Locals discuss ND neighbors

Residents say community relations improve when students reach out

Deacon Brian Miller has lived in South Bend for 68 years. He said students in the neighborhood are usually well-intentioned and respectful.

By JOHN CAMERON and MEGAN DOYLE

South Bend is not a college town. The fraternities, sororities and off-campus houses that line the streets of cities like Bloomington and Dayton are no where to be found on Notre Dame Avenue, Eddy Street or Angela Boulevard. Tensions sometimes do arise from a discrepancy between students’ expectations of college town freedoms and local families’ expectations for quiet neighborhoods. A South Bend resident of 68 years, Deacon Brian Miller said he felt students needed to understand the stereotypical Animal House college lifestyle does not fit the family neighborhoods of South Bend. “The students, they need to try to be respectful neighbors. If they have a party they need to make sure there are parameters,” he said. Tensions rose when a spike in the local area of the school.'
Question: What was the best part of coming back for the team's 10-year reunion? Riley: Oh, it's beautiful. What an amazing arena. I was just knowing that we're a small part of building it to what it is today and the legacy of Notre Dame women's basketball.

Q: What are your thoughts on this year's team? Riley: They look great. Obviously it's the first game of the season, but they look really good. You would expect nothing less from Coach McGraw's teams.

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**Ruth Riley**
former women's basketball player
2001 championship team

California couple stand out as world's tallest

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All Russia invited to help boost the South Stream gas pipeline, Putin was all smiles when Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov presented the Karachagan dog to the 58-year-old leader.

Putin, who has a black belt in judo and has cultivated a macho image, smiled, blinked and flashed the Judo World Championship flag as he backhanded a gift to the world's tallest married couple.

He presented a silver statue inscribed with the words "Karachagan dog to the 58-year-old leader." The Golden Retriever also has a large paragraph sung in honor of Putin's new puppy.

"If we can replace the Russian tradition of fawning upon the great leader with a puppy, then all is well," said a member of the Russian Embassy.

**Leprechaun David Zimmer does a backflip during the Notre Dame men's basketball game against Chicago State. The Irish beat Chicago State 102-62 in the Purcell Pavilion Wednesday night.**

**Julie Herder/The Observer**

OFFBEAT

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**All Russia invited to help name Putin’s new puppy**

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has invited Russians to help him come up with a name for his new puppy, which he received as a gift from his Bulgarian counterpart over the weekend.

Anyone who wishes to can send their suggestion of a male name for the prime minister’s new dog to his site, a government statement said on its official website www.premier.gov.ru. And content, may be inappropriate for ages 16 and younger.

To celebrate the end of International Education Week, Saint Mary’s College is holding an International Cultural Fair. Over 20 different countries will be featured for this cultural expo. It will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on the Student Center. It is being sponsored by Around the World Club, Student Government Association and the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership.

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Professor receives German award

Kommers honored for service to Germany during ceremony in Chicago

By ANNA BOARINI

Kommers received the German Order of the Federal Republic of the Federal Republic of Germany, and was honored by the German Consulate office in Chicago. Onno Hückmann, the German Consulate General, presented the award to Donald Kommers in a ceremony at the University of Notre Dame in Chicago.

"I [had] no idea who or what was behind this award," Kommers said. "It took me totally by surprise."

The award was presented to Kommers in a ceremony at the German Consulate office in Chicago. Onno Hückmann, the German Consulate General, presented the award. Hückmann praised Kommers' academic success and his contribution to building a bridge between the United States and Germany in a way that few others have.

Kommers said he has been interested in Germany since he was a boy. He grew up in a German area of Wisconsin, and was exposed to the culture at a young age. He studied the language for three years in high school and then again in college.

After receiving his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Wisconsin, Kommers came to Notre Dame in 1967. After a trip to Germany in 1968 to study their high court, he decided to change the course of his academic life.

"I've always been interested in the judicial system, so I started comparing the U.S. system to courts around the world," Kommers said. "I decided to combine my interest in the American constitutional law with German constitutional law." In his 43 years of academic life spent at the University of Wisconsin, Kommers has served as a professor of political science and law. In 1974, University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh named him the director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

It was under Kommers' service that the center changed their goal from working toward civil and human rights domestically to a more international mission.

"It brought the attention of the German courts to the English speaking world," Kommers said. "It's important for Saint Mary's because it brings 800 prospective students to our campus, and its promoting good choral singing among high school women," Menk said. "It's promoting good quality repertoire for high school choirs, and it's giving them a chance to go to a festival and something that's geared just toward them."

According to Menk, the festival hopes to improve singing and pride within each organization. It should help them to feel good about what they're doing. It should give them an aspiration, something to aspire to with their choir, to be able to work at a higher level," she said.

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College holds high school choir festival

By ALICIA SMITH

With 20 women's choirs from Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, the High School Women's Choir Festival held at Saint Mary's College promotes female chorus groups. Nancy Menk, director of choral activities, said, "It's for constructive criticism and help," she said. "It's not a competition. It's just a festival."

Menk said the opportunity allowed feedback from a panel of three commentators. The festival, which began Thursday, also allowed each choir to listen to comparable women's choirs to gain insight.

The commentators this year were Paul Caldwell of Chicago, Sean Ivory of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Barbara Tagg of Syracuse, N.Y.

According to Menk, each choir performed for the other choirs and the commentators. Following each performance, one of the three commentators worked with each choir to provide feedback on their performance. The choir will receive written comments from the other members of the panel.

"They come here and each choir performs a short program for each other and for a panel of commentators that we bring in," Menk said. "These are experts in the field. Following their performance one of the three commentators goes up on stage with a [microphone] and works with the choir, like in a workshop format, to improve some aspect of their performance."

The festival is a two-day event and will end today around 4:30 p.m.

Menk said the Saint Mary's College Women's Choir performed each day to provide an example for the high school students.

The annual festival is celebrating its 26th year.

Menk said the festival is mutually beneficial for high school students and the College. "It's important for Saint Mary's because it brings 800 prospective students to our campus, and its promoting good choral singing among high school women," Menk said. "It's promoting good quality repertoire for high school choirs, and it's giving them a chance to go to a festival and something that's geared just toward them."

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in arrests occurred earlier in the semester, but cooled, and arrests declined. Miller said she felt the student presence in that area had to be largely positive. “Most of the students are well-intentioned and respectful,” Miller said. But South Bend resident Jim Carter considers calling police to be a reasonable response if a situation warrants. “I suppose neighbors probably think it is their right to call if the students are being loud,” he said. Shirley McFarland, a local resident, said she felt some of the arrests might have been unwarranted. “I think some of them could have been avoided,” she said. “I have phone numbers for the students so I would call them first.” McFarland moved into her house on Notre Dame Avenue in 1984. She said students in her area created a problem back then were often problematic. “Years ago, when my husband and I moved in, I thought I was going to have to move out of the neighborhood, she said. “I would come home from work and 200 kids would be across the street, two cars would be parked in my driveway, and when I asked them to move they drove through my yard. That was the worst time.” She said since the 1980s, students in her neighborhood have become significantly more considerate. “After that, it got better, once the police started talking to them,” she said. “Most of the time I don’t even know when people are over there.” Good Neighbor Guides, distributed to off-campus students at the beginning of the year, suggest communicating with neighbors about upcoming parties and giving them contact information. Miller said while communication is helpful, parties need to be contained. “It’s just not acceptable to be having big keg parties. It’s a recipe for trouble,” he said. In addition to forming relationships with their immediate neighbors, residents said student involvement in the community was also crucial to maintaining positive relations. “I think the students are quite involved, I see pictures in the paper of them volunteering downtown,” Carter said. He said some parts of the city are on the decline and need help from students. “I think the rest of South Bend is getting better and getting pretty rotten,” he said. “I think that should be just trying to keep the neighborhood halfway decent.”

