Holtz puts Irish over the top in '88 with 8th national title

By MARTY STRASSEN
Sports Editor

TEMPLE, Ariz.-Someone once told Lou Holtz that Notre Dame is supposed to be on top when it comes to football. Now, three years after taking over as head coach of the Fighting Irish, Holtz has put them there.

"It's important for Notre Dame to be on top, and I say that because that's what somebody told me," Holtz said after Notre Dame's 34-21 drubbing of West Virginia in the Sun-kist Fiesta Bowl gave the Irish their eighth national championship.

"There are just some people who are supposed to be on top, and people get the impression that Notre Dame should be good," Holtz continued. "This is an outstanding football team."

The Fighting Irish are back on top, even though many said this team was a year away from a shot at the national championship. The 1988 Irish completed the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame history and were nearly a unanimous choice as national champions. Notre Dame received 12 votes out of a possible 60 in the Associated Press Poll, a record for the Fighting Irish.

Miami, which lost its No. 1 ranking when the Irish beat the Hurricanes 31-30 on Oct. 15, received the remaining 1 12 votes.

"This football team is what Notre Dame spirit is all about," Holtz said. "There may be more talented teams, but there wasn't any that typify the Notre Dame spirit better than this one."

In addition to beating Miami when it was No. 1, Notre Dame beat Southeast Cal 27-10 when the Trojans were No. 2 and West Virginia when the Mountaineers were No. 3 coming into the Fiesta Bowl. The Irish opened the 1988 season with a 19-17 triumph over Michigan, which finished the season ranked fourth.

"I'm so happy for our players," Holtz said. "It's really a dream to win the national championship. I dreamt about winning it, but I never thought I'd be a part of something like this as a head coach."

Holtz joins the list of Irish coaches that includes Knute Rockne, Elmer Layden, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Rockne in the movie, invoking the memory of Gipp after his death to inspire the team to victory.

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Freshman Lou LaGrange joined the thousands of other Irish fans who stormed the field at Tempe's Sun Devil Stadium after the Notre Dame-Fighting Irish beat West Virginia to claim the coveted national championship title.

Team, Holtz greeted at White House

WASHINGTON- President Reagan met with the champions Notre Dame football team Wednesday in one of the last public events of his eight years in the White House.

The INF treaty and George Bush's election were important, but having the Fighting Irish win the national championship is in a class by itself."

Reagan said. In return for the sentimental tribute Reagan received a sweater once presented to him while starring in "American" by Fat O'Brien as Rockne in the movie, invoking the memory of Gipp when he died in the unlighted street, Hurley said.

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A police officer estimated Gomes was going about 45 miles per hour, the speed limit on the unlighted street, Hurley said. The case has not gone to court yet, he said.

A double funeral was held Friday, Jan. 6 for Macrina and Charis, who were buried beside each other.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Macrina's parish, Holy Cross Church, by Grace Hall Rector Father Gerald Lardner and Father Wilfred Borden, chaplain of the Notre Dame-West Virginia football game on television at Notre Dame. The driver of the car, Deborah Gomes, 23, of South Easton was charged with two counts of vehicular homicide, Hurley said.
South African President Botha suffered a stroke at home Wednesday, but was “clear-minded” and might appear before Cabinet members as planned, his office said. Botha, who turned 73 on Jan. 12, was in stable condition at No. 2 Military Hospital in the Cape Town suburb of Wynberg after suffering a mild stroke, his office said. According to South Africa’s Constitution, the president can appoint a Cabinet minister to fill in for him temporarily if the position is vacant. In that case, the Cabinet can elect one of its members as acting president. Botha has refused to comment on his possible retirement. Associated Press

Contracts have been awarded for the repaving of U.S. Route 31 from south of the South Bend bypass to Lakeview, and also for the “Michigan Strip,” the section of U.S. Route 33 from 1.5 miles north of the St. Joseph River bridge to the Indiana-Michigan border. Signal modernization on McKinley Avenue from Logan Street to Division Street is planned for the spring and summer of 1989. The Observer

Two Super Bowl tickets and some Watergate memorabilia, but not the cash that was stolen from his car, were returned to North Carolina Secretary of State of Wynberg after suffering a mild stroke, his office said. Botha suffered a stroke at home Wednesday, but was released from the hospital Thursday. Botha will take a point a Cabinet member as acting president, his office announced free, campus-wide events of general interest. The Observer

OF INTEREST

WVFI will hold its shift pick meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune Student Center. Attendance is required for all full-time and sub-status DJ's. The Observer

Juniors Office hours for Junior Parents’ Weekend will be Monday through Friday, 7-9 p.m. in room 305 LaFortune. Phone 229-6028 for more information. The Observer

NDE 4th Day will meet today at 9 p.m. in the Lower Lounge, Walsh Hall. The Observer

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Irish, Bush both No. 1 in year of transition

The year 1988 is over—finally. The new year, 1989, is a year of transition.

One transition became evident in Arizona, on a cloudy day in early January. The Notre Dame football team is back where it belongs—on the top of the heap in the world of collegiate football. Notre Dame wins its first national championship in eleven years, largely through the work of Coach Lou Holtz. Notre Dame will be the pre-season favorite to repeat as national champions in the 1989 football season.

Another meeting at the White House between the football team and President Reagan foreshadows another important transition taking place in 1989. On Friday afternoon, George Bush will be sworn in as the forty-first president of the United States, signaling the end of Reagan’s eight-year tenure in that office.

The team’s visit Wednesday with Reagan is a fitting conclusion to the Reagan era. Since 1981, when he visited Notre Dame with actor Pat O’Brien to receive an honorary degree, Reagan had been closely tied to the University. These ties were most evident during Reagan’s campus visit last March, to witness ceremonies dedicating a stadium to Knute Rockne.

George Bush is not Ronald Reagan. When he takes office Friday, Bush will be facing the awesome task of leading America into the 1990s. Indeed, in a sense the 1990s are already upon us, for the 1980s were most certainly the Reagan decade.

The Reagan years were an exciting time. For the first time since Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to halt the Great Depression, the country chose in 1980 to lead America in a new direction. Reagan was delivered a mandate in 1980, and again in 1984, to remove the central role of big government in citizens’ lives; Reagan’s conservatism was right for the time.

Bush is not the great communicator that Reagan was. As he proved well during the campaign, Bush does not convey the warm, grandfatherly image that his predecessor used to his advantage. Bush is not a television president. Bush the linebacker “behind the-scenes” operator, used to working with the bureaucracy of which he himself had so long been a part.

Bush is not the ideologue that Reagan was. Reagan’s Cabinet appointees were selected primarily for their conservative political views, ignoring their experience in policy areas. As a result, the nation had Cabinet officials who specialized in truth, from such skilled

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$44.7M given in cash grants

Notre Dame's Department of Development raised $44.7 million in cash contributions—third highest total in the University's history—during fiscal 1988.

This is the third consecutive year that cash contributions have exceeded $40 million, almost doubling the level of four years ago. The totals do not include pledges of future gifts. In specific contributing categories, foundation and corporate support totaled a record $20.7 million, a 27 percent increase; the University's Annual Fund attracted $6.9 million, a 6 percent increase and a fourth consecutive record total for the fund; direct mail yielded a record $2.5 million, an 8.4 percent increase; and planned giving totaled $4.9 million. The University’s Sorin Society, whose members each contribute a minimum of $1,000 annually in unrestricted funds, achieved its eighth consecutive increase in both membership and revenues. With a record 634 new members among its total of 2,900, the Society contributed $2.7 million, a 15 percent increase. Also in fiscal 1988, commitments to the University’s "Strategic Moment" campaign reached $289 million, 96 percent of the campaign's original goal of $300 million. That goal has since been met, but due to underfunded and new priorities, an additional $117 million is being sought as the campaign enters its national phase in 1989.

Holtz's new recruit?

This young Irish fan donned his football gear and braved the heat inside the Phoenix Civic Plaza for the New Year's Day Fiesta Bowl pep rally. The band arrived late, but the guest speakers and the Notre Dame cheerleaders kept the spirit going.

Officials baffled by phone problem

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Notre Dame hockey team.
"The church was packed. There was a line two blocks long at the wake the night before. There were a number of Notre Dame students there," Lardner said.
Lardner said John Goldrick, associate vice president for residence life, asked him to represent the University at the funeral.
Craig Bougas, Sal Castellano and Chris Chiacchierini, three of Macrina's former roommates, served as pallbearers during the funeral.
"(Macrina) was a little on the quiet side but well-liked, low-profile but not shy or reticent," he said. Macrina was a Dean's List student at Notre Dame and he had recently joined Grace's intramural hockey team, Lardner said.
"He was a natural athlete. He was a great hockey player," Mike Kolar, one of Macrina's roommates who played with him on the Grace hockey team.
Richard Macrina
Kolar said he didn't learn of his roommate's death until he returned home from the Fiesta Bowl.
Richard Macrina
Macrina is survived by his mother, Barbara Palm and stepfather Carl Palm and two younger brothers.
Macrina's name will be added to a plaque remembering deceased students who lived in Grace Hall, Lardner said. Richard Macrina is the fourth student from Grace who died while still a student, he added.
A memorial Mass will be celebrated Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, said Director of Campus Ministry Father Andre Leveille.

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A gift of $50,000 has been given by the family and friends of the late Todd Sullivan of Germantown, Tennessee, to establish an undergraduate scholarship fund in his memory. Todd Sullivan, who died early in his career at Christian Brother's High School in Memphis, was the son of Steve and Kathy (Huisking) Sullivan of Germantown. Steve Sullivan graduated from Notre Dame in 1968. *The Observer*

The 1987-1988 edition of the University of Notre Dame's student yearbook, the Dome, has received a "first place with special merit" award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The announcement describes the Notre Dame yearbook as "an excellent publication which showed a tremendous amount of time, energy, and talent by editors and staff members." *The Observer*

The first installment of a $100,000 gift to Notre Dame by Theodore Weber, of El Cerrito, California, has arrived. The gift was to purchase and maintain a unique collection of paperback books for its University Libraries. The collection, purchased from A.F. Wallis Ltd., an antiquarian bookseller in England, consists of more than 12,500 items, including nearly every title published by the Penguin Books, the pioneering British paperback book publisher, between 1935 and 1965. Only 39 of 5,040 Penguin titles which appeared during that period are missing. *The Observer*

Cheryl Schrader, a doctoral candidate in electrical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, is the recipient of the 1988 Borg-Warner Automotive Scholarship awarded by the Society of Automotive Engineers. Schrader, who plans a career in teaching and research, received her masters degree from Notre Dame in 1987. Her doctoral research combines applied mathematics and feedback theory in the study of how systems respond to commands. *The Observer*

University President Father Edward Malloy will be elected a trustee of the National Citizens Commission on Alcoholism on March 3. The Commission, part of the Chicago-based National Council on Alcoholism, Inc., is chaired by Robert Racelin. *The Observer*

John Santos, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Gerontological Education, Research and Services (GERAS) at Notre Dame, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council on Aging of the National Institutes of Health. The appointment was made by Dr. Otis Bowen, Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Reagan administration. The Council on Aging counsels government officials on issues related to the aging process, associated diseases and other special problems and needs of the aging. *The Observer*

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Panel to study Miami slaying

Associated Press

MIAMI. City commissioners voted unanimously Wednesday to appoint a panel to investigate an interracial slaying that touched off two nights of rioting by blacks, leaving one person dead and buildings burned and looted.

