Michigan State gameday smoother than last

Few arrests, ideal weather and Irish win lead to more successful home game weekend than USF

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

Director of Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said he "couldn’t be happier" with the way the past home game weekend turned out.

Seamon, also the associate vice president of Campus Safety, said over 82,000 people attended the sold out Michigan State game Saturday.

Seamon called the second gameday of the season a stark improvement from the afternoon of the USF game, when severe weather resulted in the first stadium evacuation in Notre Dame history. "Compared to the first week, talk about total opposites," he said. "It was good to get back to a regular game and not have to be worrying about weather. It went extremely well."

Police made seven arrests Saturday, director of Notre Dame Security Police Phil Johnson said.

He said one man was arrested for public intoxication, two for disorderly conduct and false informing, and three under age drinking.

University President Fr. John Jenkins gave his annual faculty address Tuesday, Jenkins drew parallels between new students and new faculty becoming more talented each year.

New course will meet at prison

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

When Professor Ed Kelly began a week of intensive training for the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program — three days of which he spent in an actual penitentiary — he found his preconceived notions of prison inmates shaken.

"I was tremendously moved by my week long experience in Dearborn, Mich., with three full days spent in prison," he said. "I was so struck by their humanity, their brilliance, how articulate some of them were, and how engaged they were."

The training was in preparation for Kelly’s class next semester, co- instructed by Professor Susan Sharpe, called “Rethinking Crime and Justice: Explorations from the Inside-Out.”

The course will add Notre Dame to the list of 125 colleges and universities participating in the Exchange Program. The program was established in 1997 at Temple University with the mission of facilitating dialogue between inmates and outside students on topics of social problems and the legal system.

The class will pair 15 Notre Dame students with 15 “inside” students. The group will travel 45 minutes to Westville Correctional Facility each Monday night to meet with their partner students.

Sharpe hopes students in the course will receive a transformative experience similar to...
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Senior writes play on San Luis

By MADeline MILES

Saint Mary’s senior Emily Schmitt was intrigued when Professor Susan Baxter first told her the story of what happened in San Luis, Colo. in March of 1989, when a federal raid on alleged poachers led to controversy as residents claimed the poaching was encouraged by the government.

Schmitt and Baxter traveled to San Luis to get the local perspective through the College’s Student Independent Study, Teaching and Research (SISR) program.

“It was such an interesting story,” Schmitt said. “We knew there were questionable government motives behind it.”

Schmitt, a theater and philosophy double major, hoped to collect information to ultimately develop into a play.

“I’ve always been interested in the convergence of playwriting and journalism,” she said. “It seems news providers are doing theater, and as a response the playwrights are returning to journalism.”

Schmitt’s research inspired “San Luis, 1989,” a fictional play based on stories from the United States and raise the community, but the history of the Hispanic population some of their assumptions about not only the Hispanic community, but the history of the United States and raise the question of what is just.”

As Schmitt applies to graduate schools for both playwrighting and philosophy programs, she said she will continue to work on the play.

“If ‘San Luis, 1989’ gets picked up, the best thing that would be that this play exposes the issue of government manipulation and corruption to the wider community,” she said. “It’s a story that needs to be told.”

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Kelly’s, and will gain a different perspective on the law and prison system.

“This course will force you to think in new ways about crime and justice,” Sharpe said.

Kelly said the demands on students will exceed just the commute. He said the course’s emphasis on interaction over external study will require students to fully commit themselves.

“This is not a human research kind of course,” he said. “And we’re not serving them either. We’re not going there to offer some charity.”

While extensive one-on-one interaction is at the core of the class, the safety of the outside students is still a concern, Sharpe said.

“The inside students are being screened in two ways. There will be no inside students who have any kind of sexual offenses on their record,” she said. “Beyond that, we won’t know what they’re in [prison for] for.

As a further precaution, students will be on a first-name basis and are restricted from any contact outside of the weekly class time. Students will also be required to sign a limited-anonymity contract.

“This is so when they get out, they can’t go looking for you, and when you get home to the Internet, you can’t look for them,” Sharpe said. “This commitment states you are not there to build a long-term relationship.”

Beyond the screening for criminal history, the inside students will be required to pass a reading test. Still, Sharpe said a lack of education will not inhibit the inmates from benefiting from the nontraditional class.

“They don’t have to have a GED, they don’t have to have college courses work,” she said. “We know from lots of experience that people without those credentials can do well in a course like this.”

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Arrests

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rested for public intoxication inside the stadium. Outside the stadium, four people were arrested for public intoxication, one for disorderly conduct and false informing and one was ticketed for underage drinking, Johnson said.

Campus was packed the entire weekend, Seamon said, with 15,000 people attending the pep rally on Irish Green Friday and over 3,000 visiting the tunnel.

Seamon said Michigan State’s close proximity to Notre Dame played a part in the high number of visitors.

Notre Dame played a part in the successful weekend both on and off the field,” he said.

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“My goal is to make Notre Dame affordable for all who are accepted”, Russo said. “I know a lot of people who didn’t go are planning to go to the next one.”

Junior class president Kevin Doherty said the rallies should return to their original focus on students.

“I know one of the concerns I’ve heard at least from some students is that they think the pep rallies are more geared toward alumni coming in for the game, rather than students,” Doherty said.

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While Russo’s work is largely guided by rules and consistency standards, he said there is still room to incorporate the Holy Cross mission into the financial aid process.

“We create good financial aid policy here at Notre Dame through a tension between science and art. Much of what I do in deciding how to allocate financial aid is driven by regulations,” he said. “However, I also recognize that an art portion consisting of compassion, common sense, honesty and the courage to make exceptions when appropriate must balance this science out.”

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Accused Tenn. killer released on bond

Associated Press

GALLATIN, Tenn. — A young Tennessee woman accused of killing her newborn twins has been released from a jail in Gallatin on a $250,000 bond, walking out in the company of her father.

Twenty-five-year-old Lindsey Lowe left jail in Tennessee’s Sumner County with her father escorting her, his arm draped about her shoulders. Broadcaster WTVF-TV reported that the woman’s family had secured a property bond set earlier by a judge and she was released into the custody of her parents (http://bit.ly/qWaLF9).

