Police arrest 2, cite 86 at parties

By JOE PIAULLI
News Writer

The car ride to Atlanta takes almost 12 hours and spans nearly 700 miles. Gas costs go into triple digits, game tickets are hard to come by and the Georgia Tech fans have a less than stellar reputation. On top of that, the Irish put up only 14 points in an unexceptional win. Was it really worth the trip?

"Definitely," senior Kathryn Schuessler said.

Schuessler and 10 of her friends, including senior Laurie Wasikowski, took three cars to Atlanta to watch Notre Dame's first victory of the season over the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The group got tickets through a friend's father, and according to Schuessler, plenty of Irish faithful found a way to get tickets.

"There was a really good presence of Notre Dame fans, old and young," she said.

Wasikowski, who attended Notre Dame's opening game against Pitt last year, said this year's game was very different.

"We really missed the band (this year), because we weren't anywhere near the leprechaun or the cheerleaders," she said. "Last year we didn't know what to expect — Notre Dame wasn't ranked very high — and we just went in there and destroyed them."

In a contest in which the Irish did not score until the last seconds of the first half, "destroyed" is probably not how Georgia Tech — or anyone — feels.

Close score fails to faze Irish faithful

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Accessing the Internet at Notre Dame just got a little easier, thanks to the completion of the wireless Internet installation project within all residences halls. The project allows students to utilize the Internet not only from their dorm rooms, but also in all buildings that serve "an academic" or "residential" purpose, said Dewitt Latimer, assistant provost for the Office of Information Technologies (OIT).

The physical installation of wireless was finished on the July 19, University Program Manager for Strategic Initiatives Planning and Programs Robert Guthrie said.

Lewis Hall, Farley Hall, Pasquerilla East and Pasquerilla West were the last dorms to receive wireless.

Each of these three dorms either required additional construction to install wireless or were previously under construction, prohibiting immediate installation, Guthrie said.

In October 2005, the Office of Residence Life and Housing and the OIT collaborated to make plans for the installation of wireless Internet access in all of the residence halls on campus, Guthrie said.

The decision to include wireless Internet access within residence halls was the result of "a trend of a greater percentage of students coming in to Notre Dame with laptops," Latimer said, noting that most laptops made within the last four years contain wireless network cards.

"We were getting data points from multiple sources saying that lack of wireless was a detriment to residential life, and adding it would be beneficial to the students in the halls," Latimer said.

Latimer said OIT learned...
Everyone has their own theory on why the Irish barely edged out Georgia Tech this weekend. Fortunately for me, my roommate is a Tech major and analyzed every possibility of why the game was so close.

As simple as it may sound, she said it came down to the colors.

Yes, the colors.

I had distinct from head to toe:
The Irish had gold helmets, as did the Yellow Jackets.
The Irish had gold pants; the Yellow Jackets wore blue.

We wore white jerseys; they wore gold.

Lightly, basically, we wore the opposite colors, but the important thing is, they were the same colors. It was even confusing to watch at times because of how close they were.

Being in the stadium with thousands of people, lights shining down and fans screaming, I can't imagine it could have been any easier to pick...

Now for the theory. My roommate, who wishes to remain anonymous — for the obvious reason that her theory is genius — compared the game to a bullfight.

(bear with me here, I'm getting somewhere).

In a typical bullfight, the matador makes the bull attack by waving a red flag. Similarly, the Fighting Irish are conditioned to attack the other team's colors, a.k.a. the flag. During this game, however, we were wearing virtually the same colors. No one in the right mind would attack his own players. With the hype and intensity of the opening game, maybe some of our players were getting confused?

It makes some sense.

With the fast pace of the game, there could have been some confusion.

Think about it.

Besides Georgia Tech, most of the teams are looking to us.

As for Georgia Tech, I don't think there will be any confusion between white and navy blue jerseys — even green, for that matter.

A night game plus similar colors plus season opening pressure equals bullfighting syndrome.

Don't get me wrong — a win is a win. That same week, I don't think there will be any confusion between white and navy blue jerseys — even green, for that matter.

Basically, her conclusion is that the football team is good enough.

It was the little things that added up. It could have been all the flags or the incomplete passes, but I would like to give Notre Dame the benefit of the doubt and call it a wardrobe malfunction.

Either way, we won. And now, after Charlie Weis reads this column (which he probably won't), I hope he thinks twice about having that similar jersey colors.

I don't think we can afford to experi-

ence the bullfighting syndrome again — at least not this season.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, the article entitled "College ranks hardball in the Sept. 1 edition of The Observer incorrectly said the new ramps will provide an entrance to the business.

The new ramp will come with a new seating area.

Due to a production error, the article entitled "New fountain added to entrance of SMC student center" in the Aug. 31 edition of The Observer incorrectly labeled Grand Hall College alumni.

The Observer regrets these errors.

IN BRIEF

"Freedom on the Internet and the Ethical Responsibility of IT Companies in China: A Panel Discussion" will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Jordan Auditorium in the Welsh College of Business.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will present "Which counts more: Race, Gender or Class?" on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Van der Ven/Notre Dame.

The 2006 Endowed Fall Lecture Series will kick off with "Welcoming the Stranger: The History of the Christian Tradition" featuring Anna Maria Pineda of Santa Clara University at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

The 2006 Endowed Fall Lecture Series will host a "Special Follow-up Event: Immigration Issues: A Catholic Common Ground Conversation" Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

Student Comedy Night at Legends will begin at 10 p.m. Thursday. NDSM/HCC student ID required to enter.

The traditional marching band step-off will be at 4:40 p.m. Friday in front of the Main Building, heading through campus to its prac-

tice in the Joyce Center parking lot.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Strophe and Nick Simonson impersonate Michael Jackson dancing to "Thriller" after being hypnosed by hypnotist Rich Almes Friday at Washington Hall as part of the SUR Welcome Back Week events.

OFFBEAT

Multi-tasking motorist stopped by Swiss police

A 24-year-old saleswoman was caught driving down a Swiss motorway while she was using her laptop computer and chat-

ting on a handheld mobile phone, police in north-eastern Switzerland say.

The driver said she was unaware of any wrongdoing and responded that she was "driving like I always do," police in the canton of St. Gallen said in a statement.

A police patrol pulled her over on Wednesday afternoon after they saw her car zig-zagging along the A3 motorway near the town of Murg.

The woman was remand ed to a Magistrates Court because of her "unreasonable behavior," police said.

Swiss pig shelter to be used as opera theater

A purpose-built pig shelter at Morundah, in central west New South Wales, will act as an opera theatre for a performance of Bizet's Carmen this weekend.

Both performances of the opera are sold out.

The organizer of the event and publican of the Morundah Hotel, Dave Fahey, says he has never been to an opera and probably will not see this performance as he will be manning the bar.

Fahey says he organized the event to bring some culture to the area and local charities will benefit.

"Most probably we'll collect for Urana Hospital and Bilalridge-Place Aged Care, as well as that we've got the local Narrandara rescue squad," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Question of the Day: Where were you for the Georgia Tech-Notre Dame game?"
ND to hold global health forum

Medical, moral, social issues to be addressed

Special to The Observer

Economist Jeffrey Sachs, director of the UN Millennium Project, medical anthropologist and physician Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health, and Dr. Miriam Lake Opuyonga of Uganda will be the featured panelists participating Sept. 14 in the second annual Notre Dame Forum.

Titled "The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change," the forum will take place from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 in the University's Joyce Center arena and will be moderated by Gwen Hill, senior correspondent for the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. Classes will be canceled during the forum to give students and faculty the opportunity to attend. A live Webcast will be available at http://forum.nd.edu/

The event's theme was selected to coincide with the daylong dedication of Notre Dame's new Jordan Hall of Science, a $70 million, 200,000-square-foot building that contains the most advanced scientific and educational teaching instrumentation of any university facility in the nation.

"More than 50 years ago, the framers of the constitution for the World Health Organization wrote that the "highest attainable standard of health" is a fundamental right of all people worldwide," University President Father John Jenkins said. "And, yet, despite the many scientific advances in health care over the past half century, poverty, disease and premature death continue to devastate large segments of the world community. As a teaching and research university committed to the ideals of Catholic social justice, Notre Dame takes seriously our responsibility to examine this problem in depth and help forge solutions."

Notre Dame Forum panelists will discuss the medical, political, moral, social and economic implications of this global crisis, and reflect on the responsibility of developed countries to assist those who suffer from poverty, malnutrition and disease.

Sachs, Farmer and Opuyonga have devoted their careers to helping the world's poorest populations. In addition to his work with the United Nations, Sachs is the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development and a professor of health policy and management at Columbia University, where he also directs The Earth Institute. He is the author of the best-selling book "The End of Poverty," as well as many other scholarly articles and books.

As director of the UN Millennium Project and special advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Sachs leads the effort to meet the Millennium Development Goals, the international effort to reduce extreme poverty, disease and hunger by 2015. He has advised governments in Latin America, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa on economic reforms and has worked with international agencies to promote poverty reduction, disease control, and debt reduction in poor countries.

Farmer has worked in infectious disease control for nearly two decades and is a world-renowned authority on tuberculosis. He founded the Boston-based Partners in Health in 1987 as an international organization that provides direct health care services and undertakes research and advocacy activities on behalf of people worldwide who are sick and living in poverty. The organization established a multi-service health complex, Zami Lusambe, in Haiti in 1991 and is now exporting its community-based model to rural Rwanda.

An attending physician at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Farmer also is the Maude and Lilian Presley Professor of Medical Anthropology in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 scholarly publications and of numerous books, most recently "Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor," published in 2003 by University of California Press.

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Experts examine obesity in Latinos

Researchers gather at ND for workshop

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When Rodolfo Valdez moved to the United States from Venezuela 21 years ago, he lost weight because he couldn't speak English and couldn't order food. Then, as he became more comfortable with the American lifestyle (obviously a little too comfortable, he conceded), he packed on 20 pounds. He has since figured out where he went wrong, has regained his trim physique, and, as an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is trying to stop the increasing problem of Latino obesity.

Valdez, along with experts from the Pan American Health Organization, various community-based health groups and higher education, discussed the epidemiology of obesity across the U.S. and within Latino communities and collaborated on research methods, data sources and intervention models. He says much of the problem can be blamed on a "health transition."

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According to the CDC, overweight and obesity in the U.S. occur at higher rates in racial and ethnic minority populations, and of those low socioeconomic status within those groups are most vulnerable to obesity. Its related diseases, including diabetes, hypertension, cancer and heart disease, also are found in higher rates among minorities.

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Valdez and colleagues presented findings from a new CDC report that finds more than half of Latinos who live in the United States are overweight or obese. The report was based on data from the 2003-2004 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), which is a periodic telephone survey of adults from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

In 2003, about 39 percent of Latinos were obese according to the report. That's about twice the rate of non-Hispanic white Americans, who at about 20 percent, had the lowest obesity rate of all racial or ethnic groups.

In addition to obesity, the report found that Latinos in the United States have higher rates of some conditions linked to obesity, such as hypertension and diabetes. Overall, nearly 30 percent of Latinos have some form of diabetes, compared to 11 percent of non-Hispanic white Americans.

Diabetes is a significant health problem among Latinos, who have higher rates of obesity and associated conditions like hypertension, heart disease and stroke. The report found that about 10 percent of Latinos have been diagnosed with diabetes. That's about twice the rate of non-Hispanic white Americans, who have a diabetes rate of about 5 percent.

In addition, the report found that about 30 percent of Latinos are hypertensive, compared to about 20 percent of non-Hispanic white Americans. The report also found that about 8 percent of Latinos have been diagnosed with hypertension, compared to about 5 percent of non-Hispanic white Americans.

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There were definitely nervous moments, but I was comfortable with all the preparation and all the experience our team has that we were going to win," Schuessler said. Johnathan Wilson, who drove to the game in a mini-van with five of his friends, said Georgia Tech's environment must have been tough onRAY Quinn and the Irish.

"There was a pretty good atmosphere for the home team — it was really loud anytime we were on offense," he said.

Schuessler said fans on both sides were very involved in the game right from the beginning. "We were perhaps too involved, as some Georgia Tech students were throwing various objects onto the field — and stuck it out until the end."

"There was a lot of back and forth excitement for both sides," she said, "so people weren't leaving the stadium until it was pretty clear that we were going to win."

One of Notre Dame's biggest obstacles in Saturday's game was not the Yellow Jackets, but the yellow flags peppered the playing field, Schuessler said.

"There were so many penalties that I feel like we couldn't get into a good rhythm, so I think that kind of messed up the flow of the game," Wasikowski said she "was expecting our offense topretty much dominate." "I think a lot of it was just first game jitters because there was so much hype." Despite last year's struggles, students said many of the black and gold pieces began to fall into place in Saturday's first half. "It was the second half that made my season," Smith junior said. "It was really impressed with [freshman wide receiver Darrin] Walls said. At the end of the day, the Irish are 0-1 and I escaped healthy and hopeful.

"I don't think it's anything that can't be fixed," Oliver Williams, Director of Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business said. "I'd rather play crappy and be 0-1 than play good and be 0-1."

A wake-up call is what Notre Dame may have needed, Wasikowski said, considering the difficulty of its upcoming schedule.

"It was a good reality check," she said, "and season is just not going to be a walk to the National Championship. They'll have to work hard for it.

"It's just great that we won and I'm looking forward to next week — hopefully everyone will get pumped up for Penn State."

Trent suspects the county prosecutor will charge Smith with criminal confinement initially, but he said the charges might be added as the investigation continues. "The victim was able to get free before anything else happened," Trent said, referring to the nature of the charges Smith might face. "We could theoretically add more charges if he would have statute of limitations... Had it been another 10 seconds we might have a clearer profile of what the individual's intentions were."

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All participants are faculty members at the University of Notre Dame.

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tota," Trent said. "A lot of times it takes quite awhile to study pictures, but she just went right to it and picked him out."

Smith was asked to come to the South Bend police station after the student identified him. He was questioned by detectives and later arrested.

"He didn't give a direct admission, but he sort of talked around it when I asked the direct question he was being asked," Trent said, adding that Smith "was very suspicious." Smith placed himself at Turtle Creek during the time of the incident.

Smith is currently being held under a looking charge, which is a preliminary charge made by police based on the former's criminal history, expected to come from the county prosecutor. In this case, Smith is being held for criminal, or holding someone against his or her will.

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Dear Observer:

Effective September 1, the Indiana State Excise police arrested Maureen Swallow, a student at Saint Mary's College, for inducing consumption of alcohol. Swallow was attending a party at 1655 Turtle Creek and was cited for minor in consumption. The party was attended by approximately 150 people, and the police were called by a neighbor who reported the party. The police found that the party was in violation of the Indiana State Excise police laws, and Swallow was arrested and taken to the police station. The incident was handled by a police officer, and Swallow was released the same day. The case is currently pending in the Saint Mary's College courts.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Director of Public Safety
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**Government program scans college databases**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — For the past five years an office in the Education Department has been scanning through its databases of millions of students' federal financial aid and college enrollment records in search of terrorist names supplied by the FBI.

The effort, dubbed "Project Strike Back," was created by the Education Department's Office of Inspector General after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to expand the office's mission to include counterterrorism.

At the time, investigators believed some funding for the Sept. 11 attacks came from identity theft and fraud, criminal activity the Education Department had experience investigating, according to an internal memo obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

"This program was one of many around the country used by the FBI to identify people of potential interest," said FBI spokeswoman Cathy Milhoan.

The department's central database stores information on all of the roughly 14 million students who apply for financial aid each year, even after they have repaid the loans.

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To search for "potential terrorist activity," the FBI gave the department fewer than 1,000 names that the bureau considered suspicious to run through its databases, said bureau spokeswoman Cathy Milhoan. The bureau made the request as recently as February 2006.
**Market Recap**

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**In Brief**

**CEO: Ford must change practices**

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co., the nation's No. 2 automaker, must change the way it does business in order to make a turnaround, the company's head said in an e-mail to employees.

"The business model that sustained us for decades is no longer sufficient to sustain profitability," wrote chairman and chief executive Bill Ford.

Ford said he has organized his approach to solving the company's problems by focusing on three areas: accelerating its North American turnaround effort, leveraging its global assets a

**Construction continues at the World Trade Center Aug. 29. According to Labor Department figures, the nation's economic expansion still has staying power.**

**IRS audits may favor the wealthy**

**WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has been auditing more high-income taxpayers but may not be effectively going after one of the biggest problems — wealthy people who evade taxes by reporting too low an income or overstating deductions for business expenses.**

**Fewer audits actually require high-income taxpayers — those reporting $100,000 or more in income — to sit through intensive, face-to-face examinations.**

Those audits could turn up more evidence of missing business income or overstated deductions for business expenses, J. Russell George, the Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration, said in a new report.

"These types of taxpayers and issues are difficult to examine through correspondence," the inspector's report said. By their nature, audits by letter are "less complex and issues are limited" when compared with traditional audits, it added.

The IRS has increased the number of intensive face-to-face audits of wealthier taxpayers over the last few years, even though its budget has remained basically flat.

Kevin Brown, who heads the IRS small business and self-employed division, agreed that intensive audits find more unreported income. "The observation is correct," he said. "We don't think we're doing enough there, and we want to do more."
Bush's back to Katrina relief

Just over one year ago, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast indescribably, taking nearly 2,000 lives and causing tens of billions of dollars worth of damages. The initial damage was so critical that it was impossible to give way to an internally-managed rescue, relief and recovery by the government. The media, as watched as images flashed across every network of people stranded on houses waving for help, bodies packed into the Superdome and citizens and police officers alike looked stores. Reports of overcrowding, violence and rape poured out from the Convention Center and Superdome while water rushed in. The Gulf Coast flooded while Bush played guitar. Literally.