South Bend resident Shirley McFarland moved into her home in 1984. She said students in her neighborhood gave her their phone numbers to call with any problems.

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dent passing away, so it is normal for the Student Management Board to establish an award like this,” Student Union treasurer Joseph Hurtubise, a junior, said. Sullivan, a videographer for the football team, died on Oct. 27 after the hydraulic scissor lift he was filming football practice fell. According to Hurtubise, the Scholarship Fund was initially designed to assist undergraduate and graduate students who display extraordinary need in paying off medical expenses. Hurtubise said the Financial Management Board and student government are working together now to decide how the Scholarship Fund will be administered. “It’s wonderful that the Student Union can honor Declan in this way. This is a beautiful way to remember and celebrate Declan’s life for years to come,” Catherine Soler, student body president, said. Sullivan lived on campus, or to a student in the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) program, but no official decisions have been made, according to Hurtubise. Student body president Catherine Soler said the Memorial Fund is an excellent way to remember Sullivan. “It will be an endowed award with an initial endowment of $1,000,” she said. Hurtubise said the $25,000 principal will remain untouched and the annual award given to a student will be $1,000. “Leaving the $25,000 principal untouched will allow the Declan Sullivan Memorial Award to continue from year to year, without anyone having to worry about running out of funds,” she said. Hurtubise said the Memorial Fund was initially discussed the possibility of the award being given to a resident of Fisher Hall, where Sullivan lived on campus, or to a student in the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) program, but no official decisions have been made, according to Hurtubise. Student body president Catherine Soler said the Memorial Fund is an excellent way to remember Sullivan. “It’s wonderful that the Student Union can honor Declan in this way,” Soler said. “This is a beautiful way to remember and celebrate Declan’s life for years to come.”

South Bend resident Jim Carter said student volunteers make a difference in the community outside Notre Dame’s campus.

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aid, he said. At the same time, he said he doesn’t think they’re doing a good job in the department. “According to Russo, the cost of attendance is being cut more and more on the individual rather than the government. Russo explained that tuition is increasing more quickly for state schools, but is increasing for private institutions as well. “Notre Dame is not exempt from this trend, but Russo said compared to similar institutions, Notre Dame has been successful at managing the situation. “We are conservative with our finances, and we’re blessed with resources,” Russo said.

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Zimmer, beat the Band and football team to New York. “I’m actually flying out early because I’m going to be on Live with Regis and Kelly on Friday morning.” Zimmer said. “Then I’ll be hanging out with the band for most of the rest of Friday.”

Today, band members have the day to themselves to explore Manhattan. “I’ve never been to New York City before. I’ve heard the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty take too much time,” Garry said. “So I might just wander around the city.”

Some might take a break around 3 p.m. to take a break. “We have so much momentum behind us. With such a big opportunity on the lines, Notre Dame’s going to be playing hard. I’m really looking forward to the atmosphere, playing it up and getting everyone pumped up for the game.”

David Zimmer, leprechaun

Mass at St. Catherine, where President Fr. John Jenkins will be the main celebrant. Seamon said.

At noon, the band will perform in Times Square, followed by a tailgate at the New York Sheraton Hotel. Garry said the concert will run 45 minutes, an extended version of the normal performance on campus.

“We’re then going to Yankee Stadium on subway cars from Times Square that they’ve blocked off for the whole band,” Garry said. “Then we’ll quickly practice with the West Point Glee Club for our halftime show.” At 7 p.m., the game begins. Zimmer said this game is very special, especially after the big win against Utah.

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Patrick’s Student Catherine Soler, student body president

“The online ticket lottery sold all 600 tickets right away. We actually ended up getting some more tickets since there was such a high demand.”

Catherine Soler, student body president

“Most of the neutrality trips are an opportunity to inspire people, especially in young audiences. We hope to bring kids to Notre Dame so they can see how great of opportunities Notre Dame music in particular can bring,” Garry said.

She said it has been an honor to be part of a group of such incredible people.

“It really has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. To share this experience is so different and exciting,” Garry said. “We’re very lucky.”

Soler agreed, saying neutral-territory games truly demonstrate the Notre Dame spirit. “It’s a really positive experience for everyone to see that camaraderie in a totally different city,” she said.

“And we can see Notre Dame has a strong effect over the entire country. “We visit so many landmarks and places and represent who we are.”

The neutral-territory tradition will continue next year at FedEx Field in Washington, D.C., Seamon said.

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Yankee Stadium face off

When Notre Dame takes on Army this Saturday night, it’s safe to say the game will be about more than just the action on the field. The matchup will be Notre Dame’s second off-site home game, an event the athletic department hopes to make an annual occurrence.

Last year, Notre Dame played Washington State in San Antonio. The Irish will play Maryland in Washington, D.C., next year, followed by Miami at Soldier Field in Chicago in 2012. The idea itself may be slightly flawed. Because it is essentially a home game, Notre Dame has insisted on keeping all gate revenue from the games and it will be difficult to consistently reach agreements with top-tier opponents agreeing to split the profits in some way.

That said, if the administration is still keeping off-site home games in their current forms, this weekend is a perfect example of how to do it right.

Notre Dame has a huge following in New York City, drawn largely from the previous 24 games the Irish have played at Yankee Stadium. While those games, 22 of which were against Army, were about the football — with the Irish and Black Knights consistently being top-five teams — this one is seen as an opportunity to bring the Notre Dame game day experience to New York. The band will still be playing on the steps,” only this weekend it will be in the middle of Times Square.

Even though Army and Notre Dame aren’t the national powerhouses they once were, both teams are still national brands with strong followings, and the venue of Yankee Stadium (even the new one) is one of the most hallowed grounds in America.

This weekend shows how the administration can keep these games interesting even if they aren’t necessarily relevant on the national college football stage. Last year’s game against Washington State in San Antonio represented the cut-and-dried case scenario for games like this: a contest against an awful team in a seemingly random location.

While a perfect off-site home game would probably have a top-10 opponent, this weekend is just about as good as it gets. It’s a high-profile primetime game that serves as a good reflection of Notre Dame’s tradition and why the Irish were able to play in these venues in the first place.

This weekend, Notre Dame won’t become famous for using the forward pass and Brian Kelly won’t implore his team to “win one for the Gipper.” But the game still affords an opportunity for Notre Dame’s famous Subway alumni to see an Irish team that hasn’t played a game in the five boroughs since 1969. This weekend, is about honoring all the things that have made Notre Dame football the unique entity that it is, and that’s what it should be.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Loco Parentis?

The administration of Notre Dame never hesitates to heap praise upon itself for its vaunted policy of “in loco parentis.” Personally, I know it supported my parents greatly when the concept was described to them before they left me a thousand miles from home freshman year. They were told that Notre Dame would act as their son’s parent in their absence; giving guidance, support and protection while also demanding discipline and accountability.

Recent events have begun to shine a brighter light on a grave problem with the “in loco parentis” policy at Notre Dame. While the emphasis on discipline and accountability has increased in recent years, parental duties, especially protection, have been grossly and tragically neglected.

No parent would allow their child to operate a lift in the dangerous conditions that caused Mr. Sullivan’s life. If a student had died at a party or a tailgate, the University would have reacted swiftly and severely. They would not have waited for the results of an investigation to demand accountability from the student’s employer.

However, Notre Dame did not act in the same manner when a student’s death occurred on campus since a student died on University property under the supervision of members of the administration, no action has been taken beyond discipline. We cannot help but wonder if we no doubt absolve all members of the administration of any personal responsibility.

Of far less importance, but similarly indicative of the administration’s failure as a parent, is the video from a tailgate last weekend that shows clear evidence of excessive police force on campus. No parent would allow hostile officers to repeatedly intimidate and abuse their child, but the University has routinely turned a blind eye to a local police force that is openly and admittedly hostile toward our students and alumni. This was only reinforced by Dennis Brown’s statement in response to the incident, which praised past cooperation with local law enforcement.

To our administration. You are failing miserably in your self-imposed role as a parent. We, the students and alumni, have long regarded this gradual subdivision and every time another incident highlights these failures we grow more restless and upset. The response to recent incidents is to show your preference for covering your own behind over protecting your students, and many people outside of the Golden Dome can readily see what is going on. We implore you to take our opinions into consideration and act on them.

We, the leaders of our beloved Notre Dame, do not become more self-aware and begin to demand from your selves the same level of accountability that you demand from those entrusted to your “care,” you risk losing this family that is so important to all of us. Please don’t let that happen.

Jeffrey Gelawone
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Dunceum Hall
Nov. 18

Fighting the wrong (magical) battle

Although Catholics should admire the faith of Ryan Williams, his courtship case scenario for games like this: a contest against an awful team in a seemingly random location.

The protagonists of the Harry Potter series celebrate a very traditional Christmas. Harry receives critical guidance from his godfather, Death is treated with appropriate solemnity. Redemption and sacrifice are values, and love (cf. J. John A. 4) is recognized as the ultimate power of the universe. Pagan and Satanic overtones seem more the domain of Voldemort and the Death Eaters — who are certainly not “the good guys.”

Cardinal Francis Arine recently stated that he had not actually read any of the Harry Potter books, but that even with his concern, parents were ultimately responsible for making sure that their children do not blur the real world with the fictitious magical one of Ms. Rowling’s books. Fantasy makes for a great stage on which to teach children about the fundamental tenets of reality. J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis would likely agree.

Indeed, Rowling has received no president’s Medal of Freedom, her literary merit is dubious, but it trivializes the real evil in the world to suggest that Notre Dame’s Harry Potter activities are anything more insidious than youthful entertainment. Even and especially if President Obama thought that the 2009 commencement really was such an outrage, we should be proud to celebrate the Boy Who Lived.

Jeffrey Gelawone

Thoughts on the new Harry Potter movie?
Write a Letter to the Editor.

In literature as in love, we are as we are chosen by others.

André Maurois
French author

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Never do anything when you are in a temper, for you will do everything wrong.”

Baltasar Gracian
Spanish priest and author

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Let it be a Letter to the Editor at nndaobserver.com”
The Notre Dame-Army game has an unparalleled history. In 1913, unknown Notre Dame news made news when it defeated powerhouse Army 35-13. It was the far forward pass, a little used gimmick perfected by quarterback Gus Dorais and his wide receiver Knute Rockne. Working as lifeguards at Cedar Point in late 1945, a loaded 1946 roster returned bent on payback. Most of the stars of the 1943 Irish national championship team had enlisted in the military and were fighting overseas. Even Hall of Fame coach Frank Leahy suffered a tragic case of pneumonia. The Irish returned to the field determined to win the most famous play of his career on defense, toe-tackling Blanchard near the conclusion of the season, the school's fifth national title. No meeting between Notre Dame vs. Army. This is college football. It's 2010, and this Saturday the Fighting Irish and the Cadets meet again in the neighborhood throughout the sum- mer and on several occasions during the bus stop last week. This year, her face was almost deeply tanned and leathery wrinkled. I could tell she was thankful for her safe reemergence, and frankly, so was I. As official Thanksgiving Day nears next week when families gather to stuff themselves, we all are more aware of our blessings this year. I am thankful for the successes hard work at Notre Dame has afforded me. I am also thankful for family, friends, and health. But I am especially thankful for wit- nessing the many encounters of my fel- low commuter who engages everyone with engaging banter and gives me an excuse to replace the genius behind, "Da-dum, da-da, da-da, da-da." This year, I better under- stand the genius behind, "Da-dum, da-da, da-da, da-da." The homeless man shook his head in disappointment without interrupting his repetitious arrangement. Finally, the shelter musician announced that he was playing cards that could be played with many types of songs including jazz arrangements, blue or hip-hop. The conversation ended when the bus arrived, but it was the event that sparked me to reflect on the shelterer's other engagements with homeless per- sons at stop 1393. On other occasions, I observed him walk up to a homeless man slouched over on the shelter seat with a weary blue bruised face. "I ate something I'm not sure about going to North base." The officer greeted her by noting, "You look like Greta Garbo today." She replied, "You look like Clark Gable." When he asked her why she was blue in the face, she sheepishly replied, "I ate something I'm allergic to," she explained. "Do you think I can get some soup this morn- ing?" she asked. Mysteriously, she disappeared from view.

Inclusion-Response spirit

In 1928, Notre Dame and Army were tied 0-0 at halftime. The team was having a down year and coach Knute Rockne sensed a need for motivation. He told his players the story of the greatest player he ever coached, who's life was cut short by a tragic case of pneumatic. The Irish returned to the field determined to win one for the Gipper, and held off a last minute drive from the Cadets to preserve a 12-6 victory. In 1944 and 1945, Notre Dame lost to Army by a combined score of 107-0. Most of the stars of the 1943 Irish national championship team had enlisted in the military and were fighting overseas. Even Hall of Fame coach Frank Leahy joined the armed forces leaving his position to serve in the Navy. The younger players left behind struggled against the Cadets, but with the Allied vic- tory in late 1945, a loaded 1946 roster returned bent on payback.

Gary Caruso, Notre Dame '73, serves in the Department of Homeland Security and was active in all the activities and charac- ters of my local bus stop. Just yester- day, I had no bus service when several tigers at my local bus stop. Giving thanks had its place among our Thanksgiving reflections well before．

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

By ROSS FINNEY
Scene Writer

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is a very faithful adaptation of the book. There are only a couple minor differences, and these don't detract drastically from the movie. The scope from the book where Harry sees Draco and his father in Knockturn Alley is noticeably absent from the movie. Given the importance of the scene later in the story, it's kind of surprising, but the movie is still easy to follow.

The most notable differences is the effect of the Polyjuice Potion, which in the book gives Harry and Ron the voices of Crabbe and Goyle. In the movie their voices don't change, but it sets up some laughs when Harry and Ron have to fake the voices.

The downside to the film's faithfulness to the book is its excessive length. Coming in at close to three hours, the film tends to drag on, and can be hard to finish unless you are really dedicated. There are scenes where the kids' acting is hard to watch, but this is true for the first few movies. The supporting cast of teachers and adults is stellar, as always.

In other regards, the movie is very good. The sets are fantastic and the overall tone is darker than that of the first film. It's more dramatic, and the visual and music cues all come together very well.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

By TROY MATHEW
Scene Writer

"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" is an exceedingly dark novel, which highlights the increasing danger Harry and crew are under. The movie, directed by David Yates, dilutes this quality. Frequently referenced throughout the movie is the awkward relationship dynamic between Harry, Ron, Hermione and their respective lovers. While some respite from the menacing storyline is necessary, this content is severely overserved.

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Other minor, but key, details were left out in favor of a very specific over-arching narrative. Also missing is much of the warmth and familiarity that draw fans back to Hogwarts time and time again.

That being said, Yates brought many wonderful new developments to the Potter films. The film as a whole characters battle evil Death Eaters in the Ministry of Magic is stunning and visially the most exciting action sequence in any of the films thus far. Yates extra bonus points for casting some of the best characters of the films, notably Imelda Staunton as the pink and bubbly yet-evil Dolores Umbridge and the superb Helen Bonham Carter at the magically evil Bellatrix Lestrange.
Scene’s Adrianna Pratt is spending her fall semester abroad in London and had the opportunity to go to the red carpet world premiere of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.”

Go to The Observer website’s Scene page to see her video of the event.

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Hernandez wins Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For once, Felix Hernandez got all the support he needed for a big win.

The Seattle ace earned the AL Cy Young Award on Thursday despite a modest 13-12 record. His major league-leading 2.27 ERA and superior stats put him far ahead of Tampa Bay’s David Price and the Yankees’ CC Sabathia and their impressive win-loss numbers.

