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Expectations lead to frustrating defeat
High confidence contributes to disappointment in four-overtime loss to Pittsburgh

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

This week, many Irish fans entered the Notre Dame sta­dium feeling overconfident in anticipation of a game which ended in a loss that was surprising for both play­ers and fans to endure. Part of this overconfidence was a result of Pittsburgh's loss to unrated Rutgers on Oct. 25, in which the Panthers lost 54-34 and were knocked off the polls from their previous position at seventeen. The overconfident attitude wasn't just with the players, but the students also. "You are walking into the Stadium and you think we're going to win because we haven't lost a game in our stadium yet (this year)," freshman Michelle Consiglio said. "I thought we'd win, but we were insanely evenly matched which you could tell because of the four overtimes." However, as the players left the field for halftime, the teams did not seem evenly matched at all, as seen in the Irish's 14-point lead. "I felt pretty comfortable about it. It was pretty good I think. You know everyone is optimistic and had a lot of momentum going into the second half," senior Dan Fanuele said.

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Web site markets to ND students

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News Writer

University of Pennsylvania sophomore Jay Rodrigues selected Notre Dame as one of several schools nationwide to market his new college exclusive social networking Web site, Dormoise.com.

Rodrigues, the Web site's creator, selected schools of different size and location across the nation to promote his new college exclusive Web site, Notre Dame Dormoise.com representative and high school friend of Rodrigues, junior Tim Durigan, will be handing out T-shirts to advertise the new Web site Wednesday afternoon in the University Dining Hall.

Dormoise.com will allow Notre Dame students to know what's going on any day of the week without the hassle of future employers being able to see aspects of their private college life posted on the Internet," Durigan said. "It will let students connect with each other on campus in a college exclusive environ­

Modified pep rally format debuts

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President of Saint Mary's College Right to Life club, senior Meg Ryan, has many events planned for the week. The R TL meets every Sunday in Reighbeaux Lounge in Le Mans at 7:30 as an active group of women who believe in supporting life in all of its stages from conception to death, she said. "RTL has about 35-40 active women this year," said Ryan. "The most we've had in 4 years. It's been an incredible year. Everyone is so passionate about what we stand for." The overall theme of this year's RTL week is celebrating life as a reminder of beauty in all forms, she said. "Tuesday night we will have a candle lit prayer vigil on the library green at 8 p.m. in memory of the lives lost to abortion; all are welcome. On Wednesday night we will have a Celebration of Life party in Reighbeaux Lounge at 7 with cake and balloons, and the 9 mass in Le Mans chapel following our celebration. Mass will be in honor of life," Ryan said.

One of the highlights of Right to Life week is the panel discussion that will be held on Thursday. The panel, entitled "Issues of Abortion," is the first time event on Saint Mary's campus, according to a College press release. Speakers will include, Dr. Thomas Akre, an orthopedic surgeon from Mishawaka; Professor Kevin McDonnell, philosophy of law professor at Saint Mary's; Fr. Bob Roggenbuck, a priest from Michigan; and key note
Inside Column

Negative ads

With the election only one day away, my father, who is running for the House of Representatives in Staten Island and Brooklyn, is holding a solid lead in the polls. Although he would never say that he is a shoe-in, the early numbers do suggest that he will win.

Over fall break, while sitting at my kitchen table, my dad came home with some of the literature his consulting group had prepared. While all of his previous campaign pieces had focused on his accomplishments in the New York City Council, which he’s been a member of since 2001, these new pieces were negative attack ads.

As soon as I picked up the print outs, my dad just shook his head, displaying his obvious disappointment with the Council, which he’s voting for Barack Obama because he won’t vote for McCain because he’d be another four years of George W. Bush.

Richie Blomstron
junior
Fisher

Isaac Godfrey
senior
Morrissey

Chris Wynkoop
sophomore
Fisher

Robin Yin
senior
Duncan

Joe McBryar
senior
Morrissey

Courtney Pielh
freshman
Pangborn

"Historic..."  "Not as cool as seven.

"Make's the game exciting... maybe too exciting."

"That was four overtimes."

"I wouldn't care if we had won."

"It was overkill."

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Question of the Day: What do you think about four overtimes?

OFFBEAT

Police pick up streakers wearing pumpkin heads

BOULDER, Colo. — Boulder police have ticketed about a dozen people running naked on the street while sporting freshly gutted pumpkins on their heads as part of an annual Halloween event.

The citations for indecent exposure Friday night came as dozens of other costumed revelers, including a man with a red cape and a sword, chanted to police officers to let go of the streakers and “find real criminals.”

The event known in Boulder as the Naked Pumpkin Run has been held for 10 years. This year it drew a huge crowd, probably as a sign that people were trying to support, and instead only attack the other candidate. The ads are vicious, but they tap into people’s greatest motivator — fear. It’s easy to say I won’t vote for Obama because he redistribute your wealth, and it’s even easier to say that you won’t vote for McCain because he’ll be another four years of Bush.

People should not be voting out of fear of one candidate, they should be voting because they actually like what their candidate brings to the table. That’s why I’m proud of my father — he has never gone negative, because he wants people to vote for him, not against Bob Straniere. After all, that would just be too easy.

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Although the Irish were 1-3 on Oct. 3, many students voiced their concerns over the lack of connection between the football team and the students. Several students said they were frustrated at having to be at the JACC for an hour before the team arrived, in response to the arrival time of the students was 6:30.

"The biggest change is the amount of time the students are asked to wait," said DBB, Burdick said. "Students aren't, okay, not fifty minutes after 6:30. Instead we are filtering in between 6:00 and 6:15 and will be asked to be in the JACC until the football players arrive." At Friday's rally, students did not start entering the JACC until after 6:00 and the team had arrived by 6:30. By the time they had all taken their places, the building was almost booked to capacity.

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The seating arrangements were also adscribed so that stu-
dents could physically be closer to the football team. At Friday's rally, there were specially roped off sections on the floor for Notre Dame students, only a few feet away from where the football team sat. "The students are going to be up much closer to the team so they like they are almost on the floor with them," Burdick stated. "We didn't ask students to be wild and crazy, now quiet down, it was very loud and crazy again," Burdick said. "Just doesn't work that way."

Notre Dame students said that they were able to get in the JACC. However, Coach Weis was not satisfied with just one rendition. "I've seen Bon Jovi in con-
cert," Weis said, "and he didn't quit after one song." This prompted the band to play two more Bon Jovi hits.

"After the die down goes slight-
ly, fullback Asaph Schipp, offensive tackle Sam Young, and linebacker Scott Smith spoke and then the team judged a costume contest put on by the stu-

Students dressed in halloween costumes for Friday's pep rally. The rally featured a costume contest between host dorms.

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Rodrigues came up with the idea for DormNoise.com at the beginning of this year after a career one of his former teachers sent him a friend request on Facebook.

"Basically what happened was that I got on Facebook up and I was getting excited to go to college. Two things started happening: I started getting friend requests from people that I used to mentor in my peer groups," Rodrigues said. "Next year was getting to start this new phase of my life, and then all of a sudden I thought that I had a connection with, but I wasn't sure how much of my college life I wanted them to have access to."

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issue's full complexity, people essentialize it, conveying what they feel to be true instead of an objective consideration of hard facts," he said.

According to Bettag, Oliver Stone's latest movie "W." is an example of this kind of approach. Stone documented both the Bush administration's policies and their consequences, rather than analyzing them thoroughly for substantive meaning.

However, this trend toward "truthiness" can be reversed, according to Bettag, if stories are told properly.

"Tell the wonder of the stories we make to care, to give life a deeper meaning," he said.

While not compromising the complexity of topics like international economics, a focus on the experiences of people can make journalism interesting as well as informative, he said.

To illustrate his point, Bettag pulled quotes from "The People's Republic of Capitalism," a program that airs on Discovery Channel, which he helps produce with Ted Koppel.

The clips gave a portrayal of how the lives of ordinary people affect one another across international boundaries — Mexican migrant workers, Chinese children, and unemployed Americans — using real human experiences.

Bettag emphasized that journalists and filmmakers should not compromise depth but embrace it while engaging their viewers through real human experiences.

"If I believe that it's possible to be better than essentialists," he said, "Facts are important and we should strive to be documentarians."
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Gunmen kill Mexican police in attacks**

TOLUCA, Mexico — Eleven policemen have been killed in three separate attacks in the Mexican state of Mexico City, the state's governor said Sunday.

The attacks, which included a three-day string of drug-gang attacks, prosecutors said, occurred on highways and at police checkpoints in the state that loops around Mexico City's capital. Some of the suspects were carrying rifles and grenades at the time of their arrest.

Gunmen killed a U.S. Embassy official near Mexico City in a three-hour gun battle last week, and police said they were investigating reports of another official shot to death near Mexico City in a three-hour attack.

There has been a rise in violence by hardline Jewish settlers in the West Bank, and this week, Israel marks the 21st anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an Israeli opponent of his negotiations.

Bazbaz said that many of the suspects were believed to be part of a gang known as "The Family." He said he believed that the gang was responsible for the attack.

There were 10 suspects believed to have been linked to the attack, and they were all carrying firearms and grenades. Some of the suspects were believed to have been killed in a shootout with police after they were arrested.