Police have said Lowe hid her pregnancy and then suffocated her twin boys last week to keep her parents from hearing their cries at her home in Hendersonville.

Calls by The Associated Press to the woman’s home were not immediately answered.

The woman’s supporters had packed a court hearing Monday and several testified on her behalf, describing Lowe as a sweet and humble person who is widely loved and respected.

That testimony came during a bond hearing for the woman, who was arrested last week after authorities reported her father had found the body of one of the baby boys in his daughter’s laundry basket.

On Monday, Mark Lowe defended his daughter in court, saying, “Lindsey is a model daughter and we love her very much. She’s as good as it gets.”

Lowe said in that hearing that his daughter had lived at home since graduating from Western Kentucky University and had only gotten her first fulltime job about two months ago, working in billing at a dental office. She spent much of her time taking care of her mother, who had a brain tumor several years ago that had re-occurred in April.

Lindsey Lowe hung her head through much of Monday’s testimony, hiding her face with her hair.

The woman told Hendersonville Police Det. Steve Malach she delivered the babies at home on the toilet and killed them so that her parents would not hear their cries, according to Malach’s affidavit filled with the court.

Police have said they are working to determine the father’s identity.

Lowe’s attorney, John Pellegin, said the woman was engaged to be married, but he was waiting on the autopsy report to say anything definitive about who the father of the children was.

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Officers indicted in beating

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Two police officers were indicted Tuesday in the beating of a University of Maryland student during a rowdy celebration that was caught on video after the school’s basketball win over Duke last year, prosecutors said.

Prince George’s County Officers Reginald Baker and James Harrison, both of the department’s special operations division, were indicted on charges of first- and second-degree assault and misconduct in office, said County State’s Attorney Angela Alsobrooks.

Police arrested more than two dozen students who took to the streets to celebrate Maryland’s 79-72 win over Duke on March 3, 2010. A video, taken from a dorm room window, later surfaced showing officers in riot gear beating student John McKenna with batons. Charges were brought against the officers in riot gear beating student John McKenna with batons. McKenna suffered a concussion, cuts and other injuries, his attorney has said.

Harrison and Baker were placed on administrative leave soon after the beating. The names of their attorneys were not immediately known, and Vince Canales, the leader of the county police officers’ union, said he had no immediate comment.

Alsobrooks said the decision to charge the officers was not made lightly.

“But when there is evidence of potential wrongdoing by a police officer, it would never be appropriate for me to look the other way,” she said in a statement. “If I did so, the residents of Prince George’s County would be right to question my ability to be fair and impartial no matter the type of job or the standing a suspect or defendant may have in our community.”

US military repeals ban on gays serving openly

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military passed a historic milestone Tuesday with the repeal of the ban on gays serving openly in uniform, ending a prohibition that President Barack Obama said had forced gay and lesbian service members to “lie about who they are.”

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta pledged not to allow other issues of equal opportunity, such as allowing women to serve in combat roles, to be ignored or set aside.

“I am committed to removing all of the barriers that would prevent Americans from serving their country and from rising to the highest level of responsibility that their talents and capabilities warrant,” Panetta told a Pentagon news conference. “These are men and women who put their lives on the line in the defense of this country, and that’s what should matter the most.”

Repeal of the 18-year-old legal provision — commonly known as “don’t ask, don’t tell,” under which gays can serve as long as they don’t openly acknowledge their sexual orientation — took effect Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. EDT.

Appearing with Panetta for what was probably his final news briefing, Defense Secretary Robert Gates called the repeal “a historic moment for our armed forces.”

“Lie about who they are just to wear a uniform,” Mullen said. “The days of your faces being blacked out on the news — no more.”

A lingering question is whether disciplinary procedures are adequate to deal with any future instances of harassment of gays in the ranks. Michael Corgan, a professor of international relations at Boston University and a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, said it’s mainly a matter of leadership.

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In Iraq, a spokesman for U.S. forces put out a statement noting that all troops there had been trained for the change.

For weeks the military services have been accepting applications from openly gay recruits, while waiting for repeal to take effect before processing the applications.

With the lifting of the ban, the Defense Department published revised regulations to reflect the new law allowing gays to serve openly. The revisions, such as eliminating references to banned homosexual service, are in line with policy guidance that was issued by top Pentagon officials in January, after Obama signed the legislation that did away with the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

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A student filmed two Prince George County officers beating a University of Maryland student March 3, 2010.

A Navy Reserve Capt. Sarah Pezzat speaks about not being able to talk openly in the past about being gay Tuesday.

A Pentagon news conference as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retiring Navy Adm. Mike Mullen said that with the new law allowing gays to serve openly, the military is a stronger, more tolerant force with greater character and honor.

“I still believe that it was first and foremost a matter of integrity, that it was fundamentally against everything we stand for as an institution to force people to lie about who they are just to wear a uniform,” Mullen said.

“We are better than that.”

Some in Congress will oppose the change, arguing that it may undermine order and discipline, but top Pentagon leaders have certified that it will not hurt the military’s ability to recruit or to fight wars.

Obama issued a statement saying he is confident that lifting the ban will enhance U.S. national security, that henceforth “our armed forces will no longer lose the extraordinary skills and combat experience of so many gay and lesbian service members.”

Later Tuesday, at a New York City Democratic fundraiser, the president said he had met back- rights advocates and other Americans who had been discharged from the military because of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

“As of today, that will never happen again,” Obama said. “As of today, no one needs to hide who they are to serve the country they love.”

The head of Pentagon personnel policies issued a memo to the work force at a minute after midnight Tuesday. “All service members are to treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of sexual orientation,” the memo from Clifford Stanley said.

Gay advocacy groups celebrated across the country.

At a San Diego bar, current and former troops dashed and counted down to midnight. “You are all heroes,” said a former Navy operations specialist, said. “The days of your faces being blacked out on the news — no more.”

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Georgia man awaits execution, maintains innocence

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Yet another appeal denied, Troy Davis was left with little to do Tuesday but wait to be executed for a murder he insists he did not commit.

He lost his most realistic chance to avoid lethal injection on Tuesday, when Georgia’s pardons board rejected his appeal for clemency. As his scheduled execution neared, his backers resorted to far-fetched measures urging prison workers to strike or call in sick, asking prosecutors to block the execution — even considering a desperate appeal for White House intervention.

