Students crushed after brutal defeat

Campus shocked after Michigan stages late comeback against favored Fighting Irish

By BRIAN METZ
News Writer

The Golden Dome doesn't shine any less bright after Saturday's defeat, but you wouldn't know that talking with Irish students. After a tough 38-34 loss at the hands of rival Michigan, Notre Dame students feel the gloom associated with being upset. "Shock. Complete shock," junior Sarah Horman said. "The entire game I was convinced we were going to win. It was obviously upsetting." To many students, the loss was especially hard to stomach considering the extraordinary play of the Irish offense.

"Armando Allen played the best I've ever seen," senior John Yerkes said. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for over 300 yards and three touchdowns, while running back Armando Allen rushed for 139 yards and all-score. The offense played out of its mind, and that's what made it tough. We were in position to win that game," freshman Michael McCarty said. McCarty, who made the trip to Ann Arbor, was upset by the game's final plays but attributed the loss to missed opportunities, simple mistakes and bad luck. "In the end, as well as we

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ROTC remembers terrorist attacks of 9/11

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
News Editor

The men and women of Notre Dame's Navy and Army ROTC programs gathered in front of the Sacred Heart Fr. Peter Rocca said. "We offer a prayer on behalf of the victims and the families are needier this year. We've kept the same standards for how we allocate aid. It's still all based on need," Brown said. "It's just that families are needier this year."

College increases financial aid

Economy forces SMC to allocate more money for needy students

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

Pressures from the economic downturn have increased the demand for financial aid around the country, and Saint Mary's is no exception. The Director of Financial Aid for Saint Mary's Kathleen Brown said in order to handle this increase, the College has raised their institutional money for scholarships by $2 million this year. "We've kept the same standards for how we allocate aid. It's still all based on need," Brown said. "It's just that families are needier this year."

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Ticket exchange provides options

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

For students wishing to exchange their student tickets for general admission tickets and for those who want to see the football team play on the road, the student ticket lottery provides a crucial service. "Over 80 students entered the Nevada lottery," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "Not a huge request, but for those people that it's helping out, it's worth it." The lottery allows students who are not going to a home game to exchange their student ticket for a general admission ticket for a friend, who can then pay the difference. "The tricky part," Schmidt said, "is finding someone who isn't going to a home game." The exchange lottery usually occurs two weeks in advance, although for the Nevada game it was held only one week in advance due to time constraints. "It gives students enough time to make plans without worrying about the dangers of scalping," Schmidt said.
Kindergarten counterparts

In a recent conversation with my five-year-old sister, I discovered something that I had never considered before. We were discussing her kindergarten class and the variety of things they do every day. As she was talking, I compared my school life to hers. I discovered that kindergarten and college have more similarities than I would have ever imagined.

For one, my sister, a kindergartner, gets to take a nap most days. Likewise, college kids frequently take naps. Naps are a staple to college life, just like they are in a kindergarten classroom.

While I continued talking to her, I discovered a variety of common themes between kindergarten and college. Each day, my sister gets a snack while in school and then has recess. Since I’ve been in college, I’ve found that I eat quite a bit more than I do while I’m at home. I am constantly snacking. My new eating obsession may be due to boredom, or it may just be that I burn more calories walking everywhere. Regardless, snacks are a must, especially while in class.

Another parallel I found between college and kindergarten lies within the students themselves. In kindergarten, everyone always gets along with one another. Now that I am in college, I have realized how nice it is to leave the drama of high school behind. There are not as many cliques in college, and for the most part, everyone pretty much gets along.

There’s a sense of community on campus, just as there is in a kindergarten classroom. One other thing that struck me was the way my sister described her first kindergarten class and the variety of things they do every day. As she told me the tale of her having to leave her mom behind with a kindergartner, I found similarities than I imagined.

As for the recess bit, how often do you see students throwing a Frisbee, shooting hoops or passing a football? I would say not too often. While in college, it’s a game people normally issue to themselves. In kindergarten, every other thing that struck me was the way my sister described her first day. As she told me the tale of her having to leave her mom behind with a kindergartner, I found similarities than I imagined.

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Energy Week makes a third return

By NICHOLAS COOPER
News Writer

Energy Week, which features events ranging from career fairs to environmental lectures, returned to its third year yesterday with a new theme — green is the new black.

Senior and GreeND member Jackie Mirandola Mullen said the new slogan represents a newer, more modern approach to environmentalism.

"Green is the new black was kind of a play on the media, showing how the green movement has become trendy," she said. "Although it may be a little confusing."

Energy Week will feature a special "green" career fair, which will offer students an opportunity to network with individuals already heavily involved in environmentally conscious firms.

"As a senior, I'm really looking forward to the career luncheon," GreeND president Colleen Kelly said. "If you had to attend one event, that would be it."

Kelly said Energy Week is a great time for students to focus on how they can reduce their environmental impact.

"Common answers to this question are something like turn off lights or use less water. Something different that every student could do is simply be aware," she said. Energy Week is a great way for students to become more aware and really have a positive impact on their environment.

Other events include documentaries, lectures and even a "green" Mass.

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GreeND member

Energy Week Current Notre Dame graduate student Melissa Dinsman, First Year Composition instructor whose course deals with issues of conservation and modernity, is also looking forward to what this week can teach.

"I think Energy Week is an important event for the Notre Dame campus," she said. "It is great to see Notre Dame professors from so many disciplines, as well as outside participants, coming together to educate the Notre Dame community on what we can do and on what is being done to address the energy challenges we face today and in the future."

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House of Music hits sweet notes

By BRIDGET MEADE
News Writer

One year ago, sophomore Malcolm Phelan decided there were simply not enough musical outlets in the Notre Dame community.

"Notre Dame is full of dorm-room DJs, shower-stall singers, Jack Johnson jammers, chapel congo drummers, jazz-flutists and music lovers of all sorts," he said. "We want to bring them out, put them on the quads and get them playing and enjoying music together."

Phelan, Rodio and a handful of other students began drafting a constitution, tentative schedules, budgets, events and a mission statement. After gaining approval from the Student Activities Office (SAO), the ND House of Music was born.

The club, we also plan to work directly with club members to put on specific events that they would like to see on campus," Phelan said. "If there is a demonstrated demand for any kind of musical venture here at Notre Dame, we will do our best to support and facilitate it."

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graduation.

For most people it’s about the remembrance or reminding people, for us, as military personnel or future military personnel, it’s really looking at the people who have gone before us and sacrificed their lives,” he said. “For us, thinking about the sacrifices that we might have to make, it’s a good feeling.”

Army ROTC Battalion Commander Scott Vitter agreed, noting that the current American military experience is largely shaped by the events of September 11.

“From an ROTC perspective, it is really important because it definitely changes the nature of the program,” he said.

Entering ROTC these days, you do it with the understanding that you’ll probably see deployment overseas. That is directly attributable back to the events of September 11.”

Vitter said it is important for ROTC members to remember the history and events that shape their goals.

“From a military point of view, it’s crucial to keep an understanding of the events and the history and the background that ultimately guides the mission,” he said.

Rocca said the morning of September 11 is memorable for all Americans.

“I am sure you all remember where you were that morning of that fateful day — September 11, 2001 — when you first heard of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. We all knew something was going to happen, but no one knew what was going to happen.”

Addressing the ROTC members, Rocca said although their mission will be arduous, ultimately “we confident that in the end, trusting in God, the power of good will be stronger than the power of evil.”

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Blitch said, “Also because we are doing it on Sept. 11, we will take a moment of silence to remember all the events of the day and pray for all those affected by the tragedy of the event.”

Though it was estimated that the race would last until 3 p.m., it ended around one o’clock with two seniors sponsored by Ellia’s restaurant, Xavier Burton and James Ouderkirk, taking the prize.

“Winning it was a great way to start senior year, is what Xavier and I decided.”

Other than that you can’t be not be stoked when its that much that free,” Ouderkirk said.

Burton and Ouderkirk won round trip airfare to San Antonio, a two-night stay at the Alumni hotel, two tickets to the game at the Alamodome and an invitation to the VIP luncheon. All proceeds from the race went to the United Way.

“I’m a big Notre Dame fan, aren’t we all? Despite the heartbreak we keep coming back for more,” Burton said. “To win the prize, it hasn’t really sunk in yet. We’ll probably be sitting in the airport waiting for our plane before it really sinks in.”

Rules for the race were teammates must stay in 20 feet of each other, no phones, computers or any electric device could be used, no bikes or any type of mobilization was allowed and all members had to adhere to campus and local laws.

“We didn’t really have a strategy. [We] just ran around like headless kooks and for some reason we got lucky a number of times,” Burton said. “[We] found the places we needed to find. The next thing we knew we actually won and now we’re off to San Antonio.”

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Senzal flood alters lives of thousands
PASS MAO — The only piece of furniture that survived the most recent flood in Fatou Dione's house is her bed. It’s propped up on cinderblocks and boxes just above the water lapping at the walls of her bedroom. The water stands a foot deep throughout her house. She shakes off her wet feet each time she climbs into her bed. To keep it dry, she tries to place her feet on the same spot so that only one corner of her mattress becomes moist.

The 40-year-old woman who has lashed Africa's western coast for the past three months, killing 120 people and flooding the homes and businesses of over 600,000 others, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs.

Argentina media fight gets personal

Ricardo Kirshbaum, the editor of El Intransigente between Argentina’s two reigning powers — the presidency and media giant Grupo Clarín — started with a political cartoon, the way one editor tells it. To prevent El Intransigente’s newsprint from being wasted, the cartoon was drawn with an X taped over his mouth, in a ploy reminiscent of using their newspaper and TV stations to rally their opponents.

She and her husband and predecessor Nestor Kirchner told Clarín to be more “apologetic.” But Ricardo Kirshbaum recalls — one of many attempts to control the paper’s coverage.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama grieves anti-abortionist death

WISSO, Mich. — President Barack Obama on Monday condemned the killing of an anti-abortion activist in Michigan as activists and others gathered for vigil near the site where he was killed.

Obama called last night's shooting of James Pouillon “deplorable” in a two-sentence statement.

"Whichever side of a public debate you’re on, violence is never the right answer," Obama said in the statement.

Police say Pouillon, 63, was killed Friday night while protesting the street from a high school in Wissos, about 70 miles northeast of Detroit. The killing was not, in his usual spot holding a sign that pictured a chubby-cheeked baby with the word "LIFE" on it and an image of an aborted fetus with the word "ABORTION" on the other.

