



Maryland vs. Notre Dame
November, 12, 2011
Fighting Irish Post Game Notes



TONIGHT'S VICTORY OVER MARYLAND...

- ▶ Improves Notre Dame's overall record to 7-3 overall and 4-1 away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Gives the Irish a victory for the seventh time in eight games and 11th time in 14 games.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 63-33-2 (.653) all-time in night games, including 3-2 in 2011.
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 18-6-2 (.731) when playing in a current NFL stadium and 70-20-3 (.769) all-time in NFL stadiums.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame 20-4-0 (.833) all-time when playing in the state of Maryland.
- ▶ Improves the all-time record for the Irish to 852-298-42 (.732).
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame's all-time record outside of South Bend to 392-180-29 (.676).
- ▶ Improves the Irish to 2-0 in the all-time series with Maryland.
- ▶ Improves Notre Dame to 80-31-2 (.717) all-time against the ACC, including 36-19-2 (.649) away from South Bend and 8-4-0 (.667) on neutral fields.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 3-1 (.750) head-to-head with Maryland head coach Randy Edsall (all four meetings occurred in their previous coaching stints, Cincinnati and Connecticut).
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 186-65-2 (.739) overall.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 68-30 (.694) in FBS games.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 58-18 (.763) over the last six seasons.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 4-2 (.667) all-time against the ACC and 3-0 (1.000) as head coach at Notre Dame, including 3-0 (1.000) away from Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 58-16 (.784) all-time in night games and 6-3 (.667) in night games at Notre Dame.
- ▶ Improves Kelly's record to 85-39-1 (.684) all-time in road/neutral games and 3-1 (.750) in road/neutral games at Notre Dame.

ON THIS DATE

- ▶ Notre Dame has played 14 games in its history on Nov. 12. The Irish are 10-4-0 all-time on this date.

Season	Site	ND Coach	W/L/T	Score	ND Rank	Opponent	Opp. Coach	Opp. Rank
1910	Away	Frank Longman	W	41-3	No Poll	Rose Poly	Unknown	No Poll
1921	Home	Knut Rockne	W	42-7	No Poll	Haskell Matty Bell	No Poll	
1927	Yankee Stadium	Knut Rockne	L	0-18	No Poll	Army	Bill Jones	No Poll
1932	Home	Hunk Anderson	W	21-0	No Poll	Northwestern	Dick Hanley	No Poll
1938	Home	Elmer Layden	W	19-0	2	Minnesota	Bernie Bierman	12
1949	Yankee Stadium	Frank Leahy	W	42-6	1	North Carolina	Carl Snavely	Not Ranked
1955	Away	Tery Brennan	W	27-7	5	North Carolina	George Barclay	Not Ranked
1960	Away	Joe Kuharich	L	21-28	Not Ranked	Miami, Fla.	Andy Gustafson	Not Ranked
1966	Home	Ara Parseghian	W	64-0	1	Duke	Tom Harp	Not Ranked
1977	Away	Dan Devine	W	21-17	5	Clemson	Charley Pell	15
1983	Away	Gerry Faust	L	30-34	Not Ranked	Penn State	Joe Paterno	Not Ranked
1994	Orlando	Lou Holtz	L	16-23	Not Ranked	Florida State	Bobby Bowden	8
2005	Home	Charlie Weis	W	42-21	7	Navy	Paul Johnson	Not Ranked
2011	Neutral	Brian Kelly	W	45-21	Not Ranked	Maryland	Randy Edsall	Not Ranked

NOTRE DAME IN NOVEMBER

- ▶ Notre Dame is 314-121-27 (.709) all-time during the month.
- ▶ The Irish are 53-12-4 (.797) in November neutral games.
- ▶ Notre Dame has won five straight games in the month of November. The five-game winning streak comes directly on the heels of a six-game losing streak in the month of November (Irish lost eight of its last nine November games before Kelly's arrival in 2010).

ALL THE NIGHT MOVES

- ▶ In addition to this evening, Notre Dame has also played under the lights Sept. 10 at Michigan, Oct. 1 at Purdue and Nov. 5 at Wake Forest. The Irish will also play a night game at Stanford (Nov. 26).
- ▶ Six night games is a Notre Dame regular season record.
- ▶ This year marks the 60th anniversary of Notre Dame's first night game, a 48-6 rout of Detroit on Oct. 5, 1951 in Briggs Stadium.
- ▶ The Irish have played 98 night games overall with an overall record of 63-33-2 (.653).

