



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

GAME TEN POSTGAME NOTES

THE RECORD WHEN...

| Stat | Kelly at ND | | 2020 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----|--------------|---|
| | Record (W-L) | | Record (W-L) | |
| Home (Includes Shamrock Series) | 60 | 13 | 6 | 0 |
| Away | 31 | 20 | 4 | 0 |
| In overtime | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Coming off a loss | 16 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Coming off a win | 63 | 23 | 7 | 0 |
| Coming off an open date | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| vs. AP Top 25 | 22 | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| Both teams are in the AP Top 25 | 18 | 17 | 2 | 0 |
| Neither team is in the AP Top 25 | 22 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Team is ranked higher | 70 | 10 | 9 | 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 | 31 | 13 | 3 | 0 |
| In December | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| In January | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| On TV (except GVSU regular season) | 101 | 37 | 10 | 0 |
| On NBC | 59 | 13 | 5 | 0 |
| On NBCSN | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| On ABC | 22 | 12 | 4 | 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 | 64 | 16 | 8 | 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 | 75 | 20 | 7 | 0 |
| Opponent scores first | 26 | 17 | 3 | 0 |
| Leading at halftime | 82 | 11 | 9 | 0 |
| Tied at halftime | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Trailing at halftime | 10 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Leading after three quarters | 83 | 9 | 9 | 0 |

FIGHTING IRISH

10-0 OVERALL **9-0** ACC



VS



ORANGE

1-10 OVERALL **1-9** ACC

AP rank: 2 Coaches rank: 2
CFP rank: 2
Head Coach: Brian Kelly
Record: 273-94-2^

45-21
FINAL

AP rank: -- Coaches rank: --
CFP rank: --
Head Coach: Dino Babers
Record: 61-51

DATE: Dec. 5, 2020 LOCATION: Notre Dame, IN
ATTENDANCE: 6,831

STADIUM: Notre Dame Stadium

FINAL SCORE: No. 2 Notre Dame 45, Syracuse 21

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

Miscellaneous:

- **QB Ian Book** represented the Irish in the coin toss. Syracuse won the toss and elected to defer to start the first half. The Irish received the opening kick and Notre Dame defended the south end zone.
- Notre Dame Stadium public address announcer **Mike Collins** '67 called his final game for the Irish Saturday, retiring after his 39th season in the booth. He has called 233-straight home football games at Notre Dame.
- Saturday marked the first Notre Dame home game played in December since December 5, 1953 vs. SMU.
- The last time Notre Dame ended the regular season with a home game was in 1993 (vs. Boston College).

First-career start: OL Dillan Gibbons

TEAM NOTES:

- **WITH THE WIN...**
 - Notre Dame has the longest active win streak in the FBS [16 games].
 - Dick Corbett Head Football Coach **Brian Kelly** has notched 102 wins in his Notre Dame career [102-37]^ His 102 wins are second all-time in program history in career wins at Notre Dame, trailing only Knute Rockne's 105.
 - Notre Dame improved to 7-3-0 in the all-time series with Syracuse (4-0 in the Brian Kelly era) and 3-1 at home against the Orange.
 - The Irish have now completed three undefeated regular seasons under Kelly (also in 2012^, 2018).
 - With an undefeated regular season in 2020, it marks the 14th time in program history that the Irish have completed an undefeated, un-tied regular season (minimum two games).
 - The Irish are now 33-3 since the beginning of the 2018 season (.917)
 - With his 30th-career win today, **QB Ian Book** became the all-time winningest quarterback in Notre Dame history. He passed Brady Quinn, Ron Powlus & Tom Clements.
 - Book completed a perfect record as a starting quarterback in Notre Dame Stadium going 15-0 as a starter at home, tying the most wins at home by a Notre Dame starting passer. Tony Rice posted a 15-0 record (1987-89), Joe Theismann went 11-0-1 (1968-70) and John Lujack was 9-0 (1943, 46-47).
 - Notre Dame has won 24-straight games at home, the second-longest streak in the FBS.
 - The Irish have now completed an undefeated home slate for three-consecutive seasons, which has not occurred at Notre Dame since 1897-89.
 - Football student-athletes who are true seniors boast a 25-1 record at Notre Dame Stadium since beginning their Irish careers in 2017.
- Notre Dame has outscored opponents 141-35 in the second quarter this season.
- Entering the game, Notre Dame was averaging 34:12 time of possession, a figure which led the ACC. Accumulating 33:50 Friday, the Irish have now won the time of possession battle in nine of 10 games this season.
- Through Saturday, the Irish have only trailed for 44:47 total minutes this season out of a total 600:00 minutes. Notre Dame has not trailed by more than seven points all season.

