



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

CFP SEMIFINAL AT THE ROSE BOWL GAME 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	2	2	2
vs. AP Top 25	22	21	2	2
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	18	18	2	2
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	22	14	0	0
Team is ranked higher	70	10	9	1
Opponent is ranked higher	8	14	1	1
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	1
In January	1	4	0	1
On TV (except GVSU regular season)	101	38	10	2
On NBC	59	13	5	0
On NBCSN	3	0	0	0
On ABC	22	13	4	2
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	17	8	2
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	1
Opponent scores first	26	18	3	1
Leading at halftime	82	11	9	0
Tied at halftime	8	1	1	0
Trailing at halftime	10	26	0	2
Leading after three quarters	83	9	9	0

FIGHTING IRISH

10-2 OVERALL **9-0** ACC

AP rank: 4 Coaches rank: 4
CFP rank: 4
Head Coach: Brian Kelly
Record: 273-96-2^



VS



14-31
FINAL

12-0 OVERALL **10-0** SEC

AP rank: 1 Coaches rank: 1
CFP rank: 1
Head Coach: Nick Saban
Record: 260-65-1

CRIMSON TIDE

DATE: Jan. 1, 2021 LOCATION: Arlington, TX STADIUM: AT&T Stadium

FINAL SCORE: No. 4 Notre Dame 14, No. 1 Alabama 31

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

Miscellaneous:

- **OL Robert Hainsey** 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 Notre Dame defended the west end zone.

TEAM NOTES:

- The Irish are 33-5 since the beginning of the 2018 season (.868), and are 5-3^ all-time in the series with Alabama.
- Notre Dame is 20-14-3^ when both teams are in the Top 5.
- Notre Dame has outscored opponents 165-42 in the second quarter this season.
- The Irish are 4-4 in bowl games vs. No. 1 opponents.
- Notre Dame has won six of the last eight games when playing No. 1, the most recent win being this season vs. then-No. 1 Clemson (11/7).
- Brian Kelly is 19-11^ in his career in postseason matchups.
- Notre Dame is 120-40-7^ in neutral site games. In the Brian Kelly era, the Irish are 17-8.^
- The Irish held Alabama to 31 points Friday, Alabama's lowest point total of the season and more than two touchdowns below their 11-game average of 49.73 points per game. It is also Alabama's lowest point total since the 2018 National Championship game.
- The Irish entered the day with the ACC's top time of possession value (33:57 minutes per game), which ranked eighth in the FBS. With 33:43 Friday, Notre Dame won the time of possession battle in 11-of-12 games this season.
- Notre Dame limited Alabama to just nine possessions on the day, the fewest for the Tide this season, and the fewest for Alabama since at least 2015.

OFFENSIVE NOTES:

- Running back **Kyren Williams** marked his 13th rushing score of the season, the most by an Irish running back since Autry Denson's 15 in 1998. Williams is tied for ninth all-time in single-season rushing touchdowns among all players in Irish history. He also posted eight receptions on the day, leading the Irish and marking a new career-high (previous high was four receptions, occurring most recently at North Carolina this season).
- Quarterback **Ian Book** finished the day with 27 completions for 229 yards, adding 15 rushing attempts for 55 yards and a touchdown. With his rushing touchdown, Book tied for third all-time among all Irish quarterbacks with 17 rushing touchdowns, joining Rick Mirer. He ends his starting QB career with a 30-5 record, the most wins by a single Notre Dame quarterback in the 132-year history of the program.
- Tight end **Michael Mayer** set a single-game career-high with seven receptions, and his 62 yards in the air led the Irish.
- Wide receiver **Lawrence Keys III** notched a career-long reception on a 20-yard pass from Ian Book.

DEFENSIVE NOTES:

- Safety **Shaun Crawford** tied a career-high with nine tackles on the evening, while linebacker **Drew White** tied a season-high with nine tackles.
- Linebacker **Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah** recovered a Jonathan Doerer onside kick, giving possession back to the Irish in the fourth quarter.
- Defensive lineman **Jayson Ademilola** notched a key TFL on third down, his first TFL of the season and bringing his career total to 6.5.

^ -Includes 20 regular-season wins and two postseason appearances vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty