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CIERRE WOOD, THEO RIDDICK AND GEORGE ATKINSON GET THE IRISH OFFENSE RUNNING
A conversation about Michigan

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Night game attracts top corners, running backs

By Chris Allen
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The much-anticipated Saturday night matchup between No. 11 Notre Dame and No. 18 Michigan will attract more than students, fans and national media attention — it will attract dozens of football recruits from around the country to take in the action.

A total of 13 Notre Dame commitments and 18 other recruits from the 2013 and 2014 classes have been confirmed to visit this weekend and take in the second night game at Notre Dame Stadium in as many seasons. Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank said the growing tradition of night games at Notre Dame is an enormous draw for high school talent.

“Recruits love the night game. The atmosphere is just more exciting,” said Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated Irish Sports Daily. “The lights are on, the fans are a bit more rowdy, and that impacts the game. It’s also just anticipation, you have to sit around and wait all day for this big rivalry game. Every college coach wants to get the recruits into an environment like that.”

The focus in recruiting this weekend will be on a group of seven players who have been offered scholarships by Notre Dame but have not yet committed to the program. Among the seven are a duo of cornerbacks, Cole Luke and L.J. Moore, who can add depth at a position the Irish recruiting staff is looking to improve. Luke is the fourth-ranked player in Arizona according to ESPNU.

“I think [Luke and Moore] are both really good prospects. I think [cornerback] is certainly a position where Notre Dame is in need of some players,” Frank said. “They have two commitments right now in [2013 commitments] Rashad Kinlaw and Devin Butler, but it’s really important they land at least one more corner. Luke is one of the top corners in the country, when you look at rankings. He’s a guy who can run with just about anybody and likes to hit people.”

Another position under the microscope is the running back position. The Irish will graduate running back Theo Riddick and Cierre Wood this year and the coaching staff needs to build back depth at the position. Irish commitment Jamel James and Pittsburgh commitment Corey Clement will both be visiting campus this weekend, and the Irish have some selling to do to both players, Frank said.

“Clement has always made it known that even though he committed early, he still wanted to explore options at some other schools,” he said. “I think he likes Pittsburgh a great deal, but I think he sees opportunity at Notre Dame, too. I wouldn’t say he’s waver- ing, but he’s making sure Pitt is really where he wants to go.

“Even though he’s a commit, Jamel James has never been to Notre Dame before this weekend. You just don’t know until he visits whether he’s actually going to like it. This weekend is a big week-end to find out if it’s a match made in heaven.”

For more on Notre Dame recruiting, check out Mike Frank’s irishsportsdaily.com. Email Mike at mikefrank18@dgclong.net and tell him The Observer sent you.

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Notre Dame’s three top running backs do everything together. They practice together, play together and hang out together. But when all three are in the same room, it’s obvious what their greatest pleasure is: arguing together.

“I call [sophomore George Atkinson] ‘Stallion’ because he runs and gallops like a horse,” senior Cierre Wood said. “Or because he looks like a horse,” senior Theo Riddick said with a laugh.

The trio forms Notre Dame’s set of rolling back runners. They lightheartedly argue about each other’s nicknames, which player is the best-looking (“I’m obvious-ly me,” Atkinson said) and which of the three is most talented at video games (“I’m the best on the team,” Riddick said).

When you dig past the bite-sized personas, there’s one thing they all agree on: the team’s talent, even if they can’t agree on a name.

“RBU: Running Back University,” Wood said.

“Three-headed monsters,” Riddick said.

Keeping each other fresh

During last week’s 20-3 win at Michigan State, Riddick, Wood and Atkinson carried the ball 12, 10 and five times, respectively, for 138 yards. Riddick said splitting the carries helped the trio late in the game.

“Oh yeah,” Riddick said. “You’re taking less hits. You get to catch a breather, so you’ll feel fresher overall, physically and mentally.

“I think we all want to be the main running back, but it’s what’s best for this team. Obviously what the coaches have been doing has been successful.” Atkinson said their success is fueled by each other’s play.

“Definitely,” he said. “It takes some pressure off each other and we feed off each other too. Someone might make the big run, so then the next guy wants to make the big run.”

At times, the format can be a double-edged sword, Wood said.

“The way we come in and out, it’s kind of hard to get a rhythm, but [Irish coach Brian Kelly] always says you have to stay the course and keep pushing, and that’s what I did and they called me [at Michigan State] and I got the job done.”