On this one year anniversary, having a short memory and a long list of photo ops is the name of the game. One week ago Bush began a tour of the Gulf Coast, beginning a series of speeches and appearances. The content of his various speeches and interviews could be clear hit the East Coast last year. The Gulf is such an optimistic, intensely unapologetic and downright oblivious to the realities of the ravaged region. Bush's ability to sympathize with the people of the region who lost everything they had is best represented in this statement: United States Senator Trent Lott had a fantastic house overlooking the bay. I know because I sat in it with he and his wife. And now it's completely obliterated. Bush's commitment to an unwavering commitment seems to be too soon. He's in a rare moment of honestly, part of his strategy: "The key for me is to keep expectations low." Well, Mr. President, I don't think that the people clustered in FEMA trailers can afford to expect little from you, let alone the remainder of the country you represent to the global community.

It's a sad day when the leader of the free world thinks it's clever to keep expectations low. It's an even sadder day when he pulls it off.

Bush's inability to understand what's going on is not a surprise. His naiveté peaked with such motivations as "I stood in Jackson Square and I said we're gonna help ya, and we delivered," (from the Brian Williams interview) and "Houses and jobs will come back."

...The only thing more atrocious than Bush's intense confusion of issues is his grasp of economic theory. The concept that all we need to do is build houses and have an economy pop back onto its feet, nor can you wave a magic wand and have generic, one-size-fits-all jobs appear in a community. His oversimplification of the situation tells us that his understanding of post-Katrina recovery is no better from the ground now than it was from the air a year ago when he simply surveyed the scene from the comfort of Air Force One.

The work that is being done by various NGOs and volunteers such as those featured in last Friday's Observer article is a testament to the incredible generosity and humanity that can be found in a crisis. However, there is only so much that can be done by volunteers. The government has the power and resources to bring the region back to life. What is needed for the government to coordinate the plans and resources of the various NGOs and communities in a comprehensive plan that addresses all the issues. The government needs to assess what is not being done in the region and what role it can play in filling these gaps.

While moving through tables and people at a breakfast, Bush passed a black waitress who jokingly asked, "Mr. President, are you going to turn your back on me?" to which he replied, "No ma'am." Not again. nice.

George, you're doing a heck of a job.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Middle East tensions continue

America's support of Israel damaging

Clare Feeney's Monday Letter to the Editor ("Israel's terrorist state?"") Aug. 28 presents an argument too often labeled as taboo in America. Over two weeks have passed since U.N. Security Council Resolution 1701 brought the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah to a halt. As those affected by the conflict look to the rubble and debris, the political realities are slowly becoming visible. Though the U.S. support of Israel was backed as an effort to eliminate global terrorism, the latest conflict has stirred up popular forces that, in power, become more extreme, and ultimately weaken our security. Whether helping to reconstruct the war ravaged civil infrastructure or building political support across the region, the flag of Hezbollah is waved jubilantly. "Made in America" signs stand atop the rubble. The level of support Hezbollah has garnered in Lebanon is a microcosm of the growing public support in the Middle East. Even allies Egypt and Saudi Arabia, hardly the democratic models, felt publicpressure from their citizens to leave Hezbollah with weaponries. However, he does not mention that these roads were the only way for innocent Lebanese to escape the Israeli bombings.

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Rethink broad groupings

Ryan Davidson would be well-advised to clarify the precise target of his recent Letters to the Editor; in his two letters, he targets two different groups, though there are deep problems in both instances. On Tuesday, he denounced 'the Muslim world.' Based on the content of this letter, it would seem that, at the very least, he is grouping together everyone who has lived in a predominantly Muslim community in the Middle East over the past twelve centuries. This is an absurd proposition, like grouping together the population of Europe over the same period of time into one homogeneous mass known as "Christendom." By Friday, his wording shifted to denunciations of "terrorists." First, if he means this letter to be continuous with the first one, it is a gross mistake to identify the groups he has in mind with the population of "the Muslim world" as a whole — indeed, it is precisely the sort of mistake for which Clare Feeney chastised him. Second, by his criteria, there has never been a truly civilized community in the history of the world, with the possible exception of some pacificcommunes; if he feels diplomacy is illegitimate in this case, then diplomacy has never been legitimate. Finally, and most importantly, his argument has now devolved into denunciations of figments of his own imagination: no one is proposing diplomatic negotiations with al-Qaeda. Rather, those of us who disagree with Mr. Davidson argue that the only way to quash violent fundamentalist movements is to first understand the reasons why individuals choose violent fundamentalism as a reaction to the oppressive circumstances in which they live, whatever the cause of this oppression. Such understanding should not be mistaken for a rationalization or apology. The rhetoric which proclaims fundamentalism essentially irrational and prohibits any effort at understanding, is, in my eyes, utterly anachronistic and could be an unhelpful approach to building just, modern civilizations in the most war-torn parts of the world.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Misconceptions inhibit progress

In his Letter to the Editor ("Civilization, ceasefire and surrender," Sept. 1), Matt Alles addresses many good points when discussing the current situation in the Middle East. Unfortunately, many of his points are one-sided and short-sighted. His first questionable point is about the IDF desiring Lebanese infrastructure to prevent re-supplying Hezbollah, a resistance group, with weaponry. However, he does not mention that these roads were the only way for innocent Lebanese to escape the Israeli aggression. He also forgets to mention how Israeli dropped leaflets asking civilians to leave their homes so the IDF could destroy their homes, which were suspected of housing Hezbollah. The Party of God. Does that make sense, Israel asking civilians to leave their homes with no viable roads to escape on? While he openly attacks Arabs, he forgets to mention the atrocities Israel has caused.

Alles' argument that Syria is uncivilized is completely incorrect and unfounded in his attack of its elected president of Syria, Bashar al-Assad, must be a Sunni Muslim since most Arabs are Sunni. This assumption is incorrect because the Assad family themselves are a minority. They belong to the Alawite group of Muslims. While I can not argue about his points on Iran, I can defend my points on Syria as I am part Syrian and have family that still resides in Syria. Iran is a different country than Syria and can not be equated to Syria, as Alles has done. Alles' argument that Syria is uncivilized is unfounded, unjust and just plain incorrect.

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THE OBSERVER

VIEWPOINT

Monday, September 4, 2006
Rooney disappoints packed crowd at Legends

Band fails to perform in intimate setting

By PAUL SERAFY
Scene Critic

Rooney has something to prove, but the biggest obstacle standing between the band and success is the fact that the group doesn’t realize it. This L.A. based quintet has talent bursting through the seams of its trademark bell-bottoms, but it surely fell short of displaying it to its fullest capacity this Saturday at Legends. Though Rooney enjoyed a mediocre degree of success with its 2003 self-titled release, it is by no means a seasoned veteran of the music industry. At this point in a band’s career, it needs to treat every show that it plays like it was their last. Rooney failed to do so, however. The onstage attitude of lead singer Robert Carmine could be expected from a front man with several albums released, not to mention years of non-stop touring under his belt. But Rooney can not yet enjoy that comfort on stage. After playing for an audience of 20,000 in Seattle, an audience of more than 700 fans gathered at Legends, many of whom lined up two hours before the concert. Those numbers would surely seem to be a change of pace for the band. Most artists live for this level of intimacy with their fans. SUB and Legends both did their part to attract fans to the concert, as the venue brimmed slightly over capacity. However, Rooney’s performance was sloppy — plenty of notes needed to be tightened up for a smaller, more intimate venue, where musicians are under a microscope. Rooney sat on its last release for three years, touring sparingly and over-estimating the amount of anticipation among fans that its sophomore album would build. Given the aptitude that Rooney has, the band should have taken this performance seriously. Its audience expected it to — but it didn’t. Carelessness and technical hurriedness were present at Legends Saturday evening. A fairly new band like Rooney should care about building and reinforcing its reputation in all circles of music lovers, especially among fans at a venue as small as Legends, but the desire to do so was not apparent from start to finish. The band seemed to rush through songs, struggled with keyboard arrangements and probably could have used another hour of sound checks to achieve an instrumental balance that it sorely lacked. Elements of Rooney’s performance that should have shined and ignited the small space between the group and its fans were overshadowed. Guitarist Taylor Locke was one of the best in the industry, but Saturday’s audience would not know this unless they had listened to the band’s studio recordings. While most rock bands showcase and take pride in their guitarist’s ability, Locke was pushed aside by the band, deprived of the opportunity to display his incendiary ability. His slide guitar on the band’s opening song, “Blueside,” added flair to the Beach Boys inspired pop-rock song, but solos on unreleased material like “She’s Got Everything” and “Paralyzed” were hurried and short-winded. Carmine’s vocals and high-energy performing style were largely inconsistent. He proved to charm the girls in the audience out of their minds on songs like “Daisy Duke” where he nailed the lyrics and melody, but had to work hard to hit notes correctly on “Terrible Person.” Vocal harmonies that typically tie band members’ talents together — one of Rooney’s usual assets — were rendered ineffective by Carmine’s failure to hold certain notes in an attempt to experiment with melodies throughout the set. To his credit, drummer Ned Brower added flair to the Beach Boys inspired pop-rock version of “I Don’t Think So,” and “Not So Easy,” were run of the mill, guitar-based arena rock anthems that seemed to be inspired by Styx and Whitesnake. This resulted in a downward turn away from the Electric Light Orchestra-influenced rock that gave them their unique California sound. Rooney seems to have tragically lost its identity on new songs. With this loss of identity, it risks losing its audience. The harder-edged sound that it strives to achieve may prove to hack away at a core fan base that appreciates Rooney’s catchy rock songs and the band’s ability to evoke memories of summers spent on the beach. Conversely, it just wrapped up a tour headlined by pop-princess Kelly Clarkson, but expects credit as a rock band. The biggest question Rooney faces is, “What’s next?” It acts like an established rock band on stage, but the group has yet to arrive. If Saturday’s performance is any indication of what fans can expect from Rooney’s new release in October, it’s likely that the band will continue to juggle mediocrity and arrogance. Contact Paul Serafy at pserafy@nd.edu

By PAUL SERAFY
Scene Critic

Rooney underperforms during its concert at Legends. After touring with Kelly Clarkson all summer, the band played to a far smaller audience Saturday.