Victory also was the Mariners’ pot-hitting all season, Hernandez found ample backing with the voters in this pitchers duel. They clearly recognized how little the last-place Mariners helped him—10 units, they were either shut out or held to one run.

“This confirms the Cy Young is an award not only for the pitcher with the most wins, but the most dominant,” a tear-eyed Hernandez said while celebrating with relatives at his home in Valencia, Venezuela.

King Felix got 21 of the 28 first-place votes and 167 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. The 24-year-old right-hander led the league in innings (249 2-3), was second in strikeouts (232) and held AL opponents to the lowest batting average against him in his career.

Price, who went 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA, was second with four first-place votes and 111 points. Sabathia, who was 21-7 with a 3.18 ERA, drew the other three first-place votes and finished third at 102.

“Let’s hope they got it right,” Price said on a conference call from Nashville, Tenn. “I feel like they’ve been doing a good job, even though he didn’t have a lot of wins. You can’t really control that all. You can’t control the offense, and the hitters and stuff like that.”

“The numbers he put up—those were pretty ridiculous numbers this year; they’d put up any other year, in any other column,” he said, “I feel as if Felix was on a different team—if he was on a better team or something like that—he’s going to win quite a few ballgames.”

The 13 wins by Hernandez marked the fewest for a Cy Young winner in a full season since the 100th overall Cy Young Award, he came out No. 1.

“This is the first of many,” he said.

“I now have to work even harder because I’m the best pitcher in the American League.”

Hernandez said he started crying when he got the award and his family began jumping for joy. “I feel like they got it right,” he said. “They would tell me, ‘You did your job.’

Hernandez might have ranked even higher overall had the Mariners decided not to skip his regular start on the final day of the regular season. He needed one more inning to match NL Cy Young winner Roy Halladay for most in the majors, and he finished one strikeout behind AL leader Jered Weaver of the Angels.

Halladay unanimously won his award in a year he led the NL with 21 wins, pitched a perfect game and a no-hitter, and topped the majors in shutouts and complete games.

“Obviously, Felix’s numbers are very, very impressive,” Halladay said earlier this week when asked about the AL Cy Young vote. “Ultimately, you look at how guys are able to win games. Sometimes, you find a way to win games,” he said.

Hernandez said he felt vindicated that wins are only part of the Cy Young picture.

“This is the truth,” he said.

Hernandez went 7-4 against playoff teams and led the majors against the high-scoring Yankees, going 3-0 while holding New York to one run in 26 innings with 31 strikeouts.

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Others who count on baseball’s newer math pointed at how well Sabathia and Price each led the AL in a stat that matters a lot to the sabermetricians of the sport—Wins Above Replacement.

Once the season ended, Hernandez started hoping.

“I didn’t have the wins,” he said. “But if you look at all the numbers, wow!”

Hernandez thought he would get the Cy last year, too, after winning 19 games but finished second, beaten out by Zack Greinke’s 16 victories and better showing than other nomenclature. But no more sighs for Hernandez now. In the Year of the Ace, he was first.

The Mariners finished with an AL-worst 61-101 record and were either shut out or held to one run in 10 of their 51 runs against the league’s top 10 teams. They were either shut out or held to one run 26 of 28 ball games.

Price and the Yankees’ CC Sabathia already began to brew about his chances of finishing 1-7819 or Ann Firth at 1-2685.

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Indians at Arizona 8:20 PM NBC

MLB PLAYOFFS:

Colorado Rockies vs. FC Dallas 8:30 PM ESPN

ITALY: Fiorentina at AC Milan 2:30 pm Fox Soccer

PORTLAND, Ore. — For the third time in four years, Greg Oden’s knees have betrayed him.

The Portland Trail Blazers hastily called a press conference Wednesday night to announce that Oden, the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft, will miss the season after he has microfracture surgery on his left knee.

Oden’s rookie year was post- mendable because of an injury involved in his left knee early in December and again required surgery.

He was still rehabbing when the latest problem was discovered.

“As you can expect, this young man is devastated about not hav- ing the opportunity to play this season, being so close to getting back on the floor and just all of a sudden, this situation comes up and it’s something that we go again for him,” Portland coach Nate McMillan said.

Oden’s latest surgery is sched- uled for Friday in Vail, Colo. The microfracture procedure will repair damaged cartilage that is not related to the knee injury, the team said.

Blazers trainer Jay Jensen said Oden’s latest problem with Oden’s knee became apparent about two weeks ago when he experienced some pain and fluid in the joint.

Jensen said the injury was not severe, and the procedure will allow Oden to return to the floor and face the knee problems head on.

Oden had just started easing into practice, but the latest knee issue was discovered.

He had played in only 82 games during his NBA career, missing 176.

Jensen said it was unclear what caused the latest damage.

The Blazers announced last month they would not offer Oden a contract extension. He was the first No. 1 pick since Kwame Brown not to get one at the end of his rookie contract.

Oden will be a restricted free agent in summer and Portland will be able to match any offers for him.

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**MLB**

**Selig’s playoff expansion plan sees little opposition**

Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. —** Commissioner Bud Selig’s plan to expand baseball’s playoffs to 10 teams seemed inevitable after little to no opposition emerged during meetings this week with owners and general managers.

Because baseball’s labor contract runs to December 2011, the extra round of playoffs is not likely to start until 2012.

Selig said his special 14-man committee will discuss adding two wild-card teams when it meets Dec. 7 during the winter meetings in nearby Lake Buena Vista.

“We will move ahead, and move ahead pretty quickly,” Selig said Thursday after three days of meetings concluded.

A change would have to be approved by owners, who next meet Jan. 12-13 in Paradise Valley, Ariz., and by the players’ association, which has said it is open to the extra round. The additional games also would have to be sold to baseball’s national television partners and slotted into a crowded schedule that already has pushed the World Series into November in the past two years.

“I’m not going to rule out anything,” Selig said. “We’ll just proceed and whatever we decide, then we’ll just see how fast we can get it done. Once we pass something, I’m always anxious to get it done.”

Selig’s committee includes managers Tony La Russa, Jim Leyland and Mike Scioscia, and former manager Joe Torre.

There would be two wild-card teams in each league, and the wild-card teams would meet to determine which advances to division series with the three first-place teams in each league.

“I think it’s definitely worth looking at. I have no problem with that,” Yankee co-owner Hank Steinbrenner said.

Some would have the new round be best-of-three, and others would have it as a one-game winner-take-all. The mechanics appear to be at issue more than the concept.

“I pretty much know where all the constituencies are now,” Selig said. “Eight is a very fair number but so is 10.”

Before leaving the meeting, Texas Rangers president Nolan Ryan agreed with the premise that the extra round of playoffs was more a matter of how than if.

“I think that’s right,” he said.

Baseball doubled its postseason teams to four in 1969 and again to eight in 1995, a year later than intended because of a players’ strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

The vote to first add wild cards took place in September 1993.

“I got ripped and torn apart, and it was pretty bad,” Selig said. “If I had dated motherhood I don’t think I could have gotten ripped any more than I did. But now it’s fascinating to me. Now they not only like it so much, they want more of it.”

The regular-season schedule will almost certainly not be reduced from 162 games.

“There’s not much interest in that,” he said.

Selig’s committee also will discuss whether to expand video review of umpires’ calls, which began in August 2008. Its use has been limited to whether potential home runs went over fences and were fair or foul.

“It doesn’t hurt to expand it some and have it for a few other things, like plays at first base,” Steinbrenner said. “I’ve always been for as much instant replay as you can get in a sport. The NFL, at least, has that right.”

Selig has said he’s against an expansion but willing to consider it.

“There are opinions everywhere on that,” he said.

“Managers have opinions. General managers have opinions. Owners have opinions. I want to hear them all and look at them.”

