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Brian Kelly 'the right man' for ND



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Brian Kelly addresses the media Friday at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex as Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick looks on. Kelly was announced as the new Irish head coach Thursday night.

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

After weeks of rumors and speculation, Brian Kelly was officially introduced as Notre Dame's 29th head coach Friday.

Kelly has signed a five-year deal to coach the Irish after leading Cincinnati to consecutive BCS appearances. The 47-year old Kelly went 34-6 in three years with the Bearcats, and was named Big East Coach of the Year all three seasons. Kelly also won the national Home Depot Coach of the Year award Thursday night.

"Nobody does it like Notre Dame," Kelly said. "There's a chapel in every dorm, and there's a leader around every corner, and we will cultivate that leadership here at Notre Dame, and we will continue to move towards excellence both in the classroom and on the football field."

A veteran with 19 years of head coaching experience, Kelly will not coach Cincinnati's Sugar Bowl game against Florida. He informed the Bearcats team of his decision Thursday afternoon before the team's banquet.

"I'm forever grateful to the players at the University of Cincinnati for what they gave me. They gave me this opportunity here at Notre Dame. Their work on the field gave me a great opportunity for my family, and for that I'm forever grateful," Kelly said. "But transition is difficult. Emotion gets involved, and I only wish all of them the very, very best."

Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said he had a timeline with the goal of hiring a new coach by this weekend, and was excited to finalize the agreement with Kelly Thursday.

"We followed our criteria, we stuck to it, and at every step along the way, it kept taking me back to the same place. It kept taking me back to the

conclusion that Brian Kelly was the right person to lead this program," Swarbrick said. "He was the first person I talked to. He was the only person I offered this opportunity to. And it was a compelling case throughout."

The news of Kelly's hiring broke Thursday afternoon and was officially announced through a university release that night.

"Growing up as an Irish Catholic in Boston, Massachusetts, I'd come home from church after driving my parents crazy and listen to the reruns or the replays of Notre Dame football, and indelibly etched in my mind, in my vision was the great Lindsey Nelson talking about as we move further into the third quarter, the action, and Notre Dame playing that day," Kelly said. "That was all that was on the TV in the Kelly house."

Kelly said the Notre Dame job has been a dream of his for years.

"The story is like this: You come home as a parent and you're going to tell your kids that they're moving and they love the friends and they love the community, and as we started to tell them, tears began to well up in their eyes, and Gracie came up to me, grabbed me, hugged me and said, 'Dad, I'm so happy for you. I know this has been your dream. And I'm sad for me just for a little bit. Is that okay?' And I kissed her, and I said, 'You know what, that's what is so magical about this is that my kids know that this was a dream for me,'" Kelly said.

Kelly also met with the Notre Dame team before his press conference Friday, and had a strong initial impression.

"They want to win," Kelly said. "They're like any other football program that I've been around; they

want to win football games, and they want to be led. They want to be developed. I could tell that immediately.

"You do not come to the University of Notre Dame because you want to be average. You want to be the best of the best. And that's why I'm here. It inspires me to be around young men like I had in front of me today," Swarbrick said that throughout the process he sought the advice of several members of the team, who helped the director of athletics with the search.

"I read a lot of things about people saying that this was a less attractive job than it used to be, or the interest was not what it used to be. You weren't in my shoes," Swarbrick said. "The interest in being the leader of this program was extraordinary, and I was so buoyed by the level of that interest and the way many of

the best coaches in the country were really interested in being part of our program."

One trait that stood out to Swarbrick was Kelly's appreciation for the traditions of Notre Dame, and he honored the new coach with a unique gift.

"There's a tradition that we didn't discuss that you may or may not be familiar with. The last element of that team Mass frequently as celebrated by Fr. Doyle, who's with us today, is to identify a saint that we're honoring that day, and every player as they leave the mass and head across the walk or get on the bus for an away game, gets a medal to take with them. Many of our players figure out a way to affix that to their uniforms or otherwise have it with them. And yes, we do keep of the saints' won loss records. We're careful about that," Swarbrick said.

