

2020 Notre Dame Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Brian Kelly (11)
Offensive Coord.
Tommy Rees (1)
Defensive Coord.
Clark Lea (3)
Conference/Div
Independent

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	85.3	13
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.0	88
2020 Strength of Schedule	75.3	16
2020 Season Win Projection	9.0	14
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	12 (7/5)	87
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	59%	83
Returning Offense Production	66%	64
Returning Defense Production	51%	102
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	17	17
2020 Roster Talent Rank		14

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Notre Dame has won at least 10 games in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 1991-93. However, for all their recent success, the Irish have come up short in the bigger games (Miami in 2017, Clemson in 2018 and Michigan last year). This year's team has a good chance to make it four straight double-digit win seasons but can the Irish finally get over the hump and win a big game (i.e. at home vs Clemson)?

The Irish return 12 starters including QB Ian Book who will likely finish his career as the No. 2 all-time passer in ND history behind Brady Quinn. ND does lose their leading rusher and their top three receivers as both WR Claypool and TE Kmet were 2nd-round draft picks. Keep an eye out on WR's Kevin Austin and speedster Braden Lenzy who could emerge this season. The best unit is the offensive line which returns all five starters from last season (115 career starts). The defense has been the strength of the team the last couple of years thanks to D.C. Clark Lea and this year's unit will be tough again. The Irish return their top two tacklers including LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koromoah (80 tackles, 13.5 total TFL's) who is probably ND's best NFL prospect. The secondary is led by safety Kyle Hamilton who flashed as a true frosh last season with 4 INT's.

The schedule is again among the toughest in the country, but ND should be significant favorites in 9 of their 12 games. How ND fares in the big games vs Wisconsin, Clemson and USC will ultimately determine if this program takes the next step and joins the nation's elite.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Navy	-13.5	83%				
9/12	Arkansas	-22.9	94%				
9/19	W Michigan	-27.7	96%				
9/26	† Wake Forest	-18.8	92%				
10/3	† Wisconsin	4.8	37%				
10/10	Stanford	-16.1	89%				
10/17	at Pittsburgh	-10.0	75%				
10/24							
10/31	Duke	-21.0	93%				
11/7	Clemson	8.6	29%				
11/14	† Georgia Tech	-14.9	85%				
11/21	Louisville	-14.1	84%				
11/28	at USC	2.1	45%				
Projected Wins		9.02					

Last 5 Year Records

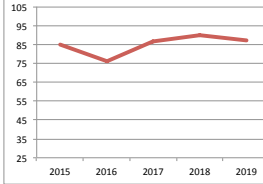
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	10-3	4-8	10-3	12-1	11-2	47-17
Home	6-0	2-4	6-1	6-0	7-0	27-5
Away	3-2	0-3	3-2	4-0	3-2	13-9
Neutral	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-1	1-0	7-3
Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Non-Conf	10-3	4-8	10-3	12-1	11-2	47-17
ATS	7-5-1	4-8	8-5	6-6-1	9-4	34-28-2
Home Fav	4-1	1-4	4-3	2-3	5-2	16-13
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-0
Away Fav	1-2	0-1	3-2	2-1-1	2-2	8-8-1
Away Dog	1-0-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-2-1
Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Non-Conf	7-5-1	4-8	8-5	6-6-1	9-4	34-28-2
O/U	7-6	6-6	6-6-1	6-7	5-8	30-33-1

ATS Stat

ND has won 18 straight home games (11-7 ATS) coming into '20. They will be heavy favorites to extend that streak to 22 games until Clemson visits South Bend on November 7th.