FBI investigates Jackie Kennedy's note

Police 9-11 — A newspaper reported Sunday that the FBI is investigating a "stolen" handwritten confession note by Jacqueline Kennedy to Ethel Kennedy that was penned shortly after Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 assassination.

The Dallas Morning News reported that investigators and Kennedy family members suspect the note was taken from Robert and Ethel Kennedy's McLean, Va., home.

The note, which has changed hands several times and has sold for as much as $25,000, opens with "My Ethel."

"You must be so tired," Jackie Kennedy wrote. "I stayed up till 6:30 last night just thinking and praying for you.

LOCAL NEWS

2 teens killed in Indianapolis shooting

INDIANAPOLIS — Police say a teenager starting a fire during a party in late August fatally wounded one person and injuring another.

The 15-year-old boy, Rodney L. Harris II died Sunday following a gunshot wound to the head. The other victim, 15-year-old Kevin Roosevelt, is recovering from a leg wound.

A spokesman Lt. Jeff Duhamell says the two were wounded when an unidentified youth pulled out a handgun during a party attended by 60 to 100 people and fired several shots about midnight Saturday.

New York: Despite sweeping Democratic successes in the past two national elections, continuing job losses and President Barack Obama's fiscal support could lead to double-digit losses for the party in next year's congressional elections and may even threaten their House control.

Fifty-four new Democrats were swept into the House in 2006 and 2008, the largest number of seats picked up by a party in a presidential election since Franklin Roosevelt's 1934 landslide. But Van Hollen said voters will make their choices on the strength of the national economy and will reward Democrats for working aggressively to improve it.

"We passed an economic recovery bill with zero help from Republican colleagues," he said. "I think voters will see that and will ask themselves, 'Who was there to help the economy moving again, and who was standing in the way?'"

Democrats have gotten off to a much faster start than Republicans in fundraising for 2010. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee had $192 million in the bank at the end of July, with debts of $5.3 million. The Republican National Congressional Committee had just $4 million in cash and owed $2.7 million.

Germany plans Afghanistan exit strategy

BERLIN — Germany’s foreign minister said Sunday that his ministry would lay the foundations for 2013 by focusing on the final withdrawal from Afghanistan.

"We want to create the conditions so that we can begin," he said. "I can’t say now whether we get off without using our heads."
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fought on both sides of the ball, things just didn’t go our way,” he said.

Lost behind the shock of Michigan’s fourth quarter drive is the fact that the Irish had two late drives as well. Clausen led the Irish on two scoring drives to take the lead in the final quarter, the first capped by a 21-yard pass to Golden Tate, and the second an 8-yard run from Allen.

"Jimmy has progressed so much as a player and leader. I really respect the grace he has handled himself with under such intense pressure," Bollmann said. "The way Clausen acts under pressure — on and off the field — that’s something I respect."

Yet, as well as Clausen and the team played, the difference in the game was missed opportunities. After a questionable reversal of an Allen touchdown in the first half, the Irish had to settle for a field goal.

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Ohio State fans cheer as they watch the Irish take on the Michigan Wolverines in the waning seconds of Saturday’s game.

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process.

"Away game lotteries are not so popular at all," Kat Burke, board manager for the Student Union Board (SUB), said.

Instead, students have the opportunity to bring in up to four student IDs and enter them in a lottery to win away game student tickets. Students win, they may buy the tickets at face value.

The lottery operates on a "first come, first served" basis, Burke said.

"The Michigan lottery went unbelievably well," Burke said. "We sold all the tickets we had available."

In fact, the demand for tickets dwarfed the supply, with 1,611 students entering the Michigan lottery and only 145 tickets available.

"That’s the horrible thing, we’re completely dependent on what the host institution is willing to give us," Burke said.

The popularity of the ticket lottery program is nonetheless a good sign.

"It’s a great service," Burke said. "It’s a great chance for students to go out and support our team."

A different campus group oversees each lottery. The Classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012, each run a lottery, as do the Hall Presidents’ Council and the Graduate Student Union.

"We’re very appreciative to the football team and the ticket office for this opportunity," Schmidt said. "It’s a great opportunity for students. You never know when you’ll have someone who needs it."

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BRUSSELS — European wind power producers are calling for billions of euros in investments to generate energy from wind turbines planted in the sea.

The European Union is aiming to generate a fifth of all its energy from renewable sources by 2020 to lessen reliance on imported oil and meet climate change goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Wind farms will likely see a major role and could generate up to 16 percent of all EU energy — or a third of all electricity — by 2020, the European Wind Energy Association says.

The industry says this depends on government and private financing to make a shift from onshore wind farms to the sea. The costs include construction of ports, laying of power cables, and the cost of electricity generated from offshore turbines.

Consumer spending could boost economy

Analysts say investors need to see evidence that consumer spending is picking up before the market can extend its recent gains. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters estimate retail sales increased 1.2 percent last month, after falling 0.1 percent in July.

Analysts are watching for more signs that consumers are spending more, which would help boost economic growth. Retail sales have been weak in recent months, and many economists say the economy needs a sustained pickup in consumer spending to help the recovery.

Consumer spending could provide a boost to the economy in the coming months, as consumers have been holding back on big-ticket items like cars and appliances, which are important to the health of the overall economy.

The stock market ended the week with a few pieces of reassuring news on the economy. The Commerce Department reported Friday that even though wholesale inventories fell for a record 11th straight month in March, sales rose by the largest amount in more than a year. Also, the University of Michigan consumer confidence index showed improving views of both current conditions as well as expectations for the future.

"You have to remember that consumers will spend money if they feel that their prospects for a job or for income feel OK," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "They have a lot of pent-up demand from the financial crisis, and they're ready to spend."
Cops draw blood with drunk driving

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — When police officer Darryll Dowell is on patrol in the southwestern Idaho county of Ada, he must be ready at a moment's notice to draw blood from a suspect.

"All we have to do is stop the car at a stoplight and usually start drawing blood," said Dowell. Nowadays, his eyes will also focus on the driver's arms, as he tries to avoid a suspect "shoulder sway." He reasons, "If your arm is shaking, you probably aren't under the influence." Dowell, however, is quick to point out that there are no guarantees. "If none are accessible, they'll take the suspect to the hospital for blood testing," he said.

In a nondescript Boise office building, where police officers were trained, Dowell scanned his subject and prepared to draw blood. Chris Abston, an officer taking the turn playing a suspect, recalled a bit, pressing his back deeper into the gray plea chair. Dowell inserted a large-gauge needle into the back of Abston's hand, Abston, who had been holding his breath, slowly exhaled as his blood began to flow.

"All the officers seemed like they'd be more comfortable if their colleagues were wielding sidenarms instead of syringes. But basically, through the good day of training, with about 10 venipunctures each under their belts, they relaxed enough to trade bars alongside needle jab," the officers were told.

"They're making quick progress," Watson said. Their training will be complete after they have logged 75 successful blood draws.

"Once they're back on patrol, they will draw blood of any suspected drunk driver on a breath test. They'll use force if they need to, such as sedating the officer responsible for drawing blood, or pinning down a suspect and potential to strap them down, Watson said.

"Though the legal experts agree blood tests and blood alcohol more accurately than breath tests, officers say the concern is mitigated by good training and safe practices. For instance, if a doctor's orders are mixed up, preservative levels in the tubes used to collect the blood can be off, and the blood can be stored improperly, causing it to ferment and break down the blood alcohol level. Oberman said law enforcement agencies should also be concerned "about potential legal cases over who was properly trained.""

"We'd love to have the police department's [blood alcohol] levels checked," Watson said. "It's a good training exercise, and it's a good public relations and marketing campaign — just don't directly relate to the spill. The plans were carried out by elected leaders on a special panel called the Long Term Recovery Committee. To government leaders in the county of 78,000 people with a spending operating budget of $120 million, the spending is needed to offset months of negative national news coverage about the spill — especially among Ray Pali and Florida's retirees shopping the Internet for a mild-flavor retreat on an eastern Tennessee lake. To TVA raters, who will foot the bill for the projects on top of the $21 million TVA has spent repairing roads and utility services damaged in the disaster, the project list raises the issue of how much is fair. "How do you recover?" Roane County Mayor Mike Farmer said. "You do something to make people forget about what went wrong. This is some wonderful announcement that says we are working on a wonderful new Roane County with a new school, new ballfields and a new senior center."
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Before the recession hit, Jacksonville's blood bank would pull its buses up to the American-Rushey bus stop and pump 300 units of blood from employees.

Then came buyouts, retire­ments and layoffs. During the company's last blood drive, the Blood Alliance only collected about 45 units.

Which is why, on a recent day, the organization's blood-mobile was parked in a driving rainstorm outside a small law firm.

With the smell of latex gloves in the air, donors read the paper and listened to soft rock on the radio as workers pricked their arms with needles.

"We have to do smaller blood drives," explained John Helgren, a spokesman for the Blood Alliance. "We have to work harder to get those blood drives.

"In some hard-hit pockets of the country, from Florida to Michigan to Southern California, blood centers are noticing a pattern: corporate drives are attracting fewer donors, likely because of the economy.

The nation's overall blood supply is adequate to cover local shortages, but in some areas a majority of blood is donated during workplace drives because people tend to give where it's convenient. When workers are laid off or aren't replaced after retire­ments and buyouts, there are fewer donors. The employees who are let off feel like they can take the time to give, or don't feel like it. That leaves the local blood banks scrambling.

"We are seeing a direct effect of the recession," said Toni Lavall, spokeswoman for Michigan Community Blood Centers, which has seen a 15 percent to 20 percent drop this summer. The state's unemploy­ment rate of 5.6 percent is the nation's highest. "So many busi­nesses and factories are closing, and they are closing for a large share of mobile drivers."

It's a similar story in Wisconsin, where a spokes­woman from the Badger­Hawkeye Red Cross says 33 corporate drives were canceled from June through August, resulting in 7,100 fewer units collected. The state's unemploy­ment rate of 8.7 percent has doubled in the last year.

And Florida Blood Services in Tampa — where the unemploy­ment rate is 11.3 percent — had to import several thousand units of blood to cover an August shortfall. Spokesman Dan Eberts said employees at some companies are also work­ing from home — or traveling to countries like India, where new headquarters have been set up. Those workers are por­turally ineligible to donate because it's possible they were exposed to a blood-borne dis­ease. And the workers who sur­vive this unemployment aren't often in a giving mood.

"Some people were like, 'And now you want my blood?'" Eberts said.

While certain areas report a decline in donations, the American Red Cross says there hasn't yet been a significant drop overall — but that might be changing.