He has gotten support from hundreds of thousands of people, including a former FBI director, former President Jimmy Carter and Pope Benedict XVI, and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that has been largely recanted by witnesses, but prosecutors say Davis was with an accomplice when he was shot dead rushing a security guard in Savannah in 1989.

“Justice was finally served for my father,” said Mark MacPhail Jr., who was an infant when his father was gunned down. “The truth was finally heard.”

As Davis’ attorneys considered filing another appeal, his supporters planned vigils and rallies around the world. Nearly 1 million signed a petition seeking clemency, according to Amnesty International.

“We’ve been praying about it and with God on our side anything can happen,” DeJuan Cerrela-Davis, the condemned man’s 17-year-old nephew, told a rally of hundreds in front of the Georgia Capitol late Tuesday. “Let this be a case that not only highlights the death penalty but will hopefully be a big part in bringing it to an end.”

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Pa. school pulls play after 9/11 complaints

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Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — They came from every corner to the Nevada desert to watch the nation’s premier air race, a daring competition between speed-hungry pilots that pushed the limits of safety. They all had one thing in common: a deep affection for aviation.

One was a recent college graduate in a wheelchair who was thrilled to be at the races. Another was a former airline pilot who owned a vintage airplane. Still another was at his first race, attending it at the urging of his father and brother.

They were among the 10 people who died when one of the planes in the race, a World War II-era P-51 Mustang fighter called The Galloping Ghost, plunged into the VIP section. The 74-year-old stunt pilot also died in the nation’s deadliest air racing disaster.

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I have served as a teaching assistant in philosophy for some time before it occurred to me to tell the students what I really thought. I was, exactly, that I was teaching. The answer, when I finally found it, was rather more simplistic than I had expected.

Alasdair MacIntyre, After Virtue, reminds us that some of the college-educated public are haunted by vague cartoon-like memories of Philosophy "101"—and this, we are told, is what they should be doing in vats and exhorting to embrace their other Cartesian demons—without bothering to teach them the context that would make these fantasies more than interminently unsettling. For better or worse, however, we occasionally sober and insist that our discipline is serious business. MacIntyre admits that "professors of philosophy do from time to time seek to wear the clothes of respectability—and you are not the only ones who have noticed.

But moral philosophy is hardly a discipline that has reached anything like a consensus. "The most striking feature of these disputes," writes MacIntyre, "is that one side or another claims to be the like. And because these debates have proven both profound and interminable, we tend to pick sides. Reveling in our impartiality, we marshal what we take to be the very best arguments on each side of each debate, leaving our students to decide for themselves.

And MacIntyre himself loves this. After months grappling with the present King of France, they finally recognize something that just might have bearing on their lives. They throw themselves into these debates: in discussion, they shout at one another with obvious delight as they hurl utility or autonomy across the like in this way. The two statements are as obvious as the difference between your responses to them. If you do not pick a side, you cannot appeal, but these thoughts will always be mistakes. The sole reality of distinctions—of the attempt to make one side win—is a display of the feelings and attitudes of our culture, in past and present, that does not, in fact, exist. And this is why I know of no other way to cause one to act in that way despite the fact that I was teaching.

Well, children, Uncle Matt majored in Finance, like all good Dooms. Should he have consulted the promise of a humanistic arts education where you can throw away the graph paper and the calculator used for "The Observer"? He did have that. Or should we have thrown him out of Notre Dame and wondering how he got his big break that pays the bills. Maybe around noon, I will start my shift at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

I have already picked out which of my dear friends I’m going to have an offer of friendship sponsorship while I find my way to the gym. The name "Mendi" on my diploma.

My friend Matt just accepted a job working in New York City, with a starting salary that will probably allow him to live in a place where he can buy a 23rd birthday. He’s guaranteed Broch’s Brooks brothers suit and a leather briefcase, full of paper and ink and rules and rules and rules.

Years from now, when he’s married to his third Swedish supermodel wife, if he’s feeling particularly charitable and wants to leave Park Avenue for the day, hopefully he’ll be able to reach out to my children and take them to the Central Park Zoo or to Yankees games, because I certainly won’t be able to spoil them as he could. When they ask me why Uncle Matt is so rich, I’ll tell them the truth.

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It’s time for Palestinian statehood

In response to “Rally All of Notre Dame” (Sept. 19) I could not agree more with Ms. Wargel and Mr. Gaffney about the necessity to change the lyrics of the Notre Dame Victory March. In order to keep with the Catholic values and mission of this University. However, I believe we should take the modifications a few steps further.

In one of the verses, for example, it states “we will fight in every game.” The act of fighting is contrary to Catholic values of peace and love of neighbor. What more, to say that “Old Notre Dame will win over all” denounces an oppressive attitude toward athletes and students at other universities, who are all children of God.

In fact, as a Catholic university, should our victory march even be centered on a football game? If that is true then it would be a decrease in tensions. We should fight for peace and justice, not kill our relationship. We currently provide them with billions of dollars in foreign aid each year; they are dependent on us. It simply is not in Israel’s best interest to clash with America. The decision is undoubtedly difficult. Palestinian statehood is inevitable in due time. The only question left is, “How will history remember us if we vote for Palestinian statehood?”

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Subkirke is a bright spot in South Bend’s musical landscape. The resident concert venue at the South Bend Christian Reformed Church (SBCRC) has been growing steadily since it began in 2009 and now brings small, mostly indie, bands in nearly every week.

Yes, Subkirke is held in a church. But don’t be fooled — just because it’s a church does not mean that only Christian rock groups come to perform. Subkirke has hosted notable acts such as Horse Feathers, Bowerbirds, Bon Iver’s S. Carey and Maps & Atlases. You may not often see people from the iTunes Top 10 playing at Subkirke, but the venue has so far brought in some of the most popular and well-regarded indie acts from around the country.

The team at the SBCRC considers Subkirke, derived from the church’s acronym, a part of their ministry. In this case, though, the ministry is not meant to preach to people, but rather to provide the local community with top-notch music in a welcoming environment at a great price.

They believe in a commitment to the arts, generally, and the power of the arts to open your eyes and move your soul. In addition to bringing in these bands to play for the community, SBCRC also frequently hosts art exhibits in its building, which you can check out before or after the concert.

