdowns,

one each by Green, Rice, Anthony Johnson and Braxton Banks. Rice was 8-of-14 in the air for 97 yards and two interceptions.

Pitt took the early lead on its second drive of the game as Dickerson threw a perfect 42-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Williams. The Irish responded with a two-yard run by Rice to tie the game, and the teams traded touchdowns and field

goals to tie at 17 until Banks' one-yard run with 34 seconds remaining in the third quarter put the Irish ahead to stay 23-17.

The Kaplan field goal and an eight-yard struggle into the end zone by Green to cap the Irish drive that benefitted from the 12 men on the field penalty, making the final score 30-20.

Wes Pritchett led the Irish defense with 10 total tackles.

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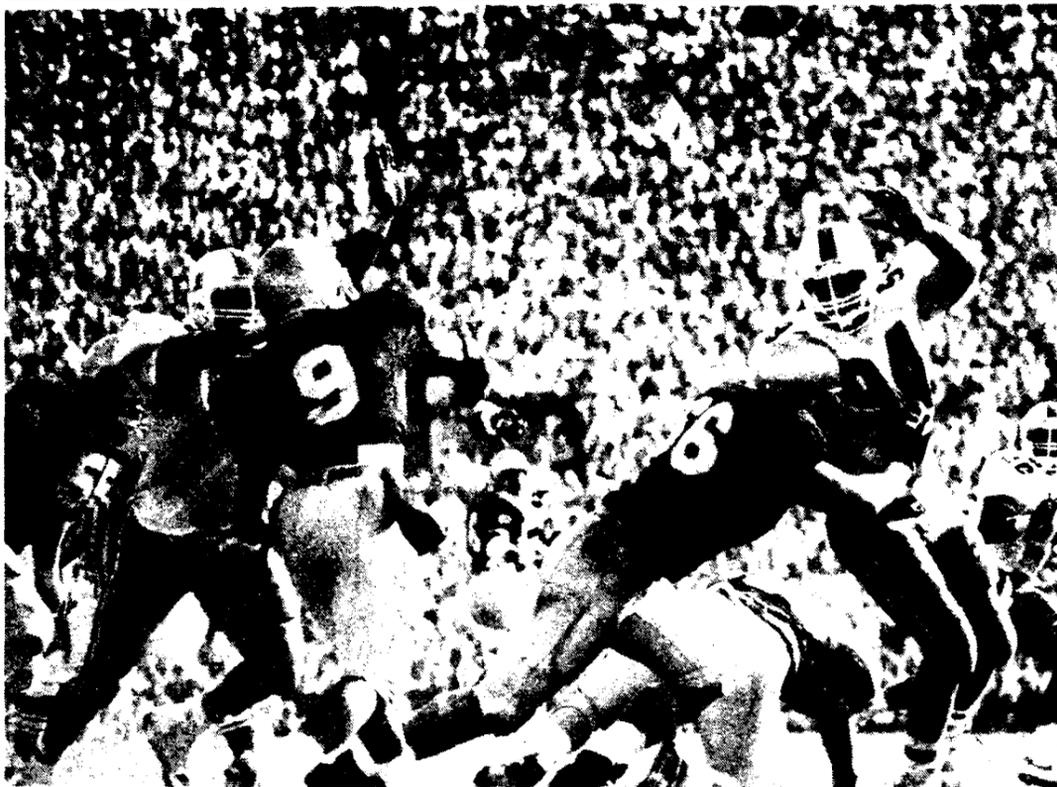
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As Tony Rice unloads a pass against Miami, senior offensive tackle Andy Heck (66) keeps the Hurricanes' Greg Mark (94) from putting on any pressure. Heck, a former tight end, was named a first-team All-American tackle by the Associated Press in his first season at the position.

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Linebacker Wes Pritchett (34) tries to shed a blocker as he eyes a slashing Leonard Conley (28) in the backfield. Pritchett, a fifth-year senior from Atlanta, recorded nine tackles against Miami and led the Irish in that category for the season.

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The mighty fall: Irish stun Miami

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

four Hurricane fumbles on the afternoon.

All the hype came down to three hours of football, and three hours of football came down to one play with 45 seconds left on the clock.

And when Steve Walsh's pass came down in the end zone, down with it fell Miami's 36-game regular-season winning streak, No. 1 ranking and recent dominance of Notre Dame football.

The Notre Dame student body came down as well, rushing onto the field to celebrate the 31-30 victory that gave birth to hopes of the next Irish national championship and pushed Lou Holtz' squad to No. 2 in the nation.

"This was a win by the Notre Dame spirit," said Holtz after the Oct. 15 contest that boosted the Irish to 6-0 and ended the frustration of humbling Notre Dame losses to the Hurricanes in 1985 (58-7) and 1987 (24-0).

"This was a win by the spirit of a group of guys who refused to fold," Holtz continued. "The spirit of Notre Dame was something we talked about all week and I congratulate our players. . . It was a great game of two great teams who just competed as hard as anything I've ever seen."

Not many college football games receive the hype this game received. Even less are able to live up to such a billing.

This one did.

Notre Dame led the whole way. But Walsh, who completed 31 of 50 passes for 424 yards, a career high for the Heisman Trophy candidate and the most passing yardage ever given up by Notre Dame, rallied the Hurricanes to within a point when he hit diving receiver Andre Brown for an 11-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-seven play with 45 seconds left. That made the score 31-30.

The Game then became The Play, as Miami tried for the two-point conversion which would have put the 'Canes ahead. But Notre Dame's defense came up with solid pass coverage when it needed it most, and Walsh's pass for Leonard Conley in the right corner of the end zone was batted away by Irish free safety Pat Terrell.

Walsh did not see the Irish coming earlier in the game, either, tossing three interceptions and fumbling twice to Notre Dame's Chris Zorich, both coming after big hits from Irish defensive end Frank Stams. Notre Dame recovered

Irish quarterback Tony Rice engineered first-half drives of 75 and 80 yards, respectively, to give Notre Dame leads of 7-0 and 14-7. Rice scored from seven yards out with 3:36 left in the opening quarter, and hit Banks with a nine-yard pass for the second-quarter score.

The Irish then took their biggest lead of the game when Walsh unloaded a short lob under pressure that fell into Terrell's hands. The junior raced 60 yards for a touchdown and a 21-7 Irish lead.

But the Hurricanes needed slightly more than five minutes to erase that margin.

Walsh avoided an Irish blitz on fourth down with a quick toss to Conley that went for a 23-yard touchdown and made the score 14-7. Miami called two timeouts during the next Irish possession, got the ball back, and finished a 54-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Walsh to running back Cleveland Gary with 21 seconds left in the half.

"I thought if we could get the lead, we could have the ballgame won," said Miami coach Jimmy Johnson. "I thought we could take control of the ballgame."

To that end, Johnson called a fake punt with the score still tied in the third quarter, but the Hurricanes ran the play to the overloaded side of the Irish defense, and Steve Belles stopped Matt Britton for a loss on the Miami 46-yard line.

Rice hit Ricky Watters on a 44-yard sideline pattern on the next play, and Pat Eilers scored a two-yard touchdown to end the 13-second drive and give the Irish a 28-21 lead.

Notre Dame's Reggie Ho and Miami's Carlos Huerta exchanged short field goals to make the score 31-24, and the 'Canes then looked as if they would tie the game midway through the fourth quarter. But the most controversial play of the game might have cost Miami a touchdown.

On fourth-and-seven from the 11-yard line, Walsh hit Gary cutting across the middle for what would have been a sure first down. But as Gary fell forward in his attempt to cross the goal line, the ball came loose and Irish linebacker Mike Stonebreaker recovered it at the 1-yard line.

If the officials would have ruled that the ground caused the fumble, Miami would have either retained possession or been credited with a touchdown.