The band prevents guitarist Taylor Locke from proving his exceptional talent. Several of his guitar solos were shortened and overlooked at Legends.

Lead singer Robert Carmine charms the ladies but suffers from inconsistent vocals. His negative attitude at Legends inhibited Rooney's overall performance.

Bassist Matthew Winter contributes to Rooney's weak performance. Newer songs played Saturday seemed to depart from the band's roots and may isolate its fans.
Escape from the Jackets’ nest

Irish struggle early, recover in time to beat Georgia Tech 14-10 in opener

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Brady Quinn didn’t want to waste any more time getting out of Atlanta.

The Notre Dame quarterback bullied over Georgia Tech’s 46-yard line with just over a minute remaining Saturday night for the game-icing fourth-and-one conversion as the Irish held off the Yellow Jackets for a 14-10 win.

“We only had half a yard to go,” said Irish coach Charlie Weis, when asked why he didn’t want to waste any more time getting out of Atlanta.

The game was no contest in which the Irish held off the Yellow Jackets with just over six minutes left in the half. But the second half didn’t turn out like the first for Tech.

Brady Quinn, center, dives over the pile for a first down with 1:10 remaining in the fourth quarter. Quinn’s sneak came on fourth and 1 from the Georgia Tech 47 and sealed the 14-10 victory for the Irish. Quinn also had a rushing touchdown and a critical 16-yard scamper on third-and-long.

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Several Notre Dame miscues — including 11 penalties and two missed field goals — kept the Yellow Jackets around longer than the approximately 15,000 Irish fans who got into the game would have preferred.

The Irish racked up 20 penalty yards in the first four minutes of the game — two false starts and a holding penalty on receiver Rhema McKnight that nullified a 13-yard off left tackle midway through the third quarter to put Notre Dame ahead for good.

Many of Notre Dame’s problems were self-created, but Weis didn’t leave without giving Georgia Tech credit.

“We expected this ... I like Yellow Jackets didn’t surprise me with what they did,” he said. “We didn’t have our best showing, but I’m happy with the outcome of this game.”

“We knew it was going to be a dog fight going in,” Quinn added.

The senior signal caller took the snap at Georgia Tech’s five-yard line with the Irish down by 10 and 11 seconds remaining in the half and hustled up the middle into the end zone.

“I've challenged the defense every day,” Weis said. “The defense is the reason why we won the game.”

The Irish shutout Tech in the second half and held Tech All-America receiver Calvin Johnson to one touchdown reception, while only three other Yellow Jackets caught passes.

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“Everything that [Notre Dame] did on defense was the same that we practiced for,” said Tech running back Tashard Choice, who carried 14 times for 54 yards. “They just made the plays.”

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By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

The senior didn’t have his best game but stepped up during pivotal moments and made few, if any, mental errors.
Irish quarterback Brady Quinn looks to throw in the first half of Notre Dame's 14-10 win over Georgia Tech Saturday. Quinn did not play up to his own standards against the Yellow Jackets but made several key plays in crucial situations to lead his team to victory.

Quinn has a very nice bad game

ATLANTA — Notre Dame's Heisman Trophy candidate didn't make a great case for himself most of the day Saturday. Luckily for the Irish, even on his off nights, he's still good enough to get the job done. We're in no way pleased with our performance, especially myself, quarterback Brady Quinn said after Notre Dame's 14-10 win. "I felt like this game could have been a lot more wide open if I would have fulfilled my job better.

Without throwing a touchdown, Quinn pulled himself together when it mattered most — like only the savvy veterans do.

As he marched the Irish down-field in the final 4:45 of the first half, the senior looked like the quarterback who directed a 21-point comeback against Michigan State a year ago. Quinn's performance was reminiscent of the Michigan State game in a lot of ways — except for one. A year older and a season smarter, Quinn didn't put balls in bad places that could lead to turnovers or touchdowns. He threw 38 passes. Only one was tipped.

Quinn didn't fumble a single time, and the offensive captain scored a touchdown on a quarterback draw with 13 seconds left in the first half. "If we got the look that we were counting on," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. He always does. Even if the showing was good enough to win the game, it won't be good enough to win the Heisman Trophy — or Quinn's own approval. "We've been practicing for a while so there's no excuse in make for my performance," Quinn said. "So I've got a lot of work to do on my own this week. We're not even thinking about Penn State yet." Weis said he would dole out constructive criticism in heavy doses over the next few days. That's just what Irish fans want to hear — no matter how good Quinn is, there's always room for improvement.

That statement is true, and it's how Notre Dame will win ball-games. But the body of work he needs to improve upon is a testament to how good Brady Quinn is. He started the game completing most of his passes, but the majority were high-percentage quick outs behind the line of scrimmage that led to short gains. "Georgia Tech's blitzes were causing check-offs due to pressure," Weis said. "Some of the [plays] worked, some of them didn't."

Late in the second quarter, the longest completion to a wide receiver was a 9-yard hookup with Rhema McKnight. He had just two completions of more than 10 yards — both dump-offs to tight end John Carlson. So as Tech continued to key on the side passes, Weis adjusted and called several no-check plays to force Tech to honor the run. That worked, and Quinn improved as the game wore on.

Basically, it comes down to this: in big spots, Quinn delivers. Darius Walker converted on a brilliant scamper to the left pylon that propelled Notre Dame to a 14-10 lead, and Quinn had the responsibility to save the win. He did.

He directed an eight-play, 62-yard drive in the team's first series after taking the lead. The series only stalled when Rhema McKnight dropped a ball that hit his number a tad too hard and Carl Golia missed a short field goal.

In Notre Dame's next — and penultimate — possession, Quinn hit Jeff Samardzija deep on the right sideline after Notre Dame started the series in its own red zone. The throw fell just over Samardzija's left shoulder — where only one 6-foot-5 man could catch it.

It was the best throw of the night by a quarterback who has made many better throws. But he managed the game like a Heisman Trophy hopeful should, even if he missed open receivers more often than the winners usually do.

It wasn't a great performance, or even a good one by Quinn's own judgment. But Irish fans should take solace in the fact that their team's signal-caller can play "poorly" and yet compile 23-of-38 passes for 246 yards while also rushing for a touchdown and allowing no turnovers.

High standards certainly are nice. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ken Fowler at kfowler@nd.edu.
Irish 'D' sends a clear message

By KEN FOWLER
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ATLANTA — Maybe 73 will be the new 617.

Locked in a low-scoring affair, Notre Dame's highly criticized defense held Georgia Tech's explosive offense to zero points and just 73 total yards in the second half, carrying the Irish on a night when their top-10 offense from the year before just about found a rhythm.

"Our much-maligned defense that everybody's telling me about, that's all I've heard this off-season — 617 yards," Weis said. "I feel that again, I'm going to vomit."

After entering the field to hostile chants from the hostile crowd, the Notre Dame defense held no place to hide in the second half to earn the victory for the No. 2 team in the nation.

"We just wanted to show that we can win games with our defense," Irish strong safety and defensive captain, Tom Zbikowski said. "We wanted to come out and silence the 'Overrated' chants in the stands as soon as possible."

Zbikowski led Notre Dame with six solo tackles and two assists for eight total.

"I thought the defensive staff and defensive players showed up tonight," Weis said.

Irish running back Darius Walker, who rushed for 99 yards on 22 carries, agreed.

"The defense really deserves the win," he said.

Walker's backup at running back, senior Eric Thomas, playing in his first game at编织插件, made four tackles — including two for losses.

"I wasn't sure how fast the tempo would be on the defensive side of the ball," Walker said. "Tonight I think we held them down against two great players in Reggie Ball and Calvin Johnson."

Walker wasn't the only newcomer to Saturday night's lineup to make the grab at Notre Dame's 12-yard line for a 40-yard gain.