The vote during an emergency session came amid warnings from black leaders that only quick action to ease racial tension could prevent more violence.

The panel will investigate the Monday slaying of Clement Lloyd, a 32-year-old black motorcyclist shot in the head by a white policeman as Lloyd and a friend sped through Miami's black Overtown section.

The panel was created at the suggestion of Miller Dawkins, the lone black on the five-member city commission, who wanted a board consisting of five policemen and five Overtown residents with Mayor Xavier Suarez as chairman. Dawkins acknowledged the board will not satisfy the young people throwing rocks and bottles, and he appealed to them for time.

"I'd like to tell them to give us a chance to work this out, and to work on all our other ills, such as poor housing, poor education, joblessness," he said. "And they have to work with us instead of creating other problems like they are doing now."

Children return to site of shooting

STOCKTON, Calif. - Children returned to class to confront their tears with help from psychologists Wednesday, just one day after a gunman fascinated by toy soldiers killed five youngsters at the school he attended as a boy.

Blood was washed from the pavement overnight and bullet holes were patched at Cleveland Elementary School, where experts said it was important that pupils, mostly children of Southeast Asian refugees, deal with the trauma immediately.

"I still feel upset, but I have to bring my kid to see the teacher to let the teacher know my kid's all right," Bron Lee, 24, said in broken English. "Everybody's angry. Your kid there, you get angry too." His daughter, 7-year-old Nary, said she was scared to return because "I saw blood."

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who entered his fifth-year stint as Irish coach with a 5-7 loss to Miami and a 2-7 record.

"It's a dream come true," said senior tailback and tri-captain Mark Green. "It's an awesome feeling. Everything came together. It was a long time coming and I knew it was possible, but I can't say I thought it was going to happen. "It's been a long, long road. Coach Holtz came in and restored the discipline. We've been through hell, but it's just a matter of paying the price. Now we're collecting the dividends."

"For what is good and right in America, Notre Dame deserves to be champs," added senior tri-captain Andy Heck. "This is the greatest thing I've ever been a part of."

Research grants announced

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame received $201,451 in grants during November for the support of research and various programs. Research funds totaled $239,606, including:

$90,792 from the U.S. Navy for studies of ordering in semiconducting and other alloys, Kathy Newman, associate professor of physics, principal investigator.

$80,000 from the U.S. Air Force for research by John Dow, Friemann professor of physics, on vibrational properties of certain materials.

$55,779 from the U.S. Navy for studies of semiconductor microstructure by Bruce Bunker, associate professor of physics.

$74,000 from the National Science Foundation for research by Steven Ruggiero, associate professor of physics, on the perpendicular resistivity of synthetic metal multilayers.

$60,600 from Indiana State Board of Health for research by Harvey Bender, professor of biological sciences, on a program in human genetics.

$62,142 from the National Science Foundation for research on several complex variables theory by Wilhelm Stoll, Duncan professor of mathematics, and Warren Wong, professor of mathematics.

$31,000 from the National Science Foundation for research by Maureen Hallinan, White professor of arts and letters in sociology, on determinants of students' interrelational friendliness.

$50 from private benefactors for programs of the Institute for Pastoral and Social Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns.

$11,291 from the St. Joseph County Job Training Program for job training program orientation, administered by Warren Ostlaw, assistant professional specialist in urban studies, and Roland Smith, executive assistant to the president and associate professional specialist in the Institute for Urban Studies.

Awards for other programs totaled $96,943, including:

$75,431 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for work by Donald Kommers, professor of law and of government and international studies, on American constitutionalism in comparative perspective.

$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the participation of Mark Jordan, associate professor of liberal studies, and Kent Every, assistant professor in the program of liberal studies, at the 49th Annual Conference.

$9,763 from NASA-langley Research Center for the participation of Thomas Mueller, chairman of aerospace and mechanical engineering, at the Low Reynolds Number Aerodynamics Conference.

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rewards for his performance as a halfback on the Notre Dame team in 1917 and 1918.

"I think that's a great sacrifice by the university, but believe me, no one could treasure it more than I will," the president said.

Notre Dame won its eighth national championship—the most by any team in the 53-year history of the Associated Press poll—by defeating West Virginia, 34-21 in the Fiesta Bowl. It finished the season with a 12-0 record. West Virginia was third in the rankings when it played Notre Dame in what was generally recognized as the game that would decide the national title.

In addition, Notre Dame for the fourth time won the College Football Association’s Academic Achievement Award for highest graduation rate last season.

Most of the lettermen are coming back next season, which Notre Dame will open by playing Virginia in the Kickoff Classic, Aug. 31 at Giant Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

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Family values support student

Dear Editor:
The family of Rick Macrina would like to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when we were deeply appreciated. We know Rick was loved deeply by his family at Notre Dame and will be sadly missed.

Sincerely,
The Macrina family
January 19, 1989

Graduate student calls for justice

Dear Editor:
If foreign graduate students from the third world experience great pressure in their departments, especially in the College of Arts and Letters. They are expected to be as "perfect" and outstanding as American graduate students and to have the same level and cultural background.

Most of the graduate administrators, faculty, and staff do not regard these students as having the same capacities for being outstanding students despite the lack of efficient knowledge in their third world education. Those people are so concentrated in their own "perfection" that they are unable to realize the fact that those students are considered the brightest and the best professionals in their countries, that they were selected from hundreds and that they are all over their countries to obtain a more qualified education and to represent their nations in an American institution.

Maria Amorim
Off-campus
Dec. 7, 1988

Quote of the Day

"I think Knute Rockne would have been proud of this football team... There may be more talented teams, and there may be better coached teams. But there can't be any teams that typify Notre Dame spirit any better than this one."

Lou Holtz
January 2, 1989
Accent
Thursday, January 19, 1989

Roman nightlife: in a class by itself

LIZ PANZICA
accent writer


In Italy, like other Mediterranean countries, shops are open much later in the evening due to long afternoon meals. This pushes the Roman dinner hour back to about 8 p.m. With the evening beginning later, one would expect nightlife to go into the wee hours of the morning. However, that's not the case in the eternal city. Diocletian and such do stay open, but the European dance club scene is in a class by itself.

The streets of cultural Rome are relatively quiet at night considering the city's size and status. All activity ceases by 2 a.m. at the latest, and things are usually winding down by midnight. But just because the city retired early doesn't mean there is a lack of activity. Rome offers many meeting places perfect for the student, traveler, and native. The hottest spots in the city are the age-old piazzas and the bars and gelaterias surrounding them.

What follows is just a short list of the favorites of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students studying in Rome.

Piazza Navona: A large square whose centerpiece is a massive fountain depicting the four known rivers (to the Romans). Two smaller fountains define the boundaries at the end of the Piazza. Artists have claimed this area as their own. Landscape and portrait artists display their talents for the strolling tourists and restless, young natives. It's a nice place to grab a gelato (like ice cream and butter) and browse. A slower pace for an older, tamer crowd.

The Trevi Fountain: Major tourist spot! Go to the fountain and make a wish, but don't stick around. Ladies beware. The Italian men who frequent this spot will not leave an American alone. All over Rome, American femaleness attracts quite a bit of attention. Sometimes it's flattering and fun. Most times it's just plain annoying. At the Trevi Fountain, it's especially bad because everyone is either a tourist or an Italian male looking for a tourist.

The Spanish Steps: Right by the McDonald's in Rome. Student travelers from all over flock to the steps. Experiences vary. The mood differs depending on the day of the week and the type of crowd around. Each new platform of steps has a different group of people. Interesting spot, great for people watching or just listening to Italian guitarists sing Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run." If the Piazza scene gets tiring and the high-priced bars around it bore you, there are two distinctly American bars. Bars in Italy are places to sit and have a cappuccino or sandwich. Italian bars do serve alcohol, but that isn't their main activity. The Fox Pub and Miscellania are close to American bars. The Fox Pub is crowded, smoky and offers "all you can drink" specials. "The best deal you can get on an "ID," said Kathleen Houlihan of the Saint Mary's Rotte Program. The clientele is distinctly American. It's the place of choice for people who are sick of the attention of Italian men.

On Friday and Saturday nights, however, students from the American high schools descend upon the Fox. The little pub is best avoided on those days because drunken 16-year-olds are much worse than drunken 20-year-olds. Miscellania is pretty much like the Fox but not as crowded or smoky. Of course as with everything else for Americans on the day and the mood.

By no means is the list above complete. Throughout Rome there are hundreds of different night spots. The attitude differs from America's nightlife. An appreciation for a good capuccino and conversation are a must when in Rome. It is often best to go off the beaten track and, well, do as the Romans do.

But that's another story. For now, Ciao.

Accent

'STour of Duty' fails to depict true Vietnam

Succesful motion pictures have often been the inspiration behind new television series ideas. "Three Men and a Baby" "Baby Boom" and "Dirty Dancing" mimicked titles of the same name. Then there's "Platoon," the heralded Viet Nam drama that captivated audiences in record numbers.

The television industry, ready to earn big bucks off "Platoon's" success, quickly put together "Tour of Duty," a tour de force of boredom and confusion.

CBS airs "Tour of Duty" Mondays at 8 p.m. Centered around the activities of the members of a small platoon, this show attempts to recapture the excitement, realism, and authenticity of "Platoon." Terence Knox stars as Zeke Anderson, the sergeant in charge of the group. Other characters include Myron Goldman (Stephen Caffrey), Danny Purcell (Tony Becker), Marvin Johnson (Stan Foster), Alberto Ruiz (Ramon Franco), Marcus Taylor (Miguel Nunez), Johnny McKay (Dan Gautier), and "All My Children's" Kim Delaney as Alex Devlin. Each week these characters find themselves in the midst of the terror and destruction that is Viet Nam.

In one episode, for example, Zeke falls for a sexy doctor in the Psych Ward of a hospital; however, their relationship becomes a war all its own when Zeke breaks into her files to find confidential information about a patient. Another plot includes a mystery surrounding the death of a lieutenant who dies when a grenade suddenly explodes behind him. As the episode evolves, Danny and Marvin help Zeke to discover the identity of the man who stole the grenade and planned to blow up the rest of the platoon.