Many businesses are cancel­ling drive blood drives, and the Red Cross is starting to see fewer donors than in previous months, said Stephanie Millian, the organization's director of biomedical communication. But the national donor population keeps shrinking as people visit exotic, malaria-ridden locales or get tattoos — people who get inked often can't give blood for a year because of possible infections.

In general, the Red Cross has tightened its criteria for donors in the past 10 years or so.

The Red Cross of Southern California saw its corporate donations dip earlier in the summer, she noted that it's too soon to tell if that's a seasonal shift, or one caused by the poor economy.

The decline in blood donation in some areas coincides with an overall decline in corporate charity. For example, United Way spokesman Sally Holmgren said that in 2008, workplace campaigns declined 4.5 percent from the previous year — and corporate gifts to the organization declined 3.9 per­cent.

Some blood centers say sum­mer donations are always down because of vacations and closed high schools, where drives are often held. Also, the eligible donor population keeps shrink­ing as people visit exotic, malaria-ridden locales or get tattoos — people who get inked often can't give blood for a year because of possible infections.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the summer month are lost. People are stove and now sitting in private collections," said Joseph Gutheinz, a University of Arizona Department of History and biomedical communication. But the misidentification raised ques­tions about how well the federal government investigates the cases.

The rock had been sold. He said his students have accounted for nearly all the Apollo 17 rocks, but some are in storage and mobile drives, and the Red Cross began researching Apollo 11 rocks in the states. In one known legal sale of moon samples, in 1993, moon rocks were sold for $5 million to a private collector in Florida to protect them and ease viewing.

"There has never been a fake moon rock," said Toni Lavall, the Blood Alliance's director of public relations. "We do not. We're telling the public the facts, but when it comes to blood, blood is blood."

The case is not unique.

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Big (evil?) Google

Freddy thoughts

Freddy how some take-overs are evil and some are welcome, isn’t it? The government taking over our health care system: evil (especially when “taking over” doesn’t have any concrete meaning).

Microsoft taking on the world in the high- ly intimidating figure of Bill Gates: evil.

Wal-Mart buying out every little “ladies and Pa” grocery store to provide cheap alternatives: evil.

Google providing more and more free* Internet services and applications: awesome.

We overlook the corporate domination of one of the biggest companies in Internet services because it’s fun to use. We think it’s creative, witty and intuitive. Why would you hate a company like that?

I fully realized my personal devotion to Google two weeks ago when Gmail stopped working for those long couple hours. Surely you all noticed as well.

Having those two hours of life in which communication was forced to transpire only verbally, when scheduling had to be done with hand onto paper books (do those muscles still exist in my hand?), and when documents had to be saved on standard MS Word and not Google Docs was painful, difficult to accept and even made it tough to find alternative tools to do. It was obviously very traumatic.

But the whole incident got me thinking: what would we do, as a global Internet-based community, if Google stopped working?

According to various outside estimates (when you control search engines, it’s easy to keep your secrets un-findable), Google has somewhere between 500,000 and 900,000 servers. Google’s yearly revenue in 2008 was $27.8 billion, from which they made about $6.63 billion in profits. Their gross profits from last year are approximately equal to total revenue of the number two Internet search engine, Yahoo! ($7.2 billion) — that’s Yahoo!’s revenue to Google’s profits. Not only is Google’s net revenue more than the revenues of Amazon.com, Ebay and Yahoo! combined, but their trusted, easy-to-use and sleek services expand daily. Google has released the Android as a competitor of the i-Phone, Google Chrome to rival Microsoft’s long-standing Internet Explorer, Picasa Web Albums to compete with Facebook’s easy-to-share albums and GoogleMaps — well, they took out MapQuest a long time ago.

Google partners with NASA (“Google Maps”), provides search and ad options to MySpace (which Google paid $900 million for) and owns YouTube (sold for $1.63 billion in stock).

That sounds like a giant to me. But how can you hate Google? Everything is free. Picasa combines Photoshop and Facebook into a touch-up, shared, orderly masterpiece. The organizational theory behind every Google App makes so much sense that it often changes perception. Why didn’t I write my calendars out in such a crisp, block format before I started using Google Calendar? How could you possibly expect to drive somewhere new and not have an idea of what the street looks like, either from the road or from the sky?

Google differs from the other evil takeovers in that it actually works. They are taking over not only because they are that adept at business, but because they are that adept at technology, psychology and design.

There have certainly been some anti­
trust fears, such as in 2008 when Google wanted to allow Yahoo! to advertise on its pages, which would have given the combined advertising force control of 81 percent of all searches. The U.S. Department of Justice intervened to stop that deal.

But when a company’s motto is “Don’t be evil,” it is hard to label it as such. How do you vilify something that your daily structure depends on? Even if they read your e-mails and tailor advertisements to your private written words, even if they make 99 percent of their $27.8 billion revenue from ads targeted to (and effectively working on) you and me, even if they hold on to your entire Internet search history, you can’t seem to hate them.

Because if their servers went down, we would go down, too. They have so much information that we all consider “safe,” beyond the limits of our crashable computers. We disregard the fact that their servers are human, too. Okay, maybe fub­lible is a better word choice than human, but wanting to call them human is trolling.

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Team's post-game conduct disappointing

Dear Football Team,

Congratulations on playing a terrific two quarters Saturday. Freshmen and sophomores. I hope the Big House lived up to its hype as not only one of the toughest places to play, but one of the most vile holes of swamp-ground in the nation. Michigan-hating aside, I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts this past Saturday. I'll be proud to stand behind you as long as you are proud to fight for Notre Dame.

As a member of the drum line, I'm willing to do whatever I can to support you. Most of the band showed up Friday at our practices, at midnight on the eve of our first game, and we didn't let down every Saturday. This past Saturday, I didn't even mind waking up at 7:30 a.m., helping to load nine buses, because I was happy to be a part of the Notre Dameamily.

After the game, it was so exciting to walk around campus and see students, alumni, and fans showing their support. I've never seen so many people on campus before, and I was proud to be a part of it.

The thing that disappointed me most Saturday was the way a group of men I respect and admire responded to a tough loss by putting their own self-interests between themselves and the winning and self-interests of the fans who made that poor excuse for a football song in my ears the entire game.

Next Saturday, the whole band will be there with the drum line to watch you crush Army once again. I won't let you lose, either. We've got this. Let's go!"
The Beatles Rock Band

By MAJJA GUSTIN
Scene Writer

The highly anticipated "The Beatles: Rock Band" is finally out, and it’s well worth the wait. Like all other "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero" games, this particular incarnation features parts for guitar, bass, drums and vocals. But instead of choosing some bizarre avatar that may or may not look like a KISS member that let himself go, players are members of the Fab Four, with rings playing drums, George playing guitar and you know the rest. The background videos for each song are based on the era from which it comes, with "A Hard Day's Night" featuring a young group of mop-top Brits playing on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "Don't Let Me Down" showing Paul, John, George and Ringo with facial hair playing atop a New York City building. This is the case because in story mode, players follow "The Beatles" as they play their first show at the Cavern Club, hit up "Ed Sullivan," chill in Abbey Road Studios, and play their final rooftop concert.

The experience is immersive, as players travel with The Beatles from their meager beginnings to their depressing break-up. Along the way there are some pretty cool graphics, like a flying gargoyle in "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" with "A Little Help From My Friends" and an underwater adventure in "Octopus's Garden." Completing songs and beating levels unlocks rare material for "Beatles" fans, like photos and live videos.

A welcome new development in the "Rock Band/Guitar Hero" universe, also featured in "The Beatles: Rock Band," is a new Quickplay mode in which all of the songs are already unlocked. For those who just want to play some music without taking the time to beat all of the levels in Story Mode (or who don’t want to look up cheats to unlock all the songs), this is a great chance for some casual play. With the option of playing 45 of "The Beatles" most beloved songs, there is plenty to do without beating the game. Songs include "Can't Buy Me Love," "Come Together," "Dear Prudence," "Hello Goodbye," "Helter Skelter," "Here Comes The Sun," "I Am The Walrus," "I've Got A Feeling," "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds," "Revolution," "Yellow Submarine" and many more. Soon, for those hooked up to the Internet, even more "Beatles" songs will be available to buy online in the "Rock Band" store. As of now, these include "All You Need Is Love," "Maxwell's Silver Hammer," "Oh! Darling," "Because," "Norwegian Wood (This Bird Has Flown)," "When I'm 64" and others. The first batch of these songs will be available starting October 20, with more coming in November and December. There is no news as of yet whether more songs will be available sometime next year.

"For "Beatles" fans, "The Beatles: Rock Band" is a whole new way to experience their music. For casual listeners, the game is great fun with an interesting storyline and songs for players of all levels. "The Beatles: Rock Band" was clearly a labor of love for those involved in its production, and the final product is a great new game to add to the lineup of music simulators games that are all the rage right now.

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The Beatles: Rock Band

Getting into 'Trouble'
Favorite Childhood Boardgames

By EMILY DORE
Scene Writer

"Should I go to college or start a job right away?" Many eight-year-olds have faced this question Friday nights. The very decision has pitted parents and children against each other, and started arguments and mocking laughter. It could send a child down the path to destruction or wild success in the span of an hour. This was the game of "Life," where plastic people and cars decided childhood happiness for a night.

Board games had a way of turning a quiet family evening into one of turned over tables and tearful shouting. If grandma was ever accused of cheating, it might have been while sitting around the kitchen table. Champions had bragging rights for the night, while losers sulked in the corner. Never had happiness been decided by the roll of dice or flick of a card.

Here's a nostalgic look back at the top 10 games which either left you pumping your fists or shedding a tear on the way to bed:

"Sorry!" What better way to get back at an older sibling passive aggressively, then by sending their plastic marker back to Start. The game seemed simple: Move four pieces around a board back to Home, before the competition. Yet with Sorry! cards which could knock family members out of the lead, that's where simplicity ended and war began.

"Life:" If you ever cursed cancer, owned a yacht, and retired with more than $1,000,000 to your name, while living in a shack with a high school degree, you were likely playing the game of "Life." As a 10-year-old, it made adulthood seem exciting... until you realized real life doesn’t include an extra $10,000 every time a wheel hits 10.

"Perfect Wedding:" Never had Cancun seemed so romantic. In this board game, little girls planned their "perfect weddings," complete with bridal gowns and honeymoon destinations.

"Trouble:" The sound of popping dice and a small plastic board were the deciding factors in this game. If this was the most trouble your younger brother got into that night, it was probably a relief for mom.

"Candyland:" In a perfect world, "Candyland" would include built-in candy sur­prises. Instead, it is only a game of colors. However, every time a card told you to move back to Mr. Plumpy, despite already being three quarters of the way up the board, it was reason to cry.

