



## **Post-Game Notes**

*No. 15 Notre Dame at Duke*

*November 9, 2019*

- DL Julian Okwara (a product of North Carolina) and DL Khalid Kareem represented the Irish as captains for the opening coin toss. Notre Dame won the toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.
- With the win:
  - Notre Dame improves to 7-2 on the season, and 3-3 all-time vs. Duke.
  - Brian Kelly posts his first career win over the Blue Devils.
- With another scoreless first quarter from the Notre Dame defense (fourth of the season), the Irish are allowing just 3.78 points/game in the opening stanza this season.
- In the first quarter, the Irish held the Blue Devils to 26 yards of offense to Notre Dame's 180. Notre Dame totaled eight first downs in the quarter while limiting Duke to just one. Duke did not post their second first down until halfway through the second quarter.
- In the first half, Notre Dame outgained Duke, 273-123. The Irish racked up 175 rushing yards to the Blue Devils' 44.
- Through the end of the third quarter, the Irish defense limited Duke to just two third-down conversions of 13 opportunities. Notre Dame converted seven of 13 third downs in that time span.

## **STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES**

- QB Ian Book joins Brady Quinn as the only two Notre Dame signal callers to throw four or more touchdown passes in a game on four occasions in their career (Quinn accomplished this feat seven times).
- With the second score in the first quarter, Book reached 42 career touchdown passes (finished the game with 44 for his career) - moving him into sixth all-time in program history (passed Everett Golson and Rick Mirer; 41)
- Book totaled 149 rushing yards, leading the Irish and making him the first player in program history with four passing touchdowns and at least 100 rushing yards in a single game. The last Notre Dame quarterback to rush for more than 100 yards was Brandon Wimbush vs. Wake Forest in 2017 (110).
- Book posted two career-high rushes, the first for 45 yards in the second quarter and the second for 53 yards on the first play of the fourth quarter.
- WR Chris Finke put up the first points of the night on an 18-yard touchdown catch from QB Ian Book. The score came following a 10-play, 85-yard drive, which included a 30-yard contested snag by WR Chase Claypool. With the win tonight, the Irish are 5-1 this season when scoring first.

- Finke recorded his second touchdown of the game on a six-yard pass from Ian Book on Notre Dame's first drive in the third quarter. The two scores mark Finke's first career multi-TD game. He also recorded a career-long 46-yard punt return.
- Claypool caught a seven-yard pass for a touchdown from Book in the first quarter, his fifth touchdown catch of the season and 11th of his career. It was Claypool's first score since his two receiving touchdowns vs. Bowling Green.
- Claypool finished the night with 5 receptions for 97 yards, marking the fifth-highest single-game total of his career.
- RB C'Bo Flemister rushed two yards for Notre Dame's third touchdown of the night and Flemister's fourth of the season and career.
- TE George Takacs recorded his first career reception on a touchdown pass from Ian Book in the fourth quarter.
- On the opening drive of the second half, CB Troy Pride Jr. snagged an interception, returning it 39 yards. The interception marked the fourth of his career and first of the season.
- CB TaRiq Bracy recovered his first career fumble in the fourth quarter to give the Irish possession at the Duke 29-yard line.
- RB Jahmir Smith posted a career-long 40-yard rush in the first quarter, topping his previous high of 24 yards vs. Louisville this season.

**GAMEBALL RECIPIENT: #10 WR Chris Finke**