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Kelly has 'plan in place' for coaching staff



Kerry Coombs

Associate HC,
Def. Backs



Mike Elston

Special Teams,
Defensive Line



Bob Diaco

Defensive
Coordinator



Jeff Quinn

Off. Coordinator,
Offensive Line



Greg Forest

Quarterbacks



Lorenzo Guess

Tight Ends



Tim Hinton

Recruiting,
Running Backs



William Inge

Linebackers



Charley Molnar

Passing Game,
Receivers

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis is gone, Brian Kelly is here, but there are two groups of assistants and coordinators whose job situation remains uncertain.

Some Irish assistants led their departments to success this season and coached their players to drastic improvement, but other position groups took steps back. Kelly has not yet announced who he would bring with him and who, if any, of Notre Dame's assistants he will retain, but did say he would interview all of Notre Dame's assistants.

"I've got a plan in place. I clearly know where I want to go," he said. "I want to make sure I talk to everyone involved in the process."

Kelly said he would begin the process Monday.

"That's a process that won't take very much time," he said. "I've got a lot of those pieces already put together."

Some seem like logical choices to keep; others seem as though their jobs might be in jeopardy.

Interim head coach Rob Ianello has taken the head coaching job at Akron, leaving the positions of receivers coach and recruiting coordinator open.

Bearcats offensive coordinator Jeff Quinn has been with Kelly the longest, back to Kelly's days at Grand Valley State. Quinn played football and wrestled at Elmhurst College and was a third-team All-America selection in football in 1993. He coached football and wrestling at DePauw starting in 1984 and moved to Ohio Northern in 1986.

Quinn has coached alongside Kelly for 19 years and joined Cincinnati's staff for the 2007 season. He also served as the offensive line coach. Weis functioned as Notre Dame's offensive coordinator.

Quinn's offensive line counterpart, Frank Verducci, joined the staff this season and helped the line's play, keeping junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen off his back and allowing the running game to improve. The Irish rushed for 3.8 yards per carry this year.

Quarterbacks coach Greg Forest has also spent a long time with

Kelly. He was a sports management intern in 1991 at Grand Valley State, Kelly's first year. Forest has had great success this year with both quarterbacks Tony Pike and Zach Collaros. Notre Dame's quarterbacks coach, Ron Powlus, has helped develop Clausen into one of the nation's top passers.

Charley Molnar has run the Bearcats passing game for the past four years and worked with Kelly while he was at Central Michigan, where he coached Dan LeFevour during his freshman year. At Cincinnati, along with the success of Pike and Collaros, Molnar coached receiver Mardy Gilyard to a great season.

The closest parallel at Notre Dame is Ianello, who previously served under Weis as receivers coach and recruiting coordinator. Ianello helped receivers Michael Floyd and Golden Tate flourish during his tenure and also knows Notre Dame's recruiting inside and out, giving him a strong case to stay around.

Cincinnati's recruiting coordinator, Tim Hinton, also serves as the running backs coach. Given the

success of Notre Dame's running backs coach, Tony Alford, in improving the run game and the fact that Hinton was the only coach Kelly inherited at Cincinnati, Hinton is less likely than others to make the jump. He has coached multiple positions, however, which adds to his appeal.

Lorenzo Guess, Cincinnati's tight ends coach, has a background in strength and conditioning in both football and basketball. He has not coached with Kelly long. Bernie Parmalee, Notre Dame's tight ends coach, helped Anthony Fasano and John Carlson reach the NFL.

Given Notre Dame's struggles on defense, Kelly will likely make changes to the defensive staff. Bob Diaco took over as the Bearcats' offensive coordinator before this season. Previously he served as defensive coordinator at Virginia and as linebacker and special teams coach before that.

Kerry Coombs, Kelly's associate head coach and defensive backs coach at Cincinnati, may make the trip with him. Coombs started in the high school ranks and has coached with Kelly for the past

three seasons.