"Monopoly:" Over 500 million people in the world have played "Monopoly." In the game of future real estate developers, owning Park Place and Boardwalk was the pinnacle of success... until both had to be mortgaged.

"Operation:" "Is it water on the knee?" With metal tweezers and playing cards, "Operation" proved that there was a doctor in us all. Dilemmas like "broken heart" and "butterflies in the stomach" made medical school seem like a breeze, since anyone with a steady hand could probably do it.

"Risk:" The game of world domination and young tyrants. Another reason why children should not rule the world.

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By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Golden Tate, usually effective, stood with his hands in his pockets, his chin glued to his chest, and summarized the team’s collective psyche.

"I’m honestly sick in my stomach right now," he said.

Understandable, considering Notre Dame’s 38-34 loss to Michigan in Michigan Stadium Saturday. Michigan’s freshman quarterback Tate Forcier led a touchdown drive in the final minutes that ended in a five-yard touchdown pass to Greg Mathews.

"There were plenty of opportunities on offense, defense and special teams to win that game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "We can’t punt and say we should have won the game.

The loss dropped Notre Dame to 1-1 and put a dent in the high expectations for the season.

Running back Armando Allen had his best career performance, gaining 183 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries.

Forcier completed 25-of-42 passes for 340 yards and had a five-touchdown game, including running 22 yards for a score.

"We just needed two first downs, and unfortunately we only got one," said Weis.

Forcier completed 23-of-33 passes for 240 yards and had a touchdown with one interception.

Michigan gained 179 yards on 22 rushes.

Freshman linebacker Manti Te’o started in place of senior Te’o in the second quarter of the first half and couldn’t cut at full speed, and he wanted Te’o to play early when the game speed was the fastest.

Ahead 24-20 in the fourth quarter, Forcier juked linebacker Darius Fleming and rushed right up the hash marks untouched 31 yard for a touchdown to make the score 31-20. Getting the ball back after Forcier’s touchdown, Notre Dame drove down the field in 4:30, eventually scoring on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Clausen to Tate. The two-point conversion failed, so the score remained 31-26 Michigan.

Safety Kyle McCarthy intercepted Forcier on Michigan’s next drive, leading to Allen’s eight-yard touchdown.

Michigan had first-and-goal on its first drive of the second half, but a fumbled snap and two failed runs forced a field goal, which Olesnavage missed. But they got another chance after running back Jonas Gray fumbled and the Wolverines recovered in Irish territory. This time Forcier found tight end Kevin Koger on a three-yard touchdown pass to give Michigan a 24-20 lead.

The Wolverines scored first on a nine-play, 79-yard drive. Facing third-and-12, Forcier completed a 40-yard pass down the right sideline to Mathews, who had five catches for 68 yards and a score. Minor’s 22-yard run put Michigan on Notre Dame’s two, and Minor scored on the next play.

Clausen threw a gorgeous screen pass to Allen that went for a 41-yard touchdown, but an official review ruled that Allen stepped out of bounds at the 22-yard line. The Irish couldn’t get back in the end zone, but freshman Nick Taush made a 43-yard field goal to make the score 7-3. Then Darryl Stonum found a hole on the kickoff return and shot through it for a 94-yard touchdown, the first time the Wolverines have returned a kickoff for a score since Steve Breaston was in school. Michigan led 14-3 at the end of the first quarter.

The next time the Irish had the ball, Clausen heaved a deep pass to Floyd down the sideline, who hauled it in for 37 yards. Once inside the red zone, Clausen found Floyd again for a four-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-10 with 12:34 left in the first half.

Facing first-and-25 from his own 16-yard line, Clausen again found Floyd deep, this time for 33 yards. Clausen eventually found Floyd for an 11-yard touchdown and the Irish took a 17-14 lead.

The message to the team, Weis said, was: Where do we go from here?

"We just got to move on and get ready for the game against Michigan State," Smith said.

Clausen talked after Weis in the locker room and echoed Weis’ message.

"This feeling right here," he said, "is not going to happen again."

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Michigan freshman quarterback Tate Forcier runs past Notre Dame sophomore linebacker Darius Fleming on a 31-yard fourth-down scramble at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Forcier’s score gave the Wolverines a 31-20 lead.

player of the game
Tate Forcier
Michigan quarterback

Forcier passed for 240 yards, rushed for another 70 and led the Wolverines on a gamewinning, last-minute drive.

stat of the game
-6
Total Notre Dame rushing yards in the third quarter. The Irish offense sputtered and the Wolverines took the lead.

play of the game
Forcier to Matthews five-yard touchdown pass

quote of the game
"We just needed two first downs, and unfortunately we only got one."

Jimmy Clausen
Irish quarterback on Notre Dame’s final drive
report card

quarterback: Clausen continued to put up impressive stats, gaining 122 of 42 for 336 yards and 3 scores. He also showed poise leading two touchdown drives when it mattered in the third quarter.

running backs: Armando Allen gets an ‘A’. The junior had a career day, rushing for 139 yards on 21 carries, Stepheon, Jonas Gray, though, had a crucial fumble in the third quarter.

receiver: Both Golden Tate and Michael Floyd went over 100 yards, but Tate also had a couple of crucial drops on what would have been big plays.

offensive line: The line had its best run-blocking performance in a long time, but — even though they didn’t give up any sacks — Clausen was under constant pressure from the Michigan defense.

defensive line: Forcier was sacked twice, but the Irish front line was decimated by the Wolverine rushing attack, especially in the third quarter.

linebackers: Brian Smith had seven tackles, but the linebackers — like the rest of the Irish defense — weren’t able to make a big play when it mattered most.

defensive backs: Kyle McCarthy had a big interception, and Harrison Smith raked up 11 tackles, but Forcier was able to pick the Irish secondary apart on the game-winning drive.

special teams: Freshman Nick Taushnis missed his first career field goal attempt in the first quarter, and had consistently short kickoff. Add in the kick return touchdown and it gets pretty ugly.

coaching: The second-to-last drive notwithstanding, it was one of Charlie Weis’ best coached games from a play-calling standpoint. The poor defensive coaching was more than made up though.

overall: A very disappointing showing after last week’s blowout. The defense played well, but the defense just couldn’t come up with a big stop.

adding up the numbers

Jimmy Clausen’s passing yards were the most ever for an Irish quarterback against Michigan.

10 Tackles for loss by Notre Dame, the most by an Irish team since Nov. 19, 1980 win over Syracuse.

Yards per carry by Armando Allen, who registered a touchdown and a two-point conversion.

Yards the Irish had called back after a pass to Kyle Rudolph was called back due to holding and replay officials ruled that Armando Allen stepped out of bounds on a screen pass.

Armando Allen’s longest run of the day, it also marked the longest run of the junior’s career.

2 Fourth down conversions by Michigan, one led to a field goal and the other was a 31-yard touchdown run by Tate Forcier.

Michigan’s time of possession in the third quarter. The Irish entered the quarter up 20-17, and ended it trailing 24-20.

Michael Floyd’s receiving yards over the first two games of the season, the most by a Notre Dame receiver since Tim Brown in 1996.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The question is obvious. The answer, not so much.

“Where do we go from here?”

Irish coach Charlie Weis asked his team following Saturday’s gut-wrenching loss that several players said was the toughest to take of any over the past few seasons.

If they knew that answer, we wouldn’t be having this conversation. If I knew, I would n’t be writing for The Observer.

In past years, I might have said the team is headed right into the tank. But this is a different group that is capable of bouncing back, or so I think, hope and pray.

There’s too much talent in the Irish locker room to write this season off as lost, and there’s still a whole lot of football to be played.

There’s a world of difference between 2-0 and 1-1, but either way, we’re only two games into the schedule — a schedule that looks to have several winnable games ahead.

The offense is among the most talented in the nation, and Jimmy Clausen has looked as good as any quarterback in the country over the past two weeks. The defense is full of highly recruited athletes who shut down Michigan in the first half and is led by a coordinator who has enjoyed success in the past. What I’m trying to say is that this is what we’ve got — there’s no help on the way. This isn’t 2007, when the talent wasn’t there. And it isn’t 2008, when the experience wasn’t there.

The players and coaches who are supposed to make the Irish one of the top teams in the country are in place. There’s no “wait ‘til next year” mentality on the defense or one recruit coming in that will fix the defense.

Of course there are holes on this team. Even good football teams have holes. Even good football teams lose games. But good football teams bounce back, and where Notre Dame goes from here will show what kind of team the Irish have.

I truly believe there’s enough there for Notre Dame to be a top-15, maybe a top-10 type of team, and the Irish can be even with the loss to Michigan. It won’t be an easy road back, both in terms of climbing the polls and, more importantly, righting the ship as a team.

But throwing in the towel and mailing it in certainly won’t make that happen, and the Irish know that. The only way to get the job done is to regroup and let it happen again, and the players will surely do what they can to ensure that it doesn’t.

Notre Dame isn’t one of the elite squads in the country right now, but the players and coaches who are supposed to make the Irish one are in place. The expectations and potential are high, but so are the stakes. Whether this group becomes a top team will dictate the future of the program.

For what it’s worth, I think they can do it.

Of course the loss hurts. It stings to fall to a hated rival, especially in a winnable game with so many crucial moments that could have turned the tide. The pain of the team, the band and the student section was tangible, and the sickness was heightened by the euphoria of the Michigan contingent.

There are no more national championship pipe dreams and no chances for an unbeaten showdown with Southern Cal next month.

Sure, a lot was lost Saturday, and it hurts. But the loss doesn’t have to keep hurting. Nothing would ease the pain more than a ruthless beat-down of Michigan State next Saturday.

Where the Irish go from here will determine the course of the season (obviously), but also the course of the program. And where they go from here will also dictate whether Saturday’s loss to Michigan is ultimately viewed as a frustrating but minor speed bump in an otherwise successful season, or just another crushing defeat indicative of the state of Notre Dame football.

The Irish have the power to write that history beginning Saturday. For what it’s worth, I think they come out hungry, angry and aggressive and tear the Spartans to shreds.

That’s the only way to answer Weis’ question and make sure he doesn’t have to ask again.

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### Allen has career day in loss to UM

By BILL BRINK
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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Last year Armando Allen rushed for 45 yards a game, 4 yards per carry and three touchdowns. This year, he’s got 105 yards per game, 5.9 per carry and two scores already.

Allen’s been utilized more this season since Jamesategorias became a full-back and Robert Hughes was suspended for the first half of the Nevada game. In the 38-34 loss to Michigan at the Big House Saturday, he made the most of it.

