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Former Irish president speaks at ND

Immigration presents challenges and opportunities to national identity, Robinson says

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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The increase in the number of immigrants coming to Ireland and the decline in emigration from Ireland presents "new and complex challenges to the Irish identity," said Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Robinson was the keynote speaker Sunday evening in Washington Hall for "Race and Immigration in the New Ireland," a conference hosted by Notre Dame's Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies.

University President Father John Jenkins welcomed Robinson and noted Notre Dame's "deep affinity with Ireland and all things Irish." Immigration, the issue debated in an American context at last week's Notre Dame Forum, is a topic Ireland is also discussing, Jenkins said.

"Ireland, which has so long been a land of emigrants, is now becoming a land of immigrants," he said.

For a country "steeped in the inevitability of emigration," the new demographics of the modern Ireland are "both a huge challenge and a great opportunity," Robinson said.

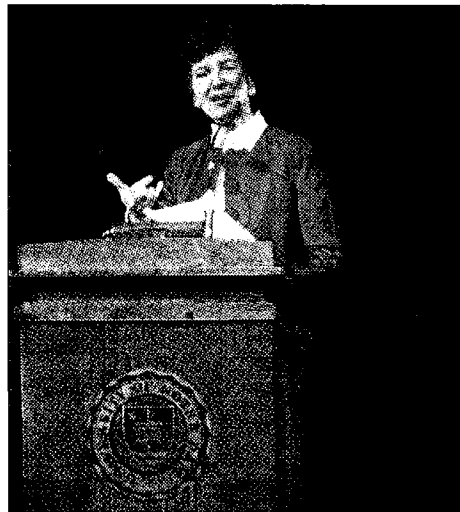
According to population and

migration estimates, between April 2005 and April 2006, [86,900 people immigrated into Ireland,] Robinson said. The number of emigrants in the same time period was 17,000, resulting in a net migration influx of 69,900.

The immigrants are making Ireland a younger country, Robinson said, and they are bringing different heritages into Ireland, from countries like Poland and Lithuania.

Robinson now lives in New York but said she has witnessed the impact of the influx of peoples into Ireland. When visiting County Mayo, the part of Ireland she is

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer
Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, speaks about immigration Sunday night.

Professor analyzes economics

Givens looks at effects of immigration, racism

By NICHOLAS BOCK
News Writer

Luke Gibbons, the Donald R. Keough Professor of Irish Studies said Ireland's rate of immigration in the 20th century was tied to the perception of a "Celtic Twilight" — a stagnant Irish economy.

He alluded to two theories explaining this claim before a crowded auditorium at the Snite Museum Saturday night.

"Some scholars claim that the social climate in Ireland is due to the blasé assumption that the Irish cannot be racist," Gibbons said.

He summarized their argument by asking, "How can [the Irish] be racist? We are the original immigrants."

Other scholars believe that racism in Ireland is fervent. Gibbons argued that the social reality falls somewhere between the two theories. "Celtic Tiger," "Twilight's" counterpart, is Ireland's current economic status, characterized by a significant economic upsurge.

In the early 1990s, unemployment was at a steady 17 percent in Ireland; but by 1999, it had dropped to four percent, Gibbons said. He attributed increased migra-

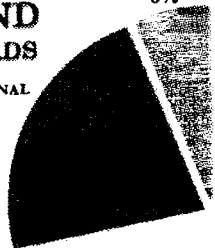
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University promotes Ph.D. programs

ND officials take steps to help encourage more students to pursue advanced degrees

HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED, ND UNDERGRADS

FIRST PROFESSIONAL (J.D., M.D.) 22%



MASTERS 35%

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By BRIAN MCKENZIE
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Prompted by the fact that only five to six percent of Notre Dame undergraduates pursue doctorates after graduation, the University is taking steps to encourage more students to take advantage of research opportunities.

The ratio, measured by the Office of Institutional Research, is lower than those at Notre Dame's peer institutions.

At his Sept. 11 faculty address, University President Father John Jenkins noted that between 10 and 15 percent of students at

Notre Dame's peer institutions continue to Ph.D. status.

"One very important avenue to intellectual leadership is to earn a Ph.D. — the terminal degree in most fields," he said.

Studies have shown that, compared to students at peer institutions, Notre Dame students are less likely to eventually obtain a Ph.D., said Dennis Jacobs, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

Notre Dame students are also less likely to say in polls taken during senior and freshmen year that they wanted to pursue Ph.D.s., Jacobs said.

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Losing record drives down sales, enthusiasm

Single Boston College game seats go for as low as \$20

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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Four minutes before kickoff Saturday, a scalper outside Notre Dame Stadium sold a ticket for the Boston College game for \$20.

"I never thought I'd see the day when a ticket to see the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame Stadium wouldn't sell for more than \$20," said the scalper, who asked to remain anonymous. "Especially for a game like Boston College. It's such a big rivalry. I just can't believe it."

Scalpers interviewed for this story spoke on the condition of anonymity, because the Notre Dame ticket office prohibits the resale of football tickets, above face value.

An individual ticket for Saturday's game had a face value of \$62, but in the hours leading up to the

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WU YUE/The Observer
Members of the Notre Dame cheerleading squad pump up the crowd at the BC game Saturday.

Seniors' marshmallow fights thwarted by NDSP, ushers

By TAE ANDREWS
News Writer

In recent years, Notre Dame seniors turned the student section into a flurry of flying confections during halftime marshmallow fights. Now, the debate over the seemingly innocuous bite-sized treats rages on off the field and out of the stadium.

Since 2002, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) and stadium security have cracked down on marshmallow fights because some of the marshmallows, when embedded with coin or rocks, have made their way onto the field or caused injury.

"It's not so much marshmallow throwing, but throwing in general [that concerns us]," Coordinator of Stadium Personnel Cappy Gagnon

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Keck Center battles inflammation

Researchers look at side effects of disease as serious killers

Special to The Observer

Everyone knows that inflammation signals infection or injury, like smoke does a fire. But researchers have learned that it can be an underlying cause of disease as well.

Chronic inflammation has been linked to cancer in the colon, asthma in the airways and atherosclerosis in the arteries, setting the stage for heart attacks and strokes. And a major killer called sepsis is nothing less than inflammation run amok.

"I can think of no disease that does not involve inflammation," said Francis J. Castellino, director of the Notre Dame's W.M. Keck Center for Transgene Research.

It's also hard to imagine a research center better equipped and staffed to sort out the inner workings of inflammation than the Keck Center.

Located in Raclin-Carmichael Hall, the center is a world-class facility focused on the study of proteins involved in inflammation and the related process of hemostasis, the body's way of balancing blood flow and clotting.

Research into blood proteins has been growing steadily more sophisticated at Notre Dame for

more three decades under Castellino's direction, spurred by technological advances that have made it possible to study the structure and function of hemostasis-related proteins in ever more detail.

But two relatively recent milestones have really helped.

In 2004, Keck Center scientists were awarded \$9 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health to study inflammation in sepsis, the genetics of colon cancer and the role of homeostasis following artery damage.

Then, in 2005, the center joined the Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend as primary occupants of Raclin-Carmichael Hall, the new academic building just outside the University's main gate on Notre Dame Avenue.

The Keck Center's move to Raclin-Carmichael Hall consolidated an operation that had been spread over nine spaces in four campus buildings, assistant director Melanie DeFord said. That's created a more cohesive work atmosphere for the center's staff of 35 scientists, technicians and students. The center's new labs, besides being about 20 percent larger overall, employ an impressive array of state-of-the-art equipment, like a laser knife so precise it can cut out individual colon cancer cells for genetic analysis.

None of it would be possible, however, without the mice that live in the basement.

A colony of 6,000 specially engi-

neered, transgenic mice is the engine that drives the flow of discoveries from the Keck Center. Experts at the center have created more than 50 different strains of mice, with each strain having its own strategically chosen gene alterations.

Because genes are templates for production of proteins, adding or subtracting them from the genome produces mice that have excesses or deficiencies of the blood proteins that Keck scientists want to study, Castellino explained.

Studying proteins in live animals is a huge advance over the technology available to Castellino when he began studying blood proteins in the early 1970s. Back then, researchers had to tediously extract the selected protein from blood, he says. Experiments involved mixing two different proteins in test tubes to see the reaction.

"But when you alter a gene in an intact animal, you're looking at everything [in a living system], starting with, 'Does it live for long?'" Castellino explained.

The care, feeding and breeding of these special mice, who reside in about 1,500 cages, is itself a big operation requiring special technical expertise and upwards of \$150,000 a year to cover costs.

"We have five or six people working downstairs on the colony alone," Castellino says.

The breeding pairs in the colony are giving birth to about 1,000 "pups" each month, DeFord said.



Castellino

OIT security team receives award

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's information security awareness team has received an Award of Excellence from the Special Interest Group on University and College Computing Services (SIGUCCS). Comprised of a cross-campus advisory group of staff and faculty from the Offices of Information Technologies and Public Affairs and Communication, the team was honored in the general service campaign materials category.

SIGUCCS is an association of professionals that supports and manages the diverse aspects of information technology services in higher education institutions. In honoring Notre Dame, the group praised the University's well-rounded and team-oriented approach, stating: "Each strategy was executed professionally and used innova-

tive concepts to garner interest. The training module was phenomenal: nicely scripted, exceptional content, and very effectively produced."

"That SIGUCCS would honor us with this award is a compliment to the tremendous talent brought to an important University initiative by members of each group, and is symbolic of a broader spirit of community that makes Notre Dame such a special place," said Notre Dame Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon.

Notre Dame's security awareness program is a campus-wide effort to assist University faculty and staff to manage sensitive information through communication and training. The University launched the first phase of the program this past spring through a series of e-mail announcements, campus postcard mailings and a new Web site.

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Arambe Productions, Dublin, Ireland Presents

The Kings of Kilburn High Road

By Jimmy Murphy

Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17

8:00 p.m. Decio Theater



To celebrate the conference, "Race and Immigration in the New Ireland," the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies will host two performances of Jimmy Murphy's *The Kings of the Kilburn High Road* in the Decio Theater of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th at 8:00. In this highly acclaimed play, a group of friends take a hilarious and tragic look back on their lives as they gather in a pub twenty-five years after they left their homes in Ireland to make their fortunes in England. The play is the work of Arambe Productions, a professional Irish theater company led by director and performance artist, Bisi Adigun, who currently has a version of *The Playboy of the Western World* running in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin.

For more information call the Box Office at 631-2800.

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from, she picked up a copy of the local newspaper.

"I was really amazed, but also I think pleasantly surprised, to see that it carries a page every week in Polish, because there is that demand," she said.

But, she noted, migration into Ireland, and the slowing of emigration, has caused challenges for the country. Robinson described a report written by Mayo Intercultural Action, a group that aimed to create a profile of immigrants, identify their needs and identify the needs of service providers helping the newly immigrated.

The report cited problems with integration, racism, ethnic intolerance, school availability and health care.

Ireland's government has taken steps to work against racism against immigrants to Ireland, Robinson said. The government launched the "National Action Plan" in 2005. The European Union, with its European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, also oversees Ireland's actions against racism, she said.

"There is stocktaking within Ireland and also at the European Union level," she said.

Robinson praised the conference Notre Dame is hosting this week. She said it is an opportunity to gather experts at a location removed from Ireland to constructively discuss and give advice as to how the country can move forward while living up to its history.

"That history [is] of a people who had to leave our country and find a future elsewhere," Robinson said. "How do we treat those that are in the same position now?"

Unfortunately, Robinson said, many immigrants to Ireland are the victims of racism. She recounted a meeting she had with

a group of about 30 women of African background who were living in Ireland.

"I realized that, on an almost daily basis, they were suffering different kinds of racism," Robinson said.

One teenager told her she was frequently told by Irish to go back to her own country.

An audience member asked Robinson how Ireland should balance a desire to preserve culture with the realization that culture does change over time.

Robinson said that immigration will not make Ireland "less Irish."

"It makes us more excitingly vibrant, in being the people who used to go, and who now receive people, and who have a sense of Irish destiny."

Mary Robinson
former president of
Ireland

"It makes us more excitingly vibrant, in being the people who used to go, and who now receive people, and who have a sense of an Irish destiny," Robinson said. "And I think it's wonderful."

Robinson also commented on the current debate in the United States

about immigration.

"I've actually been quite shocked, being based in New York the last five years, at the increasingly harsh language in the discourse on migration in this country," she said.

In years past, Robinson said, she believed the United States had a more admirable system of policies toward immigrants than Europe did. Now, she said, she disagrees with the labeling of a group of immigrants as "illegals," comparing it to the description of children born out of wedlock as "illegitimate."

You don't call human beings illegitimate or illegal," she said. "They are human beings."

There must be more concern about implicit racism through language, Robinson said, drawing applause from the audience.

Robinson became the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights after her presidency and held the position until 2002.

The "Race and Immigration in the New Ireland" conference will continue through Wednesday.

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Seniors

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said in a Sept. 20, 2005 Observer article. "We can't tolerate it."

"It escalated when people started putting substances in the marshmallows to make them go farther," Gagnon said at the time. "It ended up hurting other people, so we've drawn the line at throwing things."

NDSP has effectively skewered the marshmallow practice, causing a dearth of mallows and the death of a tradition. The so-called "Marshmallow Curtain" has since descended due to tighter enforcement.

In this football season, which many consider Notre Dame's worst ever, student morale has suffered as the losses pile up, particularly among seniors who do not have the luxury of retaining additional years of eligibility to watch home games from the student section.

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Bussell Gagnon
coordinator of stadium

"I definitely think enthusiasm is down because we haven't done as well as in past years," senior Caitlin Soule said.

Reinstating the marshmallow fights, she said, might reinvigorate student interest and boost sagging spirits.

"I think it would help by giving students something fun to look forward to," she said. "I definitely miss the tradition. I thought it looked like a lot of fun."

In the past, seniors attempted to avoid NDSP and get around the ban — often unsuccessfully — by concealing the marshmallows in their shirt-sleeves and under their coats.

NDSP considers possession of concealed marshmallows grounds for confiscating the offending student's ticket booklet, denying them admission for all subsequent football games.

"Of course I miss the marshmallow tradition," off-campus senior Jordy Brooks said. When asked if she would consider par-

ticipating in a mallow battle, Brooks replied: "I haven't as of yet because I haven't been a senior [prior to this year], but I have considered it this year and will continue to do so." Brooks also cited "the possibility of getting kicked out of the game for the rest of the season" as the primary deterrent to her launching mallows.

Off-campus senior Sarah Corral, who describes herself as "pro-marshmallow," said the marshmallow fight is "absolutely" a tradition worth keeping and plans on participating in potential marshmallow fights in upcoming home games.

At a school that prides itself on tradition, the debate over whether or not to wage marshmallow fights rages on, regardless of consequences.

Soule said future potential for mallow action remains promising, ban or no ban. "I think there's a better chance for games that it's colder," she said, "because people wear jackets and have more opportunities to pack marshmallows."

"Now that we're finally seniors I feel that we should continue that tradition."

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Scalping

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kickoff, scalpers saw the selling price range between \$20 and \$40 — a reality they attributed to the team's substandard performance this season.

"Some people don't even want to pay \$40 for a \$60 ticket because Notre Dame isn't having a good year and the fans have lost interest in the games," one scalper said.

He said in previous seasons he set a price — usually above face value — and if buyers found it too high, he would simply turn them away knowing someone else would willingly pay that amount. This season, he said, the value of the tickets has decreased so much that scalpers are often scrambling for buyers and slashing their prices to sell the seats at any cost.

"This isn't a seller's market anymore. It's a buyer's market," he

said.

The Oct. 6 win at UCLA — the first one this year — was not enough to return to the scalpers the upper hand in ticket resales, another scalper said.

"I thought maybe after beating UCLA the value of tickets would go up a little bit, but they're selling for \$40 at best," he said. "It's just the same as with the MSU game."

He said most of his buyers were Boston College fans, who may have only agreed to his prices because, after making the Massachusetts-to-Indiana trip, the \$40 cost was nominal.

"For them, the tickets were worth more because they came from far away just for the game and their team is ranked high," he said.

He sold most of his individual tickets for \$40 and pairs of adjacent seats for \$100, he said. And his were some of the more profitable resale transactions Saturday.

"At this point, I'm just trying to

get rid of these tickets. Even if it's just for \$20 to 25 apiece," another scalper said. "It's such a contrast from last year, when even after the game had already started you could sell tickets for more than face value. Tickets were going for ridiculous prices then."

He said he sold a set of two contiguous seats for Saturday's game for \$50, a commodity that could have easily had a price tag of \$150 to \$160 last year, depending on Notre Dame's opponent.

Though ticket scalping is not illegal in the state of Indiana, the Notre Dame ticket resale policy says the athletic department does not condone the practice of reselling Notre Dame tickets above face value, unless it is for a University-approved fundraising purpose. Violators could be denied ticket privileges for a number of years or permanently, the Athletic Department Web site said.

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tion to Ireland correlated with this drop in unemployment.

"The influx of foreign nationals strengthened employment rates and overall productivity of the Irish economy," he said. Currently, these "foreign nationals" make up 14 percent of the Irish population and have registered more than 200 languages in Ireland.

"Irishmen have responded to this increase of social migration and lower unemployment levels by claiming a high moral ground with regards to racism," Gibbons said.

He stated the Irish have a desire to "reject their previous image of a third world country. ... People don't like to be reminded of their [previous] destitution and pover-

ty."

Gibbons concluded by stressing the importance of remembering the past — what he dubbed an "ethics of memory."

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Luke Gibbons
professor of Irish studies

Gibbons said the Irish studies department at Notre Dame helps students to "construct a deep bedrock of Irish history." This bedrock, he hopes, will give us a "preview of future multiethnic Ireland."

Sophomore Chris Schaal was impressed by Gibbons' "distinctly Irish humor."

"The lecture helped me realize how much immigration is still going on today."

This was the third lecture in the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies conference. The conference continues until Wednesday.

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Doctorate

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"Somehow we are attracting a different profile of student to Notre Dame," he said.

Jacobs said 20 percent of undergraduates went on to earn a professional masters, 13 percent a law degree and seven percent a health-related advanced degrees.

Jacobs said two main characteristics distinguished students that went on to earn doctorates from students that earned other postgraduate degrees. Notre Dame's future Ph.D. students were three times as likely to have participated in undergraduate research than students who obtained other advanced degrees.

Also, faculty members, rather than friends or family, usually played the biggest role in influencing the student to pursue a Ph.D.

As a result, Notre Dame has fostered opportunities to research alongside a faculty mentor. Keir Lieber, a professor in political science, said new options for undergraduates to research and serve as research assistants would encourage more students to consider grad school. The Undergraduate Research

Opportunity Program and competitive grants from the Nanovic and Kellogg Institutes offer those opportunities, Jacobs said.

Notre Dame students are capable to go on to get their Ph.D., but the numbers do not show it yet, said Roberta Jordan, assistant director for the Office of Undergraduate Fellowships.

"ND students are very qualified, very competitive, sometimes more so than they believe," Jordan said.

She is concerned, however, that Notre Dame students are at a disadvantage for competitive awards such as Fulbright Program grants, an international educational program sponsored by the federal government for graduate students and professionals.

"Notre Dame students are presented with these research opportunities much later [than students] at other universities," she said. "[Competing] undergraduate students might have three or four such opportunities when ours have one or two."

Learning methodologies and approaches were particularly important to understanding the "orientation for inquiry" in fields such as the social and biological sciences, Jacobs said. He stressed, however, that "research" encompassed a "wide variety of scholarly

and creative endeavors, rather than just working in a lab."

Paul McDowell, an associate professional specialist in French, recognized the importance of learning research skills to prepare students for higher education.

"When I hear from students at graduate school, topic one is usually the amount of research skills that they are expected to acquire," he said.

"Notre Dame is doing a good job offering, at least to those that are interested, the opportunity to acquire those skills. In my 16 years teaching here, I've definitely seen an increase — if not a dramatic one — in students mulling over grad school."

Noriko Hanabusa, an associate professional specialist in Japanese, predicted that more students would pursue postgraduate opportunities in Japanese because a move towards an honors program in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures would encourage students to "become really successful researchers." She also said increasing numbers of students studying in Japan would improve their ability to pursue graduate degrees in Japanese.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

French mercenary dies at age 78

PARIS — Bob Denard, a mercenary who staged coups, battled communism and fought for French interests and his own across Africa for more than three decades, has died, his sister said Sunday. He was 78.

Denard died Saturday in the Paris area, said his sister, Georgette Garnier. She declined to say how he died, but he had suffered from Alzheimer's disease and cardiovascular problems.

A fervent anti-communist who had worked for several dictators and monarchs, Denard was among a group of postcolonial French mercenaries known as "les affreux" — the horrible ones. He claimed he had the backing of Paris, but was never given official support.

Car bomb kills 18 on Muslim holiday

BAGHDAD — A bomb in a parked car struck worshippers heading to a Shiite mosque Sunday in Baghdad, killing at least nine people as Iraqis celebrated a Muslim holiday, while the death toll rose to 18 in a coordinated suicide truck bombing and ambush north of the capital.

Relatives and rescue workers pulled bodies from under piles of concrete bricks and rubble in the Sunni city of Samarra, where a suicide truck bomber detonated his explosives late Saturday. Guards had opened fire before he could reach the targeted police headquarters.

Gunmen drove up and fought with police immediately after the blast, which tore through nearby buildings. At least 18 people were killed and 27 wounded, police said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Texas students found safe in cave

AUSTIN — A group of college students who didn't emerge for more than a day from a cave they were exploring have been found safe, an emergency worker said Sunday.

The two women and one man were found in a 500-foot-long crawl space about the width of a sewer pipe, said Frank Urias, division commander of Austin-Travis County emergency medical services. They are expected to be pulled from the cave in a few hours.

"The victims are uninjured, our crews are safe; it doesn't get any better than this," Urias said.

The three University of Texas students had gone into a narrow passage near Austin called Airman's Cave on Saturday morning and told friends to call for help if they weren't back by midnight, said Austin Fire Department Lt. Matt Cox.

Homeless man set on fire in his sleep

NEW YORK — A homeless man torched outside a church where he had bedded down for the night has died from his injuries, police said Saturday.

Felix Najera suffered burns to 40 percent of his body after being set on fire while sleeping in front of Bethany Christian Church in East Harlem, police said. He died Oct. 9.

Israel Torres, 29, of the Bronx, was charged with attempted murder and assault in the Oct. 5 attack, police said. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Oct. 8 and was held without bail.

Charges against Torres have not been upgraded since Najera's death, police said.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana lawmakers split on decision

EVANSVILLE — The Daniels administration and some Republican state senators disagree on whether the Legislature's consent is still needed for the northernmost section of Interstate 69 extension.

That split over interpretation of the 2006 Major Moves law is illustrated in the arguments in a lawsuit filed against the state by opponents of the highway project.

Sen. Patricia Miller, R-Indianapolis, added provisions to the Major Moves bill that restricted the state from building the section of I-69 that would connect with I-465 through Perry Township in southern Marion County without legislative approval.

IRAQ

Baghdad wants Blackwater out

American diplomats seeking a resolution, wondering how to replace security firm

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi officials are negotiating Baghdad's demand that security company Blackwater USA be expelled from the country within six months, and American diplomats appear to be working on how to fill the security gap if the company is phased out.