Concerts are held in the church’s sanctuary. The room is spacious yet intimate and has great acoustics for the artists. The room is full of chairs and pews to accommodate large crowds, but it is not uncommon for the masses to move to the stage and stand mere feet from the band for a good show.

When you walk into the church, you can immediately tell how dedicated everyone is to being there. These people are there to have fun and listen to great music, and that’s it. The environment is electric, and the concerts always attract sizable crowds of fans. Though the bands that visit Subkirke may not be radio favorites, the venue makes sure to bring in a variety of acts, from folk-inspired to alternative, that hail from all parts of the country. The Subkirke team knows its music and always manages to find the best-hidden (and not-so-hidden) acts around.

The bands always seem genuinely excited to be playing and devoted to putting on the best show for the grateful audience. When a band is willing to play for a small, intimate audience like at Subkirke, you know they really want to be there. Being so close to the band as they perform, you can’t help but feel a connection.

At the Maps & Atlases concert two weeks ago, Subkirke brought in Notre Dame student band Ratboy to open for the Chicago-based “math rock” band. As soon as Maps walked onto the stage, the crowd surged forward and spent the entirety of the set standing so close to the band that you could practically touch them. Fans were dancing to the music and singing along with their favorite songs, completely wrapped up in the performance.

Most of Subkirke’s acts inspire this kind of passion from the crowd, be they old fans or newcomers to the music, and the $12 ($10 if ordered ahead of time) ticket is a small price to pay for that experience. Whether you know the band or not, Subkirke is worth checking out — you won’t find anything quite like it in the rest of South Bend. The team at Subkirke is there to provide a great night of music for the crowd and they deliver every time. So take a chance on an unknown band, or look to see if your favorite indie band will be making its way there soon. Coming up is popular Michigan band Breathe Owl Breathe on Sept. 30 and Frontier Ruckus on Oct. 28.

Subkirke is located at 1855 N. Hickory Road in South Bend. Check out subkirke.com for upcoming acts, tickets and more information on the venue.

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Andrews Scholar. I had planned a meeting in CoMo at 5 p.m., which I had to attend as an on-time mass arrival.

I was making it to mass on time because I had worn a dress all day for nothing. But as I cut across the lawn in front of Ryan Hall with a minute to spare, I found my way unexpectedly blocked. Black metal stood in between me and the grassy path to Ryan Hall from Duncan Hall, I had to reroute myself in order to avoid the new black blockade.

I was stunned. I didn’t understand why these new black fences were keeping me from my intended destinations. I just wanted to crash in my room and take a quick nap in between classes or make myself a delicious wrap to make up across the grass from McGlinn to Pangborn, but not near South and West Quads. Are these fences designed to offer a different solution from what my landscaping uncle would do? I understand that footpath traffic can create ruts in the grass that my landscaping uncle would probably cry over. But they don’t always work. Also, this is a college campus, students walk places. The thing that really gets me, however, is that the majority of the fences can be found on or near South and West Quads. Are we just that unruly over there that you need to contain us?

Also, the fences don’t prevent me walking on those grassy patches, just in one direction. I can walk across the grass from McGlinn to Pangborn, but not from Duncan to South. Is this a subtle message to the Highlanders that they spend too much time at South? What the answers to these questions, I just would like to lodge my opinion about our new landscaping. If you just didn’t want people walking on the grass on West Quad, I would like to offer a different solution from these fences.

Give it a few years and no one will touch that grass, with or without a fence.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

It's Tiger postseason

Amidst all the talk of World Series contenders, one Ameri- can League team is consistently omitted from the discussion. They have an ace who is as easy a pick for the AL Cy Young award as you will ever see and has a serious shot of becoming the first no-hitter candidate to win the AL Cy Young since Den- nis Eckers- ley in 1988.

They have a perennial MVP candidate at first base who, for the first time during his stint with the club, is having a solid year and sitting solidly behind him in the lineup.

They have a closer who has converted 24 of 26 save opportuni- ties to highlight a bullpen that has held leads as well as anyone during the second half.

The players? Justin Verland- er, Ian Kinsler, Neftali Feliciano and Jose Valverde, respec- tively. The team? The Detroit Tigers.

The 2011 AL Central champi- ons are often left out of World Series discus- sions because they are the worst division in base- ball (since the 2010 NL West) and they are not the Yankees or Red Sox.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland recently rechristened a mem- ber of the national media who questioned the legitimacy of the AL Central heading into October.

“I was looking for something to take something away from [the team],” Leyland said. “I said ‘Tigers manager’ is not right. That’s [expletive]. That’s total [expletive].

Sounds like a manager with a chip on his shoulder and a team only something to prove, doesn’t it?

While the Tigers are un- likely to enter the playoffs with the league’s best record (they trailed the Yankees for home- field advantage throughout the AL playoffs by 4.5 games entering Tuesday), they are arguably the most dreaded team to compete against in a short series.

With Verlander, the winner of 12 consecutive starts (not decisions), starts dominating the league with a 24-5 record and 2.29 ERA, it would be an extremely stiff challenge for an opposing lineup to beat him in a play- off game. In five-five game se- ries, he would pitch twice, and in a seven-game series, he could be on the mound three times.

The argument against the Tigers all season was that someone outside of Verland- er needed to step up. Behind his ace, it was hard to find consistent starting pitching.

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NCAA Football

Illini prove to be threat in Big Ten

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois is 3-0 for the first time since 2001 and looks like a team that will be taken seriously in the Big Ten.

The No. 24 Illini entered the Top 25 this week for the first time in three years after their 14-vice victory over then-No. 22 Arizona State.

A win over Western Michi- gan this week would give Illi- nos its first 4-0 start since 1995 national championship sea- son, and the Illini have a chance to be 6-0 when Ohio State comes calling Oct. 15.

“They’ve caught my atten- tion,” Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema said Tuesday on the Big Ten coaches’ call.

Wins over Arkansas State and South Dakota State to start the season didn’t raise any eyebrows. The win over Arizona State was impress- ing because of the deficit, a major question mark enter- ing the season, carried the day while Illinois offense generated just 240 yards.