Allen rushed for 139 yards on 21 carries and a touchdown and caught two passes for 24 yards. He also took a Statue of Liberty handoff from Jimmy Clausen for a two-point conversion and would have caught a 41-yard pass for a touchdown but it was called back because the referees ruled upon further review that he stepped out of bounds.

Asked if it was his best game yet, he said, “Yeah, I can say that. I’ll take that for what it’s worth.”

Allen averaged 6.6 yards per carry Saturday and had three runs through massive holes in the middle. He looked one tackle away from breaking all three.

“One I get tackled I’m always thinking ‘What am I going to do to break it even more?’” he said. “That’s my train of thought.”

Like every running back, Allen credited his offensive line for creating those massive holes.

“The guys up front did a really good job,” he said. “Michigan was really trying to stop the pass and I think we knew that coming into this game that we had to step up to the cause. I think we did a really good job with that.”

Guard Eric Olsen said the offensive line made no secret of the fact that they emphasized run blocking in the off-season.

“We always want to be able to run the ball effectively,” he said. “Obviously (Allen) did a great job. It just comes down to us blocking for him.”

Allen said the Boise State-esque Statue of Liberty call was a standard play in that situation.

“That’s one of our two-point plays, I think when it was called it was no surprise to anybody,” he said.

Allen nearly bobbled the handoff, but took it untouched. After scoring in the corner of the end zone next to the Michigan student section, he held one finger in front of his face-mask to silence the Irish fans.

The referee didn’t like that and called an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, pushing the Irish back 15 yards on the kickoff.

“I don’t think we did a really good job with that call,” Allen said.

“I get tackled I’m always thinking ‘What am I going to do to break it even more?’”

Armando Allen
Irish running back

Weis wants ‘explanation’ from officials

By MATT GAMBER
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The fact that Irish coach Charlie Weis fielded nine different questions at his Sunday press conference on the subject of officiating is a pretty good indication that the zebras weren’t at their best Saturday in Ann Arbor.

“I have to be careful when I say this, I have Big Ten officials coming in this week again,” Weis said. “But this game left a lot to be desired.”

Weis said he didn’t blame the officiating for the outcome of the game, but he did discuss several specific situations of the tape of which he sent in the Big 10 conference for review.

“I’d say I’d like an explanation on these handful of plays. Just that handful is a little bit longer harder than it would normally be,” Weis said. “It never changes the outcome of a game. All you do is want an explanation: that’s all.”

One of the biggest calls was the review of a would-be touchdown on a screen pass to Armando Allen. The replay official overturned the call on the field, ruling that Allen stepped out of bounds.

“I watched that tape a hundred times this morning, okay?” Weis said. “From what I understand, the TV copy on top of it, I still haven’t heard anyone tell me there’s any evidence of Armando stepping out of bounds. The way the rule is supposed to be interpreted it’s supposed to be concrete evidence. I’m perturbed at that call.”

There were also three holding calls against the Irish, including one on Sam Young that negated a 76-yard gain on a Kyle Rudolph catch and run. Weis said he could see evidence of holding on all three calls and he wasn’t going to complain, but he did elaborate on the call on Young.

“What happened on the play, the defensive end — wechip defended zone,” Weis said. “So when he knocked him inside of Sam, Sam now has him. He goes to throw him to the ground. If he just pushes him to the ground they probably don’t call it. Hard in the air, throws him to the ground, that’s what they called. You’re looking at that, best of the moment, you’re not watching everything happen, you’re just seeing the guy getting thrown to the ground at the end of the play. I can understand if he got watching it wasn’t watching the whole thing, you end up calling it.”

There were also some questions regarding the clock operation at the end of the game. There were originally 11 seconds on the clock when Notre Dame’s offense took over after a touchback. The time was eventually cut to nine seconds after the officials first changed the clock to 10 seconds, as there was some question as to whether Theo Alford touched the ball on the kickoff.

Those two seconds proved valuable when Golden Tate was tackled near midfield as time expired and the Irish were unable to take one final shot at the end zone.

“Maybe we’d have one more second, throw a Hail Mary,” Weis said.

Weis contacted Matt Gamber at mgamber@nd.edu

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The Irish had no answer for Michigan freshman quarterback Tate Forcier, who passed for 240 yards and ran for another 70. Running back Armando Allen had the best day of his three-year career, running for 139 yards on 21 carries. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen continued his hot streak, completing 25 passes for 336 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. But the normally stout Notre Dame kick coverage unit allowed 94-yard kick return for a touchdown, and the offense sputtered in the third quarter, gaining only 27 total yards. Despite trailing 31-20 early in the fourth quarter, Clausen led two touchdown drives to give the Irish a 34-31 lead. Forcier got the last word, though, and put together a 57-yard touchdown drive in the final two minutes. The Irish have not won at Michigan since Charlie Weis’ first season in 2005.

For more photos, check out the photo gallery at ndsmcobserver.com
There's a new drug sweeping the nation. It takes you soaring on an intergalactic rocket race around the Sun, then leaves you chilling in an Igloo lounge on Pluto. Before you call the DEA, let me clarify. The drug is no substance at all, merely the psychedelic tracks of Stardeath and White Dwarves, a new progressive rock quartet out of Oklahoma City. The group has toured with Deerhoof, British Sea Power, Band of Horses, and of course, their musical comrades and fellow Oklahomans, The Flaming Lips, who they traveled with as roadies and an opening act. Their debut album, appropriately named "The Birth," was released this summer, and they went on a short tour to promote it.

"The Birth" is a very strong album. It starts off with a contemporary sound, echoing their cousins from the Sooner State. The tracks are well structured, full-bodied, and catchy. As you progress, the tracks get more and more spacious, giving way to the following.

"The Birth" transitions right into "Those Who Are from the Sun Return to the Sun," which is the most liberated song of the album. The instrumental power funk rockets unceasingly forward, throttling the listener into an out-of-control state. The bass player exhibits talent with unmatchable riffs at blazing speeds, while the drummer, who broke his drum set while recording his part to this song, keeps right along with the bass. With this track, Stardeath shows off their ability to play this psychedelic rock fast as well as slow.

Debut albums are one of the most important albums of a band's career — with it they establish a fan base that will expect music set by the precedence of the debut. Albums like "The Birth" are a great way to start a musical career, because Stardeath and White Dwarves have essentially given themselves a wide platform on which to build on. From such a dynamic album such as this, they can build on either musical ego, or continue blending the two.

The album art, which is a super close-up, expressive, black and white face superimposed over space, may be off-putting at first, but it encapsulates the album well. Stardeath and White Dwarves venture from the massive depth of space, to the hyper-intensity of a face. Somewhere in between, there's a band with big shoes to fill and a future in music making.

When it comes down to it, there are really only two important elements in hip hop: hunger and swagger. Whether it's a song, album, artist or era, it centers on either a rabid ferocity towards a goal or a celebration of reaching said goal. Strangely enough, the goal itself isn't really important. Public Enemy found greatness in radical politics, Eminem found it in a racial divide and Method Man found it in simply getting high. Good can be found without a goal, great cannot.

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Browns quarterback Brady Quinn fumbles against the Vikings in Minnesota's 9/20/09 34-20 loss.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — After rolling into the end zone with his first NFL touchdown, Vikings rookie wide receiver Percy Harvin had to absorb an unexpected hit. Brett Favre flattened him.

"I thought we were going to bump chests or something," Harvin said. "He wasn't slowing down. I took it and we fell to the ground. It was a great feeling."

For Favre, the aglees quarterback with a boundless love for football, career touchdown No. 464 was as enjoyable as his first.

Favre looked pleasing in purple, throwing a 6-yard TD pass to Harvin in his debut with Minnesota and Adrian Peterson scored three touchdowns and ran for 180 yards as the Vikings overcame a sluggish start to beat the Cleveland Browns 34-20 on Sunday.

"I had a blast," Favre said. "It wasn't a 400-yard passing game, but it doesn't have to be. As long as we win, that's what it's all about."

Making his 270th consecutive start as a starter, a win-or-lose wasn't the flattination that dominated NFL headlines this summer, the 39-year-old Favre, who holds every significant passing record, showed he can still fire it with authority - and that he hasn't lost his joy for playing.

After hooking up with the speedy Harvin, Favre sprinted into the end zone and tackled the young wideout who was just 6 years old when his QB began his storied career.

"You don't find too many players like that who still love the game," said Harvin, a first-round pick from Florida. "That's what makes him special and separates him from a lot of people. For him to be that old - he's got a daughter of age - and still has a love for the game, going to all the places and all that stuff. He's by himself."

So is Peterson.

The league's leading rusher last season scored on a pair of 1-yard plunges and capped his day with an electrifying 64-yarder in the fourth quarter, breaking five tackles along the way, to make it 34-13.

Peterson was held to just 25 yards in the first half, when he needed treatment for a badly cut left arm. He felt light headed and received intravenous fluids at halftime.

"I gaggged myself a couple times trying to get everything in my stomach out," he said. "I feel like it's making it better and it did. I came in and got an IV and felt refreshed and rejuvenated and was ready to go to work."

On his long TD run, Peterson used a devastating stiff arm to get away from would-be tacklers before finally busting free and scoring.

"It was pretty good," Favre said. "The only thing I did wrong was that I didn't get untouched. I was just determined to get to the end zone, and try to stick that dagger in."

It certainly put away the Browns.

"When you play a player of Adrian Peterson's caliber, it only takes one play," said Browns defensive end Scott Sch이며. "He only needs that one time and one play to get it done."

Favre was 14 of 21 for 110 yards and appeared to be fully recovered from the concussio surgery to repair a torn biceps tendon, an injury that plagued him through the stretch last season with the Jets. Favre threw nine interceptions in New York's final five games, a slide that cost his team a playoff berth.

Mangini is now with Cleveland, and one game into his tenure, little has changed with the Browns. They fell to 1-10 in season openers since 1999, but did score the first offensive touchdown in seven games when Brady Quinn hit tight end Benjamin Watson with a 28-second TD.

Saints 45, Lions 25

Drew Brees summed up his Storm-racing performance by harping on "the ones that got away." But he said he can do better than this, look out.

Brees tied a Saints' single-game record with six touchdown passes and threw for 358 yards as the New Orleans Saints beat Detroit Sunday to extend the Lions' regular-season losing streak to 18 games.

"I had a lot of opportunities out there. A lot of guys made some big plays in this game," Brees said. "Unfortunately you always think about the ones that got away."

Saints quarterback Drew Brees drops back to pass against the Vikings in Minnesota's 34-20 win in Cleveland.

