Relay raises money for cancer research

By AARON STEINGER
News Writer

The University community will gather tonight to celebra the progress of cancer research and raise money to advance the fight against cancer in Notre Dame's fourth annual Relay for Life. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Stepan Center and stretches until Saturday at 10 a.m.

The two-day, one-night event is one of thousands of Relays that happen nationwide and serve as fundraisers for students facing unplanned pregnancies.

Ann Firth, associate vice president for Student Affairs, played an instrumental role in creating the site, which explains the University's policy concerning pregnancy and undermines the myth of pregnant students as a very different experience.

The site was motivated by a desire to "better articulate what the University believes" — to dispel false understandings of the University's pregnancy policy.

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Living in the armpit'

When I heard on our local news in Scranton, Pa. that NBC was going to adapt the classic British comedy "The Office" for American television — and set it in Scranton — I did not expect. So, I did a little research and found that some websites compared Sough, the setting for the British version, to an armpit. Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant purposefully picked a depressing city to underscore the characters' humdrum lives.

I feared the worst, like the producers making fun of our economically depressed, Gery Nemaraka-loving area where you need to know someone who knows a guy in order to get a good job. The material was there, but how would they use it?

"Life moves a little slower in Scranton, and that's the way we like it," is the harshest I've heard. The above comment is mostly correct, except life doesn't move slower in Scranton. It is static. The character of Jim is a graduate of Bishop Hannan high school and now works in "The Office." One Scranton resident in an interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette said, "I can just see him graduating from Bishop Hannan and getting a job at a local Scranton company. That is what we do here."

Our grandparents established our family roots there and went to work in the coalmines. Some left after the coalmines went out of style, but many stayed. People complain about how depressing of a city it is, but they never leave. There's something about Scranton that keeps people there. Like any other town, your family and friends are there. For how boring and mundane life may be, it's our home.

"The Office" has recently put Scranton back on the map and has been a bright spot for the city. Each episode is filled with references to Scranton landmarks like the coalmines or the Steamtown Mall. Rumor has it the producers plan on filming an episode about our St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest in the country. Our picture taken by the "Scranton Welcomes You" used in the opening credits shows a crowd of people. I can't wait to show them what Scranton was like.

And before "The Office," I'd never felt pride for my hometown like this. Even if it is an armpit.

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**Irish set sail for game vs. Navy in Baltimore**

By MEGHAN WONS

Fans flock to Maryland for annual matchup

It’s more than 600 miles away, and the results are fairly predictable — the Irish haven’t lost a football game to the Navy Midshipmen since 1963. Nonetheless, Notre Dame students say they are excited to see their team take on the Midshipmen in Baltimore at the M&T Bank Stadium — home of the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens.

The Irish will play the Midshipmen in Baltimore at the M&T Bank Stadium — home field of the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens.

When the game kicks off on Saturday at 12:12 p.m., Notre Dame will attempt to add another victory to its 42-game winning streak, the longest of its kind in college football.

Notre Dame has not lost to Navy since 1963, and leads the series 69-9-1.

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**SMC dads come to campus**

Casino night, tailgate on agenda for weekend

By MANDI STIRONE

Navy Game at the College Football Hall of Fame, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday and lasting until after the game. There will also be a Chinese auction during the tailgate, MacKinnon said.

The weekend concludes with an 11:15 a.m. Mass at the Church of Loretto on Sunday, MacKinnon said. After the Mass, Saint Mary’s students and their fathers are free to do whatever they want.

“We will also have alternative events that include golfing specials at Blackthorn Golf Club and discounts at Chipperwa Bowl,” MacKinnon said.

MacKinnon and her committee of Sophia Neevatal, Kathryn Nussbaum, Helen Casey and Nicole Leach began planning Seniors’ Weekend last year. In April of 2006 they reserved locations and dates, and they honed in on details after summer break.

“I think it’s important because it is a time that you and your dad get to spend with each other,” Meghan MacKinnon said.

The event was sponsored by the Senior Board, of which MacKinnon and her committee are all members. Senior Board, however, isn’t actually donating any money, funding relies entirely on the fee that the fathers pay, MacKinnon said.

MacKinnon said their main goal was to plan activities that every senior would enjoy, not just a particular group. She and her committee were still working on last-minute details Wednesday.

“I am excited for my dad to really meet my friends and to spend time with them,” MacKinnon said. “I want to show him just how much this school means to me and how he, with my mom, make that all possible.

Even seniors whose fathers can’t make it, like Lisa Hannewyks, are looking forward to the weekend.

“Adopt” her for the weekend.

Of course, seniors whose fathers are coming are excited as well.

“My dad had a lot of fun when he came with my sister four years ago so I’m looking to kind of show her up,” senior Britni McElligott said.

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**ATTENTION, all LAW, MBA, and GRADUATE students:**

Student Affairs and the Graduate School want your feedback. In the next couple of days, you will receive an e-mail invitation to complete an on-line survey about your experiences as graduate and professional students at the University. Please take the time to participate in this important survey. Your responses will help to shape the future of graduate and professional student life at Notre Dame.

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  - $100 gift cards to the DPAC
  - Meal passes for a week (14 meals) to either dining hall
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traditional desktop computer
and workspaces, but also includes collaboration with "think tanks" where students can arrange desks for laptop use.

A computer lab is also being emphasized in the design, with the addition of desks where small classes can work together, as well as a data projector and screen where groups can practice presentations.

"This is an experimental set-up to some degree because we'd be willing to see how the different furniture arrangements are used, whether students find the informal formal desks more useful and whether they like the presentation area," Butterwick said.

He also explained that while current plans feature an open design — as opposed to a more enclosed cluster — the potential noise of groups working together has been accounted for. "For the way we've designed it, the nearer the part of the facility is near to Reference desk, the more noisy it'll likely be," he said. "So the quieter part of the cluster (without any group study and presentation areas) would be towards the windows, which will allow the individual to study a lot better." The computer cluster will also feature another technology step forward on OIT's part — the ability to use laptops instead of desktops for many of the University's computing offerings. Students will be able to borrow a low-cost laptop for use in the cluster or the greater library, according to Butterwick, allowing them greater mobility than the current desktop-only facility provides.

"We know a lot of students still have laptops of their own, but even they use them from time to time," Butterwick said. "So for the sake of convenience and innovation, we want to make laptop use easier and allow students to have more access to a university's computer resources."

Chair of the Student Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Jim Grace has seen the early plans, and said he considers the improvements to the technology and study spaces beneficial to students. "A lot of students don't want to carry their laptops all over campus, so an opportunity to borrow one to work at the library is a positive thing." Jim Grace chair Student Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

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doing the same thing.

"I did feel like I was missing out on something compared to an international program, since I was still in the United States," Washington Program alumnus Joe Dosch said. "However, the internship opportunities I did get in D.C. can't be matched by any of the study abroad programs, so for me that outweighed the benefits of going abroad.

O'Connell was one of students who paired the Washington Program with another program, in this case a political internship. O'Connell interned with Senator Chris Dodd and felt the experience was invaluable. "It's a definite advantage to essentially live the life of a Congressional staffer before going into the job market," she said. "You get real world experience while you're still in college, which is a great benefit when I'm looking for an intern position." In an attempt to increase applications for 2007, LaFortune said the program has made a strong effort this year to reconnect with academic departments and to aggressively recruit with advertisements. She emphasized close work with teachers of entry-level political science courses, especially since the program encourages those of all majors to apply and a wide array of students take the entrance course.

"While applications may be down partially because admission is certainly not diminished. "For people who have even a slight interest in politics, it's a great experience, especially with the illness, know someone who is a survivor, or know someone who has lost a battle with cancer. Relay for Life is one way for these people to fight against the disease. "The event provides a great visual of people caring," O'Connell said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ethiopian civilian protesters killed

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - At least 60 people were killed and 200 others were wounded in the latest clash between security forces and protesters in the capital, the Ethiopia Human Rights Commission said Friday.

The clashes come days after the government said it had arrested 50 members of the Oromo, Ethiopia's largest ethnic group, after they tried to demonstrate against a new land law.

At least 150 people have been killed in protests since the start of the month, according to the commission.

IRAQ

War's death toll hits monthly high

BAGHDAD — American troops searching for a missing Iraqi official were ambushed by a roadside bomb, killing at least three soldiers in the latest of a series of attacks against the U.S. military in Baghdad.

The incident is the latest in a string of attacks in which Iraqi security forces say they have been killed by insurgents. In all, more than 100 people have been killed in attacks in the past week, according to the Iraqi army.

Local News

Calif. arsonist wildfire kills four

A man accused of starting a wildfire that killed four people in California has been charged with murder.

The fire, which started in late October, has burned more than 100,000 acres and forced the evacuation of more than 20,000 people. It is the largest wildfire in California history.

The suspect, who was arrested earlier this month, is scheduled to appear in court on Monday. He faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

National News

Rumsfeld: no demands for progress

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday that anyone demanding deadlines for progress in Iraq should 'just think a little bit more' about the consequences if they are not met by specific dates.

Rumsfeld told reporters that the U.S. military is still in the process of rebuilding Iraq, and that the situation is not as stable as some had hoped.

The U.S. military has not yet announced a new deadline for Iraqi elections, but Rumsfeld said that the U.S. military is still working on a plan to ensure that the elections are free and fair.

Local News

Man pleads guilty to fraud scheme

INDIANAPOLIS — A man charged with lining up investors for what prosecutors say was a $10 million mortgage scheme has agreed to plead guilty, his attorney said.

The man, 46, of Indianapolis, was indicted in late 2006 on charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud. He pleaded guilty Thursday charged on Thursday charged John Wagner, 46, of Indianapolis, with mortgage fraud and conspiracy, and his attorney said he has agreed to plead guilty, his attorney said.

The FBI, which had been investigating the case, said Wagner and his co-conspirators had been involved in a scheme to defraud investors of more than $10 million.

