Zahm rector issues sudden resignation
Residents of Zahm House react to news of Scott Opperman’s departure

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After Zahm House rector Scott Opperman resigned Thursday night, confused and concerned residents spent the weekend learning more about the situation and remembering the leadership Opperman provided during his one year and three week term.

Associate vice president for Residential Life Heather Rakoczy Russell confirmed Opperman’s departure and said Fr. Tom Doyle will serve as Zahm’s rector “while an active search for a permanent rector is underway.”

Opperman replaced former rector Corry Colonna in the fall of 2012.

Zahm House resident assistant Connor McCurrie said from the beginning, Opperman emphasized the importance of creating a welcoming community.

“Within the first week he was here, he changed everything from a hall to a house,” McCurrie said. “He continued that approach throughout his time here and really made sure we knew this was our dorm, that it was going in the direction we wanted it to and that we were a community first and foremost.”

The hall staff members were the first notified about Opperman’s resignation when they were called to the Main Building for a meeting late Thursday night, McCurrie said.

Junior Sam Hyder said his first reaction was disbelief, though a House meeting called Friday partially clarified his confusion.

“Scott was a big part of Zahm; he loved Zahm and everybody loved him,” Hyder said. “On Friday, everybody met and they brought in representatives from the Office of Community Standards and the Office of Student Affairs to explain the situation.”

“As they were explaining it, we still weren’t getting a lot of answers from them. Part of that was because Scott preferred to keep the reasons for his resignation out of the public eye, but it kind of left all of us confused.”

Hyder experienced his first year in Zahm with former rector Corry Colonna and his second with Opperman, and said they were called to the main building to be notified about his resignation.

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Purdue win lacks intensity

By KYLE WITZIGMAN
News Writer

Many Notre Dame students followed the football team south to West Lafayette on Saturday to watch the Irish defeat the Purdue Boilermakers 31-24. Despite the win, students said they were bothered by the “intrusive” Jumbotron in the stadium.

“Definitely a part of it is that the purdue boilermakers have any negative reactions to seeing purdue needles settles in. We weren’t heckled. Before we went inside, we joined a purdue tailgating party,” Crommett said she prefers to Purdue on Friday to visit friends at Purdue and then enjoy game day.

“I felt [game day] was a pretty enjoyable experience in the stadium,” she said. “We didn’t have any negative reactions to us being in the stadium. We weren’t heckled. Before we went inside, we joined a Purdue tailgating party.”

Crommett said she prefers the Notre Dame game day atmosphere. She said Purdue missed of the jumbotron, which she felt created a divide between the Purdue atmoosphere and the Notre Dame and saint mary’s embarked on a figurative and literal spiritual journey to an undisclosed location on Campus Ministry’s signature sophomore retreat, the Sophomore Road Trip.

Cornerback KeiVarae Russell bows his head during Saturday’s lackluster football game against the Purdue Boilermakers.

The sophomore road Trip is a wonderful retreat to allow sophomores to take a step back as they begin their sophomore year,” Lichon said. “[Sophomore Road Trip] is really a chance to think about Am I the person I really want to be?” Our biggest hope is that a retreat is a genuine encounter with God.”

Sophomore theology major Irina Celentano said the trip gave her a better perspective on her own life and the lives of others.

“The trip gave me the time to step back and become more aware of myself and what things I can change or improve on, but it also showed me how much prog-ress I’ve made,” she said.

JDRF walk bolsters diabetes awareness

By EMILY KEFALAS
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Saint Mary’s junior Becky Walker does not flinch at the idea of giving herself four shots every day. But when it is someone else’s hand that has to administer the injection, her childhood fear of needles settles in.

“I’m diabetic, and I deal with diabetes. The charity walk raises funds through team and participant donations for the millions of people living with Type 1 diabetes. Walker said people who are personally tied to the disease often offer donations.

“Definitely a part of it is that I am diabetic, so this would be a reason, specifically, to participate in a diabetes walk,” Walker said. “It was close to me. If I wasn’t diabetic, I don’t think I would have heard of it or been looking for it.”

Nicholas Holuta, president of Notre Dame Diabetes Sidekicks, said Walker and her team joined thousands of South Bend and surrounding area residents at 2 p.m. in braving the slight drizzle of rain to walk the two-mile course in Beutter Park, Mishawaka.

The weather was pretty awesome,” Holuta said. “The weather was a little worrisome early on, but luckily the rain held off pretty well and we had a great day. There were a bunch of
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
If you could have any celebrity as your dad, who would it be?

Katie Marshall
senior
“Harrison Ford.”

Catriona Shaughnessy
freshman
Farley Hall
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Steven Tomasko
junior
Morrissey Manor
“Morgan Freeman.”

Joe Lanzel
freshman
Dillon Hall
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Kim Dumais
senior
off campus
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Patrick Fasano
sophomore
Morrissey Manor
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First-year retreat spurs faith and friendship

By EMMA BORNE
News Writer

The first of five freshman retreats directed by Notre Dame Campus Ministry took place this weekend at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Campus Ministry organizes freshman retreats each year to help first-year students reflect on what brought them to Notre Dame and what personal and spiritual goals they have.

John Paul Lichon, retreat coordinator for Campus Ministry, said the goal of the retreat is “to be an entry point for students for their faith life” and to “introduce the spirituality of the Holy Cross.”

Lichon said students at the retreat are challenged to ask the question, “What does it mean to be complete in Christ?”

According to the Campus Ministry website, this year’s retreat centered around the famous quote by Holy Cross founder, Fr. Basil Moreau, “Education is the art of bringing young people to completeness.”

Tiphaine Delepine, a freshman business major, said activities ranged from awkward family photo contests to trips to the Grotto. She said adoration was particularly moving for her.

“It was so powerful that everyone was sitting in silence for over an hour, just praying and being with God,” she said.

Delepine said she initially signed up for the retreat to bond with her roommate. But after reflecting on the weekend, she said, “the retreat took on more significance.”

“I learned about myself, I learned how I want to grow in my four years at Notre Dame, I learned about different opportunities to grow in my faith, and I made friends,” she said.

Danielle Thelen, a sophomore, was a more ritualized leader and a musician and business major at Saint Mary’s, said the retreat was an absolute success.

“I wanted [the freshmen] to feel welcomed and for them to feel like they had a family and that they belong here at Notre Dame,” Thelen said. “I truly believe that we achieved this. You could tell by watching them becoming friends with people from different dorms and walks of life, talking about faith and opening up about their lives.”

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he said Opperman brought a change in leadership style.

“My freshman year, the rector wasn’t really an influential part of the community,” he said. “He wasn’t a bad rector; he just didn’t fight for us like Scott did. We could really tell that Scott had our best interests at heart.”

Opperman’s dedication to the hall and its residents was obvious, Hyde said.

