Students celebrate Solidarity Sunday

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Notre Dame’s 27-3 win over Army was the first football game to be played in the new Yankee Stadium and the first time the Irish have visited New York City in 41 years. Back home in South Bend, students couldn’t be happier with the outcome.

“I though the game was absolutely amazing,” freshman Vincent Lynch said. “It looks like Kelly’s finally lit a fire under the stadium.”

Some students said they were impressed with how both the defense and the offense played Saturday.

“The fact that we’ve held two opponents to six points two weeks in a row is awesome,” Lynch said.

Sophomore Josh Underhill said he was impressed with freshman quarterback Tommy Rees’ performance. Rees completed 13 passes for 214 yards and one touchdown in his second career start.

Even though football was the main attraction, some students said they found Notre Dame did not just dominate in Yankee Stadium — they took over the whole city.

Junior Julia Cancro, a New York native, headed home with friends to watch the game.

“In a row is awesome,” Lynch said. "It was nice to see the city transform into one big ND event.”

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Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s released statements Sunday in reaction to a Chicago Tribune story about the circumstances surrounding the Sept. 10 death of first year Saint Mary’s student Elizabeth “Lizzy” Seeberg.

The Chicago Tribune reported in Sunday story that Seeberg told Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) she was sexually attacked by a Notre Dame football player Aug. 31. Originally from Northbrook, Ill., Seeberg died at Memorial Hospital in South Bend on Sept. 10. She was 19 years old and a resident of McCandless Hall.

In a Sunday statement, Saint Mary’s director of media relations Gwen O’Brien directly referenced the Chicago Tribune story and said the College would not comment on the circumstances surrounding Seeberg’s death.

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‘Modernities’ begins in New York

Jenkins, others speak on project’s significance

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

NEW YORK — Notre Dame holds countless lectures and panels, but it is not customary for University President Fr. John Jenkins to speak at each event.

Last week’s launch of the Contending Modernities research initiative was different. Jenkins, who stood behind a podium in clerical clothing, delivered the opening remarks.

Next to him, the Grand Mufti of Egypt channeled in via Skype, donning a white turban and sitting in front of bookcases filled with Arabic texts.

The contrast between those two leaders’ attire, and the medium they used to communicate with the audience, embodied everything Contending Modernities hoped to accomplish — to cross barriers between Muslims and Catholics in the context of a modern world.

Their remarks launched what is to be a several year research and public education project. This initial phase focuses on the relationship between Catholicism, Islam and secularism.

“This initiative builds on the simple strength of Notre Dame — a great research university and a religious mission,” Jenkins told The Observer. “That puts Notre Dame at the heart of some of the most important issues in the world today.”

Contending Modernities kicked off Thursday and Friday at the Stadium and the first time the Army was the first football game.
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**IN BRIEF**

At 4:30 p.m. today, architectural historian Joseph Rykwert will present "Body, City, World: Reflections on a Metaphor" in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Library. This lecture is free and open to the public.

The Coffee House of Geddies Hall will host an information session on Community-Based Research Programs. Students interested in research related to the humanities and social sciences are encouraged to join representatives from the Center for Social Concerns at 6 p.m. tonight. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Notre Dame faces Maine in men's basketball tonight in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost ranges between $15 and $40. For more information, contact the athletics department.

Evelyn Huber (Ph.D., Yale University) and John D. Stephens (Ph.D., Yale University) will present "Theories and the Advanced Latin American Social Policy Regimes: Explaining the Different Trajectories" tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. This lecture, held in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center, is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, there will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 10 a.m. This will be followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner in North Dining Hall from 12 to 3 p.m. There is no 11:45 a.m. or 5:15 p.m. Mass this Thursday.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

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**OFFBEAT**

New Jersey pilot drops toilet paper over high school

WESTWOOD, N.J. — The Federal Aviation Administration won’t take any action against a New Jersey pilot who tossed rolls of toilet paper from a small plane onto an athletic field as a test run for a streamer drop at an upcoming high school football game.

FAA spokesman Jim Peters told The Record of Bergen County Friday that the agency investigated but found no grounds for further action against pilot Warren Saunders of Westwood.

Saunders still faces a state criminal charge. Police said Saunders circulated the Westwood Middle School athletic fields in his Cessna 172 on the evening of Oct. 13 and dropped two rolls of toilet paper. People at a nearby soccer practice called police.

Saunders’ lawyer, Scott Berkoben, was out of his office and unavailable for comment Friday.

Camouflaged dancers scare drivers in Lincoln Tunnel

WESTHAWKEN, N.J. — A dance troupe from Florida caused a rush-hour terror scare when they ditched their cars in the Lincoln Tunnel and tried to run to a TV appearance in Manhattan while wearing their camouflage costumes.

The dancers drove about 1,000 miles so they could appear Wednesday on BET’s live “106 & Park” show. But they hit traffic at the tunnel, which connects New Jersey and New York City, and is just two miles from the TV studio.

The five young women and three young men decided to sprint the rest of the way. They left their adult chaperones behind and ran through the toll plaza.

Armed officers with Port Authority police and the FBI-NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force gave chase, closing the tunnel for 45 minutes.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**Theatre**

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE — The Observer Dame cheerleading squad in Times Square in New York City. The squad was performing prior to the Times Square concert performed by the Notre Dame Marching Band on Friday afternoon.

Leprechaun David Zimmer performs stunts with the Notre Dame Dame cheerleading squad in Times Square in New York City. The squad was performing prior to the Times Square concert performed by the Notre Dame Marching Band on Friday afternoon.

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**Know someone chill for Monday's Icebreaker? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com**
University students celebrate Spirit of Inclusion on campus

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

A new student organization on the Notre Dame campus, Spirit of Inclusion, is working towards social justice on campus, and is already starting to change the culture.

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SMC hosts Dad's Weekend

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's hosted the fathers of the Class of 2010 Friday through Sunday for the annual Dad's Weekend, a tradition at Saint Mary's.

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Air Force selects ND professor for program

By DAVID B. GO
Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Notre Dame, Dr. Matthew Mooney was recently selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) as one of 43 engineers and scientists who will participate in the 2011 Young Investigator Program (YIP).

"The programs, which is only open to engineers and scientists, was always a dream of mine," Mooney said.

The professor who has received awards from the American Society for Mass Spectrometry and the American Society of Engineering Education, in 2009, received a seed grant from the ND's Mooney's address and the beers."

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"Notre Dame fans are Notre Dame fans everywhere they go," he said. Students watching from home could also feel the difference from playing the game here at Notre Dame Stadium or at another college football stadium.

"It was great to win on such a big stage," sophomore Mike Nolt said. While the football team took center stage, the band also traveled to New York City and performed at the game, as well as a pep rally ahead of the game and a concert in Time Square. "The concert in Times Square was amazing," sophomore Julie Novak said. "So many people were there, some not even Notre Dame fans. It was just awesome to have all these people cheering for us!"

Senior Alex Iuell said he loved the whole experience and tradition of playing and visiting New York City. Although it wasn't the old Yankee Stadium, it was still the same one. "I think some of the remarks, Yankee Stadium, it was still the whole experience and tradition of playing and visiting New York City. Notre Dame fans. It was just awesome to have all these people cheering for us!"

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weeks of school for first year students at Saint Mary's College.

"At Saint Mary's College, the safety, security and well-being of our students are our top priorities," O'Brien said. "We take our responsibility to guide them through their four years at Saint Mary's very seriously, and Saint Mary's College, Saint Mary's provides our young women with a variety of programs, many of which are required, to prepare them for life in the world today."

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Sheraton Hotel in New York City. This was the first football game in the new Yankee Stadium.

"New York is such a center of contemporary culture, diversity of all sorts, for the world, not simply for the United States," he said. "To do it here brings us to the crossroads of ideas and discussions and cultures to start this important initiative."

Though the project was planned before the controversy over building a mosque near the World Trade Center site began, the debate made New York an even better fit for the launch, Jenkins said. "We must find a way to understand different religious traditions.

Jenkins, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, showed how this type of prejudice has occurred throughout history in Thursday's lecture. He contrasted the present struggles of Muslims Americans to that of Catholics in the early 20th century.

"That's where we can easily make adjustments, but at the same time say they serve a purpose in certain places," Mattson said. "I think it's that issue of judgment that you bring." The panel also addressed issues such as birth control, in vitro fertilization and same-sex marriage in the context of Catholicism, Islam and secularism.

While Catholicism generally opposes forms of birth control, Mattson said Islam does not. "There are a variety of religious and cultural and political developments.

The challenge is how to ensure that Muslims are participants and partners in the modern world, confronting new realities with wisdom and balance, remaining faithful to our religious traditions," he said. Friday's panel tackled the issue of women and family in Catholic and Islamic societies.

Ingrid Mattson, former president of the Islamic Society of North America, pointed to classi- cal Islamic law to show how tradi- tional rules need to be taken in context and adjusted for a modern world.

"It's very protective of women and children. You could say this is paternalistic," she said. "But if you look at an environment where there is no political security, where going out beyond the borders of a secure area could mean being abducted or being raped... Now it looks like com- mon sense."

She warned against making such laws essential in the modern day world.

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The conference's mission was particularly important for Catholics, and for Notre Dame as a Catholic University. "Unless we're engaged in dia- logue with other religious tradi- tions, we're not genuinely Catholic because we're called to unity with all human beings. We're called to respect and appre- ciate the expression of the faith," he said. "If we fail to do this, we will be less Catholic.

He said the Contending Modernities initiative was a "tremendous opportunity and call" for Notre Dame to provide discussion, debate and inquiry.

"That's why I'm excited about this conference," Jenkins said. "I think that is a very good thing about contemporary Catholicism."
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Junior Elizabeth Andrews, a double major in Arabic and anthropology, also attended the events. She said she enjoyed learning about the research related to these three topic areas.

“I think it’s a really important topic in that the subject matter is incredibly politically, socially, economically relevant today, and it’s in a field in which research doesn’t regularly present itself,” Andrews said. “So it’s just good for students to see that there are people exploring these topics just because they are so important.”

Andrews also said she appreciated the opportunity to see scholars work together to present their views on Catholicism, Islam and secularism.

“I was really impressed to see so many scholars together collaborating and referencing one another in their own speeches,” she said. “It was also intimidating to be sitting among all of these people who I had read their work in class.”

Notre Dame theology professor Fr. Paul Kollman said the speakers at the events complemented one another by addressing the three topic areas and their relationship to modernity.

“I thought the talks (Thursday) got us off to a good start, each in its own way asking us interesting, comparative questions about each of the three traditions broadly conceived in the title of the project,” Kollman said.

Mahan Mirza, professor of Arabic and Islamic studies at Notre Dame, is a member of Contending Modernities’ steering committee. As one of two Muslim faculty members who work in areas relating to Islam at Notre Dame, Mirza said the project interests him on both a personal and professional level.

Contending Modernities and its launch in New York demonstrate a combination of “cutting edge scholarship” and public debate, Mirza said.

“These are all very difficult things to do and I think that very institutions are capable of having such multi-pronged, multi-dimensional conversations,” he said. “Notre Dame is answering that call in a way.”

Coyne said she also found the project’s emphasis on healthy conversation important. Contending Modernities fits her academic interests, but as a member of the Center for Social Concern’s student advisory committee, she works to engage her fellow students in dialogue.

Earlier this semester, Coyne and the student advisory committee held a student conversation about the Islamic Cultural Center near ground zero, which she said was successful.

“The discussion at that event was phenomenal,” she said. “And that really showed me how students at (Notre Dame) are interested in these topics and almost kind of starved for ways to talk about them outside of the classroom. So … (Contending Modernities) is a wonderful opportunity for us to engage with these issues and think about how we can serve to bring these issues back to school with us and work with our peers to talk about these issues.”

While Contending Modernities combines scholarship and public debate on a number of topics, Mirza said its overall meaning involves making the world a better place. Because approximately half of the world’s population is either Muslim or Catholic, he said understanding between these two religious groups is crucial.

“For me, I can boil it down to trying to help us all get along and trying to understand each other,” Mirza said. “We want to have better lives, as the Grand Mufti of Egypt Ali Gomaa said at the event, for our children and our grandchildren. And that’s what I think this project is all about.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Braving the Winter Wonderland

Nov. 22. 8:40 a.m. In the minutes leading up to this moment I will sit poised at my laptop, armed with a list of numbers and ready for battle. I prepare not for the epic fields of ancient myths but for the late fall semester battle of Notre Dame students — DART.

As first semester closes and second semester approaches, every Notre Dame student faces the task of registration for spring classes. We glanced or complained sufficiently about our DART times — I flouted my miraculously early time. I read lists of requirements for my English major, registered upperclassmen, analyzed CRNs and formulated backup plans. I discovered classes in my major minor or that intrigued me — Monstrous Mothers in Literature or Writing, India — and then discovered upperclassmen snagged all open slots before my DART time even opened. Some of us will be forced to select second choices, and some will earn coveted seats with in highly competitive classes.

I have no idea what the letters in the acronym DART mean. I just know my four minutes of DARTing beginning at 8:40 a.m. will be the most stressful moments of my day.

After I complete my spring semester classes, I will be halfway done with my time at Notre Dame. That thought is a daunting one. As I build my schedule, I chip away at my graduation requirements. I am working towards my degree with every step — and then what? Behind the stress and rush and anticipation of DART, what are we really building when we build our schedules? Our schedules bear weeks of running on the power of caffeine, and we live the grind of classes, tests, labs, problem sets, article assignments and meetings. The pressure builds and builds and builds — and sometimes we forget to breathe.

When we finally inhale, when we finally take a moment to step outside the daily grind, we realize where we are. These classes are pieces of a degree that will carry us through the rest of our lives. When the cold hits Notre Dame, we will receive a diploma bearing the University seal — that gold from the dome. The presence that towered over us for four years remains with us in a very physical, 24-carat sense that will hang on walls forever. But the CRNs we frantically enter in the computer as we DART also signs us up for the courses we will remember for years to come.

We learn lessons about chemistry, literature, math, art, music, philosophy, French grammar and spirituality. More importantly, we learn what we think is what we will fight for.

Stand up for battle, everyone. Here we go.

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Megan Doyle
News Production Editor

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

BURSTING THE BUBBLE

Ken Keyes Jr.
British politician

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A loving person lives in a loving hostile world. Everyone you meet is your mirror.”

Ken Keyes Jr.
U.S. author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.”

Sir Winston Churchill
British politician
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Satire alive and well

It’s been a long time since I’ve read a good bit of satire in a newspaper editorial, so I was quite surprised, not to mention impressed, when I stumbled upon Ryan Williams’ creed about “Evil lurking in Harry Potter” (Nov. 18). In it, Mr. Williams goes on at length about the moral and existential threats present in the famous J.K. Rowling series and accuses the myriad Potter fans of ignoring the University’s Christian principles.

What makes this editorial brilliant, however, is the care with which he wrote it. It’s obvious he’s familiar with most, if not all the baseless accusations against the Potter franchise and its creator, J.K. Rowling, and he manages to address nearly every one in turn, subtly highlighting just why they’re so absurd.

I have to wonder whether Mr. Williams has read the books, though. It seems he hasn’t, because the editorial reads like it’s from someone who wouldn’t touch them with a 10-foot pole, but I could be wrong. It’s entirely possible he actually has read them and chose to ignore them to make his diatribe all the more convincing.

Whatever the case may be, though, I have to applaud Mr. Williams for his biting take on paranoid fundamentalism and the reactionary absurdity it breeds.

Kudos, Mr. Williams. I hope to read more of your work soon.

Pete Reimers
library staff
Nov. 18

GIVE ME A BREAK...

Utah a special game

As I stood with the rain dripping off the hood of my poncho and looked out across the packed stadium now lit up by lights at the people clapping to the famous Fight Song being played by the band, I felt something in the air I couldn’t describe. Something that took your breath away, brought a tear to your eye and a lump in your throat. Then I realized it was the magic of Notre Dame waking up the echoes, shaking the thunder from the sky and welling up pride in everyone in that stadium. We were winning a huge game in a rivalry we were winning. We were beating arated team when we had already lost five games. We were kicking “unbeaten” — a word coined by “Rockn Roll” Ismail — out of our house. Our guys were playing their hearts out and it showed.

