





## Tiller Expects Same Offense By Irish

Each Sunday, *Gold & Black Illustrated* speaks with Coach Joe Tiller, getting his most recent thoughts on his team's Saturday game after he's analyzed it on film.

**Q: How does Notre Dame quarterback Arnaz Battle's wrist injury affect your team's preparation? What would you expect from backup Gary Godsey, if he starts?**

Tiller: "It would change it a little bit in the sense that he can't run like Battle can, not that he can't run because he is athletic! They're different styles of players."

**Q: Will you know what to expect from Notre Dame with a different style quarterback in there?**

Tiller: "I would suspect, and I don't know this, that it's like us. If Drew Brees is in there or Brandon Hance is in there, are we going to change our offense? No. Are we going to feature a few different plays? Yes. But philosophically and by design and planning, you're not going to change dramatically. I'd suspect that would be true anywhere, including Notre Dame."

"We will prepare for the offense we see on tape. Maybe there's a couple things that will change, but I don't think they're going to change their plan of attack."

**Q: Will it be hard to prepare not having seen Godsey play for Notre Dame? You recruited Godsey, so does that help you prepare for him?**

Tiller: "Maybe a little bit, but not that much. Guys can change a lot in a couple of years. He was a teammate of Chris James' and a guy we did recruit. But guys change so much, I don't know how much value that has."

"I know one thing. He has a strong arm. He's a real athletic guy, a good basketball player who could run the floor. It's not like he's just a drop-back guy."

**Q: What were your thoughts on the running game after watching the Kent State game on film?**

Tiller: "We've got some problems in our running game in the sense that we're not real smooth in what we're doing at all positions. There were several times where nine guys had their guy blocked and one guy let his guy off on the edge and he winds up making the play in the backfield."

"We've kind of been sparing the offensive line (in our evaluations) because they're a veteran group and we assume they don't do anything wrong, but that's not 100 percent true. We've had some breakdowns up front that have hurt us as well as our running backs not hitting the holes."

**Q: Did Sedrick Brown make a case for more playing time?**

Tiller: "Sed certainly had the most productive day, but when he went in there, Kent was worn down and I noticed guys weren't getting off blocks. I don't want to diminish what he did, because he did a nice job. But the other side of the coin is that those guys had been rushing the passer all day, and weren't moving around like they had been when (Steve) Ennis and (Montrell) Lowe had the bulk of the carries."

"We'll evaluate who starts this week, but I really doubt Steve will start simply because I think we'll want to make a change."

**Q: Against Nebraska, Notre Dame scored two special teams touchdowns. How important is it that Travis Dorsch is consistently kicking the ball out of the back of the end zone on kickoffs?**

Tiller: "That would be nice, but as I said to our team, I think our team got into a very dangerous position in that we had some guys assuming the ball was going out of the end zone, especially after he put the one through the uprights."

"It's certainly important that he do that, but we can't make any assumptions. We have to be particularly sharp in our coverage (against Notre Dame)."

**Q: Did you see any signs that your team may have looked ahead to Notre Dame?**

Tiller: "They might have been, but it wasn't as bad as it seemed on tape. We were a little disappointed because the flow of the game didn't go the way it did a week before (against Central Michigan), when we didn't have any turnovers. Then we opened this game with a turnover."



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Coach Joe Tiller, pictured with offensive line coach Danny Hope, didn't think the Boilers were looking ahead to Notre Dame in the Kent State game.

**Q: Update us on injuries. What is the status of Brent Botts, Brian Dinkins and Joe Odom, and did any new injuries occur against Kent State.**

Tiller: "On Botts and Dinkins, it's exactly the same. They'll do running and individual workouts Sunday with the goal being full-contact on Tuesday. We're hoping if we don't press them hard Sunday, they'll be given the green light Tuesday."

"Odom has his CT scan Monday and is scheduled for evaluation after that time. There is a chance, if everything is good, that he'll be given the green light to go ahead and play because he's not sore. He's basically been on the shelf for 30 days. If he is given the green light, I'd suspect we would only play him 20 plays or so, because I suspect his conditioning leaves a little to be desired."

### BREES' PLACE IN HISTORY

Following is a list of career records quarterback Drew Brees is chasing or has eclipsed. Against Kent State Sept. 9, Brees broke Purdue's all-time record for completions, dusting Mark Herrmann's record of 773. He also became Purdue's all-time leader in total offense, again passing Herrmann's record of 9,135.

School	Record Holder (Record)	Brees	To Has Break
Career Record	Mark Herrmann (9,946)	8,857	1,090
Passing Yards	Mark Herrmann (71)	69	3
Touchdowns	Drew Brees (773)	773	-
Completions	Drew Brees (9,283)	9,283	-
Total Offense			

Big Ten	Record Holder (Record)	Brees	To Has Break
Career Record	Iowa's Chuck Long (10,461)	8,857	1,605
Passing Yards	Iowa's Chuck Long (74)	69	6
Touchdowns	Illinois' Jack Trudeau (797)	773	24
Completions	Iowa's Chuck Long (10,254)	9,283	972
Total Offense			

NCAA	Record Holder (Record)	Brees	To Has Break
Career Record	Lville's C. Redman (1,031)	773	258
Completions			

Note: Brees needs 2,443 passing yards, 19 touchdowns, 127 completions and 1,738 total yards to move into fifth-place all-time on the NCAA Records list in each of those categories.