Serving in many roles

Kelly has taken advantage of the players’ versatility by creating a hybrid role this season in which the running backs can also contribute as a receiver.

Riddick, who played receiver his sophomore and junior seasons after debuting at running back, said his ability to play different positions has aided his performance in 2012.

“My whole life I was only a running back. I had good hands and went out for a few passes here and there, but mainly I was a running back,” he said. “My versatility really came in at the collegiate level and enhanced my game.

“I feel comfortable everywhere. I played wide receiver for two years and now I’m in the backfield.”

Atkinson dabbled at both running back and receiver in high school and said he is benefiting from his background at both positions while still fine-tuning his play out wide.

“It’s helped tremendously,” he said. “The coaches back home prepared me well to play both positions. Coming to [Notre Dame], I didn’t know what I was going to play, so I prepared for both positions that summer and I’m still developing at receiver and running plays and catching the ball.”

In 2011, Atkinson starred as the Irish kick returner and impressed with his blazing speed while reaching the end zone twice, an experience he considered vital to his 2012 success.

“It helped a lot to find out how fast the game goes and I believe special teams is faster than the regular snap on the field because guys are running full speed at you,” he said. “You have to make quick reads, so it helped a lot to get on the field and get experience and hearing the crowd and getting used to everything else. Coming in the next year, I knew what to expect.”

This season, Riddick has not only shown off his speed and athleticism, but also his strength. In the Sept. 1 season-opening 50-10 win over Navy, Riddick rushed for some first downs on short-yardage plays; against Michigan State, he even contributed as a lead blocker for Wood on a few carries.

“He’s always been a hard-nosed type of runner and blocker,” Atkinson said. “I wasn’t surprised he’s doing those kinds of things and I’m learning from him so when I’m thrown in there and I can block them and the same with Cierre.”

Kelly said the different offensive looks have been advantageous for the Irish during the team’s first 3-0 start in 10 years.

“It’s a tough matchup group,” he said. “When you think of some of the formation groupings … It creates some issues. And you know, we’ll continue to utilize those multiple groupings. They work well for us.

“We have versatility. We have to get George some more touches, because we think we have got really three backs that have equal starting ability. They can be stars and starters. We have to make sure we integrate them all into the offense.”

Next man in

During Wood’s two-game suspension for a violation of team rules, Riddick and Atkinson carried the load. Wood’s return gives Kelly and offensive coordinator Chuck Martin the ability to let Wood adjust to game speed without rushing him.

“I think the implications are more about being fresh in the fourth quarter,” he said. “He had fresh legs. He had not played in a couple weeks. He didn’t have a lot of carries leading up to the later carries that he got [against Michigan State].”

“He played like a guy who had a couple weeks off, and I think that depth at running back is going to allow us to keep turning those guys in and have four quarters of physical play at the running back position.”

Riddick rushed for 99 yards on nine carries and scrambled into the end zone twice in the season-opening romp against Navy in Dublin, but don’t expect his teammates to be amazed by his 2012 breakthrough.

“I wasn’t surprised,” Wood said. “I see him every day. I run with him every day. I practice with him every day. It was just a matter of time before those plays exposed him.”

Wood was proud to see Atkinson emerge, but congratulatory text messages weren’t the only ones he sent his fellow running backs.

“I was laughing at [Riddick] because I know there were a couple times he got hit and it hurt,” Wood said. “I texted him and I said, ‘I know that hurt,’ and stuff like that. After [the game] he said, ‘Yeah, man, it did. They hit pretty hard’.

For this trio, everything’s a laughing matter.
It's Denard. That's probably all that needs to be said. Senior quarterback Denard Robinson has recorded 944 total yards and eight touchdowns against the Irish the last two years. Last week, Robinson threw for 291 yards and three touchdowns in a 63-13 win over former Irish offensive coordinator Charley Molnar's Massachusetts. It is pretty clear who Robinson's favorite target is, as junior receiver Devin Gardner has scored a touchdown in every game this season and leads the Wolverines in receiving yards with 155. Gardner leads a receiving corps that averages 17 yards per catch.

In last season's 35-31 victory over Notre Dame, Robinson threw for 338 yards and two touchdowns, which overshadowed his three interceptions. Robinson led the Wolverines in an improbable double-digit comeback mostly through the air, picking apart an experienced Irish secondary.