KELLY SQUADS KNOW HOW TO FINISH

- ▶ In his 21 years as a head coach, Brian Kelly led teams are at their best late in the year — 53-13 (.803) in November and 62-15 (.805) in November/December/January games combined.
- ▶ The last time a Brian Kelly coached team was on the losing end of a game in November or December was Nov. 17, 2007 — a 28-23 setback to West Virginia while coaching Cincinnati. Since then Kelly has run off 17 successive November/December wins, including all six since joining the Notre Dame sideline.

**Notre Dame's
Record When...**

	Kelly Career	Kelly at ND	2011
At Home	100-26-1	7-5	3-2
On The Road	80-36-1	5-2	3-1
Neutral Site Games	6-3	3-1	1-0
In Overtime	4-3	0-1	0-0
Coming off a loss	38-20	4-4	2-1
Coming off a win	134-35-1	10-4	5-1
Coming off an open date	12-2	1-1	0-1
Vs. AP top 25	10-5	2-1	1-0
Both teams are AP-ranked	4-2	0-0	0-0
Neither team is ranked	43-22	12-6	5-2
Ranked higher	23-4	0-1	0-1
Opponent is ranked higher	5-5	2-1	1-0
Vs. In-state Opponents	72-22	2-0	1-0
In August	3-2	0-0	0-0
In September	54-28	3-5	2-2
In October	64-22	6-3	3-1
In November	53-13	5-0	2-0
In December	9-1	1-0	0-0
In January	0-1	0-0	0-0
On Television	45-16*	15-8	7-3
On NBC	9-5	9-5	4-2
On ABC	5-1	3-1	1-0
On ESPN	9-3	1-1	1-1
On ESPN2	8-2	1-0	1-0
On CBS	1-1	1-1	0-0
Afternoon Games	125-48-2	9-5	4-1
Night Games	58-16	6-3	3-2
Decided By 3 or Less	34-14-2	1-3	1-1
Decided By 7 or Less	59-28-2	4-5	2-2
Scoring First	123-22	9-4	5-1
Opponent Scores First	61-43-2	6-4	2-2
Leading At Halftime	146-12	14-2	6-1
Tied At Halftime	11-6	0-1	0-0
Trailing At Halftime	26-47-2	1-5	1-2
Leading After 3 Qtrs.	158-10	13-2	6-1
Tied After 3 Qtrs.	8-2	0-1	0-0
Trailing After 3 Qtrs.	18-53	1-5	1-2
Scoring 40+ Points	72-1	4-0	3-0
Scoring 30-39 Points	51-6	4-2	2-1
Scoring 20-29 Points	49-25-1	6-3	1-1
Scoring 0-19 Points	14-33-1	1-3	1-1
Allowing 40+ Points	6-14	0-0	0-0
Allowing 30-39 Points	12-26	1-4	1-2
Allowing 20-29 Points	50-20-1	2-2	1-1
Allowing 0-19 Points	118-5-1	12-0	5-0
Outrushing Opponent	149-22-1	12-1	5-1
Getting Outrushed	33-42-2	2-8	1-3
Passing For More Yds	120-40-1	7-7	5-2
Passing For Fewer Yds	65-22-1	8-1	2-1
Outgaining Opponent	155-21-1	10-4	5-2
Getting Outgained	29-41-1	5-4	2-1
Winning Time of Poss.	95-23	6-1	3-1
Losing Time of Poss.	89-40-2	9-7	4-2
Scoring a Def./ST TD	62-5	3-1	2-1
Allowing a Def./ST TD	14-24	0-5	0-2
Fewer Penalty Yards	47-29-1	9-4	4-1
More Penalty Yards	131-34-1	6-4	3-2
Winning Turnover Battle	112-12	9-1	3-0
Losing Turnover Battle	47-35-1	6-7	4-3
Individual 100-yard rusher	86-19-1	3-2	3-2
Individual 100-yard receiver	74-23	4-6	2-2
Individual 200-yard passer	124-31-1	10-6	4-2
Opponent 100-yard rusher	33-33-1	1-5	1-1
Opponent 100-yard receiver	58-30	2-5	1-2
Opponent 200-yard passer	72-29-1	5-5	1-2