Coombs would replace Corwin Brown, the associate head coach and defensive backs coach. Notre Dame's defensive backs underperformed this season based on previous performance and perceived level of talent.

Cincinnati's linebackers coach, William Inge, has coached at Cincinnati for two years but in 2008 three of the team's top four tacklers were linebackers — not the case at Notre Dame. Notre Dame's linebackers coach Jon Tenuta has enjoyed great success elsewhere, but his blitz-happy style of defense hasn't produced results during his tenure at Notre Dame.

Defensive line coach Mike Elston spent his first year coaching the linemen after two years as the tight ends coach. Elston would replace Notre Dame defensive line coach Randy Hart, who has 39 years of college coaching experience, 21 of them at Washington.

Notre Dame recorded 20 sacks and 73 tackles for loss this season.

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PLAYER REACTION

Irish players impressed by new coach's energy, passion

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

One word emanated from the players and resonated throughout the Guglielmino Athletics Complex Friday afternoon.

The word stemmed from new coach Brian Kelly's meeting with the players that morning and came to light when Kelly started speaking.

The word was energetic.

The players echoed it and Kelly broadcast it, reminiscing about listening to Notre Dame football as a kid in Boston, his voice crescendoing as he answered questions.

"Coach Kelly is a lot more energetic and outgoing," sophomore defensive lineman Kapron Lewis-Moore said when asked about the comparison between Kelly and former coach Charlie Weis.

Kelly met the team Friday morning to introduce himself and allow the team to get to know him, he said.

"Basically, it was getting to know him and how he does things," Lewis-Moore said.

Sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph, who is from Cincinnati, where Kelly coached prior to coming to

Notre Dame, said he's talked to friends of his on the Bearcats and even a manager of the team throughout the process. He's heard nothing but positive responses and saw it himself Friday morning.

"The way he carried himself, very passionate, he has a love for the game," Rudolph said.

Rudolph said the Cincinnati basketball team used to be the main attraction in town, but Kelly had turned the football program into a front-runner. He hopes Kelly can do the same for Notre Dame.

"When we were being recruited it was back-to-back BCS bowls," Rudolph said.

"That's where we want to get back to."

Sophomore receiver Michael Floyd said Kelly conveyed his expectations to the team and they weren't much different from his behavior.

"Just him coming in, just wanting to talk about what he wanted in the team, us being a high-energize team and being passionate about the game," he said.

The attitude, Floyd said, can carry over to the team.

"New coach coming in here, different mentality, guys will



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist speaks to the media Friday after Brian Kelly was introduced as Notre Dame's new head football coach. Crist is expected to be the team's starting quarterback next season.

be more upbeat, more excited," he said.

That high-energy style also carries over to the field. Sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist said although he hadn't watched tape of Cincinnati, he saw enough of the Bearcats to get excited about the fast, quick-strike offense.

"It'll be a little bit of a change but I think we have the guys on the team to do it," he said. "Everyone's more excited than anything about

getting to work and making a great impression."

Kelly's ability to motivate players, Crist said, will benefit the Irish.

"I feel that everyone fed off of his energy in the team meeting," he said. His passion was very contagious, his competitiveness too in was very contagious. I think it will have some great effects on the team and we're just excited about the whole situation."

Sophomore defensive lineman Ethan Johnson said

Kelly's energy shone through, but that wasn't what really caught his ear.

"It's really something else to hear a coach that's been winning all these games to say it's been his dream to coach Notre Dame," Johnson said. "I guess I'll be a part of that realization of his dream."

Johnson said he knew, however, that Kelly's energy was only part of the equation.

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“He has won at every level with every kind of team. He is a winner.”