In theory these plots sound feasible, even enjoyable; however, the stories progress as fast as an oil slick. While it is obvious the Viet Nam conflict was not all bombs and shootings, the producers of the show need to bring forth more entertainment to keep the audience involved. To make matters worse, the already-boring plotlines often become, like the reasons behind the war itself, cluttered and confusing.

Perhaps the show's greatest attributes are its cast and characters. Viewers will find it easy to relate to such characters as Marvin Johnson with his hot temper or Johnny McKay with his "study" image; however, the show presents so many characters that the hour-long show hasn't the time to do any of them justice. In one episode, for example, the viewers only see Alex for a few seconds at the beginning and end of the show. The cast is a very talented one and deserves a better showpiece for its talents.

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Calvin and Hobbes

Calvin, what are you doing? You're supposed to be on the school bus. Get out of here.

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Irish swimmers split with NUI

By MARY GARINO
Sports Writer

The men's swimming team scored an outstanding victory over the Georgia Tech team on Sunday, 179.5-119.5 at Rollins Aquatic Center.

The squad recorded 12 victories, including the 400 yard medley relay, the second race of the meet. This was the key event of the meet, according to coach Tom Welsh.

"This race set the tone for the meet," said " Last year, North Carolina won the same event in a tight race and really put us in a hole. This year, our time of 3:37 was the fastest time this season except for a championship race."

Highlights for the Irish in the men's meet included wins by Tom Penn in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke and an early victory by freshman Jim Birnham in the 200 freestyle.

"It was a critical race for us," said Welsh. "It was a good race for him. It is not his best event but he won it."

Welsh also said that the Irish turned in steady performances in "the past, Notre Dame teams have balanced," Welsh said. "This year we have been erratic, but in this meet we were much more like a Notre Dame team. This was a good meet in our own right."

The women were not as success- ful as the men's teams. They lost to a strong Northern Illinois squad with a final score of 121-178. The Irish have never beaten the Huskies.

"We lost, but we didn't do horribly," Welsh noted. "We knew that in order to win we would have to do everything right, from the first person to the last. That happens rarely."

The women had a lot of good in their last meet, a loss to Western Ontario on Jan. 14, Welsh considers a sign that the team is moving in the right direction.

"I thought that the women swam faster and aggressively," Welsh said. "They swam to win." Welsh said.

The women are beginning to show signs of the heavy training that took place over the holidays. They are slower and they were fatigued, according to Welsh. However, the women had several noteworthy performances. Tracy Johnson swam their fastest 100 yard freestyle yet. Another girl placed fourth, Becky Wood had two first place finishes, in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke events. Katie Pamer and Catherine Walls also turned in first-place finishes for the Irish.

The Irish had high praise for both the men's and women's diving events. Ed Veone and Pat Dugan were first and third respectively in the one meter diving event. Jim Clevenger, and Allison Baker was second for the women in the three-meter event.

"The divers contribute in a big way," Welsh said. "It is a tremendous turnaround in meet points to know that the divers are solid."

The Northern Illinois meet marked the end of a three meet winning cycle for both Irish teams. On Jan. 6-7, Notre Dame competed in the UC Irvine Invitational and placed swimmers in several events. Then, last week, the men defeated Western Ontario and the women lost. After the competition against Illinois, the Notre Dame women's team fell to 3-4, and the men's squad- team to 2-5.

Next for the Irish women will be a home meet against Illinois State Friday and the men's team will travel to Cleveland State.

Classifieds

Tar Heels pound No. 1 Duke

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Scott Williams sparked North Carolina's rally from a 1-point deficit, scoring 22 points to lead the 13th-ranked Tar Heels to a stunning 92-71 upset of top-ranked Duke in an Atlantic Coast Conference game Wed-nesday night.

Duke suffered its first loss of the season at the last of five ACC games and fell to 3-1 in the ACC. The Tar Heels, who dropped a 49-48 decision to the Blue Devils last Sunday, closed the inside and shut down Duke's offense. With Danny Ferry nursing a sore back, the Blue Devils didn't fare much better from the perimeter, either. North Carolina, 15-4 and 2 in the ACC, locked up a big game on both ends to take charge. Of their 14 baskets in the second half, one was a jumper from beyond 10 feet.

Oka., 123, Kansas 95

NORMAN, Okla. - Mookie Blaylock scored 30 points and Stacey King added 23 as fifth-ranked Oklahoma beat No. 13 Kansas, 102-94, in a Big Eight Game Wednesday night.

The game was the first be- tween the teams since they met in the NCAA championship game last season. Kansas upped its record to 19-3, 8-3 in the Big Eight. The Sooners in that game, 83-79.

Minn. 76, Purdue 66

MINNEAPOLIS - Melvin Spooner scored 10 of his 14 points in the last six: 11 as Minnesota finished the game with a 13-0 run to beat Purdue 76-66. The Tar Heels were leading 63-52 with 12 minutes to play and it was a 76-66 Big Ten victory over Purdue on Wed-nesday night.

The Gophers, 10-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference, who had lost their last four Big Eight meetings dating to 1983, held the Boilermakers to three baskets in the final seven minutes.

Irish, Cavaliers open season

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Two months after being passed over by all sorts of bowls, big and small, Virginia finally got an invitation, and a choice one at that.

The Cavaliers on Wednesday were officially named to open the 1989 season against defending national champion Notre Dame in the seventh annual Pro-Football Classic on Aug. 31 at Giants Stadium.

"When I first heard, I thought, 'Yeah, well we deserve it,'" Virginia guard and co-captain Roy Brown said. "This is our bowl game." There were some opinion the Cavaliers deserved a postseason appearance last season after going 7-4 and ending the season on a five-game winning streak. None came through, and the Cavaliers ended the season with a 5-2 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Their three second-place finish in five years.

They did not receive a single vote in the Associated Press' final poll.

The Irish are the defending national champions, and they are ranked No. 12. Virginia is the No. 17 team in the country.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can play with Notre Dame," Virginia nose guard Ron Casey said. "I think we're good enough at this stage in our develop- ment as a football team to be competitive with a team like that." Robert McTigue, the chief executive officer of the New Jersey Sports and Expos- ition Authority, the sponsor- ing revenue of $4.8 million, the New Jersey Sports & Expositions Authority's ticket revenue of $5 million and its guarantee of $2 million to Virginia. The New Jersey Sports & Expositions Authority has guaranteed $2 million to Virginia for the game.

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Irish rebound after disappointing road losses

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

After disappointing road losses to lightly regarded Val-
paraiso and Stanford, the team has returned to its early-season rhythm.

At least that's what Irish co-
ach Digger Phelps said after seeing his squad thump South-
ern Methodist 67-45 Tuesday night at the Joyce ACC.

"Our kids picked up where they left off in Los Angeles," said Phelps, referring to Notre Dame's 82-79 come-from-behind win over UCLA Saturday. "We played well. I liked the rhythm the game got into tonight. The aggressiveness I liked." Notre Dame (8-2) led by as many as 19 points in the first half on its way to a 32-20 ad-
vantage at the intermission. The Irish then opened the second half with a 12-2 spurt and never were challenged again. It was not a happy homecoming for SMU coach John Shumate. His Mustangs were playing their first game without guard Kato Armstrong, lost for the year to academic elig-
ibility. Armstrong scored from every player on the team except freshman guard Keith Robinson each chipped in 13.

Valparaiso 71, ND 68

Scott Anselm and Mike Jones led a three-point bomb that sparked the Crusaders to a thrilling overtime victory in front of an overflow crowd at the Joyce ACC & Recreation Gymnasium.

Notre Dame had a 42-31 rebounding edge over Valpo, which had no player taller than 6-7. But the Crusaders led 35-25 at the half and stayed close with their 10 three-point goals. Anselm had three three-point goals and 21 points. Jones had four three-point goals and 19 points. It was Curtiss Stevens, however, who hit the most im-
portant three-point shot of the last minute of regulation that cut Notre Dame's lead to two points.

Singleton and Fredrick each missed the front ends of one-
one situations in the closing seconds, then Jones hit a layup at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. Valpo went on to outscore Notre Dame 7-4 in the overtime peri-
od.

The Irish had not practiced the week preceding the game because of final exams. Fredrick led the Irish with 20 points, and Jackson was next with 16. Ellis scored 15 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. The Irish outrebounded the Crusaders 10-3 from the field during the game.

ND 60, Penn 55

Fredrick scored 30 points and Jackson added 19 as the Irish took advantage of the Quakers' inability to score inside the key. Penn shot 43-of-66, less than 40 percent, from the field, but the Quakers managed to stay close throughout the course of the game with its deliberate style of play. Tyrone Gilliams led Penn with 13 points.

Notre Dame shot over 50 per-
cent (22-of-43) from the field for the first time in five games, but the Irish shot only 15-of-25 from the free throw line. Penn's Walt Frazier, who was averaging 20 points per game, scored just five against Notre Dame.

USF 79, ND 75

Mark McCarthron scored 26 points to lead the Dons to the upset Jan. 6 at the Memorial Gymnasium, but some contro-
versial officiating had Phelps livid at the end of the game. Officials Ron Lavetitch and Jim Loustalot both already had worked several USF games this season. Phelps talked to Mike Gillieran, commissioner of officials for the Dons West Coast Athletic Association, over a week before the game in hopes of changing the offi-
cials, but he was not able to do so.

San Francisco took 33 foul shots, while Notre Dame was only at the foul line 19 times. The Dons took an early 27-18 lead, and was leading by as many as 10 points. Notre Dame came back to get the win be-
cause of the play of Ellis, who scored 18 in the second half.

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda, a friend of Phelps as well as the manager of the world cham-
pions, gave the Irish a pep talk after the weekend of the game.
Illinois ends spectacular ND volleyball season

By MOLLY MAHONEY
Sports Writer

The loss brought the Irish to 18-11 on the season, but the team crept to 15th in the final NCAA poll--the program's highest ranking ever--against the toughest schedule in the team's history.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the way the team played against Illinois and the way they performed all season," said Irish head coach Art Lambert. "The girls faced a lot of adverse circumstances but they never gave up. I'm proud of that." The team's four seniors--Zanette Bennett, Mary Kay Waller, Maureen Shea and Whitney Shewman--all turned in strong performances, with Bennett and Waller controlling the net.

Nancy Brookhart and three-time All-American Mary Eggers led Illinois with 20 and 19 kills, respectively, with Eggers hitting an impressive .500 percent at the net.

The Irish battled the Illini for more than two hours before a noisy crowd of 1,269, but fell in five games, 5-15, 9-15, 5-15, 15-5, 15-13 and 9-15 to an Illinois team which eventually advanced to the Final Four by defeating Oklahoma the following night.