“The biggest strength he had was that he put Zahn first and that he cared for the men in Zahn and the overall community of Zahn,” he said. “At times, he acted as much of a ‘rector’ as he did as a good friend. I think he did a great job of balancing our good friend. I think he did that,” Kuc said. “There were three weeks, but I saw him for three weeks living in the hall. I only knew Scott for about three weeks, but I saw him as like a father figure to us. I’m sure the upperclassmen will vouch for me when I say that,” Kuc said. “There were some upperclassmen here who would call him ‘Dad.’ He always had his door open, so if anyone had a problem, he was like your dad away from home, basically.”

“If any of us had something going on, we’d be down there to talk to him in a heartbeat. He really felt approachable, and it seemed like he wasn’t as much of a ‘rector’ as he was someone from your family who cares about you and was on your side.”

Freshman Norbert Kuc said he already had a sense of this bond between Opperman and the residents after only three weeks living in the hall.

“[Scott] was very personable and very pastoral in his approach. He was a huge help to many of the guys here, and he was everybody’s good friend. I think he did a great job of balancing our dorm traditions with the University policy ... and he really helped us solidify our community while he was here.”

McCurrie said residents wore Zahn apparel throughout the weekend to show support for Opperman, and more than 100 people went to the Grotto on Thursday night after hearing the news.

“We have not had any communication with Scott, but we know he has received hundreds of texts and emails from people in the dorm making sure he’s okay and that he knows he’s in our thoughts and prayers,” he said.

Hyde and Kuc both said Zahn’s annual “Hesburgh Challenge,” an event first organized by Opperman, was one of the former rector’s greatest contributions.

“[Opperman] wanted to do something last year to honor [University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore] Hesburgh for Hesburgh’s 95th birthday and Zahn’s 75th anniversary, so he organized this challenge to build community and fight for better camaraderie,” Hyde said.

The second iteration of the Hesburgh Challenge took place the first weekend in September this year, during which the dorm decided to partner with an elementary school in Haiti to raise money and build a lasting relationship. Kuc said.

The sense of a “community within a community” that Opperman created helped Kuc become comfortable with the transition to college in his first weeks here, Kuc said.

“He said that all of Notre Dame is your home, but Zahn is specifically your little area of this broader place,” Kuc said. “Even if you don’t feel comfortable going to the advisors or anyone else who is supposed to act as a family figure for you, you can always go to the other guys here at the dorm for support. He would always say ‘watch out for your brothers.’ We were all expected to watch each other’s backs because we’re all in this together. That was a big thing for him, that you can’t leave your brother behind.”

Doyle will serve as interim rector effective immediately until a replacement is found. Doyle served as the University’s vice president for student affairs from 2010 to 2012 and is a fellow with Notre Dame’s Institute for Educational Initiatives.

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Biden touts diplomatic progress in Syria

Associated Press

INDIANOLA, Iowa — Vice President Joe Biden, speaking to a decidedly anti-war audience in Iowa on Sunday, played down the Obama administration's pledge to use military force to rid Syria of chemical weapons.

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Celenzano said she went on the road trip in order to clarify her own goals and faith and to grow closer with her classmates. I wanted to know what other people are going through and where they are on their various life journeys, she said. Configuring other peoples’ stories, she said. She also knew not where the road trip will end until they actually arrive for the retreat, Lichon said.

“It provides a nice analogy for our faith. There are twists and turns and ups and downs, but you get where you need to go,” Lichon said.

In addition to enhancing to the intrigue and excitement of the retreat, Notre Dame Campus Ministry designed this aspect of the retreat with a certain message in mind. “There’s a sense of mystery behind [Sophomore Road Trip], and some students come out to find out what it is all about,” Lichon said.

In fact, for the mission statement of the Sophomore Road Trip, written by the junior and senior leaders of the retreat, reads: “Through reflection informed by Holy Cross Spirituality, participants on Sophomore Road Trip provides students with tools to navigate the twists and turns of their vocational journey towards completeness in Christ.”

Celenzano said the mystery surrounding the destination of the retreat served a sense of unity to the weekend. “There’s something kind of exciting about not knowing where you’re going but still knowing you’re all going there together,” she said.

We had a lot of talks from the leaders on vacation and discernment and taking a step back to see where we are in our lives,” Celenzano said. There are other opportunities to attend Campus Ministry retreats this year.

“If people miss Sophomore Road Trip, they can go on a preached retreat, silent retreat or one of the pilgrimages over breaks,” Lichon said. Registration is now open for the Oct. 4 through 6 Sophomore Road Trip on the Campus Ministry website.

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“We’re having good games but there are also moments that are kind of like watching the game on a screen while the other half watch what’s in front of them,” Senior Blake Weaver said he had to put aside aways games throughout his four years at Notre Dame as a member of the Band of the Fighting Irish. He now watches the game at Purdue made him appreciate Notre Dame’s lack of a Jumbotron.

“The consistent interviews and corny trivia (on the Jumbotron) throughout the game were distractions and missed opportunities for the band to get to play since we had to listen to the announcer talk about advertisements or random Purdue facts,” he said.

Weaver, who traveled to Michigan last week with the band, said Purdue’s Jumbotron is rivaling Notre Dame’s game experience less enjoyable than Notre Dame home games, but rather that Purdue “utilized about advertisements or ran - to listen to the announcer talk

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The National Spying Agency

On Wednesday, July 24, the House of Representatives voted on amendments to the Department of Defense's appropriations bill for the 2014 fiscal year. At the same time the National Anthem was being played at the United States-Honduras CONCACAF soccer game, Congress refused to support an amendment that would have curtailed some National Security Agency (NSA) abuse of the American people. For those that have not heard, leaks from Edward Snowden revealed that the NSA has a backdoor program that allows the agency to search through private emails and phone calls without warrants. Representatives Justin Amash (R-MI) and John Conyers (D-MI) submitted an amendment to the defense bill that would have made an incremental change to how the NSA goes about collecting information. The text of the amendment simply required a reasonable connection between a suspected individual under investigation and the documents the NSA would seek. This amendment additionally only would have applied to domestic targets, meaning the agency could still conduct surveillance on foreign individuals believed to be terrorists without any such warrant.

The beauty of this debate is that the Amash-Conyers amendment was not a partisan issue. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) has been calling for additional scrutiny of the NSA for years. Republican Justin Amash has led the charge in the House, often posting on Twitter to garner more public awareness about what has been going on, with support from the civil libertarian left to the younger Tea Party Republicans on the right. Over the past month, Amash has tweeted about articles published in the Washington Post and The Guardian that describe NSA abuses including: Giving tips to the Drug Enforcement Agency to help them incarcerate non-violent drug users, the nine-hour detention and interrogation of Glenn Greenwald's partner at Heathrow airport, the agency’s ability to defeat the encryption of private data, 3,000 documented cases of internal privacy rule violations in a one year period, spying on love interests (codified LOVEINT) and Yahoo's Chief Executive Officer, Marissa Mayer, describing her fear of being accused of reason for not complying with the NSA. Both halves of those criticizing America’s public surveillance programs have received some scrutiny themselves. Congressional old-guard leadership including Lindsay Graham, Dianne Feinstein, John Boehner, Nancy Pelosi, Paul Ryan and even President Obama have offered their vocal support of domestic surveillance, generally arguing that it is vital for national security.