"Everyone sees the one play for 40 yards," Weis said. "But the that wasn't the only play that was on us against him. ... You didn't see the rest of the plays when (Wall ands) and the other defensive guys were there with the rest of our team."

But when Wooden returned in the second half, the Irish defense only got better against Johnson. The unit held the junior to just two catches and 16 yards in the final 30 minutes.

"It basically was shut down, and on top of it, we gave up no points in the second half," Weis said.

Without a solid passing game, Yellow Jackets quarterback Reggie Ball, who improvised on several second-down plays to cause problems for the Irish, ran eight times for 56 of Tech's 73 yards in the half.

"There were a lot of things we did pick out in film study and a lot of things we hadn't seen before," Thomas said.

Weis was most happy with the mental strengths of the unit and Tech's 20 percent conversion rate on third downs — including 0-for-4 in the second half.

"On defense, we had no penalties. Okay?" Weis said. "You have two mental errors and no penalties in play with that type of emotion; get off the field on third down, that's usually going to bode well for your defense."

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Irish defense has a new number to focus on

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scoring summary

Notre Dame 0 7 7 0 7 14
Ga. Tech 3 0 0 10

1st quarter
Notre Dame 0, Georgia Tech 7
Central Johnson 4-yard reception from Reggie Ball [0:35 remaining]. (Danny Bolt kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 74 yards, 1:28 elapsed

Second quarter
Notre Dame 0, Georgia Tech 10
Ball 28-yard field goal from 33 yards. (Danny Bolt kick)
Drive: 8 plays, 50 yards, 3:29 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, Georgia Tech 10
Brady Quinn 5-yard run with 1:15 remaining. (Slate kick)
Drive: 14 plays, 80 yards, 4:34 elapsed

Third quarter
Notre Dame 14, Georgia Tech 10
Darius Walker 13-yard run with 6:33 remaining. (Slate kick)
Drive: 14 plays, 64 yards, 5:29 elapsed

Fourth quarter
No scoring

statistics

total yards
Notre Dame 748, Georgia Tech 633

rushing yards
Notre Dame 167, Georgia Tech 18

passing yards
Notre Dame 581, Georgia Tech 444

return yards
Notre Dame 48, Georgia Tech 0

time of possession
Notre Dame 31:12, Georgia Tech 28:48

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Football around the globe

By CHRIS McGRADE
Scene Writer

In the center of London roved four Americans; three of my best friends and myself. Armed with a pint, a camera and a pocket full of hopes and dreams, my mates and I sought an English experience that was quintessentially in its identity, superior in its "Englishness" and, perhaps most importantly of all, cheap.

Louchook of the touristry nature of Trafalgar Square and Westminster Abbey, we set out in search of a real-English experience, something to really write home about. A place where maybe for a moment, we could set ourselves apart from our American identities and thrive in a culture so very different from our own.

OK. Fat chance. Veheemantly seeking to lose ourselves in a throng of English-types, we arrived at Craven Cottage, the stadium for the Fulham Football Club. Once there, it was painfully obvious to everyone that we were the token Americans. In fact, the idiocy of Americans (or perceived idiocy) may be no more evident than at a football match.

Everyone in the stadium immediately knew we were American, no matter how hard we tried. First of all, just take into account the fact that Americans most definitely do not speak English. We speak — well — American.

For example, translate the following sentence: "The Gaffer made a cheeky move in extra-time, substituting the left forward, who is very good at fake people out, in favor of a midfielder who, despite playing well in the World Cup, couldn't even score with the ball sitting on the goal line just waiting to be put in. You have to question if he is in shape. But it is about more than the language — it is about the very level to which these fans take their fanaticism.

Only America has truly failed to embrace the sport of football — or soccer. However, in England and around the world, it is not only fervently adored, but is even more so a way of life. To them, sport isn't a facet of life, it is life. For my friends and me, this was truly some-thing to behold.

Utmost importance is placed on football and the cheers and events surrounding it. We sat near a group of hoolligans who could teach even the most hard-core Notre Dame fans a bit about dedication. So deep are the roots of Fulham fans that included in the programs sold during the match — alongside rosters, biographies and statistics — are obituaries. These people literally live and die for their teams.

Almost every person has a team that is "theirs," and year in and year out, rain or shine, these people eat, sleep and breathe football. But one thing struck me as Notre Dame prepared for kickoff this weekend against Georgia Tech and 100 Notre Dame students packed a bar until 5:30 a.m. to catch the game. I started to realize that maybe, despite a thousand things that set us apart, we aren't so different after all.

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By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Writer

The immortal English playwright William Shakespeare once wrote, "All the world's a stage, and all the people merely players on it." Nowhere is this more true than in the wide world of football, where a contest of will between two teams of 11 men becomes a battle of good versus evil, played out in two acts and four quarters.

Whether it's the rock-star status of professional athletes or the big man on campus status of Brady Quinn, there's no denying that sport has a flair for the dramatic, blurring the line between sport and theatre. (See USC-Notre Dame last season, specifically one Reggie Bush.)

As a junior studying abroad in London, I decided to foray into the wide world of English football, which despite sharing the same name, is very different from our own American version of football (rounder ball, continuous action, less contact). However, at the same time, there exist some wins which run true throughout all of sport, regardless of country, language and ball-type — hatred of the refs and loud cheering.

In the sports parlance here, the word "football" denotes not the Saturday and Sunday crunching of pads and gridiron glory, but rather the more appropriately named football with the greater emphasis on kicking. And kicking is exactly what Notre Dame students are doing — kicking themselves, should the Irish go undefeated in their 2006 campaign.

A major part of the study abroad experience is watching Notre Dame football games not from the familiar and cozy confines of the student section of Notre Dame stadium, but from the relatively new vantage point of a pub in London. And while sitting in a crowded, smoke-filled pub watching the Irish gut out a gutsy 14-10 win over Georgia Tech, it occurred to me that football isn't just a sport, it's just entertainment — it's a religion. And all of us fans are the congregation.

Football is the collision of sport, theater and religion, all crashing into each other on a grass field painted with white lines. The players are the actors, portraying in turn the hero and the goat, depending on the outcome of the game. And if we are doing really well, then we turn into something else: champions, demi-gods, idols for hero worship.

The audience, on the other hand, is the congregation, fervently hoping, wishing, and praying. They show their faith by cheering, whether the announcers of football games, the vox populi, are screaming "He ... could ... go ... all ... the ... way!" or the more concise, "Goonallllll!" Fan support in wallet and in person is undying, as evidenced by sold-out home game attendance and merchandise sales.

Don't believe me? Even at uber-Catholic Notre Dame, where Stonebrough should probably run with holy water instead of your typical H20, how many students miss an occasional Mass or two? Take that number, then compare it to the number of students who miss an occasional home football game. I'll be willing to bet that there are more lapsed Catholics there than are lapsed Fighting Irish football fans.

And as unabashedly, the guy sitting next to you is probably supporting his home team's colors, whether it's the blue Tradition shirt of the student section or the light blue of English Premiershop soccer club Chelsea. You see, sports fans, in addition to being gluttons for punishment, are, emotionally transparent, we wear our hearts on our sleeves, whether it's a No. 10 killer green-and-gold throw-back or just a heartbroken gaze of stunned disbelief as Roggie Bush pushes Matt Leinart across a goal line.

Regardless of country, language or even the type of football being played, one thing is for sure: the masses will gather in great dithyrambic stadiums of steel and stone to sing songs, drink copious amounts of beer and pour our heart and soul in support of team and nation.

Don't underestimate the importance of football. As English Premiershop Liverpool coach Bill Shankly once said, "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I'm very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you, it is much, much more important than that."

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On the other side of the pond, soccer teams like Middlesbrough test the limits of gravity while fans evoke the same fanaticism seen in American football.

Irish players Jeff Samardzija, left, and Maurice Stovall achieve similar notions, proving that football players and fans around the globe aren't very different.
Howard's three homers blast Phillies past Braves

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MLB — NL

PHILADELPHIA — With each home run, Ryan Howard is keeping Philadelphia's wild-card push alive.

Howard homered in his first three at-bats, raising his major league-leading total to 52, and the Philadelphia Phillies extended their winning streak to five games by beating the Atlanta Braves 8-7 in Sunday's doubleheader opener.

Howard's 50th home run was a solo shot in the second inning, and he followed with a two-run drive in the third. His third homer was an opposite-field, solo shot to left in the sixth that made it 6-1. He leads the major leagues with 133 RBIs.

Each homer, off Tim Hudson, was greeted with a standing ovation and chants of "M-V-P!" as Howard rounded the bases.

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Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt delivers a pitch against the Mets in the first inning of his win Sunday.

Oswalt took a perfect game into the seventh inning and struck out a season-high nine batters. He allowed three hits in 7-2 innings.