The talks about Blackwater's future in Iraq flow from recommendations in an Iraqi government report on the incident Sept. 16 when, Iraqi officials determined, Blackwater guards opened fire without provocation in Baghdad's Nisoor Square and killed 17 Iraqi citizens.

The Iraqi investigators issued five recommendations to the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, which has since sent them to the U.S. Embassy as demands for action.

Point No. 2 in the report says:

"The Iraqi government should demand that the United States stops using the services of Blackwater in Iraq within six months and replace it with a new, more disciplined organization that would be answerable to Iraqi laws."

Sami al-Askari, a top aide to al-Maliki, said that point in the Iraqi list of demands was nonnegotiable.

"I believe the government has been clear. There have been attacks on the lives of Iraqi citizens on the part of that company (Blackwater). It must be expelled. The government has given six months for its expulsion and it's left to the U.S. Embassy to determine with Blackwater when to terminate the contract. The American administration must find another company," he told AP.

In talks between American diplomats and the al-Maliki government, al-Askari said, the U.S. side was not "insisting on Blackwater staying." He was the only Iraqi or American



U.S. private security contractors investigate the site of a roadside car bomb outside Baghdad. Iraqi officials are pushing to remove Blackwater within six months from Iraq.

official who would allow use of his name, others said information they gave was too sensitive.

Al-Askari said the Americans have been told that another demand, Blackwater payment of \$8 million in compensation for each victim, was negotiable.

"With the investigations and reviews ongoing, it would be clearly premature to say that any definitive determinations have been made about the future of the Blackwater contract," a senior U.S. official in Baghdad said.

Another diplomat, speaking privately, said he did not see how the State Department could insist on keeping Blackwater in place given how "tainted" it had become after the Sept. 16

incident and several others.

In an interview to be broadcast Monday on PBS, Charlie Rose asked Blackwater chief Erik Prince about the issue.

"We'll do what we're told and, you know, make the transition as smooth as possible," Prince said.

A Shiite lawmaker who sits on parliament's security and defense committee said al-Maliki has complained that the United States embassy had not briefed the Iraqis on what was learned when Blackwater guards were questioned.

He said two Iraqi security officials were briefly allowed to sit in as observers on two questioning sessions of the Blackwater guards.

The Iraqi government investigative report said

Blackwater guards had killed 21 other Iraqi citizens and wounded 27 in a total of seven previous incidents, including a shooting by a drunk Blackwater employee after a 2006 Christmas party. Congress is investigating whether the government relies too heavily on private contractors who fall outside the military courts martial system.

While the Blackwater name may be removed from security operations surrounding U.S. diplomats in Iraq, American officials and members of the security community in Baghdad said the company's men and other assets in Iraq would likely be taken over by one of the many security companies currently working in Iraq.

GOP staffers advised to get immunized

Associated Press

RALEIGH — It got the GOP's engines revving — a Democratic official suggesting staffers get immunized for several diseases before heading south from Washington and into the Red State wilds of NASCAR country to conduct research at a pair of races.

The reaction on both sides illustrates just how valuable candidates for elected office consider the votes of NASCAR fans who pack grandstands by the thousands every weekend and the donations of business leaders who spend millions to sponsor the sport.

It started last month, when an offi-

cial with the House Committee on Homeland Security suggested that staff aides get immunizations before visiting health facilities at Alabama's Talladega Superspeedway and North Carolina's Lowe's Motor Speedway, where the Bank of America 500 was run Saturday.

In an e-mail, a staffer who works for committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., noted an "unusual need for whomever attending to be vaccinated against hepatitis A and B," as well as "the more normal things — tetanus, diphtheria, and of course, seasonal influenza."

The note didn't explain why the committee saw such concern. It didn't mention NASCAR or the races at the

tracks at all. But the implication was enough to draw a snarky complaint from Republican Rep. Robin Hayes, whose district includes Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"I have never heard of immunizations for domestic travel, and ... I feel compelled to ask why the heck the committee feels that immunizations are needed to travel to my hometown," wrote Hayes.

Thompson responded to Hayes that such immunizations are "are recommended for public safety professionals working in areas such as hospitals, holding areas and similar locations." But the staffers were only scheduled to visit a few health care facilities — not work at them.

Federal government to review boot camp death

Authorities announce they will investigate acquittal of seven guards, nurse in manslaughter case

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Seven former juvenile boot camp guards and a nurse had barely processed an all-white jury's decision to acquit them in a black teenager's death before federal authorities announced they would review the case.

Since jurors on Friday acquitted them of manslaughter charges, federal prosecutors likely would have to try another tactic, such as seeking an indictment alleging obstruction of justice, legal experts said.

"It's too early to say that the final chapter has been written with respect to the criminal justice system in this case," said Kendall Coffey, a former U.S.

attorney in Miami.

Florida civil rights leaders called for federal charges hours after a jury took 90 minutes to exonerate the eight in state court in the death of Martin Lee Anderson, 14.

By Friday evening, officials from the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tallahassee announced they were reviewing the state's prosecution.

Anderson died Jan. 6, 2006, a day after being hit and kicked by the guards as the nurse watched after he collapsed while running laps. The 30-minute confrontation was videotaped.

The altercation drew protests

in the state capital and marked the end of Florida's system of juvenile boot camps.

Defense attorneys argued that the camp workers were using accepted tactics and that the boy died because of a pre-existing medical condition.

Coffey said state prosecutors might have laid a foundation for their federal counterparts to seek an obstruction charge by grilling the eight about inconsistencies and omissions in their written accounts of the last conscious moments of Anderson's life when they testified last week.

But lawyer Bob Sombathy, who represented ex-guard Patrick Garrett, said he doubted a federal prosecution would be

successful. Sombathy said the state trial showed the medical findings are on the side of the defendants.

"With a 90-minute verdict after a three-week trial (in the state case), it would be the same result," he said.

Ashley Benedik, defense attorney for nurse Kristin Schmidt, said the federal government might not bring charges.

"To a certain extent there was more at stake for the state, there was more of a public outcry," she said.

At a vigil in the impoverished neighborhood where Anderson grew up, community leaders appealed for calm in the wake of the verdict, which they said was affected by Circuit Judge

Michael Overstreet's decision to hold the trial in Panama City, where the boot camp was located.

"This is not the end of it. We can take it to a higher court and I hope it will be taken to a higher court," said Panama City Commissioner Jonathan Wilson.

Laurie Levenson, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said she was not surprised the guards were acquitted by a "hometown jury." Nor would it surprise her if the federal government stepped in, she said.

"This is the very type of case you would expect the Justice Department to take a very close look at, just like the Rodney King case," Levenson said.

Bush argues against protectionist policies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alarmed by slipping support for free trade even among Republicans, President Bush is arguing that protectionism will cut Americans out of chances for more — and better — jobs.

Bush has launched a blitz on behalf of pending free trade pacts with four nations. He continued the push Saturday in his weekly radio address.

"More exports support better and higher-paying jobs," the president said. "And to keep our economy expanding, we need to keep expanding trade."

His radio address followed a speech on trade he delivered Friday in Miami. Bush also granted interviews this week to business-oriented news organizations.

Since Democrats took control of Congress in January, it has not approved any free trade agreements that the administration has negotiated, and it has allowed Bush's authority to negotiate future deals under expedited procedures to expire.

Before lawmakers now are agreeing with Peru and Panama, considered likely to pass, and with Colombia and South Korea, both seen as precarious. The deal with Colombia is in trouble over human rights issues and there is strong opposition to the South Korea agreement because of barriers erected by Seoul to keep out U.S. autos and beef.

The administration already has reached agreement with Democrats to include tougher language on protecting work-

er rights and the environment. But critics say five consecutive years of record U.S. trade deficits have played a major role in the loss of more than 3 million manufacturing jobs since Bush took office in 2001.

"I know many Americans feel uneasy about new competition and worry that trade will cost jobs," Bush said. "So the federal government is providing substantial funding for trade adjustment assistance that helps Americans make the transition from one job to the next. We are working to improve federal job-training programs. And we are providing strong support for America's community colleges, where people of any age can go to

learn new skills for a better, high-paying career."

He said the deals would level the playing field for American businesses and farmers, many of which now face high tariffs on exported products while other countries enjoy relatively open access to U.S. markets. And he argued that freer trade with allies serves "America's security and moral interests" around the globe.

"Expanding trade will help our economy grow," Bush said. "So I call on Congress to act quickly and get these agreements to my desk."

After spending Friday in Florida talking trade and raising money for the Republican Party, Bush flew to Texas for a weekend stay at his ranch. He travels Monday to Rogers, Ark., for a speech on the budget and to Memphis to raise money to help Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., in his re-election bid. The president returns to Washington Monday evening.

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IN BRIEF

FDA to launch drug research center

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration is moving with unprecedented speed to launch a drug research center to be paid for by companies it regulates.

The goal of the Reagan-Udall Foundation, approved by Congress and signed into law late last month, is to streamline and improve the development of drugs and medical devices, a goal long sought by regulators and the biggest players in the industry, such as Merck & Co., Pfizer Inc., Wyeth, GlaxoSmithKline PLC, and Johnson & Johnson.

At a time when the FDA's reputation has been battered by perceptions that it is lax on some safety issues and too cozy with drug makers, consumer advocates say the loosely defined partnership increases the agency's vulnerability to industry clout despite its promise of groundbreaking success. It's an ambitious undertaking that puts regulators and companies in a relationship unlike that of any other industry.

Senators push to create disaster fund

WASHINGTON — Senators from the Plains states are trying to persuade colleagues to create a permanent disaster fund for farmers despite objections from some farm state senators, environmentalists and the White House.

Proponents have found a way to include \$5 billion in the Senate's version of the farm bill to reimburse growers for weather-related crop losses.

While politically popular in Plains states, the issue is troubling to some environmental and farm groups that would like the money for other needs.

"The real issue here is what is the government's responsibility?" said Ken Cook, head of the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy group that has opposed the aid. "You are squeezing out the opportunity to invest in other things."

Cook says the money would go to drought-prone states, such as the Dakotas and Montana, that already get millions in farm subsidies.

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, wrote the disaster legislation. It was approved by his committee Oct. 4 to be part of the farm bill.

Group criticizes Pink campaign

Some say 'cause marketing' unethically benefitting companies, charities

Associated Press

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — October used to be shrouded in black and orange, but in recent years, pink has nudged into the palette.

It seems just about every product you can buy — from Indianapolis Colts mini-helmets to M&M candies, from Avaya phone faceplates to Yoplait yogurt — is available in pink, or at least pink packaging, as part of a promotion to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research.

The companies say the "cause marketing" campaigns do good for the world — and they're not bad for sales, either.

It may sound like an idea that's hard to argue with, but all the pink has some people seeing red.

"Pink Ribbons, Inc.," a book published last year by Samantha King, a professor at Queen's University in Ontario, found fault with the way corporate sponsorship has put the emphasis in finding a cure rather than figuring out why the cancer rate is so high.

And for five years now, the San Francisco-based group Breast Cancer Action, which bills itself as the "bad girls of breast cancer," has been running an anti-pink product campaign called "Think Before You Pink."

The group's executive director, Barbara Brenner, a breast cancer survivor who never wears a pink ribbon herself, says that in many cases corporate images get what she calls a "pinkwash" while the cause gets nominal donations.

"Awareness, we don't need any more of," she said. "We have plenty of awareness. The question is what we do now."

The pink sales campaigns are probably the biggest



Breast cancer survivor Iris Tolley dons this pink ribbon pin. Such pink products have come under scrutiny, as makers and charities have benefitted greatly from sales.

and best-known efforts in the world of "cause marketing," where companies team up with charities with the aim of bringing in more money for both.

Apple Inc. sells red iPods as part of the big (PRODUCT) RED effort of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Build-A-Bear Workshop Inc. sells a stuffed giraffe whose proceeds support the World Wildlife Federation. Then, there's Newman's Own, the food company that

gives its profits to various causes.

The first blockbuster cause marketing campaign came in 1983, when American Express Co. announced it would contribute money to restoring Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty based on how much its customers charged.

Applications for the card spiked, card use peaked, and \$1.7 million was raised.

And corporate America had a new sales pitch. "It

focused a lot of attention that you could motivate consumers by appealing to the best in them," said David Hessekiel, president of Cause Marketing Forum, a Rye, N.Y., company that puts on workshops about cause marketing.

In 1982, the Dallas-based foundation now known as Susan G. Komen for the Cure began trying to get attention for breast cancer, a deadly and common disease that wasn't much talked about.

Google thrives without pricey ads

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Like a gourmet chef who rarely eats out, Google Inc. feeds advertising services to hordes of other businesses while skimping on its own marketing.

The recipe has been extremely fruitful. While the Internet search leader has sold more than \$30 billion in advertising since 2001, Google has become a household name without buying expensive ad campaigns on television or radio or in print.

"It's almost as if they have this cultural allergy to advertising," said Mark Hughes, author of "Buzzmarketing," a book about unconventional ways to build a brand. "It has been an advantage because it has helped keep them cool. They have zigged while everyone else has been zagging."

This advertising aversion has freed up money for engineers, computing hardware and other resources that

fuel Google's search engine while leaving plenty of profit to keep shareholders happy and lift the company's stock ever higher.

Some marketing experts view Google as the archetype of an Internet-driven age that has made it possible for startups like YouTube, MySpace and Facebook to permeate pop culture with little or no advertising.

That's a change from the dot-com boom era in 1999 and 2000 when Internet entrepreneurs went broke paying for Super Bowl ads and other theatrics in a mostly fruitless effort to stand out from the rest of the crowd.

Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin were among the first to break that free-spending mold, deciding that advertising didn't make a lot of sense for a company that started out 1998 with just \$100,000 before raising \$25 million in venture capital a year later. But they have remained marketing misers even as Google

accumulated a cash hoard that now stands at \$12.5 billion.

The Mountain View-based company believes its austere approach will become more common as major advertisers learn to deploy technology to target consumers.

"We are at an inflection point that could radically change the way marketing is done," said David Lawee, who became Google's marketing chief a year ago.

More than 300,000 advertisers already rely on Google's online marketing platform, which primarily shows text-based ads on the search engine's results pages and other online destinations.

Google tries to deliver those ads to the people who are most likely to be interested in the messages, making an educated guess based on the words used in a search request as well as information gathered about visitors' past preferences and Web surfing patterns.

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MYANMAR

Regime ravages environment

Military government exploits wildlife and forests for a quick profit

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Truckloads of illegal timber cross the Myanmar border to sawmills in China, while markets along the Thai border openly sell bear paws, tiger skins and elephant tusks.

Further inland, the repressive military regime plans to dam one of Asia's purest rivers, and allows gold and gem mines to tear up hillsides and pollute groundwater for quick cash.

Myanmar has become notorious in the region for ignoring international and its own environmental laws in a single-minded effort to make the money that environmentalists say helps keep the regime in power.

"They may have laws on the books but they mean extremely little," said Sean Turnell, an expert on the Myanmar economy with Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. "I would say environmental considerations mean zero to them. It wouldn't even enter their heads."

After decades of self-imposed isolation, the junta in the late 1980s began courting foreign investors with offers of stakes in gem mines, forest tracts and hydroelectric projects. Foreign investment allowed the regime to double its military to 400,000 soldiers while offering neighbors like China and Thailand access to cheap raw materials and energy to feed their growing economies.

A Myanmar government spokesman did not respond to a request for comment on its environmental record. Chinese government officials could not be reached for comment and Thailand denied its investment in Myanmar contributes to the country's environmental destruction.

Hardest hit in the rush to develop the country formerly named Burma have been its rivers and forests, environmentalists say.

Over the past decade, they say, two dozen dams have either been built or are scheduled to be built mostly with the help of Chinese and Thai firms. They accuse the government of uprooting tens of thousands of villagers to make way for the dams to provide electricity mostly to Thailand and China.

Among the planned dams are at least five on the Salween, which rises in Tibet and is considered one of Southeast Asia's last untamed rivers. A first dam is also planned on the Irrawaddy, which activists fear will result in the forced relocation of 10,000 villagers and the decimation of its shoreside fishing communities.

"This region is one of the world's biodiversity hot spots," said Naw La of the Kachin Development Networking Group, a coalition of environmental groups watching Myanmar. "If this dam is built on the Irrawaddy, the fish populations will decrease. A lot of people will be suffering because their livelihoods will disappear."

Along Myanmar's border with China, illegally felled timber is transported to China, according to the Britain-based group Global Witness. From there, it becomes flooring and furniture for European and American homes.

Global Witness said most of the logging takes place in an area described as "very possibly the most biodiverse, rich, temperate area on earth," home to red pandas, leopards and tigers.

About 95 percent of Myanmar's total timber exports to China are illegal, Global Witness said, costing its treasury \$250 million a year. Much of the profits go to

Chinese firms as well as regional military commanders and ethnic guerrilla groups, it said.

The borders along China and Thailand also are host to massive, unregulated markets that sell everything from illicit gems to animal parts. At the Tachileik market on the Thai border and Mong La market on the Chinese border, vendors openly sell tiger and leopard skins, bear paws, ivory and live turtles.

The markets are filled with Western tourists looking for souvenirs and Asia businessmen supplying traditional medicine and food markets in China and other Asian countries, activists said.

"Given the high demand and extent of the trade in Myanmar, many species will be lost," said Chris Shepherd, a senior program officer for conservation group Traffic. "Rhinos in Myanmar are probably already

extinct due to trade. Tigers are on a huge decline. Elephants are in huge decline. The list goes on and on."

Even the few environmental success stories in Myanmar seem to have a dark side.

The junta in 2001 created the world's largest tiger reserve in Hukaung Valley with help and funding from the U.S.-based Wildlife Conservation Society. It contains as many as 150 tigers — about a third of the total in Myanmar.

But the Kachin group says the junta has allowed widespread gold mining in the reserve. Three gold mines are polluting the rivers through the valley with mercury, cyanide and other chemicals, the group said in a report released this year.

"They may have laws on the books but they mean extremely little."

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CUBA

Castro talks to Chavez in first live appearance

Associated Press

HAVANA — Fidel Castro made his first live appearance on Cuban airwaves since falling ill 14 months ago, sounding lucid and in good humor as he exchanged praise and jokes Sunday with the Venezuelan president.

Castro's telephone call to a television and radio program came minutes after visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez aired a new videotape of their weekend meeting in which he sang revolutionary hymns to Castro and called him "father of all revolutionaries."

"I am very touched when you sing about Che," Castro told Chavez during his hour-long call to Chavez's "Alo, Presidente!" program — referring to revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara, to whom the program was dedicated.

"There is electricity in the air," Chavez said, obviously pleased with Castro's call.

Castro, who has not appeared in public since falling ill in July 2006, made his last live media appearance in February with a phone call to Chavez's radio program broadcast from Venezuela. But there was a half-hour delay before that program was broadcast in Cuba.

On the videotape, reportedly made during a meeting of more than four hours

Saturday afternoon, Chavez also gave Castro a painting he said he made while imprisoned in the early 1990s after leading a failed coup.

The dark-colored painting showed the bars of his cell and a night scene beyond, with a full red moon and a guard tower in the distance.

Castro told him he needed to sign his work. "No one knows the merit that this has, that you did this!"

Cuban state television was broadcasting Chavez's program live from Santa Clara, where the communist government last week commemorated the 40th anniversary of Guevara's death.

Chavez toured the museum below the towering statue of Guevara, which also contains a mausoleum housing Guevara's remains.

Earlier Sunday, Cuban state media released two new official photos of the men together, but provided no details about the ailing Cuban leader's health.

In both the video and the photographs, Castro wore the red, white and blue track suit that has become his typical dress during his convalescence. Both men sat in bamboo chairs at an undisclosed location. Although Castro looks older and his gray beard has thinned considerably, he appears lucid and animated as he thumbs through a copy of Guevara's "Bolivian Diary" and the pair discuss the revolutionary's life and legacy.

Both men seemed mindful that the leadership of Latin America's left is being passed from one generation to another, with Chavez calling Castro "the father of all revolutionaries in this America" in the video.

"Our father, who is in the water, earth and air," Chavez said in an almost religious tone that evoked the "Lord's Prayer."

"You will never die," Chavez told Castro. "You remain forever on this continent and with these nations, and this revolution ... is more alive today than ever, and Fidel, you know it, we will take charge of continuing to fan the flame."

The last official image of Castro was a photograph released late last month, showing him looking more robust than in some past pictures as he stood and greeted Angolan President Eduardo dos Santos.

Chavez has visited the 81-year-old Castro several times since the Cuban leader underwent emergency intestinal surgery in late July 2006 and ceded authority to his younger brother Raul.

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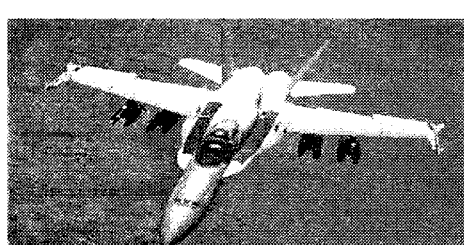
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Great Britain's decision last week to cut their troops in Iraq in half by spring raises questions about the composition of forces on the ground in Iraq.

The United Kingdom will decrease their deployment from 5,000 to 2,500 in the coming months, with the possibility of future reductions throughout 2008.

This move emphasizes again the role of outsourcing and contracting in the Iraq war: Private security guards now make up the second largest "force" in Iraq, and the British reductions only further cement the centrality of security firms.

The Pentagon estimates there are 60 private security firms with as many as 25,000 employees in Iraq (this is in addition to 100,000 civilian contractors working to rebuild the nation).

Last Thursday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates defended the decision of British officials to remove half of the 5,000 British troops in Iraq by spring. Gates, speaking in London, said that Britain remained "America's closest ally" and portrayed the British decision as a "joint agreement" with full consent and support of the U.S. He said the troop reduction and plans for the future size and role of British troops had been "closely worked out" with Gen. David Petraeus, the senior American commander in Iraq.

When announcing the halving of troops to the House of Commons last week, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown left open the possibility that all British soldiers might leave Iraq by the end of 2008.

This possibility of continuing reductions or the complete withdrawal of British troops was not addressed by Gates in London.

As British troops are sent home from Iraq and their number drops to 2,500, it is possible that the next year could see a single security firm with more troops on the ground than any nation besides the United States.

The current dominant firm in Iraq is Blackwater, a company that, according to an Oct. 1 report released by the House Committee on Oversight

and Government Reform has seen incredible growth since the start of the war.

The report stated: "Blackwater's government contracts have grown exponentially during the Bush Administration, particularly since the start of the war in Iraq. Blackwater went from having government contracts worth less than a million dollars in 2001 to contracts worth more than half a billion dollars in 2006."

In June 2004, Blackwater was authorized to have about 500 staff in Iraq. That number doubled in their 2006 contract with the State Department. The Dept. also simultaneously authorized two other companies, Triple Canopy and DynCorp, contracts to provide security in Iraq.

Blackwater, now the focus of investigations in both Baghdad and Washington following questions about civilian deaths in a Sept. 16 incident, leads firms in personnel on the ground. According to CEO Erik Prince, they maintain 1,000 operators in Iraq, primarily engaged in guarding U.S. diplomats. Triple Canopy has about 250 security guards in Iraq; DynCorp has just over 150.