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It's been 26 years since Purdue beat Notre Dame in South Bend. Newspaper clippings of the most recent Boilermaker wins under the Golden Dome are from the *Lafayette Journal and Courier* (1968) and *Chicago Sun-Times* (1974).

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# GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS

## Boilers Move To 2-0 With Lackluster Win Over Golden Flashes

BY DOUG GRIFFITHS

**P**urdue wasn't mentally into its home game against Kent State Sept. 9.

In fact, the 13th-ranked Boilermakers appeared to just go through the motions in a 45-10 win in Ross-Ade Stadium.

Maybe the Boilermakers were looking ahead to their Sept. 16 showdown at Notre Dame or perhaps it was difficult getting up for another Mid-American Conference team, especially an opponent they were favored over by 47 points. Whatever the case, Purdue just wasn't as sharp against Kent State as it was in the season opener against Central Michigan.

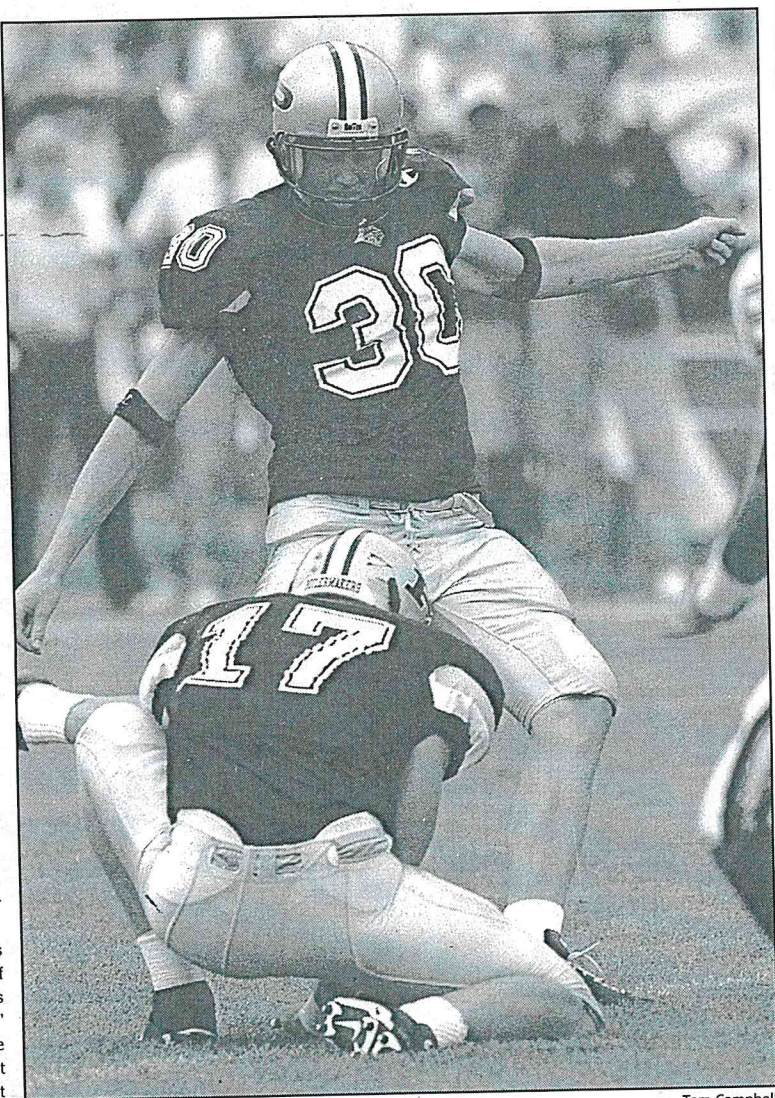
In the postgame press conference Coach Joe Tiller said he's looking forward to the Notre Dame game as, "I think our team was today."

"We weren't as sharp at the start of the game this week as we were last week," said Tiller, whose team is off to a 2-0 start for the second straight year. "The intensity level wasn't the same this week as it was last week. We played more intense last week. We were very anxious to play last week.

"Our second game was like a typical first game and our first game was like a typical second game."

"We were productive in gaining yards (outgaining Kent State, 605-319), but it was like we were going through the motions," said quarterback Drew Brees, who was 32-of-46 passing for 415 yards, threw a pair of touchdowns, ran for another two scores and tossed an interception.

"We started out a little slow, came out flat," said linebacker Akin Ayodele, who led the Boilermakers with six



Despite hooking a 37-yard field goal attempt, Travis Dorsch entered the record books as the Boilers' most prolific field goal kicker in school history with this 35-yard field goal three seconds before halftime.

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tackles. "Then we turned it up and started making some plays."

It took a while before the Boilermakers started making eye-opening plays and drives.

They fumbled on their first possession, leading to a 23-yard Kent State field goal.

Prior to that field goal, which gave the visitors a 3-0 lead less than five minutes into the game, Purdue gave Kent State another break. On the Golden Flashes' first possession, they went for a first down on fourth-and-short and Purdue defensive tackle Matt Mitrione jumped offside.

