**Women's 'Bouts' benefits charity**

Baraka Bouts held Friday; program grows in participation, funds raised

By CHRIS MASOUD
New Writer

After two grueling months of training and preparation, the lady Irish squared off in the ring Friday night in the annual Baraka Bouts boxing competition. Senior captain Lauren Cummings believes this year’s event will be setting precedents for years to come.

“We had more girls, more fundraising and more passion than ever,” Cummings said. “It’s a testament to the success of the program.”

Baraka Bouts, the female version of Bengal Bouts, raises money annually for the Holy Cross Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

**Students disheartened by Irish loss**

By NORA KENNEY
New Writer

As all teams know, winning and losing is part of the game, but it’s never easy to watch your favorite team lose and never easy for Notre Dame students to suffer through a loss in football.

And many students expressed their disappointment after Saturday night’s 17-0 loss to Boston College.

“I was depressed because I had higher expectations going into the game and I felt like we just played really poorly as a team,” sophomore Mackenzie Keller said.

Freshermmy Abby Plndo traveled to Boston for the game and to visit some friends. He was upset because Notre Dame did not have a ticket lottery, and he was forced to pretend he was a Boston College student, purchase a $150 ticket from a student, and sit in their student section.

For him, the game was especially frustrating.

“Having to sit in the student section was a rough experience. I was surrounded by 8,000 students and they weren’t happy about having me there,” he said.

He also commented on the behavior of the students around him.

“They ripped off some of our cheers, like they ripped off of the push-ups... They were generally saying [chants] like ‘Notre Dame sucks,’ chants like that,” he said. “It’s bad enough the team was losing, but to experience it at Boston College was a rough experience.”

**Ecuador visit provides medical aid**

Notre Dame students travel to country with Timmy Foundation over break

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
New Writer

Instead of using fall break to catch up on sleep, 11 students spent their break in Ecuador giving medical treatment to people without access to affordable health care.

Senior Megan Ryberczyk organized the trip through the Timmy Foundation, a medical service organization. The trip was unaffiliated with the University this year because the Foundation does not have a Notre Dame chapter, Ryberczyk said.

“I am trying to start a chapter here because the Foundation mainly

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By TESS CIVANTOS
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According to the website of the Office of the Provost, "It is presented annually to that member of the faculty who, in the opinion of a committee of former Madden Award winners, contributed most to the teaching of first-year stu-

**LeMans steam not dangerous**

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary’s Editor

Students living in and walking through LeMans the past few weeks have probably noticed a cloud of steam being released from a vent intermittently near the west entrance of LeMans Hall.

Junior Mary Ellen Toth, who saw the steam for the first time about a month ago when walking through LeMans, said she is not concerned with the cloud and no one she knew was.”

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Everwood memories

I made an amazing discovery yesterday. I am probably one of the few people in this country who deeply lamented the cancellation of The WB's dramedy Everwood about three years ago. Television is probably the extra-curricular activity I devote the most of my time to, which is a little sad for me, but very good for the box set industry. My box set collection remains incomplete, however.

I have Everwood season one, which came out slightly after the first season finale in 2003. The other three seasons have yet to appear on DVD, and could not be found online.

Until yesterday, that is. TheWB.com now has full episodes of its old, canceled shows — Everwood, Gilmore Girls, Jack and Jill, Boyfriends, and more — and makes for a great way to spend an hour, or three.

Unfortunately for me, there are only five episodes of Everwood, the critically-acclaimed tale of Dr. Andrew Brown and his misinformed parenting and free medical practice in a small mountain town in Colorado, up on the WB site as of now. I am so excited that more episodes are available online for my viewing pleasure. Because Everwood tops my list of series that were canceled far too early, but now, thanks to technology, can be watched right anytime, right on my laptop.

Other wonderful Web sites to bookmark: Hulu.com, SideReel.com which may or may not direct you to a stream almost entirely filled with yellow Chinese subtitles) and the trusty IMDb.com, which now offers full episodes of some shows.

So, if you're looking for a steady break, check out these two shows:
1. Everwood — This is one show my friends have always made fun of me for watching. Ephram Brown might be one of the most angst-ridden teenagers in ever-groan prime-time network television. It's very well acted, and the story lines, though a little off the wall sometimes, are very real heart-warming. It featured the woman who positively narrates our world to the professor who could not name a really rare name at all.
2. Arrested Development — This is probably a given, but Arrested Development is the funniest show you've never watched on television. This show carries the complete series, which, fortunately is also available in box set form.

Each episode is 20 or so minutes of absurdity, wholly gratuito and extremely enjoyable. Not to be missed. The Mrs. Peabody episodes (“It was the exact same plot as Mrs. Doubtfire.”). The scenes of O.J. smooching Pat out there (don't) have their other favorite moments.

Maybe a later column will describe other great shows you can watch for free online. That column depends on how much actual work I decide to accomplish.

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INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DOG SHOULD PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA CHOOSE AND WHY?

Jorge Romero Andry Masak Caitlin Hildebrand Shannon Brown M.C. O'Donnell

"Golden Retriever because he could totally be the first dog." "Snoop Dogg 'cause he's the one and only 'D' - 'O' is 'double 'G'." "Wishbone because he's good at solving problems." "A Husky 'cause they're the bomb." "He shouldn't get a dog."
Judge to speak on prosecution
Lecture to address human rights during and after Chile dictatorship

Special to The Observer

Juan Guzmán Tapia, the Chilean judge known around the world for indicting Augusto Pinochet, will present a lecture titled “Human Rights During and After Chile’s Dictatorship” Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center at Notre Dame.

Co-sponsored by Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies and Center for Human Rights, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Currently director of the Center for Human Rights at the Universidad Central de Chile, Guzmán will speak about his prosecution of Pinochet after he was appointed in 1998 to investigate charges against the former dictator and his murderous regime.

A film on the confrontation between Guzmán and Pinochet will set the stage for Guzmán’s lecture. “The Judge and the General,” which follows the twists and turns of the efforts of Guzmán and others to overcome Pinochet’s immunity and get to trial, will be shown Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m., also in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

The screening is free and open to the public.

For Guzmán, a man who says that his investigations “opened the eyes of [this] soul,” there is one clear choice: “A wounded country needs to know the truth.”

The screening is a collaboration with the award-winning PBS documentary series P.O.V., the Kellogg Institute and the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

On Sept. 11, 1973, Pinochet seized power from Chile’s democratically elected president, Salvador Allende. Thousands of Chileans were tortured, killed or disappeared in the coup aftermath; the Pinochet regime lasted 17 years.

A conservative judge, Guzmán — who had supported the coup — took his job as investigator seriously, pressing ahead with the case despite intense social and political pressure to desist. Guzmán’s memoir has been a bestseller in Chile, which continues to vigorously debate the period.

“The Judge and the General” follows two of Guzmán’s investigations. One is the killing of a young sociology professor during the “caravan of death,” when Pinochet’s right-hand man, General Sergio Arrellano Stark, flew in a helicopter from town to town, listing the names of those to be executed.

The second involves a law student and political activist who disappeared, whose mother was forced to lead Pinochet’s secret police to her daughter’s hiding place in order to save her granddaughter’s life.

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University of Chicago, where Kopko liked to go and work out.

But Kopko never joined in on those basketball games. “I don’t usually play pickup there because it’s more 30 or 40 years my junior picking up and just having fun,” Kopko said.

“But he’s played there and I remember seeing him there playing. He’s got a really nice jump shot. I know he’s got a good jump shot and is a decent player.”

The night Obama won his U.S. Senate seat in 2004, garnering 70 percent of the vote, Kopko said the neighborhood became a frenzy with people trying to catch a glimpse of Obama, who was eating dinner at his house that night.

“The night he got elected, she said there was chaos in the neighborhood, all trying to get as close as they could but with all the security, they couldn’t get within a block,” Kopko said.

Kopko said the neighborhood is being handled by such a landslide for Senate, they were saying he had such momentum that he could possibly in four years be running for re-election, but nobody gave it too much serious thought, Kopko said. “It’s politics; you can’t really make a choice,” Kopko said.

Kopko said it was hard to believe someone so young and actually become president, but he said it started to hit home for him after Obama won his first primary in Iowa.

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Educational Missions in East Africa, she said. Last year, over $9,000 in proceeds from the competition were used to build a boys’ dormitory in Jinja, Uganda, said Cummings. The year before, $4,500 was raised to build a girls’ dormitory, she said.

Baraka Bouts derives its name from the Swahili word for ‘bouts,’ a constant reminder of the program’s mission for the lady boxers, Cummings said.

“Our motivation is really hard to put into words,” boxer Kia Johnson said. “It’s so much more than just personal satisfaction, it’s a responsibility.”

The 60 competitors began a punishing workout routine in September, and have been training for three hours a day, six days a week since junior captain Kristin Burke said.

“During a typical routine we alternate between jumping jacks, sit-ups, and pushups for the first hour,” Burke said. “The second hour we work on the fundamentals of boxing and the third hour we spar.”

Baraka Bouts has a special meaning for Burke, who said her father was a three-time Bengal Bouts champion back in the 1970s.

“I knew I had to continue the boxing legacy when I came to Notre Dame,” Burke said. “I was inspired by my father, who was a three-time champion in the 1970s, and I knew that I needed to continue his legacy.”

As Obama’s prospects of becoming president increased, so did the security at his house.

When he was starting to get momentum against Hillary Clinton, you couldn’t get near the house without roadblocks, Kopko said. “There are roadblocks all over the place now. It’s ridiculous. You can’t walk through his street without an escort. You can’t drive through there.