The Founding Fathers fought off King George III and understood that an overbearing government would impede a functional, free society. Before the Revolution, British troops and tax collectors had general warrants called “writs of assistance” that allowed them to scavenge the homes of the colonists and take whatever goods they wanted. As Rep. Amash put it, the Framers weren’t worried that government was going to say, “We need your papers because we want to find some recipes.” The Fourth Amendment was added to the Constitution and included in the Bill of Rights because of how blatantly repugnant a police state is. Just as Americans demand privacy in their own homes, they also expect the same standards with their private, personal information.

While it is important to debate whether or not the NSA’s actions actually make Americans safer, we should first ask a different question: Is it fundamentally right for our private information to be taken without our being involved in a crime? At this stage in the game, whether or not the documents are actually read or mined is a secondary issue. I believe the sole taking of private information by unelected bureaucrats is something to be rebuked, regardless of promises to “only use the information when necessary” or to “keep us safe.” I hope you’ll give this issue some consideration too.

In the recent Supreme Court case Maryland v. King, which approved the cheek-swabbing of suspected criminals on the streets for DNA collection purposes, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia dissented: “I doubt that the proud men who wrote the charter of our liberties would have been so eager to open their mouths for royal inspection.” In the previous statement, we can easily replace “open their mouths” with “make their telephone records and emails public” and see why many cringe at how the NSA operates, even if one buys the argument that it actually does make us safer.

In the case that you aren’t both- ered by Snowden’s leaks and recent revelations since then, the National Security Agency will be at Notre Dame on Friday to recruit for 400 internship positions and 1100 full time jobs it needs to fill for next year. The possibility of being assigned to LOVEINT alone might make attending the session worthwhile.

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**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

**I love you too. Scott Opperman**

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“You know I love you. You know I’ll always love you guys.”

During my time in Zahm House, this was the signature phrase of my rector, Scott Opperman. After seemingly every conversation I had with Scott, he would sling his arm around my shoulder, look me dead in the eyes and tell me he loved and cared about me as a person and as a member of the dorm community.

I’ll admit, I made my fair share of jokes about this. I laughed it off, parodied it to my friends and harbored my suspicions. How can a person claim to love and care about me when they barely know me? In my mind, when a person is that nice to you, it must mean they’re trying to trick you or make you buy something. As of last week, Scott left his post as rector of Zahm. I used to joke about his kind words, but I’m not laughing anymore. In fact, I cried when I heard the news. The man who had become a mentor, coach, advocate and father to me and countless others had departed our lives as abruptly as he entered them.

This column is not about why Scott left. It is about paying tribute to a man who made me proud to live in Zahm. It is about a man who unceasingly went to bat for those who needed him. It is about a man who treated us like family instead of as hall residents. If Scott was in your corner, it didn’t matter who was against you.

There could not have been a more fitting tribute to the impact of Scott Opperman on Zahm than the events of last Thursday night. When the news broke, Zahm upperclassmen, many of them no longer even living in the dorm, rushed around like a bomb had just gone off. From all over South Bend, we rushed back to campus, hoping to talk to Scott, to have him throw his arm around our shoulders and tell us everything was fine, that it was a misunderstanding, that he wasn’t going anywhere.

By the time we returned to campus, Scott was already gone. A group of Zahm men stood outside the darkened window of his old room, some silent, some comforting others, some literally shaking with grief. How could he leave us without saying goodbye? Would we ever see him again?

Zahn will go on. Things won’t crumble or de- volve into chaos now that Scott is gone, because as cliché as it sounds, his presence will continue through the example he set for all of us. In fact, falling apart would be the ultimate insult to Scott. Through our example, through the way Zahm treats its underclassmen, by the way we conduct ourselves and look out for one another, we can show Scott how much he impacted our lives. We can show Scott how much he truly meant to us.

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Dan Brombach

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**Res Life: In memoriam**

Matt Miklavic

The Maine Idea

It is a reality, if not also a cliché, that we believe ourselves to be invincible. We find it hard, if not impossible, to imagine that at any point in time, something could be taken from us or that our lives could be shattered. I remember vividly the moment I found out what had happened. It was only a few hours after my return to campus when I was told. The foundation of Notre Dame, the Office of Residential Life, was gone. Res Life was no more.

The preeminent author of our time — Dr. Seuss once said, “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” While I’m pretty sure no one feels like crying, there are plenty of Res Life memories to smile about. Succumbing after a courageous battle with the satanic forces of sex, drugs and rock and roll, Res Life will no longer be there for us. Its lessons, however, may ring forth for eternity.

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Harry Potter’s back, baby. Well, sort of.

J.K. Rowling announced Friday that she’s reached a deal with Warner Bros. to pen a new screenplay based in the Harry Potter universe. But instead of following the adult lives of the Potter characters, it will instead be based on the fake textbook “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,” which Rowling actually published in 2001 under the name Newt Scamander, the supposed author of the book.

The film will be set in the 1920s in New York City, following Scamander as he adventures off to conduct research for the textbook. It’s the first in a reported series of films Rowling will work on with Warner Bros. based on Scamander, and Rowling’s first work as a screenwriter.

The cynic in me is against this. For Warner Bros., this is the definition of a purely moneymaking machine. It’s an instantly recognizable brand (not to mention one of the most profitable brands in their arsenal) they’re re-purposing now that the actual Harry Potter well has run dry. It almost certainly will make them boatloads more money.

This is exactly the kind of thing I’m usually against. But in this case, I’m all for it. I loved the Harry Potter books as a kid and teenager, and I really enjoyed the movies, especially in the later films when they figured out what they were doing. The fact that there’s going to be more material created within this universe is exciting news, and it makes me remember what it was like as a kid when you heard the next Potter book was coming out.

And the fact that Rowling herself will be creating the story means that the movie will be both excellently crafted and in the same voice as the original novels. Furthermore, I’m excited because J.K. Rowling does not need more money. Sitting at a net worth right around one billion dollars, according to Celebrity Networth, she’s the wealthiest novelist in the world.

She’s spent the last few post-Potter years penning new non-Potter novels, including a well-received mystery novel, "The Cuckoo’s Calling," written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. She said she used a pseudonym because she was tired of the expectations and hype that were associated with anything she did. I interpret her desire for anonymity as a desire to just tell stories — she doesn’t care about the money anymore.

So if Rowling is returning to expand the Harry Potter universe, she’s doing it not because Warner Bros. made her an offer she couldn’t refuse, but because she has a story she wants to tell and she’s excited about it.