“Every time you ask a question, you play a Pac- 12 opponent to beat them, it was great for our pro- gram,” Illini coach Ron Zook said. “Our guys went in, they played a game knowing they could win if they did the things the coaches asked them to do. It was great a ranked non-conference team for the first time in 10 tries and is on a four-game win streak that started with a 38-14 victo- ry over Baylor in the Texas Bowl.

Bielema said the win over Arizona State was a team the Badgers beat 20-19 in Madi- son last year, showed Illini is a legitimate Big Ten con- tenter.

“We beat (ASU) on a blocked extra point, and I think they had a good team a year ago,” Bielema said. “It speaks vol- umes about how good Illinois is at this point.

An Illini defense that lost three players to the NFL draft sacked Sun Devils quarterback Brock Osweil- ler six times and intercepted three passes.

Sophomore linebacker Jonathan Brown was named Big Ten defen- sive player of the week after making seven tackles and 1.5 sacks. He also had an inter- ception and forced another.

Glenn Foster has made a smooth move from end to tackle to help compensate for the loss of first- round pick Corey Liuget.

The defense, allowing under 11 points a game, has scored on after any of Illinois’ four turnovers and has forced eight takeaways that have led to 24 points.

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DeBoer joins Devils with hopes of restoring order, success

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The Peter DeBoer era with the New Jersey Devils is officially only three practices old. But so far, the returning Devils like what they see in their new coach.

"Obviously, it's still pretty early, but we all like the type of style that he wants us to play," said veteran defenseman Andy Greene, who re-signed with the Devils after testing the free-agent market. "It's fast paced and up tempo, and that's a style I really like. It encourages us to play freer and that's a plus."

For the first time since 1996, the Devils, who have won three Stanley Cup titles since 1995, did not make the postseason last year. DeBoer is here to restore order.

"It's only been a couple of days, but so far, I like it," second-year forward Jacob Josefson said. "I like the high-tempo practices. I like the fast pace. It makes you feel like you've been on the ice for a long time, but you really haven't. Obviously, he has a gameplan that he believes in and it's up to us players to get into it."

Josefson likes DeBoer's style, because it encourages more open ice skating, something that the 20-year-old Swedish player feels is his strength.

"There's a lot of skating and skating is a big part of my game," said Josefson, the Devils' first-round draft selection in 2009 who had three goals and seven assists in 28 games last season. "I really like it. It's been good, even this early, with the skating and conditioning. He runs good practices."

Greene said the Devils' lack of prowess in the power play was one of the main reasons for their horrendous end to the season. "You can see the intensity from the first day," Greene said. "You know what he wants and he demands the energy. I think it's a good way to be. Of course, winning helps and makes things easier. We know we have to win this year."

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"Things are definitely looking up this year," Josefson said.

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DeBoer turned to practice Tuesday.

Veteran goaltender Martin Brodeur, who missed Monday's intra-squad scrimmage against the Devils, returned to practice Tuesday.

"Today was totally dedicated to special teams," DeBoer said. "It was really our third practice day of camp. We did go at it early. That was the plan coming out of our coaching meetings this summer. It's obviously an area that we red-flagged as something we want to improve at and we wanted to spend some time on it early."

DeBoer skated with the minor leaguers from the American Hockey League against the New York Rangers Wednesday night against the New York Rangers in Albany, N.Y.
Floyd surrenders 3 home runs in 4-3 loss to Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Gavin Floyd still is looking for his first win in September, and that’s bad news for the sliding Chicago White Sox.

Floyd gave up three home runs Tuesday and the White Sox lost 4-3 to Cleveland in the opener of a day-night doubleheader. Chicago has lost eight of its last nine games.

Asdrubal Cabrera’s leadoff homer in the fourth gave the Indians a 3-2 lead. Travis Hafner hit a two-run homer in the first and Kosuke Fukudome added a solo shot in the fifth.

“I didn’t think they were terrible pitches, they just got the right part of the bat on the ball,” said Floyd, who is 0-2 with a 5.16 ERA in four September starts. “They could have just as easily been fly balls, but today they weren’t.”

Though he didn’t like the results, Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen liked what he saw from Floyd, who gave up four runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

“Gavin throw the ball very good,” he said. “He got hurt by the long balls, but it was a good outing for him. Obviously you can’t be happy when you lose the game, but he pitched well.”

Floyd (12-12) struck out seven and walked none.

Cleveland and Chicago, which were eliminated from the AL Central race last week when Detroit clinched the division, are battling for second place. The Indians lead the White Sox by 2½ games.

Guillen has mixed feelings about playing for the runner-up spot in the division.

“I think when you’re not in first place, everything else is overrated, but I look at second place for motivation and work for pride,” he said.

Cleveland starter Fausto Carmona (7-5) allowed three runs in six innings and won for the first time since Aug. 17. Hafner’s two-run homer in the first gave Cleveland the lead, but the White Sox tied it in the second.

Chicago’s first four hitters reached in the inning Singles by A.J. Pierzynski and Alex Rios started the rally. Adam Dunn, batting. 165 when the game began, slapped a double down the third-base line that scored Pierzynski. De Aza’s single to right tied the game.

De Aza added a run-scoring groundout in the sixth.

Dunn doubled to left again later in the game, and Guillen said he likes how his designated hitter is ending the season.

“I think he’s been swinging the bat good lately. He’s made good contact and he’s not trying to hit home runs,” Guillen said. “I’m happy. I don’t like to see someone suffering all season long. I think he’s having more fun. Some people might say it’s too late, but for him it’s good to see him go out there and finish.”

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Giants prepare for Vick, Eagles

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants’ defensive coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles is going to have a major section on stopping Michael Vick.

As far as Tom Coughlin was concerned Tuesday, the elusive Eagles quarterback is going to be “a second time in his conference call. Defensive end Justin Tuck reiterated when asked about Vick a second time in his conference call.

“I think if Michael Vick can play, he will play,” Coughlin reiterated. “I think he’s been swinging the bat good lately. He’s made good contact and he’s not trying to hit home runs,” Guillen said. “I’m happy. I don’t like to see someone suffering all season long. I think he’s having more fun. Some people might say it’s too late, but for him it’s good to see him go out there and finish.”