The two had been arrested on charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud. They had agreed to plead guilty, his attorney said.

Associated Press

POPPET FLAT, Calif. — A wind-whipped wildfire started by an arsonist killed four firefighters Thursday and stranded up to 400 people in an RV park, officials said.

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He said approximately 25 to 50 percent of the children he interviewed while preparing "The Working Poor: Invisible in America" admitted they usually didn't understand what their teachers said during class.

Soon, a cycle begins, Shipler said. When you don't understand what is happening in the classroom, you won't find joy in learning, and you will feel stupid and inadequate in the eyes of afterschool activities, so you will be asking yourself what is the point of staying there?" Shipler said. He said a person without a high school diploma will earn approximately $26,000 less over his lifetime, which means he will also pay about $60,000 less in taxes than someone who graduates from high school — which only places heavier demands on the rest of the tax-payers.

"When someone succeeds and improves his standard of living, everything has to line up perfectly," Shipler said.

While that may not be the path towards sustaining a competitive advantage in a global economy, Shipler said the country's business leaders were slow to see beyond next quarter's earnings and invest in the future of their work-force.

The responsibility to make poverty history in the U.S., however, also falls on individual citizens, Shipler said. He asked his audience how many people would be willing to help their neighbors take their kids to school, and was sure that money would really improve a public school or hospital.

More than half of the people in the auditorium raised their hands. Shipler then asked how many of those people had informed their congressmen or senators of their willings.

Just 10 people in the room raised their hands a second time. "Ladies and gentlemen," Shipler said, "this is a time and a situation that requires action, now.

Junior Nate Serazin appreciated Shipler's take on the poverty issue.

"So often we view poverty as a problem outside of our own concern," he said. "It's a problem that affects other people, other people's lives. But, Shipler emphasized, poverty affects everyone, and we all have a responsibility to help change the cycle.

"I think the only way we can improve our situation is if we all do our part," Serazin said. "Shipler's lecture made me think about the role we all play in society and the policy decisions our representatives make. We need to demand action from them, and we need to be willing to put our own money and time towards solving the poverty problem."
**NEW YORK —** As if Countrywide Financial Corp.'s CEO isn't getting paid enough, the mortgage lender's board is taking the unprecedented step of lavishing him with $10 million in retirement money.

And he isn't even retiring. Countrywide is spinning it as a "reimbursement" because Angelo Mozilo agreed to stay on at the helm until 2009 instead of retiring this year as was expected. That will come on top of the hefty salary he will get to stay at work.

A company released details of Mozilo's financial package on the same day it announced plans to lay off 2,500 Countrywide employees. Talk about tone-deaf timing.

Mozilo has defended as appropriate since underwriting its signature online game, World of Warcraft, a $5 a month subscription fee for the world's most popular computer game. But analysts have long been concerned about inflation even as the economy is slowing.

"Things on the horizon are becoming less rosy," said Tarquinio Teles, Hoplon s CEO.

IBM's mainframe revenue increases

Associated Press

**BOSTON —** Cheap little servers hand­led so much of the big boys' dirty work that giant computers known as mainframes, which debuted 50 years ago, account for less than 10 percent of the world's computing resources today. The market was initially inspired by commerce, but the times are a-changing as room-sized hubs that did it all with mainframes at all is somewhat surprising. Because if you were to ask consumers who were being asked to pay about $3 a gallon for gasoline in early August.

"People would actually take a step back and say, 'What? Did I hear correctly?'" said Targuquin Teles, Hoplon's CEO.

IBM's mainframe business has suffered from tough competition from smaller, more flexible, and cheaper systems for processing transactions. The company has responded by investing in research and development to develop new mainframes that can handle a wider range of tasks.

"We are seeing strong growth in our mainframe business, especially in the enterprise computing market," said Ginni Rometty, IBM's chief technology officer. "This growth is driven by our focus on delivering value to customers through innovation and leadership in key areas such as cloud, analytics, and mobile."
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Pigs may be source of spinach contamination

E. coli outbreak causes sickness, 3 deaths

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wild pigs may have spread deadly bacteria onto a California spinach field, sparking an outbreak that killed three people and sickened more than 200 others nationwide, investigators said Thursday. They also said the outbreak appears to be over.

No one has become ill from eating contaminated spinach since Sept. 25. "All evidence points to this outbreak having concluded," said Dr. Kevin Reilly of the California Department of Health Services.

State and federal investigators have narrowed their focus to the ranch, where boar trampled fences that had hemmed in a spinach field.

Samples taken from a wild pig, as well as from stream water and cattle on the ranch, have tested positive for the same strain of E. coli implicated in the outbreak, Reilly said.

Still, investigators continue to look at three other ranches in the areas in seeking the source of the contaminated fresh spinach.

"We are not saying this is the source at this point," Reilly said of the ranch.

The outbreak sickened 204 people in 26 states and one Canadian province, he said.

Wild pigs are one "real clear vehicle" that could explain how E. coli spread from cattle on the ranch to the spinach field less than a mile away, Reilly said. The pigs could have tracked the bacteria into the field or spread it through their droppings, he said.

Investigators also are looking at runoff, flooding, irrigation water, fertilizer and other wildlife, including deer, as possible sources.

Investigators first recovered the same strain of bacteria earlier this month from three cattle manure specimens collected on the ranch. On Thursday, Reilly said the strain had been isolated from six other samples collected on the ranch, including from cattle.

The findings mark the first time investigators have identified a possible source for any of the multiple E. coli outbreaks linked to the heavily agricultural area.

Reilly refused to give a location for the ranch, other than to say it's in a valley in the area of San Benito and Monterey counties.

Investigators have taken roughly 750 samples from the four ranches. They've found generic E. coli on all four ranches — the bug is common in cattle — but turned up the particular strain involved in the outbreak on only one.

"We have no evidence to suggest people should not be eating spinach from other places — except from these four ranches," said Jack Tylka, the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

Thursday after lawmakers decided not to increase the penalties in this predominantly Roman Catholic country.

The bill has drawn protests from women's rights groups, and the Women's Autonomous Movement has said it was prepared to seek an injunction to block the measure if it passed.

Congress approved the bill despite a letter from European Union diplomats and U.N. representatives asking lawmakers to hold off on voting on the issue until after the Nov. 2 presidential elections.

U.N. official Rebeca Grynspan, who is in Nicaragua this week, told reporters, "It's very difficult that this (the determined) during an electoral period." Nicaragua's medical association also urged legislators to postpone the vote, saying the issue had become politicized.

Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega, who was a supporter of abortion rights as a young revolutionary, has said he has become a devout Roman Catholic and now opposes abortion.

Oregon's socialist government of the 1980s had a contentious relationship with the Catholic church, but Ortega recently has established warm ties with leading church figures in Nicaragua.

Congressman Wilfredo Navarro, of the ruling Liberal Constitutionalist Party, said the exception to Nicaragua's ban had allowed for cases in which healthy women who did not want to have their babies had convinced doctors to say an abortion was needed for health reasons.

Aside from Cuba, which permits abortions in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, Latin America has some of the world's most restrictive anti-abortion laws. El Salvador and Chile also ban all types of abortions.

Bush to issue exercise guidelines

Officials hope advice will combat obesity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's a Food pyramid to help guide people's eating habits, so why not an exercise pyramid?

The Bush administration said Thursday it would develop a new guide to help physical activity.

When the guidelines are ready in late 2008, federal health officials hope they will help people live healthier lifestyles, which in turn, could slow soaring health care costs.

"Obesity is an epidemic, and chronic disease inevitably follows. It has become a major public health issue," said Mike Leavitt, the health and human services secretary.

More than half of adults in the United States do not get enough of the type of physical activity that actually benefits them. One-quarter are not active at all in their leisure time. Overall, more than 60 million adults are obese, Leavitt said.

The lack of exercise contributes to the $2 trillion that people spend on health care in this country each year, he said. About three-quarters of that amount goes toward the treatment of chronic disease.

Every five years, the government updates dietary guidelines that are designed to tell people what they should eat and how they should prepare food to keep it safe and wholesome. The food pyramid is a visual aid — the steps he envisions are more forceful than others might have.

"We have a compelling national interest in promoting healthy choices," he said. Bush to issue exercise guidelines

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For many high school seniors, there isn’t a better choice than Notre Dame. The University boasts solid academic programs and impressive athletic teams — and it has that Catholic identity no other U.S. college is able to truly match.

While the University may attract the nation’s top undergraduates, it lags far — sometimes stunningly far — behind its peers in PhD programs and research, Provost Thomas Burish told faculty members earlier this week.

His frankness was unusual at a school that all too often tends to sugarcoat its problems. But if Notre Dame focuses its resources on research, it won’t be a problem.

To find a solution, graduate programs should look no further than residence halls on campus. Notre Dame undergraduates are some of the most desirable graduate school applicants in the country. Why not keep them here?

University founder Father Edward Sorin said Notre Dame would one day be a “powerful force for good in this country.” Right now, University graduates are all over the country — and the world — running companies, curing diseases and serving others. And one of the main reasons graduates are so successful is that they are strong undergraduates.

To a certain extent, undergraduate education trains students for life after college. If Burish is successful in his push for stronger PhD programs, the University will send even more students out ready to be that powerful force for good, armed with an extra few years of Notre Dame education under their belts.

It’s going to take a lot of money. It’s going to take a group effort. And it’s going to take time — but as Burish was correct to emphasize, it’s going to happen now. Notre Dame doesn’t want to become Harvard or Stanford — something University officials are quick to articulate. Right now, however, its best graduates are doing research at Harvard and Stanford.

As the University prepares to tackle what Burish calls its “momentum challenge,” it’s important to not overemphasize research to the point where it undermines undergraduate student life. Burish acknowledged that issue, and it’s a danger that should always be kept in mind.

Change can chip away at an institution’s identity, or it can build upon it. The financial resources needed for this project — which will undoubtedly be hefty — must be raised by Notre Dame, not diverted from its current programs and departments.