“When he first started running in the primaries, Secret Service was everywhere. You’d see Secret Service with sub­urbans on either end of the street,” Kopko said. “There were other suburbs on either end of the street, but he was there because the Secret Service was involved, Secret Service was very influential.”

The security can be a hassle for the neighborhood, Kopko said. “It’s a hassle. It’s just that he can’t be there because when he’s there, it’s just kind of cool because you can say ‘hey, here’s this president is a neighbor of yours.’”

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of the building, said it looked "like a bomb had exploded inside." "There was a lot of steam coming from the pipes," Toth said. "From a distance it sounds like a low rumble, but when you come inside you can really hear and feel it."

The white steam, which reached a temperature of 110 degrees, Nov. 1 and continued throughout the week, was accompanied by a loud sound which can be heard both in Beinecke Lounge, just inside the residence hall lobby, and outside the building. Said Toth, "We need to explore the possibility of Facilities Hill Hambling The Observer that while the steam is coming from the pipes, it probably looked like it was just normal steam, which was dying out in the residence hall's heating system relief valve."

Hambling said the relief valve is functioning as it should, but it needs to be constantly monitored and adjusted. The pipes are not set up for force outside change from warm to cold rapidly because the temperature affects the heating demands from LeMans. "We are monitoring it daily and reporting any number of alterations," he said.

Hambling also said there have been steam issues with the Central Utility Plant at the College that have been rectified as well. David Toth, the College's heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanic, will be periodically checking the valves at LeMans to make sure they are continuing to work properly, Hambling said.

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ents. Nominations are submitted by first-year students and first-year returning students.

In 2000, McKenna was also awarded the Kanor Teaching Award for exceptional teaching of undergraduates, according to the University's Web site.

His lecture will be delivered in the style of Professor Randy Panush of Carnegie Mellon University. When Panush discovered he was dying of pancreatic cancer, he delivered a "last lecture." The lecture, also published as a book, became a worldwide sensation and was later turned into the "last lecture" practical.

The Last Lecture series is not new to Notre Dame. Notre Dame featured a previous Last Lecture series in 2000-2001. The current series was part of the campaign platform for student senator Bob Heid and student body vice president Laura Dietzen, C'09.

"We partly modeled our series off of the 2002 series," Schmidt said. The trio of friends are both Panush enthusiasts and are knowledgeable about his story of Randy Panush, and the concept of a last lecture was really intriguing to them.

The Last Lectures will go beyond infusing a lower or idea, he said. "This is a very unique lecture. It's more of a professor's vision. It carries a deeper meaning."

Schmidt said. "It's an informal way of talking about his career, discussing relationships."

These lectures will be present in a similar manner as Panush's lecture was. "It's the last opportunity to really convey one message to students," Schmidt said. The lectures will be more causal and conversational than a class lecture, he said. "It's more off-the-cuff," Schmidt said. "It's a personal, interactive, fireside lecture."

The series will continue throughout the school year. "We'll probably do four of these," Schmidt said. Beid's and Schmidt's Web site, boxandgrant.com, contains a description of The Last Lecture series as they envisioned it while running office.

"Think of your favorite professors or those professors your friends constantly claim are amazing. Think of those professors whose classes are extremely entertaining and you're only sad to get to the end of the semester because of what seemed like a great "Dart time," the Web site said. "Now imagine these teachers into a classroom and telling them only they have one more lecture. What would they say? This is the exact promise of our proposed Last Lecture Series — bringing on prominent U.S. professors into the classroom to talk about whatever they'd say if it were their last lecture."

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has college chapters," she said. "The student chapters have three tasks, to advocate, fundraise and serve.

The campus chapters are given a partner organization, and the students involved in the club educate their peers about the community they are serving, fundraise for the community and then travel to the country to do a service project, Rybarczyk said. "The major thing is to educate people so they hold educational events about the language, culture and needs of the people in the community they are serving, and foster a global perspective about things, especially with health care in other countries," she said.

Rybarczyk said the trip was a "real run" for the prospective club. She said she found interested students, and they had informational meetings and paid for the service trip themselves.

Toth approved the chapter, the group would be able to educate and raise money for campus for a yearly trip to serve the University's partner organization, she said.

"We probably wouldn't be able to have all the trips paid for by Notre Dame, we would be able to use facilities to have fundraisers, and we could have access to some of the grants and things Notre Dame offers for travels like this," Rybarczyk said.

On the service trip, the students set up medical brigades where people were treated for health problems in four bars in Ecuador. Rybarczyk said the brigade consisted of a triage section where the patient history and vital signs are taken, a consultation center where the patient met with a medical professional for a diagnosis and a pharmacy where the patients get the medicine they need, she said.

"The people there are absolutely incredible," Rybarczyk said. "I have worked as a medical assistant here in the U.S. and patients wait for five or ten minutes and they are上诉, but in Ecuador, we had people who would get there early, wait for along time and never com­plain.

Rybarczyk said the students were able to get hands-on experience working in a medical setting and learning about a different country.

"We were involved in all aspects," she said. "We had people translating, taking vital signs and patient histories. We had people playing with kids, administering flu shots to kids and helping out in the pharmacy."

The group also helped start a program to move from using a form of patient records to electronic charts, Rybarczyk said.

Rybarczyk said a major goal of the Timmy Foundation is education so the students had the opportunity to partake in several cultural events.

"We had multiple discussions called charlas with community members and leaders of different neighborhoods," she said. "We talked about our everyday life, politics, a lot of things."

The group also saw an Andean ballet and went on a tour of the colonial center in Quito, the Capital, she said.

Rybarczyk said the service trip draws mostly pre-med students because it is a good way to gain experience in the field without having to live in another country over a summer or semester.

"I know a lot of people can't take the whole summer; this way you get to be involved all year round with education and then go for a week and experience it," she said.

Rybarczyk said the students who participated in the trip will talk about their experiences Thursday in the Lyons Hall chapel.

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Dr. Charles Dietzen, founder of the Timmy Foundation, is shown with an Ecuadorian child during a recent trip to the country.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paloma destroys homes in Cuba

CARIBBEAN — Hurricane Paloma was blamed for a powerful sea surge from Hurricane Paloma that destroyed hundreds of homes along Cuba’s southern coast, but the storm rapidly weakened into a tropical depression Sunday as it move inland.

Early damage reports were limited, but state media said the late-season storm topped a number of communications, interrupted electricity and phone service and sent water a mile (112 kilometers) inland, ravaging a coastal community near where it made landfall.

No immediate deaths were immediately reported.

Eight killed after bombing in Iraq

BAGHDAD — Bombs killed at least eight people Sunday in Iraq, and wounded dozens of others, officials said. Syria’s president blamed the U.S. military presence for Iraq’s instability and called on U.S. troops to leave.

In a northeastern city of Mosul, a roadside bomb ripped through an Iraqi army patrol soon after sundown, killing three soldiers and wounding five others, police said.

U.S. and Iraqi troops have been fighting for months to clear al-Qaida in Iraq and Ahmed, one of three largest and longest studies of these supplements has found.

Vitamin E, no help for heart disease

NEW ORLEANS — Vitamins C and E — pills taken by millions of Americans — do nothing to prevent heart disease in men, one of the largest and longest studies of these supplements has found.

Vitamin E even appeared to raise the risk of bleeding strokes, a danger seen in at least one earlier study.

Besides questioning whether vitamins help, “we have to worry about potential harm,” said Barbara Howard, a nutrition scientist at MediStar Research Institute of Haystville, Md.

LOCAL NEWS

Immigration rate on the rise

MUNICE, Ind. — Despite some parents’ concerns that health officials want their children to get too many vaccine shots too soon, Indiana’s immunization rate is on the rise.

According to the Department of Health, 94 percent of public schools and 68 percent of private schools reported complete immunization data for the 2007-2008 school year — an improvement from the previous year.

Sue Goebel, a nurse with the Delaware County Health Department, said a growing number of children are getting the department’s free shots during its Shots for ‘Loes clinic.

ELECTION 2008

New England votes challenge GOP

Two Republican senators remain from the New England States after 2008 elections

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A generation ago the Republican Party was the dominant political force in New England, populating the region’s delegations with moderates like Connecticut’s Lowell P. Weicker Jr. and Rhode Island’s John Chafee.

But today GOP, led by a more socially conservative wing of the party, is finding votes harder to come by.

Voters on Tuesday cast out Connecticut’s veteran Rep. Chris Shays, the last New England Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sen. John Suttomo was voted out in New Hampshire, leading to state that-state’s Judith Gregg and Maine’s Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe as the only Republicans among the region’s 12 senators.

Shays’ loss to former Goldman Sachs banker Jim Himes marks the first time since 1969 that southeastern Connecticut will be represented by a Democrat in the House.

“I feel that we were going to win this, I really did,” Shays told supporters.

“Feeling that we were so good to them, we were so nice to them. But they were deciding they were going to go to the other,” he said.

New England’s decision to “go the other way” in recent elections is a dramatic transformation for a region considered a Republican stronghold a generation ago.

The Republican Party and New England have long history together.

At their first presidential convention, in 1856, Republicans nominated then governor John C. Fremont on a platform of abolishing slavery in the territories — a widely held view in the North.

While Fremont lost, he carried 11 Northern states.

Later, Abraham Lincoln captured the presidency by winning 18 Northern states.

By the late 1940s, Republicans held 21 of 28 of New England’s seats in the House of Representatives.

The turning point came in 1964.

Republicans nominated conservative Barry Goldwater for president, said Gary Rose, a political science professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Known for being fiscally conservative but more socially liberal, Northeast moderates — dubbed the Rockefeller Republicans after the former New York governor — started to be eclipsed by the more socially conservative wing of the party.