I never wanted the game to end. There was so much excitement in the air as the stadium roared, cheering the team to victory. There was so much pride as we yelled, “We are ND!” The rain didn’t dampen the crowd’s spirits as no one left when it continued to rain and the cold air peeled in bringing a damp chill. Even in those few light showers, we were still cheering for our team to win. Maybe they felt it too. Maybe they were seeing the magic of Notre Dame and what it is all about to “be ND” and maybe it captured them and held them in its grip.

Seeing the students rush the field after the game made me wish I could do it too. I wanted to join in all the celebrating. As I watched the team, the band, the students singing, laughing, all I could think about was how it was long overdue. We needed this happiness, this good feeling. Sure, it was a Top 10 team we had just beaten and we hadn’t just won a National Championship, but it was a victory of a different sort. It was a victory that said we finally believed in ourselves and we were finally turning the corner and yes, what though the odds, we could win.

I wanted to bottle up all the joy and excitement that was on the field and take it home with me. Whenever I would need a lift, I could win.

Ryan, I am very impressed with your letter decrieing the evils of my dear friend Harry (“Evil lurking in Harry Potter,” Nov. 18). It takes some serious testicular fortitude to stand up to a series of novels depicting a virtuous hero, a lovable ginger and a curly haired, intelligent and sexy coed in a fight against evil. I am especially impressed with your decision to choose this issue as your existential threat to Catholic morality in a world where we, as a nation, are fighting two wars that are all but forgotten by the average citizen, discriminating against gays and Muslims, idolizing Glenn Beck and holding the dollar as the highest standard of success and godliness. Likewise, you have made a swell choice of ‘brave, enlightened leaders’ to show the validity of your cause.

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With your noble cause chosen and in hand, it is now time to choose your next step. I vote you go out on South Quad and burn every Harry Potter book in sight, as the decision to criticize the moral content of a book, instead of just shutting up and not reading it, usually leads to this practice. You’ll be in good fellowship with Adolf Whatshisname and some preacher from Florida. In fact, why don’t you petition the University to stop teaching things about dinosaurs (fossils are God’s way of testing our faith), any books involving premarital sex (all of them) and anything involving any other religion (they don’t fall in line with my personal beliefs as a Catholic).

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senior
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THE WORTHY CAUSE

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Carrot Top请们

Dear Jim, Kiely and Ayla,

Stop signing your letters “In Notre Dame.” You’re arguing about carrots.

Kolin O’Brien
junior
Fisher Hall
Nov. 18

Give me a break...

Much like any other Notre Dame student, I am excited for Thanksgiving. The prospect of spending time with my family and eating great food has been what has motivated me for the week or two leading up to the break. I said to myself, “Just make it past this week, then you get to go home and be lazy for a while.” However, as I am presently writing this in my confined dorm room and not my living room at home, I realize that there is a problem. Surely, many will agree with me and rally to my call for a week-long Thanksgiving break. However, I am not going take the traditional argument that has certainly been raised in dining halls and dorm rooms — citing other schools, the uselessness of these two days, or the fact that many pack up and leave early anyways if they don’t have classes that take attendance seriously.

Instead, I implore those that work under the dome to reflect on why a Thanksgiving break exists in the first place. It is a time for students to leave and spend time with their families, but its current structure makes that challenging for those of us not from the Midwest. Instead of leaving the weekend before Thanksgiving, we must wait until Tuesday night or Wednesday morning to leave. These, of course, are the busiest travel days of the year, causing expensive tickets and ridiculously busy airports. Both of these factors have caused many Notre Dame students to decide that they should forgo the trip home and just stay on campus or go to a friend’s house nearby. Doing either of these is completely respectable, but we shouldn’t have to resort to that if we don’t want to. Our administration should not discourage students from going home by forcing us to travel on the busiest days of the year.

A Notre Dame education comes with a price. Ignoring the financial aspect, for most of us this price is expressed as stress. Please, don’t cause any more by making us travel the day before Thanksgiving. That’s just not cool.

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For the most part, the pop culture world met Bruce Springsteen in 1984. “Born In the USA” was a heartland smash album (a little more John Cougar than Roy Orbison) that outsold anything he’d done before or would ever do. The radio-friendly work seemed to suggest that Springsteen was just “the next big thing,” not a genius. Anyone who has ever heard the first 30 seconds of “Thunder Road” knows this isn’t the case.

The fact that Springsteen had done his best work in the years leading up to 1984 is a point of frustration for Springsteen’s avid followers. “Darkness on the Edge of Town,” despite its lack of commercial success against the pop juggernaut that was “Born in the USA,” ranks among Springsteen’s best work.

To commemorate the 30th anniversary, in 2005 Springsteen re-released “Born to Run” along with a live DVD and a making-of documentary. Though pale in comparison to the “Darkness” reissue in terms of material, the reissue was a masterpiece itself. Listening to the re-mastered version was like listening to the album for the first time, every track more clear and defined. The first DVD was Springsteen’s magical performance at Hammersmith Odeon Theatre in London, and the second, a documentary about the making of an album with, debateably, the greatest back-story of any album in rock history. So how does one overcome the expectation set by such an outstanding re-release? How about three CDs, three DVDs and a facsimile of Springsteen’s private notebook? If 10 hours plus doesn’t satisfy however deeply obsessed you are with Springsteen, I doubt anything will.

Similar to its brother, the reissue contains a re-mastered version of the album, two live DVDs and a making-of documentary. The re-mastered album isn’t considerably more illuminated than the original, though there are noticeable improvements, and the making-of documentary isn’t as entertaining as the one on “Born to Run,” though just as well done.

For “Born to Run,” Springsteen wrote eight songs, recorded eight songs and released eight songs — no outtakes and nothing left behind. “Darkness on the Edge of Town” was a different story. Coming off an emotionally exhausting lawsuit with his former manger over what would eventually become control of his career, Springsteen was broke and permitted from using the studio. Trapped in his New Jersey home, Springsteen began writing tunes about the pain and confusion of becoming an adult. By the time he was able to hit the studio once again, Springsteen had written over 50 songs, which he mixed and matched for his 10 cohesive songs that became “Darkness on the Edge of Town.” The outtakes from these sessions are featured on the second two CDs of the set, entitled “The Promise.” “Outtake” doesn’t seem to be the proper word for these songs, however. They were cut from the album due to lack of thematic relation, not lack of significance as individual songs. In fact, even the mildest of Bruce fans will find at least a few treasures in the outtakes.

Despite the awesomeness of the extra material, the best part of the re-release is the attention it forces on the album itself. In contrast to the Spector-esque “Born to Run,” “Darkness” is sparse, open and lonely. The lyrics are the portrait of a man caught between what he wants to be and what society is forcing him to become. At the climax, he sings, “I’ll be on that hill with everything that I got.”

The future is uncertain, but he has found where he will stand at the end of it all. The album is more than 10 great songs, more than a journey. It’s nothing less than one of the finest records of all time.
Nearly a month ago, Notre Dame faced Navy and its triple-option offensive scheme to disastrous results at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. Against another triple-option in Air Force Academy in an even more prestigious venue Saturday, Notre Dame’s defense led the way to a huge victory.

The Irish capped a weekend of festivities with a 27-3 win over Army in Yankee Stadium. The biggest celebration may be yet to come, though, as the win, Notre Dame’s second straight, makes the Irish (6-5) eligible to be selected for a bowl game.

“Everyone feels great,” freshman quarterback Tommy Rees said. “Two wins now, to be bowl eligible, playing in New York City, Yankee Stadium, coming out with the win.”

Leading up to the game, Notre Dame virtually took over New York City with a pep rally in Lincoln Center, a marching band performance in Times Square and even an appearance at the NASDAQ MarketSite to ring the stock market’s closing bell.

“New York’s a lot of things, and what it was tonight was a collegiate football town,” Kelly said. “It was an exciting atmosphere, and I know that our kids fed off the energy that was here in New York for the past 48 hours.