In her official statement about the film, Rowling echoes exactly the kind of sentiment I hoped to hear from her:

“It all started when Warner Bros. came to me with the suggestion of turning ‘Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them’ into a film. I thought it was a fun idea, but the idea of seeing Newt Scamander, the supposed author of ‘Fantastic Beasts,’ realized by another writer was difficult. Having lived for so long in my fictional universe, I feel very protective of it and I already knew a lot about Newt. … I always said that I would only revisit the wizarding world if I had an idea that I was really excited about and this is it.”

Hollywood’s been trying to repeat the success of the Harry Potter movies for the last decade now, and maybe they’ve finally found the answer: have the greatest fantasy storyteller of our generation do it for you.

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ND rebounds from slow first half, uses 21 fourth-quarter points to edge Purdue in hard-fought 'W'

**Second-half surge**

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Maybe they were ringing from the banging on Purdue’s “World’s Largest Drum.” Maybe they had the same post-Big House hangover the Wolverines had Saturday against Akron.

Whatever the reason, the Irish started slowly. But then Notre Dame turned it around and did what it was supposed to do to Purdue. All is well, right? Not quite.

Before facing the Irish, Purdue defeated FCS Indiana State by three points and lost by 35 to Cincinnati. Notre Dame’s next four opponents — Michigan State, No. 14 Oklahoma, No. 23 Arizona State and USC — are a combined 10-1.

So when Brian Kelly says Notre Dame’s identity is still “cloudy” and DaVaris Daniels says the Irish “came out flat” and “weren’t ready to play,” it’s troubling. No, Notre Dame is not a finished product. But the team will have to play like one against an upcoming slate of stiff competition.

On Saturday night, the first two times the Irish touched the ball, they muffed it. George Atkinson couldn’t handle the kickoff cleanly on the 17-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Nick Martin’s snap went right through the hands of Tommy Rees to running back Amir Carlisle, who promptly lost the ball. A poor effort on Purdue’s part allowed the Irish to build a 10-3 halftime lead.

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“We made some plays to-night that we didn’t make last week,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “We still have some things we need to work on. We know we’re not a finished product yet. But to go on the road, after a tough game last week, against a Big Ten opponent, this is a really good win for our football team.”

Notre Dame fed Daniels the next drive with the game’s decisive score, as senior cornerback Bennett Jackson ran back a perfectlyumped interception.

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Junior receiver DaVaris Daniels did much of the work in digging the Irish (2-1) out of a 17-10 deficit, scoring touchdowns on consecutive plays in the fourth quarter. After two incomplete passes from senior quarterback Tommy Rees left the Irish with third-and-goal from the 9-yard line, Daniels found open space in the corner of the end zone and reeled in his third touchdown of the season.

Notre Dame fed Daniels again on its next play, and Daniels provided the same result. The 6-foot-1 junior caught a ball down the right sideline, then tiptoed the boundary chalk while dragging senior cornerback Ricardo Allen for nearly all of his 82-yard score.

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who then shook off Boilermakers senior cornerback Ricardo Allen, stayed in bounds and scored the go-ahead touchdown for Notre Dame.

“We knew they were playing Cover 2 mostly the whole game,” Daniels said. “(Irish offensive coordinator) Chuck Martin called up the play, told me the ball was coming to me. I was supposed to make a play. Tommy threw it up and every-thing worked out in our favor.”

The 82-yard strike was the ninth-longest completion in Notre Dame history and the longest since former Irish tight end Kyle Rudolph’s 95-yard snatch in 2010 against Michigan. Daniels, who was relatively quiet in the first half, finished with a career-high eight catches for a career-high 167 yards, the most for a Notre Dame player since former receiver Golden Tate tallied 201 yards in 2009.

“It was interesting because we got on him pretty good in the first half,” Kelly said of Daniels. “He went out of bounds one time. He stepped up his game big time in the second half. He played more physical. Obviously on the first touchdown it was a ball that he had to really take away from the defender and then run the ball (for the second touch- down) was just phenomenal.

“He’s just that kind of player. He’s one of those guys once in a while that you have to light a fire under. … But he’s just a talented young man. He’s maturing every day. And he showed how good a receiver he can be.”

Daniels said the first half was frustrating, both for him personally and for the Irish as a team. And while Daniels admitted he took some heat from Kelly and the coaching staff at halftime, the junior receiver said he already knew he had to rise up.

“It’s something I already knew. I had to step my game up. Everybody had to really step up their game,” Daniels said. “Especially when you’re trying to be that guy, that’s something you’ve got to do and you have to take the team on your back, I guess, sometimes.”

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yards on Purdue’s first 12 plays Saturday. But after that opening drive, the Irish limited the Boilermakers to 71 yards on their next five plays. Some might say the Irish turned it around. But that’s merely what they should have turned it around. but that’s the type of slow start won’t will work two weeks from now against No. 14 Oklahoma, who Bell-dozed out of the gates with three scoring drives of 72 yards or more on its first three possessions Saturday against Tulsa.

Notre Dame bailed itself out of a lifeless start by holding Purdue to 219 yards and 17 points after the Boilermakers undressed the Irish on that opening touchdown drive. Purdue punted twice and threw a costly interception on three of its last four possessions Saturday night.

That type of second-half defensive turnaround won’t be as easy three weeks from now against No. 23 Arizona State, a team that scored touchdowns on three of its last four possessions Saturday night against then-No. 20 Wisconsin.

Late in the first quarter, TJ Jones made a fair catch at his own 4-yard line, and the Irish followed it up by racking up one yard on three plays. Notre Dame punted and Purdue had terrific field position, but the Boilermakers couldn’t capitalize, missing a 27-yard field goal. In fact, Purdue’s average field position on its three first-quarter drives was its own 41.7-yard line, but the Boilers only walked away with seven points.

That type of Nik Wallenda tight-roping walk won’t succeed against USC, who never started a drive in enemy territory against Boston College on Saturday but still posted 35 points by chauncing out four scoring drives of at least 75 yards. So, call it a flat start for Notre Dame against Purdue. Call the Irish an unfinished product.

Whatever Saturday was and whatever the Irish are, things won’t be as easy moving forward as they were in week three.