IRISH IN NFL STADIUMS

- ▶ Notre Dame is 18-6-2 (.731) when playing in a current NFL stadium (Soldier Field 9-0-2, Heinz Field 3-1, Gator Bowl/Alltel Stadium 1-2, Superdome 1-2, Ravens/M&T Bank Stadium 2-0, Jack Kent Cooke Stadium/FedEx Field 2-0, New Meadowlands 0-1).
- ▶ Overall, the Irish are 70-20-3 (.769) when playing in a NFL Stadium (Baltimore Municipal Stadium 18-4-0, Briggs Stadium 1-0-0, Cotton Bowl 1-1, Cleveland 9-1-1, Foxboro 1-0-0, Sun Devil Stadium 1-3-0, Meadowlands 11-0-0, Soldier Field 9-0-2, Gator Bowl/Alltel Stadium 1-2, Superdome 1-2, Jack Kent Cooke Stadium/FedEx Field 2-0, Hoosier/RCA Dome 0-1, Orange Bowl 2-3, JFK/Veterans Stadium 10-1-0, Heinz Field 3-1, New Meadowlands 0-1).

THE 2011 CAPTAINS

- ▶ Notre Dame reinstated an old tradition in 2010, designating captains on a game-by-game basis for only the third time in school history. Back in 1946, legendary head coach Frank Leahy elected to choose captains for each game — the result was an 8-0-1 record and the fifth of Notre Dame's 11 national championships. The Irish also designated captains on a game-by-game basis from 2002-04 as well, but the team voted on season captains following the regular season.
- ▶ Senior S **Harrison Smith** is Notre Dame's lone season captain. He is the first Irish lone season captain since 1999 when Jarious Jackson held the individual honor. The other single individual captains for Notre Dame in the last 40 years include Rodney Culver (1991) and Mike Kovaleski (1986).
- ▶ In addition to Smith, the Irish will continue to name gameday captains. The 2011 gameday captains have been as follows:

USF: Robert Blanton and Trevor Robinson

Michigan State: Ethan Johnson

Purdue: Tyler Eifert

USC: Manti Te'o and Cierre Wood

Wake Forest: Robert Blanton

Michigan: Zack Martin

Pittsburgh: Taylor Dever

Air Force: Jonas Gray

Navy: Chris Salvi

Navy: Darius Fleming

TAILS IT IS

- ▶ Maryland won the coin toss and elected to receive. Notre Dame defended the East end zone.
- ▶ Notre Dame opened each of its first 11 games in 2010 with the football. The Irish have won the coin toss and elected to receive against USF, Michigan State, Air Force and USC in 2011. Notre Dame has actually opened 17 of its last 23 games with the football. The only exceptions? Notre Dame won the coin toss against USC in '10, Michigan in '11, Purdue in '11 and Wake Forest in '11, but elected to defer each time. Navy won the toss and elected to receive on Oct. 29 as did Maryland tonight.

FORTUNE 500 OFFENSE

- ▶ Notre Dame has eclipsed 500 yards of total offense in five of its first 10 games (508 vs. USF, 513 at Michigan, 551 at Purdue, 560 vs. Air Force, 508 vs. Maryland) - marking the first time the Irish have posted five or more 500-yard performances since the 2005 season.

IRISH TOUGH TO BEAT WHEN WINNING THE RUSHING BATTLE

- ▶ Notre Dame's 27-game winning streak when outrushing its opponent was snapped in the loss at Michigan on Sept. 10. The Irish had not lost a game when outrushing their foe since Dec. 28, 2004 when Notre Dame lost to Oregon State, 38-21, in the Insight Bowl.
- ▶ Notre Dame outrushed three of its four foes during its recent four-game winning streak (and again Maryland tonight) to give the Irish 32 victories in the last 33 games when recording more rushing yards than their opponent.

IRISH DOMINANT IN THE OPENING 15 MINUTES

- ▶ Notre Dame continued its consistent dominance in the opening quarter. The Irish outgained Maryland, 148-48, in the opening 15 minutes. Notre Dame also outrushed the Terps, 86-25.
- ▶ The Irish averaged 6.2 yards per play, while Maryland averaged 3.4 yards per play.
- ▶ Notre Dame registered eight first downs and limited the Terps to just a pair.
- ▶ Notre Dame has outgained its opponents of the 2011 season in the opening period by a 1,210-698 margin (despite the struggles in the opening quarter against USC on Oct. 22 when the Irish were outgained, 128-14).
- ▶ The Irish outgained their first six opponents and nine of 10 foes overall in 2011 in the opening quarter by an average of 121-69.8.