It took a hit of time for the Irish to take over at Yankee Stadium, though.

Notre Dame opened the game with a 69-yard drive that ended with an interception at its own two-yard line. Army then marched down the field for a touchdown. The Black Knights then led 3-0 after the first quarter.

But then, the Irish defense took over.

In the final three quarters, Notre Dame held Army to 86 rushing yards, less than the Black Knights had in the first quarter. They allowed the Black Knights just 30 points in the game.

Sophomore tailback Cierre Wood led the Irish rushing attack with 88 yards on 14 carries.

Sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert caught three passes for 63 yards in the win.

Sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert's diving grab gave the Irish first downs on two plays. The first was set up Notre Dame's first touchdown.

Junior receiver Michael Floyd stiff-arms an Army defender during Notre Dame's 27-3 victory Saturday in Yankee Stadium. Floyd caught three passes for 63 yards in the win.

Things seem to be clicking,” Rees said. “The defense is playing unbelievable. Words can’t really sum up how they’re playing.”

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quarterbacks: Tommy Rees was consistently accurate, completing 65 percent of his passes. He threw for more than 200 yards and a touchdown, but was also picked off at the end zone.

running backs: The Irish carried the ball more times than any other game this season. Cierre Wood averaged more than six yards per carry, and Notre Dame amazingly outrushed Army.

receivers: The Notre Dame receivers did little wrong, but little spectacular. Roby Toma and Michael Floyd each recorded 63 yards, but no Irish receiver scored a touchdown.

offensive line: Tommy Rees survived the game without being sacked, and the Irish gained 4.1 yards per carry on the ground. Chalk both of those up as wins for the o-line.

defensive line: Even without Ian Williams, the Irish defensive line held Army fullback and leading rusher Jared Husin, who was averaging over six yards per carry, to only 2.9 per rush.

linebackers: Notre Dame held Army to 135 yards on the ground, 138 yards fewer than its season average going into the game. Manti Te’o led the team in tackles with nine.

defensive backs: Cornerback Davarrin Walls returned an interception for a touchdown, Notre Dame’s first defensive score since 2008. Army only accumulated 39 yards through the air.

special teams: David Ruffer made his 20th consecutive field goal from 47 yards away, but Notre Dame recorded negative yardage in return yards and averaged only 16 yards per kick return.

coaching: Once again, Brian Kelly designed an offensive gameplan which put Tommy Rees in good positions all night, and the Irish defense learned from past mistakes to stop Army’s triple option.

overall: There was no letdown coming off of an emotional Senior Day victory as Notre Dame went into Yankee Stadium and dominated Army.

adding up the numbers

Notre Dame has not allowed a touchdown in each of its last two games, something it has not done since the 1989 national championship season.

Army recorded only 8 first downs against Notre Dame. Eight is the fewest first downs for an Irish opponent since Maryland in 2002.

Notre Dame carried the ball 38 times, its most of the season. The Irish finished with 155 yards on the ground.

Notre Dame gained 262 yards in the first half, its most before the break in any game this season, and its second-highest single-half total.

Irish receiver Michael Floyd caught three passes against Army, moving him into sole possession of fifth all-time in receptions at Notre Dame.

Senior kicker David Ruffer made his 15th straight field goal this season, the longest single-season field goal streak in Notre Dame history.

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees completed 65 percent of his passes against Army, the fourth best mark for an Irish freshman.

With the victory over Army, Notre Dame improves its win total to six, making the Irish bowl-eligible.

The Irish picked off two passes in the game, including one returned for a touchdown by senior Darvin Walls.

There were many positives to take away from Notre Dame’s 27-3 win over Army on Saturday night. The Irish are bowl-eligible with their sixth win, the defense didn’t allow a touchdown for the second straight game, and freshman quarterback Tommy Rees continued his solid play in place of injured Dayne Crist.

Perhaps the most important encouraging sign from this weekend’s victory, though, is the fact that the Irish look like a team. Previously, the Irish seemed tentative and too afraid to make a mistake. Now, they know what they need to do and make plays almost instinctively, especially in the secondary.

On the offensive side of the ball, Notre Dame has placed a renewed emphasis on the running game. Partially to compensate for Rees’ inexperience, the Irish rushed the ball 59 and 38 times against Utah and Army, respectively. Just because Kelly runs a spread offense doesn’t mean Notre Dame can’t run the football when they need to. Particularly when protecting leads — a sore spot for the Irish over the past few seasons — a running game is absolutely essential. Even with senior Armando Allen sidelined for the season, sophomore Cierre Wood has stepped in admirably and taken the bulk of the carries.

This season has been far from perfect for Notre Dame — the embarrassing blowout loss to Navy and Kelly’s indefensible decision to throw the ball at the end of the game against Tulsa come to mind — but the team is clearly trending upward. After two wins that could only be described as dominating, it’s hard to say the Irish aren’t a team on the rise.

Now, it’s Kelly’s job to make sure this improvement holds. Many thought the Irish were “back” after blowout wins against Hawaii and Nevada to close 2008 and begin the 2009. Those wins, though, were more based on transcendent performances by flashy offensive playmakers, Notre Dame’s victories over Utah and Army were the result of solid fundamentals and belief in the gameplan — themes that have a lot more staying power.

It also says a great deal that Notre Dame was able to bounce back from a downright dismal performance against one triple-option team in Navy to completely shut down the Black Knights’ attack. Saturday it would have been easy for the team to doubt itself after giving up 367 rushing yards to the Midshipmen. Instead, the team and coaching staff went back to the drawing board and drew up a defensive scheme that Army was unable to solve.

Not to get too far ahead of ourselves, but the Irish are now presented with a fantastic opportunity. If they can pull off their first win against USC since 2001 and follow up with a victory in the bowl game, that’s a whole lot of momentum heading into 2011. If recent results are any indication, there’s no reason to think the Irish won’t continue to improve.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Defense rebounds in November

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Before Saturday, the last time the Irish went two straight games without allowing a touchdown was in November of 1988 against Rice and Penn State. Not coincidentally, that was also the same year of Notre Dame’s last national championship.

After this weekend’s 27-3 win over Army, the Notre Dame defense has not allowed an offensive touchdown in the last 11 quarters of action. Few would have thought the Irish would be here just a month ago.

On Oct. 23, the Irish gave up 438 yards to Navy’s triple-option attack. The Midshipmen moved the ball with ease in their 35-17 win, and Irish defensive coordinator Bob Diaco was widely criticized after the game for his lack of an effective defensive gameplan.

After Saturday’s win, Irish head coach Brian Kelly defended Diaco.

“I think [this win] just allows us to move forward through the rest of the season,” Kelly said. “We just had to communicate and talk to the coaches.”

Kelly attributed the defensive success to Notre Dame’s focus on stopping Army quarterback Trent Steelman and fullback Jared Hassin from running the ball. Steelman finished with just 37 yards on 14 carries, while Hassin had 23 yards on eight rushes. As a team, the Black Knights rushed for 154 yards on 43 attempts, just 3.6 yards per carry.

“They want to run the fullbacks, they want to run the quarterbacks,” Kelly said. “I feel like we’re getting better every game, and that’s our whole mentality,” he said. “We’ve got to get better every game. As long as you’re improving from week to week, I think we’re accomplishing our goal.”

Lewis-Moore said the biggest difference wasn’t in gameplans or schematics, but just in an overall improvement on the defensive side of the ball.

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Lewis-Moore said that even though the defense is proud of its accomplishments so far, there is still work to be done.

“We’ve just got to keep the momentum going and everything,” he said. “We’ve played good the past two games, but we can’t dwell too much. We’ve got a tough opponent in USC coming up next week.”

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By LAURA MYERS
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Bright LED lights, Big Screen

When freshman receiver Bennett Jackson heard his name called prior to the opening kickoff Saturday, he looked to Yankee Stadium’s jumbotron and nodded his head at the sight, smiling.

Throughout the evening, the 6,000-square foot LED screen showed game action as well as video montages and various advertisements.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said the jumbotron was “really cool.”

“There were some videos that were playing. Our guys saw that.”