End of Season

Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

	ND	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing				
YPC	5.0	25	3.8	44
YPG	179.2	44	153.1	60
Passing				
Comp %	60.8%	63	54.3%	17
YPA	7.9	48	5.9	3
YPG	252.2	48	168.5	3
TD-INT	37-6		13-9	
Total				
ND	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	6.3	28	4.7	8
YPG	431.4	43	321.6	18
Scoring				
PPG	36.8	14	17.9	12
3rd Down				
%	40.2%	64	32.3%	18
Red Zone				
TD %	76.4%	8	56.7%	44
Scoring %	92.7%	10	96.7%	129
KO Ret				
Avg	19.2	91	17.9	17
Punt Ret				
Avg	8.4	54	3.9	15
Sacks				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	34	33	16	
TFL's				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	91	27	71	
Net Punt				
Avg	37.7	81		
4th Down				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	1.9	37		
Turnovers				
Margin	+17	4		
Penalties				
Per Game	6.5	82		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
ND	111	154	103	110	0	478
Opp	44	75	36	78	0	233

2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	+1.1	23
Pass YPA	+2.0	14
YPP	+1.7	9
YPG	+109.8	14
Scoring	+18.9	7

2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Passing				
Ian Book	399	3034	60.2	34-6
Phil Jurkovec	16	222	75.0	2-0
Rushing				
Tony Jones	144	857	6.0	6
Ian Book	112	546	4.9	4
Receiving				
Chase Claypool	66	1037	15.7	13
Cole Kmet	43	515	12.0	6
Chris Finke	41	456	11.1	4
Tommy Tremble	16	183	11.4	4
Defense				
Drew White	80	2	6	0
J. Owusu-Koromoah	80	5.5	8	0
Asmar Bilal	79	0	10	0
Alohi Gilman	74	1	2	1
Jalen Elliott	49	0	0	2
Khalid Kareem	46	5.5	4.5	0
Kicking				
Jonathan Doerer	17-20	52	57-57	
Punting				
Jay Bramblett	39.4	18	5	0

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Notre Dame	-20.5	-19	35	Under: 3
Louisville	54.5	55	17	Cover: 1
-ND was not as impressive as the final indicated with only a 423-383 yard edge.				
-Irish were +2 TO's and allowed 249 rushing yards (5.3 ypc). ND defense did make adjustments after allowing 163 yards and 14 points their first 2 drives.				
New Mexico	64	63.5	14	Over: 16.5
Notre Dame	-38.5	-34.5	66	Cover: 17.5
-ND had a 591-363 yard edge but did get out-rushed 212-157. The Irish were +4 in TO's and converted them into 28 points.				
-The Lobos were without head coach Bob Davie, the former Irish head coach from 1997-2001 who was hospitalized following New Mexico's opening game.				
Notre Dame	59.5	59	17	Cover: 9
Georgia	-12.5	-15	23	Under: 19
-UGA only had a 339-321 yard edge.				
-The Irish seemed to struggle with the noise judging by five false-start penalties and a botched snap on a fourth-down play. "The crowd impacted the game tonight more than I've ever seen a game impacted." - Kirby Smart.				
Virginia	50	47	20	Over: 8
Notre Dame	-11	-10.5	35	Cover: 4.5
Misleading Final: Virginia had a 338-322 yard edge but were -4 in TO's. ND's D did have 8 sacks.				
-ND got 14 points in the 3Q with zero first downs on offense. They got a 7-yard TD "drive" after a long fumble return and ND's D also got a 23-yard fumble return TD.				
Bowling Green	61.5	63.5	0	Under: 11.5
Notre Dame	-44.5	-45.5	52	Cover: 6.5
-ND had a 573-228 yard edge, had zero TO's & only one penalty.				
Bowling Green was the first of six opponents in the next seven games to take a week off to prepare for ND.				
USC	60.5	59.5	27	Cover: 7.5
Notre Dame	-11	-10.5	30	Under: 2.5
-ND had a 473-426 yard edge including 308-171 on the ground.				
-ND led 20-3 early 3Q but couldn't stop the Trojans offense late.				
Notre Dame	53.5	-1	14	Over: 11.5
Michigan	-4	47.5	45	Cover: 32
-Michigan had 23-12 first down and 437-180 yard edges including 303-47 on the ground.				
-Since beating No. 8 Oklahoma on Oct. 27, 2012, ND has lost 11 straight true road games against Top 20 teams.				
Virginia Tech	56.5	58.5	20	Cover: 16.5
Notre Dame	-16.5	-17.5	21	Under: 17.5
Misleading Final: ND had 25-12 first down and 442-240 yard edges but had several key TO's.				
-ND was intercepted at the VT 9-yard line. In the key play of the game, ND fumbled at the VT 2-yard line which was picked up and returned 98 yards for a TD with -09 left in the first half (14-point swing). It was the first fumble by a ND RB since 2015 (nearly 1,300 carries!).				
-In the second half, ND was intercepted at the VT 2-yard line and also missed a 35-yard FG.				
-However, on their game-winning 18-play 87-yard drive that culminated with an Ian Book 6-yard TD run with -29 left, ND converted two 4th Downs.				
Notre Dame	-7	-7.5	38	Cover: 23.5
Duke	52	50.5	7	Under: 4.5
-ND had 21-10 first down and 469-197 yard edges including 288-95 on the ground.				
-ND QB Ian Book threw 4 TD passes and had 139 rushing yards.				
Navy	54	55.5	20	Over: 16.5
Notre Dame	-11	-7.5	52	Cover: 24.5
-Navy had a 20-18 first down edge but ND was more explosive with a 410-360 yard edge.				
-The Irish were +4 in TO's and all 4 turned into ND TD's.				
-ND WR Chase Claypool caught four touchdown passes to match a school record				
-It was the first time since 1973 Thanksgiving Day against Air Force, a string of 273 sold-out games that ND Stadium wasn't sold out. A crowd of 74,080, 3,542 below capacity attended.				
Boston College	63.5	65.5	7	Under: 18.5
Notre Dame	-18	-20.5	40	Cover: 12.5
-ND had 27-11 first down and 501-191 yard edges.				
-ND QB Ian Book led the Irish in rushing for a 4th straight game.				
-Notre Dame completed a second straight unbeaten season (7-0) in Notre Dame Stadium, where the Irish have now won 18 straight.				
-But for the second straight week, Notre Dame Stadium was not filled after a streak of 273 sellouts since 1973.				
Notre Dame	-14.5	-17	45	Cover: 14
Stanford	53	46	24	Over: 23
-Stanford had a 26-24 FD edge but ND a 445-394 yard edge.				
-ND also put together three straight seasons of at least 10 wins for the second time in school history, having previously done it under Lou Holtz from 1991-93.				
Iowa State	56	54.5	9	Under: 12.5
Notre Dame	-3.5	-3.5	33	Cover: 20.5
-ND had a 455-272 yard edge including 208-45 on the ground.				
"Even this week, 'Notre Dame is not ready to play.' They used that as another form of motivation to show people wrong. They just read this team wrong." Kelly said.				