## INSIDE THE BOILERMAKERS

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There were numerous candidates, but we'll give it to the senior connection of quarterback Drew Brees and classmate Vinny Sutherland. Brees was nearly automatic despite eight Golden Flashes constantly downfield to defend him, while Sutherland returned with a vengeance after sitting out Game One. These two guys are extremely dangerous when they're on the same page.

We can't give this award, if you want to call it that, to sophomore wide-out Chris James for two straight weeks. So, this week we'll have to put running back Steve Ennis' name in the dreaded category. The sophomore fumbled on his first carry and finished with a disappointing 18 yards on eight carries. While the future remains bright for the 6-0, 220-pounder, he



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Sophomore running back Steve Ennis

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needs to have a few long runs and a 100-yard performance to play with the natural swagger he possesses.

Freshman wide receiver Gary Heagans will likely be red-shirted after seeing action in the season-opener. He didn't play against Kent State, but could see the field if a veteran receiver gets injured during the season. Also, look for Max Miller to return to backup guard rather than reserve center. That would mean the future of Purdue football is with Gene Mruczkowski at center.

# INSIDE SCOOP

We'd say our prayers in hopes of seeing sophomore line-backer Joe Odom back in the lineup for the tilt in South Bend. Odom's speed and experience is needed. We'd also throw everything and the kitchen sink at a Notre Dame defense that has spent the first two weeks of the season trying to defend run-oriented teams.



Junior tight end Tim Stratton is heating up. After a relatively quiet first game against Central Michigan, the 6-5, 250-pounder responded with seven catches for 105 yards in the win over Kent State. The tight end trio of Stratton, Pete Loughheed and Chris Randolph will play a vital role in Purdue's bid to win at Notre Dame.

# KEEP YOUR EYES ON



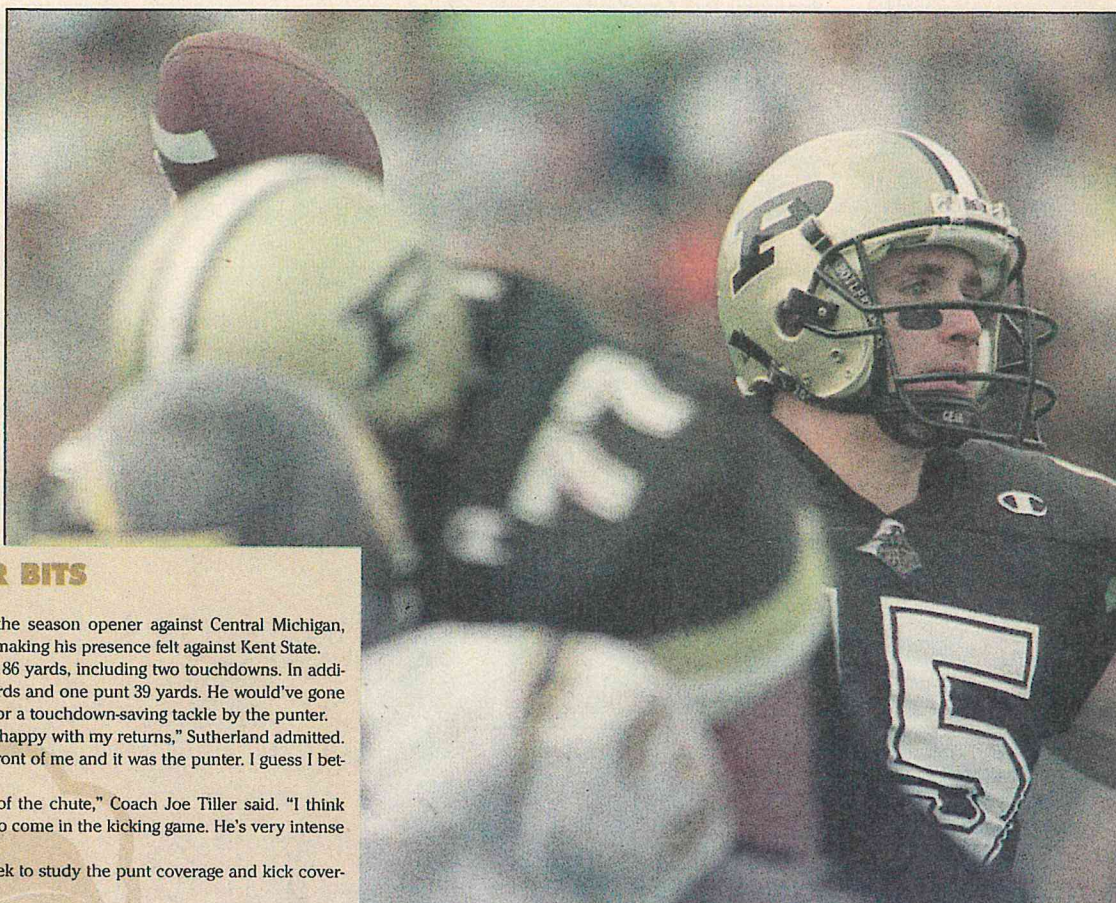
Receiver Vinny Sutherland got things headed in the right direction for the Boilermakers in the waning seconds of the first quarter.