It seems commercial mercenaries have become, at least numerically, our largest ally in the war in Iraq.

What does this say about the readiness of our non-hired allies — many of whom have already withdrawn troops, or, like the UK, begun major reduction plans — to continue to fight in Iraq?

How will the US continue to sustain a war that is straining forces in Iraq and separating soldiers from their families for overly extended periods?

Moreover, what do these numbers say about the character of our war in Iraq? The United States has been against the use of mercenaries since the Revolutionary War, when the British used 30,000 German Hessians to try to stop American forces.

By spring, there will be 2,500 British troops in Iraq, and about 1,500 privately-hired mercenary forces from Blackwater, Triple Canopy and DynCorp alone.

The Pentagon's increasing reliance on outsourcing military functions in Iraq raises important questions about accountability and the chain of com-

mand. These private guards are without the direction of the U.S. military, yet in 2004, an order signed by American officials exempted US personnel — including private security — from Iraqi law.

The Sept. 16 incident that left 17 Iraqi civilians dead has outraged the public and the government in Baghdad. The Iraqi government has demanded that the company be banned from operating in their country. Iraqi officials have stressed that in addition to the Sept. 16 shooting, Blackwater employees have been involved in six other episodes under investigation — all contributing to the civilian death count in Iraq.

The Iraqi government is also proposing a measure that would overturn the American order exempting Western private security companies.

The measure holds the companies and their personnel accountable when Iraqi law is breached and civilians are injured or killed by unnecessary shooting and violence.

The events following the Sept. 16 shooting indicate that the presence of private security firms like Blackwater is not making Iraq safer, but is serving instead to counteract progress made by the U.S. military and our diplomatic relations with the Iraqi government and its people.

It is unclear how the current questions over the Sept. 16 incident and the greater debate over the authority, regulation and accountability of private security forces in Iraq will be resolved. But as governments continue to pull out of Iraq and security on the ground does not improve, evidenced by increases in private security contracts, these issues must become a priority in the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department.

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Apologies for BC fans' poor behavior

Dear Notre Dame Marching Band,

As a Boston College student and so-called "Superfan," I would like to take this opportunity to apologize on behalf of Superfans everywhere to you, the band members, who were rudely showered with trash and food while playing in the stands during the second half of Saturday's game. I was sitting adjacent to the student section and was absolutely appalled by the classless actions of my fellow students. Again, I apologize to all the marching band members, fans, and everyone in attendance who was witness to this poor behavior.

Notre Dame football fans, for the majority of the time I was on your campus, you were welcoming and acted respectfully to me and my Boston College brethren, and your passion for the game is unflinching. I hope that as my Eagles continue to enjoy success, that we will conduct ourselves more like champions in the future.

Thank you for having us at your fine institution and I hope for a great game next year at The Heights.

Chad Johnson

senior

Boston College

Oct. 14

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You have been warned against letting the golden hours slip by. Yes, but some of them are golden only because we let them slip by."

James Barrie
novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arrogance about Boston College out of line

Elitist attitude disappointing

I am writing mainly in response to Matthew Quering's Oct. 11 letter ("More than football"), but on a broader scale: to anyone who is of the mindset that Boston College is below Notre Dame in any way, whether it's football or academics.

To say that Boston College is "inferior to us across the board" on the basis that "many students there applied here and weren't accepted" is one of the most arrogant attitudes I've heard or seen written. All I can say to your notion that Notre Dame's history, stature and tradition is somehow superior to any other institution is this: Get off your high four horsemen. As a transfer student to Notre Dame in my sophomore year, I was one of those "students that applied here but weren't accepted," and it disappoints me to find that part of the Notre Dame community that I live with, go to class with and call home apparently looks down on me as "inferior," or at least they did for the one year that I wasn't accepted here.

Yes, it might be true that many Catholic universities across the country have a high percentage of students who applied to Notre Dame but were not chosen for admission. While this might come as a wake up call to some Notre Dame students, this does not doom them to certain failure. President Lyndon Johnson, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and the current mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, are just a few examples of the countless number of

people who attended Catholic universities that aren't Notre Dame. Our own President, Father John Jenkins, attended Creighton for a time, but it would be impolite to say he was "inferior" for going to a "lesser school," wouldn't it? As a student who attended a Catholic university not named Notre Dame for a time, I looked at Notre Dame students as what I aspired to be, not as people who were superior to me.

US News and World Report currently puts Notre Dame at No. 19 on its list of top national universities. Regardless of how accurate these rankings are, if you want to say Notre Dame is the best and all other institutions are inferior, that's fine. Just be prepared to put your nose to the grindstone until Notre Dame is No. 1 in every category and in every facet of this institution. Until then, take a step back, and realize that academic communities like Notre Dame build off other institutions and we don't prosper by believing ourselves to be superior to others.

Instead we should (and do) work together with other Catholic universities, including (gasp) Boston College. Both Notre Dame and Boston College are exceptional academic and athletic institutions that deserve the respect of those that graduate from their hallowed halls.

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Don't be too prideful

After reading Matt Quering and Andrew Checcas letters ("More than football," Oct. 11, "Act like we've been there before," Oct. 11), I hope the arrogant and elitist attitudes they express are not representative of the greater Notre Dame student body. There's nothing wrong with having pride in Notre Dame, both the football team and the University, but Matt and Andrew: You're taking it too far. Have you ever met any Michigan fans? That's who you sound like. We're not Michigan. So stop it!

Class, humility, and respect are inherent qualities of a Notre Dame team. Believe it or not, these things actually can coexist with school spirit and winning football games. When it comes to respect, Boston College has earned it. Based on the season thus far, BC has a far better football team than Notre Dame does. Boston College is also an excellent academic institution, and while it may be true that many of its students were rejected admission to Notre Dame, I've met enough brilliant transfer students to know that our admissions department doesn't always get things right.

When it comes to the debate over rushing the field, I honestly don't understand how Notre Dame's academic superiority to Boston College is even relevant. By Matt and Andrew's logic, we shouldn't rush the field against USC, LSU, or Florida (if we were ever to play the latter two at home) because they are inferior academic institutions. I guess I'll look for you on the field after Duke, Matt.

Lastly, why are we even debating whether to rush the field anyway? Running onto the field after a victory should be a spontaneous expression of celebration contingent upon the course the game has taken, not a planned event. If we take Matt Ryan out in the first quarter and win the game by two touchdowns, I wouldn't be so eager to rush the field. But if we kick a game-winning field goal as the clock runs out, I'd storm the field without hesitation, even if we were playing an 18th ranked Boston College team instead of a fourth ranked team.

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Oct. 11

'Tastes Like Failure' a failure

I am writing in light of the recent "Tastes Like Failure" comic strip that was unfortunately published on Oct. 10. I know you are probably getting flooded with letters regarding the subject, which, I must say, I am proud of.

What I am not proud of, however, are the two students who took it upon themselves to publish such an insulting article. As I'm sure you may know, as a Saint Mary's student, I feel the need to defend this wonderful school. This is an establishment full of smart, independent, strong-willed, intelligent and intellectual women. We are well aware of the long-standing joke that Saint Mary's women are stupid,

slutty and cheap. Let me take this opportunity to say that this joke can easily be proved wrong.

In each of my classes, when we are encouraged to debate and discuss (bear in mind most of us are freshmen), there is no hesitation in sharing our opinion, analyzing a piece of literature or debating on the best way to solve a calculus equation. I have only been at this school for two months, and I must say that I have no idea how the stupid, slutty stereotype got started.

Perhaps the writers of "Tastes Like Failure" should spend a week on the Saint Mary's campus, talk to a multitude of students from different years

and backgrounds, and then perhaps re-examine why they chose to publish that comic strip. I hope that every letter you and they receive in response to that heinous comic "tastes like failure" because that's all they should taste, and they should be ashamed of themselves if they are proud of this failure. Give Saint Mary's the recognition the school, faculty and students deserve.

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Hypocrisy not helping Saint Mary's image

As I rode the beloved Transpo Shuttle this weekend, I heard it referenced many times with a fun little play on words: "Oh the Shuttle's late again." I love the shuttle, and am thankful for the free transportation that is provided to us, and more importantly, I get a real kick out of pulling the cord when it's time to get off at my destination.

Any weekend night, you can see individuals waiting at the designated stops dressed to impress (or not), who eagerly anticipate the shuttle's arrival for their designated dorms on either campus. We're loud and crazy girls just looking for some fun, so the ride is pure entertainment. Let's face it, it's an all around great time. This is college. Embrace it.

A great proportion of students (both male and female) utilize the shuttle. I will be the first to admit that I have been known to use the preferred slang name, and it's pretty apparent that others use it as well. Why is it such a big deal if other students use those words, or play on other aspects of this idea? By making "sluttle" a common term in our collegiate weekend vocabulary, it leads others to assume we are fine with references of "sleaziness" and other associated negative terminology.

Really, in short, stop being hypocrites, ladies of Saint Mary's! Sometimes we

bring it on ourselves. The Observer cartoons are meant to be comical. If anything, they should highlight the artistic and creative abilities of our student community. These comics range on a variety of subjects and take a fun poke at just about everyone. As your mother probably told you, "Sticks and stones can break your bones but words can never hurt you." There are more important things to be focusing our energy on, including recycling, saving Darfur, or even supporting our football team.

Let's stop bringing negativity on ourselves, and then maybe things can change. Words and references do not define character — actions define character. If we are the strong, independent women of Saint Mary's that we claim to be, our characters should exemplify that and no words, no matter how insulting, should shake the foundation of our character. So, this weekend, get all jazzed up, use the "sluttle" and learn to take things with a grain of salt.

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Fall Weather Arrives at Notre Dame

JARED WAFER | Observer Graphic

On Thursday morning, the students of Notre Dame woke up to something quite unfamiliar: A temperature of below 60 degrees. Ironically, it is the middle of October, where such temperatures are usually expected. This year, however, Notre Dame has enjoyed (or abhorred, depending on what kind of person you are) record-high 80 and 90 degree weather well into autumn.

Kaitlin Spillane

Scene Writer

Flip-flops, skirts, shorts, and tank tops have been worn well beyond the time they were expected to be retired into the recesses of our closets. On North and South quads, resourceful female students were able to accomplish both homework and tanning at the same time even into the late days of September. And those who live in the wonderful dorms without air conditioning were griping and comparing their rooms to ovens right up until last week.

But now, it appears the reality of South Bend weather has caught up to us.

To be sure, the newfound coolness has its benefits. Residents of older dorms no longer have to blow fuses in

their rooms because so many fans are blasting. A leisurely walk across campus no longer results in a sweat equivalent to that gained by running five laps around a track. And truly, Notre Dame is at its most beautiful on a crisp fall day.

The disadvantage of this suddenly cool weather is just that—it is SUD-DEN. Waking up to a cold rainy day after weeks of sunshine and heat is discomfiting. Moreover, though the temperature these past few days has not been THAT cold, in comparison to 90 degrees, 45 feels like freezing.

The change in garb of the student body reflects the suddenness of the change in weather. Ugg boots, North Faces, pea coats, and scarves have already made an appearance on campus (though a few toughened souls still continue to wear merely shorts and T-shirts).

Many students on their way to a morning class look more like they are on their way to an Arctic trek than to anthropology in the Hesburgh Library. A fellow student, after observing a girl

with boots up to her knees and an oversized jacket, said: "It's only October! Where do you go from there?" Is it true that our extra-long summer weather has now made us too cold too easily?

Perhaps it is the promise of what comes AFTER the fall that makes us want to bundle up with five layers and tug on those winter boots. Come

November and December, we here at Notre Dame will be treated to harsh winds, freezing rains, and, very likely, snow. So for now, hard as it may be, let us appreciate the cool winds and the 40 degree mornings. Let us not take for

granted the beauty of the Notre Dame campus before all the leaves fall off the trees and our psychotic squirrel friends go into hibernation.

Let us embrace the fall—because, finally, it has arrived.

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Matchbox Mediocrity: Band returns with run-of-the-mill effort

JARED WAFER | Observer Graphic

By JAMES COSTA
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Matchbox Twenty is back.

The band that sold about 40 million records since 1996 and piled up quite the laundry list of hits such as "Real World," "3 A.M.," "Bent," "If You're Gone" and "Back 2 Good" has released a two disc package. It features a fresh set of six new songs on one disc and an 11-track greatest hits disc with on the other.

Many fans had immediate reservations after hearing about the two disc idea. For one thing, the band maintains

that this is not the end of the road. Yet if this were true, there would be no reason to release a greatest hits record after only three full studio releases.

Upon buying the record, it feels almost obnoxious to pick up a CD titled, "Exile on Mainstream" and realizing the obvious pun on the Rolling Stones' "Exile on Main Street" album. Further cemented in the minds of listeners is the idea that MB20 is quite content to forever be the lesser version of another band and another sound.

The new disc of songs carries no tune particularly original or groundbreaking. All six tracks could have been stuck onto one of the band's three earlier releases and no one would have noticed.

For the first time in the band's history, Rob Thomas is not the only person writing the songs. Instead, all writing credit is given to Matchbox Twenty as a band, with Thomas receiving no singular acknowledgment. At first, this seems like an interesting concept. Then, the songs start playing and it's pretty clear that perhaps the whole "sharing responsibility" song-writing philosophy of the band was a bad idea.

Certain tracks including "I'll Believe You When" and "All Your Reasons" are clearly damaged by the band's new spirit of collaboration. Rather than let Thomas' voice shine, the songs sound cluttered and force Thomas to sing above the clamor. It's busy music and it's just not that good.

Most hardcore MB20 fans will say they love the new stuff. They'll say the band is turning new corners and reaching new heights. But the thing is, the band just isn't getting any better. After a few years off and Thomas' solo success in the rear-view mirror, it seems stuck right back in 2000.

Little of the raw energy and excitement felt in 1996's "Yourself or Someone Like You" is apparent in the six new tracks released with Exile, while the songs would at best be considered mediocre if found on the band's 2000 album "Mad Season."

The band's first single on "Exile" is the catchy pseudo-anthem "How Far We've Come." It isn't bad. The song has a little bit of the anger and emotion so dearly associated with vintage Matchbox, except that it's overproduced

and slightly too poppy. The lyrics don't contain the powerful and personal effect that Matchbox's most enduring songs did, instead opting for the exaggeratedly extreme words, "Waking up at the start of the end of the world/ But it's feeling just like every other morning before/ Now I wonder what my life is gonna mean when it's gone." We all know Thomas and friends can't really be serious with this stuff. It's all just a little too much.

One of the few highlights out of the new songs is the album closer "Can't Let You Go." Blending elements of old and new Matchbox into a musical reality that actually feels like it's making something new, the song is a pleasure to hear. Interestingly, it also serves to rescue a six-song disc that would otherwise be way too easy to pan.

The band plans to tour this winter in support of "Exile." You should go with the hopes that they'll play music the way they used to, with the emotion that they never should have lost.

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Exile on Mainstream

Matchbox Twenty

Released by: Atlantic

Recommended Tracks: "How Far We've Come," "Can't Let You Go"



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Boston College 27, Notre Dame 14

Soaring eagles

Turkovich's holding penalty nullifies touchdown, halts Irish comeback bid

By CHRIS DOYEN
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Notre Dame's offense and special teams failed to move the ball against Boston College, costing the Irish the field position battle and, ultimately, the game.

The Irish defense held its own against one of the top teams in the country, but fifth-year quarterback Matt Ryan led the Eagles to four touchdowns — including three that began on the Irish 11-yard line, 41-yard line and 29-yard line — en route to a 27-14 victory.

Ryan finished 32-of-49 passing with two touchdowns and an interception, easily out-dueling the Irish quarterback duo of Jimmy Clausen and Evan Sharpley.

Clausen and Sharpley combined to complete only 18-of-49 passes (36.7 percent), and Clausen threw two interceptions, including a back-breaker on the first offensive play of the second half for the Irish. Clausen was so ineffective that Irish coach Charlie Weis benched him after he threw an interception to Eagles defensive back Tyrone Pruitt at the beginning of the second half.

"I told [Clausen] I'd give him the first drive of the second half to see what he had, and he came up and threw that early pick," Weis said. "I just felt at that time a fresh Evan was the way to go. He gave us a spark and came out and made some plays."

Notre Dame's inability to generate a consistent offense pressured the Irish defense, which suffered as a result of Boston College's short fields throughout the game.

The Irish defense allowed only one touchdown on an Eagles drive that began in Boston College territory, and that came on the first drive of the game. On the other possessions, the Irish defense forced five punts and three failed fourth down conversions, and it blocked a field goal.

The Eagles also threw one interception on a drive that started in their own territory. Ryan threw a pass that Irish linebacker Brian Smith picked off, taking it 25 yards for a touchdown — cutting Boston College's lead to 20-14.

"Brian Smith is going to be a very, very good football player," Weis said. "He's on the

rise, and that arrow is pointing straight up for him."

After the touchdown, the Irish were flagged for an excessive celebration penalty that forced the Irish to kick off from their own 15-yard line.

"I don't think the referees were too upset when the team that was on the field was partying," Weis said. "It's when the other guys came on the field and got involved in it. And I don't blame the officials for calling it. We need to do a better job of controlling ourselves, and you know, that one falls on me."

The penalty further hurt the Irish field position because the ensuing kickoff only went to the Eagles 38 — which was Weis' intention. But Eagles fullback Brad Newman took the kick to the Irish 44.

"We sky-kicked it thinking we were going to kick it to their up back, which is who we kicked it to, and then we'd be able to get the ball on about the 40 yard line," Weis said. "But now the kid catches the ball, makes a couple guys miss, gets an extra, whatever, 15, 20 yards, whatever he got. If he catches the ball we're now on the minus-40, you would have considered it a successful play."

Boston College took the short field and turned it into six points on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Ryan to wide receiver Kevin Challenger to go back up by two scores.

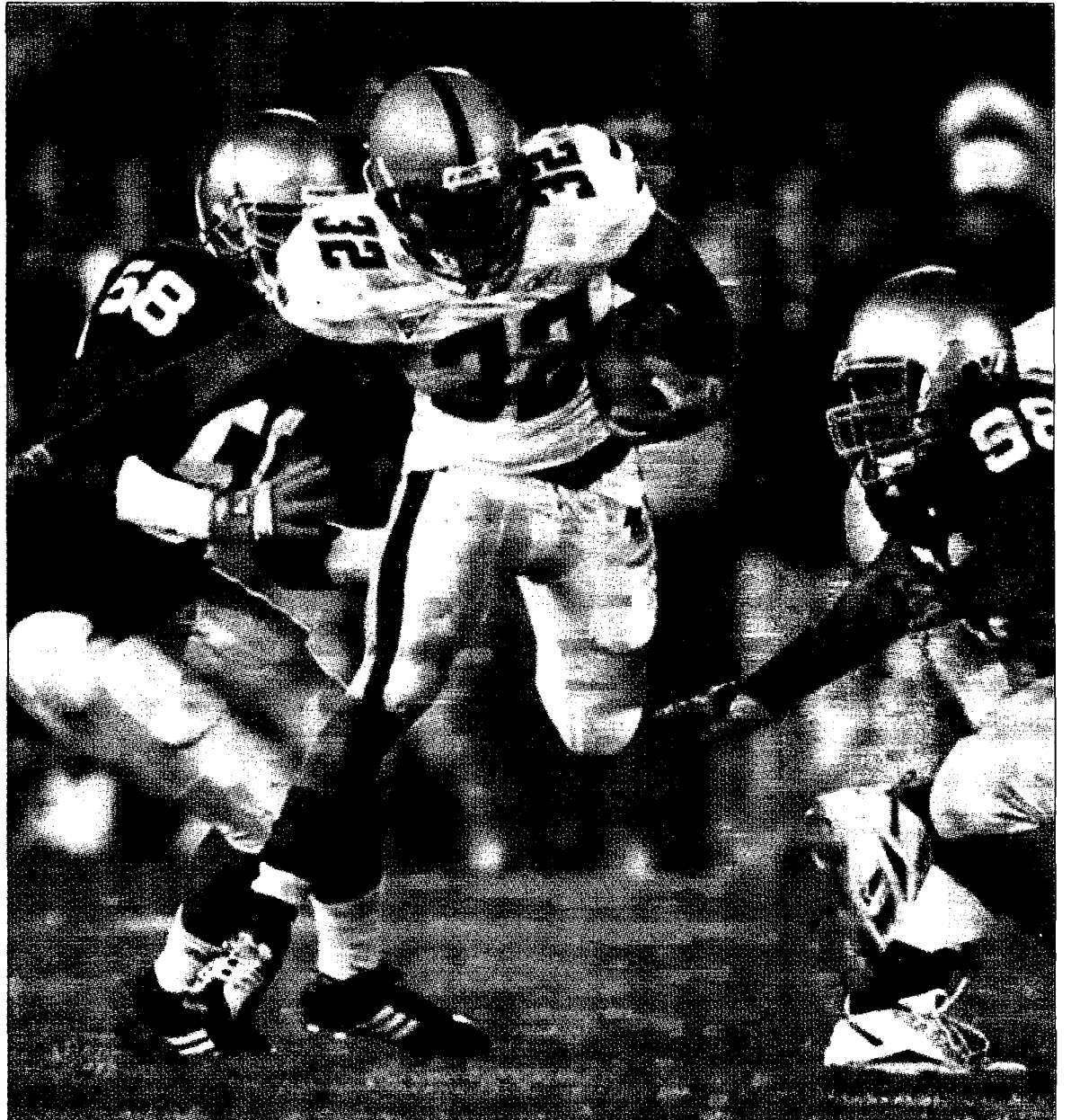
"It was huge to come back and score especially after you throw an interception and it goes for six. You want to come back out and keep fighting and we went down and did that," Ryan said. "The guys stepped up and Kevin Challenger on that touchdown pass had phenomenal timing on his route and then made a guy miss and just did a great job."

Special teams play also hurt the Irish in the field position battle when punter Geoff Price bent down to pick up a bad snap from long snapper J. J. Jansen and let his knee touch the ground, downing him at the Irish 42-yard line.

"That's uncharacteristic of J.J. because I'd say he's easily bull's eyed when it comes to snapping," Weis said.

The Irish did have some highlights in the loss, mostly coming in the third quarter.

Even though the Irish never had the field position advantage the Eagles had, Sharpley



Eagles running back Andre Callender runs past Irish linebacker Brian Smith and Irish defensive end Trevor Laws during Notre Dame's 27-14 loss to Boston College Saturday.

led Notre Dame on a seven-play, 79-yard touchdown drive that took only 59 seconds.

Sharpley was 4-of-7 on the drive for 64 yards. The Eagles defense helped the drive along with a roughing the passer penalty that turned a 3rd and 10 into a 1st down. Sharpley connected with Parris twice, including a 28-yard gain on third down and a 19-yard touchdown pass. Parris — who got more playing time as a result of the injury to David Grimes — was targeted more frequently with Sharpley in the game, but Parris warned against reading too much into that.

"When [Sharpley] was in, I was open," Parris said. "A quarterback change doesn't affect how everyone else plays. It's not really a good or bad thing."

Parris and Smith's touchdowns brought the Irish within one score before the excessive celebration penalty.

Down two scores, the Irish appeared to convert a third down on Sharpley's scramble and desperation pass to tight end John Carlson, but an official replay overturned the call, giving the Irish fourth-and-one on the Boston College 13. Weis called a play-action fake that worked well, and Sharpley found Parris open in the end zone again.