With the loss of senior safety Jamoris Slaughter for the year, Notre Dame will start only one returning starter in its secondary: senior safety Zeke Motta. Last week, the young secondary looked impressive in holding Michigan State to 187 yards on 23-for-45 passing. The Irish defense also ranks seventh in the nation with 11 sacks, led by sophomore defensive end Stephon Tuitt's five. Against this stingy defense, opponents are averaging 10 points per game. But based on what Robinson has done to the Irish secondary in the past, Michigan comes in with the definite advantage until proven otherwise.

**EDGE: MICHIGAN**

**WOLVERINES PASSING**

It is not too much of a surprise as to who is leading the rushing category for the Wolverines. Robinson has four rushing touchdowns to go with his 351 rushing yards, good for 8.8 yards per carry. The next highest total for Michigan? Senior running back Fitzgerald Touissant's 92 rushing yards.

The Irish defense has held strong against the run this season, only giving up 96.3 rushing yards per game. After putting a stop to Navy's triple option in the 50-10 season-opening win on Sept. 1 in Dublin, the Irish defense shut down Heisman contender and Michigan State junior running back Le'Veon Bell. Bell rushed for only 77 yards in Notre Dame's 20-3 win Saturday, almost half of his season average of 140 yards per game.

But Robinson provides a much different rushing threat than Bell. All one has to do is look back at last year's meeting, where Robinson quietly rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown. If that weren't enough, Robinson rushed for 258 yards and two touchdowns in his last trip to Notre Dame. Robinson set the record for the longest run in Notre Dame Stadium history, with a weaving 87-yard touchdown run down the second quarter of the Wolverines' 21-7 win Sept. 11, 2010.

**EDG E: EVEN**

**WOLVERINES OFFENSIVE COACHING**

Last week, the Wolverines displayed great distribution as eight different Michigan players scored a touchdown. But this is Irish defensive coordinator Bob Diaco's third shot at cracking the Denard offense, and he showed last week that he can prepare his defense for the best of the best.

**EDG E: EVEN**

**WOLVERINES SPECIAL TEAMS**

Michigan has yet to put up any glowing stats in the return category, but its kicking game has been superb. Senior kicker Brandon Gibbons has only kicked one field goal, but junior punter Will Hagerup averages a whopping 48.5 yards per punt.

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With strong defensive play (just 30 points surrendered in three games) and 11 fewer turnovers than last season at this point, Irish coach Brian Kelly's plan for the program is coming together.

But this week represents a new test for the Irish. For Notre Dame to truly enter the BCS discussion, it needs a win over Michigan first. In each of the past three seasons, the Irish have suffered last-minute losses to the Wolverines, the worst of which was last year's fourth-quarter collapse.

Denard Robinson will make some big plays, but the Irish front seven will contain him most of the time and, most importantly, late in the game when it matters most. This time, a Notre Dame score in the final minutes will devastate Michigan and propel the Irish to a 4-0 record.

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 30, Michigan 24

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Oh, the Michigan game. It’s the bane of this senior class’s football existence. Look back on Manti Te’o’s illustrious career, one of the best in Notre Dame history. Does it seem possible that he’s never beaten a team coached by Rich Rodriguez or Brady Hoke? These aren’t exactly Big Schembechlers on the sideline, after all. He’ll be fired up and making plays all night long.

On the other side of the ball, the Irish can actually control the pace of the game with what should be an effective rushing attack, which means they can keep Denard Robinson off the field. And his front seven will keep Robinson in check, and Everett Golson will make a name for himself in a clutch victory. It’ll be close, of course, but Te’o and his classmates will pull this one out in an electric atmosphere.

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 27, Michigan 24

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Any member of the current senior class, be it a member of the football team or an interested observer in the stands, will have nightmares about Denard Robinson well after he or she graduates. He has his flaws as a passer, but his back-to-back game-winning drives the past two seasons have displayed a knack for the dramatic and swung this rivalry. Notre Dame has one chance to swing this rivalry. Notre Dame has one chance to swing this rivalry. Notre Dame has one chance to swing this rivalry.

If recent history is any indication, it’ll be close and high-scoring. Denard will get his chance to win the game again. I suspect this time the increasingly indestructible Te’o and the stout Notre Dame defense will make a stand, and deliver an iconic win under the lights.

