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

By MARTY STRASEN

Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz. - Someone once told Lou Holtz that Notre Dame is supposed to be on top when it comes to football.

Now, three years after taking over as head coach of the Fighting Irish, Holtz has put them there.

"It's important for Notre Dame to be on top, and I say that because that's what somebody told me," Holtz said after Notre Dame's 34-23 drubbing of West Virginia in the Sunken Fiesta Bowl. The Irish gave the Irish their eighth national championship.

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

The Fighting Irish are back on top, even though many said this team was a year away from the top, even though many said this team was a year away from the top, even though many said this team was a year away from the top.

The Fighting Irish opened the 1988 season with a 19-17 triumph over Michigan, which finished the season ranked fourth.

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

Holtz joins the list of Irish coaches that includes Knute Rockne, Elmer Layden, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine—all winners of national titles at Notre Dame.

For the seniors, being No. 1 marks the end of a long climb from the days of Gerry Faust.

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National Champions!

The Observer/ Suzanne Poch

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

Team, Holtz greeted at White House

Associated Press

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

The INF treaty and George Bush's election were important, but having the Fighting Irish win the national championship is in a class by itself, Reagan said. In return for the sentimental tribute, Reagan received a sweater presented to—who else?—George Gipp.

Reagan, whose role as Notre Dame star Gipp in the movie "Knute Rockne, All-American" gave him his first big break in the movie career that helped propel him to the presidency, told the players:

"I can't help thinking that somewhere a long way off there's a fellow with a big grin and a lot of pride in his school, and he might be thinking to himself that maybe you won another one for the Gipper."

The line was a paraphrase of one spoken by Pat O'Brien as Rockne in the movie, invoking the name of Macarena's house, who was killed crossing the street between their houses when a car hit them at about 8:30 p.m.

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Both were pronounced dead on arrival.

ND junior struck by car and killed

By REGGS COCCIA

Senior Staff Reporter

Celebrations after the Fiesta Bowl turned to grief Jan. 2 when a Notre Dame junior and his friend died after they were hit by a car outside their homes in South Easton, Mass.

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毕业后的怀旧——校园生活中的美好时光
**IN BRIEF**

South African President Botha suffered a stroke at home Wednesday, but was "clear-minded" and might appear as Cabinet member as acting president, his office said. Botha, who turned 73 on Jan. 12, was in stable condition at No. 2 Military Hospital in the Cape Town suburb of Wynberg after suffering a mild attack, his office said.

According to South Africa's Constitution, the president can appoint a Cabinet minister to fill in for him temporarily if incapacitated. The Cabinet can elect one of its members as acting president. Botha has refused to comment on his possible retirement. -Associated Press

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

Two Super Bowl tickets and some Watergate memorabilia, but not the cash that was stolen from his car, were returned to North Carolina Secretary of State Rufus Edmisten. Edmisten considers the tickets and memorabilia to be far more valuable than the money. Someone entered Edmisten's unlocked, state-owned Chevelle in Raleigh Saturday and stole a briefcase, a raincoat and $600 to $700. Edmisten reported the theft to police. But on Monday morning, Edmisten found that all the items except the money had been placed in the back seat of his Toyota in front of his home. "The only thing I can figure is someone looked in there and said, 'Oh my God, it's Rufus'—I'd better give this back to him. But I need the money," Edmisten said. "I fully expected I would never hear of this briefcase again," Edmisten said. "I was heartbroken about the breakage." -Associated Press

**OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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**IRISH, BUSH BOTH NO. 1 IN YEAR OF TRANSITION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bush is not the ideologue that Reagan was. Reagan's Cabinet appointees were selected primarily for their conservative political views, ignoring the qualifications in policy areas. As a result, the nation had Cabinet officials who varied widely in quality, from such skilled statesmen as James Baker (chief-of-staff, Treasury secretary, and now secretary-of-state-designate), to clowns such as James Watt (Interior). Bush's choices for Cabinet positions have been for the most part long-time Washington veterans such as Baker, John Tower (Defense), and Jack Kemp (HUD). Bush's appointees signal that the Bush years will be far different from the Reagan years. It is no longer a case of outsiders coming in to clean up big government; instead, Washington insiders will be taking over to run the bureaucracy and keep the government on a steady helm.

George Bush on Friday will become president of a country which lacks the clear direction it had in 1980. He received no mandate. Instead, Bush faces the looming problems of a massive budget deficit, a Congress with its own agenda, and a decaying industrial base.

It is good that the Reagan years are over. Although they were good years, and Ronald Reagan was generally a good president, he is not the president America needs for the 1990s.

George Bush is that president. It is ironic that Bush's fall opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, brought to light the one characteristic that George Bush possesses and will need for his term to be successful. Although he was referring to himself, Dukakis's words apply to Bush as well as himself. The Bush years will be a matter of "competence, not ideology."
$44.7M given in cash grants

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

This is the third consecutive year that cash contributions have exceeded $40 million, almost doubling the level of four years ago. The totals do not include pledges of future gifts.

In specific contributing categories, foundation and corporate support totaled a record $20.7 million, a 27 percent increase; the University's Annual Fund attracted $6.9 million, a 6 percent increase and a fourth consecutive record total for the fund; direct mail yielded a record $2.5 million, an 8.4 percent increase; and planned giving totaled $4.9 million. The University's Sorn Society, whose members each contribute a minimum of $1,000 annually in unrestricted funds, achieved its eighth consecutive increase in both membership and revenues. With a record 624 new members among its total of 2,900, the Society contributed $2.7 million, a 12 percent increase.

Also in fiscal 1988, commitments to the University's "Strategic Moment" fund raising campaign reached $289 million, 96 percent of the campaign's original goal of $300 million. That goal has since been met, but due to under-funded and new priorities, an additional $117 million is being sought as the campaign enters its national phase in 1989.

Holtz's new recruit?

The Observer/Mike Moran

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

Officials baffled by phone problem

Observer Staff Report

The campus 283-exchange telephone network was inoperative for about 15 minutes on Wednesday afternoon, said Manager of Telecommunications Steve Ellis.

The interruption in service was a software problem, possibly leftover from the power surge which interrupted service last November, said Ellis.

"They don't know exactly what the problem is," said Ellis. "It's a big computer...there are so many variables involved, to test them all would be impossible."

The telephone system was examined Wednesday by three repairmen from AT&T, said Ellis. The University owns the 283-extension, serving primarily student dormitories, but the system is covered by a maintenance agreement with AT&T.

Ellis added that maintenance checks temporarily disabled various lines throughout the afternoon.
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Notre Dame hockey team.

"The church was packed. There was a line two blocks long at the wake the night before. There were a number of Notre Dame students there," Lardner said.

Lardner said John Goldrick, associate vice president for residence life, asked him to represent the University at the funeral.

Craig Bougas, Sal Castellano and Chris Chiacchierini, three of Macrina's former roommates, served as pallbearers during the funeral.

"(Macrina) was a little on the quiet side but well-liked, low-profile but not shy or reticent," he said. Macrina was a Dean's List student at Notre Dame and he had recently joined Grace's inter­hall hockey team, Lardner said.

"He was a natural athlete. He was a great hockey player," Mike Kolar, one of Macrina's roommates who played with him on the Grace hockey team.

"He was a really hard worker. He was just an all-round good guy, real friendly," Kolar said.

The Notre Dame varsity hockey team, which had played Boston College, attended Macrina's funeral in South Easton, about 45 minutes south of Boston, Lardner said.

"Being a student and all, it was a sad occasion," Borden said. "We were in the area and we thought (attending the funeral) was appropriate," he said.

Macrina is survived by his mother, Barbara Palm and stepfather Carl Palm and two younger brothers.

Macrina's name will be added to a plaque remembering deceased students who lived in Grace Hall, Lardner said. Richard Macrina is the fourth student from Grace who died while still a student, he added.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, said Director of Campus Ministry Father Andre Leveille.

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

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

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

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

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

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Panel to study Miami slaying

Associated Press

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

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

Associated Press

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

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who ended his five-year stint as coach at Miami and a 30-26-1 record.