One of the suspects, who was believed to have been involved in the attack, was carrying a rifle and a grenade.

Israeli official fears assassination plot

JERUSALEM — The head of Israel's internal security service said Sunday he is "very concerned" that Jewish extremists could assassinate an Israeli leader in an attempt to foil peace moves with the Palestinians.

"I am very concerned," saidDiskin. "We are not sure what is going on." He said he believed that the group was responsible for the attack.

"The Shin Bet is very concerned about on the extreme right a willingness to use force in order to halt diplomatic processes," saidDiskin. "We are very concerned about this." He said he believed that the group was responsible for the attack.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Marathoners honor ND alum Shay**

NEW YORK — If Sean McManus could have his wish, he would have a marathon in Central Park where his friend Ryan Shay died last year, he knew he could finish the New York Marathon.

"It was a little bit emotional," said McManus, one of 15 of Shay's Notre Dame teammates who ran Sunday's marathon in his memory. "I thought, if I can get to that spot I'll give me a boost in the last two miles.

A year ago, Shay collapsed 5 1/2 miles into the race in the Olympic trials, which were held in conjunction with the marathon. The 25-year-old was found to have had an irregular heartbeat because of premature contractions.

There were about 35 people who ran the 26.2 miles in honor of Shay.

**Mother abandons teenager at hospital**

CHICAGO —Mourners in Jennifer Hudson's childhood church Sunday listened to a eulogy for the 7-year-old, who was remembered as a smart boy who loved to tell knock-knock jokes.

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"It's never easy to close schools, but our district is poised to close six more schools and lay off as many as 400 teachers in a shake-up to "put our students first," said the school's principal.

**IRAQ**

**Iraq wants security deal after U.S. vote**

Prime Minister's aide indicates that security pact requires response after election

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**ELECTION 2008**

Third party candidates unlikely to affect vote

Associated Press

HARLOTTE, N.C. — It’s lunchtime, and Mary Goode is leaning toward voting for Republican John McCain. By dinner, she admits she might vote for Democrat Barack Obama.

But there’s no chance that on Election Day she will be for any candidate from a third party.

"The election is too important," said Goode, a 43-year-old accountant from Charlotte. "That would just be like throwing my vote away. I’m not going to do that."

Without billionaire H. Ross Perot and his flip charts, Bill Clinton might not have won the White House in 1992. If Ralph Nader hadn’t won 32,000 votes in Florida, Al Gore might have moved into the Oval Office in 2000.

But this year, neither Nader, former GOP Rep. Bob Barr — running as a Libertarian — or any of the other small-party candidates who have qualified for the ballot in some states appears likely to play the role of spoiler.

"In some sense, there are some purists who say you have to vote for what’s right. You just can’t vote for the lesser of two evils," said Dennis Goldford, a political science professor at Drake University in Iowa.

"But that’s an economy in the situation it’s in. Don’t think people feel like they have the luxury of just shopping around. They’re saying: ‘Somebody has to fix this in a hurry and you know it’s not going to be one of these third-party guys.’"

There is a long history of third-party candidacies in presidential politics, but few that could be called a success. Among those that connected with voters are two evils — those with ties to the left. Norval Thummond won 39 electoral votes in 1948 on the States’ Rights Democrats ticket and Alabama Gov. George Wallace’s 1968 bid on the American Independent ticket captured 45 electoral votes.

"Since 1832 — the birth of the modern Democratic Party — only 13 times has a third-party candidate actually received more than 5 percent of the vote," Goldford said.

"So as much as people complain about the two major parties, people tend to vote overwhelmingly for one. Third-party candidates can affect the outcome."

While he did not win any electoral votes in 1992, Perot gained 19 million votes. In 2000, third-party popular vote and helped push Clinton into office. Nader did not come close to Perot’s level of support in 2000, but because it came disproportionately from voters who were otherwise likely to vote for Gore, it was enough to swing the outcome of a tight race to George W. Bush.

"It would have made a difference in Florida and New Hampshire," said Charles Prusky, a political science professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. "If Nader had not been on the ballot anywhere, his 2.7 percent — a third share would have gone to Gore. And that would have pushed him over in those two states."

So is there any chance of that this year? Probably not. Barr is on the ballot in the six states where he ran as a tossup heading into Election Day: North Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada and Ohio, worth a total of 89 electoral votes.

Nader is on the ballot in four of them, and is eligible as a write-in candidate in North Carolina and Indiana.

But neither registrars any significant support in recent polls conducted in those states. And unlike past third-party candidates who did well on the ballot box, neither Barr nor Nader are charismatic candidates focused on a single issue.

"Do they represent a particular section of the country at this point? No. Have they managed to capture great popular discontent on a particular issue. No," Goldford said. "There’s nothing particular that Barr or Nader is saying that resonates with these folks."

If you want to make morning Mass a part of your wake-up call, all we can say to that is...

**ELECTION 2008**

Palin makes final push in Ohio

Vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin campaigned in Ohio at the Canton Memorial Field House Sunday.

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin focused on tax and leadership issues Sunday as she opened this two days of campaigning in this must-win swing state.

Palin told a crowd of more than 3,000 at a field house that she and Republican presidential candidate John McCain are committed to cutting taxes and limiting the size of government.

She said Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama favors bigger government and that he has lowered the income threshold for those considering middle class and deserving of a tax cut from $250,000 to $120,000.

His votes for higher taxes, she said, show "he chose the side of bigger government and taking more from you."
**Market Recap**

**Dow Jones**

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**In Brief**

**Machine shops ratify contract with Boeing**

Machine shops union members ratified a new contract with The Boeing Co. on Saturday, ending an eight-week strike that cut the airplane maker's profits and stalled jetliner deliveries.

The vote by members of the union, which represents about 27,000 workers at plants in Washington state, Oregon and Kansas, was about 74 percent in favor of the proposal five days after the two sides tentatively agreed to the deal and union leaders recommended its approval.

The workers are expected to return to Boeing's commercial airplane factories, which have been closed since the Sept. 6 walkout, starting Sunday night.

The union had said the contract protects more than 5,000 factory jobs, prevents the outsourcing of certain positions and preserves health care benefits. It also promises pay increases over four years rather than three, as outlined in earlier offers.

The union members, including electricians, painters, mechanics and other production workers, have lost an average of about $7,000 in base pay since the strike began. They had rejected earlier proposals by the company, headquartered in Chicago.

**Passenger trains gain favor with public**

Passenger trains have been gaining traction as an alternative to cars and planes, said Rep. James Oberstar, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"It's always hard to beat the market no matter who you are," said Robert Hansen, senior associate dean at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "But when the stock market is doing well, it's even harder to beat the market.""
New center opened for Vets

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL — In a rush to correct reports of substandard care for wounded soldiers, the Army is rushing to get the doors of new specialized treatment centers open in Fort Campbell just in time to help soldiers the Army suspects might not need case managers to set up their appointments, track their medications and other services provided for issues such as stress disorders.

The Army’s goal now, as spelled out in a recently briefed internal Army directive, is to screen out those who do not need the special treatment centers, shifting them to regular medical care near or in their homes.

Jon Soltz, an Iraq war veteran and chair of the VetVets.org, said the Pentagon is making a fair point. Soltz, who was blinded by a roadside bomb, said that many soldiers who do not need the unit’s services.

Jeffrey Yasunaga, director of the Warrior Care Business Office, said the current system with soldiers being processed to the transition center, the Army began allowing soldiers to be screened in the local area some time in late October. He said it was to avoid burdening the service members and their families with the logistics of shipping to the transition center. He said soldiers who really did not need case managers to set up their appointments, track their medications and other services could move to the more active duty, such as answering the phone for their loved ones, and then the soldier could go to the transition center.

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Grassroot projects encourage voting

Candidates unleash get-out-the-vote campaign programs as Obama holds lead

**Associated Press**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio**

Barack Obama and John McCain uncorked massive get-out-the-vote operations in more than a dozen battleground states Sunday, millions of telephone calls, mailings and door-knockings in a frenzied, fitting climax to a record-shattering $1 billion effort. Together, they'll spend about $8 per presidential vote.

With just two days to go, most national polls show Obama ahead of McCain. State surveys suggest the Democrat's path to the requisite 270 electoral votes—and perhaps far beyond—is much easier to navigate than McCain's. Obama exuded confidence. "The last couple of days, I've just been feeling good," he told 80,000 gathered to hear him — and singer Bruce Springsteen — in a Columbus park. "I've been just feeling convinced that we might be able to win an election in Georgia on November 4th."

In Pennsylvania, N.H., McC. McCain held his last full-scale event in the state that put him on the electoral map in 2000 and launched his GOP primary comeback. He derided his Democratic rival as "a crook" and "a phony"—and launched an attack ad that highlights Obama's association with radical Ayers, a Chicago-based activist. "The words of Ayers are now on the ballot. I'm delighted to support John McCain."

Not to be outdone, the McCain/Palin campaign rolled out battleground phone calls that include Hillary Rodham Clinton's criticism of Obama during the Democratic primary. She is heard saying: "In the White House, there is no time for speeches and on-the-job training. Sen. Obama will bring a speech that he gave in 2002." A Clinton spokeswoman said she disavowed the ad.

Another call on Wednesday was to put Obama's words about coal-burning technology out of context and claims he will "bankrupt the coal industry."