2015 (SU: 10-3, ATS: 7-5-1, O/U: 7-6)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Texas	-9	38-3	W u48
9/12	at Virginia	-12	34-27	L u46
9/19	Georgia Tech	+2	30-22	W u55
9/26	Massachusetts	-28	62-27	W o60
10/3	at Clemson	+2	22-24	P u50
10/10	Navy	-14	41-24	W o58
10/17	USC	-6	41-31	W o61
10/24				
10/31	at Temple	-11	24-20	L u51
11/7	at Pittsburgh	-9	42-30	W u53
11/14	Wake Forest	-26	28-7	L u52
11/21	† Boston College	-14	19-16	L u43
11/28	at Stanford	+3	36-38	W o56
1/1	† Ohio St	+6	28-44	L o56

2016 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 6-6)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/2	at Texas-2ot	-3	47-50	L o56
9/9	Nevada	-27	39-10	W u62
9/16	Michigan St	-7	28-36	L o50
9/23	Duke	-20	35-38	L o60
9/30	† Syracuse	-12	50-33	W o74
10/7	at NC State	+2	3-10	L u58
10/14	Stanford	-3	10-17	L u54
10/21				
10/28	NC State	-7	35-14	W u61
11/4	Wake Forest	-18	44-37	L o55
11/11	at Miami, FL	-3	8-41	L u59
11/18	Navy	-19	24-17	L u59
11/25	at Stanford	-3	20-38	L o56
12/2	† LSU	+3	21-17	W u52

2017 (SU: 10-3, ATS: 8-5, O/U: 6-6-1)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/1	Temple	-18	49-16	