Brees, who started 10 of 37 for 197 yards and an interception, threw three picks in a game before. Obviously, I don't like to lose. I wish I could play better, but I've got to learn from it.

Stafford led two touchdown drives, carrying one with his first NFL score on a short way to keeping Lions safety Louis Delmas also returned a fumble for a 65-yard touchdown, which made it 38-27 late in the third quarter.

The Lions had some highights of their own and stayed in the game until the fourth quarter, offering hope they may eventually win before running Tampa Bay's record to 4-0.

For all times, however, they also made mistakes symptomatic of a team with a long losing streak. A few plays after Aaron Brown's 87-yard kickoff return, Daniel Loper was called for a false start and the Lions wound up with only a field goal.

Sooner, Brees' pass to Devery Henderson deep down the middle went for 58 yards, putting New Orleans up 38-20.

Stafford's longest completion went to Calvin Johnson, who skipped Malcolm Jenkins' tackle on a crossing route and scampered 64 yards to the Saints 3. That set up Stafford's TD.

That was nothing compared to the passing exhibition put on by Brees, who last season became only the second quarterback in NFL history to surpass 5,000 yards.

Brees completed his first three passes for 49 yards, including a 26-yarder to Reggie Bush and a 9-yard TD to Marques Colston on another TDs went for 39 yards to Robert Meachem ...13, and 13 yards to fullback Heath Evans.

New Detroit coach Jim Schwartz didn't let his defense escape blame, however.

"Good performances, you wouldn't? want to mean?" points allowed, third-down defense and red zone defense, rushing," he said. "There's no silver lining to that.

Bush returned for the Saints and ran for 41 yards after missing 11 games with a Lisfranc injury in his right foot. The Lions had 555 yards of total offense against New York's defense.

But the Lions could not have opened the game much worse. New Orleans first three drives started near midfield and the Lions led 1-0 after six minutes elapsed. Brees' TD pass to Colston and Meachem.

Browns quarterback Brady Quinn fumbles against the Vikings in Minnesota's 34-20 win in Cleveland.

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Peterson pushes for three touchdowns in Vikings win

Brees ties Saints record with six touchdown passes over hapless Lions, who drop 18th straight regular season game

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Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Donovan McNabb limped to the locker room with a cracked rib. Jake Delhomme was boosed off the field.

The veteran quarterbacks had rough games for different reasons Sunday, putting both franchises in flux after Arizona routed the Carolina Panthers 38-10.

A dominant performance by the Eagles thanks to Delhomme's five turnovers was tempered by concerns about McNabb, who cracked a single rib when he was cramped by several defenders on his 3-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

With the suspended Michael Vick watching from a luxury suite, Kevin Kolb finished the game at quarterback as the Eagles ran out the clock on a miserable day for the Panthers.

Playing his first meaningful game since committing six turnovers against Arizona in the playoffs, Delhomme was nearly as bad. With the losses increasing before he was finally replaced in the third quarter, Delhomme was 7 of 17 for 73 yards with four interceptions and a lost fumble.

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Victor Abiamiri picked up Delhomme's fumble, caused by Trent Cole's sack, and plunged 2 yards for the go-ahead touchdown on the first play of the second quarter. Moments later, DeSean Jackson returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown — the second longest in franchise history.

Delhomme collapsed under the weight of relentless pressure from the Eagles, who were playing their first game since the death of longtime defensive coordinator Jim Johnson.

Sheldon Brown had two of the interceptions and Akeem Jordan and Asante Samuel each had one on consecutive Delhomme throws in the third quarter. McNabb, who finished 10 of 18 for 79 yards with touchdown passes to Brent Celek and Brian Westbrook, rubbed for a TD after the Jordan pick for the game's final score.

He was on the ground for several minutes after a hard hit by several would-be tacklers. Vick, wearing a suit and watching from Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie's suite, looked concerned as McNabb got up, slapped a high-five with tight end Brent Celek and walked to the bench.

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb grimaces as he is examined after being injured on a touchdown run in the third quarter against the Carolina Panthers. Backup QB Michael Vick is not eligible to play until Week 3.

Eagles' McNabb leaves with injury

IN BRIEF

NBA assists leader Stockton enters Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — John Stockton, the NBA's career leader in assists and steals, has been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame.

Stockton played his entire 19-year career in Utah, leading the Jazz to the NBA finals in 1997 and 1998. He also won Olympic gold medals in 1992 and 1996.

His longtime coach, Jerry Sloan, was also in Friday's class. Stockton said his coach's record "speaks for itself" and called longtime teammate Karl Malone the best power forward in NBA history.

Considered one of the NBA's best point guards, Stockton averaged 13.1 points and 10.5 assists for his career.

The Hall's class also included Stockton's Dream Team teammates, Michael Jordan and David Robinson; and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer.

Bobcats co-owner Beck dies in small plane crash

ROCK HILL, S.C. — A North Carolina businessman who was a co-owner of the Charlotte Bobcats has died in a single-engine plane crash.

"Skipper" Beck, the only person aboard the Cirrus SR22, died in the crash around 7:15 a.m. Friday at a local airport in South Carolina just across the state line from Charlotte.

The York County coroner and the Federal Aviation Administration say Beck was the only person aboard the Cirrus SR22.

Witnesses say the plane returned shortly after take off, but crashed as it tried to land and caught fire.

An Internet flight tracking site says the plane flew from New Jersey to Rock Hill on Wednesday.

Bobcats owner Robert L. Johnson issued a statement saying that Beck was instrumental in bringing the NBA team to the area.

Serena Williams fined $10,000 for open tirade

NEW YORK — Serena Williams was fined $10,000 Sunday for a profanity-laced tirade directed at a U.S. Open line judge, and an investigation is under way to determine whether there should be additional punishment.

The $10,000 penalty—not quite 3 percent of the $350,000 in prize money Williams earned by reaching the semifinals at Flushing Meadow—is the maximum on-site fine that can be issued for unsportsmanlike conduct at a Grand Slam tournament.

The U.S. Open said in a statement that the Grand Slam Committee Administrator "will determine if the behavior of Ms. Williams warrants consideration as a major offense for which additional penalties can be imposed."

Williams, who was defending champion, also was docked $500 for smashing her racket after the first set of what became a 6-4, 7-5 loss to Kim Clijsters on Saturday night.
Tiger cruises to eight-shot victory at Cog Hill

Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Tiger Woods left the drama to everyone else at Cog Hill.

One day after his course-record 62 gave him a seven-shot lead, Woods made sure no one else had a chance Sunday in the BMW Championship. He closed with a 3-under 68 for an eight-shot victory over Jim Furyk and Marc Leishman.

It was his sixth victory of the year, and assured Woods the No. 1 ranking going into the final tournament of the FedEx Cup and its $10 million prize. Woods won for the fifth time at Cog Hill, and it was his 10th career victory by at least eight shots.

"It felt like we had a tournament within a tournament," Furyk said. "Tiger was seven ahead. He was kind of running away at this kind of a tournament for second place."

That other tournament wound up being quite a show.

As Woods cruised around Cog Hill in his familiar red shirt, a dozen players behind him were scrambling for positions into the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake in two weeks.

Furyk’s runner-up finish moved him up 15 spots to No. 3, meaning he can win the FedEx Cup and will have an outside shot at the $10 million.

Most compelling, however, was the battle for the 30th and final spot.

The heartbreaker belonged to Brandt Snedeker, playing in the final group with Woods. Walking up the 18th hole, he learned he only needed a bogey to finish in the top 30. He missed his 12-foot par putt, then watched in shock as his 3-foot-putter for bogey caught the left lip of the cup.

Snedeker was so stunned that he missed the next two putts and took triple bogey.

"I can’t believe I did this," Snedeker said. "I just made a mess of it."

That allowed John Senden to capture the 30th spot by less than a half-point over Ian Poulter, two players who were hardly clutch down the stretch.

Senden had a 90-yard wedge to the green at the 15th and chuncked it so badly that it traveled only 50 yards. Two holes later, he nearly hit a bunker shot over the green and into the water to make double bogey.

Senden finished with 1,532.41 points. Poulter, who hit his approach into the water on the 16th, wound up with 1,531.95 points.

Far for easier to compute was Woods winning.

He finished at 19-under 265 for his 74th career victory, leaving two short of Jack Nicklaus for second on the PGA Tour’s career list. Woods also tied Sam Snead with his sixth season of at least six victories.

Woods won for the first time since his aura was slightly tarnished at the PGA Championship, where he lost a lead in the final round for the first time since he was a 20-year-old rookie. Y.E. Yang rallied from two shots behind to beat him at Hazeltine, ending Woods’ streak of never losing a major with at least a share of the lead.

No way he was about to lose this one — not at Cog Hill, and not the way he was hitting shots and making putts.

The closest anyone got to him was six shots when Woods missed the fifth fairway and failed to convert a 10-foot par putt. He made it look easy, yet still provided a few thrills.

Woods sent his tee shot well to the right into the trees on the par-5 ninth, leaving him a 20-foot wide chute under the trees. He smacked a 3-iron low, straight and under the branches, just a little too far. Blocked by a tree on his third shot, he played a low hook and ran the ball onto the green to 15 feet. He made the birdie.

Walking off the green, he shrugged his shoulder and smiled. Indeed, everything went his way this week in the Chicago suburbs.

He added an eagle on the par-5 15th when his approach bumped off the collar of the green, caught a ridge and rolled to 6 feet. From there, all that remained was his margin of victory.

Cog Hill became the fourth course where Woods has won at least five times. He has won seven times at Torrey Pines and Firestone, and six times at Bay Hill.

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Gonzalez, Falcons destroy 'Fins

Associated Press

ATLANTA — For one week at least, the Falcons answered all those questions about their defense. There were never any doubts about Tony Gonzalez. Atlanta's new tight end hauled in a touchdown pass and became the 21st player in NFL history with 11,000 yards receiving, helping the Falcons beat the mistake-prone Miami Dolphins 19-7 Sunday.

Gonzalez caught five passes for a team-high 73 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown that was set up by Mike Peterson's interception. He made the catch in the flats, cut to the inside while shaking away Yeremiah Bell with his left hand, picked up a nice block from Roddy White and waltzed into the end zone to join the 11,000-yard club.

The former college basketball player didn't get a chance to dunk the ball over the goal posts.

"I was going for it, but my teammates were jumping all over me so I didn't have time to get out of the way," Gonzalez said. "Plus, I was tired. I was just happy to get in the end zone!"