IRISH COME OUT OF LOCKER ROOM ON FIRE

- ▶ Notre Dame blanked Maryland in the third quarter tonight. The Irish added a pair of touchdowns and now have outscored its opponents, 77-13, in the third quarter in 2011.
- ▶ Notre Dame has held nine of its 10 foes without an offensive score of any kind in the third quarter this season. Pittsburgh and USC are the only teams to register any points against the Irish in the opening period of the second half. The Panthers collected a touchdown (missed the ensuing two-point conversion attempt) drive that was extended only after a Notre Dame roughing the kicker penalty and the Trojans had a 80-yard fumble return for a touchdown.
- ▶ The 13 points allowed in the third quarter is the lowest for Notre Dame in any quarter by a wide margin (46 in the first, 60 in the second and 90 in the fourth).
- ▶ At this pace, the Irish will surrender 17 points in the third quarter this season, which would be the fewest points allowed in any quarter for Notre Dame since 1988. The Irish allowed 16 points in the opening quarter over the entire year.

THE IRISH OF MARCH

- ▶ Notre Dame's first four touchdown drives tonight took eight plays, seven plays, 13 plays and 14 plays, respectively.
- ▶ Notre Dame ran 49 plays in the first half.
- ▶ Notre Dame's final touchdown drive of the night took seven plays.
- ▶ The Irish also had an 11-play drive that resulted in a field goal.

IRISH DEFENSE SURRENDERS A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN (AND BY A RUNNING BACK)

- ▶ Notre Dame has given up exactly eight rushing touchdowns over its last 15 games (dating back to the Tulsa game in 2010). Even more amazing, only three of those rushing touchdowns have come from an opposing running back (Jonathan Lee's eight-yard TD run for Air Force with the Irish leading 59-27 with 33 seconds left in the fourth quarter on Oct. 8, Josh Harris' two-yard run for Wake Forest in the second quarter on Nov. 5 and D.J. Adams' two-yard touchdown tonight with the Irish leading 45-14 with 37 seconds left).
- ▶ USC's Mitch Mustain and Michigan's Denard Robinson each snuck in from one-yard out (Robinson's following a Wolverine fumble). Tim Jefferson of Air Force had a three-yard scoring run on Oct. 8 and Jarvi Cummings of Navy had a 12-yard touchdown run with the Irish leading 49-7 in the fourth quarter. Maryland's signal caller C.J. Brown had a 24-yard touchdown run tonight. Even crazier, seven of the last nine rushing touchdowns against the Irish have come from quarterbacks (when you include Ricky Dobbs' two rushing touchdowns in the third quarter of the game against Notre Dame on Oct. 23, 2010).
- ▶ Over the last 19 games, only four running backs have recorded a rushing touchdown against Notre Dame (Gee Gee Greene, Navy, 2010; Jon Lee, Air Force, 2011; Josh Harris, Wake Forest, 2011; D.J. Adams, Maryland, tonight).
- ▶ Notre Dame's defense has allowed only seven rushing touchdowns this year. Only two teams in the FBS had allowed fewer rushing touchdowns entering tonight's game than the Irish (Alabama, two, and TCU, three).

REES PIECES TOGETHER IRISH OFFENSE

- ▶ Sophomore QB **Tommy Rees** hooked up with senior WR **Michael Floyd** for a 19-yard touchdown pass with 8:29 to go in the second quarter to give the Irish a 17-0 lead.
- ▶ Rees spotted junior TE **Tyler Eifert** for a 34-yard touchdown pass with 5:31 to go in the fourth quarter to give Notre Dame a 45-14 lead.
- ▶ The touchdown pass was Rees' 19th of 2011 and 31st of his career. The 19 touchdown passes moves Rees into a tie with Ron Powulus (1994) for fifth in single-season Irish history. The 31 touchdown passes moves Rees into a tie with Joe Theismann (1968-70) for sixth in Notre Dame career history.
- ▶ Rees completed a season-best 30 passes tonight. The 30 completions ranks as the ninth-most in single-game Irish history.
- ▶ Rees owns a .846 winning percentage over his 13 career starts (11-2). Here is an interesting look at where Rees would compare to the best Irish signal callers in school history (minimum 20 starts).