The "eastern establishment got weaker and weaker," Rose said.

"Today, there’s really no eastern establishment to speak of ...

Chafee’s son, Lincoln was appointed to the Senate in 1999 after his father’s death and was elected in 2000 to a six-year term. A moderate like his father, Chafee was the only Republican in the Senate to vote against authorizing the use of force in Iraq. But he was defeated by a Democrat in 2006.

That same year, Reps. Nancy Johnson and Rob Simmons of Connecticut also were defeated by Democrats, buoyed by anti-Iraq-war and anti-President Bush sentiment.

“There is no longer, to speak of, a moderate voice within the party," Rose said.

"It’s a party that’s becoming more narrow and there’s really no sense of compromise within the party." Jennifer Donahue, political director of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College, said she believes the GOP can still come back, at least in independent-minded New Hampshire where the state motto is “Live Free or Die.”

RUSSIA

20 killed, 21 injured in submarine

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The fire safety system on a brand-new Russian nuclear submarine accidentally turned on as the sub was being tested in the Sea of Japan, spewing a gas that suffocated 20 people and sent 21 others to the hospital, officials said Sunday.

The Russian Navy said the submarine itself was not damaged in Saturday’s accident and returned to its base on Russia’s Pacific coast under its own power Sunday.

The accident also did not pose any radiation danger, the navy said.

Yet it was Russia’s worst naval accident since torpedo explosions sank another nuclear-powered submarine, the Kursk, in the Barents Sea in 2000, killing all 118 sailors aboard.

Overcrowding may have been a significant factor on Saturday.

The submarine being tested had 208 people aboard, including 81 sailors, according to Russian navy spokesman Capt. Igor Sinyag. Yet Russian news agencies said a sub of this type normally carries only a crew of 73.

"A submarine is the most vulnerable during trials. With both navy and civilian personnel on board, it’s very difficult to keep such a large number of people organized," Gennady Illarionov, a retired submarine officer, told the RIA Novosti news agency.

The victims suffocated after the submarine’s fire-extinguishing system released Freon gas, said Vladimir Markin, an official with Russia’s top investigative agency. He said forensic tests found Freon in the victims’ lungs.

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Palin: Anonymous critics are ‘cowards’

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin denounced anonym­ous criticisms leveled at her by former John McCain aides as lies, including allegations that Republican lawyers were trav­eling to Alaska to reclaim her high-priced wardrobe and that she didn’t know Africa was a continent.

"Those accounts are not true," the former Republican vice presidential candidate said in her first public comments on the matter since the election Tuesday.

Palin returned Friday to her Anchorage governor’s office and said she had no immediate plans to build on her newfound national name-recognition and popularity with the Republican base for a possible 2012 presi­dential run.

Instead, Palin said, she wanted only to get back to the gover­nor’s desk to advance a pro­posed pipeline tapping Alaska’s vast North Slope natural gas reserves and to prepare Alaska’s proposed 2010 budget.

As for the vice presidential campaign, Palin denounced campaign aides as "cowards." She said she found it frustrating trying to respond to false allegations when she didn’t know who was making them.

"It’s ridiculous," she told reporters. "You guys report based on anonymous sources, so it’s hard to have a defense.

"One report said she and her family went on a shopping spree, spending more than the $150,000 in clothing that the Republican National Committee had earlier reported.

"The RNC purchased clothes," Palin said.

"These are the RNC’s clothes. They’re not my clothes. I never forced anybody to buy anything. I never asked for anything more than maybe a Diet Dr Pepper once in a while."
SMC SWIMMING

Belles earn first MIAA victory against Alma

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's underclassmen put on an impressive performance Saturday as the Belles defeated Alma College 167-104, their first conference win of this young season. A trio of Belles ended the day with three first-place finishes.

Saint Mary's went 1-2-3 in the 200-yard breaststroke, as senior Andrew Deters in the first-place spot with a time of 2:07.05, followed by second to junior Lindsey Nelis in 2:08.14, and third to junior Sara Niemann with a time of 2:09.05. "All in all, I'm pleased with the team's performance," Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski said.

Along with the stellar individual performances by the Belles, they also were solid as a team, attaining the top three spots in two different events. In the 1,000-yard freestyle, Cavadini finished first with a time of 11:15.50, followed by freshman Barbara Beidler and sophomore Anna Franz, who finished with times of 12:12.14 and 14:13.22, respectively. Then, in the 200-yard freestyle, Saint Mary's took the 200-backstroke, with a time of 1:52.79. Sullivan narrowly edged Irish junior Andrew Deters in the 400-IM, winning by a half-second.

The Notre Dame women will not compete for nearly a month until they head to the Ohio State Invitational from Dec. 5-7. The men return to action Saturday in a tri-meet at Cleveland State against the Vikings and Flyers.

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ND SWIMMING

Women win, men fall against Purdue

By MIKE GODTHER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's teams experienced mixed results on Saturday when they faced Purdue. While the men were able to defeat their in-state rival, the women could not pull off the upset against the Boilermakers.

The No. 24 women's team remained perfect at home with a 189-111 win at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish won all but three events in the meet, as Notre Dame lost its first event in its home pool when Purdue's Allie Smith took first place in the 100-yard backstroke. "We were tired after our hardest week of training at this point of the season," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "The purpose of this meet was to race tough, and we did it."

Irish sophomore Samantha Maxwell and freshman Gwen Bygrave got the Irish off to a combined 26 points with their sweeps of the 100 and 200-breaststroke. Sophomores Amywren Miller and Katie Casey both contributed sweeps of their own as Miller won both the 50 and 100-freestyle and Casey won the 100 and 200-butterfly. Senior Casey Wagner earned nine points for the Irish with her win in the 1000-freestyle.

On the other side, the Notre Dame men came up short against the No. 16 Boilermakers with a 187-108 loss. Purdue freshman Olympian David Beadlin headlined the Boilermakers win as he set two pool records with his wins in the 3-meter and 1-meter diving events.

Despite the loss, Irish coach Tim Welsh still saw positives from the Notre Dame loss. "Congratulations to Purdue. They've been on the road for two days and swam great (Friday at Northwestern) and again (Saturday). They're a very good team and they earned it," Welsh said. "Our improvements are hard to see from the stands, but during this serious training phase we're going through we're seeing signs that our best swimmers still lie ahead."

Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan took first place finishes in the 200-backstroke and 400-individual medley. Sullivan took the 200-backstroke with a time of 1:52.79. Sullivan narrowly edged Irish junior Andrew Deters in the 400-IM, winning by a half-second.

The Notre Dame women will not compete for nearly a month until they head to the Ohio State Invitational from Dec. 5-7. The men return to action Saturday in a tri-meet at Cleveland State against the Vikings and Flyers.

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moved as she attacked, while McMullen stood flat-footed, exhausted to defend the punches. Kirby won in a unanimous decision.

Tanya "B-girl Replin" Barrios def. K.C. Lagelskamp 11-2-2008

In an active fight, both Barrios, a sophomore, and Johnson were trading swings. Three times within the first 90 seconds, the two met and produced to confounding flurry of fists.

The first round was a feeler, exhausting as the first, but Barrios still managed to land numerous punches, including a few powerful hooks. Entering the second round in an even fight, it seemed clear that Barrios desired the win at any cost. She bulldozed Johnson around the ring for the majority of the round, but Johnson was nonetheless able to land enough punches to keep it interesting.

In a true moment of sportsmanship, Barrios had to leave the ring for a time out to attend to her dog that was embroiled in the middle of the ring before the referee had even ended the round.

Barrios won by split decision.

Emily "ATM" Kolbus def. Kelly "Fearsome" Pierson 11-2-2008

With Pierson being the third round in an even fight, it seemed that Kolbus had thrown her left and right hooks at Johnson's left eye. Kolbus left her corner more eager to start. Kolbus delivered four punches through two rounds, leaving Pierson's corner to seem to stir, and this early lead carried through to the end.

At the second round the first punch for Pierson left her corner for the start of the second. Barangie left her corner with a calm and nonchalant expression. Kolbus working Pierson's ribsage at the bell.

By the third round, Kolbus was out of gas, but Pierson was in desperate need of the victory, convincing third round, Pierson was unable to score enough points to move to the final round by claiming a split-decision victory.


First punch was truly a clash of styles. Sheridan's left hook off the bat was the strength in the first round. Sheridan was able to deliver numerous shots, allowing no position to Hagelskamp's head while Hagelskamp could not reach her.

In the second round, Hagelskamp was in a sacrificing position to try to strike Sheridan. Hagelskamp dropped her head nice and low, hoping that Sheridan would attack her attacking her body.

Early in the third round, Sheridan sent Hagelskamp to the canvas with a left hook to the head, the first knockdown of the entire night, making the remainder of the contest by bloody Sheridan's nose.

In the end, Sheridan won via unanimous decision.


It took two seconds for these two office-senior classmates to get rolling, as the first round consisted of few, ineffective punches. In the second round, Koors went to work, opening with an onslaught of punches to Hunt's body and then her head. Hunt tried to recover, but Koors claimed the rest of the round and continued her own with a series of adept jabs right before the bell.

Koors needed her points in the third round, and did what she could, but when a big right hook missed Koors entirely, the end seemed inevitable.

Koors won by split decision.

"Mighty" Michelle Notardonato def. Jessica "Black" Olivas 11-2-2008

The eighth fight of the Bout was the first to feature a true body-pressuring bout. From the start, Notardonato worked Olivas' body. Having finally escaped the body blow, Olivas threw a roundhouse right hook seconds before the bell, but Notardonato ducked the punch and went back to Olivas' body.