Still perfect ... still

Senior kicker David Ruffer broke Notre Dame’s record for consecutive kicks in a season with two field goals Saturday, one from 47 yards and one from 39. Ruffer is now 15-for-15 on the season, eclipsing the record of 14 consecutive field goals set by then-freshman Nick Tausch in 2009. Ruffer, who is on the short list for the 2010 Lou Groza award, is also the only kicker in the country who remains perfect after nine or more field goal attempts.

Going bowling

With six wins and one game left to play, many predictions have been made about where the Irish will now play in the postseason, in places from Las Vegas to Orlando. But Kelly said the real importance lies in the extra 15 practices a bowl game allows.

“Again, as you continue to develop your program, those 15 practices are very important. Now, if I brought that up in the locker room, my players don’t want to hear about 15 more practices. They want to hear about what’s the bowl destination?” he said. “But as you continue to build and develop your program, those are important, but also getting to a bowl game and continuing to build off of the month of November.”

Winning in green

This was the first game in green jerseys for Notre Dame since a 38-0 loss on Oct. 20, 2007 against Southern California. The last time the Irish won in green jerseys was the previous year in a 41-9 Senior Day victory against both Utah and Army places in the top 25 among Notre Dame fresh- man in accomplishment percent- age, behind Steve Beuerlein, Jimi Clausen and Matt LoVecchio.

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By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Victory under the lights brings bowl game

When the lid goes up on the lights in Yankee Stadium Saturday, Notre Dame will play its final game of the season against Army in a 6:30 kickoff. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN.

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After an emotional Senior Day victory over a top-25 team, the Irish avoided a letdown by beating Army 27-3.

That’s two games in a row without giving up a touchdown, something Notre Dame hasn’t done since its national championship season of 1988.

Sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o led the Irish with nine tackles, and senior corners Darrin Walls and Gary Gray each intercepted a pass against the Black Knights.

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees played his second solid game for the Irish, completing 65 percent of his passes and throwing a touchdown to sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert. Sophomore Cierre Wood led Notre Dame on the ground in Armando Allen’s absence, gaining 95 yards on 14 carries.
“It all ends here.” So reads the first poster released for “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1.” This tagline seems to balance a strange mix of hope and dismal despair in it, and so too does the first chapter in the final film installment of the “Harry Potter” franchise. Gone are the clustered-but-inviting walls of Hogwarts school of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Gone are the carefree days of Quidditch and blossoming romance that so dominated the most recent film, “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.” And most importantly, gone are the ever-present and ever-knowledgeable adult mentors on whom Harry so often relied.

Instead, it is not far into the film that Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) find themselves alone, running and hiding from the evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), his cruel henchmen and the corrupt magical government, the Ministry of Magic. None of their old haunts are safe and so, while on a mission to destroy all of Voldemort’s horcruxes — magical objects that contain a piece of his soul — they must travel through the wilderness with only a tent, a couple of spells and each other to keep them safe and hidden. But, naturally, problems arise and the trio can no longer run from place to place in complete secrecy.

By the end of the film, Harry, Ron and Hermione have had a few too many close calls with their enemies and must change their course if they are to destroy the remaining horcruxes, uncover the mystery of the mythical Deathly Hallows and end Voldemort’s tyrannical, Muggle-hating reign once and for all. Here lies the central difference between “Deathly Hallows” and any and all previous Potter stories — not only is Voldemort back, he is in power and the stakes are at their highest. Harry’s greatest ally, Albus Dumbledore, is, for all intents and purposes, gone. Yet it has never been more clear that all hope for the Wizarding world rests in Harry Potter, the only one who can defeat Voldemort.

This film, then, no longer feels like a sequel to the story of a boy wizard — it is, at its core, a war between good and evil.

In the past, the tremendous performances of many of the adult characters, most of them renowned British screen and stage actors, anchored the sometimes cheesy, childish films, whose main characters were still learning the craft of acting as the films were being made. And while all of the young actors, including Radcliffe, Grint and Watson, have much more experience in this film, it is a welcome reminder of the deep and powerful acting by many of the adult characters, and of all the young actors, including Watson and Rupert Grint.

Deathly Hallows: Part 1” is really a showcase of just how much they have grown as performers. The film turns in “The Sorcerer’s Stone” nearly 10 years ago. Those three, specifically, have become talented actors, capable of handling very dense, mature material despite their age (Radcliffe is 21, Grint and Watson, 20). Rather, they are to destroy the remaining horcruxes, uncover the mystery of the mythical Deathly Hallows and end Voldemort’s tyrannical, Muggle-hating reign once and for all.


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Cowboys rookie wide receiver Dez Bryant catches a touchdown pass over Lions cornerback Chris Houston in Sunday's game.

Associated Press

Football

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — John Jenkins scored 16 points, Kitna put the game away by batted-down punt and took it 97 with a stop, but then Detroit downed the ball inside the 5, with a stop, but then Detroit

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ND CROSS COUNTRY
Irish off to NCAA Championships

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

In an event featuring more than 30 teams, the Irish took third in last week’s NCAA Midwest Regional. Now they head to the NCAA Championships at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, Ind., where the competition promises to be even tougher.

“Nationals is always special because the best runners in the country are all here, and it’s exciting to be in such a competitive race,” sophomore Jeremy Rae said.

The men fell in third place behind Wisconsin and Indiana at the Regional competition. Individually, senior Dan Jackson, Rae and junior Jordan Carlson earned all-region honors for their top-25 finishes. Jackson’s fourth-place finish led the Irish, followed by Rae’s 16th place and Carlson’s 22nd place finish.

The 10-kilometer tournament that begins on Monday will set seven Irish runners against 31 teams from across the country. Eighteen of those teams consist of the top teams from each of the nine regional meets last weekend, including the Irish, who were specially selected.

“Team-wise, our goal is to be in the top 15,” Rae said. “But more importantly, we just want to pick up experience for next year, when we’ll have an even stronger team.”

The past week of practice has consisted of tapering, with low-key practices of lower mileage in preparation for the race. Joining Jackson, Rae and Carlson in the line-up will be seniors Johnathan Shaevel and Joe Miller and freshmen Martin Grady and Walter Schaefer.

The race, hosted by Indiana State, is set to begin at 12:48 p.m.

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during the second half, Notre Dame was never able to overcome a 19-2 Kentucky run in the first half. The tandem of Dunlap and Kayla Snowden, who finished with 17 points after going 5-12 behind the arc, prevented the Irish from taking a lead whenever they were in striking distance.

Perhaps the most striking difference on the stat sheet is the performance from the three-point line. Notre Dame finished 2-for-13 from three-point land, including 0-for-8 in the second half. The Wildcats went 8-for-27 from behind the arc, shooting 46 percent in the second.

Sunday’s contest marked the first meeting between the two programs. The loss snapped Notre Dame’s 18-game win streak against first-time opponents and its four-game win streak against Southeastern Conference teams.

Senior guard Brittany Mallory sat out Sunday’s game after rolling her ankle during Thursday’s loss to UCLA and is currently day-to-day. Freshman guard Kayla McBride started in her place, alongside Diggins, Novosel, junior forward Devereaux Peters and senior Becca Bruszewski.

This season’s starting lineup is a stark contrast to last sea- son’s, when Irish coach Muffet McGraw had started four seniors.

The Irish tie the career next with the 17th annual R.P.U.F. Friday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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both teams at Alumni Stadium.

“If it wasn’t an easy night to play — some wind and rain,” Clark said. “We didn’t defend. It’s not easy to play in as strong a wind as this.”

The teams played a scoreless first half before regulation ended in a 1-1 tie. Olsen scored three of Dartmouth’s two goals. He opened scoring in the 65th minute with an unassisted goal, finding the back of the net on a loose rebound.

“The first goal he got behind us,” Clark said. “[Junior defender] Aaron [Maund] was a little bit injured — he was slowed up by that a little bit [Dartmouth] is a dangerous team. They’ve got some pretty potent weapons and one of them was the final goal.”

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S C M B A S K E T B A L L

Belles move to 3-0 on season

By MAJA GUSTIN
Sports Writer

The Belles extended their winning streak to three straight games this weekend as they defeated North Central College 75-56 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tip-Off Tournament title game.