If all goes according to Burish’s plan, those Stanford undergraduates will someday pin their hopes on a Notre Dame Ph.D.
U.S. neglects students as lenders make a killing

Republican leaders are standing by the door of owning one’s own home. The middle class grew politically tied to one’s democracy and is opened to a new portion of Americans. The reality is neither party is willing to finance its debt. It meant the children of China and Japan, to buy treasury bonds for the tip of the iceberg. Unlike nonprofit education lenders, which didn’t even exist like never before — in fact, we re-borrowed, we decided on a direction: to come together and unite students from all organizations to work for a single cause. Once we can address the global health crisis and help people affected by it on a scale we individually might never have dared dream possible.

Amanda Golbabai
Economics Club
Oct. 26

The indignities of student life take on a certain glamour after a while — call it the undergraduates’ attention and are consuming a considerable amount of politicians’ attention and energy. The indignities that have been talked about in this campaign are important, like the depth of the Mark Foley page scandal or the off-color comments by a Senatorial candidate. The indignities talk a good game about “valuing education” and “investing in the future” — but it seems student debt isn’t high on anyone’s list of priorities. Keep that in mind on Nov. 8, when the lectures about poor turnout among young people start.

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Horror comes in all forms, from psychic slashers to evil demons, to aliens and monsters. Over the last century, numerous films in the genre have been made — some genuinely scary, some just tedious and horrid. For anyone looking for a good fright, Halloween here are some classics — the scariest movies in one of the most popular film genres.

**The Slasher Movie**

Halloween (1978, John Carpenter)
The film that unleashed the William Shatner-make of Mike Myers on the world and launched a spinoff ofimitators, "Halloween" remains the original and the best in the genre. Myers stalks his prey, especially Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis), over the course of a brief, scary 93 minutes. Though the countless knockoffs and its own lesser-than-stellar sequels have diluted its impact, "Halloween" remains an indelible classic.

Memorable moment: When Mike Myers attacks Laurie when she's in the closet.

Friday the 13th (1980, Sean S. Cunningham)
"Friday the 13th" was something of a follow-up to "Halloween," and its financial success firmly established the teen slasher genre as a film phenomenon. A psychotic killer hunts teenagers at summer camp, with all the right clichés in all the right places. Cunningham's direction is tense and threat, though anyone looking for Jason Voorhees needs to wait on the sequels — he's nowhere to be found in the original. A bit of trivia that's often forgotten. Memorable moment: An noo-it-the-first-murder.

Scream (1996, Wes Craven)
Memorable moment: More of an homage (or even parody) than a legitimate horror film, "Scream" has achieved classic status for its playful deconstruction of horror movie norms. Wes Craven, one of the founding fathers of the slasher film, completely revolutionized the horror genre for contemporary teenagers. Surprisingly, "Scream" is a funny and fun picture that collects horror movie clichés and celebrates them in a genre "cure" led by Neve Campbell and Skeet Ulrich, makes "Scream" as effective as a "real" slasher film, though "Scream" is clearly a much better made movie.

Memorable moment: Drew Barrymore's brief appearance at the opening of the film — "Do you like scary movies?"

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974, Tobe Hooper)
A cult classic upon its original release, "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" helped revolutionize the horror genre. A low-budget film made in a documentary style, it follows a group of teens who stumble into the lair of Leatherface, a chainsaw-wielding psychopath. Its stark, realistic style and sudden violence was divisive in 1974, but the influential "Chainsaw Massacre" continues to resonate with audiences, precisely because the film is so visceral and disturbing.

Memorable moment: The first appearance of Leatherface, one of the screen's greatest villains.

A Nightmare On Elm Street (1984, Wes Craven)
"The Nightmare On Elm Street" is a spinoff of the iconic slasher film from "Halloween" that quickly developed into one of the most successful horror franchises, spawning not only numerous sequels but a television show as well. Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) is the star of the show as the child molester who was buried to death by the parents of the children he attacked. He comes back to the nightmares of those related to his killers, vowing to kill them in their sleep.

Unlike the slashers who came before him, Freddy is sadistic and funny at the same time, having plenty of acerbic dialogue and banter with the other characters. His burned and mutilated face and him, knives where fingers should be create one of the perennial images of horror. Also noteworthy is a young Johnny Depp starring in his first feature film.

Memorable moment: "One, two, Freddy's coming for you. Three, four, better be under... Five, six, grab your crooks. Seven, eight, poona stay up... Nine, ten, never sleep again.

**The Supernatural Movie**

Rosemary's Baby (1968, Roman Polanski)
A disturbing and affecting examination of late 1960s paranoia, "Rosemary's Baby" was adapted by Ira Levin's bestseller. The story of the pregnant Rosemary Woodhouse (Mia Farrow) and her actor husband Guy (John Cassavetes), "Rosemary's Baby" is a film about the occult, as Rosemary begins to learn the satanic truth about her child-to-be.

Memorable moment: Rosemary's famous "Beelzebub" hallucinogenic dream sequence.

The Exorcist (1973 William Friedkin)
"The Exorcist" is easily one of the most famous horror films of all time, William Friedkin's 1973 classic about a Father Karras (Jason Miller) and his run-in with a demon possessing the child Regan (Linda Blair). Featuring some fantastic performances by Ellen Burstyn as Regan's mother and Max von Sydow as the carnival, Father Merrin, "The Exorcist" is still a shocking and scary film, despite being over 30 years old.

Memorable moment: "The power of Christ compels you!

Carrie (1976, Brian DePalma)
Based on Stephen King's novel, "Carrie" follows the eponymous character (Sissy Spacek), a shy and repressed teen whose supernatural powers come to vengeance fruition during the iconic high school prom. As much a film criticizing the social class system as it is about the scares themselves, "Carrie" remains equally effective as an exploration of school politics and religious guilt. Also noteworthy is a young and poorly-acting John Travolta.

Memorable moment: The epic shower of pig's blood during the prom's final moments.

**The Monster Movie**

Alien (1979, Ridley Scott)
"Alien" was more than a movie, it was a cultural phenomenon. Enhanced by John Williams' legendary score, it follows a space crew (including Sigourney Weaver, in the title role) of the titular spaceship the Nostromo as they try to stop the alien (monstrously and memorably designed by H.R. Giger) that has invaded their ship. Followed by an equallyclassify sequel (directed by James Cameron), "Alien" remains a gold standard of monster horror to this day.

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Night of the Living Dead (1968, George A. Romero)
A landmark picture and the defining zombie film, "Night of the Living Dead" remains one of the longest-lasting and most successful horror franchises of all time. The movie opens with Barbara (Judith O'Dea) and her brother almost immediately attacked by a horde of cannibalistic zombies. Narrowly escaping, the three led by Duane Jones, the hero of the film. The human side of this film is an interesting and accurate real world study concerning what happens to people whose very lives are threatened.

The horror of this film is as much a matter of blood and gore as a matter of the real active horror of realistically depicted scenes of murder, death and cannibalism. Though the more gore footage is certainly effective, there may not be even enough of it for today's average horror fan. The photographs techniques of this film are imaginative and powerful, but are not enough to detach from the film's terrifying moments.

Memorable moment: Ben's fate.
IES FROM A TO Z

THE EVIL DEAD TRILOGY (1981 - 1992, Sam Raimi)

The first "Evil Dead" movie was a low-budget cult classic about five teens who accidentally unleash an evil spirit deep in the woods. By "Army of Darkness," the third film in the series, it had become a joking, stylish homage to, and parody of, the classic zombie movie. "Evil Dead" was effective because of its simplicity — it mainly depends on the camera and the panorama of the atmosphere, which drove the series throughout its three-film run.

Memorable moment: the flying eyeball in "Evil Dead 2."

THE CLASSIC MOVIE

Psycho (1960, Alfred Hitchcock)

Among Hitchcock's most famous films, "Psycho" is responsible for one of Hitchcock's most famous creations, Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins) of the Bates Motel. "Psycho" set new standards in horror as it pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable in 1960. With its bold plot twists and Perkins' genuinely scary portrayal, "Psycho" remains the gold standard in modern psychological horror.

Memorable moment: the shower scene, perhaps the most famous scene in Hitchcock's storied career.

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**St. Louis pulls within win of championship**

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With some help from a soggy field and two big hits by little David Eckstein, the St. Louis Cardinals took control of the World Series with a wild comeback win.

Eckstein’s bunt-double glanced off the glove of a diving Craig Monroe in left field in the eightheenth inning, and the Cardinals capitalized on Detroit’s sloppy defense for a 5-4 victory Thursday night in Game 4.

“Hey, the tough guy I’ve ever seen in a uniform,” St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said, praising his scrappy shortstop.

After Curtis Granderson stepped in left field on a key play trying for an earlier hit ball by Eckstein, rekindling memories of Curt Flood in the 1968 Series between these teams, St. Louis took a 3-1 lead to move within one win of its first championship in 24 years.

Jeff Weaver can wrap it up Friday night at Busch Stadium when he pitches against rookie Justin Verlander. Each lost his Series debut for Detroit only before he slipped to the slick turf, kicking up a huge divot.

“We had it up, I catch it easily,” Granderson said. “It wasn’t too much of a cut. As soon as I planted, it went under me.”

Pinch-hitter So Taguchi dropped down a sacrifice bunt, and reliever Fernando Rodney rushed an off-balance throw over the head of Placido Polanco covering at first base, allowing Eckstein to score the tying run.

It was the fourth error by a Tigers pitcher in four games, a record for one pitching staff in the World Series.

“Obviously, it was a little bit of a freak inning,” Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. “It’s not our best fielding in the world, but that’s baseball.”

After an intentional walk to Albert Pujols and two strikeouts, Preston Wilson singled to left against Rodney to give St Louis a 4-3 lead.

But Ivan Rodriguez opened the eighth with a double and Brandon Inge tied it with a double off rookie closer Adam Wainwright, who avoided further damage by striking out pinch-hitter Alexis Gomez and Granderson.