But the play was voided by a holding penalty on guard Michael Turkovich, and the Irish failed to convert the ensuing fourth down try.

Parris said the emotions after the play were very difficult.

"I went from the highest high to the lowest low," Parris

said. "It was the perfect play call, but that's just an unfortunate event that happens sometimes."

Sharpley said that even though the penalty is difficult, he still understands that things like that are part of the game.

"That's football," Sharpley said. "It's disappointing when you have success and then it's taken away from you. Those things happen, though."

After the game, Sharpley said that he did not care about any personnel questions and that the team only had one thing on his mind.

"We want to win," he said. "That's all anybody wants this year. I think that's the most frustrating part right now."

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player of the game

Andre Callender

The Eagles running back was a force in the passing and running games, rushing for 90 yards, receiving for 91 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

stat of the game

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Consecutive times the Irish have lost to Boston College. The last time Notre Dame beat the Eagles was Nov. 11, 2000 at Notre Dame.

play of the game

Michael Turkovich's holding penalty On a fourth-and-one for Notre Dame at the Boston College 13-yard line negated an Evan Sharpley touchdown pass to Robby Parris that cut the score to 27-20.

quote of the game

"It's good to see that we're still trying to go for it as opposed to just totally taking a dive the other way."

Trevor Laws
Irish defensive end

report card

- C-** **quarterbacks:** Clausen and Sharpley combined for 18-of-49 passing for only 195 yards, one touchdown — by Sharpley — and two interceptions — both by Clausen.
- B** **running backs:** Aldridge started strong but sat out most of the game injured. Allen, Hughes and Thomas did well in relief picking up blitzes. Schwapp had the best game of his career.
- D** **receivers:** The receivers dropped five passes Saturday and often failed to find space. Parris had a good day with 94 yards, but Kamara and West did not do enough to make up for Grimes' injury.
- C-** **offensive line:** The line continued to show signs of improvement, giving both quarterbacks time in the pocket, but suffered from needless flags and another bad snap out of the shotgun.
- B** **defensive line:** Kuntz and Laws had great games again. Laws blocked a field goal, and Kuntz deflected his seventh pass of the season while getting at least some pressure on Ryan.
- B-** **linebackers:** Crum basically sat out, but Brockington, Smith and Neal elevated their games in support — including Smith's first touchdown. Vernaglia and Ryan continue to struggle.
- C+** **defensive backs:** The secondary had its worst game so far, but against the best opposing quarterback it has faced. Ryan's completion percentage is misleading because of the screens the Eagles ran.
- D+** **special teams:** Zbikowski and Allen had some good returns, but another missed field goal, poor kickoffs and Jansen's bad snap cost the Irish crucial field position.
- C** **coaching:** Notre Dame did not come out ready for this game, but adjustments kept it close. Weis pulled Clausen for Sharpley in the second half, while Brown righted the rush defense.
- 2.07** **overall:** Notre Dame had its chances throughout the game, but mistakes from the players and the coaches kept the upset just out of reach.

adding up the numbers

Yards Boston College lost on 15 penalties. The Irish had 7 infractions for 64 yards. **131**

2 Sacks Notre Dame allowed Saturday. The Irish have allowed an NCAA-worst 34 sacks for 243 yards this season.

Field goals Notre Dame has made on seven attempts. Freshman Brandon Walker is 4-for-6 and Sophomore Nate Whittaker is 0-for-1. **4**

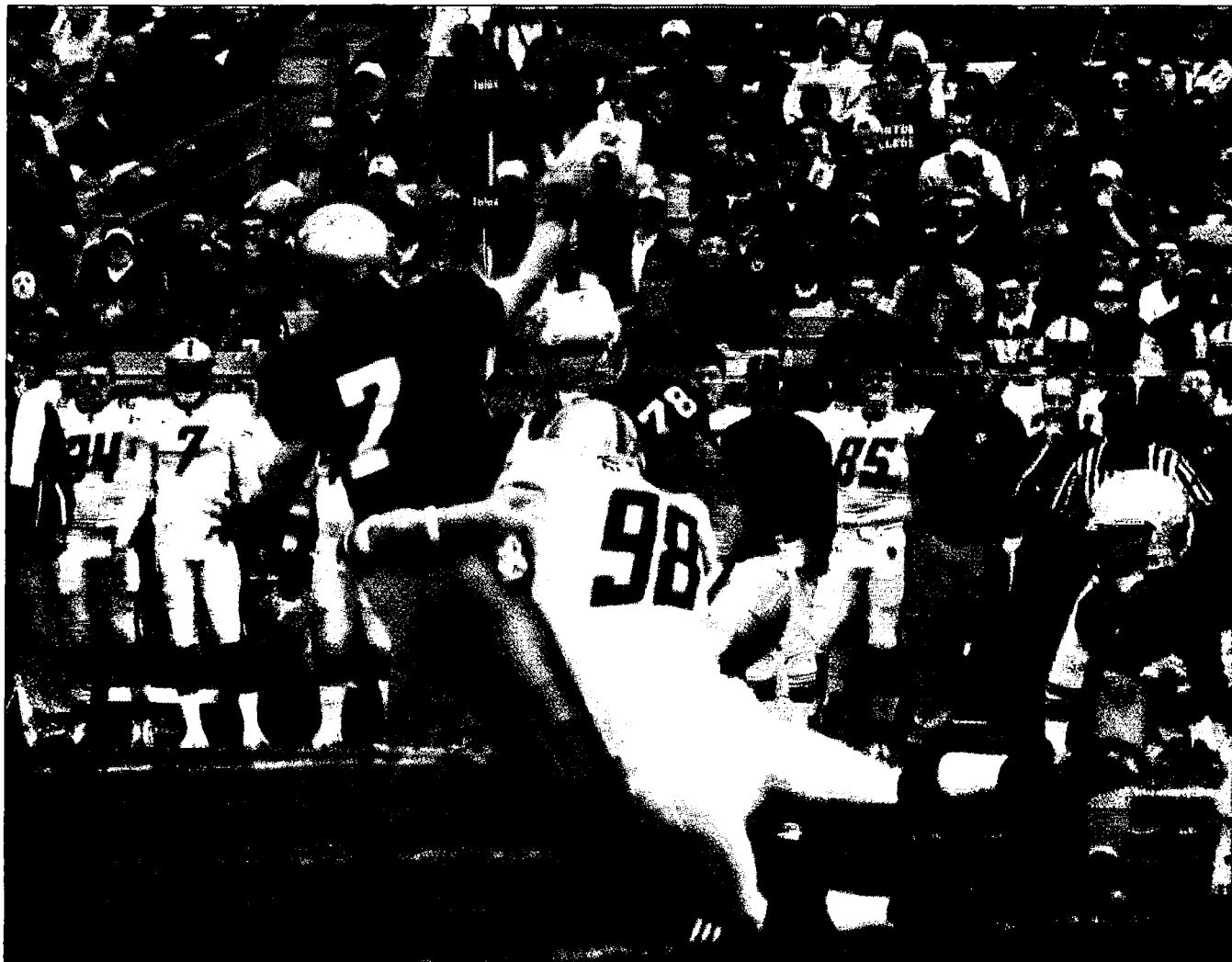
21:16 Time of possession for Boston College in the second half. The Irish held the ball for 8:44.

Notre Dame's ranking in pass defense so far this season, out of 119 Football Bowl Subdivision teams. **14**

225 Rushing yards Notre Dame has gained this season on 220 carries, including sacks.

Pass breakups from Irish nose tackle Pat Kuntz. Kuntz has seven on the season. **1**

1 Plays Notre Dame ran from the shotgun. Irish center John Sullivan snapped the ball over quarterback Jimmy Clausen's head.



Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws the ball away while Eagles defensive end Alex Albright wraps him up. Irish coach Charlie Weis replaced Clausen in the second half with quarterback Evan Sharpley.

ND did more to lose Saturday

Boston College did almost everything it could to lose Saturday's game. Notre Dame did a little more.

The Eagles did their part to create another historic game in the upset-laden rivalry between Notre Dame and Boston College by committing 15 penalties and squandering multiple scoring opportunities. An upset, however, requires more than a sub-par performance from the favored team. The underdog must perform above expectations. Unfortunately, for Notre Dame, it had another game typical of its season. The offense did not develop a running game, freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen struggled and the defense gave up 459 yards.

But even with all that, Boston College let the Irish stick around.

The Eagles quickly drove down the field in their first drive to take a 6-0 lead and were on their way to more points when Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski decided to go for it on fourth-and-nine from the 24-yard line. The Irish defense held and Notre Dame gained some momentum with the stop.

In an upset, the offense would come right on the field, seize that momentum and put points on the board. By doing this, the underdog has itself and its fans thinking, "Hey, we can beat these guys." Notre Dame, however, went three-and-out on the following drive. Thoughts of an upset were put to bed until later in the first half when Irish defensive end Trevor Laws blocked a Boston

College field goal attempt. The Irish managed to get a couple of first downs before inevitably punting.

Then came a play so improbable and demoralizing, not even the most pessimistic Irish fan could fathom this happening. Irish punter Geoff Price put his knee on the ground to receive a low snap on the punt. The referees correctly ruled him down and Boston College took over on Notre Dame's 42-yard line. I've never seen a play like this in 20 years of watching football, so I called my dad with 38 more years of football under his belt to see if he ever saw something like that. He said he did, though I doubt it, because he tends to forget things these days.

At this point, Notre Dame and Boston College were jockeying for field position. That play alone cost the Irish about 50 yards of field position. Naturally, Boston College scored in eight plays on the shortened field to go up 13-0.

In another Irish mistake, Boston College linebacker Tony Pruitt intercepted Clausen to set up an 11-yard Eagles scoring drive.

Down 20-0, an upset seemed unlikely for the Irish, but Boston College wasn't finished trying to give the game away. A roughing-the-passer penalty aided Notre Dame's first scoring drive. A few plays later, Irish freshman Bryan Smith intercepted Eagles quarterback Matt Ryan and returned it for a touchdown to pull the Irish within a touchdown. The upset was within reach. Notre Dame could finally pay back Boston College for ruining its national title runs in 1993 and 2002. The fans knew it and the players knew it.

The Irish had all the momentum — but for only about ten seconds. Amid the delirium following the touchdown, a buzz-killing yellow flag appeared. The penalty was

excessive celebration on the Irish and would be enforced on the kickoff. A play that seemed like a turning point for Notre Dame quickly turned into a turning point for Boston College.

"You know, that was really big. That penalty was really big there ...," Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski said. "I mean, that was big. That was real big for us."

The Irish had the game in their grasp, but were too busy celebrating to notice it.

The Eagles took advantage of the fantastic field position Notre Dame gave them, again, and scored a touchdown to put the game out of reach.

Notre Dame's last glimmer of hope came in the fourth quarter, when Evan Sharpley found receiver Robbie Parris in the end zone on a fourth-and-one play action pass, but a holding penalty on Notre Dame quickly ended the dream of a late Irish comeback.

Most of the key mistakes the Irish made against Boston College had nothing to do with the struggles Notre Dame has had this season. These were easily avoidable mistakes.

If there's a better snap on the punt, maybe Boston College doesn't score its second touchdown.

If Clausen looks off the defenders before his interception, maybe there is no pick.

If Notre Dame controlled its emotions following Smith's touchdown, maybe the defense can hold Boston College on a longer field.

Given the way Boston College played Saturday, Notre Dame — even in a year when it started 1-5 — should have won this game. Boston College did not play like the No. 3 team in the country Saturday, but Notre Dame played like a 1-6 team. The Eagles tried to give the game away.

The Irish just didn't want it.

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Mental errors again plague Irish

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Down 27-14 to Boston College midway through the fourth quarter, Notre Dame quarterback Evan Sharpley connected with wide receiver Robby Parris on a fourth-and-one, play-action pass to pull within one score of the Eagles.

But the play was called back because of a holding penalty by Irish junior offensive lineman Mike Turkovich.

"That was a heartbreaking play," senior tight end John Carlson said. "To have a play like that called back when you have a little momentum going is heartbreaking."

The infraction was just another in a long line of costly miscues by both teams.

The game featured 22 total penalties, four turnovers, a missed Irish field goal, and an unsuccessful Boston College extra point.

Turkovich's holding penalty was the last in a slew of momentum-changing penalties.

After Notre Dame freshman linebacker Brian Smith returned an interception 25 yards for a touchdown to cut the Boston College lead to 20-14 with 8:52 remaining in the third quarter, the Irish were flagged for an excessive celebration penalty. The Irish were moved back 15 yards on the ensuing kickoff and the Eagles returned the ball to the Notre Dame 44-yard line. Boston College marched down the short field and scored to regain control of the game.

"I'll blame me for that [penalty] because the bottom line is I'm responsible for the discipline of our football team," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "We could sit there and [excuse] these guys going out there and being fired up. But the bottom line is it's my team and we got that penalty and [then] we kick off and they get the ball in plus territory, and that's their other [second-half] score."

But the Irish had a chance to get close only because of Boston College's unforced errors. On the drive that was halted on Turkovich's penalty, the Eagles had a late hit personal foul after Irish receiver Robby Parris caught a pass on fourth down. The penalty moved the Irish to the Boston College 22-yard line and into posi-



Irish receivers Duval Kamara and Robby Parris celebrate a touchdown pass from Evan Sharpley to Parris that was nullified by a holding penalty on guard Michael Turkovich.

tion to move within one touchdown of the Eagles.

The Eagles were also repeatedly called for false starts on offense. Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski said senior offensive lineman Gosder Cherilus committed the most infractions.

"A lot of them were motion penalties," Jagodzinski said. "The crowd noise and everything [had an affect], and then [we] got out there he got anxious and jumped a few times."

But the game's numerous mental errors were not confined to penalties.

Midway through the second quarter, the Irish turned the ball over on downs when punter Geoff Price caught a poor snap and inadvertently touched his knee to the ground in doing so.

"That was a huge play because a lot of times people want to blame the punter, but the ball [was] down and [he was] going to pick it up," Weis said. "What are you going to do, just bend over and make sure you don't touch your knee on the ground? I think it's almost a natural

instinct what Geoff did."

In addition, after the Irish stopped Boston College's offense on the first possession of the second half, Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw an interception on the first play of the ensuing drive. The Eagles ended up with the ball deep in Notre Dame's territory and needed just three plays to score.

"I'd say [one of the] most disappointing things for me [was] us turning the ball over quickly in the third quarter and giving them the ball on the 11-yard line for a quick score," Weis said.

Weis said his squad was hampered by such mistakes but also noted that his team did less to make up for them than Boston College did.

"The bottom line is they won 27-14, and if I sit there and say, 'God, if we just would have been better on that snap or if we would have hit this one pass or we didn't get a penalty,' Weis said. "But the thing is, we did."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
BC	6	7	14	0	27
Notre Dame	0	0	14	0	14

First quarter

Boston College 6, Notre Dame 0
Andre Callender 7-yard run with 11:38 remaining (Aponavicius kick failed).
Drive: 5 plays, 73 yards, 1:24 elapsed.

Second quarter

Boston College 13, Notre Dame 0
Andre Callender 1-yard run with 1:32 remaining (Aponavicius kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 41 yards, 4:43 elapsed.

Third quarter

Boston College 20, Notre Dame 0
Andre Callender 9-yard pass from Matt Ryan with 11:26 remaining (Aponavicius kick).
Drive: 13 plays, 29 yards, 6:42 elapsed.
Boston College 20, Notre Dame 7
Robby Parris 19-yard pass from Evan Sharpley with 10:27 remaining (Walker kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 79 yards, 0:59 elapsed.
Boston College 20, Notre Dame 14
Bryan Smith 25-yard interception return (Walker kick).
Drive: 1 play, 25 yards, 0:00 elapsed
Boston College 27, Notre Dame 14
Kevin Challenger 13-yard pass from Matt Ryan (Aponavicius kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 44 yards, 1:52 elapsed

statistics

total yards

BC	459
ND	222

passing yards

BC	291
ND	195

rushing yards

BC	168
ND	27

return yards

BC	43
ND	108

time of possession

BC	39:03
ND	20:57



passing

Sharpley	11-29-0	Ryan	32-49-1
Clausen	7-20-2		

rushing

Aldridge	5-17	Callender	23-90
Allen	3-9	Whitworth	7-69
Hughes	5-6	Ryan	3-10

receiving

Parris	4-94	Callender	10-91
Carlson	4-29	Gunnell	7-37
Allen	3-16	Megwa	5-56
Schwapp	2-22	Purvis	5-52
Kamara	2-19	Challenger	2-22
Yeatman	1-7	Whitworth	1-18

tackling

Brockington	13	Herzlich	7
Laws	11	Silva	6
Bruton	6	Dunbar	6
Zbikowski	6	Morris	4
Wooden	5	Akins	3
Vernaglia	5	McLaughlin	3
Kuntz	5	Ramella	3

Weis unsure of next week's starting QB

Guard Carufel leaves team, university

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday he hasn't determined a starting quarterback for Notre Dame's game against USC next Saturday.

Junior Evan Sharpley has guided the offense better than freshman Jimmy Clausen in limited opportunities since an all-around woeful performance against Georgia Tech. But, Weis said, Sharpley has not performed as well as Clausen in practices.

Clausen became the starter after Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to the Yellow Jackets on Sept. 1. When he announced Clausen as the starter, Weis said the touted freshman gave the team the best chance to win. Now, he's reevaluating the situation.

"I'll let you know on Tuesday," Weis said Sunday. "That's the fairest answer I can give right now."

"At this point, I've watched the game a couple times, but I haven't watched it with the offensive staff yet. So I don't do

those things before we've gotten together. I'll certainly let you know where I am on Tuesday."

Carufel leaves team

Irish sophomore guard Matt Carufel has left the program and withdrawn from the University, Weis announced in an e-mail to media late Sunday.

Carufel, a starting guard, had left the team for personal reasons last week. He traveled home to Forest Lake, Minn., where he mulled his future.

On Sunday afternoon, Weis said he was planning on speaking to Carufel Sunday night and would announce what Carufel intended to do whenever it became clear. That happened sooner, rather than later.

"I spoke via telephone with Matt Carufel Sunday evening and he informed me that he was going to leave the team and withdraw from the University of Notre Dame," Weis said in a statement. "I appreciate all Matt has done for Notre Dame and wish him nothing but the best."

Career highs

Notre Dame has completed nine passed for over 20 yards this season, and sophomore wide out Robby Parris has caught five of them. Parris finished the game with two catch-

es of over 20 yards — a 26-yard reception in the second quarter and a 28-yard grab in the third.

Parris's 94 receiving yards was a career high, narrowly eclipsing the 93 yards he racked up against Purdue on Sept. 29.

The sophomore also caught the first touchdown of his career on a 19-yard pass from Sharpley.

"[Parris is] a smooth receiver that runs good routes, not a burner, but he runs good routes and he has good hands, and you can see that he'll be playing here for the next few years and just keeps on getting better and better," Weis said. "But he's a big target with good hand and runs good routes. He's the type of player that will always find a role on this team."

Fresh Faces

Guard Eric Olsen and wide receiver Duval Kamara each made their first career starts, becoming the 21st and 22nd players to make their first starts for the Irish in 2007.

Kamara started because wide receiver David Grimes was injured, and Olsen started in place of Carufel.

Injury bug

Sophomore tailback James Aldridge recorded the 100th

carry of his career before leaving the game with an unspecified leg or foot injury.

Weis said Aldridge left the locker room on his own power, without the aid of crutches, but would be further evaluated by team doctors.

Aldridge carried five times for 17 yards. Freshmen Armando Allen and Robert Hughes received the bulk of carries after Aldridge was injured.

Senior middle linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., played only in brief spurts for the first 10 minutes of the game. Crum was suffering from turf toe since Notre Dame's win over UCLA a week ago and could not put sufficient pressure on his foot to operate at 100 percent. Weis said Sunday Crum is questionable for the USC game.

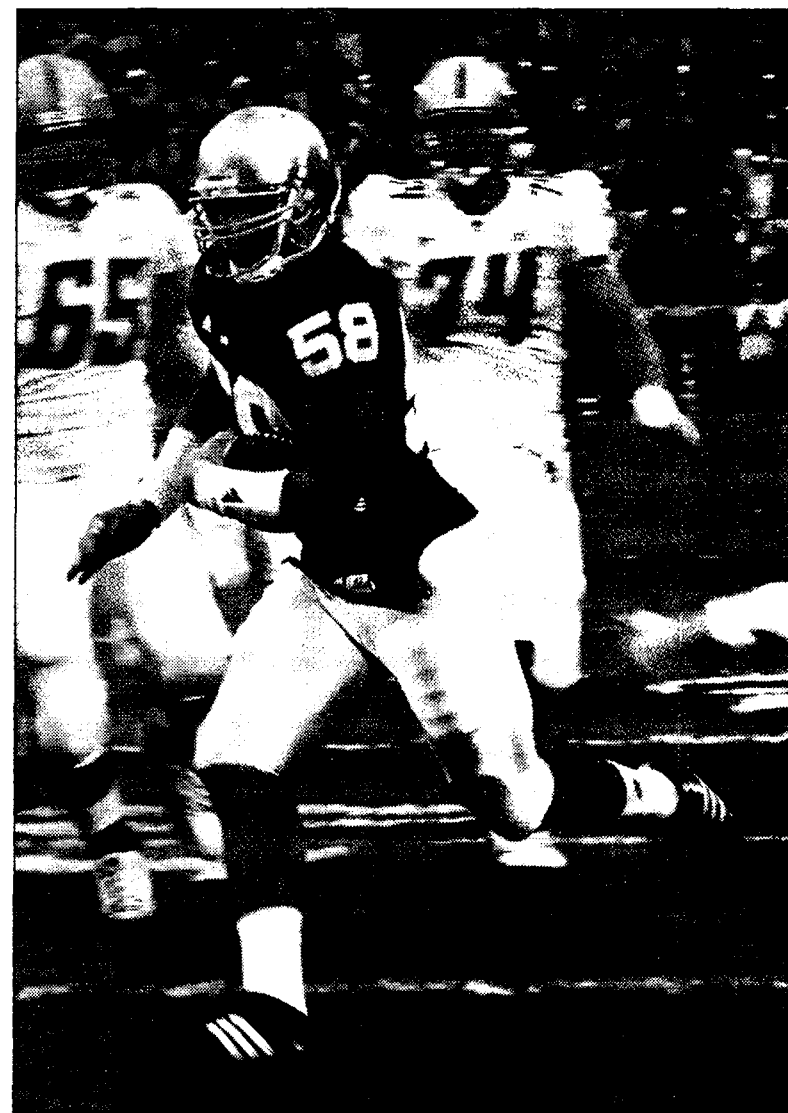
Pick 6

Irish linebacker Brian Smith became the fourth freshman to return an interception for a touchdown for Notre Dame and the first since Sept. 25, 1976, when Bobby Leopold returned an interception 57 yards for a touchdown during a 48-0 victory over Northwestern.