In the second round, Notardonato again ducked an Olivas right hook. However, the exchange was largely marred by inactivity as both competitors appeared to save energy for the main event.

Olivas performed well in the body line held off Notardonato's head, while Notardonato continued to work Olivas' body as she did the whole fight. Despite the severe body damage Olivas was unable to capitalize on Notardonato's vulnerability when Notardonato attacked her body. Instead of punching Notardonato off. Olivas would push her off, and fall to garner points.

Notardonato was victorious in a unanimous decision.

Kristin "The Little One" Burke def. Cheli "Chain Breaker" Santoro 11-2-2008

Burke opened this fight with a flurry, landing innumerable shots at Santoro in the first round. Eventually, Gallegos began blocking the punches, but she did not attempt a counter, so Burke simply continued.

In the second round, Gallegos began throwing a few punches, but Santoro was able to keep her at bay. She hurtled, but most were blocked, giving her a win by split decision.


From the beginning of the third round, the underdog, Muller, came out throwing. Regardless of a bloody nose, Muller battled this fight all the way around, and cornered Hoffman to secure her split-decision victory.

Cara "Boomer" Norton def. Amy "The Leading Lady" Richards 11-2-2008

Norton was able to force Libardi onto the ropes offering a series of combos. Libardi had to save energy, but was able to swing and missed which the judges made a split-decision victory.

Maureen "The Mongrel" Koegel def. Salda "I'm a pro, You're a Khan" 11-2-2008

The match-up was demonstrative of excellent blocking from both boxes. Few hits were successfully delivered in the first round. By the second round, the girls both sacrificed their blocking abilities and the fight got more intense. Koegel, a sophomore from Pasquerilla East threw a strong right power that caused Khan's lip to start bleeding profusely.

In the third round, Koegel stood out as the more agile counterpuncher as Khan looked dazed. Koegel went back for the mouth just before the bell to end the fight. Koegel won by unanimous decision.


Szekja threw the first hard hit of the fight with a left hook across Ahn's cheek, which Ahn was later able to recuperate with a combo hit, hitting Szekja at the back of the head. Early in the second round Ahn, a senior from McGinn, was unable to maintain her balance and fell a second, a McGinn sophomore, aggressively charged her into the ropes. Ahn gut her second wind in the latter half of the second round, but was unable to keep it throughout the third round as Szekja really stood her ground with a few solid punches.

Szekja was proclaimed the winner by a unanimous decision.

Juliana Hoffelder def. Laura "Mafia" Pasquerilla 11-2-2008

Hoffelder, a junior from Cavanaugh, had the obvious upper hand throughout the first round on most of her

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solidarity

November 16, 2008

The Spirit of Inclusion

"Strangers and Sojourners no longer" (Ephesians 2:19)

"We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community. "We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish. "We prize the uniqueness of all persons as God's creatures."

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Copies of the entire statement of the Spirit of Inclusion will be available following all Masses on November 15-16, 2008.
China announces stimulus package

$586 billion spent in an attempt to remedy financial crisis

Associated Press

BEIJING — China announced a $586 billion stimulus package Sunday in its biggest move to stave off the global financial crisis from hitting the world's fourth-largest economy.

A statement on the government's Web site said China's Cabinet had approved a plan to invest the amount in infrastructure and social welfare by the end of 2010.

Some of the money will come from Beijing's port and road upgrading projects. But the statement did not say how much of the spending is to be on new projects and how much is to be on projects already in the pipeline that might be speeded up.

China's export-driven economy is starting to feel the impact of the economic slowdown in the United States and Europe, and the government has already cut key interest rates three times in less than two months in a bid to spur economic expansion.

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Post-election hope

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petition to distract us any longer. Welcome to Reality Gray and

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our realities is not what you say, it's how

you see it. (Thanks, Dad), or

the Austrian, "Der Ton macht die Musik." (The tone makes the music).

I am unfortunately not in America to see the reaction first hand, so I've

been relying on word of mouth and online newspapers. Thank goodness for

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necessarily those of The Observer.
For the past three years I have talked with Notre Dame workers about their jobs, their lives and their hopes for the future. Stories of family, friends and community often turn into a discussion on paychecks, benefits and respect in the workplace. The workers on our campus are some of the most dedicated, loving people I have ever met. But they are too often denied a voice at our University and they fear that speaking out will result in punishment.

After years of organizing with workers through the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) I have come to see that wages are only one of many concerns for workers at our University. The lack of respect, the feeling of isolation in a place that prides itself on community and a culture of fear in the workplace are all concerns I consistently hear from workers.

I have come to see that the rights of workers to organize a union on campus.

Michael Angelo
off-campus
Nov. 7

‘Pro-life’ not only for abortion

Being truly “pro-life” involves far more than simply opposing abortion. Consider the case of former Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. To increase the Romanian population, he banned abortion, but his despotic regime became infamous for its egregious human rights abuses. Ceausescu’s secret police dealt brutally with suspected political dissidents and his lavish lifestyle belied the sheer destitution which afflicted most of his country’s citizens. I can’t imagine that any person would argue that Ceausescu’s opposition to abortion was inconsistent with his tyrannical regime or that he ruled in accordance with Catholic moral precepts.

Clearly, a leader’s antipathy for abortion does not necessarily override the considerations of other issues. During the 2004 presidential election, George Bush received the pro-life vote simply because his party traditionally condemns abortion. Although Bush claimed to be “pro-life,” he continued to fight an unnecessary war, his response to the Katrina disaster was inadequate, and his administration has been replete with suspicious political decisions and his lavish lifestyle belied the sheer destitution which afflicted most of his country’s citizens. I can’t imagine that any person would argue that Ceausescu’s opposition to abortion was inconsistent with his tyrannical regime or that he ruled in accordance with Catholic moral precepts.

Additionally, that line of reasoning would free the Republican party from nearly all accountability on its other policies and would stand the issues of clear rights, he said: “A situation in which we find that the legally protected rights of workers are infringed upon is unacceptable at the University.” We, as the University community, must hold our administrators to their words. We must allow for a free, fair and open dialogue about the rights of workers to organize a union on campus.

As a member of CLAP, I ask all the members of the Notre Dame community to support our University workers. Our community must be a place free from fear where all members are able to speak up. You can support workers by signing a Union Support Card which recognizes their rights as Notre Dame workers to form a union. Cards can be found by contacting any CLAP member. Together we can show that Notre Dame will not be a place of fear and that an union is welcome here.

Colin Littlefield
St. Edward's Hall
Nov. 5

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S WEEKLY MUSIC SCENE

RELIVING THE "GLORY," 13 YEARS LATER

ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK

Sonic Wave

Many have written of Oasis off as simply a copycat band, but once you listen to "Morning Glory," you understand their quffeness.

A personal favorite is "Some Might Say," a song with ingenuous guitar chords and simple yet insightful lyrics, "Some might say that sunshine follows thunder but you ain’t got nothin’ who cannot shine/ Some might say that we should never ponder on our thoughts today ’cause we will lose all over time."

Another favorite is "Don’t Look Back in Anger," a song that can very easily be mistaken for a Beatles hit with its adept sense of timing and lead vocals. According to Pops and Scratches, a music news site, even Noel, the elder brother Gallagher, principal songwriter, lead guitarist, backing vocalist, and lead vocalist on "Don’t Look Back in Anger," admitted in his Manchester snatch, "It reminds me of a cross between "All the Young Dudes" and summat the Beatles might’ve done.

The CD’s closing track, "Champagne Supernova," lasted four minutes. The mellow indie rock sound of Gem’s "To Be Where There’s Life" without the hypnotic effect, while "Aint Got Nothing" has that same noise sonic sound as "Aladdin Sane" with the same psychedelic feel and Indian raga hypnosis with Steve Albini’s producer's law," while Andy Bell writes a classic rock-like piece, "The Nature of Reality," which takes influences from Jimi Hendrix in the guitar chords.

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The lyrics are about a simple desire for unity and forgiveness, and a hope to maintain friendships that might be lost as people’s values change. The quality of Oasis’ music was often overshadowed by disputes between the brothers Gallagher, Liam and Noel, and frequent comparisons to the Beatles, but their 1995 album "What’s the Story Morning Glory?" not only helped to bring Oasis to wider fame but also established them as not only a best-selling band but also iconic figures in music, with a signature sound that has lasted for over a decade.

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Geese Egg

Boston College shuts out Notre Dame's offense to take home sixth consecutive win in rivalry

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

BOSTON — During his Wednesday press conference, Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said he wanted to go to Boston College and "kick their teeth in."

But after Saturday's 17-0 loss to Boston College, the Irish may want to make an appointment with their dentist.

The loss marked Notre Dame's first shutout since USC blanked the Irish 38-0 at Notre Dame on Oct. 20, 2007. It also marked a step backward for a Notre Dame offense that had all but erased memories of such ugly losses from last season.

Notre Dame sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for 232 yards and four of Notre Dame's five interceptions, including one that was returned 76 yards for a touchdown by Eagles defensive back Paul Anderson, as Notre Dame's mistake-prone offense failed to mount a significant threat against Boston College's defense. Never once did Notre Dame snap the ball inside the red zone. Notre Dame had just 66 yards rushing, with sophomore running back Armandino Allen leading the way with just 24 yards on six carries.

Weis attributed the offense's ineffectiveness to trying to do much once Notre Dame fell behind.

"I think everyone was trying to make plays that weren't there to be made and we started forcing the issue and that led to an inconsistent night across the board," Weis said.

Notre Dame did not make Clausen available for comment after the game.