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Chicago White Sox pitcher Gavin Floyd delivers a pitch to the plate in a 4-3 loss to Cleveland on Tuesday.
Harden chased early as Texas beats Oakland, 7-2

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rich Harden retired the first two batters of the game and needed one strike to get the third. Back-to-back singles and a three-run home run by Adrian Beltre later, the Athletics’ right-hander was headed toward his shortest outing of the season.

Harden was long gone before teammate Michael Taylor’s first major league home run in the fifth. By then, Oakland’s veteran pitcher was just trying to figure out how things got out of hand so quickly.

Coco Crisp also homered but AL West-leading Texas built a four-run lead against Harden then coasted to a 7-2 win over the A’s on Tuesday night behind 15-game winner Derek Holland.

“They don’t swing at a lot of bad pitches and they work the count a lot,” Harden said of the Rangers. “They foul pitches off and try to work the count in their favor and look for a pitch to hit. A similar approach that the Yankees take. That’s a tough lineup.”

Harden (4-4) lost consecutive starts for the first time this year, done after a season-low three innings in which he was tagged for six runs — five earned — on seven hits, struck out three and walked one.

Harden, who pitched for Texas last season, is winless in five straight outings since beating the Blue Jays on Aug. 19. “Just not his best stuff and when he missed he missed over the plate,” said Oakland manager Bob Melvin, who appears close to signing a new deal to remain in Oakland through 2014. “They made him pay for it. It didn’t look like his velocity was down or anything was wrong physically.”

Beltre drove a 1-1 pitch over the center-field wall with two outs in the first as Texas immediately jumped ahead on an uncharacteristically warm night in the Bay Area. First-pitch temperature was 74 degrees.

The slugger had batted just 2 for 16 against Harden before connecting for his 28th home run of 2011. It was Beltre’s 20th career homer against Oakland and seventh in as many games. The last eight have come off seven different pitchers.

A wild pitch in the second allowed Nelson Cruz to score after he doubled leading off the inning.

Texas scored twice more in the third to make it 6-0 and chase Harden, whose start was his shortest since the Rangers knocked him out after only 2 1-3 innings on Aug. 7, 2010.

“The pitch to Beltre was in, maybe not enough,” Harden said. “He was looking for that. I don’t know, I’m disappointed in my performance tonight.”

Taylor hit his first major league home run in the fifth — his 18th career at-bat — for Oakland’s lone run against Holland (15-5), who won his fourth straight decision.

Holland allowed one run and two hits over seven innings. He struck out seven and walked three while earning his second win in three starts against Oakland this season.

Crisp homered in the ninth for the A’s against Michael Kirkman.

Texas came out swinging a night after Rangers manager Ron Washington attended the “Moneyball” premiere and reminisced about his special days as Oakland’s third base coach.

Cruz remained in the designated hitter role while he nurses a strained left hamstring.

Washington said Cruz would likely DH again Wednesday night and then the manager would decide whether to use him in the outfield as soon as Thursday’s series finale with the A’s or wait until back home in Texas.
Cavanaugh routs PW in another shutout victory
Welsh Fam, Ryan roll to 2-0; Breen-Philips scores first touchdown in two years but loses to Howard

By JONATHAN WARREN
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Cavanaugh continued its stout defensive play in a 12-0 victory over Pasquerilla West Tuesday night.
The Chaos (2-0) have not allowed a score yet, recording two shutouts in their first two games.
Cavanaugh took the lead for good midway through the first half with an 18-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Bebecca Cink to senior receiver Megan Hoke.
Senior captain Brittni Alexander rushed for a 15-yard touchdown to seal the victory in the second half.
“I think we played awesome,” Alexander said. “I’m so excited for our team. We did really well.”
Alexander hopes the Chaos will continue to show the amount of energy they have in the first two games.
“Our energy the whole game and our communication (were the keys to our victory),” she said.
“She came out and did exactly what we practiced.”
Pasquerilla West (0-1) failed to achieve offensive consistency throughout the game, as the Purple Weasels were kept out of the red zone the entire contest.
“We made some big penalties on defense and that killed our momentum,” senior captain Alison Lindeen said.
“We’re going to look to control those in the future.”
The Purple Weasels are hoping to improve by their next game.
“We’re disappointed in the loss,” Lindeen said. “We just have some first game kinks and jitters we need to work out.”
Pasquerilla West looks to recover Sunday against Pasghorn, while Cavanaugh has a bye before taking on Breen-Philips Oct. 2.

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Welsh Family 27, McGlinn 8

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Sports Writer

Welsh Family looked virtually unstoppable in its 27-8 win over McGlinn Saturday night at the Flag Football Fields.
Coming off a 13-0 win over Pasquerilla East Sunday, the Whirlwind (2-0) utilized a potent spread offense that racked up 517 total yards, routinely coming out in the shotgun with multiple receivers and no running backs.
Junior quarterback Vicky Mongelli showed good accuracy, completing 23 of 27 passes for 249 yards and four touchdowns. Junior receiver Kirsten Groody and senior receiver Natalie Waldare each had one touchdown reception while senior receiver Charlotte Scaletta contributed a pair of scores. The trio combined for 21 receptions and 236 yards.
“We came into the game with a lot of energy,” Moreno said. “We got protection from the offensive line and I just let the receivers do the rest of the work.”
Meanwhile, the Shamrocks (1-1) had a tough time moving the ball on offense, thanks in large part to a swarming Welsh Family defense.
McGlinn managed just two first downs in the entire first half. The Shamrocks picked it up in the second half, managing to score on their final possession, a seven-play 66-yard drive that culminated with a three-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Lauren Miller to sophomore receiver Kate Tucker.
“They were stout,” Miller said.
“They really contained our offense.”
McGlinn, who beat Lewis 24-14 Sunday, hopes to get back to its winning ways next week.
 “[Next game] we’ll look to improve,” Miller said.
“We still have a lot to learn.”
Welsh Family will try to remain undefeated Sunday against Lewis while McGlinn squares off against Lyons.