"It's a dream come true," said senior tailback and tri-captain Mark Green. "It's an awesome feeling. Everything came together. It was a long time coming. I knew it was possible, but I can't say I thought it was going to happen."

"It's been a long, long road. Coach Holtz came in and restored the discipline. We've been through hell, but it's just a matter of paying the price. Now we're collecting the dividends."

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

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tory. It has become a political slogan. Reagan has repeated it over and over.

Reagan told the players how much he values his association with Notre Dame, which he has twice visited during his presidency.

The President of Notre Dame for the participation of Mark Jordan, associate professor of liberal studies, and Kent Every, assistant professor in the program of liberal studies, at the Ad Litteram Conference. $9,762 from NASA-langley Research Center for the participation of Thomas Mueller, chairman of aerospace and mechanical engineering, at the Low Reynolds Number Aerodynamics Conference.

Research grants announced

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame received $931,451 in grants during November for the support of research and various programs. Research funds totaled $330,606, including:

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$110,004 from the U.S. Air Force for research by John Dow, Frenimann professor of physics, on vibrational properties of certain materials.

$85,779 from the U.S. Navy for studies of semiconductor microstructure by Bruce Bunker, associate professor of physics.

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

$65,000 from Indiana State Board of Health for research by Harvey Bender, professor of biological sciences, on a program in human genetics.

$62,700 from National Science Foundation for research on several complex variables theory by Wilhlem Stoll, Dan- can professor of mathematics, and Warren Wong, professor of mathematics.

$31,000 from the National Science Foundation for research by Professor Knight, professor of mathematics, on recursive model theory.

$8,000 from the National Institutes of Health for research by Maureen Hallinan, White professor of arts and letters in sociology, on determinants of students' interrational friendships.

Awards for facilities and equipment totaled $860,054

$90,977 from the National Science Foundation for an electric- al engineering design and research laboratory, administered by Eugene Henry and John Ubran, professors of electrical engineering.

$80,717 from the National Science Foundation for an under- graduate laboratory for the hydrologic sciences, administered by Stephen Sil- liman, assistant professor of civil engineering, and William Gray, Massman professor of civil engineering.

$70,000 from the U.S. Air Force for high-speed visualization of device stimula- tion undertaken by Craig Lent and Supriyo Bandyopadhyay, assistant professors of electrical and computer engineering.

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Graduate student calls for justice

Dear Editor:

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

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

Sincerely,

The Macrini Family
January 18, 1989

Graduate student support

Dear Editor:

The family of Rick Macrini would like to thank you for your kindness and sympathy a time when it was deeply appreciated. We knew Rick was loved deeply by his family at Notre Dame and will be sadly missed.

Sincerely,

The Macrini Family
January 18, 1989

Quote of the Day

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

Lou Holtz
January 2, 1989

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Roman nightlife: in a class by itself

Successful motion pictures are often the inspiration behind new television series ideas. "Three Men and a Baby," "Baby Boom," and "Dirty Dancing" allpired series of the same names. Then there's "Platoon," the heralded Vietnam drama that captivated audiences in record numbers.

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

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

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

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

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

"Tour of Duty" is a drab, dull, delinquent show that trivializes the Vietnam conflict, however. It is not doomed. With creative and crisp plotlines and in-depth characterization, the talented cast of "Tour of Duty" would round out a wonderful show. In the meantime, however, the viewer of the Monday Night Prime Time is definitely CBS.

Joe Bucolo

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Calvin and Hobbes

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

The streets of cultural Rome are relatively quiet at night considering the city's size and status. All activity ceases by 2 a.m. at the latest, and things are usually winding down by midnight.

But just because the city relatively doesn't mean there is a lack of activity. Rome offers many meeting places for the present, traveler, and native. The hottest spots in the city are the age-old piazzas and the bars and gelaterias surrounding them.

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

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

The Trevi Fountain: Major tourist spot! Go to the fountain and make a wish, but don't stick around. Ladies beware. The Italian men who frequent this spot will not leave an American alone. All over Rome, American females attract quite a bit of attention. Sometimes it's flattering and fun. Most times it's just plain annoying. At the Trevi Fountain, it's especially bad because everyone is either a tourist or an Italian male looking for a conquest. Bars in Italy are places to sit and have a coffee or sandwich. Italian bars do serve alcohol, but that isn't their main activity. The Fox Pub and Miscellania are close to American bars. The Fox Pub is crowded, smoky and offers "all you can drink" specials. "The best deal you can get without an ID," said Kathleen Hoolihan of the Saint Mary's Rome Program. The clientele is distinctly American. It's the place to go to get sick of the attention of Italian men.

On Friday and Saturday nights, however, students from the American high schools descend upon the Fox. The little pub is best avoided on those days because drunken 16-year-olds are much worse than drunken 29-year-olds. Miscellania is pretty much like the Fox but not as crowded or smoky. Of course as with everything else it all depends on the day and the mood.

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

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

'Tour of Duty' fails to depict true Vietnam

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100 and 200 yard breaststroke events. Katie Pamenier and Pat Dugan were first and third respectively in the one-meter diving completion, and Allison Baker was second for the women in the three-meter event.

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

The Northern Illinois meet marked the end of a three meet training cycle for both Irish teams. On Jan. 6-7, Notre Dame competed in the UC-Irvine Invitational and placed swimmers in several events. Then, last week the men defeated Western Ontario and the women lost. After the competition at Cleveland, six of the Notre Dame women's team fell to 3-4, and the men's squad is 1-4-1.

Next for the Irish women will be the conference meet against Illinois State tonight. Next week both teams will travel to Cleveland State.

### Associated Press

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**RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — Two days after being passed over by all sorts of bowls, large and small, Virginia finally got its invitation, and a choice one at that.

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

"When I first heard, I thought, 'Yeah, well we deserve it,'" Virginia guard and co-captain Roy Brown said. "This is our bowl game."

There were some opinion the Cavaliers deserved a post-season co-op bid last season after finishing 7-4 and sending the defending national champion to a five-game winning streak. None came through, and the Cavaliers enter the season with 5-2 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference, third place in the season.

They did not receive a single vote in the Associated Press' final poll. On the hand, Notre Dame was the near-unanimous pick as national champion after an 11-1 season with a 34-21 victory over West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. The national title game was the eighth for the Fighting Irish, the most by any school in the 33-year history of the poll.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can play with Notre Dame," Virginia nose guard Ron Casey said. "I think we're good enough at this stage in our development to be competitive with a team like that."

Robert Mulcahy, the chief executive officer of the New Mexico Sports and Exposition Authority, the sponsor of the Hoft Classic, said that inviting Virginia the NJSEA fulfills a commitment to inviting schools from both of the seven major conferences.

The only conference that has not been represented in the Hoft Classic in seven years has been the Pac-10.

"We considered both UCLA and Notre Dame, but both were unavailable," Mulcahy said. "UCLA had a problem with its academic schedule and USC could not be invited because they play Notre Dame annually."

"Don't underestimate Virginia," Mulcahy added. "They are probably going to be the preseason co-op team."

Moore is one of 18 starters returning next season for Virginia. He said the Cavaliers showed for 15 touchdowns and scored 10 more en route to winning a school single season total offense mark with 4,226 yards.

The biggest loss for the Cavaliers is John Ford, their all-time leading receiver. He will be without defensive end Frank Morgan, the school's all-time leader in sacks. West Virginia has a dual threat in quarterback Andy Heck, both All-Americans, as well as tailback Mike Skibinski and running back George Streeter.

However, Rice and 16 other starters are scheduled to return next season and the Irish are expected to be highly ranked in the preseason poll.

"We've decided to have the opportunity to play," said Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz.

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**Tar Heels pound No. 1 Duke**

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Scott Williams North Carolina's All-American scored 22 points to lead the 13th-ranked Tar Heels to a stunning 86-71 upset of top-ranked Duke in an Atlantic Coast Conference game Wednesday night.

