

NCAA Records

A number of Notre Dame players and teams occupy places in the NCAA's all-time collegiate football record book:

INDIVIDUAL

Annual Champions

Rushing

Creighton Miller, 1943, 151 for 911 yards

Punt Returns

Nick Rassel, 1965, 24 for 459 yards; Allen Rossum, 1996, 15 for 344 yards

Interceptions

Tony Carey, 8 for 121 yards; Mike Townsend, 1972, 10 for 39 yards

Kick Scoring

Menil Mavraides, 1953, 27 points

Kickoff Returns

Raghib Ismail, 1988, 36.1 average (12 for 433)

Records

Highest Season Percentage of Field Goals Made 40 Yards or More

John Carney, 1984, .909 (10 of 11)

Highest Season Percentage of Field Goals Made 40-49 Yards

John Carney, 1984, 1.000 (10 of 10)

Most Consecutive Career Field Goals Made 40-49 Yards

John Carney, 1984-85, 12

Most Single-Game Touchdowns Scored on Punt Returns

Tim Brown, 1987 vs. Michigan State, 2; Allen Rossum, 1996 vs. Pittsburgh, 2 (held by many others)

Most Single-Game Touchdowns Scored on Kickoff Returns

Raghib Ismail, 1988 vs. Rice, 1989 vs. Michigan, 2 (held by seven others, though Ismail is the only player in history to score twice in two games)

Most Single-Game Touchdowns Scored on Fumble Returns

Tony Driver, 2000 vs. Navy (tied Minnesota's Tyrone Carter in 1996)

Most Career Touchdowns on Interceptions, Punt Returns and Kickoff Returns (Must have at Least One Touchdown in Each Category)

Allen Rossum, 1994-97, 9 (3 interceptions, 3 punt returns, 3 kickoff returns)

TEAM

Annual Champions

Total Offense

1943, 418.0 yards per game

1946, 441.3 yards per game

1949, 434.8 yards per game

Rushing Offense

1943, 313.7 yards per game

1946, 340.1 yards per game

Scoring Offense

1966, 36.2 points per game

Punt Returns

1958, 17.6 yards per return

Kickoff Returns

1957, 27.6 yards per return

1966, 29.6 yards per return

Total Defense

1946, 141.7 yards per game

1974, 195.2 yards per game

Rushing Defense

1974, 102.8 yards per game

Scoring Defense

1946, 2.7 points per game

Records

Single-Game Touchdowns Scored on Kickoff Returns

2, vs. Rice 1988, vs. Michigan 1989 (held by many teams)

Single-Game Touchdowns Scored on Punt Returns

3, vs. Pittsburgh, 1996 (held by many teams)

Single-Game-Most Defensive Extra Point Attempts Against

2, vs. Rice 1988 (2 returns, 1 scored)

Season Total Offense-Most Plays Per Game

92.4, 1970 (92.4 in 10)

Season Pass Defense-Lowest Completion Percentage Allowed

(min. 200 attempts) .333, 1967 (102 of 306)

Season Pass Defense-Fewest Yards Allowed Per Attempt

(min. 300 attempts) 3.78, 1967 (306 for 1,158)

Season Pass Defense-Fewest Yards Allowed Per Completion

(min. 150 (263 for 2,502)

Season Punt Return Defense-Fewest Returns Allowed

5, 1968 (52 yards) (tied with Nebraska '95)

Season Fewest Turnovers Lost

8, 2000 (tied with Clemson '40 and Miami, Ohio '66)



In addition to leading the nation in kickoff returns in 1988, Raghib Ismail became the only player in NCAA history to return two kickoffs for touchdowns in two different games, doing that against Rice in 1988 and Michigan in 1989. (Photo by Greg Kohs)