"Roy has a good fast-ball," Houston manager Phil Garner said, "but I think his breaking ball was exceptional today. He has great arm action." Chad Qualls finished the eighth, and Brad Lidge finished for his 39th save in 34 chances. The Mets failed to complete what would have been their first three-game sweep in Houston since 1984 and lost for just the second time when allowing a single hit. The first came was against St. Louis on Sept. 14, 1997, when Roy Lankford hit a two-run single off Dave Cone in a 2-1 game.

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"No, I needed the rest. I needed a lot of strikes, but that's baseball," Randolph said. "Too many opportunities, a variegated look here and there, real strange game." The Mets had rested the 40-year-old El Duque because of fatigue, but Hernandez was encouraged by his 106-pitch outing.

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With a 6-3 lead in the ninth, Mike Castro allowed a three-run, opposite-field homer to right by Matt Diaz. But Jimmy Rollins and Shane Victorino hit RBI singles off Bob Wickman (0-1) in the bottom half. "A wild finish, and the rest we won the game," Manuel said.

The Mets refused, though, to speculate on the meaning of the victory after their three-game skid.

"It was a tough one, very disappointing," Hudson said.

Oswalt allowed Edgar Renteria's solo homer in the first but settled down against a lineup including three basemian Chipper Jones and second baseman Marcus Giles. Jones was a late scratch with a sore left side. Willy Aybar started for Jones.

Giles returned to bat for medical tests. He missed Saturday's doubleheader and was day to day, but he had all four hit off Hudson, was greeted with a standing ovation and chants of "M-V-P!" as Howard rounded the bases.

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**Tennis**

**In Brief**

Roethlisberger to miss Steelers' season opener

PITTSBURG — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger had an emergency appendectomy after becoming ill before practice Sunday and will miss Thursday night's season opener against Miami.

Coach Bill Cowher is not certain how long Roethlisberger will be out following the quarterback's third operation in 10 months — and second in 2 1/2 months.

"The surgery went well," Cowher said. "He is obviously going to be out this week and we will go week to week from there."

Charlie Batch, the former Lions starter who was afill-in last season when Roethlisberger hurt his knee, will start against the Dolphins in the NFL's first game of the season.

"This is why Charlie is here. Charlie will be fine," Cowher said. "It's a situation that can happen to any football team. You can go out there and have a starter go down, whether it's an ankle or something else of that nature. That's the nature of the business."

Sorenstam sets course record to win State Farm Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Annika Sorenstam waved to the raucous gallery, picked up the ball and tossed it toward a sky box after ending a nearly flawless day with a 26-foot birdie putt.

It was the perfect finish to a round that carried her to an LPGA record and one at the State Farm Classic.

Down five strokes at the start of play Sunday, Sorenstam tied the LPGA mark for the lowest final-round score by a tournament winner with a 62. She shot 10 under for the day to finish 19 under, two strokes ahead of Cristie Kerr (67).

"To come from five behind and to win by two, it's pretty amazing," Sorenstam said. "It's something I'm going to remember for quite some time."

Around the Dial

**Tennis**

NEW YORK — Crouched alone in the silence of the locker room, a pro tennis player no more, a red-eyed Andre Agassi twirled his towel in an attempt to con­quer the seemingly mundane task of pulling a white shirt over his head.

Never more than at that moment did Agassi seem so vulnerable, looking far older than his 36 years, wrestling not simply with his bad back but also with two overwhelming and conf­licting emotions.

There was the concrete sense of departure, of knowing his career came to an end Sunday with a 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-5 loss to 112th-ranked Benjamin Becker in the third round at the U.S. Open. And there was the freeing sense of excitement, of knowing he has more time to devote to his wife, Steffi Graf, and their two children; of know­ing there are so many flights to catch, no more practice sessions, no more injections to dull the searing pain of an irritated sciatic nerve.

That's why, for Agassi himself and the 20,000 or so fans who honored him with a rousing, four-minute-standing ovation in Arthur Ashe Stadium after the match, it truly did not matter all that much what Sunday's outcome was. This day and this tournament were all about saying good­bye to an eight-time Grand Slam champion who grew up in front of the world, from cocky kid with the shoulder-length hair and denim shorts to the thoughtful guy with the shaved pate and proper tennis whites.

"The scoreboard said I lost today, but what the scoreboard doesn't say is what it is I've found," Agassi told the crowd, tears streaming down his cheeks, his voice cracking with emotion. "Over the last 21 years, I've found loyalty. You have pulled for me on the court and also in life. I have found inspiration. You have will ed me to succeed sometimes even in my low­est moments."

He could have been refor­ming to his losses in his first three major finals, two at the French Open and one at the U.S. Open, setbacks that made him wonder if he'd ever reach the very top. Or, more likely, when, having won Wimbledon and reached No. 1, he sank to 141st in the rankings and resorted to playing in ten­nis' minor leagues in 1997. Or, most recently, when his back had so badly after the first two rounds of this U.S. Open, the tournament he announced this summer would be his last.

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PGA

Singh sets new record with -10

Woods shoots 67; three back after three rounds

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — All that hard work finally paid off Sunday for Vijay Singh, who shot the best round of his PGA Tour career and put himself in position to end another streak by Tiger Woods at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Singh played his first five holes in 5 under par, then finished with three straight birdies for a 1-under 287 total. He finished at 10-under 278, three shots ahead of Woods, who shot 67.

Two years ago, Singh went toe-to-toe with Woods in the final round on Labor Day and beat him by three shots to rise to No. 1, ending Woods' record 264 consecutive weeks atop the world ranking.

Woods now has won four straight times on the PGA Tour, and Singh is poised to end that streak.

"It would be good," Singh said. "I'm not going to be thinking about his streak or beating him. I've been playing long enough to know that you don't go out there and worry about the guys who are playing with you. You worry about your own game and see what happens.

There were no worries Sunday. Even more impressive than his score were the miserable conditions in which Singh shot his 61.

A light rain at the start of the third round never let up, coating the fairways with a thin layer of moisture, making it difficult to keep clubs dry. With little wind, however, Singh took dead aim at the flags and was never too far off.

"This is one of the worst conditions you want to play golf in because it gets everything wet," Singh said. "I just kept on plodding."

And he kept making birdies, finishing at 11-under 202.

Woods had a chance to get closer, if not catch him over the final two hours after Singh was done.

Woods missed four birdies on the back nine, including pars of 10 feet on No. 15 and 8 feet on No. 17.

He looked out of sync over the closing holes, letting his hand fly from the club even on shots that turned out well. There was frustration even when he reached the par-5 18th in two, setting up a two-putt birdie that tied him in the final group with Singh.

Justin Rose also birdied the 18th for a 69, leaving him tied with Woods at 205.

J.J. Henry, three weeks away from playing in his first Ryder Cup, shot 68 and was at 207, along with Shaun Micheel (68).

"Hopefully, I can play a little better than last time," Woods said of his duel with Singh. "I just know that tomorrow, given that conditions are as soft as they are, I'm going to have to make some birdies."
Michigan edges Vandy; USC handles Arkansas

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — On his first pass as Penn State's starting quarterback, Anthony Morelli showed coach Joe Paterno that his offense was in good hands.

The throw sailed through raindrops and over two defenders into the end zone. Morelli punched his fist after wideout Deon Butler came down with a 42-yard touchdown pass to give Penn State a 7-0 lead.

The strong-armed junior threw for 299 yards and two touchdowns and No. 19 Penn State showed some different wrinkles on defense to defeat Akron 24-16 at rain-soaked Beaver Stadium.

Morelli, replacing last year's do-it-all leader Michael Robinson, did make a few mistakes, including a third-quarter fumble. With a trip looming next weekend to No. 2 Notre Dame, Paterno offered cautious praise.

"I thought he started out well, did a good job, but overall he was fine," said Paterno, in his 41st season as head coach.

Akron coach J.D. Brookhart was a little more gracious.

"That kid can throw from one half to the other, 20 yards deep," Brookhart said. "You won't see a better arm this year."

Morelli also connected for TD passes with Jordan Norwood and Derrick Williams for Penn State (1-0), delighting fans huddled up in rain slickers after the remnants of Tropical Storm Ernesto swept through the Valley.

Highly recruited coming out of high school, Morelli was lost from the bench his first two seasons at Penn State. Robinson was instrumental in guiding Penn State's explosive offense last year. There were questions about how the Nittany Lions would look this year with a new leader at the helm. Morelli is leading four new starters.

The running game struggled, and Tony Hunt, who ran for 1,000 yards last season, gained just 36 on the ground Saturday, as his offense was in good hands. "He just kept a level head today," said Butler, who had two catches for 50 yards. "He never got nervous or mad when he came back to the huddle.

"Trailing 17-3 at halftime, the Zips (0-1) gained some momentum after Penn State freshman A.J. Wallace fumbled the second-half kickoff at midfield.

Lake Geoty kept the ensuing drive alive by hitting Kris Kuaparek for a 12-yard gain on fourth-and-7 from the Penn State 16. On the next play, Dennis Kennedy bowled over Justin King to get into the end zone for a 4-yard score — but Matt Donohue missed an extra point — and Akron cut the defict to 17-9.