After safety Brady Doe forced Kent State tailback Chante Murphy to fumble and linebacker Landon Johnson recovered at the Golden Flashes' 44, Sutherland put Purdue on the scoreboard with a 4-yard touchdown catch from Brees.

Sutherland continued to shine in the second quarter. He returned a punt 39 yards, setting up Purdue's second touchdown. When Brees again hit Sutherland from five yards out, the Boilermakers led 14-3.

Sutherland found the end zone again on an 8-yard end around, pushing the advantage to 21-3 with 2:20 left until halftime.

"I was definitely hyped today," Sutherland said, "I was trying to make something happen and contribute any way I could."



## BOILER BITS

### WELCOME BACK

After serving a one-game suspension in the season opener against Central Michigan, senior Vinny Sutherland didn't waste any time making his presence felt against Kent State.

In just the first half, he had six catches for 86 yards, including two touchdowns. In addition, Sutherland returned two kickoffs for 66 yards and one punt 39 yards. He would've gone all the way on the punt return had it not been for a touchdown-saving tackle by the punter.

"Being that the punter tackled me, I wasn't happy with my returns," Sutherland admitted. "I'm still thinking about that. I saw one guy in front of me and it was the punter. I guess I better work on that this week."

"He was kind of like a new colt just out of the chute," Coach Joe Tiller said. "I think Vinny's greatest contribution this year is going to come in the kicking game. He's very intense with regards to kick returns."

"He's coming in on his own during the week to study the punt coverage and kick coverage. He is on a mission."

Sutherland's stats would've likely been even more impressive had he not cramped up late in the second quarter and missed the rest of the game.

"I ended up puking on the bench," Sutherland said. "I was excited to play. It showed on the sideline."

"I was disappointed he was cramping up," Tiller said. "That tells me he wasn't taking in fluids and preparing like he needed to be. Last week, which was a hotter day than today, we did not have one guy cramp up. That told me our guys were doing what they need to and that they're in good shape."

### NOBODY DOES IT BETTER

Junior Travis Dorsch became Purdue's all-time leading kicker when he made a 35-yard field goal, the 37th of his Boilermaker career. Dorsch is now No. 1 in the records books ahead of Jonathan Briggs, who made 36 from 1985-87.

Dorsch hit 1-of-2 field goals and is now 3-of-4 in the field goal department (hitting from 43, 45 and 35 yards and missing a 37-yarder) this season.

Seven of his eight kickoffs against the Golden Flashes were touchbacks. This season, Dorsch had 11 touchbacks in 16 kickoffs.

### MORE RECORDS FALL

Quarterback Drew Brees continues his assault on the Purdue and Big Ten records books.

Brees became the Boilermakers' career total offense leader in the third quarter (on a 9-yard pass to A.T. Simpson), passing Mark Herrmann (1977-80). Brees now has 9,283 yards (8,857 passing and 426 rushing). He is second on the Big Ten career list, trailing only former Iowa quarterback Chuck Long (1981-85) with 10,254 yards.

"It's a tremendous honor to break Herrmann's record," Brees said. "but that's an individual thing. Maybe years from now, it will mean more, but all I am concerned with now is helping this team win games."

Brees also became Purdue's career completions leader (pass to John Standeford in the fourth quarter), once again passing Herrmann. Brees now has 774 completions to rank third on the Big Ten list behind Illinois' Jack Trudeau (1981-85) with 797 and Long with 782.

Brees moved from third to second on the Big Ten career passing attempts list, passing Trudeau. Brees now has 1,254 attempts, trailing only Herrmann with 1,309.

Brees moved from fourth to third on the Big Ten career passing yards list, passing Trudeau. Brees now trails Long and Herrmann (9,946).

### NEXT TEST

Purdue hasn't won at Notre Dame since 1974 and if it does Sept. 16, the Boilermakers will start the season 3-0 for the second straight year and only the fifth time since 1966. For more on the Irish, who dropped to 1-1 on the season after losing Sept. 9 at home to No. 1 Nebraska 27-24 in overtime, see pages 11-13.

Sutherland totaled 192 total yards in the first half, 71 on five catches, but left the game late in the second quarter with cramps.

"Vinny played well," Tiller said. "He actu-

Senior quarterback Drew Brees enjoyed his fifth 400-plus yard passing performance while establishing school records in career total offense and completions.