Notre Dame's blockers could hardly contain the Illini as four players recorded more than 15 kills.

Waller and Bremner garnered North Central Region honors for their performances this season and both etched names in the Notre Dame record books.

Waller finished her career first in service aces and total blocks, as well as block solos and assists, second in hitting percentage and third in kills and total attempts.

Bremner took over as Notre Dame's most prolific setter with 1,340 assists in her first season and led the team in digs with 324, but has now left school after being chosen as one of two seniors for the United States National Volleyball Team.

Bunek lost for season

By GREG GUFFEY
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team won five of eight games during break, but one particular loss could spell doom for the Irish.

In the first half of the Dec. 29 game against James Madison at the St. Joseph's Invitational, Notre Dame center Heidi Bunek suffered a knee injury. She was forced to have reconstructive knee surgery and will miss the remainder of the season.

The Irish lost that game to James Madison and then fell to Old Dominion and Vanderbilt in games with NCAA Tournament implications.

"We didn't have a chance to learn to play without her," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "The biggest thing we missed was her rebounding. We got crushed on the boards."

At the time of the injury, the senior All-America candidate led the Irish in scoring at 16.2 points per game. She also led the team in rebounds with 7.5 boards per game. Bunek could play next season under the NCAA's medical hardship legislation.

The Irish will be back in action tonight against Detroit in the JACC. The Midwestern Collegiate Conference contest is set for 7:30 p.m. Detroit is tied with the Irish for the conference lead with victories over Dayton and Xavier.

"They're really good," McGraw said. "It will be a good test for us."

Notre Dame is 2-0 in the MCC after wins over Evansville and St. Louis. The Irish downed the Purple Aces 75-65 on the road last Thursday. Annie Schwartz and Sara Liebescher paced the Irish with 14 points each. Liebescher added 11 rebounds.

"I think it was a very important game," McGraw said. "That was one of the tougher road games in the league. We feel we're off to a good start in the conference."

Notre Dame defeated St. Louis 79-54 behind the 24 points of sophomore guard Karen Robinson. Robinson was a perfect 12-of-12 from the field in that game.

Other Irish wins came against Toledo, Youngstown State and Indiana.

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GOSHEN — Rick Mirer, who quarterbacked his high school championship last fall, wants to help.

Cathie Younger, Associated Press

Announced his college choice at a news conference at the high school on Wednesday, picking the Irish over Michigan and Indiana.

"One of my goals is to win a college national title, and the fact that Notre Dame just won one, I feel this is a place where if we get fired up it can be done again," said Mirer, a strong-armed passer who set a state record for season yardage and led unbeaten Goshen to 14 straight victories and the Class 4A championship.

His high school coach, Randy Robertson, said Mirer's decision to attend Notre Dame "didn't surprise me at all. The fact it's close to home (18 miles) had some bearing. He's been there several times, and he's always commented how the (Notre Dame) athletes are like regular people.

"I think he'll do very well," Robertson said. "But he's realistic. He knows there's no way a freshman quarterback is going to step in right there. But he's willing to learn and he's a hard worker. He's very coachable and he'll continue to improve each season."

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KAREN GREEN

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"I wanted to know if our players were talking to the West Virginia players, and I wanted to know if there was any language being used," he said. "I can tell you that, on both counts, that was not the case. His players thought they were being held and they did some things out of frustration." Holtz said he did not fault senior linebacker Wes Prichett for his hit on Mountain-}

neer quarterback Major Harris in the third quarter, which Prichett appeared to be in full stride as the ball was released.

The only late hit Holtz singled out by Holtz as being obvious was Todd Lyght's tackle of Mike Hilton's jarring tackle on West Virginia's Kevin Koken. "I think those three things had something to do with what happened." Holtz said.

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WVU dream ends in despair

By MARTY STRASEN Sports Editor

TEMPLE, Aria.—The West Virginia Mountaineers charged into the 1989 Fiesta Bowl ranked third and feeling underrated.

They hobbled out ranked fifth, feeling undermined and overpowered after a sound thrashing at the hands of Notre Dame.

If anything, the pre-game polls had West Virginia a little higher than it ought to have been. The Mountaineers had faced notably lesser competition, blinding the Fighting Irish over the course of their 11-0 regular season.

"Notre Dame is a better football team than we are," West Virginia head coach Don Nehlen said after the Irish won the game 34-21. "We beat them up."

"Sometimes it seemed like they had about 16 players on the field," added Mountaineer center Kevin Koken. All-America linebacker Michael Stonebreaker dislocated the left shoulder of West Virgin-

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One of the most frustrating chapters in the annals of Notre Dame hockey graciously came to a conclusion over Christmas break. Now the Irish hope to add a storybook ending of their own to a season wrought with unfulfilled promise.

Notre Dame (6-20-2) won three of eight games and snapped its school-record 14-game losing streak during a recent 19-day roadtrip. The Irish swept two teams from Arizona and split their series against Army. They also lost to RPI, Air Force, Boston College, and RPI, who are three of eight games and one interception and one touchdown. RPI's Dame hockey graciously came to a season wrought with unfulfilled promise.

The Irish recorded their highest scoring outputs of the season in the two victories over Arizona. Tim Kuehl scored four goals and added two assists to pace the offense in a 10-5 win over the Wildcats on Jan. 13. Eight Irish players scored the following night as Notre Dame crushed the Cats 9-2.

"It was exciting to be a part of," said Irish coach Ric Schafer of the two-game series which drew over 11,000 people. "We made some improvement. We started to score some goals. But the fact remains, we're playing some tough teams."

One of those "tough teams," RPI, had the Irish reeling after posting a 6-0 shutout in the first round of the RPI Tournament on Jan. 19. The Engineers became the first team to hold Notre Dame scoreless in 72 games.

The Irish fared better against sixth-ranked Boston College on Jan. 5, battling back from a 5-1 deficit to close the Boston College lead to 6-5 in the third period. The Eagles added an insurance goal with less than two minutes remaining in the context to win 7-5.

The Boston College game represented a homecoming for sophomore goaltender Mark O'Sullivan, who started in goal for the Irish. He played the first minute of the game before yielding the net to incumbent Lance Madison.

O'Sullivan played a bigger role in Notre Dame's sweep of Arizona, subbing for the injured Madison. Madison hurt his chin just over 10 minutes into the third period of the first game when he collided with an Arizona player. O'Sullivan earned the start the following night and stopped 27 shots.

"It was fun. The guys did a great job in just protecting me," said O'Sullivan after his first complete game of the season. "I wanted to make sure the guys had confidence in me. I wanted to make sure not to give up a goal in the first period.

Madson, expected to return to the lineup in time for Friday's game against Lake Forest, enjoyed another fine roadtrip. He turned away 34 shots against Boston College and made 50 saves in a 6-0 loss to Merrimack on Jan. 7.

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213 yards and two touchdowns to earn the game's offensive Most Valuable Player award.

Harris completed 13 of 26 passes for 166 yards, including a lift late in the third quarter, turning the tide back in Notre Dame's favor.

Johnson's one-yard touchdown put the Mountaineers ahead, 26-13 on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Harris to Grantis. Rice then showed everyone he can throw the ball as well, firing a fourth-and-goal play.

"It affected my scrambling," Harris said. "There was a lot of pain. I think it affected the whole team. Our timing wasn't on."

Rice's was.

While the Mountaineers stumbled out of the starting blocks, Rice and the Irish conversion that gave Notre Dame a 34-13 lead.

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Becker cruises in first round

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia -- Boris Becker, playing his first outdoor match in four months, breezed past Kelly Evernden of New Zealand 7-5, 6-1, 6-3 Thursday to advance to the third round of the Australian Open tennis championships.

"I played much better than I did in the first round," said Becker, whose last outdoor match was a second-round loss to Darren Cahill at the U.S. Open in early September. "If I keep playing like this, I'll be happy."

Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir also moved into the third round with a 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 victory over Australian Mark Kratzmann.

Mecir, the No.9 seed, said he has recovered from a virus that forced him to pull out of the New South Wales Open in Sydney last week.

"I felt pretty good," the Czechoslovak said. "I've had a few days off and I'm feeling stronger."

Kratzmann, a former U.S. open junior champion ranked 115th in the world, said Mecir took advantage of his erratic serve.

"I did not serve well enough today," Kratzmann said. "I was under pressure all the time."

In late women's matches Wednesday, top-seeded Steffi Graf blanked Enei Sampaio of Canada 6-0, 6-0 and No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini beat Conchita Martinez of Spain 6-4, 6-1 to move into the third round of the year's first Grand Slam tournament.

Fifth-seeded Jakob Hlasek was upset by Cahill 6-4, 7-7 (7-9), 6-7, 7-6 (7-3) in a first-round men's match.

Cahill, a surprise semi-finalist at last year's U.S. open, was the second Australian to eliminate a top-10 seed in the opening round. Countryman Mark Woodforde ousted No. 8 Yannick Noah on Tuesday night.

"Mark's win was great, but it didn't make it any easier for me," Cahill said. "I still had to go out there and play good tennis."

Graf overwhelmed Simpson, who won just six points in the first set and 26 in the match.
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**ND buries Mountaineers for national title**

*Victory caps perfect year*

By MARTY STRASEN

Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz. - As Notre Dame put the finishing touches on its eighth national championship, most television viewers were watching a game between two teams the Irish already had beaten.

The "Battle for No. 1" was a lopsided game compared to Michigan's 22-14 Rose Bowl victory over Southern California. But for Notre Dame, a perfect season was the perfect ending to a perfect season.

The Irish reigned in 1988, and on the second day of 1989 they claimed their crown in convincing fashion.

"I've underestimated this team in a lot of areas," said Irish head coach Lou Holtz, who guided his team to the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame's storied history. "They've done everything I've asked of them. Is this a great football team? I'd have to say yes, but have nobody proved it wasn't."

Certainly not against Virginia, whose hopes of a national championship vanished the day of the second game compared to the Irish's 34-21 victory over West Virginia. But for Notre Dame, a season in Notre Dame's storied history.

A record crowd of 74,911 saw the Irish defense shut down another high-powered offense led by a big name quarterback. Major Harris and the Mountaineers were no match for the Irish defense, which gave up only 35 points.

"They're a doggone physical football team," said Virginia coach Don Nehlen. "They were better than us on both sides of the ball."

Irish quarterback Tony Rice stole the show from Harris, completing 7 of 11 passes for 368 yards. The win gave the Irish their third straight victory over West Virginia in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. The win gave the Irish their third straight victory over West Virginia in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl.

*Bad-mouthing reputation sticks with Irish*

By MARTY STRASEN

Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.-Somewhere along the road to the 1988 national championship, the Fighting Irish earned a reputation as "the bad guys."