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 34, Michigan 30
IRISH PASSING

Notre Dame hasn’t needed sophomore quarterback Everett Golson to step up yet, but the first-time starter has done enough to keep the Irish competitive offensively. Golson has thrown for 611 yards and three touchdowns this season, while only throwing one interception in the season opener. Last week, Golson threw for 178 yards and a touchdown, but efficiently managed the game while not allowing the Spartans back into the game with a bad decision or miscue. Meanwhile, eight different Irish receivers have caught a reception of at least 20 yards or more and Golson’s scrambling ability is surely one of the reasons why. Notre Dame’s stable of veteran wide receivers have flown under the radar, but have come up big in recent weeks. Last week, senior receiver Robby Toma had five catches for 58 yards, while graduate student receiver John Goodman pulled in a spectacular one-handed touchdown catch to start the scoring for the Irish.

Michigan comes into the game with senior safetys Jordan Kovacs and Thomas Gordon leading the team in tackles. Even though the defense has yet to record an interception, the Wolverines only give up 157.7 passing yards per game. The defense hasn’t really pressured the quarterback too much with only three sacks and the defensive line is still trying to replace three graduated starters from last season. But the secondary returns three starters and figures to be a solid defense against an offense that hasn’t been asked to do too much so far this season.

EDGE: EVEN

IRISH RUSHING

Once again, the Irish running game came up big when it needed to in the fourth quarter of the win over Michigan State. After returning from his two-game suspension, senior running back Cierre Wood made a big impact running 56 yards on 10 carries and will become a bigger part of the rushing game in his first home game this season. Since returning from his two-game suspension, senior running back Cierre Wood made a big impact running 56 yards on 10 carries and will become a bigger part of the rushing game in his first home game this season. Since returning from his two-game suspension, senior running back Cierre Wood made a big impact running 56 yards on 10 carries and will become a bigger part of the rushing game in his first home game this season.

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FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 26, Michigan 13

Expectations are sky high. And recently when that happens, the Irish lose and drop from their unusually high ranking.

But this Irish team showed me something different last week that goes far beyond making tackles and scoring touchdows and yet Notre Dame still finds some way to pull out a victory when everything looks to be in its way.

Last week against Michigan State, Kelly and the offense were again led by senior running back Theo Riddick. The running back carried 19 times for 96 yards and two touchdowns — the bulk of that coming against Navy. Sophomore running back George Atkinson rounds out the rushing attack with 142 rushing yards, nearly averaging a first down per carry and showing his big-run potential with an average of 9.5 yards per carry. Notre Dame averages 155.7 rushing yards per game and are going up against a Michigan defense that gives up 192.3 rushing yards per game and 5.6 yards per carry. Expect the offense to run the ball often against the Wolverine defense.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

IRISH OFFENSIVE COACHING

It will be a true battle of wits Saturday as Michigan coach Brady Hoke and defensive coordinator Greg Mattison will undoubtedly come prepared to face Irish coach Brian Kelly’s versatile attack. May the best coach win.

EDGE: EVEN

IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS

Sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza has stepped up following senior Nick Tausch’s injury, going 2-for-2 last week against Michigan State and nailing the game-winner in the 20-17 win over Purdue on Sept. 8 in the home opener. Atkinson always remains a threat on kickoff return after his two touchdown returns last season. Senior punter Ben Turk is averaging a solid 41.5 yards per punt and came up huge last week in consistently pinning Michigan State deep in its own territory with eight punts.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

IRISH SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 vs. Navy W 50-10
Sept. 8 Purdue W 20-17
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Oct. 27 @ Oklahoma
Nov. 3 Pittsburgh
Nov. 10 @ Boston College
Nov. 17 Wake Forest
Nov. 24 @ USC

With a win against the rival Wolverines, Notre Dame will crack the top 10 for the first time since 2006, when Charlie Weis was the future of Notre Dame football. Now, it’s Brian Kelly’s shot.

Last week against Michigan State, Kelly and the Irish rolled out a dominating defense and an efficient offense in grinding out a physical win over the then-No. 10 Spartans. And the same game plan should work again against a Michigan team that has given Notre Dame fits over the past three years. For the seniors, it will be their last — and best — shot at taking down Denard Robinson. The running game will continue to improve as Cierre Wood gets reacclimated and the defense will be its usual self.
By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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In just two plays, freshman defensive end Sheldon Day made himself known — even if one did end in him stumping up and down in frustration.

On back-to-back plays during No. 11 Notre Dame’s 20-3 win at Michigan State, Day recorded a sack and a near-interception that will go down as just a pass breakup. Day, in frustration, began jumping up and down before ultimately causing a bone spur. He will, however, play Saturday against No. 18 Michigan.

Day is just one, along with cornerback KeiVarae Russell and safeties Elijah Shumate and Nicky Baratti, of four true freshmen contributing to the Irish defense.