The Irish committed five turnovers in all. The fifth came when Golden Tate muffed a punt early in the third quarter. The fumble was recovered by Boston College lineman Brad Newman to set up a Boston College touchdown - a nine-yard pass from Eagles quarterback Montel Harris to wide receiver Brandon Robinson - a turn of events from which Notre Dame couldn't recover.

"There was a deflating point in the game and that was early in the thirs quarter where we fumbled a punt after gaining three-and-out and you could feel the air being punched out of a balloon, let out of their sails at that time," Weis said.

Notre Dame actually out-gained Boston College 426 yards to 409 yards, with 246 and held Eagles quarterback Chris Crane to just 79 yards through the air on 9-for-22 passing. But Boston College running back Montel Harris had 120 yards and 23 carries, 74 of those coming in the second half when Boston College seemed content to run the ball and not risk a turnover through the air.

Crane finished with nine carries for 43 yards.

"The defense put out a winning performance," Weis said. "Unfortunately that's only one-third of the composition of the team."

Crane added: "If we needed to step on the accelerator we would have, but that point never really presented itself because we always had good field position and we didn't want to put the defense in a bad hole."

Notre Dame's opening drive was an omen of things to come for the Irish in the first half. The Irish were penalized twice, one for a 15-yard chop block, and had to punt.

"Early in the first quarter, we put ourselves into some very bad down and distance situations with some penalties in the first quarter," Weis said. "When they called a chop block, we got into no ebb and flow in the first quarter."

The rest of the half didn't go much better for Notre Dame. Clausen threw two interceptions, and the unit had just 121 total yards. The offensive line had a chop block, false start, and two holding penalties called against it. Notre Dame's best chance to score was on its final drive of the half.

With time winding down, Clausen drove the Irish to Boston College's 25-yard line. A holding penalty on Dan Wenger derailed the Irish back 10 yards and the Clausens, trying to get the ball to receiver Golden Tate down the sideline, threw his second interception.

But for as bad as Notre Dame played offensively in the first half, the Irish were still only down 10-0 going into the locker room. Three times during the half, Boston College began drives inside Notre Dame territory and on each of those drives, the Eagles did not score. One drive ended with a missed 34-yard field goal from kicker Steve Aponavicius that hit the left upright. The others ended in punts.

Notre Dame's defense allowed just three points in the half, a 27-yard field goal from Aponavicius late in the first quarter.

Fortunately, while we're in no ebb and flow on offense, the defense is gutting it out, which they really did throughout the entire night," Weis said.

But Notre Dame cold never mount a sustained drive in the second half. Notre Dame failed to convert on fourth down inside Boston College territory late in the third quarter. On fourth-and-six from the 41-yard line, Clausen found Allen on a swing pass, but Allen was tackled before he could reach the first down marker.

Clausen's third interception came early in the fourth quarter with Notre Dame driving again. On first-and-10 from the Boston College 27-yard line, Clausen overthrew tight end Kyle Rudolph in the end zone and was intercepted by Eagles safety Paul Anderson.

After that interception, the game was in little doubt.

"I'm not taking anything away from BC's defense and [Boston College defensive coordinator] Frank Spaziani is a good coach and they played well and I commend them for that," Weis said. "But still at the end of the day, to pitch a goose egg is unacceptable."

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player of the game
Montel Harris
Rushing back
Harris ran for 120 yards on 23 carries and was a workhorse for the Eagles down the stretch.

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Turnovers for the Notre Dame offense. Four of which were interceptions from Clausen.

play of the game
Paul Anderson's 75-yard interception return for a touchdown
The impressive runback from the senior safety gave the Eagles a 10-0 lead and they never looked back.

quote of the game
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Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Clausen takes big step back

With just over 10 minutes left in the third quarter, Chris Crane threw his best pass of the game to put the Eagles up 17-0. Statistically, Notre Dame was still very much in the game at that point. They had 25 minutes to make a big play and turn things around. Mentally, Weis and his boys were already in the locker room. It looked like Crane had just shot the team puppy. The entire sideline was dead and they stayed that way for the remainder of the game.

Weis said after the game that the drive, which was prolonged by a fumble punt, was "deflating." You could feel like the air being punched out of the balloon at that time," Weis said.

The drive was clearly a dagger, but the balloon was popped a long time before the second half started. Maybe it was the tough loss to Pittsburgh, or a long week of hard practices or the memory of five straight depressing losses to the Eagles, but for whatever reason the Irish were flat from the opening kickoff.

Leading the way for the Sulkin' Irish was quarterback Jimmy Clausen. Clausen's body language was negative all night long and it clearly hurt his performance.

No. 7 looked much more like the true freshman who took his first field against Michigan last year than the developing field general who threw for three straight 300-plus yard games earlier this season.

Things went sour early, starting on the second drive of the game. Clausen was hit late and the penalty resulted in a first down at the 42-yard line. The next three plays were mistakes. On first down, he fired a low bullet over the field that was tipped twice by Eagle defenders. On second down he tried to hit freshman Michael Floyd on a 10-yard comeback route. The pass was fine, but Floyd ran a fade. Then on third down, Clausen overlooked an open Kyle Rudolph and threw an incomplete deep ball.

A few minutes later, he tried twice in a row to force the ball to Rudolph despite having other open options. The first time it fell incomplete, the second time he wasn't so lucky. The throw sailed high and Paul Anderson took it 76 yards in the opposite direction in what turned out to be the biggest play of the game.

No. 7 went on to throw three more picks, including twice when the Irish were threatening to score.

Four interceptions -- a career high for the sophomore -- was bad, but it didn't stop there. The chemistry that seemed to be building between the quarterback and his young stud receivers was non-existent in Boston. There were at least four occasions when a receiver ran one route and Clausen made a throw that looked like he was expecting something different. Those passes are usually pre-snap reads depending on what the defense lines up in, so it's tough to tell exactly who was at fault each time unless you can find out what was going on in the play.

In Weis' postgame press conference he said that Boston College running was a fairly simple soft zone defense throughout most of the game. In Clausen's postgame press conference, the tall and absolute nothing. Unfortunately, for the first time this year, Jimmy wasn't available after the game.

At this stage Clausen has as much experience as most quarterbacks playing college football. He has had two years as a starter and is old enough to face the music. We hear a lot about Jimmy's maturation process and learning to take the bad with the good as much as a part of that process as anything else.

Last year Clausen was given far too many poor performances because of a Notre Dame rule that does not allow freshman to speak to the media. This time around there is no such good excuse for his absence. The more he has to face his problems head on, the more he will be able to improve and move beyond them. It's tough to say exactly who was behind that decision, but it was another bad one to add to the list.

Overall, this game should serve as a wake-up call that Clausen still has plenty of room to grow. There will be plenty of fans shouting for Weis' head on a platter. I'm sure there will be some pleas for Evan Sharpley or true freshman Dayne Crist to take over at the helm. Clausen has earned his place as a starter on the team and is definitely the future of Notre Dame's success as a football team, but he still has some growing to do.

Clausen has the skills to do the job but it was very clear against the Eagles that he needs to learn to keep his emotions in check and turn things around. Each time he joins the ranks of Notre Damegrens.

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Crucial penalties sink Notre Dame

By DAN MURPHY

BOSTON — It took only two plays from scrimmage before Notre Dame made its first mistake. The Irish were called for a 15-yard chop block penalty, which started a trend of big penalties killing drives before they got started.

The chop block negated a 13-yard reception by freshman receiver Michael Floyd and pushed the offense back in a second-and-20 situation from the 17-yard line.

Two plays later, the Irish were hit with illegal procedure penalty and were eventually forced to punt the ball from the 16.

"Early in the first quarter we put ourselves in some very bad and distance situations with some penalties," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "We got in no ebb and flow in the first quarter.

Referees hit the Irish with four penalties in the first quarter for a total of 38 yards. Notre Dame's offense racked up only 28 yards on its 11 plays in the quarter.

The third Notre Dame penalty also put the Irish in the hole they needed to dig themselves out of early. Golden Tate had almost half of his 22-yard kick return negated because of a holding call with just under two minutes remaining in the quarter. The hold set the starting point back to the 14-yard line.

"The penalties were a big factor, it put us in a lot of long yard situations and a couple times stopped those drives," Irish tackle Sam Young said.

On the very next play Notre Dame lost another solid run when freshman Kyle Rudolph was called for a hold. Three plays later the Irish punted again.

"It's frustrating. I had two of them and it's just inexcusable. I take responsibility for that and we just have to learn and get better," Young said.

Both drives gave Boston College the ball inside Notre Dame territory to start their drive. Neither drive resulted in points for the Eagles, but eventually the penalties caught up to them.

With time running out in the first half, Notre Dame appeared to be moving down field on a route to at least tying the game. On a first-and-10 from the 25-yard line Armando Allen caught a pass out of the backfield and scampered 17 yards before being shoved out of bounds.

It wouldn't stand. Irish center Dan Wenger was called for holding on the play causing another 27 yard swing in favor of the Eagles. The very next play Clausen tried to force a pass into coverage and Boston College safety Paul Anderson picked it off.

"I felt that the team on offense was just pressing to try to make a play most of the rest of the night," Weis said.

The Irish were only flagged once in the entire second half, but by that time the damage had been done.

Penalties were an indicator of the mental mistakes that cost Notre Dame the game.

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Irish sophomore Golden Tate is brought down by a pair of Eagle defenders after hauling in one of his six catches on Saturday at Alumni Field.