Their performance in the Fiesta Bowl did nothing to change that image. Notre Dame's defense was flagged for 11 penalties--eight of the personal foul and late hit variety--in its 34-21 victory over West Virginia.

In the game's final minutes, Irish head coach Lou Holtz raced across the field to find out just who was saying or doing what to whom. Holtz himself was hit with a 15-yard penalty for his action, which amounted to nothing compared to the late hits and verbal outbursts for which the Irish were being penalized throughout the game.

Senior cornerback D'Juan Francisco was ejected in the game's final minutes for knocking the hat off the head of an official after a West Virginia pass play in the end zone. West Virginia committed only three penalties for 38 yards.

"They've got to clean up their act," said West Virginia center Kevin Koken of Notre Dame. "They've got to learn some class. That's probably the worst bad-mouth team I've ever played.

Holtz also expressed displeasure, but was not quite as quick on the trigger as Koken. "Our players thought they were being held by West Virginia and they were telling the officials that they thought penalties should have been called," Holtz said after the game. "We had no right to say it. Our players were in the wrong 99 percent of the time."

In a press conference the next morning, Holtz explained his reasons for running onto the field and accepting yet another penalty.

*Rice outshines another star*

By PETE SKIKO

Assistant Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.-Notre Dame's 34-21 win over West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl included plenty of examples of what all the talk before a big game usually amounts to--just that, talk.

Take Tony Rice, for instance.

Judging from the pregame hype, it's not too surprising that one of the few things that didn't go the Irish's way was the team's running game. Rice rushed for 75 yards on only 13 carries and generally made the big plays when his team needed them.

When you figure that one françúfútian for Heisman Trophy balloting and made up the bulk of an offense which outscored its opponents by an average of 27 points a game, and the other was largely overshadowed by his running backs, his team's defense and his own reputation as a wild passer, it isn't shocking that one came through to lead his team to a national championship.

And while many of the people who followed the team this season expected nothing less, Rice was happy to play the underdog to West Virginia quarterback Major Harris, right to the end.

"I was kind of glad Major took the pregame glory," said Rice after dissecting the West Virginia secondary for several long pass plays, including two touchdowns. "I just wanted to go out, have some fun and play ball. I wasn't interested in comparing myself to Major Harris. He is obviously a great quarterback."

But he had just thrown for more yards than any other football player in the nation, one thousand yards, and had no right to say it.

On this day, Rice was saying or doing exactly what he wanted to, and he had the last laugh.

*ND defense dominates*

By PETE SKIKO

Assistant Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.-After thoroughly demoralizing both offenses in the national championship game, the Notre Dame defense was about to face its first real challenge of the Fiesta Bowl.

Leading 26-13, the Irish looked to have things well in hand, even though a Major Harris-to-Grantis Bell touchdown hookup had just brought the Mountaineers within two scores.

But passing from his own 19-yard line, Tony Rice fired a bullet right into the chest of West Virginia linebacker Willie Ed-ward's. His third-down pass over the Notre Dame line put the Mountaineers in business and the Irish defense right back onto the field.

Lou Holtz best described what happened next.

"We had agreed beforehand that whatever (West Virginia) did, we weren't going to touch," said Holtz. "The defense just said, 'We're a total team. The offense made a mistake and we weren't going to go out and put out the fire.'"

First down: Flash Gordon stuffs Harris for a loss of two.

Second down: Stan Smagala breaks through Harris' line to Bell in the endzone. Third down: Frank Stamps and Arnold Ale team up to bury a scrambling Harris for a loss of 12. Fourth down: Out of field goal range.

The Irish then marched 80 yards in seven plays for the touchdown that iced the game.

"Our defense responded when they had to," said Holtz. "They knew they were the best team in the game. "But I expected that it would. It's the kind of thing we dream of."

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Tony Rice keyed Notre Dame to its Fiesta Bowl victory over West Virginia for the national championship. Rice completed 7 of 11 passes for 213 yards and was the offensive Most Valuable Player.
A YEAR TO REMEMBER

A look at the 1988 Fighting Irish football team

National Champions
By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

To a group of freshmen in the winter of 1984-85, Lou Holtz was the man who was making them wake up at 6 a.m. to work out and vomit.

Those freshmen are now seniors. And national champions.

“During winter conditioning we learned what it takes to win football games,” senior Mark Green said of the workouts that soon became known as "pukefests.

Those days were hell,” Green continued. “Guys puking all over the place. If that’s not going to bring a team together, I don’t know what will.”

When he was chosen to replace Gerry Faust at the Irish helm after the 1985 season, Holtz met with a team that had little confidence after its 5-7 loss at Miami. In three years, he turned it into a team that recorded the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame history. Holtz is a disciplinarian and a comedian.

But most of all, Holtz is a winner.

“If somebody had an assignment to mold a Knute Rockne and a Frank Leahy, they couldn’t have done a better job than Lou Holtz,” says Athletic Director Dick Rosenthal. “He’s Notre Dame.”

Although Holtz now has pulled off the same feat Rockne and Leahy accomplished before him—winning the national championship—you will never hear him put himself on the same level as those past Irish legends.

When asked what it felt like to be named head coach at Notre Dame, Holtz once responded: “I’m 5-foot, 10-inches, weigh 152 pounds, was not a good athlete, speak with a lisp and appear afflicted with a combination of scurvy and beriberi. What do you think it feels like to be named coach of Notre Dame? Yes, Holtz is humble. That’s more noticeable than his physique, lisp or lack of athletic ability.

He’s also established himself as one of the top coaches in the nation—no matter what he says. “He wants to see everything, and he has an ability to see the perfect picture of what the problem is in preparing for a game,” says former Irish co-arch Ara Parseghian, who calls Holtz the Friday before every game. “Every week his total concentration is on nothing more than the next opponent.

Many of those next opponents have fallen, and not only at the hands of Notre Dame.
The 52-year-old Follansbee, W. Va., native came to Notre Dame following two seasons at Minnesota (1984-85), seven at Arkansas (1977-83), four at North Carolina State (1972-75) and three at William & Mary (1969-71). Fifteen of the 20 college teams under his direction have earned post-season bowl invitations, and nine have finished in the final Associated Press Top 20.

Holtz also coached the New York Jets of the National Football League in 1976 before re-turning to the college ranks. Now he has added a national championship, and his work with the 1988 Fighting Irish already has earned him Coach of the Year honors from Football News and CBS Sports.

Of course, Holtz would not name himself as high as Coach of the Week.

“I didn’t come here to be a hero or to prove I could coach; I already knew I couldn’t,” he quips.

But Holtz is a hero at Notre Dame. And before accepting the job here, he was a hero at Minnesota.

The Gophers had a combined record of 4-18 in the two years prior to Holtz’s arrival at Min­nesota, including 17 straight losses in the Big Ten.

After Holtz was named coach, the Gophers drew 40,000 fans for their spring game.

Holtz then took a team that was 1-11 the previous season to a respectable 4-7 season in 1984, including victories over Big Ten rivals Wisconsin and Iowa, both of which appeared in bowl games that year.

Don’t believe a word he says
Holtz makes sure the Irish are better than he rates them

By THERESA KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

When Notre Dame faced Miami in The Game, Hurricane quarterback and Heisman trophy candidate Steve Walsh threw for 434 yards, completing 31-of-50 passes.

Of course, he lost.

When the Irish faced USC in The Other Game, all eyes were on Rodney Peete, another quarterback, another Heisman trophy candidate. Peete did not fare as well, 25-of-44, 225 yards, still respectable numbers.

He lost, too.

When the Irish played Yet Another Game, Major Harris was the big story as he racked up yardage and victories in the regular season. Needless to say...he lost, too.

The quarterback who led his team to victory on the field, but not in The Hero Who Will Save Our Team From Doom voting, was Notre Dame junior Tony Rice.

Rice, from Woodruff, S.C., has proven that despite the hype, the build-up, the statistics and the awards, he is the one who knows how to win.

Irish head coach Lou Holtz spent the week before the Fiesta Bowl saying “we can’t pass.” Rice must have been listen­ing to the symphony or throwing darts or something.

What was Rice’s reaction to being the unknown quarter­back in these situations? “He’s a great quarterback,” Rice said in the midst of the pre-game build-up of Peete, “but I’m not playing against him. I’m playing against his defense.”

Against that defense, Rice spelled trouble for the Trojans with his running as well as his passing, racking up 56 yards on the ground and 91 in the air, completing 5-of-9 passes.

Against West Virginia, Rice outshone an injured Harris, totaling 213 yards on 7-of-11 passing, hitting Raghbir Imsali and Frank Jacobs for touchdowns. He also rushed for 75 yards.

“I worry about him every time he touches the ball,” said Mountaineer head coach Don Nehlen. “He’s a quarterback, but he’s a running back, too. He’s a geom. He’s a great leader. He has great chemistry with the Notre Dame team, and they respect him.”

Rice is one guy who certainly had to earn his respect. After sitting out his freshman year and enduring a sophomore year label of a one-dimensional player, Rice cooked during the national championship drive, earning the Notre Dame Most Valuable Player award, as voted by his teammates.

But it wasn’t always easy. He began the year with season long serious incompletions against Michigan, and was 5-for-21 in the first two games.

After that, he was consistent in the air, balancing the
ND’s smallest walk-on kicks with a golden toe

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

Notre Dame’s most dangerous weapon came in the form of a 5-5, 135-pound walk-on who said he tried out for the football team because he “didn’t want to be a geek.”

Irish placekicker Reggie Ho nailed an Irish record four field goals, including a game-winning 26-yarder with a minute and 13 seconds remaining, to lift Notre Dame to a 19-17 victory in an opening-night thriller at Notre Dame Stadium.

Mike Gillette, Michigan’s all-time leading field goal kicker who booted a 53-yarder to give the Wolverines a 17-16 lead with 5:39 left, missed a 48-yard attempt on the last play of the game.

The ball fell wide to the right, giving Notre Dame its second opening-game victory over Michigan in as many years.

But Ho, who split the uprights from 31, 38 and 26 yards, was unfazed by the pressure of the last play of the game. The Irish took a 13-0 lead on Ho’s first two field goals of the game. The second kick was set up when Notre Dame freshman Arnold Ale recovered a fumble by Michigan’s Leroy Hoard on a punt return late in the first quarter.

D’Juan Francisco forced the fumble when he jolted Hoard in full stride.

But the Michigan defensive line, which allowed the Irish 91 rushing yards in the first quarter, held Notre Dame scoreless for most of the second quarter and all of the third.

Michigan quarterback Michael Stonebreaker was all over the field, making two solo tackles and 17 assisted ones.

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Michigan quarterback Mike Gillette scored on a fourth-and-goal play from one yard out, faking a handoff and jogging in on a nifty bootleg to give Michigan a 14-13 edge.