The Pennsylvania GOP also unveiled a TV ad featuring Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, declaring "God damn America" in a sermon. McCain and the RNC designed their ad to mirror Obama's 72-hour push to the polls.

*ELECTION 2008*

**Campaign volunteers make phone calls at the Republican National Committee and McCain/Palin campaigns headquarters in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, Sunday.**

**ELECTION 2008**

**WASHINGTON — Barack Obama's campaign manager says the Democrat has many routes to victory in Tuesday's presidential election. Republicans predicted predictable success for their choice, John McCain.**

Campaign manager David Plouffe said Sunday that Obama has expanded the electoral map by aggressively campaigning in traditional Republican states like Arizona, Colorado and Nevada. Plouffe said he did not want to wake up on Election Day with only one way to win.

He told "Fox News Sunday" that they 'wanted a lot of different ways to win this election."

With McCain down in the polls, his campaign manager, Rick Davis, says Pennsylvania is the most important state to watch Tuesday. The state is leaning toward the Republican ticket.

"There is only one way to win," McCain said.

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"With the right strategy and the right forces, we can succeed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. I know how to win wars. And if I'm elected President, I will turn around the war in Afghanistan, just as we have turned around the war in Iraq, with a comprehensive strategy for victory."

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**Monday, November 3, 2008**

**Sound Byte: War on Terror**

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As a liberal arts university, Notre Dame's goal, in the words of the Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman, "training good members of society" through "the high protecting power of all knowledge and science, of fact and principle, of inquiry and discovery of experiment and speculation." Many educators believe that education and political engagement are inextricable; in other words, they can just vote according to their party or however they can, without the need to analyze every issue and every candidate carefully. Instead, they can just vote according to their party or however they have come to the point of trusting partisan ideologues with a world-view comparable to our own — whether media commentators, political spokespeople or the candidates themselves — to give us the unprocessed truth. After all, just as it is easier to spend hours watching TV or playing Halo than to spend one single hour at the gym, it is easier to let ourselves trust the vast political machine than to try to fight it, even though we know instinctively that one is better than the other.

In the face of this cycle of anti-rationalism and slavish obedience to parties and ideologies, why do academics in general, and administrators (or even the promises and policy statements that have come out of their mouths, but about what they have truly revealed about the process by which they make decisions in the course of their campaign. To gauge how successful you are as a voter on anything else is to trust that someone else has done your thinking for you — the sort of belief that, in Cardinal Newman's estimation, would be unbecoming of a good member of society.

Darryl Campbell is a second-year Ph.D. student in history, and wishes he could have made a truly revolutionary step: Think long and hard about your party affiliation, the recommendation of a newspaper columnist or even the promises and policy statements that have come out of their mouths, but about what they have truly revealed about the process by which they make decisions in the course of their campaign. To gauge how successful you are as a voter on anything else is to trust that someone else has done your thinking for you. The selection of this column is the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

T.S. Eliot, to pick apart a political ad just like a French New Wave film, to understand party politics in the same way they understand the politics of gender. In short, they should learn first that the "intellectual curiosity and critical thinking skills" that they learn to develop in anthropobiology, biology or English classes should not — must not — be restricted to "academic" topics, and second, that no one who identifies himself with any political party or issue should be trusted. Even if you agree with them, you would be doing a disservice to yourself if you didn't at least try to understand their motives, biases and omissions.

There is, in short, no reason to trust anyone to make your political decisions but yourself. And, when you are deciding who deserves your vote, you might consider making a truly revolutionary step: Think long and hard about their party affiliation, the recommendation of a newspaper columnist or even the promises and policy statements that have come out of their mouths, but about what they have truly revealed about the process by which they make decisions in the course of their campaign. To gauge how successful you are as a voter on anything else is to trust that someone else has done your thinking for you — the sort of belief that, in Cardinal Newman's estimation, would be unbecoming of a good member of society.
The Carroll Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged at Notre Dame
And sorry I could not travel both
One traveler, and long I came
And that has made all the difference.

Mike Sobolewski
sophomore
Carol Hall
Oct. 30

Stop talking and do something

To all the T-shirt idealists, if you want to get the entire student body to wear something uniting, get to work on it. People come up with ideas they want to implement all the time, but most people have no idea how to get to the people who actually have power to make it happen.

Tim Staub
sophomore
Dillon Hall
Oct. 15

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By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

Listening to the Legacy Records release “The Clash: Live at Shea Stadium” is like opening a time capsule from 1979. With the band’s legendary body of work amplified by a live performance, the album feels spontaneous, electric and alive in ways that current alternative and post-punk bands dream of being.

“Live from Shea Stadium” is a recording of a 1982 concert that The Clash gave with The Who and David Johansen at Shea in New York City. It opens with a recorded introduction from a radio executive, saying that Kosmo Vinyl was bringing Shea Stadium “a little bit of London” right in New York. The live factor electrifies the album, bringing new life to each classic Clash track.

It’s fitting that the first track is “London Calling,” which still sounds painfully good decades later. The performer feels raw and fresh, down to the occasional squall of a microphone. In “London Calling” and the rest of “Live from Shea Stadium,” the influence of The Clash on eighties, nineties and millennial rock is obvious.

At one point on “London Calling,” Strummer howls at the audience, animalistic and raw. What really pushes (“London Calling”) and the rest of the album over the top is the live element, especially here.

The buzz of the crowd, Strummer’s musings and the spontaneity of the music itself only compound how extraordinary the Clash really were.

If you’re unfamiliar with the band’s history, buy this album — you’ll be surprised how much of the Clash library is integrated into pop culture. “Police on My Back,” the third track, is a familiar youth anthem, with Strummer shouting “Help me/Police on my back.” With the hum of Shea Stadium in the background, “Police on My Back” feels like a sprint through the streets of London on an angry summer night.

One of the tracks whose influence on live music today’s scene is obvious is “Tommy Gun,” whose live performance feels electric, pulsating and alive in ways that alternative rock today only dreams of being.

It’s clear from this track in particular that bands like Green Day should thank the Clash in the liner notes of every album they’ve released. The chorus is piercing and memorable, and the lyrics’ left-wing politics complement each gruff guitar strum. “Rock the Casbah” feels aggressive, with heavier guitar and vocals than the original released recording. Strummer plays off of the audience with each spit-coated word he rings their way, right down to screaming “He hates that!” after “The Sharif don’t like it” in the song’s chorus.

“Guns of Brixton” highlights the band’s signature style. The guitar is dark and playful, and jarring electric riffs juxtapose against Strummer’s half-mumbled, half-exclamation in each lyric.

There is no low point on “Live from Shea Stadium.” Other excellent tracks include “The Magnificent Seven,” “Train in Vain,” which features lead vocals by Mick Jones, and “Should I Stay or Should I Go,” which, here, is downright fantastic.

The Clash, borne out of 1970s London, consisted of Joe Strummer, born John Graham Mellor (lead vocals, rhythm guitar), Paul Simonon (bass, backing vocals), Mick Jones (lead guitar, vocals) and Nicky "Topper" Headon (drums, percussion) for most of their history. Dubbed “The Only British Band That Matters” by their record label (and later, “The Only Band That Matters” by their fans), they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2003 and were named number 30 in Rolling Stone’s list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time in 2004.

In 2007 a documentary about Strummer’s life, “Joe Strummer: The Future Is Unwritten,” debuted at the Sundance Film Festival, and a film documenting Strummer’s politics, the Tim Robbins-produced “Let Fury Have the Hour,” is due this year.

Bob Green, a rock photographer, writes in the album’s liner notes that the Clash always needed to be “in touch with their fans.” At the 1982 Shea Stadium concert, though, Green writes that a security zone separated the band and their fans.

“I was surprised when The Clash broke up a few weeks later,” he writes, “but I understood that they didn’t want to be so big that they couldn’t reach the people.”

While the event might have signaled the end of The Clash as punk lovers knew them, “Live at Shea Stadium” is only one way the band’s legacy can still reach the people.

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The Clash
Live at Shea Stadium
Released by: Legacy Records
Recommended Tracks: “Police on My Back” and “I Fought the Law”
The longest overtime game in Notre Dame Stadium history ended too early for the Irish.

When Pittsburgh kicker Conor Lee’s 22-yard field goal sailed through the north end zone’s uprights in the fourth overtime, it ended Irish aspirations for a fifth overtime as the Panthers stormed the field to celebrate their 36-33 victory.

Pittsburgh entered its fourth overtime possession knowing a field goal would end the victory. After two short running plays and an incomplete pass, Notre Dame sent kicker Brandon Walker out for the fourth consecutive overtime possession, but the sophomore’s 38-yard attempt went wide.

Although Walker’s miss opened the door for Pittsburgh, it was also Walker’s leg that kept the Irish in the game. The sophomore kicker made three straight field goals to start overtime including a 48-yarder to force the fourth overtime. He made four of his field goals on the day.

“I know Brandon felt bad at the end,” Irish coach Charlie Tate said. “But he’s a guy who’s keeping us in the game all through the game right there. That’s exactly what I told him walking off the field when he felt bad. I said, ‘Feel bad, justifiable so, feel bad you missed a kick, but you do not take the blame, the responsibility of this loss on your shoulders.’ ”

The Notre Dame offense did have multiple opportunities in overtime to put the game away. Needing a touchdown to end the game after just one overtime, the Irish ran the ball three straight plays down to the Panthers’ three-yard line, but the drive stalled with a one-yard run and incomplete pass on the following two plays.