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Ryan 28, Walsh 21

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It was a wild Monday night game with the Wildcats topping the Wild Women 28-21.
Junior quarterback Maya Pillai led Ryan (2-0) and served as a powerful dual-threat force in the win over Walsh (0-1).
Pillai ran for 58 yards and passed 135 yards with four passing touchdowns, going 12-for-16.
Pillai looked mainly to sophomore receiver Maddie Swan who finished with two touchdowns and 90 yards receiving.
Senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis also ran for 79 yards and had 43 reception yards with one touchdown.
The power of the offense comes from the mustache,” senior coach Ryan Quillard said.
Quillard has one of his players draw on a mustache with eye black before every game.
This tradition is one that keeps the Wildcats having fun, and will be continued throughout the season.
On a more serious note regarding Ryan’s offensive prowess, Swan gave all the credit to her quarterback.
“Maja threw some incredible passes up for me and it made my job easy today,” Swan said.
Ryan’s defense also forced some turnovers, including two interceptions and two turnovers-on-downs.
The Wildcats credited the Wildcats for their relentless attack.
Pillai had a great game,” junior captain and quarterback Kat Leach said. “They came up with some successful plays and we were unable to adjust.”
Though Leach started to lead a late game offensive surge of her own, the clock ran out too soon.
“We showed in the end that our offense and defense can play,” Leach said.
“We just need to put it all together sooner.”
The Wild Women look to reorganize against Pasqueilla East on Sunday, while the Wildcats have a bye week and look to keep their ‘stache streak rolling against Welsh Family Oct. 2.

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Howard 28, Breen-Philips 7

By STEPHANIE BANTA
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Howard found redemption from its Sunday loss by snagging a victory over Breen-Philips 28-7 Tuesday evening.
“We definitely took a hit last week,” Howard senior captain Jenny Gassner said.
“But after losing, (the team) has shown more energy and dedication, especially the freshman players.”
That energy and dedication were reflected on the field as the Ducks (1-1) scored on their first drive, led by freshman quarterback Lauren Gabel.
Gabel, a newcomer to the Ducks squad, led the team to two touchdowns in the first half.
Junior quarterback Katharine Mack helped to rally the Ducks to two more scoring drives in the second half.
“The team is really happy with how well our new quartetbacks filled in and performed under pressure,” Gassner said.
After losing key players, we need that leadership on the field again. I think we will be able to ride the energy from winning into practice and the next game.”
Breen-Philips (0-2) did not go down without a fight, though. The Babes were able to pressure the Howard defense to six incomplete passes and two punts.
The Breen Philips offense had some weaknesses, throwing four interceptions throughout the game. But senior captain Maria Lynch was able to find the end zone in the last minute giving the Babes their first touchdown in two years.
 “[The team] hasn’t scored since our freshman year,” Lynch said.
“So, this truly is a new beginning for the team. It’s a personal victory.”
Breen Philips looks to rebound as they face Farley this Sunday, while Howard looks to continue its trek to the stadium as it takes on Badin.

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can catch the ball coming out of the backfield, he can lineup as a wide receiver.”

Shembo returns to the field

Irish sophomore linebacker Prince Shembo practiced with the team Tuesday after missing Saturday’s contest due to a family emergency. Kelly said he expects Shembo to play this weekend.

“That family matter that we talked about has really turned out to be quite remarkable, so we’re happy for Prince and his family,” Kelly said.

Big Ten referees admit mistake

After Irish sophomore wide receiver T.J. Jones caught a 26-yard touchdown pass in the win over Michigan State, the team was penalized 15 yards due to an unsportsmanlike conduct infraction.

Jones had lifted his gloves to the crowd and put them together to show off the leprechaun logo. Kelly said the Big Ten informed Notre Dame that a penalty should not have been called.

“We got a clarification that it, in fact, is not a penalty … Now, if he does that and puts it in somebody’s face or jumps into the Michigan State hand, then that would be an unsportsmanlike penalty,” Kelly said.

Kelly said he received assurances from the NCAA before the season that such a player holding up the gloves to the crowd would not receive a penalty.

Scouts admire Lynch

Several NFL scouts were impressed with freshman defensive end Aaron Lynch’s performance Saturday, Kelly said.

“He’s a pretty good looking kid,” he said. “I mean, I think we had about 11 scouts in, and they said that he physically looks like an NFL player right now. He’s got a lot of work to do as it relates to all the other little things that come with being a great player. He’s certainly not out there as an every-day player yet. He can’t play every down yet, but he’s getting better.”

Lynch recorded five tackles, including a sack and a forced fumble of Michigan State quarterback Kirk Cousins.

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in my knee,” Van De Casteele said. “I had a couple procedures done on it before, which [the doctors] had hoped would fix it but they didn’t so then they had to operate on it in April. I missed pretty much the entire spring season.”

At the time of that April surgery, it was unclear when Van De Casteele might be ready to retake the field with the Irish. With limited time before the Aug. 27 opener, Van De Casteele underwent intensive rehab to try to expedite the recovery process.

“It was pretty slow and steady, slow and agonizing, really,” he said. “When I had the surgery, they didn’t know if I was going to be ready for the start of the season or if I would even be playing in the season. I was getting treatment at least once a day pretty much the whole summer and I was able to recover pretty quickly.”

Although he said he is not yet back at full strength, Van De Casteele is content to be able to take the field.

“I’m still getting my strength back and still working on my endurance, but I’m definitely in a good position right now, possibly better than I was at this point last year,” he said.

Van De Casteele has played all 685 minutes of Notre Dame’s season thus far, as has senior defender Aaron Maund, who combines with Van De Casteele to make up the core of the Irish defense.

“Me and Aaron have a pretty good playing relationship,” Van De Casteele said. “I think we work well together and our skills kind of complement each other.”

Van De Casteele was recently named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week after helping the Irish limit their opponents to only one goal in 181 minutes of weekend play against Michigan (2-6-1) and Michigan State (1-5-1).

A student in the Mendoza College of Business and a member of the Dean’s List, Van De Casteele has also been named a Big East Academic All-Star in each of his first two seasons.

Moving forward, Van De Casteele will attempt to continue his domination of the air space around the goal, but will do so with the support of a group called the “Dancing Gumbies,” a collection of roommates and friends who attend the soccer games dressed as the green cartoon character.

“They made their debut on Friday, and since then we are 2-0,” Van De Casteele said. “They’re behind the goal just kind of dancing around, jok- ing, having a good time. There are five of them right now and there’s a Pokey on the way.”

“Pokey,” Gumbie’s sidekick in the cartoon, may make an appearance when the Irish host Louisville Saturday at 7 p.m.