The right-hander, sporting his glove. The left fielder lay prone on the grass as Miles scored the go-ahead run.

“The fans here are unbelievable,” Eckstein said. “I got a fastball and was able to get on top just enough, just barely out of the reach of Craig Monroe, who almost made one heck of a catch.

Wainwright set down Detroit for one inning, at least — making his first start in 12 days, Bandonder was staked to a three-run lead and was visibly steamed when he was pulled after 5 1/3 innings with the score 3-2. He slammed his glove and had on the bench, knocking over a full cup, and kicked the ground.

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MLB Sloppy defense allows Cardinals to slip by Tigers 5-4

That set the stage for St. Louis’ final rally. Yadier Molina drew a leadoff walk from Joel Zumaya before Aaron Miles beat out a potential double-play ball.

Miles moved up when strike three to Juan Encarnacion got past Rodriguez for a wild pitch, and Eckstein hit a drive to left-center.

Monroe sprinted to his left and laid out with a desperate dive, but the ball ticked off the tip of his glove. The left fielder lay prone on the grass as Miles scored the go-ahead run.

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New Jersey 4-4-1 9 25
NY Islanders 3-3-2 8 22
NY Rangers 6-6-0 12 32
Philadelphia 1-6-3 5 16

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Buffalo 9-6-0 18 46
Toronto 4-3-2 11 33
Montreal 4-2-2 10 27
Ottawa 4-6-0 9 29
Boston 2-4-1 5 15

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

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Washington 3-2-3 9 29
Tampa Bay 4-4-0 8
Vancouver 6-4-1 13 29

Western Conference, Central Division

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Anaheim 7-0-2 16 30
Minnesota 8-1-0 16 29
Calgary 4-4-2 10 33
Chicago 4-5-0 8 22
Columbus 2-4-1 5 17

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Los Angeles 3-6-2 8 23
San Jose 7-3-0 14 33
Dallas 8-1-0

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3 Minnesota 8-1-2 494
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IN BRIEF

Cowsboys assistant to sue McDonalds over dead rat

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys assis­
tant coach Todd Haley is suing a sub­urban McDonald's, claiming his wife and the family's live in baby sitter found a dead rat in their salad.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in state district court seeks $1.7 million in damages, The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site.

In addition to Haley, the Cowboys' passing game coordinator who got in a well-publicized shouting match with Terrell Owens earlier this month, the suit was also filed on behalf of his wife Christine and the family's au pair, Kathryn Kelley.

A message left for McDonald's Corp. spokesman Walt Riker on Thursday evening was not immediately returned.

According to the lawsuit, Christine Haley and Kelley had eaten part of the salad purchased June 5 at a McDonald's in Southlake before the dead rodent was uncovered.

Sheffield upset over Yanks decision to exercise option

NEW YORK — Gary Sheffield is angry that the New York Yankees plan to exercise his $13 million option for next season rather than allow him to become a free agent.

While the Yankees have until Nov. 5 to decide on the option, Sheffield told USA Today that he has been told it will be exercised.

"This will not work, this will not work at all," he was quoted as saying in Thursday edition. "I don't want to play first base for a year. I will not do that."

If the Yankees exercise the option, included as part of the three-year contract Sheffield negotiated before the 2004 season, they Likely would trade him. By exercising the option, they can prevent him from windsing up with the Boston Red Sox.

Sheffield was New York's right fielder before he was sidelined from May 29 to Sept. 22 with an injured left wrist that required surgery. When he returned, he played first base for the first time in his major league career.

Miami receiver to receive felony charge for altercation

MIAMI GABLES — Miami receiv­er Ryan Moore is expected to face a felony charge for his role in an August altercation with two women, and will not accompany the Hurricanes to Georgia Tech for their game Saturday.

The felony charge is not why Moore isn't traveling to Atlanta on Friday, Miami coach Larry Coker said.

"I probably know a lot more about it than you do right now and I won't go into that," Coker said.

"But I will say that he will not travel."

Associated Press

Former German nation­
al team coach Juergen Klinsmann is engaged in informal talks with the U.S. Soccer Federation that could lead to him taking over as coach of the American national team.

Klinsmann, who coached his native Germany to a surprising berth in the World Cup semifinals this summer, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday that he's been speaking with USSF president Sunil Gulati.

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Virginia Tech handles Clemson

Brandon Ore rushes for 203 yards to lead Hokies over Tigers

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG — Brandon Ore shredded Clemson for 203 yards rushing and two touchdowns and Virginia Tech held the No. 10 Tigers to 76 yards in the last three quarters in the Hokies' 24-7 victory Thursday night.

Virginia Tech (6-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), besmirched soundly in its last two ACC games by Georgia Tech and Boston College, showed the Tigers what it felt like.

Clemson (7-2, 4-2) had just three first downs in the last three quarters, and the third one came in the final minute, not long before the final gun sounded and Hokies fans streamed onto the field, surrounding the team and celebra-

ting around midfield.

Ore carried a career-high 37 times for his second consecutive 200-yard performance. He had 207 five days earlier in a rout of Southern Mississippi, and this time upstaged the Tigers' vaunted two-back tandem of James Davis and C.J. Spiller. They came into the game averaging 185 yards between them, but finished with just 71 yards on 22 tries.

The Hokies, leading 10-7 at halftime, padded their lead in the third quarter after Xenith Adibi intercepted Will Proctor's pass at the Clemson 35. Ore did the rest, carrying on five consecutive plays, the last an 11-yard, second-effort run for the TD.

In the first period, he essentially put the game away, breaking off a 21-yard run to get the ball inside the Clemson 5, then carrying two more times to get it to 24-7. Sam Wheeler also had a big play in the drive, a 41-yard reception from Sean Glennon.

Glenmonth came in expecting to yield to Ike WIIaker at times to boost the running game, but it never happened. Glennon finished 9-for-15 for 108 yards and ran for a TD. The Hokies dominated the second quarter on defense and led 10-7 at halftime.

Clemson, which gained just 12 yards in the quarter as Virginia Tech kept the ball for nearly 10 minutes, Brandon Pace's 37-yard field goal with 11:56 left in the half was 16 and he was 14th successful consecutive field goal.

Clemson was in great posi-

tion to at least tie it when C.J. Gaddis stripped the ball from a scrambling Glennon and Gaines Adams recovered for the Hokies on the Tech 25.

Three plays later, however, Proctor never got the handle on the third-and-9 snap and Hokies defensive end BarryBrooker jumped on the loose

d ball to end the threat.

The teams were like mirror images in the first quarter.

Both started with three-and-outs, and then the Tigers drove 77 yards in 11 plays to Davis' 17th rushing touchdown of the season, a 6-yard burst around the left side.

The Hokies countered by driving 84 yards in 12 plays, highlighted by Glennon's 2-yard run on fourth-and-3 from the Hokies 36, and Ore's 40-yard burst through the right side to the 6-inch line.

Two plays later, Glennon dove it in.

Manning and undefeated Indianapolis travel to Mile-High City to face league's stingiest defense in key AFC matchup

DENVER — A Blizzard cov-

ered the Mile High City during the week, so maybe it's not too early in the NFL season to start talking about really significant games.

And Indianapolis at Denver is about as colossal as an October game can get. "I love a game like this because it doesn't get any bigger. It's a big game. It's going to be magni-

fied. People are talking about it." Despite some flaws on one side or the other, the Colts (6-0) and Broncos (5-1) are so good at what they do well that they're barking in the league's formative days of leather helmets and two-way players.

The Colts can become the first team to start 7-0 in consecutive seasons since 1929-31 Green Bay Packers, who did it three straight years. No one else has ever done it twice.

The Broncos have already made history, becoming the stingiest team to start a season since the 1934 Detroit Lions, who outscored their first seven opponents.

Denver has allowed just two

oh-by-the-way touchdowns this season, both coming in the fourth quarter after they had built 17-0 leads on New England and Cleveland. They've held their last five opponents to single digits, a franchise best.

Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer, the biggest benefi-

ciary of the defense, has taken some heat off his third-string long-shot play, poor play, said this one feels like a playoff game.

"Any time you have an unde-

feated team coming to your place and we're 5-1, it's a big game," Plummer said. (Winning it) sends a statement. It doesn't mean you're going to win the Super Bowl by any means, but it just sends a state-

ment to everybody that you can beat the good ones, too." Plummer will get harder this week when left tackle Matt Lepsis was lost for the season with a knee injury, leaving Adam Meadows, Erik Pears or right guard Cooper Carlisle as candidates to face Colts star defensive end Dwight Freeney.

The Colts have their own injury issues, with defensive tackle Montez Isaac (knee) back for the first time in a month.

"Their tackling is some of the best in the league," said Manning, who has found few flaws to exploit his team. "We're going to have to be ready to stop them at the net. They have a very strong offense. We need to be ready to stop them at the net.

"Our four defense has been strong all season so, of course, we need to maintain that as one of our strengths. Our front line is going to have really rise to the challenge."

Jevon Kearse-Blake will be looking to her seniors to lead her team to the next level.

"Our seniors have done a nice job on the court all year," she said. "They have been able to lead both on and off the court." The Belles coach is very happy with how the season played, and is proud of her team.

"We have a nice balance of players this season," she said. "If one player is having a rough game, someone else picks it up. It's really about being ready at any given time for our success this year.

"We can't depend on one player to carry the team." The Belles host Adrian at 11 a.m.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad to face off against Adrian

Belles play Bulldogs in final MIAA match

By SARAH LEONARD

Saint Mary's will have the opportunity to knock off MIAA No. 3 Adrian College at home Saturday in the final game of the regular season. Coming off a big win against MIAA foe Tri-State Tuesday, the Belles (16-8, 9-6 MIAA) will play their final match before the conference tournament.

Saint Mary's 16-8 record overall is tied with Adrian's, but SMC is now fifth in the MIAA.