Notre Dame's All-Time Winningest Quarterbacks

Name	W	L	T	Pct.
1. John Lujack	20	1	1	.932
2. Tony Rice	28	3	0	.903
3. Ralph Guglielmi	26	3	2	.871
4. Tom Clements	29	5	0	.853
5. Joe Theismann	20	3	2	.840
6. Terry Hanratty	22	4	1	.833
7. Angelo Bertelli	15	2	3	.825
8. Joe Montana	19	5	0	.7917
Rick Mirer	28	7	1	.7917
-- Tommy Rees	11	2	0	.846

TYLER'S EIFERT NO LONGER UNNOTICED

- ▶ Junior TE **Tyler Eifert** hauled in a 34-yard touchdown pass from sophomore QB **Tommy Rees** with 5:31 to go in the fourth quarter to give Notre Dame a 45-14 lead.
- ▶ The touchdown reception was Eifert's fifth of the season and seventh of his career.
- ▶ Eifert is the second Irish tight end with at least five touchdown catches in a single-season. Ken MacAfee owns the school record for touchdown receptions by a tight end with six in 1977.
- ▶ With 51 receptions for 589 yards in 2011, Eifert already ranks second and third, respectively, in receptions and receiving yards in single-season Irish tight end history.
- ▶ With 78 receptions for 941 yards in his career, Eifert already ranks among the top 10 in Notre Dame tight end career receiving history. His 78 catches and 941 yards each rank fifth.

RUFFER RETURNING TO FORM

- ▶ Senior PK **David Ruffer** connected on a career-long 52-yard field goal with 2:47 remaining in the first quarter to push the Irish lead to 10-0.
- ▶ Ruffer's previous career-long was 50 yards – set on two different occasions. He is the second Irish place kicker in school history with three or more field goals of 50 yards or longer (Harry Oliver is the other).
- ▶ Ruffer has now connected on five consecutive field goals dating back to the Purdue game (had missed his previous three kicks).
- ▶ Ruffer actually made the first 23 field goals of his career. The 23 straight field goals was the longest streak in school history.

IT'S NOT A TOMA

- ▶ Junior WR **Robby Toma** finished with a career-high seven catches and a career-best 73 yards.

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- ▶ Junior RB **Cierre Wood** collected a three-yard touchdown run with 8:48 left in the third quarter to give the Irish a 13-7 lead.
- ▶ The touchdown run was Wood's ninth of 2011 and 12th of his career.

MY NAME IS JONAS

- ▶ Senior RB **Jonas Gray** rumbled in from one-yard out for a touchdown with 11:25 to go in the first quarter to give the Irish a 7-0 lead. The touchdown run was Gray's 10th of 2011 and 10th of his career.
- ▶ Gray added another one-yard touchdown run with 29 seconds left in the first half to give the Irish a 24-7 advantage.
- ▶ Gray registered his first career 100-yard rushing game.
- ▶ Gray has registered two or more rushing touchdowns in three different games this season.
- ▶ Gray's 11 rushing touchdowns this season are the most for an Irish running back since Autry Denson had 15 in 1998.
- ▶ Gray has now registered at least one rushing touchdown in seven straight games. He is the first Irish running back with a touchdown run in seven consecutive games since Autry Denson in 1998. Denson collected a rushing touchdown in the first 10 games of the '98 campaign.
- ▶ Gray failed to register a touchdown run over the first 25 games of his career, but has now run for a touchdown in seven consecutive games. Gray has a total of 11 touchdown runs over the same span.

MICHAEL PINK FLOYD

- ▶ Senior WR **Michael Floyd** hauled in a 19-yard touchdown pass from sophomore QB **Tommy Rees** with 8:29 to go in the second quarter to give the Irish a 17-0 lead.
- ▶ The touchdown catch was Floyd's 35th of his career (already a school record) and 36th total touchdown, which equals Louis (Red) Salmon (1900-03) for third all-time at Notre Dame. The only two Irish players with more career touchdowns – Allen Pinkett (53, 1982-85) and Autry Denson (47, 1995-98).

LO WOOD ON A HIGH NOTE

- ▶ Sophomore CB **Lo Wood** collected his first career interception in the third quarter tonight. He returned it 57 yards for a touchdown.
- ▶ Wood's interception return for a touchdown was the first by an Irish player since Darrin Walls had a 42-yard interception return against Army in 2010 at Yankee Stadium.