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STATISTICS

Rushing
PASSING
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Yards
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Rees 20-33-309
Henry 25-40-256

Rushing
McDaniel 16-56
Hunt 12-22
Atkinson 5-27
Dawkins 3-8
Carlisle 11-16
Knauf 2-6

Receiving
Daniels 8-167
Hunt 9-72
Jones 4-57
Sinz 6-45
Carlisle 3-16
Knauf 4-51
Brown 1-40
Mikesky 2-56

Tackles
Grace 10
Richards 9
Russell 4
Brown 7
Calabrese 4
Gilliam 6
Jackson 4
Williams 6

Time of Possession
31:12
28:48

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Scoring Summary

1st
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3
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Purdue 7, Notre Dame 0
Akeem Hunt 15-yard pass from Henry (Griggs kick)
9:08 remaining
Drive: 12 plays, 75 yards, 5:52 elapsed

Purdue 10, Notre Dame 0
Paul Griggs 67-yard field goal
10:44 remaining
Drive: 10 plays, 31 yards, 4:00 elapsed

Purdue 10, Notre Dame
Kyle Brindza 20-yard field goal
0:44 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards, 5:14 elapsed

Purdue 10, Notre Dame 10
Cam McDaniel 1-yard run (Brindza kick)
10:37 remaining
Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, 4:23 elapsed

Purdue 17, Notre Dame 10
B.J. Knauf 18-yard pass from Henry (Griggs kick)
6:28 remaining
Drive: Eight plays, 54 yards, 4:09 elapsed

Purdue 17, Notre Dame 17
Dalvaris Daniels 9-yard pass from Rees (Brindza kick)
14:47 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 66 yards, 4:03 elapsed

Purdue 17, Notre Dame 24
Dalvaris Daniels 82-yard pass from Rees (Brindza kick)
12:40 remaining
Drive: One play, 82 yards, 0:10 elapsed

Purdue 17, Notre Dame 31
Bennett Jackson 34-yard interception return (Brindza kick)
11:18 remaining

Purdue 24, Notre Dame 31
Justin Sizu 9-yard pass from Henry (Griggs kick)
8:16 remaining
Drive: Seven plays, 75 yards, 3:02 elapsed

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Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees drops back to pass during Notre Dame's 31-24 victory over Purdue on Saturday night at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind. Rees completed 20 of 33 passes for 309 yards and two touchdowns against the Boilermakers.

EDGING THE BOILERMAKERS

Notre Dame needed a fourth-quarter surge to secure the come-from-behind victory over in-state rival Purdue on Saturday. Tommy Rees and DaVaris Daniels led the Irish offense, while cornerback Bennett Jackson secured a pick-six in the fourth quarter. Junior running back Cam McDaniel took a bulk of the carries on the night, finishing with 56 yards and a touchdown as Notre Dame regained a winning record.

Irish junior running back George Atkinson carries the ball in Saturday’s 31-24 win over Purdue. Atkinson tallied five carries for 27 yards and compiled 119 kick-return yards.

Irish sophomore running back Will Mahone looks to wrap up Purdue redshirt freshman receiver B.J. Knauf.

Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt tries to shed a block Saturday against Purdue.

Irish sophomore offensive lineman Ronnie Stanley, left, and junior offensive lineman Nick Martin helped the Irish to a 31-24 victory Saturday.

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Welcome to South Bend, it’s about to get cold! Seriously, the low today is 45 degrees. You could see people’s breath at night this weekend. So in honor of the dark, scary permacloud of coldness about to hit us, here’s a playlist of cold, dark, scary music.

1. “Requiem” by Mozart
2. “Luz Aeterna” by Clint Mansell
3. “Bones” by MRMS
4. “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” by Dean Martin
5. “Creep” by Radiohead
6. “Hurt” by Johnny Cash
7. “Mad World” by Gary Jules
8. “Where is My Mind?” by The Pixies
9. “Stan” by Eminem
10. “Hide and Seek” by Imogen Heap

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In addition to Antostal, SUB runs 12 other programs, including AcoustiCafe, the Holy Half Marathon and the Notre Dame Literary Festival. Kaitlyn said that without SUB, students wouldn’t have the chance to see famous artists at awesome prices, get free food randomly or have weekly DefArt movies, so, basically, campus would be pretty boring without it.

If you are interested in helping SUB bring the best entertainment to campus, there are several easy ways to get involved, Kaitlyn said. For freshmen, there is a Street Team, which serves as the main publicity team for SUB.

“It’s a great way to get a feel for how SUB works as an organization, and it also allows freshmen to become familiar with our programs and events before stepping into higher roles,” Kaitlyn said.

Working for SUB will put you up close and personal with the biggest entertainment on campus, and there are plenty of opportunities after freshman year to become more and more involved, Kaitlyn said.

SUB needs upperclassmen to take the five-minute surveys provided at events in order to help the board best match students’ interests. Participation in these surveys will put students on SUB’s email list, which will provide online surveys for future events. To hold a higher position on the Student Union Board, students can participate in interviews that take place in February and March. Every student on campus receives an email with the application, so keep your eyes out.

“While this year’s positions have been filled,” Kaitlyn said, “if you would like to get involved with SUB, please email us at sub@nd.edu and we can evaluate from there.”

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NASCAR: Racing for respect

In an unprecedented move Saturday, NASCAR chairman Bill France announced that Jeff Gordon would be added as a driver in the field for the Chase for the Sprint Cup. He said the addition came as a result of discovering that competing teams making deals with each other to fix the finishes of recent races as to gain enough points to make the 12-driver roster. For any fan of motor sports, this is huge news. It is as if Bud Selig decided to let two more wildcard teams into the playoffs because he found out that two other teams had cheated to improve their standing.

If that had been the case, we wouldn’t have heard the same kind of self-deception from the SportsCenter would cover each new discovery in the unending saga, the Sports Reporters would delve into the right choices in how he handled the matter and every newspaper in America would mirror the Sports Story on the front page of its sports section.

But that’s not the case. This isn’t baseball; this is NASCAR. This isn’t NBC, and so the news was relegated to the inside of sports sections and a spot on SportsCenter only after all the major college football games had been covered. So why don’t we care about NASCAR?

In most of the South and the Midwest, people care about NASCAR. But in the United States as a whole, racing is just a hobby, not a sport. It’s apparently not that worthy of our attention. Seeing as a huge move was relegated to the inside of NASCAR, and so the news isn’t baseball; this is sports, this is huge news. This isn’t baseball; this is NASCAR certainly brings about NASCAR.

Clay Cutler came through just in time again.

Cutler threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Martellus Bennett with 10 seconds left to lead the Chicago Bears to a 31-30 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday.

Minnesota’s Blair Walsh had just kicked a 22-yard field goal with 3:15 remaining when Chicago took over at its 34. Cutler, who led the Bears back from an 11-point deficit when Chicago took over at its 34. Cutler threw the ball back with connecting with Bennett in the front corner of the end zone. Robbie Gould kicked the go-ahead extra point and Chicago (2-0) remained unbeaten under new coach Marc Trestman despite committing four turnovers.

Cutler completed 28 of 39 passes for 290 yards and three touchdowns. But he was also intercepted twice and got stripped by Jared Allen on a sack, leading to a 61-yard touchdown return for Brian Robison in the second quarter.

Devin Hester returned five kickoffs for a Bears-record 249 yards — including a 76-yarder and an 80-yarder. Bennett had 76 yards receiving and two touchdowns. Brandon Marshall had seven catches for 142 yards and a touchdown. Matt Forte chipped in with 71 yards receiving and 90 yards rushing.