Jack Swarbrick
director of athletics

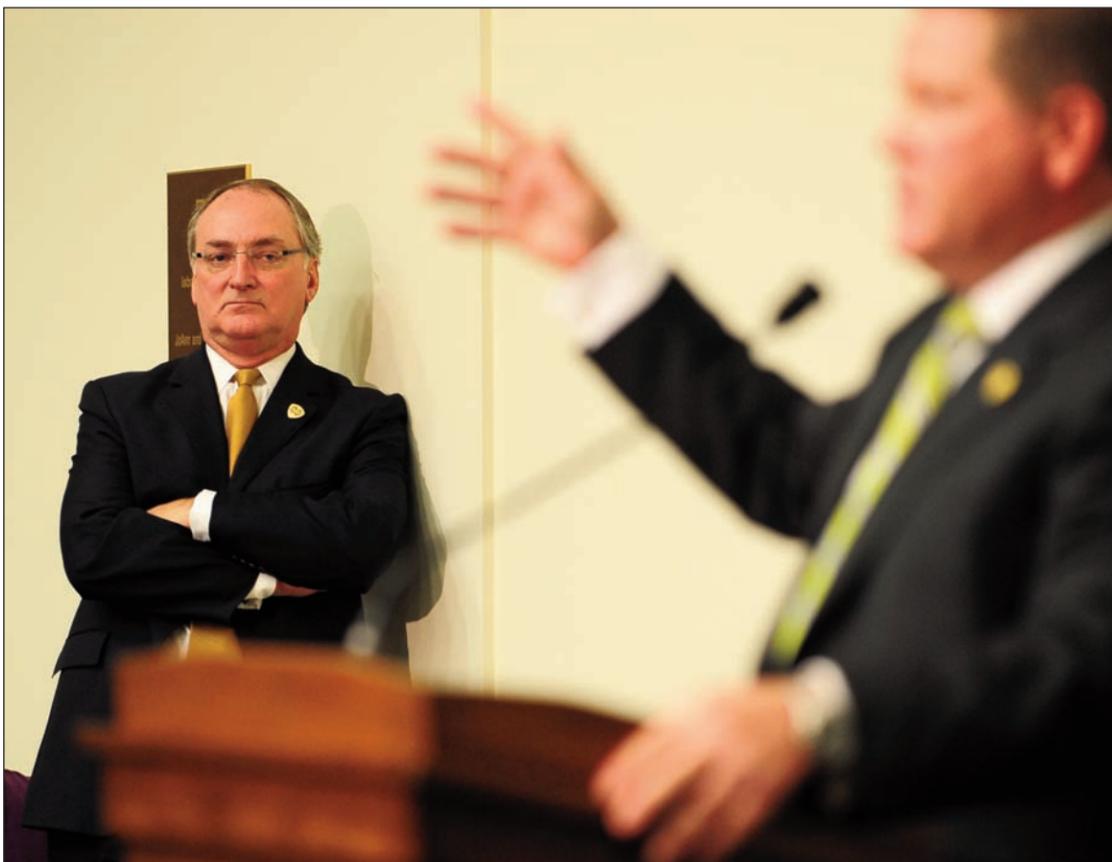
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Brian Kelly
Irish coach



“I want tough gentlemen.”

Brian Kelly
Irish coach



“We can’t trade anybody. There’s no waiver wire. We’re going to develop our players, and they’re going to play their very best for us.”

Brian Kelly
Irish coach

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COMMENTARY

Holtz's '93 squad a model for success

Notre Dame message boards have been a free-for-all for the past month, and perhaps none more than ND Nation — the final destination for disgruntled and often boisterous Irish fans to voice their opinions, especially in times of coaching transition. And with Friday's formal announcement that Brian Kelly would man the Notre Dame sidelines next year, the boards went haywire.



Matt Gamber

Sports Editor

In sifting through the rubble of questions and comments on the Kelly hire, I stumbled across one nostalgic post that linked to an archived Sports Illustrated cover story that ran after the No. 2 Irish toppled top-ranked Florida State in a colossal clash of unbeaten at Notre Dame Stadium in 1993.

I was only four years old then, and while I've read plenty about the '93 Irish getting robbed of a national title, this Austin Murphy article from 16 years ago was my first real foray into the way Lou Holtz's team played that year.

