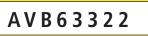


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Introduction

he University of Notre Dame was founded in 1842. Nearly 50 years later, the first football team was established. Although it took a few years for the Fighting Irish to start winning, they would eventually become one of the most iconic football teams in the United States.

The Fighting Irish rank fourth in the country for National Championships and boast an impressive seven **Heisman Memorial Trophy** winners. Notre Dame is one of six independent football teams in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This means the Fighting Irish are not part of a conference and can play any teams they choose. All of Notre Dame's home football games have been nationally televised since 1991, which is not true for any other team in the United States.

> Defensive lineman Julian Okwara was one of nine true freshman to play in at least eight games during the 2016 season. By 2018, Okwara was an 11-time starter for the Irish.

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