Minnesota’s Cordarelle Patterson returned the kickoff 105 yards to tie a club record. Christian Ponder threw for 227 yards, a touchdown and an interception after getting picked off three times in a season-opening loss to Detroit. Adrian Peterson ran for 100 yards, but the Vikings (0-2) remained winless at Soldier Field since 2007.

They looked as if they might pull this one out after two 13-play drives led to 28-yard field goals by Walsh, turning a 24-21 deficit into a 27-24 advantage in the fourth quarter.

The first came after Chicago’s Isaiah Frey recovered a fumble by Jarius Wright in the end zone, only to have it overturned on a replay review. Harrison Smith set up the second when he intercepted a long pass from Cutler to Marshall at the 12 on the first play of the fourth quarter. Peterson kept the drive going with a 4-yard run to the 14 on fourth-and-1, only to be hit with a 13-yard loss on the next play, and Walsh botched the go-ahead field goal on a 43-yard try with just 8 minutes left.

Letroy Guion stripped Forte of the ball near midfield on Chicago’s next possession. That led to Walsh’s 22-yarder that made it a six-point game, but Cutler and the Bears had one more rally in them.

The late theatrics capped a game that featured no shortage of big plays in the early going. Patterson’s timeout of an explosive start with that huge return to start the game, taking advantage of some big holes and past a hungry Gould on the way to the end zone. The 105-yarder matched the club record set by Percy Harvin last season after Patterson’s kick return for a touchdown by a Bears opponent since 2007.

After Patterson’s big return, Hester returned the kickoff 76 yards before being pushed out of bounds at the 32. That led to a 1-yard TD catch for Bennett.

Morneau acquisition pays dividends for Pirates

Francisco Liriano took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning before faltering in his first no-decision this season, and pinch-hitter Justin Morneau singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates over the Chicago Cubs 3-2.

Pittsburgh, which began the day tied with St. Louis for the NL Central lead, took three of four from the last-place Cubs and won for the sixth time in seven games.

Morneau, acquired from Minnesota on Aug. 31, drove in his first run for the Pirates.

The 2006 AL MVP is batting .279 (12 for 43) with Pittsburgh. With the score 2-2 in the eighth, Andrew McCutchen was hit by a pitch from Pedro Strop (2-2), took second on Marlon Byrd’s bloop single to center and scored Morneau’s single. Kyle Farnsworth (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Mark Melancon completed a three-batter with a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances.

Liriano didn’t allow a hit until Junior Lake singled into the hole between third base and shortstop leading off the seventh. Shortstop Jordy Mercer made a diving effort and stopped the ball on the outfield grass, but Lake easily beat the throw.

Wellingon Castillo followed with a tying, two-run homer into the bleachers in left-center.

Castillo’s seventh homer of the season stopped Liriano’s streak of 22 consecutive scoreless innings at PNC Park.

Liriano allowed two runs, three hits and four walks in six-plus innings. At 16-7, he became the first Pirates pitcher with a decision in his first 23 starts since Larry French opened with 24 in a row in 1930, according to STATS.

Cubs starter Travis Wood gave up two runs, five hits and four walks in six innings. At 16-7, he became the first Pirates pitcher with a decision in his first 23 starts since Larry French opened with 24 in a row in 1930, according to STATS.

Jose Tabata led off the first inning with a triple and scored on a wild pitch, and Tony Sanchez doubled the lead when he homered in the fourth.

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Belles shut out, lose three of four

Saint Mary’s players fight to keep possession of the ball during the Belles’ 4-1 home loss to Illinois Tech on Sept. 2.

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s was shut out for the second straight game Saturday, falling 4-0 to Alma to finish its four-game road trip with a record of 1-3.

The Scots (3-2, 3-0 MIAA) dominated possession in the first half, outshooting the Belles (2-4, 0-2 MIAA) 10 – 1, but only managed to find the back of the net once, when sophomore forward Kelly Wilson squeezed a header by Belles junior goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum in the 27th minute.

Sophomore defender Lindsay Rzepcki had two of the five Saint Mary’s shots on goal after zepecki had two of the five saves in the loss.

The Belles return home Wednesday after four straight on the road to take on Calvin. The Belles defeated Illinois Tech, 4-0, on Sept. 2 in their only other home game this season.

Saint Mary’s sits in seventh place in own tournament

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Midfielder Jessica Burg scored on a rebound off of Rosenbaum in the 47th minute. It was all Alma from there, as they scored twice more in the second half to coast to the win, finishing the game having outshot the Belles, 17 – 9.

Sophomore defender Lindsay Rzepcki had two of the five Saint Mary’s shots on goal after coming in the second half. Rosenbaum finished with five saves in the loss.

Emmie Schultz shot an 88 to tie for 33rd place out of 60 golfers. Three of her teammates followed, with sophomore Katie Zielinski at 89, freshman Rachel Kim at 92 and freshman Courtney Carlson at 107.

Senior Paige Pollak puts during O'Brien National Invitational at Warren Golf Course on Sunday. Pollak leads the team after shooting 80 in the first round.

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

After a rainy first day of play Sunday at the Warren Golf Course, the host Belles sit in seventh place out of nine schools in the O’Brien National Invitational with a team score of 333.

Senior Paige Pollak shot an 80 to lead the team, while sophomore Sammie Avrill finished one stroke behind her at 81. Rounding out the Saint Mary’s quintet were senior Alexi Brown with an 85, junior Janice Heffernan with an 87 and freshman Ali Mahoney with a 91.

Coach Kim Moore said the performances of Pollak and Avrill especially impressed her in the opening round.

“We had a pretty consistent round for our No. 1, Paige Pollak,” she said. “But our No. 5, Sammie Avrill, really stepped up today and shot an 81, so I’m pleased with that score.”

Among the Saint Mary’s golfers competing outside the team competition in the individual bracket, freshman Alexi Brown with an 85, junior Janice Heffernan with an 87 and freshman Ali Mahoney with a 91.

Saint Mary’s scores were a little higher than they were after the first round of last year’s tournament, but she said the less-than-ideal conditions in the rain probably had some effect on how her team did.

With better weather forecasted for tomorrow, Moore said she hopes the Belles will be able to correct the mistakes they made Sunday to make a run at a solid team finish Monday.

“I think a little course management will go a long way, if they can really work on where to leave their shots,” she said. “It looked like they were really putting them in some troublesome spots today. And short game is always important as well. If they can get up and down, it doesn’t really matter where you hit the ball.”

Although the Belles have hosted the O’Brien National Invitational since 2009 at the Warren Golf Course, the course is not actually their home course. The team regularly practices at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, but many Saint Mary’s golfers are still familiar with the play at Warren.

“Most of the players have played [Warren] a few times because of this tournament,” she said. “They’re familiar with the layout and some of the yardages, but it’s definitely a challenging course as well.”

The Belles will see if any of their prior experience with the course comes in handy tomorrow as they finish out the second of two rounds in the O’Brien National Invitational. The first group tees off at 8:30 a.m. at the Warren Golf Course.