Wallace redeemed himself on the next kickoff with a 54-yard sideline-to-sideline return to the Akron 40. Morelli found the sure-handed Norwood for a couple completions before connecting with Williams down the left sideline for 20 yards and a 24-9 lead.

Geoty finished 22-of-42 for 160 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions, while Kennedy ran for 29 yards on 25 carries.

"We made too many mistakes to have a chance to win that football game," Brookhart said.

Penn State often employed three linemen and four linebackers on defense instead of the 4-3 scheme that worked well for Penn State last season.

Three linemen graduated off last year's starting line while Penn State is stocked at line­backer, including All-American Paul Posluszny, so the 3-4 look plays to the Nittany Lions' strength.

"We don't show that often," defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said. "We wanted to set the tempo in the game."

Two-third-quarter series typi­fied Akron's frustrations. One drive stalled after Geoty, under pressure on third down in the backfield, found David Harvey for a 5-yard pass before he was immediately hit by Anthony Scirrotto.

No. 14 Michigan 27, Vanderbilt 7

Michigan was solid early and late in its opener.

In the middle of the matchup against Vanderbilt, Mike Hart acknowledged the Wolverines were sluggish offensively.

The shily running back ran back 146 yards to lead No. 14 Michigan to victory over the Commodores on Saturday.

"We made a lot of mistakes that were drive-killers," Hart said. "That's one thing we can't have in bigger games. Every time you win, you're going to be happy. But we need to improve a lot. We need a championship contender."

Michigan has another tuneup, against Central Michigan, before visiting No. 2 Notre Dame.

"We have a lot of work to do," coach Lloyd Carr said. "That's for sure."

The Wolverines are coming off a 7-5 season, their worst since going 5-0 in 1984. They have their lowest preseason ranking since 1997, when they went on to win a national championship.

Michigan scored on an impres­sive opening drive and had a chance to build an early cushion, but Vanderbilt blocked a kick and scored on a trick play to pull within three points early in the second quarter.

The Wolverines went ahead 20-7 late in the third on Chad Henne's 12-yard pass before they were sluggish offensively. "We only had 162 yards of offense," said Michigan coach Lloyd Carr.

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Michigan quarterback Chad Henne scrambles during the third quarter of the Wolverines' 27-7 victory Saturday. Michigan plays Central Michigan before traveling to Notre Dame Sept. 18.
Outlook is strong for Belles

Team looks solid in Alumnae Exhibition

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The runners of the Belles cross country team started their full season on a positive note as hosts this past Saturday at the Alumnae Exhibition Meet. The team posted faster than expected times for the course that measured a little longer than the usual distance.

Junior Megan Gray led the team with a 2:16, followed by Sarah White and Kelly Biedron who both clocked in near the 2:20 mark.

"Most of the times were faster on the course this year compared to last," said head coach, Megan Herbst said. "I know I was a minute and a half faster, and everyone felt good."

Coach Jackie Bauers noticed solid performances as well.

"There were a few nice packs, and the girls worked together very well," she said.

Herbst also observed strengths in the packs as well.

"The pack in the front is much larger this year, which is very promising," she said. "The front group last year only had about three girls, and this year they have about five or six that are consistent." As far as team strategy, it is clear that the girls worked together to gain an advantage running the newer, more taxing course.

Bauers commented that the site of the race was more challenging, but the times were as strong or stronger than last season. The team will return to the course for the MIAA Jamboree meet on Sept. 23.

The Belles' next contest is the Aquinas College Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Friday. Last year at the Aquinas Invitational some of the top runners were Kelly Biedron with a post of 21:18, Sarah Otto with a 20:16 and Katie White with a 20:42.

Coach Bauers said she saw a lot of promise for her team, even at this early stage. However, there is always something upon which to improve.

"This way we can improve by closing some gaps within the pack," she said. "I'm excited to run at Aquinas this Friday."

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to record a hat trick since Devin Prescod accomplished the feat in 2003 against Cleveland State.

"Joe [Lapira] can finish in so many different ways," Clark said. "He’s quick, can shoot with both feet and he can head the ball. He’s always thinking. That’s possibly his greatest asset.

While it wouldn’t appear that way from the final score board, it took nearly a half hour for the goal outburst to begin. The scoring, however, came in bunches as Notre Dame and Indiana went back and forth to score five goals in the final fifteen minutes apart of the first half.

Lapira opened the scoring with a hard shot from the right side of the 18-yard box into the lower left corner of the Hoosiers’ net. Indiana responded six minutes later when Kevin Robson ripped a shot from 18 yards out past a diving Cahill.

Notre Dame regained the lead only eighteen seconds later when senior midfielder Ian Etherington chested the ball in the box and eluded his defender and slipped the ball into the back of the net.

Six minutes later, it was the Hoosiers back on top as they scored two goals only seventeen seconds apart. Indiana’s Brad Ring scored on another long blast into the upper corner of the net, and Yeagle gave the Hoosiers the lead when he deposited the ball into the top of the net from only five yards out.

The teams picked up where they left off after intermission as Lapira noted his second goal of the day only three minutes into the second half on a header from a curling Ryan Miller cross into the box. Lapira completed his hat trick in the 55th minute when he sent a powerful shot into the upper right hand corner of the net.

"There were some great goals today," Clark said. "You’re never happy when you give up four goals, but if you’re going to give up four goals, it’s good to do it on a day when you score five."

With the win, Notre Dame improves their record to 2-1-1. They will return home to open Big East play next Friday against South Florida, but Clark feels that the past two weekends have prepared his team well.

"(Notre Dame) is going to be a big game, but we’re getting used to playing big games," Clark said. "If you want to win a national title, you must play top teams, and you must beat them."

Notre Dame 0, St. Louis 0

Notre Dame and Saint Louis scored a combined ten goals in Saturday’s adidas/IU Credit Union Classic. None of those came on Friday night as the two teams battled to a scoreless draw.

Clark credited the turnover of the Busch Stadium crowd as a factor for the lack of goals. "We were giving them too much time and respect in the first half, so we talked about stepping up the pressure and being more proactive," he said.

"That’s what put us back in the game. We made them a lot more uncomfortable, and we saw a lot more of the ball as a result."

Notre Dame’s best chance came in overtime when Lapira blasted a rebound off a Kurt Martin shot, but it was saved well by Saint Louis goalkeeper Nick Billman, one of four saves on the night for Billman.

Saint Louis had their share of chances as well and they almost scored the winning goal in the 16th minute of the contest. A Billman save got a header off on a corner kick, but sophomore keeper Andrew Quinnett got enough of the ball to tip it off the crossbar.

Quinnett made his first start a week ago against Creighton, had three saves on the night and has not given up a goal in his last 194 minutes on the field.

"The game ebbed and flowed, but I felt that we controlled the last hour of the competition," said Clark. "Saint Louis has some excellent players, though, and they’re a team that could feature quite prominently come tournament time."

With both games going to overtime this past weekend, three of Notre Dame’s four games this season have gone to overtime. Clark sees this as a positive for his team.

"We’re getting used to these overtime games," he said. "That’s okay because it gives us good game fitness, and the good thing is that we’ve been the team forcing the game in overtime."

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Midfielder Kurt Martin dribbles downfield in Notre Dame’s 4-1 win over Creighton on August 26.

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coming off a 2-0 win over No.
19 Southern Cal (2-1-3) Friday
night, the Irish (4-0) created
opportunities early on and
controlled possession, but
could not find the net.
Two minutes in, the
Broncos' all-around
striker freshman Kiki Bosio
beat defender Christian Shaner
to the middle of the field,
before finding junior striker
Meagan Snell in the middle of
the box, who slid her shot by
keeper Lauren Karas for the
first goal of the game.
Despite several direct kicks
just outside the box before
halftime by sophomore strik­
er Kerri Hanks, the Broncos
took their 1-0 lead into half-
time.
There were a couple of
things we addressed at half,"Irish coach Randy Waldrum
said. "We had to change our
mentality. We gave the ball
away too much.
To spark the offense, Waldrum
passed his box before the
middle to replace defend­
er Amanda Clark. By the sug­
gestion of his son and assist­
tant coach Ben Waldrum,
Clark switched to defensive
midfield to take the place of
senior Jill Krivacek who
went to offensive midfield in
the 4-4-3 set. Entering the
game to replace Shaner's spot
on the outside was freshman
Haley Ford, as freshman mid­
fielder Courtney Rosen — who
is still battling the injury —
left the game.
The moves helped strength­
en a defense that Waldrum
felt gave up too many scoring
opportunities in the first half.
Shaner's headers kept Santa
Claire's air attack from reach­
ing the goal.
The moves also led to the first
Irish goal. With 26 minu­
tes left in action, Cinalli
clocked a ball from the center
of the box past the right
corner of the reach of
sophomore Santa Clara keep­
er Megan McCray.
Five minutes later, fresh­
man Michele Weissein­
hofer threaded a cross to an
exposed back post for the lunging leg
of Cinalli to redirect into the
net.
As early as the season is, I've liked this
team and compared it to the
'04 team," Waldrum
said.