It was eye-opening. The cover headline — "WE DID IT! Jim Flanigan and Notre Dame outmuscle Florida State" — and the triumphant photo of the Irish stud defensive tackle turned me on to that '93 squad and convinced me that the next Notre Dame head coach should look to that team, and that game, as his model.

Holtz was the last successful Irish coach, at least by Notre Dame's lofty standards. And while every coach has his own strengths, his own style and his own approach, Kelly would be well-served to make note of what Holtz's '93 team did, especially in that "Game of the Century" against the Seminoles.

The offense dominated the line of scrimmage, starting with All-American left tackle Aaron Taylor, a physical specimen who hustled all over the field, sold out on every play and helped spread that approach to his teammates. They punched people in the mouth and would grind teams out with a power running game for four quarters. They didn't turn the ball over or suffer mental lapses.

The defense played fundamentally sound football, didn't allow big plays and forced turnovers. It relied not on complicated stunts and

blitzes, but on linemen to generate pressure up front, linebackers to contain the run and defensive backs to keep plays in front of them and go after balls in the air.

The coaches publicly respected their gifted opponent but privately exuded the kind of contagious confidence that sparks players and wins games in college football. They challenged their players to succeed "what though the odds," and then they put them in position, mentally and physically, to succeed. And they did it despite losing several stars to the NFL and other key players to injury.

In that epic showdown, it was the Seminoles' offense that mysteriously abandoned a successful running game and inexplicably disappeared for two quarters after utterly dominating on their opening drive. It was the Seminoles' defense that lamented countless missed tackles and couldn't muster an answer for a downhill ground attack. It was the Seminoles' coaching staff whose poor time

management resulted in no timeouts for a last-ditch comeback attempt that eventually fell short. And as Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden put it at the time, it was Florida State that let "the big one" get away.

Stop. Reread that last paragraph, but replace Seminoles with Irish, Florida State with Notre Dame and Bobby Bowden with Bob Davie, Tyrone Willingham or Charlie Weis — no offense to the just-retired Bowden, whose 388 wins at the Division I level rank second all-time.

Now, how often have we heard that over the last 12 years? Too many, and that's why Kelly is here now.

He'll do it his own way, as well he should, and I hope it works. For the record, I think it will, considering the way in which Kelly built and sustained successful programs at Grand Valley State, Central Michigan and Cincinnati.

This is Notre Dame, and there's no denying that Kelly's new job presents an unmatched set of challenges and a glaring national spotlight that only his predecessors can fully comprehend. But it also presents an incredible array of opportunities, from elite resources to the promise of legendary status that accompanies all those who bring success to South Bend.

Holtz was the last man to accomplish that feat, and, in truth, it's no real secret how. The blueprint is right there in that Sports Illustrated article.

I'll give you the link — I wouldn't want you to have to sift through the message boards for it.

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STUDENT REACTION

Students hopeful with Kelly hire



TOM LA/The Observer

Students perform their own variations of the salute to the coach during the '1812 Overture' in between the third and fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 33-30 overtime loss to Connecticut.

By **JOSEPH McMAHON**
Associate News Editor

Within minutes of news breaking that Brian Kelly would become Notre Dame's 29th football coach, students started talking about how the former Cincinnati coach represents a new hope for the Irish.

"After suffering three years of mediocre football, I'm hopeful that Coach Kelly can restore Notre Dame's winning tradition," junior Richard Paulius said. "I guess this means the shirt next year will be Kelly green."

While watching Kelly's introductory press conference, junior Scott McIntosh said he was really impressed with how the coach handled the media's questions calmly and politely — a departure from former coach Charlie Weis' gruff handling of the media.

"Even though he's just taken over the program, Kelly has really impressed me with the passion that he has for coaching at Notre Dame," he said. "For not having gone here, Brian Kelly fits the Notre Dame type. He's very affable."