On the first play of the second overtime, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen had Michael Floyd open down the middle of the field but overthrew the freshman receiver. Clausen then ran a keeper from one yard out for 22 yards and three touchdowns on the day, but he was unable to lead the Irish to the end zone in any of the team’s four overtime possessions.

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Halloween weekend carries a ton of traditions — pumpkins, lots of candy, an excuse for females to dress inappropriately — but most of all television's need to play every horror movie ever made. You know the type. The kind of cheesy, predictable films that feature some masked nut job running around a small town, killing dumb co-eds until the hottest girl in the movie somehow narrowly avoids her death and the killer's shocking identity is revealed. Maybe I'm just on FearNet overload, but after Notre Dame's quadruple-overtime loss to Pitt Saturday, I felt like I had just watched another thriller movie.

The worst part in any of those movies is the inevitable scene where our gorgeous protagonist looks like she will finally meet her fate. The killer slowly creeps up behind her, poses with his knife in mid-air and just as the music reaches its peak, she turns and runs to safety. Pittsburgh was the hot chick. This is the first time Mark May — a Pitt graduate — has ever been associated with a hot chick, but it’s true. The Irish were posed with their weapon of choice gleaming in a dark alley, but somehow the Panthers slipped away.

After an alurnd circus catch by Golden Tate and an almost equally impressive double move by Michael "Franchise" Floyd to get open in the end zone, Notre Dame had a 10-2 lead and a heap of momentum with a few minutes remaining in the half. Then our proverbial hot chick made it even easier. She ran up the middle instead of out the front door. Raeshon McNeill picked off a pass with under a minute to go in the half and ran it all the way down to the Pitt 13-yard line. Five plays later Franchise scored again. With a 17-3 lead and a dominant defensive performance in the first half it looked like Notre Dame was ready to run away with a huge program win. They just couldn’t finish. In a post-game interview senior safety David Bruton said there wasn’t any one play that you could blame for the loss. That’s because, as Irish coach Charlie Weis said, there were 50 you could blame for the loss.

The scene after a horror movie star escapes is equally as ridiculous and frustrating as the escape. She usually scrambles hysterically to squeeze through a window or start a car that always seems to be having engine problems. While that is going on, the killer is slowly walking behind her, I don’t know if all mass murderers are lazy or maybe they have asthma. But I’ve never even seen one break into as much as a jog. All that adrenaline and emotion are apparently not enough to pick up the pace and finish her off. Same goes for the Irish. There were countless opportunities to at least seal the win, let alone blow them out. Harrison Smith's personal foul which led to a touchdown, Pitt’s fourth down fade pass to tie the game and four overtime periods. But for some reason they couldn’t get it going again for the rest of the game. They instead relied on Brandon Walker’s left foot. Walker nailed four straight including a career long 48-yarder to push the game to a fourth overtime period. That was kind of like the crazy, unexpected twist of fate that makes audiences think that the main character doesn’t stand a chance. Notre Dame could lose yards in overtime and still keep pace. How could Pitt possibly escape this time? Of course, they found a way and Notre Dame's identity was revealed — a team much improved from last year, but not experienced enough to win the big game yet. All three of Notre Dame's losses this year have come against teams with winning records, all five wins have come against teams with losing records. They have the talent and the chances to beat those better teams right now, but it may be another year before they have the killer instinct to close a game.

Weis and the Irish seem to be making a scary habit of giving away big wins that should have been theirs. This loss looked like it could've been a sequel to the heartbreaker against North Carolina three weeks earlier. And everyone knows the only thing worse than a horror movie is the sequel.

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Weis concerned with team's psyche

By MATT GAMBER
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Embattled sophomore kicker Brandon Walker made three field goals in overtime, but the Irish came up one short, as Pittsburgh's Conor Lee drilled a 22-yard field goal in the fourth overtime to beat the Irish 36-33. Notre Dame dominated the first half 17-3, scoring on a pair of Jimmy Clausen-to-Michael Floyd touchdown passes near the end of the second quarter and quieting the Panthers and their star running back LeSean McCoy. But a costly personal foul penalty extended Pittsburgh's drive of the second half, which would result in a touchdown. The Irish offense couldn't get anything going in the third quarter, taking a 17-10 advantage to the fourth. McCoy got rolling and tied the game with a touchdown run, but the Irish marched back down the field as Clausen found Golden Tate for a score and a 24-17 lead. The Panthers scored on a 4th-and-6 from the Notre Dame 13-yard-line on a fade pass to Jonathan Baldwin with 2:22 left, tying the game 24-24 to force overtime. Neither team could manage a touchdown in overtime, resting the fate of the game on Walker's left foot and Lee's right.
If I had to describe myself, I'd say I'm a pretty typical college kid. I'm mildly obsessed with sleep—napping, snoozing, even that nap-juice thing you do when you're feeling a mid-afternoon brain-fuzz. I wear sweat pants, sneakers and T-shirts on a fairly regular basis. And I usually wait to do laundry until I have four loads left and I'm running out of socks. I cook with my mom, watch football with my dad and text my sisters about "Project Runway." Oh, and I think I've seen every episode of "The Golden Girls."

Maybe those things don't live at first glance. It'd be hard to picture Sophia Petrillo listing to MGMT on her iPod or swiping into the dining hall (unless she was doing the swiping). Or, for that matter, a 21-year-old bomber getting excited about time-shares in Boca Raton. Most college kids' television probably runs on a steady diet of MTV, the news networks and "The Office," and most senior citizens' dial might be switched to "60 minutes," the news networks and "The Hallmark Show." Right?

Wrong. Because, well, I love "The Golden Girls." I hang out with Rose, Dorothy, Sophia and Blanche all the time — albeit, courtesy of the Lifetime network and the power of reruns. I've watched their highs, their lows, and their obsession with cheese-cake in episode after episode, and I love it.

The best way to get to know "The Golden Girls" is to do just that — get to know the four main characters: Dorothy Zbornak (Bea Arthur), Sophia Petrillo (Estelle Getty), Blanche Devereaux (Rue McClanahan) and Rose Nylund (Betty White).

The anchor of "The Golden Girls" is arguably Dorothy, a strong headed, independent divorcee with a sardonic sense of humor. Dorothy was hardly the popular girl in high school, marrying her clownish boyfriend Stanley Zbornak when she found out she was pregnant with his child. The specter of Stan (and his actual, annoying presence) haunts Dorothy through the show's earlier seasons, but she handily tosses him aside with her signature wit. Arthur, an alumni of the ground-breaking series "Maude," is always at the top of her game in this role. Blanche could probably shock a teenage viewer: once called "sexy Grandmas" by her granddaughter, Blanche is the resident social butterfly of the group. While Sophia and Dorothy tease her about the virtual rotating door to her bedroom, Blanche, a Southerner by birth, thinks she's a lady. Here's a typical exchange between the three of them:

Blanche: "What do you think of my new dress? Is it me?"
Sophia: "It's too tight, it's too short and it shows too much cleavage for a woman your age."
Dorothy: "Yes, Blanche. It's you."
You don't get writing like that today, folks. You just don't.

Rose is, to be totally honest, kind of a bum — but in a sweet, caring sort of way that almost makes you forget how ridiculous she can be. A native of St. Olaf, Minn., she's quick with a story, slow on the uptake and always a good friend. But really, Estelle Getty's Sophia is the star of the show. Ready with a zinger at any moment, Sophia is a tough, Sicilian woman with smarts and spark. She'll often start a story with the phrase, "Picture it: Sicily," and her biting humor belies a heart of endearing gold. She's by far the funniest cast member. Here's an example, from after one of Sophia's memorable life stories.

Rose: "Wow, Sophia, that was some story!"
Sophia: "Yeah — funny, touching and with a surprise ending. I wonder if it was true. Damn that stroke."

So why regale you with details about a show that made its debut before any of us were born? (Wow, by the way) Because it's fun, and funny, and it's still refreshing to watch a show in which any character over fifty isn't immediately deemed useless. Who knows? Someday I may be as cantankerous and as funny as Sophia Petrillo or her three housemates. (Hey, I'm also Sicilian. Anything's possible.) In the meantime, I'll catch the reruns on Lifetime again tonight. And tomorrow night.

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Titans remain unbeaten in overtime defeat of Packers

Bengals come from behind to record first victory; Grossman's touchdown gives Bears sole lead in NFC North

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rob Bironas wanted a chance at redemption.

The Tennessee Titans gave it to their All-Pro kicker, who made sure their run as the NFL’s last unbeaten team continues for another week.

Bironas kicked a 41-yard field goal with 9:36 to go in overtime that kept the Titans perched atop the NFC South, this time over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday. The kicker had a chance to win in regulation, but banged a 47-yarder off the upright, prompting him to yank his facemask down in anger at himself.

“I was thinking for exactly what happened,” Bironas said. “I went the toss and got another shot at it. I don’t miss many, so I definitely wanted another shot at it to put us in the lead and go home with the victory, 8-0.”