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those errors were physical rather than mental was encouraging to Kuschel.

“Our hitters were making the right decisions and the right reads,” Kuschel said. “But the balls kept sailing just long or just wide.

While Kuschel might have feared her squad would wilt in the fourth set after its performance in the third, she expressed the utmost confidence in her team going into the last set.

“We were very confident going into the fourth,” Kuschel said. “It was more about playing as well as we knew we could.”

Freshman Katie Schneider led the Belles offensively as she notched 15 kills on the day. Junior Stephanie Bodien added 12 and junior Allison Zandarski 8.

“Getting one-on-one opportunities for our outside hitters was a big emphasis of ours in practice this week,” Kuschel said. “Their percentages might not have been as high as they have been, but that was mostly due to errors in the third set.”

Junior Danie Brink once again proved to be the engine behind the transition from offense to defense for the Belles. She finished with 16 digs and 35 assists.

“Brink played very well,” Kuschel said. “She did a great job adjusting to what Trine was doing and executing the plays that we had worked on.”

The most encouraging signs for the Belles were defense and timely plays. Brink hit just 0.51 on the match, and the team consistently won points in big spots.

“We played very composed today, especially on defense,” Kuschel said. “Whenever the play seemed to be over the ball just kept getting back over the net. Our hitters played very well, and our serving accuracy was amazing. They made big plays at the right time.”

The Belles resume action on the road against Hope College at 7 p.m. Friday.

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tered the season's second conference match trailing Olivet by four strokes before capturing the match by 10 strokes, propelling them into a lead they would maintain for the rest of the season.

“There is a little bit of urgency to cut down on our total score, apply what we have been practicing for the past few weeks to our rounds and, most importantly, stay focused,” Kielty said.

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Belles junior Cara Kielty

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trouble catching Oregon, second place remains within reach as three teams sit just seven strokes behind the Irish in a tie for second.

“We just need to show up and play the kind of golf we’re capable of playing,” Holt said. “We need to put ourselves in better positions on the greens to create more birdies and eliminate high scoring holes.”

The Irish will look to move up the ranks as the Golfweek Conference Challenge wraps up Wednesday in Colorado.

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**SMC Golf**

Belles will try to track down Hope

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After emerging from the first conference match of the season in second place, the Belles are hoping to simultaneously distance themselves from the pack and begin hunting down front-runner Hope in their second conference match Wednesday.

No. 5 Saint Mary's sits 17 strokes behind Hope, but three strokes ahead of third place Olivet. Despite the large deficit, the Belles realize they still have plenty of time to overtake Hope.

“We feel okay about the conference standings, and are looking to make up some strokes before conference play wraps up. It's also the belief that we can improve on our standings.”

Last year, the Belles entered the final round in ninth place in the MIAA, but moved up to seventh after shooting a 297.

**Prep for Pitt**

Irish freshman running back George Atkinson returns a first-quarter kickoff for a touchdown in Saturday's 31-13 win over Michigan State.

By ANDREW OWENS  
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After beating rival Michigan State last weekend, Irish coach Brian Kelly and his squad will face a familiar opponent under a first-year coach when they travel to Pittsburgh Saturday.

Panthers coach Todd Graham is in his inaugural season at Pittsburgh (2-1), but defeated Notre Dame in 2010 when he coached Tulsa to a 28-27 victory at Notre Dame Stadium.

Kelly said the team has watched film of that game to prepare for Graham’s squad.

“He knows us quite well from last year,” Kelly said. “We’re familiar with his system. Now he essentially put in his philosophy and his system of offense and defense at Pittsburgh. When you’re watching film, you’re seeing a lot of similarities to his Tulsa club.”

“We’ve done a lot of film study on their games this year, but we’ve also looked at last year as well in terms of how the games played out, and also the thing things that we need to do better than last year.”

Pittsburgh junior running back Ray Graham has rushed for 419 yards and six touchdowns in three games this season.

“The pin placement was difficult,” Holt said. “Typically we come back from behind so we are going to approach tomorrow with confidence and we believe that we can improve on our standings.”

**ND Women’s Golf**

Armstrong goes low again in college debut

By MATT UNGER  
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The second round of the Golfweek Conference Challenge saw Notre Dame and nearly every other team in the field struggle in the strong winds and tough course conditions at the Red Sky Golf Club in Wolcott, Colo.

Notre Dame posted a 23-over-par to drop to 37-over-par for the tournament. The Irish will enter the final round in ninth place out of 18 teams, sitting 12 strokes behind tournament-leading Oregon.

“Tough conditions. Our team was far from ideal,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “We had an average three strokes higher than the day before.”

“The pin placement was difficult, the greens played extremely fast and the winds were quite strong,” Holt said regarding the playing conditions. “All three of those factors made golfing (Tuesday) for every team difficult.”

The Irish will come off their strong play. Freshman Ashley Armstrong tied for the team lead on Tuesday, shooting a five-over-par 77, following her impressive opening round one-over-par.

“Becca Huffer continued to struggle, shooting a team-high 81, following a 79 in the first round. Despite an unusually high rough for the senior, Holt said he was encouraged by Huffer’s play Tuesday as she hit 15 greens in regulation.”

**SMC Volleyball**

SMC gets early win over Trine

By CONOR KELLY  
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The Belles traveled to Trine University in Angola, Ind. Tuesday and emerged with a four-set victory, 2-1 (26-24, 25-20, 13-25, 25-23). The win pushed the Belles (3-6, 2-3 MIAA) into sixth place in the MIAA.

The match showed the Belles at their best and their worst as the first, second and fourth sets saw Saint Mary’s gut out close victories while it was trounced 25-13 in the third.

Belles coach Toni Kuschel saw both positives and negatives in her team’s play.

“I was very happy with our play overall this match,” Kuschel said. “But we gave them the third set by making too many errors. We weren’t making them earn their points. At one point I believe we made seven errors in a row.”

However, the fact that they were able to get an early win was a reference to a recent GEICO commercial. The nickname “The Irish” is a reference to a recent GEICO commercial.

**SMC women’s soccer**

Defender rises above his peers

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
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**Men’s soccer**

Notre Dame defender Grant Van De Casteele sends the ball out of the back Sept. 11 against Bucknell. The Irish won 2-1.

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