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Armstrong leads Irish to third-place finish

By COLE SCHETINGER
Sports Writer

After a hotly-contested three rounds at Michigan State’s Mary Fossum Invitational, Notre Dame concluded the weekend with a third-place finish.

Just three years removed from a win in the same tournament, the Irish continued to excel in East Lansing this weekend.

The Irish were the only top-five finisher to improve on her score each round.

“Losing in extra innings is really hard. It’s a tough one for the Tampa Bay Rays to lose,” rays manaddon said after watching Joel Peralta allow a 3-0 lead and wasted a chance the rays blew a three-run margin.

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“Tampa Bay appeared on its way to a season sweep of the Twins after Wil Myers and Sean Rodriguez homered to build a 3-0 lead. With his team up 4-2 and two outs in the eighth, Peralta threw a first-pitch strike to Doumit.

Peralta (2-8) blew a save for the third time in four chances.

“Tampa Bay, which had won its previous three games, dropped to 7-14 since Aug. 25. The Rays remained tied for third place in the American League East.

“Today was just a blip on the radar, and we’ll just look to move past it,” Holt said about the freshmen’s performance.

Moving forward, the Notre Dame women’s golf team will head to Knoxville, Tenn. for next weekend’s Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship at the Cherokee Country Club.

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — This was a tough one for the Tampa Bay Rays to lose.

With reigning Cy Young Award winner David Price on the mound facing a Minnesota team that hadn’t beaten them since last year, the Rays blew a three-run lead and wasted a chance to overtake Texas for the AL wild-card lead.

Not exactly what the rays wanted heading into a four-game series with the Rangers that opens Monday.

“We’ve had way too many missteps already this year. That’s what’s got us in this position,” Rays manager Joe Maddon said after watching Joel Peralta allow eight-inning homers to Ryan Doumit and Josmil Pinto in a 6-4 loss Sunday.

“We have played well enough to have a much better record. We haven’t closed the deal.”

Tampa Bay, which had won its previous three games, dropped to 7-14 since Aug. 25. The Rays remained tied with Texas for the two AL wild-card spots, a half-game ahead of Cleveland.

Minnesota had lost 11 in a row to the Rays.

“You go through funks like this, and hopefully we’re done with that one and we can move forward,” Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Peralta (2-8) blew a save for the third time in four chances, but his teammates and manager refused to criticize him.

“I’ll take Peralta any day,” Price said. “I don’t care what the score is, how many runs there are. That guy has been an absolute warrior for us. It was just a tough loss.”

Tampa Bay left the bases loaded twice. Delmon Young hit an inning-ending flyout in the fifth and Casey Fien (5-2) retired pinch-hitter David DeJesus on a bases-loaded flyout in the eighth.

“We should have won that game easily,” Maddon said.

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Irish get mixed results on split-squad weekend

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

Notre Dame overcame a poor performance on its first day of competition to record several key victories in its first weekend of tournament action. The team split up for the weekend to compete in two separate three-day tournaments, as eight members of the squad traveled to the Olympia Fields Country Club (OFCC) Invitational in Olympia Fields, Ill., and six members competed in the Vredevelt Invitational in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Irish struggled Friday in the OFCC Invitational against a tough field that included Illinois, Kentucky, Memphis and defending NCAA champion Virginia. Junior Wyatt McCoy recorded the only singles victory of the day when he won, 7-5, 6-1, over Virginia sophomore Jonnie Cornish. The only other win came from the doubles team of senior Greg Andrews and sophomore Quentin Monaghan, who topped Kentucky freshmen Kevin Lai and Juan Pablo Murra, 8-7.

“We stress consistency with our guys,” Irish coach Ryan Sachire said. “It’s about the process and if you do well with the process, the results take care of themselves. Certainly, the aspects of the process we did not take care of on Friday were coming out with good energy and coming out with confidence.”

Notre Dame performed much better on the second day of competition at the OFCC Invitational, as the Irish won 12 of 15 singles matches. Andrews, Monaghan, sophomore Nicolas Montoya and freshmen Eddy Covalschi and Josh Haggar each picked up two singles wins on the day.

Sachire said he was impressed with Covalschi and Haggar’s performances in their first collegiate tournament.

“They’re both going to be great college tennis players,” he said of the freshmen. “They both have a ton of talent, a ton of upside, potential to be great college players, and it was exciting to watch them compete.”

The Irish concluded the OFCC Invitational on Sunday with victories in five of six singles matches.

“There was a big difference in terms of how we approached the competition from Day One to then Day Two and Day Three, and it was just with a much greater sense of confidence and professionalism,” Sachire said. “We really went after it and played to win in the last two days and played like a team that’s capable of having a great season.”

Competing against a less-heralded field at the Vredevelt Invitational, Notre Dame turned in a number of strong performances.

The Irish earned five singles wins and two doubles wins Friday. They followed it up by winning nine of 12 singles matches and two of three doubles matches Saturday. In Sunday’s final round, Notre Dame won two of its four singles competitions and swept both of its doubles matches.

Senior Ryan Bandy went undefeated in singles play, concluding the tournament by defeating Western Michigan senior Nadin Indre in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5. The doubles duo of juniors Michael Fredericka and Dougie Barnard swept its three matches, defeating the team of Xavier sophomore Michael Moe and freshman Adam Krull, 8-6, in Sunday’s final round.

Going forward, the Irish will use the results from this weekend’s tournaments to tailor individual developmental plans for each team member, Sachire said.

“Our staff will sit down and try to come up with a plan for each guy to find two or three key areas of their games to work on,” he said. “As a whole, I think our group needs to keep buying into the process of taking care of the details every single day and being prepared to practice and to compete.”

Notre Dame will next compete at the ITA All-American Championships in Tulsa, Okla., which begin Sept. 28.

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against Oakland, the Irish fell in the first set, 21-25, but came back for a close 26-24 victory in the second. The Irish kept the momentum going as they won the third set 25-19 and the fourth 25-20 to take the match.

Alugbue and Houser once again led the Irish. Alugbue contributed 18.5 points for the Irish and Houser contributed 14. Senior right side and defensive specialist Sammie Brown also had a strong game, chipping in 11 points for the Irish.

Senior setter Maggie Brindock totaled 38 assists on the match while senior libero Andrea McHugh led the team in digs with 22.

The Irish fought hard against Auburn in their third match and clinched the Shamrock Invitation Title.

Notre Dame fell in its first set, 20-28, and again in the second, 17-25. The Irish luck then started to turn around as they won the third set, 25-16 and the fourth, 25-16. The Irish finished strong in the fifth set, winning with a score of 15-11.

Houser dominated the match, contributing a total of 26.5 points for the Irish with 18 kills, 32 total attacks and a career-high 13 blocks. The junior stepped up with the Irish down 2-0, contributing 10 of Notre Dame’s 17 kills in the set.