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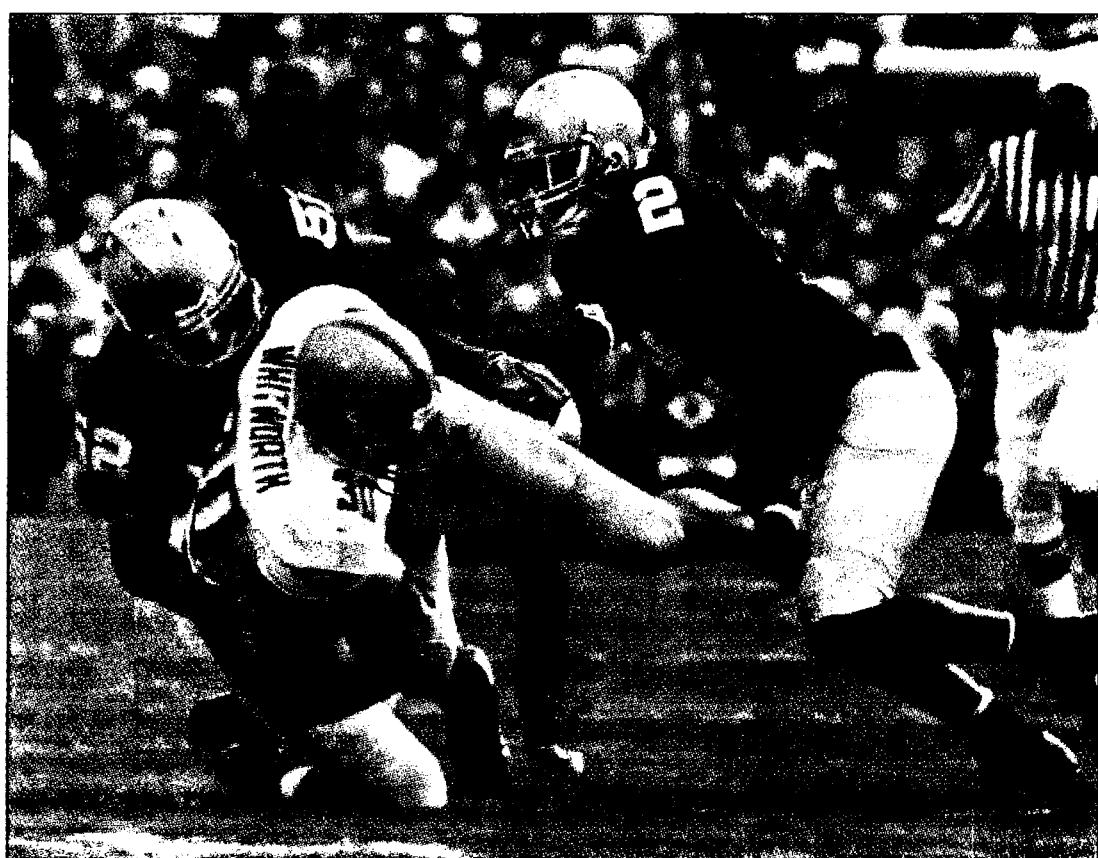
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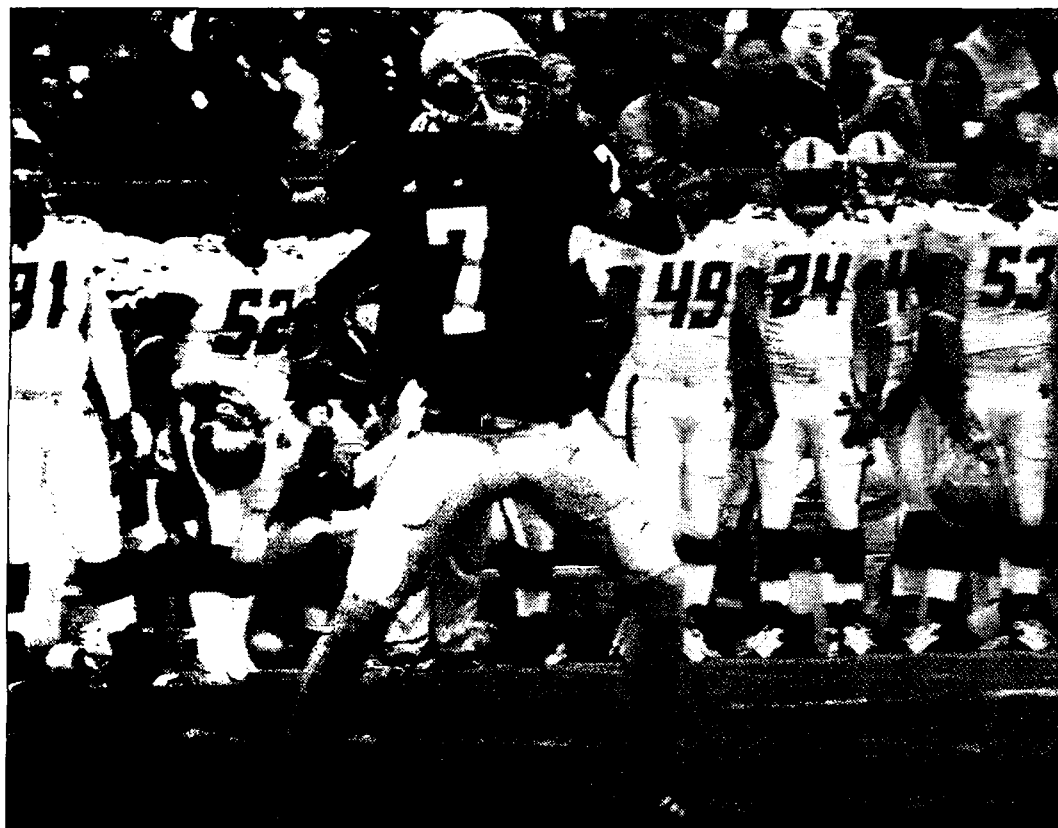
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Incomplete comeback

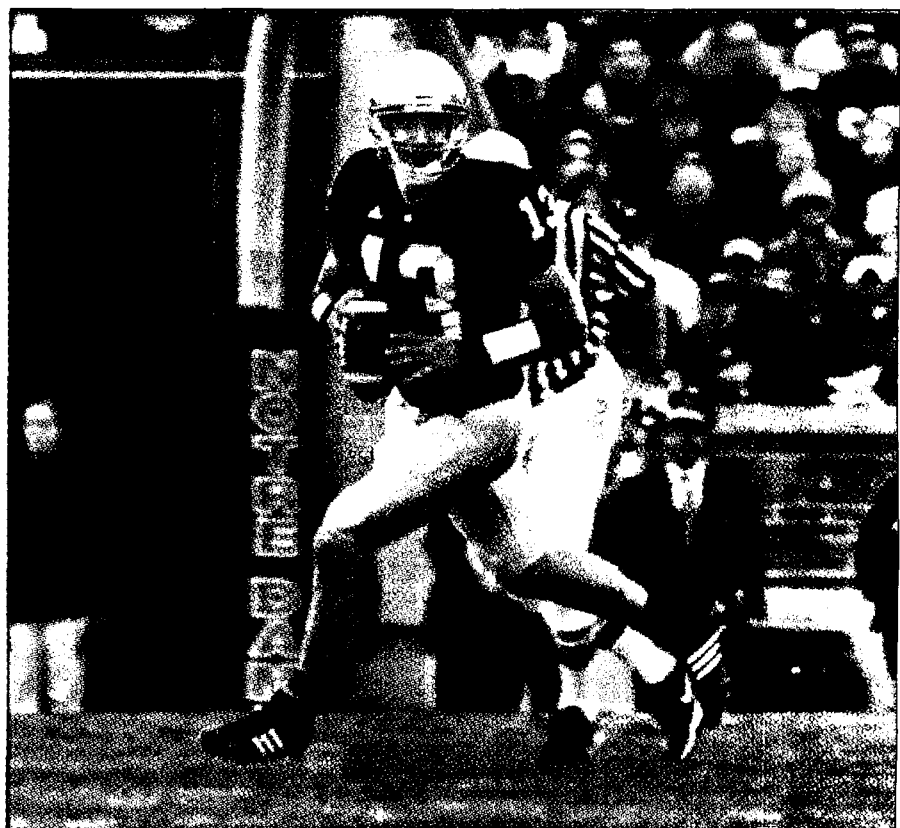
In a highly anticipated matchup with undefeated rival Boston College, Notre Dame fell behind early. Trailing 13-0 at halftime, the Irish had their chances and did not make use of them. Even worse, Notre Dame's offense and special teams failed to win the field position battle, pinning the defense in its own territory again. Despite this, a touchdown pass from quarterback Evan Sharpley to wide receiver Robbie Parris followed shortly by an interception from linebacker Bryan Smith returned for a touchdown cut the Eagles lead to six points. Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan responded to put the lead back to two scores, but Notre Dame did not give up. Sharpley drove the Irish down the field again, this time to a fourth-and-one on the Eagles 13. The Irish seemingly converted with a touchdown pass to Parris, but a holding penalty on guard Michael Turkovich and subsequent failed fourth-and-eleven put the game beyond Notre Dame's reach.



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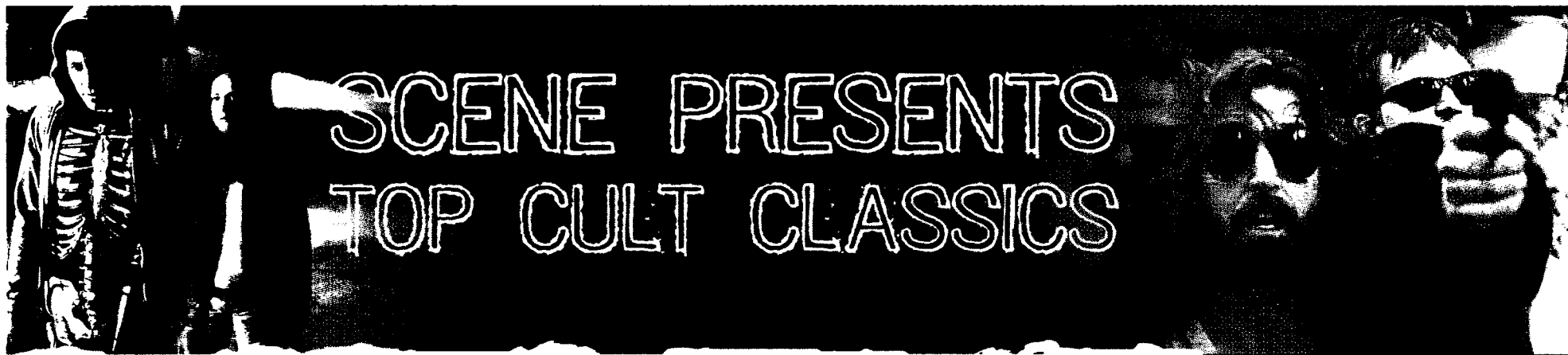


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Top left, Irish nose tackle Pat Kuntz, left, and Tom Zbikowski, right, track down Eagles running back L. V. Whitworth. Top right, Irish linebacker Bryan Smith returns an interception. Middle, Irish linebacker Joe Brockington tackles Whitworth. Bottom right, Irish quarterback Evan Sharpley rolls out of the pocket. Bottom left, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen passes.



JARED WAFER | Observer Graphic

The words "cult classic" have an irresistibly eerie allure.

These are the movies directed by such warped minds as Stanley Kubrick and Quentin Tarantino. They feature such bizarre elements as time travel and ultra-violence. In classes and crowded rooms, even a whisper of the title of one of these films results in a flurry of excited quotes and knowing laughter from the elect.

Caitlin Listro

Scene Writer

At Notre Dame, cult classics don't enjoy the same pop culture popularity as at other schools. I cannot even count the number of times I have mentioned Donnie Darko or Requiem for a Dream and received blank stares in response.

Yet, these are the movies that I continue to pop into my DVD player on quiet Saturday afternoons. They may never reach as many eyes as Oscar-winning films, (though some of them have received critical acclaim,) but some have been deeply pervasive nonetheless.

Why do these movies engender such fierce loyalty from their fan base? Why do movies like "Fight Club" have the power to make me stay awake into the wee hours of the night discussing their brilliance?

The plots are typically disturbing and convoluted, and sometimes ridiculous, but they exist for more than just entertainment or shock value. Yes, they are entertaining, and of course, they are shocking. Who would not be shocked and horrified to see the eyes of Alex DeLarge forced open by metal clamps in "A Clockwork Orange?"

Yet, beneath the thematic elements, there are philosophical commentaries on every subject from religion to life. For a few hours, they horrify you and urge you to peals of laughter. Then, they leave you feeling disturbed, moved, contemplative, and ready to watch them again.

Interested in delving into one of these bizarre unions of the horrific and the profound? Sample one of these classic

films. Then you, too, can giggle conspiratorially next time someone mentions droogs or six-foot-tall bunny rabbits.

'A Clockwork Orange'

The fall of night in this futuristic society brings with it gangs of vicious criminals who battle for dominance over a fearful nation. Alex DeLarge, a teenager who delights in violence, rape, and Beethoven, finds his criminal career cut short when the government catches him and subjects him to aversion therapy to destroy his sadistic tendencies. His treatment raises questions about the ethics of forcing people to do good.

'Donnie Darko'

Teenager Donnie Darko is quiet, awkward, and plagued by hallucinations of six-foot-tall bunny rabbits named Frank. As if high school was not complicated enough, Darko finds himself immersed in a nightmarish Apocalypse as the world comes crashing down. His journey to understand the collapse of the universe is a profound discussion of reality and sacrifice.

'Requiem for a Dream'

Four different people struggle to reach their own visions of personal happiness through the use of drugs, and, in the process, are tossed into separate hells as their addictions consume them. The graphic portrayal of their individual implosions comments on the nature of human happiness, the severity of the pressures of everyday life, and the complete degradation and self-mutilation inherent in the drug subculture.

'Boondock Saints'

Two devoutly Catholic brothers, disgusted with the injustice of the legal system, arbitrate divine justice by killing the most corrupt criminals of South Boston's underbelly. Their mission throws the F.B.I. agent covering their case into a personal moral struggle over the nature of good and evil.



Photo courtesy of filmfestivals.com

Jake Gyllenhaal's performance in "Donnie Darko" made him a cult hero.

'Fight Club'

Almost a philosophy text in the form of movie, "Fight Club" covers nearly every topic — from religion to human nature to love. The film follows the path of an ordinary man from mundane white-collar businessman to co-founder of an underground network of boxing rings to participant in a nationwide anti-establishment conspiracy — all starting with just a few innocent bars of soap.

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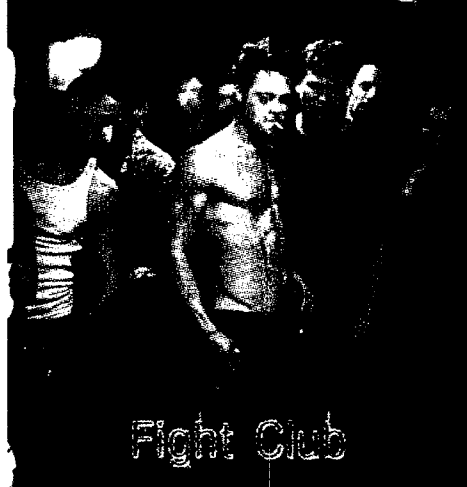
Brad Pitt and Edward Norton square off in "Fight Club," an instant cult classic.



Vigilante flick "Boondock Saints" is an overwhelming favorite here on campus at Notre Dame.



A Clockwork Orange



Fight Club



Requiem for a Dream



Donnie Darko



Boondock Saints

NFL

Chargers improve to .500 with win over Raiders

LaDainian Tomlinson ties a career-high with four touchdowns; Eagles improve to 8-0 all-time over the Jets with 16-9 win

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson will never hate the Oakland Raiders like Marty Schottenheimer did. He's too laid-back for something like that.

At the rate he's going, though, Tomlinson might never lose again to the Silver and Black.

Tomlinson matched his career high with four touchdowns, rushing for 198 yards on 24 carries and leading the Chargers to their eighth straight win over the Raiders, 28-14, on Sunday.

Tomlinson scored on runs of 3, 27, 13 and 41 yards to move into a tie with Jim Brown for fourth on the all-time rushing touchdowns list with 106. In the process, Tomlinson passed John Riggins, who had 104.

The reigning league MVP scored for the final time with 2:43 left, thrilling the Raider-hating crowd, and silencing the thousands of Oakland fans in the stadium. It was a simple off-tackle play that Tomlinson broke to the outside. After racing into the end zone, he dropped the ball and raised both arms in the air.

It was the third time L.T. rushed for four touchdowns in a game, and the fifth time overall that he's scored four times. Surprisingly, it was the first time he scored four TDs at home.

"The last time we were here, they booed us," Tomlinson said. "It was good to hear them

cheering us."

The defending AFC West champion Chargers (3-3) rebounded to .500 after their early season, three-game losing streak left everyone frustrated, especially Tomlinson. The Chargers pulled into a tie atop the division with Kansas City. Two weeks earlier, fans mercilessly booed the Chargers and chanted Schottenheimer's first name during a 30-16 loss to the Chiefs.

To think, the Chargers can beat the Raiders without Schottenheimer as their coach. Schottenheimer, fired in February, despised the Raiders and was 27-7 against them in his career, including the first seven wins in the Chargers' streak.

Norv Turner, who replaced Schottenheimer, was fired by the Raiders after coaching them to a 9-23 record in 2004-05.

Turner said there was personal satisfaction in beating his old employer, but that it was more important that the Chargers pulled to .500.

"We are getting better," Turner said.

It was Tomlinson's eighth career 100-yard game against the Raiders. During the winning streak, Tomlinson has rushed for 1,142 yards and 12 touchdowns, while also catching one TD pass and throwing two.

Tomlinson can't explain his success against the Raiders.

"It's weird," he said.

"If I would have known that, I would have done something



Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson stiff-arms Raiders safety Stuart Schweigert in a 28-14 Chargers victory Sunday. Tomlinson had 198 rushing yards and four touchdowns.

about it a couple of years ago," cracked Turner, who was 0-4 against Tomlinson and the Chargers when he coached the Raiders.

"I don't know, but I like it," quarterback Philip Rivers said about Tomlinson's dominance of Oakland. "He was outstanding. He's really starting to get going. Our offense is really starting to get going. When we can throw it in that 18-25 window and run the ball and be efficient, we can be pretty tough."

The Raiders (2-3) looked more like the team that went an NFL-worst 2-14 last year than the one that was coming off consecutive wins.

Quarterback Daunte Culpepper, making his second start, was harassed all day, which helped make the offense look horrible most of the afternoon. Culpepper was intercepted twice, lost a fumble and was sacked six times.

"We played the way bad teams play," coach Lane Kiffin said. "It's easy to see how the game got out of hand. We were lucky it wasn't worse."

San Diego's Shawne Merriman had 27 sacks and fellow outside linebacker Shaun Phillips had two sacks and forced a fumble.

Leading 21-14, the Chargers needed only six plays to move 85 yards for the final score. Of course, almost half of that came

on Tomlinson's final run.

"We said to each other, 'Let's finish the game right here,'" Tomlinson said. "The offensive line was jacked up. That last offensive drive was beautiful. I don't think you can script it better."

San Diego took a 14-0 lead with 6:51 still to play in the first quarter. Tomlinson capped the opening drive with a 3-yard leap over the pile, then scored on a 27-yard misdirection play after cornerback Drayton Florence intercepted Culpepper.

The Raiders closed to 14-7 when linebacker Thomas Howard intercepted a horribly thrown pass by Rivers and returned it 66 yards, highstepping the last 25 yards into the end zone.

The pickoff came just three plays after Shane Lechler got mixed up and ran a fake punt even though the Raiders had audibled away from it. He was stuffed for a four-yard loss.

"Ten of 11 guys got it; Shane didn't," Kiffin said.

Eagles 16, Jets 9

The Philadelphia Eagles faced a New York Jets team wearing throwback uniforms and looking for some new results.

Navy and gold or green and white, it didn't matter in the end.

"Our personality shows when we win a football game," run-

ning back Brian Westbrook said.

Donovan McNabb threw for 278 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Curtis, and the Eagles' defense stopped the Jets on fourth down with just over 3 1/2 minutes remaining for a victory Sunday.

The Eagles (2-3) improved to 8-0 all-time against the Jets, and are 9-0 under Andy Reid in games following bye weeks.

"The most important thing is that we won the game," McNabb said. "It's nice to look up at the scoreboard and see you got a win."

It wasn't easy, though. The Jets (1-5), wearing the uniforms of their previous incarnation, the New York Titans, had a chance to tie it but came up short when Sheldon Brown knocked away Chad Pennington's pass in the end zone intended for Laveranues Coles.

"I lined up in man coverage and stayed with him," Brown said. "I thought he might take a hard out, but he just kind of kept going. I just backed up a bit, kind of opened up, and I was able to be right there to make a play."

McNabb finished 22-of-35 and was sacked just three times, a huge improvement from the 12 times he was taken down by the Giants in the Eagles' last game two weeks ago.



Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb smiles as he walks off the field after a 16-9 win over the Jets Sunday.