Coach Julie Schoenfeld-Biek said that she believes in her team, but she knows the Belles will counter their problems if they don't improve their fundamentals. "We will be working on our net game a lot these next two days — blocking, attacking, as well as coverage," she said. "Adrian has

Manning and undefeated Indianapolis travel to Mile-High City to face league's stingiest defense in key AFC matchup

Pro Bowl safety Bob Sanders (knee) back for the first time in a month.

The Colts are averaging 28 points; the Broncos are allowing just seven, so anybody is going to score on anybody, and I'm sure they like to believe they can stop anybody. They're going to be ready to stop them at the net. They have a very strong offense. We need to be ready to stop them at the net."

Manning is proud of her team. "I love a game like this because it doesn't get any bigger. It's a big game. It's going to be magnified. People are talking about it."
Belles get ready for last meet of season

MIAA championship awaits team Saturday

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The Belles head into the MIAA championship meet Saturday in Alma, Mich., with renewed confidence after recent impressive performances.

In their last meet of the season, the MIAA championship meet Saturday in Alma, Mich., the Belles finished third out of nine teams, and Megan Gray took the individual title. In the previous meet, the Belles coach Jackie Bauters said of the team’s best runner with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course.

"This season has been wonderful thus far, and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," Jackie Bauters Belles coach said.

The three Belles have maintained a consistency that has led to a strong showing in the team’s final meet. Gray, the individual champion, has been a consistent performer throughout the season, with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course.

"I think the team is ready for a great season," Bauters said.

For the final week of practice, Bauters emphasized group workouts, as the runners discussed their goals for the season and the teamwork that helped them in the MIAA championship meet.

The Belles hope to improve on last year’s fifth-place finish in the MIAA standings. Last year at the MIAA championship, Sarah Otto was the squad’s best runner with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course.

"Fellow senior Katie White recorded her best finish last year at the MIAA championship as well, where she finished 33rd. Clocking in at 24:42, Bauters is optimistic about the conference meet this time around.

"This season has been wonderful thus far, and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," Bauters said.

The main competition for the Belles will be last year’s MIAA champion Calvin College, Hope and Albion. The most important thing is, Gray said, "for everyone to just go out there and have fun, run their race and enjoy it."

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NFL

Ravens prepare to take on Saints

New Orleans looks to remain unbeaten in Superdome Sunday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The last time the Baltimore Ravens came to town, it was two days before Hurricane Katrina blew apart the Superdome's roof. Apathy defined the ambiance of a half-full arena during the Ravens 21-6 preseason victory over a Saints squad that was about to endure four months of displacement and a lot more losing.

This season, visiting teams have yet to win in the rebuilt Superdome, where the revamped Saints (5-1) have delighted sellout crowds — not to mention sympathetic television audiences — with victories over Atlanta, Tampa Bay and Philadelphia.

"Obviously, they are the sweethearts of the league, everybody loves them, and deservedly so," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said this week. "You go in and beat them, you might as well go and beat up on Mother Teresa — you know? You scums, what are you doing here?"

"But, that is what we are going to try to do."

The Ravens (4-2) can hardly afford to be polite guests, having lost two straight going into last week’s bye.

The week off came at a good time, primarily because quarter­back Steve McNair needed the rest after being knocked out of Baltimore’s last game with a concussion and strained neck.

McNair practiced this week with the first team and expected to be ready.

"He is ready to go," right end Todd Heap said after seeing McNair practice this week. "You couldn’t tell anything about any concussion. ... It was basically like the normal Steve out there."

It also gave Billick more time to take over the offense after he fired defensive coordinator Jim Fassel. Billick will call the plays for the first time this season in a stadium where crowd noise has disrupted visiting teams.

"This will be like nothing they have ever heard," Billick said of his players. "I have been in that building when it has been cranked. ... The noise doesn’t go anywhere. It is as hard a dome to play in as there is."

But recent history shows Baltimore has done well coming off a week’s rest, having won the next game after a bye four seasons running.

Past trends matter little to the Saints, who seem to have entered a new era under rookie coach Sean Payton. But Payton does have memories of facing the Ravens, and they aren’t good.

He was the Giants’ offensive coordinator in Super Bowl 35, when the Ravens shut down the high-powered New Orleans offense, 34-7, the Superdome’s roof blew off, and quarterback Drew Brees has some pressure off him.

"This defense challenges you to throw the ball," Brees said, "so, it is going to be a tough game for us."

The Saints (1-5) will be trying to snap a four-game losing streak, during which the Ravens have taken some pressure off. Baltimore has a 19-point lead, most of them by linebackers executing a confusing array of blitzes from a 3-4 defense.

They may present the toughest challenge for the Saints, who have started at every position from last season, including rookie quarterback Jahlil Evans and right tackle Jon Stinchcomb, who never started before this year.

"This defense challenges you before the ball is even snapped, just recognizing your assignment," Stinchcomb said. "We’ve seen a lot of film where there’s been some confusion on the offensive line. Second, they’ve got a great group of athletes. So, one is recognizing who you’ve got to block, and two is getting the job done, which is not an easy task."

So far, the Saints’ new line has allowed only six sacks, even shutting out a Philadelphia defense that had 33 coming into the Superdome two weeks ago.

Quarterback Drew Brees has taken some pressure off by throwing quickly and accurate­ly to receivers Joe Horn and Marques Colston, as well as running back Reggie Bush, who catches the ball coming out of the backfield or lining up as a receiver. The Saints also expected receiver Devery Henderson, who missed the last two weeks with a shoulder injury, to be back this weekend.

Meanwhile, Deuce McAllister has averaged 4.9 yards a carry, the only question with him being how well he has recovered from a minor hamstring injury against Philadelphia.
**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

**Irish look for three-peat**

Runners travel to Boston to compete in Big East Tournament

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Friday, October 27, 2006

After weeks of preparation, the races are finally starting to matter.

Notre Dame will compete against the best its conference has to offer today in Boston at the Big East tournament. The Irish men are one of the favorites to win again this year. Notre Dame has won the conference tournament the last two years and six of 12 Big East titles since joining the conference in 1994.

That history is compounded with Notre Dame's success this year, knocking off higher ranked opponents in each of its last two races — the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Tournament.

Despite Notre Dame's history at the event and in recent tournaments, the Irish are still faced with some tough competition for the conference title. Three teams join No. 12 Notre Dame in the CSTFOCCA Top 30 — No. 16 Georgetown, No. 20 Providence and No. 23 Providence — meaning the competition will be very stiff for this year's crown.

"I think we've got as good a shot as anybody." — Kurt Benninger, Irish senior

Even so, the Hoyas ran a strong race their last time out, finishing fifth but dropping in the polls.

The top two finishers for Notre Dame will be Benninger and sophomore Patrick Smyth, who have led the Irish climb in the polls in the last month with great finishes in each of their two races on the season. Benninger has had continued success against Big East competition, finishing in the top 10 in his other two Big East tournaments.

"There's a lot of good guys that are going to be up there so we're going to just go up there and see what happens," he said.

Although the stakes are a lot higher for this race than they have been for Notre Dame's other races, practice has been business as usual for Irish coach Joe Piane.

"I wouldn't say [Piane has] done anything special at all (in practice)," Benninger said.

"EverySince the beginning of the year has been geared toward this part of the year. Everybody's known what we need to do to take the Big East and then Regionals and the NCAAs." The women's team is also running the Big East tournament, but it will have a much harder time if it hopes to succeed. With disappointing finishes in the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Meet, Notre Dame's chances rest with its vest-sprints, namely junior Sunny Olding. Olding finished 18th in the Pre-National Meet, but she was the only Irish female in the top 50. This destroyed any chance the Irish had of doing well in the race, meaning Notre Dame will have to have its other runners try to stay near the top for it to succeed.

The Irish will also face two ranked teams — No. 12 Providence and No. 18 Georgetown.

Kurt Benninger, Irish senior

**Barber brothers to face each other for last time**

Tampa tries to continue two game win streak

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD — A lit-tle less than two months after kicking off the season with a Manning Bowl, the New York Giants have another brotherly matchup to the Barber Bowl.

Unlike the opener that pitted Peyton and Eli Manning in the first NFL game featuring brothers as the starting quarter-backs, Ronde and Tiki Barber will be meeting for the fifth time this season when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2-4) and Giants (4-2) play Sunday at Giants Stadium.

While not as hyped as the Manning matchups, this game is just as special because it might be the last time the twins run into each other — literally.

Barring a change of heart, the Georgians will be meeting for the fifth time this season to pursue a television career.

"It's pretty set," the Giants halfback said. "It is set. I have tons of other things that I am interested in and eager and excited to get to doing. Obviously, the last 10 games of the season are first on that list. But, beyond and the rest of my life, there's a lot." Ronde isn't surprised, but the Bucs cornerbacks refused to write off his brother entirely for the 2007 season.

"I think he's had a feeling for a year now, at least, and I saw it, to tell you the truth, in the off-season when we were working out," said Ronde, who hopes to play for another five years. "He just wasn't the same. The past two games to get up and get ready wasn't the same."

Luckily for the Giants, Tiki hasn't lost his passion for the regular season. In fact, the twins are both having spectacular seasons.

Tiki leads the NFL in rushing with 647 yards, and is a major reason the Giants have turned around their season with three straight wins.

Ronde had his career game last Sunday, returning two interceptions for the start-up in an improbable 23-21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, a win nailed down on a 62-yard field goal by kicker Matt Bryant as time expired.

During one of their telephone conversations this week, Ronde didn't hesitate to let Tiki know his two touchdowns are two more than Tiki has this season.

"My brother and I have always been competitive, and we've rarely done the same thing," Ronde said. "For instance, in track he was a hur-dler, and I was a long jumper. Football, he played defense, and I played offense. But we always competed against each other's successes.

"For instance, when he would win, I would say, 'There's no way I'm not winning,'" Tiki added. "I'm not going home without something if I won.' And I think that's driven us all the way through, even now into the National Football League."