A consensus also appeared to have developed to propose a slotting system for amateur draft picks and possibly a world-wide draft when collective bargaining begins next year.

While there is a sense the NFL, the NBA and the NHL could be headed for labor strife, baseball players and owners anticipate stoppage-free bargaining. Baseball hasn’t had a strike or lockout since the 7 1/2-month walkout in 1994-95, and Selig termed current dealings with the union a “constructive relationship.”

“Nobody ever could have dreamed we’d have 16 years of labor peace,” Selig said. “In American labor history, as I someday will say if I ever get around to writing my book, it probably was as bad a relationship as ever existed.

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The Belles had a strong opening to the season at Notre Dame’s Dennis Stark Relays, finishing fourth behind three Division I teams, including Notre Dame. “At the Stark Relays we all used our nerves to our advantage,” junior Katie Donovan said. “We had been working hard and were confident in our abilities individually and as a team. It was the first time this team got to experience a meet together, so we all used our excitement to help us get going.”

“We have had some healthy issues within the last week and a half,” Benishek said. “We have a small roster. We need to stay healthy the rest of the way and we will get the positive results we are hoping for.”

The Belles are spending a lot of time in the pool getting experience in different races. “The team has really come together this year,” Donovan said. “We are smaller in numbers this year so we all know each other well and know what kind of support and challenges we need from one another. Practicing hard together in the pool, cranking out some fast times, and occasionally changing things up with teamwork activities have all maintained a positive outlook on the rest of the season. Benishek said he hopes the hard work will pay off this weekend in the Windy City, as he chose to take the team to the University of Chicago Invitational because of the many quick teams that will be competing. “We wanted to set that bar high,” Benishek said. “We were between this invitation-al and one in Indianapolis. We chose the quicker meet to get the girls to step up to the plate.”

St. Mary’s will dive into the court at the beginning of the second half, with a three-pointer from Notre Dame freshman guard Kelly McBride that finally evened the score up for the first time since six minutes into the game. They tossed the lead back and fourth for the rest of the game. “When we got the lead, we didn’t make a defensive stand,” McGraw said. Defensively, senior forward Becca Brunzewski, with her third career double-double against the Bruins, raked in a career high 13 rebounds for the Irish. Senior guard Brittany Mallory fouled out in the second overtime. “We didn’t use the bench as much as we have. It was hard to take Skylar out with Brittany on the bench,” McGraw said.

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The Belles are spending a lot of the team, and it hurt not having her there,” McGraw said. “She was a force today on our team, and we really hurt not having her in there.”

McGraw said she is not sure on Mallory’s health yet, but they will know soon whether the injury is serious.

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**Rivalry**

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our programs are probably the two most storied programs in the country," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

The Irish are coming off dominant performances in the first two rounds of the tournament, outscoring New Mexico and No. 22 USC by a combined score of 7-0. They used that momentum to have another strong week of practice and prepare for their next opponent.

"The energy level in the training was great again this week," Waldrum said. "I think after that loss to Connecticut that seemed to really re-energize the team and get the team realizing that we've got to go perform every time we step on the field and those two weeks that we were preparing for New Mexico and USC were probably two of the best weeks of practice we had and then this week the kids were really back at it with a very high level in training again.

"I think we've prepared as well as we can for them, and we've watched a ton of video on them," Waldrum continued. "I think we know their performance. I think if we play like we did this weekend and put that kind of effort in we'll be in really good shape."

**FENCING**

Irish travel to face nation’s best

By MATT ROBISON

Sports Writer

The No. 1 Irish will travel to Milwaukee this weekend to compete in the United States Fencing Association’s North American Cup Nov. 19-22 in hopes of proving themselves once again the nation’s top team.

The North American Cup traditionally is one of the strongest fields of competitors in the country, and although Notre Dame will not compete as a team, they will have several individuals competing in this year’s competition. The tournament’s results will not affect the collegiate rankings, but it will give Notre Dame the opportunity to prove their excellence across the division weapons.

The Irish are coming off of a weekend-long competition at No. 2 Penn State last weekend where sophomore Reggie Bendley earned a bronze medal in the men’s foil competition and junior Ewa Nelip finished 29th of 136 competitors. Freshman Lian Oder (women’s saber) and junior Greg Schoolcraft (men’s epee) both finished fourth in their respective weapons.

Notre Dame made a strong standing at the Cup last year as sophomore Courtney Hurley finished 13th in a field of 168 competitors. Her sister, Kelley, a 2010 graduate, continued the family tradition and won the gold in the women’s epee division.

The Irish and Tar Heels will kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday at the FIE World Cup Trophy for the best junior epeeist during the 2009-10 season.

Junior Diane Zielinski took 7th in the North American Cup last year in the women’s epee while sophomore James Kaull finished an impressive 33rd of 211 competitors in the men’s.

Competition will begin today and continue until Nov. 22.

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back to health. We feel good as a team.

Historically, the Irish have dominated Villanova. Notre Dame was victorious in each of the first 16 meetings between the two squads, but have since lost three of the last four matches.

Notre Dame last faced Villanova on Nov. 5, when the Irish fell in four games to the Wildcats, which was the team’s final Big East loss of the year. After a furious comeback to win the first set, the Irish dropped the final three to fall (3-1) (23-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-18) on Villanova’s home court.

Although Villanova scored a convincing victory in the first meeting, Brown said the Irish had room to improve.

“In our first meeting, we didn’t feel like we played our best,” she said. “There are definitely things we can do to improve the result.

The game was marked by an outstanding performance by junior outside hitter Kristen Dealy who, along with 12 kills, recorded 34 digs, a career high and the most by an Irish player since 2006. However, the Irish offense was blocked, hitting only .121 for the game.

Brown said her team is prepared to make adjustments to take down the Wildcats this time around.

“We played really good defense but just not generate offense, specifically transition offense,” Brown said. “We focused on improving those elements of our game, and we feel like we got a lot better.”

A postseason berth for Notre Dame hangs in the balance of the season long no matter who it’s going to be a challenge all year,” Clark said. “We’ve done well at home thus far, and we have to continue to recognize that it’s going to be a challenge all season long no matter who you play … if we don’t do a great job in our own building then it becomes more challenging. You have to take care of the business at home if you’re going to be a top team.”

The Irish make their only appearance in the second-round game at the University of Pittsburgh.

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finals to No. 1 Louisville. Notre Dame played well in the loss and

moved up in the polls despite the loss to the powerhouse Cardinals. Though the bitter loss is still fresh, Clark said the Irish need no extra redemption.

“I think they’ll be ready. We’ve been ready since this time last year, when we lost to Northwestern in the tourna-

ment,” Clark said. “That was a learning experience. That was a tough game for us. We outshot them in shots on target 12 to 3, but lost 3-0. This group is totally aware of the task ahead of them.”

Strong seniors lead both teams with Dartmouth featuring senior middle hitter Daniel Kout, a brilliant passer who has drawn interest from the English Premier League team Blackburn Rovers during his brief professional career in New Zealand. The Irish also moved up in the polls despite the loss to the powerhouse Cardinals. Though the bitter loss is still fresh, Clark said the Irish need no extra redemption.

“Our seniors have set the right example all year,” Clark said. “I’m confident they’ll carry that leadership into this game.”

Due to their high seed, the Irish will get the opportunity to host the second-round game at the friendly confines of Alumni Stadium, where they have played well all season.

The Irish are 9-1-1 at home this year, and the new student section — the Bakes of Mallow — has contributed to a tough atmos-

phere in many of the home games. Clark said he is counting on the students to show up and support the team Sunday.

“I really would just love to have a full student contingent on Sunday, and I know the players would too,” Clark said. “It’s great to have the people in town come and cheer but I know that the students tend to make a lot more noise. It’s a rare opportunity, with this tournament being played around Thanksgiving, that the students are on campus. I would say to all those on campus who play soccer, and all the others of course, to come out and cheer the guys on.”