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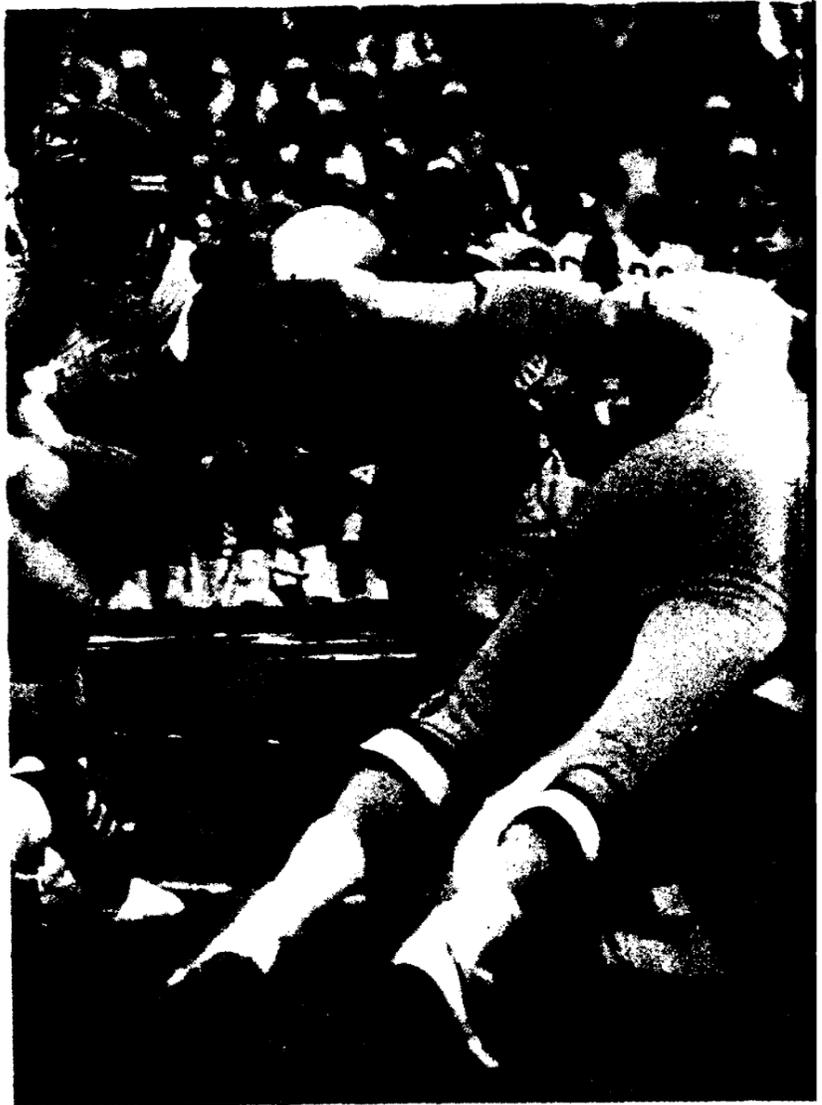
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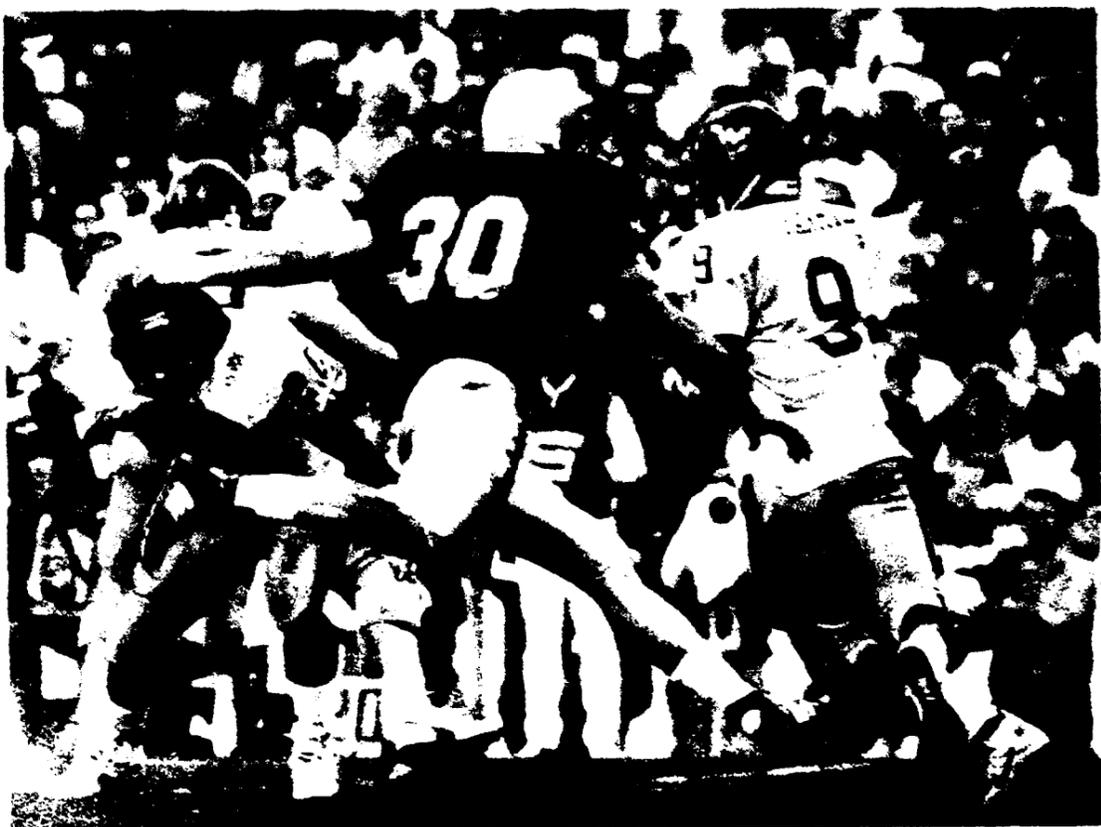


RIGHT: Lou Holtz gives direction to Rice en route to his first national championship.

BELOW: Tri-captain Andy Heck leads the Irish in his first season at offensive tackle.



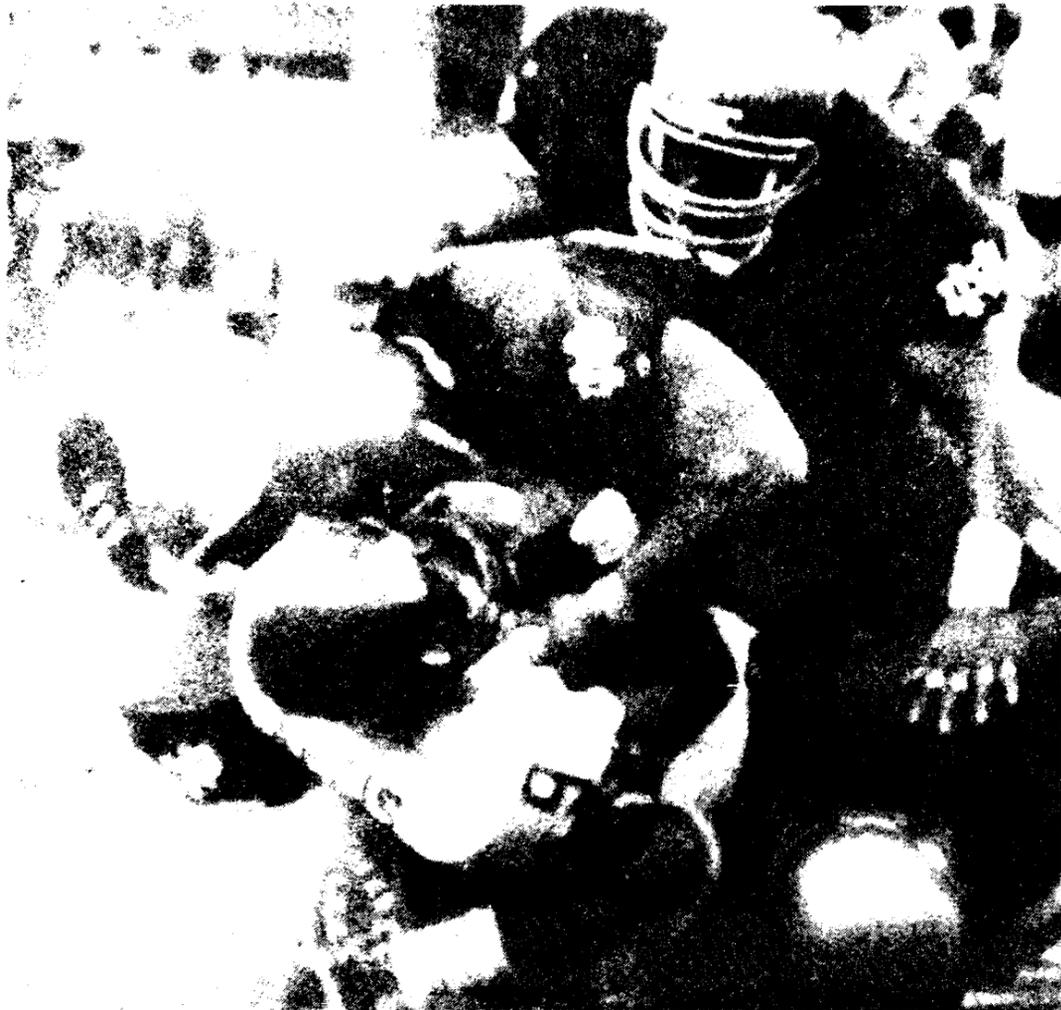
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LEFT: Frank Stams chases Major Harris throughout the game, re tackles.
ABOVE: Braxton Banks runs off a block from Andy Heck.