"There are a lot of things that it's kind of cool," Tiki said. "When you two are playing on the same team and competing with each other... it's a lot of fun."

"As much as they compete personally against each other, the Barber brothers played on the same teams from their days in Pop Warner football through the University of Virginia. The only times they weren't on the same teams were in neighborhood pickup games.

"If we were on opposite teams, we hated each other," said Ronde, who also leads the Bucs in tackles. "We both wanted to win so badly, that's probably the only time I've really disliked Tiki. For the most part, sports was just a way for us to get away from people together."

Even in those 'hated' moments, there was a bond.

"Since we were young, we would get into fights with a teammate playing in the backyard or something, as soon as they would gang up on one of us, we all settled down. It was just fun, so it was kind of cool," Tiki said.

The Barbers both intend to bring families and friends to the game, which is important for both teams.

After impressive wins against Washington at home and the road at Atlanta and Dallas to take the lead in the NFC East, the Giants can't afford a let-down. They were in a similar position last season. They won three in a row to get to 6-2 and then lost to the valiant Minnesota Vikings at home on a late field goal.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish to play rival Louisville

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Louisville square off Sunday in Kentucky in a rematch of last year's Big East championship and for sole possession of second place in the league.

The Irish (13-8, 7-1 Big East) fell out of first place in the league Sunday with a 3-0 loss to St. John's and are currently tied with the Cardinals (14-6, 7-1 Big East). Louisville must face DuPaul a day before the match, and the Irish play Saturday at Cincinnati (15-5, 5-3 Big East).

The Louisville match will be televised nationally at 1 p.m. Sunday on ESPN amidst an already sold-out Cardinal arena.

"We expect it to be a very loud crowd and a fun environment to play in," Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

The Irish and Cardinals last met Nov. 20, 2005 when No. 8 Notre Dame defeated No. 7 Louisville 3-2 for the Big East title. The Cardinals had won the regular season match.

Brown said that Louisville is adept with net play, attacking and blocking due to their height.

"We will have to serve very tough with our Quick Serve [serve] system," Brown said. "They're very physical and very big.

Freshman Tatjana Kolesnikova (Tashkent, Uzbekistan) leads the Cardinals with 218 kills, while Svetlana Dukule (Riga, Latvia) is second with 174. There are six international players on Louisville's 11-woman roster.

As important as Sunday's match will be, the team refuses to look past middle-of-the-pack Cincinnati. The Bearcats are in their second Big East season, along with the Cardinals, after moving from Conference USA.

"I honestly don't think that it would be possible to look past [Cincinnati]," Brown said. "We've done special drills to get ready for them. Coming off a loss, we're not going into any match thinking we got this one."

Serving is the key to an Irish win Saturday against Cincinnati, Brown said. The Irish served no aces in their last match thinking we got this one."

"We just continue to work on the fundamental skills," Brown said. "Our group is so motivated and so resilient it's not like we have to come back in and muster up motivation or feel sorry for ourselves." With only four matches left in the regular season after this weekend, the Big East regular season title is still up for grabs.

"It's going to be a battle to the end," Brown said. "We have to play well every night we go out."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles ready to start conference postseason

Team will face fifth-seeded Kalamazoo

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The first MIAA postseason tournament kicks off this Saturday with four first-round matchups, one of which includes Saint Mary's.

The Belles finished in fourth place and drew a home game against Kalamazoo that will be played at noon. The fifth-seeded Hornets finished the year at 3-3-2 in conference play — two points behind the Belles.

The two teams met Sept. 30 on a rainy Tuesday afternoon. Saint Mary's managed to scratch out a 2-1 win, despite not scoring an offensive goal. The Hornets put two balls into their own net, one in each half, allowing the Belles to squeak by and collect their second conference win of the year.

"We have a really good chance to win," senior Colleen Courtney said. "They are a good team and it is going to be an evenly fought game."

Freshman Paige Howell scored Kalamazoo's goal less than eight minutes into the game to even the score at 1-1, but the Hornets offense was unable to get anything else going for the remainder of the game.

Seven different Kalamazoo players contributed to the team's nine conference goals for a very balanced offensive attack.

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We can't focus on the past. This is not the same team as last year." Keenan said. "There's no competition this fall end run to 4-0 record. It knocked off highly-rated Morrissey in its final game of the season to clinch the Gold League regular season title.

Meanwhile, the Ramblers are rolling after a heartbreakingly 14-13 loss in the final seconds to Zahm.

Siefried will look to establish the run early with running back Matt Manning and Matt Wupperer. This dual threat was a point of emphasis for Gibson and his team during the week.

"We have to stop their rushing attack," he said. "This game will most likely be decided by the play of the lines." Each team's most recent game was prior to Fall Break, over three weeks ago.

"The break was good to get guys rested and healthy," Gibson said. "We got back to the grind as usual this week."

One interesting thing to watch will be the head-to-head battle between the Knights' starting back, Alex Gonzalez, and the Ramblers' tandem of Wopperer and Manning.

Gibson also pointed to his linebacker trio of Adam Fisher, Joe Bjelland and Zach Wupperer as key to the Ramblers' success this season. Fisher quarterback Kevin Rabil was named the top player in the country last week.

"Our defense has been pretty resiliant this year in locking up their man and preventing them from reaching the backfield," he said.

"We need to do the same stuff," McLeod said. "We'll do the same stuff.

"Our offense has been pretty solid," he said. "We've had a few hiccups and that's what we're looking for, is a shutout."
Rutgers

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tougher this season. If the Scarlet Knights played in the Blue Division, they would have finished in sixth place out of eight teams.

But Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark knows that Rutgers is a formidable opponent.

"It's difficult to judge teams unless you play them, but there's no question they're going to be a good team," Clark said. "Everyone I've spoken to says they're a contender to win the Big East."

"Everyone I've spoken to says [Notre Dame is] a contender to win the Big East," Bobby Clark
Irish coach

The teams play contrasting styles — Notre Dame known for its offensive prowess and Rutgers respect- ed for its stingy defense. The Irish, led by junior forward Joseph Lapira, who leads the nation in goals and points, has averaged 2.5 goals per game over their last 10 contests.

Rutgers, winner of eight of its last 10 games, has ridden a stingy defense that has allowed only 5 goals per contest over the 10-game stretch. The Scarlet Knights have not conceded two goals in a game since a 2-0 loss to Providence on Sept. 7.

"I reckon they're overdue to lose some goals, and it's up to us to find a way to do that," Clark said. "I don't think too many things will change. We'll play our game regardless."

Defensively, the Irish will have to contain Rutgers playmaking junior midfielder Chris Moore, who leads the Scarlet Knights in both assists (five) and points (nine).

If Notre Dame is able to get past Rutgers, a potential rematch looms with No. 4 West Virginia, the only team to beat the Irish in their last three games.

The Mountaineers narrowly defeated Notre Dame 2-1 Oct. 18 in Morgantown.

Clark, who has repeatedly preached the mantra of taking it one game at a time this season, is not worried about his team looking ahead to the later rounds.

"We've seen very good on not looking ahead this season," Clark said. "One game at a time, that's our motto. Right now, we're very focused on Rutgers."

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Tourney

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8:05 p.m. in order to determine the tournament champion.

The Black Knights (3-0-1) are currently in first place in the Atlantic Hockey Conference after a pair of weekend wins over Connecticut. Seven of the team's 12 goals were scored while the Huskies were shorthanded.

"They have the best power play in the country right now, no game in college hockey is an easy one," junior defenseman Wes O'Neil said. "Not all, along with the rest of the Irish penalty-killing unit will be tested this weekend. Through four games, Notre Dame has held opponents to only three power play goals in 28 attempts.

The two teams have met 15 times in the past and the Irish currently hold a slight at advantage with eight wins and seven losses.

The other Academy in the tour- nament, Air Force, comes into the weekend with a 2-4 record. Junior Eric Ehnhaver, averaging two points a game (5 goals, 4 assists) to lead the team in the early part of the season. The winger is off to a career high of 14 goals in his sophomore year.

No. 1 Notre Dame heads to the St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia this weekend to compete for their opponent and potentially advance to the national championship.

The Irish have the best power play in the Big East. Their 18.2% conversion rate is the best in the league, and they have averaged 2.5 goals per game over their last 10 contests.

"We would expect any team late in the season to play their best soccer," he said. "They've had some really good results against some good teams."

Styles aside, Waldrum knows his squad must come motivated to enter the single-elimination tournament, especially considering an NCAA Tournament berth is at stake for their opponent and home field advantage is on the line for the Irish.

"We would expect any team late in the season to play their best soccer," he said. "They've had some really good results against some good teams."

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Storm

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especially relying on assistant coach and son Ben Waldrum, is not worried about his team's approach.

"We plan to use them as much as we can," Waldrum said. "We've got a really good group of players who play games, and that's what we're trying to do here."

Notre Dame took a big step in the right direction last weekend with wins over No. 1 Boston College and Providence. The Irish outscored their Hockey East opponents by a total of 13-2 to bring their season total to 21 goals scored and six allowed.

The Irish will not play at home again until Nov. 10 against Bowling Green.

Notes:
- Jackson would earn his 200th career win with a sweep of the Lightning Classic this weekend.
- The second-year Irish coach is 198-72-29 in eight years behind a college bench.
- He ranks 22nd in all-time wins among active collegiate coaches and has the best winning percent-

age (71%) among those with at least five years behind a bench.
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Eyeing its ninth Big East championship, Waldrum says Notre Dame is ready to take on the second half of the season.

"With this team, in the his-
tory of the program, the play-
offs are really what you get excited about," he said. "It's time to get into that part of it. Now you have to step it up another notch. We're looking forward to it."