The matchup between the two most surprising teams of 2008 wasn't much of a game. The Falcons' defense, highly suspect after letting go five starters and knocking down with injuries during the preseason, came up with four turnovers and thoroughly shut down a team that won the AFC East after going 1-15 two years ago.

Peterson, the only prominent player signed by Atlanta on defense during the offseason, arrived with a vicious hit and did a pretty good impression of Gonzalez on the interception, catching it with his fingertips and returning the ball 39 yards to set up the game's first touchdown in Atlanta.

Last week, the guys all the time that I've got the best hands on the team, but they don't believe me," Peterson said. "Maybe they'll start believing me now."

Matt Ryan threw a pair of touchdown passes for the Falcons, who made the playoffs in 2008 after a quick rebuilding job from the Vick Michael debacle. They are off to a good start in their attempt to post consecutive winning seasons for the first time in the club's 44-year history.

Peterson paid immediate dividends, flinging a 39-yard pass to Antsyo Fasano after a catch late in the second quarter. Another newcomer, Brian Williams, then forced a fumble with a tackle from Roddy White and ran 53 yards to set up the Falcons a 7-0 lead in the second quarter.

The defense gave up a 13-7 third-quarter lead, but the Falcons quickly took advantage of two second-half turnovers: Williams intercepted a pass, and Peterson intercepted. He didn't get caught up in the excitement, though he also gave up a score on the ill-advised throw to try to make it 24-17.

"We wanted this win more than anything," Peterson said. "It's something that hopefully will give us some momentum."

Everyone counted on a defensive struggle, based on the series' history and the way the teams played in their season openers.

Neither team had scored more than 20 points on the other in the series. Besides, Georgia was coming off a 24-10 loss to Oklahoma on which it gave up 63 points. South Carolina had eked out an ugly 7-3 win at Georgia.

Instead, it was a shootout right from the start. South Carolina (3-0) overcame Georgia's (2-1) effort when a 39-yard field goal by Lanning tied a Gamecocks record of 1,387 points and went up 10-0.

"It's a nail-biting play," Curran said. "I was kind of huddled up in a huddle. It looked like Garcia was about to tackle it and run into the end zone."

Instead, Garcia decided to throw his 53rd pass of the night to a receiver cutting down field behind Curran. The junior lineman turned it into a touchdown and swatted the ball to the ground.

"I knew he liked to hit it right on that tight end on that last play," Garcia said. "I didn't know whether to come back and try to hit him or stay back in coverage. As soon as I took a step forward, he lobbed it up and I was able to stick my hand out there and tip the ball down."

The Bulldogs (1-1, 0-1 Southern Conference) had avoided their first 0-2 start since 1996. South Carolina (1-1) was hurt by a blocked field goal after its final touchdown, which prevented the Gamecocks from going for a tying field goal at the end. The Bulldogs defense and offense had played well in the last five meetings.

"I think we've got the right people in the right spots, with this defense," said Garcia, who heard reports during the week that he was suffering from a sore arm or shoulder. "I didn't even start, threw for 201 yards, and we won. It's tough, but I said the same thing when he gave me a score on the ill-advised throw to try to make it 24-17."

"He gave an effort when a lot of guys don't want to give effort," Richt said of Tyson. "He's got great confidence. Why try hard? But he tried hard and blocked it."

South Carolina kicker Blair Walsh knocked through a 41-yard field goal, racing the other way for a touchdown that pulled the Gamecocks to 38-37 with just under 13 minutes remaining. All that was needed was the extra point, a mere formality, right?

Wrong. Da'Angelo Tyson led a wildcat, diving in front of Walsh's kick, keeping Georgia ahead. It was the only thing that went wrong for the South Carolina kicker, connecting on all 22 kicks and converting both two-point conversions.

But Norwood reached up to knock the ball away on a 39-yard field goal during the fourth quarter to give the Gamecocks a 23-22 lead in the first quarter, but Georgia rallied for a 31-23 edge at halftime. The Bulldogs lost tucked away pulling away with an 8-yard pass, which they had to punt on a third-down conversion, allowing Georgia a 28-23 lead in the fourth quarter.

"I knew we couldn't make a mistake on that play," said Garcia, who had a huge game for the Gamecocks. "I knew if I could keep it up, I could have a huge game for the Gamecocks. Bryan Evans did a somersault."

"Man, it was a nail-biting play," Curran said.

Rennie Curran

Georgia linebacker
Houston upsets No. 5 Cowboys

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Quarterback Case Keenum was17 for 35 passing for a huge win in the University of Georgia's 17-10 victory over No. 5 Oklahoma State at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium Saturday. But the Georgia Bulldogs are particularly impressive in the SEC West, where they have lost only one game this season. The victory gives them a 2-0 record and helped them improve to 11-2 on the season. The Bulldogs also clinched the SEC West title with the win.

Red Sox deal Rays 11th straight loss

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jon Lester made the comeback story of the year two days after struggling in a loss to the New York Yankees. The Red Sox left-hander allowed two hits in eight innings and Boston beat Tampa Bay 4-0 on Sunday in a game shortened by a rain delay. The Red Sox rallied for the win as they scored twice in the eighth inning to extend their winning streak to 11 games.

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The Rays were outscored 16-2 and managed 14 hits in Boston's three-game sweep. They're 8-16 in their last 24 games.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona said he wasn't worried about Lester, who is 5-9 with a 2.26 ERA in his last 10 outings, talked about Friday's work was similar to a regular side session for a pitcher between starts.

"They're creatures of habit and that's not the way you draw it up," Francona said. "He didn't let it affect him.

In the opener, Dustin Pedroia's tying, two-run homer in the eighth sent Boston to a victory behind Clay Buchholz and two relievers.

Tampa Bay was eliminated from the wild card race one year after winning the division and reaching the World Series. The losing streak is the longest by a major league team this season.

"It's embarrassing," said James Shields, the second-game loser. "Eleven straight losses. Not fun at all. Whether we're in the race or not, we've got to play better baseball."
Belles notch first conference victory

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team needed two attempts to notch their first MIAA win of the season this past weekend, losing first to Adrian on Friday before defeating Alma College on Saturday. The loss to Adrian was the Belles' second five-set nail-biter in a row, with the first being a loss to MIAA opponent Trine University on Tuesday. Adrian took the first set 25-21 before the Belles turned it around and dominated the second set 25-15, with a 269 attack percentage. After the teams traded the following two sets to force a deciding fifth, the Bulldogs ultimately capitalized on costly Belles mistakes to win the set 15-9.

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The Belles had little time to think about the loss as they had to play a conference opponent in Hope College, undefeated in seven matches. The first set against Alma was tied 18-18 before the Belles eventually captured it 25-21. The Scots bounced back and were on the brink of tying up the match at one set apiece with a lead at 24-23 before the Belles began their rally. A pair of kills by freshman Stephanie Bodien and an ace by junior Meghan Rose allowed the Belles to take four straight points and the set 26-24.

The third set was much like the second except the Belles were forced to dig out of an even deeper hole. Trailing 24-19, the Belles won eight of the next 11 points including a kill from senior L o r n a Slupcyzynski to win the set 27- 25. Slupcyzynski ended the match with a team-high 21 kills and 19 digs. Junior Andrea Sagon followed that effort on offense with 10 kills of her own and Bodien followed on defense with 18 digs.

The win brings their conference record to 1-2 and their overall record to an even 4-4. The Belles will be back on the road to take on a tough opponent in Hope College, undefeated on the year at 6-0. The match will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC rallies late over Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two games into his college football career, 19-year-old quarterback Matt Barkley already has a place in Southern California lore.

Three seasons into his USC career, Joe McKnight can now claim a spot with the great runners at Tailback U.

The freshman phenom and the shifty tailback made big plays after big play, and Stafon Johnson capped one of the great drives in USC’s storied history with a 2-yard touchdown run with 1:06 left to give the third-ranked Trojans an 18-15 victory against No. 8 Ohio State on Saturday night.

"We’re Trojans. That’s what we do," Barkley said.

"This is what we dreamed of, coming back like this," said Golden Bears coach.

"Doesn’t matter where we are in the score. We found a way. I love this," Barkley said.

For the Buckeyes (1-1), it was another big-game disappointment, maybe the toughest one yet. Ohio State has now lost six straight against USC, Ohio State Stadium started to grow uneasy.

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Jennings, Rodgers lead Pack over Bears

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers brought the Packers back late in the fourth quarter, heaving a 50-yard touchdown pass to Greg Jennings with 1:11 remaining to give Green Bay a 21-15 victory over the Chicago Bears in the season opener Sunday night.

Facing third-and-1 at the 50-yard line, Rodgers faked play action and heaved a rainbow of a throw deep to Jennings, who ran for the go-ahead score.

Rodgers found Jennings again for a 2-point conversion.

"It was important for us to get a win like this tonight," Rodgers said. "It'll definitely build our team character." Rodgers finished 17 of 28 for 184 yards for the Packers, and his big throw ruined the debut of Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, who had a career-worst four interceptions and finished the game 17 of 36 for 277 yards with a touchdown for his new team.

"There were a lot of failures," Cutler said. "We've got to go back and look at it. I think we're still going to be a good football team, there's no need to panic."

"It's pretty simple what happened tonight," Smith said. "Any time that you have four turnovers, you're normally not going to win the football game, especially against a good football team." Rodgers answered with a drive for a 21-yard field goal by Robbie Gould to give Green Bay a 13-12 lead in the third quarter, giving the Bears a 12-10 lead.

But Chicago's head-scratching fake punt attempt early in the fourth quarter gave the ball back to Packers deep in Bears territory, and Mason Crosby hit a 39-yard field goal to give Green Bay a 13-12 lead with 10:10 left.

Cutler answered with a drive for a 21-yard field goal by Robbie Gould to give Chicago a 15-13 lead. Rodgers got the ball back at the Green Bay 28 with 2:28 left and quickly drove the Packers to midfield, where he made the decisive throw to Jennings.

"It definitely boosts my confidence," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "He was hit a bunch. Our pass protection was not what we were looking for."

Rodgers generally had a successful first season as a starter last year, but was criticized by some fans for not coming through in some key late-game situations — although the Packers often were put in bad positions by an inept defense.

That wasn't a problem Sunday night as Green Bay got some much-needed pressure out of its revamped 3-4 alignment under new defensive coordinator Dom Capers, forcing Cutler to scramble out of trouble all night. Rodgers made plenty of trouble for himself from there, making poor decisions under pressure.

For all the pregame discussion about Cutler's arrival in Chicago after an offseason trade from Denver, and the potential potency of Green Bay's offense in Rodgers' second year as a starter, few would have guessed the score with less than six minutes left in the first half. Packers 3, Bears 2.