The second-round game will be contested Sunday at 6 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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night.”

But if Notre Dame does get caught with a lack of focus, the Spartans could turn the tables on the Irish in a hurry.

“They’re tenacious. They play hard and they’re a pret-

ty good transition team, so you have to be really smart with the puck against them,” Jackson said. “They’re going to take advantage, get you into situations where you turn the puck over and then they transition well.”

Jackson said the home games will be crucial for his squad to stay atop the con-

ference.

“It’s absolutely essential that we play well at home,” he said. “We’ve done well at home thus far, and we have to continue to recognize that it’s going to be a challenge all season long no matter who

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The Irish make their only November home appearances this Friday and Saturday. The puck drops at 7:35 p.m. Friday night and 5:05 p.m. Saturday evening.

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Solidarity Sunday

November 21, 2010

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of Tuesday Variety Show. It will return on Monday.
HOCKEY

Spartans provide only home opponent of November

By ALLAN JOSEPH

Sports Writer

The No. 11 Irish return to the friendly confines of the Joyce Center this weekend after a five-game road trip that returned mixed results.

Notre Dame (7-3-1, 5-2-1-1 CCHA) won two games, including a hard-earned 3-1 victory at No. 8/9 Michigan, tied one game (picking up the shootout point) and dropped two, including a tough 2-3 decision at Bowling Green.

Rather than coming home to a respite, however, the Irish will take on No. 17 Michigan State in what will be Notre Dame’s only two home games between Oct. 29 and Dec. 11.

“It’s always fun to play in the JACC in front of your home fans,” senior alternate captain Calle Ridderwall said. “It feels like we’ve been gone forever, so it’s definitely exciting.”

Irish guard Skylar Diggins breaks away from an UCLA defender Thursday night in a showdown at the Purcell Pavilion. Notre Dame fell 90-83 to UCLA in double overtime.

Irish fall to No. 15 UCLA in double OT

By MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writer

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins’ half-court shot at the buzzer of Thursday night’s second overtime hit the rim, but bounced out as the Irish lost 83 to UCLA at the Purcell Pavilion in the fourth double-overtime game in program history.

“These two contests against UCLA have been extended that far beyond regulation,” Clark said of his 1996-2000 career as the head coach at Dartmouth. “I think he has nothing but respect for his old team. “We played them quite often when I was at Stanford,” Clark said of his 1996-2000 career with the Cardinal. “I think we played them four times in my five years there. The year we went to the NCAA finals one of our few losses came to

Bartmout. They’re always good games, well-contested games.”

Notre Dame (10-5-4) are recovering from a hard-fought 1-0 loss to the Spartans provide only home opponent of November

By MIKE GOTIMER

Sports Writer

The Irish will take on Villanova today at the University of Pittsburgh in the first round of the Big East Championship, with postseason hopes on the line.

The Irish are seeded fifth while the Wildcats hold the fourth seed.

The team is coming off a successful last weekend of play, where it swept through its final two Big East opponents, Rutgers and Seton Hall.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said she believes her team is looking strong going into the conference championship.

“We have been in a good rhythm,” she said. “We have executed well, performed well statistically, and our injured players have been nursed

ND Women’s Basketball

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ND Volleyball

Conference title quest kicks off

By ALLAN JOSEPH

Sports Writer

North Carolina will renew its biggest rivalry Saturday in women’s college soccer’s title quest.

No 7. Notre Dame and No. 3 North Carolina will renew women’s college soccer’s biggest rivalry Saturday in the College Cup’s round of 16 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Irish are seeded fifth ahead of them (a pair of games at North Dakota Nov. 26-27), the young Irish squad will have to focus on the task at hand. Ridderwall doesn’t see that being an issue for his teammates.

“I think coming into this weekend, (the freshmen have) had enough games in their bag,” he said. “They know what to expect and know what level we have to play at every

Team to face Carolina yet again

By MIKE GOTIMER

Sports Writer

For the better part of the last two decades, match-ups between the Irish and Tar Heels have been the sport’s biggest game of the year and often carries huge national title implications. This weekend’s contest is no different, as the winner will advance to the next round as the clear favorite to reach the Final Four.

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ND Women’s Soccer

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Sports Writer

From 1985 to 1993, Irish coach Bobby Clark bled green as the head coach at Dartmouth. On Sunday, the Big Green will line up opposite Clark’s No. 9 Spartans.

Clark said he was watching the opening round game, and saw a dangerous Big Green attack.

“I saw a very well-organized team. They have players that are very special,” Clark said. “They can make things happen. We’ll have to prepare for that as we prepare for the opponent.”

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In 1924, Notre Dame and its "Four Horsemen" defeated Army 13-7, on the way to the first of 11 National Championships. After that game, sports-writer Granlund Rice made sure everyone knew about the game.

In 2006, 48 games and nearly 100 years after the teams' first meeting, Notre Dame and its green jerseys steamrolled Army, as expected, 41-9. That was after that game, people started wondering where the Irish were going.

Any first-year theology student can explain that at Notre Dame, "Tradition" is spelled with a capital "T." It is the fabric of the University and, at least in theory, should be consulted as a major factor when deciding how to move forward.

This is true in a lot of areas at the school, but especially football. Traditions have flourished since the days of Knute Rockne (who, in 1928, at Yankee Stadium, against Army, asked his team to "Win one for the Gipper"). But it has been a while since those traditions have been something more than an exercise in remembrance, and fans want the whole thing back.

In a way, fans' wants have increased because of the exposure Notre Dame is playing Army at Yankee Stadium. But the Yankees, the team that question is noticeably shinier, while Notre Dame and Army are noticeably whiter.

The administration is doing all it can, and more, to bring attention to the 100th meeting between the two teams and the 50th in the home of the Yankees.

What the administration fails to realize is scheduling games doesn't mean a return to the past.

This year it's Army. In 2012, it's Miami at Soldier Field in Chicago. In 2015 and 2016, the Irish and Hurricanes will play a home-and-home series, another wish granted for all who repeatedly bring up 1988's "Catholics vs. Gypsies" as the last real testament of Notre Dame's team and fans.

That win, of course, came soon before Notre Dame's last National Championship, now nearly 22 years ago.

And it will take much, much more than playing Army or Miami to bring around another one.

Fortunately, Irish coach Brian Kelly knows this. After Notre Dame's 28-3 win over Utah Saturday, Kelly said his players "didn't have on their shoulders the traditions and reputations" that come along with playing here.

"We were just playing," he said. "We're back to playing the game of football the way it needs to be played."

It seems hard to imagine an Irish team under the lights in Yankee Stadium, playing Army in green jerseys, and not concerned about the past. But Kelly said there is a distinction.

"We want to move forward," he said. "We want to have this conversation. We want to entertain Notre Dame," he said. "We just can't carry all of the unfulfilled expectations."

Expectations were fairly low going into the game against Utah, which could explain why the team's shoulders were lighter. But if the Irish continue to play like they did Saturday, they will probably start to pile up again, and quickly.

But Kelly doesn't want his team to feel that. He wants them to go out and play.

"Play the game of football," he said. "Enjoy it. Play it hard, play it fast."

The burden, then, may fall not on the team, but on the fans and the administration to allow the team to do just that.

Notre Dame's tradition is special and important. It is right to celebrate that tradition. Asking a team of young men, most of whom weren't alive in January of 1959, to emulate that tradition is different.

They know about the past, and they love the tradition. It's why they're here. They want to win against Army Saturday and against Utah next week. They want to beat Miami in two years.

No matter what, though, this team can't bring back the past, and neither can games against historical rivals.

What this Notre Dame team can do, with its own offensive scheme, its own backfield and its own green jerseys, is win against Army. After that game, with a bowl game in the works, people will start to wonder if the Irish are bringing in the future.