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NCAA Football BCS Top 10

	team	record	BCS avg.
1	Ohio State	7-0	.9416
2	South Florida	6-0	.9200
3	Boston College	7-0	.8906
4	LSU	6-1	.8400
5	Oklahoma	6-1	.7623
6	South Carolina	6-1	.7432
7	Kentucky	6-1	.6833
8	Arizona State	7-0	.6831
9	West Virginia	5-1	.6624
10	Oregon	5-1	.6369
11	Virginia Tech	6-1	.6298
12	California	5-1	.6000
13	Kansas	6-0	.5170
14	USC	5-1	.4724
15	Florida	4-2	.4352
16	Missouri	5-1	.3818
17	Auburn	5-2	.3373
18	Hawaii	7-0	.2841
19	Virginia	6-1	.2290
20	Georgia	5-2	.2244
21	Tennessee	4-2	.1953
22	Texas	5-2	.1799
23	Cincinnati	6-1	.1192
24	Texas Tech	6-1	.1052
25	Michigan	5-2	.0783

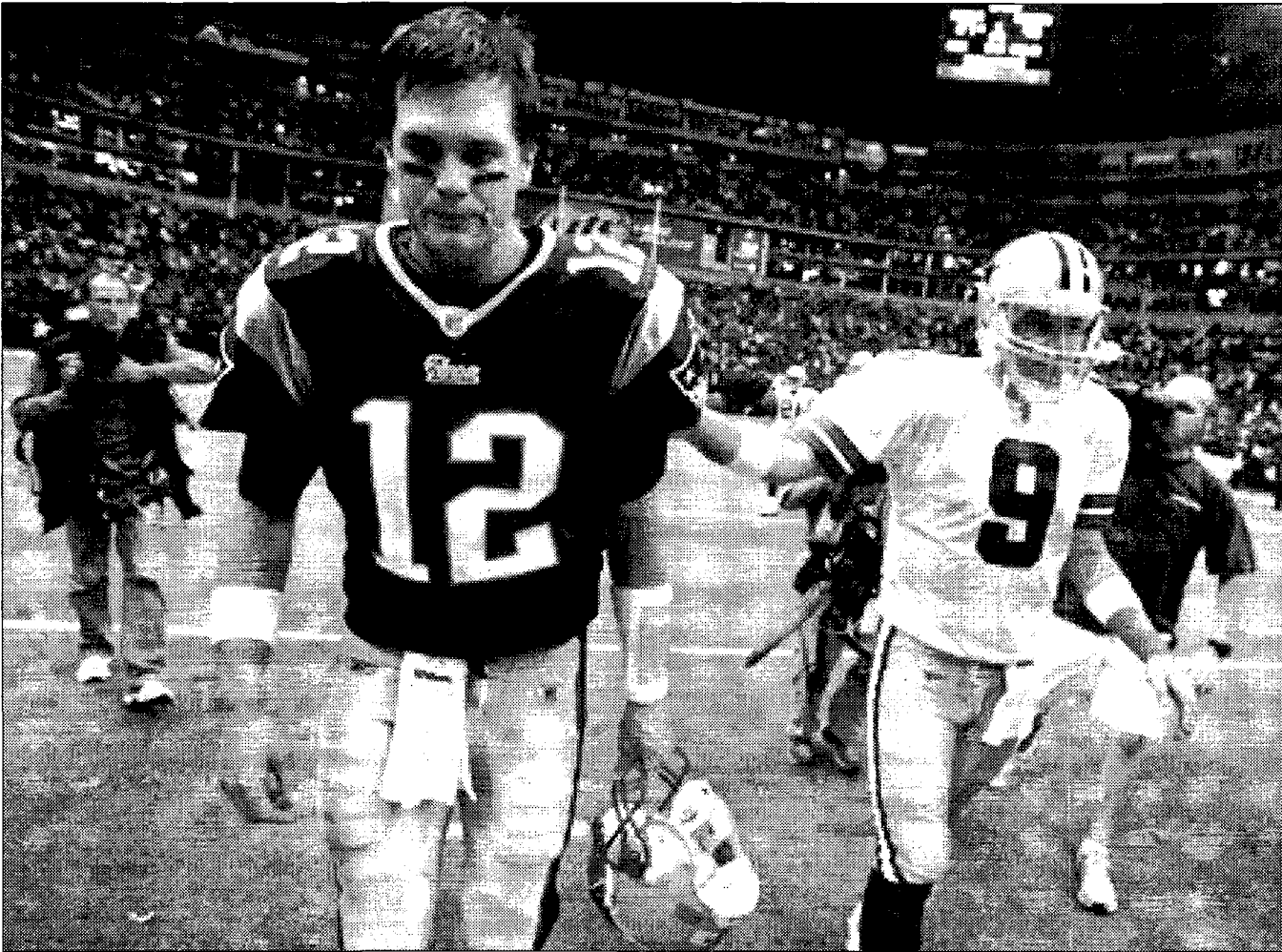
NCAA Football USA Today/Coaches' Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Ohio State	7-0	3
2	Boston College	7-0	4
3	South Florida	6-0	5
4	Oklahoma	6-1	5
5	LSU	6-1	1
6	Oregon	5-1	8
7	West Virginia	5-1	9
8	South Carolina	6-1	12
9	California	5-1	2
9	USC	5-1	7
11	Virginia Tech	6-1	10
12	Arizona State	7-0	13
13	Kentucky	6-1	18
14	Florida	4-2	14
15	Kansas	6-0	20
16	Hawaii	7-0	16
17	Missouri	5-1	11
18	Texas	5-2	22
19	Auburn	5-2	25
20	Georgia	5-2	23
21	Texas Tech	6-1	NR
22	Tennessee	4-2	NR
23	Cincinnati	6-1	17
24	Virginia	6-1	NR
25	Penn State	5-2	NR

NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Ohio State	7-0	3
2	South Florida	6-0	5
3	Boston College	7-0	4
4	Oklahoma	6-1	6
5	LSU	6-1	1
6	South Carolina	6-1	7
7	Oregon	5-1	9
8	Kentucky	6-1	17
9	West Virginia	5-1	8
9	California	5-1	2
11	Virginia Tech	6-1	12
12	Arizona State	7-0	14
13	USC	5-1	10
14	Florida	4-2	13
15	Kansas	6-0	20
15	Missouri	5-1	11
17	Hawaii	7-0	16
18	Auburn	5-2	22
19	Texas	5-2	23
20	Tennessee	4-2	25
21	Georgia	5-2	24
22	Texas Tech	6-1	NR
23	Cincinnati	6-1	15
24	Michigan	5-2	NR
25	Kansas State	4-2	NR

NFL



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, left, and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo walk off the field after the Patriots beat the Cowboys 48-27 Sunday. Brady threw for 388 yards and five touchdowns in the win.

Brady's 5 TDs help Pats beat Cowboys

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Now the Dallas Cowboys know they're good enough to hang with the big boys in the AFC — just not yet ready to beat them.

Especially not when Tom Brady plays like this.

Brady threw a career-high five touchdown passes, with Donte Stallworth taking the final one 69 yards to break open a tight game early in the fourth quarter, as the New England Patriots won 48-27 on Sunday in a rare battle of teams with 5-0 records.

"We wanted to be one of the elite teams," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said.

"Obviously we're not."

The Patriots (6-0) started strong and finished stronger, their sixth straight blowout win and their highest point total since scoring 50 against Indianapolis in 1984. Yet it wasn't as easy as the final score indicated.

New England gave up its most points of the season and trailed in the second half for the first time this year. Brady was sacked as many times (3) as he'd been all season.

Experience in big games had to be part of the difference. Consider what the Patriots did on their final five drives after the Cowboys went ahead 24-21 early in the third quarter:

touchdown, field goal, touchdown, field goal, touchdown. The last one came with 19 seconds left, a 1-yard run by first-year running back Kyle Eckel that Brady celebrated with two huge fist pumps.

Brady went 31-of-46 for 388 yards and did much of his early damage on third downs. His five TDs tied a franchise record and gave him an NFL record with at least three in each of the first six games of the season — he has an NFL-best 21 this year. The league record is 49 by Peyton Manning.

Manning insisted all week this was just another regular season game for them, Bill Belichick's players can

now start looking forward to facing Indianapolis, the only other unbeaten team, in three weeks.

Wes Welker caught 11 passes for a career-high 124 yards and two touchdowns, and Stallworth had 136 yards on seven catches. Moss turned six catches into 59 yards, his first a 6-yard touchdown. He also had a 43-yarder for a touchdown overturned on instant replay. Kyle Brady had the other TD grab.

The Cowboys (5-1) were off to their best start since 1983 and were eager to see how they stacked up against the league's elite. They allowed the most points since Philadelphia scored 49 on Nov. 15, 2004.

IN BRIEF

Reds hire Baker to replace Mackanin as manager

CINCINNATI — By hiring Dusty Baker as their next manager, the Cincinnati Reds have made a pronounced change in philosophy, turning to an outsider to run the team for the first time in 18 years.

The last time they did it, they won a championship.

The Reds confirmed on Sunday that Baker will become their next manager. Baker, who has a three-year deal, will be introduced at a news conference Monday in Cincinnati.

"Dusty is extremely excited to join the Cincinnati Reds with its rich history, and looks forward to helping re-establish the legacy of the Big Red Machine," said his agent, Greg Genske.

The move got the players' attention. Instead of promoting from within, the Reds went for someone with no ties to the organization. During his 14 seasons as manager, the 58-year-old Baker led San Francisco to the World Series and the Chicago Cubs to the playoffs.

Gonzalez sets TD mark, Chiefs beat Bengals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tony Gonzalez caught his record-breaking 63rd touchdown pass much the way he caught the first 62 — stretching out his 6-foot-5 frame as high and as far as he could and pulling the ball down in traffic with soft, powerful hands.

His 3-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter Sunday gave Gonzalez the NFL record for tight ends. Then the eight-time Pro Bowler caught Damon Huard's 26-yard scoring strike in the fourth quarter that proved the difference in Kansas City's 27-20 victory over the downward-spiraling Cincinnati Bengals.

"It wasn't the easiest (catch)," said a grinning Gonzalez, who broke the record of 62 TD catches by a tight end held by Shannon Sharpe. "I had to go get it. I was like, 'I'm not letting this one get away. I've been waiting a long time for it.'"

Ochoa clinches second straight POY award

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Lorena Ochoa enjoys life at the top, and she intends to stay there for a while.

Ochoa clinched her second straight LPGA Tour player of the year award with a runaway victory Sunday in the Samsung World Championship.

Successfully defending her title in the elite event, Ochoa crafted a closing 6-under 66 in what began as a pressure-packed final round. The title was her seventh of the year and 16th overall.

She finished at 18-under 270 — four shots ahead of Mi Hyun Kim — and earned \$250,000 to push her record total to \$3,318,421.

"After what happened in 2006, I thought it would be hard to improve, but here I am," said the smiling Ochoa, who won six times last year.

Asked how she plans to remain No. 1, she said, "I always try to be one step ahead; not let any distractions get in the way, get in my practice and my rest."

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Vikings top Bears behind game-winning FG

Rookie Adrian Peterson gains 361 total yards in win; Packers edge Redskins with a late defensive touchdown

Associated Press

CHICAGO — No matter where or how he got the ball Sunday, Adrian Peterson seemed to find the opening in the Chicago Bears' defense.

Through the line, around the end, across the field with a split-second cutback and even on kickoff returns, he made the Bears miss.

Peterson's record-setting performance put the Minnesota Vikings in position for victory, one they secured Sunday when Ryan Longwell kicked a career-long 55-yard field goal on the final play to beat the Bears 34-31.

"I just got comfortable, more comfortable with the speed of the game," Peterson said after showcasing the talent that made him the first running back taken in this year's draft.

"I knew anything was possible."

With a blend of power and speed, the rookie from Oklahoma finished with 224 rushing yards on 20 carries and scored on runs of 67, 73 and 35 yards. He broke Chuck Foreman's club-record of 200 yards rushing set against the Eagles in 1976, and gained the most yards against the Bears in their 88-year history.

"We stunk. We played horrible," Bears defensive end Alex Brown said. "He's a good player, but ... he shouldn't get that many yards."

Peterson set up Longwell's

game-winner by returning a kickoff 53 yards. His afternoon at Soldier Field overshadowed a great one from the Bears' Devin Hester, who returned a punt 89 yards for a score and caught a game-tying 81-yard TD pass from Brian Griese with 1:38 left.

"It's kind of crazy," Peterson said. "Guys come up to me and they say, 'When you got the ball it's kind of like holding your breath.' I experience that when that guy (Hester) is on the field. I'm holding my breath knowing he can take it to the house any time he touches the ball."

After the Griese-to-Hester connection tied it up, Peterson returned the ensuing kickoff to the Bears 38.

Why did the Bears kick to Peterson after he'd run all over the field?

"Of course, he's a big threat. They only needed a field goal," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "We haven't gone into many games where we don't kick the ball to the player. We thought we would get good field position, and go from there."

After Peterson was thrown for a 4-yard loss back to the 37 on third down, Longwell floated a kick that just cleared the crossbar, setting off a Vikings celebration at Soldier Field.

"It was on line. I couldn't tell how far it cleared, but I knew it wouldn't be much," Longwell said.

Peterson's 35-yard TD run with 4:10 left put the Vikings (2-3) ahead 31-17, but the Bears

(2-4) came back.

Muhsin Muhammad caught a 33-yard TD pass from Griese with 2:36 remaining. After the Vikings recovered an onside kick at the Bears 40, Chicago held and forced a punt, taking over at its 19 with 1:53 to go.

On second down, Griese dropped back and lofted the long pass to Hester. The kick return specialist made a nice move and raced by Dwight Smith, catching the ball at the 35 and completing the touchdown.

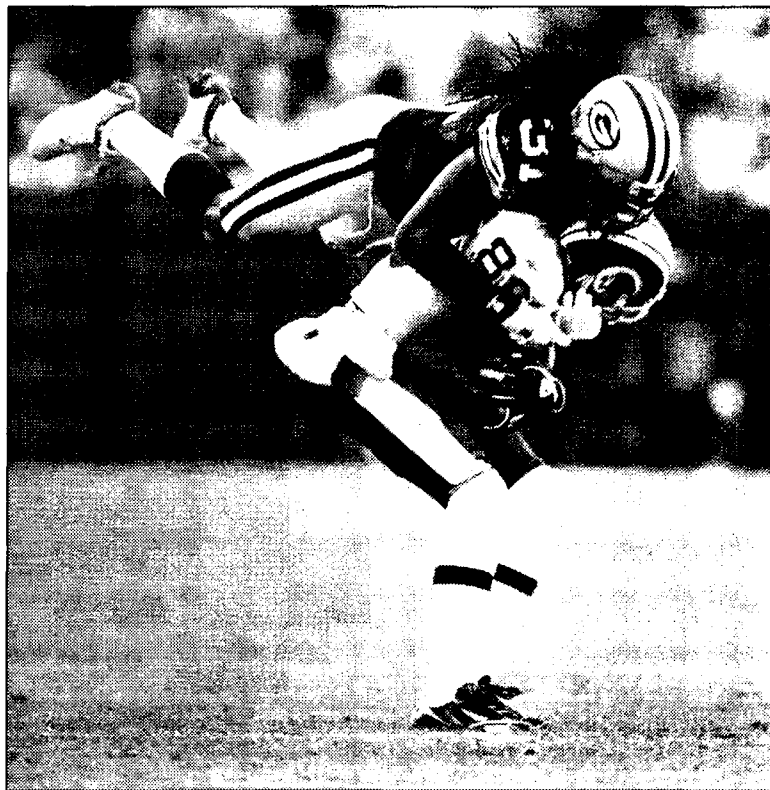
Peterson's energizing runs came on a day when Tarvaris Jackson returned as Minnesota's quarterback after missing two games with a groin injury. He completed only 9 of 23 passes for 136 yards.

Peterson went through the middle, made a fake, cut back to the left and ran away from the Bears secondary on the 73-yard score late in the third quarter. That put the Vikings up 21-14.

Late in the first half, he stormed through a hole on the left side, broke the tackle of Bears safety Brandon McGowan, reversed his field and outran the Chicago defense to tie the game.

"It's kind of a blur. The guys created a hole. I pressed the line of scrimmage and that cutback was there and it was a big gap," Peterson said. "And it was off to the races."

The Bears took a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter when Griese connected with Bernard Berrian for a 39-yard TD pass. It came open when



Packers cornerback Al Harris tackles Redskins wide receiver Keenan McCardell in a 17-14 Packers victory Sunday.

Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield slipped as Berrian made his move.

Packers 17, Redskins 14

Cornerback Charles Woodson scooped up the ball — and lifted the spirits of the Green Bay Packers' suddenly sagging offense.

Woodson's 57-yard fumble return in the third quarter gave the Packers the go-ahead touchdown in a victory over the Washington Redskins at soggy Lambeau Field on Sunday.

"It was a big play today," Woodson said. "Hopefully, I have many more to come."

With Green Bay's previously top-ranked passing offense sputtering and the Packers trailing 14-10 late in the third quarter, defensive lineman Corey Williams stripped Redskins receiver Santana Moss on an end-around. Woodson picked up the ball and ran to the end zone.

The Packers (5-1) won despite an off day from Brett Favre, who became the NFL's career interception king with an errant pass picked off by Redskins safety Sean Taylor in the third quarter.

"I could care less," Favre said. "We won the game. I'm glad it's over, just like the other records. We're 5-1, so it feels a lot better than having no picks and being 1-5."

Despite Favre's off day — he was 19-of-37 for 188 yards and threw a second interception to Taylor in the fourth quarter — the Packers recovered from their

first loss of the season against Chicago last Sunday, regaining momentum as they head into their bye.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy said the Redskins were the best team the Packers have played so far, but he still hasn't seen his young team play a complete game.

"We feel good about being 5-1, but we're a team that needs to clean our house," McCarthy said.

The Redskins (3-2) baffled a pass-happy NFC North offense for the second week in a row after beating Detroit, but offensive mistakes cost them on Sunday. Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said his team's fumbles and dropped passes weren't acceptable, even in wet conditions.

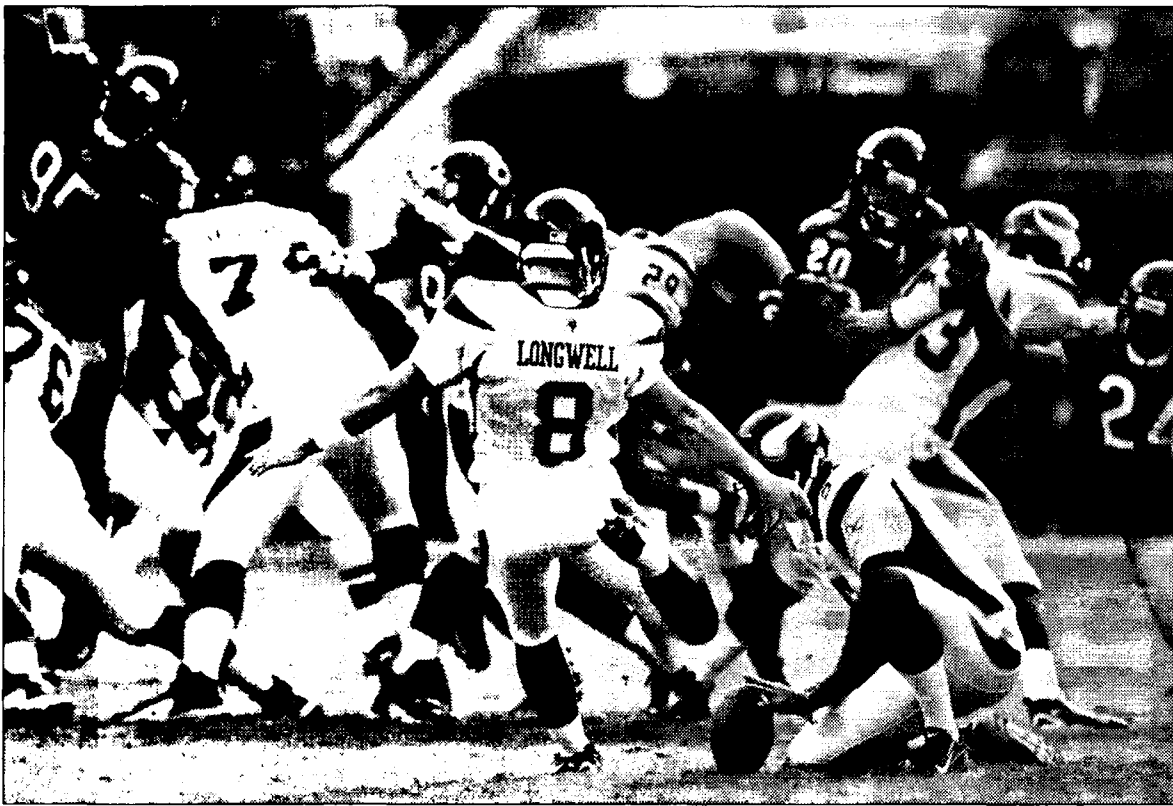
"Certainly that's no excuse for us," Gibbs said. "We're out in it, and we've got to make the catches."

Between the fumble and a subsequent leg cramp, Moss apparently was so upset that he took himself out of the game.

"I took myself out," Moss said. "Something wasn't feeling right with me, and why go out there and keep another guy from helping us win? There was (stuff) going on and I wasn't making the plays that I should have been making."

Gibbs didn't blame Moss for the loss.

"You've got to look at that and say, 'That's something that just happened to us today,'" Gibbs said.



Vikings place kicker Ryan Longwell kicks his game-winning field goal as time expires in a 34-31 win over the Bears Sunday. Longwell went 2-for-2 and established a new career long with the kick.

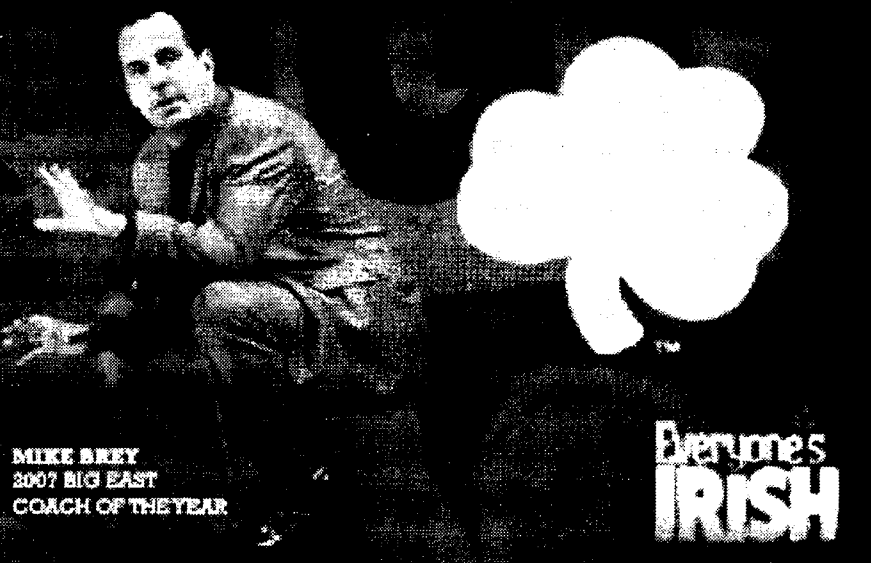
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Wild only team without a loss after a 2-0 win

Ducks goalie Giguere's season debut spoiled with two allowed goals; Red Wings hand the Kings their fifth straight loss

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Minnesota Wild had plenty to prove Sunday night against the Anaheim Ducks, the team that knocked them out of the playoffs last season and went on to win their first Stanley Cup title.

Brian Rolston and Mark Parrish scored second-period goals and Josh Harding posted his third career shutout with a career-high 37 saves, leading the unbeaten Wild to a testy 2-0 victory. The loss spoiled the season-debut of goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

"That's going to be the thing with us this year," Ducks defenseman Sean O'Donnell said. "When you win the Cup, every team we play — when we come to town or when they come here — it's going to be their 'statement game.' We're kind of the measuring stick against other teams now. So I'm sure we're going to get every other team's best effort every single time. We've just got to push ourselves and rise above that."

Minnesota's 5-0 start leaves the Wild as the NHL's only team without a loss, and puts them one victory away from matching last season's squad for the franchise's best winning streak from the start of a season. Three of the wins have been shutouts.

Jacques Lemaire, the only head coach the Wild has ever had, spent his entire 12-year playing career with Montreal and never started a season better than 4-0 with the Canadiens — despite winning eight Stanley Cups and scoring the Cup-winning goal twice. So he isn't surprised to see the Ducks getting off to a 2-4-1 start.

"When you win the Cup, that's what happens," Lemaire said. "They're having a slow start, which is normal because of all they went through last year — and the short summer. But their guys will get their minds on the game and get back to where they should be, and they'll probably finish first in the conference this year."

Giguere, who recorded a franchise-record 36 victories last

season and 13 more in the playoffs, faced 25 shots. He sat out the first six games after undergoing surgery on Aug. 6 for a sports hernia.

Rolston scored on Minnesota's first shot of the second period, slapping the puck over Giguere's glove from the top of the right circle at the 2:04 mark. Parrish made it 2-0 at 11:50 of the period.

"I don't want to make too much of this win, but they're the Stanley Cup champions. So we'll keep that in mind and we'll try to keep getting better," Rolston said. "It was a chippy game and a hard-fought game. It was like a playoff hockey game."

The Ducks (2-4-1) vanquished Minnesota in the first round last season. During the pregame stake leading up to the Game 5 clincher at Anaheim, Ducks enforcer George Parros scuffled with Minnesota counterpart Derek Boogaard after Boogaard skated past Chris Pronger at center ice and allegedly elbowed him in the back of the shoulder.