But the Packers finally found the end zone just before halftime — thanks in large part to Cutler's third interception of the half.

Scrambling to avoid pressure, Cutler unleashed a lazy pass over the middle with no apparent Bears receiver in the area. Packers nickel cornerback Tramon Williams — who whiffed on a pair of potential interceptions earlier in the half — returned the ball 67 yards to give the Packers first-and-goal on the 1. Ryan Grant found the end zone on the next play and Green Bay took a 10-2 lead.

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Belles top D1 opponents

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's placed sixth in the field of nine at the NIU Huskie Open as W. line Division III team in competition.

Senior Megan McCloy led the Belles with a total of 20.42.29 on the five-kilometer course. The All-MIAA senior captain finished 22nd overall in the field of 105 runners. "Megan (McCloy) is a leader by example," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "She is a wonderful athlete to coach and has a lot of natural talent."

In a field featuring six Division I teams, Saint Mary's finished ahead of NAIA Judson, NJCAA Iowa Western, and NCAA Division I Chicago State. Just behind McCloy, freshman Julia Kenney ran a 21:12:20 to finish 30th overall. Fellow underclassman Ariane Rodriguez finished in 21:17:44 to place 32nd. Rounding out the Belles' top five were junior Clare McFy with a 21:20:17 and sophomore Jeanne Almond with a 21:26:17.

"Both returners and freshmen made strong showings this weekend," Bauters said. "It's evident they took their summer training seriously and are ready for a solid season."

It was a solid opener for Saint Mary's, who have high hopes for the season after consecutive fourth-places finishes in the MIAA. The combination of senior leadership and young talent puts the team in a good position to make a run to the top of the conference.

“The team looks good,” Bauters said. “I believe it is the best they've looked since I've returned to coach.”

The Belles open the MIAA portion of their schedule with the Calvin Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Saturday, Sept. 19. For Bauters, whose squad has steadily marched up the MIAA ladder since the 2004 alumna’s arrival at Saint Mary’s, the meet will be a crucial test.

“The MIAA meets are of obvious importance to us,” Bauters said. “Returning to the Calvin meet is exciting. Last year there was great competition on a beautiful course. It's a great event, and I'm excited to take the women back.”

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles offensives leads to recovery from defeat

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Otterbin shut out Saint Mary's Friday before the Belles' offense erupted for five goals against Manchester Sunday.

Saint Mary's and Otterbin remained scoreless through 50 minutes before senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy allowed an Otterbin shot past her. Duffy made six saves in the game prior to allowing two goals in the 20th minute.

"Duffy has a tremendous competitive spirit," Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said. "She has spent many extra hours on her own in order to get better at her position. Having a full season in 2008 and the number of minutes she played should translate into an advantage for her coming into the 2009 season that she did not have last year."

Senior Sam Smogor also was key for the Belles in the loss, as she registered the only shot in the game, which was blocked from 18 yards away.

"From an attacking perspective I have high expectations from Micki Hedinger, Sam Smogor and Katelyn Tundo-Steel," Crabbe said. "In addition, Colleen Ferguson, Jess Shean and Keely Noonan bring a full season of playing together in the midfield this year."

After winning their first contest of the season the Belles have relaxed downward by losing their last three contests.

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trilled first-place Purdue by 36 strokes after the first day of play.

Huffer led the team the first day with a 7-over 151, sitting at 25th place in the strong field. Senior Annie Brophy finished day one rifle on Huffer's tail, keeping pace with a plus-eight 152.

Brophy shot a 77 in the final round of play to earn a plus-13 total at 229 for the tournament. She finished tied for 26th. Junior Katie Conway shot a 79 to finish at 236, tied for 47th. Senior Kristin Wetzel posted a final day 83 for a three-round total of 242.

"With the depth of talent on this team we've got a good chance to return to the regional championship," Holt said. "The long season started this weekend and will keep going all year." The team's next competitive rounds of the season is the Irish Travel to Kentucky for the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational. The tournament runs from Sept. 25 through Sept. 27 at the University of Kentucky Golf Club.

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a game that saw a dominating second half performance in the first 45 minutes of meeting between the two soccer programs. "At the end of the game, I think the result was well deserved," Irish coach Bobby Conrad said. "They deserved the upset against Seattle. I feel like they gave us everything we could handle in the first half."

The Irish wasted no time jumping out to a lead in the contest, earning its first goal on a cross from Alex Henry to senior midfielder Justin Morrow, who placed the ball into the back of the net.

Noe Dame was able to maintain a stifling defense throughout the match, keeping Seattle from getting its first shot off until the 33rd minute.

The Irish had one more scoring threat in the waning minutes of the first half before junior midfielder Josh Trupiano ripped a shot from just outside the box, but his shot went just right of the goalpost, leaving the score at 1-0.

The second half saw more dominance from Notre Dame, they outshot Seattle 12-1 over the remainder of the game.

Senior midfielder Michael Thomas made the score 2-0 in the 60th minute as he booted a goal from the top of the box after a good pass from senior forward Tolulope Adeyemi. Senior defender John Schaefer put the game out of reach for the Irish in the 69th minute, as he booted a shot from about 20 yards out, but goalkeeper Emerson de Oliveira was unable to help the Gophers.

The Irish came out hot in the 62nd minute of the contest, the Irish scored what would be the final goal of the game.

Just a few seconds later, the Irish had their best scoring chance of the game when Henderson played freshman Thiermann in to the box for a one-on-one with the keeper. But Henderson once again came up big, getting just enough of the shot to keep Notre Dame scoreless.

Junior Nikki Weiss and senior Kelsey Lysander each played a half in the net for the Irish, with Weiss making one save and Lysander recording two.

Noe Dame ran into more of the same bad luck in its matchup with Stanford, a rematch of last season's national semifinal contest. The two teams were neck and neck in the first half, trading offensive scoring chances with neither team able to pull ahead.

In the second half, the Cardinal put the Irish away in a matter of minutes. In the 50th minute, a Stanford header off a free kick found its way past Lysander to begin the scoring.

Just three minutes later, bad luck struck Notre Dame once again. After the Irish seemed to have smothered the Cardinal attack, a shot ricocheted off one of the defenders and came to rest at the feet of the other Stanford player near the quick shot snuck in behind Lysander.

The Cardinal defense kept a talented Irish offensive attack off the board for the rest of the game to get the victory.

Notre Dame returns home next weekend when they open Big East conference play against DePaul Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. The team will then wrap up its non-conference schedule Sunday with a 1 p.m. contest against Northwestern.

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between the two squads. Junior forward Dominic Cameron continued from page 24

Kellei Sciarra contributed eight kills, three of which came in a dominant Irish second set that saw the Irish combine for a 467 attacking clip.

Sunday's victory improves the squad's home record to 4-1, compared to a 1-2 record on the road. While Brown isn't convinced that home court advantage is a deciding factor in the team's success, she recognizes that the team feeds off the welcoming vibes from the home crowd.

"I don't think it's huge," Brown said. "For a lot of different reasons it's good. You're in your familiar surroundings, it's fun to play in front of friends and family, I don't know many points they actually put on the board, but in some cases even just a couple is going to be the difference.

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The Irish didn't waste time shaking off the rust of a losing stretch, securing six straight sets on route to a sweep of the No. 5 Notre Dame/adidas Invitational. Friday's 3-1 victory over Wisconsin (15-25, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18) was the first victory over the Badgers since 1987, and just the second in nine tries. "I think Wisconsin just came out and played on fire in game one," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "Certainly we were able to make some adjustments in games two, three and four. When you take the hits like we did it can start to erode away at your confidence, and so to come back and put a solid match together like this is really important for us and should help us for sure." Senior outside hitter Serenity Phillips and sophomore outside hitter Kristen Dealy turned in their best performances of the year against Big Ten foe Wisconsin (4-4), each notching 19 kills. Adding a team-best 13 digs to go along with her career-high kill mark, Dealy recorded her first double-double of the season. "In particular, our outside hitters were just outstanding," Brown said. "Serinity Phillips and Kristen Dealy were just unbelievable. We didn't have a real balanced attack, but we didn't need to because they were so good that Jamel just kept giving them the ball. That's what should happen if you have a hot hitter like that." After a day off on Saturday, Notre Dame (5-3) didn't lose a step as they claimed a victory over New Mexico State in straight sets (25-18, 25-19, 25-19) in the first meeting of the season.

ND Men's Soccer

Win one, lose one

Irish place third in weekend tournament

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The No. 10 Irish split the eighth annual Hilton Garden Inn Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament this weekend with a convincing win against a hapless Seattle squad and a hard-fought overtime loss to New Mexico, 2-1. The results left the Irish finishing third in the tournament, with No. 12 Indiana taking first and New Mexico edging Notre Dame for second place in the head-to-head matchup. The Irish opened up play on Friday when they used a trio of scorers to best Seattle, 4-0. After a slow start, the Irish got rolling behind a hat trick from senior midfielder Justin Morrow that included a "golden goal" in overtime. Senior midfielder Justin Morrow dribbles past two New Mexico defenders Sunday. New Mexico won the game with a 'golden goal' in overtime.

Irish drop two over weekend

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Over the previous 15 road games, Notre Dame has had its way with its opponents, outscoring them 46-7 during that stretch. But when the Irish took the field Friday at the Santa Clara/ adidas Classic in Santa Clara, Calif., nothing seemed to go their way. No. 5 Notre Dame (3-3) dropped both matches over the weekend, the first to Santa Clara, Calif., in a 61-5 defeat, and the second to Pepperdine Sunday, 6-0. The Irish women's golf team opens the season with tenth place finish

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Notre Dame notched a final round 311 to finish 10th at the Mary Bossum Invitational in East Lansing, The Irish closed their three-round total of 926 by shooting 23-over Sunday. Sophomore Rebecca Huffer led the squad with a 72 stroke final round and an overall total of 233. She opened her season with a 14th place overall finish. "Team chemistry is really important, especially on a team this small," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "It really shows that our players do a wonderful job of supporting each other." The Irish women's golf team posted a 615 on the opening day, and sat in a tie for eighth place with the University of Minnesota. Notre Dame

ND Men's Golf

Irish in 6th after first rounds

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After a somewhat sloppy first round of play, the Irish improved in the second round of the Gopher Invitational to finish the day in sole possession of sixth place, thirteen shots back from the leader, Southern Methodist University. Hosted by the University of Minnesota, The Gopher Invitational is a two-day, three-round tournament played in Wayzata, Minn. at the Spring Hill Golf Club. The Irish are competing against see GOPHERS/page 22