The Belles (3-0) took an early lead over the Cardinals (1-3) when they scored the first five points of the game within the first minute. They never trailed North Central, building their lead into the locker room leading 32-22 at the half.

Junior Maggie Ronan scored the first shot for Saint Mary’s.

After a defensive rebound from senior Liz Wade on the other end, freshman Petra Mahoney took the ball and scored a three-pointer for the Belles.

Freshman Shalynn Bias, sophomore Annie Doyle and junior captain Kelley Murphy also contributed to the offensive output by Saint Mary’s. Though the Cardinals had defended the Belles well, there was a third quarter stretch of time that the Belles held the ball and capitalized on the set pieces for any points.

Dartmouth’s 12-6(1-1) travel to Notre Dame’s 2:21 loss to Dartmouth Sunday in Alumni Stadium.

Junior midfielder Michael Rose prepares to pass during Notre Dame’s 2:21 loss to Dartmouth Sunday in Alumni Stadium.

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Young hurts thumb in 19-16 loss

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An influenza vaccination and a jammed shoulder pads and No. 10 jersey into the stands following Tennessee’s 19-16 loss to the Washington Redskins on Sunday, Young, who injured his right thumb late in the third quarter, says he’ll be replaced by rookie Rusty Smith, left, for the locker room but returned to the sideline and had his thumb taped and re-taped in addition to a neck brace. Young then tried a glove, but coach Jeff Fisher stuck with Smith.

Young walked toward the tunnel and suddenly tossed his shoulder pads and jersey into the stands.

A few minutes later he walked past reporters already dressed, ignoring both questions and his teammates. He walked past reporters already dressed, ignoring both questions and his teammates.

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HOCKEY

Irish defend home ice with pair of victories

By CHRIS ALLEN
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In their final season at the Joyce Center, the No. 13 Irish continued to defend their home ice with two wins over Michigan State in a weekend series. Notre Dame defeated the Spartans 6-2 Friday night and 4-2 Saturday night to extend their win streak at home to 12.

“We were a little excited to play in front of our home crowd,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “It was a great crowd and the students were awesome. It’s nice to be home.”

Returning home after a five-game road trip, the Irish (9-3-1, 2-2-1-1 CCHA) opened play with the No. 17 Spartans (4-5-3, 2-5-1-0 CCHA) in a scoreless tie Friday. Both teams had their share of chances early but neither team could break through.

In the second, the Irish opened scoring three minutes into the period, as senior defenseman Joe Lavin took a pass from senior center Ben Ryan and netted a shorthanded goal from the right slot.

“We like to move the puck on the penalty kill. We like to play it just like it’s 5-on-5,” Lavin said. “I think we have an advantage because we work on it so much in practice — we use each other really well. Especially on the penalty kill, it [a goal] takes the wind out of their sails. When you’re on the power play you’re expected to score, so to give one up — that’s pretty big for us.”

The Irish pushed the lead to 2-0 on an even-strength slap shot goal from senior wing Calle Ridderwall three minutes later. The Spartans halved the deficit just seven seconds later when forward Derek Grant beat Irish sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson through the legs after Johnson dropped the puck.

The action didn’t let up from that point, as Irish freshman wing Jeff Costello and Spartan freshman wing Greg Wolfe traded goals through the middle stretch of the period to put the score at 3-2. A power-play goal from the point on a slap shot from freshman center T.J. Tynan put Notre Dame up 4-2.

Fellow freshman and linemate Mike Voran scored an unassisted goal a minute later to put the Irish up 5-2 as the period closed. All in all, there were seven goals in a wild period that saw Notre Dame pull away.

The second was just a matter of them making a few mistakes and us capitalizing,” Ryan said. “I think we’re much more explosive this year.”

A lone goal from freshman wing Anders Lee and a strong defensive effort highlighted the third period, as the Irish cruised to a 6-2 victory.

“All in all, the kids played pretty well,” Jackson said. “I was really pleased that we played a smart third period — that makes all the difference to me.”

Action started quickly Saturday, as Ryan was tripped just seconds into the game and was awarded a penalty shot, which he missed. The senior redeemed himself seven minutes later, scoring the game’s first goal off a pass from Ridderwall on a breakaway. The Spartans answered as the first period drew to a close when Dean Chelios, son of NHL great Chris Chelios, beat Johnson to even the score.

After a series of goals to push the tie to 2-2, senior Calle Ridderwall received a five-minute major for boarding, ensuring that Notre Dame would spend the rest of the game on the penalty kill. With their backs against the wall, the Irish found some late-game magic again, as junior defender Sean Lorenz broke free and buried a short-handed goal to put the Irish ahead with 2:23 remaining in the game.

“We were on the PK, [senior wing Ryan Guentzel] found a seam,” Lorenz said. “I don’t know how he found it, but it was a great look by him. I guess you get lucky when you close your eyes and shoot.”

Tynan added a late-game empty-net goal to put the Irish clear at 4-2 and ensure the weekend sweep.

“We didn’t have it tonight [Saturday]. I think that was evident from the start,” Ryan said. “We didn’t have the same jump we did last night. It’s a character win. Those are the games we didn’t win last year.”

The win gave the Irish six points on the weekend to maintain their one-point lead over Michigan in the CCHA. Notre Dame will travel to North Dakota to take on the Fighting Sioux Friday and Saturday in a weekend series.

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Senior defenseman Joe Lavin awaits the puck during Notre Dame’s 4-2 victory over Michigan State Friday in the Joyce Center.
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Durkin took control of the match in the beginning and maintained that control throughout the whole fight. She was aggressive throughout the fight and seemed to catch Durkin off guard with her aggressive attack. 

Durkin was relentless from the beginning, chiseling Durbin and nailing punches when the sophomore from Parkland, Fla., seemed to be overpowered. Durbin’s attacking style secured the unanimous victory.

Meggan “The Tooth” Muller def. Jessica Velez, 2-0

Carson so my lips don’t get Chap

Chapman and Velez had as tight of a fight as was seen all night. Each had her fair share of the action, and each came out with a sense of urgency that carried them from the first bell until the final bell. 

By the end of the third round, Muller kept her composition and separated herself from Chapman with a number of impressive punches. These punches enabled her to capture the victory.

Marina “Oh-H” Ramos def. Frankie Jo in her bouts Ya’ll’ll

Rookey

This match started off very intense with both fighters throwing some early combination punches. They both looked to find a target and neither fighter had separated herself from the other by an decisive moment. 

By the third round, Ramos landed several headshots, which lead to a controversial decision. Rookey also had her moments, but ultimately could not hold off Ramos to secure the judges decision.

Mollie “Chumbawambawa” Howard def. Norah “Wildcard” Hass

The match started off slowly, with neither fighter throwing many punches. The pace picked up in the second round as both Howard and Hass landed multiple punches.

The beginning of the second round belonged to Howard, as she hit Hass with many punches.

However, as the round continued, Hass looked to add a number of combinations to her punching attack.

But in the third round, an aggressive Howard came out firing and took control. Hass tried to rally, but it was too late, and Howard was awarded the unanimous decision.

Dina “Saurus Rex” Montemarano def. Kaitlyn “The Volcanic Ash Cloud” Hohman

Montemarano attacked fellow junior Howard with her arms wide open, looking for any openings defense for a stronger offensive attack.

Howard accepted Montemarano’s invitation and peppered her with straight jabs to the face.

Montemarano’s offensive attack continued and clearly carried a lot of power. Howard was able to throw more punches, but it seemed that Montemarano’s work was more precise and carried a bit more intelligence.

In a fearsome battle, Montemarano was able to carry the day with a split-decision victory, earning a valiant and powerful effort by Howard.

Rose “The Riveter” Raderstorff def. Nicole “Hungry Hungry” Hopke

Raderstorff, a sophomore from McGinn, led a lefty, using her right jab to her advantage and peppered Hopke with a variety of combinations from the opening round on. Hopke also had the benefit of a clearly longer reach than Hopke. This allowed Raderstorff to throw punches at Hopke without in range to gain much power. Hopke, on the other hand, used a powerful left hook when ever she could draw Raderstorff off of her clean shot and attacked her flank on multiple occasions.