Jagodzinski uses spite to motivate team

By CHRIS HINE

During Boston College's first team meeting to discuss Notre Dame last week, Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski had a question for his players:

"I asked how many guys were recruited, visited and offered by Notre Dame. There were no hands that went up," Jagodzinski said. "I told these guys that they may not be good enough to be recruited by Notre Dame but they're sure damn good enough to play at Boston College.

Coming up empty-handed

The Irish failed to score on the first drive of the game for the first time in their last four games. Boston College scored first, making 13 in his career at Notre Dame when a team scores first. In four quarters of down Weis era: Notre Dame is now 16-1 under Weis when it

allows 19 points or fewer, 5-14 when it allows an opponent's running back to rush for 100 yards, 7-10 when the defense came off of a loss and 4-15 when trailing at halftime.

Getting blocked

For the second week in a row, punter Eric Maust got his hand on some heavy pressure, but if he would've stepped the other way, there was pressure coming from that side as well, Weis said. "Tonight, there was a guy who, he didn't blow the protection, he just got the right by. So therefore, you blow the protection and turn one free."

Raindrops were falling on their heads

During Saturday's game, there were on and off rain showers, including some heavy rainfall just before kickoff.

But Weis said that the weather had nothing to do with the struggles that Notre Dame had on offense.

"It was pretty nice out there tonight," Weis said. "The weather wasn't a factor. There was really no excuse for that."

Mending the offense

Weis started to do damage control even before the game was over on Saturday. Late in the game, Weis gathered his defense around and accentuated the positive with them and said he would need to focus most of his efforts on the offensive side of the ball this week in practice.

"There's two minutes to go in the game and the first defense is out and I brought the first defense over and I said, 'Hey, fellas, unless you pitched a shutout tonight, we're losing this game.' So I just went over all the positive elements they played on defense," Weis said.

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Another Boston Massacre

Not much went right for Notre Dame, as the Irish lost their sixth straight game to Boston College and were shut out by the Eagles for the first time in the rivalry’s history. The Irish moved the ball early but were unable to score, and the Eagles struck first on a field goal late in the first quarter. Notre Dame was driving again midway through the second quarter, but Boston College’s Paul Anderson turned the game around, intercepting Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen and returning it 76 yards for a score and a 10-0 lead.

Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate finished with 199 yards of total offense, including 133 on returns, but his muffed punt led to the game’s only offensive touchdown — a nine-yard strike from Chrl Crane to Brandon Robinson early in the third quarter. The offense could never mount a comeback despite outgaining Boston College 292-246, as Clausen was picked four times and the offense committed six penalties for 58 yards. Eagles freshman running back Montel Harris ran for 120 yards, becoming the fifth player to gain at least 100 yards against the Irish this season.
"It's the first video game you can play with your butt!"

Or so rambunctious cartoon bunnies would have you believe. I was greeted with this advertisement for the Wii release, "Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party," at my most recent trip to the theater. My first response was shock; my next awe. My final reaction was shock; my laughter and disgust, its inception, I do not have any mental deficiencies to speak of. Therefore, I can only conclude that this demonic cartoon ad does indeed exist. And, unfortunately, I also must accept, with gasps of simultaneous laughter and disgust, its claim that it is possible to play video games with your butt.

Though I'm genetically inclined to embellish, even I lack the sick genius it takes to make up something like this. Furthermore, in case you were skeptical after my introduction, I do not have any mental deficiencies to speak of. Therefore, I can only conclude that this demonic cartoon ad does indeed exist. And, unfortunately, I also must accept, with gasps of simultaneous laughter and disgust, its claim that it is possible to play video games with your butt.

After recovering from such an immediate shock to my conscience, I come back to the phrase, "Oh God, won't somebody please think of the children?" (Old school "Simpsons" references, anyone?). Because apparently someone needs to. Those "raving rabbids" aren't, and I guess the current toy industry isn't so concerned with children's psychological or social well-being.

Seriously, what is this video game priming kids to do? First, they start playing video games with their butts more than they interact with other kids. Then what? Will those same little kids grow up to be alarmingly comfortable with their butts? Or will they grow up with a complete lack of social awareness, which has its own mixed bag of trauma and drama?

It's not just this video game, though. Think seriously about the toys, children's movies, and even children's clothing that are painfully common. Bratz dolls, for one, basically have unnaturally (and unhealthy) skinny bodies, with grossly oversized heads. Their eyes rival those of cartoon aliens.

I'm not 100 percent sure what the message to children is here. I guess it's trying to damage body image as early as possible, as if movies and magazines won't accomplish that goal soon enough. Or perhaps the makers of Bratz are obsessive supporters of unnecesssarily big hair, and the only way to represent this in their product is to triple the size of a proportionately sized head. Either way, these factors don't seem to add up to a healthy, well-adjusted image for children that will only get worse with time.

And as far as children's movies go, I have to speculate that they've run out of cute, endearing human stories. They may have even run out of cute, endearing animals-with-human-attributes stories. Now it seems that aliens, robots, monsters, vegetables, and some species that is 80 percent android, 10 percent protein, and 10 percent commercialized "rocker" have become the new childhood heroes. Cinderella, Robin Hood, Captain Planet, The Simpsons and Sesame Street were my heroes. The princess regained her independence from her horrid stepfamily and won her prince. The medieval fox hero (the Disney version, of course) robbed the rich to feed the poor. That blue guy with green hair brought together environmentally friendly children to save mother earth. And Big Bird chatted me up about kindergarten social skills, grammar, and math.

And while all these films and shows have their own bag of psychologically scaring material, and maybe I'm idealizing them because they were part of my childhood, I do firmly believe that any of the aforementioned childhood heroes could totally kick Hannah Montana, Wall-E, Veggie Tales, Stitch, etc. butt. Cinderella, Robin Hood, Captain Planet and Big Bird could probably defeat those crazy, rambunctious cartoon bunnies. I would even venture to say that in a throw down where the competition was to play a video game with your butt, my favorite old-school characters would still win.

Even if they did find it to be a tasteless and socially awkward display.

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**NFC**

Jets earn biggest win in team history vs. Rams

Collins throws two TD passes as Titans stay undefeated; Colts keep playoff hopes alive against Steelers

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre hung out on the New York Jets sideline after calling it an early day, relishing a rout that was unlike any other in franchise history.

"It's proof positive of what this team is capable of being," Favre said.

The dominant Jets took advantage of every mistake by the St. Louis Rams, making their 47-3 rout Sunday look more like a scrimmage than an NFL game. They planned to celebrate for at least a few hours before they started preparing for their biggest matchup at New England on Thursday night.

"We only had about 5 minutes to really think about it," coach Eric Mangini said. "It's New England. It's a tough game, a conference opponent and it's always a tough environment up there."

The Jets (6-1) certainly made things tough for the Rams (2-7) at the Meadowlands. Thorne Jones had three touchdown runs, Jay Feely kicked four field goals — including a franchise-record-tying 55-yarder — and the Jets converted five turnovers into 27 points.

Their previous biggest win was 45-3 over Loko that," Feely said.

That was unlike any AFC team in recent memory.

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"It was absolutely dominant for the entire fourth quarter. We didn't give the Rams anything. We just went out and dominated them, and we didn't allow them to make any plays," Favre said.

"They certainly are tough to get second time in three weeks despite leading 20-17 on Jeff Beed's 24-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter. They were beaten by Eli Manning's Giants 21-14 on Oct. 26, again after a fourth-quarter comeback.

The Steelers had a chance to win at the end, but Roethlisberger's pass into the end zone on the final play was intercepted by Melvin Bullitt.

The final matchup between the AFC teams since Pittsburgh's stunning 40-17 win over the top-seeded Jets in the AFC divisional playoff in January 2006 — Indianapolis was a big favorite to win the Super Bowl — followed the pattern of that game as the Steelers opened an early double-digit lead, then tried to hold on.

In this one, a lucky tip and Roethlisberger's hardy try to get to play points when Pittsburgh wasn't in position to win in the 1st half helped get the Jets back into the game after Pittsburgh led 7-0 and 17-7. All three of Roethlisberger's interceptions were pivotal.

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The Boston Celtics showed the Detroit Pistons that Allen Iverson may not be the answer for them. Tony Allen scored 12 of his 23 points in the pivotal second quarter, lifting Boston to an 88-76 win over Detroit on Sunday night.

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Tony Parker out for a month due to ankle injury

Tony Parker joined the list of NBA players out with ankle injuries this season. Parker, who had been cleared to return from a sprained left ankle earlier this month, has been ruled out of Monday's game against the Portland Trail Blazers with a sprained right ankle.

Iverson disappoints in Detroit

Ray Allen had 17 points, Kevin Garnett scored eight on 4-of-15 shooting and Paul Pierce added seven on 3-of-10 shooting. Rajon Rondo scored 13 points and Eddie House had eight points as one of four reserves with at least six points for the Celtics.

Detroit's Tajuan Thomas had 23 points and eight rebounds. Rasheed Wallace had 10 points on 4-of-17 shooting and 11 rebounds.

Richard Hamilton, who was 0-for-8, scored just three points on free throws.
Irish dominate in win over Rutgers

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame earned its biggest win of the 25-point era Sunday, beating Rutgers 25-8 in the final game to close out a 3-4 (25-13, 25-16, 25-8) victory Sunday. The 38-point total margin of victory was the largest for the Irish in 13-12, 8-4 Big East this season, leaving a single-point margin over West Virginia on Oct. 11.

The win moved the Irish to fifth in the Big East with only two games remaining on their schedule. Notre Dame will take on conference leader St. John's and fourth-place Connecticut next weekend at the Joyce Center in a series that will be crucial to Notre Dame's Big East tournament seeding.