Duke suffered its first loss of the season after falling two to 3-1 in the ACC. The Tar Heels, who dropped a 64-63 overtime loss to No. 1 Duke last Sunday, clogged the inside and shut down Duke's offense. With Danny Ferry DSP.

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By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

After disappointing road losses to top teams Loyola Marymount, Parma and San Francisco over the holidays, the Notre Dame basketball team has returned to its early-season rhythm. At least that's what Irish coach Digger Phelps said after seeing his squad thump Southern Methodist 93-55 Tuesday night at the Joyce ACC.

"Our kids picked it up where they left off in Los Angeles," said Phelps, referring to Notre Dame's 82-79 comeback win over UCLA Saturday. "We played well. I liked the rhythm the guys got into, the aggressiveness I liked."

Notre Dame (8-2) led by as many as 10 points in the first half on its way to a 32-20 advantage at the intermission. The Irish then opened the second half with a 12-2 spurt and never were challenged again.

It was not a happy homecoming for SMU coach John Shumate. His Mustangs were playing their first game without guard Kato Armstrong, lost for the year to academic ineligible. Armstrong scored 29 points when the Mustangs knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA tournament last year and was leading the team with 19.9 points per game.

Without Armstrong, SMU (6-7) failed to score until almost six minutes into the game, did not reach double figures until 4:37 was left in the half and shot just 35 percent. Notre Dame was only 3-of-10 from the free throw line, but the Irish shot 60 percent from the field.

Jameer Jackson and Keith Robinson each scored 10 points with five blocked shots each for Notre Dame, while Jerome Jackson and Tim Singleton each chipped in 13.

Valparaiso 71, ND 66

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

Notre Dame had a 43-21 rebounding edge over Valpo, and was leading the Irish, who came back from 10 three-point goals and 21 points. It was Curtiss Stevens, the Quakers manager of the world championship, who guided the Irish to get the win before the game. The Irish shot only 15-of-25 from the field.

ND 80, Portland 58

Keith Robinson scored 26 points as the Irish, who led by just two points at halftime, handed Portland its twenty-first consecutive loss Jan. 9 at the Chiles Center.

The Pilots, who were led by Josh Lowery's 18 points, trailed only 38-36 at the intermission. Notre Dame began the second half with a 10-2 run and outscored Portland 42-23 in the last 20 minutes.

Fredrick scored 17 for the Irish, Ellis added 16 and Jackson had 13. Ellis led Notre Dame with 10 rebounds.

Portland ended its losing streak, which had dated back to last season, with a victory over San Diego State last Saturday.

ND 82, UCLA 79

Ellis scored 24 points to lead the first time in five games, but the Irish shot only 15-of-25 from the free throw line. Penn's Walt Frazier, who was averaging 20 points per game, scored just five against Notre Dame.

USF 79, ND 75

Mark McCalllin scored 26 points to lead the Dons to the upset Jan. 6 at the Memorial Gymnasium, but some controversial officiating had Phelps livid at the end of the game.

Officials Ron Lavelitch and Jim Loustalot both already had worked several USF games this season. Phelps talked to Mike Gilleran, commissioner of officials for the West Coast Athletic Association, over a week before the game in hopes of changing the officials, but he was not able to do so.

San Francisco took 33 foul shots, while Notre Dame was only at the foul line 19 times. The Dons took an early 37-18 lead before Notre Dame went on a sport to get in front. San Francisco's Shawn Sykes hit a 40-foot buzzer-beating shot to give the Dons a 41-40 halftime lead.

Ellis led the Irish with 20 points and 14 rebounds.

Paulson Ellis scored 17 points with four three point goals and 19 points, while Jackson added 19 as the Irish shot only 15-of-25 from the field.

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Illinois ends spectacular ND volleyball season

By MOLLY MAHONEY
Sports Writer

So close, yet so far.

The cliche became reality for the Notre Dame women's volleyball team on Friday, Dec. 9, when it lost to fourth-ranked Illinois in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Irish battled the Illini for more than two hours before a noisy crowd of 1,789, but fell in five games, 15-9, 15-15, 15-5, 15-13 and 9-15 to an Illinois team which eventually advanced to the Final Four by defeating Oklahoma the following night.

Notre Dame's blockers could not stop the powerful Illini attack, as four players recorded more than 15 kills.

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

"Overall, I was very pleased with the way the team played against Illinois and the way they performed all season," said Irish head coach Art Lambert.

"The girls faced a lot of adverse circumstances but they never gave up. I'm proud of that." The team's four seniors—Zanette Bennett, Mary Kay Waller, Maureen Shea and Whitney Shewman—all turned in strong performances, with Bennett and Waller controlling the net.

Bennett led the Irish with 19 kills for a .380 hitting percentage while also adding 10 digs to earn all-tournament honors.

Waller helped the cause by tallying 18 kills for a .297 hitting percentage on 11 kills while adding 13 digs defensively.

Setting and passing was handled expertly by freshman Julie Brenner, who provided her hitters with 56 assists and 12 digs.

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

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

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

Bunek lost for season

By GREG GUFFEY
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame is 2-0 in the MCC atop the over Evansville and St. Louis. The Irish downed the Purple Aces 73-65 on the road last Thursday. Annie Schwartz and Sara Liebscher paced the Irish with 14 points each. Liebscher added 11 rebounds.

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

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

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

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Kim Irmer, who quarterbacked his high school team to a state football championship last fall, wants to help his Notre Dame football team to success in the future. In an Associated Press news conference at the high school, Irmer said, "I think he'll do very well." He's "realistic. He knows there's no way he's going to step up at that level. He'll be a hard worker. He's very coachable and he'll continue to improve each season."

The two-time Associated Press first-team All-State selection also was named national high school quarterback of the year by several publications.

Irmer said another factor in his decision was Notre Dame's "great tradition" of quarterbacks.

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming off a dramatic upset of Ohio State earlier this week, the Notre Dame wrestling team will try to make sure the tables aren't turned at Illinois State tonight at 7. The Irish (4-0) are ranked 16th by Amateur Wrestling News and off to its best dual-meet start in five years, but the Redbirds traditionally are a tough foe for the Irish. Notre Dame beat Illinois State 26-14 last season for its second win in the eight meetings between the two schools.

"They've always given us trouble over the years," said Irish coach Fran McCann. "We match up well with them, and I think we'll be ready to wrestle.

In its last dual meet over the holidays, the Irish won a thrilling 21-18 decision at 150-pound ranked Ohio State. Freshman Chuck Weaver defeated the Buckeyes' Kay Starkey 10-6 in the heavyweight match to give Notre Dame the win.

"Chuck's win was a tremendous thing," said McCann, "but we had a couple of other people really come through for us. Curt King won at 190, and Mark Gerardi's fall at 150 brought us back into the running."

Gerardi has been making falls part of his normal routine lately. The sophomore from El Cajon, Calif., has pinned six of his last 10 opponents.

Freshman Marcus Gowens, a 126-pounder from Davenport, Iowa, also has been impressive while wrestling with Andy Radenbaugh and Jerry Durso. The 118-pound Radenbaugh is on a roll to set the school record for wins in a season, and the 134-pound Durso is nearing the school mark for career victories.

"Marcus Gowens has contributed some big wins for us," said McCann. "Andy Radenbaugh has been a consistent winner this year, and with Gowens and then Jerry coming in, we're always off to a good start."

In other dual meets over the holidays, Notre Dame recorded a 23-15 win over Purdue, a 27-13 victory over Adams State and a 44-6 triumph over Ohio.

The win over Adams State avenged the 19-16 upset the Indians handed the Irish last season at Alamosa, Colo. The blanking of Ohio was Notre Dame's first shutout during the tenure of McCann, who has been coaching the Irish since the 1984-85 season.

Notre Dame also competed in the Sunshine Open at Tampa, Fla., where the Irish placed fourth out of 41 teams.
They can run like the devil." They've got great team speed. "in the top five in the country said West Virginia head coach how good their defense was," players on the field.