LEFT: Tony Rice runs the option past West Virginia's Mike Fox on his way to a game-high 75 yards rushing.

BELOW: Notre Dame's defense harrassed Major Harris all afternoon, dislocating his shoulder in the first quarter and holding him to 11 yards rushing.



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will rise.'

-Ara Parseghian
following the 1985 Notre
Dame-Miami game



LEFT: Anthony Johnson drives through the line. He gained 20 yards and scored one touchdown. BELOW: Mark Green takes the ball from Rice. Green gained 61 yards.



ording two sacks and three



Falcs think upset until second half

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

The post-Miami letdown that everyone feared seemed eerily close to reality when Air Force was thinking upset and trailing Notre Dame by just a touchdown at halftime.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, the Irish weren't thinking upset at all. Notre Dame outscored Air Force 21-0 in the second half to win 41-13 and improve its record to 7-0.

"I thought that in the second half, we dominated the game," said Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz. "We fought for our lives in the first half. At halftime, this was a real football game."

Air Force (5-3) cut Notre Dame's halftime lead to 20-13 with a three-yard run by fullback Andy Smith with 1:57 left in the second quarter.

"We had to go back out there in the second half and make something happen," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry. "If we could have stopped them and gotten the football, it would have given our team the confidence and momentum it needed."

Instead, Notre Dame methodically drove to the Air Force 42-yard line, where Tony Brooks took a screen pass and raced down the left sideline for a touchdown. Reggie Ho's ensuing extra point gave Notre Dame a 27-13 lead.

Brooks led all rushers with 85 yards on 12 carries.

The Irish went on to score two more touchdowns in the second half, while Air Force's rushing attack, which was ranked first in the country entering the game, could muster just 29 yards on 18 carries in the final 30 minutes. With the Falcons running a wishbone attack and rarely throwing the ball, no running game meant no offense.

"I was impressed by our football team in the second half," said Holtz. "I've got to be honest with you, I thought they were very impressive."

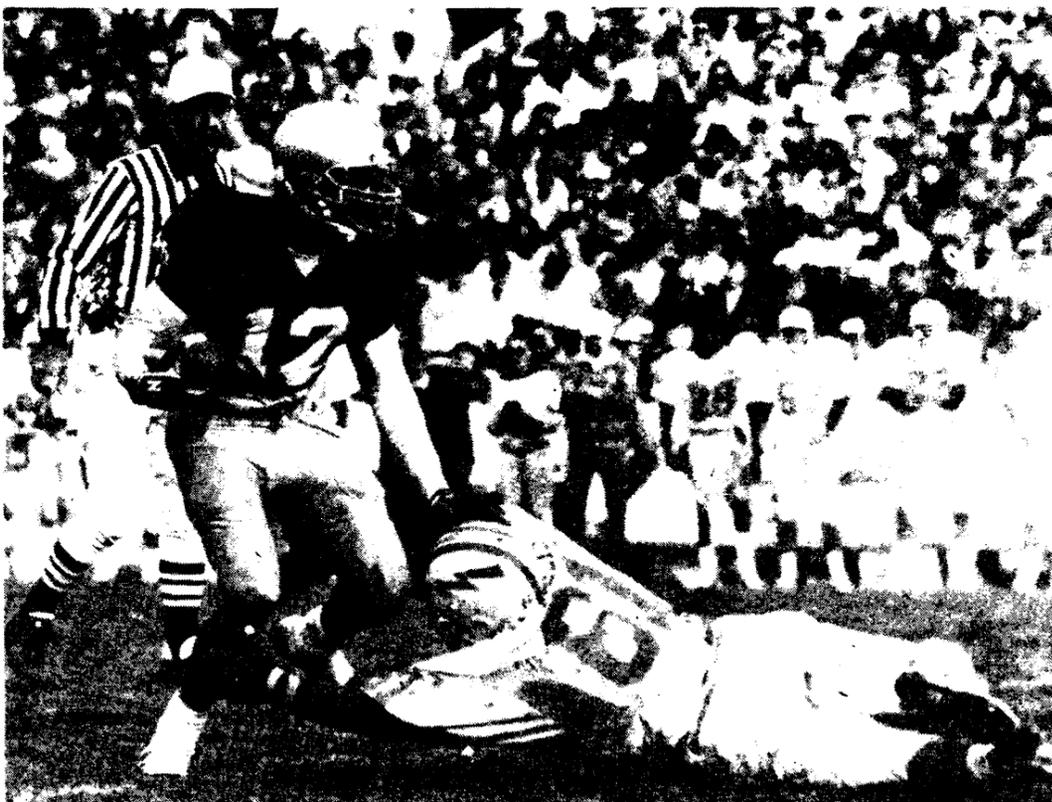
Air Force scored first on a Steve Yarborough 22-yard field goal midway through the first quarter.

Notre Dame grabbed its first lead of the game on the next series. The Irish drove 71 yards on 11 plays, capped by Mark Green's seven-yard run for the score. Notre Dame was able to run at will against a smaller Air Force team, gaining 267 yards on 52 carries.

"I tried to run them out to the gas station and pump them up big, but the air hose was broken," DeBerry joked about his team's lack of size. "There are not many NFL teams much bigger than Notre Dame."

After Air Force cut the lead to 7-6 on a 37-yard field goal by Yarborough that barely cleared the uprights, the Irish struck back with two consecutive touchdown drives.

Quarterback Tony Rice ran four yards for the first score.



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Notre Dame flanker/tailback Ricky Watters pushes aside Air Force nose guard Pat McNellis. Watters had two touchdown catches in the game, one coming from Tony Rice and one from Steve Belles.

On the next drive, fullback Anthony Johnson scored on a spectacular 12-yard run. Air Force linebacker Joe Powell virtually had Johnson on the ground before the South Bend native broke out of Powell's grasp and burst in for the touchdown.

The Air Force offense was able to move the ball throughout the first half, but the Falcons hurt themselves with constant illegal motion penalties on first down situations.

"It really hurt the consistency of our football team," said DeBerry. "You can't go out there with the wishbone and run it first-and-fifteen. It got us off synch and put us in a very difficult situation."

Notre Dame flanker Ricky Watters had two touchdown catches from two different passers in the second half.