They'll keep those thoughts to themselves and allow the team to keep playing the game of football.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Off-campus game brings pros, cons

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Sports Editor

Notre Dame may advertise Saturday's game at Yankee Stadium as a home game, but as far as recruiting is concerned, it is anything but.

By holding the game off campus, the Irish are neither allowed to host recruits on official visits nor hold extended conversations with them, Irish recruiting expert Frank said.

"What they can do is give recruits tickets to the games, so they can come to the game and see Notre Dame," Frank said. "But we want to make sure they and have long conversations when it's off-campus."

Even without the official visits, Frank said the off-site games could serve a beneficial purpose for the Irish.

"It's a good thing because there is a lot of talent in the Jersey, Philadelphia area, all that area, including some in New York State," he said. "Just having them come to the game to actually see Notre Dame is a big deal. That was the whole idea of these off-site games, to increase the exposure."

Frank estimated 20 to 25 recruits could watch the game from within Yankee Stadium to get a better feeling for Notre Dame.

"I suspect [running back] Savon Huggins will come in. [Linebacker] Ishqaq Williams will be there," Frank said. "And I think a bunch of guys in that area, class of 2012 kids, will come in and be introduced to Notre Dame football."

Huggins, a four-star recruit from Jersey City, N.J., holds scholarship offers from numerous schools, including Florida, Oregon and Rutgers, and all of those schools — including Notre Dame — will have to wait a few months to learn Huggins' final decision.

"Savon is going to visit a number of other schools," Frank said. "He doesn't plan to make a decision until Signing Day, so we won't have a decision out of him for quite some time, but I do think Notre Dame is very much still in the race."

"I certainly do think they have a great shot, and it would help if they ran the ball on Saturday. Obviously last weekend they were able to and that is a good thing to show to Savon as well."

Williams, another four-star recruit, from Brooklyn, N.Y., holds overwhelming offers than Huggins — including Florida, Oregon and Rutgers again — and will likely hold off on his decision as well.

While having two dozen recruits at a game is typical — considered a high number, Saturday's game should affect many more Notre Dame recruits, Frank said.

The 7 p.m. kickoff will increase the national audience, and catch the eyes of many potential Notre Dame players.

"Any time you can play in that type of environment, that is a good thing," he said. "There are a lot of eyes out there wanting to watch this game. A lot of times, 17- year-old kids, recruits, are out there during the day hanging out with their buddies. They aren't at home watching college football.

"You catch them at 7 p.m. before they go out in the evening, and show them something on the field, that can certainly have a tremendous effect."
Ready for Rees

After entering the season third on the depth chart, freshman Tommy Rees now holds Notre Dame’s fate

By SAM WERNER

Sports Writer

Tommy Rees walks into the interview room, and the assembled media immediately flock to the freshman signal-caller. For someone who was in high school just a year ago, he handles the situation with complete aplomb and nonchalance.

"It’s a change of pace from what I’m used to since I’ve been here," Rees said with a smile. "It’s kind of cool to have the attention, but at the same time it’s not that big of a deal."

It’s all part of the job description for the man who probably never expected to be here. Entering the season, junior Dayne Crist was firmly entrenched as Notre Dame’s starting quarterback and Rees was competing with junior Nate Montana for the back-up spot. Suffice to say, the freshman has come a long way.

Getting a jump start

Last season, when it became apparent that former Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen could leave early for the NFL, the Irish coaching staff approached Rees about possibly enrolling in January. Seeing an opportunity to get a leg up on learning the Irish offense, the Lake Forest, Ill., native got his academics in order to get to South Bend in time for spring practice.

Even though he was initially recruited by former Irish coach Charlie Weis, Rees elected to stay committed — and follow through on his plan on early enrollment — when Weis was fired in December. Rees said new coach Brian Kelly’s past success sealed the deal for him.

The first thing that jumped out at me when I met (Kelly), last winter was how much of a leader he was," Rees said. "I think the reason he was able to get the team to commit was he was bringing Notre Dame back," Rees said. "That’s something I really wanted to be a part of."

Throughout spring practices, Rees and Montana split practices reps with the second team. In the 2010 Blue-Gold Game, Rees completed all three of his pass attempts for 18 yards, but was outshone by Montana, who threw for 223 yards and three touchdowns.

Still, Rees said the experience he gained in spring practice was invaluable in preparing him for the real game action.

"I think the right comparison was that spring practice was most helpful for just the little things in the offense, like getting the footwork down, getting your reads down and all that," he said. "It’s a little different (during the season) when you’re game-planning for an opponent."

The experience Rees gained in spring practice would come into play earlier than anyone could have anticipated. In Notre Dame’s second game of the season against Michigan, Crist went down with an apparent head injury and Rees was forced into action. On his first career passing attempt, Rees threw an interception to Wolverine linebacker Jonathon Mouton. After one more incompletion, Rees was pulled for the rest of the half in favor of Montana. After the Irish lost 28-24, Kelly admitted he “did a poor job” preparing both back-ups.

For his part, Rees said he didn’t let the poor first performance get him down.

"Against Michigan there were some butterflies going, some pre-game jitters," Rees said. "You’ve just got to keep working hard after that and keep preparing like you know you can play.”

Even though he wouldn’t admit it at the time, Rees said the trial by fire helped prepare him for the rigors of big-time college football.

“Now, I’d say yes, I think he did," he said. "But at the time you obviously want to do a little better. In hindsight, it’s probably helped out getting that out of the way."

All about confidence

After struggling in his first action against Michigan, Rees began to work his way back up the depth chart. Against Navy, with the game out of reach, Rees came in to relieve Crist. Displaying a poise that was noticeably absent against the Wolverines, Rees went 6-of-7 for 79 yards. Even if it was in garbage time against a second-string defense, he said he could feel his confidence starting to build.

“Getting some more game experience along the way really helped," Rees said.

On Oct. 30 against Tulsa, Crist went down again — this time for the season. The game reps against Michigan and Navy appeared to have paid off, as the freshman played with maturity beyond his years. Crists’ injury may have set off a panic among Notre Dame fans around the country, but Rees stayed cool under pressure, and became the first Irish freshman quarterback to throw four touchdown passes in a game.

Even though the game ended on a costly interception, Rees drew rave reviews from Kelly after his hard performance.

"Awesome," Kelly said of Rees in the post-game press conference. "Are you kidding me? I couldn’t be more happy for the kid. True freshman going out there, hasn’t played. He just competes. Took some big hits, got right back up. I don’t know if he knew where he was a couple of times. Got right back up and said some things. I knew that he was going to compete again."

Rees admitted he surprised himself a little bit with his performance, but added that he felt prepared for the situation.

“I had a lot of confidence in what I can do going out there, and to play as I did is something I worked hard for and something I couldn’t do without all the preparation, all the practice, and all the support," Rees said. "They should get a lot more credit than I have — the line, the receivers — they’ve done their job and adapted to a freshman quarterback being in there."

In his first career start against Utah, Kelly and the coaching staff implemented a slightly more run-based offensive system. Rees only threw the ball 20 times, but completed 13 passes for 129 yards and three touchdowns. More importantly, though, the Irish dominated the No. 14 Utes for a 28-3 win. After the win, Rees said he was shaking hands with Utah players when he noticed something unusual.

“I see a couple of students that I know, and I’m kind of confused as to why they’re on the field, then all of a sudden the whole student section is out there going nuts," he said. "It was really great."

His team now

With the Irish now one win away from bowl eligibility, Rees said he was just focused on his job on the field.

“Just stay with what you’re doing in the program, stay within your offense and work hard through football and try not to let all the outside effects get to you," he said.

Could that be difficult this weekend, with the pomp and circumstance surrounding Notre Dame’s first game at Yankee Stadium since 1969? Kelly acknowledged that it is quite a way for Rees to start his college football career.