"Sometimes it seemed like Mountaineer center Kevin Koken, "sometimes it seemed like Mountaineers give up only 13 defensive line to apply pressure. The Mountaineers gave up only 13 sacks over the course of the regular season. But Harris was not the only victim. Three other Mountaineers were knocked out of the gam e early because of injuries. Kirby said. "But it went both ways. Sometimes it seemed like they had about 16 players on the field," added Mountaineer center Kevin Koken. All-American linebacker Mi­

From the big stand in the third quarter to the typical, gamelong wearing down of their opponent's front line, it was easily fitting that the members of the Irish defense led the way to a national championship. It's the kind of thing they had done all year long.

"They refuse to give up the big play," Holtz said. "I'll promise you this—you won't see that again." One Notre Dame personal foul gave the Mountaineers their initial first down of the game with less than 10 minutes to play in the second quarter. Another 15-yard penalty on the same drive led to West Vir­ginia's first points of the game on a 23-yard field goal by Charlie Baumann. Both Mountaineer touch­down drives included at least one personal foul against Notre Dame. The last one was helped by four Irish penalties in the final minutes of the game. For the bad-mouthing, the Irish aren't so sure they deserve to wear the black hel­mets all the time. "There were definitely some words exchanged," Pritchett said. "But it went both ways. It was a two-sided deal. That's always going to happen in a game as big as this one."

"We felt that we had to stop West Virginia's power run­ning game and the deep passing threat and I think we ac­complished that. We also had to contain Major Harris and disrupt his rhythm," Pritchett said. "I think we did a pretty good job of that as well. That's quite an understate­ment. The Irish more than halved West Virginia's season rushing average of 263 yards per game (141) and held leading rusher A. B. Brown to 11 yards rush­ing against East Carolina and Cincinnati. We showed," Nehlen said. "I feel badly for our guys, because I think we re better than we showed," Nehlen said. "It was obvious from where I was standing that they were better than we were on offense and defense. They normally blew us out on both sides of the ball. "They're pretty good football players," No. 1. They're pretty big football players, No. 2. And they're quick as the devil. No. 3. I think those three things had something to do with what hap­pened."

"We showed," Nehlen said. "I feel badly for our guys, be­cause I think we re better than we showed."
Two plays after the Mountaineers cut the lead to 26-13 on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Harris to Grant basketball, West Virginia punter Eddie Edwards picked off Rice's underthrown pass intended for Tony Brooks at the Mountaineers 30-yard line. But instead of letting the Mountaineers pull closer, the Irish defense pushed West Virginia five yards further from the line of scrimmage. After the Mountaineers defensive end Flash Gordon stopped Harris for a two-yard loss, cornerback Stan Smagala broke up a pass for Bell in the end zone and defensive Most Valuable Player Frank Stams ended any further hopes of a Mountaineer score by dropping Harris for a 15-yard sack on a third-down blit.

"The house was on fire and we had to put the fire out," Stams said. "That turned the momentum around for us." "Sometimes what looks like a bad situation can break the game open," Holtz added. "What I mean is-you give them a chance, and then you shut them down. That really demoralizes a team.

Notre Dame then marched 80 yards in seven plays on the next series, which featured a 15-yard quarterback draw by Rice on a third-and-six play and a third-down completion to sophomore flanker Ricky Watters down the left sideline. Rice hit tight end Frank Jacobs from three yards out on a play-action jump pass for the touchdown. Rice kept the ball on the option for a two-point conversion that gave Notre Dame a 34-12 lead.

The Mountaineers scored on Reggie Rembert's three-yard run with 1:14 to play to make the final score seem more respectable. But from the time the pre-game festivities concluded until the final seconds, the Irish were in complete control.

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

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

The Mountaineers stumbled out of the starting blocks, Rice and the Irish swept ahead 16-9. The 6-foot-1 junior broke containment and sprinted 31 yards on a 47-yard pass play in Notre Dame's opening drive, which ended in a 45-yard field goal by Butch Schaefer.

Rice finished the day with a game-high 75 yards rushing on 13 carries. The Woodruff, S.C., native then showed everyone he can throw the ball as well, firing a 22-yard completion to freshman tight end Derek Brown on the next series, which culminated in junior fullback Anthony Johnson's one-yard touchdown run for a 16-2 Notre Dame advantage.

"I went straight upfield and ran right at the defender's (Lawrence Drumgoole's) toes," said Brown, who was dragged down at the 5-yard line by safety Bo Orlando. "Once I faked outside, I knew I had him. I knew he would go for it. I thought I was going to score." The Mountaineers finally scored on their next drive, settling for a 29-yard field goal by Charlie Baumann after an apparent touchdown pass from Harris to Jamie LeMon was called back because Harris threw the ball from beyond the line of scrimmage.

Rice then continued his aerial assault on West Virginia, firing a bullet to freshman speedster Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, who found an opening downhill and raced in for a 29-yard touchdown to give Notre Dame a 23-3 lead.

"I knew all along that Tony (Rice) was a great passer, but nobody believed me," Ismail said. "If they didn't believe Tony Rice can throw the ball now, they'll never believe."
Becker cruises in first round

Associated Press

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

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

Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir also moved into the third round with a 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 victory over Australian Mark Kratzmann. Mecir, the No. 9 seed, said he has recovered from a virus that forced him to pull out of the New South Wales Open in Sydney last week.

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

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

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

In late women's matches Wednesday, top-seeded Steffi Graf blanked Bente Simons of Canada 6-0, 6-0 and No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini beat Conchita Martinez of Spain 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 to move into the third round of the year's first Grand Slam tournament.

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

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

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

Graf overwhelmed Simons, who won just six points in the first set and 26 in the match.
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shadowed by his running
backs, his team's defense and
his own reputation as a wild
passer, it isn't shocking that
one came through to lead his
team to a national championships.
And while most of the
speculators marveled at which of
the two rose to the forefront,
Tony Rice, the quarterback in
question, was happy to play the
underdog to West Virginia
quarterback Major Harris,
right to the end.
"I was kind of glad Major
took the pregame glory," said
Rice after dissecting the West
Virginia's secondary for
several long pass plays, includ­
ing two touchdowns. "I just
wanted to go out, have some
fun and play ball. I wasn't in­
terested in comparing myself
to Major Harris. He is obvi­
ously a great quarterback."
But he had just thrown for
more yards than any other West Vir­
ginia opponent had all year and
rushed for 75 yards against a
defense which was ranked 18th
in the nation coming in. How
did he rate his performance on
the afternoon? "I'd give myself a 'B', I
guess," said the junior, who has
obviously taken Downplay­
ing 101 from Head Coach Lou
Holtz. "I don't think it was my
best game. They showed us a
eight national championship, more than any
other college football team.

Tony Rice keyed Notre Dame to Its Fiesta Bowl victory over West Virginia in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. The win gave the Irish their

ext one-pass to the end zone.
West Virginia committed only three penalties
for 38 yards.
"They've got to clean up their act," said West
Virginia center Kevin Koken of Notre Dame. "They've got to learn some class. That's prob­
bly the worst bad-mouth team I've ever played
against."
Holtz also expressed displeasure, but was not
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Rice outshines another star

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

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fected season.
The Irish reigned in 1988, and on the second day of 1989 they
crushed the Mountaineers in a one-sided affair.
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Bad-mouthing reputation sticks with Irish

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.--Somewhere along the road to the 1988 national football championship, the Fighting Irish earned a reputation as "the bad
guys." Their performance in the Fiesta Bowl did nothing to change that image. Notre Dame was
flagged for 11 penalties-eight of the personal foul and late hit variety - in its 34-21 victory
over West Virginia.
In the game's final minutes, Irish head coach Lou Holtz raced across the field to find out just
who was saying or doing what to whom. Holtz himself was hit with a 15 yarder for his action,
which amounted to nothing compared to the
late hits and verbal outbursts for which the Irish
were being penalized throughout the game.
Senior cornerback D'Juan Francisco was ejected in the game's final minutes for knocking