In the closing minutes of the third period, reserve quarterback Steve Belles lined up at

tailback, took a pitch from Rice and completed a 43-yard pass to Watters. The sophomore flanker made the reception at the seven-yard line and broke a tackle to score his first receiving touchdown of the year.

Watters then caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Rice midway through the fourth quarter to close the scoring at 41-13. Rice completed 7-of-13 passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

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Defensive end / interception specialist Jeff Alm (90) scoops up a fumble in the early going against the Navy Midshipmen. Fortunately for the Irish, Alm and the defense shut down the Middle attack as the Notre Dame offense came up with its worst showing of the season.

Naval Academy tough to sink

Notre Dame prevails 22-7 despite sluggish showing

By PETE SKIKO
Assistant Sports Editor

BALTIMORE--Notre Dame defeated Navy 22-7 in Baltimore on Oct. 29 to earn college football's number one ranking for the first time this season.

But what was reason for celebration in most Irish camps was reason for consternation on the face of Head Coach Lou Holtz after the game.

"The first thing I want to do is to compliment the Naval Academy," said Holtz. "I think they played above their ability and they really took it to us. At the same time, I am very disappointed with the way we played, especially on offense."

Holtz was not just trying to fire his team up to play hard for the remainder of the season. The Irish truly could not put the feisty Midshipmen away until late in the fourth quarter.

Not that they didn't have their chances. But nearly every time the Irish threatened to take control, they self-destructed in some area.

On Navy's second play from scrimmage, quarterback Gary McIntosh fumbled and the Irish recovered on the Middle 27. Six plays later, Irish QB Tony Rice found Derek Brown crossing in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown pass and a 7-0 Notre Dame lead.

Navy ran three plays and punted following Anthony Johnson's kickoff and it appeared Notre Dame would try to put the game out of reach early. But after driving 33 yards into Navy territory on the next series, Tony Brooks fumbled a Rice pitch and Navy recovered.

After Navy's fourth punt (the Middies had a total of 14 first-quarter yards), the Irish, largely behind the running of tailback Mark Green, went 68 yards in seven plays, culminating with Rodney Culver's 22-yard touchdown run. But Reggie Ho missed the extra point wide right, quashing some of the Irish momentum.

Late in the half, the Irish settled for a 29-yard field goal by Ho and a 16-0 halftime lead after a wide-open Brown dropped a pass at the Navy five.

"Fortunately, our defense was ready to compete and really played well," said Holtz, "because every time we tried to get something going on offense we had a penalty or something. We didn't have any kind of continuity."

After receiving the second half kickoff, the Irish went 67 yards on seven running plays, capped off by Ryan Mihalko's one-yard burst for a score. But Tony Brooks' attempt for two points off left tackle fell inches short of the goal line, leaving the score 22-0.

After four fruitless possessions, two for each team, Navy received the ball on the Irish 33 after a 10-yard Jim Sexton punt. Quarterback Alton Grizzard scampered 22 yards around right end on the fifth play of the drive to put the Middies on the board with three minutes left in the third quarter.

The wind was finally taken out of Navy's sails early in the fourth quarter on a controversial fourth down spot after the Midshipmen had driven the ball down to the Irish 30.

Fullback Deric Sims stretched for what appeared to be a first down, but, after the chains were brought out and the ball's position was scrutinized for over a minute, the officials turned the ball over to Notre Dame on downs.

After that, it was merely a matter of the Irish running out the clock on another win, but it was never easy.

"We like to think that very team has a breaking point except us," said Rice, who was 9-of-19 for 95 yards and a touchdown through the air. "We never reached Navy's breaking point."

Holtz was a little more direct in his evaluation.

"People will say, 'Hey, it's a win'," he said. "But let me tell you something. We've got a lot of serious problems. We're not a very good football team right now."

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Owls watch Rocket launch TD returns

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame's freshman split end Raghil Ismail is called "the Rocket," partly because of his 4.28 speed in the 40-yard dash and partly because his first name is difficult to pronounce.

In Notre Dame's 54-11 cooking of Rice, Ismail showed off his speed with two touchdown kickoff returns and showed the Owls that no matter how hard it is to say his name (it's pronounced Ra-GIB), it's even tougher to catch him from behind.

"I have to give credit where credit is due, and none of it goes to me," said Ismail, whose brother Qadry plays for Syracuse. "The whole key to the returns was getting through the first line of blocking, and nobody got a clean shot at me. That is good blocking. I returned kickoffs in high school, but I get all my confidence from the blocking the kick return team gives me."

The first return, which went 83 yards and was keyed by a Steve Belles block, followed a Rice 70-yard opening drive that ended with a Clint Parsons 23-yard field goal. The 3-0 Rice lead lasted all of 13 seconds.

"He (Ismail) hit it good," said Rice coach Jerry Berndt, who would see his team finish the season with an 0-11 record. "We made two crucial mis-

takes. We had a couple of guys out of lanes. But as soon as he hit it, I knew he had a touchdown."

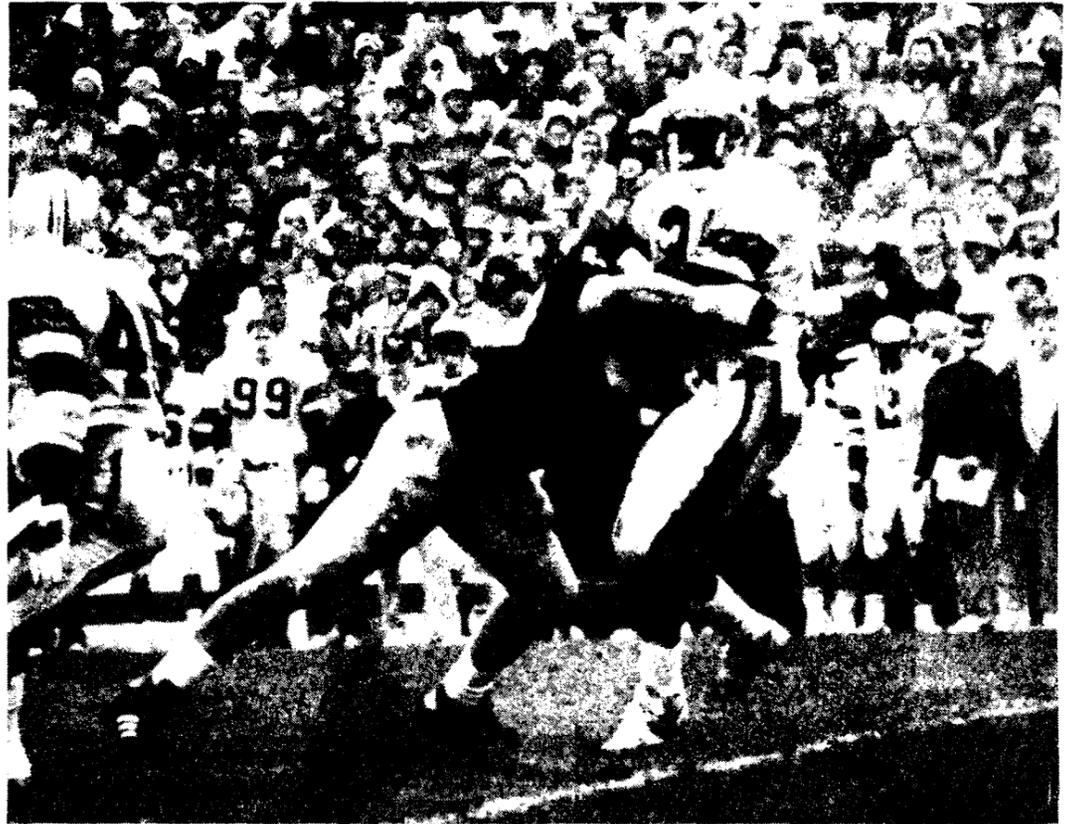
Ismail surprisingly got the chance to return another kickoff with the Irish leading 38-9 early in the fourth quarter. "The Rocket" showed his gratitude by picking an attempted squib kick up from the ground, cutting to the left side of the field and racing 83 yards to burn Rice for another touchdown.