The two fighters disregarded defense for most of the three rounds. They lined up and traded combinations until Raderstorff’s jab and reach won out, carrying her to victory in a split-decision.

Katie “Make ’em Say Ugggh” Ugggh def. Meaghan “The Texas Hammer” Danto

The two fighters took a defensive strategy and ducked and dipped their way through a defensive style of fight as both boxers engaged in aerial combat. The two fighters waited until they had a proper and perfect position before throwing their combinations. Even when they struck, they struck quickly and efficiently.

Meaghan, an off-campus senior and a lefty, used her right jab as her main attack, throwing it at her opponent at a multiple angle. Danto, a junior from the 455 team, found Meaghan’s jab with a nice one-two combination. The fighters showed great heart in the ring and, unlike many fighters, were able to maintain their defensive technique throughout the whole match. 

Ultimately, in a split-decision, Meaghan prevailed and won over the judges and took the victory.


Both fighters came out strong and energetic in an intense first round. They both landed a number of punches, but as the first round wore on, Alexander began to control the round. She maintained that slight edge throughout the second round, although Raskob remained tough in her first Baracks appearance.

The final round belonged to Alexander, who came out strong with an aggressive style and overpowered Raskob for the last minute and a half. Raskob was forced to defend herself and fight defensively rather than throw any punches of her own.

Alexander won by unanimous decision.

Ally “All” Schneider def. Kelly “Knockout” Koontz

In the first round, Nolan came out very aggressive, gaining an early lead and Schneider managed to take control later in the round, landing numerous hooks and jabs.

Scheider began to run away with the round in the second round, coming out aggressively and landing multiple punches. Schneider continued to dominate and didn’t allow Nolan’s punch attempts with successful dodges.

In the third round, Nolan came back with the wall against the back. Nolan continued to pressure the judges to the point of a unanimous decision. 

Allison “Sha-Zam” Brann def. Charlotte “Vitamin” Seasey

Brann came out of the gate aggressively and won a hard-fought unanimous decision in a split-decision. Each had their moments, but it was Brann, a

sophomore from Lyons, who landed the majority of combinations.

The first round saw Brann throwing punches around the ring, trying to back the Welsh Family junior up against the ropes, and Sears proved very elusive.

Each fighter landed numerous blows in the second round as the fight slowed down and more punishes were thrown.

Brann came out strong in the third, immediately putting a hammer to his opponent and gained the upper hand in the decisive round, in the match as a whole.

Erin “Just Don’t” McNeill def. Melissa “Do It To It” Truitt

McNeill defeated Truitt handily uncharacteristic showing impressive reach, keeping the Cavanaugh senior at bay throughout the fight. 

Truitt was unable to get inside the long wingspan of McNeill in the first round, as the eventual victor landed punches from distance on the frustrated Truitt.

The second proved to be much of the same for McNeill, who successfully executed a strategy that kept Truitt from landing point scoring blows. McNeill continued to wear down Truitt into the third round, and quickly landed a blistering series of punches on the face of Truitt.

The final round saw a determined Truitt put up an admirable effort, but McNeill was able to overpower McNeill’s early dominance as the judges decided in favor of the 455 Victoria.

Ragan “2 Legit 2 Quit” Todd def. Nicole “Cry Me A River” Rivera

Rivera def. McNeill unanimous decision.

Todd, a sophomore from Panghorn, fought against Rivera in the second round.

The two fighters refused to dogfight and both managed to escape each other, yet Todd did so with more frequency.

The second round saw the two trading flurrys back and forth with Todd finding it easier to establish dominance. Todd showed impressive toughness in dealing with the multiple blows from Rivera.

Todd came out strong in the third round, turning the screws to blows to the head and body of McNeill, causing the referee to stop the fight at one point.

The second round proved to be much of the same as the two battled for most of the round with Cole again ridding Freight with punch for freight as Freight tried in vain to escape.

The result of the fight was never in doubt after the first round, with Cole unable to carry any sort of charge in the third round as Cole cruised to victory.

Christina “The Cannon” Buchanan def. Stephanie “The Situation” Sinianni

In a battle of bale mates, Cavanaugh sophomore Christina “The Cannon” Buchanan bested her opponent in a unanimous decision. This closely contested match pitted two very different fighters, but at the end, Buchanan emerged as the victor, with Sinianni’s powerful body shots and aggressive offense being met by Buchanan’s slippery defense. 

Buchanan used her quickness to dodge blows and land punch. While Sinianni was extended in the first round, Sinianni retali ated with a strong offensive in the second that brought the fight back into balance. A fiercely competitive third round, with each fighter giving full force until the final bell, came down to just a few points. The repeated one-two combinations Buchanan was able to pump in this round contributed directly to her victory.

Madeline “The Maddog” Lockhart def. Rachel “That’s not my name” O’brier

After three tiring rounds, each boxer came out swinging hard, each not stopping until the referee separated them with the chime that ended the fight. In the fourth round, a sophomore from Welsh Family, used effective body shots and a series of punishment punches, impressive endurance to outlast the burgeoning punches thrown by O’brier, a junior from Panghorn.

The first round was an evenly matched showdown of athletic prowess as each fighter demonstrated her speed, agility and power. In the second, O’brier, a sophomore from Panghorn, turned the screws, making it hard for Lockhart to find a way in.

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in a dominant decision, securing the win for McNeill in the second round and went on to win the final round.

Junior Kaitlyn Howard, left, prepares to throw a hook at junior Diana Montemarano during their bout Nov. 18 in the Joyce Center.

Baraka and Lockhart both brought their winning records to the 2015 season.

Lockhart started off strong, using her hard right hook to score a knockdown in the second round.

The two fighters battled for the third round, with Lockhart having an advantage as she landed several body shots and punches.

Sinianni retained her speed and scored several punches throughout the fight, but Lockhart proved too strong in the end.
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defend and let us try to figure it out as a group where we’re going to get scoring from.”

Notre Dame (3-0) is coming off a 30-point drubbing of Chicago State in which five players scored in double digits and the Irish passed the century mark for the first time since the 2008-09 season. The Irish are averaging 90 points per game and have won by at least 19 points in each contest.

“One of the things we talk about is that it’s a long game, and not to panic if we’re not in a flow early, and not to panic if a team is throwing in threes like (against Chicago State) or just to understand that it’s a longer game,” Brey said. “When we do get in a rhythm, offensively you can really put some numbers on the board.”

The Irish were without senior forward Jordan而导致Chicago State. Martin has been suffering from back spasms, but Brey said that he confident Martin will play against Maine.

“About three weeks, he’s had some back spasms,” he said.

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on its own field.

“Teams go in there and struggle because they play well for periods of time, but they can’t sustain it,” Brey said. “Our teams over the last few years have been very good about sustaining that intensity and focus over 90 minutes. A lot of teams lose before they ever step on that field against them (Tarheels).

Although Tarheels’ electrode Rose Augustin started the scoring for the No. 7/10 Irish (18-2-1), burying an empty-net shot in the 13th minute following a free kick from junior defender Jessica Schuverrell. Schuverrell’s strike just inside the midfield mark was bobbled by Tarheels’ keeper Hannah Daly, eventually finding a well-positioned Augustin for the easy score.

No. 24 North Carolina (19-3-2) knotted up the score at 1-1 less than six minutes later, when freshman Crystal Dunn found the back of the net from 20 yards out on what Waldrum called a “world-class” goal. Yet senior goalkeepers Nikki Weiss and the Irish defense held its own, yielding few opportunities and taking the Tarheels out of their element for the remaining 71 minutes.

“When it got down to it, we were very good and very organized, while most everything they (Tarheels) created came either from shots that we’re really not dangerous, or we handled that danger really well,” Waldrum said. “Our matchups worked very well for us, and of course having Nikki play as well as she played is always a plus.”

