



NOTRE DAME POSTGAME NOTES

*at Michigan State * Spartan Stadium * East Lansing, Michigan * September 23, 2017*

TEAM NOTES

- The all-time series between Notre Dame and Michigan State now stands to the Irish's advantage at 49-29-1, with ND also holding a 20-15-1 edge in games played in East Lansing, Michigan.
- Going 4-for-4 in the red zone, Notre Dame improved to 19-for-19 on the season. The Irish entered the weekend as one of 20 teams in FBS still batting 1.000 in the red zone.
- With Notre Dame intercepting Michigan State on the Spartans' first drive of the game, it marked the first time this season the Irish defense did not force a punt on the opponent's opening drive.
- Thanks to 21 points off turnovers, Notre Dame now has a season edge of 56-3 in points off turnovers compared to their opponents.
- Notre Dame's 28 points in the first half were the most in an opening half at Michigan State since Sept. 19, 1992 when the Irish led 38-10 at the break before winning 52-31.
- When RB **Deon McIntosh** ran for a TD in the third quarter, it marked the fifth different Irish player to record a rushing touchdown on the year. He joined RBs **Josh Adams**, **Tony Jones Jr.** and **Dexter Williams**, along with QB **Brandon Wimbush**.
- Notre Dame captains at the coin toss were RB **Josh Adams**, OL **Mike McGlinchey**, OL **Quenton Nelson** and WR **Austin Webster**. Michigan State won the toss and deferred to the second half. The Irish are 2-2 on coin tosses this season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB **Brandon Wimbush** had his seventh rushing touchdown of the season on the game's opening drive. He's closing in on the single-season record for rushing TDs by an Irish quarterback, which is 10 set by **DeShone Kizer** in 2015.
- CB **Julian Love's** interception return for a touchdown in the first quarter was the first by an Irish player since **Andrew Trumbetti** had a pick-six against Wake Forest in 2015. It was the first pick-six in a true road game since **Bennett Jackson** returned an interception for a score at Purdue in 2013. **Dan Fox** had the last interception return for a score away from Notre Dame Stadium, also in 2013, when he scored the pick six against Arizona State in a Shamrock Series game at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Jackson was the last Notre Dame defensive back with an interception return for a touchdown before Love's 59-yard score.
- RB **Dexter Williams** had his first career TD reception for the team's third touchdown of the game in the second quarter, catching an 8-yard pass from Wimbush in the corner of the end zone. Williams added his fourth rushing TD of the year from 14 yards out in the second quarter.
- RB **Deon McIntosh** scored his first career touchdown on the opening Notre Dame offensive drive of the third quarter. McIntosh scampered in from nine yards for the TD.
- K **Justin Yoon** connected on his longest field goal of 2017, converting from 45 yards during the fourth quarter.
- WR **Chase Claypool** had a career-high four receptions for 56 yards during the game.
- LB **Drue Tranquill** notched his first career full sack in the first quarter, dropping Michigan State quarterback Brian Lewerke for a loss of 10 yards.
- LB **Greer Martini** forced his second fumble of the season, stripping Lewerke on a scramble in the second quarter. DL **Daelin Hayes** scooped up the ball for his second career fumble recovery (both this season).



- CB **Shaun Crawford** forced his first career fumble, punching the ball free from Michigan State running back LJ Scott in the second quarter. Crawford pounced on the ball himself for his second fumble recovery of the season.
- DL **Jerry Tillery** and **Julian Okwara** each picked up a half sack on the first Michigan State drive of the second half, stopping Lewerke for a loss of two yards to hold the Spartans to a field goal.