Ismail's two touchdown kickoff returns tied school records for touchdown returns in a game and in a season.

Notre Dame's offense also successfully rebounded from a lackluster showing at Navy as the Irish scored on four of their five first-half possessions.

"Rice is a tough team coming off the ball, but we had something to prove," said junior offensive guard Tim Grunhard. "Our number-one goal was to get back to basics and get that attitude we had at the beginning of the season."

The Irish added two more touchdowns in the second quarter, the first coming on a three-yard run by Anthony Johnson and the second on a one-yard jaunt by Tony Brooks. Kicker Billy Hackett, who replaced Reggie Ho this weekend, had the first extra point blocked. A two-point conversion by Johnson followed the Brooks score.



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All-American linebacker Frank Stams buries Rice quarterback Quantis Roper before he has a chance to unload to running back Lorenzo Cyphers (45). The Irish got to Roper four times for 41 yards of losses in the game, while also forcing two interceptions and two fumbles.

The two teams exchanged field goals in the final two minutes of the half (Parsons hitting from 41, and Hackett from 42), and the Irish held a 31-6 halftime lead.

The Notre Dame offense wasn't quite finished at halftime. A 19-yard run by Rodney Culver with 9:15 to play in the third made it 38-6.

After a Parsons 45-yard field goal in the first play of the

fourth quarter, Ismail took off with his second touchdown. Hackett kicked a 28-yarder to raise the lead to 48-9, and Joe Jarosz seemingly ended the highlights with a six-yard touchdown run.

But Rice's Nigel Codrington blocked Hackett's extra point attempt, and Billy Stone galloped 85 yards to the Irish endzone. The run gave Rice two points and closed the scoring

at 54-11. It was the first time the new NCAA conversion rule had come into effect in Division I play since its enactment before the season.

On the defensive end, Notre Dame's Frank Stams, George Williams, Chris Zorich and Wes Pritchett each had turns sacking Rice quarterback Quantis Roper (21-of-35 for 197 yards). Michael Stonebreaker led the Irish with 13 total tackles.

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Irish get revenge over Nittany Lions

By **MARTY STRASEN**
Sports Editor

Revenge might be sweet, but nobody said it had to be fair.

Against Penn State it wasn't, as Notre Dame took out the frustration of three straight losses to strong Penn State teams on a rare weak one. The Irish totaled 502 yards and powered to a 21-3 victory in their last home game of the year.

The win was the first over Penn State for Notre Dame's seniors and sent Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno home with his first losing season (5-6) in 23 years at the helm.

"I just feel great for the seniors and the things we've done," said Irish senior tailback Mark Green, who scored on a 22-yard run in the second quarter. "It's great to go out with a bang and finally beat Penn State. We've never beaten them before."

The Irish not only beat the Nittany Lions—they nearly blanked them. Penn State scored its only points on Eric Etze's 52-yard field goal on the last play of the first half. The attempt was made possible only after Notre Dame was hit with a 15-yard facemask penalty on the previous seven-yard run by Penn State's Leroy Thompson.

In fact, Penn State moved the ball more on Notre Dame

penalties (eight for 94 yards) than on pass completions (5-of-24 for 74 yards). The Irish defense broke up 10 Lion passing attempts and Jeff Alm and Steve Roddy each snared an interception.

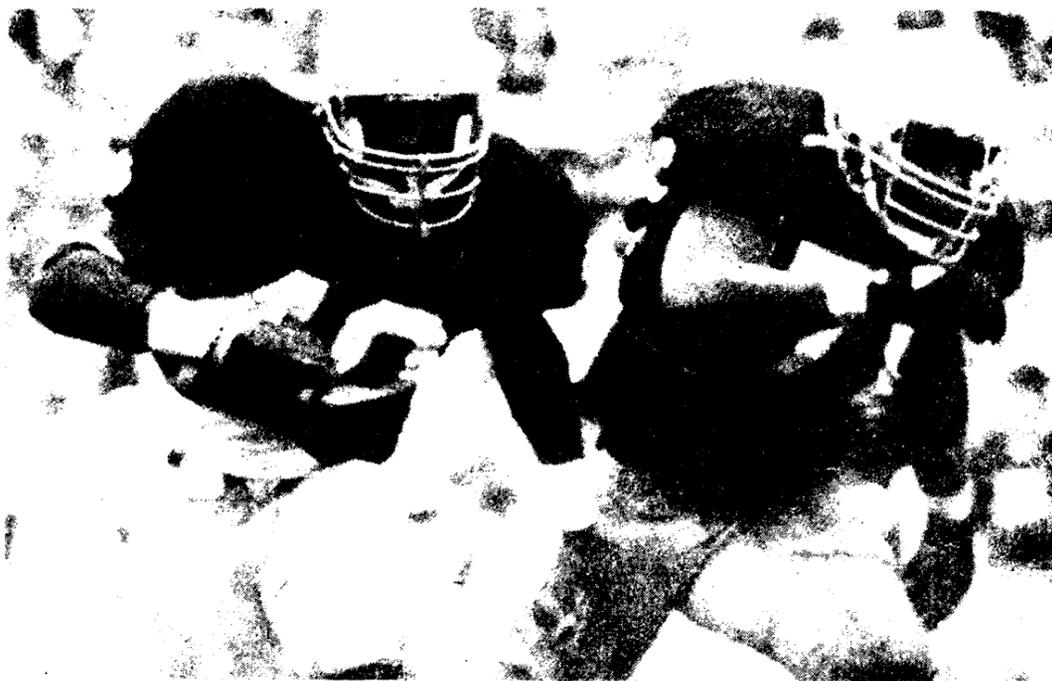
Penn State did not complete a single pass in the second or third quarters.

"We just didn't have enough offensively," said Paterno, whose team managed 105 yards on 31 rushing attempts and held the ball for only 21 minutes. "Notre Dame played hard, they played alert, and played very aggressive defensively."

The Irish offense set the tempo for its control of the line of scrimmage in its first series of the game. Notre Dame marched 87 yards on 12 plays and took a 7-0 lead when Rice rolled out to the left, pumped to a wide-open Rod West in the end zone to get a Penn State defender off his feet and scored from two yards out.

The Irish took a 14-0 lead in the second quarter when Green broke through a hole at the line of scrimmage, headed for the right sideline and somehow managed to stay inbounds on his 22-yard score. Freshman split end Raghib Ismail threw a clinching downfield block on the play.

"I looked up and saw three of their guys go down," Green said. "I saw three of our blockers on three of their blockers, and it was kind of like the



Irish tailback Tony Brooks (40), following formidable offensive tackle Dean Brown, turns upfield against Penn State. Brooks played all season

with a stress fracture in his left foot, and the 283-pound Brown helped a young offensive line exceed preseason expectations.

The Observer / Jim Brake

domino effect."

Rice led all rushers with 84 yards on 15 carries in the game, but he wasn't always pump-faking and keeping it himself. The junior quarterback was 10-of-18 for 191 yards passing, including two interceptions and a 67-yard touchdown bomb to Ismail that gave Notre Dame a 21-3 lead in the third quarter.

From there, the Irish defense took charge. When Notre Dame's offense was having trouble moving the ball, the defense made sure the Lions did not take advantage of the opportunities.

"The whole defense played awfully well," Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz said. "It seems every week a different player might stand out."

Alm was the star this time. The senior tackle became Notre Dame's interception leader when he snared his third pass of the season in the first quarter. Freshman defensive end Arnold Ale batted a Lance Lonergan pass out of the air and into Alm's hands on the play.

The 6-7 senior also recorded two tackles for losses and knocked down a pass at the line

later in the game.

"This is the first time I've ever heard of a team's leading interceptor being a defensive lineman," said Irish inside linebacker Wes Pritchett, who led the team with nine tackles. "That really says something. He's got good hands, and he's so tall that he can get them way up there."