Waldrum's Irish coach

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e. The Irish still have several
key contributors from the
2004 team that won it all in the
coach's sixth season at
the Irish helm, including
the senior anchors to the Irish
defense captain Kim
Lorenzen, Christie Shanel
and midfielder Jill Krivacek.
While Waldrum's experi­
ence and acumen should go
without saying, he's not
the only experienced Irish
manager on the sidelines.
His son, Irish assistant Ben
Waldrum, suggested moving
defender Amanda
Clark to the midfield as
part of the turnaround
second-half substitu­
tions in the middle of
the Irish defense.
"He suggested it and [assistant]
Dawn [Greathouse] agreed and so did I," the
elder Waldrum said. "That's
when it's good to have good
assistants.
Notre Dame also has a host
of younger players that have
won national and world
championships, like sopho­
more Carrie Daw, who
according to reports,
Waldrum has received from
Russia — is one of the best
center backs in the U-20
World Championships,
which has forced her and sopho­
mores Britta Rovell and
Brock to miss the first four games of the season.
Now that the two are back,
they present a
major challenge to Notre Dame's
championship chemistry — how
to incorporate two starters into a team
thriving without disrupting the
mojo that the Irish have
riddled to an early No. 1
national ranking.
In their absence freshmen
Michele Weissein­
hofer has been the Irish point-leader
with two goals and six
assists, playing alongside
weekend tournament MVP
Cinalli and sophomore Kerri
Hanks, whose 71 points
last year were second in the
nation.
As the Irish travel to Dallas
this weekend to face TCU and
SMU, Waldrum will find
the right equilibrium of
playing time to keep all his
weapons as sharp as possible.
A number of matches will
be played in search of the
right formula for success.
And with the SMU contest
scheduled for broadcast
on ESPN360, we will get to
watch the Irish continue
their work.

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column are those of The Observer.
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that we have to do [to get to] their level. It's going to take a little while, but we're going to get there.

Tara Enzweiler in a 3-2 loss to Missouri Saturday.

Santa Clara 3, Notre Dame 0
No. 6 Santa Clara swept Notre Dame Sunday behind 28 combined kills by sophomore Brittany Lowe and junior Annalisa Murature. The Broncos jumped out to an early 4-1 lead in game one and, after Notre Dame rallied to tie the score at six, went on an 11-2 run and coasted to the game victory.

Santa Clara got off to a similarly fast start in game two, taking a 5-2 lead. Notre Dame battled back, but never managed to tie the score and lost 30-23.

Game three saw the Broncos jump out to yet another early lead, this time 8-4. The Irish got within three at 23-18, but would never be that close again as Santa Clara took the game 30-23.

Missouri 3, Notre Dame 2
Notre Dame suffered its first loss of the season Saturday, a gut-wrenching 3-2 defeat to No. 13 Missouri. The Irish took a back-and-forth first game 30-28, with Notre Dame freshman Christina Kaelin providing the final point with a kill after the Tigers had pulled within one. Missouri took game two by the same score, scoring four straight points — three on attack errors by Notre Dame — after falling behind 28-26.

In game three, the two teams traded points until the Irish scored six straight points on freshman Jamal Nicholas' service to take a 13-8 lead and hold off a late Tiger run to win the game 30-27.

Game four was deadlocked 12-12 when Missouri stretched its lead to 18-13 behind senior Nicole Wilson's service. The Irish made a run, but the Tigers held on for a 30-27 game victory.

"Some of our decision making wasn't as good as it could have been, and we got ourselves in a hole," Brown said.

In the fifth and deciding 15-point game, Notre Dame led 14-13 and was serving, but Missouri senior Jessica VanderKooi recorded her 30th kill of the match to give the Tigers the victory.

Notre Dame 3, Idaho 1
The Irish won the first two games against Idaho Saturday afternoon and then recovered after blowing a lead in game three to beat the Vandals 3-1.

The Irish took game one 30-21, jumping out to a 12-4 lead and never looking back. Junior Adriana Stasiuk tallied four kills in the game.

The Vandals kept game two closer, trading points with Notre Dame before the Irish finally pulled away behind three straight points from junior Danielle Herndon's service and took the game 30-25.

Idaho recovered from an 11-6 deficit in game three, tying the game at 20 on a kill by sophomore Haley Larson and holding off the Irish for a 30-27 game victory.

Notre Dame reasserted control of the match in the fourth game, scoring seven straight points behind Herndon's service and coasting to a 30-15 win.

Notre Dame 3, Valparaiso 1
Led by 21 kills from Kaelin, Notre Dame beat Valparaiso 3-1 Friday in the first match of the Shamrock Invitational for the Irish.

Notre Dame won the first game 30-25, jumping out to a 10-3 lead before the Crusaders stormed back to within five at 21-17. The two teams went back and forth until Irish fresman Megan Pes recorded two straight kills to give Notre Dame the win in game one.

Valpo recovered from a three-point deficit to take the second game of the match, 30-27. After three straight kills by Kaelin put the Irish up 18-15, the Crusaders stormed back, taking the lead 27-26 on two straight aces by sophomore Brittany Marks and cruising to the victory from there.

Notre Dame found itself trailing 28-23 in the third game and in serious danger of falling behind 2-1, but the Irish rallied, using three straight kills from sophomore Justine Stremick and an error by the Crusaders to cut the lead to just one. Valpo junior Sara Hughes put her team back up by two, but a kill by Kaelin and another Crusader error tied the score at 29. The Irish won the next two points to finish off the game and take a 2-1.

After surrendering the lead, the Crusaders were momentarily shell-shocked, falling behind 10-3 early in game four. They fought back to tie it at 14, only to watch the Irish run away again and take the game 30-25 and the match 3-1.

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Outside hitter Mallorie Croal goes for a point against Missouri's Julianna Klein in a devastating 3-2 loss Saturday.

"Some of our decision making wasn't as good as it could have been, and we got ourselves in a hole."

Debbie Brown, Irish coach

Outside hitter Mallorie Croal, right, sets a ball for middle blocker Tara Enzweiler in a 3-2 loss to Missouri Saturday.

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**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

No. 1 Irish dominate powerhouse Santa Clara, shut out USC 5-1

By TIM DOUGHERTY and KHOREY

After sparking a second-half firestorm in Sunday's 3-1 win over Santa Clara (3-1) at Alumni Field, Notre Dame junior striker Amanda Cinalli may have helped her team keep a more important tight display — the one on top of Grace Hall.

Both teams entered the match with a No. 1 ranking this week by different polls, but the Irish had the high mark for second consecutive weekly ranking.

With his offensive outburst Sunday afternoon, Lapira was named the offensive MVP of the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic.

Led by senior forward Joseph Lapira and his four goals, No. 18 Notre Dame's offense erupted in a thrilling 5-4 win in overtime against No. 19 Indiana in Sunday's NCAA Tournament first-round showdown.

**Lapira**

It was only fitting that Lapira, who had already secured a hat trick for the day, would put the finishing touch on the game. Eight minutes into the first overtime, Lapira dribbled around a Hoosier defender and chipped the ball over Indiana goalkeeper Kevin Lovejoy in 1993. Lapira named the offensive MVP of the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Team gets 2 wins in tournament

No. 21 Notre Dame also falls twice to ranked opponents

By CHRIS KHOREY

Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown knows her young team has a lot to learn.

That became even more apparent this weekend as the No. 21 Irish went 2-2 at the Shamrock Invitational Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Joyce Center.

"We learned so much this weekend, and it's going to make us a better team," Brown said of her squad, which is almost half of which is freshmen.

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"It's very important to play good competition like this weekend," Brown said. "We have a lot of learn.

Middle blocker and freshman Tara Enzweller goes up against a Missouri opponent during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss Saturday.

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**MLB — NL**

Astros 2

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Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt takes a perfect game to the seventh inning to help the Astros beat the Mets.

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**Sports Writers**

CHRISt KHOREY

The magical formula to a national championship is as complicated as it is elusive.

So much so that only six different schools have won the NCAA Women's College Cup in its 25-year history, as North Carolina's patent protection of the secret blueprint has hoarded a mind-boggling 18 of those titles when it defeated Big East Irish rival Connecticut in the 2003 Cup championship. Like a handful of other programs, Notre Dame is looking to make up an elite club next weekend.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Clean sweep

By TIM DOUGHERTY and KHOREY

The Irish tie St. Louis, top Indiana in OT

Men's Soccer

Tournament has one tie, one 5-4 thriller

By GREG ARBOGAST

Led by junior forward Joseph Lapira and his four goals, No. 18 Notre Dame's offense erupted in a thrilling 5-4 win in overtime against unranked opponents.

It looked like overtime wouldn't be needed for the Irish, who held a 4-3 advantage late in the game. The referee, however, awarded the Hoosiers a penalty kick with only 11.7 seconds remaining when Indiana's Darren Yeagle only 11.7 seconds remaining.

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