But it turned into a tense game of defense and field goals from that point, and Ho and the Irish answered every Wolverine strike with one of their own.

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Irish option attack controls Spartans

By BRIAN O'GARA
Sports Writer

If at first you don't succeed—try, try, then run the option. That's the way Notre Dame ran its record to 3-0 with a convincing 20-3 win over Michigan State.

After managing to secure a 6-3 lead at halftime on two Reggie Ho field goals, the Irish used a punishing second-half running attack and a tenacious defense to hold on to the ball, the lead and their early season momentum.

With Tony Brooks (11 carries, 66 yards) filling the fullback slot and Mark Green (21 carries, 125 yards) taking the pitch outside, Irish quarter-back Tony Rice directed the option to march Notre Dame down the field against the Spartans, who led the nation in rush defense last season.

"I felt Tony (Rice) handled the option real well," said Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz. "We hadn't been able to make the power game go, so we had to go to the option more than we wanted to in the second half. We think we've gonna break some things on people." Any concerns that this inexperienced offensive line couldn't hold its own were washed away by Notre Dame's 245 yards rushing, 196 in the second half.

"It's been a long time since someone has gained that many yards on us," said Michigan State head coach George Perles. "They got a lead where they could play ball control. It was great execution.

Michigan State jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a 39-yard field goal by John Langeloh following a Rice interception on the first series of the game. Despite good field position in the opening frame, the Spartans couldn't muster only one other scoring threat which ended when Langeloh hooked a 29-yard field goal attempt left.

After losing fullbacks Anthony Johnson and Braxton Banks to injuries during the first offensive series of the game, it took awhile for the Irish running game to get. Twice Notre Dame knocked on the door in the second quarter but could only come away with two Ho field goals, the second set up by Raghib "Rocket" Ismail's block of a Josh Butland punt on the Spartan 19-yard line.

Weakened by the suspension of senior offensive tackle Tony Mandarich, the Spartans were forced to run over the right side of the line and would fool no one, especially junior linebacker Mike Stonebreaker, who registered 10 tackles (seven unassisted).

"The coaches had our coverage set up real well," said Stonebreaker, who picked off two Bobby McCallister passes and returned one for a touchdown. "We had them scouted and were ready for what they would try to do." The Irish controlled the line from the defensive side as well, holding Spartan tailback Blake Kizu, who ran for 106 yards against Rutgers last week, to just 70 yards on 22 carries.

With Brooks getting more comfortable at the fullback slot with every snap, the Irish opened up in the second half with a 71-yard scoring drive, their first touchdown from scrimmage on the season. From the wishbone, Rice scampered in from eight yards out for a 13-3 lead at 10:24 in the third quarter.

"You just have to take advantage of the openings," said Rice, who carried nine times for 64 yards and had a 34-yard gain called back on a holding call. "Their defense was over-running to the outside a lot, so I was able to take advantage of that to run the ball. Our defensive line did a great job."

Forced to resort to an air attack and play catch-up, McCallister found himself under pressure from the Notre Dame pass rush. One rushed, underthrown pass ended up in the hands of Stonebreaker, who legged out the 39-yard return to cap off the scoring and the Irish win.

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Boilers no match for Irish
52-7 ND slaughter completes sweep of Big Ten foes

BY PETE GEGEN
Sports Writer

It was just Notre Dame's day.

The Irish jumped all over a hobbled Purdue squad 52-7 at Notre Dame Stadium Sept. 24, which completed a season-opening three-game sweep of Big Ten schools and raised the question of just how good was this Notre Dame football team.

The Notre Dame totals told the story: 31 rushing attempts for 236 yards, five passes for 119 yards, 15 first downs and three interceptions by the defense. Leading rusher Tony Brooks had 11 carries for 110 yards, and, and Tony Rice completed four of six passes and threw for two touchdowns against the top pass defense in the country coming into the game.

And that was just the first half.

"Notre Dame could have picked the score after that start," said Purdue head coach Fred Akers. "Once they got rolling and things started going their way, they became awfully good."

Besides the point deficit, Akers had to cope with the loss of several interior linemen. With everything going right for the Irish and wrong for the Boilermakers, the outcome was not in doubt for long.

"You have to keep your perspective," said Holtz. "Purdue was banged up and we really played well."

On that theme, Holtz tried to calm people eager to label his team as "excellent."

"We're a good football team that has improved fundamentally over a year ago," he said. "But we still have a long way to go. Where are we right now? We're 3-0, which is exactly where we were a year ago."

There wasn't much else left to decide once the Irish jumped out to a 42-0 lead. It happened so fast that Holtz didn't get to do some of the things he wanted to try.

"I'll get out of hand so quick," said Holtz. "We really needed to throw the football more today, but we didn't have the opportunity."

Four Irish quarterbacks did manage to get off 14 passes, eight of them completions and one interception. The focus, however, was on Rice's arm.

After two incompletions stalled Notre Dame's opening drive, Rice rolled right on a third-and-five play and hit flanker Pat Eilers for a 10-yard gain. The next play was Rice's 38-yard touchdown run, helped by a huge hole on the left side and a downfield block by Eilers.

On the next Irish possession Rice found Eilers again on third down to keep the drive going. Rice capped the nine-play, 72-yard drive with an eight yard toss to freshman tight end Derek Brown.

In the second quarter, Rice's final toss was a 54-yard bomb to Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, who beat cornerback Steve Jackson for the touchdown to make the score 21-0.

The next scoring drive featured the running attack, with Rice, Brooks, and Ricky Watters combining for 73 yards in six plays, leading to Mark Green's seven-yard plowing up the middle for the score.

Watters then returned his second punt of the year for a touchdown, accelerating was already becoming a blowout.

The Purdue defense continued to sputter under Brian McCarthy, who completed 9-of-19 for 51 yards and two George Streeter interceptions.

Freshman Brian Fox replaced McCarthy with 3:57 left in the half, and he was greeted by a Pat Terrell interception.

Meanwhile the Irish already had gone to their third quarterback. Senior Steve Belles threw the first touchdown pass of his career when he hit Brooks over the middle. The converted fullback caught the pass at the Purdue 34, and ran untouched into the end zone. With the score 42-0, the game was just about decided.

The Observer / Suzanne Poth
Notre Dame freshman Derek Brown makes his first collegiate catch count in a big way with this scoring grab against Purdue. The 6-7, 235-pound tight end went on to become the fourth-leading receiver for the Irish.
Rice, Irish dart past the Cardinal

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

Tony Rice threw the football against Stanford as if he was throwing darts.

And he ran like somebody was throwing darts at him.

Everyone knew the Irish quarterback could run like he did in Notre Dame's 42-14 triumph over the Cardinal at Notre Dame Stadium. Rice gained 107 yards on 14 carries and scored two touchdowns to prove it.

But the doubts of Rice's passing ability got a glimpse of what the junior can do through the air, as Rice completed 11 of 14 passes for 129 yards and seemed like it just carried on.

"I'm going to keep throwing them. I think the darts really helped out tonight."

Rice's ability to run the ball did not hurt the Irish passing game, either. When the Stanford defense keyed on Notre Dame's ground game, including the option attack Rice runs brilliantly, the Irish receivers found plenty of room in which to get open.

With great protection from the Notre Dame offensive line, Rice made it look easy.

"Their quarterback, Rice, did an excellent job running the option and throwing the ball," Cardinal head coach Jack Elway said. "(Rice's passing) gives them another dimension to their offense. He was throwing with real accuracy."

Rice put the Irish ahead 6-0 on a 30-yard touchdown run early in the first quarter, but then it looked as though the momentum was swinging Stanford's way. A missed 21-yard field goal by Irish kicker Reggie He and a goal-line stand by the Stanford defense to end the first quarter kept the Cardinal in the game longer than it might have been.

But Stanford quarterback Brian Johnson fumbled the snap on the first play after the goal line, and Notre Dame's Ned Bolcar recovered the ball on the Cardinal 1-yard line.

This time the Irish crossed the goal line, as Mark Green gained 63 yards on 10 carries for the Irish. Sophomore tailback Tony Brooks (12 carries, 59 yards) scored from five yards out, dragging Stanford defender Mike Newton and (Andy) Papathanasious, and we took that as our challenge. But we like knocking people in the dirt. I guess they learned that the hard way."

Rice, Irish dart past the Cardinal
Panthers tamed; ND escapes 30-20

BY THERESA KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH — For the Pitt Panthers, it was a case of three too many Notre Dame runners, two too many punts and one too many men on the field.

For Notre Dame, it was one less monkey on its back.

The Irish beat the Panthers 30-20 in the first-half sun and second-half drizzle at Pitt Stadium, taking advantage of three crucial Pitt miscues to break the Panthers' three-game winning streak over the Irish.

"It's anything else," said Irish coach Lou Holtz. "If you give someone a chance, and they're good, then they'll take advantage of it."

From the Pitt perspective, it was a game they should have won. From the Irish point of view, they were happy to get out of Pittsburgh with a win.

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THE NOTRE DAME CLUB OF CHICAGO SALUTES LOU HOLTZ AND HIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STUDENT ATHLETES
The mighty fall: Irish stun Miami

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

All the hype came down to three hours of football, and three hours of football came down to one play with 45 seconds left on the clock.

And when Steve Walsh's pass came down in the end zone, down with it fell Miami's 36-game regular-season winning streak, No. 1 ranking and recent dominance of Notre Dame football.

The Notre Dame student body came down as well, rushing onto the field to celebrate the 31-30 victory that gave birth to hopes of the next national championship and pushed Lou Holtz' squad to No. 2 in the nation.

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BELOW: Tri-captain
Andy Heck leads the
Irish in his first
season at offensive
tackle.

‘From these ashes
a phoenix will rise.’

LEFT: Frank Stams chases Major Harris throughout the game, re-
tackles.
ABOVE: Braxton Banks runs off a block from Andy Heck.
The ashes will rise.’

-Ara Parseghian following the 1985 Notre Dame-Miami game

LEFT: Tony Rice runs the option past West Virginia’s Mike Fox on his way to a game-high 75 yards rushing.

BELOW: Notre Dame’s defense harrassed Major Harris all afternoon, dislocating his shoulder in the first quarter and holding him to 11 yards rushing.

LEFT: Anthony Johnson drives through the line. He gained 20 yards and scored one touchdown.

BELOW: Mark Green takes the ball from Rice. Green gained 61 yards.
Falcs think upset until second half
By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

The post-Miami letdown that everyone feared seemed eerily close to reality when Air Force was thinking upset and trailing Notre Dame by just a touchdown at halftime.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, the Irish weren't thinking upset at all. Notre Dame outscored Air Force 21-0 in the second half to win 41-13 and improve its record to 7-0.