Notre Dame has not lost a home game over the last two seasons, while Penn State suffered its first losing season in 50 years.

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Irish blitz Southern Cal in regular-season finale

By **MARTY STRASEN**
Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES--The team that was "a year away" put itself 60 minutes away from the 1988 national championship against USC.

Notre Dame cashed in on numerous Southern Cal mistakes and toppled the Trojans 27-10 in the Los Angeles Coliseum to finish the regular season.

The way the Irish defense pressured Southern Cal quarterback Rodney Peete had to make the Heisman Trophy candidate long for the days of measles and laryngitis, which slowed but did not stop Peete over the two weeks prior to the Notre Dame game.

Notre Dame did far more damage in winning its sixth in a row over the arch-rival Trojans, although Irish coach Lou Holtz sent tailback Tony Brooks and flanker Ricky Waters back to South Bend the morning of the game for repeated tardiness at team functions.

"Aggressiveness, toughness--there's no secret to this game," said Irish defensive end Frank Stams, who was in on all three Irish sacks of Peete, including two solos. "We blitzed a little bit more than usual because we felt we had to put more pressure on him (Peete), and we forced some turnovers. But there was no secret to it."

There also was no secret to the fall of the Trojans from their dreams of a national title.



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Irish cornerback Stan Smagala (29) heads the other way with an errant Rodney Peete pass. Smagala's return for a touchdown was a result of the constant pressure Peete felt all day from the Notre Dame front seven.

Peete (23-of-44, 225 yards) threw two interceptions and USC fumbled four times, losing two of them.

"We didn't handle the blitz today," USC coach Larry Smith said. "We handled it all year, but today it was like we were playing in a fog."

Even when the Trojans controlled the ball in the second and third quarters--outgaining the Irish 254-7 in total offense during one stretch--they could not fight through the Irish defense to stay close on the scoreboard.

USC moved the ball to the

Notre Dame 33-yard line on its opening drive, but Peete threw deep on third down and overthrew Gary Wellman. A fourth-down punt pinned the Irish to their own 2-yard line for Notre Dame's opening drive, but quarterback Tony Rice got the Irish out of trouble with a play-action bomb to Raghieb Ismail that picked up 55 yards on the first play.

But Notre Dame did not put any points on the board until its next drive, when Rice ran the option to the left side and found only free safety Mark Carrier there to defend both he

and Mark Green, the "pitch man" on the play. Carrier kept his eye on Green while Rice cut downfield and dashed 65 yards to put the Irish ahead 7-0.

"I said, 'I'm not going to let this one guy take me down,'" said Rice, who gained 86 yards on 13 carries. "I just beat him to the sideline."

Notre Dame defensive tackle George Williams hit Aaron Emanuel to force the first Trojan fumble minutes later, grabbing Emanuel as he was switching the ball from one hand to another and setting up

Stams' recovery at the Southern Cal 19-yard line.

Green then scored off left tackle from two yards out to give the Irish a 14-0 edge late in the first quarter.

But from there, USC controlled everything but the scoreboard and the turnover ratio. Before the Trojans finally scored on Scott Lockwood's 1-yard run with 2:24 left in the half, Peete was picked off by Irish strong safety George Streeter and USC tailback Ricky Ervins fumbled deep in Notre Dame territory to Williams.

Things got worse for the Trojans after their only touchdown. They again stopped the struggling Irish offense and took possession at their own 40.

But just when it looked like USC might cut the Notre Dame lead to 14-10 or even tie the game, flanker John Jackson slipped on a pass route and Peete hit Irish cornerback Stan Smagala right in the numbers. Smagala chugged 64 yards down the right sideline for the touchdown.

Stams leveled Peete on Smagala's return and the quarterback had to be helped off the field. He suffered a sprained left shoulder on the play.

"We were so close," Peete said. "To have someone come into your stadium when you're so close and take it away from you, it hurts. The seniors on this team never beat Notre Dame and we have to live with that for the rest of our lives."

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Fiesta Bowl victory seals national title

By **MARTY STRASEN**
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.--For Notre Dame, the "Battle for No. 1" was the perfect ending to a perfect season.

The Irish reigned in 1988, and on the second day of 1989 they claimed their crown with a 34-21 pounding of West Virginia.

"I've underestimated this team in a lot of areas," said Irish head coach Lou Holtz, who guided his team to the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame's storied history. "They've done everything I've asked of them. Is this a great football team? I'd have to say yes, because nobody proved it wasn't."

Certainly not the Mountaineers, whose hopes of a national championship vanished early in the one-sided affair.

A record crowd of 74,911 saw a stingy Irish defense shut down yet another high-powered offense led by a big-name quarterback. Major Harris and the Mountaineers were no match for Notre Dame, which out-gained West Virginia 455-282 yards on the day and did not allow a first down until nearly six minutes into the second quarter.

The 282-yard total was West Virginia's lowest of the season.

"They're a doggone physical football team," said West Virginia coach Don Nehlen. "They were better than us on both sides of the ball."

Irish quarterback Tony Rice stole the show from Harris, completing 7 of 11 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns to earn the game's offensive Most Valuable Player award.

Harris completed 13 of 26 passes for 166 yards, including one interception and one touchdown.

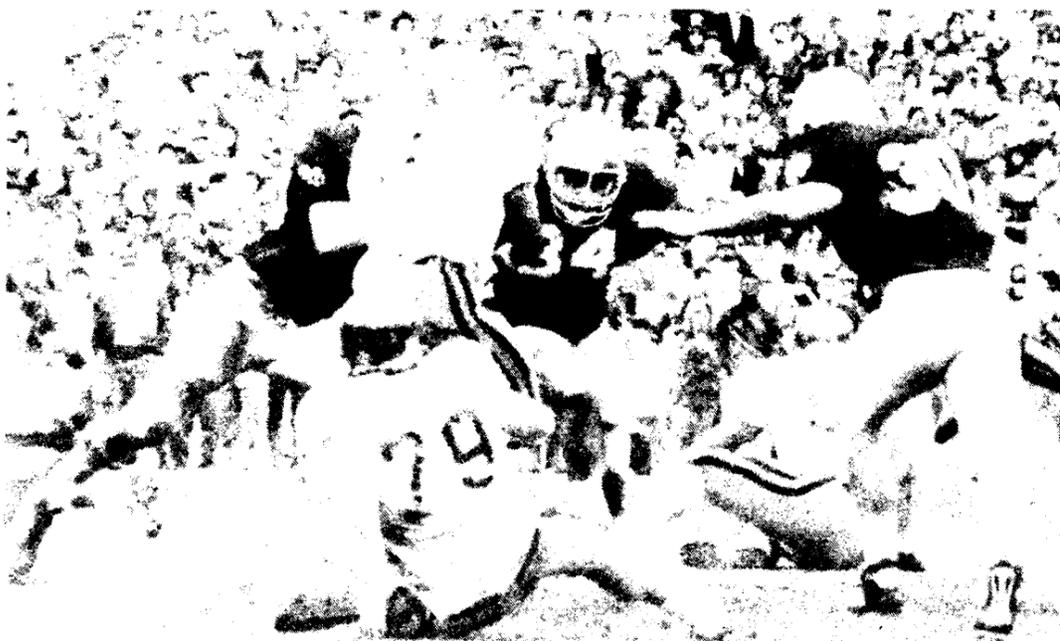
Rice's only obvious mistake seemed to give West Virginia a lift late in the third quarter, but the Irish defense quickly turned the tide back in Notre Dame's favor.

Two plays after the Mountaineers cut the Irish lead to 26-13 on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Harris to Grantis Bell, Willie Edwards picked off Rice's underthrown pass intended for Tony Brooks at the Notre Dame 26-yard line.

But instead of letting the Mountaineers pull closer, the Irish defense pushed West Virginia 14 yards further from the end zone. Notre Dame defensive end Flash Gordon stopped Harris for a two-yard loss, cornerback Stan Smagala broke up a pass for Bell in the end zone and defensive Most Valuable Player Frank Stams ended any further hopes of a Mountaineer score by dropping Harris for a 12-yard sack on a third-down blitz.

"The house was on fire and we had to put the fire out," Stams said. "That turned the momentum around for us."

"Sometimes what looks like a bad situation can break the



A trio of Notre Dame defenders, including linebackers Frank Stams (30) and Wes Pritchett (34), closes in on West Virginia quarterback Major Harris. The Irish defense badgered the prolific Harris all day, allowing him almost no time to throw.

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game open," Holtz added. "What I mean is--you give them a chance, and then you shut them down. That really demoralizes a team."

Notre Dame then marched 80 yards in seven plays on the next series, which featured a 15-yard quarterback draw by Rice on a third-and-six play and a 57-yard completion to sophomore flanker Ricky Watters down the left sideline.

Rice hit tight end Frank Jacobs from three yards out on a play-action jump pass for the touchdown. Rice kept the ball on the option for a two-point conversion that gave Notre Dame a 34-13 lead.

From the time the pre-game festivities concluded until hundreds of Notre Dame fans swarmed the field in the final seconds, the Irish were in complete control.

The Mountaineers ran three plays and punted on each of their first four possessions of the game, and Harris bruised his left shoulder when Irish linebacker Michael Stonebreaker brought him down on the third play from scrimmage.

While the Mountaineers stumbled out of the starting blocks, Rice and the Irish swept ahead 16-0.

The 6-foot-1 junior broke con-

tainment and sprinted 31 yards on a third-down play in Notre Dame's opening drive, which ended in a 45-yard field goal by Billy Hackett.

Rice then showed everyone he can throw the ball as well, firing a 23-yard completion to freshman tight end Derek Brown on the next series, which culminated in junior fullback Anthony Johnson's one-yard touchdown plunge on a fourth-and-goal play.

Rice again found Brown in the second quarter, this time on a 47-yard hookup that set up freshman Rodney Culver's four-yard touchdown run for a 16-0 Notre Dame advantage.

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SI covers QB Rice (and vice versa)

By PETE GEGEN
Sports Writer

Readers of Sports Illustrated may have gotten a feeling of déjà vu as they picked up their weekly issues during the 1988 college football season.

Not once or twice, but three times they found Notre Dame's Tony Rice on the front cover of the weekly magazine. No one yet knows if three individual appearances in a single season is a record, but it quickly placed Rice among an impressive group of sports celebrities who have had multiple SI cover appearances.

Whether the sight of the multiple Irish SI's caused great elation or repulsion among its readers, even the most loyal Notre Dame supporters had to wonder how Rice always ended on top.

"Was it planned? No," said Larry Keith, SI's Editorial Projects Director. "It was more a coincidence based on Notre Dame's success and Tony Rice's prominence."

The man who made the decisions on each cover was Mark Mulvoy, SI's managing editor. Mulvoy bases his cover photo decisions on the stories running in the particular week's issue and the quality of photos available.

"Mark couldn't have set out from the beginning to do three Tony Rice covers," said Keith.

"It's just one of those little quirks of fate."

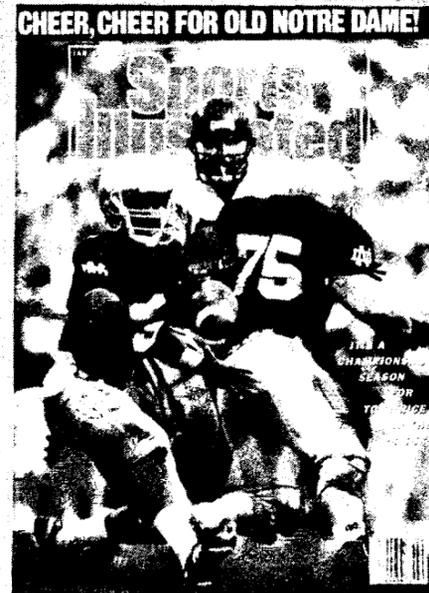
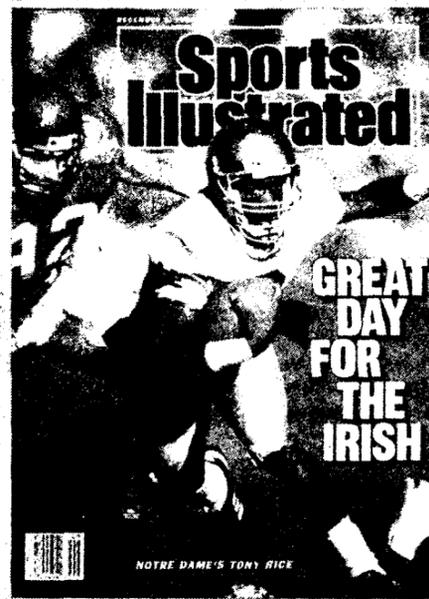
Rice first appeared on the cover of the Oct. 24, 1988 issue, after Notre Dame's 31-30 upset victory over then top-ranked Miami. The photo has Rice looking to pass with the Hurricanes' Russell Maryland providing the defensive pressure.

The No. 1 vs. No. 2 battle between the Irish and Southern Cal merited Rice's second cover appearance in the Dec. 5 issue. In that photo Rice runs through a hole in the line with Trojan nose guard Don Gibson pursuing.

It took quite an effort to get Rice's third cover appearance, and for that matter the entire Fiesta Bowl coverage, in the Jan. 9 issue. SI pushed back its regular Sunday deadline to include the Monday national championship game.

After the game Mulvoy and art director Steve Hoffman flew with the film to a processing lab in Los Angeles. There the photos were selected and the cover designed that night and, with no time to fly the material to New York, the cover and layout were then transmitted via satellite. In New York the story text was merged with the layout, and the magazine published on time.

That photo featured Rice on the option with offensive guard Tim Grunhard blocking an unknown West Virginia defender.



Cover Boy

Tony Rice appeared on these three Sports Illustrated covers over the course of Notre Dame's national championship season. Rice earned the national recognition for his winning performances against more heralded quarterbacks Steve Walsh (Miami), Rodney Peete (USC) and Major Harris (West Virginia).

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Like it or not, Holtz may have created a dynasty

Irish graduate just 5 starters

By STEVE MEGARGEE
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Early in the season, Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz was discussing the future of the Irish football program and stated, "We can't be a dynasty."

Less than a month after adding an eighth national title to Notre Dame's storied football history, Holtz is hearing several people speak out against his theory.