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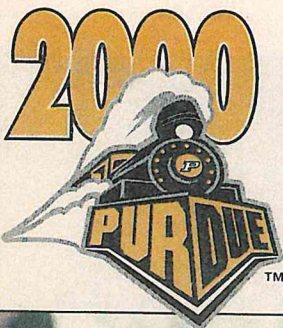
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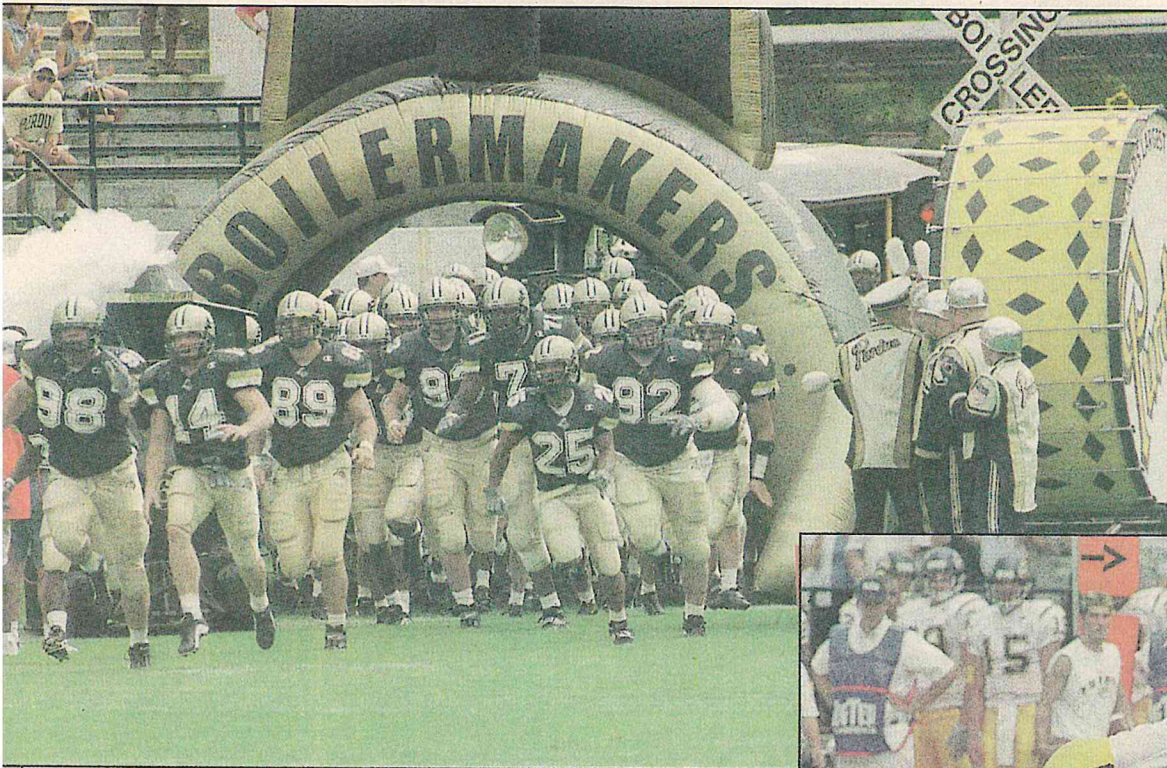
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Redshirt freshman linebacker Landon Johnson separates Kent State receiver Matt Curry from the ball. This key play came on a crucial third-down stop near the Golden Flashes' end zone on their first possession of the game. Johnson had four tackles and a fumble recovery in his second career start.

Drew Brees collides with Sedrick Brown as the senior quarterback scrambles in the fourth quarter for some of his 31 rushing yards. Brown was the standout in an otherwise lackluster Boilermaker rushing effort with a team-high 63 yards on nine carries.

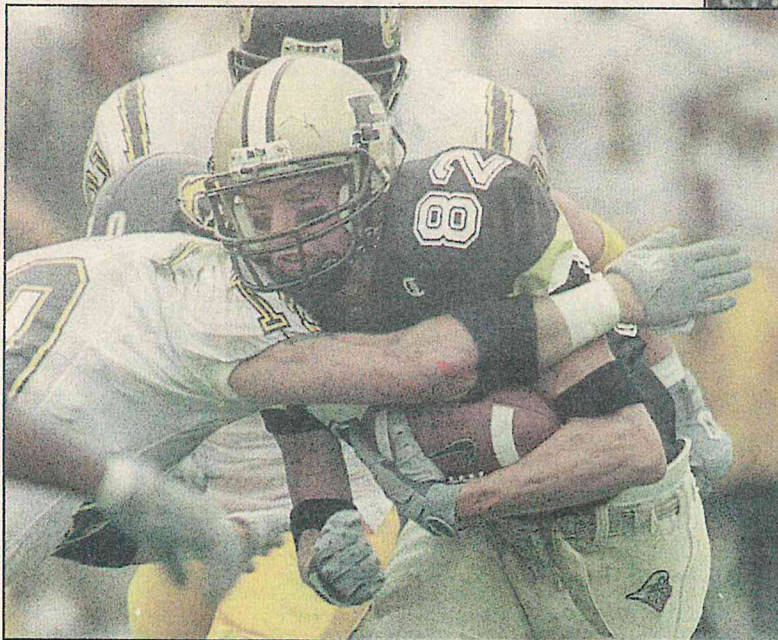




The inflatable Boilermaker helmet tunnel was in working order this week much to the delight of the 62,181 fans in attendance.



Tim Stratton drags two Kent State defenders after a reception in the first quarter. The junior tight end had his second best day as a Boilermaker with 105 yards on seven catches.



One of 10 Boilermaker receivers to catch passes in the game, freshman John Standeford had another outstanding day with a team-high eight receptions.



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ally wore himself out. He started cramping up and had to go to the locker room to get an I.V." Kicker Travis Dorsch's 35-yard field goal just before the end of the half made it 24-3.