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GAME TEN POSTGAME NOTES (CONTINUED)

OFFENSIVE NOTES:

IAN BOOK

- Book accounted for five touchdowns Saturday (three passing, two rushing), the most by an Irish player since he passed for five touchdowns vs. Navy in 2019.
- With his two rushing TDs, quarterback Ian Book passed Everett Golson and Joe Montana (14) and Paul Hornung (15) to move into fourth all-time in Notre Dame quarterback rushing touchdowns with 16. He is now tied with Brandon Wimbush, Joe Theismann and Terry Hanratty. His eight rushing touchdowns in 2020 tie for fifth all-time among Irish QBs in a single season (also by DeShone Kizer, 2016 and Everett Golson, 2014).
- With an interception today, Book capped the longest streak by an Irish QB in program history with 266 attempts without a pick. It was the longest active streak in the FBS.
- Entering Saturday, Syracuse's defense allowed an average of 251.8 passing yards per game. Book surpassed that mark in the first half alone with 252 passing yards.

JAVON MCKINLEY

- Wide receiver Javon McKinley's three touchdown receptions marked a career-high and his first three touchdowns of the season. In his second-career multi-touchdown game (previously vs. New Mexico), McKinley scored two of his three TDs in the first half, marking the first time he has scored multiple touchdowns in a single half.
- He is the second Irish player to post a three receiving TD game this season, joining Ben Skowronek (vs. Pitt). No other Notre Dame player has ever recorded more receiving touchdowns in a single game vs. a Power 5 opponent than McKinley's and Skowronek's three.

KYREN WILLIAMS

- With 110 yards Saturday, running back Kyren Williams eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season. He now totals 1,011 on his season. The last time an Irish player reached 1,000 rushing yards in a season was Josh Adams in 2017.

CHRIS TYREE

- The true freshman broke loose for a 94-yard touchdown rush, the longest by a Notre Dame true freshman since Josh Adams' 98-yard touchdown rush in 2015 vs. Wake Forest. It marked Tyree's third-career touchdown, and the third-longest rush in Notre Dame history (98 from Adams, 97-yard touchdown rush from Dexter Williams, 2018).

DEFENSIVE NOTES:

- Saturday, Notre Dame forced four turnovers (three fumbles and one interception), the most by the Irish defense this season.
- With three forced fumbles by the Irish defense vs. Syracuse, it marked the most by Notre Dame since 2019 vs. Navy (four).
- Defensive lineman **Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa** forced his first-career fumble, and linebacker **Marist Liufau** recorded his first-career fumble recovery, returning the ball 12 yards.
- Linebacker **Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah** forced a fumble on the opening drive of the first half, and Tagovailoa-Amosa recovered to give the Irish possession. It was Owusu-Koramoah's third forced fumble of the season (fifth of his career), and Tagovailoa-Amosa's second recovery in 2020 (third-career).
- Defensive lineman **Ade Ogundeji** forced the third fumble of the day (his first of the season, sixth-career), recovered by Owusu-Koramoah (his second of the season, fourth-career).
- Defensive lineman **Daelin Hayes** snagged the first interception of his career, returning it 13 yards.