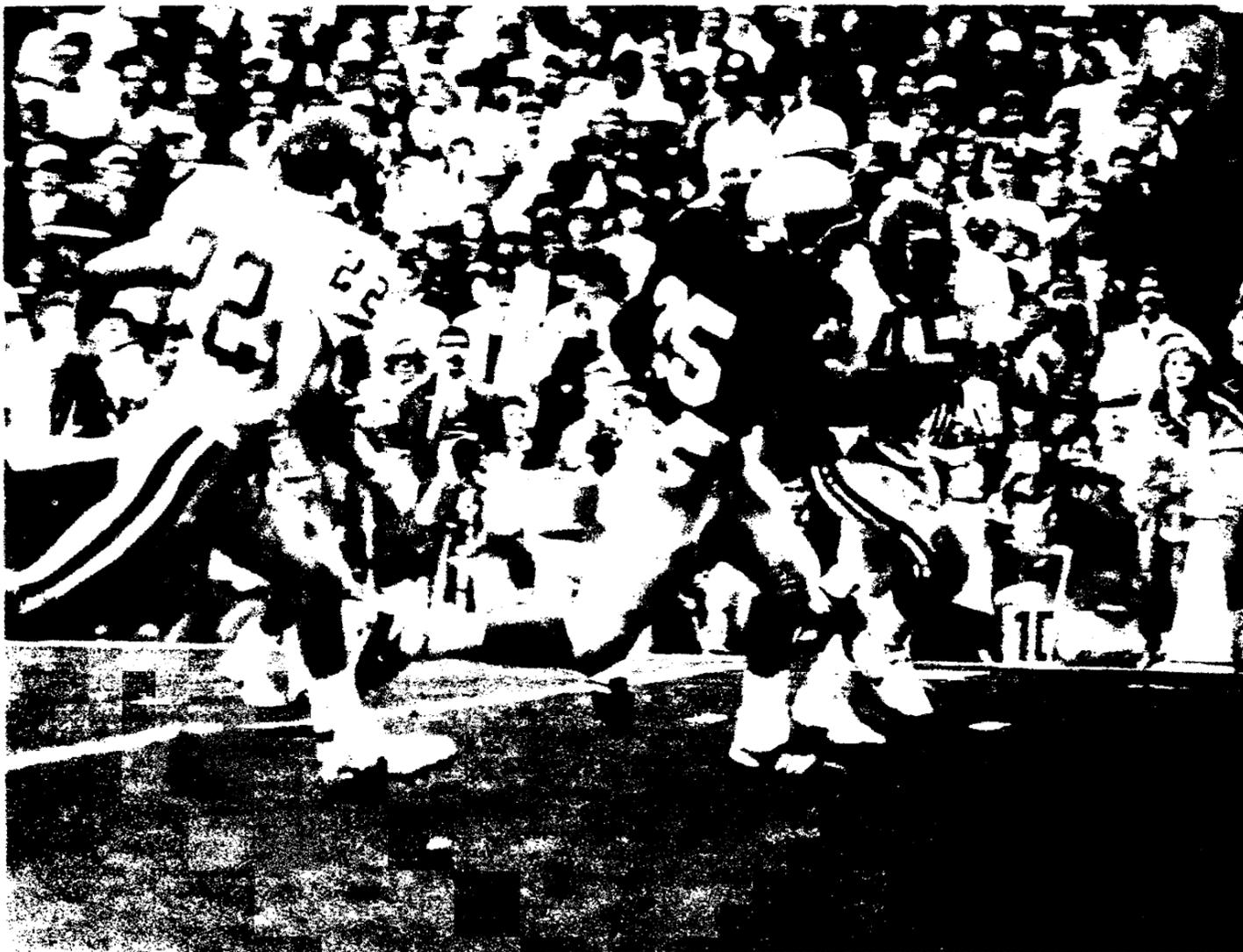
Oddsman Danny Sheridan, who predicted Notre Dame would falter throughout its championship season, said after the Fiesta Bowl that the Irish, Miami and Florida State would be in a class by themselves in the 1989 season.

Beano Cook, while saying the Irish would falter at least once in games at Michigan, Penn State and Miami next season, already tabs Notre Dame as the 1990 national champion.

A look at Notre Dame's roster shows why Notre Dame's future looks so promising. The Irish return nine starters on offense and eight on defense next season. Tackle Andy Heck and tailback Mark Green are the only players leaving on offense, while the defense loses defensive end Frank Stams, linebacker Wes Pritchett and strong safety George Streeter.

Linebacker Ned Bolcar, flanker Pat Eilers, cornerback D'Juan Francisco, offensive tackle Mike Brennan and offensive guard Tom Gorman are five more seniors who saw quality playing time, and each of them is expected to ask for one more year of eligibility.

The Irish actually had almost as many freshmen starting this year as they did seniors. Tight end Derek Brown, split end Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail and defensive end Arnold Ale all were first-year players who



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Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail splits the West Virginia defense after receiving a perfectly thrown pass from Tony Rice. Mountaineers Bo Orlando (22) and Robert Pickett (45) give futile chase as

freshman speedster Ismail glides in for the score that stakes the Irish to a commanding 23-3 lead.

received starting assignments. Ismail became the country's leading kickoff returner by the end of the year.

The Fiesta Bowl showed the nation a glimpse of the potential Notre Dame has for the next few years. Ismail and freshman fullback Rodney Culver each scored touchdowns, and Brown was the leading Notre Dame receiver.

Notre Dame also had six sophomores start much of this season, including offensive

linemen Mike Heldt and Tim Ryan, flanker Ricky Watters, defensive linemen George "Boo" Williams and Chris Zorich, and cornerback Todd Lyght. Defensive end Andre Jones, another sophomore, started for part of the season and also was a special teams standout.

Junior quarterback and Fiesta Bowl most valuable player Tony Rice will return as a senior and Heisman Trophy candidate next season. Full-

backs Braxton Banks and Anthony Johnson will join Rice in the offensive backfield for one more year, and tailback Tony Brooks will be wearing a Notre Dame uniform for two more seasons.

Quarterback is the one area where the Irish do not appear to be set for the next few years, mainly because Notre Dame did not sign a top prospect at that position last recruiting season. Holtz established quarterbacks as a priority for this recruiting year, and Parade

All-American Rick Mirer of nearby Goshen already has committed to Notre Dame.

"One of my goals is to win a college national title, and the fact that Notre Dame had just won one, I feel this is a place where if we get fired up, it can be done again," Mirer said upon making his decision.

With the players he has returning to South Bend for the next few years, Holtz can count on hearing more of that dynasty talk, whether he likes it or not.

Team speed allows Irish to streak to top of polls

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Lou Holtz used to say that Notre Dame needed more speed throughout its lineup if the Irish were ever to become a national contender.

"Whoever once said that speed kills is right," said Holtz.

Alabama and Miami provided all the evidence Holtz needed to support that claim. The Crimson Tide exploited Notre Dame's lack of speed during a 28-10 rout in 1986, and Miami did the same while battering the Irish 24-0 in 1987.

Notre Dame used successful recruiting and position switches to turn this weakness into a strength. Suddenly, the teams that used to beat the Irish with quickness were getting beaten at their own game.

"When you take the top skill players for Notre Dame, I don't know if any school in the country has a faster group," said Miami coach Jimmy Johnson. "We don't have that kind of speed."

The Irish certainly had

plenty of speed in the offensive backfield. Quarterback Tony Rice ran a 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds. Tailbacks Mark Green and Tony Brooks had respective times of 4.42 and 4.47.

Notre Dame's defensive backs were even quicker than that. D'Juan Francisco (4.33) and Stan Smagala (4.35), both cornerbacks, were two of the team's fastest players on the team. Fellow cornerback Todd Lyght was not far off the pace with a time of 4.41.

"We have a lot more speed this year," said Lyght. "If somebody goes down, the person behind him can step in and do the job."

Holtz added even more speed to his secondary during spring practices when he moved Pat Terrell from split end to free safety. Terrell, who caught two passes for no touchdowns as a receiver last year, intercepted three passes for one touchdown as a defensive back this season. His 60-yard runback against Miami gave the Irish a 21-7 lead in what eventually became a



Pat Terrell



Stan Smagala



Tony Brooks

31-30 Notre Dame victory.

Smagala also used his speed to return an interception for a touchdown in a big game. He ran 64 yards to give Notre Dame a 21-7 halftime lead in the 27-10 victory over Southern Cal.

The only Irish player faster than Francisco and Smagala was split end Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail, a 5-10 freshman with 4.28 speed who ended the season as the top kickoff returner in the nation.

"Even though a recruit is in the top 100, it doesn't mean he

has the speed you need," said former Notre Dame athletic director Gene Corrigan. "Gerry (former coach Faust) just didn't have any speed at all. Lou has done a great job of selecting kids who could really help. And he's looked for speed at every position. Now they've got it everywhere."

Ismail teamed with junior flanker/punt returner Ricky Watters to form the most explosive kick return duo in the country.

"I dreamt about him all week long," said Air Force coach

Fisher DeBerry of Watters, who returned punts for touchdowns against Michigan and Purdue. "Doggone right he's scary. He's going to scare a lot of other people too."

Ismail certainly scared Rice coach Jerry Berndt, who had to watch the Rocket launch into the endzone during two kickoff returns.

"I think the biggest mistake I made was when I made that phone call last year," said Berndt, referring to the time he scheduled Rice's game against the Irish.