Schuverrell scored the game-winner in the 33rd minute, sending home an Augustin corner to give the Irish a 2-1 advantage. Junior forward Melissa Hensord headed in a strong service from an Augustin free kick to extend the lead to 3-1 in the opening minutes of the second half, and junior midfielder Ellen Jansch put the game out of reach in the 77th minute with her second goal of the season.

“It was the only time that we were able to score 12 points and recorded five assists in 32 minutes of play against Chicago State. Sophomores Jack Gooley and Joey Brooks also played significant minutes in the win.

“I feel we have six starters with Akinis,” Brey said. “There with Gooley coming in and doing what he does, and doing it more confidently than he did last year is important. And Joey embracing that role, I think that’s still a work in progress and we have to keep teaching.”

Tip of the cap to Notre Dame and Maine will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Purcell Pavilion and the Joyce Center.

**Irish fall in Big East semis by MICHAEL TODISCO**

The Irish fought for their postseason lives at the Big East Championships this weekend, defeating Villanova in the quarterfinals before falling to Cincinnati in the semifinals.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said the Irish needed to win the conference tournament in order to earn a spot in the NCAA Championships, which was the team’s ultimate goal. Although the squad fell short of a conference title, Brown said she was still proud of her team’s performance.

“Our goal wasn’t just to beat Villanova,” Brown said. “We wanted to win the tournament and advance to the NCAA’s. Still, we made so many improvements I was really happy with the progress we showed.”

Notre Dame (18-12, 10-4 Big East), the fifth-seeded team in the tournament, defeated fourth-seeded Villanova (23-7, 11-2 Big East) 3-1 (25-20, 25-17, 21-25, 15-14) in the opening round of the tournament. With the win, the Irish earned a berth in the conference semifinals for the 16th consecutive season.

Junior Kristen Dealy and sophomore Hillary Eppinck each had 15 kills to lead the Irish attack. Brown attributed the team’s success on Friday to its offensive improvements since the last meeting against the Wildcats, where the Irish fell 3-1 on Nov. 5.

“It was good to have played them recently,” Brown said. “The game was so fresh in our minds, so we made good adjustments to our offense, which wasn’t good in our first meeting.”

On Saturday, the Irish met top-seeded Cincinnati (28-5, 13-1) with a trip to the finals on the line. The team fell 3-0 (25-23, 25-22, 25-19) to the Bearcats in what proved to be a back-and-forth, tightly contested affair. Freshman Andrea McHugh led the offense for Notre Dame with 16 kills.

Brown said that her effort was once again a function of the team’s improvement since a 3-0 loss on Oct. 10 to the Bearcats.

“I was really proud how (the) team battled,” Brown said. “We had opportunities to take games 1 and 2, and put ourselves in great position compared to last time we played. We were markedly better, and I was proud of improvement over the season.”

Notre Dame concludes its season on Nov. 26, when the team heads to California to take on Long Beach State.

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Happy Birthday: Good things are coming your way whereas relationships and personal pursuits may have to be put aside for the time being. You may be looking at a situation that will give you some time for your work and the chances that this phase will stay with you for a considerable time. Love and relationships will come to the fore when matters change. Budget wise, we do not believe that it will take long before your financial position improves. Your numbers are 7, 19, 25, 30, 59, 64.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do a little soul-searching and you will discover a new part of your personality that you need to explore. Put an emotional card on your path and old friends who can help you pick up where you left off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are challenged to be overtaken and motivated. The longer you put something off, the harder it will be to correct. Nothing is as good as a start. Turn your negative into a positive with a warm, loving attitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Getting your feelings out in the open will be good for you and also be a relationship problem to a friend. The reaction you expect may not be what you encounter. Look at whether the situation is justified by emotional needs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Keep your thoughts to yourself, especially when dealing with very complex subjects where you can affect your position or future. Trust a new planner if you want to maintain good relationships. A hobby will help you keep your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your willingness to help the underdog will make a good impression on new acquaintances. Get involved in a cause. Socializing will lead to an interesting conversation with someone you want to get to know better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Changes can bring new opportunities to develop and expand. You may worry about your personal and family finances. Properly handled, making changes can bring help that you need now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may feel tempted to put money into a house or a family purchase. Use your imagination and you will find a way to please everyone without spending. Information from a teacher or instructor will give you that strength to help you and save your money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) With the stars coming in a row, you may want to remember where you want to spend time and know you want to proceed both personally and professionally. Making changes will help you start the new year off on the right foot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Do something fast and reduce stress and keep you out of any trouble. The time is available for you to operate any personal or professional problems, the better off you’ll be. Keep busy and avoid leisure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It’s important to look at your own as well as your friends’ actions. This will help you become a leader. Focus on an enjoyable vacation trip to be with and enjoy your work or money work. You can make changes over time that you love. Social and family patterns will remain until your through.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Politics are due to emotional manipulation. Focus on what you want to do. The answers are straightforward but will take time and effort. Workaholics expect to be treated with a good budget in place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Make a little change for a cause or make changes to your lifestyle or philosophy that will help you achieve your goals or enhance your current mundane circumstances. This is a good time to do the groundwork that will help you succeed.

Birthday Baby: You are strong, active, adaptable, temperamental and expressive. You thrive on the unusual.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Toppling the Tar Heels

Irish take down No. 1 seed North Carolina

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

They did it again. Facing top-seeded North Carolina in the third round of the NCAA Championship, the Irish dismantled the Tar Heels 4-1 to advance to the quarterfinals.

“IT was huge,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “The girls were unbelievably good and focused and ready to play. I don’t know that I’ve had a team that has been so prepared to play North Carolina. They carried out every game plan that we had going in, executed everything as well as we could have asked.”

Saturday’s victory marked the third time Notre Dame eliminated the Tar Heels from the tournament at Chapel Hill, N.C., the most recent coming in a 3-2 win in the round-of-16 in 2007. Waldrum credits his team’s confidence and desire to beat a rival well as we could have asked.

Irish senior midfielder Rose Augustin delivers a cross during Notre Dame’s 4-0 victory over USC Nov. 14. Notre Dame took down No. 1 North Carolina, 4-1, Sunday in Chapel Hill.

Baraka Bouts

Boxers pair up, compete in bouts after months of training

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From the start of the match to the final bell, Gaskill dominated Coffing in an aggressive showing. She threw some punches early and gained control by the end of the first round.

Coffing put up the best fight she could, but became worn down by the end of the second round.

In the third round, Gaskill took over as Coffing struggled to defend herself. She fell into the ropes at one point and landed few punches for the remainder of the match.

Gaskill won with a unanimous decision.

Shayna “Foe” Sura def. Megan “Million Dollar” Malley.

The match was even in the first round, but as it progressed, Sura took control with multiple shots at the head. Sura’s aggressiveness in the second and third rounds made the difference.

Sura caught Malley on her toes often in the last round, and delivered a number of relentless headshots, causing the referee to stop the match briefly.

Although Malley had some bright spots in the match, Sura was able to capture the split-decision victory.


Hughes gained control at the beginning of the match and kept it until the final bell sounded.

While Hughes controlled the tempo and delivered many staggering blows to Wilson in the beginning, the intensity picked up in the third round as both sides were able to get some solid punches in.

Although Wilson had some of her strongest punches in the third round, it was not enough to secure a win, and Hughes won the match unanimously.


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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

UCLA, Kentucky take down Notre Dame

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After opening the season with blowout victories over New Hampshire and Morehead State, Notre Dame has dropped consecutive matches by narrow margins against two ranked opponents.

After falling to No. 15 UCLA last Thursday 86-83 in double overtime, the No. 12 Irish never established a rhythm against No. 9 Kentucky, falling 81-76 Sunday in Memorial Coliseum.

Junior guard Natalie Novosel led the Irish (2-2) on offense, finishing with 21 points to go along with eight rebounds and three assists. Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins chipped in 18 points, and freshman Natalie Achonwa grabbed 13 rebounds.

Notre Dame bested the Wildcats (3-0) on the boards by a margin of 51-35, but was unable to contain Kentucky’s Victoria Dunlap, an explosive forward and the 2009-10 SEC Player of the Year. Dunlap scored 24 points and contributed 14 rebounds, leading the Wildcats on both ends of the floor.

Despite cutting the lead to one possession multiple times...