



NOTRE DAME POSTGAME NOTES

*Temple * Notre Dame Stadium * Notre Dame, Indiana * September 2, 2017*

TEAM NOTES

- Notre Dame sold out the 256th straight game at Notre Dame Stadium, a streak that dates back to 1973. The new stadium capacity is officially 77,622.
- Notre Dame improved to 107-17-5 (.862) in season openers, with victories in 25 of the last 31 lid-lifters.
- The Irish improved to 103-20-5 (.824) in home openers, with a mark of 70-16-2 (.807) at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame scored on its first drive of the season, a mere 33 seconds into the game, when RB **Josh Adams** carried the ball 37 yards for a touchdown. It was the fastest scoring play to open a season for Notre Dame since a 21-yard interception return touchdown by **Pete Bercich** on the first play from scrimmage (eight seconds) against Northwestern in 1993. It was the fastest offensive score to begin a season since at least 1963.
- Both teams combined to open the game 5-for-5 inside the red zone (three for Notre Dame, two for Temple) in the first half. A total of 31 of the game's first 38 points were scored in the red zone.
- Notre Dame gained over 500 yards of total offense to open a season for the sixth time since 2009, finishing the day with 606 yards from scrimmage. It was the first time the Irish gained more than 600 yards of offense since picking up 654 against Syracuse in 2016.
- Notre Dame surpassed the 400-yard mark in team rushing (422) for the first time since gaining 457 yards on the ground against UMass in 2015. It was the most yards rushing for the Irish to open a season since gaining 363 yards against Kansas in 1999. The Notre Dame tandem of **Josh Adams** (161), **Dexter Williams** (124) and **Brandon Wimbush** (106) are believed to be the first Notre Dame trio to each run for 100 yards in a game since at least 1954.
- Notre Dame captains who took part in the pregame coin toss were LB **Greer Martini**, OL **Mike McGlinchey** and LB **Nyles Morgan**. The Irish won the coin toss and received the opening kickoff.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB **Josh Adams** covered 37 yards on his first carry of 2017 for the first Irish touchdown of the season. Six of Adams' 13 career rushing touchdowns have gone for 35 or more yards.
- Adams went over the 100-yard rushing mark for the ninth time in his career (161 yards on 19 rushes), eclipsing the plateau in the first quarter on his sixth carry of the game. The effort equaled the fewest carries for Adams to reach the century mark in his career, as he also went over the 100-yard barrier on his sixth carry (98-yard touchdown) against Wake Forest in 2015.
- Adams scored his second touchdown of the day from one yard out during the fourth quarter.
- QB **Brandon Wimbush** became Notre Dame's 24th different starting quarterback since 1985. The Irish are 18-6 (.750) in those games featuring a first-time starter under center. Notre Dame improved to 10-2 (.833) in such games at Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame has now won six straight games with a first-time starter.
- Wimbush became the first Notre Dame quarterback responsible for three or more touchdowns (two passing, one rushing) in his first career start since **Tommy Rees** (three passing) against Utah in 2010. Since 1985, only Wimbush, Rees, **Matt LoVecchio** (two passing, one rushing against Stanford in 2000) and **Ron Powlus** (four passing against Northwestern in 1994) can claim that distinction in their first career start.
- Wimbush also earned his first career 100-yard rushing game, finishing the day with 106 yards on 12 rushes along with a touchdown.
- Wimbush scampered in from eight yards out in the first quarter for his second career touchdown run, and his first since a 58-yard touchdown against UMass in 2015. Wimbush tossed his first career touchdown pass later in the opening quarter.



- RB **Dexter Williams** posted his first career 100-yard rushing game thanks to a career-long run of 66 yards in the fourth quarter. Williams scored his first touchdown of 2017 from one yard out as part of his 124 yards on only six rushing attempts.
- TE **Nic Weishar** hauled in his first career receiving touchdown, catching a 12-yard pass from Wimbush on the final Notre Dame drive of the first quarter.
- WR **Equanimeous St. Brown** notched his 10th career touchdown reception, covering five yards on a Wimbush pass in the second quarter.
- RB **Tony Jones Jr.** scored his first career touchdown on the final Irish drive of the third quarter. Jones covered seven yards to pay dirt on the play.
- DL **Julian Okwara** logged his first career sack on the opening Temple drive of the first quarter. Okwara stopped Temple quarterback Logan Marchi for a four-yard loss on the play.
- DL **Daelin Hayes** picked up his first career sack later in the game. Hayes dropped Marchi on the first Temple drive of the third quarter for a loss of six yards.
- LB **Te'veon Coney** earned his first career sack in the middle of the third quarter, tackling Marchi for a 10-yard loss on third down inside the red zone. Temple ultimately missed a 36-yard field goal on the ensuing play.
- LB **Drue Tranquill** picked up his second career fumble recovery in the fourth quarter, scooping up a loose ball forced by fellow LB **Greer Martini**. It was Martini's first career forced fumble.