In Game 4 of that series, Minnesota defenseman Kim Johnsson suffered a head injury when Brad May sucker-punched him during a skirmish between two other players during the final 2 minutes. May received a match penalty and a subsequent three-game suspension.

"Everyone knew that they felt like some things happened last year they didn't like, and I'm pretty sure they had this game circled on the calendar," O'Donnell said. "They played a pretty solid game and physically rose to the challenge, but we expected that from them after last year's playoff."

Boogaard and Lemaire refused to shake hands with the Ducks at the end of the series, and the bad blood spilled over into this game — as expected.

"I wasn't here last year, but one of the things the guys were talking about was showing that team that we weren't going to be pushed around," Minnesota center Eric Belanger said.

Boogaard and May squared



Red Wings defenders Andreas Lija, center, and Dan Cleary try to clear the puck away from Kings left wing Kyle Calder in a 4-1 Red Wing victory Sunday.

off at 14:18 of the opening period right after a faceoff, and Nick Schultz took on Ducks playoff hero Ryan Getzlaf just 70 seconds later.

"I guess it was hyped beforehand, and I guess it lived up to the hype," Rolston said. "Obviously last year, the shot that Brad gave Johnsson we thought was a bit of a cheap shot. But tonight when Boogy lined up with them, Brad answered the bell and did what a tough guy does."

The main event came at 5:36 of the second between Boogaard and Parros, who won on a TKO.

"Everybody respects what George does. He stands up for his teammates," O'Donnell said. "Having guys like George and Brad adds a lot of character to this team and lets the guys know that their backs are being watched."

Just seconds before that brawl, Boogaard knocked down Giguere as he went out to cut down the angle on Stephane Veilleux — whose point-blank wrist shot struck Ducks forward Mark Mowers as he was skating across the crease behind his goalie.

Red Wings 4, Ducks 1

Maybe the Los Angeles Kings should return to London.

Henrik Zetterberg had a goal and two assists and the Detroit Red Wings beat Los Angeles on Sunday night, sending the Kings to their fifth consecutive loss.

They have just one win so far, beating the Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks in the season-opener in London. The Kings' start is their worst since they were 1-6-0 to open the 1987-88 season, including five consecutive defeats.

"I thought we were better tonight, but felt like it was the same story," Kings coach Marc Crawford said. "We made critical mistakes at critical times of the game."

The Red Wings scored two goals each in the second and third periods against Jonathan Bernier, the Kings' 19-year-old

rookie.

Detroit backup Chris Osgood made 27 saves in his 600th NHL start, and second of the season.

"To come into another team's building and your goalie makes some big saves, it gives you that calming influence," said Kris Draper, who scored in the second. "The previous games, we kind of let a team get back into it."

Leading by a goal in the third, the Red Wings scored goals less than 2 minutes apart to take a 4-1 lead. Tomas Holmstrom scored from the left side at 5:39 on a pass from Zetterberg, who followed with his fourth goal of the season.

Zetterberg stole the puck while surrounded by three defenders, skated behind the net and went top-shelf on Bernier at 7:21. The Red Wings are 2-0 on the road, having won at Chicago in overtime.

"If you have good confidence, you make the right plays," Zetterberg said. "We have a little more depth this year and special teams are better."

Detroit was whistled for six penalties. The Kings' two minor

penalties, totaling four minutes, were their lowest of the season.

"We got a lot of penalties; I have no idea why," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. "Then we had to kill penalties and Ozy did a good job."

Michael Cammalleri, the Kings' leading scorer with six, prevented the shutout with a power-play goal at 1:44 of the third.

Draper's boarding penalty carried over from the second period, then Andreas Lija went off for high-sticking, giving Los Angeles a 5-on-3, which Cammalleri converted with a slap shot from the left circle.

After a scoreless first, Detroit got goals from Pavel Datsyuk and Draper in the second.

Datsyuk's shot went through Bernier's legs and dribbled across the goal line as the rookie reached back with his left glove in a futile attempt at the puck. Zetterberg assisted 40 seconds into the period.

Draper scored on a short-handed backhand at 3:06.

Bernier stopped 26 shots on the 40th anniversary of the Kings' first game.



Wild defensemen Martin Skoula collides with Ducks right wing Corey Perry as they race for the puck in a 2-0 Wild win Sunday.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana coach punished for NCAA violation

Kelvin Sampson will not receive \$500,000 raise after second offense in 17 months; team will lose one scholarship next season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson will not receive a \$500,000 raise and his team will lose one scholarship for next season after violating NCAA-imposed sanctions on phone calls, the school announced Sunday.

It's the second time in 17 months Sampson has been penalized for improper phone calls.

The NCAA banned him from off-campus recruiting for one year in May 2006 when the infractions committee ruled Sampson made 577 impermissible calls from 2000 to 2004 while at Oklahoma. As part of the penalty, Sampson also was banned from participating in three-way calls.

School officials said that while NCAA rules allow coaches to use three-way calling, the internal investigation showed Sampson violated the punishment handed down by the NCAA.

In a hastily arranged conference call with reporters Sunday, Sampson said he unknowingly participated in nine of 10 three-way calls a review found he was involved with during the 12-month period he had been sanctioned.

"It's very disappointing," Sampson said. "We've been dealing with sanctions from May 25 to May 25, and when it was over, we were confident that we had followed all of the rules other than one call. I was not aware of the three-way calls were three-way calls other than one."

Sampson said the call he was aware of was to clear up ques-

tions from a recruit who had already committed himself to making an on-campus visit.

One report from the investigation, which athletic director Rick Greenspan said began in July, has already been turned over to the NCAA's infractions committee. A second, describing what school officials believe are secondary violations for undocumented calls made from the homes of assistant coaches, is expected to be forwarded to the NCAA soon.

Greenspan said assistant coach Rob Senderoff, whom Sampson said was responsible for patching through the three-way calls and whom school officials determined made the majority of the improper calls, also will be penalized.

Senderoff will not receive a bonus or salary increase and will not be allowed to recruit off-campus or make recruiting calls through next July.

"I am profoundly disappointed we are dealing with this matter as is coach Sampson," Greenspan said. "We hope these sanctions send a strong message."

Still, Senderoff's job does not appear to be in immediate jeopardy since he is still coaching at practices and performing administrative duties. Sampson would not say whether additional action might be taken against Senderoff in the future.

Sampson explained Senderoff was helping recruits reach Sampson, in part because Sampson's cell phone signal made it difficult. Recruits then, Sampson said, would call back Senderoff seeking assistance.

That's when, Sampson said, the three-way calls occurred.

"I was allowed to text message kids and a lot of times that's how a kid would call," Sampson said. "But a lot of times, because of the area I lived in, the call would not go through or show up as missed calls. Because of the restrictions we were under, I could not make any calls from May 25 to May 25 and I did not make any calls."

But it is a black eye for an Indiana program that took a risk when it hired Sampson in March 2006, while still under NCAA investigation.

Sampson is also expected to help put the Hoosiers back on the national map this year after winning the recruiting fight for Indianapolis high school star Eric Gordon last year. Gordon, the state's 2007 Mr. Basketball winner, backed out of a commitment with Illinois last October and announced he would play for the Hoosiers.

Sampson said he and his staff dutifully tried to abide by the sanctions although it is now clear there were violations.

"There was certainly no intent to think that we were above the law," he said. "The rules we broke were mistakes. ... It's not something that we were doing out front, purposefully."

When Sampson was hired, Greenspan said that additional NCAA infractions could lead to Sampson's firing.

But Greenspan said Sunday that after consulting with university attorneys and school President Michael McRobbie it

was determined the school-imposed penalties were appropriate.

"This decision was not made by the athletic director, but it has been made with considerable thought and it's a matter we will now move forward to the NCAA," Greenspan said.

Sampson also acknowledged after his hiring that he had made mistakes at Oklahoma, mistakes that he and his staff

had learned from.

A conciliatory Sampson again promised Sunday to follow all rules in the future.

"I think we had mistakes of omission and commission, but I don't think there was any intent to circumvent the rules," Sampson said. "We have to figure this out. We don't want to be 95 percent in compliance or 99 percent, we have to be 100 percent in compliance."

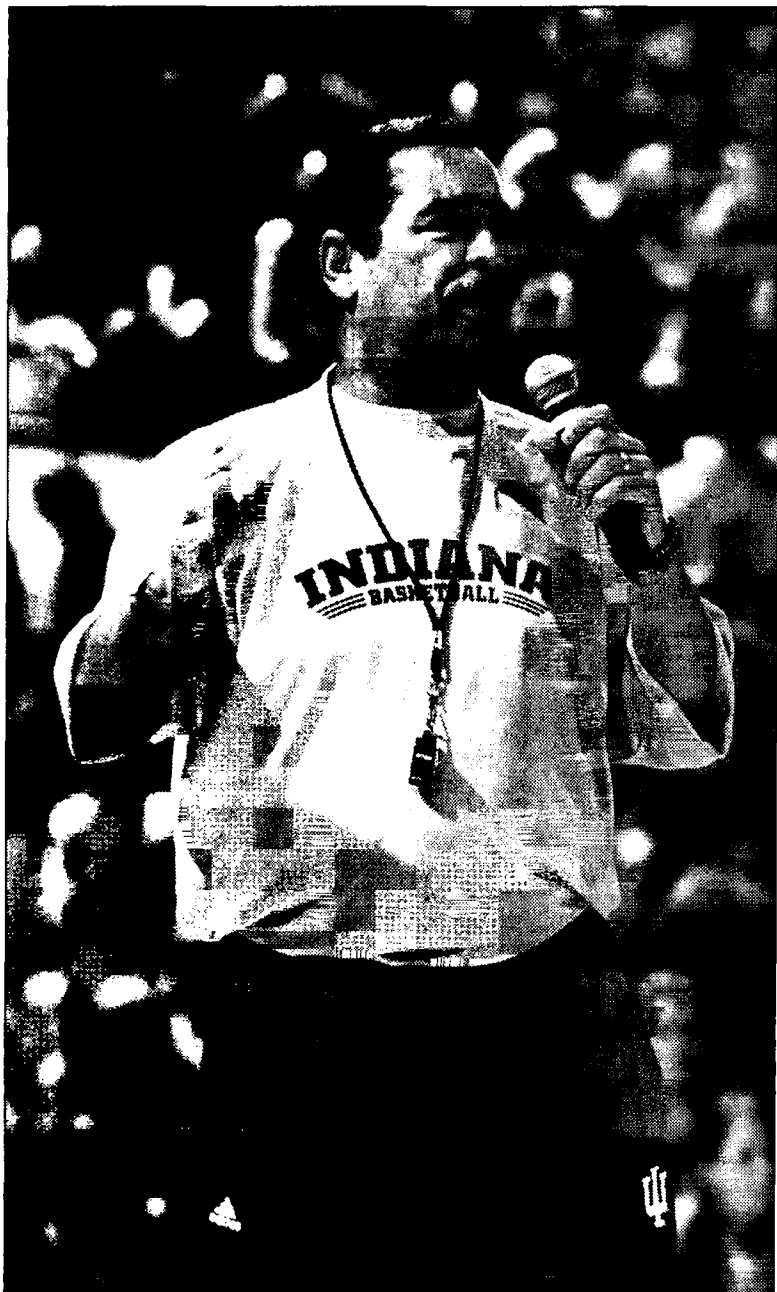
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish fifth in Big East after one up, one down

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

For the third weekend this season, the Irish went 1-1 against two competitive conference teams.

The Irish first faced the Marquette. After defeating the Golden Eagles 3-1 in 2006, the Irish fell 3-1 (30-26, 20-30, 30-25, 31-29) Friday.

"We ended up beating ourselves against Marquette," senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk said. "We did not have enough intensity, and we underestimated Marquette's ability."

Despite the loss, outside hitter Stasiuk led the team, by recording her double-double of the season with 19 kills and 13 digs. The Irish won the hitting percentage battle at .247 to the Golden Eagles' .238. Sophomore outside and opposite hitters Serenity Phillips and Megan Fesl also recorded top-hitting scores. Phillips had 16 and Fesl attained 10. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis and sophomore setter Jamel Nicholas led the offense with 29 and 23 assists, respectively. Leading the Irish defense with 15 digs was freshman defensive specialist Angela Puente.

To finish up the weekend's road trip, the Irish headed to Syracuse, where they dominated the Orange, earning a 3-1 (26-30, 31-29, 30-24, 30-24) victory.

"We decided that we were a team on a mission when we went into the match against Syracuse," Stasiuk said. "We decided that we were going to win, no questions asked, and the team really bonded together in a great match. It was a total team effort."

"We did not have enough intensity, and we underestimated Marquette's ability."

Adrianna Stasiuk
Irish outside hitter

After losing the first game, the Irish rallied to win coach Debbie Brown her 400th Notre Dame victory.

The Irish attained a top hitting percentage with .371. Junior middle blocker Justine Stremick led the team in kills with 18, while Stasiuk recorded 17. Tarutis also recorded season-high 58 assists, and Phillips and Fesl each had 13 kills.

The Irish are 8-9 with a Big East record of 4-3. They are tied for fifth place with South Florida.

"We have been up and down this season, but we all have strong faith in our ability to finish successfully," Stasiuk said.

The Irish will next host the DePaul Blue Demons Friday at 4 p.m.

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SMC SOCCER

Calvin topples Saint Mary's

Belles fall to No. 1 Knights in close contest at Grand Rapids

By MEGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell 2-0 to the No. 1 Calvin Saturday in the Knights' sixth conference game of the season in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The loss dropped the Belles to 6-3-4 overall and 2-2-2 in the MIAA. The team dropped to fifth place in the conference, while Calvin (10-3-1, 5-0-0 MIAA) remained in first place.

The Knights wasted no time establishing their dominance in the match. Calvin defender Kellie Honderd tapped in a rebound to score her third goal of the season just over one minute into the match. Freshman midfielder Carly Prins was credited with the assist.

The quick goal was all the stingy Calvin defense would need in the game, as they allowed only three shots over the next 89 minutes. The Belles' leading scorer, junior forwards Lauren Hinton, got loose for a shot four minutes into the game, but she missed wide to the left. Hinton also got off a shot during the 55th minute, but it was blocked by a Calvin defender before it reached the net.

Whitney Fron added the third and final shot for the Saint Mary's offense, which has struggled to produce in the past few weeks.

The shot total was the second lowest of the season for the Belles. Their lowest total



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Belles forward Lauren Hinton dribbles past sophomore defender Melonie Rederstorff of Adrian in a 4-3 Saint Mary's victory Oct. 9.

was also against the Knights. The team was held to only one shot in a 0-0 draw in the conference opener for both clubs on Sept. 12.

Senior goalkeeper Amy Mahoney made five saves in the first game to pick up the shutout. This time around Calvin was able to sneak a few of their seven shots past Mahoney for the win.

Calvin midfielder Elizabeth Ribbens added an insurance goal with three minutes left in the game to bring the final score to 2-0. Junior Liz VanRees chipped a pass across the box to Ribbens who one-timed it past Mahoney for her seventh goal of the season. Ribbens is currently second on the team in

goals scored behind Prins who has nine so far this season.

Saint Mary's struggled to keep possession of the ball throughout the game, often making careless fouls and failing to get past the Calvin defense. Coach Caryn Mackenzie tried to spark her team with frequent substitutions, but none of the combinations seemed to be working for the Belles.

Saint Mary's will look to regroup this week before taking on Tri-State Tuesday at 4 p.m. on the road in its second-to-last conference match of the regular season.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Ohio State now No. 1 after LSU and Cal fall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ohio State has risen — all the way to No. 1.

A day after the top two teams in the AP Top 25 lost, the Buckeyes jumped two spots Sunday in the media poll and became the third school this season to hold the No. 1 ranking.

"We've improved each week but we understand that the only poll that counts is the last one," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said in a statement.

The Buckeyes (7-0) beat Kent State 48-3 Saturday and have played only one team that's been in the rankings at any point this season. In a season in which 10 ranked teams have been beaten by unranked teams, just avoiding the upset bug has been enough for Ohio State.

Ohio State was No. 1 last season from preseason until the final poll, when the Buckeyes dropped to No. 2 after losing the BCS national championship game to Florida.

An unpredictable season took a new twist Saturday when LSU, in its second week as No. 1, was upset 43-37 in triple overtime by Kentucky. A few hours later, California, poised

to move up one spot to No. 1 with a victory, lost at home 31-28 to Oregon State.

It was the first time in 11 years the Nos. 1 and 2 teams in the AP poll lost on the same day.

The Buckeyes received 50 of a possible 65 first-place votes, and were not the only team to advance. South Florida, which had never been ranked before this season, moved up three spots to No. 2, leapfrogging No. 3 Boston College.

The Bulls received 11 first-place votes after a 64-12 victory over Central Florida. BC's workmanlike 27-14 victory over Notre Dame helped get the Eagles one first-place vote. No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 5 LSU each received one first-place vote, as did No. 12 Arizona State.

The last time six teams received first-place votes after the first month of the season was Nov. 25, 1990.

The rest of the top 10 was No. 6 South Carolina, followed by Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia and Cal, which slipped eight spots to No. 10.

Virginia Tech was No. 11, followed by Arizona State and Southern California, which fell another three spots to No. 13.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles drop after good start

By SAMANTA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's went 2-2 at the Millikin Invitational in Decatur, Ill. this weekend. The Belles won their first two matches on Friday before dropping contests with losses to Central Iowa and host school Millikin.

Saint Mary's started the weekend with a 3-0 win over Franklin College. The Belles never trailed in the match and coasted to an easy victory. Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann led the team nine kills and 13 digs. Hellmann was later named to the all-tournament team for her play during the weekend.

Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski contributed to the win with eight kills and

seven digs before coming out early due to an injury.

"Lorna Slupczynski was sidelined most of Saturday due to some recurring shoulder and knee problems," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles struggled to replace her throughout the rest of the tournament.

Saint Mary's was able to pick up their second sweep of the day in its night match against Pontbonne. The Belles played three tough games (30-23, 37-35, 30-24) but were able to hold on in all of them to pick up the win.

Hellmann was a leader again with her nine kills and 16 defensive digs. Junior middle blocker Cathy Kurczak helped the cause with 12 kills and a .444 hitting percentage in the victory. Freshman mid-

dle blocker Andrea Sasgen was a leader on both defense and offense adding 15 kills and four block assists and two solo blocks.

Senior setter Amanda David dished out 48 assists. David also helped on the defensive side of the game with 11 digs, which gave David her eighth double-double on the season.

The Belles did not fare as well in their second day against some more impressive competition.

They started the day against No. 19 Central Iowa, and then finished the tournament against Millikin. The Dutch defeated Saint Mary's 30-14, 25-30, 30-18, 30-17. Although the Belles did pull out a win in game two, the Dutch held complete control of the other three games.

Millikin also kept control of the Belles, defeating them in a three game sweep. The Big Blue defeated Saint Mary's 30-17, 30-19, 30-24, never letting them into the game.

Schroeder-Biek was impressed with her teams effort overall.

"I felt that they really played together well this weekend," she said. "Saturday, we definitely struggled and that was frustrating. But overall, it was a good weekend. We didn't have the same 'stand out' every game, they all kind of took turns."

The Belles, who are 9-14 overall, return to conference play this Tuesday when take on Albion at home.

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Junior outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski digs a ball during Saint Mary's 3-0 win over Alma Sept. 13 at home.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Gray wins race, leads team to third overall

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

If Saint Mary's performance in its final tune-up during Saturday's Manchester Invite was any indication, the Belles are right where they want to be heading into the MIAA Championship meet on Oct. 27.

Senior Megan Gray ran a personal record 18:26 to capture the meet's individual title for the second consecutive year, winning an event for the second weekend in a row. As a team, the Belles finished third out of eight squads.

"This weekend was huge," coach Jackie Bauters said. "Megan ran phenomenal, and she ran a very smart race. The pack went out quick and Megan played it smart, taking the lead just before the two-mile [mark] and was never passed again. What a great accomplishment, [winning] two years in a row."

Strong finishes from freshman Sam Wiczorek and sophomore Megan McClowry, both of whom finished the race in under 20 minutes backed Gray's performance.

Junior Caitlin Brodmerkel had never placed among the Belles' top five in her career, but, as Bauters had predicted,

she thrashed her previous personal record — by 49 seconds, to finish fourth for the team. Senior Olenka Bilyk rounded out the scoring for the Belles.

"The day was great because across the board, all the hard work has paid off — for everyone," Bauters said, adding that but one runner achieved a season or career personal record time. "The team was elated at the end of the meet, which is exactly the kind of feeling I want going into championships."

"The day was great because across the board, all the hard work has paid off — for everyone."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

They know they can be successful, and it continues to be reaffirmed each week."

The Belles will now begin their final push toward the championships, where they hope to fulfill the ultimate goal of making this season the best in school history. To do so, Saint Mary's must finish fourth or better in the nine-team meet, which the Belles did at the Sept. 22 MIAA Jamboree.

"I am so proud of this team, and I couldn't be more excited for their successes," Bauters said. "The saying on the team has been 'I can, I will,' and I think that speaks volumes of where both this team and program are headed."

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Polls

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inclusion in the next poll by finishing 15th in a field that featured nearly every team with championship aspirations.

Stanford took first place with 102 points, followed by Florida State, Michigan State, Minnesota and Georgetown. Notre Dame finished with 393 points.

Sophomore Lindsey Ferguson paced the Irish, finishing the six-kilometer race in 21:03. She placed 37th overall. Freshman

Marissa Treece was hot on her heels, finishing in 21:07, 40th overall.

Senior Ann Mazur (81st), sophomore Emily Wauford (104th), freshman Abby Higgins (131st), sophomore Beth Tacl (166th) and senior Amy Kohlmeier (199th) also ran for the Irish.

The postseason begins for both teams in two weeks with the Big East Championships in Louisville, Ky.

No members of the team were available for commenting following the race.

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Junior Kevin Veselik leans for the finish line during Notre Dame's victory at the National Catholic Championships Sept. 14.



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she headed a throw-in from Michelle Weissenhofer from the top of the penalty area into the left side of the net.

"Brittany's great at playing the ball in the air," Waldrum said. "She gives us a great physical presence."

Less than ten minutes after the break, sophomore midfielder Courtney Rosen ripped a shot past Hoyas goalkeeper Jackie DesJardin into the right side of the net. Irish senior forward Susan Pinnick and junior forward Kerri Hanks picked up assists on the play.

Bock gave the Irish one more insurance goal when she one-timed a pass from freshman forward Erica Iantorno past the helpless DesJardin. Iantorno and senior midfielder Ashley Jones, who initiated the play with a pass from the center of the field, earned an assist.

Two Notre Dame keepers, senior Lauren Karas and sophomore Kelsey Lysander, combined on the shutout, but neither had to make a save behind a squad that possessed the ball for the majority of the contest.

Notre Dame 5, Villanova 0

Bock and freshman Rose Augustin each notched two goals and an assist as Notre Dame handed Villanova its worst loss since 1998 on Sunday.

The Irish scored five times on Wildcats senior goalkeeper Jillian Loyden, last season's Big East goalkeeper of the year.