ND buries Mountaineers for national title
Victory caps perfect year
By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.- As Notre Dame put the finishing touches on its eighth national champions­
ship, most television viewers were watching a game between two teams the Irish already had
beaten.
The "Battle for No. 1" was a lopsided game compared to Michigan's 22-14 Rose Bowl
victory over Southern California. But for Notre Dame, a 34-21 thrashing of West Vir­
ginia in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl was the perfect ending to a per­
fected season.
The Irish reigned in 1988, and on the second day of 1989 they claimed their crown in convinc­
ing fashion.
"I've underestimated this team in a lot of areas," said Irish head coach Lou Holtz, who guided his team to the first 12-0 season in Notre Dame's storied history. "They've done everything I've asked of them. Is this a great football team? I'd have to say yes, because nobody proved it wasn't."
Certainly not the Mountaineers, whose hopes of a na­
tional championship vanished early in the one-sided affair.
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ND defense dominates

By PETE SKIKO
Assistant Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.--After thoroughly demoralizing the normally powerful West Virginia offense for two-and-a-half quarters, the Notre Dame defense dominated in the first real challenge of the Fiesta Bowl.
Leading 26-13, the Irish looked to have things well in hand, even though a Major
Harris-to-Grantiss Bell touch­
down hookup had just brought the Mountaineers within two scores.
But passing from his own 19­
yard line, Tony Rice fired a bul­
let right into the chest of West Virginia linebacker Willie Ed­
wards. His return to the Notre Dame 26-yard line put the Mountaineers in business and the Irish defense right back on the field.
Lou Holtz best described what happened next.
"We had agreed beforehand that whatever (West Virginia) did, we weren't going to flinch," said Holtz. "The defense just said, 'We're a total team. The offense made a mistake and we've got to go out and put out the fire.'"
First down: Flash Gordon stuffs Harris for a loss of two. Second down: Stan Smagala breaks up Harris' pass to Bell in the endzone. Third down: Frank Stams and Arnold Ale
team up to bury a scrambling Harris for a loss of 12. Fourth down: Out of field goal range at the Irish 26. West Virginia punts into the Notre Dame territory.
The Irish then marched 80 yards in seven plays for the touchdown that iced the game.
"Our defense responded when they had to," said Holtz of the key defensive stand of the game. "But I expected that it would. It's the kind of thing
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A YEAR TO REMEMBER

A look at the 1988 Fighting Irish football team

National Champions
MVP Rice overcomes one-dimensional image

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

To a group of freshmen in the winter of 1985-86, Lou Holtz was the man who was making them wake up at 6 a.m. to work out and who was deciding their fate.

Those freshmen are now seniors. And national champions.

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

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

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

"If somebody had an assignment to mold a Knute Rockne and a Frank Leathy, they couldn't have done a better job than Lou Holtz," says Athletic Director Dick Rosenthal. "He's a Notre Dame." Although Holtz now has pulled off the same feat Rockne and Leathy accomplished before him—winning the national championship—you will never hear him put himself on the same level as those past Irish legends.

When asked what it felt like to be named head coach at Notre Dame, Holtz once responded: "I'm 5-feet, 10-inches, weigh 152 pounds, was not a good athlete, speak with a lisp and appear afflicted with a combination of scurvy and beriberi. What do you think it feels like to be named coach of Notre Dame?"

Yes, Holtz is humble. That's more noticeable than his physique, lisp or lack of athletic ability.

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

Many of those next opponents have fallen, and not only at the hands of Notre Dame. The 52-year-old Pollanbree, Wyo., native came to Notre Dame following two seasons at Minnesota (1984-85), seven at Arkansas (1977-83), four at North Carolina State (1972-75) and three at William & Mary (1969-71).

Fifteen of the 20 college teams under his direction have earned post-season bowl invitations, and nine have finished in the final Associated Press Top 20.

Holtz also coached the New York Jets of the National Football League in 1976 before returning to the college ranks.

Now he has added a national championship, and his work with the 1988 Fighting Irish already has earned him Coach of the Year honors from Foot- ball News and CBS Sports.

Of course, Holtz would not name himself as high as Coach of the Week. "I didn't come here to be a hero or to prove I could coach; I already knew I couldn't," he quips.

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

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

After Holtz was named coach, the Gophers drew 45,000 fans for their spring game. Holtz then took a team that was 1-10 the previous season to a respectable 4-7 season in 1984, including victories over Big Ten rivals Wisconsin and Iowa, both of which appeared in bowl games that year.

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

By THERESA KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

When Notre Dame faced Miami in The Game, Hurricane quarterback and Heisman trophy candidate Steve Walsh threw for 242 yards, completing 31 of 50 passes.

Of course, he lost.

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

He lost, too.

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

Needless to say...he lost, too.

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

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

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

What was Rice's reaction to being the unknown quarterback in these situations?

"He's a great quarterback," Rice said in the midst of the pre-game build-up of Peete, "but I'm not playing against him. I'm playing against his defense."

Against that defense, Rice spelled trouble for the Trojans with his running as well as his passing, racking up 166 yards on the ground and 91 in the air, completing 5 of 6 passes.

Against West Virginia, Rice outshone an injured Harris, totalling 213 yards on 7-of-11 passing, biting Raghib Ismail and Frank Jacobs for touchdowns. He also rushed for 75 yards.

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

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

But it wasn't always easy. He began the year with nine pre-season inactives against Michigan, and was 5-for-21 in the first two games.

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

By MARTY STRASEN

Notre Dame's most dangerous weapon came in the form of a 5-3, 135-pound walk-on who said he tried out for the football team because he "didn't want to be a geek."

"Reggie always makes those," Irish head coach Lou Holtz said. "I told him that it was just like practice, and not to make it bigger than it really was."

"I was a little nervous," the Hawaii native said. "But I have the best holder in the world in Tim Grunhard and 280-pound guys on the line. Nobody was going to hit me, so I wasn't too nervous."

Ho tied the Notre Dame record of four field goals in a game, a feat last accomplished by John Carney in 1986 against Southern Methodist.

"I don't deserve any credit at all," Watters said. "I just caught the ball and ran. You could hear the blocks all around." The Michigan defensive line, which allowed the Irish 91 rushing yards in the first quarter, held Notre Dame scoreless for most of the second quarter and all of the third.

But the Michigan defensive line, which allowed the Irish 91 rushing yards in the first quarter, held Notre Dame scoreless for most of the second quarter and all of the third. Michigan took advantage of some breaks on special teams to get on the board and eventually take the lead, despite solid play from all units on the Notre Dame defense.

Tony Boles took the kickoff 59 yards after Ho's second field goal before Franco forced the fumble by Michigan's Leroy Hoard on a punt return late in the first quarter. D'Juan Francisco forced the fumble when he jolted Hoard in full stride.

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A misfumbled punt by Watters in the third quarter led to the second Wolverine score. Watters signaled for a fair catch deep in Irish territory, but slipped as he approached the ball and it bounced off his leg and was recovered by the Wolverines.

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Irish option attack controls Spartans

By BRIAN O'GARA
Sports Writer

If at first you don't succeed—try, try, then run the option. That's the way Notre Dame ran its record to 2-0 with a convincing 20-3 win over Michigan State.

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

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

"I felt Tony (Rice) handled the option real well," said Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz. "We hadn't been able to make the power game go, so we had to go to the option more than we wanted to in the second half. We think we're gonna break some things on people."

Any concerns that this inexperienced offensive line couldn't hold its own were washed away by Notre Dame's 345 yards rushing, 196 in the second half.

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

Michigan State jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a 39-yard field goal by John Langeloh following a Rice interception on the first series of the game. Despite good field position in the opening frame, the Spartans could muster only one other scoring threat which ended when Langeloh hooked a 29-yard field goal attempt left.

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

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

"The coaches had our coverage set up real well," said Stonebreaker, who picked off two Bobby McCallister passes and returned one for a touchdown. "We had them scouted and were ready for what they would try to do."

The Irish controlled the line from the defensive side as well, holding Spartan tailback Blake Ezor, who ran for 106 yards against Rutgers last week, to just 70 yards on 22 carries.