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Irish forward Joseph Lapira fights off Georgetown's Mark Zeman during a 4-1 win over the Hoyas Oct. 7. Notre Dame plays Rutgers on the road in the Big East quarterfinals Saturday.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plan your next vacation or a trip where you can resume business with pleasure. A source from one locale or another will do you a world of good. Put yourself in a category that allows you to earn more and to get advertised properly. 5 stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Everyday will be rainy or hot as you will get along with others. A deal can be made but you can feel burnt or leave someone out. It is to keep things open and assure your own interests are not going to do things behind your back. 3 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let in your emotions and sink into you from making a good decision. Allow yourself time to know where you stand. Getting along with your colleagues will be half the battle. An older colleague may offer you good advice. 5 stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Change is good - go for it. You will discover a whole new side of yourself. Money can be made, career can improve and social relationships developed. You are overdue for a complete makeover. 5 stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel like going out and having fun but, if you neglect your responsibilities, you will do for the day, be similar to the make of others. An activity will provide a sense of joy. 4 stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everyday will depend on how you react to others. You can prevent lashing partnerships that will help you move in a positive direction. Don't let emotional experiences or how does one, 2 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk, collaboration and use your creative ability to take what you may not know how to, or you will still be left with keying a new level. Change may be sporadic but will benefit you in the end. 4 stars.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get all wrapped up because someone is taking in behind your back. If you don't make waves, what on earth is happening? You have to wake up and smell the roses. Your ability to know when to make a move is essential. 5 stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Follow through with your plans and make your suggestions. If no one wants to join you, go it alone and you will make gains. A trip will come in friendly. You can find some interesting information that will help you make an important decision. 4 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't make a move if this has to do with finances. Keep your money, possessions and personal financial matters of no one else. This is the time to make decisions or to lend a friend. 4 stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone can make a difference to how far you get in your career. Allow yourself time to finish what you start. Getting along with your colleagues will be half the battle. An older colleague may offer you good advice. 5 stars.

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The top two teams from both the Red and Blue Divisions, which qualified the Scarlet Knights for a first-round bye in the tournament. Despite Notre Dame’s superior conference record of 8-3-0, the Irish played a first-round game because they finished third in the Big East’s Blue Division behind Connecticut and West Virginia. The top two teams from both the Red and Blue Divisions received byes.

It’s no secret as to which of the two divisions has been

Irish junior forward Joseph Lapira beats out a DePaul defender and cuts upfield during Wednesday’s 2-0 victory in the first round of the Big East tournament.

**Hockey**

Icers surf to Florida for Lightning tournament

By DAN MURPHY

Not a single player on the Irish roster was alive the last time Notre Dame won a mid-season tournament. No. 11 Notre Dame travels to Tampa, Fla. this weekend in hopes of changing that at the first annual Lightning College Hockey Classic, hosted by the Irish.

On Dec. 30, 1981, the Irish captured the Great Lakes Invitational with an 8-3 win over Michigan Tech. Since then the trophy case has remained untouched.

“1 knew that at some point I wanted to create an environment for our team to play in a big venue,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. Jackson, who already has four CCHA titles and two national championships, played a big role in starting the tournament in order for his team to get accustomed to a high-pressure, post-season atmosphere.

The second-year coach also hopes to use the location as a recruiting tool for future players when the tournament is moved to Christmas next season. “I’d rather be in Tampa for Christmas than Detroit, or Minneapolis or Madison,” Jackson said.

Air Force, Alabama-Huntsville and Army, Notre Dame’s first opponent, will join the Irish. The winners of the two Friday night contests will face off Saturday at 4:30 p.m. for the championship.

**Men’s Interhall**

Green Wave awaits Stanford

By KATE DONLIN, BILL BRINK and COLIN REIMER

The stage is set for a defensive showdown this weekend, as Stanford looks to upset top-seeded Fisher in the opening round of the playoffs.

The Griffins enter the postseason with an overall record of 2-2, while Fisher’s consistent dominance on both sides of the ball made it the only undefeated team in the Big East.

“For the most part, I am happy about our team’s efforts,” Stanford

**ND Women’s Soccer**

Top-ranked Notre Dame cruises into postseason

By TIM DOUGHERTY

After sprinting through its non-conference and Big East regular season 18-0-1 as the nation’s only undefeated team, No. 1 Notre Dame begins the third leg of coach Randy Waldrum’s professed four-phase journey when it hosts its Big East quarterfinal 1 p.m. Sunday at Alumni Field as the top seed. The Irish welcome fourth-seeded St. John’s (10-4-4, 3-3-3 Big East) after they beat fifth-seeded Saint Hall 2-0 Thursday in the first round of the tournament. St. John’s is one of only four Big East teams Notre Dame hasn’t faced this year, along with Syracuse, South Florida and Marquette. Despite the Irish did not play St. John’s last year, either, Waldrum and the staff are still waiting to pull the strings in the Big East team’s

Waldrum said he will be

**ND Volleyball**

Hornets at Belles

Fourth-seeded Belles play Kalamazoo in first ever MIAA postseason tournament.

Belles ready to compete in final meet of the season at the MIAA championships in Alma, Mich.

Belles play final match of the year at home 11 a.m.

Adrian at Saint Mary’s

Belles play final match of the year at home 11 a.m.

Virginia Tech 24 Clemson 7

Tech’s Brandon Ore rushes for 203 yards and two touchdowns.
FEARED AND REVERED

Victor Abiamiri is a terror for offenses on the field — but that’s just one side of his split personality.
Notre Dame can handle the option

All of you fretting and worrying over Notre Dame's pitiful running game against UCLA, calm down... All of you obsessing about whether Brady Quinn can steal the Heisman Trophy away from Troy Smith, lighten up... And those of you — you know who you are — worry that Notre Dame can't escape the service academy stretch of its schedule without a loss, chill out... They won't lose to Air Force in a few weeks. They certainly won't drop one at home to Army. And the Irish won't lose to Navy. Next year? Maybe. But Saturday, with its superior speed and size to spare, the famed winning streak over the Midshipmen won't end. It won't be without a few bruises. The academies — especially Navy — love to outhit, out hustle and outsmart opponents.

This philosophy has worked for Navy coach Paul Johnson, who has turned some of the most successful students and leaders in this nation into winners on the football field. It just won't happen this weekend in Baltimore. Notre Dame has superior speed and superior size and plays with its fair share of intelligence as well. And that's what makes this one — a game that should be in Irish hands well before the final 27 seconds — so much fun to watch. Why? Because of two words and one offense — the option. Remember? It's the same system Nebraska per­ feeted in the mid-90s; the same system Tony Rice ran for Notre Dame's last national title; the same sys­ tem that gives the service academies the ability to play major college football.

Without the option, Navy would be stuck in I-AA, nowhere near the bowl game they're almost assured this year. Without the option, Navy makes life interesting. With the option, Navy makes life interesting. Former Notre Dame and current New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck said it's the toughest offense he's ever prepared for. It's also the most beautiful. The idea is simple — force an intentionally unblocked defensive end to choose between tackling a quarterback with the ball veering toward him or a trailing running back. If the end chooses the quarterback, ideally he will pitch to the running back right before he's hit. If the end goes after the running back, the quarterback keeps the ball and heads upfield. It's not supposed to matter that the defensive end is a quick 270-pounder named Victor Ahami. It's not supposed to matter that the quarterback is a second-stringer with average physical size and average height and a not-so-average name — Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada. If the option deceives that defensive end and a couple of linebackers, it can slice defenses apart. Think 1990s Nebraska. If the defense is disciplined and fast enough to track down slower ball car­ riers, the option isn't very effective. Think what will happen for the Irish against Navy Saturday.

Many of those planning to attend Saturday's contest in Baltimore hope to see Navy knock off Notre Dame for the first time since the Midshipmen had a Heisman winner at quarterback. But with their own Heisman candidate calling signals, the Irish are too good. So why bother buying tickets to a game Navy has no chance to win? Because if the Midshipmen cared about fat sports writers, they wouldn't suit up this Saturday. Why bother buying tickets to a game Navy has no chance to win? Because if the Midshipmen cared about fat sports writers, they wouldn't suit up this Saturday. Without the option, Navy makes life interesting. With the option, Navy makes life interesting.
Man of promise

Defensive end Victor Abiamiri was a prep standout in Baltimore. Four years later, he's back to show how far he's come with the Irish.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Victor Abiamiri has made a name for himself. Big, tall, strong and point-blank, he's built a football reputation that's hard to describe. It's like saying he's the product of a soap opera, or a villainous character turned hero.

But the reality is, Abiamiri was born with a football gene. He's the type of player that stands in stark contrast from his otherwise soft, intelligent persona. Off the field, he seems to be a quiet, reserved individual, but on the field, he's a force.

The big man was then known as (called "Mo" since childhood) for his size, speed, and strength. He was like, wow, I can't even dunk — how to become men — is so different for two men — Gilman head coach now.

He is now, maybe 40 pounds working together, loving each other, cannot be beat.
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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Notre Dame 2006 Schedule

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COACHING

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QUARTERBACKS

Brady Quinn once again led his team to a dramatic comeback in the final moments of the UCLA game. But his efficiency is not limited to the final minutes of a contest. Quinn had a quiet day against the Bruins before the final drive, going 24-for-42 with a touchdown.

IRISH PASSING

The biggest problem in the Irish passing game right now is the offensive line. But if Notre Dame wins the battle in the trenches, Quinn has five legitimate targets Navy must cover — Samardzija, McKnight, Carlson, Walker and Grimes, who has had a career-high eight catches against UCLA.

IRISH RUSHING

Notre Dame had some serious problems in its ground game against UCLA. The offensive line didn’t open holes for Darius Walker, and Walker wasn’t able to make anything happen. The Irish finished with 41 net rushing yards and just 76 yards gained, discounting the Bruins’ five sacks.

NOTRE DAME Pollution

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MIDSHIPMEN

No. 15 Naval 5-0-1 Navy closer to beating the Irish on more occasions than any other coach of the Midshipmen since Kennedy was president.