“We are much more committed to getting all those players valuable time because of the length and the depth of the schedule that we play and we know we are going to need them at some time during the year,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said.

Kelly, typically known for his high-flying and fast-paced offense, has looked to his defense to turn around the Notre Dame program.

“Well, I think I said it in my opening press conference when I took the job here, was that it was important that if we wanted to compete nationally, we had to have a defense that could control the different teams that we play on a week to week basis,” Kelly said. “So getting our defense up to that level through recruiting, through player development, through scheme, has been job one. It’s getting better and better each and every year.”

Notre Dame (3-0) has allowed just 30 points through its first three games, the fewest in nearly 25 years. The freshmen have provided not only depth but also production, totaling 19 tackles, five pass breakups and 1.5 sacks.

“They need to keep doing what they’re doing,” graduate student defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore said. “They’re working hard in practice every day and we’re kind of learning from each other and we have a good positive attitude with each other. I think that’s a big help as well.”

Day enrolled early this spring and forced his way into a deep rotation on the defensive line. The Irish consistently use six different players along the defensive front.

Kelly said defensive line coach Mike Elston has done a great job with the younger players.

“His focus is strictly on that defensive line room. He was a special teams coordinator as well last year,” Kelly said. “And just getting him focused on that room, the personalities that are within that room, and getting them all to understand they have a role requires a great relationship with the players.”

Lewis-Moore said the senior leadership along the defensive line has helped Day and the defensive backs flourish in their first year.

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Brian Kelly
Irish coach

“It’s a big thing. You just have to keep on them. You can’t let them get lost in the moment,” Lewis-Moore said. “You have to be there for them whenever they need anything.”

In the season-opening 50-18 win over Navy, Russell became the first freshman in program history to start the season at cornerback. Russell earned the starting nod after junior cornerback Lo Wood injured his Achilles. Wood is out for the season.

Despite a shaky game against Navy, the converted running back and the rest of the secondary have yet to allow an opponent to throw for more than 200 yards.

Shumate, who will see more playing time after graduate student Janoris Slaughter’s season-ending Achilles injury, has added an instant spark to the Irish defense. Against Michigan State, he broke up two passes on third down that forced the Spartans to punt.

“I like Elijah. He’s an aggressive player and he’s got pretty good ability,” senior safety Zeke Motta said. “He’s really improving a lot. Getting him lined up and on the same page as everyone else is coming along.”

Day, Russell, Shumate and Baratti will try to slow down the Wolverines and senior quarterback Denard Robinson on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Stadium.

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True freshmen Day, Russell boost defense
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Check out the “Waking the Echoes” series online at ndsmobserver.com. This week’s installment features Bobby Taylor.

In year one against Notre Dame, Robinson torched the Irish for 502 total yards and three touchdowns in a 28-24 win at Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 11, 2010. A major chunk of his 258 rushing yards came on one carry, an 87-yard touchdown that set the record for the longest run in Notre Dame Stadium history. His other rushing touchdown came with 27 seconds left in the fourth quarter to send the Wolverines home with the victory.

Despite Robinson’s success against Notre Dame, Irish senior safety Zeke Motta said he does not change much when trying to prepare for a dynamic quarterback.

“There’s not much that we do differently,” Motta said. “I’m going to keep my preparation the same. I’m going to focus on my fundamentals.”

Robinson does not come with weaknesses, however. No.1 Alabama’s defense held Robinson to 27 rushing yards and 200 passing yards with two interceptions to 27 rushing yards and 200 passing yards with two interceptions in the 41-14 Alabama win Sept. 1.

The Crimson Tide (3-0) unveiled a possible formula for stopping Robinson, based on establishing fundamentals.”

“[Alabama] got some scores on them,” Kelly said. “[Alabama] got some scores on them. Michigan got them behind the chains a few times. And then, you know, they had some opportunistic turnovers.”

Kelly said the much-improved Irish defense cannot risk focusing too much on either Robinson’s running or passing, or the man nicknamed “Shoelace” could come away undefeated against Notre Dame.

“It’s a difficult proposition, because you can’t sell out on either rushing or passing,” Kelly said. “You have to be able to manage it and you’ve got to keep him from making big plays. So there isn’t an easy answer to that. He’s a superior football player; he’s the best player on the field.”

In year one against Notre Dame, Robinson faced Irish one last time.

Robinson faces Irish one last time
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David Hernandez, Assistant Professor, Director of the Butrint Archaeological Research Project, Department of Classics

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