Earlier in the week, Irish coach Debbie Brown said she wanted her team to hold opponents to lower hitting percentages, and Notre Dame did just that Sunday. The Scarlet Knights posted a paltry .174 percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Notre Dame held DePaul to a .110 clip in 2005.

On the other side of the net, the Irish received a balanced effort, with four players tallying six or more kills. Sophomore middle blocker Kellee Sciaccia and junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips had seven each, and junior outside hitter Christina Kardin and senior middle blocker Justine Stremick chipped in on six spares.

Junior setter Jamiel Nicholas added 27 assists. Stremick led the Irish with a .500 hitting percentage, with Notre Dame hitting .287 as a team.

Rutgers appeared to be ready to give the Irish a fight early in the match, cutting a 5-0 Notre Dame lead to 11-8 before the Irish ripped off a 7-0 run to put the game away.

The second game was also close early, but junior outside hitter Megan Fest delivered an ace and, later, the final kill of the set to give Notre Dame the win.

The Scarlet Knights won the first point of the final set but didn't get much after that. The Irish reeled off runs of 4-0, 7-0 and 5-0 to earn the blowout win. The Irish made no errors and posted a .414 hitting percentage in the final set.

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Men’s Tennis

Helgeson falls in second round

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After winning his opening round match in three sets at the ITA National Indoors, senior Brett Helgeson fell to East Tennessee State’s Enrique Olivares, 7-5, 7-5.

"The best thing about his appearance there is the opportunity to play some of the country’s best players," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Thus securing a strong national ranking and increasing his NCAA status."

While Helgeson was at the ITA National Indoors, the rest of the team was participating in the William and Mary Invitational, rounding out the fall season.

Sophomores Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl flipped, as each player at No. 1 and No. 2 singles over the weekend. The pair combined for 10 singles wins this weekend, and along with freshman Casey Watt, made the all-tournament team.

Sophomore Tyler Davis played at No. 3 singles, earning a singles win over William and Mary’s Sebastian Vidal 6-3, 6-2, but dropping a match to College of Charleston’s Michael Boyer.

At No. 4 singles, Davis Anderson beat Joe Nicalazzi of the College of Charleston. Davis, also playing at No. 4 singles, earned a pair of wins as well.

Freshman Niall Fitzgerald earned a victory over Ila Grone of William and Mary at No. 5 singles. Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson round¬ed out singles action of day one with victories in flight six.

At No. 1 doubles, Davis and Watt won on day one to William and Mary 8-6. Anderson teamed with Sean Tan to lose their No. 2 doubles match while Havens and Johnson rounded out the doubles action for the day with an 8-2 victory.

Davis earned a victory Maryland’s Bori Pehroty by a score of 6-3, 6-3. Anderson picked up a victory in flight four over another player from Maryland.

"I expect great things from this core group as they mature," Bayliss said. "The key for this year is how fast that maturation takes place and how resilient they will be in a brutally difficult sched¬ule. We are putting great young leadership from guys like Tyler Davis and Stahl, who has come on very well so far. David Anderson has grown into a stronger role this year as he has learned to assume more responsibility."

Watt picked up a victory in flight five over Alex Aksanov of Maryland. Fitzgerald rounded out singles action with a victory over Roshan Pottanazha.

Davis also went 1-1 in flight two over Kent Schleiss of William and Mary the first with Watt for the loss and Havens for the victory.

The Irish earned two doubles victories in flight two with the teams of Tan and Anderson, and senior Santiago Montoya and Johnson.

The Irish earned two more victories in flight three with the teams of Johnson and Havens, and Fitzgerald and Tan.

Davis picked up another singles victory in flight three on day three of the Tribe Invitational. In flight six, both Fitzgerald and Tan earned victories.

Montoya and Johnson combined for a doubles victory. Watt and Fitzgerald earned for another doubles win, while Tan and Anderson rounded out the Irish fall’s double action with a win.

The Irish finished with a record of 32-7 record at the Invitational. Next the Irish will host Pepperdine on Jan. 16.

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Notre Dame’s Nov. 2 loss to Marquette.

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throws, which continued into the second round as well. Her opponent, Smith, a McClm sophmore, proved she had long last reflexes in the second round, as she improved on dodging Hoffelder’s throws. But the third round became conclusive as Hoffelder was still able to tirelessly follow through on all her shots, but faced losing as the referee called for her striking. Smith looked dazed towards the end, but was still able to raise a few before the bell. Hoffelder won the match by unanimous decision.

Brooke “Bananarama’ Bonnette def. Colleen “The Hurricane’ Hum

Bonnette came out fighting with a pair of intense right power punches directly to Hum’s face. Hum, was able to touch Bonnette’s chin a few times, but the inability to fully follow through, caused little damage to Bonnette. In the second round, Hum came out far more aggressive than the first time, and she had a few last right-hand­ ed shots that might have tipped the fight in her favor. But without lasting blows, from Bonnette shifted the judge’s opinion, as they declared Bonnette the unanimous vic­tor.

Jenny “The Dahminator” Dahn def. Mary “Ice Box” Jenkins

At the sound of the opening bell, Jenkins threw a left hook, followed by a right hook, throwing combination punch­es right and left. Jenkins was focused on dodging the punches to the body, eventually recovering in the last 20 sec­onds of the first round with a few quick jabs. Dahn and Jenkins both focused on punches to the head in the second, with a few solid jabs to the body by Jenkins. Dahn, forcing Jenkins on the defensive once again, set the tone in the third with a great uppercut. In the end, Jenkins was declared the winner in a unanimous deci­sion.

Chrisy “Magic Two” Nyap er def. Kayri “California Wildfire” Olinger

Sophomore Chrissy Nyap er’s two quick jabs to Kayri Olinger’s face in the first round gave the decision. A bloody nose that just would not stop bleeding. However, Olinger stuck it out, taking a few hard hits and even deliv­ering a strong uppercut into Nyap er’s stomach.

The fight was called after the second round due to the nosebleed, and Nyap er was given the victory.

Sara “The Terra ... Riza” Farias def. Sarah “My Real Name Is Lii-Wayne” Layne

A physical fight: Farias defeated Layne by unanimous decision in a battle of sen­iors.

“Training hard, getting strong and fighting with your heart is what I will always do,” Farias said about this experience, “Farias won.

This fight was one that was played out with a lot of heart from both members of the senior class.

The fight opened with Farias on the ropes, taking multiple jabs to the head from Layne. Farias moved on to the ropes, resulting from that point, caused Layne to lose her balance twice.

Farias threw strong punches in the second round, with an uppercut to Farias’ stomach by Layne, and a left hook to Layne’s head from Farias. In the third, Farias and Layne continued to hit hard with punches to the head.

“Baraka Bouts is by far the most physically intense sport I have ever participated in,” Farias said. “To take it all in and fight in the end regardless of the result, is an amaz­ing, worthwhile experience that not everyone can say they have had.”


McNeill took this bout by unanimous decision, setting the tone from the opening bell with an uppercut to Kratz’s face. Kratz returned with a right hook to McNeill’s head to end the first round.

The second round put McNeill on the offensive with three quick jabs to the face from Kratz. However, with two consecutive face jabs and a right hook to end the round, McNeill was able to take the fight.

Lauren “Live Responsibly” Corona def. Kyleyn “Make it Rain” Fontaine

Corona made good use of the combination from the start of the first round, and her controlled fighting tech­nique was very strong through the solid punches. Fontaine said strong through the second with some great jabs to Corona’s head.

But she came out with continuous punches straight to the head in the third round, putting Fontaine on the defensive.

Corona won the fight by unanimous decision.

“By the end of the third round, I was ridiculously exhausted, the last 30 sec­onds were the longest I have ever had, but having my hand raised at the end by the ref was so cool,” Farias said.

Holly “Hackaws” Hin def. Kim “Quick Feet” Hickey

Hickey hit out the tone for this bout with a right hook to sophomore Hickey’s face to fire up the opening bell. Hickey returned with a strong uppercut, but was soon forced against the ropes in the second round.

The third yield a strong left hook from Hinz, and con­tinued jabs to the stomach from Hickey.

Hinz was declared the vict­or by unanimous decision.

“Being my first year, I was prepared and ready for­ous, but once I was in the ring and the adrenaline got going, I fight went by really fast and I had so much fun,” Hinz said. “It was great being able to win my fight with all my friends cheering me on.

Meghan “Hard Rock” Ryan def. Nicole “Meatball” Murdy

Ryan dominated the first round scoring a few jabs up against Murdy up against the ropes. Ryan scored again in the second with three straight jabs to the head, but Murdy was able to end the round with a great right hook.

Ryan returned to the ring to face the second round. Ryan returned with the 1-2- combination and put Murdy in the corner.

Ryan took the bout by unanimous decision.

“Bloody” Mary Beauclair def. Emily “La Dona” Martinez

Florida opening bell, jun­ior Beauclair came out strong, with continuous face jabs just landing on the offensive.

In the second round, Martinez knocked down Beauclair in the last two sec­onds, receiving some hard jabs to her torso from Ross.

The third yielded a left hook from Pike and continu­ous jabs from Ross.

However, it was Pike’s hand that was raised in the end, and she took the bout by split decision.

Anna “Thunda Punch” Dwyer def. Molly “The Peaches” McCarthy

Sophomore Dwyer took the last few rounds victorious, by unanimous decision.

Dwyer began the first round and eventually set the tone by ropes by McCarthy, a junior, but came back in the second and continued to continue to McCarthy’s face.

In the third, McCarthy returned with a left hook, but Dwyer had some solid out of the round, body, eventually giving her the win.

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several big stops from Irish goalie Jordan Pearce. Boston College power play found a way to sneak one by him on a one-timer six min­utes into the third period.