"I thought that in the second half, we dominated the game," said Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz. "We fought for our lives, and I'm very impressed by our football team in the second half," said Holtz. "I've got to be honest with you, I thought they were very impressive." Air Force scored first on a Steve Yarborough 22-yard field goal midway through the first quarter.

Notre Dame grabbed its first lead of the game on the next series. The Irish drove 71 yards on 11 plays, capped by Mark Green's seven-yard run for the score. Notre Dame was able to run it first-and-fifteen. Notre Dame had two touchdown catches in the game, one

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Naval Academy tough to sink
Notre Dame prevails 22-7 despite sluggish showing

By PETE SKIKO
Assistant Sports Editor

BALTIMORE—Notre Dame defeated Navy 22-7 in Baltimore on Oct. 29 to earn college football's number one ranking for the first time this season.

But what was reason for celebration in most Irish camps was reason for consternation on the face of Head Coach Lou Holtz after the game.

"The first thing I want to do is to compliment the Naval Academy," said Holtz. "I think they played above their ability and they really took it to us. At the same time, I am very disappointed with the way we played, especially on offense."

Holtz was not just trying to fire his team up to play hard for the remainder of the season. The Irish truly could not put the feisty Midshipmen away until late in the fourth quarter.

Not that they didn't have their chances. But nearly every time the Irish threatened to take control, they self-destructed in some area.

On Navy's second play from scrimmage, quarterback Gary McIntosh fumbled and the Irish recovered on the Middie 27. Six plays later, Irish QB Tony Rice fumbled Derek Brown crossing in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown pass and a 7-0 Notre Dame lead.

Defensive end / Interception specialist Jeff Alm (90) scoops up a fumble in the early going against the Navy Midshipmen. Fortunately for the Irish, Alm and the defense shut down the Middle attack as the Notre Dame offense came up with its worst showing of the season.

Navy ran three plays and punted following Anthony Johnson's kickoff and it appeared Notre Dame would try to put the game out of reach early. But after driving 33 yards into Navy territory on the next series, Tony Brooks fumbled a Rice pitch and Navy recovered.

After Navy's fourth punt (the Midshipmen had a total of 14 first-quarter yards), the Irish, largely behind the running of tailback Mark Green, went 68 yards in seven plays, culminating with Rodney Culver's 25-yard touchdown run. But Reggie Ho missed the extra point wide right, quashing some of the Irish momentum.

Late in the half, the Irish settled for a 29-yard field goal capped off by Ryan Mihalko's one-yard burst for a score. But the Irish were never easy.

"Fortunately, our defense was ready to compete and really played well," said Holtz, "because every time we tried to get something going on offense we had a penalty or something. We didn't have any kind of continuity."

After receiving the second half kickoff, the Irish went 67 yards on seven running plays, capped off by Ryan Mihalko's one-yard burst for a score. But Tony Brooks' attempt for two points off left tackle fell inches short of the goal line, leaving the score 22-0.

After four fruitless possessions, two for each team, Navy received the ball on the Irish 33 after a 10-yard Jim Sexton punt. Quarterback Alton Grizzard scampered 22 yards around right end on the fifth play of the drive to put the Midshipmen on the board with three minutes left in the third quarter.

The wind was finally taken out of Navy's sails early in the fourth quarter on a controversial fourth down spot after the Midshipmen had driven the ball down to the Irish 30.

Fullback Deric Sims stretched for what appeared to be a first down, but, after the chains were brought out and the ball's position was scrutinized for over a minute, the officials turned the ball over to Notre Dame on downs.

After that, it was merely a matter of the Irish running out the clock on another win, but it was never easy.

"We like to think that very team has a breaking point except us," said Rice, who was 9-of-19 for 95 yards and a touchdown through the air. "We never reached Notre Dame's breaking point."

Holtz was a little more direct in his evaluation.

"People will say, 'Hey, it's a win,'" he said. "But let me tell you something. We've got a lot of serious problems. We're not a very good football team right now."

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AND THE ENTIRE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM.
Owls watch Rocket launch TD returns

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame's freshman split end Raghib Ismail is called "the Rocket," partly because of his 4.28 speed in the 40-yard dash and partly because his first name is difficult to pronounce.

In Notre Dame's 54-11 cooking of Rice, Ismail showed off his speed with two touchdown kickoff returns and showed the Owls that no matter how hard it is to say his name (it's pronounced Ra-GIB), it's even tougher to catch him from behind.

"I have to give credit where credit is due, and none of it goes to me," said Ismail, whose brother Qadry plays for Syracuse. "The whole key to the return was getting through the first line of blocking, and nobody got a clean shot at me. That is good blocking. I returned kickoffs in high school, but I get all my confidence from the blocking the kick return team gives me."

The first return, which went 83 yards and was keyed by a Steve Belles block, followed a Rice 70-yard opening drive that ended with a Clint Parsons 23-yard field goal. The 3-0 Rice lead lasted all of 13 seconds.

"He (Ismail) hit it good," said Rice coach Jerry Berndt, who would see his team finish the season with an 0-11 record. "It was the first time since its enactment before the season."

The two teams exchanged field goals in the second quarter, Ismail surprisingly got the chance to return another kickoff off the Irish leading 38-9 early in the fourth quarter. "The Rocket" showed his gratitude by picking an attempted squib kick up from the ground, cutting to the left side of the field and racing 83 yards to burn Rice for another touchdown.

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Irish get revenge over Nittany Lions

By MARTY STRASEN
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Revenge might be sweet, but nobody said it had to be fair. Against Penn State it wasn't, as Notre Dame took out the frustration of three straight losses to strong Penn State teams on a rare weak one. The Irish totaled 502 yards and powered to a 21-3 victory in their last home game of the year.

The win was the first over Penn State for Notre Dame's seniors and sent Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno home with his first losing season (3-6-1) in 23 years at the helm.

"I just feel great for the seniors and the things we've done," said Irish senior tailback Mark Green, who scored on a 22-yard run in the second quarter. "It's great to go out with a bang and finally beat Penn State. We've never beaten them before."

The Irish not only beat the Nittany Lions— they nearly blanked them. Penn State scored its only points on Eric Leroy's 52-yard field goal on the last play of the first half. The attempt was made possible only after Notre Dame was hit with a 15-yard facemask penalty on the previous seven-yard run by Penn State's Leroy Thompson.

In fact, Penn State moved the ball more on Notre Dame penalties (eight for 94 yards) than on pass completions (5-of-18 for 74 yards). The Irish defense broke up 16 Lion passing attempts and Jeff Alm and Steve Roddy each snared an interception.

Penn State did not complete a single pass in the second or third quarters. "We just didn't have enough offensively," said Paterno, whose team managed 105 yards on 31 rushing attempts and held the ball for only 21 minutes. "Notre Dame played hard, they played alert, and played very aggressive defensively."

The Irish offense set the tempo for its control of the line of scrimmage in its first series of the game. Notre Dame marched 87 yards on 12 plays and took a 7-0 lead when Rice led all rushers with 84 yards on 15 carries in the game, but he wasn't always pumping and keeping it himself. The junior quarterback was 10-of-18 for 101 yards passing, including two interceptions and a 67-yard touchdown bomb to Ismail that gave Notre Dame a 21-3 lead in the third quarter. From there, the Irish defense took charge. When Notre Dame's offense was having trouble moving the ball, the defense made sure the Lions did not take advantage of the opportunities.

"The whole defense played awfully well," Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz said. "It seems every week a different player might stand out."

Alm was the star this time. The senior tackle became Notre Dame's interception leader when he snared his third of the season in the first quarter. Freshman defensive end Arnold Ale batted a Lance Lonergan pass out of the air and into Alm's hands on the play.

The 6-7 senior also recorded 24 for 74 yards. The Irish tailback Tony Brooks (40), following for-
Irish blitz Southern Cal in regular-season finale

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LOS ANGELES—The team that was "a year away" put itself 60 minutes away from the 1988 national championship against USC.

Notre Dame cashed in on numerous Southern Cal mistakes and toppled the Trojans 27-10 in the Los Angeles Coliseum to finish the regular season.

The way the Irish defense pressured Southern Cal quarterback Rodney Peete had to make the Heisman Trophy candidate long for the days of measles and laryngitis, which slowed but did not stop Peete over the two weeks prior to the Notre Dame game.

Notre Dame did far more damage in winning its sixth in a row over the arch-rival Trojans, although Irish coach Lou Holtz said tailback Tony Rice got the "a day from the scoreboard." But from there, USC controlled everything but the scoreboard and the turnover ratio. Before the Trojans finally scored on Scott Lockwood's 3-yard run with 2:14 left in the half, Peete was picked off by Irish strong safety George Streeter and USC tailback Ricky Ervins fumbled deep in Notre Dame territory to Williams.

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Irish corner. Stan Smagala (20) heads the other way with an errant Rodney Peete pass. Smagala's return for a touchdown was a result of the constant pressure Peete felt all day from the Notre Dame front seven.

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"I said, 'I'm not going to let this guy take me down,'" said Rice, who gained 86 yards on 13 carries. "I just beat him to the sideline."

Notre Dame defensive tackle George Williams hit Aaron Emanuel as he was switching the ball from one hand to another and setting up Stamps' recovery at the Southern Cal 19-yard line.

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Stamps leveled Peete on Smagala's return and USC's quarterback had to be helped off the field. He suffered a sprained left shoulder on the play.

"We were so close," Peete said. "To have someone come into your stadium when you're so close and take it away from you, it hurts. The seniors on this team never beat Notre Dame and we have to live with that for the rest of our lives."

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Fiesta Bowl victory seals national title

By MARTY STRASEN
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TEMPE, Ariz.—For Notre Dame, the “Battle for No. 1” was the perfect ending to a perfect season.

The Irish reigned in 1988, and on the second day of 1989 they claimed their crown with a 34-21 pounding of West Virginia.

“I’ve underestimated this team in a lot of areas,” said Irish head coach Lou Holtz, who guided his team to the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame’s storied history. “They’ve done everything I’ve asked of them. Is this a great football team? I’d have to say yes, because nobody proved it was.”

Certainly not the Mountaineers, whose hopes of a national championship vanished early in the one-sided affair.

A record crowd of 74,911 saw a stingy Irish defense shut down yet another high-powered offense led by a big-name quarterback. Major Harris and the Mountaineers were no match for Notre Dame, which outgained West Virginia 455-282.

“I think we had the advantage early in the one-sided affair,” said Irish quarterback Tony Rice.

Irish senior receiver Todd O’Leary echoed Rice’s sentiment, saying West Virginia coach Don Nehlen understated the Mountaineers’ capabilities.

“I think they overestimated us,” O’Leary said. “They underestimated this team, the Irish defense, the offensive line.”