The Titans (8-0) won the toss and drove 55 yards in 10 plays to give Bironas another chance. Going out on third- and 2, he swung through his fourth field goal that started the celebration as the Titans matched a franchise record by winning their 11th straight regular-season game.

“Before the game, you’re going to be on occasion nervous, but that’s just that is what we did,” Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. “We hung in there.”

The Packers (4-4), who showed some early rust coming off their bye, tied it at 16 on Mason Crosby’s third field goal, a 38-yarder, with 5:30 left in Mason Crosby’s third field goal, a 38-yarder, with 5:30 left. Ryan Russell, fresh with his hamstring extension, had plenty of time to end the game. It was螃蟹 as Tennessee went three-and-out for the fourth time.

Green Bay got to the Tennessee 45, but Bironas forced Green Bay to punt the ball away with 1:49 left. The Packers never got it back, even as they downed the ball on the Titans’ 19.

Kerry Collins drove the Titans downfield by going 4-0-0-48 yards, and Fisher clocked the down one second in setting up Bironas for the chance to win in regulation. He said he scraped a clean on the ground and missed it by a yard. Green Bay’s Jarrett Bush said he scraped the ball with the tip of his glove.

“We felt good about it,” Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. “We liked the position we were in and even kicking it off to them when we lost the chance was not what the defense to stop them. It didn’t work out that way.”

In overtime, rookie Dan Johnson took over. He caught a 19-yard pass to the Tennessee 46, then ran 14 yards for another first down. He finished with six yards on third and one receptions for 72 yards more. He also scored the Titans’ tying TD.

“To go right back out, I don’t think I could have set up better for us,” Collins said. Green Bay outgained Tennessee 399-347 in total offense. The Packers also brought in a defense leading the NFL with 13 interceptions, but it was the Titans who made the big defensive plays in sacking Rodgers four times and forcing six turnovers, including Chris Hope’s interception in the end zone.

“There are no moral victories,” Rodgers said. “We wanted to get to 5-3. We felt like we had a good game plan and we weren’t very aggressive. I just didn’t throw the ball as well as I wanted to. I’m very disappointed about the way I played, but our resolve is not out there. We had some success this week and be ready to play in a big game against the Titans.”

Cincinnati 21, Jacksonsville 19

Inspired by what passes for motivation around these parts, the Cincinnati Bengals found their resolve and got it done. Finally.

And barely.

By halftime, the Bengals had wrested a pair of touchdowns passes to Chad Ochocino, who celebrated by giving the head coach a kiss, and Cincinnati rolled over the Jacksonville Jaguars 21-19 in the third game Sunday, preserving a season victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

With the losses mounting back home, history beckoning, several Bengals tried to fire up their teammates. Offensive tackle Andrew Whitworth talked to the offense after practice on Saturday, and receiver, and tight end, and J.J. Houshmandzadeh spoke up in the locker room before the game.

The message: Don’t be a disappointment.

“We’re 0-8, but I think we’re a good 8-0 team, if that’s possible,” Houshmandzadeh said. “I was just telling them: Are we going to go to the playoffs? Probably not. But we’re all men and play with pride. Basically, play with pride and let’s try to make this thing look somewhat respectable.

For one day, they were.

At 1-8, the Bengals are no longer on pace to be historically bad. Now merely dreadful, they were too much for the stunned Jaguars (3-5), who fell behind 21-3 before making it close.

Montell Owens returned a fumble 18 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown, and David Garrard led a late drive, completing 6 of 9 passes for 59 yards and scoring the go-ahead touchdown with 5:36 left, helping the Jaguars rally from a 10-point deficit for a 27-23 victory over the winless Dolphins on Sunday.

“I always thought odds are I was going to play a little bit, so we’ll see what happens,” said Grossman, the former starter who lost his job in the preseason.

Matt Forte had 126 yards rushing for the Bears, who lost Orton to a right ankle injury and safety Mike Brown to a calf problem late in the first half. They didn’t lose the game, though.

They can thank Grossman and Forte, who ran for 40 of Chicago’s 55 yards in his first start.

Tennessee quarterback Kerry Collins throws a pass in the fourth quarter of the Titans’ 19-16 overtime win over the Green Bay Packers Sunday.
Jets running back Leon Washington, left, tosses the ball to a teammate while being chased by Bills defensive end Ryan Denney in the second half of New York's 26-17 win over Buffalo Sunday.

Jets catch up in division with victory

Associated Press

RICHARD PARK, N.Y. — Richard Elam was growing tired while the New York Jets' defense was on the field for what seemed like forever. After all, 15 minutes off the game clock is a long time for any defender.

The impressive thing was, not only did the safety and his teammates prevent the Buffalo Bills from scoring during that long stretch in the first half, they actually scored the go-ahead points in helping secure a 26-17 win Sunday.

"It was big," Elam said.

"It was a big momentum swing to keep them from getting points and putting points on the board for our team," Elam said.

With 1:36 left, Elam, who returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown, barely having time to catch his breath, Elam was back on the field helping the Jets stop the Bills' on their next drive when Kris Jenkins stuffed Fred Jackson, who was attempting to convert a fourth-and-1 at the Jets 8.

It was a pivotal defensive stand that sparked a sudden turn of events in which the Bills went from threatening to build on a 7-6 lead, to finding themselves down 13-7 despite controlling the ball during a 15:08 span, in which they rallied off 27 plays for 114 yards.

Jenkins registered two of the Jets' five sacks, while Darrelle Revis also had an interception.

"It was a tough situation," Jenkins said. "I'm going to be honest with you, I'm a pretty big guy. And you get kind of tired out there when you're out there for a long time. But we kept bouncing back and kept fighting."

And suddenly, the AFC East race is a whole lot tighter with the Jets (5-3) catching the division rival Bills (5-3). Things don't get easier for Buffalo, which was coming off a 25-16 loss at Miami, and completes its three-game intra-division stretch at New England next week.

The Bills can only blame themselves. They have dropped three of four and squandered any of the momentum they had generated after getting off to a 4-0 start.

"Losing the last two games is hard. There's nowhere to hide," said Bills cornerback Jairus Byrd, who briefly made the game close early in the fourth quarter, when he returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown.

"No matter what we've done before, having that two-game losing streak, the taste in your mouth can easily become something if that's not corrected. It can change the
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With injured quarterback Tony Romo watching from the sidelines, the New York Giants had no problem burying the Dallas Cowboys in more ways than one.

 Eli Manning threw three touchdown passes, Brandon Jacobs rushed for 117 yards and a score and the Giants defense took advantage of Romo’s absence to intercept three passes in a 35-14 victory on Sunday.

 The win was the fifth straight at home for the Giants (7-1) and it allowed the Super Bowl champions to open a three-game lead over the defending NFC East East champion Cowboys (5-4) in the division.

 The loss was the third in four games for Dallas, which fell into last place in the division. Manning threw touchdown passes to Steve Smith and Plaxico Burress early in the game, and added an 8-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Boss, 5 to Steve Smith and 11 to Roy Williams.

 Jacobs was held out of last week’s loss to the Washington Redskins, and backup Tashard choice was also inactive for the Cowboys. Jacobs was listed as questionable for Sunday’s game, but received the starting nod.

 Jacobs scored on a 12-yard run two plays after James Butler picked off Brooks Bollinger’s first pass in the opening minutes of the third quarter. Derrick Ward added a 17-yard touchdown run to tie the game in the fourth quarter. Dallas showed little on offense without Romo, who missed his third straight game with a broken right pinkie.

 The Cowboys turned the ball over four times, with Terrell Owens adding a rare fumble in the second quarter at the Giants 10-yard line. Cornerback Mike Jenkins scored Dallas’ first touchdown with a 23-yard, second-quarter interception on a play that Manning and Plaxico Burress were not on the same page.

 Rollinger, whose entrance into the game in the second half only helped the Giants add to their lead, added an 8-yard touchdown pass to Owens in the fourth quarter, a drive set up by a questionable roughing the passer call against Giants defensive end Justin Tuck, who had 2 1/2 of the Giants four sacks.

 Steve Spagnuolo’s pressure defense limited the Cowboys to 183 total yards, with 75 of those coming on the drive in which Tuck was penalized.

 The game between the two long-time rivals was not much of a contest.

 The Giants took the opening kickoff and went 75 yards in 11 plays with Manning (16-of-27 for 147 yards) hitting Boss in the corner of the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

 Dallas had a chance to get right back in the game in the quarter when Johnson hit Roy Williams with a 25-yard pass for a first down at the Giants 25.

 On the next play, Owens ran a look-in pattern and Johnson fed him too much with the pass. Webster caught the ball and returned it 57 yards to the Dallas 27. Manning found Smith in the middle of the field on a third-and-3 from the Dallas 5 for the touchdown.

 Jenkins put Dallas on the board, catching a pass alone in the end zone after Johnson’s first pass to Owens fumbled, his first since 2004. Webster helped restore the 8-point lead late in the quarter picking off a poorly thrown ball by Johnson at the Giants 49 and returning it 8 yards.

 Jacobs ran for 25 yards on first down and Manning eventually capped the drive with his TD pass to Boomer. Bollinger made the move backfired throwing an interception right to Butler on his first pass.

 Associated Press

 PHILADELPHIA — Ales Hemsky is rounding into form and the Edmonton Oilers are winning again.