“I think once you get into a rhythm, you start to feel more comfortable and feel the puck coming off you,” Pearce said. "You just play your best in the biggest games and this obviously was a big game for us.”

The senior from Anchorage, Alaska, had 21 goals and 27 saves on 28 shots against one of the best offensive teams in the country. Prior to Friday night, the Eagles were averaging four goals per game.

“I thought he played his A-game. It was important for him to play against a team of this caliber and I really have nothing but appreciation for him,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “He was the difference-maker tonight.”

Just over a minute after Brandt scored from the power-play, regular play resumed. Defensemen Brett Blatchford started the play with a blast from the blueline. Kevin Kissel got a stick on the rebound and turned it back to Hanson finally slid it past the goal line and then turned to the Boston College bench to celebrate.

“A was a really fun with all night, chanting obscenities. So to score that goal and have it go in with him was really nice,” Hanson said.

This was Notre Dame’s 11th special teams tally on the season. The Irish were 1-for-7 overall on the power-play against the Eagles. More importantly, they stopped a dangerous Boston College power-play scoring on eight attempts.

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great, and there were a lot of times where you would go in and try to stand somebody up, or put in a tackle and you're losing your footing and there was a lot more contact because of that," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

But the weather conditions weren't the only thing that turned the game into a physical contest. As the No. 1 team in the country, the Irish have no worries about the NCAA tournament, but that wasn't the case for Connecticut. A win in the Big East championship would have guaranteed Huskies a tournament berth, and it was clear they weren't going down without a fight.

"We run into a Connecticut team that really had to win, and win the tournament to get into the NCAA," Waldrum said. "They're throwing everything out there, they're on their last leg — it was their last hope. We run into a team that had an awful lot of fight in them."

LaBbe led the Huskies fight by ruining Notre Dame's many attempts to take the early lead. The senior keeper had her strongest season for Connecticut running off a summer as a reserve for the Canadian Olympic team.

And that experience helped her team all the way to the Big East finals.

"If Labbe is a big reason why Connecticut made it all the way through to the final," Waldrum said. "She had a really good tourna- ment, a great game against West Virginia and she was very good against us."

And teams usually turn to their strongest goal scorers to test a keeper like Labbe, but stars Kerri Hanks and Brittany Bock remained sidelined with injuries. Hanks strained her MCL in Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Cincinnati in the Big East quarter-finals, and Bock hurt her knee in a 2-0 win over Marquette in the semifinals.

"You don't ever want to play without two players who are probably arguably two of the best players in the country, so it certainly hurts not having them on the field," Waldrum said. "But I think the one thing that we've always talked about this year, even with the team, is depth, we've done nothing but speak about our depth. I just felt like trying to put them out there when they're not 100 percent is not fair to them and their health."

And the Irish showed their depth throughout the tournament. Weisenhofer and Taylor Knaack tallied the two goals in the win over Marquette, and even without Hanks and Hanke, Henderson was able to give the Irish the golden goal they needed to secure the championship.

Now it's on to the NCAA tournament, as seedings will be determined later today.

Notes:
◆ In an awards ceremony Tuesday night, Kerri LaBbe was named Big East offensive player of the year. Carrie Dew was named Big East defensive player of the year and Melissa Henderson was named Big East rookie of the year. Irish coach Randy Waldrum was also named Big East coach of the year.

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for a goal kick, but fellow defender Matt Berser managed to head the ball back across the six-yard box. Morrow was there to deliver a stinging ball volley, but Cardinals keeper Andre Boudreauts deflected the shot out for a corner kick.

The Irish held a 7-4 advantage in shots and a 3-0 edge in corners in the first half, but the teams entered the locker room deadlocked at zero.

The second half saw Notre Dame cashing in the same wind that had blown back many potential Cardinals' counterattacks in the first half. Clark said the wind affected his team's play early in the second half.

"The only mistake we made for a little while was we tried to kick the ball into the wind," Clark said. "We had to get the ball down and play. Once we got down and still played, we looked as though we could make chances."

The Irish did create multiple chances on the ground, but ironically enough, their loan goal came off a ball into the teeth of the wind. With 10 minutes remaining, freshman defender Aaron Maund clipped a high floating ball from midfield towards the 18-yard box. Sophomore forward Jelb Broyvas managed to flick the ball into fellow striker Bright Black's path. Senior controlled the bounding ball and made no mistake sending a thunderous strike past Boudreauts from the top of the box.

"To be fair, the big fella had a pretty average game, but it's just as you're thinking what he's doing that he hits a shot and makes a goal," Clark said of Zike. "And that's the big thing for a striker. The big man's always on to score a goal, and in a big game in a tournament, that's what it's all about."

The Irish went into defensive mode for the final 10 minutes, and they managed to largely neutralize the Cardinals attack.

With under a minute to play, however, Louisville received a free kick 30 yards from goal. The ensuing play brought shades of a hockey team pulling their goalie as Boudreauts sprinted up the field to support his team's last attack, but Notre Dame managed to clear the cross to close out the game.

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The shots began to fall for Notre Dame, as they normally do.

The Irish shot 20-for-35 in the second half. "I thought we did a better job from the Briar Cliff game, to this game of not being frustrated when the offense wasn't going well," Irish coach Mike Brey said after the game, referring to Notre Dame's first exhibition win, a 103-64 win over Briar Cliff. "And I think that's why we were able to start the second half in a pretty good rhythm

offensively and make some shots and move the ball a little bit better."

Irish forward and preseason All-American Luke Harangody had 21 points and 10 rebounds while Jackson added 15 points, seven rebounds, two assists and no turnovers.

The Irish came out in the second half and quickly put the game away. Notre Dame went on an 18-7 run that featured a little bit of everything — a jumper and layup from Jackson and 3-pointers from senior guard Kyle McAlarney, who finished with nine points, and senior forward Luke Zeller, who finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. The run put Notre Dame up 47-31.

Following a media timeout with 14:16 left, the Irish steadily pulled away over the next 10 minutes, outscoring Stonehill 22-10 in that stretch.

"I feel like we played well defensively and that's really what we really wanted to focus on," Jackson said. "And the second half, our offense, it came."

Notre Dame officially begins regular-season play against USC Upstate Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center. Wednesday is national signing day, when Brey is expected to sign four recruits — guard Joey Brooks and forwards Jack Cooley, Tom Knight and Andrew Young.

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ND Women’s Soccer

Nearing perfection

Henderson’s goal gives top-ranked Notre Dame Big East championship, keeps undefeated hopes alive

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

It was a slick battle, and far from the clean, smooth, familiar game of Irish soccer. But even in the snow and rain, freshman Melissa Henderson was able to clinch the 1-0 win over Connecticut and the Big East title in the first period of overtime.

With under four minutes left in the first overtime period of a scoreless draw, junior Michelle Weissnhofer drilled a shot at Huskies goalkeeper Stephanie Lahr, but Lahr was unable to win control and Henderson put the rebound away.

Irish basketball wasn’t as lucky, however, as the Irish men’s team went down in overtime to Seton Hall, losing 64-61.

Irish freshman forward Melissa Henderson puts home the game-winning goal in the 81st minute of Notre Dame’s 1-0 Big East championship win over Connecticut Sunday.

BARAKA BOUTS

Nearly 60 participate in annual women’s boxing event

By DOUGLAS FARMER, MOLLY SAMMON and LIZA NAVARRO
Sports Writers


Angle opened the match much stronger than Stanley, using the nickname of namesake from McNamara on her heels from the start with a few nifty combinations. Neither fighter attempted any attack on the body in the first round.

The second round saw the fight slow down quite a bit, as neither fighter was able to land a punch without being countered with an equal one.

In the third round, Angle, a sophomore from Howard, landed multiple punches on Stanley without any retaliation. Toward the end of the fight, the two battlers traded punch-for-exhausted-punch. Angle prevailed in a split decision.

The two fighters went punch-for-punch in the third and final round. Coe’s fans surrounded her out of the four sides of the ring, and they all seemed to rise for the conclusion.

Coe was victorious by unanimous decision.

The conditions Saturday night were indicative of the pending winter weather.

The Irish knocked off No. 2 Boston College and Providence College. Regan got started right away for No. 12 Notre Dame by drawing first blood against the Eagles Friday night.

Linebacker Justin White chirped a pass interference penalty on Regan who got behind the Boston College defender and fired a shot into the top glove-side corner.

The Eagles rallied with some heavy pressure and fired up a sold-out Kelley Rink. After

Men’s Basketball

Irish run away with victory

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Irish guard Tony Jackson said it was just “one of those halves” when nothing seemed to go in for Notre Dame in its 79-47 exhibition win over Stonehill Sunday.

The Irish missed multiple layups and ended the half 12-for-32 shooting from the floor and only held a five-point halftime lead. But the Irish had the right remedy for their problem — a little laughter.

“We got to the basket, it just didn’t go in. Like a lid was on top of the basket,” Jackson said. “It was kind of funny to us. We kind of just laughed it off.”

And in the second half, the lid was raised from the basket and

Men’s Soccer

Dike’s golden goal lifts ND in Big East tourney

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

“The conditions Saturday night signaled much more than the impending winter weather. They highlighted that NCAA tournament play is just around the corner, and No. 11 Notre Dame appears to be rounding into form at just the right time.

Amidst brutal conditions, the Irish knocked off No. 23 Louisville 1-0 Saturday night at Alumni Field to advance to the Big East tournament semifinals. After a midseason swoon in which Notre Dame went 3-4-1, the Irish have righted the ship with consecutive victories over Georgetown, West Virginia and now Louisville.

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