

# Quarrie passes 1,000-yard mark in Notre Dame win

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**PRINCETON** — The last time he played a football game on Princeton High's artificial grass, Ransford Quarrie finished strong to lead his Notre Dame High team to a big win.

Yesterday he got off to a much faster start, one that powered the unbeaten Irish to another big win over Princeton.

This time Quarrie went over the 1,000-yard mark for the first time in his three varsity seasons, gaining 103 of his eventual 155 yards in the first half and scoring twice to start the 8-0 Irish on their way to a convincing 34-14 win over a Princeton team that was 6-1.

Playoff-bound ND, which clinched a first round Non-Public A home game for the weekend of Nov. 13-14, also got another solid effort on the defensive side.

After Princeton lost its 782-yard rusher Josh Gordon to a first-quarter ankle injury, it concentrated on the pass even

more than it had planned. Irish defensive back Tim Hackett helped foil those plans by intercepting two Mike Olentine passes, raising his INT total to four in the last three games.

"I've been in the right spot a lot, and I give my coaches all the credit for that," said Hackett. "I've just been lucky, I guess.

"Basically we were keying on their run game because like we have Ransford they have good backs, too," said Hackett. "So we had to focus on that and tackle low."

Hackett is part of an Irish secondary that along with Konrad Mims, Mike DeVito and Eric Trost loves to be aggressive and come up to be run stoppers. "We want to force the other teams to throw because we feel our defensive backs are our

strong point," said Hackett.

"Losing Josh hurt because then we had to fill all the spots he plays," said Princeton coach

Steve Everette. "We came in this week wanting to use our run game to set up our throw game because we felt we could pass protect for him (Olentine). We were real confident we could throw because we knew we would pass protect for him."

Princeton's best weapon was the power runs of senior Trevor Barsamian, who scored the only Tigers touchdown with a 7-yard run in the third quarter. In that period Everette's club actually drove 99 yards in the 16 plays, 15 of them their own plays.

That's because after Barsamian carried eight times for 36 yards Princeton missed a 4th-and-1 try at the 46 but got the ball right back when Irish QB Anthony Perna fumbled at the 46 — the first fumble this season by ND's starting offense.

Barsamian picked up where he left off on the first half on the drive, running for 27, 10 and finally seven for the touchdown.

Quarrie, who made his debut as a running back here two years ago when he led ND in a 23-point fourth period comeback for a 30-14 win, raised his rushing total to 1,050.

"This game was a very good test for us against a very good team and will get us ready for next week when we play West Windsor South," said Princeton LB Andy Zinsmeister. The loss may have cost Princeton a home playoff game, but it should still get back to the postseason.

"Losing Josh hurt us because he's such a big playmaker on both sides of the ball," said Zinsmeister, who said the films showed how hard a runner Quarrie was and how he kept his legs driving for extra yards.

"We knew we had to hit him low and swarm to him and get as many guys to the ball as we could," added Zinsmeister.

It was good strategy, but Ransford Quarrie made sure it wasn't successful.

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Notre Dame (8-0)	7	20	0	7	—34
Princeton (6-2)	0	0	14	0	—14

ND - Quarrie 50 run (Solujich kick)  
 ND - Perna 4 run (Solujich kick)  
 ND - Quarrie 25 run (Solujich kick)  
 ND - Solujich 20 field goal  
 P - Miranda 21 pass from Olentine (Velten kick)  
 ND - Solujich 37 field goal  
 P - Barsamian 7 run (Vieten kick)  
 ND - Perna 14 run (Solujich kick)

	ND	P
First Downs	14	14
Rushing	41-296	29-158
Passing	8-12-0	5-21-2
Pass Yards	85	75
Sacks by-Yards	1-2	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-17
Penalties-Yards	7-60	2-28.0
Punts-Avg.	1-50.0	

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS NOTRE DAME

RUSHING: Ransford Quarrie 22-134, TD; Anthony Perna 12-61, TD, Frank Fucello 6-38, Sam McDermott 8-45  
 PASSING: Perna 7-11-1, 69 yards, TD; Ryan Lynady 1-1-0, 26 yards.  
 RECEIVING: Justin Adams 2-16; Blaise Lezynski 1-26; Ryan Lynady 5-53  
 SACKS: Connor Batoff 1-2  
 INTERCEPTIONS: Tim Hackett 2-5  
**PRINCETON**  
 RUSHING: Trevor Barsamian 22-134, TD; Josh Gordon 3-9; Mike Olentine 3-13; Tom Borchert 1-2  
 PASSING: Olentine 5-21-2, 78 yards, TD  
 RECEIVING: Gordon 1-2; Skye Ettin 1-39; Doug Bryant 2-46; Nick Miranda 1-21, TD  
 SACKS: None.  
 INTERCEPTIONS: Bryant 1-1