 Hemsky has two goals and an assist, and the Oilers held on to end the Philadelphia Flyers’ four-game winning streak with a 5-4 win Sunday.

 "He played unreal," Edmonton coach Craig MacTavish said after the Oilers won their second straight after dropping five in a row. "Those are all-world goals that he scored."

 Hemsky put the Oilers ahead 2-1 at 12:27 of the first period on a nifty forehand-to-backhand move after skating in from center ice. Then at 4:26 of the second, Hemsky skated in from the blue line and went backhand-to-forehand to score again.

 They were the first goals in 19 games dating back to last season for the sixth-year right-winger.

 "I wouldn't have minded a couple of garbage goals, but I didn't get mentally down and the goals came," Hemsky said.

 Sheldon Souray added a goal and assist, Erik Cole and Dustin Penner also scored, and Tom Gilbert had three assists for the Oilers.

 Mike Knuble and Simon Gagne each had a goal and assist, and Braydon Coburn and Jeff Carter also scored goals for Philadelphia, which outscored its opponents 19-7 during the streak.

 "We just let them skate," Philadelphia coach John Stevens said. "There were some severe breakdowns. We also have to do a better job of checking."

 Dwayne Roloson stopped 22 shots as the Oilers built a 5-2 lead. He denied Scott Hartnell on a breakaway with 9:07 left in the third period and Edmonton leading 5-4.

 "The Flyers are a great offensive team," Roloson said. "Their power play was firing pretty good today. They took advantage of some mistakes.

 Martin Biron, who had 23 saves, said that the Flyers made it too easy for the Oilers’ offense.

 "We gave them a lot of room to execute their give-and-goes, their passes, and their three-on-tows," the goaltender said.

 Edmonton went ahead Cole’s wrist shot from the right circle at 9:10 of the first period.

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Saban denies talks of return to LSU

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — New No. 1 Alabama is heading to LSU for a big game between two of the top teams in the Southeastern Conference. And Nick Saban is returning to the stadium he once ruled.

Guess which topic makes the Crimson Tide coach more than a little touchy?

"It's fairly certain Saban will not be able to dodge questions about his return to Baton Rouge. No matter how hard he tries. Another question to be hot topic: The Tide's first regular-season No. 1 ranking since losing the top spot with a 6-3 loss to Mississippi State 28 years ago and a day earlier when Bear Bryant still reigned.

Saban coached the Tigers from 2000-05, going 13-1 in 2003. His team was ranked No. 1 in the final AP poll before he left school he spurned for a two-year deal with the NFL's Miami Dolphins just happens to coincide with what certainly appears to be his best team since then. Saban's return to an SEC West rival makes a warm welcome by LSU fans highly unlikely."

You know Saban wants to avoid such talk when he even brings up his team's record, the type of subject he normally avoids with his ultra-focused approach. "It's not something I want to be about that," he said of facing his former school. "This isn't the same team. It has 9-0 and has played extremely well all year long. LSU has been very good as well. We were national champions last year. They've lost to top-10 opponents this year, and we've got to make sure we don't just go out there and play as if we are going to lose.

"And it's going to be about our players and their players and the players on the field. That's what it should be about. If anybody makes it about something else, then you're not really being fair to the players."

It could be about an Alabama defense that pitched its first shutout in nearly three years against LSU and produced its fourth defensive touchdown on Rashad Johnson's interception return. The Red Wolves managed just 135 yards.

The Tide had not won its first nine games since 2005, a season that ended with losses to LSU and Auburn. The program's last top ranking came with the 1992 national championship after a Sugar Bowl win over previously No. 1 Miami.

Saban referred nearly the entire way name of his rivals seemed to want to serve the elements.

"It was like, 'Come on, we've got the whole road,' " he said with a laugh. "On a cool, sunny day, 58,377 runners started the race. Radcliffe became the second woman to win the event three times, pulling away from Ludmila Petrova in the 22nd mile. The Brit finished in 2:19:50 in two hours, 23 minutes. 56 seconds.

Crossing the line behind Radcliffe were a veteran proving she can still keep up with younger runners and a marathon rookie showing she can race with the best in the world.

The 40-year-old Petrova was second in 2:25:43, eight years after she won the NYC Marathon. She became the oldest woman to finish in the top two since Priscilla Welch of Great Britain won in 1987 at the age of 42.

The Russian also set a Masters world record for runners 40 and over, breaking Paula Radcliffe's mark set in London in 1997.

Kara Goucher took third in 2:25:53, making her the first American to reach the podium since Anna Maria Leiko was third in 1994. She posted the fastest time in a marathon debut by an American woman, breaking Deena Kastor's mark set in 2001.

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Goucher's coach has long believed she's that a natural for the marathon. She should know—Alberto Salazar won three straight NYC Marathons from 1980-82.

It was an emotional day for Goucher, running in the city where she was born.

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A streak was extended to run here and said that it's over," she said. "It was awesome.""

Gomes has a special affection for New York, where he won his only two major marathon titles. He was a surprise winner in 2006 before finishing eighth last year.

Gomes pulled away from Goumri in the 22nd mile and appeared headed to his elusive first major marathon title. Instead, the Moroccan was the runner-up for the second straight year, his fourth near-miss in 19 marathons that are decided because you think, 'Why else?'"

"I have seen many marathons that are decided at the last minute, so you never lose hope," Gomes said. "You have to keep trying, and I kept pushing even though it was six, seven seconds behind."

Goumri was left again to lament finishing second in the 26.2-mile course. He said he missed the chance to hydrate several times.

Goumri had emerged as a pre-race favorite with defending champ Martin Lel of Kenya sidelined by a foot injury. When Goumri took the lead, he thought, "It's my day."

"But when it's finishing a marathon, I just turned back and I saw Marilson coming back," he said. "I said, 'I'm not going to win today.'"

The NYC Marathon was also the site of a stirring comeback for Radcliffe, who is only a third of the way to the Masters world record on the course. She finished fourth in the 22nd mile. He said he would turn back to see the competition in the 10th race of his career.

"It was an emotional day," she said with a laugh. "It was like, 'Come on, we've got the whole road,' "

"It does make it frustrating because you think, 'Why can I get it right all the time?'" Radcliffe said. "I sure times you have to take what life deals you.'"
Palmer secures win with birdie on 18

Associated Press

PALM COAST, Fla. — Ryan Palmer made a 10-foot birdie on the 18th hole Sunday to break out of a six-way tie for the lead and win the Sun City Merit Classic, earning a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour.

Palmer, who was at No. 143 on the money list with two tournaments remaining, had to call a penalty on himself and make a two on the 18th hole, then took double bogey on the next hole with a tee shot into the water.

But he rebounded with a birdie he desperately needed on the final hole at Ginn Ocean Hammock Resort for his second career victory.

Michael Letzig, the 24-hole leader, needed a birdie on the par-5 18th to force a playoff. But his wedge spun 35 feet down the slope and he had to settle for par and a 73 to finish one shot behind.

Also tying for second were George McNeill, Nicholas Thompson, Ken Duke and Vaughn Taylor, who was at No. 129 on the money list and earned enough to secure his card for next year.

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Palmer finished at 1-under 281 and earned $82,900. It was his first win in six events during the Fall Series that a player outside the top 125 on the money list won a tournament. The exception was with Bob Tway, who was at No. 125 when he won in Texas.

Largest Margin of Victory: 18 strokes (Willie Wood, 1962)

Palmer became only the 11th player to win a Fall Series event, and he finished 75 strokes under par in 72 holes.

ABC led the networks with an average of 12.3 million viewers Monday night as "America's Funniest Home Videos" topped the ratings with a 7.9 rating/12 share in the 10-11 p.m. slot.

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Lewis leads Ravens to win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — His fiery, fearsome eyes scanned the Baltimore's sideline looking for any teammate who didn't believe a comeback was possible.

Ray Lewis wasn't giving up, and he wasn't about to let the Ravens quit either.

"He told the whole team, 'We're going to win this game'," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "You could see the truth in his eyes."

Inspired by their emotional leader, the Ravens scored 24 unanswered points in the final 16 minutes and rallied for a 37-27 win over the up-and-down Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

Matt Stover kicked three field goals, rookie quarterback Joe Flacco threw two touchdown passes and first-year running back Ray Rice ran for 154 yards to lead the Ravens (5-3), who are 2-1-1 in their last four games.

"Ray Lewis is the greatest general, the greatest leader—hands down—of our time," Suggs said.

Ravens (5-3), 2-1-1 in the last four games

Lewis refused to take credit for the comeback, but knew his comments awakened the Ravens.

"I told every one of them, 'Look me in the eye,'" Lewis said. "I told them we are going to win this game. We have to believe that. Adversity builds character.""

The Browns (3-5) had built their 13-point advantage thanks to return specialist Joshua Cribbs' 92-yard kickoff return for a TD, two scoring passes by quarterback Derek Anderson and two field goals by Phil Dawson, who closed the first half by banging a career-long 54-yarder through the uprights.

But Cleveland collapsed and no play hurt more than wide receiver Braylon Edwards' drop of a certain long touch-pass over his head and fell to the ground, the Browns' promising season had fallen into serious jeopardy.

"We didn't finish," said running back Jamal Lewis, who was held to 49 yards on 19 attempts. "That's the lesson of the day— finishes."

