

POST GAME NOTES

FINAL SCORE
No. 3/3/6 Notre Dame 24, SMU 3

TEAM NOTES

- Notre Dame captains WR Jordan Faison, S Adon Shuler, QB CJ Carr and LB Drayk Bowen represented the Irish for the coin toss
- Notre Dame won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. Notre Dame kicked off and defended the north endzone
- Attendance — 77,622 - which marks the 26th consecutive sellout and 31 of the last 33 home
- Tonight marked the 14th meeting between Notre Dame and SMU. The Irish now lead the series 11-3
- The Irish are now 7-1 all-time at home against the Mustangs, including the first ever game at Notre Dame Stadium in 1930, when Notre Dame defeated the Mustangs 20-14.
- Notre Dame improves to 25-4 against ACC opponents under Dick Corbett Head Coach Marcus Freeman. Freeman has five wins against ACC opponents in every season he has coached at Notre Dame
- Notre Dame has now won 10 straight Senior Day games, dating back to 2017
- Notre Dame improves to 540-133-13 all-time at home
- Freeman is now 17-2 in the month of November, winning 14 straight in the month dating back to 2023. He's 8-0 at Notre Dame Stadium in November.
- This year's Senior Night honorees included: Sullivan Absher, Jaiden Ausberry, Drayk Bowen, Ashton Craig, Jordan Faison, Cooper Flanagan, Henry Garrity, Christian Gray, Jaden Greathouse, Devan Houstan, Elijah Hughes, Kahanu Kia, Andrew Kros, DJ McKinney, Jason Onye, Joe Otting, Adon Shuler, Jaylen Sneed, Luke Talich, Chris Terek, Boubacar Traore, Ty Washington and Matt Williams.

NOTABLE

- Tonight was just the second night game to serve as the home finale, with the only previous one occurring against Florida State on Nov. 10, 2018 in a 42-13 Irish victory
- With his catch in the first quarter, WR Jordan Faison extended his catch streak to 32 straight games, tied for the longest by an Irish wide receiver (T.J. Jones). He entered the game with the ninth-longest active streak in the FBS
- Notre Dame scored the first points of the game on an 11 play, 99 yard drive late in the first quarter. It was the second 99-yard scoring drive of the season for the Irish. Before this season, Notre Dame's last 99-yard drive occurred against Wake Forest in 2017

- TE Cooper Flanagan rushed in a two-yard touchdown on fourth down on the 99-yard drive. He became the fourth Irish tight end since 1996 to rush for a touchdown and the first since Mitchell Evans in 2022
- Later in the half, Faison eclipsed 2,000 career receiving yards, becoming the 14th player in program history to surpass the milestone.
- On his fourth reception of the game, Faison passed Chase Claypool for eighth-most career receptions at 151
- Late in the second quarter, CB Jayden Sanders picked off a pass in the end zone for his second interception of the season. That marked the 21st takeaway for a Notre Dame defense that entered the day tied for ninth nationally in forced turnovers.
- QB CJ Carr passed for 242 passing yards in the first half, the most in an opening half this season by Carr and the second-highest first half total of his career (Arkansas, Sept. 27, 2025)
- On Notre Dame's opening drive of the second half, RB Nolan James Jr. scored his 14th touchdown of the season on a four-yard rush. James Jr. has now scored a touchdown in all 11 games this season, tying Alfred Bergman, Wayne Bullock, Golden Tate and Jeremiyah Love for the fourth-longest streak in program history.
- After three quarters, Carr was up to 312 passing yards, his second 300-yard game in the last three games and fourth of his career
- In the fourth quarter, P Jasper Scaife booted a career-long 76-yard punt, downing SMU at the 12-yard line. It was Notre Dame's longest punt since Hunter Smith's 79-yarder at Arizona State on Oct. 10, 1998.

CAREER HIGHS

- WR Jaden Greathouse - 62-yard reception
- P Jasper Scaife - 76-yard punt

FIRSTS

- TE Cooper Flanagan - rushing touchdown