McIntosh said he hopes Kelly's passion for the Irish can help land top-flight

recruits to build a winning football team.

"I only hope that this passion will translate into landing recruits and winning games over the next few years," he said.

Junior Riley Orloff was particularly impressed with the high-octane offense Kelly ran at Cincinnati, and said he hopes the new coach can develop Notre Dame's talented players into national award-winning stars.

"If he can turn [Cincinnati quarterback] Tony Pike into a BCS quarterback, [Irish quarterback] Dayne Crist is going to win the Heisman," Orloff said.

Freshman Adam Schmitz said although his first Notre Dame football season was disappointing, he thinks Kelly possesses the qualities of a successful Notre Dame coach.

"He's very charismatic and he's pumped up about our football team," he said. "Plus, he knows the tradition."

Schmitz said Kelly's record of quickly turning around historically losing programs such as Cincinnati and

Central Michigan is a strong indicator that he can snap Notre Dame football out of its decade-long malaise.

"Ultimately, I'd like to see them build to a championship by my senior year," he said. "He's built programs very fast in the past, so I don't think it's unreasonable to win in three years."

However, junior Marcus Perez is not convinced Kelly may be the perfect

coach for Notre Dame, noting that Kelly is known as an offensive guru while the Irish's biggest problem under Weis was an anemic defense.

"I would have liked to see a more defensive-minded coach, but I trust that Kelly will be able to lead the team to a great season next year," Perez said.

For the Class of 2011, next year represents their last opportunity to see a winning regular season while at Notre Dame. Junior Mike Delach said he would like to see Kelly have a successful first year to help heal some of the worst scars of the Weis era, including avenging losses to Navy.

"I just hope Kelly can turn the program around next year before I graduate," Delach said. "I'd like to see at least one winning regular season."

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BRIAN KELLY PROFILE

Coach brings winning history to Notre Dame

Résumé highlighted by 19 years of head coaching experience at Grand Valley State, Central Michigan, Cincinnati

By **SAM WERNER**
Associate Sports Editor

Brian Kelly comes to Notre Dame with more collegiate accolades and achievements than any other Notre Dame coach in recent history — at least in the last decade.

From Grand Valley State to Central Michigan to Cincinnati, Kelly has blazed a trail of football success all the way to South Bend.

After four years playing linebacker, Kelly graduated from Assumption College in 1983. Four years later, he joined the coaching staff at Grand Valley State as a graduate assistant and defensive backs coach. He was promoted to defensive coordinator in 1989, and then to head coach in 1991.

Kelly led the Lakers to winning seasons in each of his 13 years at Grand Valley State, compiling a 118-35-2 overall record. In his final three seasons in Grand Rapids, the Lakers went 41-2, at one point winning 20 games in a row. Kelly's 2001 team set a Division II record by averaging 58.4 points per game.

In 2002 and 2003, Kelly led Grand Valley State to back-to-back Division II national championships, and was named AFCA Division II Coach of the Year in both seasons.

Kelly was hired by Central Michigan in 2004, and immediately turned around a program that had won more than three games only once in the

previous four seasons.

After a 4-7 record in his first year, Kelly led the Chippewas to a 6-5 mark in 2005, Central Michigan's first winning season in seven years.

The next year, Central Michigan went 9-4, won the MAC and qualified for the Motor City Bowl. Before Kelly could coach the team in the bowl game, though, he accepted an offer from Cincinnati to take its head coaching position.

In his first full season with the Bearcats, Kelly led the team to their first 10-win season since 1949, and was named Big East Coach of the Year.

"[Mark] Dantonio left, and everyone was kind of like, 'What's going to happen now?' Are they going to go back to just mediocrity?" Garrett Sabelhaus, Sports Editor of the Cincinnati News-Record student newspaper, said earlier this week. "Then Brian Kelly came along, picked up right where Dantonio left off and just took it to heights nobody had ever imagined could happen at UC."

Sabelhaus said a big part of the transition was getting the team used to Kelly's potent spread offensive scheme.