Stover, who ranks fifth in league scoring history, made field goals of 41, 32 and 22 yards. Flacco, who threw touchdown passes to Mark Clayton out of bounds and to wide receiver Derrick Mason, the sure-handed 13-year veteran, had nine catches for 136 yards and Rices, filling in for the injured Willis McGahee, had a breakout game through a critical 60-yard run in the fourth to set up Stover's last field goal.

Flacco and Rice are getting better with each game, just as the Ravens had hoped.

"When they get drafted by the Baltimore Ravens, we expect them to play like that," rookie coach John Harbaugh said. "Are we surprised? No."

After Stover's third field goal made it 30-27 with 3:56 left, the Ravens' defense pressured Anderson, who threw the ball directly to Suggs. The linebacker snared the gift and raced untouched to the end zone where he taunted Cleveland's famed Dawg Pound bleacher section with a spike and dance.

Anderson finished 17-for-33 for 219 yards but the Pro Bowl left field with the Browns fans screaming "Bray-ond-Bra-dyny" for popular back-up Brady Quinn.

"I didn't want to hold onto it and take a sack," Anderson said. "It was a second down. We wanted to come down and put the ball in the right hands.

The game was put in the balance. Notre Dame sent its team of juniors John Lyttle and Andrew Jewett to first place in the 14-point advantage into the final two places to come away with the. In the 200-yard 1m, Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan and junior Matthew Warner earned a close 1-2 finish while sopho­more Sam Gassner followed in fourth. Their performance gave Notre Dame 15 crucial points in pursuit of the final event.

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Notre Dame sophomores picked up two or more individual wins in the meet. Lauren Parisi won the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events, Amywren Miller the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events, and two Irish swimmers, Amywren Miller and Lauren Parisi, made it a clean sweep.

The Notre Dame men and women teams will resume action on Saturday when they take on Purdue.

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Horse Racing

Owners of Big Brown and top filly unable to

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The owner of Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Big Brown added the nation's top filly to his stable Sunday with a $5.7 million purchase of Stormbound.

Michael Iavarone, co-owner of Dale's Stables, said it was a little more than he wanted to pay for trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who was sitting beside him during the Fast-Tiptop sale, would let him bid on the injured filly.

"Rick wouldn't let me say no," Iavarone said. "I guess if you were going to spend $5 million, you can spend $5.7 million.

The sale of Stormbound, coming off a victory at the $2 million Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita, marks the first time a horse was sold at Preakness in same year as a Breeders' Cup sprint race.

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"It truly is an awesome experience," Fast-Tiptop marketing director Tereen Collier said. "What a classy, classy filly she is. She is probably one of the highest class racehorses we've ever handled.

Yet despite the filly's high standing, Big Brown's owners were unable to make a bid for the filly.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Irish split pair of Big East thrillers**

**Marquette upsets ND two consecutive years**

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of extreme contrast.

The Irish beat Syracuse in five sets to see their promising season come to an end. They were defeated with a five set loss to BIG East cellar dweller Marquette. It was the second year in a row and the second time in the program's history that the team has lost to the Eagles.

There does not seem to be a logical explanation for the level of performance. We did not have the right attitude, head coach Debbie Brown said. "We did not have the right heart, it was not a good game on our part." Brown said that the Irish brain went back to 1991, the day they beat Marquette in five sets.

The weekend started off great for the Irish as they earned a win against Syracuse (15-12). The Irish fought back against the Orange after being down 2-0 and had their own eight point run to take control of the match. The Irish then went on to win six of the next seven games to take control of the match. In the final set, the Irish triumphed 25-22 as Phillips set the tone for the Irish win with 11 kills.

It was a weekend of extreme contrast. After dominating against Syracuse, the Irish were defeated by Marquette. The Irish started off great as they won the first set 25-11. But they would quickly lose the next two sets 25-12 and 25-20.

The Irish then seemed to take control of the match by winning the next two sets 25-22 and 25-20, but Marquette grabbed the momentum by building on a new-found intensity in the fourth set. The Golden Eagles won the fourth set and did not relinquish control.

Many of the starters did not start well for the Irish, according to Brown, who decided to try some new players out from Phillips.

"Kaelin was playing bad, so we were most of the starters," Brown said. "It was not fair to have our backups sitting when they were playing that poorly." Brown said that the loss was devastating for the Irish, who had hoped to win out in order to challenge for the Big East title, according to head coach Debbie Brown. They will now most likely have to rely on their depth to have a great performance in the Big East tournament.

"Honestly we did not take them for granted. We know how well they can play coming in from this last year," Phillips said. "We know we can't take them lightly. Obviously they are always playing their hardest against us, and we have to keep strong and practice to do our best."

The bright spot in the loss is that the Irish may have some motivation to always bring their best play no matter who their opponent is.

"We'll forget about it for now, but we are going to keep it in the back of our mind for next year when we play them," Phillips said. "We are going to get over the hump and keep playing strong."

Brown knows that the team has a long road ahead to make the Big East tournament.

"We cannot think about the past, the season is due to summer training," McCloory said following 12th place finish at the Manchester Invitational last month. "I was able to come in with a good base and then my teammates have helped push the pace at work outs this season."

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By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

The Belles stoodout junior Megan McClovery led Saint Mary's to their second straight fourth place finish at the MIAA Championships on Saturday.

As McClovery has done all season, she led the Belles with a time of 23:55 — good enough for 13th place. "The difference for me this season is due to summer training," McClovery said following a 12th place finish at the Manchester Invitational last month. "I was able to come in with a good base and then my teammates have helped push the pace at work outs this season."

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"After finishing 12 points out of third place at the Jamboree, the team has really seen its potential," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "Since the Jamboree we've been able to compete and beat out the third and fourth place teams from conference and that's what we're hoping to do: Get competitive and make the small adjustments to come on top."

Junior Joanne Almond and sophomore Catie Salyer finished within one second of each other in 36th and 37th places with times of 24:44 and 24:45, respectively. Senior Caitlin Brodmerkel rounded out the scoring runners for the Belles finishing in 46th place with a time of 25:48.

The Fort Wayne native spent her summer in Uganda and did much of her offseason training on that country's dirt roads outside a rural village. Freshman Arianne Rodriguez finished in 51st place with a time of 25:23. Fellow Freshman Hannah Vicary finished in 61st place with a time of 25:23.

Bauters was pleasedly surprised by the Belles' performance this season.

"I think if this is their first year, then we're in for great things over the next four years," Bauters said. "They are still adjusting to the longer race and getting used to a different arena — different teams, etc. I am excited for all of them, and just want them to be confident and go get what they've worked so hard for— we need to be indis­parated about leading because they are first years — go get it."

No one from the Saint Mary's team qualified to run.

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**SMC CROSS COUNTRY**

**Belles finish fourth in conference**

Junior Megan McClovery led the way with a 13th place finish.
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we got outworked a little bit, but in the second half we took care of that issue.

In just his second career start in net, junior goalkeeper Philip Tuttle earned his first collegiate win and shutout by making four saves. Tuttle replaced senior Andrew Quinn, the regular keeper, in the second half of Wednesday’s 2-1 win over George-town when Quinn injured his shoulder. Quinn underwent an MRI over the weekend and results were still pending, but Clark said the team planned to be without him for next Saturday’s Big East quarterfinal against the winner of Wednesday’s Louisville-West Virginia tournament match.

“Tuttle was very composed,” Clark said. “It looked as though he’d been there all season. Anything that came his way, he dealt with it in a calm, cool and collected manner.”

Tuttle’s ability to succeed in a big game was a result of his positive attitude after losing the pre-season position battle to Quinn, Clark said. “He handled the situation very well,” Clark said. “It was a tough decision [between Quinn and Tuttle], but I explained that the program needs more than one quality goalkeeper. Obviously he came through.”

**Saint Mary’s picked up first victory**

Belles win one, lose one at Chicago meet  
By ERIC PRISTER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s picked up their first win on the season this weekend with a split in Chicago.

The Belles defeated Illinois Tech but lost to the host Maroons from the University of Chicago. The teams all met in the 3m. Senior diver Leah Brocinsky led the way for the Belles, finishing fourth out of six at conference opponent Calvin University. The teams all met in the 3m.

Belles 127.5 — 104.5.

“I’m happy about that,” Clark said. “It’s the toughest spot to be in as a backup, and when the opportunity comes, you have to be ready for it like he was.”

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**Team picks up first victory**

Saint Mary’s racked up 174 points against Illinois Tech who finished the meet with 61 points. Chicago edged the Belles 127.5 — 104.5.

This was the third meet of the year for the Belles, who finished fourth out of six at the Dennis Stark relays at Notre Dame and then lost to conference opponent Colgate College in their second. Seniors diver Leah Brocinsky led the way for the Belles, finishing first in both the 1m and 3m diving events, scoring a 190.15 in the 1m and a 184.29 in the 3m.

Freshman swimmer Audrey Dalrymple also picked up first place in the 100-yard breaststroke. She finished the race with a time of 1:10.44. From that point the Belles stayed off of the podium until the final race of the night. The 200-yard freestyle relay team made up of sophomores Laura Hartman and Maggie Williams, senior Kate Orbon and freshman Eva Cavadini took first place. Hartman led the foursome with the fastest split.