With Brooks getting more comfortable at the fullback slot with every snap, the Irish opened up in the second half with a 71-yard scoring drive, their first touchdown from scrimmage on the season. From the wishbone, Rice scrambled in from eight yards out for a 6-3 halftime lead, and the Irish would never look back.

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

BLEND GEEN
Sports Writer

It was just Notre Dame's day.

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

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

And that was just the first half.

"Notre Dame could have picked the score after that start," said Purdue head coach Fred Akers. "Once they got rolling and things started going their way, they became awfully good." Besides the point deficit, Akers had to cope with the loss of several interior linemen. With everything going right for the Irish and wrong for the Boilermakers, the outcome was not in doubt for long.

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

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

"We're a good football team that has improved fundamentally over a year ago," he said. "But we still have a long way to go. Where are we right now? We're 3-6, which is exactly where we were a year ago."

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

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

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

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

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

On that second punt of the year for a touchdown, accelerating was already becoming a blowout.

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

Freshman Brian Fox replaced McCarthy with 3:37 left in the half, and he was greeted by a Pat Terrell interception.

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

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

By MARTY STRASEN

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

And he ran like somebody was throwing darts at him.

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

But the doubts of Rice's passing ability got a glimpse of what the junior can do through the air, as Rice completed 11 of 14 passes for 129 yards and one touchdown without throwing an interception. He tied a Notre Dame single-season record (held by many players) by completing 10 consecutive passes, including four in the previous week's 52-7 Irish triumph over Purdue and six more to start the Stanford contest.

Rice attributed much of his success against the Cardinal to an interest in throwing darts, inspired by Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz.

"Me and Coach Holtz were talking, and he suggested I get some darts and just throw in my room," Rice said. "It seemed like it just carried on. Every night I just threw darts, and in practice I could see I was improving a bit."

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

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

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

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

Rice put the Irish ahead 6-0 on a 36 yard touchdown run early in the first quarter, but then it looked as though the momentum was swinging Stanford's way. A missed 21-yard field goal by Irish kicker Reggie Ha and a goal-line stand by the Stanford defense to end the first quarter kept the Cardinal in the game longer than it might have been.

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

This time the Irish crossed the goal line, as Mark Green passed for a one touchdown without throwing an interception.

But Stanford was again overpowering behind its young offensive line, which continued to erase any early-season doubts about its ability to replace all five starters from last year.

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Tony Rice (9) blasts around left end against the Stanford Cardinal. Rice rushed and passed for over 100 yards in the 42-14 win where the junior jumped over 16 seconds into the second period. Rice added the two-point conversion on a keeper and the rout was on.

"When they stopped us at the goal line and got the ball back, and then fumbled on the very next play, that was big," Holtz said. "That got the team up. I'm not saying it turned the game around, because it didn't. I thought we controlled the football game."

The Irish amassed 335 rushing yards to Stanford's 59. Cardinal running back John Volpe gained 63 yards on 10 carries for the Irish. Sophomore tailback Tony Brooks (12 carries, 59 yards) scored from five yards out, dragging Stanford defender Mike Newton with him most of the way, to make the score 21-0 in the second quarter.

Rice's passing touchdown was a three-yard toss to freshman tight end Derek Brown on the first drive of the third quarter. Brown and split end Pat Ribiers each caught two passes, while sophomore flanker Ricky Watters led the Irish with four receptions for 53 yards.

Stanford's run-and-shoot offense managed 115 passing yards, 158 coming from back-up quarterback Jason Palumbis.

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Panthers tamed; ND escapes 30-20

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

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

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

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

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

Tony Brooks, Mark Green and Tony Rice combined for 257 yards as Notre Dame's strong running game totalled 310 yards and four touchdowns.

The turning point came in the fourth quarter. With 11:45 to play, the Panthers' Scott Kaplan hit a 34-yard field goal to cut the Irish lead to 23-20. Pitt held the Irish to minus-3 yards on three plays, and Jim Sexton was in to punt the football to the Panthers on fourth down and 13.

With the snap, 11 Pitt players went for the block and one was back to return. That's 12 players, and that's too many. And because all 12 players participated in the play, it was a 15-yard personal foul penalty, not the usual 12-men on the field 5-yard penalty.

"It was really a key error on our part," Pitt coach Mike Gottfried said. "It kept the drive alive for them, and they went and scored. It was a mistake that never should have happened."

"I couldn't believe it," Pitt punt returner Alonzo Hampton said, "especially since I'm the one who's supposed to count the players. I didn't get it done, and it turned the game around. We always seem to make one little mistake, and the other team always seems to capitalize."

Other mistakes that Pitt would like to take back included the opening drive fumble by Curvin Richards on the Notre Dame two-yard line. Curvin was hit by Todd Lyght, coughed up the ball, and lost the recovery to Chris Zorich. Pitt wasted another scoring chance when quarterback Darrell Dickerson, heading in for a touchdown, fumbled the ball across the Irish goal line, missed two chances to recover it, and watched Irish cornerback Stan Smagala cover the ball for a Notre Dame touchdown.

"It was frustrating, because I can't figure out what happened," Dickerson said. "The rain had just started, but I can't really blame it on that. I guess I just didn't tuck it away. I couldn't believe it."

"Make no mistake, I'm proud of our team," said Holtz. "We beat a very good team in Pitt. But we are really banged up."

The Notre Dame running game led the way, scoring all four Notre Dame touchdowns, one each by Green, Rice, Anthony Johnson and Braxston Banks. Rice was 8-of-14 in the air for 97 yards and two interceptions.

Pitt took the early lead on its second drive of the game as Dickerson threw a perfect 43-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Williams. The Irish responded with a two-yard run by Rice to tie the game, and the teams traded touchdowns and field goals to tie at 17 until Banks' one-yard run with 34 seconds remaining in the third quarter put the Irish ahead to stay 23-17.

The Kaplan field goal and an eight-yard struggle into the end zone by Green to cap the Irish drive that benefited from the 12 men on the field penalty, making the final score 30-20.

Wes Pritchett led the Irish defense with 10 total tackles.

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Braxston Banks (36) barrels into the endzone at Pittsburgh while quarterback Tony Rice celebrates in the background. Banks was returned after missing two games with a knee injury he suffered during the Michigan State game.
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The mighty tall: Irish stun Miami

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

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

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

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

"This was a win by the Notre Dame spirit," said Holtz after the Oct. 15 contest that boosted Irish to 6-0 and ended the frustration of humbling Notre Dame losses to the Hurricanes in 1985 (25-7) and 1987 (24-0).

"This was a win by the spirit of a group of guys who refused to fold," Holtz continued. "The spirit of Notre Dame was something we talked about all week, and I congratulate our players. It was a great game of two great teams who just competed as hard as anything I've ever seen."

Not many college football games receive the hype this game received. Even less are able to live up to such a billing.

This one did.

Notre Dame led the whole way. But Walsh, who completed 31 of 50 passes for 424 yards, a career high for the Heisman Trophy candidate and the most passing yardage ever given up by Notre Dame, rallied the Hurricanes to within one point when he hit diving receiver Andre Brown for an 11-yard touchdown and seven play with 45 seconds left. That made the score 31-30.

The Game then became The Miami defense came up with solid pass coverage when it needed it most, and Walsh's pass for Leonard Conley in the right corner of the end zone was batted away by Irish free safety Pat Terrell.

Walsh did not see the Irish pressure. Heck, a former tight end, was named a first-team All-American tackle by the Associated Press in his first season at the position.

Linebacker Wes Pritchett (34) tries to shed a blocker as he eyes a slashing Leonard Conley (28) in the backfield. Pritchett, a fifth-year senior from Atlanta, recorded nine tackles against Miami and led the Irish in that category for the season.

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LEFT: Frank Stams chases Major Harris throughout the game, re-tackles.

ABOVE: Braxston Banks runs off a block from Andy Heck.

RIGHT: Lou Holtz gives direction to Rice en route to his first national championship.

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

‘From these ashes, a phoenix will rise.’