“I believe that my blocking and offense really helped our team pull out the win against Auburn,” Houser said.

Other Irish players, such as Olsen (12 kills and three blocks) and Alugbue (12 kills and 13 digs) assisted Houser in the victory. Brindock also had an impressive game, notching 47 assists, eight digs and six blocks.

The Irish win over Auburn was even more impressive because Auburn swept both Loyola-Chicago and Oakland in their first two matches. In addition, the loss for Auburn marked their first loss with a 2-0 lead in five seasons.

Houser picked up MVP honors for the weekend after totaling team highs in kills (42) and blocks (20). Alugbue and Brown also joined Houser on the all-tournament team.

Houser said these wins will give the Irish a huge confidence boost and that they will now be able to understand what they need to do in order to keep up their winning ways.

The Irish will next travel to Lawrence, Kan., to compete in the Kansas Invitational. The Irish will play two games Saturday and one Sunday.

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As the second half began and North Carolina continued to ramp up the pressure, the Irish packed it in for the final 45 minutes, seemingly content to play tight tough in the defending third. While the strategy, helped in part by Little’s five saves, proved to stymie the Tar Heels, Waldrum said it was not his team’s intention to play so defensively.

“We didn’t plan to sit in for the whole half as we did. It was more a result of Carolina really controlling the tempo, as the home team usually does,” Waldrum said. “We wanted to be more efficient on the counterattack and controlling the ball, but I was really happy with the defensive effort. We were quite solid in that part of the game.”

Only lightly tested through Notre Dame’s preseason schedule, Little proved up to the task on the biggest of stages, claiming the clean sheet while collecting five saves and clearing numerous balls from danger.

“Kaels was great today,” Waldrum said, while also singling out sophomore midfielder Cari Roccaro for her marking of Dunn, who amassed seven shots but was kept off the score sheet. “She handled a lot of crosses and balls played in a crowd, which are always tough for a keeper. She made a couple fantastic saves.”

The Irish will be back on the field Thursday for their ACC home opener against Syracuse at Alumni Stadium.

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Senior defender Luke Mishu powers downfield during Notre Dame’s 1-1 home draw with North Carolina on Sept. 8.

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In the 17th minute, senior forward and captain Harrison Shipp took the corner, swinging the ball near post, where Panken deflected the ball past Bono.

Six minutes later, on another Irish corner, O’Malley received the ball at the back post from sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan and buried it in the back of the net to put the Irish up 2-0.

Clark said he expects someone to score on all corners, but he was happy for Panken and O’Malley.

“We are looking for all of our players to be in dangerous spots on corners, so it wasn’t surprising for me,” Clark said. “I expect all of our attacking players on corners to go get a goal, but for Andrew and Evan it was special to get their first goals. It is Panken’s first year playing, so there are a lot of new things for him. Hopefully, it won’t be long until he nets his next one.”

Hodan added to his assist and the Irish lead, with a goal of his own in the 51st minute to make the score 3-0.

Senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall earned his second clean-sheet of the year. Wall tallied one save to earn the shutout.

The Irish host Michigan at Alumni Stadium on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Senior outside hitter Nicole Smith attempts to hit over two Dabrowa defenders during Notre Dame’s 3-0 loss to the Polish club team during an exhibition game in Purcell Pavilion on Sept. 8.
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- You are quick thinking, adaptable and ready to do whatever it takes to make your world better. Your desire will motivate you to carry out your plans. Your ability to convince others to help will ensure that the work gets done. You can make great strides this year if you refuse to let anything or anyone stand in your way. Your numbers are 2, 8, 15, 22, 27, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

- A challenge will get your heart beating and your mind racing. The outcome will be an interesting lesson that will help you make the alterations necessary to bring you greater satisfaction. Embrace life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

- Getting together with people who share interests or concerns will turn out favorably. What you discover can make a difference to your ability to earn or provide for a better life. Someone you are connected to emotionally will be difficult.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

- You’ll regret an impulsive purchase. Look for ways to improve your home and stay under budget. You are capable of doing far more than you realize and for much less, if you do the research to follow through with your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

- You deserve a break. Get out and have fun with friends or family. Take time to do a little self-nurturing. A new outfit or something that makes you feel relaxed or more comfortable in your environment will be well worth the effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

- Personal problems will affect your health and emotional well-being. Visit a destination that brings you peace. Think matters through before making a change or decision that alters the way you live. Put your needs first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

- Expand your interests and take part in something you want to contribute to. Work to bring about changes in your community that will improve your life. You will make new acquaintances who will become great allies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

- Don’t let uncertainty take over, especially if it’s concerning your personal life. Waffling will only lead to bigger problems. Face any dimness head on to ensure that there is no time for matters to escalate or spin out of control. Take action fast.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

- Educational pursuits will pique your interest and lead to new possibilities. Don’t worry if someone is threatened by what you are doing; eventually, it will be clear that you have made the right choice. Romance will help any relationship that is faltering.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

- A challenge will get your heart beating and your mind racing. The outcome will be an interesting lesson that will help you make the alterations necessary to bring you greater satisfaction. Embrace life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

- You’ll have some nifty ideas that draw the interest of someone you have worked or played with in the past. A money deal can be worked out that you can work on from home during your off hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

- You can lend a helping hand, but don’t let anyone take advantage of you. Put more into your surroundings and fixing up your place. Entertaining friends or making plans to alter your personal life will bring positive results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

- Combine the things you enjoy doing most with the people you love or respect and have a get-together that is geared toward collaboration. Love is highlighted, and bringing romance into your day will contribute to making your life better.

Birthday Baby:

- You are intelligent and in control. You are resilient and goal-oriented.
Lone goal takes down Tar Heels

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Playing against the country’s top team, the No. 8 Irish played clutch defense and opportunistic offense on their way to taking down No. 1 North Carolina 1-0 in Chapel Hill on Sunday.

But Notre Dame also benefited from a lucky break.

In the 52nd minute, North Carolina senior midfielder Crystal Dunn cut past two Irish defenders to the top of the 18-yard box and lofted a shot over the outstretched arms of Notre Dame freshman goalkeeper Kaela Little. The ball caught the undercross of the crossbar and ricocheted downwards, landing about a foot inside the goal line. Little quickly recovered and caught the bounce, and the linesman gave no signal.

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The win came courtesy of the game’s lone goal, scored by freshman midfielder Morgan Andrews, who headed in a cross by sophomore defender Brittany Von Reuden midway through the first half.

“We got down the flank and served it in, and it sort of came back out to Von Reuden, who put it back into the mix,” Waldrum said. “Then it was really a world-class finish from Morgan, who really got outstretching the Orange (3-2-0, 0-2-0) 17-4, and converted two of the team’s 11 corner kicks. Sophomore midfielder Evan Panken and senior defender and captain Andrew O’Malley both picked up their first career goals on the corners.

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