Saint Mary’s will head to Alma College next Saturday for a MIAA conference show-down with the Scots.

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**Indian’s Vinatieri hits winner against Fats**

Colts’ wide receiver Anthony Gonzalez and Indianapolis Colts guard Eric Zeek celebrate Gonzalez’s first quarter touchdown catch.

**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS — Adam Vinatieri still has it.**

The 36-year-old kicker showed his old team Sunday night that age hasn’t sapped his distance, accuracy or proficiency for making big field goals. He hit a 22-yarder late in the game to give Indianapolis a desperately needed 18-15 victory over New England — and Vinatieri a measure of revenge.

“I got all the respect and admiration for that team,” said Vinatieri, who left New England as a free agent after the 2005 season. “I’ve got a lot of good friends over there. I guess that’s why it’s that much sweeter when you have an opportunity to play well and help your current team beat your former team. I’m pretty happy about that.”

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But New England (5-3) couldn’t simply blame Vinatieri for this loss. Of their four time-consuming scoring drives, three resulted in field goals, and Jabar Gaffney dropped a sure touchdown pass late in the third quarter. Then there was tight end David Thomas, who drew a 15-yard dead ball penalty that pushed New England out of field-goal range with 4:45 to go in the game. It sealed the Patriots fate.

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Not that the Colts ever doubted him.

“When he kicked inpregame, he said he thought he’d be good from 55 and he made it pretty high in the net, ’cause he’s a good kicker,” Flori said. “This year’s rivalry game had none of the trimmings from recent years. There was no championship at stake, no heroes about great teams or defending Super Bowl champ.”

Yet players and fans responded as if this was still the league’s best matchup on a day full of headline attractions.

Indy (4-4) used Marvin Harrison as a punt returner. Bob Sanders played the entire game after returning from knee and ankle injuries. Bill Belichick even had a direct swap to Kevin Faulk.

But with both teams facing unusual circumstances, New England is tied with the AFC East and Indy is just trying to stay in the playoff chase. They called it, and I’ll own up to it. I felt like that was definitely a critical mistake for me, and I really cost the team.”

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play and we are so reliant on his energy and his voice and his presence. I watched him in the introductions and he was just so excited to play," Brey said of Jackson. "He's missed guys in transition in the first half. He made some plays offensively, some turnovers, decision with the ball. I had not seen that in a year. It was almost like a freshman. I got on him in the one timeout and it was back to how he's been practicing. Easy plays, simple plays." Jackson said Brey's words helped him refocus.
I started off sluggish. I was just happy to be back out there and didn't have my head in the game," Jackson said. "I got on me really hard, basically got me back together and I needed that. It brought me things close early, shooting 8-for-19 from 3-point land in the first half to basically got me back together and I needed that. It brought me things close early, shooting 8-for-19 from 3-point land in the first half to

Jackson struggled, junior guard Jonathan Peoples came off the bench and added four points, grabbed two rebounds and had a steal.

"There's no question, if [Jackson's] not really in a good flow, we struggle a little bit. That's where [Peoples'] came, to the rescue," Brey said. "He's a veteran guard that can play either spot. He's a real calming factor.

To round out the scoring, Mclaren netted 11 on 6-for-12 shooting and senior forward Luke Zeller had 12 points and six rebounds.

Notes: • Senior forward Zach Hillesland did not play. He is out with plantar fasciitis.

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A year ago Mclarney and Zeller were named captains for this year's team.

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e. Notre Dame would normally play, but Briar Cliff's shooting ability limited how much conference the Irish could play.

The Wildcats opened the scoring Friday night at 5:47 of the first period when Irish net¬

minder Michael Tracey was up and diving to stop a shot by Northern. At 12:53 of the first period, Northern scored its first goal of the night on a Northern power play.

The Irish improved to 4-3-0 overall and 2-2-0 in the CCHA. Jackson said he was pleased with his team's play and didn't have my head in the game," Jackson said. "I got on me really hard, basically got me back together and I needed that. It brought me things close early, shooting 8-for-19 from 3-point land in the first half to basically got me back together and I needed that. It brought me things close early, shooting 8-for-19 from 3-point land in the first half to

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Coach Weis
Groundkeeper Willie
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Bon Jovi
Lil Jon

"I was thirsty. Okay!"
"Come on, cheerleaders plus sprinklers."
"What all I did was spray a little sex panther."
"A marching band hit? Look at this hair. They deserved it."

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**Flying High**

Cincinnati shut out in Big East Tournament

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After earning a bye in the first round of the Big East tournament, the Irish picked up right where they left off in a quarterfinals match against Cincinnati. No. 1 Notre Dame looked like the team that went 18-0-0 in the regular season as it scored four first-half goals en route to a 5-0 win Sunday at Alumni Field. The Irish had a week off before the conference tournament and appeared to have benefited from the extra rest, scoring less than a minute into the game. "I think we just had our mindset right. We came in here ready to play and ready to win," Irish senior defender Elise Weber said. "We had a good week of rest because we didn't have a double-digit Friday." 

Men's basketball

Irish grad Kurz signs NBA deal

Spasal to The Observer

Forward Rob Kurz, who played for Notre Dame last season, signed on to play with the Golden State Warriors Sunday. Kurz was undrafted out of college but played his way on to the team by averaging 4.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game in the preseason. He was the last man cut from the team on Oct. 27 but after guard Monta Ellis was placed on the suspension list Kurz got another chance. Ellis injured himself in a motorized scooter accident and is suspended until December. Kurz started 30 games last season for the Irish and averaged 12.6 points per game and hit exactly 50 percent of his field goals. He will join the Warriors tonight when they take on the Grizzlies in Memphis.

No. 9 Notre Dame starts season with blowout at home

Five players score in double digits Friday

By CHRIS HINE
Editor in Chief

Let the chest-bumping, fist-pumping and point-scoring begin.

No. 9 Notre Dame opened its season with a 103-64 exhibition win over Briar Cliff Friday night in front of a half-packed Joyce Center. Five Notre Dame players scored in double figures, with senior forward Ryan Ayers leading the way with 21. Ayers shot 8-for-15 for the night, but unlike last year, when 64 percent of Ayers' field goals came from behind the 3-point line, a majority of his buckets, six, came from inside the 3-point line. And Ayers wanted little time asserting himself — with the game tied at 2-2, Ayers drove to the hoop for a layup to give Notre Dame a 4-2 lead. "I just want to be more aggressive out there," Ayers said. "I think that'll give me a good jump start if I can take it to the hole hit a pull-up or take it all the way. My three-ball didn't fall for me at times tonight." Coach Mike Brey added: "I thought he was a little more selfish about getting his shot. He's been a guy in the past that will turn stuff down, he'll turn shots down. We need him to be a little bit greener." Junior forward Luke Harangody put up his usual double-double — 16 points and 11 rebounds — while junior point guard Tory Jackson had 18 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and five steals. Jackson also knocked down a couple of mid-range jumpers, something he said he worked to improve in the off-season. Most of Jackson's production came during a 23-0 run Notre Dame ran beginning with 11:53 in the second half that gave Notre Dame an 86-74 lead. "I think he was so wired to play better after receiving a talking-to from Brey during a timeout in the second half that he didn't have a minute off a rebound of a Steven Perry header. Perry, a sophomore forward, knocked it out of bounds and pushed it hard," Clark said. "They definitely caused us concern in the first half and knocked us out of our rhythm a bit, but in the second half we found that rhythm and upped our business." "We almost expected [to take the lead] in the first half and see BIG EAST/page 21

Hockey

Irish get first CCHA wins

Coach says players prepared for media

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

At one point last season Notre Dame went on a 0-for-39 power-play drought. After last weekend's 0-for-16 showing against Miami (OH), the Irish had many fans getting worried. Those fans can rest easy now.

Notre Dame netted five goals with the man advantage in 3-2 wins over Northern Michigan in Marquette, Mich., over the weekend. Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he thought the power-play drought was due to good, old-fashioned hard work. "I thought our guys played with more determination, in and around the net," he said. "We've had many fans getting worried. We're back to back-to-back regular-season champions for the first time in program history. "We came through," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's nice that we could win it outright. Last year we had to win one of our last games [to clinch] and we weren't able to, but we took care of the problem by winning it outright." The Irish were out shot 14-4, but freshman midfielder Brendan King put home the game's only goal in the 61st minute off a rebound of a Steven Perry header. Perry, a sophomore forward, knocked it toward Mountainiers goalkeeper Zach Johnson in a five-kick from junior midfielder Dave Donoho.

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Men's Soccer

Squad notchies second straight championship

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Don't call the Irish greedy for wanting the Big East Blue title all to themselves.

No. 19 Notre Dame (11-5-2, 7-2-1) edged West Virginia (1-0-0) Saturday in the regular season finale to avoid tying Connecticut for the division crown for the second straight year. The Irish were named champions for the first time in program history. "We came through," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's nice that we could win it outright. Last year we had to win one of our last games [to clinch] and we weren't able to, but we took care of the problem by winning it outright." The Irish were out shot 14-4, but freshman midfielder Brendan King put home the game's only goal in the 61st minute off a rebound of a Steven Perry header. Perry, a sophomore forward, knocked it toward Mountainiers goalkeeper Zach Johnson in a five-kick from junior midfielder Dave Donoho.

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