“Last year at this time he was in high school," Kelly said. "And he’s going to get a start at Notre Dame, Yankee Stadium and the [Los Angeles Memorial] Coliseum. That’s not too bad.”

To be successful in such high-profile environments, Rees must be comfortable in his role as Irish starter. Even though it took a while, he said he finally feels like it’s his team now, and he’s not just filling in for Crist.

“Dayne would probably say the same thing," Rees said. "That’s kind of the mentality you have to have as a quarterback. You’ve got to come in, be in charge and be a leader."

Other players are buying into Rees’ leadership, too.

"He sees the field very well, and I like him a lot out there," junior receiver Michael Floyd said. "And I feel confident with him — everybody out there does feel confident with him out there, too."

Rees said Crist has been more than helpful in his development both as a quarterback and a leader.

"He’s been great," Rees said. "We watch film together and we talk after practice. He’s been there for me every step along the way."

Another confidant for Rees has been his father, Bill, a former NCAA assistant coach at UCLA and Northwestern.

“We talk once or twice every day and the bulk of the conversation is football," Rees said. "It’s great to have him there supporting me and it’s great to have another person I can turn to talk about the game.”

The attention can be overwhelming at times, but Rees is keeping calm under pressure, both on and off the field. With so many possible external pressures, it’s all about keeping an even keel.

“We’ve got to prepare just like we did last week, have a consis-
tency with how we play and just try to stack some wins here at the end.”

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Def. Coordinator
59 rec., 767 yards, 9 TD
9 rec., 106 yards, 2 TD
T.O.P. for: 26:41 (117th)
Fumbles lost: 6 (88th)
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Charley Molnar
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Sept. 11 Michigan—L
Sept. 18 @ Michigan St. — L
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Oct. 9 Pittsburgh — W
Oct. 16 Western Michigan — W
Oct. 23 @ Navy — L
Oct. 30 Tulsa — L
Nov. 13 Utah — W
Nov. 20 Army — L
Nov. 27

Statistical Leaders

Irish freshman quarterback Tommy Rees was effective, but certainly not spectacular, in his first start for Notre Dame against Utah. He threw three touchdowns and no interceptions, en route to a blowout of the Utes.

Rees is still young and inexperienced, though, and likely will not be able to be counted on to win a game for the Irish. Luckily for Rees and Notre Dame, junior wide receiver Michael Floyd is playing up to his potential. He has nine touchdowns on the year, including seven in the last four games in which he has played. Senior Duval Kamara also played well against Utah, catching two passes for 38 yards, both for scores.

While the Irish have been a pass-heavy team for the majority of the season, they had a solid day against Utah without Armando Allen, putting up 127 yards on a Utes team that had the nation’s No. 14 rush defense.

In relief of Allen, sophomore running back Cierre Wood led the Irish with 71 yards on 19 carries against the Utes for just 3.7 yards per carry, slightly below his season average of 4.4. Junior running back Jonas Gray, however, exploded for 44 yards on just three carries against the Utes and provides a spark for Notre Dame in relief of Wood.

Army brings the nation’s No. 45 rush defense into the game presents a matchup problem for the Irish ones again. The Irish will need to beat Army’s defenders off the ball in order to open up holes for their runners.

Brian Kelly’s gameplan against Utah was superb. He led an unexperienced quarterback to success with a good mix of run and short passes that made it easy for Rees to play well. The Irish offense did not move the ball as well as they have in the past, but they made the most of their opportunities, which has to be, in part, credited to Kelly’s playcalling. He will once again need to help Rees along the way.

Which Notre Dame team will we see this weekend at Yankee Stadium? The Irish squad who lost back to back games to Navy and Tulsa and looked completely unprepared to face the Midshipmen triple-option attack? Or the one that dominated Utah in every facet of the game?

Notre Dame took a smashmouth attitude against Utah, and lost them in the trenches. Clearly they have that ability, and Army is another opponent with inferior talent and size on the line of scrimmage. As long as there isn’t a Senior Day let-down, the Irish win big.

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The Black Knights’ offense begins and ends with running game. Their triple-option style offense thrives on keeping possession of the ball and wearing out opposing defenses.

Seven players on the Army roster have scored a rushing touchdown this season. Sophomore quarterback Trent Steelman has a 138.93 passer rating, completing 63 percent of his passing attempts, yards and touchdowns. Army is not a threat to pass often, but when they do, Steelman is top on the team in touchdowns, and ends with their running game.

Army’s defensive unit, led by senior nose tackle Ian Williams and sophomore linebacker Carlo Calabrese, has been a force in the trenches.

Notre Dame’s defense failed miserably last season, as the Black Knights finished 16th in rushing offense. If Army can keep Notre Dame's offense off-guard as well as Navy did, they will have success on the ground.

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## Final Score

**Notre Dame 34, Army 13**
Remember the last time Notre Dame played against a team that ran the option? Saturday night’s showdown with Army gives the Irish players and coaches a chance at redemption and an opportunity to erase the memories of a forgettable defensive showing against Navy. Notre Dame's game plan against the Midshipmen was clearly exposed and exploited, and while the Irish have certainly made adjustments, Irish coach Brian Kelly said Tuesday it still comes down to basic defensive concepts.

“Physical and mental toughness, controlling the line of scrimmage, those are all the things that I’m sure you’ve all heard a football coach talk to the media,” Kelly said. “We have to do the same things we did against Utah, and we have to do it against an offense and a defense we don’t see very much.”

Navy fullback Alexander Teich gave the Irish defense fits, and Notre Dame will have to contend with another rushing threat at fullback in Army’s Jared Hassin. The Black Knights sophomore leads the team in rushing with 858 yards on only 150 carries.

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Army presents another triple-option challenge

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

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By defeating Kent State 45-28 Saturday, Hassin and Army became bowl eligible.
The Irish last played in Yankee Stadium in 1969. Then, Ara Parseghian and the Irish trounced none other than Army 45-0. The victory brought Notre Dame’s record in The House That Ruth Built to 15-6-3.

More than four decades later, Notre Dame and Army return to the Bronx, but not much else has remained the same. Brian Kelly now fills Parseghian’s place as Irish coach. Yankee Stadium has moved 100 yards north of its previous location. Nonetheless, the Irish have hardly contained their excitement about the primetime game in New York.

“They know they’re going to New York,” Kelly said in his Tuesday press conference. “I don’t think I’ve ever had more injured guys ask me if they were traveling this week. They’re all excited about that.”

Notre Dame’s history at Yankee Stadium is well-chronicled: from Knute Rockne’s “Win one for the Gipper” speech in 1928 to a 3-0-2 record under Frank Leahy in the 1940s, when Notre Dame won four national championships. In fact, two of those titles resulted largely from the outcome of the Irish match-up with Army. In 1943, top-ranked Notre Dame beat No. 3 Army 26-0, and in 1946, the No. 2 Irish tied the top-ranked Black Knights at zero.

“I think [this is] just a great atmosphere for college football,” Kelly said. “50th meeting of Army versus Notre Dame, so there’s a lot to the game. We’re excited about that certainly.”

The encounter may be the 50th in the historic series between the Irish and the Black Knights, but this version of Yankee Stadium, now two years old, has never hosted a college football game.

“It’s clearly something that has been at the forefront of every conversation that I’ve heard of, from moving a foul pole to making sure there’s enough access on the sidelines.” Once on the field, and assured of safety, the Irish will have only one goal on their mind.

“We’ve just got to make sure we keep all the laughter and joy down and just make sure we compete on Saturday and do everything we’ve got to do to win,” Floyd said. Although, junior defensive lineman Kapron Lewis-Moore did admit he wouldn’t mind seeing some celebrities at the game.

“I’m pretty excited about it,” he said. “Hopefully, it’d be kind of cool if some of the Yankees players were there, but you never know.”