Kent State drew within two touchdowns with 9:38 left in the third quarter when quarterback Zach Williams hit Jurren Kelly on a hitch-and-go down the right sideline for a 30-yard touchdown pass. On the play, Kelly beat freshman cornerback Jacques Reeves.

Purdue responded by driving 73 yards in five plays, capped by Brees' 5-yard touchdown run.

Later in the quarter, Brees, who completed 11 of his first 13 passes for 132 yards, sprinted three yards for a score to make it 38-10.

Reserve quarterback Brandon Hance threw his first touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter. He hit Chris James with a 5-yard toss at the 2:31 mark.

James was one of 10 receivers to catch passes for the Boilermakers. For the second straight game, true freshman John Standeford led Purdue with eight catches for 90 yards. Tight end Tim Stratton was another favorite target, as he made seven grabs for 105 yards.

Although the Boilermakers had success in the air, their running attack was anemic, particularly in the first half. Purdue gained just 58 yards on 22 carries and didn't have a back gain more than 18 yards. Steve Ennis and Montrell Lowe each fumbled in the opening 30 minutes.

Third-string running back Sedrick Brown ended the game as Purdue's leading rusher with 63 yards on nine carries.

"Since I'm third string, I just wait for my turn," Brown said. "Whenever my number is called, I do what I have to do.

"Each one of us bring something different to the table. Montrell is a great shifter. Steve is a good, strong runner and I feel like I'm a better blocker."

"I just don't think we were able to hit the seams," Tiller said. "That's what Brown did differently from Lowe and Ennis. He hit the creases. I think you saw the result, because the plays were blocked the same way and we had some plays early we thought were blocked pretty well but guys ran into the backs of blockers.

"I think both Ennis and Lowe are pressing, because they know they're in intense competition. As a result, I don't think either of them is playing his best football.

"Laying the football on the ground early is something that's unacceptable," Tiller added. "It gets you a little nervous in the running game. I don't know who will play next week at running back, but certainly we have to get some productivity out of that position. Sed Brown had the most productive day today, and who's to say he won't be the guy? But a coaching staff always looks at when yards were made, who they were made against and at what time in the game."

Like Tiller, Stratton wasn't pleased with what he saw in the backfield.

"I wanted to smack every running back we had out there," Stratton said. "It seemed like the intensity of our running backs just wasn't there.

"They almost outgained on the ground (168-129) and that's disturbing."

"Our running game isn't where it should be," Ennis said. "We've got to work on it, especially going into the Notre Dame game."

"I think it's hard for all three running backs right now because the coaching staff is trying to experiment with some things and do things differently," Lowe said.

One of the things Tiller decided to do differently was go to a quick count, mainly to get his offense going.

"Our tempo was not good," Brees said. "We need to break out of the huddle and keep focused."

There's no doubt that the coaches and players are their toughest critic, but Kent State coach Dean Pees was impressed with what he saw from the Old Gold and Black.

"Purdue is a very talented team," said Pees, whose team is 0-2. "They're a great offensive team and have a good defense."

Speaking of the defense, it had trouble defending play-action, as Williams hit tight

end Neil Buckosh in the flat with regularity. Buckosh led the Golden Flashes with five catches for 54 yards.

"We worked on that in practice," said Johnson about play action. "It wasn't anything new. I just blew the assignment."

Kent State's rushing attack was led by Chante Murphy, who had 101 yards on 20 carries.

"Last week we played better than we did this week," Johnson said, "but we'll be all right." **AW**

## Game Stats

### Purdue vs. Kent State

#### Rushing

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Brown	9	63	7.0	12	0
	Brees	6	31	5.2	8	2
	Hance	2	29	14.5	17	0
	Ennis	8	18	2.3	9	0
	Sutherland	2	16	8.0	8	1
	Lowe	10	11	1.1	5	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>

Kent State	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Murphy	20	101	5.1	19	0
	Vann	7	20	2.9	6	0
	Lundy	3	7	2.3	5	0
	Williams	3	1	0.3	2	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Passing

Purdue	Player	Att	Comp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int
	Brees	46	32	415	69.6	2	1
	Hance	6	4	22	66.7	1	0
	Team	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

Kent State	Player	Att	Comp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int
	Williams	28	18	166	64.3	1	0
	McDaniels	2	2	24	100.0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Receiving

Purdue	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Standeford	8	90	11.3	22	0
	Stratton	7	105	15.0	29	0
	Sutherland	6	86	14.3	23	2
	Morales	3	70	23.3	44	0
	Simpson	3	29	9.7	11	0
	Winston	3	13	4.3	9	0
	Henderson	2	22	11.0	14	0
	James	2	8	4.0	5	1
	Dawson	1	8	8.0	8	0
	Lougheed	1	6	6.0	6	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3</b>

Kent State	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Buckosh	5	54	10.8	15	0
	Shoemaker	4	22	5.5	7	0
	Murphy	3	37	12.3	20	0
	Kelly	2	36	18.0	30	1
	Curry	2	11	5.5	6	0
	Vann	2	6	3.0	5	0
	Quinn	1	20	20.0	20	0
	Smith	1	4	4.0	4	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Punt Returns

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Sutherland	1	39	39.0	39	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Kickoff Returns

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	Td
	Sutherland	2	66	33.0	41	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Field Goals