Harris completed 13 of 26 passes for 166 yards, including one interception and one touchdown plunge on a fourth-down play.

Starns added, “They’ve got a good team, but the Irish defense shut them down. That really demoralizes a team.”

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But instead of letting the Mountaineers pull closer, the Irish defense pushed West Virginia 14 yards further from the end zone. Notre Dame then marched 67 yards in seven plays on the next series, which featured a 15-yard quarterback draw by Rice on a third-and-six play and a 57-yard completion to sophomores flanker Ricky Watters and defensive Most Valuable Player Frank Stams.

From the time the pre-game festivities concluded until hundreds of Notre Dame fans swarmed the field in the final seconds, the Irish were in complete control.

The Mountaineers ran three plays and punted on each of their first four possessions of the game, and Harris bruised his left shoulder when Irish linebarker Michael Stonebreaker brought him down on the third play from scrimmage.

While the Mountaineers stumbled out of the starting blocks, Rice and the Irish swept ahead 16-0.

The 6-foot-1 junior broke containment and sprinted 31 yards on a third-down play in Notre Dame’s opening drive, which ended in a 45-yard field goal by Mike Moran.

Rice then showed everyone he can throw the ball as well, firing a 32-yard completion to freshman tight end Derek Culver’s day, allowing him almost no time to throw.

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Irish quarterback Tony Rice stole the show from Harris, completing 7 of 11 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns to claim his team’s offensive Most Valuable Player award.

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“The only obvious mistake saw Harris throw an interception on West Virginia’s lowest of the season.

“The house was on fire and we had to put the fire out,” Stams said. “That turned momentum around for us.”

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SI covers QB Rice (and vice versa)

By PETE GEGEN
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Readers of Sports Illustrated may have gotten a feeling of deja vu as they picked up their weekly issues during the 1988 college football season. Not once or twice, but three times they found Notre Dame's Tony Rice on the front cover of the weekly magazine. No one yet knows if three individual appearances in a single season is a record, but it quickly placed Rice among an impressive group of sports celebrities who have had multiple SI cover appearances.

Whether the sight of the multiple Irish SI's caused great elation or repulsion among its readers, even the most loyal Notre Dame supporters had to wonder how Rice always ended on top.

"Was it planned? No," said Larry Keith, SI's Editorial Projects Director. "It was more a coincidence based on Notre Dame's success and Tony Rice's prominence."

The man who made the decisions on each cover was Mark Mulvoy, SI's managing editor. Mulvoy bases his cover photo decisions on the stories running in the particular week's issue and the quality of photos available.

"Mark couldn't have set out from the beginning to do three Tony Rice covers," said Keith.

"It's just one of those little quirks of fate."

Rice first appeared on the cover of the Oct. 24, 1988 issue, after Notre Dame's 31-30 upset victory over then top-ranked Miami. The photo has Rice looking to pass with the Hurricanes' Russell Maryland providing the defensive pressure.

The No. 1 vs. No. 2 battle between the Irish and Southern Cal merited Rice's second cover appearance in the Dec. 5 issue. In that photo Rice runs through a hole in the line with Trojan nose guard Don Gibson pursuing.

It took quite an effort to get Rice's third cover appearance, and for that matter the entire Fiesta Bowl coverage, in the Jan. 9 issue. SI pushed back its regular Sunday deadline to include the Monday national championship game.

After the game Mulvoy and art director Steve Hoffman flew with the film to a processing lab in Los Angeles. There the photos were selected and the cover designed that night and, with no time to fly the material to New York, the cover and layout were then transmitted via satellite. In New York the story text was merged with the layout, and the magazine published on time.

That photo featured Rice on the option with offensive guard Tim Grunhard blocking an unknown West Virginia defender.

Cover Boy

Tony Rice appeared on these three Sports Illustrated covers over the course of Notre Dame's national championship season. Rice earned the national recognition for his winning performances against more heralded quarterbacks Steve Walsh (Miami), Rodney Peete (USC) and Major Harris (West Virginia).
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bowl after three seasons, and he did it in two," said Parseghian after the Cotton Bowl won by their 9-0 season in 1987. "He proved me wrong, both on and off the field." With those accomplishments behind him, it didn't take long for the Notre Dame players to realize why Parseghian was such a staunch supporter of Holtz for the head coaching job.

"He (Holtz) never says, 'You're right, but if you don't do this and this,' " says tailback Mark Green. "He always says, 'We can beat them if we do this and this.' "

Holtz does not watch practice from the film tower; he gets right in on all plays and is known for giving his quarter­backs a hard time in practice. "Everybody says I'm a dis­cipline," says Holtz, who sent Tony Brooks and Ricky Watters back to South Bend the morning of the Southern Cal game for repeated tardiness at team functions. "I'm not. You don't go about establishing dis­cipline. You set rules and enforce them." For three years at Notre Dame, Holtz's main rule has been winning.

And this season it was en­forced to perfection. "When I went through the tunnel for the first time two years ago against Michigan, it was hard to perceive being a starter," Holtz recalls. "Now the longer I'm at the University, the more I feel I think I can die a happy man knowing I've been here. It's an experience I'll never forget. I can't tell you why this place is special, just it is." If Notre Dame could talk, it might give its head football co­ach a similar rating.

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strength of the Irish ground game with accurate and often flashy passing, finishing with 71-of-115, good for 1,389 yards. He also led the Irish in rushing, with 765 yards.

"I sometimes say I'm a run­ning quarterback who can't throw very well," Rice said before the Fiesta Bowl.

"We didn't have to prove anything to anybody," Rice said after the Cotton Bowl. The good news for the Irish is that he is only a junior.

"If he's not one of the guys under consideration for the Heisman trophy next year, there's something wrong," said Irish coach Pete Coddell.
Like it or not, Holtz may have created a dynasty
Irish graduate just 5 starters

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
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Early in the season, Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz was discussing the future of the Irish football program and stated, "We can't be a dynasty."

Less than a month after adding an eighth national title to Notre Dame's storied football history, Holtz is hearing several people speak out against his theory.

Oddsmaker Danny Sheridan, who predicted Notre Dame would falter throughout its championship season, said after the Fiesta Bowl that the Irish, Miami and Florida State would be in a class by themselves in the 1989 season.

Beano Cook, while saying the Irish would falter at least once in games at Michigan, Penn State and Miami next season, already tabs Notre Dame as the 1990 national champion.

A look at Notre Dame's roster shows why Notre Dame's future looks so promising. The Irish return nine starters on offense and eight on defense, next season. Tackle Andy Heck and tailback Mark Green are the only players leaving on offense, while the defense loses defensive end Frank Starns, linebacker Pritchett and strong safety George Streeter.

Linebacker Ned Bolcar, flanker Pat Eilers, cornerback Dave Fisher DeBerry, offensive tackle Mike Brennan and offensive guard Tom Gorman are five more seniors who saw more than four years of eligibility.

The Irish actually had almost every starter on offense and defense starting this year as they did seniors. Tight end Derek Brown, split end Rocket "Boo" Johnson and strong safety George Streeter all were first-year players who received starting assignments.

Ismail was the country's leading kickoff returner by the end of the year.

The Fiesta Bowl showed the nation a glimpse of the potential Notre Dame has for the next few years. Ismail and freshman fullback Rodney Culver each gained touchdowns, and Brown was the leading Notre Dame receiver.

Notre Dame also had six sophomores start much of this season, including offensive linemen Mike Heldt and Tim Ryan, flanker Ricky Watters, defensive linemen George "Boo" Williams and Chris Zorich, and cornerback Todd Lyght. Defensive end Andre Jones, another sophomore, started for part of the season and also was a special teams standout.

Junior quarterback and Fiesta Bowl most valuable player Tony Rice will return as a senior and Heisman Trophy candidate next season. Pulled back by a broken leg, Rice ran a 40-yard dash in 4.42, 4.47.

The Irish certainly had plenty of speed in the offensive backfield. Quarterback Tony Rice ran a 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds. Tailbacks Mark Green and Tony Brooks had respective times of 4.42 and 4.47.

Notre Dame's defensive backs were even quicker than that. D'Juan Francisco (4.33) and Stan Smagala (4.35), both cornerbacks, were two of the team's fastest players on the team. Fellow cornerback Todd Lyght was not far off the pace of 4.47.

"We have a lot more speed this year," said Lyght. "If somebody goes down, the person behind him can step in and do the job.

Holtz added even more speed to his secondary during spring practices when he moved Pat Terrell from split end to free safety. Terrell, who caught two passes for no touchdowns as a receiver last year, intercepted three passes for one touchdown as a defensive back this season. His 60-yard runback against Miami gave the Irish a 21-7 lead in what eventually became a 31-20 Notre Dame victory.

Smagala also used his speed to return an interception for a touchdown in a big game. He ran 64 yards to give Notre Dame a 31-7 halftime lead in the 27-10 victory over Southern Cal.

The only Irish player faster than Francisco and Smagala was split end Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, a 5-10 freshman with a 4.28 speed who ended the season as the top kickoff returner in the nation.

"Even though a recruit is in the top 100, it doesn't mean he has the speed you need," said offensive coordinator Gene Corrigan. "Gerry (former coach Faust) just didn't have any speed at all. Lou has done a great job of selecting kids who could really help. And he's looked for speed at every position. Now they've got it everywhere.""Ismail teamed with junior flanker spot Ricky Watters to form the most explosive kickoff return duo in the country.

"I dreamt about him all week long," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry of Watters, who returned punts for touchdowns against Michigan and Purdue. "Doggone right he's scary. He's going to scare a lot of other people too."

Ismail certainly scared Rice coach Jerry Berndt, who had to watch the Rocket launch into the endzone during both kickoff returns.

"I think the biggest mistake I made was when I made that phone call last year," said Berndt, referring to the time he scheduled Rice's game against the Irish.

Flagship "Rockit" Ismail splits the West Virginia defense after receiving a perfectly thrown pass from Tony Rice. Mountaineers Bo Orlando (22) and Roner Pickett (45) give futile chase as freshmen speedster Ismail glides in for the score that stakes the Irish to a commanding 23-3 lead.

Team speed allows Irish to streak to top of polls

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Lou Holtz used to say that Notre Dame needed more speed throughout its lineup if the Irish were ever to become a national contender.

"Whoever once said that speed kills is right," said Holtz.

"Only one thing," Alabama and Miami provided all the evidence Holtz needed to support that claim. The Crimson Tide exploited Notre Dame's lack of speed during a 33-26 rout in 1986, and Miami did the same while battling the Irish 24-0 in 1987.

Notre Dame had never before seen teams that used to beat the Irish's quickness by literally getting beaten at their own game.

"When you take the top skill players for Notre Dame, I don't know if any school in the country has a faster group," said Miami coach Jimmy Johnson. "We don't have that kind of speed."

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