THE LINE

Johnson manages the offense as a hybrid between the run-and-shoot and the wishbone, maximizing the potential of Navy’s smaller players.

After tough losses, both Johnson and Weis have said they don’t accept the notion of "mental victory." Weis has the heart to put through 12 games of a tight season and Johnson is composed. The Navy offense at school where .600 is tough.

Weis said he was impressed with Kaheaku-Enhada’s play in Navy’s spring game, but few first-team quarterbacks in the country compare favorably to Brady Quinn. However, Navy is facing a challenge in Kaheaku-Enhada. But he runs it well, especially late in games.

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IRISH RUSHING

Notre Dame switched between a 3-4 and a 4-3 at times, but the Midshipmen linemen are always fairly light. Left end Ty Allen is 6-3, 225 pounds, nose guard Larry Cyic is 6-foot-2, 300 pounds and defensive end John Chinn is 6-foot-1, 249 pounds. They are fast and can shoot gaps with solid efficiency.

With the need for the play of the Irish offense to continue any, from seven or even sooner, to be sure, especially against Navy and the Midshipmen. Advisors are beginning to creep into his mind. The Irish front seven continue to gel, and there are some big double digit tackle games for the backers against a tough run-based offense. Quinn’s four touchdowns lead the offense as Troy Smith’s Heisman Trophy begins slipping from his grasp.
Navy Midshipmen

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**Midshipmen Rushing**

- After the loss of Brian Hampton, the Midshipmen ground game suffered, but Navy still enters the contest averaging 5.4 yards a carry.
- Adam Ballard is the leading rusher for Navy, with 600 yards on just 104 carries.
- Slot back Reggie Campbell is the most explosive back with a 9.1-yard average.
- Rabbi Brown is the most explosive back with a 9.1-yard average.

**Roster**

- Highlight: Paul Johnson
- Navy Midshipmen's performance this year highlights the team's strong offensive line and solid defense.
- Navy's rushing attack has been inconsistent thus far, with Brown leading in yards and yards per carry.
- The Irish secondary will have to be on high alert against the Midshipmen's running game.

**Special Teams**

- Geoff Price has had some wobbly punts lately, but he still averages over 45 yards a boot. The Irish punt return and kickoff return games have been less than mediocre this year.
- Ryan Burkhardt still has work to do on kickoffs, and any time Carl Golia comes out for a field goal, it's a question mark.

**Intangibles**

- Notre Dame has won this annual contest 42 times in a row.
- The Irish secondary will have to be on high alert against the Midshipmen's running game.
- Navy has lost just once in consecutive games since Paul Johnson became head coach.

**Midshipmen Passing**

- Terrail Lambert overtook Ambrose Wooden for the No. 1 spot at field corner, even though Wooden is healthy and cleared to play.
- That helped the Irish, as Lambert's second-quarter interception kept UCLA healthy and cleared to play.
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**Notre Dame**

- Notre Dame's only bright spot on special teams is Price the Punter. While his boots can change field position significantly, the rest of the Irish special teams have been on last.
- The Midshipmen's passing game is a significant problem on all Notre Dame kicks.

**Analysis**

- Notre Dame has been struggling on both sides of the ball, but Navy's defense is well. Paul Johnson's team will need a strong performance in the trenches to have a chance at putting points on the board.

**Irish experts**

- Forty-three. Notre Dame will make it 43 straight wins against one of the most respected programs in college football, even if not one of the best. The Irish will run the ball a lot, as will the Midshipmen, but neither team will have outlandish averages on the ground. Brady Quinn will throw for three touchdowns, and Notre Dame will win the shootout to an easy victory that stays close.

**Final Score:** Notre Dame 35, Navy 14

**Roster**

- Highlight: Paul Johnson
- Navy Midshipmen's performance this year highlights the team's strong offensive line and solid defense.
- Navy's rushing attack has been inconsistent thus far, with Brown leading in yards and yards per carry.
- The Irish secondary will have to be on high alert against the Midshipmen's running game.

**Special Teams**

- Geoff Price has had some wobbly punts lately, but he still averages over 45 yards a boot. The Irish punt return and kickoff return games have been less than mediocre this year.
- Ryan Burkhardt still has work to do on kickoffs, and any time Carl Golia comes out for a field goal, it's a question mark.

**Intangibles**

- Notre Dame has won this annual contest 42 times in a row.
- The Irish secondary will have to be on high alert against the Midshipmen's running game.
- Navy has lost just once in consecutive games since Paul Johnson became head coach.

**Midshipmen Passing**

- Terrail Lambert overtook Ambrose Wooden for the No. 1 spot at field corner, even though Wooden is healthy and cleared to play.
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**Notre Dame**

- Notre Dame's only bright spot on special teams is Price the Punter. While his boots can change field position significantly, the rest of the Irish special teams have been on last.
- The Midshipmen's passing game is a significant problem on all Notre Dame kicks.

**Analysis**

- Notre Dame has been struggling on both sides of the ball, but Navy's defense is well. Paul Johnson's team will need a strong performance in the trenches to have a chance at putting points on the board.

**Irish experts**

- Forty-three. Notre Dame will make it 43 straight wins against one of the most respected programs in college football, even if not one of the best. The Irish will run the ball a lot, as will the Midshipmen, but neither team will have outlandish averages on the ground. Brady Quinn will throw for three touchdowns, and Notre Dame will win the shootout to an easy victory that stays close.

**Final Score:** Notre Dame 35, Navy 14
Sizing up the Irish and Midshipmen

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In the first quarter of Navy's last game against Rutgers, the Midshipmen lost quarterback Brandon Hampton, throwing the offense into a state of disarray. After the 34-0 loss the Midshipmen had a bye week to adjust to quarterbacks Jarod Bryant and Kaipo-Noa Kahanaku-Enhada (above), who have both seen time calling signals. Hampton had been leading the team in rushing, but both players have the chance to excel in the triple option. Navy's best defense is a clock-controlling offense.

Joe Brockington (above) had a career-high seven tackles against UCLA, and the linebacking corps will need to step up against Navy to keep the offense off the field. The linebackers need to force the Midshipmen out of their comfort zone and into an offense that depends more on the pass. The defensive line has been playing well lately, and if its strong play is backed up by run-stuffing linebackers the Navy offense won't have a chance. Hard tackling will ensure that Navy doesn't pound the ball for 60 minutes and will give the Irish offense chances to score.
After Thomas' injury, Brockington emerges as a force with Crum

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Predicting that a rib injury to linebacker Travis Thomas, which came in the final moments against Michigan State, would eventually yield some positives for Notre Dame's season might have been difficult to imagine four weeks ago. Of course, the pluses stemming from the injury had nothing to do with the late game hit itself — they had to do with what resulted from the hit.

Notre Dame found its line

backing corps. Because with Thomas injured, Brockington was thrown into the mix. And when Brockington played well enough to remain in the lineup, the Irish coincidentally found the unit that will likely take them through the end of the season.

Thomas returned from injury against UCLA a alongside Brockington — his backup heading into the season — and second-year linebacker, Maurice Crum. Crum led the team with eight tackles, while Brockington and Crum each totaled seven.

"This year with Travis being a fairly inexperienced guy, just very athletic, (Brockington) got the opportunity to play and really fulfilled it, it gave us the opportunity to see both [of them] on the field," Irish coach Charlie Weis said after practice Wednesday. "I'm sure that would be a big positive for us as a unit, just have a core of guys just play together for a whole year and guys who've been around each other for a while.""Maurice Crum, Notre Dame linebacker,

Time management will be crucial factor in contest's outcome

By KATE GALES
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Time has been on both Notre Dame and Navy's sides this season.

The Irish and the Midshipmen hold a significant advantage over their opponents in time of possession, contributing to 6-1 and 5-2 records, respectively.

Navy's clock-chomping triple-option offense holds onto the ball for 32:56 each game, eighth in the nation. The Irish come in at 32:17 per game.

Although wins and losses aren't directly correlated to this statistic, it does indicate how effectively a team uses its possessions. Navy is 1-1 in games where it lost the time of possession battle, 4-1 in games it held the edge. The Irish are 1-1 when losing time of possession and 5-0 when holding it.

With new rule changes stopping stopping time less, using time wisely is a crucial element addressed by Irish coach Charlie Weis and Navy coach Paul Johnson.

"Clock management to me is very, very important," Weis said. "Getting a play in on time for the quarterback to call it in the huddle, go to the line of scrimmage and be able to run an operation — to me that's clock management."

But Johnson wants to focus on end results, not one statistic, no matter how much it works in his team's favor.

"When we are playing a team as talented as Notre Dame, you can't worry about all that stuff," he said. "You better try to do the best you can when you can do it. It's not like we can say, 'we're going to take advantage of the time, we're going to take 22 plays and run out the quarter to do it.'"

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski, who had experience running the option as a quarterback in high school, said that it's hard to stay focused on teams that rely heavily on the run, because it can exploit passes more effectively.

"It's a little more one-dimensional when they keep running for quarter and a half, two quarters straight and hit you with a pass that comes out of nowhere," he said. "That's the thing that puts you on your heels and hits you over the top for a touchdown. Like I said before, it's the one on one tals, you have to keep doing your job and you can't fall down."

Although the time of possession statistic is telling, it isn't the only factor that goes into determining wins and losses, as the Irish proved a month ago. Notre Dame's lowest time of possession came in the season was against Michigan State Sept. 23. The Irish had the ball for just 3:41 in the fourth quarter, when Navy scored three touchdowns to take the lead for the first time in the game and eventually clinched the win.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said that efficiency would be key against a team who can control the clock.

"They have really shorted the game in terms of the way the rules are set up this year," he said. "You know, you've got to go out there and be extremely efficient and take every drive count."

"Every drive, it's just drags down the game and you finish in the last week's three-play, 80-yard touchdown-scoring drives..." said Weis, who said the time of the game is away."See, people always think of clock management just as the end of halves or at the end of the game," he said. "They don't think about the management that happens throughout the game."

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