Purdue	Player	Att	Good	Made	Miss
	Dorsch	2	1	35	37
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>

#### Punting

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
	Dorsch	1	57	57.0	57
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>57</b>

#### Scoring Summary

**First Quarter**  
**KSU:** Pavich 23 field goal, 10:40 left; Drive: 9 plays, 33 yards, 4:00  
**Purdue:** Sutherland 4 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 0:30 left; Drive: 9 plays, 44 yards, 3:05

**Second Quarter**  
**Purdue:** Sutherland 5 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 8:59 left; Drive: 9 plays, 54 yards, 3:57  
**Purdue:** Sutherland 8 run (Dorsch kick) 2:20 left; Drive: 6 plays, 56 yards, 1:20  
**Purdue:** Dorsch 35 field goal, 0:03 left; Drive: 10 plays, 51 yards, 1:03

**Third Quarter**  
**KSU:** Kelly 30 pass from Williams (Pavich kick) 9:38 left; Drive: 7 plays, 58 yards, 2:40

#### Team Statistics

Category	KSU	Purdue
First downs	17	32
Rushing	4	9
Passing	12	22
Penalty	1	1
Total offensive plays	63	91
Rushing plays	33	37
Net yards rushing	129	168
Net yards per rush	3.9	4.5
Passing plays	30	54
Completions	20	36
Net yards passing	190	437
Net yards per completion	9.5	12.1
Total net yards	319	605
Avg. gain per play	5.1	6.6
Kick returns-yds	0-0	2-66
Punt returns-yds	0-0	1-39
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Interceptions-by-yds	1-0	0-0
Third down conversion	4-15	11-14
Time of possession	27:55	32:05
Sacks-by-yds lost	0-0	1-2
Penalties-yds	6-26	3-25

**Purdue:** Brees 5 run (Dorsch kick) 7:27 left; Drive: 5 plays, 73 yards, 2:11  
**Purdue:** Brees 3 run (Dorsch kick) 0:25 left; Drive: 12 plays, 89 yards, 5:03

**Fourth Quarter**  
**Purdue:** James 5 pass from Hance (Dorsch kick) 2:31 left; Drive: 11 plays, 70 yards, 3:17

#### Defensive Leaders

Purdue	Player	Solo	Asst	Total	For Loss-Yds	FR-Yds	Int	Pass Def	Sack-Yds
	Ayodele	3	3	6	0	0	0	1	0
	Doe	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
	Mittrione	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Clopton	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Johnson	3	1	4	0	1-0	0	1	0
	Schweigert	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Gardner	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Dzolovic	3	0	3	1-2	0	0	0	1-2
	Reeves	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Koutouvides	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Loerzel	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Woodyard	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Moore	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Turner	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Dawson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Morales	1	0	1	1-2	0	0	0	0
	Goatley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Foggio	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Schaub	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Phillips	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Stratton	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Jacquay	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Team	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1-2</b>

**Kent State (Top seven)**

Kent State	Player	Solo	Asst	Total	For Loss-Yds	FR-Yds	Int	Pass Def	Sack-Yds
	Harrison	5	3	8	1-2	2-0	0	0	0
	Hall	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0
	Turner	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0
	Avery	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Dyer	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
	James	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
	Strickland	1	3	4	2-6	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>



GAME VIEW WITH OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR JIM CHANEY

# WORK LEFT BEFORE BATTLE WITH FIGHTING IRISH

BY KEVIN KECKLER

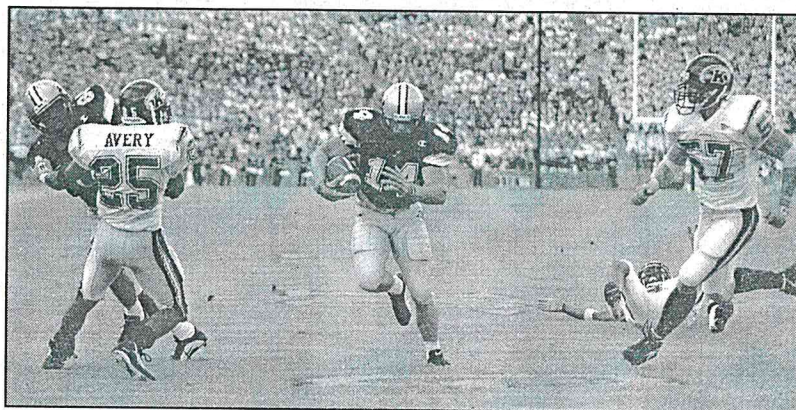
**F**ollowing are offensive coordinator Jim Chaney's thoughts following the Boilermakers' victory over Kent State.

**GBI:** This week, we'll start with the negatives and end with the positives so you can go home happy. It seemed as though the running game struggled, starting with a fumble on the first running play by Steve Ennis. Did you see anything specific that disappointed you?

**Chaney:** "Once again, we start this interview off with negative thoughts. Don't you worry about me going home happy, I always do. OK, you wanna know what happened? We screwed up the handoff, we fumbled and they scored. In fact, they scored all 10 of their points off our turnovers. That's just the way it goes and it's something we have to get better at."

**GBI:** But the running game as a whole can't be where you thought it would after two games. What are your goals to improve before Notre Dame?

