



NOTRE DAME POSTGAME NOTES

*USC * Los Angeles Coliseum * Los Angeles, California * November 26, 2016*

TEAM NOTES

- Even with the defeat, Notre Dame leads the all-time series with USC, 46-37-5. The Trojans lead 23-19-4 in Los Angeles.
- With USC kicking a field goal on the first drive of the game, it marked just the second time this season the Irish did not score first. The only other exception was at NC State when the Wolfpack kicked a first-quarter field goal in the deluge of Hurricane Matthew.
- For the eighth time in 12 games, the Irish found the endzone on their first drive of the game. In an additional two games, Notre Dame scored a touchdown on its second drive.
- Finishing the season with 321 rushes between running backs **Josh Adams**, **Tarean Folston** and **Dexter Williams**, the trio did not lose the ball on a fumble a single time during the campaign. Under head coach **Brian Kelly**, Irish running backs have never lost the ball on a fumble more than three times in a season and have lost just 15 fumbles over 2,379 carries during Kelly's seven seasons (an average of one fumble every 158.6 carries)..

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB **Josh Adams** broke Notre Dame's longest run of the season on the first offensive play by the Irish, going 74-yards to the USC one-yard line to setup a one-yard touchdown dive by QB **DeShone Kizer**.
- That 74-yard scamper was Adams' fifth career run of 60-plus yards.
- Adams finished with 180 yards, marking a career high and the eighth time in his career he eclipsed the century mark.
- WR **Chris Finke** had his second career touchdown catch in the third quarter.
- It marked the 13th game of his career in which Kizer had at least one touchdown on the ground and through the air.
- Kizer finished the season with 472 rushing yards, the fifth-most by an Irish quarterback in school history. His eight touchdowns on the ground tie for the fourth-most in a season by a Notre Dame signal caller. With 18 career rushing touchdowns, Kizer now has more than any other Irish QB except **Tony Rice** (23).
- With 5,809 career passing yards, Kizer ranks eighth all-time at Notre Dame. His 26 touchdown passes this season are the sixth-most in school history, while his 47 career touchdown tosses rank fifth all-time.