The first half was physical, as Villanova repeatedly fouled the Irish and surrendered free kicks just outside the Wildcats' penalty area. The Irish convert-

ed one of those kicks late in the first half. Hanks was tripped up in front of the Wildcats bench on the right sideline, and she launched the ensuing free kick into the middle of the box. There, Bock broke free of her defender to head the ball past Loyden.

"If teams want to play physical, we are built to do that," Waldrum said.

"Brittany's great at playing the ball in the air. She gives us a great physical presence."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

junior defender Elise Weber toward the net and Loyden appeared to grab it. But the ball slipped through her hands and trickled into the back of the net.

But Villanova did not give in, notching six shots on goal in the first 20 minutes of the second half. The Wildcats had recorded just one shot in the entire first half, but got off 12 in the second.

"Villanova always has good teams and they really put us to the test," Waldrum said. "Even being down 2-0, they never quit."

Despite the Villanova pressure, the Irish defense and Karas kept their shutout intact. Karas has not yet surrendered a goal in seven Big East games this season.

The Irish padded their lead with three goals in the final nine minutes of play.

Senior midfielder Ashley Jones scored at the 81:20 mark, and Augustin tallied the final two scores to put the game out of Villanova's reach.

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Junior Brittany Bock dribbles downfield during a 5-0 win over Villanova Sunday. Bock scored twice against the Wildcats.

Lefty

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showed their youth against the Badgers, struggling in the opening stanza. Wisconsin fired the first nine shots of the game and out-shot the Irish 13-3 in the period.

Senior left wing Josh Engel ended a 66-game scoring drought to put the Badgers on the board with just under five minutes left in the period.

Senior linemate Matthew Ford fed a streaking Engel from the corner, and Engel fired a shot past Irish goaltender Jordan Pearce for his first career goal.

Pearce stood on his head in the first period making several big saves to keep the game in reach for the struggling Notre Dame offensive attack.

The Irish looked sharper in the second period. Their speed forced Wisconsin to take four penalties, and senior captain Mark Van Guilder capitalized on one of the power plays.

Two minutes into the period, freshman wing Ben Ryan worked the puck out of the corner and hit Van Guilder in the left face-off circle. Van Guilder quickly fired a shot that snuck between the pads of Wisconsin's Shane Connelly to tie the score at one apiece.

The teams remained tied until halfway through the final period when the Wisconsin offense caught fire and three more Badgers registered their first career goals.

Sophomore Aaron Bendickson got things started when he ended a scrum in front of the net by backhanding a shot past Pearce, breaking up the tie. Senior Davis Drewiske started the play with a blast from the point that found its way to the Irish crease.

Drewiske's next shot from the point, three minutes later, also resulted in a goal when freshman Tom Gorowsky batted in rebound after Pearce made the initial save.

Freshman Kyle Turris finished the scoring with a power-play goal with one minute remaining in the game.

Turris, who was selected third overall in the 2007 NHL draft, had several other chances

earlier in the game but was stoned by Pearce.

The junior Irish goalie finished with 23 saves. Connelly also had 23 in net for the Badgers.

Wisconsin lost to Ohio State 3-2 in the tournament championship game Saturday.

Notre Dame 4, Mercyhurst 0

Notre Dame bounced back from its season-opening loss with strong defense and two more goals from Van Guilder.

Pearce picked up his third career shutout with 26 saves against the Flyers. Irish coach Jeff Jackson said last week that Notre Dame would rotate all three of their goaltenders for at least the first few weeks of the season until a strong No. 1 emerged, but Pearce made a solid case for the job with his play this weekend.

The Irish offense also picked up its play, firing 36 shots in the game and burying two power-play goals.

Mercyhurst goalie Ryan Zapoli kept his Flyers in the game through one period with 17 saves but couldn't hold off the swarming Notre Dame attack in the second.

Van Guilder got things started with a power-play goal two minutes into the period. Ryan once again found his center with a pass on the left side and the captain sniped the top left corner with a wrist shot to break open the scoring. Van Guilder added his third goal of the weekend later in the third period.

Three minutes later, last year's 'little guy line' —made up of sophomores Kevin Deeth and Ryan Thang and junior Eric Condra — netted its first goal of the year. Condra sprung his two linemates on an odd-man rush, and Deeth flipped the puck to Thang, who finished for a 2-0 lead.

Ryan picked up his second assist of the day feeding junior Garret Regan. Regan cut through the slot, picked up the pass, and faked to his backhand before beating Zapoli on the forehand to put the game out of reach for Mercyhurst.

Notre Dame will play its first home game of the season Thursday night against Denver at 7:35.

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Sophomore Stewart Carlin takes a penalty shot during the Blue-Gold game on Oct 6. The Gold team won the game 3-2.



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The Irish played their best soccer of the season in the first half but had nothing to show for it going into halftime.

Huskies forward O'Brian White broke a scoreless tie in the 35th minute when he scored an unassisted goal. White got the ball at midfield, nutmegged an Irish defender and took off down the field. He beat another defender and Irish keeper Chris Cahill and buried a shot at a nearly impossible angle for a 1-0 lead.

"That O'Brian White kid, he was electric, he cut us cold with two clinical bits of work," Clark said.

Connecticut added another one shortly afterwards when midfielder Euan Holden got behind the Irish defense and beat Cahill to the far post.

"You go in 2-0 down, and you've dominated the game, and you're scratching your head; you say, 'What do we have to do?'" Clark said.

Lapira got things started in the 52nd meeting by squeaking a

penalty kick past Connecticut keeper Josh Ford's diving arms.

"We were talking at halftime that, even though we were down 2-0, that was the best half of soccer we've played all year," Lapira said. "We were confident, and we were just talking about taking it one goal at a time."

Miller played a long ball toward the box and out of Lapira's reach, but last year's M.A.C Hermann Trophy winner hustled to the ball and was fouled on the play by Connecticut defender Julius Jones forcing the penalty shot.

"The third goal in the game was going to be very important," Clark said. "If they got it, it was going to be very difficult; if we got it, we were going to be right back into it, and that's what we did."

Miller then knotted the game at two, beating Ford from six yards out in the 60th minute of the match.

Less than five minutes later, Lapira struck again. Irish junior Jack Traynor picked up a pass from Miller in the corner near the end line. He sent a cross through the box, and Lapira headed it in to give Notre Dame its first lead of the game.

The lead, however, was short-

lived.

Huskies midfielder Mike Pezza split two defenders with a pass into the box, and Chukwudi Chijindu headed the ball past Cahill and into the corner of the net.

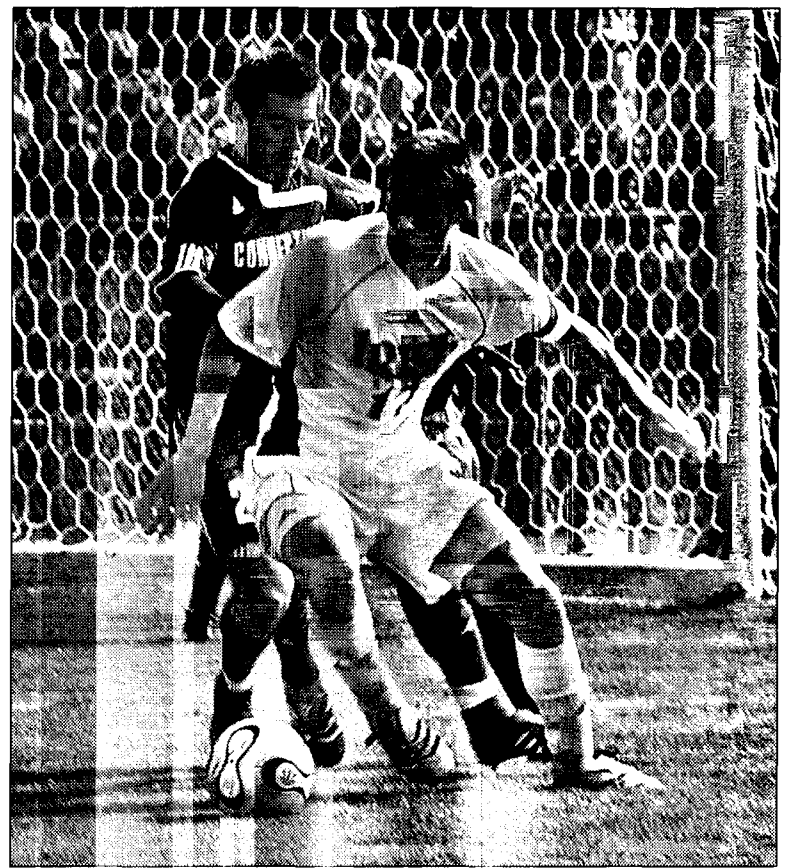
"Their last goal was a classic goal as well, it was a great cross and a great header," Clark said. "I think we took so much out of ourselves getting back in the game that towards the end we looked a little tired."

The fatigued Irish held off any more of a comeback from the No. 1 Huskies but had trouble getting any type of offense going in the two overtime periods.

Notre Dame remains two points behind Connecticut for first place in the Big East, and each team has four conference games remaining before the post-season tournament.

"I think we learned a lot of lessons," Lapira said. "Even though we're playing well we might concede a goal, and we got to keep our heads up, and that when we do concede a goal, we can come back."

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Irish captain Matt Besler works against a UConn defender during Notre Dame's 3-3 draw Saturday afternoon at home.

Champs

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In the first 20 minutes, the Irish bombarded the Huskies' box with pressure — recording six shots and two corner kicks. Connecticut could hardly get the ball past midfield.

Although the Huskies found their legs as the first 45 minutes dragged on, Notre Dame finished the first half with a 9-5 advantage in shots and 3-0 advantage in corner kicks — statistics that don't even do justice to Notre Dame's dominance of Connecticut in the first half.

"We put on a clinic, and we could have been up by two or three goals [at halftime]," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "The first 20 minutes were as well as we've ever played."

What was so remarkable about Notre Dame's performance in the first half wasn't its dominance in possession, shots, corner kicks and just general offensive pressure. The Irish routinely outplay their opponents in those ways.

What stood out about the Irish's first-half performance was who they faced. Connecticut, for good reason, is the No. 1 team in the country, but an unknowing observer at Saturday's game would have walked away from the first half thinking Notre Dame was a better team.

Despite their performance in the first forty-five minutes, there was one problem for the Irish after the first half — the scoreboard.

The Huskies scored two quick-strike counterattacking goals both against the run of play. Being down 2-0 at halftime after outplaying the No. 1

team in the country for the first half is enough to take the wind out of any team's sails.

Not Notre Dame.

Just seven minutes into the second half, midfielder Ryan Miller put a little too much on a through ball for Joe Lapira, who was making a diagonal run into the 18-yard box. Instead of giving up on a ball that Huskies goalie Josh Ford was clearly going to reach first, Lapira exploded in an all-out sprint causing Connecticut defender Julius James to deliver a hockey-like check to Lapira.

The result: a penalty kick for Lapira and new life for the Irish.

Within fifteen minutes, it was the Connecticut who looked like a team without life, and Notre Dame was riding a 3-2 advantage on the scoreboard. The Irish showed true resiliency, scoring three goals and recapturing the momentum in only 20 minutes.

Although the Huskies came back to tie the game — again, they're the No. 1 team in the country for a reason — Saturday afternoon was about the Irish. In a game that highlighted Notre Dame's championship caliber talent and mental makeup, the Irish received one more thing — confidence.

"They're a genuine No. 1 team, and I think, if nothing else, [Saturday's game] convinced our guys we can play with anyone," Clark said.

December should be very interesting.

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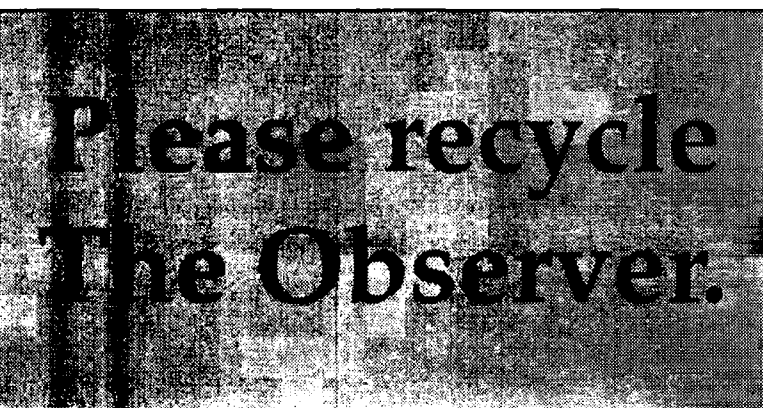
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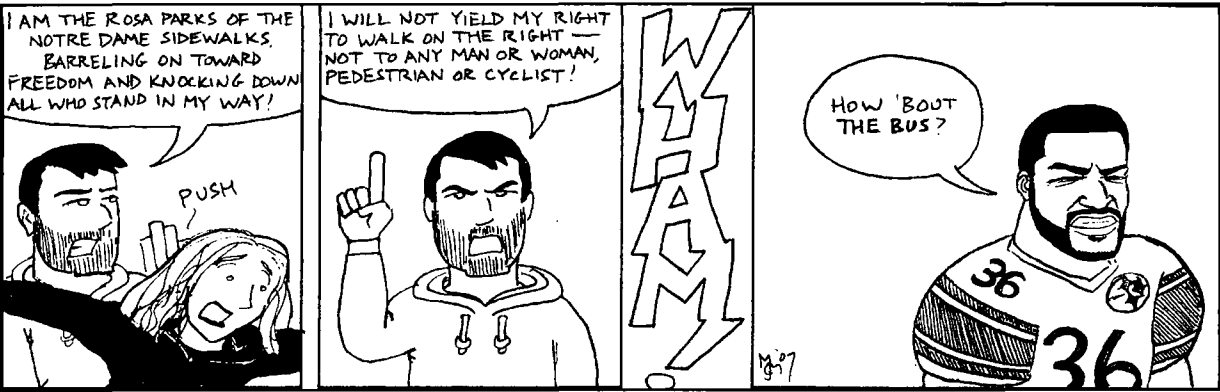
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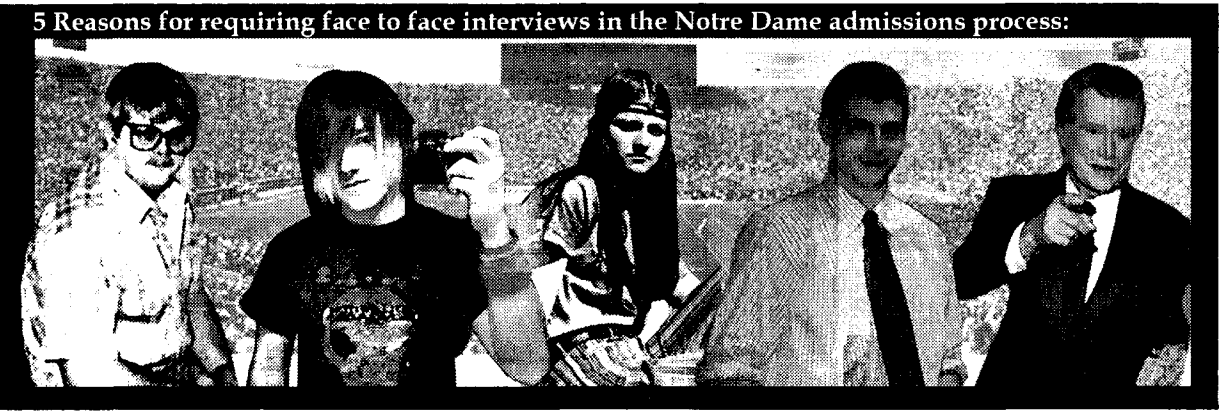
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15 Grand Canyon transport

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17 Base for turkey stuffing, often

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20 Madison Square Garden is one

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46 Off-course

48 Long-lasting house-top

51 Thrill

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56 Sob stories

61 Orange throwaway

62 Miserable weather

63 Cash drawer

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65 Pal

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3 Overseer of govt. office bldgs.

4 Legendary sunken island

5 French cleric

6 Blinkers signal them

7 "My ____" (dinner host's offer)

8 Levin who wrote "Rosemary's Baby"

9 Fish-and-chips fish

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11 Canada's capital

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18 Work units

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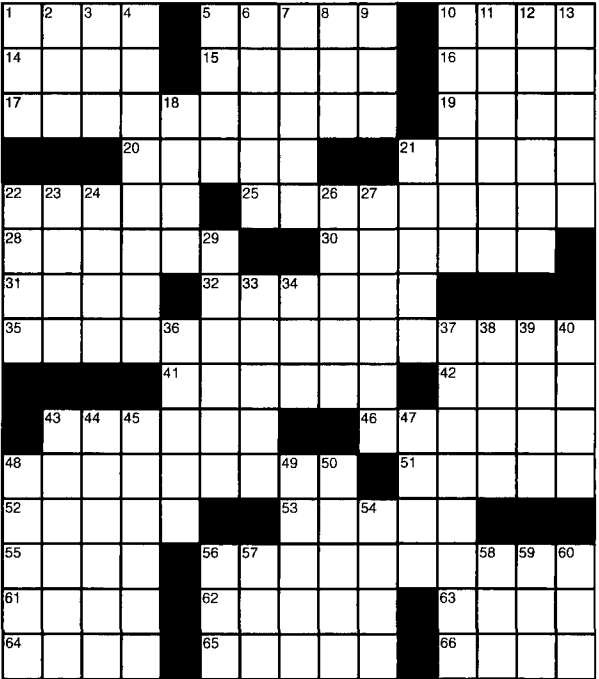
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39 Penny

40 Suffix with marion

43 Stack in a kitchen cabinet
- 44 "To be or not to be" speaker

45 Verdi opera

47 City near Lake Tahoe

48 Relative of the sandpiper

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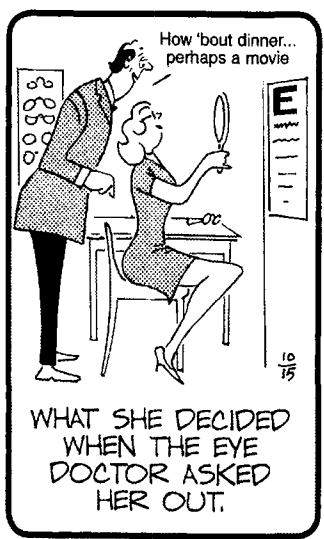
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Participating in a community event will allow you to network and get help professionally. If you aren't happy with your current position, consider your options. Remember: It's never good to burn bridges. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have some great ideas. You may feel like taking it easy or socializing but, right now, it's important to develop or launch something you have been working on. An unusual change will come from a very unexpected source. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The less anyone knows about your personal business, the better. You may be tempted to travel but, before doing so, consider if your absence will trouble or hinder someone. If you've made a promise, don't break it. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything you do will make a difference to someone so don't stop short of doing all you can to help. Money, networking and partnerships should all take precedence over ignoring what's going on around you. What you do today will alter your future. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let emotional issues scare you. Face your problems head-on and you will feel better. You will come up with a viable solution to a financial problem you have. Use your intelligence and skills properly. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Think about how you can turn something you've wanted to do into a reality. You can change your surroundings both professionally and personally if you feel you are missing out or that you have been in the same position for too long. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You have a strong sense of pride and justice. You are intense, driven and strive for perfection. You gravitate toward the unusual.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Dazzling draw

Lapira scores twice as team comes back to tie No. 1 UConn

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 3 Notre Dame and No. 1 Connecticut played to a 3-3 draw Saturday afternoon in what Irish coach Bobby Clark said was one of the best college soccer games of the season.

"I think at the end of the day there you had two teams worthy of being in an NCAA final, and I think that's all you can say," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first half, the Irish started filling up the net. They scored three goals in less than 15 minutes to open up a 3-2 lead with just under 30 minutes left in regulation.

Senior Joseph Lapira scored his third and fourth goals of the season to lead the offensive attack for Notre Dame, and Ryan Miller pitched in with his team-leading fifth of the year.

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Senior midfielder Ryan Miller dives for a ball during Notre Dame's 3-3 tie with Connecticut Saturday. Miller had a goal and an assist in the showdown between the Big East's top two teams.

After an impressive tie, Irish look poised for championship run

Throughout the season, Notre Dame has been very clear about its goal — to reach the program's first-ever Final Four.

Forget the Final Four.

This team has everything it needs to bring home Notre Dame's first-ever national championship.

Saturday's match against No. 1 Connecticut could be considered a tale of two halves, each one illuminating something special about the Irish.

The first half was as impressive a half of soccer as Notre Dame has played this season.



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Sports writer

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Teams prepare for postseason with success in Terre Haute

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The men's and women's teams both made powerful statements Saturday at the Pre-National meet hosted by Indiana State in Terre Haute. In a meet that featured national contenders, the men finished fifth, while the women, coming off a disap-

pointing performance at the Notre Dame Invitational, finished 15th.

Going into the race, the men were ranked seventh in the USTFCCA poll (which has no bearing on the selections of the NCAA Championship committee). The team finished ahead of top-ranked Oregon, No. 2 Wisconsin, No. 4 Iona, No. 5 Stanford and No. 6 Oklahoma State.

North Carolina State and Michigan, which had been ranked 10th and 18th, respectively, finished third and fourth. UTEP, which had been ranked 21st, won with 129 points. Notre Dame finished with 261 points.

Leading the way for the Irish was junior Patrick Smyth, who head coach Joe Piane had expected to do well. He finished the eight-kilometer race

in 23:18 — placing him fifth overall on the individual leaderboard. He improved his time from the same meet at the same course in 2006 by 30 seconds.

Senior Jake Watson finished second for the Irish and 17th overall with a time of 23:43. Sophomore Jake Walker (47th), senior Brett Adams (93rd), freshman Dan Jackson (99th), senior Mike Popejoy

(118th) and freshman Paul Springer (240th) also represented the Irish in the varsity race.

After winning their first two meets of the year, the Irish women finished 12th at the Notre Dame Invitational, which dropped them out of the USTFCCA rankings. They made a strong case for their

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Big East win streak reaches six in a row

Bock scores twice in both wins this weekend

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Irish junior forward Brittany Bock, the reigning national player of the week, scored a pair of goals in each of Notre Dame's wins this weekend — over Georgetown and Villanova.

"[Bock] has been an All-American in her first two years, and she's having that kind of a season," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

The victories ran Notre Dame's winning streak to six

games and its conference unbeaten streak to 31 contests.

"It was another great weekend for us," Waldrum said. "We're sitting pretty high in the Big East. I couldn't be more pleased."

Notre Dame 3, Georgetown 0

Georgetown had the first shot of the game Friday, but the Irish dominated the remainder of the contest. The Hoyas did not register another shot — or any on goal — as the Irish kept the ball out of their defending third of the field for most of the contest.

Bock put the Irish on the board in the 21st minute when

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HOCKEY

Irish split at Lefty Invite

Pearce gets shutout after opening loss

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 8 Notre Dame opened its regular season this weekend by placing third in the Lefty McFadden Tournament in Dayton, Ohio.

The Irish lost their first round game to No. 15 Wisconsin 4-1 but bounced back Saturday to take down Mercyhurst 4-0 and even their record at 1-1.

Wisconsin 4, Notre Dame 1
The inexperienced Irish

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Junior center Eric Condra celebrates a Gold squad goal during the annual Blue-Gold game on Oct. 6 in the Joyce Center.