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ABOVE: Braxston Banks runs off a block from Andy Heck.
LEFT: Tony Rice runs the option past West Virginia’s Mike Fox on his way to a game-high 75 yards rushing.

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

-Ara Parseghian following the 1985 Notre Dame-Miami game

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

BELOW: Mark Green takes the ball from Rice. Green gained 61 yards.
Falcs think upset until second half

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

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

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

"I thought that in the second half, we dominated the game," said Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz. "We fought for our lives the first half. At halftime, this was a real football game."

Air Force (5-3) cut Notre Dame's halftime lead to 20-13 with a three-yard run by fullback Andy Smith with 1:57 left in the second quarter.

"We had to go back out there in the second half and make something happen," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry. "If we could have stopped them and gotten the football, it would have given our team the confidence and momentum it needed."

Instead, Notre Dame methodically drove to the Air Force 42-yard line, where Tony Brooks took a screen pass and raced down the left sideline for a touchdown. Reggie Ho's extra point gave Notre Dame a 27-13 lead.

"I tried to run them out to the gas station and pump them up big, but the game was off synch and put us in a very difficult situation," said DeBerry. "You can't go out there with the wishbone and run it first-and-fifteen. It got us out of sync and put us in a very difficult situation."

Notre Dame flanker Ricky Watters had two touchdown catches in the game, one of which came from Tony Rice and one from Steve Yarborough.

On the next drive, fullback Anthony Johnson scored on a spectacular 12-yard run. Air Force linebacker Joe Powell virtually had Johnson on the ground before the South Bend native broke out of Powell's grasp and burst in for the touchdown.

The Air Force offense was able to move the ball through the first half, but the Falcons hurt themselves with constant illegal motion penalties on first down situations.

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The Irish went on to score two more touchdowns in the second half, while Air Force's rushing attack, which was ranked first in the country entering the game, could muster just 58 yards on 18 carries in the final 30 minutes. With the Falcons running a wishbone attack and rarely throwing the ball, no running game meant no offense.

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In the closing minutes of the third period, reserve quarterback Steve Belles lined up at tailback, took a pitch from Rice and completed a 43-yard pass to Watters. The sophomore flanker made the reception at the seven-yard line and broke a tackle to score his first receiving touchdown of the year.

Watters then caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Rice midway through the fourth quarter to close the scoring at 41-13. Rice completed 7-of-15 passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

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

By PETE SKIKO
Assistant Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After Navy's fourth punt (the Middles had a total of 14 first-quarter yards), the Irish, largely behind the running of tailback Mark Green, went 68 yards in seven plays, culminating with Rodney Culver's 22-yard touchdown run. But Reggie Ho missed the extra point wide right, quashing some of the Irish momentum.

Late in the half, the Irish settled for a 29-yard field goal by Ho and a 16-0 halftime lead after a wide-open Brown dropped a pass at the Navy five.

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

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

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

"People will say, 'Hey, it's a win,'" said Rice, who was 9-of-19 for 95 yards and a touchdown through the air. "But let me tell you something. We've got a lot of serious problems. We're not a very good football team right now."
Owls watch Rocket launch TD returns

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

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

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

"I have to give credit where credit is due, and none of it goes to me," said Ismail, whose brother Qadry plays for Syracuse.

"The whole key to the returns was getting through the first line of blocking, and nobody got a clean shot at me. That is good blocking. I returned kickoffs in high school, but I get all my confidence from the blocking the kick return team gives me."

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

"He (Ismail) hit it good," said Rice coach Jerry Berndt, who would see his team finish the season with an 0-11 record.

"We made two crucial mistakes. We had a couple of guys out of lanes. But as soon as he hit it, I knew he had a touchdown."

Ismail surprisingly got the chance to return another kickoff with the Irish leading 38-9 early in the fourth quarter. "The Rocket" showed his gratitude by picking an attempted squib kick up from the ground, cutting to the left side of the field and racing 83 yards to burn Rice for another touchdown. Ismail's two touchdown kickoff returns tied school records for touchdown returns in a game and in a season.

Notre Dame's offense also successfully rebounded from a lackluster showing at Navy as the Irish scored on four of their five first-half possessions.

"Rice is a tough team coming off the ball, but we had something to prove," said junior offensive guard Tim Grunhard.

"Our number-one goal was to get back to basics and get that attitude we had at the beginning of the season."

The Irish added two more touchdowns in the second quarter, the first coming on a three-yard run by Anthony Johnson and the second on a one-yard jaunt by Tony Brooks. Kicker Billy Hackett, who replaced Reggie Ho this weekend, had the first extra point blocked. A two-point conversion by Johnson followed the Brooks score.

The two teams exchanged field goals in the final two minutes of the half (Parsons hitting from 41, and Hackett from 42), and the Irish held a 31-6 halftime lead.

The Notre Dame offense wasn't quite finished at halftime. A 19-yard run by Rodney Culver with 9:15 to play in the third made it 38-6.

After a Parsons 45-yard field goal in the first play of the fourth quarter, Ismail took off with his second touchdown. Hackett kicked a 28-yarder to raise the lead to 48-9, and Joe Jarosz seemingly ended the highlights with a six-yard touchdown run.

But Rice's Nigel Codrington blocked Hackett's extra point attempt, and Billy Stone galloped 16 yards to the Irish endzone. The run gave Rice two points and closed the scoring at 54-11. It was the first time the new NCAA conversion rule had come into effect in Division I play since its enactment before the season.

On the defensive end, Notre Dame's Frank Stams, George Williams, Chris Zorich and Wes Pritchett each had turns sacking Rice quarterback Quentis Roper (21-of-35 for 197 yards). Michael Stonebreaker led the Irish with 13 total tackles.

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Irish get revenge over Nittany Lions

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

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

The win was the first over Penn State for Notre Dame’s seniors and sent Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno home with his first losing season (5-6) in 23 years at the helm.

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

The Irish not only beat the Nittany Lions—they nearly blanked them. Penn State scored its only points on Eric Etze’s 52-yard field goal on the last play of the first half. The Irish defense broke up 10 Lion passing attempts and Jeff Alm and Steve Reddy each snared an interception.

Penn State did not complete a single pass in the second or third quarters.

"We just didn’t have enough offensively," said Paterno, whose team managed 165 yards on 41 rushing attempts and held the ball for only 21 minutes. "Notre Dame played hard, they played alert, and played very aggressive defensively."

The Irish offense set the tempo for its control of the line of scrimmage in its first series of the game. Notre Dame marched 67 yards on 12 plays and took a 7-0 lead when Rice rolled out to the left, pump-faked to a wide-open Rod West in the end zone to get a Penn State defender off his feet and into Aim’s hands on the first down. Rice led all rushers with 84 yards on 13 carries in the game, but he wasn’t always pump-faking and keeping it himself. The junior quarterback was 10-for-18 for 191 yards passing, including two interceptions and a 67-yard touchdown bomb to Ismail that gave Notre Dame a 21-3 lead in the third quarter.

From there, the Irish defense took charge. When Notre Dame’s offense was having trouble moving the ball, the defense made sure the Lions did not take advantage of the opportunities. "The whole defense played awfully well," Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz said. "It seems every week a different player might stand out."

"Aim was the star this time. The senior tackle became Notre Dame’s interception leader when he snared his third pick of the season in the first quarter. Freshman defensive end Arnold Ali batted a Lance Lonergar pass out of the air and into Aim’s hands on the play. The 6-7 senior also recorded two tackles for losses and knocked down a pass at the line later in the game."

"This is the first time I’ve ever heard of a team’s leading interceptor being a defensive lineman," said Irish inside linebacker Wes Pritchett, who led the team with nine tackles. "That really says something. He’s got good hands, and he’s so tall that he can get them way up there."

Notre Dame has not lost a home game over the last two seasons, while Penn State suffered its first losing season in 20 years.

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Irish blitz Southern Cal in regular-season finale

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

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

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

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

Notre Dame did far more damage in winning its sixth in a row over the arch-rival Trojans, although Irish coach Lou Holtz sent tailback Tony Brooks and flanker Ricky Walters back to South Bend the morning of the game for repeated tardiness at team functions.

