



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

GAME SEVEN POSTGAME NOTES

THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	Kelly at ND		2020	
	Record (W-L)		Record (W-L)	
Home (Includes Shamrock Series)	59	13	5	0
Away	29	20	2	0
In overtime	2	3	0	0
Coming off a loss	16	11	0	0
Coming off a win	61	23	5	0
Coming off an open date	8	1	1	0
vs. AP Top 25	21	20	1	0
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	17	17	1	0
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	22	14	0	0
Team is ranked higher	67	10	6	0
Opponent is ranked higher	8	13	1	0
vs. In-State Opponents	6	0	0	0
In August	2	0	0	0
In September	31	12	2	0
In October	32	8	4	0
In November	29	13	1	0
In December	4	2	0	0
In January	1	3	0	0
On TV (except GVSU regular season)	98	37	7	0
On NBC	58	13	4	0
On NBCSN	3	0	0	0
On ABC	20	12	2	0
On ACCN	1	0	0	0
On ESPN	7	6	0	0
On ESPN2	1	0	0	0
On CBS	4	3	0	0
On CBS Sports Network	0	1	0	0
On FOX	2	3	0	0
Morning Games (kicks off before noon)	0	1	0	0
Afternoon Games	61	16	5	0
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	37	20	2	0
Decided by three points or fewer	12	13	0	0
Decided by seven points or fewer	30	21	2	0
Scoring first	73	20	5	0
Opponent scores first	25	17	2	0
Leading at halftime	80	11	7	0
Tied at halftime	7	1	0	0
Trailing at halftime	10	25	0	0
Leading after three quarters	80	9	6	0

FIGHTING IRISH

7-0 OVERALL 6-0 ACC

AP rank: 4 Coaches rank: 4
Head Coach: Brian Kelly
Record: 270-94-2^



VS



TIGERS

7-1 OVERALL 6-1 ACC

AP rank: 1 Coaches rank: 1
Head Coach: Dabo Swinney
Record: 137-32

47-40
FINAL (2OT)

DATE: Nov. 7, 2020 LOCATION: Notre Dame, IN STADIUM: Notre Dame Stadium
ATTENDANCE: 11,011

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 47, Georgia Tech 40 (2OT)

NOTRE DAME CAPTAINS: QB Ian Book, S Shaun Crawford, OL Robert Hainsey, DL Daelin Hayes, DL Adetokunbo Ogundeji

Miscellaneous:

- **Coin Toss:** Defensive lineman **Daelin Hayes** represented the Irish in the coin toss. Notre Dame won the toss and elected to receive to start the first half. The Irish received the opening kick and Clemson defended the south end zone.
- **Coin Toss (OT):** Hayes again represented the Irish. Notre Dame won the toss and elected to defer. Notre Dame defended the south end zone.
- Saturday marked the first time Notre Dame has gone to overtime since 2016 at Texas. That game was also the last time the Irish were involved in a double-overtime game.
- NBC cut away from game at 8:27 p.m. ET for President-elect Joe Biden's and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris' speeches. Coverage of the game switched to the USA Network, and resumed on NBC following the conclusion of the speeches at 8:57 p.m. ET.

BEATING NO. 1

- Saturday marks Notre Dame's ninth win over an Associated Press (AP) No. 1 - tied for second all-time (Miami). The Irish trail just Alabama (10 wins over No. 1) in wins over No. 1.
- Notre Dame improves to 5-1 against an AP No. 1 when scoring 25 or more points.
- Saturday marks Notre Dame's first game in the Brian Kelly Era facing a No. 1-ranked team.
- Notre Dame is now 9-16-1 vs. No. 1 opponents (4-5 at home).
- Notre Dame has won six of the last seven games when playing No. 1 as a top-five team.
- The last two times the Irish have played at Notre Dame Stadium as a top-five team against a No. 1 program the Irish are undefeated (1993 vs. Florida State).
- Notre Dame's 47 points Saturday are the most an Irish team has ever scored against a No. 1 opponent

TEAM NOTES:

- **WITH THE WIN...**
 - No FBS team has a longer active win streak than the Irish (13 games).
 - Notre Dame improved to 2-3-0 in the all-time series with Clemson.
 - Notre Dame has started the season 7-0 for the third^ time under head coach **Brian Kelly**.
 - The Irish are now 30-3 overall since the beginning of the 2018 season (.909)
 - The Irish senior class is now 24-1 (.960) at home since they stepped on campus at the start of the 2017 season. Additionally, they sport a 23-game home winning streak, second longest in the nation.
 - Dick Corbett Head Football Coach **Brian Kelly** moves within one win of 100 in his Notre Dame career (99-37)
- Entering the game, Notre Dame was averaging 34:11 time of possession, a figure which led the ACC. The Irish have now won the time of possession battle in six of seven games this season, posting 30:22 minutes Saturday.
- Through Saturday, the Irish have only trailed for 23:20 total minutes this season out of a total 420:00 regulation minutes.
- Scoring on the first official play of the game's opening drive, the Irish posted a one-play, 75-yard drive, marking the fewest plays and shortest amount of time in an Irish scoring drive this season. Taking just 0:33 seconds, it is the fastest Notre Dame scoring drive since the 2019 Camping World Bowl, when Tony Jones Jr. broke off an 84-yard rush for a one-play, 00:15 second drive.

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GAME SEVEN POSTGAME NOTES (CONTINUED)

- It marked the first time since 2016 (Syracuse) that Notre Dame scored on its first offensive play, and the first time in the last 15 seasons that Clemson has allowed a touchdown on its first defensive play.
- Through the first seven games of the season, Clemson averaged 167 rushing yards per game. In the first half, Notre Dame limited Clemson to just five rushing yards. The Tigers finished with 34 yards rushing on 33 carries. It marked the second time this season that Notre Dame has held an opponent to single-digit rushing yards in a half (First half at Pitt).
- **Travis Etienne**, the ACC's all-time leading rusher, averaged 86.6 yards per game this season entering Saturday. The Irish defense held him to 28 yards on 18 rushes.

OFFENSIVE NOTES:

- Running back **Kyren Williams** rushed for three touchdowns Saturday (two in overtime), marking his first three-touchdown game. He is the second Irish player to rush for three touchdowns in a single game this season (**Ian Book** vs. South Florida).
- Williams broke through for a 65-yard rush on the first official play of the game's opening drive, tying his career-long rush (Florida State) and marking the longest scoring rush of his career.
- Williams surpassed the 100-yard rushing mark with a five-yard run on Notre Dame's final drive of the first half.
- His second and third TDs of the day, coming in overtime, made Saturday his first-career three-rushing-TD day, and his fourth-career game with multiple rushing touchdowns.
- Quarterback **Ian Book** totaled 310 passing yards on the evening, the eighth 300-yard game of his career. He now ranks third all-time in 300-yard passing games among all Irish quarterbacks, passing John and Bobbie Arlotta Offensive Coordinator **Tommy Rees** (7).
- Book went 5-for-5 to start the game, not throwing his first incomplection until 13:20 remained in the second quarter.
- Book was awarded the game ball for his performance.
- Wide receiver **Javon McKinley** reached the 100-yard receiving mark on the five-yard pass from Book in overtime. He also reeled in a 45-yard pass from Book in the third quarter for his longest reception of the season thus far.
- Tight end **Michael Mayer**'s 29-yard reception in the fourth quarter was the longest of his career.
- Wide receiver **Avery Davis**' 53-yard reception in the fourth quarter was his longest of the season. Two plays later, the touchdown pass to Davis from Book was Davis' second TD reception of the season and fourth of his career.

DEFENSIVE NOTES:

- Linebacker **Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah** recovered a Clemson fumble and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. It was the first touchdown of the senior's career, and the third fumble recovery of his career (first this season, last came in 2019 vs. Iowa State in the Camping World Bowl). Three plays later, Owusu-Koramoah forced a Clemson fumble, which was recovered by cornerback **Nick McCloud**.
- Owusu-Koramoah's touchdown marks the first true defensive touchdown of the season, as both prior non-offensive touchdowns were on opponent punts.
- The Irish held the Tigers to 34 yards of rushing (33 carries). The last time Clemson was held to less than 34 yards of rushing was January 1, 2009 vs. Nebraska (four yards).
- Saturday was the only game of **Travis Etienne**'s career in which he had 10 or more carries (18) and was held to 30 yards or less (28). This was also the fewest yards per carry of Etienne's career (1.6).

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES:

- Placekicker **Jonathan Doerer** set a Notre Dame program record, accounting for 18 kicking points. He made four field goals on the day, matching his previous career high in the 2019 Camping World Bowl vs. Iowa State. His previous single-game point high was 15 in the 2019 Camping World Bowl.