**Chaney:** "We want to improve our blocking and running, it's that simple. There's no great secret. We'll analyze this game film and identify where our weaknesses are and hopefully get them corrected before we get to South



Tom Campbell

Drew Brees and the Boilermaker offense weren't spectacular, but they did manage to amass 481 yards in total offense. One of the main reasons for Purdue's offensive spark was the return of senior wide receiver Vinny Sutherland (14).

Bend. I don't intend on inventing any new running plays this week, so it's more about executing and getting better. That's what we try to do every week."

**GBI:** Is it somewhat surprising your offense hasn't been more productive on the ground considering the experience you have up front?

**Chaney:** "Well, I think we'd all like to see us run the ball more efficiently. I always talk

about that as opposed to being better. When we run the ball we'd like to get four yards or a first down if possible. When you're not doing that there is something not clicking somewhere. It could be a timing problem, a back missing a cut or a lineman missing a block. I can't put my finger on it right now."

"It takes a lot of time in practice to do what we want to do in the passing game so we don't get to commit the amount of time to the running game that other teams do. We have to keep it relatively simple and concentrate more on execution. We're just not clicking on all cylinders there yet and we're going to work on that."

**GBI:** Although both Ennis and Montrell Lowe fumbled, I would imagine the plan is still to rotate those two, as well as Sedrick Brown?

**Chaney:** "I don't know what Coach (Joe) Tiller is going to do, but he makes all of the personnel decisions on Mondays. If some individual gets hot, that person will keep playing. That's basically what happened with Sed there in the third quarter and we tried to stay with him. That's probably the way we'll go week-in and week-out."

**GBI:** How nice was it to be able to call plays for Vinny Sutherland again (following his one game suspension to start the season)?

**Chaney:** "It's always nice when he's in there because it adds a different dimension. He's pretty good when he carries the football and we like to use him in that respect when he's on the field. I think you'll see that more and more."

"It's a matter of letting him work his way back into game shape."

**GBI:** Would you go so far as to say he has everything straightened out and has learned from his mistakes?

**Chaney:** "I don't know about that because I don't think anyone on this staff would claim to be psychologists or psychiatrists. We don't know if Vinny is focused completely or not but I have noticed him doing a better job of focusing from practice to practice. My hat is off to Vinny for doing that much and hopefully he can keep improving each day."

**GBI:** Drew (Brees) was in midseason form today finishing 32-of-46 for 420 yards. He seemed to have a better rhythm today than in

**"You've got to let it all hang out when you're trying to beat an established program like Notre Dame."**

**— Offensive coordinator Jim Chaney**

the first game, which should be expected.

**Chaney:** "Well, we played a team today who dropped eight guys a lot and rushed three which is tough to throw into. You just have to be patient with the routes and the blocking and Drew was today. The entire week leading up to the Kent State game we preached to Drew to stay patient and wait for his receivers to get open. I was pleased with his performance."

**GBI:** Chris James struggled again today but was able to manage two catches in the waning minutes of the game, including a touchdown. I know he's a guy you were counting on to be a big contributor this fall. Is it simply a confidence problem for him right now?

**Chaney:** "I can't remember any of the dropped passes Chris has had this year. I know he had two catches against Kent State today. I definitely remember him catching a bubble screen for a touchdown. That's me always looking at the glass being half full. I am a positive man, which is what Coach Tiller has been preaching. Seriously, I couldn't be happier for Chris. We decided we were going to keep chucking the ball at him until he caught a couple and got some confidence."

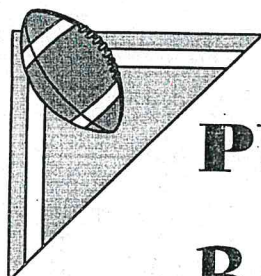
"I think confidence has everything to do with this game and anytime you have measured success you're going to perform better. Chris has been a little down about not being able to catch the football consistently. Finishing the game the way he did against Kent State gave him a big smile. When kids are smiling they play a lot better."

**GBI:** We didn't see much of senior wide receiver Donald Winston today. Was that mainly because Vinny returned or is that by plan?

**Chaney:** "To be honest, Vinny came back and we simply used Donald in our normal grouping. As of right now, that's going to be his role. He'll play pretty much any position and do whatever we ask him to do, which is a great attitude to have. It's a mixture of other kids playing well and Donald accepting his role. The nice thing is Donald can play almost any position whereas a lot of the other kids cannot. That means we have to put those kids where they belong and where they can play."

**GBI:** I've noticed a pattern forming with freshman John Standeford. If you keep calling plays to assure he'll drop his first pass of the game, he doesn't let another one touch the ground.

**Chaney:** "Is that true? Well, I'll keep that in mind. John is getting better and better each day and that is encouraging. He's playing a position in this offense that we've had a tendency to get the ball too. I like the way John has responded to what we've thrown his way." **HW**



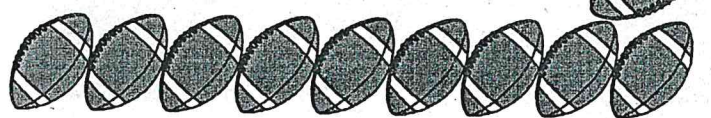
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