"Aggressiveness, toughness—there's no secret to this game," said Irish defensive end Frank Smagala, including two solos. "We blitzed a little and Mark Green, the "pitch man" on the play. Carrier kept his eye on Green while Rice cut around him. "I said, 'I'm not going to let this one guy take me down,' " said Rice, who gained 86 yards on 13 carries. "I just beat him to the sideline."

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But from there, USC controlled everything but the scoreboard and the turnover ratio. Before the Trojans finally scored on Scott Lockwood's 1-yard run with 2:34 left in the half, Peete was picked off by Irish strong safety George Streeter and USC tailback Ricky Ervins fumbled deep in Notre Dame territory to Williams.

Things got worse for the Trojans after their only touchdown. They again stopped the struggling Irish offense and took possession at their own 40. Just when it looked like USC might cut the Notre Dame lead to 14-10 or even tie the game, flanker John Jackson slipped on a pass route and Peete hit Irish cornerback Stan Smagala right in the numbers. Smagala charged 64 yards down the right sideline for the touchdown.

Peete (23-of-44, 225 yards) threw two interceptions and USC fumbled four times, losing two of them.

We didn't handle the blitz today," USC coach Larry Smith said. "We handled it all year, but today it was like we were playing in a fog."

Even when the Trojans controlled the ball in the second and third quarters—outgaining the Irish 254-7 in total offense during one stretch—they could not fight through the Irish defense to stay close on the scoreboard.

USC moved the ball to the Notre Dame 33-yard line on its opening drive, but Peete threw deep on third down and overthrew Gary Wellman. A fourthdown punt pinned the Irish to their own 2-yard line for Notre Dame's opening drive, but quarterback Tony Rice got the Irish out of trouble with a play-action bomb to Raghib Ismail that picked up 55 yards on the first play.

But Notre Dame did not put any points on the board until its next drive, when Rice ran the option to the left side and found only free safety Mark Carrier there to defend both him and Mark Green, the "pitch man" on the play. Carrier kept his eye on Green while Rice cut downfield and dashed 65 yards to put the Irish ahead 7-0.

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But from there, USC controlled everything but the scoreboard and the turnover ratio. Before the Trojans finally scored on Scott Lockwood's 1-yard run with 2:34 left in the half, Peete was picked off by Irish strong safety George Streeter and USC tailback Ricky Ervins fumbled deep in Notre Dame territory to Williams.

Things got worse for the Trojans after their only touchdown. They again stopped the struggling Irish offense and took possession at their own 40.

Just when it looked like USC might cut the Notre Dame lead to 14-10 or even tie the game, flanker John Jackson slipped on a pass route and Peete hit Irish cornerback Stan Smagala right in the numbers. Smagala charged 64 yards down the right sideline for the touchdown.

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

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

By MARTY STRASEN
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

A trio of Notre Dame defenders, including linebackers Frank Stams (30) and Wes Pritchett (34), closes in on West Virginia quarterback Major Harris. The Irish defense badgered the prolific Harris all day, allowing him almost no time to throw.

The 282-yard total was West Virginia’s lowest of the season.

Irish quarterback Tony Rice stole the show from Harris, completing 7 of 11 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns to earn the game’s offensive Most Valuable Player award. Harris completed 13 of 26 passes for 166 yards, including one interception and one touchdown.

Rice’s only obvious mistake seemed to give West Virginia a lift late in the third quarter, but the Irish defense quickly turned the tide back in Notre Dame’s favor.

Two plays after the Mountaineers cut the Irish lead to 26-13 on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Harris to Grantis, Rice’s underthrown pass intended for Tony Brooks at the Notre Dame 26-yard line.

But instead of letting the Mountaineers pull closer, the Irish defense pushed West Virginia 14 yards further from the goal line. Harris all day, allowing him almost no time to throw.

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SI covers QB Rice (and vice versa)

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Readers of Sports Illustrated may have gotten a feeling of deja vu as they picked up their weekly issues during the 1988 college football season.

Not once or twice, but three times they found Notre Dame's Tony Rice on the front cover of the weekly magazine. No one yet knows if three individual appearances in a single season is a record, but it quickly placed Rice among an impressive group of sports celebrities who have had multiple SI cover appearances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cover Boy

Tony Rice appeared on these three Sports Illustrated covers over the course of Notre Dame's national championship season. Rice earned the national recognition for his winning performances against more heralded quarterbacks Steve Walsh (Miami), Rodney Peete (USC) and Major Harris (West Virginia).
A Year to Remember

The 1988 Fighting Irish national championship football team

1989 Notre Dame Final Football Statistics

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Sports Writer

Being named to the Associated Press All America team was one thing to leave Frank Stams speechless. Actually, it wasn't the honor which left Notre Dame's defensive end without words. Stams was left speechless while fulfilling one of the obligations which comes with being named All America — an appearance on Bob Hope's Christmas special.

"He made some joke about me being so big that they pay real estate prices for that size in Florida," said Stams. "It really wasn't that funny. I just wanted to say something smart back, but he really stamped me there."

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Pat Eilers 7 184 13.1 0 0
Tony Rice 8 164 20.5 0 0
Rajib Ismail 7 159 22.7 0 0
D'Marcio Wirtz 3 92 30.7 0 0
Bryan Flandry 3 91 30.3 0 0
Randy Rice 2 80 40.0 0 0
Hank Sauer 2 63.0 0 0
Jace Steurer 2 58.5 0 0
Jack Verity 1 27 27.0 0 0
Barry Browning 1 27 27.0 0 0
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Bob Smarsh 1 18 18.0 0 0
Pat Eilers 1 16 16.0 0 0
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Ray Rice 1 12 12.0 0 0
Lou Holtz

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strength of the Irish ground game with accurate and often flashy passing, finishing with 77-of-145, 867 for 1389 yards. He also led the Irish in rushing with 757 yards.

"I know people say I'm a running quarterback who can't throw very well," Rice said after the Fiesta Bowl. "We didn't have to prove anything to anybody," Rice said after the Fiesta Bowl. "The good news for the Irish is that he is only a junior."

"If he's not one of the guys under consideration for the Heisman trophy next year, there's something wrong," said Irish coach Pete Cordini.

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bowl after three seasons, and he did it in two," said Parseghian. "It was like the Irish earned the Cotton Bowl bid with their 5-3 season in 1987. 'He proved me wrong, he is not one of his accomplishments surprise me.'"

It did not take long for the Notre Dame players to realize why Parseghian was such a staunch supporter of Holtz for the head coaching job.

"He (Holtz) never says, "Well, you can be better at if we do this and this."

Holtz does not watch practice from the film tower; he gets right in on most plays and is known for giving his quarterbacks a hard time in practice to prepare them for the pressure of game day.

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Like it or not, Holtz may have created a dynasty

Irish graduate
just 5 starters

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Early in the season, Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz was discussing the future of the Irish football program and stated, "We can't be a dynasty. Less than a month after adding an eighth national title to Notre Dame's storied football history, Holtz is hearing several people speak out against his theory.

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

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

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

However, the Irish have the speed Holtz has been seeking.

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The Crimson Tide exploited Notre Dame's lack of speed during a 28-10 rout in 1986, and Miami did the same while battling the Irish 24-0 in 1987.

The game against Miami was first-year players who received starting assignments. Ismail became the country's leading kickoff returner by the end of the year.

The Fiesta Bowl showed the nation a glimpse of the potential Notre Dame has for the next few years. Ismail and freshman fullback Rodney Culver were a force to be reckoned with, and Brown was the leading Notre Dame receiver.

Senior quarterback and kickoff returner Tony Rice will return as a senior and Heisman Trophy candidate next season. Punter Bo Orlando (22) and Robert Pickett (45) give Notre Dame a 21-7 halftime lead in the championship game.

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

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Notre Dame received a 21-7 halftime lead in the championship game. The only Irish player faster than Francisco and Smagala was split end Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, a 5-10 freshman with 4.28 speed who ended the season as the top kickoff returner in the nation.

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