"He just installed his system over the offseason, and then the next year they started to be that machine on offense that you see now as pretty polished," Sabelhaus said.

In 2008, Kelly led the Bearcats to their first ever Big

East title and BCS berth. This year, Cincinnati is currently undefeated and will play Florida in the Sugar Bowl. Sabelhaus said that Kelly's decision to not coach the Bearcats in arguably the biggest game in their history could irk some in the Queen City.

"I think what people might be a little concerned with, and maybe turn on B.K. a little bit, is if he leaves before the bowl game," Sabelhaus said.

While Kelly brings a potent offensive attack to Notre Dame, Sabelhaus also said that the defense was likely to improve under the new regime.

"The thing is, [Cincinnati's defense] is a motivated group of guys," Sabelhaus said. "You've got to think that if Brian Kelly gets the kind of recruits that Notre Dame gets, he's going to do something with them, whether it's on offense or defense."

Sabelhaus added that Kelly was savvy enough with the media to handle the intense spotlight in South Bend.

"The way he handles the media is almost kind of a genius way," Sabelhaus said. "He gets everybody on his side."

Kelly will get to face the media scrutiny right away, as a talented roster has many Irish fans hoping for a BCS berth in 2010.



Photo courtesy of COULTER LOEB/Cincinnati News-Record
Irish coach Brian Kelly talks to his players on the sideline during Cincinnati's 47-45 win over Connecticut Nov. 7.

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Timeline: Brian Kelly

- 1983:** Kelly graduates from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. after playing linebacker for four years.
- 1987:** Joins staff of Grand Valley State University as a graduate assistant and defensive backs coach.
- 1989:** Promoted to defensive coordinator at Grand Valley State.
- 1991:** Promoted to head coach at Grand Valley State. Kelly leads GVSU to their first ever national championship appearance, but the Lakers fall 17-14 to North Dakota.
- Sept.:** The Lakers defeat defending Division II national champion North Dakota State 21-17 in Kelly's first game as head coach.
- Dec. 13:** Promoted to head coach at Grand Valley State. The Lakers win their second consecutive title under Kelly, defeating North Dakota 10-3.
- Dec. 14:** Grand Valley State wins the Division II national championship with 31-24 victory over Valdosta State. It is the school's first national championship in any varsity sport.
- Dec. 31:** Kelly is hired as head coach at Central Michigan, inheriting a team that had won more than three games only once in the previous four seasons.
- Jan. 2:** In the school's first-ever BCS bowl game, Cincinnati falls 20-7 to Virginia Tech.
- Jan. 6:** Kelly wins his debut with the Bearcats, defeating Western Michigan 27-24 in the International Bowl. Following the game, most of Kelly's assistants from Central Michigan join him Cincinnati.
- Jan. 22:** Kelly signs a five-year contract extension that would keep him at Cincinnati through 2013.
- Dec. 1:** Central Michigan wins the MAC Championship, its first since 1994, with a 31-10 win over Ohio.
- Dec. 3:** Kelly is named the head coach at Cincinnati after former coach Mark Dantonio accepts a job offer at Michigan State. Kelly left Central Michigan immediately to help Cincinnati prepare for its bowl game.
- Dec. 5:** After leading the Bearcats to a 9-3 record, Kelly is named Big East Coach of the Year. Cincinnati went on to win their bowl game for its first 10-win season since 1949.
- Dec. 5:** Cincinnati wins its second straight Big East title with a dramatic 45-44 win over Pittsburgh and finishes the season undefeated.
- Dec. 6:** The Bearcats rise to No. 3 in the BCS standings and are selected to face Florida in the 2010 Sugar Bowl.
- Dec. 11:** Kelly is announced as Notre Dame's 29th head coach, taking over for Charlie Weis. Kelly will not coach Cincinnati in the Sugar Bowl.
- Nov. 29:** The Bearcats beat Syracuse 30-10 to claim their first Big East title in just their fourth season in the league.

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